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Toward a core set of principles for men

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One of the main issues confronting men, as a group, currently is an apparent lack of unity about the current circumstances in which we, as men, find ourselves in the current era.

Much ink has been spilled discussing things such as the male dominance hierarchy, the inherent competitiveness among men when it comes to anything pertaining to men and women, the failure of men in the past to confront similar historical circumstances in earlier contexts and so on. It is often presumed as a foregone conclusion that any kind of broad or wide coalition among men as men (as opposed to coalitions around ideas, communities, or nations) is simply not possible to achieve to any significant degree. And certainly, surveying the neo-Darwinian landscape around us, it's easy to see the persuasiveness of this view.

I don't think it's quite correct, however. Or, rather, perhaps is is quite correct, if taken in its narrow and literal terms.

It may be true that it is difficult to unite men around the current issues confronting them in a direct way, in a way that makes these issues the main focus, or even the entryway, into thinking about the kinds of challenges many of us have written about over the past few years. Perhaps the entryway, and the initial point of unity, however, can nevertheless be an idea or a set of ideas, principles or values around which quite a few men can rally as ideas that many of us hold true. We will of course never achieve unanimity around a set of ideas or values, but unanimity is not, and can never be, the goal. The goal is simply to articulate a core group of ideas, principles and values around which men can find unity and community, as a pathway to learning how to stand a bit more together as men in the current age.

What might this core of ideas, principles and values look like? At this stage, any inventory of this kind must be tentative and exploratory, open to the experiences and perspectives of reflective men, and building upon their collective inspirations and ideas. If we can articulate this, together, over time, it will certainly be as part of an iterative, and likely open-ended, process. At the outset, here, I can offer only my own reflections, based on my own experiences, as a type of starting point for further reflection, refinement, expansion, revision and clarification.

So, having said that, a few very preliminary thoughts as to some elements that might comprise this core of ideas, principles and values that can be shared by men in the early 21st Century –

* mental strength as a core masculine virtue
* freedom and independence of thought and action as a principle criterion of masculinity
* personal character, exemplified by honesty, integrity, reliability, as the main indicator of mature masculine personality development
* self-reliance, a suspicion of the use (and abuse) of state power, and personal resourcefulness as core aspects of practical masculine living in any period
* responsibility, both personal and interpersonal, as a touchstone of masculine integrity and character, based on the foundation of masculine freedom and independence
* openness to experience, truth and ideas as key indicia of core masculine curiosity about the world, life, and the male experience

These are only a few preliminary ideas, based on my own personal experiences and reflections. I'd like to see the thoughts and ideas of other men about the idea of core principles for men, what purpose they might serve for us at this point in time, and what they might look like.

A Brotherhood Without Borders

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The men of our civilization, one generation after another, even through war, famine, and migration, fell into their roles as sons, brothers, husbands, and fathers quite naturally and easily. The culture undergirding a man's place in relation to his family and society changed but slowly, across many generations. However, in the last four decades, cultural changes brought about by a myriad of events political, social, legal, and economic have stripped men of many of the traditions once thought *de rigueur* to the development of a civilized, family man.

In the media and on the street, the bonds of country and kin don't seem to mean much any more, and neither does decency or common civility. Excellence is little valued now that everyone is considered equal. The Great Leveling has taken its toll. Standards are mocked. Value is equal to your ability to do what you're told, to your fitting in with a sackless regime.

Everywhere around us we see other men, but why is it difficult to connect? How hard it is to discuss injustices even with our fathers, brothers, and friends, lest we appear weak and not in control! We gather in spaces not bound by place on websites such as this one to talk about what is happening, to share information, and to make plans for how to proceed.

This is a *brotherhood without borders*. We come here to share our experiences, our research findings, and our hopes for our people.

We have obstacles set before us by others, so let us not add to them ourselves. Throw off everything that weighs you down–dogmas, obsessions, insecurities–and open up your minds to new methods of resolving specific problems.

As the great stoic Marcus Aurelius in his *Meditations* put it,

"We are all working together to one end, some with knowledge and design, others without knowing what they do; like men asleep, but they too are laborers and co-operators in what goes on in the universe."

Let us be the men who are awake.

An Introduction

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Now that we've got our own online magazine, I thought I should write an introductory post, so I'll do my best to sum up the vision and intent of this publication in a few short paragraphs.

First, I'd like to welcome all readers. In this era of interactive media, you are not only readers, but participants as well. Every thoughtful comment and bit of feedback adds to The Spearhead. Our contributors are writing for you and speaking truth to the world — including those who refuse to listen. This publication is about finding our voice and making it heard, which is, given the fickle nature of public attention, a never-ending job.

I chose the name as representative of the masculine concepts of freedom, action, vigilance and purpose. Many of my readers on Welmer also suggested a classical theme, and after trying to find a suitable Greek or Latin phrase, I came upon the idea of using clean, simple English to make the point. If some find it a bit rough, too bad; it's a vigorous, penetrating concept that will leave an impression.

The picture I've included with this post is of Ajax carrying his friend Achilles, slain by the coward Paris in a war started by a fickle, cheating wife. Proud, heroic Achilles, laid low by a poisoned dart, is a metaphor for our once strong civilization, which at the peak of its glory was suddenly dealt a treacherous, fatal wound.

As our society slowly hews down the last pillars of masculinity, ennervating a once vigorous civilization, it is important that some among us continue to stand up and live, speak and think as men. Traditionally, civilization – a male construct – has existed in a balance with society, which is largely a feminine domain. As we sacrifice male virtues and qualities for the benefit of society, civilization inevitably dissipates, leaving us with no more than a mass society dominated by fleeting desires, gossip and fashion. This is the "degeneration" so many decry — it isn't that society is falling apart; rather, society is devouring what's left of civilization.

This magazine is dedicated to that remnant of civilization, which will eventually rise again. It is an outpost in our cultural wasteland, which is dominated by pretty lies and mindless babbling.

Here at *The Spearhead*, we'll bring you the cold, hard truth, whether or not it's tactful or comfortable. We'll go farther than telling you the emperor has no clothes; in fact we'd be happy to strip him and parade him naked in front of all his subjects. We aren't really interested in conservatism or liberalism — when the entire structure is rotten you might as well bring it down so as to build a newer, better temple.

In the meanwhile, I invite readers to participate in laying the groundwork for a renewal even as the rotting hulk crumbles around us.

Can Disney Grow With Boys and Men?

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With the Mancession in full swing it would appear odd that Disney, along with Time-Warner, is busy restructuring itself to appeal more to men and boys, but nevertheless, Disney is busy doing just that. Disney recently fired Disney Studios CEO Dick Cook, shortly after making an offer to purchase Marvel Entertainment. Reportedly, Disney CEO Bob Iger is considering Disney Channels Worldwide President Rich Ross as a successor, according to Nikki Finke's Deadline Hollywood Daily. Nikki's batting average on Hollywood rumors is the best among the Hollywood reporters, frequently scooping both Variety and the Hollywood Reporter, so the rumor is likely to have substance to it. But what the move shows, if true, is how thin the executive ranks in Hollywood are when it comes to proven ability to attract boys and men to either movies or (especially) television. The latter being a female and gay ghetto. [Disney's ABC is especially bad in this regard.]

Disney, Time-Warner, and other media conglomerates would prefer not to make the effort. They lack the ability, mostly, to shepherd complex, boy and man-appealing entertainment into success. Most of their outlets appeal to the "New Girl Order." But a terrible advertising climate, a crisis in DVD sales, and the threats of piracy, the internet, and simply watching existing DVDs has led Hollywood's media conglomerates to one conclusion. Women and girls are not enough.

Not enough to provide real growth in revenue, particularly if Larry Summers is correct and the current recession, with permanent job losses and structural unemployment at the 10-15% range over ten years or more, curtails the "New Girl Order." Even with men making up most of the unemployed, single mothers face economic pressure as well, if nothing else from declining real wages as tax increases and inflation mounts, along with job uncertainty. This promises to end the easy money of selling $100 "Hannah Montana" tickets to the parents of tween girls.

Hollywood focused on the female and tween girl audience because it was easy. Disney particularly was able to develop a strong stable of tween girl appealing stars, from Hillary Duff ("Lizzie McGuire") to Miley Cyrus. Disney's bets on Demi Lovato and Selena Gomez have not fully paid off, however, as the predicted influx of Hispanic/Latino girls flocking to those stars never materialized. Unsurprisingly to anyone but Disney execs drinking the Multicultural Kool-Aide, Latino/Hispanic (read, overwhelmingly Mexican) tween girls prefer real, authentic, Spanish-speaking idols from Mexico, available in Spanish-language television, magazines, and movies.

From the Wall Street Journal article:

> Like other studios, Disney also has to combat the decline in DVD sales. Hollywood still makes the bulk of its profits from home-video sales. But that market, which grew more than 15% a year between 2000 and 2004, has begun to wilt. According to Adams Media Research, consumer spending on home video fell 9% last year. It projects home-video sales will fall between 8% and 10% for 2009.Mr. Iger has said DVD sales are in an irreversible decline, but he said Marvel's strong brand profile should offer a measure of protection. "They are not immune from the changes that we're seeing," Mr. Iger said, referring to Marvel, during a conference call with analysts Monday morning. "But they have established a footing that we think is more solid than what you typically see in the nonbranded, noncharacter driven movie."

As Charles M. Blow of the New York Times has written, the speed of the collapse of the Music Industry is amazing, cut in half from its peak in 1999, in ten years. First piracy, and then music streaming over the internet, free and legal, have severely cut industry revenues. Clearly, Hollywood can see the same problems facing themselves. Already Hulu.com, ironically created by NBC Universal (GE), Fox Entertainment Group, and ABC (Disney), has taught consumers to access streaming movies, television shows,and clips instead of buying DVDs. The success of South Park Studios where every South Park episode can be watched, for free, online, shows that creative people can build their own portals very quickly and capture consumer interest (and advertising revenue)

without much cost. The success of “District 9″ in providing a unique, and expensive look with a production budget of $30 million means that the studios, with high costs and overhead, face real challenges from productions in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and potentially many other nations with low production costs and favorable tax treatment.

Hollywood clearly must have a male audience, both boys and men, to provide revenue stability, let alone growth, if the pressures of piracy, online competition, and simply re-cycling existing DVDs (and video games) continues. Tween girls and women are not enough. From Box Office Mojo and the Wall Street Journal I have compiled the list of Female Skewing movies and Marvel Superhero movies:

Female Skewing Movie	World-Wide Gross
Sex and the City	$415,252,786
27 Dresses	$160,259,319
Devil Wears Prada	$326,551,094
Jane Austen Book Club	$7,163,566
The Proposal	$272,060,335
He’s Just Not That Into You	$172,011,653
Marvel Movies	**World-Wide Gross**
Blade	$131,183,530
X-Men	$296,339,527
Spider-Man	$821,708,551
X2: X-Men United	$407,711,549
Spider-Man 2	$783,766,341
Fantastic Four	$330,579,719
X-Men: The Last Stand	$459,359,555
Ghost Rider	$228,738,393
Spider-Man 3	$890,871,626
Iron Man	$585,133,287
Wolverine	$363,362,640
Punisher War Zone	$10,089,373
Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer	$289,047,763

Most of the Marvel Movies outperform the Female skewing movie average (which was $225 million). Only 2 out of the 13 Marvel movies listed made less than the Female-skewing movies, and that is including the “Hard R” rated Punisher War Zone movie and 1998’s “Blade” made over 11 years ago and featuring a very minor Marvel character. Even a poorly made movie like the second Fantastic Four movie brings in nearly $290 million. Obviously, the usual caveats apply. This applies to world-wide box office, including foreign box office grosses, and generally the studios receive significantly less than the gross for both foreign and domestic exhibitors. Often, foreign receipts gross less percentage-wise than domestic receipts. Moreover, foreign receipts are more vulnerable to pressures of piracy. As MTV reported, the movie “American Gangster” was available in major US cities on bootleg DVDs (of high quality, too) **before its release**. Eli Roth reported that “Hostel II” was on sale in Mexico City for the equivalent of a quarter.

However , the average of the Marvel movies is $430 million world-wide. That is serious money even though the net for the studios is likely to be less.

Which makes Disney's move puzzling.

Disney has access to Marvel's characters, assuming they settle with Jack Kirby's estate over the rights to characters he created, including Captain America, Thor, Iron Man, Fantastic Four, the X-Men, the Hulk and the Avengers. These characters are proven money-makers in extracting cash from the wallets of men and boys (who are the audience that watches the movies, and buys the DVDs). Disney also has family-film studio Pixar, with hit after hit, and a deal with Dreamworks for adult fare (likely to produce prestige but little cash). The role of the successor to Dick Cook as head of Disney Studios is to push products from the Marvel character library (and undo existing exclusive deals with Sony, and other studios such as Columbia, for characters like Spider-Man and Ghost Rider respectively) to grab more of the dollars "lying on the table" that belong to men and boys. Because clearly more "chick flicks" and tween-girl pop princess fantasies face limited growth potential amidst DVD piracy and audience erosion from streaming online video.

According to Nikki Finke (who has an excellent track record), Disney is considering Rich Ross. Ross is listed in After Elton as one of the most powerful openly gay men in Hollywood. As noted in the NY Times article about how Disney used "Kid Whisperer" Kelly Pena to find out what boys liked, Ross was quoted as saying:

> While Disney XD is aimed at boys and their fathers, it is also intended to include girls. "The days of the Honeycomb Hideout, where girls can't come in, have long passed," said Rich Ross, president of Disney Channels Worldwide.
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> Disney XD, which took over the struggling Toon Disney channel, has improved its predecessor's prime-time audience by 27 percent among children 6 to 14, according to Nielsen Media Research. But the bulk of this increase has come from girls. Viewership among boys 6 to 14 is up about 10 percent.

Ross's track record demonstrates a failure to increase boys' interest in watching Disney XD. As a Gay Man, he's incapable of understanding what boys and men like in entertainment. Ross could read one market research report after another, and never understand why one kind of content succeeds and another fails. Including girls will automatically exclude boys, by making the content "girl-friendly" and therefore actively repellent to boys and men.

The extraordinary durability of Marvel Comics characters created from 1941 through the 1970's stems from the creators themselves. Often nerdy, shy, young men who did not find enormous success with the ladies, the creators (often deeply patriotic and assimilated Jews) created power-fantasies whereby "ordinary" young men with good character were transformed into weird and powerful heroes. Some were more upbeat, others more angst-ridden, but all were "fun" in the way that only a truly masculine identity could embrace: Spider-Man swinging through Manhattan's skyline and mouthing off to adversaries the way he could not in his ordinary life, Daredevil vigorously maintaining the line between hero and villain in a struggle to save his neighborhood, the Hulk's embodiment of a child's anger and innocence, or Captain America's exuberant love for his country and smashing his nation's enemies.

Making these characters "girl-friendly" requires mutilating their appeal to young men and boys, and creating female characters who "tame them" adds far too much competition over the female characters. The whole point of a character like Daredevil is that while his outward self may be handicapped, the inner person and hero is a ladies man, irresistible to a host of female character, such as Elektra, Black Widow, and so on.

Because the executive talent pool for Disney and Time Warner is such a female and gay ghetto, reflecting much of its product, it is not surprising that Time-Warner appointed a female marketing executive whose prior experience was Harry Potter promotions as head of DC Comics. Nor is it surprising that Disney is considering an openly Gay executive, who notably failed in attracting boys to the male-oriented channel, as head of Disney Studios. Old habits die hard, and the Hollywood studios have pursued a gay/female ghetto strategy for so long that even when recognizing that growth, or at the very least simply reducing the revenue erosion, depends on attracting boys and men, the only choices on hand to run the show are women and Gays.

Thus, I expect Marvel Comics to get a lot “gayer,” and existing projects such as the Iron Man 2 movie, the Thor movie, the Avengers movie, and so on will become a lot “gayer” and more “girl-friendly” as well. They will be flops like “Jane Austen Book Club,” but far more expensive. Hollywood simply does not know how to appeal to men.

The Despotism of the Petticoat

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One of the primary means of socially engineering mainstream attitudes is to redefine the past; to get the masses to accept and internalize a narrative interpretation of history.

This has been the primary methodology that feminism has used to advance it's agenda, and in doing so, they have also benefited from no shortage of men blinded by chivalrous notions to uphold and reinforce the narrative as factual history. This is particularly clear when it comes to the idea of "Women's Rights," especially in the case of voting.

The feminist narrative regarding suffrage goes something like this:

> - Women didn't have the right to vote, only rich white males did.
> - Everyone knows that the rich white males of the past were misogynists that deliberately kept women from voting to oppress them.
> - Any person that would dare to even think about rescinding female suffrage, is a sexist, misogynist pig; a neanderthal who should be banished to the cave from whence he skulked.
> - Therefore, any person that would even consider the idea of ending universal suffrage is a crazy lunatic who can be ignored and marginalized. Nothing they say has any merit if they hold such a crazy position.

This is historical revisionism and a deliberate misinterpretation of the meaning behind restricted suffrage so as to foment a gender war. The actual historical facts are this:

The U.S. Constitution as originally written never designated anything about suffrage. As far as the Founder's were concerned, that came under the domain of the 10th amendment:

> *The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are* ***reserved to the States*** *respectively, or to the people.*

At ratification, each of the 13 original States had the power to determine what laws and requirements governed who could and who could not participate in voting. In the beginning, in just about all 13 States, suffrage was only granted to property owners *regardless of gender*.

Now, of course, in the 18th century, the majority of property owners were most assuredly men. But there were a few women who indeed owned their own property – either from inheritance or their own efforts, and they were also extended the franchise to vote.

The New TV Season: Missing Men

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The New TV season is upon us. And a yearly fall ritual that used to bring joy to men and boys, with shows like "Miami Vice," "the Equalizer," "Hunter," and "the A-Team" is now more than ever, a female and gay ghetto.

Notable new series include "the Forgotten" with former movie star Christian Slater (in short, forget it), "Modern Family" which might as well be titled "Modern PC Family," "Mercy," "Cougar Town," "Glee," and "the Witches of Eastwick."

What is interesting in them is how bad the shows are, all of them, how at least some of them have female fans. Showing how women, culturally, live in a parallel universe that never really intersects with men. The NBC promo for Mercy is below:

The Mercy show is one of the most interestingly **bad** shows, along with the "Witches of Eastwick." The Mercy protagonist is a nurse back from Iraq, secretly addicted to drugs, who has little or no compassion for her patients, often older people dying of cancer.

As the review here makes clear, the central character is not long on compassion for her fellow Americans:

> You treat a 6-year-old Iraqi kid who got his arms blown off because he thought a bomb was a toy . . . that's sad," she snarls at a tearful colleague in an oncology ward. "A 75-year-old man with cancer? That's a trip to Club Med."

Note the PC valuation (Iraqi kids are more worthwhile in their lives than older White Americans), the various character pathologies (she's an addict, cheating on her ordinary good-guy husband with the hunky, powerful doctor) and facing no criticism from her co-workers who are either fabulously gay male nurses or "you go girl" female co-workers for her affair or lusting after hunky bartenders. Even more ridiculous is that the male doctors would not be lusting after female doctors, or the younger (and hotter) nurse played by "Buffy's" Michelle Trachtenberg.

The show is an interesting expression of what Hollywood at least thinks is attractive to women: a lead character with massive personal problems, cheating on her good-guy husband she describes as her "best friend" with the Alpha male doctor in command. Meanwhile the character is a "bitch" to everyone lacking status (i.e. not the Alpha Male) particularly the young, naive, pretty, and "nice" character played by Trachtenberg. A fantasy aimed at women passing the peak of attractiveness and finding not much else in their lives. Note the power-relationships, the Latina nurse as the confident and near equal of the lead, and the junior, prettiest nurse as omega girl. Again, deeply appealing to older women is Hollywood's bet. Noticeably lacking, however, is any semblance of a man with any masculinity. The good-guy husband is a cheated upon doofus, the "Alpha Male" is a cardboard cutout (who is obsessed with the lead character and followed her to a new city), and the male nurses, gay. Fairly revealing of what Hollywood thinks women want: not real men.

The Forgotten, centers around Christian Slater as an ex-cop leading a team of an older hotter (early forties) widow, a young woman (also "TV hot"), a doofus blue collar guy, and a broody artist in a volunteer effort to identify victims the police cannot and have closed the case on. If that sounds predictable — it is. Slater, at least, plays a semblance of a real man, and his character actually has to do something — lead a disparate team to the goal of identifying the victim. With something approaching real masculinity, it's an odd-ball on ABC's schedule, filled with Desperate Housewives clones and PC lectures.

"Glee" centers around a High School Glee club, with a wheelchair bound singer, a gay one, various women, and so on. Think "High School the Musical" except without naughty pictures of Vanessa Hudgens on the Internet. No actual men or even approximation of men appear in this series. The same holds true of "Cougar Town," starring real-life cougar Courteney Cox, as a divorced Mom on the prowl for younger men, with the approval of her ex-

husband and young son. Neither of whom mind her explicit retelling of her sexual exploits with young men not too much older than her teen son. I can imagine the pitch meeting. “Remember the Squid and the Whale? How the movie depicted how awful the parents were and screwed up their kids? This is just like that, except as a comedy. Plus Courteney Cox was hot … back in 1987.” Again no characters even approximating real men appear in this sit-com.

Modern PC Family centers around a gay couple with an adopted Vietnamese baby, a terminally hip White dad who embarrasses his kids (and is a doofus), and an older guy (Ed O’Neil, a shadow of Al Bundy on Married With Children) married to a Columbian younger woman with a fat, doofus son. The comedy centers around PC lessons on how Fathers are useless doofuses and women don’t need them, and also how cool gays are! No actual men appear in this show either, and I could imagine a parody of it, as Al Bundy’s nightmare, on Married With Children. Sadly, Ed O’Neil does not stick his hands down his pants and yell “Peg!”

The Witches of Eastwick however, is as **bad** as the Mercy show, and equally as revealing. One female reviewer did not like it and neither did Television Without Pity

Both reviews note the source material, the Updike novel, has the women wish for power, get it, and use it to cause cancer in female romantic rivals. They exist on the whims of the devil, and compete with one another to be his main girl in his defacto harem. The show is “Charmed” bad, with “hot chicks” empowered by magic, and Desperate Housewives. As the ultimate female power fantasy (they use their magic to get hotter) they all compete for the same guy with lame 1980’s hair. While dumping their loser husbands or what have you. Take equal parts Sex and the City, Charmed, and Desperate Housewives. Mix, stir, and remove any male characters that might have a smidgen of masculinity. All the women can do, with all that power, is chase after the same guy. One of the more obvious takes on female hypergamy. Moreover, showing how accepting the female audience really is with expressing this on television, along with some fairly explicit implied sex, and demands for “having it all.” In a deep Recession, none of these characters worries about money, jobs, or security. Just having the hunkies man available. Even or especially if it means sharing.

These, besides the LA NCIS spin-off, are the notable new shows for Fall 2009. All that is missing is men. And presumably, male viewers.

But that is why man invented both College and Pro football.

Everyone Lives through History, We Just don't Realize It...

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…until we have.

These are exciting times for men.

I know that statement will cause some people to snort and roll their eyes and start to think of all kinds of reasons that it is just plain crazy. There is a lot of gloom and doom being circulated about men and boys these days – "The Decline of Males", "The End of Men", the cackling of the pecking hens that men are "obsolete" because some scientist has claimed to be able to produce sperm in a lab. Most of it comes from the necrotic husk of the has-been lame-stream media. Too much of it comes from men themselves.

I don't buy it – any of it.

I think I'm the oldest contributor here. I have lived through what many of the contributors here (and probably most of the readers) view as history and know of only through the same manner that they know of Ancient Greece, or the World Wars of the 20th century – from something they read or someone told them. The 1960s may not seem as remote as an ancient civilization, but from the perspective of a participant-observer, I can tell you that a lot of what has been said and is being said about life 50 years ago is 190 proof horse manure.

Men's lives in the 1950s and before were not all about the much mythologized "male power and privilege," nor were woman anywhere near as "oppressed" as has been claimed. History is always revisionist, and the revision is always done by the victor. In considering the 2nd half of the 20th century, the ideology of feminism was clearly the victor.

But, other than the ability to dictate how things are spoken about, and what things can be said and what can't, what did they "win." I think the real answer turns out to be "nothing", except perhaps the booby prize. See, men's lives for most of history have been not about "power and privilege", but rather about bone crushing and soul destroying work, huge responsibilities, and disposability.

There has been much buzz about the internet recently about the finding that women's happiness has actually declined during the past 40 years that they have been "winning", becoming "liberated", and pursuing "having it all" – both in absolute terms, and relative to men. At the same time, men's happiness has increased – both in absolute terms and relative to women.

Now, let me say that again, and really let it sink in – men today are happier than men were 40 years ago, and women are less happy. Lots of people have analyzed the hows and whys of that to the level of terminal boredom, but that one simple fact stands alone – **men today, on the average and in the aggregate, are happier than their fathers and grandfathers were**.

Why?

Well, it's really pretty simple – men's lives today are simply better than the lives their fathers, and grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, and all the men in history who lived and died before them. Life for men, in general, has never been better.

"What??!?!" you say. "How could that be?!!?! It's just not so! The feminists have told me!"

One of the better musical poets of my generation, Bruce Springsteen, summed up very well what the lives of average men used to be like not very long ago, in his powerful song, "The River."

"I come from down in the valley
where mister when you're young
They bring you up to do like your daddy done."

Mens' lives were incredibly constrained. What your "daddy done" was most likely what you would end up doing, and your son, and his son. For the college educated and middle class, this usually took the form of some sort of business, mercantile, management, or professional white collar job. For the working class, it meant -

"Then I got Mary pregnant
and man that was all she wrote
And for my nineteenth birthday
I got a union card and a wedding coat"

A white collar boy/man might marry Sally instead of Mary, and a get clerkship in his father's law office instead of a union card, but both classes of men had their life script handed to them about the end of their teens. And, all classes of men were expected to spend the vast majority of their waking lives working for someone else in order to live up to the protector/provider role which was most men's alternative to being social non-entities. In those days, the only roles which gave men any social validity at all were husband, father, and wealthy man. In order for a single man to have any social acceptance at all, he damn well better be wealthy.

Well, fast forward 50 years and we find that men have far more freedom and flexibility than any group of men has ever had in the history of the world. They can now choose to be husbands, and/or fathers, or anything else, and the social pressure and stigma which used to force the vast majority of men into early marriage (and often early graves) and the role of a specialized beast of burden bred for the specific purpose of dragging around an emotionally and financially dependent wife and family is simply no longer there.

Certainly, some men might wish to continue to choose those roles for their lives. And the social Luddites, who fear and resist change, may want to try to keep men trapped in those old roles. But, as women's roles have changed, the system which gave men only one set of choices has changed whether people wanted it to or not.

Men may choose to be husbands and fathers. Or not. They can choose to be travelers, or explorers, or scholars, or X-box players. Or not. They can be househusbands, assuming they can find a breadwinning wife and are willing to deal with the residual social stigma toward a man who does not live up to the traditional roles. But, women have blazed the way in breaking down those old roles and in their place have left men a world of opportunities limited only by their own imaginations.

The real challenges confronting men these days are the topics Novaseeker and Prime have recently written about – defining core masculine values by which men define
themselves. For too long men have been allowing women to define us – either in the negative, by giving a us a list of things they don't like about us, or by demanding that we become more like them. Some men are comfortable with becoming more like women, and we will see how women really end up liking them once the do.

But, for the rest of us, who have never had any desire to be women, we now have the opportunity to completely define for ourselves what sort of masculinity will serve us, and those we love, best in the coming years.

We men, right now, are living through history. To most of us, it just seems like our lives. But, as time passes our lives of today will become our context of tomorrow. And, our choices of today will shape the world that we and our children will live in tomorrow. And, in far less time than they can imagine, young men of today will have become the "older generation" of tomorrow and find to their surprise that those who came after them are now judging them based on the present they created for those next generations.

Instead of watching our feet, and looking behind us, and castigating the boomers for their mistakes, our best future lies in reclaiming our authenticity from those aspects of the culture which have become toxic. We need to do what the younger men here have started to do and realize that we no longer have sustainable values handed to us – as previous generations of men did – and that we must now create them. We can seize the day and take the best from the past ideals of masculinity, reclaim them from the dishonor which has fallen on them, and at the same time shed the worst aspects which have been the source of much of that dishonor.

More than at any other time in history, we have the ability to define not just our own presents, but our futures and the futures of those we care about.

Yes, indeed, these are exciting times for men.

We are confronted with insurmountable opportunities.

Incest as Empowerment: The Rotten Fruit of Matriarchy

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During an appearance with Oprah, the cultural and social empress of matriarchy in America, Mamas and Papas founder John Phillips' daughter Mackenzie Phillips alleged that she had an incestuous, ten year relationship with her father. Mackenzie claims that her father raped her when she was nineteen years old, and after that they had consensual sex until she was impregnated by him some ten years later. Because John Phillips is dead, there's no way to corroborate the story. It could well be a lie, but given the smashing of sexual mores that occurred in the late 20th century – especially in the circles John Phillips ran in – I wouldn't rule it out. However, I am highly dubious about the rape claim. In fact, if there was a sexual relationship, my bet is that daughter was every bit as responsible as daddy, especially given the fact that she was an adult at the time of the alleged incest.

However, what is really telling about this sordid tale, which is being belched out by the media in the typically putrid manner of contemporary popular discourse, is that Mackenzie, a junkie and minor actress/performer, clearly sees it as a great opportunity for self-promotion and empowerment. She is calling herself a "victim" and a "survivor," and using the story to portray herself as the savior of other poor, victimized incest survivors. Naturally, the underlying assumption is that there are legions of girls out there being raped by their fathers on a regular basis, and if brave heroes like Mackenzie don't tell the world the most disgusting details of their own lives these girls will never be saved.

Although there are a number of things deeply wrong with this interpretation, perhaps the biggest flaw lies in the assumption that a woman like Mackenzie is actually a victim. Let's lay aside the dubious rape claim and look at the facts as she states them:

- She began an incestuous relationship with her father at the age of nineteen.
- She carried on with him for ten years.
- She eventually was impregnated by him while she was married to a man, and then aborted the child.

If all of the above is true, the one and only positive thing in there is that she eventually stopped having sex with her father, and that certainly isn't much to brag about! As low as people may consider adultresses, wanton sluts, or even crack whores, Mackenzie Phillips outdoes them all. And now she expects a pat on the back and adulation (and possibly some much needed smack money from sales of her forthcoming memoir).

What is really sad is that she probably will reap some reward for spilling her guts on the national stage. I heard some women call in to talk shows voicing their support for this piece of trash, saying such things as "Good for her! Women need to speak out to help survivors."

So what we have is a prime example of a culture that will excuse, pity, and even congratulate people who perpetrate one of the most heinous of acts. This is matriarchy run amok, unrestrained and displaying its excesses. One often hears of "unrestrained masculinity" and the evils thereof, but the concept of unrestrained femininity – although perfectly valid – is difficult for Americans to grasp. Perhaps people fail to recognize it because it has become so pervasive, like the smell of manure on a farm, that we no longer notice it.

[image]However, some women are taking things so far that they run the risk of ruining what's left of the veneer of civilization. Female Maculinist found a story about one Aimee Louise Sword, a 35-year-old woman from the Detroit area, who committed a despicable act with her son, citing the criminal female rapper Lil'Kim as her inspiration.

Ms. Sword apparently gave her son up for adoption some ten years ago, but was recently inspired to find him, which she did through an online search. She found the boy, now in his teens, seduced him, and then began having sex with him. This story may not be as popular with the Oprah crowd as Mackenzie Phillips', but it's part of the same trend. Interestingly, because the woman cannot realistically portray herself as a victim (at least not yet — let's see what

her attorney comes up with), this story has been left out of national news. The police involved have expressed horror and deep pity for the boy, who will undoubtedly be scarred for life by the incident, but they seem to prefer that, for the sake of the boy, the story is swept under the rug as soon as possible.

This is the masculine response to these incidents. Just as the men of prehistoric Europe threw those who committed unspeakable crimes, such as treason or perversion, into bogs (where, ironically, they were sometimes very well preserved), men today would prefer not to exalt disgusting acts of incest by throwing pity parties for people like Ms. Phillips.

Exalting them is exactly what is being done when Oprah puts Mackenzie onstage, promoting her book and inviting the world to sympathize with her. Unrestrained femininity will use every excuse and any act to gain the attention and sympathy it craves. As this goes on, women will have to keep coming up with more and more shocking acts in a race to the bottom of the pit. Although one can only speculate as to what might be next, perhaps we will soon see tales of cannibalism or giving birth to human-chimp hybrids on Oprah.

The Emptiness of Modern Manhood: A Review of A Dead Bat in Paraguay by Roosh Vörek

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If I had a loonie for every cubicle jockey I've known who's huffed and puffed about quitting their office slave job and going on an trip abroad, I'd have enough money to do it myself. Roosh Vörek is one of the few men who had the brains and balls to follow through. After ditching his career as an industrial microbiologist and finishing his first book, *Bang*, Roosh took a trip through South America that lasted six months and took him to eight countries. Now, he has transcribed the events of his trip into a travel memoir. Don't be dissuaded by his cliché-laden description of *A Dead Bat in Paraguay* as being about "suffering and pain and hardship and darkness" – Roosh's book is a glorious triumph of low comedy and high adventure, a breezy and worthwhile read.

Unfortunately, as this is Roosh's first foray into literary writing, his inexperience shines through at regular intervals. While he narrates his misadventures with a wry tone that readers of his blog ought to be familiar with, every so often he breaks voice to go on a sentimental missive. Take for instance, this snippet in which Roosh tries really, really hard to convince us that he gives a shit about poor miners in Bolivia:

> Until the output of the Potosí mines cease to be profitable—and it is a matter of when, not if—these men and future generations who follow will die miners, much younger than is fair…I felt small for complaining about my relatively easy job at home that paid me a salary the miners could only dream of. How did I come to the conclusion that a professional job with fair pay in a modern building was actually torture?

My god, someone has it worse off than you! What an original observation! Please, shut the fuck up and spare me the bathos.

But aside from these trite diversions, *A Dead Bat in Paraguay* maintains a breakneck pace from beginning to end. The story begins in Washington, DC, where Roosh relates the story of his life and the factors that led to him giving the bird to the 9-to-5 life and heading to South America. The sequence of events will be familiar to longtime Roosh readers, both of his current blog and his previous incarnation as DC Bachelor, but Roosh fills in details about his career and family life that are new and interesting. In particular, his description of his close relationship with his sister is moving, showing a side of Roosh that we don't see in his other writings.

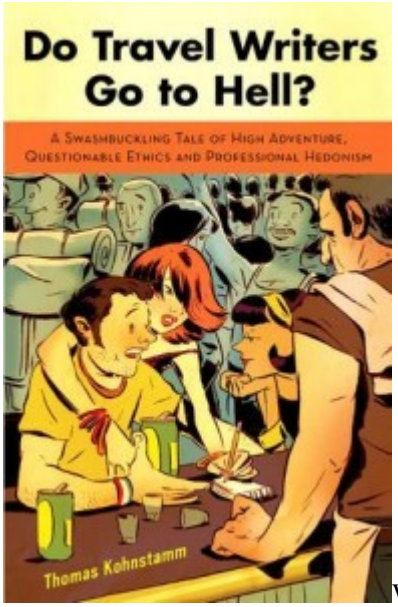
An important part of any book is its diction, and on this front, *A Dead Bat in Paraguay* is as smooth and pleasing to read as a good wine is to drink. An acolyte of the Hemingway school of literary writing, Roosh shies away from flowery descriptions and overblown metaphors, relaying his story with an understatement that conveys imagery and emotion in its own way. His bone-dry sense of humor pervades his prose at almost all times, with lines like "I made love with the toilet." Roosh is awfully fond of toilet humor in the literal sense – a lot of the laughs come from his loving descriptions of the painful, explosive bowel movements he had while on the road. No mere clown, though, he also retells the struggles of his journey with a bluntness that gets the reader invested emotionally. A large part of the narrative is Roosh's attempts to hook up with the local women in the various places he visits, only to be met with repeated failure. His constant battle to adapt his game to the cultural idiosyncrasies of the women who he tries to bed is so compelling that when he finally meets success, you'll want to cheer.

The frankness and honesty of *A Dead Bat in Paraguay* is a refreshing change from the fake, phony, and fraudulent memoirs that have flooded the book world in recent years, but it also hurts the book in some ways. Any good storyteller has the ability to bullshit with aplomb, and Roosh isn't quite there yet. His emphasis on relaying the details of his trip has too much of a "just the facts, ma'am" feel to it, as if he was writing a college paper and not a commercial book. The weakness of this approach culminates in the book's ending, which just sucks. In fact, it isn't really an "ending" – the book just sort of stops.

In pointing out these issues, I don't want come off as being too critical. In a literary world full of flotsam, jetsam,

and other varieties of garbage, Roosh Vörek has produced something remarkable and memorable. Beyond its other qualities, *A Dead Bat in Paraguay* speaks to something deeper – the dissatisfaction so many men these days have with their lives. Writers sublimating their existential angst into grand adventures which they later published is nothing new, as we can see from this stanza from Lord Byron's *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*:

> Childe Harold bask'd him in the noontide sun,
> Disporting there like any other fly;
> Nor deem'd before his little day was done
> One blast might chill him into misery.
> But long ere scarce a third of his pass'd by,
> Worse than adversity the Childe befell;
> He felt the fulness of satiety:
> Then loathed he in his native land to dwell,
> Which seem'd to him more lone than Eremite's sad cell.



What IS different is that ennui with one's existence is no longer confined to misfits like Byron. Last year, former *Lonely Planet* guidebook writer Thomas Kohnstamm published his own travel memoir, *Do Travel Writers Go to Hell?*, in which he stated similar reasons as Roosh for abandoning his high-paying corporate job in Manhattan to roam northeastern Brazil. In fact, Kohnstamm is mentioned in passing in Roosh's book, though not by name (Kohnstamm achieved some notoriety when he revealed that he had fabricated parts of his guidebooks, even claiming he wrote the *Lonely Planet* guidebook to Colombia without having visited there). This concept of men being unsatisfied with their lives has become clichéd to the point where we now have "mid-life crises" and "quarter-life crises." What is it about the modern West that sucks the joy out of being a man? To quote John Derbyshire:

> The modern workplace has also been de-masculinized. I have spent many years working in the offices of big corporations, among the vast clerical middle class of the Information Age. It has often struck me how much more suitable this work is for women than for men — how, in fact, men seem rather out of place among the "tubes and cubes" of the modern office. No masculine values are visible here. The mildness of manners, the endless tiny courtesies, the yielding and compromising, the cheery assertions of labor-room stoicism ("Hangin' in there!") that are necessary to get this kind of work done, leave little outlet for masculine forcefulness. Such outlets as did once exist have been systematically sealed off by the feminists and "sexual harassment" warriors. Was it really only twelve years ago that my mixed-sex office in a big Wall Street trading house celebrated the boss's birthday by bringing in a full-monty stripper to entertain us? Yes, it was. If we did that today, we should be the subject of a *60 Minutes* segment.

> The more boisterous manifestations of masculinity — physical courage, danger-seeking, the honor principle, belligerence, chivalry, endurance, small-group loyalty — which were once accessible to all men, in episodes of war or exploration if not in everyday life, have now been leached out to the extremes of our society — to small minorities of, at one extreme, super-rich sports and entertainment stars, and at the other, underclass desperadoes. There is no place now for a brilliant misfit like the Victorian explorer Sir Richard Burton, whose love of danger and of alien cultures led him to be the first, and quite probably the only, non-Moslem ever to penetrate the holiest sanctuary of Islam, the Ka'aba in Mecca — he even had the audacity to make a surreptitious sketch of the place while he was supposed to be praying. (Burton, by the way, was a holy terror as a boy — would be a sure candidate for heavy Ritalin treatment nowadays.)

With the government and society out to crush any expression of manliness beyond servile boot-licking, we are forced into feminized roles in order to survive. Any expression of true masculinity is suppressed. As men, we have allowed ourselves to be mentally and emotionally gelded by a culture that seeks to abuse us for its own immoral ends. But you don't have to be a slave. Rebellion doesn't necessarily entail ripping up stakes to settle in an alien nation on another continent. It begins when you become cognizant of the system and how to avoid being enmeshed in its grinder. The revolution begins with you.

In the meantime, feel free to give Roosh your greenbacks. He's earned them.

Girl Game

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The Spearhead is only a few days old, yet we already have a rival female, multi-user blog. Girl Game sets out to, in the authors' words:

> [...] provide a female perspective on gender relations & power dynamics, set in the context of personal vignettes from relationships and general opinion pieces.

There is no doubt that this will be an interesting project, and I'm sure it will draw plenty of attention from men and women alike (although perhaps a bit more from men than its contributors expected).

The "rivalry" I mentioned above is not entirely serious, but there will always be some tension between the male and female components of society. This is a natural thing, and in sane times this tension is what holds us above utter savagery like a bridge spanning the mire of the morass. Today, there is a serious imbalance that threatens a catastrophic collapse. If I interpret their mission correctly, these women are rightly worried about that.

I have already resigned myself to a collapse of the contemporary social structure, and do not find the idea all that disturbing — there is, after all, much opportunity for excitement and renewal in times of general ferment. However, I applaud these girls for their concern, because it seems that women who can see and act beyond their immediate hormonal impulses are rare indeed these days.

So I hope the women involved keep posting, and I hope that our male readers take a moment every now and then to consider their opinions, which appear to come from the heart. Honesty in these matters is not only the best quality a woman can have; it is also a great source of wisdom for men who care to pay attention.

Misinformation about cougars

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Judith Warner, a columnist at The New York Times, has written a critical yet predictably off-base column about the recent spate of "cougar" programming on television.

Warner herself is skeptical of the cougar phenomenon, noting:

> But does "Cougar Town" or its spiritual sisters truly say anything real about the state of American middle-aged womanhood? Any more than "Sex and the City" did about American relationships or most women's shoe-shopping budgets?
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> I don't think so. I sure hope not. It would be a mistake, I think, to talk ourselves into believing that it does or should. "Cougar Town" — the whole Cougar phenomenon — perhaps taps into many women's worst tendencies: their fears of getting older, losing sexual power, ending up on the slag heap of social desirability. But most women, I think, end up taking these feelings in stride. Most women in their 40s, however conflicted, however sometimes confused, aren't actually spiraling into self-doubting despair, but are actually working their way toward some greater degree of self-acceptance. Many experience — along with the shift in body mass that pulls things down and pushes them sideways — a kind of psychic shift that frees up some of the energy that once went into external appearances. Many come into their own, creatively, professionally. And in motherhood, in friendships, in romantic relationships.
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> A woman like Cox's Jules — visibly vibrating with self-doubt and thinly-veiled self-loathing, is, it's fair to say, probably the least likely figure of fantasy to be conjured by women Cox's age. In fact, she'd be more of a nightmare. But this Cougar beast — sexually aggressive, ever-available, a woman beating a man at his own game — is a fantasy that seems to be selling pretty well right now, at least to (mostly male) studio heads and TV execs and advertisers. Maybe that's because she's such a twit: so narcissistic, so superficial, so stunted emotionally, so dependent upon deriving her value from her desirability — her currency — in men's eyes. Maybe it's because, despite her ostensible sexual power (derived, you'll recall, uniquely from a young man's acceptance of her), she's really so very unthreatening. So very pitiful.
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> It's girls-gone-wild feminism for 40-somethings. It's ridiculous and belittling and it stinks of another round of backlash. In the Cougar fantasy, in the figure of a woman who uses her younger mate to puff up her vanity and enhance her sense of power and control, you find all the most cartoonish aspects of boorish middle-aged masculinity. I'm sure we can generate better fantasies for ourselves.

The notion that cougars somehow represent middle aged men projecting their own fantasies onto middle aged women is strained and obtuse, but typical of a feminist like Warner. See something going on regarding women that you don't like? Why, of course, men are to blame for it. An "authentic" female perspective would never have come up with such a thing, because it doesn't resonate with me, so therefore men are to blame. Q.E.D.

Luckily Warner's commenters aren't letting her off lightly this time. Many women have commented that the cougar phenomenon is a reality for them, and that they enjoy it very much, citing the energy of younger men and so on. Others write that following their mid-life divorces, younger men simply seemed more attractive, and so on. For whatever reason, however, there are many women today who are not only interested in the cougar phenomenon, but who are living it, to one degree or another.

My own personal perspective is that I see no issue, in itself, with people dating at various age ranges. Many women seem to experience a heightening of the libido betwen 35 and 45, and perhaps at that specific time in their lives a man who is significantly younger can be rather sexually attractive to such women. I would suspect that many of the larger age-gap relationships will not last as the women age into their 50s, but some may. I do agree with the women critiquing the cougar craze in that it perpetuates standards of beauty and appearance into later ages, which is

probably not helpful for the vast majority of women (and women like Warner certainly don't like it), but in this culture, people are free to behave as they wish. Cougars may seem desperate and pathetic, but perhaps some of them are more fulfilled than may be apparent, and are simply getting what they want out of life at this specific moment.

In any case, however one feels about cougars, laying the blame at the feet of men for the recent spate of cougar programming is rather silly. Men aren't watching TV to anything like the extent that women are. The cougar programming seems squarely aimed at women, presumably because at least some women like the programming based on testing. I do think that the topic is controversial, and that this controversy is going to cost these shows quite a few viewers (women seem polarized on the cougar issue, either liking it or hating it) — but perhaps that was the point to begin with? To attract attention to a controversial subject, and thereby make money? To me that seems much more likely than Warner's scenario of some middle-aged TV exec pushing his own fantasies onto women. But, then again, feminists never really do make a lot of sense about most things.

How do you Make a Cream Puff?

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Essentially, it comes down to the whipping.

Marie Claire has hired a guy to write about game. Not your raw, technical and masculine style advocated by Roissy, Roosh et al., but rather the kind that Marie Claire's female readers want to read about. The writer, one Rich Santos, has just posted a ridiculous article titled "What Is Off Limits To Criticize Women About?"

This article is a clear how-to guide for failing shit tests.

Take the following quote to get an idea of where the guy is coming from:

> The women in the office were appalled at what we thought we were allowed to talk about. If I could figure out what I am allowed to criticize and what I should stay away from, I'd avoid arguments and do a better job of hitting on girls.

Notice how he uses the term "allowed to talk about." Yes, that's right: "allowed." The man writes as though he is a dog. Does this attitude inspire passion or contempt? Given the number of men who cave in to their wives' demands who are subsequently dumped, I think we know the answer to that.

However, as a young man surrounded by high-status females, he apparently believes this crap. When I first read the article, I thought it must be tongue-in-cheek, but then I came across another article he wrote about his techniques for getting laid, which consist of jumping in cabs with strangers, complaining about past girlfriends to girls he meets, and strumming on a guitar. Come to think of it, this guy is not a beta, but rather one of those odd herbs who gets lucky from time to time, probably due to anomalies in the space-time continuum.

Here's a great line from his game article:

> I don't think guys are above looking pathetic if it means they can get sympathy sex.

Getting back to the post about what men are allowed to say to women, Santos lists a few subjects that are off limits, including weight, clothing, friends and driving. His advice is to either do nothing, or try to have somebody else deal with it. Although he is writing to a female audience and few men are likely to look past the first few lines of this article, encouraging women to expect and demand traits in men that are only appropriate for house pets is a recipe for disaster. Women naturally grow to detest men who behave in this way, which sets them up for a loveless marriage, a divorce, a few years of cougardom, and, after that, a house full of cats and decades of nothing to look forward to but weekly bingo tournaments.

Maybe I'm wrong about the guy, and he really is just making a joke out of this enforced servitude. It could be so over-the-top that it's subversive in a way. He is writing for Marie Claire, after all.

A Tale Told by an A-Hole, Full of Crudeness and Vulgarity, Signifying Something: A Review of I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell

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Tucker Max's *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell*, the new comedy flick based on his book of the same name, opens with police busting into a house and arresting the self-titled main character while he is having sex with a deaf girl because they mistakenly thought he was raping her. While the coppers are pinning the butt-naked Tucker to the ground, the girl sets them straight by screaming, "He wasn't raping me – he was FUCKING me!" and exclaiming that she "wants his cum."

Abandon all maturity, ye who enter here.

For those not privy to the interweb sensation that is Tucker Max, he's a writer whose short stories, based on his adventures of drunken revelry and carnal indulgence, have made him world famous. In his own words:

> My name is Tucker Max, and I am an asshole.
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> I get excessively drunk at inappropriate times, disregard social norms, indulge every whim, ignore the consequences of my actions, mock idiots and posers, sleep with more women than is safe or reasonable, and just generally act like a raging dickhead.

Along with Maddox, Tucker Max is regarded as one of the founding writers of "fratire," a fledging literary genre concerning masculinity and political incorrectness. Given the popularity of both Max and Maddox, it was only a matter of time before one of them got a movie deal, and with *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell*, fratire has hit the big time. As a film, Max's creation is a hilarious, if not groundbreaking ride, and as a study of masculinity and manhood in modern America, it's even more valuable. While the oeuvre of *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell* has been covered before, as Tucker Max himself co-wrote the film's screenplay, we get a view of modern masculinity straight from the horse's mouth.

I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell is based loosely on Tucker Max's short story "The Austin Road Trip," though it also incorporates plot elements from a half-dozen of his other tales of Epicurean excess. The first half of the film concerns a fictionalized version of Max (Matt Czuchry) goading his best buddies Dan (Geoff Stults) and Drew (Jesse Bradford) into changing their plans and going to an out-of-the-way strip club as their last night together as single men, as Dan is due to be married in a few days. The plan goes wrong, though, when Tucker's ulterior motives for going to said strip club are exposed, landing Dan in jail for a night and threatening his engagement to Kristy (Keri Lynn Pratt). The second half of the movie consists of Tucker trying to rebuild his friendship with Dan, finally recognizing the true extent of his narcissism and apologizing to him at the end.

Max's movie is at its best when the plot is de-emphasized and the focus is on the strong dialogue. The film is chock-full of hilarious quips that caused the audience to drown out the movie with their laughter. For example, during one scene in which Tucker and friends are driving, Tucker lets rip a fart and Drew remarks that it smells like Tucker "got buttfucked by a garbage compactor." The best scene in the film is an interplay between Drew and stripper Lara (Marika Dominczyk), with each of them trying to one-up each other in a battle of insults. The second half of the film is more focused on physical comedy, which is where the narrative starts to come apart. In particular, the film's re-creation of a particularly disgusting episode of "The Austin Road Trip" involving explosive diarrhea is unbelievably lame. Despite its flaws, the film is a fun and funny ride for both Tucker Max fans and newcomers, and is a faithful adaptation of the man's work.

I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell has been compared to *The Hangover* in terms of plot, characters, and style, and this comparison is reasonably accurate. In particular, Max's movie has the same interplay of three male friends who occupy different spots in the alpha/beta/omega hierarchy of game. Tucker Max is the obvious alpha, a cocky, arrogant jackass who runs through women like a flu sufferer runs through tissues. Dan is a beta, an upstanding and

generally honest fellow who cannot handle women, as shown by his inability to convince Kristy to allow him to go on the trip to the strip club, requiring Tucker to sweet-talk her down. Drew is a self-made omega who, after catching his girlfriend giving head to a white rapper, has retreated into a cocoon of video game addiction, nerdiness, and antisocial misogyny (telling one woman who sidles up to him at a bar that he will "carve a new fuckhole" in her if she doesn't get away).

Satan is in the details, though, and *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell* is considerably better than *The Hangover* in this regard. As I noted in my mini-review of *The Hangover*, the beta male character's girlfriend is a complete and utter bitch who gleefully emasculates him and even cheats on him. In *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell*, Kristy, while depicted as a bit of a killjoy, is an attractive and pleasant woman who is unfailingly loyal to Dan. The subplot of one of the main characters becoming romantically involved with a single mom stripper is reused, but instead of the beta male, it's the omega Drew who becomes smitten with Lara after bonding with her during a game of *Halo 3*. Finally, while most sex comedies featuring alpha male player characters have said characters recanting their womanizing ways to settle down with a girl who is immune to their charms (*The Pick-up Artist*, *Hitch*, *Sex Drive*), it is revealed at the end that Tucker's epic apology to Dan was based on a lie, meaning he'll continue to be an asshole.

In this, Tucker Max's movie, despite being a bit far-fetched, is both more honest and more pro-masculine than *The Hangover*, or any other entry in the sex comedy genre as of late. For more evidence of this, note the hollering hordes of feminists and manginas who came out to protest Max during the film's premiere tour this past summer:

> Johnson said the trailer contains sexist and racist phrases–phrases she says are intended to dehumanize and perpetuate a rape culture. Max's book is filled mostly with stories of him and his exploits with women, some of which, according to Grimmett and Johnson, would be considered felonious acts under North Carolina law.
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> "He views women as objects," Johnson said. "He's only out to get as much sex as he can at any cost."

The usual suspects among the misandrist class are also annoyed that Tucker Max serves as a role model for young men, as exemplified in this clueless editorial from College Candy:

> With a book that was on New York Time's bestselling list for three years in a row, and a movie out soon, clearly this dude has got a lotta funs. In fact, he's becoming someone that guys look up to. Guys now have this notion that if you drink yourself to oblivion and get with every girl in sight (no matter what they look like and regardless of whether they are too drunk to function) then you're "the man." It's like Tucker is the male Carrie Bradshaw… with a beyond vulgar twist. He's inspiring guys from coast to coast to act like an ass and to do so without remorse.
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> I think it's safe to say that Tucker Max is officially ruining men. And if we thought we were safe (because most guys don't read books anyway) this movie is only going to make it worse.

The writer's connection of Tucker Max to *Sex and the City* is surprisingly on point. I present Spengler's Universal Law of Gender Parity:

> In every corner of the world and in every epoch of history, the men and women of every culture deserve each other.

The counterpart of the narcissistic urban slut machine is the crass, vulgar, asshole player. As I wrote in my analysis of the George Sodini shootings:

> In the past, men who played by the rules won out in the end. No more. Women of all types are spreading their legs exclusively for pick-up artists, cads, players, badboys, and other men whom a healthy society would regard as the scum of the earth. Men like George Sodini who succeed and contribute to society have only their right hands for company, while bottom-feeders are drowning in more vaj then they know what to do with.

> You could stop this madness tomorrow by refusing to follow your vaginas straight into the arms of scumbags, and actually live up to your claims of wanting nice guys – but I doubt you will. You've made your bed, ladies – now sleep in it.

Tucker Max is a "bottom-feeder" in every sense of the word. In any sane culture, individuals like him would have been beaten into a life on the straight and narrow, or if they chose to remain scumbags, would forever live on the fringe of society and meet a violent, pathetic end. Max's rise to fame was enabled by the hundreds of women who willingly slept with him, and his reputation has no doubt increased the number of women wanting a taste of his famous penis:

> The author is now in the midst of a 31-city film tour, attracting sold-out crowds at every location, just as he does on college campuses across the country. And according to Max, his audiences are nearly always at least half female.
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> These women are not reluctant dates dragged there by men exacting revenge for being forced to sit through the "Sex and the City" movie. They are die-hard fans, willing to do almost anything to get their hero's attention. For one fan at a recent stop in College Park, that meant using her mouth as a receptacle for a male audience member's chewing tobacco. Another female fan sought out Max, slept with him, and then tattooed an explicit sentence commemorating the event just below her hip bone, thus earning the Holy Grail of any Maxite: an original Tucker Max blog entry featuring her.

The ladies love Tucker Max. I can confirm this: just under half of the audience in the theater where I saw *I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell* was female.

When it comes to sex, men will always follow the path of least resistance. If sex necessitates slapping a ring on your beloved's finger, men will do it. If it necessitates having a decent job and a house of one's own, men will have those things. When guys see women degrading themselves for a shot at sleeping with a self-absorbed asshole and then writing blog posts about his sexual prowess, they will become self-absorbed assholes. It's really that simple.

As I wrote in my review of *A Dead Bat in Paraguay*, virtually every expression of masculinity has been crushed by the modern culture. One of the few that is acceptable is the amoral jackassery represented by Tucker Max. It's unfortunate that a creature such as him is the most visible face of American manhood, but as one of the few positive icons for men today, his presence is necessary. Women wondering why young men look to him and others like him as role models will find their answers by looking in the mirror.

Realmannspracht Ain't So Bad

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This post by Anakin over at Biblical Manhood got me to thinking (while on the road last week with no radio, no AC in my truck, and lots of time to kill) about what it means to be a "real man" and complementarily, a "real woman". Anakin correctly notes that

> "real man" talk has been used by people to shame men into compliance with social norms.

However, I differ with my friend Anakin's conclusion that such pressuring behavior is inappropriate and/or illegitimate. Anakin may be throwing the baby out with the bathwater by completely dismissing the utility of shaming/conforming language in helping a man stay on the correct path. For true masculinity, as created by God, harnesses in a constructive manner the generative power given by Yahweh to the male sex alone. The male sex is the one given the power, the strength, the drive, and the daring to create and explore and conquer and to build. But this same power may be used for evil as well as good, and the society that directs this generative energy in a productive direction is one that prospers, while societies that fail to do so fail to thrive. This is why norming/shaming language is useful in that it sets the boundaries for appropriate and constructive behavior from men. It is not the language that is the problem, but it may be the utterer, if that utterer is using *realmannspracht* as a put-down or appealing to an illegitimate standard.

Men often bristle when it is women, particularly feminists, who use *realmannspracht*. And for good reason, too: those who covet boorish frat-boy behavior for themselves are patently unable to legitimately critique what it means to be a full-fledged man. This is because they are attempting to take something which isn't theirs and aren't eligible for, possess it, and then pervert it into a abomination to serve to their own ends.

Yet that is not to say that one must be a masculist, or even male, to render a thoughtful critique on appropriate masculine behavior. Indeed, there are some women, even self-described feminists, who are able to legitimately offer a substantive evaluation of what a fully masculine male does and is. All depends on their qualifications and their motivations for offering a critique. Do they offer it constructively, with an eye toward promoting the greater good? Or do they criticize with intent to destroy or delegitimize, so as to set up a pretext to assimilate masculine behaviors into feminine or neutral spaces?

I quote an example of thoughtfully offered commentary on masculinity below, for it complements quite nicely precisely what Anakin had to say regarding *realmannspracht*:

> "A woman simply is, but a man must become. Masculinity is risky and elusive. It is achieved by a revolt from woman, and it is confirmed only by other men. Manhood coerced into sensitivity is no manhood at all."

For those who don't immediately recognize the source of the quote, it is from one Camille Paglia, a feminist and a self-professed lesbian. While Paglia's quote isn't *realmannspracht* per se, offered as it was in a spirit of constructive description, it does serve as an auxiliary to *realmannspracht* in that it miscasts where masculinity comes from and how it is achieved.

For starters, Paglia's quote above does get it partly right in that, yes, masculinity must be risky. It must weigh and accept risk when appropriate. To stifle a man's risk-taking nature, this tendency to take calculated risks when the benefits appear to outweigh the costs, the imperative for men to stand on principles when the pragmatic path is so much more attractive, is to squelch part of what it means to be a man.

But Paglia errs in claiming that masculinity may only be conferred by other men. This is where Anakin correctly skewers the notion that manhood is awarded by the brotherhood to a prospective man. As Anakin said in his above-linked post, the only standard that matters is that of God's, and worldly attempts to twist these standards into

something different from what God intended, or to attempt to make Man's standards supersede that of God's, are completely improper. Even if it is other men who are doing it.

I think Paglia also errs in stating that masculinity may only be achieved by revolting from the feminine. Perhaps in using this metaphor she is referring to boys separating from their mothers and gravitating toward their fathers; if this is the case, the metaphor is imperfect. For boys, in real life and in intact families, do not separate from their mothers and gravitate toward their fathers. This separation from mother only occurs in stunted female-only families. Instead, in a properly formed nuclear family, boys cleave from both their parents to become his own man, a separate being that, while still under the tutelage of his father and/or the brotherhood of men, is not psychologically dependent upon them. In any case, by stating that boys separate from women implies that the feminine is humanity's "base case", Paglia's quote teaches that the female is normal, the standard, and the male is abnormal. In essence, Paglia provides psychological cover to inappropriate feminine *realmannspracht*, as the notion that the masculine comes from or, if you will, out of, the feminine, nominates women as the arbiter of masculine behavior.

Which brings me next to Paglia's claim that a woman simply "is". For certain there was a short time in our recent history where this was true. During this time, a woman need do nothing except consume oxygen, breed, be chaste, do as she was told, and behave decorously. She was a "lady", surrounded by "gentlemen" in a patriarchal framework that served to insulate society from both roguish nature of unrestrained male and female sexuality. But this time does not exist any longer, as that social infrastructure that protected women and society from the fallen nature of humanity–patriarchy–has been torn down. In particular, standards of ladylike behavior were quickly discarded, with no follow-up conception of feminine behavior created in its place, leaving woman without a point of reference to define socially constructive behavior.

So Paglia is largely correct in her assertion that women "are". Today, women simply "be", with no training in how to be a "woman", let alone a "lady", with no lanes in the road to steer them in the direction of socially productive behavior. In the absence of patriarchy, this "being" is a recipe for disaster. We need only to look around us to seize upon the folly of fully half of our society simply existing: a sex that is literally out of control, resulting in rising rates of illegitimacy, divorce, shacking up, crime, squalor, poverty, and illiteracy, and lowering rates of productivity and sub-replacement fertility. In other words, our civilization is devolving right before our very eyes.

So what to do? Well, I think the early feminists were correct in that the model of femininity in the 1800s and early 1900s was incomplete and were right to rebel against it. Women were limited in the "ladylike" role of the Victorian era, improperly so in my opinion, and although the early feminists didn't come out and say it in so many words, it was and is insufficient for women to simply "be". They must become as well, the same as men must become. Thus we would do well to re-institute a vision, a model for womanhood that includes a parallel matriculation process for girls that ends with an induction into the sorority of women, just as boys matriculate into the brotherhood of men.

In some ways, this induction into the ranks of full-fledged women happens already, via the socially unconstructive rite of unwed teen motherhood. This phenomenon may be viewed as girls vaulting themselves into the ranks of full-fledged femininity, much in the same way that boys join gangs in a misguided bid to gain acceptance into the brotherhood of the masculine. Needless to say, neither is appropriate, and neither is useful for propagating or sustaining a society.

At the risk of being accused of *realfrauspracht*, I submit the following traits for consideration of socially constructive behaviors for modern women, in no particular order:

* Integrity
* Chaste until marriage, faithful within marriage
* Industrious / hard working
* Disciplined
* Charitable
* Accountable / responsible

* Self-controlled
* Modest in dress and behavior
* Selfless

Looking back at this list, these qualities strike me as the same as those that would be ideal for men to exhibit. Perhaps this is no mistake, in that it is folly to have one sex act in a manner congruent with civilization while the other gives itself over to promiscuous dissipation and indulgent selfishness.

Thus, I propose that todays women grab a hold of today's girls, train them to value integrity above all else, to be good wives to one man, to be good mothers if they are called to be so, and to be productive citizens both in the workplace and in society as a whole.

One Week In

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The Spearhead has been up and running for a week now, and things are looking good. Traffic is steadily rising – we may even hit half a million page views in our first month of operation – and we are picking up new subscribers every day. Thanks to our writers, we are starting conversations and inspiring thought about what it means to be a man in America today.

Pleasant surprises include Ferdinand Bardamu's excellent reviews and zed's social commentary from a "been there" perspective. I'd also like to thank editors Novaseeker and Prime for helping out behind the scenes, Whiskey for bringing his unique analysis of popular entertainment, Hawaiian Libertarian for his essay on history and the politics of suffrage, and Elusive Wapiti for bringing his solid sense of masculinity to the table.

Additionally, we have a number of new contributors who will soon bring their content to *The Spearhead*, adding even more depth to our lineup and helping our publication become a flowing spring of fresh perspective.

Because one week isn't very long, there's still a fair amount of polishing to be done, and some decisions about layout still need to be made, but the structure of *The Spearhead* is solid, and under the hood all is running nice and smooth. We have a nice little baby here, and we hope it will grow up to be big and strong.

When it comes down to it, this publication is a vehicle for culture, intended to have an impact beyond even its readers. Its influence will inspire ideas, conversation and actions, both big and small. In fact, we will never see the majority of its effects. Just as most people who read our articles do so silently, without commenting, many people will silently make decisions in their own lives, at their workplaces or in their relationships based in part on what they read here. That is what is both exciting and sobering about publishing — it is a big responsibility. Nevertheless, part of that responsibility includes getting the word out there if you have, or have found, a good idea or a better way to go about the business of living.

So I encourage everyone involved in *The Spearhead*, including readers, to spread the word and participate in the cultural movement that brought our publication into existence. These are exciting times, full of potential for change, and we intend to be at the forefront, leading the charge.

Reporting on Rape Changing

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I came across an article in the *Seattle P-I* today titled "Tacoma woman claims rape by armed man in uniform," which reports on the woman's story with barely concealed skepticism. The woman is claiming she was raped by a cop for nine hours while he held her in his squad car.

The details are sketchy, but it's pretty obvious something about her story isn't adding up:

> On Sunday morning police interviewed the victim at Tacoma General Hospital where exams showed the probability of sexual activity having taken place. Doctors have not yet determined whether the woman had been raped, detectives said.

Notice how the police are relying on the doctor to determine whether or not a rape had occurred. The story coming from the "victim" is not enough anymore. And, after all, she's saying a cop did it. You'd better have some good proof when you accuse cops of felonies.

During the "take back the night" hysteria of the 1990s, this probably would have been on the evening news, with breathless reporters raising the specter of a rogue cop stalking women and raping them in squad cars. No longer. Now that rape accusations are becoming something of a rite of passage for athletes (and numerous other less notable young men), it appears that the public – including even reporters – has caught on. Just like the boy who cried "wolf!" women are increasingly met with skepticism when they come up with fishy stories about sexual assault.

Rape has to be treated like any other crime: its prosecution should require the same standards of proof as other serious felonies. Finally, it looks like more people are beginning to agree.

The Changing Tides of History

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A good deal of public head-scratching has been taking place since Sunday, when Angela Merkel's CDU, together with its future coalition partner the FDP, handed the German socialists their worst electoral defeat since 1945.

Some journalists and public intellectuals are openly fretting about the demise of European socialism, ironically coming at a time when the capitalist system itself appears to be under direct attack from every angle. Some bloggers have noted that Europe appears to be moving away from socialism just as the United States seems to be veering toward it, but this would not be the first time that major political events in Europe and the United States have moved in different directions at the same time, rather than in lock step.

In a similar vein, David Brooks, in his latest effort to both scurry away from actually being a conservative while working doubletime to retain some changed version of that label, worries that America remains mired in:

> the obsolete culture war, which has put secular liberals on one side and religious conservatives on the other. But the slide in economic morality afflicted Red and Blue America equally. If there is to be a movement to restore economic values, it will have to cut across the current taxonomies. Its goal will be to make the U.S. again a producer economy, not a consumer economy. It will champion a return to financial self-restraint, large and small.

Brooks argues that financial conservatism is a moral issue, because America's Calvinist founders and their WASP heirs saw it as a moral issue. I personally doubt it can be recast as an issue of national morality, or that the current "culture wars", which are in fact waning in any case, will be replaced by some kind of war against fiscal profligacy from the moral perspective.

Nevertheless, all of these articles about the current swirl of change in the West do underscore one important point for men to consider carefully. We stand currently at something of a historical crossroads. The old regime — socially, culturally, politically — is being replaced by something else throughout the West. Men sometimes spend a lot of time fretting about this, but in my view these changes are inevitable and can't be helped. What men can do, however, is react to them personally in a creative and useful way, for themselves.

In a sense this relates to what Zed wrote recently in these pages, to wit:

> Well, fast forward 50 years and we find that men have far more freedom and flexibility than any group of men has ever had in the history of the world. They can now choose to be husbands, and/or fathers, or anything else, and the social pressure and stigma which used to force the vast majority of men into early marriage (and often early graves) and the role of a specialized beast of burden bred for the specific purpose of dragging around an emotionally and financially dependent wife and family is simply no longer there.
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> Certainly, some men might wish to continue to choose those roles for their lives. And the social Luddites, who fear and resist change, may want to try to keep men trapped in those old roles. But, as women's roles have changed, the system which gave men only one set of choices has changed whether people wanted it to or not.
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> Men may choose to be husbands and fathers. Or not. They can choose to be travelers, or explorers, or scholars, or X-box players. Or not. They can be househusbands, assuming they can find a breadwinning wife and are willing to deal with the residual social stigma toward a man who does not live up to the traditional roles. But, women have blazed the way in breaking down those old roles and in their place have left men a world of opportunities limited only by their own imaginations.
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> The real challenges confronting men these days are the topics Novaseeker and Prime have recently written about – defining core masculine values by which men define
> themselves. For too long men have been allowing women to define us – either in the negative, by giving a us a

> list of things they don't like about us, or by demanding that we become more like them. Some men are comfortable with becoming more like women, and we will see how women really end up liking them once they do.
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> But, for the rest of us, who have never had any desire to be women, we now have the opportunity to completely define for ourselves what sort of masculinity will serve us, and those we love, best in the coming years.

Very much so. These changing times — and it does appear that change is once again accelerating — offer us a great opportunity to recast ourselves as men in whatever mold we wish to. Clinging to the past is not going to be fruitful for most of us, because the past is not going to come back to life. Rather, a new way forward is the most viable path for us, as men, in reaction to all of the swirling change around us. We have the freedom, today, to do this, and as men it's our responsibility to ourselves and future generations of men as well to take up the reins of that freedom and run with it, in the process broadening the scope of what masculinity means in the 21st Century, rather than having it redefined for us by women, academics, elites and others.

This is a time of great change and dislocation, to be sure. But it is also *our* time, **the time of our freedom**, if we choose to recognize that and embrace it in our lives. We can be our future now, if we only have the courage to grasp that destiny with both hands and mold it as we wish.

The Secret of Life: Shut up and Shovel the Fuckin' Gravel.

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I wrote this some years ago and over the years quite a few people have gotten a chuckle out of it.

The entire secret of life, of power, of everything, was taught to me when I was a teenager, by a man, a farmer. And he taught it to me in the way that is so typical of men: three sentences, no more.

I contend that the real conflict today is not male versus female, but urban versus agrarian values. When people forget where their food and fiber comes from, when they forget the natural processes and timetables that produce them, when they start looking for someone else to "hand over" what they want and stop taking the responsibility for producing it themselves, when they replace hard work with belligerence and aggression, they lock themselves into downward spirals of helplessness, powerlessness, and anger.

The farmer's name was "Griff", but it could have been "Gruff", because he was. I was a "townie" (population 300) and made good money for a teenager as a "hired hand". One day when I showed up for work he said "We're going to pick up a new truck." We got in his car and the entire 40 minute ride to the dealer passed without either of us saying a word: one of those easy comfortable silences that men often use to communicate more than words ever can. We picked up a new 4-wheel drive ¾ ton pickup and headed back to the farm. When we got back, he pointed to a large gravel pile by the barn and told me to fill the truck bed with gravel and go fill in a hole in the entrance to one of his fields.

I said "But that gravel will ruin the paint on the bed of this brand new truck." He looked at me silently for about a minute, his expression eloquently saying that I was the worst idiot he'd ever been burdened with having to tolerate in his life. Without saying another word he picked up the shovel and, with a swing that would be the envy of any major league baseball hitter, he swung it around and smacked the side of the truck sending paint chips flying in every direction and leaving a huge dent. He looked at me again with that same "I can't believe you are such an idiot" look and said: *"**City** boy this is a **FARM** truck. I didn't buy it to **look pretty**, I bought it to **DO WORK**, same reason I'm payin' you. Now it ain't new no more, so shut up and shovel the fuckin' gravel."* Then he turned around and walked off, leaving me to feel foolish and gain wisdom.

Of course it took the entire context and circumstances for me to understand the full significance of the lesson: not with my head but with my spirit. In the same way, cultures world wide and throughout history have used ritual space to teach the great lessons to the young. Complexity and too many words destroy the lesson, because the very heart and soul of the lesson is that **words accomplish nothing. Words do not put in crops. Words do not harvest them or get them to market or prepare them or put them on our plates. No one eats unless someone shuts up and shovels the fuckin' gravel.**

The entire secret of male power is that men do, and men have, shut up and shoveled the fuckin' gravel. Men shoveled the gravel that built all the hydroelectric dams which provide the electric power which everyone today takes for granted; some of that "Patriarchal technology" that some women are so fond of sneering at. Men put their sweat and, for about 50 of them, their very lives into Hoover dam. Then they "handed over" the result to women to make their lives more comfortable. The millions of tons of gravel which went into building the transcontinental railway were shoveled by men. And hundreds of their lives went into it as well. Women and men living today would have none of the conveniences which make their lives so comfortable if millions of men had not shut up and shoveled the fuckin' gravel. All the lawsuits and affirmative action programs in the world could not have built them. Those men did not wait for someone to "hand over" those dams or that railroad to them, they shut up and shoveled the fuckin' gravel and built them. Hoover dam is "male dominated", the transcontinental railroad is "male dominated" because men put their time, their work, their sweat, and their very bodies into building them. Everything that we see in the world today, from business to the military, that is "male dominated" is so because men died to build it.

That is both men's power and their powerlessness.

They shut up and shoveled the fuckin' gravel.

The Despotism of the Petticoat: Part 2

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To continue where I left off here…

> *Now, of course, in the 18th century, the majority of property owners were most assuredly men. But there were a few women who indeed owned their own property – either from inheritance or their own efforts, and they were also extended the franchise to vote.*

And there are historical records notating that in fact women did vote in State elections in the past, prior to the temperance movement and the 19th amendment.

Nevertheless, it is a common belief amongst today's society to accept the notion that women were denied the right to vote because of the feminist movements revisionist interpretation that historically, men deliberately denied women the vote *to oppress them*.

That until the 19th amendment…women in America were subjugated and powerless. Beholden to the whim's of beastly, misogynistic and abusive men.

Just as the "Wage Gap" has been deliberately distorted — where raw numbers of wage discrepancies between gender are automatically referred to as the result of sexism…rather than delving further into the topic and discovering that it is not sexism at all…but women's own lifestyle choices and how they exercise them as the primary determinant of the so-called "wage gap." –, so too is the past's legal and social norms ignored and unconsidered. Nay, not even considered, but rather simply attributed to the barbaric state of misogyny of the unjust patriarchal hegemony of the male dominated culture of the past.

The most important thing to consider first, was the widely held belief system that was accepted by society at large in the bad old days of Patriarchal oppression…primarily with regards to marriage. Before the sexual revolution and cultural upheaval of the 1960's, America was widely understood to be a Christian nation. Most Americans were church going citizens and the moral code of the Bible and it's 10 commandments and the New Testament's "golden rule" were the accepted 'social contract' of moral principles.

Why is this relevant? Because the basic principle of a Christian-based society like the early America was the idea that marriage was the merging of a man and woman into a single entity. One unit. In the physical, spiritual and legal sense of the word.

Signer of the Declaration of Independence and also one of the framers of the Constitution, James Wilson, wrote about how Marriage was considered under the eyes of the law:

> *The most important consequence of marriage is, that the husband and the wife become, in law, only one person: the legal existence of the wife is consolidated into that of the husband. Upon this principle of union, almost all the other legal consequences of marriage depend.*

This was the true essence of the reasoning why women were never specifically designated as a separate, legal entity, apart from her husband in manners concerning society. In other words, the prevailing cultural attitude of the times was that in terms of civic duties, the vote was designated as one vote per family…one vote per household…or one vote per single entity – that single entity being a married couple.

And in the past, the vast majority of women did get married. Only a few women in any given community became "old maids" and spinsters. It was simply the cultural norm for women to get married and have children. Therefore, one vote, one household (provided the man of the house owned property).

Of course we live in much different times today…we now have a society that has devalued and decimated marriage.

It might even be argued that the first fault lines in the institution of marriage were indeed effected by the female driven temperance movement that sought to create the separate legal status between a husband and a wife in terms of voting.

Despite this cultural and social mores of the time of the nation at founding that regarded a husband and wife as a single, legal entity; John Adam's wife, Abigail, implored her Husband to consider separate legal status for women while Adams was taking part in the framing of the Constitution…note the implications of Abigail's letter here:

> *I long to hear that you have declared an independancy—and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particuiar care and attention is not paid to the Ladies, we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or representation.*
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> *That your Sex are Naturally Tyrannical is a Truth so thoroughly established as to admit of no dispute, but such of you as wish to be happy willingly give up the harsh title of Master for the more tender and endearing one of Friend. Why then, not put it out of the power of the vicious and the Lawless to use us with cruelty and indignity with impunity. Men of Sense in all Ages abhor those customs which treat us only as the vassals of your Sex. Regard us then as Beings placed by providence under your protection and in imitation of the Supreme Being make use of that power only for our happiness.*

Modern day feminists and their mangina lackeys have read Abigail's letter to her husband and have seized upon it as some kind of proof that men were all tyrants that oppressed females, and that denying women the right to vote was the proof of this.

John essentially laughs at her contentions and points out in his response where the true tyranny resides…

> *As to your extraordinary Code of Laws, I cannot but laugh. We have been told that our Struggle has loosened the bands of Government every where. That Children and Apprentices were disobedient—that schools and Colleges were grown turbulent—that Indians slighted their Guardians and Negroes grew insolent to their Masters. But your Letter was the first Intimation that another Tribe more numerous and powerful than all the rest were grown discontented.—This is rather too coarse a Compliment but you are so saucy, I won't blot it out.*
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> *Depend upon it, We know better than to repeal our Masculine systems. Although they are in Full force, you know they are little more than Theory. We dare not exert our Power in its full Latitude. We are obliged to go fair, and softly, and in Practice* ***you know We are the subjects. We have only the Name of Masters****, and rather than give up this, which would completely subject Us to the Despotism of the peticoat, I hope General Washington, and all our brave Heroes would fight….*

Now what exactly do you think John meant by this?

Yup…John was alluding to the power of the wife's pussywhip.

John's defense of the "masculine systems" was certainly an admission that women have ALWAYS had the true power in a society, because it is the women's influence over her husband and children that is the true exercise of power.

Just as John Adam's predicted in his long ago love letter to his wife, should women gain influence in the sphere of politics and public life, she would than have total control over everything…the despotism of the petticoat.

And to those of us that know better…those of us that have taken the red pill and seen our socially engineered, gyno-centric matriarchal matrix for what it is, can we not now say that John Adam's response to his wife was in fact prophetic, as we now most certainly live under the despotism of the petticoat?

The Hegelian Dialectic and Social Change

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I'm going to take as a springboard this comment by Novaseeker -

> This is a time of great change and dislocation, to be sure. But it is also our time, the time of our freedom, if we choose to recognize that and embrace it in our lives. We can be our future now, if we only have the courage to grasp that destiny with both hands and mold it as we wish.

I agree totally, but I think it also raises the question of "how"? How do we grasp that destiny, and how do we mold it? Do we simply make individual personal choices and have everyone else do the same? That would seem to me to be a state of cultural entropy in which culture simply continues down a path of progressive disorganization – the only possible end point of which is complete disorganization, or "chaos."

Some may be familiar with what is called the "Hegelian Dialectic" and some may not, but it is a way of describing the process of social change: **de**scription, not **pre**scription. It is not saying how it "should" occur, but simply noting how it does.

In a terribly oversimplified version -

You start with existing conditions and social values which are defined by a majority or dominant group within a culture, and those conditions and values are generally thought to define the culture. Hegel did not actually use the terms which are now most commonly associated with his description of the dialectic, but the term used now to describe the "status quo" is the "thesis", the theory on which the culture is based.

However, those conditions and values, that thesis, work best (or in some cases only) for the dominant group. For other subgroups the thesis does not work so well so they come up with an opposing or alternate set of theories, called the "antithesis" (literally the anti-thesis), which functions as a counter-thesis.

These two competing theories struggle for dominance in the culture and over time end up modifying each other and achieving compromises which are more workable and acceptable to both groups than either the thesis or the anti-thesis. And, this stage is called "synthesis."

Remember that this is a description of social change, which is constant. So, the synthesis is not a steady state or a permanent solution, but instead becomes the thesis against which a new antithesis (counter thesis) arises.

So, if the 1950s and "Leave it to Beaver" and "Ozzie and Harriet" were the thesis, and 2nd wave feminism was the antithesis, and the synthesis of the two is the conditions in which we live today, it seems that it is time for a new antithesis – this time posed by men because the last one was posed by women.

Is the new anti-thesis Game? Or is there more to it than that? Are we cycling away from a purely theoretical approach to life exemplified by feminism toward a more pragmatic one like Game, or is Game simply a transition point on the way to a fully developed anti-thesis? Is HBD actually the anti-thesis?

Some raw meat thrown out for the discussion minded…

4 Years for Raping a Fictional Character

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[Plug: my blog is here.]

Late October 2001: It was early in my freshman year that I noticed the change. Friends, especially female, began avoiding me. Certain people wouldn't make eye contact with me. At first I thought I was imagining this, or that the rapidly chilling weather was souring peoples' moods. Some people suddenly became aloof or flat-out refused to talk to me. I received a couple of threatening but vague emails. Through all of this, I had no idea what was going on, or why so many people I'd never even met hated me. I'd arrive at a party and my name would be shouted by someone I'd never met. *It's HIM!* What was I famous for? Not until later would I find out.

This story goes back to September of that year, around the first week of classes. The woman at the start of this saga is one of the sweetest people I've ever met, and she's in no way responsible for what transpired. We started hanging out. We became close quickly, but I didn't want to start dating her (or anyone) at the time. I'd only been in college for one month! So, I got to a point where I had to turn her away from going any further. She fades from the story at this point. Her insane roommate does not. The crazy roommate enters with force.

Livid that her roommate and new "best friend" could be rejected, she decides to bring revenge upon me, a man she's never met. *What kind of monster could reject such a sweet girl?* She decides to spread a rumor. Rape. At this time, I'm an 18-year-old virgin and I'm pretty sure I wouldn't have even known *how* to rape anyone. Anyway, there are three things any false rape rumor needs: a time, a place, and a victim. Time? A specific October evening, around 1:00 am. Place? A large and notorious annual off-campus party where many drunken hookups occurred. Victim? This is where my adversary had to work the hardest. No one who hasn't been raped would volunteer for a rape kit. However, the court of small-college gossip has more relaxed standards for evidence than a court of law, so this girl could just plain make shit up. My "victim" was an unnamed friend of hers, visiting from another college over the weekend.

The rumor spread quickly, even reaching the Dean of Students through an RA. The Dean knew I couldn't have done it, and here's why: the weekend over which the event supposedly transpired, I was out-of-town on a college bowl trip, and the coach of the team was a friend of the Dean. I had an airtight alibi. The Dean came down hard on this girl, telling her to stop spreading such rumors, and I'm thankful that he did. Rape is a severe crime for which men should be punished harshly, but false rape accusations cheapen this grave allegation, and dilute the legitimate grievances of those who actually have been raped.

She did shut up. About rape, that is. Fast forward three months to January 2002, when she's even angrier about being told by the Dean not to do something. Did I tell on her? (No. Actually, I was just beginning to figure out what was going on, as no one would tell me why people weren't talking to me.) For supposedly "tattling" on her, a few of her friends hated me. I didn't know them. To tell the truth, I knew very few people. I'd not been able to establish myself, socially speaking, with all the bizarre bullshit going around about me. This woman, who opened with the rape rumor, decided to step back to something more believable: "stalking". I had stalked… whom? There was a girl I had asked out on her floor, early that winter. I called her room once, was rejected, and never spoke to her again. On the rumor mill, that became three calls– at 2:00 in the morning. Then "persistent" calls. Then "stalking". Logical progression, right?

No, not right. Stalking is a serious crime. Asking a girl out, even ineptly– and knowing myself at that age, there's no doubt in my mind that I was socially inept about it– is not "stalking". In truth, persistently spreading rumors about someone, enlisting one's friends to do the same, having those friends make threatening calls to his room at odd hours throughout sophomore year, and creating accounts in his name on disturbing BDSM sites is a **LOT** closer to stalking than asking a girl out, being turned down by her, and going away.

Rape didn't stick. Neither did "stalking", which by spring had fallen to the sawdust heap at the end of the rumor

mill. Yet like a virus adapting to its host's immune system, the rumor mutated into a form that was more believable. I was *sketchy*. What does that mean? Eight years later, I'm still not sure. When I was in college, it was a label similar to "creepy", but even more amorphously defined. No facts are needed to back it up, a major advantage of that label for the sort of relationally aggressive, socially powerful, competitive "hyperfemale" inclined to spread rumors– facts and logic never were such a creature's strong point. To call a man "sketchy" is to label him as socially undesirable, but with the force of "fact". I mean, he's sketchy! Can't you see? Are you not with it?

This continues into sophomore year. My original assailant had calmed down, but her friends were at work. By fall of 2002, all of the (provably false) concrete rumors had fallen by the wayside. I'm not a rapist; that's good to know. On the other hand, I'm still "sketchy", or so I'm told. The "great" thing about the "sketchy" label is that it enabled every low-self-esteem girl I encountered to claim to have been "hit on" by me, even if we had only exchanged the most trivial pleasantries. Once I asked a student cafeteria worker, at 7:15 on a Sunday morning, where the coffee was– that was literally my *only* interaction with her. Three months later, her roommate came at me for "stalking" this girl; clearly, this woman had misrepresented the interaction for her own social benefit. Her motive? Well, many negative adjectives describe me, and many more did when I was younger, but "unintelligent" has never been among them. At 19, I was publishing in a number of literary magazines and active in a lot of student activities, and I wasn't great at understating my talents. A little bit of humility on my part would've gone a long way. At a small elite college, being visibly smart is a reason for a woman to want the image of having been desired by a man. An unsavory reputation is, also, a reason for a woman *not* to date him. What do women do when they are proud of being desired by a man, but don't want to date him? They make a big-ass fucking deal about being "hit on" by him, even if that's a monstrous exaggeration or an outright lie.

I'm not "alpha". My social skills are solidly average but, at this trying time of my life, were distinctly below. Admittedly, I made a number of errors that, in hindsight, made my situation worse than it had to be. Then again, not that much good could have been made of it. I had an enemy that was literally impossible to fight: a cloudy but negative reputation, a mile out ahead of me, that would be confirmed even by simple, neutral actions on my part. "Sketchy" can't be proven or refuted, and any denial of the label would only acknowledge it. This cloud of rumor persisted throughout my four years of college.

What were its effects? All told, I did manage to have a pretty good college experience. I learned a lot, took great classes, and excelled academically. I can't complain about the professors, academics, campus, or even 90% of the student body. I made a lot of very good friends. In fact, my colorful reputation made it easier to meet new people– but mostly men, and women only as friends. However, I'd always had some enemies and, on a small college campus with a ludicrously conformist dating scene, struggled with women. I was LJBF'd very quickly. I would have a first and second date go very well, only to have her attraction killed immediately by others' nasty mutterings. Preselection's a bitch, and if a woman gets the slightest inkling that you've been rejected by another girl, well… she's likely to lose interest. It's wrong, and in a better world, women would form their own opinions of a man rather than relying on the hens, but that's the way that 95% of girls actually work.

In my senior year, I'd developed some confidence and experience outside of college, so I was able to surmount this social obstacle, even turning it into an advantage. I played the "sketchy" character up and used it to make people laugh, because things that are ridiculous are usually funny. I managed to get a girlfriend– for about a month. She was attracted to me *because* of my salacious reputation. She thought I might be "badass" and dangerous. She found excitement in the threat she imagined I might pose to her. When I turned out to be a normal, relatively well-mannered and non-dangerous guy, she lost interest. I'm just not very rapey; I'm sorry, but I'm not.

In the end, I lost four years– *the* four years with the best mate-finding potential– of my dating and relationship-forming life to a bunch of ill-constructed rumors too ludicrous to be true. It's not even the original rumormonger that I've found myself hating so much. She was a psychologically damaged person, and ended up performing very poorly in college. She's made nothing of herself, so I now feel a bit of pity for her. Nor do I harbor a strong dislike for her silly, malevolent friends. My greatest rage, then and now, is toward the bystanders: those who believed and spread rumors about an innocent man because they had nothing better to do.

The obvious lesson to take from this is that one shouldn't believe salacious stories just because they're more interesting than whatever else is going on in one's life, but everyone reading this knows *that* already. Another important point is that in a he-said/she-said dispute, the "she" is not to be believed reflexively. Women have been abusing this privilege for decades in order to push out some incredible lies. Luckily, the *carte blanche* that college women have to destroy a man's reputation is rapidly losing its edge, as people become aware of the fact that not all women are innocent flowers, and that some are psychotic bitches.

Finally, fuck preselection. Fuck it, fuck the horse it rode in on, and fuck the day it was invented so hard that every calendar printed over the next 20 years has a smoldering hole on that date. It's one of the worst traits of women. When a man has no need for them, they provide themselves abundantly– when I'm in a relationship and find such attention to be an obnoxious irritation, I'm hit on constantly– but they love to kick a man when he's down. Most of them are capricious and lack any sense of justice. If a woman's attraction to a man fades as soon as she hears that he's "sketchy", or that he might have been rejected by another girl (gasp!), then she's a pretty useless person. Everyone is going to face misfortune and disaster at some point, and too many women are fair-weather friends who flee at the first sign of declining status. Fuck that. Think for yourselves, ladies!

Ending on a perverse side note: frankly, I would have been better off, during my college experience, if the original rape rumor had stuck, instead of the "sketchy" label. First, I can truthfully deny it– it's a matter of objective fact that I've never raped anyone– whereas I don't even know what it means to be "sketchy". Am I *sketchy*? How the fuck would I know? Also, rape (despite being an execrable crime I'd never commit) is pretty "alpha". It's a million times more badass than whatever shifty things "sketchy" men do. "Sketchy" is the more disadvantageous label, as women are much more immediately turned off by the possibly-slightly-socially-undesirable than by the violent, dangerous, and evil.

Friday Night Game

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Let's You And Her Fight

One of the most powerful, yet underused, tactics in a man's arsenal of seduction is to mindfuck two or more female friends into an ego spiral of oneupsmanship. Never underestimate women's natural instinct to outcompete other women in the sexual market for a desired man's attention. A woman is not a demure, empty vessel seated in dainty repose to watch languidly while men duke it out for the honor of her hand. Women compete as viciously with other women as men compete with other men, though women do so with more plausible deniability. Knowing this fact of female nature, a man can raise his perceived value by purposely fomenting rivalry between women.

Unless you are a man who mostly runs day game (i.e., meeting girls outside of venues designed for contrived social interaction) you will rarely encounter a woman alone. In bars, nightclubs, museums, at shows and events, a woman normally will be with other women. In these circumstances the opportunity to run "Let's you and her fight" game is limitless. You should incorporate this tactic into your game right now. It will feel strange at first, especially if you are a guy who is unaccustomed to flipping the seduction script, but the weird feeling will quickly dissipate once you're enjoying the spectacle of two women clash egos and subtly undermine each other to earn your blessing. It is a power rush on par with performing on stage.

Straight out of college I used to hang out a lot with a natural. "Geno" had been good with women his whole life. If he weren't a workaholic, he could have easily racked up a mid triple digit partner count by his late 20s. I learned more from observing his interactions with women than I did from reading a hundred books about female psychology. One of Geno's greatest gifts to women was his uncanny ability to get them feverishly competing for his attention. How did he do this?

For starters, Geno knew how to command a social circle. He was a salesman by occupation, and his sales skills helped him intuitively understand the emotional needs of a captive audience. He never let any one person in the group monopolize his attention, though they often tried; he was adept at including people in the ebb and flow of conversation. This strategy of inclusiveness — of addressing the whole group — would lay the groundwork for playing one girl off another girl. I remember some of the things he would say to two or more girls:

If one of the girls made a decent joke, Geno would say to his target (the hotter girl): "Your friend is winning me over. You better step it up."

He would often critically appraise a woman's clothing in relation to what one of her friends was wearing: "AWESOME scarf!" [Hint of sarcastic emphasis on "awesome"] Turning to the girl he found most attractive: "Where's your scarf?"

If his target danced sexily: "WOW, I've never seen a girl dance like that!" Turning to face her friend: "Except her."

If two girls were gabbing simultaneously at him: "One of you is definitely making more sense."

When one of the girls would flirt with him: "Hey!", Geno would look over at the other girl, "Your friend knows all the moves."

When the flirting escalated to the point of touching: "I've got bad news. Your friend already gave me a shoulder rub. She's in the lead."

If one girl was talking to another guy in the group: "Hey man, watch out for her. She likes to make her girlfriends jealous."

Geno addressing the group: "Who's the Mama Hen? Who's the jealous step sister?"

Geno, addressing his target when she was alone: "I saw your friend flirting with the bartender upstairs. He looks like

he's in love!"

And *la bomba del juego*: "OK, so which one of you two is the dirty whore and which one is the prude?" You'll note that there is no correct answer to this question.

There are direct ways for a man to raise his value (e.g. storytelling, magic tricks, negs, good style) and there are indirect ways (social proof, "Let's you and her fight"). The indirect ways require more skill to wield without tooling yourself, but the payoff in pussy yield is greater.

Men are on Top Because they Deserve to Be

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Recently a feminist informed me that the reason that women have not made more discoveries and inventions throughout human history is that they were too busy taking care of children and cleaning the house. It's a line I've heard many times before; if only those mean old men hadn't kept women chained to the stove, barefoot and pregnant, women would have written the *Summa Theologica* and split the atom.

I have to wonder what these feminists imagine that men were doing while women were cooking dinner. Lolling about reading Greek philosophy in preparation for their own great work, perhaps, or messing about with chemicals in their private laboratories until they discovered gunpowder or something.

The reality is that for nearly all of human history, drudgery has been the lot of almost everyone, male and female. Really, that hasn't changed, except that the many technological advances *men* have made have made the drudgery less onerous. Nowadays instead of twelve hours breaking their backs in coal mines or wheat fields, most men have eight hours of being bored in cubicles staring at a computer screen.

Furthermore, men's work has always been more grueling than women's, because men are the stronger sex. Mining, farming, building, smithing. Most Americans have visited those "living museums" where people wearing Colonial garb demonstrate how people used to weave, spin their own thread, or pound horseshoes into shape by hand. The first two are tedious; the third is arduous, and the idea of a woman doing it is ludicrous. It was hard enough for men. In addition to the hours of lifting a heavy hammer over and over and over again, there was the sweltering heat necessary to smelt iron. Women weren't kept out of the smithy by selfish men who were forcing them to stay home with the spinning wheels. Rather, men sacrificed their health and spent their entire lives doing the work that was beyond the capabilities of women.

Men's work has also been more dangerous. Women weren't expected to defend the country from invaders (or do the invading, for that matter) or hunt wild animals. While men were being shot, stabbed, run through, gored, and trampled, their poor oppressed wives were stuck at home, safe and sound.

So over the centuries, very few men have had the leisure to create any more than women have. But there has usually been a leisured class, the ruling class who can afford to spend some of their time thinking and tinkering. This applies to the women of those classes as well. They had servants to cook and sew and take care of their children. Now, this class has usually produced many thinkers and scientists, because this class had the time to do so. But while men of this class often used their leisure for study or research, their women nearly always frittered it away in parties and gossip. The evidence for this is how many books the men as opposed to the women wrote over the centuries, and how few discoveries and inventions are credited to women, even among those women who had the leisure and money for such pursuits had they cared to follow them.

I can't remember which of the masculinist books I have reviewed gave this example, but I consider it a very telling one: for thousands of years, delivering babies was women's work. Men did not interfere with women's entry to the midwife profession or tell them how to go about practicing it. No midwife invented the forceps. Then, a few centuries ago, some rich decadent women decided to have male doctors deliver their babies instead of midwives. Within a century, one of these men had invented the forceps, which have saved untold lives. Women can do something for hundreds of generations without innovating. As soon as men turn their hands to a pursuit, they are devising ways to improve it.

If you start to point any of this out to a feminist, she will usually insist that men were *encouraged* to achieve while women weren't. To women, this argument makes sense, because women are deeply dependent on the approval of those around them. Standing alone is a male practice. There are women who can do it, but they are far, far rarer than men who can. But consider the hostility which every man who invented or discovered anything new has been greeted – Galileo put under house arrest, Socrates sentenced to drink poison, Martin Luther excommunicated, Darwin hounded by people who didn't want to be descended from apes, Theodor

Herzl driven into an early grave, Wilhelm Reich ordered by the FDA to stop selling orgone accumulators, Jesus Christ nailed to a tree. In the 18th century, there was a smallpox epidemic in Boston. A male doctor inoculated many people, saving their lives. Religious leaders had him arrested on the grounds that the epidemic was punishment from God, and the roused rabble set fire to his house. Where was the encouragement for these men?

But for this argument to hold up, women given encouragement and equal opportunity should make achievements every bit as impressive as those of men. For the last four decades, millions of dollars – many of them from the taxpayers – have been poured into programs to "encourage" girls to achieve in nontraditional fields. Feminists completely dominate the teaching profession and have done so for decades; if the encouragement they gave was the deciding factor, by now they could have given us a generation of male social workers and female engineers. They haven't.

There are a few women who have made worthwhile scientific achievements. I recently read *Against Depression* by Peter Kramer (author of *Listening to Prozac*). He cites two women who made important advances in the scientific understanding of how depression affects the brain: Elizabeth Gould and Grazyna Rajkowska… but he also cites about a dozen male scientists. And of course, it was men who invented the microscope and the X-ray and the MRI and the various chemical processes which have made all of the discoveries in the book possible. Right now I'm looking around my apartment at the things which were invented during my lifetime, after the beginning of feminism. The laptop computer, the DVD player, the CD player, the DVR, the microwave oven, the cell phone. All invented by men. Female contributions to science remain fairly obscure ones known only to specialists in their fields.

As Guy White put it, "The whining that we get from feminists is that 200 years ago when men were farming or 80 years ago when men worked on assembly lines in sweat shops, women weren't given the opportunity to be social workers and Women's Studies Professors. I am sorry, but how many men were given those opportunities?"

Let's stop blaming men for imaginary oppression and instead thank them for all that they have given to us.

The Paradise Lost of Seduction Literature: A Review of Bang by Roosh V

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As a general rule, 90 to 95 percent of the pickup artist literature available today is garbage. Most of these clowns are snake oil salesmen hocking overpriced e-books and DVD box sets containing info you can just as easily find online for free. There are, however, a select few books on game that are worth buying, and *Bang*, Roosh's entry into this expanding field, is one of them. If *The Mystery Method* is the Bible of seduction literature, *Bang* is the *Paradise Lost*, and is a title that anyone interested in improving their success with women should buy, post-haste.

The first great thing about *Bang* is that it's a book. Not a dinky little PDF file that you have to read on your goddamn computer or spend reams of ink printing out, but a corporeal, dead-tree and print BOOK. You can put it on your nightstand, stick it in your bookshelf, and carry it with you to peruse when out and about. If you put a premium on being able to hold a book in your hands while you read, like I do, *Bang* is a godsend.

Merely from the standpoint of diction, Roosh's book is miles ahead of its competitors. Anyone acquainted with the seduction community knows that it's a swirling cauldron of nerdiness and weirdness, with its own vocabulary of "HB10s," "IOIs", and "neg hits." Hell, the obnoxiously pretentious term "pickup artist" was invented so these geeks could pretend to set themselves apart from the rest of us grinders. In contrast, Roosh writes like a normal human being instead of a social retard. You won't have to worry about coming across an undefined three-letter acronym every other page, necessitating a trip to the glossary and taking you out of the moment. He even refers to men who sleep with a lot of girls by the normal term: "player." Solely in this regard, *Bang* is a much better read than almost all of the seduction literature on the market.

But if style is queen, then content is king, and *Bang* more then delivers in this regard. Roosh's major innovation is the use of unscripted material in his game alongside standard canned material. For example, he introduces the concept of the "environmental opener," which is a way of opening a girl with a line based on what's happening in the surrounding environment. Additionally, he also writes on "conversational threads" as a way to hold a conversation with a girl that is both natural and holds her interest. The book is also rich with examples that allow you to contextualize the lessons. Given that scripted lines eventually become played out as dudes use them on chicks over and over, the ability to incorporate unscripted material into your game is a necessity if you want to stay on the circuit. If you're having trouble in this department, you'd do well to pick up *Bang* for that reason alone.

Finally, as a beginner's handbook to handling women, *Bang* is easily one of the best resources available. In the book, Roosh breaks down the process of seduction in a coherent game plan that anyone can follow. The meat of *Bang* is broken down into chapters Internal Game (the attitudes you must internalize before you set out to approach women), Early Game (the stages of approaching, opening, and getting a girl's interest), Middle Game (what you should do on a date), and Late Game (getting her to have sex with you once you've gotten her home). And unlike *certain* guides that expend too much ink on early game and almost nothing on the other aspects of seduction, Roosh devotes equal time to each section, breaking down everything in meticulous, loving detail. He even goes so far as to outline the most efficient way you should disrobe your woman once you're making out in the bedroom. And if that isn't enough, Roosh includes a handy appendix at the end for dealing with specific situations, such as the best way to approach a girl at a coffee shop. If you're new to game, *Bang* is an absolute must-buy.

The biggest problem with *Bang* is its laser-like focus on approaching in bars and nightclubs. This is a failing with seduction literature in general, so I can't really blame Roosh for this, but even still, it's disappointing. While Roosh does include pointers for non-alcoholic venues both in the main text and the appendix, they seem more like afterthoughts. As I've written before, there is a dearth of worthwhile day game information available now, and whoever writes a comprehensive manual on the subject will be raking in the dough (hint hint).

But aside from the minor dent, *Bang* is a more than worthwhile entry into the seduction market. If you're starting

out in the game or looking to take your skills to the next level, Roosh's book is a invaluable resource and a must-read.

Most Men Don't Flake, and No One Likes Those Who Do

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A college friend of mine sent me an email this afternoon around 5:30, wanting to discuss logistics an arrangement next week. A strange thing happened. Once I noticed that the email had arrived, I replied. Immediately. I wouldn't have thought to do otherwise. What would I gain by imposing an artificial delay on my response?

This doesn't mean I'm always available. If I'm writing code or a blog post, I let calls go to voicemail and don't check my email, not wanting to break my "flow". I occasionally forget to return a call or write someone, but I always feel bad about it when I do, and it doesn't happen often. I don't enjoy flaking, don't see a point in it, and don't know why I would. Is it supposed to project *status*? Could've fooled me. I tend to think of flakes as indecisive losers, not "popular" people.

Women who flake do so because it's part of their "busy game". A lot of women, bizarrely, equate being unavailable and scarce with their time with a projection status. *Sorry I don't have time for you; I just have such an exciting life*. To quote Helen Jordan, the immensely successful, but vapid and presumably untalented, novelist in *Happiness*, "I hate Saturday nights. Everybody wants me, Joy. You have no idea". In truth, no man interprets a "packed social calendar", much less outright flakage, with popularity in any meaningful sense of the word. If a woman is too *busy* to see a man once a week, and constantly making him *apply* for time, we assume she's passive-aggressive, uninterested, or completely out of control of her life. In modern America, who isn't "busy"? Yet most people still find time to be with their friends, family, and significant others. Most people *need* that. Regarding the "status" associated with a packed social calendar, I can't buy it. I'm a person of average social means and skills, and I have no problem filling up my calendar to such a degree that I'm only alone when I want to be.

Men aren't perfect, obviously. Sometimes we're late or forget to respond to an email. Yet I think that most of us, those who are running "game" aside, have good intentions. We want to be good friends, good dates, and good boyfriends. We don't see any point in infuriating other people who value us enough to spend time with us. We want to keep our friendships and relationships, knowing how rare great people can be.

Those men who do flake are poorly regarded, seen as unreliable and not really men. They don't keep their friends or get promoted. They're the first people to be let go during a layoff. Invitations to parties stop reaching them. Also, no one would show up 15 minutes late for an interview to project "status", so why would anyone do this on a date? It makes no sense. If a man wants to show up at 7:15 instead of 7:00 for his date, he should set it for 7:15.

Men value independence of mind, which is why preselection is such a burning issue and a point of disgust. We embrace the eccentric, and when we find a great girl whom other men have underrated, we consider ourselves extremely lucky, as if we've "beaten the system". Women should take the same attitude. In addition to this, we also value decisiveness and expect it in others.

It's often interpreted as overt rejection when a woman doesn't return a man's calls. I don't think it is, even if it's functionally equivalent. Sometimes, she has already rejected the man; but at least as often, it's indecisiveness. She wants to put off the decision as long as she can, as, in her mind, she gains *nothing* by formally rejecting him. That would give up the *option* of calling him 2 weeks later, should she so be inclined. In other words, in this case, she technically hasn't made up her mind about him, but will forget about him after he makes up his. She never says "no", but puts off indefinitely having to say anything.

It might seem odd that rejection doesn't anger most men, but the woman who refuses to return calls incites holy indignation. After all, we're "supposed" to know that dropping calls is the "standard" method of rejection, right? Well, no. By a man's code, it's okay to say no. It's fine to turn down a job, turn someone down for a job, decline a social engagement or a date, or to choose not to give someone one's phone number. It's usually not even personal. What's not okay is to say "yes" and not follow through. Giving a man a phone number carries an implicit promise that one will take or return his calls, and we get angry when this promise turns out to be false. We don't respect

indecisiveness. I don't know who invented the phrase "shit or get off the pot", but it was almost certainly a man.

It's the same in school, the workplace, and all areas of life. Do or don't. Haul ass or slack, and accept the consequences either way. It's fine to be a "slacker" occasionally. I found myself in this role three years ago, in a dead-end job that I ended up in shortly after leaving school. Recognizing that opportunities were elsewhere, I chose to "slack". (Actually, I spent my working hours learning Python and searching for other jobs. True slacking never appealed to me.) I wasn't in that job for much longer, and would've been fired eventually if I hadn't found another one, but I kept the respect of most of my colleagues.

If women want to be perceived, in the workplace, as having equal capability to that of men– and a good number that I know are far superior to most men– a great place to start would be in dating. When men deal with a slew of women not returning calls, and standing them up for dates, they develop prejudices that do not magically vanish in a wokrplace context. Women will earn the respect of men by cultivating traits that men value: independence of mind, decisiveness, respect for other people as a default, and adherence to promises. Note that none of these are "sexist" values; all represent ideals toward which women have as much capability as men.

Feminism Is Only a Subset of Female Supremacism

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Those of you familiar with my blog and my comments on other blogs know that I have said that arguments between feminist women and "anti-feminist" women are really just arguments about how to best extract money and other resources from men. Read or listen to an argument between feminist and "anti-feminist" women. The subjects they will argue about will have little to do with anything that is happening to men. Abortion will be top subject as well other subjects are irrelevant to what is happening to men such as arguments about wearing skirts vs. pants, debates about premarital sex, or quiverfull drivel. What you will not hear is anything that has to do with what feminism is doing to men such as the false rape industry, the absurd body of sexual harassment law, how men need to learn game or otherwise be shut out of the sexual/relationships market, the current divorce system, children taken away from their fathers and other issues of fathers' rights, etc. In fact, the entire argument from "anti-feminist" women will avoid anything that is happening to men which effectively means "anti-feminist" women have no problem with 99% of the feminist agenda.

Feminism is really just left wing female supremacism. This means that there are other forms of female supremacism out there such as conservative female supremacism which is what "anti-feminist" women really are. This has also been called lifeboat feminism as what this tries to do is combine elements of feminism and chivalry wherever its best for women creating a mutant hybrid that always benefits women. Hawaiian Libertarian wrote on his blog about a good example of this, the Network of Enlightened Women. If you look at their educate page, you get choice statements like:

> By women's view of empowerment being linked to sexual promiscuity we in fact undermine the very foundations of femininity. This promiscuity devalues women by men seeing them as something that can be used for their own ends and women accepting this status **as the tools of men**.
>
> **Feminists threw away the moral superiority of women**, a beautiful counteraction to the physical superiority of men. There is an obvious void in what we call the feminist movement today and a need for a new movement that can do justice not only to the similarities between the sexes but also to the differences.
>
> To promote the Showcase, the NeW chapter at ASU has created a short video asking students four questions: What is a gentleman? What are the characteristics of a gentleman? Are there gentlemen at ASU? Are gentlemen an endangered species?
>
> Student answers range from the serious to the comical. For example, some student responses to the question "What is a gentleman?" include, "just a man that has manners I guess," "well, we don't know. We haven't ever seen one before," "someone who opens doors, is **chivalrous, and a nice guy," "a gentlemen is a person that likes to do nice things and doesn't really ask for anything in return**" and "someone who is nice and courteous and is always looking out for other people before themselves."

Remember these aren't feminists. They're conservative women. What this proves is that these women despite being "anti-feminist" are just as female supremacist as their feminist counterparts. They just disagree on how to enforce female supremacy.

If you take a look at their entire website you will find nothing about issues that feminism has caused that involve men such as the false rape industry, divorce, etc. It's all (premarital) sex, abortion, etc. More importantly, there is plenty of shaming language used against men and general blame of men. This shouldn't be surprising as, for example, divorce is just as common when married to conservative women as not and in the Christian church. They are just as for divorce as feminist women are. They also engage in shaming language against men who practice good judgement in choosing not to get married.

You will also notice the blame put on men for everything, blame that men aren't being "gentlemen", blaming men

for promiscuity, etc. It's even to the point where conservative female supremacists blame men for "letting" feminism happen. Men are even being blamed for abortion because it supposedly benefits men:

> Let's get real. Abortion is not good for women; anyone who has had one can attest to that.
>
> **Abortion and contraception have been good only for irresponsible males. They now can have sex without fear of the consequences.**
>
> In the meantime, women continue to take hormones every day, for years and years, which (despite denials from people with an agenda) does increase their chances of getting breast cancer.
>
> **If we use a little common sense, we understand why breast cancer is at epidemic levels.**
>
> Whether a woman has an abortion or uses contraception, it is she who bears the physical and psychological burden.
>
> Have we really come a long way? Abortion has enabled men to use our bodies without having to look back and feel any guilt.
>
> **Let's wake up and stop letting men convince us that they really care about us and our right to make choices.**

Here we have an example of a conservative female supremacist blaming men for abortion because men are "forcing" women to be in a position where they have to choose abortion (along with "real man" shaming language). In addition, she blames men for an increase in breast cancer rates. There is also plenty of generalized blame against men for when sex happens, as if women have no sex drive whatsoever. (In fact, if you ask a conservative female supremacist about the false rape industry, all they will say about it is that men shouldn't be having premarital sex, i.e. its their fault, even though a man doesn't actually have to have sex with a woman to be a victim of the false rape industry. We have seen this in the Duke Lacrosse case and at the University of Maryland where women picked random male names out of a university phone book, putting those names on flyers they passed out saying the men were "potential rapists".) With all of the ways conservative female supremacists try to blame men for sex, how far away are they from "all heterosexual sex is rape", really? We shouldn't be surprised by such a similarity since both feminism and conservative female supremacism are both female supremacist ideologies.

It's important to know about conservative female supremacism because there are a lot of women who will claim they're on the side of men because they're "not a feminist". Simply "not being a feminist" does not make a woman an ally of men. All it means is that instead of using the state to extract money and other resources from men, they believe marriage is the best way of doing this. They are stepping up their blame and shaming language because many of them are worried that feminists are in the process of destroying their gravy train of taking money and other resources from men. They are right to be worried about that. With the development of game, even if a man doesn't use game he still understands the real nature of women, and this includes conservative female supremacists.

Of course, there are plenty of men who support and otherwise facilitate conservative female supremacism, but that is a separate topic I will address in a future post.

In a Bar Last Night: One Good Marriage and One Attention Whore

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Last night I went to see a HS buddy of mine, who has become an absolutely amazing guitarist, playing in a local bar. I got to see an interesting contrast between two very different types of women.

First, my buddy and his wife. This is his third marriage. He was a bit over 40 when they got married, and so far this one has lasted longer than his previous two combined – 13 years and counting. He's been playing guitar for about 40 years and while he was always an "adequate" guitarist, he was also a fairly pedestrian one – not really any better than thousands of other wannabe superstars out there. But, something has happened to him recently – a quantum leap in his skill and subtlety. There were times sitting there listening to him last night when he just blew me away.

I mentioned that fact to his wife sitting at the front and center table with me. She said that he really took off a few years ago when he gave up being a plumber to devote full time to music. She is actually the one who convinced him to do that, and said she would support him while he did. Some months he makes a little more than she does now, and some months a little less. One thing she said really struck me – "He believes in me and I believe in him, and we are in this together for the long haul."

She is about as well-preserved as any woman in her early 50s I have ever met, and a truly delightful person to be with. The old saying "Third time is the charm" certainly seems to apply in his case.

In the bar was another woman who made an interesting contrast to my buddy's quietly attractive, supportive, wife. She was 40-ish – actually could have been anywhere between mid 30s to late 40s. She had that kind of generic American woman look about her. She was reasonably attractive for a woman her age, but also had the air that she had put a lot of work into it. The man she was with I assumed was her husband because they were both wearing rings. He appeared to be a mid-level beta. He was stockily built and looked like he did manual labor type of work, but was wearing a shirt that made it obvious his wife dressed him. It had all kinds of embroidery on it, and a few sparkly somethings. I've never met a man in my life who looked like him who would buy that kind of shirt for himself.

She was doing all kinds of signalling for attention: flipping her hair, making expansive gestures with her arms, being all over him like a teenaged girl giddy over a date with the quarterback of the football team. The music was so good that the band was holding everyone's attention, so she had to up her game. Despite the fact that this was a restaurant and there was no dance floor, she got up and started dancing solo (and not very well) right in front of the band. When people still didn't pay any attention to her and continued to watch, listen to, and enjoy the band, she started going up to the men at the first row of tables and saying something inane about herself. The men would just flash her an empty smile and go back to watching the band. The third time she approached me she escalated to arm and shoulder touching.

Meanwhile her husband continued to sit at the bar and just watch her. I wondered what was going through his mind. She obviously wasn't getting enough traction that he could have been sitting there smugly thinking "You guys all want her, but she is going home with **me**." My guess is that this was standard enough behavior for her that he was just sitting there waiting for her to get it out of her system and come back to "papa."

I looked over at my buddy's wife who was watching her husband with obvious adoration in her eyes. Every once in a while he would look at her from the stage with the same look. They obviously have a good marriage – one of the few I have ever seen. I would call my buddy almost an "Accidental Alpha." His wife clearly gets off on saying "I'm with the band, with the lead guitarist!" I'm sure that she would not have beamed in the same way if she were standing outside of someone's house pointing to him and saying "I'm with the plumber over there." She invested of herself in helping him achieve something that allowed her to be prouder of him, and got a lot of personal rewards from it.

His attention was all she needed. She had no need to seek it from other men present.

The guy at the bar watching his attention-whore wife trying to get attention from other men wasn't really a complete herb. He looked like the kind of guy who would be great to knock back a few beers with, or the kind of guy you would want to know and be able to call on if you ran into a snag putting headers on your smallblock.

When the band got done with their gig I walked out of the bar thinking about the contrast between the two glimpses of marriages I'd seen. I don't really envy my buddy because he has earned his happiness by enduring 2 difficult marriages and raising a total of 7 kids. He's earned his happiness.

And, despite the fact that the attention seeker was above average in looks for a woman her age, I sure didn't envy her husband.

The Myth of the "Glass Ceiling"

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One of the most persistent — and pernicious — lies peddled by contemporary feminism is the notion of the "Glass Ceiling" (the GC). In its essence, this is a theory whereby the noted differential in number between men and women at the top of organizational hierarchies in businesses is attributed to sexism and structural discrimination against women as a sex in favor of men. This theory is often trotted out as evidence of "continuing sexist discrimination against women", and in support of the idea that feminism has achieved only very little, and that further massive changes are required before society will even begin to reach the outer outskirts of some facsimile of the fabled "equality" which feminists try to deceive others into believing to be their "goal".

As with many feminist myths, the notion of the GC has insinuated itself into the popular culture through the rigid enforcement of "political correctness", a Marxist technique of social bullying designed to silence dissenting opinion. Because of this, many people seem reflexively to believe it, thereby buying into a worldview which sees the corporate environment as steeped in misogynistic sexism and laden with male-created hard obstacles designed to oppress women as a class economically, and disempower them systematically. Nothing, however, could be further from the truth.

The reality is that most corporate office environments are overwhelmingly female friendly, to the degree that in many segments women are in majorities, if not strong majorities, in terms of the percentage of the total workforce. The main exception to this are the technical fields, which remain largely male — something that feminists are, of course, quite irate about. Yet it is true that while women often are extremely well represented in the workforce as a whole, they are quite outnumbered by men at the top of the hierarchy, the part of the workforce that feminists have always cared about the most, because they are obsessed with power.

Why then is there this discrepancy between men and women at the top of the hierarchy? Isn't it clear that there must be some sexist bias here, given how many women there are at lower levels, and how competent they can be?

No, not at all. The reason why women are outnumbered by men at the top of the organization is due primarily to lifestyle choices made by most (it is important to note, as we shall see, **not** *all*) women. How does this happen? Let's take a look.

Rising to the top of a business organization is an endeavor that takes a tremendous amount of ambition and drive, coupled with a great deal of time and effort — something facilitated by a life largely arranged around achieving and maintaining this goal. There are many long hours to be worked, social networking to be achieved both during and after business hours, trips to make, people to meet and manage, and, quite often, geographical relocation several times in the course of a lifetime. All of these elements interfere, substantially, with one's life outside of work and profession.

"Traditionally", the way men have typically done this is by marrying women who were good mates, in terms of supporting them in their career effort, and managing, often without a whole lot of assistance from the husband, the many affairs of the family. This is not, *contra* Betty Friedan, a life akin to that of a concentration camp inmate, at least not for many women who marry such men. It is, rather, a division of labor whereby one person focuses primarily on the acquisition of wealth for the couple and family, while the other focuses primarily on the task of managing the family in other respects. The idea being that, given the tremendous time and effort it takes to rise to the top of a competitive corporate hierarchy, it makes sense, if a couple wishes to maximize the chances of the money provider to reach that pinnacle, to divide labor so as to allow for the time in which that effort may be directed. This used to be the common pattern for all marriages, but it is no longer the case, and that is probably a great thing for most men. But for the men at the very top of the hierarchy, most of their marriages are rather traditional in the sense that there is a division of labor, *de facto*, even if post-feminist terms are used to describe it. This does not mean that the wives in question are trophies who are either uneducated or incapable of getting ahead professionally — this is typically not the case today. However, for couples where one person is not only doing well

professionally but rising to the top of a competitive hierarchy, the division of labor is a very consistent theme in these marriages, at least during the period from the time that children arrive until they are well on their way.

What happens to this picture when the sexes are reversed? Well, that's the source of the complaints about the GC. Essentially, many of the most hard-driving and ambitious women — the ones who really have the drive, energy and desire to get to the top of the hierarchy — are not interested in having a husband play the role, for them, of the wife outlined above. What we find is that this particular kind of woman is not attracted to, and does not want to be married to, a man who would be happy playing the role of supporting actor for her starring role — in other words, the mirror image of what we see the top-of-the-organizational-pyramid men doing. Instead, they typically want to marry men of equal (or better) caliber, as follows from the general thrust of hypergamy, particularly in women who, themselves, place such a high value on drive and ambition.

So, what we find is that these women often (again not *all* — that is an important caveat) do marry very driven men. And that's where the mayhem starts. Often there is quite a bit of talk about "equality" and so on early in the marriage, but once the children arrive, that word needs to be fleshed out, in terms of brass-tacks-how-are-we-going-to-run-this-family type issues, well beyond the empty platitudes of that feminist studies course the woman took in college. This is particularly the case for marriages of this socioeconomic segment, as they often come in the 30s, when both husband and wife are quite entrenched in a critical career-building mode. What happens is that the couple needs to make choices, and sometimes hard ones, when they get to this point.

This isn't rocket science, and there aren't really that many options. Essentially the couple can choose between: (1) father stays home with children, wife ramps up career, (2) mother stays home with children, husband ramps up career, (3) both mother and father share child-care related issues (perhaps one taking morning duty and another evening duty) and, with use of a caregiver, try to juggle work and family, and (4) mother and father both focus on career and largely outsource parenting type roles to older relatives and paid caregivers. Of course, the breakdown of how many couples make each one of these choices is not even. Most couples make either choice (2) or choice (3). Let's take a closer look at them.

Choice (2) involves the mother staying home, for at least a time, at the cost of her career, to be the primary caregiver for the children for a number of years. It is often supposed that this choice is made by the couple for reasons of patriarchal sexism, and that the men concerned here force it on their wives. This is balderdash, particularly when it comes to the socio-economic slice we are discussing here: highly empowered, ambitious, driven women — women who are not going to have *anything* "forced" on them by *anyone*, least of all their husbands. The reality is that in most of these cases the choice is made either because (1) the husband already earns more money (again not typically due to "sexist wage disparities designed to keep women trapped in domestic slavery by encouraging couples to make this choice", but rather due to the same hypergamy we discussed above — namely that this slice of women tends to marry men who are at least slightly older than themselves, which often translates to an economic advantage for the man) or (2) the wife wants to be with the children and does not want to either "juggle" (she feels frustrated that she doesn't have the time she would like to mold the kids, especially when they are young) or outsource (she feels guilt at doing so). Now some feminists would claim that these feelings of frustration and guilt which can fuel a couple's decision for the mother to remain at home with the children are themselves memes created by men and inserted into the culture to perpetuate female domestic slavery and solidify male control of the top of the hierarchy — but, again, we're not dealing with wallflower women here. These women are the most highly-educated, most self-aware and driven in the bunch. Suffice to say that when they decide that they are feeling frustrated or guilty about their child care arrangements, they are not talking guff, or being manipulated by men. These are, after all, the power "*Grrrls*" of their generation.

Couples who make choice (3) are often rather harried, but can actually be quite happy couples. The impact of choice (3), however, is that both careers suffer somewhat, and that neither husband nor wife has the time required to relentlessly compete with others in the hierarchy who are in arrangements (2) or, to a lesser extent, (1). So these couples have a workable arrangement, but one which also impedes on the ability of either of them to get to the very top of the hierarchy — at least during that period in their lives when others of their age level are making their

driving laps in that race. This can be a great arrangement for couples who want an equalist relationship, but it goes without saying that the women who are in such relationships are not impeded from advancing due to some supposed GC any more than their husbands are.

What happens next? Well, the women in arrangements (2) and (3) tend to find that, once the kids are old enough to fend for themselves and their time is freed up (either from the massive juggling exercise or from full-time parenting), that upon returning full-bore to the race for power at work they are quite behind roughly same-age colleagues, often men (due to the prevalence of arrangement (2)), when they return from the workforce. These colleagues have, of course, been working hard for the past several years in a much less restrained way (as compared with women in category (3) arrangements). It stands to reason that they would be ahead, given their greater input into the race for advancement. But, rather than acknowledge this, many women revert to the misandry they learned in feminist studies, and blame men for the consequences of the life decisions they have made years earlier — first the choice to marry a man who had a good deal of drive and velocity himself (and probably made more money than she did), and second the desire to scale back her career either partially (to juggle) or fully (to be a full-time parent for a time). Women re-entering the full-bore workforce find that they can be quite behind, and reflexively blame sexism, when in fact they are simply experiencing the consequences of their own decisions.

What to do about this? Well, first, I don't think we need to acknowledge at all that a sex disparity at the top of the hierarchy is, in itself, a "problem" that needs to be addressed. The current situation is based on competition, as it should be. However, for women who really *do* wish to compete effectively, more attention should be given to the choice of men whom they wish to marry, in light of the impact this can have downstream. Women who have their heart set on being the CEO of a large Fortune 200 company should marry men who are willing and capable of playing a supportive role in her drive to the top — and should sacrifice their hypergamy in order to do so. In addition, women who make that choice should also be prepared to hand off the child-care responsibility to their supportive husbands, and not feel frustrated, guilty, or "displaced and disempowered as mothers" in doing so. This may sound difficult, but some women manage to achieve it. More women could do so if they were willing to make life choice trade-offs based on priorities as to what exactly they want out of their lives in the long run — and the answer to that question, in order to be workable, simply cannot be "I want it all".

No, as long as women keep trying to "have it all" — that is, the hypergamous, driven husband, the time with the children they desire, and the CEO job for themselves — they will reap a bitter harvest, and blaming men for the consequences of these choices is *just not on*, ladies. It is deeply dishonest, and a shameful attempt to deflect blame to men for the consequences of your own decisions. Woman up, make some choices, realize that choices have consequences, and live with the consequences of the life choices you make. You'll find that not only does the imaginary GC disappear (for women who arrange their lives primarily to compete), but you'll also find that your lives are more satisfying, and less frustrating, than many of you feel today.

They’re Calling for Slavery Now

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Women who have children with a man, and then decide to trade him in for a monthly check aren’t happy with the coercive child support system that can take all and more of a man’s pay, put him in jail and revoke his right to leave the country. No: prison, poverty and Soviet-style restrictions on movement aren’t enough. Nor is even good old-fashioned peonage.

In fact, according to one single mother, who had children with a man she describes as a drug addict, slave labor is the only appropriate remedy.

April McCaffery, who writes for Examiner as the LA single parenting correspondent, gives this recommendation on her personal blog:

> Deadbeat dads should be forced into slave labor. It’s the only possible solution that might actually lead to results.

Never mind the fact that she *chose* to have children with this alleged loser of a man — he still owes her a better standard of living, goddammit! I have no idea who left whom, but chances are the woman did the leaving, and rather than being happy about having children and no longer being responsible for the drug addict she willingly had sex and children with, she has decided that she should be able to use the state to force the man to break rocks for her.

This is the ultimate attitude of entitlement, and gives us a view into the hearts of women across America who ditch their husbands. In their twisted little minds, men not only owe them children, but a lifetime of enforced servitude as well. And of course, the fathers have no rights whatsoever to parent their children (who could suggest such a thing?).

As men, our freedom is our most precious asset. If that can be taken away by faithless women, there is something so inherently unjust about the system under which we live that mere acquiescence may not be enough to remedy it.

I am curious as to what men think the proper response should be to the reintroduction of slavery for the benefit of women who choose to leave their husbands. Perhaps our readers have some suggestions. There are lines we cannot allow to be crossed, but dare we articulate a response when they are?

Feminists and Social Conservatives Cluelessly Proselytizing for Islam

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Revolutions often result from bad law. For many who suffer under injustice, Islam is an attractive alternative to an oppressive regime. In fact, the corruption and abuse of justice in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province is one of the biggest reasons for locals' support of the Taliban, who promise to return righteous rule to the region with their strict version of Sharia.

Reader and commenter *The Fifth Horseman* has brought a couple of articles concerning the use of Sharia – which is currently sanctioned in Britain to conduct certain civil matters – by non-Muslims and recent converts. Many of these British people who are turning to Sharia are men, and some British "conservatives" fear that there will be large numbers of conversions to Islam by married British men who fear the potential devastation of a secular, civil divorce.

MP Mark Pritchard, member of the Conservative Party Human Rights Commission, writes:

> Women are also losing out in rulings over child custody disputes, which more often rule in favour of men. It is not unimaginable that, in the near future, people from other faiths – and no faith at all – will nominally or genuinely convert to Islam, in the hope of begetting a sympathetic custody hearing and paternal settlement compared to the maternal bias of some English family courts.

Although a severe understatement, at least Mr. Pritchard is honest about the "maternal bias" in the Anglosphere's secular family law. A host of other so-called conservatives raise the specter of abuse of women being sanctioned by Sharia (abuse of men by secular family law appears unimportant to them):

> We should do more to strengthen Muslims within the legal profession, who oppose a parallel Shariah system, tackle financial sources of support for Islamist groups, resist further implementation of Shariah, and recognise that protection of Muslim women from abuse "is better secured through Western marriage and family law than through Shariah schemes".

Just like the preacher who rails against men in his Sunday sermon only to find that they are soon absent from the pews – indeed, absent from any church at all – the conservatives will soon find themselves and their feminist allies of convenience all alone in their counter-jihad.

If the abuse of men by family law, which provides women with incentives to leave their husbands and attack them with government agencies, is not addressed by these conservatives they will simply be abandoned by their base of traditional British men, and they will have deserved it. The Church of England, once a bastion of British respectability and national character, is a faint shadow of its former self. Confronted by a more vigorous and manly faith, even the Archbishop of Canterbury is now endorsing Sharia.

Although I do not support Sharia in the West, because I think it is a poor fit for Western culture, environment and civilization, it would be disingenuous of me to write that it does not offer an attractive alternative to contemporary family law. If the West cannot address its own broken law and the millions of injustices it has brought down on its men, we may soon face the specter of a home-grown Taliban, and if the only people fighting it with all their hearts are Feminists and opportunistic Social Conservatives, there's a good chance it will eventually win.

Strategy and Tactics

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Rather than writing only about how to advance men's interests in a practical manner here, I'd like to dive into the rather abstract dialogue we see developing here around the issue of troubles facing the modern, Western man.

First, I'll note that one thing that still surprises me is how often other writers such as Novaseeker and zed touch on exactly the same issues that have been going through my mind. What this says to me is that there is an objective problem out there, standing like a monolith, that is easily observed by disparate people throughout our land. It really is impossible to ignore at this point, and more and more people are beginning to put some thought into its solution.

However, first we have to start defining the nature of the problem and make an effort to understand what brought it about. Is it Feminism, Social Conservatism or chivalry? These are all problems, to be sure, but what it really comes down to is how they are used. Feminism is used to appeal to women on the basis of equality, Social Conservatism is used to convince men that they have to put up with incessant abuse to earn the right to be a man, and chivalry is used to justify everything from adultery to murder in the guise of "protecting" women.

So why would people use these things, and what kind of people would do so? Wouldn't there have to be some sordid, malicious conspiracy created by some nefarious group of hidden powermongers to carry all of this out? Of course conspiracy is involved, but not just "a conspiracy," rather, innumerable conspiracies. People like to discount conspiracy theories as the ravings of lunatics, but they are ignoring the fact that conspiracies are simply how people get things done. Conspiracies are not only carried out by shady men in suits in the halls of power, but also by couple of people working in billing at some small business in your hometown who want to, say, get a rival fired.

Many divorces are conspiracies. Wife gets together with friends and complains about husband, friends offer advice on family law and lawyers, wife secretly hires an attorney, and suddenly husband is served and has two weeks to respond. That's a nasty little conspiracy, but it's really at the lowest level. A step above it you have the divorce lawyers, who lobby to get changes made to family law that will be good for business. If you think about family law from a strictly business perspective, there are two ways to increase profits. The first is increasing volume, and the second increasing fees. Essentially, you can have something akin to a fast food restaurant or, on the other hand, an expensive restaurant with $200 bottles of wine. Maybe you can do both, but it's kind of a hard act to juggle too many different cases at once, according to guys I've spoken with who practice family law. If you want to go the McDivorce route, you'll want the law to make divorces easier to obtain and simpler to finalize so you can plow through them. If you want to do it the other way, you've got to raise the stakes by encouraging high alimony payouts and huge settlements. Thanks to tireless work on their own behalf, divorce lawyers have managed to make both options available, so divorce has truly been democratized and rendered quite profitable for those in the business.

Above divorce lawyers there are businessmen and politicians. The politicians can use feminism to shore up their support from women, Social Conservatism to shame men into voting against their own interests and chivalry to excuse unconstitutional laws like VAWA. Of course, there's money and power – and apparently sex – in all that for them as well. More social programs for women allow for better patronage networks and stronger coalitions that give them an edge in reelections. They have focus groups, lobbyists and advisors who conspire with them to pass the necessary bills and attain the funds.

The businessmen, being all about the money, are constantly competing on the basis of profit. There are a number of ways to increase profit, chief among them being increasing sales and lowering costs. Now, imagine that you could knock down wages by a huge influx of labor (working women), and simultaneously increase sales by pumping up female consumerism. Any businessman who failed to take advantage of this would lose out to those that did. So of course businesses jumped on the feminist bandwagon and started hiring women and pitching as many products to as many women as possible. However, business has started to hit a brick wall, in part due to the very *nature* of their new workers and consumers. This appears to make business the weakest link in the national conspiracy.

As demonstrated above, plenty of people benefited from the social trends that have increasingly burdened men over the last several decades. So is it at all surprising that so many have struggled – both openly and behind the scenes – to implement this brave new world? If squeezing working and middle class men – a minority of some 25% of the population – meant more money, privilege and power for everyone else, someone was bound to take advantage of that at some point. Aggravating the situation is the fact that America doesn't face any credible existential threats anymore, so there's really no reason to appease the men who would defend her.

So viewed from a strictly objective perspective, our pain was their gain [This is one reason Social Conservatism has been such a thorn in our sides -- our pain was elevated by this mutant philosophy to some kind of Sacred Duty, despite all manner of treachery and abuse]. However, there always comes a point where things just start to break down. You work a horse too hard and he might get a stress injury that cripples him for life. You beat the living daylights out of a dog on a regular basis and he'll start to bite. The same can be said for men who have too much weight on their backs. In fact, I am convinced that this economic stimulus is simply cover for the dimishing returns we are getting from heaping ever more on the backs of America's men. It's a stopgap that won't work, because this country has become a money pit where investments get you little more than landfills brimming with discarded women's shoes and last year's cell phones.

All of this came about because this was a strategy pursued by a grand coalition. It may not have been articulated clearly by one source, or even coherently articulated anywhere, but it was in fact a success, and it has only recently started to fray a little bit around the edges. But it is starting to look a bit shabby – especially to men – and there are hints that it could unravel in earnest.

So far, men have responded to a strategic war waged against their interests with tactics. Game has emerged as possibly the most effective tactic of all, and has started to put the brakes on the complete subjugation of masculinity in the Anglosphere by serving as an effective tool for release as well as parrying the barrage of assaults on masculinity. In this sense Game is necessary, but it isn't enough. There are other tactics, to be sure, but mostly they consist of dodging the frontal assault — avoiding marriage, strict contraceptive practices, and beating the quick retreat have become de rigueur for the quick-witted man with an eye to self-preservation. However, we are, for the most part, entirely lacking in strategy.

Men are still reeling from the body-blows inflicted by feminism, backed up by complicit politics and spirituality. On the one hand you have a Bill Clinton, Ted Kennedy or Joe Biden with perfectly coiffed gray hair, and on the other you have a Ted Haggard, Jimmy Swaggart or Jim Bakker who are cut from the same cloth. At this point it would be entirely reasonable to assume that the tactics of self-preservation and gratification are all that is left to the typical man.

However, there is one very important factor that has been ignored by pretty much everyone involved: the ultimate destruction of the male economic and political base will undermine America's ability to project economic and military power across the world. A nation of emasculated, impoverished men that is run only by the likes of Oprah, Obama and Hillary Clinton is a true paper tiger. In time, it will become so weak that even the crushed men under its jurisdiction will have renewed power, if only because they have been entirely disenfranhcised and therefore have nothing left to lose. Whether they have the will to do anything about it is another issue, but the opportunity will definitely present itself.

The question this presents is what strategy men will begin to pursue. Will it be endless self-gratification, hedonism and dissipation until the entire edifice crumbles around us? Perhaps, but given what we've put up with so far it doesn't seem as though that is a true expression of our nature. In fact, I'm pretty sure that many of us will rise to the occasion and redefine what our civilization means. It certainly won't be a walk in the park to do so, but men crave challenges, and I think there are still enough of us up to it. And either way, imagine the spoils of victory. What man in his right mind would deny the fruits of a better society? Certainly neither alpha nor beta.

Fortunately, we have already done the hard work. Men have gone the extra mile, we have given up the shirts on our backs, and we have turned the other cheek. We have lost our wealth, our labor and our very pride. As bitter as the

process may have been, we have gained something far grander than these ephemeral marks of stability and respectability: true freedom of will. We have finally rubbed the sand out of our eyes and started to see that many of the duties demanded of us are impossible (not to mention undesirable) to fulfill, and that there are other options.

This suggests a very simple and effective strategy: Spread The Word. As more and more men wake up to the fact that they have better choices, the old attitudes and coercive systems designed to keep us in our place will prove to be little more than a bump on the road rather than the invincible walls so many of us see them as today. In fact, more and more of us have begun to adopt this strategy, and this should be very encouraging; a revolution always starts with The Word.

Our goal – emancipation of men – is already clear, and the fog is beginning to lift and reveal the path toward that goal. All that remains is to put on our boots, strike camp, and get on our way.

Globalization and the Future State of Men, Part I

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I've been reading a lot about globalization lately. Friedman's *World is Flat*. Scheve and Slaughter's *New Deal for Globalization*. Haass' *Age of Non-polarity*. Diamond's *Democratic Rollback: The Resurgence of the Predatory State*. And Mandelbaum's *Democracy Without America*. All have been interesting. All have done well to paint a picture of an America that is declining, if not in absolute power (denoted, crudely, by the volume of guns, money, and ideas that a society has), then certainly in influence. A picture of an international system set up, by, and for America and her co-travellers that is in jeopardy. A mental image of how the technology of democracy…thought by some Neo-Kantian theorists like Fukuyama and Friedman to be the magic bullet that brings peace and prosperity to the whole world, if the unwashed would just accept it…is stopped in its tracks, and in some places is being rolled back in favor of less disorganized and more coherent (and authoritarian) political systems. And a picture about how international upstarts are gaining in a world that is most certainly not going to be unipolar or mutli-polar but apolar, at least for the short run. What will the world look like when the American Empire, must like the Athenian or Roman empires that preceded it, collapses under the weight of the infrastructure needed to keep it all together, and multiple competitors emerge each with their own ideas of what the new world order should look like? More pertinently for many of my readers, what will such a world look like for us as mortal, solidly beta guys?

One feature of the new world we are entering is that the heyday of our fathers, that featured good-paying jobs for (comparatively) not much labor and fat defined-benefit pensions, is no more. The last gasp of that old-school system died when GM, the daddy rabbit of big-name industrial behemoths that, in its later years, was derided as a health care company that made cars, was finally nationalized earlier this year. The IT revolution that ushered in this economic transformation that killed GM and Chrysler and scores of other staid, lumbering American industries, has accelerated to breakneck pace now that the relatively closed economic systems that characterized the post WWII era and much of the Cold War era have opened up to market competition. As a result, the high standards of living enjoyed by Americans, by virtue of their status of being the only survivor of a worldwide Thunderdome deathmatch in the 1940s and consequent exporter to the world, have been arbitraged away to places like China and India, which are full of 3 billion educated workers hungry for a bite of the good life. Friedman documents this process well…for as long as protectionism is out of style, the best American workers, mostly men, must compete head-to-head in Drucker's knowledge economy with the best that Brazil, Russia, India, and China have to offer, to say nothing of lesser economic powers who will each claim their own pounds of flesh: Israelis, Irish, Finns, Estonians, and Singaporeans.

The result of such a competition will be rude and uncomfortable for many, I think. Perhaps not in this corner of the blogosphere, which allegedly boasts much higher than average IQs, but our less gifted brothers across the country will fail to reap their proportional share of the wealth as more talented Jews, Northeast Asians, and Nordic whites occupy the highest rungs of the social ladder, condemning a majority of NAMs to lower economic strata.

Scheve and Slaughter in their article document rising income inequality in the country, something that I think is an excellent symptom of this globalization process that snuck up on us all while our country was sleeping. As the reader can see from the graph drawn from the Scheve article, incomes have only

risen for the top few percent of the population, while those who have foolishly bought into the education industry's marketing pitch have suffered from the double-whammy of falling incomes and heavy student debt. Interestingly, those that didn't attend college at all have not seen their incomes fall, which suggests that non-portable service jobs which do not have high barriers to entry (i.e. marginally useful yet expensive sheepskins) such as plumbers and automotive technicians have remained steady. If those people kept their financial portfolios clear of debt from unnecessary consumption, they probably do okay. HS dropouts, of course, fall in the bottom of the pile, forced as they are to compete with Pedro for stoop labor jobs in places like the Imperial Valley or in the meat-packing plants of Colorado, Iowa, or Nebraska.

Speaking of Pedro, one thing I noted is that the majority of the pro-globalization, free marketeer literature features a blithe promotion of open borders. While those folks probably have the free movement of labor across borders in mind when they promote this concept, I suspect they don't think much about what happens when third world laborers come to the US and stay, the social costs they incur (welfare, ER visits, crime, food stamps), the wage scales they lower, and the not insignificant adverse cultural impacts that is inevitable when mass migrations of aliens are injected into a host culture. If they had paid some heed to this issue, they may rethink their support, as this diversity of cultures reduces social cohesion, which then undermines the civic institutions that authors such as Mandelbaum cite as vital to the creation and sustainment of a free society (the thinking being that the government can't be everywhere, and the government that tried to be everywhere–as would be the case when parallel civic institutions are ineffective or nonexistent–would erode freedom indeed). In other words, their support of open borders undermines the very economy that they are trying to "help" with an open borders policy. Therefore the debate really isn't economics vs. security, as Scheve and Slaughter derisively dismissed critics of globalization's impact on homeland security. No, it's security and governance first, upon which all else rests, as Diamond pointed out.

Another men-impacting feature of globalization to consider is that globalization tends to benefit alphas and other apex-dwellers the most, while leaving betas and other lesser classes of men behind. We can see this phenomenon by noting who globalization selects to reward with the best incomes. It grants money and wealth to those who, in the global marketplace, add the most to the value chain of their corner of the knowledge economy, commensurate with their contribution.* Those who cannot or do not contribute to the knowledge economy on par with their peers are pushed lower on the pay scale, maybe even banished from the knowledge sector entirely. Manufacturing, according to Drucker, will eventually be nearly entirely performed overseas and, according to Friedman, will shrink radically as capital replaces labor and labor becomes more and more productive, meaning progressively less and less of it is needed. Those displaced by the shift away from manufacturing, or those who note the complexion of the knowledge-service divide, will likely be quite unhappy about their newfound lower standard of living and drop on the social scale. This will have the effect of exacerbating the already marked income inequality that Drucker warned us about, which I contend will inevitably lead to calls (such as that made by Scheve and Slaughter) for more progressive taxation policies and forced income redistribution to balance the condition of the haves to the have-nots. (Given how some of the rich are fleeing New York and other high tax places, somehow I don't think that such a strategy will work.) The end result of all this displacement is that many traditionally "male" jobs will disappear, the good jobs somewhat predominantly occupied by alpha men, and the really good jobs occupied nearly exclusively by alpha men. The rest of the men, and nearly all the women, will sell their labor for cash in the service sector.

Demographically, the haves and have nots will tend to split along class lines, which is to say that they'll tend to split along racial lines (and to a lesser extent, sex lines, but more on the gender factor later). The resulting black/brown vs. white social instability will be a terribly difficult problem for the government to handle, for in a global economy, American industries can ill afford the parasite drag from inefficiencies induced by government-sponsored anti-white, anti-Asian racism. They simply cannot afford, in the pure meritocracy that is a free market, such social overhead, in addition to the other onerous social burdens that government is wont to place upon companies. Companies will try to for a time, but the inevitable result is that many of those companies will eventually move offshore to places that do not require such burdensome practices. I don't know how this will play out, but I do not

think that the eloi will be tolerated well by the *descamisado* morlock underclass they dominate, not when obvious racial and ethnic differences only serve to accentuate and sharpen the envy and covetousness of those less wealthy than they.

Women, for their part, will benefit disproportionately in the globalized economy by the confluence of two phenomena: the glass floor, through which women rarely fall to the basement, and a gynocentric society optimized for females at the expense of males. One consequence of said gynocentrism is to retard academic development for men, which will artificially depress their ability to compete in the globalized economy with foreign men or women. Another consequence, alluded to earlier, is government-sponsored sexism that artificially infuses the labor market with underqualified women who displace better-qualified men for coveted high-paying jobs. That said, while their participation in the upper strata of society is unnaturally skewed upward, a larger proportion of women, compared to men, will occupy the service sector. But here's where things get interesting. The present dating market is optimized for the pleasure of hypergamous many-to-one women and for promiscuous one-to-many men. The trend of globalization will tend to reinforce this primitive social ecology to the detriment of beta men, producing steadily more disaffected and disinvested men who will feel, not without some justification, that the blessings of the globalized economy have passed them by. Unfortunately, the one institution that would go a long way toward alleviating their condition, enduring marriage and family, is completely off the scope of all of the writers I've read thus far. While a few, notably Haass, warn of the hazards that unintegrated, alienated men and women pose to the stability of a society, all overlook the family, the fundamental building block of a free society, the pre-eminent and first-order civic institution and "counterweight to the machinery of government" that Diamond and Mandelbaum emphasize so much.

When all these factors are taken into consideration, the future for non-apex men looks rather bleak indeed.

Stay tuned for the next installment: A Couple Reasons for Optimism and A Conclusion.

* Now I'm not talking about the money-changers or the parasitic executive class. When I'm talking about workers, I'm referring to those who exchange value for value, who trade an honest day's labor for an honest day's pay.

The Corruption of Federal Funding Grants

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Do you fully understand the role the Federal Government plays in using tax dollars to fund the creation of so many of the problems we currently face today in our BraveNewWorldOrder? It is carried out under the noble sounding name of "Federal Grant Funding."

For our first example, here's the case of Jennifer Beeman, the former director of the Campus Violence Prevention Program at University of California – Davis.

> *The University of California, Davis, has determined that it significantly over-reported the number of forcible sex offenses that were committed on and around campus in 2005, 2006 and 2007, based on an internal review and an independent, outside review of the crime statistics it reports annually to the federal government under the Clery Act.*
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> *Specifically, in last year's Clery Act statistics, UC Davis reported 48, 68 and 69 forcible sex offenses in 2005, 2006 and 2007, respectively. However, based on the two recent reviews, UC Davis has determined that the correct statistics for each of the years are less than half those numbers: 21 reported in 2005, 23 in 2006 and 33 in 2007.*
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> *The Clery Act requires publication of an annual report that contains specified campus crime statistics for the previous three calendar years. UC Davis' newly revised statistics for 2006 and 2007 are included in the 2009 annual report released today, along with the statistics for 2008. The new report indicates that 27 forcible sex offenses were committed on and around its Davis and Sacramento campuses in 2008. The 2009 annual report is now available online at http://police.ucdavis.edu/clery.htm.*
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> *Based on the internal and external reviews, UC Davis has determined that the former director of its Campus Violence Prevention Program, Jennifer Beeman, was responsible for the inflated numbers of reported forcible sex offenses in 2005, 2006 and 2007.*
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Now why do you think Jennifer Beeman would do such a thing? These federal funds are granted on the basis of the number of reported sex crimes. With the funding levels directly tied to the amount of crimes reported, this lady was able to fund her department…which of course included paying her own salary.

Of course, Beeman has not been arrested or charged with defrauding the Federal Government at this point…not that it really matters. Beeman is a piker when it comes to promoting the gender war to receive Federal Funds. No, the biggest agents in this game are the State Governments.

Here's what a UC-Davis Power Point Presentation, delivered to State bureaucrats to make them understand the way they could "maximize revenues" to their respective agencies:

Overview of Opportunities: Managing Children Services Funding To Maximize Revenues:

> *There is no limit on the amount of funding a State can receive under "open-ended" programs like Medicaid, Title IV-E, **Child Support Enforcement**, **Food Stamps**, and Supplemental Security Income.*

> *Instead of a fixed amount, under open-ended programs the Federal Government pays a fixed portion or "Federal Financial Participation" (FFP) percentage of the amounts claimed. ability to generate non-Federal ("matching") funds.*

Do you see now why States are so rigorous in enforcing child support obligations…while they could care less about enforcing visitation orders?

There's no matching Federal Funds for ensuring Non-Custodial Parent visitation programs!

Do you see how the Federal Government's policy directly influences all of the social work agencies and how they encourage the creation and maintenance of single motherhood households, broken homes and unreasonable and unjust child support settlements? Mother's who are married are ineligible to receive food stamps…and the less food stamps the State issues, the less matching funds the various administrative social services of that State will receive! Therefore it is in the State's financial interest to promote as many people as possible become dependent on the Food Stamps (WIC) programs, coupled with the Child Support Collection Agencies of each State!

This is why so many child support cases are enforced with utter ruthlessness…why a man who is disabled or unemployed through no fault of his own can still be held accountable for his child support ruling and the Family Courts are very resistant to lowering the support obligations…even temporarily. There's a lot of Federal Matching Funds at stake if men were simply allowed to actually be held responsible to reasonable child support obligations given circumstances regarding his earning abilities.

We literally exists in a Nation for which it is the official Federal Government's policy to use our tax dollars to pay the states to operate agencies and bureaucracies who's sole financial incentive structure is based on creating and sustaining as many Fatherless homes and child support cases as possible.

Our government is literally paying to ensure that the traditional nuclear family is never formed or if it is, to break it up and keep it broken up.

THIS is the utter definition of UN-SUSTAINIBILITY for our society and culture!

Active Measures to Normalize the West...

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…or “How to Brainwash a Nation.”

I recently watched an interview of former KGB defector, Yuri Bezmenov that was recorded back in 1985. He was a very high level KGB agent and risked his life to defect to the West in 1970 when he could no longer stand to live under the inhumanity and oppression of the Soviet Communist system.

His interview was quite illuminating…the following is a transcript I made of that interview. I could have simply posted the YouTube link, but thought that his words needed to transcribed so it could be easily disseminated as text. To those that care to, feel free to copy and paste whatever you like. I care not about receiving credit as the messenger…only about the message reaching more people.

Here’s the transcript as accurately as I could render
(The video I transcribed this from did have edit cuts, so it is not a continuous, unbroken narrative.)

Interview of Yuri Bezmenov by G. Edward Griffin, 1985
Ideological subversion is the process which is “legitimate” — overt and open — you can see it with your own eyes. All you have to do, all American mass media has to do is to unplug their bananas from their ears, open up their eyes and they can see it. There is no mystery…there is nothing to do with espionage. I know that espionage and intelligence gathering looks more romantic…it sells more to the audience…for the advertising, probably. That’s why your Hollywood producers are so crazy about James Bond type of thrillers.

But in reality, the main emphasis of the KGB is not in the area of intelligence at all. According to my opinion, and the opinion of many defectors of my caliber, only about 15% of time, money and manpower is spent on espionage as such. The other 85% is a slow process which we call either ideological subversion or active measures — Активные мероприятия in the language of the KGB — or psychological warfare.

What it basically means is to change the perception of reality of every American to such an extent, that despite the abundance of information, no one is able to come to sensible conclusions in the interests of defending themselves,

their families, their community and their country.

It's a great brainwashing process which goes very slow and was divided into 4 basic stages. The first one being demoralization…it takes from 15 – 20 years to demoralize a nation. Why that many years? Because this is the minimum number of years which it requires to educate one generation of students in the country of your enemy…exposed to the ideology of the enemy. In other words, Marxism and Leninism ideology is being pumped into the soft heads of at least three generations of American students without being challenged or counterbalanced by the basic values of Americanism; American patriotism.

The demoralization process in the United States is basically completed already. For the last 35 years — actually it's over-fulfilled, because demoralization now reaches such areas where previously not even Komrade Andropov and all his experts would even dream of such tremendous success! Most of it is done by Americans to Americans, thanks to a lack of moral standards. As I mentioned before, exposure to true information does not matter anymore. A person who is demoralized is unable to assess true information;the facts tell nothing to him. Even if I shower him with information, with the authentic proof with documents…with pictures…even if I take him by force to the Soviet Union and show him concentration camps, he will refuse to believe it until he is going to receive a kick in his fat bottom! When the military boot crashes his butt…THEN he will understand. But not before that, that's the tragic of this situation of demoralization.

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The next stage is destabilization. This time, subverter does not care about your ideas and the patterns of your consumption…whether you eat junk food and get fat and flabby…it doesn't matter anymore. This time, (and it takes only from 2-5 years to destabilize a nation) what matters is essentials: economy, foreign relations and defense systems. And you can see it quite clearly that in some areas, in such sensitive areas as defense and economy, the influence of Marxist/Leninist in United States is absolutely fantastic…I could never believe it, 14 years ago when I landed in this part of the world, that the process will go that fast.

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The next stage of course is crisis; it may take only up to 6 weeks to bring a country to the verge of crisis…you can see it in Central America now. And after crisis, with a violent change of power, structure and economy, you have the so-called period of "normalization." It may last indefinitely.

"Normalization" is a cynical expression borrowed from Soviet propaganda. When the Soviet tanks moved into Czechoslovakia in '68, Komrade Brehznev said, "Now the situation in brotherly Czechoslovakia is normalized!" This is what will happen in the United States if you allow all the schmucks to bring the country to crisis; to promise all the people all kinds of goodies, and a paradise on earth. To destabilize your economy…to eliminate the principle of free market competition, and to put a Big Brother Government in Washington D.C. with benevolent dictators like Walter Mondale, who will promise lots of things…never mind whether the promises are fulfilled or not.

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Your leftists in United States…all these professors and all these beautiful Civil Rights defenders…they are instrumental in the process of the subversion…only to destabilize the nation. When the job is completed, they are not needed anymore…they know too much. Some of them…when they get disillusioned…when they see that Marxist/Leninists come to power, obviously they get offended…they think that THEY will come to power…that will never happen, of course. They will be lined up against the wall and shot. But they may turn into the most bitter enemies of Marxist/Leninists when they come to power. And that's what happened in Nicaragua.

You remember most of these former Marxists/Leninists were either put to prison or one of them split and now he's working against Sandinistas. It happened in Grenada, when Maurice Bishop was already a Marxist…he was executed by a new Marxist who was more Marxist than this Marxist. Same happened in Afghanistan…when first there was Taraki, he was killed by Amin and he was killed by Babrak Karmal with the help of the KGB. Same

happened in Bangladesh when Mujibar Rahman, a very pro-Soviet leftist, he was assassinated by his own Marxist/Leninist military comrades. It's the same pattern everywhere.

In summary, the Active Measures to subvert the West are

- Demoralization
- Destabilization
- Crisis
- Normalization

Think about many of the issues we face today. This KGB developed 4 part process has been applied to just about every institution and organization in this country to effect the enormous cultural changes in the last half century. It is at the heart of every action taken by the feminist movement in their efforts to lobby for what we now recognize as the active effort to break the Patriarchal nuclear family as the foundation for our society. The institution of marriage and basic gender roles have been demoralized, destabilized and in a state of crisis for an entire generation now…to the point to where it is now normalized.

As Yuri said, one only has to open their eyes to easily see that we have most assuredly been subverted.

Only a Fool Would Have Swallowed It.

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Just as any magazine has different sections and departments, such as sports, entertainment, hard news, etc., so will The Spearhead look at different aspects of the male experience in the early 21st century westernized world. And, I think most readers of the Spearhead will agree that experience has some issues.

One aspect of the traditional notions of masculinity favors the active over the passive. Men have been identified with doing, and are typically known by what they **DO**. How many times have you been asked the question, many times as the first opening of conversation, "What do you **DO**?"

Just for the fun of it, because I love to yank people's chains by giving unexpected responses, I often reply "I don't **DO** anything, I just **am**."

There is immense power in not going along with people's social expectations. I'm not talking about being actively anti-social and doing things which are immoral, unethical, or illegal; but rather to simply not fall into the subtle social manipulation which amounts to following a script: "Well, if I say "A" then that is your prompt to say "B." "The Social Script", or just the "The Script", for short, is a very powerful means of subtly controlling other people's behavior.

One of my favorite examples of not following the social script in circumstances where doing so is self destructive is a story about the philosopher Alan Watts. At a posh, high-brow, dinner party he was served some potatoes which were still scaldingly hot. He immediately spit them out onto his plate and looked up to a sea of faces aghast at his incredible breech of "table manners." He laughed in their faces and said "Only a fool would have swallowed it."

Only a fool would swallow something which is self-destructive, simply because he is under social pressure to do so.

Ferdinand did a recent post about "The Emptiness of Modern Manhood." Welmer has said that "Over the last few years, it has become increasingly obvious that American men – particularly those of the post-boomer generations – have fallen into a cultural gap." and "As our society slowly hews down the last pillars of masculinity, ennervating a once vigorous civilization, it is important that some among us continue to stand up and live, speak and think as men." If this is the picture of manhood, and civilization, that younger men see, it seems fairly obvious that somewhere along the line the guardians of masculinity and manhood have been fools and swallowed something fairly destructive.

As part of the generation who probably dropped the ball more than any other, I am in a position to offer some insights into how and why that occured. However, a post-mortem on classical notions of manhood and masculinity would be nothing more than a pointless intellectual exercise, particularly for men, unless whatever understanding and insight comes from that is taken to the next step and forms the basis for some sort of action.

If there is one symptom of the malaise of modern manhood/masculinity which more than any other points to both the root of the problems and their potential solutions, it is the loss of the ability and desire to take action. Rich Zubaty wrote a book a few years ago entitled "Surviving the Feminization of America." His message boils down to the concept which has been pushed for the past 40 years – that masculinity and men are bad and femininity and women are good and that all the problems of the world will be solved if only men will become women.

But, the problem is that the average woman who is not among the feminist policy makers is not a lesbian. If she wanted to be with a woman, she could choose to do so. Masculinity is the natural complement to femininity, and to the extent that women retain any sense of their own feminine natures, they prefer masculine men.

When Ferdinand speaks of "The Emptiness of Modern Manhood", he invokes the imagery of a hollowed out shell. Certain surface trappings of manhood have been held onto by the social deconstructionists in collusion with the Social Conservatives, but they have hollowed out the heart of it, leaving a truly empty feeling shell. Obsessive-compulsive "chivalry" has dictated deference and special treatment for all women which was previously reserved

for those women who had earned the right to be called “ladies.” Hint: this right was not earned by swearing like a sailor, dressing in a manner which would embarass anyone with both self-awareness and taste, or excusing boorish and excessive behavior by saying “well, men have been doing it for years.”

So, part of the problem with modern manhood which makes it feel empty to younger men is being required to treat with respect an entire group of people who have not earned it by acting in a respectable manner or by reciprocating that respect – a group of people who seem to feel entitled whatever they want for no other reason than having been born with a vagina. And, in allowing that to come about and continue, the people who allowed it have cheapened the entire concept of “respect” so that it no longer contains any aspects of excellence, or admirable qualities, or achievement. In short, people today demand respect not for anything they do, but simply for being – existing. Well, earthworms exist, but they are not particularly admirable creatures.

But, there is something in the masculine spirit which rebels against this – something deep down which knows that it is fundamentally, completely, perversely wrong; something which knows that anything unearned is nothing but alms. And to accept alms is to be a beggar and is a wound to the spirit.

The masculine spirit knows that something must be done to earn what one receives in order for it feel like an achievement, a reward for excellence, and something which is worthy of respect. The quarterback who scrambles, finds his receiver, connects with his pass, and the receiver who takes it into the end zone both have done something characteristically different than the waterboy sitting on the sidelines. And thus it is just and right that should be rewarded with more respect.

But, in today’s world, the opposite is the case. Those who have achieved nothing demand the same rewards as those who have, and blame their own failures on the successes and excellence of others.

“From each according to ability, to each according to need” is the ideology of a cancer cell. Yet, in much of today’s world people are punished according to their ability and rewarded according to their need. That is what has eaten the heart out of modern manhood – the demand that we respect what is not respectable, give what has not been earned, and feed the tumor before we feed the heart.

Yes, indeed, only a fool would swallow it. But, unfortunately a lot of fools did. And, a lot of younger men have been left with a sense of emptiness.

So, what do we do now? We stop being fools and stop swallowing it. We spit out the nonsense we have been fed back onto the plates where it came from. And, when we get those nasty disapproving looks from people because we have refused to allow them to socially pressure us into harming ourselves – we laugh in their faces.

Friday Night Game: Handling Alpha Male Interlopers

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A reader of my blog emailed me with a question about how to handle "AMOG"s ("Alpha Male Other Guy" or "Alpha Male of the Group"). Or, in non-nerd parlance, "The Dick Trying To Steal My Girl".

> Roissy,
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> a post on AMOGing would be great.
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> I wonder, what your take is on guys gaming your girlfriend with the usual tools (negging, dhvs, etc.) in your presence? What if the gaming is executed very subtle (but alas quite perfectly) and therefore deniable. What if you see your gf buying it and start giving IOIs like hair stroking or laughing (also deniable)? I had to deal with those scenarios recently. My impression was that knowing about game and seeing the whole scene unfold itself right in front of me so clearly made me actually worse off since I knew exactly what was going on but I felt kind of powerless to deal with it.

AMOGs are the bogeyman in every aspiring seducer's closet of nightmares. The brash, aggressive alpha male who disrupts your game and embarrasses you in front of the girl you're talking to is almost as feared as cold approaching urban lawyer chicks. So feared, in fact, that the seduction community has devised innumerable effective routines for dealing with them.

Luckily, the AMOG is more oversized totem than reality. Nine out of ten times you will not have to worry about another man deliberately interfering with your pickup. It is even rarer for a man to hit on your girlfriend in your presence. (This latter flavor of evil normally happens when the victim boyfriend gives off the beta vibes of someone who is hanging on by a thread to his girlfriend, and knows it.) But it does happen, and if you go out a lot to meet women or to chill with your lady you should be prepared for those times you get AMOGed, because nothing lowers your status — or your testosterone — faster than a tooling by a socially stronger man. And every woman who sees it go down will treat you like the plague.

(If you've ever nursed hopes that women will find some empathy in their hearts and stick it out with you after you've been tooled by an AMOG, I have bad news. They don't. After a few moments of initial awkwardness she'll rationalize excuses to leave you and go find the guy in the bar who made you look like a fool. As a buddy once said to his cheating wife: "All you ever do is follow your vagina.")

Apropos my reader's email, here are the ground rules for dealing with capable AMOGs running game on your girlfriend:

- Grace under pressure. Don't get rattled. Stay composed and don't rush your words.
- Don't get angry. That's how things escalate to a fight. Fighting is for lesser men who have no better mental tools for neutralizing an outside threat.
- Don't seek succor in reassuring conversation or eye locks with your girlfriend. This is a common beta mistake. When AMOGed, deal with the guy directly. Ignoring him only works on weaker BMOGs. An AMOG hitting on your GF has proven he's got heavy sack, so you have to meet him eye to eye.
- Be funny. You'll want to smash the guy's face in, but you'll have to sublimate that urge into biting humor.
- Maintain eye contact when addressing the AMOG. Treat it like a staring contest.
- Don't back down. Remember, the more persistent the AMOG is, and the longer he lingers hoping to oust you, the greater the risk he makes himself look like a douche. When you get really good at anti-AMOGing, you can even choose to keep the AMOG around for longer than he'd like, batting him around like a cat toy.

What about specific tactics? Like I wrote, you'll want to address the AMOG immediately, even if he's an asshole

who doesn't initally acknowledge you. Force him into your reality. Don't give him a chance to execute game on your girlfriend. If an AMOG has progressed to negging your chick and telling exciting stories about himself *while you sit there*, you are in a deep hole.

Tactics include:

Insinuating he's gay. (Use on guys who get physically chummy with you. "Ha ha, sorry I don't swing that way.")

Preemptively including him in your conversation. ("Hey man, we were just talking about how nerdy most guys are in this town.")

Instigating performance pressure. ("Whoa, dude, nice opener!" Then you turn to your GF: "Did that work on you, babe?")

Subtly negging him. ("Cool ring man. Magic shop?") Remember, negs attract girls and repel guys.

Thanking him for showing up to buy everyone a round. ("Alright! Just in time! She'll have an appletini." Wink at your GF when you say this.)

If an AMOG is *really* obnoxiously persistent (very stupid AMOGs can be this way), you'll have to verbally apply the smackdown. "Hey man, nice meeting you, but the girl and I are gonna have some drinks alone now."

If the verbal smackdown doesn't work, you may have to fight. Or, better yet, know the bartender and doorman and have them step in.

Another good reason for men to learn game is that it helps you recognize when another man is running it on your girl. To my emailer, if the AMOG is hitting up your girlfriend with such tight game that she's stroking her hair and laughing, and none of the tactics I listed above are available to you or have otherwise been rendered ineffective, you have three main counterattacks at your disposal:

1. Join him. The trick here is to match his energy level with your own. "Holy shit dude, you hiked Kilimanjaro? So did I! Nice." *high five*
2. Physically intrude. Literally position yourself in between your girlfriend and the guy. Pretend like you're buying a drink. Make sure your back is to him, and while it is, say something into your GF's ear, then look over your shoulder at him and grin a little.
3. If he's a pickup artist, call out his game. Whatever game he runs, you verbalize it for the edification of whoever is listening. "I gotta say, man, your game isn't bad. My girl can be a tough crowd. The insult about her hair was brave, man. Normally she bites guys' heads off for stuff like that."

One last thing. If your girlfriend is so easily swayed by an AMOG, you and her are likely on the road to a breakup. If that's the case, any of the tactics I listed above carry the risk of backfiring on you. The love of your life may tool you herself by saying something like "Hey, why are you acting so weird? Let the guy talk." If that happens, she was lost to you before the AMOG showed up. Gather your dignity, tell her it was nice knowing her, and leave her there with the guy she finds so fascinating.

Don't answer her calls the next day.

The War on Science Fiction and Marvin Minsky

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Science fiction is a very male form of fiction. Considerably more men than women are interested in reading and watching science fiction than women. This is no surprise. Science fiction traditionally is about men doing things, inventing new technologies, exploring new worlds, making new scientific discoveries, terraforming planets, etc. Many men working in the fields of science, engineering, and technology have cited science fiction (such as the original Star Trek) for inspiring them when they were boys to establish careers in these fields.

The current generation of boys will not have this inspiration from science fiction, at least from science fiction on television and in movies. That's because there is an undeclared war on real science fiction on TV and in movies. The former Sci-Fi channel, now "Syfy", is a good example of what has been happening to science fiction on television. In 1998 Bonnie Hammer took over the Sci-Fi channel and declared that "more female viewers were needed". Over the next several years, the Sci-Fi channel became increasingly feminized losing many of its traditional male viewers in an attempt to go after women viewers. This included making the logos "warmer and more human" because the logos before were "too male and too dark". The biggest change was in the feminization of the programming shown on the Sci-Fi channel. The re-imagined re-delusioned Battlestar Galactica is a good example. (Many of you might not be aware but there was an original Battlestar Galactica series shown in the late 70s.) While the original series had its problems, it was more standard science fiction with men doing and accomplishing things. The new series instead had lots of relationship drama, men whining, and men generally unable to find their way out of a wet paper bag. The new Battlestar Galactica was so feminized that one of the main characters from the original series, Starbuck, (who was a man) was turned into a woman. When Bonnie Hammer first heard about this, she clenched her fists in the air and yelled, "Yes!". There's so much more that can be said about this, but rather than write pages and pages more, everyone should read what Dirk Benedict, the original and only Starbuck had to say about it in a piece called, Lt. Starbuck…Lost in Castration. (Run, do not walk to that webpage. It's that good.)

The feminization of the Sci-Fi channel was not limited to Battlestar Galactica. Over time there has been more fantasy and less science fiction because women are more interested in the supernatural and the paranormal than men are. Scripts were rewritten to have "more relationships" (more relationship drama) and less "space battles". The Sci-Fi channel's remake of Flash Gordon ended up being a flop because it lost lots of viewers after the first episode where not much actual science fiction happened. The Sci-Fi channel even changed its name to "Syfy". While the issue there was trademarks, this name change effectively represents the death of the Sci-Fi channel. This season three gay characters will be added to various shows on "Syfy", one of which will be part of a "communal marriage" with "heterosexual and homosexual couplings". This will mean less programming where men actually do things and more relationship drama, driving away even more men from the channel.

Things are worse in Britain. A few years ago Doctor Who was brought back. The man who brought back Doctor Who was Russell T. Davies, a gay man who proceeded to add a recurring character called Captain Jack who comes from the 51st century that was bisexual omnisexual. Yes, omnisexual as in not only is this character bisexual, but he has no problem with having sex with non-humans too. If you read interviews with Davies and the writers they use the term omnisexual to describe Captain Jack. Davies has also admitted in interviews that he believes everyone will be "omnisexual" by the 51st century. Davies had more plans like this for Doctor Who, but there were so outrageously bad and obnoxious that the leftist BBC actually put a stop to him doing that (citing that Doctor Who was traditionally a "family show"). Of course the BBC gave Davies another show called Torchwood which is basically close to being "slash fiction" on television. (Slash fiction is a form of fan fiction written primarily by women where characters in science fiction TV shows are gay and have homosexual relationships completely contrary to the established canon of the show. The first slash fiction was about the original Star Trek series where women wrote stories about Kirk and Spock in a homosexual relationship.) Given that this is the BBC, all of this nonsense that alienates men for the benefit of women shouldn't be surprising.

Marvin Minsky is a leading AI (artificial intelligence) researcher at MIT. He has had a lot to say about science fiction. Minsky has said, "General fiction is pretty much about ways that people get into problems and screw their lives up. Science fiction is about everything else." and "But aside from the science fiction, I find it tedious to read any ordinary writing at all. It all seems so conventional and repetitive." While these quotes were in reference to written literature, they can be applied to television and movies as well. What has happened is that science fiction on television has for the most part become indistinguishable from most other television shows which are written for women filled with moronic relationship drama. Sure the moronic relationship drama is in space, but as Minsky tells us from his quotes, its not science fiction anymore, and men are not interested in moronic relationship drama in space.

It's also important to note that Minsky's first quote was a response to a question about how science fiction has influenced his AI research. As we know science fiction has inspired boys to pursue careers in science, engineering, and technology as men. With women killing science fiction on television, the current generation of boys won't have this opportunity to be inspired to work in these fields. There is still a great deal of written science fiction that is real science fiction so all is not lost. However, many boys who would have gone on to make scientific discoveries and invent new technologies will not do so since they will never be inspired by science fiction as boys.

This is not a Movement — It is an Act

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I have had the opportunity to study a number of movements in the course of work, and have found that those that actually make headway have a few things in common. Perhaps the most important ingredient in a successful movement is martyrdom. And I mean martyrdom in the most literal sense, as in losing one's head as opposed to losing one's livelihood. There is nothing that brings out the primal passions in humans quite like death (this is actually common to most social creatures — watch what crows do when they see one of their own shot down). This is why suicide bombings are so perfect for sustaining movements: one instantly creates martyrs on both sides, thus raising the stakes and perpetuating the movement.

Next, there is money. Without funds, movements peter out fairly quickly. Not only do people need to be fed and sheltered; they need to be equipped with the tools of the trade, whatever they may be. Without these essentials the fellow travelers will soon fall away like autumn leaves.

Finally, there needs to be some kind of organized leadership, which usually develops quickly enough in the presence of the first two conditions.

So what I am going to say right here is that there is no MRA movement. And, quite frankly, we don't even want one. I will also say that there never really was a Feminist movement. There was a real anti-war movement in the 1960s and 70s, and there is still an anti-abortion movement, but the struggle between the genders is actually little more than a drama played out on the national stage. What counts here is not bodies hitting the floor or exhortations to sacrifice, but rather who controls the discourse.

Fundamentally, we are engaged in a cultural arm-wrestling match, and women have been winning more from sheer volume of content than anything else. It is as though we are all witnessing a national episode of marital discord, and the wife is doing all the talking. Somewhere along the way, men became culturally complacent, allowing others to do the talking and thinking for them, and we became a nation of hen-pecked men. Mass media had a lot to do with this – probably more than anything else – but fortunately the paradigm has shifted. It is no longer just a few networks that have a national voice, but now thousands of people writing blogs, producing their own videos and making themselves heard. Additionally, women are now working as much as men. We now have the *time* to bring our own voice to bear.

In this struggle, we don't need men to lay down their lives in a war against Feminism. We don't want them to, because when it does happen it is an exceedingly tragic thing.

Take the case of Perry Manley, for example. Here was a man whose life fell apart after he was left by his wife. He was jailed for child support arrears, lost jobs and ran into brick walls when he tried to go to court over the issue. Eventually, he lost it and started threatening judges, which eventually led to scrutiny by federal agents. This drove him over the edge, and at the age of 52 he carried an inert hand grenade into the federal courthouse in Seattle, inevitably getting himself shot dead.

Ultimately, Manley's death must have caused a great amount of pain for his family, but it had little effect otherwise. Rather than galvanizing a movement, he most likely caused more sober reflection amongst people on both sides of the issue. His case may have caused some judges to reevaluate punitive child support orders and jailings, but Manley evidently didn't follow proper procedure while in court so we can't be sure whether it had any effect at all. Above all, his death was a demoralizing flash in the pan.

Part of the problem is that women don't wage war in the same manner as men. They do it through lies, slander, emotional manipulation, hysteria and evasion of consequences rather than through straightforward assaults on an enemy position. Manley, a veteran, did not understand this, and went about fighting for his cause as though he was in a contest between men.

What we have to understand that this is not a traditional movement, but rather a drama. We shouldn't see ourselves fighting some monolithic conspiracy – as Perry Manley did – but rather as people who can learn to survive despite the innumerable petty conspiracies and vicious lies that abound in our complex society, and who can learn even to tame them.

Rather than martyrs like Manley, we need masters like Petruchio:

> Another way I have to man my haggard,
> To make her come and know her keeper's call,
> That is, to watch her, as we watch these kites
> That bate and beat and will not be obedient.
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> -*The Taming of the Shrew*

Globalization and the Future State of Men, Part II

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An article in which I temper my predictions of social catastrophe with a silver lining. Perhaps.

In the first half of this two-part post, I discussed ways in which men will probably not welcome the changes that globalization brings. At least in the short term.

Thus far, in this two-part post, I've been quite pessimistic. Certainly the situation calls for a level of concern. The economic forces pushing on our society with their invisible hands seem unstoppable, and these forces appear to be teaming with demography and matriarchy to create a hopeless situation. Yet there is cause for hope, in that those factors have not stripped men of a degree of control over the trajectories of their lives. For instance, men can assert control by educating/training themselves and by adopting a more entrepreneurial spirit. Americans are way behind in training themselves to compete in the global economy; the man who buckles down and develops both his right- and his left-brain talents will find himself in an advantaged position relative to his foreign counterparts and, importantly, his sisters, who tend to eschew the hard sciences for the chick ghettoes known as the social "sciences" or other marginally applicable fields of knowledge and study.

Another way that men can effect their futures positively is through putting themselves on track to joining Jefferson's natural aristocracy of talent and virtue. They're already well on their way to joining the former, if not by natural gift, then by blood and sweat and hard work. But there remains the aristocracy of virtue where, by living upright and moral lives of integrity, by being the husband of only one wife, by avoiding excess and vice and avarice and dissipation, and by associating only with others who behave similarly, a man can drastically improve his lot in life and his ability to compete well on the global playing field. What's more, he positions himself to transmit the twin gifts of virtue and talent to his children, traits that will increasingly become hereditary as such a man transmits civilization from himself to his children in a in a self-reinforcing cycle.

Referring back to the dating pattern of the ghetto and the savanna for a moment, where many-to-one hypergamous women compete for the attention of one-to-many alpha males, there is another, third cause for hope: the metaphysical certainty that the matriarchal state that we are presently enduring cannot last, at least not in its present form. For a matriarchy cannot progress past a hunter-gatherer state; any form of social organization more complex than that is too incompatibly inegalitarian. The specialized social roles that enable agriculture, vertically integrated societies, and industrialization cannot exist in an egalitarian world. This is because women in such an egalitarian environment as we have today in the West will instinctually leverage their biological advantage in the family to invade the social spaces set aside for men. Having been displaced in such a manner, such societies fail to gain and/or retain the investment required from the builders and maintainers and transmitters of civilization–incidentally, those same guys dispossessed of role and family and investment by women–and the society as a whole will devolve to a more primitive level of social organization or be absorbed and / or replaced by another. In other words, a state that disinvests, even imprisons, vast portions of its male population, cannot hope to compete against more organized, integrated, and socially cohesive societies that harness the productive energies of its men. It will regress socially and technologically.

Added to this, in a flatttened, globalized world, societies as a whole will be forced to "compete" in the same manner as its individual people and companies do. The governments of societies that impose onerous burdens on its people, capital, or businesses relative to other governments will find that its people, capital, or businesses will be tempted to relocate elsewhere. Assuming the existence of some societies that do not tax its peoples to "provide" health care, an expansive (and expensive) welfare state (one such society that does not is the PRC), and / or heavy environmental requirements, there will be pressure, not only from the marketplace, but also from lobbying activity, to keep social costs down or eliminate them entirely. We see this phenomena already, in that companies are tempted relocate economic activity to the lowest-cost areas they can find, from high-cost Europe to lower-cost America, and from moderate-cost America to low-cost Mexico or even lower-cost China, Malaysia, or the Philippines. Each company

that moves away deprives the government of the former society of money, power and influence–things that governments care about–and "grants" those gifts to the receiving society. We see this played out today: the movement of commercial activity has been from highly burdensome societies, in other words, highly matriarchal societies, to the less burdensome societies which are much more vigorous and agile and patriarchal in nature. In fact, one can say that globalization as a whole is bad news for governments in general, not just fat lumbering matriarchal ones, since the mobility of capital, labor, and knowledge erodes government control over citizens and economic activity. Furthermore, under globalization, peoples are likely to interact directly with others, forming networks of common values and interests. These networks…a throwback to tribalism in a back-to-the-future kind of way…bypass the vertical hierarchy of government and thus displace government in the social space and deprive it of power and influence. Such a network is exemplified by the success of Moslem Sharia in the UK. A network of people, joined by a common interest and culture, that has all but displaced the "legitimate" government. The British government's power inside that network is greatly diminished, and that of the religious figures that lead that network is greatly increased. With this example in mind, it is easy to see how globalization re-enables society independent of the established hierarchical government. And in competition with it too: if the British government wishes to retain what power it has, it will take steps to make itself more appealing to a larger portion of the population.

Thus we men can look forward to the eventual obsolescence of the present matriarchal state, and the re-adoption of the patriarchal form of social organization. I foresee this happening one of three ways.

In the first scenario, our society becomes patriarchal again as an adaptive response to market pressures. The flattening effects of globalization will expose the deficiencies of the less efficient matriarchal model to the strength and vigor of the more economically and socially efficient patriarchies. Moreover, since the scourge of political feminism requires a large, powerful state, economic plenty, and heavy social burdens to subsidize and support an inefficient social structure, its power will wane as the beast is starved of resources.

The second possibility is the re-adoption of a patriarchal model, either suddenly as our society picks up the pieces from the aftermath of complete social collapse, or gradually as men find like-minded women to marry and start families with. As the greatest predictor of a person's politics is the politics of their parents, and that patriarchal families are more fecund than matriarchal ones, in this slow-but-sure manner the patriarchs will eventually breed out the matriarchs.

In the third alternative, our society could be invaded and assimilated by a stronger culture, one that not only competes better on the world stage economically but one that has enough faith in itself to reproduce.

Any way one looks at it, I see the return of patriarchy, for matriarchal or egalitarian societies seldom if ever survive contact with a patriarchal one. This re-adoption of the technology of patriarchy and the rejection of the reactionary, more primitive technology of matriarchy is a good thing, not only for men, but for women as well, as both sexes live better when men are invested in society and the female libido is checked.

Unfortunately, this silver lining has a tarnish to it that I cannot polish and buff away, and that tarnish has to do with those fellows who fall in the left tail of the IQ mean and/or those fellows who fail to develop socially constructive behaviors and habits. What to do with these guys, the people whose parents failed to bequeath to them the genes or the habits that reserve for them a spot in the Brahmin caste? What do to with the guys who, despite their best efforts, not only fail to be inducted into the knowledge economy, but may not even qualify to participate in the service one either? In a pure meritocracy, they will constitute either the lower end of the beta class or, if their IQ/habits are poor enough, the gamma class. In any case both populations will more than likely be overrepresented in the criminal classes and consequently in the prisons, just as they are today. Also similar to the present state of affairs, chances are that there will be a strong correlation between the prison population and race and ethnicity and, absent a world where every employer in every country all around the planet employs AA-like policies to compel companies to permit them to participate where they would otherwise would not or could not, there will always be economic incentive to exclude them from participation.

Thus, the temptation for race- or ethnic-based social disorder will remain as long as this problem remains unsolved, as flat-world globalization fails to address–in fact, it exacerbates–issues of social inequality and the friction that results.

In my travels across the blogosphere, I read somewhere recently (don't recall where…maybe Ferdinand Bardamu's place) that the challenge for our society is how to guarantee the beta male a place in society where he can contribute in a meaningful manner. Presently, he has been denied a seat at the table, first by gynocentric laws, then by female hypergamous dating, and now, increasingly, by globalization. These three prongs of the Morton's Fork for Men will have to be removed if our society is to survive.

The "Tough Guise" Scam

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Masculinity has always been associated with violence.

Jackson Katz's "Tough Guise" video was produced in 1999, so it is almost 10 years old, but it's still in circulation. The YouTube clip posted by The Media Education Foundation in 2006 shows 149,033 views, and 1,118 comments, with new views and responses every day. Katz's web site boasts that "Tough Guise" :

> "…has become a staple in college communication, sociology, gender studies, psychology, criminology and linguistics courses, as well as numerous high school courses. It is regularly used by educators in the battered women's and rape crisis movements, and counselors in the batterer intervention field. It has been seen by over 3 million people."

Katz still presents similar material, and his speaking calendar is booked solid two months in advance. He'll be educating young people at a wide variety of state universities and, notably, one Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

People take Katz seriously. Attached is a clip from his tour-de-force, "Tough Guise."

Jackson Katz believes that there is a national crisis in masculinity because young men believe a man should be tough, strong, independent and respected. The US Government is paying him to educate *Marines.*

I always assumed the idea that men should be tough, strong, independent and respected was why young men joined the Marines in the first place. They prove that they're strong and tough enough to be among the few and the proud, and thereby earn respect.

But, according to Katz, the idea that men should be tough, strong, independent and respected is a *crisis* in masculinity perpetuated by *the media*. And Jean-Claude Van Damme. He shows clips from contemporary films and claims that they help to construct violent masculinity as a social norm. His use of "construct" here pegs him as a blank slate, noble savage liberal who believes that if we pay enough educators like him to re-educate students and bring the media to heel, men will eventually stop associating violence with manhood.

I guess when we've purged violence from the planet, we'll all sit around, hold hands and sing "Imagine."

Surely Katz has studied *some* history. This makes his claim that the modern media is responsible for these very old ideas about manliness even more dissonant. Blaming the modern media for male violence is like holding Martha Stewart accountable for the habits of all women who enjoy cooking and decorating.

The *Táin Bó Cúailnge,* an ancient Irish epic, devotes a whole chapter to the boyhood deeds of Cú Chulainn. He was courting a young lady and studying tactics at six years old, the story goes, and by the age of seventeen he had a reputation as the "hardest man in Ulster." It was during his seventeenth year that he cleaved trees in half with one stroke, and fought entire armies by himself. In one instance,

> "He drove into their packed ranks, an enemy to beat all enemies, three times encircling them with great ramparts of their own corpses piled sole to sole and headless neck to headless neck, so all-encompassing was the carnage."

One of my favorite phrases from *Le Morte D'Arthur* is "smote him down horse and man," if for no other reason than the fact that some sort of ultraviolent "smoting" occurs on almost every other page of the two volume tale.

When Katz decided to blame the modern media for these "narrow" definitions of manhood that box men in…ancient Roman, Greek, Norse, Celtic, Japanese, Chinese, Mongolian, Aztec and Native American mythologies

that portrayed men in the same way must have slipped his mind.

It would make more sense for Katz to blame the *ancient* media.

If anything, violent stories probably shape violent acts and give form and outlet to the polymorphous violence of masculinity. They direct violence and give it a certain style, but the idea that a society without violent stories about men (will this demand book-burning, and revisionist history, too?) will become a society without male violence is specious and utopian nonsense. The fact that state-subsidized organizations pay Katz to peddle this idiocy is a travesty.

Katz also makes no distinction between *kinds* of violence. In this video, violence is presented as a completely amoral evil. He fails to distinguish between heroic violence and malevolent violence, or violence for its own sake. This is a shameful insult to countless men who have willingly risked or sacrificed their lives while using violence to *protect* others from malevolent violence, or the violence of enemies. Katz's violence is violence without context.

Of the all-time American box-office blockbusters as listed in IMDB.com, I was able to count 86 that I felt were inarguably created to appeal to young men and older boys.* From those, easily 63 contained some sort of heroic violence, also known as "action." I was stingy about this. I didn't count the Pirates of the Caribbean series because the main character is a pirate, though he was clearly the hero of the films. The rest were comedies, with an occasional sports or car flick.

Of the films that contained heroic violence of some kind, 12 were based on comic book superheroes, like Batman, Superman, Spiderman, Ironman or the X-Men. 300 was graphic novel, but it was history first. Batman is a rich guy who puts on a costume to fight crime, and in The Dark Knight, even endures the hatred of the people he wants to help, because he believes it's the right thing to do. Superman, Spiderman, the X-Men and Iron Man have all been kicking ass to the cheers of boys and men for decades, but they dispense violence only to evildoers. All risk public criticism to do what they believe is right; they use their strength to protect those who can't protect themselves.

The non-superhero films that feature violence follow the same basic theme. In fantasy epics like Star Wars, Star Trek, Independence Day, Planet of the Apes and The Lord of the Rings, heroic men employ violence to fight against tyranny and the destruction of their way of life. There are several Bond films in the list; the hard, brutal 007 is always saving the world with style. Other films have good-guy cops chasing bad guys. In Saving Private Ryan, numerous men risk their lives so that one bereaved mother who they'll never meet doesn't lose all of her sons to World War II.

To be fair, there *are* many glorifications of malevolent or morally ambiguous violence in films, music, books and videogames. And they probably do influence some young men in a negative way. But heroic displays of masculine strength are still a major part of our culture, and our cinematic cult of hero worship still brings men to the theaters in droves.

As men we should reject the idea that masculinity must be dissociated from violence, strength and toughness. If we kill off or defame our masculine heroes and dismiss a strength-based masculine ideal, from what pool will we draw willing heroes when we need them? Who will stand up and protect us from the malevolent violence of bad men, of invaders, of tyrants? If we stigmatize "tough guys" and begin to believe, as Katz does, that men shouldn't feel pressured to be strong, tough, independent or respected—who will volunteer to be our cops, prison guards, firefighters and soldiers? Will fathers even bother to protect their families? How, if they are weak, emotional, dependent and know nothing of violence?

We need tough guys, we need strong heroes, and we need men who can help young men distinguish between heroic violence and the kind of violence perpetrated by hostile ingrates, psychos and cretins.

Heroism is the noblest expression of manhood. Heroism demands strength, toughness, independence and honor.

What kind of sick, suicidal society enables weakness, uncontrolled emotion, dependence and dishonor in its men?

Jackson Katz is an enemy of men.

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* I avoided counting movies that I felt were marketed to both genders, and “family” films, even if they seemed to be fairly boy-oriented. No Harry Potter, no Shrek, etc.

Feminism and the Economy

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There's two broad categories of MRA's. One wants a return to traditional marriage, with most women staying at home and the workplace being mostly a male realm. The other takes the libertarian view that this tradition is just another form of exploitation of men and that in the future, women should expect to have to support themselves financially.

Of course, as things are now, men should avoid yoking themselves to a woman. But the reform I would like to see is in the former category.

There are a few reasons for this. One is that it will only continue the current system of female hypergamy. With culturally enforced monogamy, most people got married. With "sexual liberation", a handful of alpha males get all the sex from numerous women, leaving the majority of men celibate, lonely and with no hope of children. With so little in the way of rewards – no sex, no female companionship, no children, and no job if the quotas require hiring a less-qualified woman – men have little motivation to work at steady jobs instead of becoming criminals of some sort. Polygamous societies, which leave a large number of perpetual bachelors, have a high level of violence because young men have no reason not to commit it.

In addition, as I keep showing, most women are not particularly valuable in the workplace. There are exceptions, but for the most part, the work that most women are being paid to do ends up getting done by men (or lesbians). Most men have experienced this. This is what evolution designed women to do – get other people to work for them so that they would have someone to provide for them while they cared for children – but it is a liability in the modern workplace.

Few women can psychologically cope with the rigors of the workplace. The Larry Summers example is familiar to everyone; a woman heard a highly caveated speculation that she didn't like and had to flee the room lest she swoon. What would we think of a male professor who announced that a colleague who proposed a theory he disliked made him faint? As Mencius Moldbug put it:

> One clue to the fact that something fundamental has changed is the almost complete absence of true intellectual debate in the modern university. Nor does this mean congeniality pervades throughout. It means that when you see the appearance of an argument over ideas, the substance beneath that argument is not that of men trying to convince each other and/or an audience. The substance is that of bureaucratic warfare. When someone criticizes your work in the modern university, he is probably trying to kill you and take your funding. His criticism is not the opening for dialogue; it is the ritual pretext for an attack.
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> Thus, any fool who starts such an argument, with no better reason than that he (a) disagrees with someone else, and (b) grew up reading about the age of Darwin, Huxley and Wilberforce, will be surprised to find himself on the other end of an administrative mafia war. You might as well call your opponent a faggot. It will not exacerbate his ferocity in the slightest. He is right to assume that you are probably out to kill him, and right to respond in kind. When in Rome, etc.

Mr. Moldbug blames this on "Progressivism", but really, it is due to a particular offshoot of Progressivism: feminism. Women are too threatened by heated debates; some primal part of the female brain knows that if shouts give way to blows, she is at a disadvantage. Indeed, scientists have determined that the normal way in which men interact with each other is perceived by women as "harassment". So universities (and other institutions) that employ female professors are stuck with enforced conformity of opinion. Since we need room for debate and intellectual freedom in universities if they are to serve their purpose, it is necessary to limit the number of women in this field.

Women, quite naturally, do not want to work full-time. Feminists might not like this, but in real life, raising children does take time; it can't be done in half an hour a day after a fulfilling day at the office. "Gender equality" in

the workplace means that women will demand special privileges for the sake of more flexible schedules. Female doctors in Ireland are only half as likely to work full time as male ones. The same applies in England. Also in the UK, female pilots are demanding to be paid the same amount for less work.

Just imagine for a moment what work would be like with few women in your office, and those few compelled to actually do their jobs because they lack sex discrimination legislation to force employers to hire them. No sudden backlog because a co-worker has to take time off to look after her child who caught the flu at his day care center. No random outbursts of emotion because you failed to anticipate a working woman's delicate feelings. No worrying that a casual joke will result in accusations of "sexual harassment".

Feminists have robbed women of a chance to do something truly useful to society, something for which women are actually suited: raise children. Of course, today's western women have been carefully trained so that they are unfit to be anywhere near a child, which makes them pretty much completely useless in any area. Retraining will be required, which will require that anti-male legislation be repealed, allowing men to treat their partners with the firmness which women need and want anyway.

The most important reason I oppose the notion of making the sexes genuinely equal, leaving women to support themselves, is that children need to be raised. My Republican friends were furious at me for saying that a woman with a newborn special needs baby was not in a position to be Vice-President of the United States, but it's true: preteen kids need to be looked after. They need to be taught proper behavior, they need to bond emotionally with a mother who gives them affection, they need nutritious food, and they need to be supervised. Not only do children need these things, but the survival of the society requies it. These things take time. It's impossible to be a good mother and work full-time.

Feminists like to respond to such arguments by whining, "But most women can't affoooooord not to work." This is true, and it is one of the most heinous of feminism's many crimes. In the 60's, most men, even blue-collar workers, could afford to support their families themselves. The great fraud of "equal pay for equal work" was not, contrary to current propaganda, a measure against the mythical pay gap; it put a stop to the before-then common practice of paying married men more, since those men had families to support. In fact, a century ago, one promise labor unions made was that they would win men a "family wage" so that their wives and children would not have to work!

Feminism has wrecked the economy. It abolished the practices which allowed most men to support their families. It inflated prices of things like houses and cars by dragging naive women into the workplace, allowing sellers to base their prices on the two-income family. At first this might have been fun for those few women who had fun jobs, but soon, all women were forced into this system whether they wanted to be or not.

Women don't belong in the workplace. Their job is at home, and men should be able to do their own work without having to coddle and protect women while they do it.

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How Game Secured American Independence

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The outcome of the American Revolution was in doubt from the beginning. The colonists faced a wealthy European country with a well-equipped, professional army and the world's most powerful navy. Although Americans of the time were a rugged, healthy and largely self-sufficient people, their rustic manners, disorganized militias and comparatively inexperienced military leadership were no match for the bloodthirsty redcoats, many of whom were thieves and cutthroats snatched off the streets of England's dismal cities and beaten into vicious, remorseless and organized killers. And to add to the redcoat menace were the whooping, scalp-hunting savages to the west, armed by the British and driven into frenzies of bloodlust by a steady flow of firewater across the lawless frontier.

Moved by forethought, genuine patriotism and enthusiasm for the company of beautiful European ladies, America's greatest statesman of all time set out to secure an alliance that would result in the salvation of his fledgling nation. By the time the American Revolution got under way, Benjamin Franklin was already advanced in years, but despite his bald head, spectacles, heavy paunch and coonskin cap, he was a smash hit with French women.

The men of France already admired Franklin greatly for his achievements in science and literature, but what really won over the entire nation was his passion for the Game. However, not all of America's founding fathers were entirely pleased with Franklin's methods, which seemed to some disorderly and wasteful, but with the benefit of hindsight, their efficacy can hardly be doubted.

John Adams, who was of a different sort of temperament and was initially sent as part of the same diplomatic mission, wrote dismissively of Franklin's peccadillos:

> The life of Dr. Franklin was a Scene of continuall discipation [...] It was late when he breakfasted, and as soon as the breakfast was over, a crowd of carriages came to his Levee or if you like the term better his Lodgings, with all Sorts of People; some Phylosophers, Academicians and Economists [...] but by far the greater part were Women and Children, come to have the honour to see the great Franklin, and to have the pleasure of telling Stories about his Simplicity, his bald head and scattering straight hairs…
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> –The Diary and Autobiography of John Adams

Adams was probably a bit jealous, and the attention Franklin garnered likely wounded his pride, but this was France, after all, and the love the French had for Franklin turned out to be a very valuable asset.

Despite Adams' account, it wasn't simply Franklin's reputation for simplicity and eccentricity that scored points with the ladies; John Adams, beta that he was, was blind to the diligent effort and skill that went into Franklin's brand of diplomacy. It was his eagerness to play along and his attention to the finer points of Game that elevated Franklin to such mythic proportions amongst the ladies of France.

For example, we like to think of the text message and email as revolutionary tools for social networking, but in the France of Franklin's day people were in the habit of sending countless notes and letters per day — especially women. These notes were often as pointless as your typical text message, sometimes including nothing more than a teasing or scolding word or two, or some invitation to dinner, or for a walk in the park or whatever else might be desired by an acquaintance.

Franklin made it a point to keep up his correspondence as best he could, writing volumes of letters to his female admirers. Many of those that survive included references to acts of physical intimacy and "professions of undying love and demands [...] for greater intimacies with what would seem to be a whole harem of passionate and beautiful women." [Edmund S. Morgan in *The Genuine Article, chapter 16 "Secrets of Benjamin Franklin"*]

As this quote from Morgan's book demonstrates, his letters also reveal the subtle use of Game tactics such as push-

pull:

> Franklin may complain to Madame Helvétius, with whom he says he has spent “so many of his days,” because “she seems very ungrateful in never giving him one of her nights.” But when a lady actually yields to such entreaties, he asks for a delay “until the nights were longer.”
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> [ibid]

Although he had long been well-known to French intellectuals and men of society, French men viewed Franklin’s dalliances with women as though he were engaged in a sport — one that they themselves enthusiastically participated in as well. His skill at Game greatly raised the French estimate of the American character, leading them to take the budding country more seriously, and soon money and aid began to pour into the Revolutionary cause.

Ultimately, Franklin’s diplomatic mission was such a resounding success that the French Navy sent a fleet to relieve American forces during the most crucial point of the American Revolution, ensuring America’s victory and Independence.

Although a man bereft of the accomplishments of Franklin could not expect to have been taken as seriously as he was, yet a man of unquestioned intellectual brilliance and accomplishment never could have accomplished as much for his country as Franklin did without Game. Without Benjamin Franklin in all his incarnations – author, inventor, and master of Game – the world’s most powerful nation could easily have died in its infancy.

Moving Forward As Men

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One aspect of the men's issues community that seems to be fairly common is that men seem often to go through a progression of sorts as they enter our communities and progress through them. A progression that extends from the time they first become aware of these issues and which changes as they move, sometimes haltingly, towards various personal and other solutions regarding the individual lives both of themselves and of the other men who are a part of these communities.

A common progression I have noticed is that the men who first find their way into our communities often have a great deal of anger towards the system, their own situation, perhaps women, and so on. Often this anger is justified. The men in question may be living through the charade of anti-male abuse that passes for "family law" in most of the Anglosphere. Or they may be long-term "involuntary celibates" who feel that the current social set-up leaves them with the short-end of the stick, Game or no Game. In many cases, this anger and resentment is quite visceral, real, and honest. It makes no sense to shove these kinds of raw reactions to the situation we find ourselves in under the rug. That can only lead to dysfunction for us as individuals, and the loss of good men who could otherwise grow and develop in our communities. No, the visceral anger is actually a good thing in that it brings the issues to the surface, forces us to confront the human dimensions of the on-going social catastrophe in the West, and, most importantly, motivates men to come to our communities and learn — which is precisely what we need.

However, regardless of how useful the energy associated with such anger may be for getting men to wake up and become aware of the kind of issues we face, at some stage that underlying energy needs to find both a new basis and a new channel so that men can move from being somewhat angry at the system as a whole towards making changes in their own lives, and those of others, to benefit them in light of the current environment.

What this means, in brass tacks, is simple enough, I think. Our task as men who are engaged in a community that cares about issues pertaining to men is both to provide a refuge for the hot anger of the newcomers as well as the encouragement and direction, at the proper time, to channel that energy into something that is ultimately more productive for their lives and, in the longer term, for our growing men's awareness communities.

The ultimate form this takes will probably be different for individual men. In that sense, I see our role as a community to provide learning, guidance and options for men who are looking for these tools in their lives, for men who need options, who crave them. These options may involve personal life changes that are difficult, challenging and potentially unfamiliar. The work of true personal change is never easy, but is nevertheless often more rewarding than expected. And ultimately it's up to the men in our communities to decide for themselves how they wish to change their lives — if at all — to adapt to the current environment we face as men.

As a part of this, I think it's important to remember that one of life's hardest lessons is coming to accept that there are things in life one can change, and things one cannot change. The path of making changes to ones personal life and surroundings can be daunting; often the work is difficult mentally, and the path can seem questionable when compared with the comforts of the status quo. But choosing, if we wish, to make such personal changes is a recognition that we have power over certain things in our lives, but not others. We can, if we wish, exercise quite a bit of power over the aspects of our lives which are subject to our control, to some degree, if we choose to do so. But we also must realize that there are some things that we simply cannot change, because they lie outside our ability to change them.

To take a familiar example, there is often talk in our communities about how the breakdown in morality and sexual mores and so on has been so damaging. etc. — but the reality is that this particular genie is out of the bottle *and is pole dancing for tips*. She isn't going back into the bottle any time soon, and there isn't much any of us can do about that. The same holds true for women. Women are galloping roughshod over the entire culture right now, that is true. But there isn't much individual men can do about that. No, we need to realize that there are things we have no power to change. Let the women go and do what they wish — we can't stop them. But we can, and we must,

exercise power over those aspects of our own lives which we can control, and channel that energy we have as men, that natural masculine drive, towards molding lives for ourselves that make sense in the current environment, and take full advantage of the choices and options open to us as men at this particular moment in history.

As men, we *can* do this. But to do so we need to keep moving forward, past our anger and, in some cases, our grief, and onward towards more productive uses for our energy and focus.

Mr. Bardamu's Bookshelf: The Wandering Eyes of Unsatisfied Women

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As part of my ongoing mission to combat the lies about men and women that modern society attempts to beat in our skulls on a daily basis, I present "Mr. Bardamu's Bookshelf," an occasional series dedicated to analyzing works of literature that every right-thinking man ought to have in his personal library.

Why call it "Mr. Bardamu's Bookshelf," you ask? "Ferdinand" has one too many syllables.

If the amount of outrage and vitriol directed at something is correlated with its truthfulness, *Madame Bovary* was one of the most unpleasantly honest novels of the nineteenth century. When Gustave Flaubert's seminal work was first published in 1856, public prosecutors charged him with "outrage to public morality and religion," which lead to one of the most famous obscenity trials in literary history. Flaubert was acquitted of all charges the following year, and *Madame Bovary* went on to secure its place in the canon of Western literature. What about this little novel so upset the sensibilities of the French morality police? Quite simply, *Madame Bovary* laid bare the true nature of woman to an audience that had become dulled with Victorian sentimentalism. In particular, Flaubert exposed the nature of female infidelity and the role men play in fostering it.

Madame Bovary opens by describing the formative years of Charles Bovary, a quiet nerd of a man who spends his school years getting mocked by his classmates. After completing his education and opening a medical practice, his mother marries him off to an rich widow, who treats him like the glorified kitchen bitch that he is:

> Charles had seen in marriage the advent of an easier life, thinking he would be more free to do as he liked with himself and his money. But his wife was master; he had to say this and not say that in company, to fast every Friday, dress as she liked, harass at her bidding those patients who did not pay. She opened his letter, watched his comings and goings, and listened at the partition-wall when women came to consult him in his surgery.
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> She must have her chocolate every morning, attentions without end. She constantly complained of her nerves, her chest, her liver. The noise of footsteps made her ill; when people left her, solitude became odious to her; if they came back, it was doubtless to see her die. When Charles returned in the evening, she stretched forth two long thin arms from beneath the sheets, put them round his neck, and having made him sit down on the edge of the bed, began to talk to him of her troubles: he was neglecting her, he loved another. She had been warned she would be unhappy; and she ended by asking him for a dose of medicine and a little more love.

Nobody respects doormats, least of all women.

After going on a house call to a farm, Charles becomes smitten with Emma Rouault, his client's young daughter. Of course, in typical nice guy fashion, Charles spends his days hovering around her in a purely platonic fashion instead of just stating his intentions upfront. When his wife kicks the bucket, Charles courts and marries Emma. Unfortunately, not long after their marriage begins, Emma becomes bored with Charles, and begins dreaming of romance and adventure. Flaubert pulls no punches, blaming the inattentive husband as well as the disloyal wife. Charles is portrayed as a schmuck who is both incompetent at his job (he is not skilled enough to become a doctor, instead being an "health officer") and hopelessly supplicating. He believes Emma to be perfect in every way, regarding her "conduct" as "irreproachable," going so far as to give her complete control over their finances.

As the novel develops, Emma becomes obsessed with Léon Dupuis, a young law student with whom she develops a friendship. As Charles remains oblivious to her feelings, Emma becomes increasingly disgusted with him:

> What exasperated her was that Charles did not seem to notice her anguish. His conviction that he was making her happy seemed to her an imbecile insult, and his sureness on this point ingratitude. For whose sake, then was she virtuous? Was it not for him, the obstacle to all felicity, the cause of all misery, and, as it were, the sharp clasp of that complex strap that bucked her in on all sides.
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> On him alone, then, she concentrated all the various hatreds that resulted from her boredom, and every effort to diminish only augmented it; for this useless trouble was added to the other reasons for despair, and contributed still more to the separation between them. Her own gentleness to herself made her rebel against him. Domestic mediocrity drove her to lewd fancies, marriage tenderness to adulterous desires. She would have liked Charles to beat her, that she might have a better right to hate him, to revenge herself upon him. She was surprised sometimes at the atrocious conjectures that came into her thoughts, and she had to go on smiling, to hear repeated to her at all hours that she was happy, to pretend to be happy, to let it be believed.

As far as Emma was concerned, Charles was guilty of EWB: Existing While Beta.

Later, after Léon departs for Paris, Emma meets the dashing alpha male Rodolphe Boulanger, who is able to see in a few minutes of conversation what Charles cannot:

> "I think he is very stupid. She is tired of him, no doubt. He has dirty nails, and hasn't shaved for three days. While he is trotting after his patients, she sits there botching socks. And she gets bored! She would like to live in town and dance polkas every evening. Poor little woman! She is gaping after love like a carp after water on a kitchen-table. With three words of gallantry she'd adore one, I'm sure of it. She'd be tender, charming. Yes; but how to get rid of her afterwards?"

The men who know women best are the ones who have bedded countless numbers of them.

And with that, Rodolphe sets out to seduce Emma, a task made easy by Charles' romantic ineptitude. After taking a fairytale-esque horse ride through the woods, Emma gives herself completely to him, as her gina tingles override her conscious brain:

> But when she saw herself in the glass she wondered at her face. Never had her eyes been so large, so black, of so profound a depth. Something subtle about her being transfigured her. She repeated, "I have a lover! a lover!" delighting at the idea as if a second puberty had come to her. So at last she was to know those joys of love, that fever of happiness of which she had despaired! She was entering upon marvels where all would be passion, ecstasy, delirium. An azure infinity encompassed her, the heights of sentiment sparkled under her thought, and ordinary existence appeared only afar off, down below in the shade, through the interspaces of these heights.
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> Then she recalled the heroines of the books that she had read, and the lyric legion of these adulterous women began to sing in her memory with the voice of sisters that charmed her. She became herself, as it were, an actual part of these imaginings, and realised the love-dream of her youth as she saw herself in this type of

> amorous women whom she had so envied. Besides, Emma felt a satisfaction of revenge. Had she not suffered enough? But now she triumphed, and the love so long pent up burst forth in full joyous bubblings. She tasted it without remorse, without anxiety, without trouble.

Now where have we heard THIS before? Oh, right:

> Women involved in extramarital affairs speak of "feelings unlike anything they'd experienced before. They felt 'alive' again." This euphoria was, however, combined with pain and guilt. Often before a tryst, they would vow that 'this would be the last time,' but were unable to keep their resolutions. The author interprets this as addictive behavior related to the brain chemistry of erotic attachment. She conjectures that the "high" produced by adultery is more intense than that of lawful courtship because of its association with shame, guilt and secrecy: a plausible hypothesis, and possible topic for future research.

She spends the next few years in a affair with Rodolphe, lavishing him with expensive gifts that she racks up enormous debts in order to pay for, and even makes plans to abandon Charles and elope with him. Tired of her clinginess and worried that she will expose their secret, Rodolphe writes her a letter breaking off the relationship and vanishes. His rejection of Emma shatters her mentally and emotionally:

> She leant against the embrasure of the window, and reread the letter with angry sneers. But the more she fixed her attention upon it, the more confused were her ideas. She saw him again, heard him, encircled him with her arms, and throbs of her heart, that beat against her breast like blows of a sledge-hammer, grew faster and faster, with uneven intervals. She looked about her with the wish that the earth might crumble into pieces. Why not end it all? What restrained her? She was free. She advanced, looking at the paving-stones, saying to herself, "Come! come!"
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> The luminous ray that came straight up from below drew the weight of her body towards the abyss. It seemed to her that the ground of the oscillating square went up the walls and that the floor dipped on end like a tossing boat. She was right at the edge, almost hanging, surrounded by vast space. The blue of the heavens suffused her, the air was whirling in her hollow head; she had but to yield, to let herself be taken; and the humming of the lathe never ceased, like an angry voice calling her.

> She tried to eat. The food choked her. Then she unfolded her napkin as if to examine the darns, and she really thought of applying herself to this work, counting the threads in the linen. Suddenly the remembrance of the letter returned to her. How had she lost it? Where could she find it? But she felt such weariness of spirit that she could not even invent a pretext for leaving the table.

Again, this sounds awfully familiar:

> Sometimes the paramour breaks off relations with the adulterous wife, for any number of reasons. In these cases, the women "experienced extreme grief, became deeply depressed and expressed tremendous anger toward their husbands" (my emphasis). In fact, according to Langley's hypothesis, they were experiencing another form of withdrawal—they were stimulant addicts forced to go "cold turkey." These women "placed the utmost importance on finding a relationship that gave them the feeling they experienced in their affairs.

No woman ever really gets over being dumped by an alpha.

After falling ill and recovering, Emma re-encounters Léon Dupuis, and she embarks on another extramarital affair. Like she did with Rodolphe, Emma begins buying expensive gifts for Léon, exhausting Charles' savings and putting them in massive debt. Once Emma's tab is called, she is unable to get the money to pay her bills from either Léon (who has gotten sick of her clinginess) or Rodolphe. In one last dramatic act, she commits suicide by swallowing

arsenic.

Throughout the entire novel, Charles remains blissfully unaware of his wife's indiscretions, and after her death, becomes so crestfallen that he abandons his practice and becomes a recluse. When he finally comes across evidence of Emma's adultery, his response is stereotypically beta:

> One day when, wandering aimlessly about the house, he had gone up to the attic, he felt a pellet of fine paper under his slipper. He opened it and read: "Courage, Emma, courage. I would not bring misery into your life." It was Rodolphe's letter, fallen to the ground between the boxes, where it had remained, and that the wind from the dormer window had just blown towards the door. And Charles stood, motionless and staring, in the very same place where, long ago, Emma, in despair, and paler even than he, had thought of dying. At last he discovered a small R at the bottom of the second page. What did this mean? He remembered Rodolphe's attentions, his sudden, disappearance, his constrained air when they had met two or three times since. But the respectful tone of the letter deceived him.
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> "Perhaps they loved one another platonically," he said to himself.
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> Besides, Charles was not of those who go to the bottom of things; he shrank from the proofs, and his vague jealousy was lost in the immensity of his woe.
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> Everyone, he thought, must have adored her; all men assuredly must have coveted her. She seemed but the more beautiful to him for this; he was seized with a lasting, furious desire for her, that inflamed his despair, and that was boundless, because it was now unrealisable.

This continues when Charles meets Rodolphe for the final time:

> One day when he had gone to the market at Argueil to sell his horse—his last resource—he met Rodolphe.
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> They both turned pale when they caught sight of one another. Rodolphe, who had only sent his card, first stammered some apologies, then grew bolder, and even pushed his assurance (it was in the month of August and very hot) to the length of inviting him to have a bottle of beer at the public-house.
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> Leaning on the table opposite him, he chewed his cigar as he talked, and Charles was lost in reverie at this face that she had loved. He seemed to see again something of her in it. It was a marvel to him. He would have liked to have been this man.
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> The other went on talking agriculture, cattle, pasturage, filling out with banal phrases all the gaps where an allusion might slip in. Charles was not listening to him; Rodolphe noticed it, and he followed the succession of memories that crossed his face. This gradually grew redder; the nostrils throbbed fast, the lips quivered. There was at last a moment when Charles, full of a sombre fury, fixed his eyes on Rodolphe, who, in something of fear, stopped talking. But soon the same look of weary lassitude came back to his face.
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> "I don't blame you," he said.
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> Rodolphe was dumb. And Charles, his head in his hands, went on in a broken voice, and with the resigned accent of infinite sorrow—
>
> "No, I don't blame you now."
>
> He even added a fine phrase, the only one he ever made—
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> "It is the fault of fatality!"
>
> Rodolphe, who had managed the fatality, thought the remark very offhand from a man in his position, comic even, and a little mean.

Is it any wonder the moral orels thought this novel was obscene? How can you sympathize with a man who upon encountering the rake who screwed his wife, FORGIVES him? If Charles Bovary was a real person, he'd be

the Beta of the Decade.

Virtually every bit of knowledge imparted by game is backed up in *Madame Bovary*, a novel that is a century-and-a-half old. A woman despises it when the man in her life is a squishy, spineless lump, and will actively seek solace in the arms of manlier men. She'll do things for those manlier men that she would never do for her schmendrick hubby, including showering them with gifts and dirty sex acts. She can only love one man at a time, meaning hubby will get replaced in her heart by whatever sweet-talking sexy dude has made her loins quiver. And hubby, because he failed to keep her in line and in love, is partially to blame for his wife's whoring. All of these things were known, if not openly acknowledged, by our forebears, but we are just beginning to rediscover them.

For further reading, here's the complete English translation of *Madame Bovary* that I used to write this post. For those of you who speak-a the language of love, the original French text is here.

Upping MRA "Game": Honing Our Rhetoric of Ridicule.

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Feminism is cultural-level Game being run by women, collectively, against men, collectively. Men and boys swim in a sea of negs, and the purpose is exactly the same as using negs in game – to keep the other side off balance.

While some serious practitioners of Game may be fine with the relative advantage that knowing Game gives them over a lot of other men, others cannot help but be aware that the playing field is tilted signficantly to the advantage of females and that leveling the playing field in general would probably help their overall percentages. As the trailblazers of Game have studied individual female behaviors and learned how to use those behaviors to their advantage, I think that men can certainly study collective female Game, or feminism, and use that understanding to improve conditions for men at the cultural level.

Nilk just made an interesting comment – "I don't have the answers, but I suspect a part of it comes from beating the enemy at their own game."

Let that one sink in for a minute.

In order to do that, first we must define the enemy, then identify their game, and finally analyze it so we can devise tactics to defeat it.

So, let's start with who is the enemy. Are women "the enemy"? Yeah, yeah, I can hear the chorus of objections coming from all directions. Stow it. I'll come back to this.

Is the NWO the enemy? They make a convenient scapegoat – like hobgoblins, evil spirits, and "patriarchy." Sorry, but there have been more "new world orders" or "new orders for the ages" throughout history than wannabe prophets and messiahs, and there have been plenty of those.

Maybe Alphas, or SoCons, or maybe even "card-carrying-Kommunnnists!" And then again, maybe not.

Or maybe all of them are for one simple reason: their interests are not our interests, and they are going to pursue their interests and show no concern at all about ours – leaving that job to us. And if we don't do the job of looking out after our own interests, then we are the ones who dropped the ball, not them.

So, let's start with the enemy that looks back at us from the mirror and tackle that one first. What keeps us from actively advocating for our own interests? I'm looking for reasons, not excuses. ("Excuses are LIES, plebe!") Identifying obstacles is the first step in the process of problem-solving, which we men are supposed to be so good at. Sorry, dudes, based on the performance of the past 45 years I would have to say we really suck at it. Let's start by seeing if we can get out of our own way and start to do something effective.

Which brings me back to women and the game they have been running on men and boys.

While they may not be "the enemy", they are certainly not our allies, either. Feminism has convinced a great many women that their interests and men's interests are in conflict, mutually exclusive, and a zero sum game. That makes many of them our opponents, our competitors, and a group of people who generally view any gain for men as a loss for women. Many of them also view any loss for men as a group to be long overdue because every man throughout history has led a life of unbroken "power and privilege" don'cha'know.

So, one answer to this has been to run game on men and boys collectively with an unbroken and constant stream of negs – sometimes hidden behind "cuteness" and sometimes just flat-out man-bashing. The tiresome litany of complaints has become so cliched that most of us could write the entire kvetch based on the first line or two. Recently Novaseeker did a post about a post on another blog titled "94 reasons the guy I'm dating isn't right for me." A better title would have been "94 cliches negging men, repeated for the 10 millionth time."

Whether they are "enemies" or not, you can pretty much count on most women playing for "Team Woman." They

are going to high-five each other over cutting those “over-inflated male egos down to size”, and nod their heads in enthusiastic agreement as the “you go grrls” give men their what-for.

And, betas just sit there with stupid Prozac grins on their faces and take it. Why?

There are a lot of reasons, but I want to focus on just a couple of them.

First, men have a very difficult time internalizing the fact that they are dealing with an opponent dedicated to stonewalling them and preventing from making any progress. For some odd reason, a lot of men unreasonably and irrationally cling to the “reasonable and rational” approach despite the fact that it has never worked.

Second, men generally lag behind women in the psychological warfare being waged. They do not realize that they have walked into a gunfight with a plastic spork, and when their patient explanations do not win over their opponents, they often get angry, flustered and inarticulate.

I think the next stage of evolution of cultural-level game will be for men to upgrade their skills in the rhetoric of ridicule. As things often play out now, one or two representatives from “Team Woman” can usually easily keep the issues confused and keep stinging men like hovering wasps with their crafted words which are skillful personal attacks designed to stonewall and derail discussion.

Our friend Anakin has done a very valuable piece of work with his “Catalog of anti-male shaming tactics” by identifying the most common games run on men to try to shut them up. I think it needs to be taken farther, however. While he identifies the mechanism – the emotional response of shame – it needs to be taken to the next step and how those tactics fit into an overall strategy needs to be subjected to the same sort of analysis.

This is why I have suggested no longer calling them “shaming tactics” and instead calling them “Personal Attacks and Mind Games Used to Silence Men.” The strategy is to shift the discussion from the subject at hand to being about the person, and with a personal attack put that person on the defensive.

So, this leads us back to the idea of beating our opponents at their own game.

The naive and simple Charlie Browns, thinking that they are not dealing with people who are actual opponents but simply people who don’t understand yet because it hasn’t been properly explained to them, will plunge doggedly ahead making points their opponents do not want to hear and will do everything in their power to prevent from being heard. The wasps will swoop in and start stinging – “loser, you hate women, you live in your mother’s basement, you must have a small penis” until they land one that hits a sore spot and triggers Chuck’s anger.

At this point he will lose his train of thought, and pop off with some terribly imaginative comeback like “bitch” or “whore” or “slut.” Contrary to all the nonsense about “slut shaming”, these terms don’t bother the attack wasps of Team Woman in the slightest. In fact, they are clear signals the wasps have hit their target, accomplished their objective, and reduced poor Chuck to barely articulate profanity.

So, it’s time for MRAs to up our game, and improve our own negging ability – to start honing our rhetoric of ridicule so we can sting our opponents as deeply as they are trying to sting us. This is where the masters of Game have a real advantage. They know how to go for the throat, how to undermine, and how to do it with a light touch so that objections can be dismissed as being thin-skinned, or having no sense of humor, or taking themselves too seriously.

Now, of course, this being Game, there will be the cultural level version of cockblockers. Most of these will be SoCons, or knee-jerk chivalrists, or manginas – “HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT ABOUT WOMANHOOD!!! Up with this, I WILL NOT PUT!!!”

That is probably where we need to start developing wingman skills. Instead of leaving our intrepid Man Who Is Concerned About The Status And Future Of Men (MWICATSAFOM? Nah, fuggit, “MRA” is much simpler) hanging out there on his own, we need to give him an assist.

Unfortunately, this will probably require going for the throat. It will require analyzing the areas where women really

are insecure and beating on them the same way operatives from Team Woman will attack a man's potential areas of insecurity in order to shut him down.

It's nice to see that Paul Elam has resurrected Voice For Men after a hiatus of several years. On his front page, he poses the interesting question which a lot of long-time MRAs have pondered -
"Suppose they had a gender war…
and men showed up."

Are men ready to start taking the sticks of dynamite that Team Woman has been throwing at us for more than 45 years, lighting them, and throwing them back? Are we/they ready to take off the kid gloves, abandon their romanticized Victorian notions about women, and realize that many of them have no concern at all for us (best case) and some actually harbor intense and active malice toward us (worst case)?

Is Team Men ready to take the field? Is it time for "Game on"?

Data and Denunciations

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I certainly hoped The Spearhead would make some waves, but I didn't expect them to come crashing to shore so soon. I guess that's what's uncanny about tsunamis — the seismic disruption catches people by surprise.

The day before yesterday we smashed our daily traffic record, and then yesterday we doubled that. Pro Male/Anti-Feminist Tech wrote a piece on sci-fi that I thought, at the time, was fairly mild and not all that shocking. Well, it turns out that he really hit a nerve, and we've received a deluge of attention. Seems he touched on a very sore spot in the sci-fi community, and the trolls have emerged from their burrows like a pestilent horde.

All in all it's been a fun (if somewhat exhausting) ride, and along the way we've been provided with a window into the dark soul of reactionary feminism. One female blogger writes about "rage blackouts that threatened to destroy my ability to retain what my eyes were seeing" (got Midol?). However, the positives definitely outweigh the negatives here, because some very rich and hilarious material has emerged from the internet buzz surrounding our humble author.

To start with, I never in my wildest dreams imagined that The Spearhead would be denounced by Commander Data, but superlative actor Brent Spiner has written on his twitter page that we should be called "asshats" (roughly 11AM PST yesterday). In addition to the android, we have been excoriated by countless feminist sci-fi fans on Livejournal, Twitter and a constellation of sci-fi fanblogs.

PMAFT's post is approaching 400 comments now, which puts it in the viral territory. I've got to hand it to the guy — he really hit this one out of the park. In fact, we even got written up in my local feminist gutter-mag *The Stranger*, which features Dan Savage, among other luminaries. Paul Constant, The Stranger blogger who wrote about our site is such a stellar example of a mangina that his denunciation should be a point of pride.

If there is anything that bothered me at all, however, it is this cowardly post by sci-fi writer John Scalzi, who takes his obviously valuable time to disparage our author's points, yet refuses to even link to the piece, because "abject misogynist stupidity should not be rewarded with links." What a cop-out. Who does Scalzi think he is, a commissar? What a fine example of American manhood we have here, who doesn't even think people should be allowed to make up their own minds. This is the new, Feminist America, folks — smug, herb authors like Scalzi deciding what people should and should not see on the basis of their own bigoted opinions.

For now, we should all be happy to see The Spearhead making waves and starting a dialogue that has long been needed. Pro Male/Anti-Feminist Tech deserves applause for his breakthrough article, and for proving that our voice is going places.

So, dear readers, we will keep it coming, and, as always, we welcome your comments. This magazine is for you, after all.

We Are All Misogynists Now

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Pro-Male/Anti-Feminist Tech's article about the feminization of Science Fiction television brought to The Spearhead a horde of blue pill-taking, politically correct, indoctrinated and brainwashed commenters only too eager to spit out their Pavlovian-conditioned, pre-programmed responses to any conveyed idea that runs counter to the mainstream, Gyno-centric cultural values of our BraveNewWorldOrder.

Most simply logged their emotional upset by using the old tried and true tactic of the feminists to shut down debate with shaming language. Any men that would dare to question the cultural assumptions socially engineered into mainstream consciousness must either be a total failures in the mating game of attracting women…or are raging neanderthal brutes that are MISOGYNISTS…therefore, the equivalent to Ku Klux Klansmen or Nazi sympathizers. And since EVERYONE KNOWS that KKK members or Nazi's are extremists whose ideas are not worthy of serious consideration, thus anyone branded a misogynist can simply be ignored.

That used to be a very effective tactic in situations that relied on groupthink and peer pressure to ensure conformity of thought. But what you are finding out now is that the internet has given people a forum to free themselves from the constraints of social dynamics that used to enforce such thought conformity.

You can call us MISOGYNIST all you want, but it will not shut us up.

What some of you have found out is that to men such as those that write, read and comment here, we are well aware of the standard tactics of such shaming language…and unlike many of the men that you interact with — men who accept the values imparted by mainstream society — such shaming language is ineffective and merely highlights your particular lack of logical reasoning and cognitive capabilities to refute an argument in a reasonable and intelligent manner.

What many of you people fail to understand is that people who read and contribute to this site are coming from an entirely different perspective. We do not share the same presumptions and rationales that you do. You who have registered your knee-jerk reactions and poured out your emotional-based outrage…you are merely the manifestation of bleating sheeple, following the herd of mainstream society, conforming to politically correct thought.

When you say "That's Misogynistic" we are not silenced into embarrassment for being identified as a heretic to the modern sensibilities.

Instead, we look to you and say, if we are Misogynists…SO WHAT?! If we are MISOGYNISTS, it is NOT because we can't get laid or that we have small penises, or that we have issues with mommy, or that we're afraid of strong women or any of the other bullshit. You see, all of these examples of shaming language? They are nothing more than expressions of cognitive dissonance. You who accept political correctness simply cannot logically comprehend the possibility that a sane, normal, sexually attractive man would DARE to question the feminist cultural zeitgeist that is the true undercurrent of today's society.

No, all you empowered women and mangina lackeys that have come here to register your outrage at PMAFT's thought crime…if there's one thing you need to understand is this: If we are what you call "Misogynist," it is only so because we are reacting to a society and culture that has embraced Misandry as an acceptable cultural value.

You who are so quick to label any thought expressed that does not adhere to the politically correct nostrums of modern society simply are unaware of all the issues and experiences that have forged our attitudes and convictions.

In the name of "equality" an entire cultural movement and legal environment has been promoted, pushed and indoctrinated into almost every facet of society…one that degrades masculinity and celebrates femininity. One that highlights all negative manifestations of masculinity and all positive manifestations of femininity, while downplaying, ignoring, and whitewashing all negative manifestations of femininity and positive manifestations of

masculinity.

Does that idea sound crazy or impossible to you? People like Glenn Sacks have literally written thousands of words to point out and highlight the existence of the many of examplesillustrating this very phenomenon!

So let's get some things straight, before any more of you feel like logging on and casting aspersions on anyone else here as being "sad, pathetic, whiny" and sexually frustrated:

We men who are AWARE of our current reality, understand quite perfectly that as of right now, our culture and our society has been shaped by lies, memes and shibboleths…all based on a subversive and destructive lie….

…the lie that:

Women have been and continue to be victims of oppression, and that men have been the beneficiaries of all this evil oppression.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT THIS PREMISE AS VALID.

Women were not "opressed" by society purposefully and willfully simply because men were bigoted misogynists at heart.

Men are currently being oppressed in society, all under the false premise that women are the oppressed class.

If you would take even a moment to stop and think, rather than spew your attitudes that have been shaped by a lifetime of television programming, institutional indoctrination and mainstream, mass media reinforcement, you WILL be able to see many of the phenomena and results of our modern day society and at least begin to start to see just why it is there are a whole lot of men who have become angry, disenfranchised, dispossessed and apathetic.

The reason why we are so vehement, so insistent and forceful in exploring the issues and topics that we do on this site is because most of us recognize and believe that the vast changes in mainstream society's values and widely accepted beliefs are not only false remedies, but are also the harbinger of the death of the civilization that our forefathers built.

First Ride: The BMW K1300 GT

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I had the opportunity to demo-ride a 2009 BMW K1300GT at the BMW-Duc dealership in Fort Collins for a couple of days, while I was getting some PM done on my '99 RT. I had demoed a K1300S from the same dealership previously (read my review here), this was my chance to get acquainted with other bikes in the BMW stable. What follows are my impressions of this steed:

(1) Size. Not too bad. Tipping the scales at about 620 lbs wet, this is an average sized mount. The saddle height was very reasonable, again a nice change from the sky-high saddle height of the RT which forces this 32″ inseam fellow to barely be able to get the balls of my feet down on both sides. Stock saddlebags and a good sized pillon seat turn this bike into a capable weekend getaway machine. Guys doing long cross-countries, particularly with l'esposa, may want to look to the larger RT for more space, a larger chassis, and more bells and whistles like an intercom system.

(2) Body position. Still cranked over compared to the larger tourers, the GT featured adjustable handlebars that would allow one to hunch over, practically fetal, to sitting up ramrod-straight, just by breaking out an allen wrench. Feet are still directly underneath the rider in class BMW style, so road pegs for the long trips are de rigeur.

(3) Controls. Reasonably wide handlebars give a good feel and permit firm confident control through turns. Instrument suite was pretty much the same as that found on the S, where one can toggle through outside air temp, fuel remaining, fuel economy, range, and oil temp. The GT comes standard with cruise control–a must for distance riders–but I found the switchology for the cruise counter-intuitive and the switches themselves felt fragile. Same with the Japanese style turn signals. Ick. Also a design in common with the S, I hope they go away in future incarnations. Moreover, the turn signal switch was chintzy feeling, something I would dislike greatly if I'm shelling out $22,000+ (ouch) for a bike. Bike comes stock with ESA II, which permits on-the-fly adjustment of the suspension. Other pluses include adjustable windscreen, seat heat, and heated grips. Yahoo.

(4) Performance. Same displacement engine as the S, but less HP due to a different intake box and exhaust system that robs it of a little power. The bike also weighs in at 75 more pounds than the S, so while I found the power margin to be healthy, I found the power deficit relative to the S to be significant. Result: going full-open on the throttle on the interstate was fun, but not as deliciously fun-factored as on the S.

The GT was extremely stable going through turns, very much a confident and tolerant and forgiving cornerer. The narrow front tire gave me some unnerving wobble on the lightly grooved concrete going into Wyoming, which I didn't appreciate. Fuel economy was great; the GT sipped gas at the rate of approx 44 MPG while doing the speed limit and taking 20 knots in the face, giving the chassis an "apparent" speed of close to 100 mph. No real buffeting was felt at this speed, and the fairing and the adjustable windscreen conspired to keep it fairly quiet.

(5) Shifting. Thumbs down. Same as the S. Gears too short. I started out in second from intersections, shift up to third and wish I had gone straight to fourth. Six speed tranny, so that was nice.

(6) Brakes. This girl slows down like you wouldn't believe. Grab a fistful of brake lever and stomp on the rear brake pedal, you'll damn near jerk to a stop with nary a chatter from the ABS. Good stuff there.

Overall: I assess this bike as a sport-bike "plus", kinda like the FJR, its closest competitor and a bike that has its own dedicated and enthusiastic following. It deftly splits the middle between its eat-your-lunch 1300S stablemate and a larger, more bells-and-whistles RT or luxo-cruiser 'Wingnut wannabe LT. It comes stock with some extra baggage for distance riding, but not really built for long-distance touring. So while the GT is technically a "sport tourer", it's more "sport" than "tour", so plan accordingly.

It Starts in Preschool Now

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I visited my son's preschool during school hours the other day because there was a little autumn-themed party for the kids. The kids were bringing in squash, pumpkins, corn and other symbols of fall. My son chose apple cider — one of his favorite treats. When I went into the room he was playing happily with some blocks with magnets on them, and he told me to sit down with him so we could build robots together. As I made my way through the small room, I overheard another boy talking about cannons, and I smiled, because my son likes to talk about projectile weapons as well. "Boys will be boys," I thought.

As I was reflecting on my own early childhood, which was filled with fantasies of large animals and space ships such as those in *Star Blazers*, which featured a huge and very cool cannon mounted on a battleship, I noticed the teacher telling the boy not to talk about cannons in school. I was a little surprised and put off by this. The child wasn't using obscene language or saying anything offensive — he was just talking about what was on his mind, and it just so happened to be big guns.

At this age, children's brains are growing rapidly and it is crucial that they be allowed to learn to express the thoughts that are in their minds without being told to shut up. The female teacher told the boy not to talk about what was on his mind, and although the school presents a facade of "progressive" values, it certainly doesn't seem very progressive to try to stifle children's thoughts when their creativity is blooming. However, if you look hard at what "progressive" actually means, it is all about suppressing "inappropriate" thoughts. In fact, it is just another gussied up term for PC ideology.

Those inappropriate thoughts, it turns out, tend to be the kinds of thoughts that boys have. Guns, action, war machines, huge vehicles and such are all very or somewhat offensive in the progressive culture.

So I think it should be pretty clear why boys are having a harder time in schools these days. Their very nature is contrary to the values according to which children are being molded in your typical school. Their mental development is being stunted by an ideology that is hostile to the spontaneous expressions of their growing brains.

Having been made aware of what's going on in the school, I think I'm going to have a talk with the teacher about this. There's a big difference between fantasizing about guns and actually using them, and there's no connection between boys who run around playing some version of cowboys and Indians (probably robots and clones these days) and mass murderers. In fact, there isn't even a connection between this activity and playground aggression. It's called *play*, and it is healthy and important.

I believe people have a fundamental misunderstanding of boys in our culture that leads to a great deal of mistreatment. Long ago, boys were expected to be stoic about derision and casual violence, and kept in line with threats of vicious punishment. Bullying wasn't punished, and softness was often ridiculed. Read George Orwell's account of his time in a private boys' school in early 19th century England — it was a horrible place full of humiliation, privation and brutality.

Today, we use different methods. We now have the tyranny of the matriarchy to constantly monitor and correct boys, lest they behave like boys. We have gone from Victorian Social Conservatism to modern progressivism, and yet neither offers the child the best path to adulthood. I think it's time we started looking outward at other cultures so that we can take some time to reflect on what it is that sets us apart in this regard. Perhaps we will find some tools to help us build a new model of fatherhood.

For now, the approach I intend to take is to let my son be as much of a boy as he'd like to be, but also to be sure never to forget that, ultimately, he is a child who needs the same affection, attention and guidance as any other child, no matter what gender.

Love and Race in Modern America

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Cless Alvein's blog, Alvanista, is here.

I approach the podium. My hands tremble slightly. Even though the atmosphere is one of support, I'm not used to speaking in front of crowds.

"My name is Cless Alvein," I begin. (Actually, that's my pseudonym, but let's go with it this way for now.)

"Hi Cless!" the crowd calls back in unison. The first step to self-understanding and growth is the ability to articulate one's predicament.

"My name is Cless Alvein, and I'm looking for love. I'm looking for a beautiful, intelligent, sweet woman to caress and cherish. I guess you could say that I'm a love-a-holic."

The crowd applauds. Or maybe not, since what I've articulated is not an unusual sentiment. To be "love-a-holic" is an essential aspect of the human condition, not a pathology. I am seeking love and intimacy intensely at this stage of life (age 26). Don't get me wrong: I'm attractive enough that I have no problem meeting women, and I'm sufficiently functional on my own. I have a good job, great friends, and a lot of hobbies. I don't *need* a woman, and if it were God's will for me to be single and dedicate myself solely to other aspects of life, I'd stoically accept that. However, I really *want* one. I'd like to be married before my 32nd birthday. Of course, I'd rather have no relationship at all than anything but a passionate, loving one– this explains my extreme selectivity and long single spells– but it's this faith in love that keeps me searching.

We're afraid of *love*, as humans, and we shouldn't be. Love, and not only of the romantic kind but of all varieties, is what we live and die for. It's why God created us. Four billion years of evolution through progressively sophisticated mechanisms have brought us to this human form, and while we lack the comprehension and brilliance of our Creator, we're fully capable of love– and that's a great start. We invent flying machines because we love the idea of flight, write novels and design computers because we love language and symbols, and we perpetuate the species by loving each other and forming families.

With love as a motivator, one can see why I'm averse to combat dating and the casual-sex market: there's no love in it. There isn't even luke-warm "like" in it. It's more like a real-life flame war than a process of growth and discovery, combining the nonchalant mean-spiritedness of 4chan and the confining status obsessions of Autoadmit. When two people are trying to assert and to assess each other's status, there's no chance for genuine friendship, compassion, and love to flourish. Pouring battery acid in a garden, proving one's "status" to the earth, doesn't bring flowers to blossom. It kills them.

Escaping combat dating is hard, and most American men have become fed up with it and the "mainstream" dating scene run by middle-class, mostly white, American women. Many of us will look elsewhere to find love, dating internationally and interracially. Our most fervent opponents in this are, perhaps not surprisingly, the entitled and selfish *Sex and the City* girls we're moving away from. Why? Because despite living in a "post-feminist" world, they still need us more than we need them. Why? Because the marital hypergamy of the typical, entitled American yuppie woman, even still, tends to follow specific racial and class patterns, which romantic men and women readily ignore. Carrie Bradshaw's "Mr. Big" had to be a blue-blooded white man. By contrast, a person who is seeking *love* above all, like myself, can marry a woman of any nationality and racial background.

This terrifies the casual-sexing divorce monkeys and suburban-bred office cows that mainstream American women have become, and it's the reason they pipe out such outlandish stereotypes about white men who are open to interracial dating and marriage. They claim, for example, that we "can't get white women". Wrong. We can, and some of us will marry the few decent white girls who are still single. We just don't find racial similarity important in choosing a mating partner– at all. These women do, and losing "their men" frightens them.

Of white men who date Asian women, the scared white girls argue that we seek submissive housewives, or that Asian women just have low standards. Also wrong. Second- and third-generation Asian immigrants are as free, under the law, as any other American women, and they strongly prefer egalitarian relationships. Moreover, Asian womens' standards aren't "lower", but just different. They care more about culture, intelligence, and refinement than they do about the American concept of social status, and that's a good thing. I mean, isn't it a little bit pathetic when a 30-year-old woman is still chasing the types of men who were popular in high school?

Of white men who date black women, they make an even more offensive assertion: that we're attracted to them because they're supposedly "easy". Doubleplusunright– or in old speak, wrong again. In fact, the truth is quite the opposite, because the specific type of black women that we seek (and, yes, for serious relationships and marriage) is far from promiscuous.

One of the best-kept secrets in the modern dating scene is the beauty– physical, intellectual, romantic and spiritual– of the educated, middle-class black woman. Among them are some of the most cultured, strong and loyal women I've ever met. They're fully American– in fact, I'd argue that, without the contributions of black Americans, the U.S. would be a cultural backwater– but with strong values and spirituality, a combination that makes them one of the most desirable ethnitcities for an American man to date. Also, they're not at all *easy*. Immensely strong and spiritual women, they tend to have sex only in the context of a loving relationship predicated on mutual respect and loyalty, preserving the ability to pair bond while their mainstream, *Sex and the City*-raised counterparts have lost it.

At the risk of sounding like a racial fetishist, which I'm not, let me give the disclaimer that I'm speaking strictly in aggregate terms. I know there are great white women out there, but a white man unwilling to date outside of his ethnicity is putting himself at a severe disadvantage– there aren't enough good white women "to go around", so to speak. Obviously, it also goes without saying that not every non-white or foreign woman is an angel. There are great and awful women in all ethnicities, of course. Yet as a white American man, it seems very clear that the odds are substantially better for those of us who are enthusiastic about looking elsewhere.

It's also important, in my mind, to clear the air about white American men who "out-marry". The vast majority of us are not racial fetishists at all, and our motivations have nothing to do with the perverse and offensive stereotypes propagated by scared white women. We date and marry these women– Asian, black, European, Latina– because we love them. Why wouldn't we?

Feminist Rantings for your Entertainment

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I thought it might be fun to share a few comments that illustrate the reaction of feminists to this site:

> HAHAHHAHAHAHA OH SWEETIE
>
> I'm not sure whether to think you're a closet case or a virgin who's only ever touched his mommy's boobs.
>
> *pets* I hear they make really good sex-dolls nowadays, maybe look into it?
>
> I'm gonna go watch some Star Trek TOS now, you know the show written by Dorothy Fontana?
>
> Have a fail-tastic day, honey!
>
> -Versy

Notice shaming language and teenage channer rhetoric. I hope this troll stays underground with her Star Trek during daylight hours.

> No I don't think I will try again. I rather like the word micopenis. Micropenis, micropenis, micropenis. Or wait, is it disfigured? Because I'm not sure I feel morally in the right to try to tease someone with a handicap.
>
> -Versy

Same troll, apparently still excited by genital imagery.

> I hope you realize that this article has made sure that you will never get laid again.
>
> Also, Ada Lovelace and Marie Curie are laughing at you.
>
> -Jen

More sexual shaming language (what is this, middle school?). She also thinks she can win the argument by throwing out two names.

> I don't normally read this website so maybe someone here can help me out–is the author of this article normally a reactionary douchebag or is this just a parody of emasculated fanboys?
>
> -Tim

Feminist mangina. Also a trekkie, I'm sure. I never knew there was such a status hierarchy amongst scifi fans.

> First fully realized science fiction novel: Mary Shelly's Frankenstein.
>
> Your premise is as invalid as it is insulting, ignorant, and all-around laughable. Enjoy having to pay for sex for most of your life.
>
> -Annoyed

This is the most typical troll response (as illustrated previously by "Jen"). Throw out one or two facts out of context and then use sexual shaming language.

> Scotcheroos:
>
> Ingredients
> 1 cup sugar

> 1 cup corn syrup, light
> 1 cup peanut butter
> 6 cups crisp rice cereal
> 1/2 cup chocolate chips
> 1 1/2 cups butterscotch chips
> Directions
>
> In a large saucepan, combine sugar and corn syrup.
>
> Heat just until bubbly.
>
> Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter.
>
> Stir until well blended, then gently stir in cereal.
>
> Lightly press mixture into buttered 9 x 13 inch pan.
>
> In double boiler or microwave oven, combine chocolate and butterscotch chips and melt.
>
> Immediately spread over bars in pan.
>
> Refrigerate just until chocolate sets and hardens slightly.
>
> Cut in squares.
>
> -"Your Mom"

Someone's got a lot of time on their hands… I'm not sure that I've ever seen recipe spamming before.

> "It is truly remarkable how much time is wasted on education and how little kids learn as a result."
>
> Obviously! that's why we have little fuckheads like you running around with absolutely NO FUCKING IDEA!!!!
>
> BTW I love your blog!
>
> That's because you're a sycophant homo tuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuurd!
>
> -Brenda

At least she got one big word in there.

And finally:

> This is so, incredibly, pathetic.
>
> -Sarah

But nevertheless, worth the responses of dozens of little femgeeks.

So there you go. This is but a sampling of the trollery we have attracted, and seems to indicate that our primary foes in the gender wars are insecure, female nerds who know they live in a house of cards. When you see these types at work or out on the street, remember these posts, and evaluate them accordingly.

The Menace of Cultural Marxism

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The enlightening discussion in Hawaiian Libertarian's latest fine post references a few works by William Lind. I highly recommend this material to the readers of this blog, because Lind summarizes quite well what we are basically up against in the current culture — a sustained campaign of cultural Marxism.

Cultural Marxism is often criticized by leftists and radicals as being a conspiracy theory, but that's wide of the mark. No-one is suggesting that there is a cabal of left-wing masterminds sitting around a table in some smoky room in Sweden directing this campaign in a conspiratorial way. No, it is instead a loose cooperative movement which operates largely in the open, and which uses methods, and teaches theories, which are clearly Marxist in nature.

In essence what has happened in the West in the past several decades is the result of the realization by the radical left in the early to mid 20th century that the campaign to radicalize the *proletariat* and mobilize them against the *bourgeoisie* was not going to be successful a large scale in the West. This realization led to a new strategy. The economic Marxist dialectic of opposing the proles and the bourgeois was retained in the form of socialist or social-democratic political parties in many Western countries, using legislation as a means to further that agenda, while the radical left looked to other categories to create a new revolutionary dialectic that could impact society in a broader and more fundamentally revolutionary way. The Italian communist theorist Antonio Gramsci was instrumental in steering this line of Marxist theory, from the intelletctual and theoretical perspective. Gramsci's insight was that a certain set of cultural assumptions and structures supported the capitalist system, and needed to be undermined or outright dislodged in order for the revolution to eventually succeed in overturning the established order.

Following Gramsci's insights, the philosophers of the radical left, in particular the "Frankfurt School", began to examine different criteria which could be used to create the kind of cultural disruption Gramsci described. Various theories and leftist intellectual currents developed from this group, but one strong line of thought was that once the left placed into conflict (1) everything that was not straight, white and male *against* (2) everyone who was straight, white and male, a much more powerful and visceral dialectic would be created which could be harnessed to destroy what the Marxists saw as a deep, structural cultural resistance to the revolutionary change that they sought.

This approach proved to be more effective than the "classical Marxist" economic dialectic because it tapped into long-standing, visceral hatreds that certain segments of the population had against straight, white men due to long-standing grievances. As a result, the radicals needed to do less to "radicalize" the *new* "proletariat" (i.e., women, minorities and gays), because the visceral emotional hate was already largely there and could easily be harnessed as a drive for revolutionary change on the cultural level. Essentially, it was necessary to rewrite history from the perspective of viewing almost everyone as having been ruthlessly oppressed by straight, white men for all of history, and reduce our understanding both of all of the past and the present structures in society to a vision which views the entire narrative as one extended campaign of white male rape and domination of everyone and everything else.

Once this revisionist narrative was completed and disseminated, it provided powerful kindling for the movements which characterized the cultural revolution that took place in the West in the 1960s and 70s and its aftermath. The revisionist vision provided a rigid, reductionist narrative which could serve as a lexicon to explain everything in the past and the present, much as economic Marxists had tried to do with "classical" economic Marxism in the early 20th century. The *seductiveness* of a narrative which portrays everyone other than straight, white men as past and present victims is quite obvious — it liberates those in the "preferred" classes from taking responsibility for their own problems, and instead permits them to blame straight, white men for everything that they find wrong in their lives and in the wider world. And this is *precisely* what has been done, and which continues to be done, by disproportionate numbers of people in the "preferred" classes (i.e., women, minorities and gays).

The best part was that it wasn't at all necessary that the Marxism be expressly preached. Although some of the feminists and race liberators did, in fact, deploy Marxist theories openly, most did not do so, while they nevertheless read from the new cultural Marxist reinterpretation of history as being nothing but a story of domination by straight, white men to the detriment of women, minorities and gays. In other words, even those activists who would not admit that they were Marxist, or who would truthfully deny that they believed in Marxist ideas, nevertheless drew from a revisionist history which was, itself, *thoroughly* Marxist in content.

The main success of the Marxist-Feminist movement lies in its success in peddling this revisionist history to the culture as a whole. In many circles, for example, it is now taken for granted that recorded history is nothing more than a catalog of straight, white male crimes *against* everyone else. This is the version of history that dominates in our universities, and the one which is endlessly peddled by the mainstream media as well. It creates an atmosphere which entitles everyone to hate straight, white men, and to support laws and social customs which are designed to wrest "power" (even in an age where men are disproportionately impacted by recession) from straight, white men and redistribute it to everyone else, as a matter of "social justice".

Of course, due to the "structural power" of men in the highest echelons of society, **none of this cultural and legal change could have taken place without their collaboration**. So, why did they collaborate?

The main reason is that the "men-in-power" at the top of any given society have always regarded the larger mass of men with a mixture of contempt and fear. Males, generally speaking, compete in hierarchies, and the ones at the top of the hierarchy generally know that they are under some threat from the males in the rest of the hierarchy. Historically this has been managed by those at the apex through a combination of feudal loyalties and practices designed to cull the lower ranks of men, such as prolonged warfare and the creation of a eunuch class. The cultural Marxism of the late 20th century handed the men-in-power a powerful tool to keep the lower ranked men at bay, more or less permanently, by arranging the entire rest of society *against them*. In this way, the men-in-power reduced the threat to their position from other men. For the most part, this group did not fear that it, itself, would ever be replaced by people who are not mostly straight, white men, precisely because it was creating cultural structures that would prevent this from other *men*. This class certainly did not fear being replaced by *women* at the top of the ladder, probably because the men at this level are on the right tail of the curve in some power-related traits such that being supplanted by women does not seem to be a realistic risk.

That's not to say that there was, or is, a "**conspiracy**" between the radical left and the men-in power. Rather, the men-in-power have collaborated with the ideas of the radical left because it serves their own interests — namely, preserving their own power at the heights of society by hemming in most other men through a tangled web of entitlements, preferences, and outright discrimination designed to displace men by less threatening people who are not white, straight and male. It's this precise alignment between our elites (still mostly white guys) and our radical leftists that permitted the cultural revolution to have the impact that it did, and does, in the culture, and which operates to keep most men down, rather deliberately.

I think it's impossible to understand what has really happened in the West since 1960 without understanding the underlying cultural Marxist basis. This also explains why the system created in the aftermath of the cultural revolution has been so resilient and strong — it has the backing of almost all of our elites, in one form or other. Of course, in the long run, the elites will get knives in their backs from the radical left, if the revolutionary programme ever comes fully to fruition. But for the time being, there is a quite strong alignment of interests between the elites and the radicals, such that the entire society has been recast in ways that actually serve to preserve the power of the current elites by dividing the rest of the population against itself.

The path forward for men needs to recognize this cultural Marxism and its deliberate **demonization** of our sex, often with willing collaboration by *useful idiot males* (I won't call them "men", because, frankly, they do not deserve that term). But it also needs to recognize that *our* path is nevertheless a *revolutionary* path, and one which will take us in new directions, rather than old ones. We are the masters of our own destinies, if we let ourselves be, and we can go in so many stunning directions if we simply have the will to do so. A pre-requisite for that is understanding

this cultural Marxist apparatus that has been set up to **screw** us, and the fact that the social conservatives are collaborating with it. The next step is raising our middle fingers at that apparatus and its social conservative enablers and walking off.

The step beyond that is ***true male liberation***. It will come to us, as individuals, if we take these steps, with *integrity* and *confidence*. And with a healthy and utter disregard for what women think of this. This is *our* game, and our lives.

What is The Spearhead?

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I'd like to address the misconception that *The Spearhead* is an "MRA" (Men's Rights Activist) site. It is not, and I'd like to explain why, and to give a couple hints to activists.

First, let me explain what The Spearhead really is. It is a men's magazine. It is a place men and interested women can visit to read about issues, news, opinion and interests that are relevant to men and the male experience in the West — the Anglosphere in particular. People can come here to inform themselves and to discuss the issues, but not to plan rallies or tactical action.

The Spearhead is cultural in nature — it aims to influence the cultural dialogue by offering the opinions and observations of ordinary men and supportive women. It also strongly encourages the participation of readers in comments and letters to the editor, which will soon become a feature.

However, we are not taking it to the street, because that is an entirely different task. Getting up close and personal is definitely important and effective, and we do not in any way discourage that, but *The Spearhead* WILL maintain journalistic objectivity in these matters. This is important for a couple of reasons:

Firstly, our credibility will be damaged if we are actively trying to "create news."

Secondly, planning activism in public is stupid. It defeats the point, which is to catch people by surprise with a strong showing in front of an unsuspecting media. If you really want to make a splash, show up with dozens of loud people with signs and bullhorns when NOBODY expects it — all the cameras will be pointed straight at you.

MRA has its place, but this is not it.

We invite people to come here to participate in a discussion, and to share our experiences and thoughts, but as far as the action on the street is concerned, we are mere observers.

While We Are On The Subject of Motorcyles: The New Triumph Upright Twins

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The Triumph Bonneville is truly an iconic motorcyle. During the 1950s and 1960s, the Bonnies and their close cousins – the Tigers, BSAs, and Nortons – were royalty of larger bore mass production bikes. This was before Harley Davidson went through its bleak AMF years and was saved from ending up in the dustbin like a plastic swimming pool. Harleys of that era were cranky, cantankerous, beasts which were mechanically unreliable and could not be house trained. (The latter characteristic was by design.)

With its spare design, excellent power-to-weight ratio, and low center of gravity, the Bonneville was a superbly handling motorcyle. It was a perennial favorite of racers, and the stuntman extrordinaire, Evel Knievel, performed many of his most famous leaps on a Bonnie. It was so stable that you could easily take a cloverleaf without dropping below 65 mph and be dragging the footpeg, and still not feel like you were pushing it.

The explosion of popularity of motorcycles in general, and of the brands and models available, in the 1970s gave the Bonneville stiff competiton. By the early 1980s competion from the Japanese motorcycles with their overall better engineering and attractive prices had cut deeply into the Bonneville's market. Triumph closed the Meriden works in 1983. The Bonneville was briefly revived in 1985, manufactured under contract to a custom shop by the businessman, John Bloors, who had bought out Triumph's patents and technology, but never reached the US market. Production ceased completely in 1988. Bloors went on to manufacture and market other motorcyles under the Triumph name during the 1990s, but the Bonneville seemed like it had passed into the realm of legend.

Then, in 2001, came out with a new, re-engineered, Bonneville. While great care was obviously exercised to maintain the original styling, the new Bonnie was a completely new motorcycle. It kept the upright twin cylinder configuration, but upped the displacement to 790cc, with an 865cc optional version. In 2007 the 790 was dropped from the line, and 865 became the standard offering.

Triumph offers 4 variants of the Bonneville descendants – each covering a market segment of ways owners typically customized their Bonnevilles -

1. The Classic Bonneville sportbike
2. A cruiser style in 2 versions – the Bonneville America and the Speedmaster
3. The cafe racer Thruxton, and
4. The off-road capable Scrambler

Pictured above is the Bonneville America – designed, not surprisingly, for American tastes. It has forward controls, a wide variety of roadster accessories, and pipes so quiet it sounds like a sewing machine. The larger engine compensates for the greater weight than the original Bonnie, and off the showroom floor the carburation is on the tame side. With other death-wish bikes in their lineup – like the Speed Triple and the Rocket – Triumph chose to place the Bonneville in the "Solid and Sensible" part of their range.

Nostalgia freaks will get off on the chain drive, and if "ton plus 10″ (110 mph) is too sedate, it is easily built up to close to 1000 cc. Basic styling is fairly retro, with a simple speedometer, no tach, single can configuration. Break-in is relatively long, with the engine not really totally smoothing out until about 3000 miles. But, the payoff for that is that this is the most reliable engine Triumph has ever made. The carbs are heated, so icing is no longer the problem it was with the old Bonnies, and the addition of an oil cooler allows a fairly big bore for an air-cooled bike and saves the weight and maintenance of a water cooling system.

So, enough of the prologue, how does it ride?!?!!

Nice.

The center of gravity is still low, so it is very stable. The 865 engine has more guts, but less snap than my '64 650, but the same could be said of me. It is agile and easy to handle, and for me is the perfect middle ground – small enough to manage city traffic, big enough to not beat you to death on the hiway. With the road windshield, it gets up to 90 mph pretty quickly, but from there up it climbs slowly. There are several front sprockets available so you can change the gear ratio to match your preferred riding style, but the lack of a 6th gear means you will have to trade off high hiway RPMs for low end torque.

The overall engineering is… well, let's just say that it is British. The bike probably won't win many awards for fit and finish, but this is obviously a bike to ride, not one to polish up and let sit in the garage. The power band is not nearly as wide as Jap bikes, redlining at 7500, but the engine has enough torque that beyond 1st gear the power is smooth and linear from about 1800 all the way up to redline. As mine is configured with a windshield instead of a fairing, there is a bit of a wobble above 90, but I hate paying speeding tickets so I don't drive it much above that too often, anyway.

One interesting thing about a Triumph, and particularly a Bonnie, is that it one of only two marques that even the snobbiest Harley riders won't give you any guff about. (The other being BMW.) The nostalgia and legend factor lend an aura to it that make far more people take a good look than they would at a Japanese bike. Just about every time I stop at a light, there is someone beside me giving me the eye and a thumbs up. The styling is true enough to the old look that one guy said to me ""Nice old Triumph." I told him it was actually a new Triumph, and he grinned and said "Glad to see them back."

It's a very nice ride at a very nice price. I like it!!

Women: Your Looks aren't all That Matters

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It's true, other things are very important as well. For one thing, how do you sound when you talk? Are you loud and brash? That is a major turn-off. Do you whine and simper? That gets old pretty quick. How about your laugh? Is it offensively loud? Please, spare us…

And there is so much more. Women think of men as very simple creatures, and therein lies a big part of the problem between genders. We have a sensual attraction to women, and that includes far more than a push-up bra and tight pants. As humans, it is the visual cues that first draw our attention, but that is only the template. When speaking with a woman close and personal, her scent inevitably pervades the air. Not only her breath, which can be sweet and alluring or stink of liquor, but her very essence as well. Feminine hygiene is very important. A man may have a subconscious reaction to a smell that doesn't sit quite right. He may find his eyes willing, yet still a feeling of repulsion wells up in him if she is sour or fetid.

It is a combination of many features that lends allure to the female. This is why some rather ordinary looking women can be very attractive to men. If she has a relaxed stride, there is something about the swing of her hips that defies explanation. If she has a pleasant voice, there is honey in her smile and teasing. If her scent is clean yet feminine, the man is intoxicated without even knowing why.

Finally, if she feels right in his hands, she is what he wants next to him every night. American women take their cues from all the wrong places. They wonder what it is about European ladies that is attractive, and it is only that they know how to be a woman in full.

The biggest problem with American women is that they think the look is enough. It isn't. The bleached hair and the fake tan are signs of mediocrity. They are good enough for the frat boy, but not for the man. The brash attitude and strut are repulsive to the man who has an appreciation for a real woman. Just as American women are unsatisfied by the juvenile antics of many American men, we men who know the score are far from impressed by the clumsy, awkward slut that characterizes too many of the wannabe seductresses out on the town.

There really is something called femininity, and American women are generally very deficient in that realm. Perhaps it is the constant pressure on them to be like men, or maybe it is something in the water. I really don't know, but they are consigning themselves to be the female equivalent of eunuchs when they abandon their God-given gifts in favor of mannish posturing.

Men would break rocks all day to spend a night with a woman who has the entire package, yet American women seem to think that the exterior is all that counts. They are so wrong. It has to come from the inside out, and it has to be an offering of their very essence. A woman who embraces her femininity and rejects the androgynistic culture she is being force-fed by American culture like so much corn at the slaughterhouse feed lot will be an irresistable object of desire.

We men want a woman we can drink in with every sense, and who will provide us with a suitable complement to our own masculinity. We don't want a figurine to place on the counter, but a refreshing pool we can slide into when hot and bothered that will envelop us with pleasure and relief. We want it all, and that's what you should offer.

Firearms and Personal Defense

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Anyone who is seriously considering getting a firearm for personal defense should get a copy of “In the Gravest Extreme” by Massad Ayoob and read it from cover to cover – twice.

There are few issues in the US more controversial today than that of firearms. Partisans on both sides of the issues are passionate, often fanatical, about their viewpoints. Those who are rigidly and categorically opposed to them have real and valid concerns, while those on the 2nd Amendment side contend that answer to those concerns is to stress responsible gun ownership and use, not to ban them.

Guns are certainly dangerous things. They were created to be dangerous and for their danger. Like any powerful and potentially dangerous thing, they must be used with good sense and in a controlled manner or their destructiveness can outweigh their good. But, at the same time, they are far from the only dangerous things in our world.

Unlike several decades ago, few Americans use firearms to put food on the table. Before the advent of the modern farming and meat-packing industries, having a rifle or shotgun and knowing how to use it often made the difference between eating and going hungry.

But, in today’s world, the only two real reasons left for the use of firearms are skill-based sport and self defense. Sports such as trap and skeet shooting, sporting clays, or simple target shooting are accessible to people who may not have the physical attributes to engage in basketball, rock climbing, or other physically demanding activity. Men and women, boys and girls, of all ages can gain great satisfaction from developing the concentration and hand-eye coordination required to send those little projectiles down range and have them meet their target.

But, aside from the potential “fun”aspect of firearms, they have a use that has literally life and death significance. A favorite saying of gun ownership supporters is – “When seconds count, the police are just minutes away.” When one is in “The Gravest Extreme” danger, a firearm can be the only thing which stands between you and death or severe injury for someone you love.

In 2007 a young couple, Channon Christian and Christopher Newsom, were abducted, brutally assaulted, mutilated, and killed. No matter how many police we have, most people will spend most of their time in situations where they are vulnerable to random violence. If either or both of those kids had been carrying firearms it might not have saved their lives, but it would have given them more of a fighting chance.

The decision to get and use a firearm is an act of taking responsibility for oneself and one’s own protection, as well as the protection of those you care about. A firearm is a great equalizer – neutralizing the power differential between slightly built woman and a 200 lb rapist, or between 2 young people and 5 rapists and murderers.

Once the decision is made to take what control over one’s personal safety that one can has been made, there are a wide variety of options. There are many fine firearms available. Choosing one always boils down to a matter of a few practical considerations and personal preferences. Firearm advocates are often passionate about the subject, and if you ask a question of two of them, you are likely to get at least 5 opinions.

Here are a few of mine.

The first decision to be made is what type of gun – handgun or long gun, and if handgun, revolver or autoloader. For personal defense, I go with a handgun, hands down. In personal defense situations, long guns are hard to handle, and often way overpowered for the situation.

For the beginning handgunner, I believe the choice between an revolver and an autoloader is also a slam dunk – a revolver. Autoloaders are fine pieces of equipment, but they require a higher degree of skill and maintenance to use effectively. And, no matter what the auto lovers say, they are inherently less reliable than revolvers. On the top 10

list of characteristics a self-defense firearm must have, reliability is numbers 1-7. If it doesn't work the first time when you really need it, then it is worse than useless – MUCH worse. Introduction of a firearm into a conflict situation totally changes the nature of it and ups the stakes as much as they can be upped. It MUST work. A standing joke among firearm enthusiasts is that Smith & Wesson invented the original "Point and Click Interface."

The next consideration is size. Here is where personal preference and personal characteristics take precedence over any "advice" you can get. Basically, you want to have something large enough to do what you need it to do, but not too large for you to handle effectively. Your choice will also depend on whether you plan to use it for home defense or as a personal defense weapon you have with you at all times – generally termed a "Concealed Carry" type of weapon.

For home defense I don't think it is possible to beat the venerable .38 caliber. It is powerful enough for most circumstances, but not too powerful so that it runs the risk of significant over-penetration and injuring someone behind the bad guy. The best and most versatile combination is a .357 as it is able to shoot both the more powerful .357 "Magnum" and the standard .38 special. There is a huge variety of different loads available for these two calibers, and their popularity assures that almost any store which carries any ammunition at all will have a few choices in .38/.357.

The brand of firearm you choose will depend on a lot of things. Like everything else there are bargain lines/models as well as top-of-the-line and everything in between. Above a certain floor of quality and reliability, any additional money spent will go more toward fit, finish, and name mystique than to the core function for which you are buying the firearm.

While there are literally hundreds of good handguns available, when someone asks me to suggest what a good first one would be, my recommendation is always a 4″ Ruger GP100 – the one shown in the picture above. To me it is the perfect combination of power, cost, reliability, and durability. I'm sure that there will be some other opinions expressed – because the one thing gun enthusiasts seem to like even more than using their firearms is talking about them.

The decision to acquire, and use, if necessary, a firearm, is one of taking personal responsibility – being responsible for one's own self-protection and the protection of those we care about, the decision to use it responsibly, and the decision to talk about the issues responsibly. Not everyone has what it takes to escalate to potentially lethal violence if the situation demands it, and sadly those people who don't are helplessly dependent on both the goodwill of others to not target them as victims and on those who are willing to take that step. Taking responsibility, taking initiative, and being protectors are all very masculine traits.

But, most of all, the decision is one of claiming personal power and hegemony over one's person. I am a fervent advocate of handguns for women because nothing puts the exclamation point at the end of "no means no!" when faced with a criminal psychopath, like a weapon which takes the balance of power away from his greater size and strength and puts it in her hands.

It is the world's most eloquent expression of – "I do not give you permission to harm me."

Guy Stuff: Building things

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One of the most sublime masculine pleasures is mastery and the ability to operate effectively in the physical world. Working with our hands, repairing or building things, activates all the parts of the brain optimized in males – spatial thinking, hand-eye coordination, problem solving, and a sense of achievement.

For the past few years I have been working with my nephew building a tree house. “Years spent building a TREE HOUSE?!?!” I hear you scoff. But, there are tree houses, and then there are tree houses.

This one is constructed out of steel, has about 350 square feet of floor space, an observation deck on the roof, and a patio. The floor and roof are made of 8 triangular sections bolted together to form an octagon. The original plan was to have it actually suspended from a large oak tree with chains, but as the design got elborated it quickly became too heavy for a living tree to support. It might work OK built around a huge wooden pole at least 24″ in diameter, but a living tree is too flexible and chains cut into the soft growing wood too deeply due to the weight.

The sections were built off-site using a jig to place and hold the individual pieces, which were then welded. They were then transported to the site and bolted together with stainless steel bolts. When the basic structure was assembled, it was raised using 4 come-alongs to approximately its permanent height.

It was supported during the next phase of finishing by a wooden framework, which has since been replaced by a steel one. When finished, it will have a water tank, working toilet, and 10′x10′ patio.

Boys and their toys, eh?

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Another Incentive for Women to Ditch their Husbands, Courtesy of Obama This Time

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For the last month or so, I have been noticing a lot of ads and reminders online for some program that sends "single moms" back to school. They are all touted as being promoted by Obama, who "wants single mothers to go back to school." I saw one that suggested at the very end that fathers can apply as well, but when we see the results of other programs created for the benefit of women, the net effect on men is generally negative. My bet is that these scholarships are available only for low-income, custodial single parents, of which some 90% or more are women.

Under Obama's new program, thousands of dollars will be made available to single moms. It is being marketed as a no-strings-attached payout for women without husbands, which is sure to give lots of young and foolish women ideas about ditching their husbands, who may be less than enthusiastic about buying that new $200 pair of shoes their wives have been pining for. I can just hear their inner dialog: "Well, if *he* won't buy them, then I'll just get a divorce and Obama will buy them for me!" Here's a quote that illustrates the candyland mentality behind this new program:

> The recession has made the situation even worse for women. However President Obama knows this, which is the reason he has decided to set up programs which give money to women who want to go back into education. Any women that wants to go back to school can get **up to $10,000 absolutely free**. There are grants from the government and even scholarships from private companies. These companies can pay for your tuition fees and guarantee you a job once you have completed your degree. **All you need to do is apply for this free money**.
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> **You can spend this money on anything you like**. In fact every woman who has been thinking of going back to school should apply for as many scholarship and grant programs as they can find.

Is it really any wonder why there are more women than men graduating from college? It is because women get incentives and support, and men do not. If anyone needs retraining and education during this recession, it is men – non-custodial fathers in particular – who have been laid off and rendered unemployed in far greater numbers than single mothers. These men won't just have a hard time buying schoolbooks or affording daycare — given the lack of social support for men they will have a hard time feeding themselves and staying out of jail if they fall behind on child support.

The most tragic consequence of these programs will simply be more broken families. As women are offered more and more incentives to raise children outside of marriage, more and more of them will leave their husbands on flimsy pretexts, or for no reason at all. Obama can shore up his support amongst women very easily by offering them handouts from time to time, but all he's doing is completing the evisceration of the American family.

Comment Feed for your Convenience

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For those who would like to follow discussions on *The Spearhead* through an RSS reader, we have added a comments feed (to the right at the top of the sidebar).

Making The Spearhead as easy to follow and convenient as possible for our readers is one of our goals, so any suggestions concerning the site are welcome.

If our readers have any other features they would like to see added, feel free to let us know in the comments below and we will take note. For example, after noticing that some commenters have had editing issues, I have been thinking about implementing a commenting preview plugin, and would like your thoughts on these sorts of features.

Your feedback is appreciated.

Fellow Travelers: Christian Rock Stars

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What do you get when you take a mixture of spiritual angst, tattoos, Drop D tuning, and then add in an abiding sense of traditional family values? Not to mention a healthy dose of charisma and moral gravity?

Over the last decade or so, Christian Rock has become its own bona fide genre in music. In spite of, or in response to, a Metal/Hard Rock world full of depressive, life-denying lyrics, Christian Rock Stars have crafted an oeuvre of positive, pulse-pounding music. Though there were certainly other forebears, the band that started it all was the 24 million album-selling *Creed*. The Stapp/Tremonti-led group legitimized spiritual/religious rock at the end of a decade that had begun with a musical and existential death wish.

Within the timeframe of the meteoric rise, then fall, and now likely resurrection of Creed, there has been an onslaught of new Christian Rock bands. Their band names may escape you, but it's almost certain that you've heard one or more of their songs in a sports arena, at a professional wrestling match, or simply within the regular rotation of a local new rock station. A good sampling would consist of: Day of Fire, Skillet, Pillar, Project 86, Red, Disciple, Decyfer Down, and *P.O.D.*, who you've probably heard of. Of course if you're a member of the subculture, then you know all these and more, and have likely been to several of their concerts. If this fits your bill, you can attest to the differences in attitude, mission, and demeanor of these rock bands vs. secular rock groups.

Not to knock secular rock and its musicians—I'm pretty damn secular myself, but take a moment and listen to three successive rock songs on a local new rock station, get a general fix on the topics sung about and the singers' tone, and then do the same with any given song from a few of the bands listed above. Do this, and then tell me there is no difference in your emotional response. I react differently, and I'm no evangelical. I'm barely a Deist most days, but there is no doubt that the men involved in the creation of Christian Rock are of a different caliber. They are generally married—in a traditional way, that is, they aren't likely to be beta-ized. They live their message, and they do not hold back from reaching out to their fans, whether personally or spiritually.

Making money, getting high, and pulling poon are often the priorities of your typical rock musician. And I'm not saying that these things are *quintessentially* evil, but you have to tip your hat to the guys who could be doing all these things on a regular basis, but instead forgo these 'sins' for a life of confident, creative expression in traditional morals and religiosity, or sometimes, *not so* traditional religiosity.

What the Christian Rock stars are doing is using the medium of music to create a place of moral and spiritual reflection. It is much like what we are doing here, using the medium of the internet to create a place of moral and political reflection—from a male perspective.

Writing About Men is Important

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"*Real men* don't read books about masculinity or sit around talking about manhood."

I've heard it more than a few times. Masculinity is associated with *action*, so men who simply write about men's issues are sometimes taunted with accusations of defective masculinity. This also plays into the big, dumb, silent thug stereotype that is half-consciously accepted by men, though it only advances the cause of women. My joke that even Conan studied the classics only draws blank stares.

But, *by Crom*, the truth is that men have been talking about what it means to be a man since the beginning of recorded history. Men laid down the law about what men should and should not do. They debated about what makes a good man good and a wicked man wicked, about how a man should behave and carry himself, about how he should conduct himself around women. Actually, it seems that men are *always* talking about manhood. Homer, Aristotle, Chaucer, Kipling and Theodore Roosevelt have all weighed in. Much of this writing is meant to inspire; it was written to benefit men and to spur them on toward excellence and achievement. A good introductory sourcebook for this rich and ongoing debate about Western manhood is *What Is A Man? 3,000 Years of Wisdom on the Art of Manly Virtue,* by Waller R. Newell.

In recent times, it seems the majority of writing about men has not been written to benefit men.

Countless writers have congratulated themselves and each other as they snarkily "deconstructed" manhood. The worst of them have slandered men outright. The most generous have attempted to forgive men for not being like women, and have offered corrective suggestions as to how men might better serve the social agendas of certain women. Unfortunately, by employing the vocabulary and style of the "social sciences," ideologically skewed disinformation and propaganda has often been mistaken for objective analysis–even "truth."

The majority of people writing about men have some sort of axe to grind. Many are simply nursing wounds of exclusion or rejection from their childhoods, and they adopt the language and postures of craftier folk. Some of the male feminist writers also fit that description, but some seem to be motivated, ironically, by a sense of chivalry–as if they are graciously opening doors so that women can thrive.

But the end of this sort of anti-male writing is clear: to render manhood meaningless and demoralize men to the extent that they can no longer function to their greatest potential.

Moral arguments are advanced demanding that men stop being men and get out of the way so that others may rise to prominence and "express themselves."

The patriarchal hierarchies historically favored by men have been shown to be incompatible with a communal society wherein every person gives according to his/her ability, and receives according to his/her needs, regardless of their individual contribution. Some scientists have disputed the notion that humans are all blank slates without any true nature, and anthropologists have insisted that there are human universals. Marxist revolutions have never materialized into the communal utopias that inspired them.

Real men don't function well in the theoretical ant farms of cloistered intellectuals.

Men create social systems based on the general physical differences between the sexes. They divide labor and craft idealized, "essential" roles which make certain demands of men and offer them certain privileges or punishments based on their ability to reach those ideals.

Without a role to play, without a set of noble ideals, obligations and responsibilities…men are handicapped. They don't know what to do with their masculine qualities, and are made to feel guilty simply for being born into "male privilege." They are expected to "compete," but they are shamed for having won. They are robbed of positive drive. Under such conditions, many men become directionless, bitter, lazy, decadent and hedonistic or even dangerous.

Too often they simply offer up their stones and say, “Yes ma’am.”

As Al Bundy would say, it’s time to fight this Amazonian Masterhood over the intellectual discussion of masculinity with a thundering, “No ma’am.”

The problem is that feminists and their pets have created an academic system wherein feminist interests dictate the rules. Any man who wishes to be considered an “expert” on masculinity or men’s psychology, or who wishes to make a name for himself in the field of gender studies must genuflect to feminist gatekeepers. Could a man who writes critical reviews of feminist material, or whose writing seems to support patriarchal family structures, traditional gender roles, classical masculine virtues or natural differences between the sexes ever expect to find his work published in a scholarly journal such as *Men and Masculinities*? Below are its submission guidelines.

> Men and Masculinities seeks empirical and theoretical articles, written for a multidisciplinary audience, that explore issues in masculinities. Topics of particular interest include
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> - constructions of masculinities
> - male/female relationships
> - sexual behavior or sexual identities
> - representations of gender
> - diversity among men and intersections of race, ethnicity, sexuality, age, class, and masculinities
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> The journal subscribes to principles of non-sexist, non-heterosexist, and non-racist publishing, and the editors are also committed to publishing significant empirical work that challenges conventional wisdoms.

I think not.

The principles outlined above assure that any “exploration” of the male experience undertaken in the pages of *Men and Masculinities* will yield material that supports a progressive feminist worldview. There is no pretense of honest truth-seeking or objectivity here. As with the majority of feminist thought, this journal is a pre-determined conviction soliciting evidence to support it.

Men and Masculinities is edited by Michael S. Kimmel. Kimmel is a significant figure in what passes for “Men’s Studies.” His recent book *Guyland* was praised by Gloria Steinem and he is widely recognized as an expert on men. In the following clip, excerpted from his video on gender, *Mars, Venus or Planet Earth,* Kimmel talks about an explosion of writing on feminism.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JgaOK74HqiA

This explosion of feminist writing led to feminist study groups about gender within academia. Kimmel gives the impression that these kinds of groups eventually led to the development of courses on gender and women’s studies—from a feminist perspective. These courses are largely responsible for indoctrinating and influencing generations of young people and have prepared them to accept and further the pathologizing of masculinity and maleness that we see in society, culture and government today.

If you go down to your local Borders or Barnes and Noble, you will notice that compared to the “Women’s Studies” section, the “Men’s Studies” section is awfully small. That’s *if* they even have a shelf for it. Several of those few books are written from an explicitly feminist perspective. Most—like Harvey C. Mansfield’s *Manliness*—make an effort to square their vision of masculinity with the feminist goal of a gender-neutral society.

The idea that women and feminists are the only real experts on what it means to be a man is absurd, but that’s where we seem to be today. What we need is an explosion of writing about manhood from the perspective of men who do not seek the approval of women before they determine what being a man means. We need writing about men written manifestly for the benefit of men.

This writing will have to be extra-academic for the most part, because feminist thinking appears to be institutionalized at nearly all levels in academia. But the writing must be of a caliber that rivals the other writing in the field. This is a formidable task for those of us who don't have grants, research assistants or cushy tenured positions at Universities. But it has to be done, somehow, if men are ever to regain control over their own identities.

The Spearhead seems to be a step in that direction.

Guy Stuff: Traveling Hard, Fast, and Light

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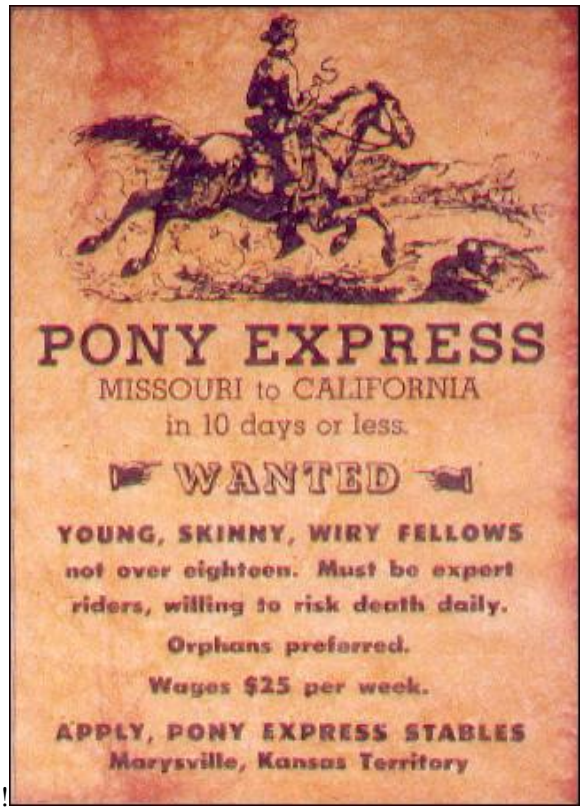

Road Trip!

Those two words conjure up many romantic images of days gone by – Route 66, the "freedom of the open road", and maybe even a memory or two of the Pony Express.

One huge advantage that guys have is that our needs are simple and the list of "requirements" we have for comfort is fairly short. Unlike a woman I knew many years ago whose idea of "roughing it" was "no reservations", we as men can easily travel hard, fast, and light.

There is so much of traditional manhood shown in that Pony Express poster – male ability, and freedom, **and** disposability. "Must be willing to risk death daily." Men without family ties, "orphans", were preferred. Not only would no one really miss them, but their lack of interpersonal ties left them completely free to do what men, and only men, could do when set free.

Riders changed horses every 10 miles – the maximum distance a horse could travel at full gallop – and when the riders themselves were ridden out, they handed off the mail satchel to another man just like them.

It's interesting that the only major "road trip/buddy" movie of the past few years has been about women – Thelma and Louise. It's popularity among women seems to indicate that some women, at least, envy the kinds of freedoms and mobility that men have always had.

Some of the authors and readers here are motorcycle enthusiasts. Those with the pluck and grit to climb on their own "Iron Horse" can carry just about everything they need for a decently comfortable existance in their saddlebags. A one-burner camp stove, day's worth of rations, light sleeping bag, and a bivvy sack are all that is needed to cast an eye to the horizon and say to oneself "I wonder what is over there? I think I will go see."

Some of the most powerful and pleasant memories of my life are experiences I had on motorcycle road trips. Many years ago a buddy of mine and I stood under a tree at Vail Pass eating french onion soup into which a passing thunderstorm had dumped a few hailstones while it was heating. More than 25 years later we still get a

laugh out of eating “Hailstone Soup” at Vail Pass.

He’s all settled down, now – with a wife, and a daughter, and a big mortgage, and a membership in the local Kiwanis Club. He and I are cut from different cloth, and we have always known that. Several years ago, he said to me that he had always envied me my freedom. I told him that my life was as good a definition of hell as he would ever need. He is a guy who needs comfort, and security, and someone to take care of him. When we would have any sort of breakdown on one of our two-up trips, he would go find some shade and patiently wait while I fixed whatever would need to be fixed. He is the same type of guy as many who have approached me on one of my road trips and said wistfully “Well, I used to have a bike, but my wife made me sell it.”

On the last road trip we took together, and I am sure the last one we ever will take together, he made the comment that he realized that if I died on one of those twisting mountain roads I love so much to travel, that it would be “right”… that I would simply be dying the way I had lived. He knows me really well, and has known me a long time, and he was right.

There has always been a subset of men with itchy feet. We’re not the guys who coach your little league teams, or keep the florists and jewelry stores in business, or settle down like good betas and do what our wives tell us and sell our motorcycles when they tell us to. We don’t make very good husbands, or dads for that matter, but a lot of kids love to have us as crazy uncles that keep the family entertained by allowing them live vicariously through our exploits. We are the kind of yahoos who climb on ships and sail toward what everyone else knows is the edge of the world and we are going to certainly fall off. Or climb into experimental airplanes not knowing whether we are going to blow up or break the sound barrier.

We ain’t got a lick of sense, we are wilder than March hares, and as Burt Munro (a Kiwi from Invercargill, Julie) says in “The World’s Fastest Indian”, we often live more in 10 seconds on the edge than some people live in a lifetime. And, that works out for everyone – because we want to, and they don’t. We do crazy shit, and we love it.

We are gluttons for intensity – believing that life is best savored by taking **BIG** bites. Yeah, we seldom do what we “should” do, which is why we are neither boring nor bored. We never sustain a civilization, but we end up doing those things which a civilization cannot do without – carrying its mail, pushing its limits, and reminding people that he who is not busy being born is busy dying.

We travel fast, hard, and light, and for that reason travel mostly alone, sometimes in the company of other hard men, but seldom in the company of women. You don’t want to be us, but you benefit from having us around. We don’t want to be you, and we will fight like hell if you try to make us into clones of you.

We are the ones who have benefitted most from feminism. Women no longer need us, so we are now free to see what is over that next horizon, eat hail-stone soup, and sit by the ocean feeling the waves hit the shore and meditating for days on end. Women have forced us to learn how to live without a woman’s love, and we learned while that can be painful for a man, it is not fatal. We are “orphans” who are now free to make the lives we choose.

Facing death makes a man appreciate life in a unique way. No longer is it worth wasting even one minute of this miraculous experience called “life” slaving away in some corporate cube so that a government can confiscate what we make by doing so. Every minute of life passed is a minute we will never have again, and one gone out of a too small allotment we are given in the first place.

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The Feminization of Science Fiction (and Fantasy)

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The recent article by Pro Male/Anti-Feminist Tech on the "War on Science Fiction" generated a lot of heat and discussion. Among them, are Science Fiction (and Fantasy) being feminized, and secondarily, if so are these bad things? The answer to both is an emphatic yes.

The reason for both of course, is that majority or near-majority female creators in any literary genre "crowd out" male concerns, themes, and characters, which women find tedious to offensive, and produce essentially a "gay-female ghetto" that men flee quickly. Making said genres alien and irrelevant to nearly half of the population.

This is not to say that the feminized science fiction and fantasy genres of today are "bad" but they certainly are different, and mostly irrelevant to most men. Central to this fact are the profound gender differences in what men and women find appealing in literature, particularly science fiction and fantasy. Broadly speaking (there are exceptions), men prefer the traditional, "Big Idea" science fiction in which technology acts to radically change a society, and said changes are explored from a central (usually male) character. In fantasy, various historical events and allegorical tales are retold in altered form to produce a morality tale inter-mixed with entertainment, again usually in the form of a central male character.

Some of the literature of these genres are very good, with notable examples being "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," "War of the Worlds," "the Hobbit," "the Drawing of the Dark" by Tim Powers, and the stories of "Conan the Barbarian" by H. Rider Haggard. Much of it, like all genres, is very, very bad. Some of the female-oriented science fiction and fantasy novels and stories are very, very good. These would include, the Dragon Riders of Pern series by Anne McCaffrey, the Wizard of Earthsea series by Ursula K. LeGuin, and "the Children of Men" by Doris Lessing.

However, with the exception of the Lessing novel "Children of Men" (Lessing herself writes in the manner of a male writer), the female written and oriented science fiction and fantasy is very, very **different** than that of male written or oriented science fiction and fantasy. Female oriented fiction tends to be very personal, oriented towards personal choices of women (and sometimes men) on the issue of children, families, relationships, and so on. This does not make this bad literature, on the contrary some of it remain classics, enjoyed and loved by women **and** men alike. Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" for example has no doubt entertained and delighted many men throughout it's long history of publication. There is no doubt, however, that Austen's tale is **different** from that of those written by and for men. Different does not mean better or worse, an apple is not better or worse than an orange. But it is different nevertheless.

Mary Wollstonecroft Shelley's "Frankenstein," with its deeply personal concern about morality, science, and the corruption of power that science gives (in a debased mockery of God's creative act of life-giving) does not touch the notion of "Big Ideas" the way the true first Science Fiction novel does. As classic and beautifully written as it is, "Frankenstein" remains the first horror novel, and a deeply moving and personal one, not a Science Fiction novel. "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," on the contrary, has the "Big Ideas" fully developed. Captain Nemo is an Indian Prince, uprooted from his throne by the British Raj. He uses technology, the weapon of the West, to take command of the seas from the Colonial powers, to force them to return his ancestral lands to him. But, his very embrace of technology cuts him off from the traditions, value, and culture of his homeland. His very love of country that led him to embrace technology makes him a man without a country. Eternally at sea, belonging to no one. Clearly Verne invites the reader to compare the West's embrace of technology with that of Nemos, and understand that the power of technology comes with a cost — the power cuts one off from the traditions, values, and culture of one's home culture.

This is the "Big Idea" that animates "Twenty Thousand Leagues" and can be seen in Isaac Asimov's "Foundation" series (what if science allowed historians to predict and change the future, save a Napoleon-like anomaly, to prevent another "fall of the Roman Empire?") Arthur C. Clarke's prediction of communications satellites, or

William Gibson's "Neuromancer" series also cover large societal changes, instead of personal issues such as romance, love, sexual freedom, and so on. Even Huxley's "Brave New World," which focuses on family and sexual behavior, does so from a societal perspective. Rather than an extremely emotionally affective, individual tale.

If female oriented science fiction and fantasy is akin to Opera, with the aim of producing through intensely focused individual tales extremes of emotion, then male oriented science fiction and fantasy is akin to a Symphony, where the complex interplay of instruments is designed to produce a mood of general relaxation and contemplation. An imperfect analogy, perhaps, but one that makes the central point: the two genders want and create vastly different things in literature and tales. And too much "Opera" crowds out the "Symphony."

Moreover, there is the question of gender stereotypes and roles in female oriented science fiction and fantasy. Generally (there are exceptions), men are either sniveling beta losers (think Pete Campbell in "Mad Men" or most of the male characters in "Dollhouse") or hunky but violent Alpha males that treat women badly (but the women love them). Women are "beautiful victims" who love the men who abuse them, even if they are capable of kicking their asses. This is of course in direct contrast to the Western literary tradition begun in the Odyssey, where the man is neither a villain nor milquetoast schemer, and the women (Penepole in particular) are strong without being ass-kickers. Indeed, the whole point of the Illiad and the Odyssey is that Penelope is a far better wife and mother than Helen. She is in fact worth fighting for, where Helen is not. From this we get to … hunky undead vampires who are incapable of human life.

How did we get here? Science Fiction and Fantasy were originally very male oriented. Tales of adventure dominated both, from Verne's Victorian heroes with a can-do attitude, to that of the pulp fiction and serials in the 1920's and 1930's. Even the 1950's had very male attitudes, of "Big Picture" issues such as nuclear fears of giant mutated insects, Godzilla, and so on. A few of it good, much of bad, as with anything else.

What changed was the rising affluence of women, willing to pay extra for often porn-light tales of fantasy (Anita Blake's vampire series here stands out) and the domination of women in the reader, Agent, and Publisher roles. In my post The New Mass Media Ebooks and the End of the Brandon Tartikoff Strategy I note one of my reader's comments. His view is that the low pay but high prestige for readers leads to high turnover (but also advancement for the lucky few who stick it out into either Agent or Publishing ranks, eventually) and domination of young women ages 22-24 in the critical gatekeeper role of first reader. Truly, most of the submissions to Agents and Publishers are awful. But they must please the young female readers who are, to put it mildly, far different in preferences to men, young or old. The reader cites Baen Books, which had a submission rejected by a first reader (a young woman) by John Ringo. Fortunately for Ringo, the readers on the Baen Website had read his stuff and pestered Jim Baen to read the submission. Which he did, and loved, even though it had not pleased the young female reader.

The end result is something like this:

The Twilight Panel at Comic-Con had the traditional male attendees arguing that "Twilight ruined Comic-Con" and they may be right. You may find a full account of this at my site here. It is hard to square a genre that is filled with the people like the following:

Twilight Moms at Comic-Con

… with anything that will appeal to men and boys. Novelist Elizabeth Hand (”Waking the Moon”) wrote in the Washington Post about how science fiction has been feminized.

> Writers like Ellen Kushner turned the sword-and-sorcery genre on its head — her novel Swordspoint has a swashbuckling bisexual hero. (A sequel, penned by Kushner and fantastist Delia Sherman, will be published later this year.) Chelsea Quinn Yarbro, Suzy McKee Charnas, Kate Wilhelm, Lisa Tuttle, Leigh Kennedy are all prolific and established writers who continue to produce invigorating work, along with Pat Murphy, Lynn Flewelling, Pat Cadigan and Robin Hobb.

Men, young and old, find gays and bisexuality (among men at least) about as attractive as a “fabulous” Broadway show followed by a viewing of all three of the “High School the Musical” movies. In fact, the more “gay” Broadway has become, (and the more technically excellent), the more repellent it has become to men and boys. Indeed, metal and rap’s popularity stem from the hostility both have to gays, making male sexuality not “questionable” the way the love for Broadway showtunes would be.Women generally like gays, and find gay sex fascinating the way men do lesbian sex. However, men know well that most young women, if presented a magic button that would make most men (average joes) “gay” they’d break their fingers pushing it. The chief objective of attractive young women being turning off male desire of all but the most Alpha of men.

This feminization of Science Fiction and Fantasy extends to movies and television. As I noted in my column on Disney’s aim to grow with men and boys, the recently appointed Rich Ross, an openly gay man cited by AfterElton.com as one of the most powerful gay men in Hollywood, to run Disney Studios is not likely to work out well. Ross has shown a solid touch in developing princess fantasies aimed at tween girls. He’s quoted as saying the Disney XD channel, explicitly aimed at boys, will be inclusive of girls. However, that’s a proven recipe for failure. the article notes that all the audience growth has come from girls. Boys just are not attracted to “fabulous” bisexual swashbucklers, princess fantasies, or hunky vampires. Disney princess-essing Marvel, with themes of rich, spoiled princesses choosing hunky guys is basically the full-scale rejection of the deeply assimilated, nerdy Jewish guys who created power fantasies of decent guys who through superheroics finally got the girl. Which of these things is not like the other: Captain America, Spider-Man, the Incredible Hulk, and Edward Cullen?

Commander Data himself, Brent Spiner, denounced the article by PM/AFT. So did Sci-Fi writer John Scalzi. Yet the continual decline of male participation in science fiction and fantasy, crowded out by female themes and characters, threatens their bottom line. The original Star Trek, had a decent dramatic structure of choices offered by the Stoic-philosophy of Spock and the humanist philosophy of Doctor McCoy, which Captain Kirk had to find a solution to. Which was parodied as “Kirk beams down to the planet, blows up the computer, and bangs the green

skinned alien babe." Yet the shows, at their best, did posit a choice between freedom and security, liberty and predictability, with Kirk teaching the natives a lesson, not the other way around.

By the time of Star Trek: The Next Generation, all conflict had been drained out of the series conception. Now, the natives gave the explorers one giant PC/Multiculturalist lecture, complete with "feeling" empaths (who seemed to have stomach aches) and a huge dose of feminism. Most of the conflict that existed was the result of the characters of the Borg, who resembled a replicating virus rather than the obvious Cold War proxies the Klingons and Romulans (the Russians and Chinese respectively) in the original series. This trend only worsened in the succeeding shows, with Deep Space Nine, Voyager, and finally Enterprise devolving to opening teasers ending on the dreaded words "Pass the salt." The writers of Enterprise could not even tackle the subject of 9/11 adequately, being afraid of violating feminine driven PC sensibilities.

Nothing points out the failure of feminized science fiction, even with it's many able practitioners and sensitive personal stories, than the inability of Star Trek's last series to actually tackle perhaps **the most important issue** of our time when the original tackled racism, communism, computerized societies, and more head on. A female-driven PC/Multicultural consensus rather than a male risk-taking one was ruling. Once, Captain Kirk told audiences that America and its values mattered. Now, Commander Data and the rest were a mushy mess of value-absent globalism, standing for a meaningless "niceness."

Novelist Scalzi writes "hard" science fiction, aimed at exploring warfare, technology, and anti-aging technology. Yet he cannot exist in a world where science fiction is focused on the adventures of "omni-sexual" character "Captain Jack" from the BBC series "Torchwood," aimed at titillating the desires of a mostly female and gay audience. The personal may not be the political, but it drives out the political discussions that have historically been the province of science fiction. Both Verne and Wells used the genre to criticize colonialism and imperialism, and others have used it to critique the communist and socialist tyrannies they saw in the making: Huxley, Orwell, and (in the fantasy realm) Kafka.

Borders is dumping its DVD and music to focus on tweens, with an emphasis on Stephanie Meyer and Sarah Dessen. Tween appealing literature means "Reading is Gay" ala the infamous South Park episode. The more "gay" and tween female science fiction and fantasy becomes, the less Scalzi will receive in royalties and advances as the readership turns exclusively female and gay.

One need only look at television, which as late the 1970's featured shows like "the Rockford Files" which had a male lead that was to put it mildly, a very different conception of a male lead than today's TV. Older, not very glamorous, living out of a trailer, often beset by money problems, and involved in cases where the main motives were stupidity and greed, Jim Rockford was a far cry from the hunky male vampires, doctors, and lawyers who are the "Alpha Males" of today. Not the "older guy who looks young and can beat anyone up" the character was instead often the target of beatings. He rarely got the girl, even if he did often get the last laugh. Now, television is a gay-female ghetto. Arguably with **better** writing, acting, directing, and music, but emotionally empty and with stereotypical depictions of men in particular. As either conniving beta schemers or terrible cads women love. The female characters are little better, being mostly "beautiful victims" who suffer at the hands of the bad, mad, cads they love. AMC's "Mad Men" which relies mostly on the outstanding art direction, is a prime example of this. Complete with a female dominated writing staff (seven of the nine writers are female), that includes both Marti Noxon (former show runner and writer for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer") and Kater Gordon (since fired/resigned) who was promoted to writer from show creator Matthew Weiner's personal assistant. Don Draper and the rest in "Mad Men" bear not a smidgen of resemblance to the complicated and compelling male and female characters on "the Rockford Files."

Indeed, much of the female-oriented "science fiction" (it isn't science fiction, really) and fantasy is comprised of not much more than "you go girl" kick-ass waifs who are the butt kickers and pitied victims, simultaneously, of "the Man." Men being horrible jerks, which is just the way the women in the shows like them. From "Buffy" to "Xena" to "Tru Calling" to "Firefly" to "Dollhouse" this theme shows up like a bad cough in winter. Indeed, "Buffy"

probably hit the nadir, when Marti Noxon had lead character Buffy raped by the hunky vampire Spike. Said rape causing Buffy to only love him more, and have (later) off-screen implied sex. Sadly, only “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” ever dared to even dance around the question of female hypergamy and the dark side of female sexuality. “Buffy” asked the question about what would happen if ordinary girls were given physical superpowers? The answer being, they’d seek out the most physically powerful men around, questions of character, decency, compassion, and everything else being irrelevant to that lust driven feeling that danger and domination creates (and their new-found powers allow them to exploit).

Almost all of culture is female/gay oriented. The the New Girl Order observed by City-Journal.org writer Kay Hymowitz, with enormous amounts of wealth accruing to young women who are single for much (and perhaps most of their lives) and therefore spending far more on consumer goods, has along with contraception, anonymous urban living, and rising female incomes, created a mostly female-driven advertising and retail market. The site claims (though I’ve not seen underlying research) that women account for 85% of all consumer purchases. While I find this suspect (longer times for single women means longer times for single men, implying male purchases at higher rates), there is no doubt that advertisers and retailers focus on women with men as an afterthought at best.

Television is female/gay dominated. It is estimated that about 80% of sitcom audiences are female, and anyone doubting the gender numbers for network television need only watch the ads. Advertisers don’t waste dollars on ads for Pantene shampoo or feminine hygiene on mostly male viewers. Broadway went from being male friendly to a mostly gay ghetto (though a technically excellent one). Movies, outside of action summer blockbusters and comic book movies, are either limited appeal female-gay art movies (Milk, Brokeback Mountain, Margot at the Wedding), chick flicks, or low-grade horror movies.

Fantasy has gone from Edgar Rice Burroughs, JRR Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, and Tim Powers, to “Lonely Werewolf Girl,” “Twilight,” the Anita Blake novels, and “the Vampire Academy.” Science Fiction has turned from Isaac Asimov, A. E. Van Voght, Robert Heinlein, and “Blade Runner” to “the Left Hand of Darkness” and James Cameron’s “Avatar.”

Now, what is changing things for the better is the rise of the e-book. Already, classics are available for download, for free. As I noted here, people with devices as varied as Palm Pilots and Iphones can download free apps and works (from Project Gutenberg). Jules Verne’s work compares favorably to anything smacking of Lonely Werewolf Girls or hunky vampire bad boys and the stereotypical women in thrall to their own hypergamy who love them. Twain’s “Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court” explores the uses and limits of technology compared to a medieval society. As well as the wonders of the modern world. Most importantly, e-books are **cheap**. This means you won’t find niche stuff, and the relentless focus on the New Girl Order (helped along by the depression) will end. Men now have for entertainment, absent the gender stereotypes, focus on domesticity, and female themes, professional sports and video games.

By allowing authors to self-promote and by-pass traditional publishing houses, like Taylor Swift using social networking media to bypass Nashville’s traditional structure, men-appealing authors have a chance to become the next Jules Verne. Rather than explore issues of personal sexuality or hunky Alpha males, they can address pressing social issues such as nuclear terrorism, selective sex abortion, and more. Fantasy writers can explore the fall of the Roman Empire (still the most historically traumatic event in Western History, and the most grievous loss) within the context of today’s decadent society (where leading cultural creators support freeing Roman Polanski). All without the soft tyranny of feminized PC/Multiculturalism, and crowding out of the “Big Ideas” for domestic issues. There will still be a place for women in science fiction and fantasy. But it will no longer be “theirs” — an exclusive clubhouse where expressions of nerdy male ideas are as welcome as a Star Trek Convention at a Sorority House.

In some ways, it is a brave new world.

Videogames: How do they affect males?

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Since in today's world traditional media has made a supreme effort to alienate males (as detailed by plenty of other posts), our money and our recreational time has to go somewhere. For the 35 and under demographic (and a good chunk of the older guys, don't lie) much of that money and free time has gone to videogames.

Leaving aside the female/LGBT ghetto, videogames attract people easily because of the following factors:

- They are interactive — suspension of disbelief is easier to get if you are a part of the story instead of just watching it. Not that you actually believe that you are that guy; you just get more immersed in the story (This can apply to both sexes, I know).
- Gratuitous violence. Although the politically correct corps has tried over and over again to stop it (mainly though lawsuits), the bad guys still can go boom in an explosion of gore.
- Lack of mercy for the bad guys. Unlike female oriented stories, filled with conflicted, overemotional dramatic characters, just like in a real war with real evil guys, things become simpler. Yeah, it's a sad story. Yeah, too bad that it happened to you, but you are still evil and hence, I still get to blow you up so you don't conquer/destroy the world.
- With evolution of technology and story lines, the Byronic hero has found another reincarnation. Note: He appeals to males. The bad boy caricatures and manginas don't.

Of course, there is the fact that you can interact with others, both in an off-line party in multiplayer games (Street Fighter, Tekken, Mario Party) or in online games, the leaders in those being the Massive Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games (MMORPG) like World of Warcraft (didn't think that I wasn't going to say it, right?), Dungeons and Dragons Online, City of Heroes, Champions Online and the upcoming Star Trek Online and Star Wars: The Old Republic, just to mention a few.

However, this is isn't a beacon of light that shines against the darkness; it is an industry that is still ruled by soulless executives that would LOVE to sell more games to girls, but experience has proven that females tend to go to casual videogames like Bejeweled, Peggle and basically everything in Miniclip.com, and you can't justify spending millions on a female oriented game when a)You've got an audience that isn't very hard to convince to try something (Buying it is a different matter) and b) They. Don't. Know. How. to appeal to females with a multi-million project. The closest thing to that (and still toxic for the industry) is the premise: Hey, let's clone WoW!!

A note about World of Warcraft: Its success is because it was the game that opened MMORPGs to people that

don’t have too much time, unlike the other games of the time. WoW marked the MMORPG market and you can get in the endgame content of any game with 3 sessions of 2-3 hours each week, given enough dedication. Anyone that tells you otherwise is a liar. Or has too much free time on his/her hands. Or is addicted, just pick one.

Don’t let the rabid videogame fan-girls convince you otherwise, most of their kind goes to Bejeweled.

The main problem with videogames comes when people who are depressed and/or have addictive personalities get hooked, spending an unhealthy amount of time (when your head or eyes start hurting, take a break), and then shun everything else, such as a proper job, personal hygiene, keeping in shape and maintaining relationships (both long lasting and one-night stands), which should take more priority than videogames. When that principle is broken, the shit hits the fan.

Another danger is being consumed in a torrid online affair, Second Life, the leader on avatar based chat (and the exception, more females are users, but it’s a free-to-play game with premium stuff that cost money), has plenty of sordid stories about that, but any avatar based game can be used for that and it has been happening even since the text-based MUDs, along with the exploration of sexual fetishes. Ew. (Note: Furries are gross).

Then there is the funny stuff, like the things that you hear because of the lack of a push-to-talk button in Xbox Live or when anyone forgets to set one up — both the game and the forums are filled with natural Internet anonymous jerks, the cam whores and their victims/white knights, the drama queens, etc. The PC police usually forget that all that is funny. And a sense of humor is a way of dealing with pressure and stress.

Given that this world tends to make a large amount of males depressed, I know that is tempting to give in, to play games all day, world be damned. Don’t. Learn Game, keep in shape and keep a job. Fighting in the real world takes way more courage than killing monsters of polygons. Don’t surrender. But don’t shun them entirely like an Alcoholics Anonymous pussy and then start ranting about videogames being evil. Enjoy them, don’t be ashamed of your hobby; it is, after all, an enjoyable part of your life, just like any other diversion.

I know that this sounds like simple advice, but the best advice usually is.

Where are the World's Most Beautiful Women?

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We all know that there are beautiful women all over the world, but some must be more beautiful than others. I am curious as to where readers think the most beautiful of all can be found, and how they compare to our own home-grown girls, so I've included a few photos depicting women from various places around the world. I've tried to limit the photos to natural shots, taken without the benefit of special lighting or photoshopping, and with normal girls rather than professional models.

The top photo is of a Dutch girl in Amsterdam, where women and men alike ride bicycles to get around town, honing their already impressive, tall physiques. Personally, I think the women of the Netherlands and Denmark are probably the best looking European women of all, but of course they may not be everyone's favorite. And, to be honest, despite the fact that I find them the most *physically* attractive, I also think they are lacking in some other traits, such as feminine allure, which Mediterranean women tend to have in abundance. Below is a picture of a Spanish woman:

Looking far to the east, I've found a photo of a Mongolian girl in traditional dress. One might not think of Mongols as particularly attractive, but some of them most definitely are. Their cat-like eyes and high cheekbones give them an exotic appeal that can draw one's gaze for for a while.

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For those who like to vacation on the sunny beaches of SE Asia, the attractive women of Thailand are much more than a side benefit. In fact, they play an integral role in the Thai tourism industry, and the country promotes itself largely on the slim shoulders of its pretty young women.

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Of course, no list would be complete without Eastern European women, who have taken the world by storm following the collapse of the Iron Curtain. Here in the Anglosphere, they have become the stuff of dreams for men chained to a mannish, aggressive and often overweight native wife.

And in Africa, there are beautiful women living in the Northeast, around the area where the Horn of Africa juts up underneath the Arabian Peninsula. Both Ethiopian and Somali women are renowned for their beauty, many having become famous for their stunning figures combined with soft, feminine features.

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Naturally, there are beautiful women in pretty much every corner of the earth, so it would be interesting to hear of wondrous undiscovered sources of female beauty. I encourage readers to offer their opinions, and to speculate on why some places seem to have an abundance of beauty while others appear to have less.

I Don’t Always Drink…But When I Do…

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…I drink Whiskey!

Over the last few years, I’ve become somewhat of an amateur Whiskey aficionado. I even took a trip to Scotland in ‘07 to visit several distilleries and to gallivant around the highlands and take a boat ride on Loch Ness….but I really went on a pilgrimage to visit the home of some of my favorite adult beverages.

I learned quite a bit about Whiskey and upon returning to Hawaii I was inspired to delve even further into what exactly is Whiskey, and the differences between American whiskey and the Scotch and Irish whiskys of the UK.

I’ve also discovered that the average layman, and the average bartender doesn’t know a damn thing about Whiskey. The average person’s idea of whiskey is a “Jack and Coke” or Johnny Walker Blended Scotch on the rocks.

Those are just the two most popular representations of whiskey and how it is consumed in typical bars and restaurants.

With this article, I offer you a sort of Whiskey 101…a primer on the key differences in the many different offerings of this spirit, why there are distinctions, and how many different factors go into creating variations of what most people recognize as a single category of Spirit.

What Makes Whiskey Unique From Other Spirits?

First of all, what sets whiskey apart from other spirits like vodka and gin? Vodka, gin, rum and other spirits are all essentially the distilled products of mash.

The reason why whiskey has so many unique characteristics is that regardless of region, style, or flavor, the primary characteristic that all spirits that come under the “whiskey” category is the process of aging the spirits in White Oak wood casks.

A Cask Warehouse of Japanese Yamazaki Whiskey

These casks are typically made from American White Oak, and the inside surface of the barrels are charred with a hot flame after they are constructed, before they are filled up with the freshly distilled whiskey, also called 'white dog.' This white dog, if you were to drink it prior to aging in the barrel, resembles vodka. It's the aging in charred barrels that really imparts the flavors and colors that we recognize as whiskey.

Whiskey can be aged anywhere from two to hundreds of years, but it is this aging process that distinguishes Whiskey from all other spirits. During the aging process, the Whiskey goes through a process of soaking into the wood when the season is warm. The wood in the barrell expands, and the liquid saturates the charred wood on the inside of the barrel. When the weather cools, the wood contracts and the Whiskey draws out many of the characteristics of the wood, imparting that amber color to the liquid as well as imparting many different characteristics like flavor and texture from the compounds found in the wood. This is why whiskey's that came from the same mashbill can taste very differently. A whiskey aged 2 years in a cask, has only gone through two seasons of this process…while a 12 year aged one will have far more characteristics drawn from the charred wood after having 12 seasons of temperature fluctuations.

By manipulating the exposure of the barrels to such variables as temperature, as well as location in the storing house, various "expressions" of whiskey can be created.

After barreling and aging the whiskey to the desired age and conditions, there are three ways producers create differences in their final products: bottling the contents of a single cask, or they combine an arbitrary number of barrels into a large vat, and than bottle the mixture. This is called "vatting." Some distillers will combine a small, select "batch" of barrels to vat, and they market the final product as "small batch" whiskey. But typically, most distillers will combine many many barrels of different ages to create the particular taste and strength profile that can be consistently made to create a consistent product over time.

For instance, Jim Beam could combine 500 barrels of 4 year whiskey with 250 barrels of 6 year whiskey and 100 barrels of 7 year whiskey to arrive at a consistent profile that they than bottle and sell as their basic "white label" brand of Bourbon. Keep in mind that I this was just a hypothetical example to explain the process, and is not based on any real numbers used by Jim Beam at all. Most whiskey distillers consider the formulas for blending their barrels to be proprietary recipes they carefully guard as trade secrets.

What we do know, is that by law, in both the US and the UK, the age statement on any bottle of whiskey can only be as old as the youngest whiskey involved in the blending. Therefore, in my hypothetical Jim Beam example, they could not put an age statement on the bottle higher than 4 years, since that is the youngest whiskey used in the blend.

Interestingly enough, whiskey has begun to enjoy market popularity in the last decade, and many brands of American whiskey used to contain age statements of the youngest whiskey's used in their vatting process, they've since removed any reference to aging…presumably to match the rise in demand for their product. Evan Williams black label used to carry a 7 year age statement and Wild Turkey 101 used to carry an 8 year age statement. Both have removed any reference to age on their labels because they had to start using younger barrels from their warehouses to meet the rise in demand. They may still use 8 year or 7 year barrels, but they no doubt have started using a blend of younger whiskeys.

So as you can see, there can be a very large differentiation of products created from the initial white dog from any given distillery. In this way, a producer like Jim Beam, will use only three mashbills, but create a wide variety of different final products. For example: Jim Beam White Label, has no age statement, and is the result of a vat blend of various aged casks from their warehouse.

Another offering they make is Jim Beam Black Label, which has an age statement of 8 years…which as I previously explained, means the youngest barrels used in vatting was 8 years minimum. Therefore, the same white dog was used to create JB White Label, but only barrells aged 8 years or more were used to create the Black Label bottling.

Jim Beam also offers several variations of "small batch" bourbon, with their most popular being Knob Creek. Knob Creek carries an age statement of 9 years…but is also a small batch, meaning a select number of barrels were set aside in the Beam warehouse specifically to age 9 years to make Knob Creek. So while the White and Black labels may involve the vatting of hundreds (if not thousands, I'm not really sure,) of various aged casks, the small batch collection will typically use a small number of barrels to create a specialized profile.

Than you have their single cask offerings, such as Bookers. This is bottled at what is referred to as "cask strength." When standard whiskey products and even small batch whiskey is vatted and bottled, the producers will ad purified water to cut the end product to get it down to the desired proof…typically between 80 and 90 proof. But Cask Strength means your getting the whiskey straight from the barrel without any added water. That means your getting the whiskey at the strength it was at when they first put it into the cask for aging…which is much higher than your standard whiskey offerings. For instance, Booker's from Jim Beam is bottled straight from the cask at 129.5 proof. (Now you know why early American Indians called whiskey straight from the barrel FIRE WATER!)

What's the Differences in Whiskey Proof?

Some people are under the mistaken notion that higher proof automatically means harder to drink. This is not necessarily true.

The average drinkers experiences with higher proofed alcohol is usually with 151 Rum or Everclear 190 proof…than used as a mixer and given a healthy dose of respect and caution when consuming, recognizing how intoxicating such high proof spirits can be.

But because of the various means of producing whiskey and aging, there can be substantial differences in drinkability, and the whiskey proof is by no means the sole determinant of how smooth or how harsh a particular whiskey can be. Higher proof bottlings of Whiskey also tend to come from whiskey that is aged longer, so more flavor and characteristics are present, while the charcoal on the insides of each charred barrel also serve as a rudimentary charcoal filtering system that filters out many impurities in the white dog. Thus, the longer a whiskey is aged in it's cask before bottling, the more impurities get filtered out, and the more positive characteristics from the cask's wood are absorbed.

This is why Wild Turkey 101 is actually smoother to drink straight than Jim Beam white label that is bottled at 80 proof. As a whiskey novice, don't be afraid to try the higher proofed offerings. You'd be surprised at how smooth and flavorful the higher proofed offerings can be. Not to mention the real advantage of higher proofed whiskeys…you can always water it down to a level that you can handle. Think Old Grand Dad 114 proof is too strong? Put it in a tumbler with some ice, let the ice melt for a bit, stir and enjoy!

How to Drink Whiskey?

Many whiskey purists claim there is only one correct way to drink whiskey, which is 'neat.' American Whiskey bourbon enthusiasts will often proclaim this is the only way…straight up with no ice, no water and certainly no mixers like coke. The Single Malt Scotch Drinkers on the other hand insist that adding a splash of water "opens" the flavors of the whiskey up.

I say the only way to drink whiskey is whatever way you happen to like it! It's your money, your whiskey, drink it however you like!

That being said, there is a reason why whiskey enthusiasts usually profess neat or with a splash of water as the only way. Once you become accustomed to the burn of the alcohol, you start to discern the many different variations found in the particular whiskey's profile.

By adding cola or other sodas, or too much water, or too much ice, you do alter the chemical composition of your drink, and you may end up never tasting the subtle expressions that each different whiskey has. Because aside from aging and vatting, there are a number of different ways in which whiskey producers can create a wide range of flavors in the final products.

What Are the Differences Between Scotch, Irish, and American Whiskey? Why do they taste so dramatically different, yet all are called Whiskey?

Aside from country of origin, each locale that produces whiskey uses ingredients specific to their region that imparts unique characteristics to their whiskey. The following is a short (but by no means comprehensive) list of differences between the various Whiskeys:

Single Malt Scotch -

As the name implies, the mash bill used to create Scotch uses a single grain, barely. The barley is malted than roasted. The traditional manner of roasting barely malt was to burn dried out peat moss culled from the abundant bogs found in the country. The different variations in flavors can be rendered in controlling the amount of time the roasted malt is exposed to the burning peat moss, which imparts in some Scotch a smoky flavor. Scotch also uses the water from the country's rivers and lochs, which has it's own minerals and compounds present in the water that affect the final outcome.

Scotch Whisky is also defined by the region of the country it comes from, as each region has distinct characteristics in the water and the weather conditions for aging the whisky. These region's malts are classified as lowland, highland, islay and speyside. Each region has unique characteristics that give their whisky's a wide variety of flavors and textures. Here are some of the most popular malts of each region:

Lowland – Glenkinchie, Glenmorangie
Highland – Dalwhinnie, Oban
Islay – Laphroaig, Lagavulin
Speyside – The Glenlivet, The Glenfiddich, The MaCallan

Kentucky Straight Whiskey -

There are two kinds of Kentucky Straight Whiskey's: Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey (hereafter referred to as KSBW) and Kentucky Straight Rye Whiskey (KSRW). Both distinctions are legislated by law and are defined by the percentage of grains used in each particular mashbill. Whereas single malt scotch is made from nothing but barley malt in creating the mash, Kentucky Bourbon and Rye Whiskeys are created from a blend of grains. Straight Bourbon is required by law to contain not less than 51% corn in it's mashbill, and Straight Rye must have no less than 51% rye grain in it's mashbill.

The real variations come from the different ratios of various grains in the other 49% used for each particular mash bill.

Most Bourbon's contain a mixture of barley and rye with the corn, but there is a subset in which the distiller uses wheat instead of rye. These are called "wheaters" as wheat and rye produce very different flavor profiles in the final product. The most popular "wheater" is the well known, highly marketed and promoted KSBW, Maker's Mark. Another brand of KSBW, Bulleit, has created a unique flavor profile by using a much higher percentage of rye….reportedly about 35% of the mashbill is rye, while the typical Bourbon is around 15 – 20% rye in their mashbill.

Once a person becomes accustomed to drinking Whiskey, you will begin to notice the wide variety of flavors as expressed by the different mashbills. This is most likely why most KSBW and KSRW enthusiasts insist on neat as the best way to drink it.

In any case, the primary differences between American Whiskey and Whiskeys from Scotland and Ireland is definitely due to the corn content in the mashbill. Corn gives American whiskey a unique, sweeter flavor as opposed to the Barley content of Scotch and Irish Whisky.

Another distinguishing feature of KSW is Kentucky's particular geographical feature of limestone water wells. Kentucky distillers swear that the limestone imparts unique mineral content that gives KSW characteristics that

cannot be matched by any other water source in other locales.

Tennesse Whiskey -

Tennessee whiskey is very similar to Kentucky Straight Bourbon…the difference being, of course, that it's made in Tennessee, and also one key difference is that the two most noteworthy Tennessee distillers, George Dickels and Jack Daniels, they charcoal filter their whiskey prior to bottling. Jack Daniels is the undisputed king of Whiskey in terms of marketing and world wide sales. For many people, Jack Daniels is synonymous with the word whiskey. Compared to KSBW, KSRW and Single Malt Scotch, I think it's rather bland and unspectacular…but that's just my opinion.

Other Whiskey's –

Other countries also produce some fine whiskeys, most notably Ireland, Canada and Japan. Typically, they are all modeled after the Scotch styled, barley malt for their mash, although some Canadian distillers do buy some American white dog to make their blends. Differences can be discerned by the water, the mashbill and aging and vatting methods.

What is the proper way to drink Whiskey?

As I said earlier, there really is no "right" way to drink it. But many, many people who are new to the world of whiskey, when handed a dram (the equivalent to a single 8 0z. shot), will "shoot" it like they would a tequila, vodka or rum.

While you can feel free to drink whiskey anyway that suits you, most aficionado's SIP the whiskey. (This is also another way to enjoy those higher proof whiskey's without turning bright red and hacking up a lung.)

Whiskey was meant to be savored…that's why it's spent all that time in the barrels, absorbing all of those flavors in the wood and having all those impurities filtered out! To give you a unique spirit to be enjoyed deliberately and at a leisured pace.

There are many other areas that can be discussed when it comes to whiskey…just as wine is paired with certain foods, so too can whiskey be paired with things like dark chocolate and cigars. These things can compliment certain styles of whiskey, and half the fun is figuring out which pairings go best with your sipping pleasure!

Self-Control: A Masculine Quality

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Not long ago, a feminist I know slightly was venting on her blog about pro-lifers. “What are women who don’t want to have children supposed to do, keep their legs together?” she demanded sarcastically.

Well, yes. That is what has been expected of women throughout history, that they keep their legs together when the results of not doing so would be bad. And this is precisely what was expected of George Sodini, and of men whose dates get undressed and rub their dicks and then say no at the last minute. Why is this considered such an unreasonable demand?

But it is. So is stating that women should not be allowed to abandon their husbands and turn their children over to second husbands or boyfriends who will abuse them. Feminists seem to believe that when a woman gets wet, she has no self-control whatever. Her clothes evaporate and her knees fling themselves apart with no volition on her part. If she is already married to someone else, her legs, without consulting her, march her into the new man’s bed of their own accord, and her hands grip the children she already has and drags them with her, all without her having the slightest control over any of it. When a woman’s gina tingles, she can only follow its commands! Expecting her to act ethically when she’s wet is absurd!

Female criminals also just can’t help themselves. A woman who makes false rape accusations “is a very troubled young woman in need of much help.” If nine out of ten incidents of civilian parents with military spouses abusing their children while the spouse is on deployment, this isn’t because women are less moral, it’s because “men may be more likely to get help from extended family or other resources”. Recently a teenage girl set fire to a church with fifty people in it. But no one should behave as if she were responsible for her actions: “Fire officials said the goal is to make sure that the girl receives counseling, not to necessarily punish her.” If women who do bad things, it’s other people’s fault for not giving her enough “help” and “support”.

This is the feminist theory: women are never responsible for their own actions and thus the men and children around them must endure whatever they dish out – murder by abortion, physical attacks, impoverishment, etc. – and protect them from the consequences.

Feminists also, of course, believe that men have unlimited self-control. Rape laws, for example, say that having sex with a drunk woman is rape, even if she got herself drunk before even meeting the rapist. There is no extenuation if the man is drunk too. So women not only are legally held to lack the self-control to refrain from getting drunk – or maybe the law just figures that women are too stupid to figure out that if they keep knocking back appletinis, it will cloud their judgment – but a man who is similarly blotto is supposed to retain the discernment to tell if the woman rubbing herself all over him is drunk.

When I posted about how free women feel today to provoke men beyond reasonable endurance, at my wordpress backup a passing feminist declared: “There is no time that you can blame someone else for becoming physical in a domestic relationship (outside of self-defense). You cannot ‘make someone angry enough…..’ to hit. Adults are responsible for having control over their reactions and if they choose to become violent, it’s a CHOICE and if they make that choice, they deserve punishment. Period. Basically your post reads as ‘boys will be boys’ which is total horseshit.”

Notice that this commenter made no suggestion that Katharine Hepburn ought to have controlled her own actions and not destroyed Cary Grant’s property. Self-control is for men!

Men, it seems, can endure any provocation, betrayal or abuse without ever giving in to the urge to retaliate. Women, on the other hand, are so utterly at the mercy of their impulses that they must be permitted to murder the children they conceive, have other people arrested for not babysitting them after they have gotten themselves drunk, and given counseling rather than punishment if they commit a crime in which other people are injured or killed.

Feminists believe that men have infinitely more self-control than women. Luckily for them, they're right.

Since feminists are so adamant that women never be held responsible for their own actions, let us take them at their word. Let us bar women from entering into contracts, being employed in jobs in which they bear more responsibility than a teenager flipping burgers, or having custody of children.

There is No Honor in Competition with Women

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I understand honor as a system of accounting for men's souls. There are credits and debits, investments, loans, outstanding debts. Honor is gained, wagered, lost and regained. In the best case scenario, a man accumulates enough wealth to withstand inevitable short-term losses and indignities. Substantial achievements offer a cushion, a safety net pop psychologists refer to as "security." Luxury is not having to worry about the little stuff.

Like my pal's dad. He volunteered for a second tour in 'Nam so his brother wouldn't have to go. So what if he reps out his bench presses with ABBA blaring in his headphones. He earned it, and he sure as hell doesn't need my approval. Not too many guys have portfolios that contain *valor* these days.

Honor can be a confusing term because it is often used so casually. At the most mundane level it has come to mean merely "good" or "to hold in high esteem." Honor roll, "honor diversity," "honor the earth," Honor Golden Retrievers. I am speaking of honor in a less pedestrian sense.

James Bowman, in *Honor – A History*, wrote of both *reflexive honor* and *cultural honor*. Bowman's *reflexive honor* could also be described as "face"—the need to respond to an attack or an insult to avoid looking weak or inferior. His *cultural honor* "comprises the traditions, stories and habits of a particular society about (among other things) the proper and improper uses of violence." He also reminds readers in his introduction to the concept that "in spite of the discrediting that honor has undergone, the basic honor of the savage—bravery for men, chastity for women—is still recognizable beneath the surfaces of the popular culture that has done so much to efface it. If you doubt it, try calling a man a wimp or a woman a slut."

Building on Bowman's ideas, a man's honor is his private and public sense of worth as a man. Honor is a reputation for strength and the courage to use it when necessary to defend that sense of masculinity. The female shaming language often discussed here works precisely because it taps into a man's need to defend his honor. If he feels he has been shamed or that he has dishonored himself, he wants to balance his books somehow.

When men compete with each other, provided that it is a fair fight—"apples to apples"—men gain honor for more than just winning. They gain honor from having the courage to fight in the first place, for what dog fighters call *gameness*—perseverance, spunk, determination. Men respect other men who show courage, even if they *almost always* lose. Men in competition with each other are esteemed, win or lose, for good sportsmanship, fairness, heart, even compassion—all aspects of Bowman's *cultural honor*.

One time I ended up in a half-drunken sparring match with a buddy of mine. He loved to fence with *shinai*, and no one else at the party would do it. So I went out and played samurai with him for a few minutes. His bamboo sword left my forehead bleeding. But that didn't matter. I know I gained his respect and we became better friends that night. Poetically, our friendship also ended over a matter of honor, years later.

Competition with women is almost always a net loss of honor for a man. Men don't consider competition between men and women to be "apples to apples." And I don't think women do either.

To clarify, I'm not talking about "play" competition. Playing against your girl on a video game or a board game or miniature golf doesn't count. I'm talking about competition that *matters*.

A woman has much to gain and very little to lose by competing with a man who she thinks she can beat. No one will think her less of a woman for losing, because womanhood has nothing to do with competing with men. But if she beats a man, it will be a triumph of David over Goliath. *Men* will cheer her on, because in squaring off with a man she shows courage, and everyone loves an underdog.

But what does the man have to gain? He shows no courage by entering the ring with a woman. He is *expected* to win. If he does, his victory is shallow and unsavory. He gains no honor in beating a woman—the idea is offensive even to a modern man's vestigial sense of chivalry. Imagine the sportscaster shouting about how he "really

slaughtered her." How ignoble!

And if he loses, the loss is so much more humiliating. While her womanhood is never in question, his masculinity *is* on the line. He ends up looking like a poor specimen of manhood. Women won't respect him, and men will be ashamed to be associated with him. He would be better loved by all for cheating and obviously throwing the fight, or for graciously bowing out. To give maximum effort and be bested by a woman is emasculating, no two ways about it. The same rules simply don't apply. "Apples and oranges."

Dude, you got ownd *by a girl!*

This all probably seems pretty obvious to most men. Somewhere deep in your left nut you know that competition with women is a net loss of honor. But I wonder if those honorable instincts are handicaps for men who, in our society, are expected to compete with women *for things that matter.* When you find yourself in direct, serious competition with women, do you pull back? Do you opt out? Do you go in swinging and come out feeling depleted and ambivalent? If you agree that there is no honorable triumph over a woman—save in the bedroom or in matters of romance—how does that affect the decisions you make in life?

And, as it pertains to *The Spearhead*, how do you feel when you tell a female or a feminist "what's what." What have you gained when, in your eyes, you've won an argument with a feminist? Was it worth your time? It's something to think about.

Read Our Interview in Takimag

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Evan McLaren, a writer for Takimag, conducted an online interview with me last week, and has posted the results as an article in Mr. Theodoracopulos's conservative online magazine. I felt honored to participate in the interview, because Takimag features some of America's best conservative writers, including Pat Buchanan, Steve Sailer, and Justin Raimondo.

Here's an excerpt:

> Game is a direct result of the diminishment of civilization. It is a tool men have rediscovered that gives them a chance in the mating game now that the old rules have been done away with. That's really how it relates to civilization: it is there only because it is needed. In the old days, when you went into Indian country, you'd carry a rifle because it was lawless and uncivilized out there. That's how the mating game is today—a wilderness full of howling savages who might scalp you. Game is your trusty rifle.

Read the interview and post your comments here.

The Baby Bomb: How the Boomers were Used to Demolish a Culture

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The baby boom had a long fuse. While the social mass of having such a large number of people suddenly added to a culture would naturally displace the center of social balance toward the values of younger people, the impact of the boomers was disproportionately greater than the percentage of the population they represented. The reason for this unusually large impact came from the convergence of several long-term trends and influences which converged at the time of the boomer generation to produce a sort of “Demographic Perfect Storm” which wrought fundamental changes in the culture.

When I say they were used to “demolish” it, I mean to fundamentally change the values which had defined the culture up until that time. Any culture is defined by its values, and when you change those values you change the culture into something else. Using the social mass of the boomer generation like a wrecking ball, they were slammed into a culture which was already undergoing fundamental changes in social organization and the institutions which perpetuated that organization. The large scale trends that came together as the boomers were being born and raised were -

- Demographic Displacements and Shifts
- The Rise of Mass Media
- Consumer Culture and
- Marxist Thought.

First Demographic Displacements and Shifts

World War I was fundamentally about the end of the old hereditary aristocracies in Europe, but it had a subtle and unforeseen effect on the US as well. The long term trend of movement of the population away from farms, rural settings, and agrarian lifestyles toward urban settings and industrial employment got a huge bump from the servicemen leaving the farms to go off to war and not returning to the farms when they came back. Instead they tended to stay in the cities and feed the work force for the growing industrial output of the US.

About 1920, the first of two huge demographic crossover points was passed – when the majority of the population no longer worked on and drew their livelihood from farms, but instead lived in urban areas and was employed in industrial production or commerce. During the Depression and Dust Bowl eras of the 1930s, this rural to urban movement increased as many landholders lost their land and were forced to move to the cities and find employment where they could.

World War II was a repeat of the pulling of farm boys into the armed forces and then dumping them back in the cities, with the added twist of the GI Bill which allowed many of them to attend college who otherwise would have never had the chance to do so. This sudden increase in the proportion of the population with college degrees raised income expectations and did, in fact, result in increased personal incomes for a while, which in turn drove a growing housing market and the rise of “suburbia” as new living spaces were constructed on the edges of cities already at saturation point in terms of the number of people they could hold.

With the end of the war, the US was left with massive industrial production capacity but no longer had the majority of that output being destroyed by war and thus needing constant replacements. The suburban population centers with their newfound affluence and disposable income were one obvious outlet, as was post-war Europe and Japan in rebuilding mode. But, even with all those markets the unbelievable production of the US industrial engine would have soon saturated demand. The two concepts of “Planned Obsolescence” and “Conspicuous Consumption” were wedded with the newly emerging mass media of television to produce an advertising-driven culture of perpetual consumption.

No longer were people accustomed to producing most of their own needs like food, fuel, and even furnishings. They were entirely dependent on trading the wages for their labors with other people for all the necessities and luxuries of life. This played very well into Keynesian economics, or the “velocity economy” in which the economy was measured not by total wealth, but by how many times and how often a dollar changed hands.

These were the parents of the boomers, and the environment into which the boomers were born.

Consumer Culture

About 1960, one of the most profound demographic shifts in history occurred virtually unnoticed in the US: the number of people involved in the production of anything – agricultural or manufactured goods – slipped into the minority and there became more people involved in selling, distributing, or managing those goods than were involved in producing them. In other words, the US shifted from being a nation of producers to a nation of handlers. This laid the groundwork for being able to use such phrases as “service economy” or “information economy”, which would play a very significant role in how the expectations of affluence created by the circumstances of the boomers’ upbringing would be met as they moved into and through adulthood.

The boomers were raised on a steady diet of television, parental competition to “keep up with the Joneses”, and the repeated refrain from their depression-era parents that “we don’t want our kids to have it as hard as we had it.” They were also indoctrinated virtually from birth that they would carry on the tradition of being college educated which may have only started with their parents, but which was definitely seen as the key to “a better life” – which at that time generally meant “having more stuff.”

The Rise of Mass Media

After WW I, two new mass communication technologies really began to take off and spread – film (movies) and radio. These two technologies covered two very important aspects of culture – information dissemination and entertainment. Radio had the advantage over print media like newspapers in being immediate and timely, as well as being one step closer to direct human experience – hearing is a direct sensory experience, while reading requires intellectual processing and literacy in addition to sight. Literacy was far from universal at that time, so people could be reached by radio that could not be reached by newspapers, books, or magazines.

Film put the experience of “theatre” within the reach of the common people. While everyone might not be able to afford tickets to a Broadway play, almost everyone could scrape together the 5 cents for which they could purchase an hour or two of complete escapism. This escapism gained even wider appeal during the Great Depression when a great many people had really difficult lives from which they loved having the ability to purchase an hour or two of complete escape.

The film industry spawned an interesting side effect based on the social tendencies of people – the phenomenon of celebrity. Stage actors and other entertainers had always had a degree of fame and celebrity, but the mass market venue of film provided a much broader potential audience and a whole host of new niches for celebrities to fit into and exploit. It was possible to have only so many great Shakespearean actors or operatic divas, but movies provided the opportunity for many different types – from the buffoons of the 3 Stooges to the cowboy actor – to gain a following.

Radio and film merged their potentials in television. Sight, sound, and immediacy were a very potent combination. The propaganda potential of radio was well recognized and exploited in the years leading up to WW II and during the war, and the advent of television on a mass scale made it a propaganda device on steroids. In addition, it also made a very nice consumer good to occupy those factories, as well as being a self-perpetuating outlet for consumption because it created demand through advertising.

Radio also spawned a related industry which would eventually come to figure very heavily in the “information economy” to come – recorded music. While it was a product with some continuing market from its introduction up through the war years, it really started to become a force in its own right when presented with a market comprised

of suburban teenagers with lots of time on their hands due to lack of involvement in any economic activity but still with disposable income.

So, all the fragments were arranged – massive production, massive consumption, high degree of wealth relative to what had gone before, mass media with both propaganda potential and the ability to create demand for consumer goods by emotional manipulation, and a number of products with no direct need or worth as necessities of life which were easy to produce and easy to distribute – when the baby bomb was detonated and sent those fragments tearing through the foundations of cultural values.

Marxist Thought

Now the plot thickens.

All of the above is merely descriptive – laying out the conditions that existed when this huge mass of new future citizens was dumped onto the scene.

Marxist thought goes back, of course, to Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in the mid-19th century. However, the portion I'm going to highlight starts in 1917 with the Bolshevik revolution in Russia. Rob has covered this extensively, so this is going to be an extremely brief synopsis. For a far more complete picture, go to http://menforjustice.net/library or http://no-maam.blogspot.com.

The Russian revolution failed to spark the world-wide uprising of the proletariat to kill the capitalists which the Marxists had expected. In analyzing the reasons why it didn't, Marxist theorists saw the cultural institutions of religion and religious values, family, patriotism/nationalism, and education as being too strong in maintaining and transmitting cultural values for such a major shift to take place. In order for the Communist revolution to come about, those institutions would have to be weakened and undermined and the cultural values they transmitted be destroyed.

One of the best ways to go about this was to deal with people's baser appetites and motivations and weaken their intellectual and moral control of their behavior. A perfect model of how this might be accomplished was provided by Freudian psychoanalytic theory with his "id, ego, and superego" – the id being the reptilian brain and the animal appetites and emotions, the superego being social and moral consciousness, and the ego mediating the conflicts between the two. Appealing to the id, and weakening the superego, puts the ego in service of the id.

The Frankfurt School was a center of Marxist thought established in Germany in the early-mid 1920s. Their goal was to meld psychoanalytic thought with political action as a way of weakening cultural institutions supporting restraint, by endorsing hedonism and short-term gratification. The prime strategist was a man named Antonio Gramsci, who laid out a plan for a "Long March Through The Culture" which would leave every cultural institution which had defeated the Bolshevik revolution in a pile of rubble in its wake.

So, now the stage is set.

Fearing the rise of National Socialism, the Frankfurt School relocated to New York in the mid 1930s. Most of the members were Jewish, so they had real reasons to fear the anti-Semitic sentiment which was rising in Germany, and they were able to come into the US without attracting much attention because of the large influx of other Jewish intellectuals and professionals fleeing Germany for the same reason. Once here, they set out to infiltrate and become strong influences in the media, education, and psychotherapeutic communities. There was an easy symbiosis between these, particularly due to the chic and trendy nature of psychoanalysis in the post WW II US.

Despite the way that McCarthy has been ridiculed and demonized, there really were communists active in the entertainment industry during the post-war years. They didn't concentrate as much on strictly Marxist themes as they did on indirectly attacking cultural values. Instead of a direct attack on religion, for example, a competing idea of nihilism was introduced and promoted – e.g. "Rebel Without A Cause."

The boomers were sitting ducks for all this because they were children in the stage of life when the purpose and goal is to learn and internalize cultural values. Instead of the parents, churches, and communities which provided

most of the input for previous generations, the boomers were raised by television, radio, and film. The monumental sexual drives of adolescence, which every culture has to find a way to grapple with and restrain, coincided with a generalized loosening of sexual mores and restraints. More and more sexual imagery started appearing, and the Pill conveniently arrived – separating sex from reproduction and making "recreational sex" a real possibility – just as the first boomers hit puberty.

During the "turbulent 1960s", there were two major cultural phenomena which strained generational relationships even more than the classic and inevitable tensions between the old and the young – the civil rights movement, and the Vietnam War. The high level of distrust engendered among young people for the older generations, the "establishment", was captured in Abbie Hoffman's famous dictum "Never trust anyone over 30." "Traditional" values were seen as corrupt, exploitive, capricious, and often dishonest. A major youth movement/trend developed whose participants were called "Hippies" with values directly opposed to and reacting against the values of their parents and older generations. It was actually termed the "counter-culture", which was an very accurately descriptive term because the values which defined it ran directly counter to prevailing cultural values of the time. "Sex, drugs, and Rock'n'Roll" was the mantra, "Make Love, Not War" was the passion, and "Free Love" was the ideal goal. Hedonism became the highest good, and even members of their parents' generation wanted to join the party and have some fun. The developmental period of adolescence got greatly extended, with many parents sitting down to smoke dope with their own kids, if not being the ones to introduce their own children to the drug subculture.

The expectations of affluence, plus the expectations of their parents, plus the Vietnam War sent the boomers to college in unprecedented numbers. Here is where the Frankfurt school had really been busy. A huge number of their members had achieved professorships in prestigious institutions, and by the late 1960s they owned the academy. Hardly any discipline outside the hard sciences was untouched. Their thinking pervaded the social sciences, the arts, philosophy, and even theology. The boomers were at college to LEARN, so that is what they did. Few had the critical facilities to question and analyze what they were being taught. Some of us renegades who did question saw the early beginnings of Political Correctness taking shape as refusing to conform to the ideological indoctrination would be severely punished. If you wanted good grades, and that meant the carrot of a "good job" that they dangled in your face, you toed the party line.

And, into this volatile mess, they injected feminism.

The family, paradoxically, was at the same time both the strongest cultural institution and one of the easiest to attack. The age old tensions between men and women, dubbed "the battle of the sexes" were easily exploited to get women to see themselves as an "oppressed" class. The sexual revolution was in the news, but not in everyone's minds yet. The boomers were raised mostly under the old cultural mores and values regarding sex, and then suddenly turned loose with a new toy they weren't quite sure how to play with. Mis-cues and misunderstandings between the sexes on what sexual "liberation" actually looked like were easy fodder for exploitation in the next phase of the gender war – the escalating issue of "rape."

The establishment of "Women's Studies" departments in the academy metastized the cancer, and gave the hard core haters an entrenched "bully pulpit" from which to spread their Marxist theory and hatred against the "class" of men.

Boomer men were on the horns of two-pronged dilemma They were at the stage of their lives when their primary goal and task was to find a mate and form a family, yet their pool of potential mates was developing values which were fundamentally different than the values that men had been led to expect to find in the women they would choose as wives. Trained in one set of skills and attitudes that had been attractive to women in the past, men were now finding women who were not attracted by those characteristics and were demanding something different. However, the specifics of what was demanded no longer followed any sort of cultural pattern but were mostly based on the preferences of individual women – their much vaunted "choices."

No-fault divorce and the rise of "rape consciousness" fundamentally changed the relationship dynamic within marriage. The idea that a man could be convicted of "raping" his wife totally erased the long held tradition of

"marital duties" and turned sex from being part of the foundation of the relationship between man and wife into an instance-by-instance exercise in the gratification of personal whims.

The Marxist concept of "class oppression" combined with the sex-fearing dysfunction of women like Susan Brownmiller severed the most basic marital bond in one blow.

This class warfare was extended by placing all sexual activity on a "continuum of oppression" and set up a situation and consciousness that men could not possibly do anything but lose – the fundamental attraction between the sexes which is essential for the continuation of the human race became proof of "oppression" and a constant and perpetual source of justification for claims of female victimhood. The class consciousness of the "sisterhood" hoodwinked women into believing that they had more in common with women living on the other side of the world, or with women who had lived and died years before they were born, than with the man with whom their shared their bed, their children, and their lives.

This "unity based on type" was exactly what the socialist and union organizer Eugene Debs was saying when he said -

"while there is a lower class, I am in it, and while there is a criminal element I am of it, and while there is a soul in prison, I am not free."

"Brotherhood" and "sisterhood" are the same basic concept, and are illustrations of the same type of "ideology over everything else" that sometimes found members of the same families, sometimes even biological brothers, on opposite sides in the US war between the states, or civil war. A woman might have a splendid life – a comfortable home, a loving husband, decent kids – but as long as there was one woman anywhere who was "oppressed", then so was she. "

"The personal is political and the political is personal" destroyed people's ability to have personal relationships and turned all relationships into political relationships. A man and a wife might be having a typical couples argument, and suddenly the man became responsible for the mistreatment of women in the Middle East, the binding of Chinese women's feet, and the lack of women's suffrage a century ago.

In the face of this onslaught, most men felt an unbelievable sense of betrayal, but they were stuck in marriages to these women and their only choices were a lifetime of conflict or to just surrender and give in. Most men chose keeping their family together over falling on their swords of principle, and just caved in. Some even went so far as to exhibit a form of Stockholm Syndrome and became dedicated feminists, denouncing themselves in weird displays of schizophrenia and self-abdication.

Those that didn't soon faced the Soviet-style "re-education camps" created by the DV industry which was based on the Marxist idea that all Domestic Violence was a conspiracy by men to perpetuate their "oppression" of women. There is no more purely Marxist bit of thinking at work in feminist countries today than the Duluth Model of domestic violence.

Demographic and economic shifts, and growth of mass media and consumer culture continue

This gradual infiltration of Marxist thought occurred against the backdrop of continuation of the social, economic, and cultural trends which took off a half century before. During the 1960s mass media exploded. For many years there had been only 3 TV broadcast networks and only people living in or near major cities had access to all three. As the distance increased, reception decreased and people living 60 or more miles from an urban center often could only get all 3 stations reliably if the weather was clear. Throw in a bit of rain or fog and most people got vague ghosts on the TV and slightly warmed rain or fog between them and the broadcast tower.

These remote communities soon saw a business opportunity open up in the form of Community Antennas, or Cable TV. Entrepreneurs built huge towers and installed signal boosters, filters, and amplifiers and delivered the signal to homes via coaxial cable. The low cost of this kind of distribution system led quickly to the development of original content specifically for cable, which eventually became cable networks like HBO, Cinemax, and MTV. The

expansion of content drove up demand, and demand drove the expansion of content. An entire new “industry” was born which in turn spawned many new jobs.

The transition from a nation of producers to a nation of handlers in 1960 was the key to an economy which would have to absorb more new workers than ever before in history. A purely production-based economy could not have done so because there were not enough markets to absorb greatly increased output. At the end of the decade of the 1950s, the US, with 2% of the world’s population, was absorbing over 50% of the world’s industrial output. The rebuilding of Europe and Japan were essentially complete, so any increase in production would require opening new markets. But, opening new overseas markets would require spurring development in those areas so that those countries would have something of economic value to exchange with the US. Only a strategy of globalization provided enough potential for perpetually expanding markets, and one of the first functions to be “outsourced” to other countries was industrial production.

This fit perfectly with the white-collar expectations of the new generation who never once considered following in their fathers’ footsteps and becoming blue collar workers.

The boomers were a double-whammy to the labor market because not only was a larger number of men than ever before looking for places in it, but also a large number of women were following the feminist script to compete with men economically and for the available jobs. The “service economy”, and “information economy” ideas led to the rapid development of a generalized “managerial” class, which required skills which transferred seamlessly into a rapidly growing government bureaucracy.

As the boomers seeped into the workforce between 1964 and about 1986, the economy slid into the doldrums. The petroleum crisis in the mid 1970s ended cheap gasoline, dealt a crippling blow to the US auto industry because they were too slow to respond to trends and downsize their offerings, and opened the US market to Japanese autos of much higher quality than the US produced models. Globalization had begun in earnest.

Interest rates spiraled out of control in the early 80s, going over 20%, which depressed the housing market and sent ripples through the rest of the economy. The displacement of farm families of the 1930s was repeated as rising fuel costs and a weak economy forced a large percentage of the remaining family farms out of business.

Through all this, men and women had been stroking away, coping as best they could, trying to work out some sort of new balance and mixture of gender roles, and managing to get along.

And then the feminists unveiled the nuclear device of the gender war – the redefinition of normal sexual relations between men and women as “rayyyype!”

The notion of women as an “oppressed class” had simply failed to gain the traction it had needed to completely split the normal attraction between the sexes, so the obvious strategy was to attack that attraction itself. Susan Brownmiller had laid the conceptual foundations in the mid 1970s with “Against Our Wills”, and Catherine MacKinnon and Andrea Dworkin had carried the water of the concept forward with sexual harassment law and Dowkin’s sex-hating, man-hating, prose. All it took was for Mary Koss to fabricate her bogus bit of research in which she mysteriously “found” that “1 in 4″ women were being “rayyyyped” and the wedge to sever the trust and attraction between the sexes was set.

The feminist movement had pretty much stalled because most women still didn’t see their husbands, brothers, fathers, and male friends as the enemy. People were slowly working out new roles and people were adjusting to dual income families. The Equal Rights Amendment had failed back in the 1970s, but the real barriers to the kind of equality it envisioned were more in the slowly changing social attitudes. Things had changed blindingly fast as social change normally goes, but still not fast enough for the feminists.

And then, along came Susan Faludi, with her ***Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women.***

If there ever is a trial for war crimes of the gender war, I hope Faludi hangs. Despite what were actually huge strides toward a new more equal social system, including the fact that women had been getting the majority of

college degrees for a full decade, she dismissed all that and re-kindled the sense of victimhood among women of a certain age group. There wasn't a war before her book, but things certainly became one as a result of it.

In the brief cultural span of less than 50 years, every social value which was in place half a century ago has been swept aside. The idealistic boomers, fresh out of college with their Marxist ideas went into every aspect of government, and rode Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" into a welfare-therapeutic state where they controlled education, social services, and most branches of government as a result of having become entrenched in the multitude of bureaucracies spawned by the notion that every human problem could be solved if you just threw enough money at it.

The right to kill one's own children and call them "choices" was enough of a blow to the culture, but when people started seriously using "same sex" and "marriage" together, the Long March Through the Culture was complete – absolutely nothing meant the same thing it had 50 years before.

The Cave

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If women were truly sincere about A) wanting to understand men, and B) wanting to have better relationships with them based on something other than the man doing everything women tell them to and being everything women want, nothing would be of more use to them than understanding “The Cave.”

The Cave is where men go to sort things out in their minds. Men tend to want to lead intentional lives and not be popping off emotionally over any issue, whether major or minute. This is a female characteritic that we are often uncomfortable with, and certainly goes against most culturally accepted notions of “the superior man.”

The contemporary mythological hero, Superman, has the ultimate cave – the “Fortress of Solitude.” That name captures so much – the two absolutely essential characteristics of “The Cave.”

First, it must provide “solitude.” The entire purpose is minimize outside inputs so the man can go inside and find his answers there. Yammering noise must be eliminated. And, it must be a true “fortress” against the intrusion of such things – it must shut them out, keep them at bay, and allow the man the space and peace he needs to feel and think his way through a situation that he does not immediately know how to deal with.

The process is neither conscious nor verbal for men. Demanding a verbal explanation of anything from a man while he is in the Cave, particularly an explanation of **why** he is in the cave, will get your head bitten off. A huge problem with verbal explanations is that often people won’t accept them — particularly women who won’t accept the validity of their man being in his cave in the first place and regard an explanation as nothing more than an invitation to argue with him about being there.

Basically what happens in the Cave is that the man shuts off all external inputs and either enters a sort of purely meditative state or engages in some activity that focuses his hands and the conscious part of his brain, keeping them busy, while the unconscious does its work.

First he reaches down into his gut and asks himself “How do I really **feel** about this?” He may be feeling 100 different things at once, but if he sits quietly with himself, and only himself, sooner or later a couple of reactions and feelings will bubble up to the surface as being more important than all the rest.

Then, he goes up into his head an asks himself “What do I really **think** about this?” Again, he may be thinking 100 different things, which he shuffles around, and sorts, and discards until he has narrowed it down to the most important couple.

The next step is an internal negotiation/mediation process in which he weighs each side against the other and asks himself questions “Is this issue which has me so bothered really significant, or is it trivial? Am I angry over something petty, or does this really violate a deeply held principle? Do I need to fight for this, or do I need to blow it off?”

Eventually he will work through all the internal conflicts and confusion and decide on a course of action which is right for him – both for what he feels, and what he believes. He will then emerge from the Cave in a much better mood.

Anyone who follows an animal into its cave is taking a grave risk. We tend to protect our caves, to regard them as our very own”Fortresses of Solitude” and to defend them against invasion.

This is all purely instinctive, not planned. Most men don’t realize when they are doing it because they are not thinking themselves into it, but rather responding to an awareness of internal states they do not understand but want and need to.

Women can improve their relationships with men by understanding the Cave, and realizing that they don’t have to like it, or even understand it, but merely accept it. Nothing you can do will stop men from heading for the Cave

when they need to go. It is one way we are different from you.

Guys can improve their relationships with women in their lives who are willing to accept the Cave by at least giving the women warning that they are going there. If the relationship is good, all that should need to be said is “Cave. I’ll be back.”

Cornered!

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There comes a time in a man's life (or a few hundred times) when the sum total of his gathered experiences with women and the wisdom he gained from them is called upon to help him out of a pinch. The pinch I refer to is when a woman accuses your cad ass of sneaking around on the side. There are only three things that drain the blood faster from a man's face than the thought of erectile dysfunction:

1. When your wife serves you divorce papers.
2. When you catch your woman fooling around with another man.
3. When your woman busts you for cheating.

The first two, luckily, haven't happened to me, but the last one has… multiple times. And from those trials by ovarian fire I have learned a few valuable lessons. I'm here to tell you what to do — or, more precisely, what *not* to do — when your girl jabs the infidelity finger of accusation in your face.

I'll illustrate how NOT to handle a suspicious girlfriend with a fairly recent example from my own life (about two years ago). I was three months into a torrid fling with a pretty cable TV channel producer whose sexual appetite rivaled the libidos of the horniest girls in the world — the Russians. She was the one who left streaks of black fingernail polish on my shower tiles, which I did not clean off for months as a tribute to her voracious vagina.

As with most sexual dynamos, she was a Class A attention whore. There are pics of her scattered throughout the web of her literally dancing on bars and hipster doofuses licking her stockinged calves. She is now an NYU business school student. One Friday evening, we were having ice cream and she asked me to join her later at a DC indie club for a fashion show her friends were putting on. I said maybe and made an excuse that I might have to visit my sister, because little did TV producer girl know I hadn't broken up with the serious girlfriend I had been dating for a year (the GF didn't know about the fling) and I had made tentative plans to see my girlfriend that night. The option to blow off my girlfriend was not available, as her and I were at a critical juncture where any more asshole behavior on my part (such as not seeing her on a Friday night) would've caused her to dump me to avoid further pain. I wished not for that gravy train to end.

Later that night, as I post-coitally lounged in my girlfriend's bed, the TV producer texted me asking if I was coming to meet her. I didn't respond. I wanted to see her, but the logistics were horrible. I was stuck.

She texted me the next day asking to meet her at a local bar later that night. Hoping for another brain frying bang, I happily met up with her. The power of Admiral Akhbar was not with me. It was a trap. As soon as I sat down on the stool beside her, the conversation assumed a dark ominous tone:

HER: So why didn't you come join me last night?

ME: Oh, I had some things come up. A buddy is leaving town and I wanted to see him before he left.

HER: What's his name?

ME: [I hestitated for that critical split second when a girl can figure something is up] Um… Jerry.

HER: Where did you meet him?

ME: U street.

HER: I thought you told me you were seeing your sister?

ME: Um, oh yeah, well I did see her, then I went to catch up with my buddy.

HER: [long pause, staring intensely into my eyes] Your story's not consistent. What girl were you with last night?

ME: [thinking: "she'd make a great lawyer"] What?

HER: Why don't you tell me who you were really with last night.

As suddenly as a tropical squall, her face hardened into a sheet of ice. The love had vanished.

ME: Look, I don't like talking about this shit in my life, but my ex-girlfriend is going through a tough time and she needed me. [I was hoping to gain points for being compassionate. What a fool I was.] If I didn't go see her, she might've freaked out.

HER: I don't date cheaters. Or liars. I'm leaving town soon. It was nice knowing you.

Although I tried to smooth the waters, I did not get a bon voyage bang.

Some of you will be able to figure out where I went wrong. Pretty much everywhere. The above vignette is a textbook example of how to bungle the handling of a girl accusing you of cheating. I had violated my own rules for dealing with women.

- I prevaricated, weakly.
- I attempted a salvage operation.
- I played right into her frame.
- I confessed.

These four bullet points are everything you need to know about what NOT to do when accused by a girlfriend/wife/fling of spreading your man manna. You will want to do the exact opposite of what I did. Namely:

- Don't prevaricate.
- Don't backpedal or appease.
- Reframe.
- Deny deny deny!

Let's illustrate how to properly handle the above scenario by changing the words I say.

HER: So why didn't you come join me last night?

ME: I had some personal issues to take care of.

HER: What issues?

ME: It's personal and nothing to do with you.

HER: Did you meet a girl?

ME: Would you like my bank account number while you're at it, Inspector Clouseau?

HER: If you're fucking around with someone else I want to know.

ME: No.

HER: Why don't you tell me who you were really with last night.

ME: Heidi Klum and Scarlett Johansson. We fucked like rabbits. I had to kick them out. Those girls get clingy.

HER: I don't date cheaters. Or liars.

ME: I don't date distrustful girls.

Now there's no way to know if this would've resulted in the bang bus rolling on, but I believe the readers will agree that the odds of retaining the services of the TV producer would have been much higher had I handled it like in the second imagined scenario.

So, to recap:

When accused of cheating:

1. Pause before answering.
2. Speak directly. Don't hem and haw.
3. Look her in the eyes. Remember, every moment with a girl is a staring contest which you must win.
4. Don't appease. Appeasement is the great pussy desiccator.
5. Don't fall into her frame. Reframing is king!
6. And, finally, deny like the sociopath you are. No matter how damning the evidence (she could walk in on you with your cock up to the hilt in strange pussy) if you keep a straight face and firmly deny everything she will rationalize a way to believe you. Yes, even the smart ones who got into NYU business school.

Don’t Give them a Free Pass

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Feminists in high places have inflicted untold damage to families across the Anglosphere. Millions of children have been rendered fatherless, men have been thrown into ruin and women into a disreputable state because of a witch’s brew of evil laws and policies cooked up in the basement offices of gender studies departments. Yet still the priestesses of feminism escape scrutiny on a large scale and continue to this day to receive funding from the very taxpayers whose lives they are wrecking. Their goal is nothing less than sheer power over the lives of the little people, whom they apparently despise with all the hatred of elites in precarious positions.

At the root of this power is money and tenure, which gives them the freedom to wreak havoc unimpeded – indeed, abetted – by those who fund and accommodate them — namely all of us! In this time of fiscal constraints and economic uncertainty, we have an opportunity to reevaluate expenditures at our increasingly expensive, cash-hungry universities. To be sure, there are plenty of professors doing good, vital work, but certain departments are like a hungry tumor that feeds at the expense of others and metastisizes, sending mutant cells off into other departments in a quest for absolute control over administration, faculty and the student body.

They will not stop at outright lies and fraud to achieve their goals, as is demonstrated by the following article (courtesy of Glenn Sacks) about Jennifer Beeman, director of the Campus Violence Prevention Program at the University of California at Davis. Below is a linked excerpt:

> So you’re an official at a major state university. You want that university to be the best it can be, right? And that includes attracting the best possible students, right? And that means, if you happen to be the director of the Campus Violence Prevention Program, you want to let everyone know that the campus is a safe place to live, work and study, right? After all, you don’t want to scare off good students.
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> Well, all of those things would be right if you were anyone other than Jennifer Beeman who was in fact the director of the Campus Violence Prevention Program at the University of California at Davis. But if you were Jennifer Beeman, you’d do the opposite; you’d massively inflate sexual assault figures for three years running, 2005-2007. In fact, for each of those years, you’d more than double them.

How does one halt this progression of disease? The best policy is to starve the beast. Taxpayers must demand that these superfluous and harmful appendages be removed from state schools first, and then denied state funds at private institutions. Rather than working to end tenure, it is the positions themselves that must be done away with. No more comfy chairs and personal offices — let them make money from their drek in the private sector and see how far they can take it.

It is certainly the right of feminists to voice their opinions and write their articles in the turgid, Marxist-derived prose that characterizes their work, but it is also our right to demand that we not be taxed to support it. I can imagine some ballot measures in states with the initiative process that could make this possible. A majority of Americans, I strongly surmise, would be all in favor of eliminating government waste by doing away with anachronistic gender studies departments, especially in this age of female supremacy at universities, where they are clearly no longer needed.

This is the way forward: remove the feminist sinecures!

Snacks Make Healthy, Happy Mates

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A few commenters have mentioned the issue of health and food in relationships. If people are involved in a long-term relationship, how they eat can have a big influence on the happiness and, ultimately, the success of the relationship. It used to be said that the fastest way to a man's heart is through his stomach, and that still holds true to an extent, but it can also be quite literally true, in that some forms of consumption will eventually clog up and lead to failure of said heart.

It is not only what we eat that affects our health, but *how* we eat as well. Men and women who starve themselves for long periods throughout the day and then eat huge meals for lunch and dinner are suppressing their metabolism through forcing peaks and valleys of blood sugar. They are also keeping their energy level down throughout the day — we all know that both being hungry and feeling stuffed lead to tiredness. Far better is to snack throughout the day and eat light meals. By snacks I don't mean donuts fried in lard accompanied by a mocha latte, but rather something simple and healthy, such as a handful of nuts and some fruit, a little bread and cheese, a slice or two of sausage on bread, or a bagel with cream cheese and smoked salmon.

Snacks, like meals, should be balanced. They should contain relatively balanced proportions of fats, carbohydrates and proteins. Nuts provide protein and fats, fruits and bread carbohydrates, and cheeses and meats fats and proteins again. One shouldn't strive for no fat any more than for no protein — a little bit of fat tends to lengthen the period of satiety following a good snack. If there is anything that should be avoided, it is simple sugars, such as those added to soda pop and fruit drinks. These, if consumed alone, cause a quick spike in blood sugar, which is then followed by a crash. Fruits are better because the fiber slows digestion, drawing out the period one is deriving calories from them. Potato chips should definitely be avoided, because they are simply oil in carbohydrates, contain almost no nutritional value, and lend themselves to overconsumption and excessive drinking of sugary liquids due to saltiness.

People who snack more throughout the day have been found to burn more calories than similar people who only eat at mealtime. Going to dinner starving is not a good way to limit food intake, so someone who has had a snack a couple of hours prior to dinner will eat smaller portions and eat more slowly, which is obviously healthier than shoveling food down one's gullet like a ravenous wolf.

Because I have a couple of small children, I have learned the value of snacking for keeping them healthy and calm. Throughout the day, my kids get snacks of fruit, crackers with peanut butter, and cheese. I dole out the juice in very small amounts, as it can cause hyperactivity, which at times results in things getting smashed up around the house. As for me, sometimes snacks are the only way I can get through the day with my kids, being too busy to prepare myself full meals.

So women who want energetic, healthy husbands and men who want slimmer, happier wives should abandon the American practice of binging and starving throughout the day and learn the healthy and enjoyable art of snacking.

The Feminist's Guide To Debate Tactics

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Observing comments made by feminists on MRA blogs – or on any blog or forum post which is even slightly critical of any aspect of feminism – for the last few years has made something very clear: feminists have no idea how to debate.

This is probably due to the overwhelming feminist hegemony in educational institutions. Women dominate the teaching profession, particularly in grade school, and all of these women are feminists. Girls have a powerful innate need to please the authority figures in their lives, and all they have to do to please their teachers is parrot feminist propaganda on cue. This leaves them completely unprepared for the outside world, where reciting this bunk results in demands that they produce facts and logic, things they have never been asked for before. The poor feminists are startled that their dutiful recitations do not result in a pat on the head, but instead in challenges they do not know how to meet.

So as a public service, I am providing this handy guide for feminists on common debate mistakes. This way, the next time you encounter one of those nasty old misogynists, your attempts at argument will not simply confirm his existing low opinion of women!

Mistake #1: "You're only saying that because you never get laid!"

There are two problems with this argument. One is that in many cases, it isn't true. Most of us misogynists started out believing all the bullshit about female equality we heard in school and on TV. It took a great deal of experience with women, in the workplace as well as in dating, to make us realize that in fact, women are very different from men, and in most respects inferior. Most feminists are straight women, so you'll just have to take my word for this: having sex with women does not in any way enhance respect for women. Quite the contrary.

The second problem is, even if the man you are addressing *is* celibate, this proves nothing. It has no bearing whatsoever on sex discrimination laws, child custody agreements, polemics about the "male gaze", women in combat, or anything else you might be debating. A very smart man in ancient Greece called this the "*ad hominem*" argument. You have probably seen this phrase in internet fora, but it is usually used incorrectly, by people who apparently have no idea what it means but know that it is a bad thing. An "*ad hominem*" argument is an attack on the person making the argument in lieu of a reasoned rebuttal of the argument itself.

Mistake #2: "You must have a small dick!"

This is another *ad hominem* argument. Once again, men with small dicks are still capable of stating facts which are correct. Unless you have some scientific studies that show that men with small dicks are always wrong, it's best not to use this one. Besides which, MRA's have all heard it so many times that it makes them conclude, probably correctly, that you don't have any actual information that might back up your contentions. "You must have a small dick!" is basically feminist code for "I have no clue what I'm talking about!"

Mistake #3: (used against female antifeminists) "If it weren't for feminism, you wouldn't have the right to keep a blog!"

I have seen this charge levelled against women whose antifeminist opinions are far more moderate than mine. Feminists seem to believe that women used to be barred from the First Amendment until some heroic feminists got us in on it. The fact is, women and men have always had the same degree of freedom of speech. In the days when the Inquisition could burn people at the stake for heresy, men did not get away with any more heresy than women did. In Europe today, men and women, at least white ones, are equally subject to spurious hate speech laws. That women pre-Women's Lib did not have freedom of speech would have come as a great surprise to Sojourner Truth, Carry Nation, Mary Wollstonecraft, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Abby Kelley Foster, Madame de Stael, Renee Vivien, Radclyffe Hall, Rebecca Protten, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Baker Eddy, Mary Hunt, Elizabeth D. Golek, etc.

etc.

If you want to use this argument, if you want it to be taken seriously you must offer the names of these mysterious feminists who gave women the right to blog. Dates and how they went about doing so, as well as some sort of evidence that women used to be kept silent, would also be useful.

Mistake #4: "Okay, so it's true that women aren't as good at science and stuff, but that's because girls are raised differently from boys! If we were raised the same we'd be just as good at it!"

First, we don't know that. The only reason to think that it is the case is that feminists want to believe it. There is no evidence. Your wishes are not a valid argument.

Second, there is considerable evidence that sex differences are innate. Feminists who try to teach their boys not to be violent are invariably dismayed when their toddling sons use the dolls they're given as weapons. A boy who was raised as a girl after a botched circumcision knew even before he was eventually told the truth that he wasn't actually a girl, and the attempt to turn him into one resulted in severe psychological problems; he ended by committing suicide at 38. For more on this, go to my blog and see the sidebar sections on "What Schools Are Doing to Boys" and "Biology Is Destiny".

Mistake #5: "Women were too busy taking care of children and doing housework to invent things or discover things!"

And just what do you imagine men were doing while your ancestresses were cooking dinner or sewing clothes? The vast majority of them weren't lounging happily in a library devising the principles of geometry or gazing through a telescope. They were mostly breaking their backs on farmland or in mines or smithies, enduring months of malnutrition and brutality aboard trading ships, getting shot at in armies, and other such fulfilling career paths. Yet somehow, men managed to build civilization in between.

For thousands of years, babies were delivered by midwives. Women had complete control of this profession. It never even occurred to the men who ruled the societies to interfere with midwifery. None of these women with the freedom and opportunity for hands-on experience invented the forceps. Instead, a man named Peter Chamberlen invented them around 1600, when the idea of male doctors delivering babies was still a controversial idea, and one chiefly engaged in by the decadent rich. In other words, men had scarcely arrived on the scene before they were inventing things that women had not imagined in thousands of years.

Commenter Paul came up with another excellent example: for the last few centuries, upper- and middle-class women were encouraged to learn to play musical instruments. A lot of these women had the leisure to spend a great deal of time on their music. Yet there have been very few female composers of any note, and black American men – not a privileged group by any means – invented both blues and jazz.

Finally, in the last few decades a great deal of effort has been expended on "encouraging" women and girls to achieve in traditionally male fields, and the lower and higher education systems are feminist-dominated. Where is the Renaissance of female creativity? Where are the female Leonardos, Isaac Newtons, and Mozarts? Women have made achievements – before and after feminism – but they are not equal to those of men.

Mistake #6: "Men have higher IQs, but that's because the IQ test doesn't measure female aptitudes!"

First, demanding that the rules be changed because you are losing impresses no one.

Second, the historical fact is that the IQ test *is rigged in favor of women.*

> "The one exception to the general rule that different groups or populations usually differ in average IQ is that both sexes have approximately the same average IQ on most tests. This is not, however, a true empirical finding but a consequence of the manner in which the tests were first constructed…the two sexes were defined to have equal intelligence rather than discovered to have equal intelligence." (Evans and Waites, 1981, 168). (Evans, B.. & Waites, B. (1981). IQ and mental testing: An unnatural science and its social history. London,

> UK: Macmillan.)

More discussion of the slanting of the IQ test to minimize differences between men and women can be read here, here, here, and here. And despite the slanting in women's favor, men still score consistently higher on them.

Mistake #7: "I guess Thomas Jefferson's slave mistress wasn't oppressed then, huh!"

Hijacking the misfortunes of other groups – slavery, the Holocaust, indentured servitude, dhimmitude, the potato famine, etc. – is tacky and does not prove that women are equal to men.

Mistake #8: "I cannot believe how ignorant you are!"

I think that feminists don't know what the word "ignorant" means. It means that the person *doesn't know* something. For example, I am ignorant of the Mandarin word for "insect", because I have never studied Mandarin.

The only way this charge would make sense would be if you thought that the person you were talking to had never heard the glad tidings that women are equal to men. Unless you can come up with convincing evidence that someone on this planet hasn't heard this nonsense, calling an MRA "ignorant" makes no sense whatever. We have all *heard* the feminist gospel. We aren't ignorant of it. We simply don't believe it. Indeed, given that feminists apparently believe that it was a heroic feminist campaign that won women the right to keep blogs and clearly don't know that IQ tests are slanted against men, you are clearly the ignorant ones.

Of course, as a male blogger pointed out and I discussed, what women actually mean when they say this is that it's stupid to believe unfashionable things because unconventional opinions make it harder to be socially accepted. For women, who are by nature dependent creatures, this is of paramount importance; the abstract value of truth has little appeal for most women.

Mistake #9: "I think this site must be a joke! You're a troll!"

The world is full of people who disagree with you. Facing this fact is part of growing up.

Mistake #10: "You're just too immature to handle a relationship with an independent woman!"

First, see #1. "*Ad hominem*", remember that?

Roger Devlin handled this one quite ably:

> A highly successful women's magazine editor has written a book of advice for young wives stating: "Giving, devoting, sacrificing … these are the actions of a good wife, no? No. These are the actions of a drudge, a sucker, a sap." Instead, women are urged to emulate a wife who threw her husband's clothes into the garden to teach him not to leave socks on the floor: "He understood I meant it." Or another who wanted her husband to help with the laundry, and hollered at him: "Are you a f***ing retard that you don't see me running up and down stairs? Listen to me and stop your bulls**t." Or another who discovered this interpersonal skill: "Just stand there and start screaming. If you stand there and scream long enough, someone is going to realize that you're standing in the middle of the room screaming [and ask] 'Why are you screaming?'" (pp. 245-47)
>
> What could be wrong with men these days that they refuse to commit?

Mistake #11: "I am *so very upset* by what you've said! I nearly fainted! I almost threw up! I am trembling in horror!"

Evolution has designed women to use their emotions to manipulate their mates into providing for them and tending to them. We know you can't really help it, but in a debate, particularly one about the alleged equality of women, it isn't appropriate.

We know that a lot of what you're doing here is putting on a display for other feminists. "See how terribly upset I am by this heresy! I am one of you! I am, like, totally sincere!"

But when debating with us, all that such “arguments” do is convince us that we’re right, that women should, for the most part, be kept out of masculine realms such as industry and science, because they are too weak to endure hearing facts they don’t like.

When Nancy Hopkins responded to Larry Summers mentioning the possibility that men might be somewhat naturally better suited to science – he even added, “I hope it isn’t true” – by fleeing from the room in a nauseated swoon, all she actually accomplished was to demonstrate to the world that women are too delicate and fragile for serious business like science. Do male scientists flee from the room when they hear hypotheses they hope aren’t true? Even black men respond more constructively to discussion of the black-white IQ gap.

If this is how women react to disagreement, it is a matter of public safety to keep them legally unequal:

> Somebody in the Massachusetts Department of Motor Vehicles needs to look into suspending Dr Hopkins driver’s license. She obviously doesn’t need to be driving.
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> Now, I’m not saying that women can’t drive, nor am I implying that Ms Hopkins’ remarks are evidence in that direction. Republican women mostly seem to do ok at it, anyway.
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> However, given her self-reported reactions to Summers remarks, what would happen if she were driving down the street and accidentally punched up Rush Limbaugh on the radio, for example? Rush makes one of his “feminazi” jokes, and she throws up and blacks out.
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> When she then plows into a busload of innocent children, the blood will be on Rush’s hands, obviously. Still, that doesn’t help The Children.

Source: Should Nancy Hopkins be driving?

Also? Just because you don’t like something doesn’t mean it isn’t true.

Mistake #12: “What are you smoking and where can I get some?”

This was funny the first 5,000 times we heard it, but it’s getting old. More importantly, it’s irrelevant. I don’t use illegal substances, but even if my bloodstream were a cocktail of half the things Americans can be arrested for using, I might still be right.

Mistake #13: “Just because I’m wrong about the trivial details doesn’t mean that there were no Battles To Be Fought for women’s rights.”

Vague, sweeping assertions are not a viable argument. Those “trivial details” you can’t be bothered with are. If you don’t have any concrete facts, your rhetoric is just that.

So what kind of arguments will MRAs listen to?

We like facts. Go looking for dates, names, legislation, documentation, and statistics. Find a scientific study, if you can, that indicates that women might in some field have the potential to be equal to men. Find statistics showing that society has become better in some way since women’s privilege, er I mean feminism, took root. Of course, you’re at a disadvantage here, since all of the facts show that women are innately inferior, that women of superior achievement will always be in the minority, and that women’s liberation leads to all sorts of social pathologies – rampant divorce, child abuse, inflation, eating disorders, and a general lowering of standards so that women can keep up. But if you hope to change our minds, you’ll have to try to find some facts that support your case instead of ours. Good luck!

Read more of the Female Masculinist at her blog.

Country Women – The Manly Woman of Honor, Part I

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On the heels of Welmer's post about women in combat, I'd like to add a few thoughts I've had about women, "female masculinity" and honor over the past several years. To begin, I'm going to talk about some different types of women I've observed.

I deliver exercise equipment to people's homes for a living, and as an amateur sociologist—aren't we all really amateur sociologists?—that gives me an opportunity to see people in their natural environments. The clients I deal with, or at least the ones who are home to take the deliveries, are predominantly women. I make deliveries all over the state, and I spend a good deal of time in each house. An average day might have me delivering an elliptical trainer to a new mom in suburbia, then a treadmill to marathon-running professional woman in town, then a home gym way out in the country. I've built several home gyms in barns. Occasionally, I'll even install something in the lavish gym of a mansion, where I deal with that increasingly rare creature known as a "lady"—a refined, polite woman of authority for whom running an estate is at least as demanding as your average middle management job.

I've definitely noticed a difference in the way these women from very different walks of life assert themselves around working men. Upwardly mobile professional women tend to impatient and dismissive of the physical aspects of the job; they're pushy and treat men like underlings. The "lady" has what I'd call the female equivalent of Game. She makes you *want* to do things for her. When I meet a lady I find myself waiting on her hand and foot, going above and beyond simply because she makes it seem like the thing to do. Most of the suburban stay-at-home moms are relaxed and easy to work with, even when they're particular.

There are many variations on these types and exceptions to every rule. My favorite women to deal with, though, are the country women.

Here's the thing—most of these babes can drive tractors and know more about engines than I ever will. I've had them offer to help load something up onto their all-terrain vehicles for me and drive it out through the mud to the barn, like it was no big deal. Country women are not afraid to get dirty. Most can probably handle a weapon—or judging from the gun safes, are at least used to having them around. They pull their own weight. They are not spoiled.

What I've noticed is that even though they do all of these manly things most of them seem more comfortable with traditional gender roles and with men in general than many of their urban and suburban counterparts. They seem to be at once less threatened by men, and more respectful of them. They seem to be aware of sex differences, perhaps because they've worked side by side with men. They don't have a chip on their shoulders. They are feminine in a natural way, but they are strong when they have to be. They know how to act around the boys. They know how to be strong *women* without asking men to change to accommodate them. They *want* their men to act like *men*.

It's easy for spoiled urban and suburban women to live in a fantasy world where men and women are essentially the same, because so little is demanded of either men or women. Men and women are (almost) equally protected from bad guys and nature by the police, firefighters, ambulances, the military, and The Law. Men and women probably *are* equally good at pushing paper around and sitting through conference calls. In fact, women might even be a bit better at necessarily passive-aggressive, bureaucratic office politics and middle management. I've seen a lot of young men, myself included, go cubicle-crazy, like boys in school waiting for recess.

These are just my observations. Our society, which produces far less than it consumes, is doing away with the kinds of jobs that men prefer and do best. Very few jobs put men or women under the kind of stress that widens the gender gap. They have become so exotic that we follow shows like Dirty Jobs, Ax Men, Deadliest Catch and Ice Road Truckers on the same channels we learn about foreign cultures, ancient history and cavemen. But our pleasant, protected society is also likely, in fashionable parlance, *unsustainable*.

If Americans ever decide to stop farming out all of the hard work to other countries, one has to wonder how long

feminism in its current form will last. Will women really want to do those jobs—so far away from Starbucks and office potlucks? If our society becomes more balanced and begins producing its own goods again, if that is suddenly where the jobs are, women will *want* to stay home with the kids. If that happens, I bet country girls will have a lot to teach spoiled modern women both about how to be strong women, and how to let men be men.

The Push for Women in Combat

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Years of movies and other forms of entertainment depicting women as sexy fighting machines who can kung-fu kick their way through gangs of burly men have begun to have the inevitable effect on impressionable young women, who are now apparently demanding to be sent to the front lines of Afghanistan. In addition to these girls, feminist academics – surely great authorities on warfare – are challenging the notion that combat is a strictly male realm.

This is not without precedent. The Soviet Union fielded women in combat, and made plenty of propaganda encouraging the same. The reality, of course, was that women were overwhelmingly placed in support roles, including such glamorous jobs as digging anti-tank ditches around Moscow, while the men were thrown into the inferno. If the Russians had opposed Nazi Germany with gender-equal armies in 1942-43, all of Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals would likely have ended up under the Swastika banner.

Now, in the American armed forces, women are complaining that their support roles are not enough, and that they, too, should be able to experience the joys of gun and rocket fire along with the boys. Far be it from me discourage these tough girls; if they want to go through what men have been shoved into since the dawn of humanity, they are free to drink from that cup. However, if I were a male marine, I wouldn't relish the thought all that much. Who wants to go into combat with slow, weak soldiers who can't pull their weight? Sounds kind of dangerous to me. Add to that the monthly emotional volatility and the potential for sexual drama in close quarters with young men, and it seems like a rather dubious proposition.

Perhaps an all-female combat corps is the way to go. This way, women could do battle with the evil, sexist Taliban without causing trouble for our male troops. In fact, I would support a feminist recruiting drive, giving women from gender studies departments across the country the chance to really stick it to the Muslim male chauvinists of south central Asia. This would be sure to increase America's prestige around the world: give us trouble, and we'll send a bunch of girls after you!

To the academic types, the entire argument is not about winning wars in the field or limiting casualties or anything so trivial as that; no, it is about deconstructing "hegemonic masculinity," which is based on "the construction of a martial masculine identity."

One feminist activist in Australia – supposedly a man of some sort – feels that the entire "masculine identity" is an illusion upheld only by the idea that combat is a man's job. Keep in mind while reading the excerpt below that this man was so upset by *The Spearhead* that he didn't feel that he could write coherently about our publication:

> In regard to the role of women in combat, and whether or not this is something male military resent, I would argue that it isn't a resentment of women not being more involved. Rather I'd argue that the masculine identity constructed relies on what is essentially the myth of a homosocially exclusive experience of combat [...] the experience of combat is seen as something so quintessentially male, that great social and cultural lengths are gone maintain the strict gender division.

This kind of garbage is what emerges when you give fantasy and wishes free reign in universities: truth and reality take a back seat to petty discussions of the way things "ought to be."

Ultimately, this argument over women in combat will not lead to gender equality in the army, even if the Obama administration pushes for it with all its might. I can write this with assurance, because the nature of women themselves will prevent it from happening. As soon as the first female soldier comes home with a horribly disfigured face from a battlefield wound or burn and shows up on a reality plastic surgery show or Oprah, any potential for widespread female support for women in combat will quietly expire, and just as it's always been,

women will do their best to avoid the front lines.

This is as certain as the sunrise.

Chivalry Gets You Beat Up — By Women

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Arrests of women for violent crime have shot up 80% over the last ten years in the UK, and their targets are, quite often, innocent men.

Matthew Campbell, a 38-year-old driver from Grimsby, was out for a night on the town when he was set upon by a mixed gang of men and women who were looking for no more than a thrill. First, he was blindsided by a man who then stood back while a gang of women took over, kicking and stomping the stunned man as he tried to recover from the sudden attack.

Fortunately, the attack was captured on CCTV, and the women were brought to justice, receiving six month jail sentences. As men know, without video evidence of female misbehavior, they are often laughed out of the courtroom, or, even worse, charged with a crime themselves.

Mr. Campbell explained that he was initially hesitant to fight back, saying:

> It was a real shock. I remember trying to create some space between me and the women and trying to work out what was going on.
>
> 'You have to defend yourself to some extent. But I've never been violent against any woman. I was thinking I'd better not hit back.
>
> 'I had to restrain myself. At one point there were eight or nine sets of hands on me trying to do some damage. Women like this are no strangers to mindless violence.

Fortunately, he woke up at some point during the eight minute assault and managed to break the nose of one of his attackers. However, by that time he had been badly beaten, and was left with a number of wounds, including a shoe print on his face.

From the photos on the article, Mr. Campbell appears to be a fairly burly guy. If he had actually fought back with some strength rather than pulling his punches, it is likely that he could have incapacitated at least a couple of his attackers and chased them off, but he chose not to, because of vestigial chivalry.

Today, in an era of government enforced equality, this is what chivalry is rewarded with: a beating at the hands of drunk, savage women. Giving women a superior legal and social position does not result in better behavior, but rather more crime — apparently from both sexes. Rather than being grateful and responsible, women are using their increased power to misbehave in all areas of life. They are having more affairs, drinking more and killing and maiming people at an unprecedented rate.

The only way to put a halt to this is to give them a taste of true equality. If a woman assaults a man, he should respond exactly as he would if another man did so. If she hits you, hit her back harder. If she pulls a deadly weapon, respond with lethal force if possible. True equality has consequences, and it's about time that both men and women accepted that and acted accordingly.

Gavin Mcinnes on Female Bullshit

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Aye, lads. There is some reason (and humor) yet in the blogosphere.

Gavin McInnes has a fantastically funny yet serious post at Taki's here (link available post jump).

This is just a hilarious and fantastic read for men, I think.

A relevant and hilarious excerpt:

> Anyway, during our "debate" the Middle East kept getting high fives and I was starting to hear talk of the burqa being empowering. "So why is it made out of black polyester," I asked. Why not some flowing white cotton? "It's not made out of polyester" she retorted before adding, "Polyester is an oil based product. They export oil." Huh? Is that why toothpicks are verboten at the lumber yard? "Get that out of your mouth Harv! We need to export that! We only use plastic toothpicks here!" Megan realized she wasn't making sense so she pulled out the Jezebel race card: "What about rape?" she asked. As Heart's "What About Love" played in my head with new lyrics, I smiled and said, "Honey, America ain't got nuthin' on the Middle East when it comes to rape." She then said, "Did you just call me honey?" and stormed out of the bar. Thank God.

LMAO. I was in laughing fits reading that. Just. Brill.

Worth much more than the price of admission I must say. Kudos to you, Mr McInnes.

This, men, is a tone we need to strike more often and better than we do now. All of us — straight, gay, married, single, old, young. Gavin does us up here and we do well to learn from him.

Ladder Theory

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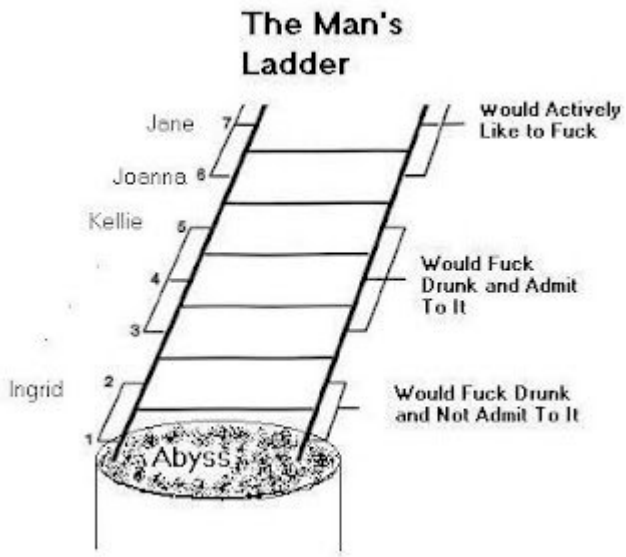
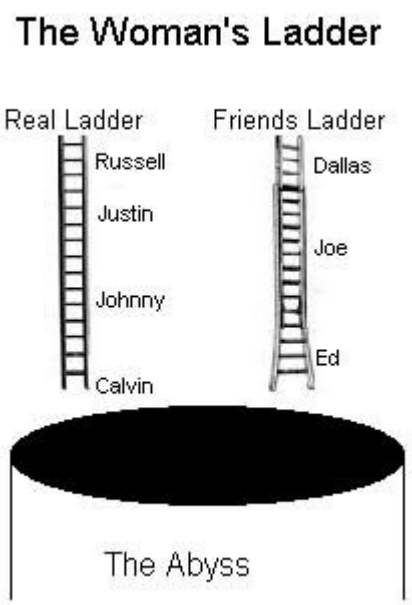
Gentlemen and ladies, I'd like to (re)introduce Ladder Theory*. The idea isn't mine, rather it was developed in 1994 by a guy named Dallas Lynn. While the concept behind Ladder Theory is nothing new, the metaphor provides a new mental model with which to observe male/female dynamics.

Men have one ladder on which they vertically rank women according to their ability to induce erections. On John's ladder, Julie may be ranked at the top meaning that he would die to have sex with her. Gertrude, a warpig, is at the very bottom of the ladder. John would only have sex with her for three reasons: inebriation, bribery, and species propagation. The essence of the monolithic male ladder is that female companionship is merely a function of how much the guy wants to put his penis inside her. "Friendship" is a foreign term for a man's ladder**, and "interested" has only one definition with varying degrees of magnitude.



In contrast, women have two ladders on which they allocate the men in their lives. "Friendship" isn't foreign and "interested" can have many meanings. Like concealed ovulation, fake orgasm, and descended breasts, the erection of two ladders serves to hide womens' true nature. Frank may occupy the highest rungs of Jasmine's "Real Ladder" – the one where sex happens – while Timmy may occupy the highest rungs of her "Friends" ladder – the one where masturbation takes place (look out below!).



The essence of a woman's ladders is that they aren't related. The men on the "Real" ladder are sexual possibilities depending on certain circumstances while the men on the "Friendship" ladder are not. A woman can have a guy friend that she values more than the possible sexual relationships with men on the "Real" ladder even though there's no chance of her hooking up with the friend. The female ranking system isn't as straight-forward as mens' (go figure). We have one variable from which everything else follows; they have two from which chaos and mayhem ensues.

According to Ladder Theory, a sea of abyss – described as a witches brew of self-loathing, embarrassment, and awkwardness – lies at the bottom of these ladders. A man attempting to hop across from the "Friend" ladder to the "Real" ladder may fall into the sludge. The authors point out that – unlike Nietzsche's tightrope walker – there is no rope to guide a man from the "Friendship" side to the other. I'll add to Ladder Theory by asserting that – if he wants to make the transition – a man has to make a running leap with a full head of steam, hoping to get across. While the chances of this actually succeeding are as good as a lion escaping from his cage at the zoo; anythings possible. Be aware that most lions that try to escape their cages are euthanized. If the friend does happen to make it across the abyss, he'll only be able to grab on at the bottom of the "Real" ladder due to gravity's pull. If he jumps but fails to grasp hold of one of the rungs, he'll land face first in shame stew.

One might ask why it is necessary to have the 2-1 ladder structure. Why can't men be ranked on one ladder according to overall attraction? The answer is simple, and it has to do with the variables by which each sex is attracted to the other. Men are most interested in physical beauty. Their single ladder ranks women – for the most part – on that one variable. Some women may leapfrog others based on willingness to hook up, but its all still a function of attraction. The single ladder implies that *all* women could theoretically move up or down the scale. This doesn't hold when women rank men. Once a man has been relegated to the "Schmuck scaffold", he has little chance of moving to the next ladder.

I'll leave you gentlemen with the cogent advice of the Theory's author:

> "You can see that a lot of problems can be avoided by declaring as soon as possible to a girl that you will not be friends under any circumstances. You can explain that she is too attractive or you can be blunt and say you don't want to bend your "friends" over a table and fuck them, but would rather play poker and go to the races with them, thus disqualifying her from friendship. As long as you are clear. This may scare a girl away. But if it does what would you want with such a skittish little twit anyway?"

*After I wrote this piece, I found that Dave in Hawaii had written on it a couple years back.

**Gay men have a ladder dichotomy similar to women's.

Megablogger Steve Pavlina Facing Divorce Annihilation

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Steve Pavlina, who has made a name for himself as a skillful and successful blogger, drawing huge amounts of traffic through his fascinating "Personal Development for Smart People" articles, has separated from his wife and is facing divorce ruin. Steve has always been good at putting a positive spin on things, and is a major proponent of "Inner Game," but it looks like his adventures finally led to the likely conclusion.

Steve began experimenting with "polyamory" recently, probably because, well… here he is with his wife:

Look at the painful grimace on Steve's face. Poor fella!

Here is another photo that provides an amusing contrast (note lack of ring on left hand):

Looks a bit more enthusiastic there, doesn't he? Same expression, but yet something is clearly different… Funny how easy it is to see, isn't it?

Seems his separation took him by surprise. According to Steve, he didn't know until this month what was coming down the pipe:

> Here are some answers to a few questions that I figure some people will ask us.
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> Did you know about this before or during the October workshop?
>
> No, this decision was made afterwards. It was partly the awareness-raising effect of the workshop itself that encouraged us to take a deeper look at our relationship. If you had told me at the start of the workshop that this is where we'd be today, I wouldn't have believed you.

"Awareness-raising effect" sounds like code for "my wife caught me sneaking into some girl's hotel room after meeting her at the workshop."

Nevertheless, Steve doesn't fail to put a positive spin on things, even alimony if you can believe it:

> I don't mind taking on more of a financial burden in this case, not just with the bigger mortgage but with alimony and childcare payments too.

My bet is that "I don't mind" actually means "given California divorce law, I have no choice."

To his credit, Steve is fairly honest about what led to his divorce. His experiments with "polyamory," which likely favored him over his wife (just look at the photo), were apparently the precipitating factor:

> Did polyamory play a role in this?
>
> To a certain extent, yes. It helped us discover new truths about ourselves.
>
> This year we both opened ourselves up to having deeper intimate connections with other people. This was a bit of an exploration process. It gave both of us more clarity to see that our marriage wasn't the best vehicle for

> our long-term happiness. We were happy in some areas but not in others. We had reached a dead-end and needed to let go of the marriage to get around it. Otherwise we'd end up working harder and harder trying to make each other happy, with worsening results.

Steve, we're all sorry it came to this. A gamesman and entrepreneur who has served as a role model to thousands of people is facing the financial dry-cleaning of his life, and all because your wife caught you with your polyamorous pants down.

But Steve, we've got your back. Put up a fight (we know you will), and stick to your guns. You'll come out of this OK, and far, far wiser than before.

I look forward to more news from Steve Pavlina, who is obviously a brilliant guy and has been an inspiration to many a blogger — he was one of the blogosphere's first and best success stories. If he can handle his divorce as well as he's handled some of his other foibles (read the part about his arrest for grand theft), we should all pay close attention to the lessons he imparts.

Perks for Professors

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In case anyone might wonder why male professors at universities support feminist (i.e. sexist) policies that favor women, Terence Kealey, a professor at the University of Buckingham, provides a good part of the answer.

Tenured professors don't have to worry about losing their jobs, so they naturally gravitate toward more "comfortable" accommodations, and for most of the men, this means being surrounded by "curvy" young women. According to a BBC article, Mr. Kealey compared the lecture hall to a strip club, and said that the hordes of attractive, buxom students could improve a man's sex life:

> Dr Kealey, a clinical bio-chemist and vice-chancellor of Buckingham University, likened the classroom to a lap dancing club and said admiring the curves of attractive students could help "spice up" marital sex.

Kealey further expolores the benefits of winsome young women in the classroom:

> "Most male lecturers know that, most years, there will be a girl in class who flashes her admiration and who asks for advice on her essays.
>
> "What to do? Enjoy her! She's a perk."

Not that this should come as any surprise. We are all sexual creatures, and placing men in positions of authority over young women is sure to excite passions on both sides of the lectern. However, this does raise the question over what role young men play in universities. If classes are like strip clubs for the enjoyment of the professors and the showy young women alike, then what is there to offer the boys? If the professor can't take his eyes off of a good rack, then he's not going to notice whether he's actually doing his job in regards to instructing everyone in the class.

Of course, the feminists expressed outrage over the article, and came up with some of their typical nonsense to denounce the honest, if reprehensible, professor:

> Any scholar, who assumes that female students who show interest in the subject and ask for help because they have a crush on you or hope to manipulate you with their sexual charms, is a reality-challenged idiot.

This is a straight-up lie. Anyone with any sense knows that women naturally use sex to manipulate men, and they very frequently develop crushes on male authority figures. Of course, feminists rely on lies to maintain the illusion of "equality," so they never let inconvenient facts get in their way.

The real tragedy of all this is that Professor Kealey made a very astute observation:

Universities are, indeed, turning into big strip clubs. Kealey may celebrate this development, but for the millions of boys who have been left out, the perks enjoyed by professors are no consolation.

It's a Conspiracy!

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One of the reasons why a publication like the Spearhead even exists, has to do with the growing number of men who through some means or another, start to experience an uneasy feeling of cognitive dissonance with the sense of just what is REALITY…what I refer to as our BraveNewWorldOrder.

Either from experiencing it themselves, or seeing it occur to friends and families, it's really only a matter of time before any man that takes the time to ruminate on things comes to the conclusion that the reality of life in the 21st century is different from what is taught to us in schools and through the mass media.

For myself, it was seeing my Uncle go through divorce court family hell, losing everything he'd worked to build up in his life…all taken away by my ex-Aunt who left him and their three children for a bad boy motorcycle thug. How is this sort of thing supposed to be not only possible…but backed up by law enforcement and the legal system? What was fair and just about the way his case ended up with him forced to lose everything to a woman that ended up breaking her marital vows?

Seeing that personal tragedy play out caused me to start looking up on the internet about divorce court family issues. This invariably lead me to the MRA/MRM/MGTOW blogosphere…and boy was that an eye opening experience for me, as I read thousands and thousands of words written by people that were noticing all of those things that they too realized certainly did not jibe with the perceptions of reality that are conveyed by our mass media and cultural institutions. (One particular blog, No Ma'am, written by occasional Spearhead commenter fedrz, was so compelling, that I decided to start my own blog.)

Anyone that digs far enough in cyberspace to research the various MRA/MRM/MGTOW movement is eventually going to come across "CONSPIRACY THEORY."

It is unavoidable.

There is a reason for this…and that is because I believe that certain aspects of what passes for conspiracy theory out there are certainly true. They would not have the traction and staying power that they do have if it were all

based on nothing more than fantastic stories.

But what you have to consider when contemplating the veracity of ANY conspiracy theory, are two very real, observable phenomena in today's world:

First, the very same mass media and cultural institutions of indoctrination that have promoted feminism by inculcating misandry as a cultural value, by repeatedly brainwashing the masses with fictional depictions of masculinized females and emasculated and incompetent males as misrepresentations of normalized gender roles , is also the very same media and institutions that have promoted a pavlovian response to the mere mention of the words CONSPIRACY THEORY.

Through the continual repetitions of cultural cues that all reinforce the notion that only crazy, insane people would even contemplate the veracity of any given conspiracy theory. We are conditioned to reflexively dismiss any and all arguments out of hand, that can be labeled and identified as "CONSPIRACY THEORY."

The fact that there are many, many details about the 9/11 attacks on the world trade center that don't match up with the official storyline touted by the media and our Government is patently obvious to anyone that endeavors to research into the topic.

But thanks to the mainstream media's ability to control We the Sheeple's mass consciousness, they've merely indoctrinated the masses to simply shut down their minds and cease to try and reason with any sort of objectivity when the word "TRUTHER" is used in reference to anyone that dares question the original storyline. In this way, the power elite that have socially engineered our current dystopia have managed to keep the majority of people from discovering the truth of their machinations.

One of the most effective means of inducing this Pavlovian state in the minds of the masses, is the second consideration one must always take into account when contemplating the veracity of any given conspiracy theory – the role of misinformation.

As I found out pretty quickly in my early days of researching MRA/MGTOW online, the Illuminati conspiracy theory is the most common entity referred to as the cabal responsible for all of the social engineering that has resulted in our gender war, our rapid decline of civilization and many other interconnected issues that somehow can be all be traced back to a grand plan being implemented by multiple generations to this nefarious organization's members to implement a grand plan to become a one world Global Governing power with absolute control of the human race and the planet and all of it's natural resources.

When people like Henry Makow makes his case on how the Rockefeller Foundation funded the feminist movement, and notes it's effects on society and how men and women relate to each other, I can read what he writes and intuitively ascribe veracity to his observations, as I've seen the truth of his observations manifest in my own experiences. You can also do as he suggests, and google "Women's Studies" and "Rockefeller" and see the enormous amount of links that certainly demonstrate that the Rockefeller foundation is indeed funding the promotion of feminist ideas throughout society. It's not that hard to grasp his explanation of at least this much.

Makow and others can discuss the "Illuminati" and call the Rockefeller's members of the Illuminati's New World Order conspiracy to rule the world…while there's no way to prove the more fantastic aspects of the Conspiracy, there's certainly more than enough content there to indicate that the Rockefeller Foundation is most certainly a part of funding the social engineering of society through Women's Studies programs in every college across the nation. There's definitely SOMETHING truthful in there.

So if at least that much of the conspiracy theory is easily observable and verifiable, how would the power brokers manage to keep the majority of the people ignorant of what they are truly doing?

By promulgating misinformation.

While I have no means of proving whether or not the Illuminati even exists, what I do know for sure is this: if there was a group like the Illuminate doing what many conspiracy theory proponents say they are doing…it would

certainly be a strategic necessity to disseminate copious amounts of disinformation and propaganda to distort the very observable issues relating to conspiracy theory.

Make enough hare-brained and fantastic claims associating the Illuminati with topics like UFO sightings, calling the Illuminati an extra-terrestrial race of Reptilians, or even putting out movies like The Da Vinci Code out there to make the average sheeple automatically connect any mention of the Illuminati with Dan Brown's fiction are all what looks like examples of misinformation designed to instill the Pavlovian reaction to automatically reject any mention of Conspiracy Theory.

So, understanding the role of misinformation in conditioning the masses to reject ANY aspect of conspiracy theory out of hand, it behooves those of that understand how social engineering has played a role in causing our gender war and subverting the constitution of the U.S. with the extra-legal family court system, to never dismiss plausible sounding conspiracy theories simply because "conspiracy" is crazy. That's the reaction THEY want you to have.

In summation, I offer you a list of hyperlinks and factors that lead me to believe that there most certainly are manifestations of evidence that the conspiracy theory is at least partially true:

The Frankfurt School's planning of the long march through western society.

The deliberate dumbing down of the American Populace through the mandatory public education system.

The role of the Hegelian Dialectic as the primary tool of social engineering.

Understanding how the Republican/Democrat partisan political system is a grand charade and was deliberately implemented to divide and conquer the masses, and that both sides are actually working on the same goals of a one world, global government. Hint: The US never was founded as a "Democracy."

One need only look at the long list of politicians who are members of the supra-national organizations, and note that a number of prominent politicians from BOTH parties are all part of the same organizations that are openly working towards this New World Order: The Council of Foreign Relations, The Tri-Lateral Commission and The Bilderberg Group.

How the central banking system was set up deliberately so that the banksters have essentially seized control of the Governments of the world by controlling the money markets of the world.

Finally, whether the Illuminati is a very real cabal or not, there is most certainly a group of people who espouse an ideology that is in perfect accordance to the goals of global governance under a New World Order – Communitarian-ism.

Here are a three Women authors who have gone into great details in researching the very real and verifiable aspects of the "conspiracy theory" in terms of the movement to empower a one world, global government. You will not find references to UFOs, Reptilian Aliens or other references to the more fantastic stories associated with conspiracy theory.

Niki Raapana – Founder of the Anti-Communitarian League. She's done the in depth research into the organizations and political figures that are absolutely involved in socially engineering communitarian ideals into the masses, and the ways in which they are working to subvert the U.S. constitution to bring about the New World Order.

Joan Veon – A financial reporter that began attending many of those meetings of the aforementioned groups and interviewing and researching the various entities such as the Council on Foreign Relations, the Bilderberg Group and the Tri-Lateral Commission.

Nancy Levant – Author of The Cultural Devastation of American Women, she too has done plenty of research into the New World Order conspiracy theory.

Read all of these ladies well researched columns. I have…some of them more than once.

I guarantee you that you will never again scoff at the idea that a conspiracy of sorts to bring about a Global Government certainly does exist.

Jezebel Blog Caught Infecting Viewers with Digital Version of Herpes

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The feminist blog Jezebel, hosted by Gawker, has been reported to be crashing computers with malware, apparently an Adobe exploit, in its ads. Silicon Valley Insider has an in depth report on the incident that led to infection. Evidently, an online scam-artist fooled the Gawker sales team into hosting the ads.

While we at The Spearhead applaud Nick Denton for his success with Gawker, we feel we should counsel our viewers to avoid any intimate contact with Jezebel – one of his assets at Gawker's online ranch – until the viral flare-up has subsided. Even then, we advise exercising great caution and using browser prophylactics such as Firefox Adblock and Flashblock add-ons.

T.J. Rodgers and the Nun Episode

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As we fight feminists and other female supremacists, it's important to remember those who have taken them on and their fellow travelers before us successfully, even if it was only over a small specific issue. T.J. Rodgers is one such man.

Who is T.J. Rodgers? Rodgers is the founder, CEO, President, and a director of Cypress Semiconductor, a company in Silicon Valley. He is a graduate of Dartmouth and Stanford. Rodgers is also known in the political arena for being libertarian minded, to the point of being an advocate for killing all subsidies for business including those that would benefit him, and an ardent defender of capitalism. You can find a biography here, and his essays on various issues here. Rodgers has taken on people such as Jesse Jackson.

One of the things that T.J. Rodgers is known for is what has been called the "nun episode". Back in 1996, Rodgers received a letter from Sister Doris Gormley, the Director of Corporate Social Responsibility of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, an order of approximatively 1000 nuns. The order had investments of stock in various companies which included Cypress Semiconductor. As a shareholder Sister Gormley sent all of these companies a form letter demanding that women and minorities be included in the respective companies' boards of directors. Rodgers responded by writing a letter to Sister Gormley pointing out why her demands (according to Rodgers) were immoral. Pointing out that the board of directors of Cypress Semiconductor was a **not a ceremonial watchdog, but a critical management function**, Rodgers explained that the requirements for being on the board of directors involved experience as a CEO of an important technology company, direct expertise in the semiconductor business based on education and management experience, and/or direct experience in the management of a company that buys from the semiconductor industry. He also said that this usually meant a man with graduate level education who is around 50 years old. As of 1996 this meant that their current set of candidates for the board of directors were in graduate school in the 70's, during which engineering was an almost exclusively male discipline. Because of this, Rodgers said, "a 'woman's view' on how to run our semiconductor company does not help us, unless that woman has an advanced technical degree and experience as a CEO."

Rodgers continued the letter with a philosophical and pragmatic defense of his position explaining why he believed the Sister Gormley's position was immoral. Rodgers also pointed out that there is no requirement in Christianity for "diverse" corporate boards, and that Sister Gormley's position was based on political correctness rather than the Christian religion (be sure to read Rodgers' excellent letter).

Rodgers sent a copy of his letter to all Cypress Semiconductor shareholders. This led to a full page article in the Wall Street Journal, and a debate between Rodgers and Sister Gormley at Stanford. The response to Rodgers was overwhelmingly positive. Ninety percent of the letters he received supported him. The only unified group that disapproved were other nuns.

When the Cypress Semiconductor stock that the order owned was sold, the nun episode quietly blew over, and T. J. Rodgers' successful career continued unharmed.

Obama: Beta-in-Chief in 23,096 Words

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Wow. I just noticed something. Our commander-in-chief is the least alpha of any of the leaders of our former enemies from World War II and the Cold War: Germany, Italy, and Russia. While I knew Obama exhibited beta behavior, I had no idea it was this bad. Give me a minute and I'll lay out pictorial proof.

We all know that Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi holds the title of "Intergalactic Alpha". The 73 year-old silverback is banging 18 year-olds, has amassed a fortune, laid the smack down on his wife, and avoided indictment and/or lynching for his shenanigans. Silvio has so firmly cemented his grip on the throne that his estate will receive royalties for use of the term *alpha* for 50 years after his death. The man is so alpha they're thinking of changing the first letter of the Greek alphabet to *Silvio*.

In the realm of politics, ol' Vlad Putin is Berlusconi's rear admiral. The steely-eyed de facto Russian leader exhibits alpha body language and has his own sexcapades with a hot former gymnast 31 years his junior. He also owns Dmitri Medvedev, the current head of Russia. One only needs to observe the body language of each to realize it. Medvedev looks at his mentor with admiration, deference, and desire to please in his eyes. I will heretofore refer to him as "Fredo".

Medvedev isn't owned solely by Putin; Berlusconi has property rights as well. Check out this picture in which Alpha 1 controls Medvedev's frame, grasps his forearm, and teaches him the ways of the world: "…So you want to *swirl*; you can also end with a pinch."

Here he is literally controlling Medvedev.

And this.

While this picture doesn't capture Berlusconi's dominance of Medvedev – they seem to be having a serious discussion – pointing is an aggressive act that lesser men wouldn't do to more dominant men. Medvedev feels the need to literally block Berlusconi's aggression. Careful Fredo.

So Medvedev is pwned by both Berlusconi and Putin who happen to be on almost equal footing. They respect each other and seem to have a sort of father-son relationship. Berlusconi has developed close ties to Russia during his tenure. The incorrigible alphas behavior towards each other is the least superficial of any of the leaders I analyze here. Neither feels submissive towards the other – and neither dominant.

This shows Berlusconi's comfort with Putin; it also shows that Berlusconi isn't afraid to break normal social rules. We can say, at the least, that Berlusconi doesn't feel threatened by Putin.

Would any other man in the world wipe the nose of Vladimir Putin? Where do you think Gorbachev got that mark on his forehead? The mark of an alpha is the ability to understand your surroundings and act properly. Only a man with a deep reservoir of the stuff can act the way Silvio does and get away with it.

The wild card in my analysis is German Chancellor Angela Merkel. How does she respond to other world leaders? How does she react in the presence of Berlusconi, Putin, Medvedev, and Obama? She seems to have different relationships with our two established alphas.

Putin and Merkel:

We see that Merkel is comfortable around Putin. His alpha demeanor doesn't seem to intimidate her or get her out of her frame. The two look as if they are co-conspirators.

Merkel's comfort is well-displayed by this next picture.

Look! She's negging Vlad! "Is that *caviar* on your lapel?" A person – female or not – wouldn't feel comfortable making a direct gesture to another they felt intimidated by.

Merkel and Putin seem to have a good relationship on equal footing. She doesn't seem intimidated by him and doesn't exhibit submissive body language in his presence. Putin doesn't dominate Merkel in the same way he does Medvedev and Obama – as I'll show later. Of course, Putin exhibits the stoicism of a corpse – something he likely learned in the KGB – so it can be difficult to glean his dominance from pictures.

On the other hand, Merkel seems to submissively defer to Berlusconi. She shows a coyishness around Alpha 1 that she doesn't exhibit around other leaders. Last year, Berlusconi played a practical joke on Merkel by jumping out from behind a lamppost as she left her caravan. The Master shouted "Cuckoo!" to which Merkel responded "Silvio!" and emphatically embraced him. Check out the video through the link. Betas don't play practical jokes on those higher up than them; this applies to the theory that alphas can afford to act outside the confines of normal social behavior.

In this picture, Merkel exhibits all of the submissiveness of Edith Bunker when Archie addresses her. Her slightly upturned lips and downward-tilted head indicates a large amount of panty moisture.

Berlusconi is also a master at displaying higher value – a trait inextricable from dominance. In the clip below, Berlusconi continues a phone call with NATO officials while Merkel is shown waiting to greet him. She looks on – perplexed – as Berlusconi continues chatting near the river. In international politics, this gesture is taken as a direct affront to the other leader; it is the international political version of a man showing up 10 minutes late for a date with a hot chick. Casting aside the consequences of such behavior, this is further evidence that Berlusconi exhibits the most alpha behavior of any world leader. The body of evidence is irrefutable.

Now that we've analyzed Merkel's relationship with the Don (Vito or Michael), let's discuss that with Fredo. Fredo was the ne'er-do-well brother of Michael and Sonny. As such, he was sent on missions to shore up secondary concerns for "The Family Business". He went out to Vegas to explore the casino business and down to Florida and Cuba to do business with Hymen Roth. He was given official status by the Corleone family, and if anyone fucked with him they fucked with the Don, but he was a minor player in family operations. Such is Medvedev.

There aren't many pictures of Merkel and Fredo together. We can assume that Merkel's relationship with him is pointless to analyze for alpha cred purposes because her relationship with Putin seems to be on equal footing, and he's the guy calling the shots. It's pointless. But just for kicks, here's one picture.

Medvedev's toothy grin indicates either deference to Merkel or that she is funny. We all know the latter isn't true.

One more.

Beta!

I've shown, through pictorial evidence and video footage, that Berlusconi is top alpha. Putin comes in a close second. Merkel defers to Berlusconi and would probably let him enter her from behind; she has a good relationship with Putin, and is indifferent to Medvedev – after all, he bought her flowers. Both Berlusconi and Putin treat Medvedev like Fredo Corleone. If he turns up dead in a lake, we'll know what happened.

Now it's time to turn to our own beta-in-chief. How does he stack up to the other world leaders? As a disclaimer, I voted for Obama. I have hopes that perhaps he's merely ingratiating himself to his opponents, a la Trojan Horse, in order to make himself seem more submissive and weak than he actually is. The first year of photographic evidence would support that theory; it would also support the theory that he's a pansy.

Let me begin by providing some perspective. Being his first year in office, this is Obama's introductory period to the stage of international affairs. To compare past behavior, let's look at a proven alpha president, Ronald Reagan.

In his first meeting with Gorbachev, we see command of respect. Reagan offers his hand to Gorbachev as if it should be kissed as if to say "Mr. Gorbachev, suck…on…these…balls."

Reagan wasn't afraid to use strong body language with his opponents. His years as an actor trained him well. We see here a knife-shaped hand aimed directly at Gorbachev. Rather than exhibiting some of the submissive body language that I will show of Obama, Reagan didn't wasn't afraid of appearing aggressive.

Diplomacy doesn't have to be weak-natured. One can be diplomatic and push through a political agenda with strong body language and posturing. Obama's BBL (beta body language) isn't a political contrivance; it's in his nature.

Let's start with analysis of Obama and Medvedev's handshake.

Palm-up beta handshake? Really? Maybe Obama was trying to give Medvedev some dap; I doubt it though. The palm-up handshake is classic submission. Obama is telegraphing “I bear no arms; I can’t hurt you; see, my hands are empty.”

This picture of Obama and Medvedev bring back memories of the Cold War. The air is thick with drama. Neither seem to like each other all that much. Medvedev seems to handle this a little better than Obama. Medvedev is stoic and upright. He seems at the ready. As Greg Lewis mentioned in his article above, Obama has a swiveling head and seems to shy away from Medvedev’s presence. This is a submissive move.

Obama seems concerned about the handshake, being too aware of it rather than letting it happen naturally. He’s making sure his positioning is correct. He is unsure of himself. A dominant person thrusts his hand out there and lets the other guy worry about the logistics. If Obama preferred to have Medvedev “give him some skin”; he should have asked for it. Fredo, possibly due to some KGB handshake tactics gleaned from Papa Putin, doesn’t seem so concerned. The dominance of Medvedev’s shake stands in stark contrast to Obama’s wavering one.

This is the kicker; it shows Medvedev’s utter disrespect for Obama. What’s worse, Obama further tries to ingratiate

himself to Medvedev by patting him on the shoulder. He even seems to be uttering something to Medvedev, which the puny leader doesn't seem to be acknowledging. "Bitch look at me when I'm talking to you" should have been Obama's reply.

Wait. No, no – *this* is the kicker. Bowing to Medvedev – with the elbow bent as if the arm is giving way – Obama might as well kiss his ring.

Let's turn to Obama *vis a vis* Putin.

At first I wondered how precise this picture analysis would be. How can we glean proper insight into dominance and submission displays by looking at a picture? One picture won't do the trick, but the same pattern exhibited in picture after picture will. Obama is overly concerned with grooming himself. He is shown nervously fidgeting with his pant leg. Putin probably doesn't even notice he has pants on. He probably thinks he's sitting in an Afghani dungeon wearing soiled camo. Obama gets mired in details; details are for betas (spot the evil egg in that statement).
Ohhh-Oh Silvio!

Alpha 1 – with utter disregard for the contemptuous Obama – outwardly lusts after Michelle Obama. He tramples on every decent social grace that international politicians abide by. He is a loathesome brute, but yet we can't look away.

Again, Obama displays the submissive head-tilt as Berlusconi leans into his space. If you look closely, you'll also notice Obama's hands are tightly intertwined, like two mangled twigs. Alpha 1 has a confident, direct smirk on his face; he finds Obama amusing.

So here's the alphaness inequality with respect to dominance displays: Berlusconi > Putin. Putin and Merkel are ambiguous with hints of equal footing. Berlusconi > Merkel. Putin >> Medvedev. Thus Berlusconi >> Medvedev. Medvedev > Obama. Therefore, Berlusconi-Putin-Merkel-Medvedev > Obama. QED or something. If we were to take the references to *The Godfather* further, Silvio = Don (Vito or Michael); Putin = Sonny; Merkel = Tessio or Clemenza (depending on her loyalty); Medvedev = Fredo. What's worse than Fredo? Rocco Lampone. Obama is Connie's husband that Sonny beats the shit out of with a trashcan.

I'm not happy to expound on Obama's betaness. I voted for the guy after all, and I'd rather have a strong leader rather than a weak one. His submission may not be as serious as it would outwardly seem. Less dominant primates often achieve alpha status by grooming and sucking up to other members of their troupe; this is politics in a nutshell. Whether that is Obama's strategy remains to be seen. But we know each person's history. Berlusconi and Putin came from alpha-building backgrounds: business and the KGB respectively. Medvedev was a corporate lawyer and a director on Gazprom's board. Obama – famously – was a community organizer. Community organizer comes in slightly above librarian and accountant on the list of most beta professions. Obama is submissive by nature.

The real issue for me is that our leader comes off looking like a wimp. Unfortunately, a picture speaks a thousand words; I just produced 21,000 that show Obama's true nature.

Advice from Niccolò Machiavelli

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I read *The Prince*, Niccolò Machiavelli's most famous work, last night, and found it far from as wicked and malicious as is commonly believed. Machiavelli was writing honestly about the human condition and means by which people gain power, and he was beseeching Italian rulers of the time to take these into account for the good of the people and Italy. Machiavelli, who writes with an unvarnished candor, had clearly studied a great deal of history and come to the conclusion that human nature, if ignored, will lead to the failure of a state. His primary concern is the use of warfare, as Italy during the early 16th century was a collection of independent, ambitious principalities that were often at odds with each other. In his final chapter, he beseeches Italian rulers to unite the country and drive out the barbarians, by whom he means the various powers, such as Spain, Austria and the Ottomans, that were constantly invading and taking chunks of italy as prizes for themselves. It is as though he is calling for another Caesar to restore sovereignty and security to the people of Italy.

What interested me most was that despite Machiavelli's anarchic interpretation of the nature of power, he suggests that there are a few cardinal rules for princes who want to maintain power. Perhaps the foremost among these is avoiding the hatred of the people, which he suggests can be done by holding to a few cardinal principles. The first one is quite obvious, yet appears to be lost on American politicians:

> It makes him [the prince] hated above all things, as I have said, to be rapacious, and to be a violator of the property and women of his subjects, from both of which he must abstain. And when neither their property nor honour is touched, the majority of men live content, and he has only to contend with the ambition of a few, whom he can curb with ease in many ways.

Our current system of family law is *primarily* about rapacious violations of men's marriages and property. The American government does not even consider abstaining from meddling in these affairs, and it has already started to earn the hatred of the people. This is a trend that will not let up until most men detest the government, and there is an atmosphere of mutual hatred between men and the state. Because laws, once enacted, do not tend to go away except by revolution, one might predict an inexorable march toward civil war.

Machiavelli also advises strongly against the use of mercenaries, which have become increasingly important to US military efforts abroad:

> I say, therefore, that the arms with which a prince defends his state are either his own, or they are mercenaries, auxiliaries, or mixed. Mercenaries and auxiliaries are useless and dangerous; and if one holds his state based on these arms, he will stand neither firm nor safe; for they are disunited, ambitious and without discipline, unfaithful, valiant before friends, cowardly before enemies; they have neither the fear of God nor fidelity to men, and destruction is deferred only so long as the attack is; for in peace one is robbed by them, and in war by the enemy. The fact is, they have no other attraction or reason for keeping the field than a trifle of stipend, which is not sufficient to make them willing to die for you.

The above passage seems to indicate that reliance on mercenaries in our foreign edventures will fail us in the face of real resistance, such as we are currently encountering in Afghanistan. Certainly, if Obama cannot find enough brave, resolute soldiers who believe in the cause, the war is already lost.

Furthermore, the issue of generosity vs. stinginess is broached in *The Prince*. This is very important and relevant to America in a time of economic crisis. If Machiavelli is correct in his conclusions, our government is making foolish choices:

> COMMENCING then with the first of the above-named characteristics, I say that it would be well to be

> reputed liberal. Nevertheless, liberality exercised in a way that does not bring you the reputation for it, injures you; for if one exercises it honestly and as it should be exercised, it may not become known, and you will not avoid the reproach of its opposite. Therefore, any one wishing to maintain among men the name of liberal is obliged to avoid no attribute of magnificence; so that a prince thus inclined will consume in such acts all his property, and will be compelled in the end, if he wish to maintain the name of liberal, to unduly weigh down his people, and tax them, and do everything he can to get money. This will soon make him odious to his subjects, and becoming poor he will be little valued by any one; thus, with his liberality, having offended many and rewarded few, he is affected by the very first trouble and imperilled by whatever may be the first danger; recognizing this himself, and wishing to draw back from it, he runs at once into the reproach of being miserly.

Our stimulus bill, cash for clunkers and first-time homeowners programs are “attributes of magnifence,” which will undoubtedly consume much our nations wealth and, in time, necessitate burdensome taxes, which will do nothing but stir up anger and resentment at what is seen as an avaricious government.

The final words on the subject of spending are instructive:

> And there is nothing wastes so rapidly as liberality, for even whilst you exercise it you lose the power to do so, and so become either poor or despised, or else, in avoiding poverty, rapacious and hated. And a prince should guard himself, above all things, against being despised and hated; and liberality leads you to both. Therefore it is wiser to have a reputation for meanness which brings reproach without hatred, than to be compelled through seeking a reputation for liberality to incur a name for rapacity which begets reproach with hatred.

The Prince contains a number of practical lessons for rulers and advisors that Machiavelli learned from years of study and service. Times have changed, but many of the principles remain the same, and from a reading of the treatise it appears that the leaders of the United States – from mayors all the way up to the President – are violating them consistently.

Perhaps it is inevitable that great power corrupts thought to the point where realism and practicality no longer mean anything to hubris-infected masters of the universe, and this is probably one of the reasons for the decline of great states. Decline may indeed be inevitable, but there will always be ambitious young men, rising in the ranks, who are determined to seize the reins of power and make a difference in one way or the other. Those young men would do well to pay attention to such timeless advice as is found in *The Prince* and other works written by the great thinkers of the past.

In conclusion, Machiavelli offers some advice concerning fortune and the vagaries of fate:

> I conclude therefore that, fortune being changeful and mankind steadfast in their ways, so long as the two are in agreement men are successful, but unsuccessful when they fall out. For my part I consider that it is better to be adventurous than cautious, because fortune is a woman, and if you wish to keep her under it is necessary to beat and ill-use her; and it is seen that she allows herself to be mastered by the adventurous rather than by those who go to work more coldly. She is, therefore, always, woman-like, a lover of young men, because they are less cautious, more violent, and with more audacity command her.
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> *–Niccolo Machiavelli*

Second Life: The Post

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So, a proper analysis of videogames and online communities in general can't pass without touching of the media's pretty toy since 2006: Second Life. I first tried to check the Wikipedia article, but since Wikipedia in general it prides itself on being "a neutral encyclopedia" (aka it has Political Correctness up to the ass), I decided to see what I can scrap of the Internet to form an image of it.

First, the basics:

- Was created in 2003, by Linden Lab and it's based on Neal Stephenson Snow Crash, particulary the idea of a virtual Metaverse separated from reality.
- It's creators have always written pompous bullshit about how isn't just a game, is a "virtual world", an "universe brimming with people and posibilities" (taken from their website). Ok, that was probably written for a marketing team, but they just don't get tired of saying it.
- Is a free-to-play game, but there's is an economy of third-party providers that can use their scripting language to create both 3d terrain and the avatar's appereances. The third-party providers are motivated because, unlike open source providers, they can trade the linden dollar L$ (the game's currency) for **cold, hard, real life cash** ($). Keep an eye on this, is a point for later.
- As a consequence of being a social online game (that meaning a place without nothing to do) and user-generated content it naturally became a 3D based adult chat room.

Ok, given the introduction, let's lay out the goodies:

First, we've got the lawsuits against Linden Lab for the users that get the most benefits for it: The third-party providers. There is the Bragg vs. Linden case, a lawyer that found a bug that allowed him to get virtual land, that being overpriced server space, for a price below Linden's one at buying it before it got published. Typical out-of-court-settlement case.

Also, there is the Eros LLC/Nomine vs Linden one, a case when the merchants aren't protected from Linden of other's copying their product. I wonder if the irony of most of their product being a copyright violation of, mostly, porn will dawn upon them. Nah. Natural blindness to reality and, according to them, a market of over 1$ million dollars are strong motivators. When you play MMOs for a while you see enough cries for attention lawsuits that it isn't a big surprise. There's also the Taser vs Linden for having Taser fetish suits, but that one is Taser pointing to something else besides their product killing people when it shouldn't.

Girls (and a few guys) go wild in here, as it's seen by their online prostitutes (The perfect scenery, access to free gina tingles, money and sex without STDs or the signals of used merchandise, although it's exchanged for becoming fat skanks), polygamy and affairs (the difference is that in the first case the guy is alpha AND unrepentant AND the wife is ugly; in the second the guy hides like a puss of his wife and is caught) and stalking cases (that woman have both the lack of sexual appeal and crazy eyes, just look at them).

We got the banning of gambling and child pornography — both mostly a result of pressure of the media and the law.

And, as icing in the cake and deserving of her own piece on this article is the (in)famous Second Life resident Prokofy Neva. Real name Catherine Fitzpatrick (it's all over the Internet, I'm just the messenger), she first got banned from the Second Life forums for being an enthusiastic critic of Linden Lab (more like a result of her status

as mistress of the text wall). Owner of three blogs, none of them very interesting for her habit of denigrating and calling unimportant things outside her world (and on occasion, the Marxist rage attacks). Typical female shaming language, as shown previously.

The issue with all these people is that they are heavily emotionally and economically invested in a virtual game. For them the Internet is Serious Business. They are just ripe for trolling, and trolling happened.

Enter the Patriotic Nigras. Born of previous attacks on Habbo Hotel (the same as Second Life, just with 2D isometrics and no third-party providers), when they used their traditional Men In Black with Afro suits for blocking the pools "for AIDS" (Pool's Closed), and at have been told that it wasn't possible an attack on Second Life in a thread of eBaumsworld.com, they decided to do a series of attacks to all the sectors of the SL community, specifically because it had become the refuge of their favorite targets the Furries (a bunch of fetishists of animal and anthropomorfic character sex; a sad result of watching too much Disney movies).

Of course, being an Internet Celebrity, Prokofy was interviewed by the mass media.

> Fuck, this is a denial-of-service attack … it's anti-civilization … it's wrong … **it costs me hundreds of US dollars.**(Emphasis mine).

On other point, the female domination of Second Life is due to, unlike, lets say World of Warcraft, when males can get status as providers of rare and powerful items, the fact that males without personality are quickly weeded out. Although to be fair, without corporal language it is easier to look alpha on the Internet. And, as a sell-fulfilling prophecy, the amount of female avatar customization is bigger. But most males aren't interested on glorified chat rooms anyway, so who cares.

And here we have it: a 3D based adult chat-room, a path for uglier women and men to find someone for having an affair, a major business territory (this one kills my faith in humanity), and everything nicely-wrapped for egomaniac designers that believe themselves and their product superior to all other online communities. The facts speak for themselves.

The Biological Context of Sexuality and Mating

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This essay was written about 12-15 years ago, when Evolutionary Psychology was just beginning to emerge as a credible discipline, and before Game really appeared on anyone's radar. Back in the mid-1990s, the culture was still lurching along in fits and starts trying to work out new roles and new expectations for the sexes which fit the changed social conditions from 3-4 decades before. The Hookup Culture had not yet really arrived, divorce was ripping through marriage like a virulent pandemic, the marriage rate was falling, and men and women in general were having a hell of a time figuring out what was going on with each other. Hundreds of "self-help" books came out claiming to address the problem, but mostly all they did was dispense bad advice from people who didn't have a clue what they were talking about, confuse people and the issues even further, and enrich people like John Gray who were dispensing "marital and relationship advice" despite his own multiple failed marriages.

It's not completely fair to put people's gullibility entirely down to there being a sucker born every minute. People's relationships were failing, their families were falling apart, and they did not understand why and were looking for answers. It is a huge shame that they did not get better ones.

The foundation of the problem is that sexuality and mating cannot be understood starting from a social perspective, and almost everything up to that time dealt almost entirely with the social values governing mating. However, these social values were not a consistent and comprehensive set based on generations of tradition, but were instead a useless mish-mash of old values, new values, and mostly wishful thinking.

Here is a brief overview of the biological context of sex and mating. Some of the source material and perspectives may be a bit dated, but in general it falls mostly in line with the Evolutionary Psychology perspectives which form the foundation of Game.

We'll get the exposition out of the way in a hurry.

1) Nothing exists in the animal world without a purpose. All behavior is purposeful.

2) This purpose is to survive. Life LIVES. Survival of the species is an imperative that drives all living things.

3) The biological purpose of sex is survival of the species. Reproduce (be fruitful and multiply) to assure that there is another generation of little whatevers to continue the species.

4) The mechanisms which control this are buried deep in the brain, in the section that is called the "old" or reptile brain. Lizards understand all they need to know about sex in order to make a new generation of lizards. This is the same part of the brain that governs hunger. …Survival stuff.

5) Humans are among the distinct minority among animal species in several respects including:
a) They can be sexually active whether or not there is a possibility of conception. Most animals will not copulate unless the female is in her fertile phase.
b) When we assumed the upright bipedal posture, from the four-legged stance used by most of our animal brethren, the entrance to the vagina was pulled up and forward. The only other animals which have sex face to face are the Bonobo chimpanzees. All others use the rear entry position. That is why it is called "doggy-style." Face to face sex is more "social." This is where most of our relationship problems come from.

6) There is a secondary purpose to coitus among mammals. It seems to be very bonding. Animals with a very low fertility, such as lions, tend to have a high frequency of coitus which serves the social purpose of strengthening the emotional ties within the social unit.

7) Behavioral or personality traits can be inherited in the same way as physical ones. The emerging field of evolutionary psychology shows how certain behavioral traits enhance the survival potential of the individual and the process of natural selection makes it more likely that the genetics which contribute to that behavioral trait will be

transmitted to future generations. Sexual behavior is more prone to this effect than any other because it directly affects the fertility rate. Selection has favored the most aggressive males because they are the ones who have dispersed the most genetic material, just as it has favored the least sexually active females because had they been out seeking new males to mate with they might not have invested sufficient time to make sure that the offspring survived.

8) Sexual interest is only useful to nature when sexual activity coincides with fertility in the female. Thus a very complex "notification" system has developed to notify the males that the female is fertile. In most animals this also means receptive, but human females have learned to fake the signs of receptivity in order to capture the attentions of males, and to capture the males themselves into a committed relationship.

9) Gee, what if someone gave a horny and no one showed up? The cues of the notification system begin a complex set of reactions in the reptile brain of the male which excites him to seek gratification of his sexual hunger. There ain't no thinking involved. It's pure Stimulus -> Response of the type studied by Pavlov.

10) Next begins the "mating dance". This serves several purposes. First, it raises the overall level of arousal, which in turn stimulates the production of sperm and increases the chances that copulation will result in fertilization. Second, the female, having signaled her receptivity through a variety of cues: scent, sound, visual, and behavioral, lets her potential mates pursue her until the biggest, strongest, smartest (i.e. most survival potential) prevails. A bunch of new little whatevers get started and the whole cycle begins again.

11) Generally males "signal" by pursuing. Sure they want to attract the female's attention as a potential mate, but they don't want to waste their biological resources pursuing a non-receptive mate.

12) We humans should take a clue.

13) As sex has moved away from its biological purpose and assumed more of a social significance, those receptivity cues have been co-opted. They are now practiced intentionally to gain attention and favors from men and no longer have anything to do with receptivity. This is where so much of the crap in gender relations comes from. Women signal receptivity when it doesn't exist, men respond at an instinctual level from the lizard brain without even knowing that they are responding or why, and everybody wonders "what the hell happened?"

14) Regardless of all this, there still ain't nothin' happening unless the female is receptive (except maybe a rape charge when the male reacts in the way nature intended to the cues which are being sent dishonestly).

15) All this adds up to the fact that the female controls the sexual interaction. Research done in singles bars and other meat markets has shown that "high" signaling females get approached 4 times as often as "low" signaling females even when they are significantly less "beautiful" than the low signaling females.

The often mouthed male bash cliché, "Men think with their penises, not with their heads" is closer to the truth than men wish it was. In reality they are "thinking" with their brainstem, spinal cord, and limbic system (hormones, neural transmitters, and enzymes). They unfortunately have no conscious control over these responses, just as they have no conscious control over hunger, the fight/flight response, or muscular reflexes.

There are a large number of stimuli which function as "releasers" and pump into the male bloodstream all the neurochemicals which create sexual arousal. Female chimpanzees' genital areas will swell and become bright pink when in estrus (heat). Jane Goodall, the renowned anthropologist who made a life work of studying chimps, described this phenomenon as being like *"… a bright pink flower which could be seen by males all over the valley, who immediately set off in search of the female…"* The human female rump has a similar effect on human males. Some of the lower animals who have little more than a brain stem, such as certain fishes, can befooled into a mating frenzy by a block of wood painted the same color as a female full of unfertilized eggs.

Despite the many and huge variations between cultures in almost every aspect imaginable, there is a remarkable agreement on what constitutes female beauty, which has become a polite euphemism for sexual attractiveness. In a study of 1159 cultures, **the physical characteristics deemed beautiful were more consistent than any other**

characteristic. And in all cultures these characteristics corresponded to the physical attributes of a woman in her peak child bearing years, 15 – 25. These are the women that men will respond to from a purely biological perspective.

This is not to say that men do not, will not, or cannot find an older woman attractive, they certainly do, but the attraction is based on other characteristics than pure sexual attraction, a point which very few women understand. Most women become addicted to the sexual power that adolescent women have over adolescent men and, like the dinosaurs, do not realize that environmental conditions are changing and adapt to them before it's too late. The power of a woman to provoke a purely instinctive sexual response in men diminishes rapidly after the late 20s, both because women are no longer as effective a vehicle for transporting a man's genes to the future, and because males of that age have generally already done their reproductive duty and turned their attention to other matters, such as supporting and providing for the progeny they have already sired. Women who are arrested adolescents expect men to continue to respond in the same way that 15 – 25 year old males respond to 15 – 25 year old females. The frequency and intensity of this type of reaction progressively diminishes as a man matures and, when it is present, guess what? It tends to be toward a woman between the age of consent and the late 20s.

In addition, men are fully aware that women typically use sex as a means to jump-start a romantic fantasy which will be entirely to her benefit and at his expense. In addition, women have learned that men are perfectly capable of controlling their sexual impulses when they realize that the woman is looking for something totally different than they are and that to proceed is going to get somebody hurt. If a man is not ready to dive headfirst into trying to build a long-term relationship with a particular woman, he is not likely to dive into bed with her either. Women's strategy to deal with this for the past several years has been to lie about their expectations and indicate that they are only interested in immediate sexual gratification and that the man need feel no obligation to pay for it with a committed relationship. "Fool me once, shame on you, fool me twice, shame on me." It generally only takes one occurrence of finding out that he has been lied to, and has just incurred an emotional debt he could spend the rest of his life paying off, for a man to learn that he cannot believe a woman who says this.

The normal reaction by these women is to escalate their cues and begin to beat on the neural responses of men to try to get a rise (literally) out of them. In other words, they DO sometimes ask for it. Some women are unaware that they are doing this, seeking only the attention of males and having successfully deluded themselves into thinking that the attention is based on something other than a purely instinctive response to sexual cues of receptivity. They are terribly surprised when they get an unexpected response out of a man. On the other hand, many are fully aware and are pissed as hell when they DON'T get the desired response out of a man and can get really ugly about it. "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

Either way the man is the loser. If he responds and the woman decides he is not what she is looking for in a mate and shuts him down, he is confused, hurt and more than a little bit angry. Camile Paglia makes some very interesting statements about this aspect of male/female interactions. She says first that —"Rape is male power fighting female power." Women, on the one hand, love the power they can exert over men to make them perform for love and affection; while on the other hand they fear, detest, and criminalize it getting beyond their control. She also said that what used to be called "unbridled passion" is now called "date rape."

Men have come to bitterly resent being manipulated by using their sexual needs against them, a process that many women regard as pathetically easy. I know that many women will want to crucify me for this next statement. Many rapes are the result of a man experiencing just one too many times the anger and humiliation of being led on, used, manipulated, and exploited based on the promise of having his sexual needs met, only to have the woman change her mind or raise the price at the last minute. In two celebrated rape trials of a few years ago, those of Mike Tyson and William Kennedy Smith, both instances were rich and powerful men who invited beautiful young women to their quarters and provided them with expensive entertainment with the predictable expectation that they would be rewarded with sex. When they called the debt, the women cried "foul."

On the other hand, if the man does NOT respond, women often respond in an escalating pattern that begins with

trying to argue the man into bed and often ends with vicious verbal abuse and sometimes even physical violence. Often men will avoid the issue by giving the expected responses to avoid the emotional violence, or will end up avoiding that woman.

A particularly distressing aspect of this occurs due to the mistaken notion that love and sex is the same thing. Many men have had the experience of having a friendship with a woman destroyed when she would not take no for an answer and persisted in trying to coerce him into a sexual/romantic relationship he did not want, based on the mistaken belief that if he cared for her he would express that sexually.

The futility of trying to argue a man into bed is driven home to them if they succeed in wearing down the man's resistance and he gives in. It is pretty much guaranteed that the experience will be miserably unsatisfying and humiliating to them both. Men may sometimes think with their dicks, but they sure as hell cannot dick with their think. If men could will their erections to come and go on command, both men and women would be a lot happier, but then they would cease to be men and become flesh and blood vibrators. Sadly it seems that is what women want men to be these days.

Men, for their part, do not think that much differently although they respond and act very differently. Men are often bewildered and upset by their own reactions and cannot understand why they are so at odds with the values they believe to hold. They buy into the romantic nonsense much as women do and are often angry at themselves for not reacting the way they "should" according to society's script. Men are just as culturally indoctrinated as women and often just as unaware of the foundation mechanisms of their responses. They try to do what they "should" but, like the dinner guests served a dish they detest but gag down out of politeness and a desire to not offend the hostess, if their own needs are not being met the best they can do is to mechanically go through the motions.

Like driving, passion is a privilege, NOT a right. Men respond passionately to women who are willing to understand, honor, and help them meet their real needs. Men respond mechanically, if at all, to women who demand that the man meet her needs while denying his and attempting to shame him into changing them to fit her bullshit notions of what he "should" be.

Both men and women need to understand that the sexual force of a mature man comes not from having a penis, but rather from an "adventurous juncture of ego and courage" as Norman Mailer puts it. To this I would add optimism. Deep within the heart of every man I know resides the persistent belief that sexual joy IS a great gift, that shared sexuality represents the union of the highest aspects of men and women, their finest moral products, the God and the Goddess, and the fervent hope than he will one day meet a woman who will regard it that way also. All the men I know are still waiting. Most of them are not very optimistic.

Women who have a sincere desire for a sexual relationship with a mature man had better start waking the fuck up and realizing that building his ego is going to get them somewhere, while continuing to indulge themselves in their infantile man bashing tantrums and doing everything they can to destroy it is going to get them a lot of lonely nights. Feminism is murdering men's desire for women, and women are its willing, nay enthusiastic, accomplices. Contempt for men, denial and negation of their needs and abdication of responsibility for their own actions is, for some unknown reason, very satisfying to women, but the only men who fall for it are the ones who are arrested in their own adolescence. I hope you bitches are having fun playing with these emotionally deformed children.

Sex is the most bonding activity between 2 human beings that there is. Certainly it is fraught with anxieties, confusion, and risk, but only the most pathological males can have even marginally satisfying sex with a woman and not experience deep warm and tender feelings toward her which will persist for the remainder of his life, unless the woman does something to destroy them, which all too many women do. Alex Comfort, M.B., PhD, in a book written 25 years ago put it this way regarding men's turn-ons: "he will love you more the more skillfully you sense and use it." A woman who understands a man's releasers and incorporates them into lovemaking with anything resembling subtlety will have the man eating out of her hand for life.

This relationship between sexual satisfaction and emotional bonding holds equally true in reverse. Unsatisfying sex

will breed deep and subtle resentment. The worse the sex, the greater the resentment. There is only one thing more bewildering and upsetting to a man than a woman who thinks her part of sex is done when she shows up, and that he both owes her satisfaction from the experience and after the fact owes her for the opportunity to provide her satisfaction. This one thing is the woman who shows remarkable skill and subtlety in finding and using a man's turn-OFFS, offending and disgusting his every sensibility, then blames his lack of response on some defect within him. There is a special kind of hatred that men reserve for such women.

It is evidence of the power and persistence of the male sex drive that men will return to such women just to get their rocks off, and in fact this is less due to sexual desire than to an inability to believe that anyone could possibly be THAT stupid and insensitive. Many men are also so confused and conflicted about their own sexuality, and have so much shame tied up with it, that they do not realize how pathological the experience was. Men who are clearer about it simply never call back. Only now, since the 1990s, this has become a criminal act.

Male sexuality is extremely undervalued, just as female sexuality is extremely overvalued. In this culture men are conditioned to believe that their only source of intimacy and love is the woman who is their mate and the only means they have to get female sexuality, intimacy, and love is to purchase it with their performance and their economic assets. This impoverishes both men and woman because it destroys the trust and faith in each other that is essential to intimacy. Men need to reclaim the value of their sexuality, if necessary by refusing to have sex with any woman who does not value his as highly as he values hers and by making it an absolute condition that she respects and honors his needs, rather that telling him what they "should" be.

Oprah's Nation

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On Oprah's Feel-Good Epilogue to *The Shriver Report*

It was an obvious choice to wrap up *The Shriver Report* with a feel-good sermon by Oprah Winfrey. If, as the report suggests, "A Woman's Nation Changes Everything," who better to give us a glimpse into the heart and soul of this new matriarchy than its most influential matriarch?

Oprah—whose show is created by women, for women, and has been unwaveringly beloved by millions of women each week for over twenty years—clearly has her finger on the pulse of American women. She knows who they are, and what they want. She knows what moves them. Oprah was selling American women "hope" while Barack Obama was still in college. Hope for youth, for weight loss, for health, for money, for beauty, for happiness, hope for the "Best Life."

A good friend who works in the education industry, long dominated by women, once told me that working with women was like being part of a circle. He said that, "The female ideal is for every woman, young and old, short and tall, fat and thin, beautiful and ugly, smart and dumb, to be able to gather round in a circle, hold hands, be equal, be at peace, and feel the same. It is very important for women, when they meet to discuss something of significance, to feel as though they have reached an emotional consensus. It often seems as though whether the solution is workable or logical is less important than the sense that everyone in the room feels good about it."

And that's exactly how *Oprah* works; the show is not so much about sharing information as it is about sharing an emotional experience. The shared emotional experience is the real product. You could say the same thing about Monday Night Football. But you can learn just about everything you need to know about the differences between men and women by contrasting Oprah's show with talk shows on ESPN.

Men want to spar with each other and they want to see a good sparring match. They want facts and numbers and statistics and odds. They don't want to feel the same. They want to win. They want someone else to lose. They don't want circles, they want winners and losers and players and fans. They want hierarchy, even if it means they're not always—or ever—going to be on top.

Oprah hosts her show, but she hosts it like a woman hosting dessert night for her girlfriends. She may be a celebrity billionaire in real life, but on *Oprah* she's just one of the girls. She's no Jim Rome, aggressively telling his audience what's what. She's a guide, a storyteller, an adept conductor of emotions who is loved and believed by women because she seems to get caught up in the moment along with them. She laughs and cries and *feels* with them. The content doesn't matter, so long as everyone *feels the same* about it.

Indeed, Oprah has come under fire recently because the stories she gets caught up in often end up being complete bullshit. While she famously confronted author James Frey for fabricating incidents in his Oprah Book Club recommended memoir, a May 2009 Newsweek article noted many other instances in which Oprah's feelings led her—and her audience—astray.

Like many of her celebrity girlfriends, Oprah will jump on just about any alternative or exotic medicine bandwagon that passes by. The obviously crazy Suzanne Somers encouraged estrogen pill popping as a cure-all to the cooing approval of Oprah and her audience, even though medical experts strongly advise against taking hormones unnecessarily due to dangerous potential side effects. Jenny McCarthy convinced many of Oprah's viewers that *her science* was her unfounded theory that her son became autistic after getting his measles, mumps and rubella vaccination. Despite a statement from the CDC saying McCarthy had no idea what she was talking about, many of Oprah's viewers are now concerned about vaccinating their children. She's also promoted miracle face-lifts and cosmetic procedures that have ended up being extremely painful, harmful or a complete waste of time.

Oprah, her guests and her audience too often end up trusting what earlier female chauvinists would have called “a woman’s intuition.” She routinely relies on the new-agey advice of Dr. Christiane Northrup, who sells “women’s wisdom” healing tarot cards and tells Oprah that many of women’s health problems are manifestations of problems with their souls. Along the same lines, Oprah also famously and wholeheartedly endorsed *The Secret*, Rhonda Byrne’s book which advocated thinking positive thoughts with the belief that positive vibrations will somehow attract positive outcomes. She was forced to backpedal a bit, though, when one of her viewers wrote to say she was refusing chemotherapy and was planning to cure her breast cancer using the power of The Secret.

When asked to ponder the significance of “A Woman’s Nation,” Oprah’s offering conjured up more nonsense and glowing, soft-focus spirituality. In her signature style, she opened with a quote from her guiding magic negress, Sojourner Truth, an illiterate former slave and suffragette who believed that Eve’s sin in the Garden of Eden proved women were “strong enough to turn the world upside down.” That’s one way to look at it. Oprah then revealed to us that there is “no real power without spiritual power,” a power which is “connected to the source of things.” Oprah is magic, because says she can see this supernatural power “shining through” people. She wraps up with a quote from self-help guru Gary Zukav, who tells us that authentic empowerment comes only when personality serves the energy of its soul. Whatever that means.

Oprah represents and holds great sway with American women. Her book recommendations go straight to number one. She has her own channel, her own magazine, her own radio station. Virtually any product she touches turns to gold and flies off the shelves. It’s entirely possible that her endorsement delivered the Democratic Party’s presidential nomination to Barak Obama.

American women still can’t get enough of Oprah, after all of these years. In her Epilogue to *The Shriver Report*, she asked women to let the conversation begin about what it means to live in a woman’s nation.

If *The Shriver Report* truly offers us a glimpse of what’s to come, of what Oprah’s nation might look like, then instead of dispelling concerns and discrediting stereotypes, it seems to validate the very fears men have always had about putting women in power.

Oprah’s nation is a nation where emotion wins over reason, where intuition rules over science and where new age spiritualist mumbo jumbo reigns supreme. Oprah’s nation is unconcerned with the harsh realities of the world. Oprah’s nation is a nation of talkers and feelers who are worried most about finding love, finding happiness, feeling pretty and keeping off those pounds. It’s a nation led by women desperately trying to live their “best life.”

Oprah’s nation, a woman’s nation, is a nation of passive, emotional consumers who have absolutely no common sense.

The whole world must be laughing.

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Women's Rape Fantasies: The Deepest Taboo

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Readers of my Welmer blog may be familiar with this piece, but considering the the recent debate over zed's latest post and the fact that The Spearhead draws a wider audience, I'd like to bring it to the attention of our new readers. The issues it raises certainly deserve discussion.

Perhaps nothing illustrates our society's blindness concerning the true nature of female sexuality as clearly as the widely held belief that rape is anathema to female desire. If my suspicions are correct, this fiction is likely tied to the same paternalist sub-theology that is responsible for feminism, the family law industrial complex, and widespread, legalized discrimination against men. However, before I get into any speculation here, let's take a look at the evidence.

Matthew Hutson, writing for *Psychology Today*, raises the question "Why Do Women Have Erotic Rape Fantasies?" To prove that they do in fact have these fantasies, he points to studies and statistics, including the following:

> A recent analysis of 20 studies over the last 30 years indicates that between 31% and 57% of women have rape fantasies, and these fantasies are frequent or preferred in 9% to 17% of women. Considering that many people are ashamed to report rape fantasies, these stats are most likely lowball figures.

If Hutson's inference is correct, more than half of women likely have fantasies of being raped, and in perhaps up to one in four women these are their preferred and most common fantasies. Other studies are referenced in the article as well, if you care to research them yourself.

Although not a scientific study, I also found the following quote particularly revealing:

> In one survey of romance novels (which tend to be written by and for women), the lead female character was raped in 54%.

If anything caters to tawdry female fantasies, it is romance novels (as well as soaps and dramas). 54% is no coincidence here. Furthermore, Whiskey remarked in one of the comments on my "Mad Men = Female Porn" post that "Mad Men had a couple of rape scenes where the bad boyfriends rape the women the they love."

So, it being established that rape fantasies are a core component of female sexuality, Hutson goes on to explore why this might be the case. He offers up a number of potential explanations, including, among others, sexual blame avoidance, "male rape culture", and biological predisposition to surrender. While I reject outright the "male rape culture" explanation (I will explain why shortly), sexual blame avoidance makes some sense, and probably is more relevant to American culture in particular, but I think the biological predisposition to surrender is the most likely explanation.

Suggesting that some "male rape culture" that makes rape normative exists in America is ridiculous on its face. For one thing, rape was originally treated as a crime against *men* first, and society second. In Deuteronomy, for example, the rapist is punished mainly for his transgression against the husband if the woman is married, and against the father if she is not. This concept continued to be reflected in criminal law until quite recently, when the state took on the role of the father, and then finally the husband as well. In fact, the spate of Mexican rapes of young women and girls that accompanied mass immigration over the last fifteen years or so was in part the result of a cultural misunderstanding. In the old Catholic tradition, which still has considerable influence in Mexico, rape was not considered much worse than fornication (which was a big no-no), and could in many cases be expiated by marrying the victim — this is why the victims of these rapes were almost exclusively unmarried young women; raping a married woman is seen as a far more heinous crime in that particular culture. Rather than a cultivating a

"rape culture," what we see men doing in societies around the world is criminalizing and discouraging rape *because it is contrary to their interests*.

As the authority of the state has increased over all Americans, we still see the same principle of rape being a crime against more than simply the female victim, but the offense against the husband or father is no longer relevant — instead it is the jealous state (paternal authority) that is now the aggrieved party. So morally speaking (from the feminist point of view), there is little difference between now and then, but practically speaking the scope of prosecution has widened considerably. Given these circumstances, any suggestion that there is a "culture of rape" in America is absolutely ridiculous.

Because rape is a very primal threat to men, acting on a deep-seated insecurity about his relationship to the women in his life, it is likely that the taboo against acknowledging this aspect of female sexuality is rooted in men's desire to have a more comfortable and less stressful view of the women upon which they have invested so much of their emotional well-being. It is little different from the husband who sees his wife as a "good girl," only to find out the truth the hard way when she commits some sexual indiscretion.

Despite the comfort that this taboo may bring to some, I would argue that it is a dangerous thing to deny the truth of human nature — even sexuality. Not only does this blind men and keep them from gaining a deeper understanding of the women around them, it also leads women to feel confused and ashamed about feelings and desires that they apparently have little control over. It is possible that the high rate of false rape accusations and obsession over the subject in America is in fact a result of confused, repressed feelings, which lead some mentally disordered women to project their fantasies onto innocent men.

We have to accept that there are dark, uncomfortable aspects to both male and female sexuality, and that neither gender in particular is any more guilty than the other. In fact, neither is guilty at all; we are sexual beings equipped with emotions and desires that, although often mysterious, serve a greater purpose than our rational minds can comprehend.

The Art of Loving

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The Art of Loving
Erich Fromm, 1956

In the 1950s, there was a significant amount of social criticism of the "American way" of life. Eisenhower warned of the dangers of the "Military-Industrial Complex," books like "The Organization Man" and "Man in the Grey Flannel Suit" questioned life in corporate America, and thousands of books both fiction and non-fiction questioned the ways that Americans pursued personal relationships, marriage, and love. Erich Fromm, in particular, questioned whether love was something to be acquired, as most Americans seemed to think, or something to be practiced – an art, a skill – and whether the experience of love was gained by loving or by being loved.

I agree with Fromm's formulation that love is a verb, not a noun. Here is the first chapter of his 1956 work on the subject. Since this is a non-commercial venture, I think reproduction of this comes under fair usage and does not violate copyright laws, particularly since I encourage everyone who wants more love in their lives to buy this book.

Chapter 1 – "Is love an Art?"

IS LOVE an art? Then it requires knowledge and effort. Or is love a pleasant sensation, which to experience is a matter of chance, something one "falls into" if one is lucky? This little book is based on the former premise, while undoubtedly the majority of people today believe in the latter.

Not that people think that love is not important. They are starved for it; they watch endless numbers of films about happy and unhappy love stories, they listen to hundreds of trashy songs about love–yet hardly anyone thinks that there is anything that needs to be learned about love.

This peculiar attitude is based on several premises which either singly or combined tend to uphold it. **Most people see the problem of love primarily as that of being loved, rather than that of loving, of one's capacity to love. Hence the problem to them is how to be loved, how to be lovable.** In pursuit of this aim they follow several paths. One, which is especially used by men, is to be successful, to be as powerful and rich as the social margin of one's position permits.

Another, used especially by women, is to make oneself attractive, by cultivating one's body, dress, etc. Other ways of making oneself attractive, used both by men and women, are to develop pleasant manners, interesting conversation, to be helpful, modest, and inoffensive. Many of the ways to make oneself lovable are the same as those used to make one-self successful, "to win friends and influence people." As a matter of fact, **what most people in our culture mean by being lovable is essentially a mixture between being popular and having sex appeal.**

A second premise behind the attitude that there is nothing to be learned about love is the assumption that **the problem of love is the problem of an object, not the problem of a faculty**. **People think that to love is simple, but that to find the right object to love–or to be loved by-is difficult**. This attitude has several reasons rooted in the development of modern society. One reason is the great change which occurred in the twentieth century with respect to the choice of a "love object." In the Victorian age, as in many traditional cultures, love was mostly not a spontaneous personal experience which then might lead to marriage. On the contrary, marriage was contracted by convention–either by the respective families, or by a marriage broker, or without the help of such intermediaries; it was concluded on the basis of social considerations, and love was supposed to develop once the marriage had been concluded. In the last few generations the concept of romantic love has become almost universal in the Western world. In the United States, while considerations of a conventional nature are not entirely absent, to a vast extent people are in search of "romantic love," of the personal experience of love which then should lead to marriage. This new concept of freedom in love must have greatly enhanced the importance of the object as against the importance of the function.

Closely related to this factor is another feature characteristic of contemporary culture. **Our whole culture is based on the appetite for buying**, on the idea of a mutually favor-able exchange. Modern man's happiness consists in the thrill of looking at the shop windows, and in buying all that he can afford to buy, either for cash or on installments. He (or she) looks at people in a similar way. For the man an attractive girl –and for the woman an attractive man– are the prizes they are after. "Attractive" usually means a nice pack age of qualities which are popular and sought after on the personality market. What specifically makes a person attractive depends on the fashion of the time, physically as well as mentally. During the twenties, a drinking and smoking girl, tough and sexy, was attractive; today the fashion demands more domesticity and coyness. At the end of the nineteenth and the beginning of this century, a man had to be aggressive and ambitious–today he has to be social and tolerant– in order to be an attractive "package." At any rate, **the sense of falling in love develops usually only with regard to such human commodities as are within reach of one's own possibilities for exchange.** I am out for a bargain; the object should be desirable from the standpoint of its social value, and at the same time should want me, considering my overt and hidden assets and potentialities. Two persons thus fall in love when they feel they have found the best object available on the market, considering the limitations of their own exchange values. Often, as in buying real estate, the hidden potentialities which can be developed play a considerable role in this bargain. In a culture in which the marketing orientation prevails, and in which material success is the outstanding value, there is little reason to be surprised that human love relations follow the same pattern of exchange which governs the commodity and the labor market.

The third error leading to the assumption that there is nothing to be learned about love lies in the confusion between the initial experience of "falling" in love, and the permanent state of being in love or as we might better say, of "standing" in love. If two people who have been strangers, as all of us are, suddenly let the wall between them break down, and feel close, feel one, this moment of oneness is one of the most exhilarating, most exciting experiences in life. It is all the more wonderful and miraculous for persons who have been shut off, isolated, without love. This miracle of sudden intimacy is often facilitated if it is combined with, or initiated by, sexual attraction and consummation. However, this type of love is by its very nature not lasting. The two persons become well acquainted, their intimacy loses more and more its miraculous character, until their antagonism, their disappointments, and their mutual boredom kill whatever is left of the initial excitement. Yet, in the beginning they do not know all this: in fact, they take the intensity of the infatuation, this being "crazy" about each other, for proof of the intensity of their love, while it may only prove the degree of their preceding loneliness.

This attitude–that nothing is easier than to love–has continued to be the prevalent idea about love in spite of the overwhelming evidence to the contrary. There is hardly any activity, any enterprise, which is started with such tremendous hopes and expectations, and yet, which fails so regularly, as love. If this were the case with any other activity, people would be eager to know the reasons for the failure and to learn how one could do better–or they would give up the activity. Since the latter is impossible in the case of love, there seems to be only one adequate way to overcome the failure of love–to examine the reasons for this failure and to proceed to study the meaning of love.

The first step to take is to become aware that love is an art, just as living is an art; if we want to learn how to love we must proceed in the same way we have to proceed if we want to learn any other art, say music, painting, carpentry, or the art of medicine or engineering.

What are the necessary steps in learning any art?

The process of learning an art can be divided conveniently into two parts: one, the mastery of the theory; the other, the mastery of the practice. If I want to learn the art of medicine, I must first know the facts about the human body, and about various diseases. When I have all this theoretical knowledge, I am by no means competent in the art of medicine. I shall become a master in this art only after a great deal of practice, until eventually the results of my theoretical knowledge and the results of my practice are blended into one–my intuition, the essence of the mastery of any art. But, aside from learning the theory and practice, there is a third factor necessary to becoming a master in any art–the mastery of the art must be a matter of ultimate concern; there must be nothing else in the world more

important than the art. This holds true for music, for medicine, for carpentry— and for love. And, maybe, here lies the answer to the question of why people in our culture try so rarely to learn this art, in spite of their obvious failures: in spite of the deep-seated craving for love, almost everything else is considered to be more important than love: success, prestige, money, power-almost all our energy is used for the learning of how to achieve these aims, and almost none to learn the art of loving.

Could it be that only those things are considered worthy of being learned are those with which one can earn money or prestige, and that love, which “only” profits the soul, but is profitless in the modern sense, is a luxury we have no right to spend much energy on?

Women Can't Handle Competition or Debate

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In the past month, the national spotlight has been shined on the special election occurring in New York's 23rd congressional district. For those who haven't been paying attention, the special election was triggered when the 23rd's longtime Republican congressman John McHugh was selected by President Obama to become Secretary of the Army. The Republican county chairs of the district selected Dede Scozzafava (pictured above, far right), state Assemblywoman from the 122nd district, as their candidate to replace McHugh. Scozzafava is a notorious RINO, being in favor of abortion, gay marriage, and card check, and her congressional campaign was supported by a bevy of left-wing groups including the AFL-CIO, the New York State United Teachers, and the United Auto Workers. She was even cross-endorsed by the Working Families Party, the political wing of ACORN, who normally backs Democrats in Empire State elections. Naturally, the conservatives that form the GOP's base were unhappy with the leftist Dede's selection, so most have switched to backing the Conservative Party candidate, Lake Placid businessman Doug Hoffman (pictured above, far left). Recent polls have shown Hoffman in a dead heat with the Democratic candidate, Plattsburgh lawyer Bill Owens (pictured above, center), and Scozzafava in a distant third.

Last Saturday, a scant three days before the election, Scozzafava announced that she was dropping out of the race. She explains why in the video to the right (hat tip: Irene Jay Liu). Take note of her appearance. Her eyes are watery and bloodshot, her cheeks are flushed, and her voice is broken. It's blatantly obvious that she was crying before coming on camera. If this sounds familiar, here's a more famous video to jog your memory.

Conservative blogger Fishersville Mike has compared the NY-23 special election to last year's Democratic primary for president:

> Look at the opponents. Hillary/Dede Scozzafava were both the establishment candidates. Obama/Hoffman were the insurgents.

Image courtesy of The BEAST

The parallels run deeper then that. Both Clinton and Scozzafava were basically anointed by their respective parties and were expected to win election easily. Hillary as President was a running joke on talk radio shows going back to the early months of the Bush administration. Neither Clinton nor Scozzafava had faced a serious electoral challenge in their careers – Scozzafava has held onto her Assembly seat for a decade and Clinton was elected to the Senate in a heavily Democratic state, based solely on her surname, and facing token Republican opposition. But then, male challengers arose out of nowhere to give them a run for their money. Neither expected a fight and were solidly clobbered once the people had their say. And both of them started crying like spoiled children when they didn't get their way. "This is my nomination, MY time to shine! How dare this MAN try to take away what is rightfully MINE!"

Last week, Female Masculinist posted a satirical guide dissecting feminist debate tactics. She attributes the feminist inability to debate in good faith to the fact that modern educational institutions are so overwhelmingly feminist that those who adhere to that viewpoint can coast on through without having their ideas challenged once. However, I'm becoming convinced that women in general can not only not handle debate, but competition in general. Why is this? The majority of women in the West live their lives with little challenge or struggle, as Chuck Ross stated in his piece "Women Aren't Funny – Sorry":

> Your average, run-of-the-mill woman doesn't have to overcome anything. As Hitchens points out, women find nothing ironic about their station in life. Being the object of male attention isn't a bad gig. Being considered "sugar, spice, and everything nice" won't create the slanted worldview that is usually considered funny. Raising children and being all motherly begets a certain sense of responsibility which is antithetical to ironic notions about the world.

As I wrote nearly a month ago, the solipsism of the modern woman is partially the result of their insulation from the consequences from their mistakes, putting them intellectually at the level of spoiled brats. And like spoiled brats, women start crying and throwing tantrums when someone shows them up in a fair and honest competition. They throw out baseless accusations and make personal attacks because it's all they know how to do. Scozzafava has even gone one step further, endorsing the Democrat Owens in a last-ditch effort to deny Hoffman what she couldn't win fair and square, the equivalent of an angry child pissing in the sandbox he was kicked out of to ruin everyone else's fun. "If I can't have it, YOU can't either!"

I was confronted with this unfortunate flaw of the female species on my own blog recently. A little over two weeks ago, I wrote a response to relationship advice writer Susan Walsh, who attacked me in a post on her blog. My post

was relatively respectful, focused on dissecting and deconstructing her flawed worldview and the ill-informed advice that sprang from it. Mrs. Walsh responded several days later, and I wrote another post focused on logically dissembling the points she made. Her final response on that post (my comments are bolded and in brackets) mostly consisted of hysterical screeching, personal insults, and complete falsehoods (such as her baseless attack on the ladies of *Girl Game*). When challenged on her beliefs, she folded like a slice of Swiss cheese.

With the occasional exception, females are ill-suited for careers like politics due to their inability to compete in a fair and honest way. If it weren't for the fact that our egalitarian world is focused on getting us to deny reality, there wouldn't BE many women in competitive fields. If women are playing checkers, men are playing chess.

And here's to seeing Mr. Hoffman go to Washington.

(Image at top courtesy of Political Rapids & Current Events.)

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A Woman Worthy of Recognition

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This is a tribute to the original anti-feminist.

A one-woman wrecking machine that took the feminist movement head on and won a significant battle in the midst of the vast social changes that were effected by the so-called sexual revolution.

She made a stand, defeated the feminist propaganda machine and has relentlessly opposed the feminists ever since. She is still actively writing and lecturing to this very day, and the woman deserves her props.

Phyllis took up the banner of sanity in opposing the feminists attempts to achieve their radical, social engineering agenda in one fell swoop by amending the U.S. Constitution with their deceptively named "Equal Rights Amendment."

In the words of another anti-feminist female that has been villified, demonized, caricaturized and castigated for opposing the feminist movement, Ann Coulter:

Even taking into account the extraordinary capacity of the left for hallucinatory self-aggrandizement, the insipid blather about the feminists and the total radio silence on Phyllis Schlafly is astonishing.

The elite media cast about for women to praise, hailing any female who has achieved the amazing feat of having passed the bar exam, but treat the stunning accomplishments of Phyllis Schlafly like the publisher of The New York Times treats his SAT scores. (It is a dark secret that must not be revealed.) Schlafly simply cannot be mentioned — except for the occasional demeaning caricature.

When Schlafly took up her battle against the ERA, the Senate had passed it by 84 to 8. The House had passed it by 354 to 23. The ERA was written in to both the Republican and Democratic Party platforms. Thirty states had approved it in the first year after it was sent to the states for ratification. Only eight more states were needed.

But the ERA had not yet faced Phyllis Schlafly. Over the next eight years, thanks to Schlafly and her Eagle Forum, only five states ratified it — but five other states rescinded their earlier ratifications.

The fact that she is a major player in defeating the radical feminists should make her an eternal hero to the MRA movement. Schlafly made a huge impact in decades ago, but she is by no means finished in her work in exposing the lies, deceit and family-destroying legislation and propaganda the feminists constantly attempt to foist upon society.

The following are some excerpts from a few of her columns…points that make so much common sense, it's easy to see why this woman has been such an effective Counter-Feminist throughout her career as a Pro-Family advocate.

Schlafly on:

Children's Rights in Divorce:

It would seem that maintaining the father's love and authority would be crucial when a child's life is turned upside down by divorce. Yet, family courts routinely deprive children of one parent, usually the father, restricting his time with his child to about six days a month. The courts pompously assert they are invoking "the best interest of the child," but how can it be in the best interest of children to make them forfeit one parent?

U.S. women doing fine without International Violence Against Women Act:

The International Violence Against Women Act is based on the lie that violence against women is the same problem in all countries. Many non-Western countries have social norms that justify abuse (such as genital mutilation, forced marriage, and polygamy), and "international standards" would vastly diminish the rights and benefits U.S. women now enjoy.U.S. women are the most privileged class of people on the face of the earth. That's because we are the

beneficiaries of the Judeo-Christian civilization, including the requirement in the Ten Commandments to honor mothers and the Christian religion that honors the Virgin Mary and respects women.

Exposing Hillary Clinton's Presidential Campaign's "Mom Strategy"

Clinton invites us to "imagine a country in which nearly all children between the ages of 3 and 5 attend preschool in sparkling classrooms." That children's paradise is France, which "makes caring for children a top priority," and where "more than 90 percent of French children between ages 3and 5 attend free or inexpensive preschools."The assumption of "It Takes a Village" is that daycare, run by tax-salaried and licensed "professionals" in centers regulated by the government, is preferable to mother care. Clinton even praises the fact that many French children are in full-day programs "even before they reach the age of 3."

The re-issue of Hillary's old book dispels the notion that she is re-inventing herself as a moderate. Her mom strategy is badly out of sync with her book praising a country that starts government daycare for children at age 2.

United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

The notion is downright ridiculous that American women (the most fortunate class of people who ever lived) should submit to a treaty that dictates uniform rules for 185 other nations, all of which treat women worse than the United States.

It's good to see Mrs. Schlafly is still going strong. The fact that she is largely unrecognized for her efforts speaks volumes to how much popular culture and the mainstream media will only idolize women who toe the politically correct, left wing, feminist line.

As Ann Coulter concluded her tribute:

That Phyllis Schlafly is the mortal enemy of a movement that claims to promote women tells you all you need to know about the feminists.

All Hail the Joan of Arc of the pro-Family side in this socially engineered gender war, Phyllis Schlafly.

The Art of Loving – 2: Why Western Women Are So Empty & Unhappy

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In Part I, I dealt with the fundamental issue that most people consider the "problem" of love to be the problem of an object – of finding the right object to love, or to be loved by. Thus do people, Western women in particular, draw up long lists of the attributes that their preferred love object must have in order to qualify for them. Sadly for them, even if they get every last attribute on their list, there is still going to be a sense of something missing. And that "something" is the fact that they, themselves, can never feel love until they learn the action of loving.

Here is how a Western man perceives Western women -

> *"Question is, are modern Western women truly capable of heterosexual love? I get the distinct impression that most want to *be* loved, but are not so good at loving back."*

No, in fact they are not capable of love, and that fact by itself provides the answer to a whole host of questions.

Suppose I were to claim that I'm about to share old Uncle zed's version of "The Secret"? And, unlike the O-cow, I'm not going to charge for it, I'm going to give it away for free. (yeah, Nada, I know. Well, if you can find a way to sell it and make money on it, then send me some royalties.;))

The only thing it will cost you is your own illusions and bullshit. A dear price to pay, I know. But, I will offer the following guarantee – try it for one year, and if it does not work, then everything you didn't pay for it and all your current misery will be cheerfully refunded. How's that for a guarantee?

Western women are **incapable** of feeling love (or loved) because they are incapable of **loving**. They are still trapped in the problem of the object. By looking for love in an object, or in objects coming from an object (shoes, jewelry, cars, etc.) Western women cut themselves off and numb themselves to love. They experience love when they they experience **loving feelings**. Because they are unwilling to learn and master the Art of Loving, they choose to spend their entire lives devoid of love.

I learned the hard way that you can take a 5 gallon bucket of love and pour it over a woman's head, and she still feels nothing inside but emptiness. And the biggest mistake men make is taking on the responsibility for her emptiness. They can work themselves to death (literally) trying to fill up the black hole, the bottomless pit, which exists inside her, and experience only frustration for all their efforts.

All this can be solved if men will do 2 things -
1) transcend the problem of the object and stop treating their own love like an object to be bartered with their love object for love in return, and
2) stop making their own happiness contingent on the happiness of another.

"Don't worry, be happy" actually turns out to be pretty good advice and not the pop drivel that a lot of people think it is.

By perfecting the Art of Loving, a man can learn that happiness is a choice and if the woman in his life chooses not to be happy, that he can still go on being happy and let her poisonous mood poison only her and not him.

Feminism teaches women the Art of Unhappiness. No matter how much a woman has, "**women** still have a long way to go." As long as the glass is even 1% empty, happiness will remain forever beyond their reach.

If you want a good look at the absolute void which is modern womanhood, check out these two sites. You will have to copy and paste, because I won't give them the trackback of a direct link. No point in broadcasting troll-bait. A short stay on either of these sites will leave most men with absolutely no question why these women are divorced, and if anything will fill him with gratitude that he is not one of the ex-husbands who they so skillfully flay in the

public eye.

firstwivesworld.com
divorcedwomenonline.com

This is the face of the modern woman after her feminist illusions have failed her and before she has formulated a "Plan B." There are 3 essays in particular which illustrate the emptiness and shallowness of modern womanhood -

firstwivesworld.com/community/house-bloggers/do-i-really-have-it-bad/
firstwivesworld.com/community/house-bloggers/good-enough-not-ideal/
divorcedwomenonline.com/2009/08/my-regret-about-marrying-the-wrong-man/

The first two are the morose black hole into which everything falls and nothing comes back out. In the midst of luxury, one woman wonders "Do I really have it that bad?" It boggles the mind to think what a resident of a Calcutta slum, a refugee of the Dharfur, or one of the victims of a Middle Eastern suicide bombing would say in answer to that question. But, the real kicker is the 2nd bit – "Good enough is not ideal." Nothing less than perfection will ever do.

The third post is the perfect illustration of the problem of "the object" in the consideration of love – "I married the wrong man", "I have a broken picker. If I had just picked the right object to love and be loved by, life would be groovy." In the never-ending search for "Mr. Right" (or Miss Right), the problem is always boiled down to finding exactly the right **object**, and never on one's own **conduct in the relationship** once that object is secured.

Kis has a "broken picker", she picked the wrong "object." Both her parents have Game – her father had "husband Game" and her mother had "wife Game", and they are still married and loving each other after more than 50 years. They realized that there was more to a marriage than how well their "picker" worked – that a marriage, a relationship, must be nourished, fed, cared for, and tended.

If you want a quick guide to how a woman will be in a relationship, look at the condition of her houseplants – if she has them. Never even date a woman whose plants always die. Anyone who cannot nurture a plant can most likely not nurture any other living thing – such as a relationship.

It is interesting that almost all the responses to the original post on this topic immediately interpreted the word "love" purely to mean "romantic love" between a man and a woman (in most cases). Yet, the concept of actual "love" is much broader. In addtion to "eros", romantic/sexual love, there is also "agape" – "divine, unconditional, self-sacrificing, active, volitional, and thoughtful love." There is also "philia" – "dispassionate virtuous love. It includes loyalty to friends, family, and community, and requires virtue, equality and familiarity." And then, there is always, and often under-rated, "gusto" – love of life itself.

When one is fully engaged in the Art of Loving, there is no time nor space for morosely reflecting on what one's life does not have in it, because one's attention is fully engaged with what **is** in it.

Obsidian has in several comments mentioned a very powerful and universal truth – you can only change yourself. You cannot change the rest of the world. Demanding that the rest of the world change to meet your specifications is the ultimate prescription for unhappiness.

And that leads us back to why men are happier today than men were 40 years ago, and why women, despite 40 years of feminism, are less happy. Fedrz said it perfectly – "Women wanted men's curse along with their own." Whoever in the world came up with the idea to sell them men's curse and call it "empowerment" was an advertising genius.

A common synonym for "love" is "passion." Once again, people usually always leap to thinking only of sexual passion. But people can have passion about many things – a passion for learning, a passion for social justice, even a passion for inventing things. I seriously doubt that anyone could accuse Nikola Tesla of not being a "passionate" man.

The bottom line is this – I believe that happiness lies within the reach of most western men if they are willing and able to reframe the situation within their own minds and become more focussed on mastery and practice of the Arts of Life than on acquiring and being objects. The fact that post-feminist Western women cannot reciprocate our love because they see love as an object to be acquired, and a man simply as an object to serve as the source of other objects, need not be our problem as much as it is theirs.

Let them try to fill their own emptiness through the perpetual quest for more objects (shopping) and the endless consumption of emotional roadkill in the form of television drama and the O-cow. They will fail, and they will always remain empty, because they are constantly looking outside themselves for answers. We may not be able to talk them out of or save them from their folly, but we need not allow ourselves to be dragged down into it along with them.

A Woman's Nation Changes Everything

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Welcome to our Brave New World Order folks, because it's certainly a very different world for everyone than it was just one generation ago. James Brown once soulfully wailed "This is a MAAAAN'S WORLD….but it wouldn't be nuthin' without a woman to care!"

My how the times have changed.

We now have Maria Shriver exultantly declaring "It's a Woman's Nation!"

Isn't that special, dear.

The Center for American Progress (Put a CAP in the country, she's done for!) just released The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Changes Everything.

Jack Donovan has already taken an in depth look at Oprah Winfrey's epilogue to this piece of femi-nazi propaganda, I'm going to focus on the forward by John Podesta and the first Chapter by Maria Shriver.

Now, the first thing one must notice, is that the tone of this report is one for which many people have been trying to point out for years now – that this is in fact a nation that has certainly become a society that promotes Matriarchal values and denigrates Patriarchal ones.

That masculinity in men has been castigated and demonized for decades now, while masculinity in women has been relentlessly promoted and inculcated into the mainstream, cultural consciousness. And one of the memes that has been relentlessly promoted is this idea that women are oppressed, inequal and downtrodden, which is what necessitates all of the laws, tax-funded programs, divorce court industries and welfare programs…to "fix" all of the problems of a "Male" nation.

On the face of it, it sure seems like they're declaring victory now, doesn't it?

But of course not. This is in fact a literal cultural revolution, and this is merely a momentary pause for the social engineers to reflect on their past successes in overthrowing the old world order of Patriarchy, on their ever increasing march towards "equality"

Let's have a look at what this report is citing as turning points in their campaign to win this gender war…

First, from the Preface, mangina feminist lackey and former Clinton White House member, John Podesta, writes:

Earlier this year, the Center for American Progress decided to closely examine the consequences of what we thought was a major tipping point in our nation's social and economic history: the emergence of working women as primary breadwinners for millions of families at the same time that their presence on America's payrolls grew to comprise fully half the nation's workforce. In addition, we were watching the Great Recession amplify and accelerate these trends. We are in the midst of a fundamental transformation of the way America works and lives.

Indeed, change is what this is all about. From a Patriarchal focused society in which men worked and women raised the next generation, we now live in a nation for which men and women work…and the afterschool program , the minimum wage day care worker, the retired grandparent, or as in many cases, the television and the computer are raising the next generation.

Is this really a change for the better?

When we look back over the 20th century and try to understand what's happened to workers and their families and the challenges they now face, the movement of women out of the home and into paid employment stands out as a unique and powerful transformation.

Unique? Hardly. Matriarchal cultures are as old as humanity itself. What we really seeing is a decline in civilization,

since Patriarchal culture is what built civilization in the first place.

Women becoming primary breadwinners or co-breadwinners changed everything. But, even though we were all witness to this phenomenon's slow emergence over many years, these changes seem somehow to have snuck up on us. As a result, our policy landscape remains stuck in an idealized past, where the typical family was composed of a married-for-life couple with a full-time breadwinner and full-time homemaker who raised the children herself.

Well that seems to be certainly true. Even though this report celebrates women now comprising 50% of the workforce, 60% of college attendees, and a huge increase in the number of women now serving as the primary breadwinners of their family…divorce laws, child custody and alimony awards are still based on the assumptions that women are economically disadvantaged by their full time homemaker roles…even when they are not full time homemakers!

Of course, I hardly think Podesta is arguing for true "equality" when it comes to Family law…

No, what his argument consists of is to basically make a case for more Government programs to support the continued dismantling of Patriarchal family structures to promote the new ideal "Woman's Nation."

> - *Updating our basic labor standards to include family-friendly employee benefits*
> - *Reforming our anti-discrimination laws so that employers cannot discriminate against or disproportionately exclude women when offering workplace benefits*
> - *Updating our social insurance system to the reality of varied families and new family responsibilities, including the need for paid family leave and social security retirement benefits that take into account time spent out of the workforce caring for children and other relatives*
> - *Increasing support to families for child care, early education, and elder care to help working parents cope with their dual responsibilities*

Updating these government policies so that they account for the reality of the overwhelming majority of today's workers and families is the challenge we address in the pages that follow.

See, what women are really finding out is that entering the world of work did not make life better or easier. Instead, it gave them a whole new means of stress and responsibilities in their lives, so now we must use the government to ease the burdens of responsibilities that pursuing "empowerment" through careers has given them.

As one goes beyond Podesta's preface and into the first chapter of the report, penned by Shriver herself, that it becomes glaringly obvious that while Shriver and many other women are celebrating the so-called advancement of women's "equality," they are also documenting the ways in which the new reality is negatively impacting both men and women.

Not once does she or any of the other progressives (who are really nothing more than cultural revolutionaries and social engineers) ever stop to consider that the problems they are highlighting are caused directly by the cultural expectations that gear women towards careers rather than homemaking?

No, we must implement MORE government programs to make it easier on women to "Have it all."

Here's what Shriver writes:

Together, the results of these efforts provide a fascinating window into the changing American landscape. What we heard loud and clear is that the Battle Between the Sexes is over. It was a draw. Now we're engaged in Negotiation Between the Sexes.

It was a draw? But you're declaring victory by calling it a "Woman's Nation!" If it were a draw, wouldn't it simply be "A Nation?"

Doesn't sound like a draw to me. Oh, and what is this "negotiating between the sexes?" You mean where career mom tells her husband if he doesn't toe the line, she'll take him to divorce court, enslave him into peonage and take him away from his children? That kind of reality certainly doesn't look like a "draw" to me.

Virtually all married couples told the pollsters they're negotiating the rules of their relationships, work, and family. An overwhelming majority of both men and women said they're sitting down at their kitchen tables to coordinate their family's schedules, duties, and responsibilities, including child care and elder care, at least two to three times a week. Men said it was more like every day!

Indeed, during my conversation with powerful businesswomen on the West Coast, one told me she and her husband "are constantly renegotiating our agreement about what gets done, who does it—or do we hire somebody as opposed to doing it ourselves." And a man in Seattle told me he and his wife have to work out "who's gonna take care of the light bill? Who's gonna pay for the mortgage? It doesn't matter who's bringing the money in. The money is coming in, but decisions have to be made about how the money is going out."

Isn't wonderful to see all of this "PROGRESS?" See how a "Woman's Nation" promotes marital harmony? What a wonderful, Brave New World!

In the Rockefeller/Time poll, more than three-quarters of both men and women agreed that the increased participation of women in the workforce is a positive change for society.

Pay attention folks! The very foundation that is the largest funder of Women's studies programs and population control policies, the very foundation that is the primary mover in socially engineering this "woman's nation" has conducted a poll that supports their goals? You don't say?

Both sexes also agreed that men are becoming more financially dependent on women. And both women and men said they're still adjusting their lives, their expectations, and their assumptions to the change.

The findings matched what I heard in the street. Everywhere I went, people talked to me about how overstressed and in crisis they feel, especially when it comes to financial security. Women said that never before has so much been asked of them, and never have they delivered so much. Divorced mothers talked to me about trying to make do without child support. One single mother who had just lost her job told me she was utterly dependent on her family and friends just to stay afloat.

This folks is what this report refers to as PROGRESS…but it's not done yet, we need more of it!

Now, note that one of the themes Shriver and the author's of this report repeatedly make is the need for the Government to ensure that women get "equal pay for equal work." Yet the entire premise of that argument rests on the unfounded assumption that the reason for unequal pay is based on "inequality."

Yet…Shriver reports the following:

And women often define that power differently from men. One woman who had made it to CEO chose to give up the corner office and downgrade to a lower-rung position. She told me, "I will admit, it was fun, it was power, and I was dealing with a bunch of top dogs. But now I get to hang out with my kids when they come home from school. For me the definition of success is not being a CEO and not being the biggest dog and frankly not making the most money. It's living a balanced life."

This is the very reason WHY we have the so-called "gender wage gap." But this is not acknowledged at all. In fact, while the authors of the report are calling for "equal pay for equal work" what they are actually arguing for is MORE pay for women for doing LESS work!

One female corporate executive told me, "Women don't need equal pay. They actually need to be paid more, because the fact of the matter is that we typically are responsible for more within our families, and we have to pay to outsource more. Most of the men I have competed with for positions have had a stay-home wife at some point and many have had a wife throughout their entire marriage."

Here we have a female corporate executive, whining about having to compete with a man who has a stay-at-home wife, making it unfair for her to compete with him for positions?

Sorry lady, nothing is stopping you from finding a kitchen bitch husband who would give you the same advantages a full time man has with a stay at home wife!

Nothing that is, except for your own hypergamous instincts which cause you to shudder with revulsion at the thought of being married to a househusband who you'd have to support financially!

Yes Maria…all that you and the elite activists and social engineers that have promoted this cultural revolution, you can see all of the changes that have wrought havoc and confusion amongst so many people…yet you think that all that is being done is a good thing? That we need more of the same?

This report is full of inconsistencies. Women are now more equal than ever…but so much more work needs to be done…sexism is still rampant…but women have succeeded and we are a Women's Nation now…the cognitive dissonance is readily apparent to the objective reader that understands the full ramifications of the cultural and social upheaval we have all experienced in transforming our society into a "Woman's Nation." Just look at Shriver's conclusion:

As we move into this phase we're calling a woman's nation, women can turn their pivotal role as wage-earners, as consumers, as bosses, as opinion-shapers, as co-equal partners in whatever we do into a potent force for change. Emergent economic power gives women a new seat at the table—at the head of the table.

Wait…in the name of "equality," women now have a seat at the head of the table? This is a case in point for what Orwell pointed out in Animal Farm: "Some animals are more equal than other animals." Look at the logical inconsistency of this argument! This is proof positive that the idea of "equality" is nothing but a lie! In the name of pursuing "equality" a Woman's Nation is about woman becoming MORE EQUAL than men.

Back in 1960, President Kennedy talked about the torch being passed to "a new generation." Well, five decades later, the torch is being passed . . . to a new gender. There's no doubt in my mind that we women will lift that torch. We will carry it. And we will light a new way forward.

A NEW Gender?

President Kennedy talked about the torch passed to a new generation…a term which includes both men and women.

But now, Shriver and the elite social engineers that have created this "woman's nation" have disenfranchised men and they call it progress!

Note the celebrations that women now comprise almost 50% of the breadwinner role…through Men losing their jobs in record numbers thanks to the current recession!

This is progress?

Translation: Woman are "advancing" because men are suffering!

It is indeed a Woman's Nation…and we are worse off for it – both women, men and especially children.

Gameness – On Sam Sheridan's "A Fighter's Heart."

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The first hundred pages of Sam Sheridan's *A Fighter's Heart* made me want to pack it in and take up needlepoint. After graduating from high school, Sheridan joined the Merchant Marines, went to Harvard to study art, sailed around the world as a crew member on a yacht, studied Muay Thai in Thailand, won a fight in Thailand, got his EMT certification, fought fires in Washington and Arizona, worked in Antarctica, studied MMA with Pat Miletich and received a good clobbering in an amateur MMA match. In short, he's done everything awesome.

Sheridan describes the adventures he has during his quest to understand fighting and the men who choose to fight with a balanced mix of articulate insight and thoroughly readable "guy-speak." He's genuine and likable. In fact, he's so likeable that when he writes at length about other fighters the chapters start to drag—especially the informative but 20 pages too long chapter on boxing. Sam is the main character of *A Fighter's Heart.* And when Sam starts training for a fight, his dedication were so inspiring it made this writer want to put down the book and hit the gym. His efforts were heroic, even when they didn't translate into wins.

Because he was a man immersed in male-dominated circles, *A Fighter's Heart* is often as much about men as it is about fighting. When he followed Brazilian Rodrigo Nogueira to a PRIDE match with Fedor Emelienko, the chapter wound up being about the intensity of the experience, about camaraderie and in Sheridan's own words, about "love" between men who fight. In contrast, his exploration of the world of boxing with Andre Ward and Virgil Hunter revealed a look into the tight, symbiotic "two against the world" relationship shared between coach and the athlete.

Sheridan's brief examination of the idea of "gameness," a concept that comes from the world of dog fighting, and its application to men was itself worth the price of the book. He describes *gameness* as "the eagerness to get into the fight, the berserker rage, and then the absolute commitment to the fight in the face of pain, and disfigurement, until death."

The final chapter of *A Fighter's Heart* wasn't as conciliatory as I feared it might be. He did his homework and tried to see fighting from all sides—even from the perspective of Michael Kimmel, feminism's foremost expert in the pathology of masculinity. He searched his soul and even had himself professionally evaluated for signs of psychopathology and comes up empty handed. In the end, he remains true to the spirit of the book. Even though Sheridan struggles with some of the moral issues surrounding fighting, he admits that he still loves fighting and admires the men who fight, especially the men who have made fighting their craft. His moral conflict about fighting is a healthy one that you can find in the literature about fighting men throughout the ages.

Good men have misgivings about fighting. They're conflicted about it. And because they're conflicted about it, they create rules and codes of honor to govern it. But, like Sheridan, they still do it. Because they *want* to. Fighting still attracts them, makes them feel alive, drives them.

Maybe that is a takeaway here. Men aren't all stupid thugs who fight because they've never thought about it, because they don't know any better. They fight because they *want* to. Because feminized, civilized society can't offer them something that fighting can—what Yukio Mishima called "poetry with a splash of blood." Because without conflict, life has no compelling narrative, no passion, no peaks and valleys, no grand motifs. Without conflict, we're just like the monks who taught Sheridan dynamic *vipassana* at Wat Thaton. Walking around in a circle, hamsters on a wheel, meditating on the movements of our own bodies while the thriving, bustling, struggling, *fighting* din of life calls to us from just over the hills. Without conflict, without fighting, life is an episode of Sienfeld—a show about nothing.

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Reader Feedback

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The Spearhead is still in its infancy, but we have grown considerably in the short time we've been online. Our goal is to provide unique, thoughtful content to our readers. We don't intend to steer away from controversy, and are not above mixing it up with feminists from the underworld, but we would like to know what our readers – and particularly our subscribers – would like to see addressed on our site.

So, for the benefit of our readers and authors alike, we invite suggestions for topics and coverage that would allow us to present a more comprehensive treatment of contemporary men's issues.

Please feel free to comment, criticize, and offer helpful advice below. Your input is valuable to us.

Do Western Women Want Gender Peace?

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Anoukange wrote an interesting comment in a recent thread -

> Ok, maybe we can focus more on solutions instead of finger pointing. **You guys write well and thank you for your intelligent and masculine outlook, but how about someone write about what men want and like from women and we mass produce it manifesto form and I'll throw from the rooftops of NYC and DC to start. I for one am going to start a revolution of anti-feminism and being a woman**, I'm quite sure that will make me unpopular in the eyes of my fellow gals. I am willing though. Let's recover society, let's swing the pendulum back to the middle and SEEK and FIND balance, eh? Break down wants and needs for sex/relationships/friendship/love/companionship, etc. Players need not contribute due to the temporary nature of their wants but everyone else should.

Predictably, she got a couple of harsh responses, because as Novaseeker put it -

> A common progression I have noticed is that the men who first find their way into our communities often have a great deal of anger towards the system, their own situation, perhaps women, and so on. Often this anger is justified. The men in question may be living through the charade of anti-male abuse that passes for "family law" in most of the Anglosphere. Or they may be long-term "involuntary celibates" who feel that the current social set-up leaves them with the short-end of the stick, Game or no Game. In many cases, this anger and resentment is quite visceral, real, and honest. It makes no sense to shove these kinds of raw reactions to the situation we find ourselves in under the rug. That can only lead to dysfunction for us as individuals, and the loss of good men who could otherwise grow and develop in our communities. No, the visceral anger is actually a good thing in that it brings the issues to the surface, forces us to confront the human dimensions of the on-going social catastrophe in the West, and, most importantly, motivates men to come to our communities and learn — which is precisely what we need.
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> However, regardless of how useful the energy associated with such anger may be for getting men to wake up and become aware of the kind of issues we face, at some stage that underlying energy needs to find both a new basis and a new channel so that men can move from being somewhat angry at the system as a whole towards making changes in their own lives, and those of others, to benefit them in light of the current environment.
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> What this means, in brass tacks, is simple enough, I think. Our task as men who are engaged in a community that cares about issues pertaining to men is both to provide a refuge for the hot anger of the newcomers as well as the encouragement and direction, at the proper time, to channel that energy into something that is ultimately more productive for their lives and, in the longer term, for our growing men's awareness communities.

And, in a private communication to the authors Welmer said this -

> What we are doing here is building something. This is a fundamentally masculine thing to do. Just as our forefathers built ships that took us across the oceans and rockets that sent men to the moon, we are engaged in a constructive pursuit. It's time for us to stop and think about what we're building. What do we really want? Do we have a better alternative to the current mess? I think we do, and it's time to focus on offering some alternatives.
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> Women have been recruited as enemies, but if you give the issue some thought it wasn't necessarily their fault. In their hearts, they just want to do "the right thing," and that desire has been manipulated by all sorts of people. Women are fundamentally social creatures, and they are in need of direction. We really ought to think about how we can offer them some direction. They crave it so much that if we give them a job they think is worthy, they will take it up with all their feminine passion.

> So I'd like our writers to think about the alternatives that can be offered to women. They will need something that fulfills both their social and idealistic needs. Be creative and benevolent in this endeavor.

It sounds like anoukange is asking for exactly that.

The important question is – will any women join her, and if so, how many? Do Western women really want gender peace, or are they quite content with the way things are now?

Maria Shriver has just declared that the gender war is over and that women have won by declaring the US "A Woman's Nation." And that is supposedly going to change everything. But, will it? And do women really like the change and want it?

Barack Obama based his 2008 campaign to become the first president of the United States with African heritage on "Hope" and "Change." And he won. But was it more because people wanted change, or because they wanted hope?

Either way it seems to imply that a lot of people did not like the way things were when they went to the polling places and voted for "hope" and "change."

So, if that is the case, is what people really want more of the same kind of "change" which led them to the very situation they wanted change **from** in November 2008?

> "When we look back over the 20th Century and try to understand what's happened to workers and their familes and the challenges they now face, the movement of women out of the home and into paid employment stands out as a unique and powerful transformation."

- Moms aren't home all day caring for younger children, yet quality child care and flexible hours at work are in short supply.
- Schools still let kids out in the afternoon, long before the workday ends *(oh, horrors, the children get out of their incarceration early)*
- And they shut their doors for three months during the summer, even though the majority of families with children are supported by a single working parent or a dual-earning couple. *(horrors again, the children might, but only might, get to spend some time outside)*

The list goes on and on, but all of these "problematic" issues probably seem less like "problems" to the latchkey kids, the "no-one-at-home" kids, of the last generation, than they look like the **source and cause** of the problems of family breakdown, and loss of stability, and lots of stress, and parents who are never around. Even less contact with their families probably isn't really the kind of "change" that is going to have most women cheering.

So, the question remains, do we all just continue to march forward in lockstep, smiling, into this Brave New World that our planners and masters have in mind for us? Do we continue to compete ourselves into being mindless worker drones so that we can afford that even bigger "big screen teevee" while our children are warehoused in sterile detention camps, supervised by the dregs of the education system?

Is the kind of "change" women want for "their" nation?

So, I post to the erudite readers of the Spearhead two questions, and invite a spirited discussion on both.

For the men, anoukange's question above – which she will print up and throw from the rooftops – **What do men want and like from women?**

And, for the women – **Do you want Gender Peace?** Do you want men back as your lovers, husbands, fathers, and perhaps even friends? Are you ready to stop hating us, using us, suing us, stealing our children from us, feeling entitled to support from us, and holding us in complete contempt? If anoukange throws men's answers to her questions from the rooftops, will you join her and help her? Will you stop indiotically chanting "You GO, GRRL"

whenever some woman trashes or burns a man and start thinking about how that man might enrich your life as an ally instead of an enemy?

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Or, do men and women continue down this scorched-earth path of mutually assured destruction?

Keeping Our Spearheads Intact

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There was a story circulating the news a couple months ago that's near and dear to my, uh, heart. Depending on your news source, the CDC is considering measures to promote/force circumcision of male babies born in the U.S. This isn't new as many AIDS activists and Bill Clinton himself have advocated the same thing.

The recommendation rests on studies which show that HIV transmission is lower in circumcised Africans. Considering the AIDS "epidemic" in the U.S., health officials are seeking any means of containing its spread, despite repudiation of the study. Governments prefer to use pragmatic means to solve the crisis; I'd prefer that people learn not to fuck so non-chalantly in environments with high HIV prevalence.

As a young, uncut boy I often wondered why my penis looked like an anteater while those of other boys' in the swimming pool showers looked like toadstools. Parental guidance of "wash behind your ears" was accompanied with "and under your foreskin, too." I was jealous that my brother – a follower of Abraham's covenant – wasn't chastised by our parents for "not cleaning his dick". I had issues coming to grips with my oddity. I'd laugh at foreskin jokes pretending to be in on the fun when I was actually the target. The first mention of "smegma" was met with outward revulsion but inward angst.

But as I got older, I came to accept my extra layer of skin in all of its natural glory. Being unbaptized, non-religious and with a tendency to swim against the stream, I regarded my situation as the ultimate marker of resistance against the status quo. I was blessed with a triumvirate of rebellion. I was different in philosophy from those I grew up with, how fitting I also had tangible evidence to back it up. No I didn't let my foreskin freak flag fly, but in time I developed foreskin pride.

But I'll put aside the personal pride of my fully-holstered gun; possibly it has biased my opinion on the subject. There are the natural rights issues of circumcision. Any well-heeled lover of personal liberty would oppose the government-mandate *du jour* regardless of its potential benefits to society. Slicing off an infant's man-sheath is an affront to a basic tenet of liberty: protection from bodily harm. I buy into the Murray Rothbard school of radical libertarianism on child-rearing issues:

> "Applying our theory to parents and children, this means that a parent does not have the right to aggress against his children, but also that the parent should not have a legal obligation to feed, clothe, or educate his children, since such obligations would entail positive acts coerced upon the parent and depriving the parent of his rights. The parent therefore may not murder or mutilate his child, and the law properly outlaws a parent from doing

> so. But the parent should have the legal right not to feed the child, i.e., to allow it to die.[2] The law, therefore, may not properly compel the parent to feed a child or to keep it alive.[3] (Again, whether or not a parent has a moral rather than a legally enforceable obligation to keep his child alive is a completely separate question.) Very little need be said on that issue."

I agree with Rothbard. I don't believe there should be any legal obligation for a parent to provide for their child although there are strong incentives to doing so in practice. A newborn – no matter how small and fragile – is a free agent. Parents have no natural *obligation* to feed or clothe it. Now, as Rothbard said, it's best for society and the parents psyche to provide for their children, but they can't be thrown in jail even if they allow them to die in the streets. Since a parent has no obligation *towards* the child, they also have no claim *on* the child. This counts his foreskin. Foreskin mutilation is assault plain and simple. A free agent – when decision-making abilities are formed – can choose to whack their mole based on health, faith, or aesthetic reasons, but its their decision; it's not for other people to decide.

Circumcision was historically practiced by the Jews for religious reasons. Before that, it is believed that trimming a little off the top arose out of ritual: a boy gave something of value (not *too*valuable mind you) to mark his ascendancy to manhood. In the book *Sexual Mutilation: A Human Tragedy*, Frederick Hodges asserts that circumcision became widely practiced in England after Jewish in-migration in the 1800s. The observation that they - sans foreskin – had lower prevalence of syphilis than the then-uncut Brits. Without analyzing the sex behavior of each ethnic group, the extra skin was blamed for the difference. During the same century, Anglo-Saxon culture became obsessed with the ill effects of masturbation in boys. To prevent this widespread calamity, the patriarchy decided to start cutting off heads – no questions asked.

These simple reasons for performing the ritual – health and superstition – don't hold up under scrutiny. First, if you're a believer, God made us in his image. The man with the white beard is walking around with his gun in its holster just like me. If you'll allow me to get a little ridiculous, God's use of a mohel would be an affront to His perfection.

Turning to more practical matters, this study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* claims that circumcision has no significant impact on STD prevention or sexual dysfunction prevention. Also, circumcision was seen to lead to an increase in masturbation and more "unnatural" acts like oral and anal sex. The reasons for circumcisions rise in the Anglo world are largely unfounded.

Another argument used by circumcision advocates is that smegma is a carcinogenic agent causing higher incidences of cancer. This theory has been largely debunked. From the American Cancer Society:

> "In weighing the risks and benefits of circumcision, doctors consider the fact that penile cancer is very uncommon in the United States, even among uncircumcised men. Neither the American Academy of Pediatrics nor the Canadian Academy of Pediatrics recommends routine circumcision of newborns just for medical reasons.In the end, decisions about circumcision are highly personal and depend more on social and religious factors than on medical evidence."

Oh yeah. The most important reason to leave the foreskin intact: sex is more enjoyable for men and women when the man is uncircumcised. For us men, the foreskin houses nerve-endings and blood vessels that create arousal and heightened orgasmic pleasure. In women, the water-weenie effect allows for more lubrication and greater sensation. From an evolutionary standpoint, doctors are messing with something that exists for a reason; there may be unintended consequences of removing the foreskin. Even if cancer and STD prevalence was higher in uncircumcised men, we still don't have a good enough cost/benefit analysis to decide proper action. After all, you wouldn't cut off your nose to spite your face would you?

Circumcision in the United States has declined since the 1960s; it rests around 56% as of 2006. I happened to be born in a town with hippie tendencies: their acceptance of female armpit hair and dumpster diving was oddly

correlated with foreskin sanctity. For that I'm thankful. The grounds for male circumcision are shaky and superstitious at best - torturous at worst. The argument itself should be moot if we adhere to Rothbard's admonishment: circumcision is an affront to personal liberty and it's practice on newborns should be eradicated. To this I say "Give me Foreskin or Give me Death."

HT: Menareangrynow

Black Bean Soup: Food for Healthy Men

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Cooking is one of my favorite hobbies, so I thought I'd start a weekly recipe column offering tips on cooking tasty, healthy food on a budget. Cooking is far from a female domain; men have been cooking for themselves and others since the taming of fire. From the field kitchen to the ship's galley to the fanciest hotels and restaurants in the world, men have been preparing meals in all their infinite variations, contributing to culinary culture and driving the evolution of the gastronomic arts.

Today, I will introduce crockpot black bean soup, which is a tasty, nutritious and filling soup that can serve as the main course or a side dish. One little-known fact about black beans is that they are very rich in antioxidants, particularly the anti-inflammatory anthocyanins that have been found to inhibit tumor growth.

For equipment, you will need a crockpot (preferably an electric slow cooker, but a large cooking pot will do) and a skillet, rounded off with a spatula and ladle. Cooking time is ten hours.

Ingredients include:

- One pound of dried black beans
- One standard 14.5 oz can of diced tomatoes
- A bulb of garlic
- One large onion (I use sweets, such as Vidalia or Walla Walla)
- One 4 oz can of diced jalapenos
- A couple of smoked pork shanks/ham hocks, a pound of ham, or a 12 oz can of spam
- Two tsp. ground cumin
- One red bell pepper
- Optional: roughly 3/4 cup sweet kernel corn (fresh or canned — fresh is better)

Preparation:

All you need to do before cooking is soak the beans overnight in cold water. Simply dump them in a large bowl (they will expand quite a bit) filled with water and leave them on the counter overnight.

Cooking:

When you wake up and are ready to start cooking, drain the beans through a sieve, discarding soaking water and giving them another rinse to be sure they are clean, then pour the beans into the slow cooker. Open the can of diced tomatoes and pour on top of the beans, then add two cups of water. Put the lid on the crockpot and turn it on, set to low. If you have a timer, choose ten hours. If you are cooking on a stovetop, simmer very slowly.

For the next five hours, you don't have to do anything. Go for a walk in the park, a drive, a bike ride, or go to church — do whatever you want. Keep in mind that no matter what you do during this free time, you are still technically cooking and feeding your family, so do not forget to remind anyone of that if they attempt to shame you into some other chore.

At the five hour mark it's time to prepare the other ingredients. Get a big, sharp knife and chop up the onion, then throw it into a bowl. Next, if you are using ham or spam, cut it into small cubes of less than a half inch in width. Throw on top of the onions. Finally, slice the bell pepper and chop the garlic, using two to six cloves — whatever your preference. Leave the garlic and bell pepper on the cutting board for now.

Now heat up your skillet with a couple tablespoons of olive oil (any cooking oil will do, but olive oil seems to go well with black beans). When it's good and hot, toss on the onion and ham/spam. Cook until the pork is browned and the onions soft, then scrape the garlic and bell pepper slices into the skillet, and keep cooking until the bell

pepper slices have softened to sweetness. Make sure you don't burn the garlic — that tastes bad.

Remove the lid from your crockpot, then empty all of the contents of the skillet into the crockpot. Take a ladle and stir it around until it is mixed in. Now open the diced jalapeno can and empty its contents into the crockpot as well. At this point, the soup might need some more water, so add water to gain the consistency you want (shouldn't take much). Finally, add a couple teaspoons of ground cumin, stir that in, and cover the crockpot.

Note: If you are using hamhocks or pork shanks, they should already be smoked, and there is no need to cook them in the skillet. Just place them in with the other ingredients as they are at the halfway point, and you can remove the bones and shred the meat when the soup is nearly finished.

For the next several hours, you will want to check the soup and stir it every so often. When it is nearly done, you should add the corn, stirring it in well. Taste the soup and salt to desired taste.

When the soup is done it should be fragrant and have a hearty, robust taste. The beans will have largely dissolved into an earthen-colored liquid, while the bell pepper slices, corn and jalapenos will continue to add some color to the soup.

Serve the soup with rice, thick-sliced French peasant bread or cornbread. Do not forget to save leftovers in sealed containers in the fridge or freezer. This soup freezes very well.

After your day's labor, you will have a delicious, hearty, nutritious meal that can feed a full-sized family — all for about $10. The soup is packed with fiber, antioxidants, minerals and vitamins and has a good balance of fats, proteins and carbs, so you can eat until you are full and not worry about it.

Going Feministic

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Glenn Sacks has written an explanation of what happened when Kathryn Joyce, the professional anti-Christian feminist who is working on Salon.com's dime, called him up for an interview. Kathryn, whose sensationalist article was followed by Judy Berman's threats of war on men in Salon.com, did her best to connect "MRA" to terrorism through the George Sodini incident. It was a cheap, transparent ploy, and I really can't see why it surprises anyone.

However, what does surprise me is that people still think something can be won through reasonable negotiation with feminists. If the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result, then I would have to say a number of MRA guys are madmen.

The idea that men can find common ground with feminists is just as silly as the idea that women can go to "war" against men. It's all ridiculous rhetoric, and would make a good comedy if it weren't for the innumerable tragedies playing out around America every day due to dysfunctional law. Perhaps the best way to deal with these women, as Roissy suggests, is to employ Game. Kathryn Joyce's rhetoric has all the hallmarks of sublimated sexual frustration, which isn't all that different from the catalyst for George Sodini's deadly outburst, except for the fact that women like Joyce take out their aggression in a social rather than physical manner. Ironically, social aggression such as Kathryn's tends to breed physical aggression in men, so there is a symbiotic kind of violence here.

What we have here is an escalating war dance played out by extremists on both sides. Joyce and Berman are both eager to accuse MRA of recruiting potential martyrs, but their excitement over that scenario is plain to see. The point has often been made that many women prefer bad boys — they pursue serial killers and rapists out of some biological imperative to seek out dominant men. Joyce and Berman only reinforce this, as they are extremely excited over the prospect of doing battle with angry men. It is the classic case of mutual domestic violence, but they can't see it because their own sexual impulses cloud their judgment, leading them to foment the very situation that stimulates them the most.

Men should refuse to engage. This is really the essence of Game. Let them come to you like a fury, but deny them the power to manufacture drama. And make no mistake — this is all about drama. Feminist struggle against "batterers" is pure pornography for the women in the DV industry; there is nothing they want more than to provoke fights and imagine sexual tension building up over mutual animosity. This is the fuel that feeds the fire, without which it would be nothing more than a pile of wet snow on a smoldering log.

Think about this: Joyce's burning passion against the Christian "patriarchy" is due to a deep-seated revulsion about the idea of being in a submissive relationship. Rather than do her duty and accept sex as the passive act she imagines it to be in Christian relationships, she wants to be fiery and filled with passion during her sexual encounters. Rage and anger is the passion that gets her going the most, so causing anger and conflict is an imperative, whether she consciously realizes that or not.

Every time the stakes are raised through laws or drama, the potential for conflict is heightened considerably. This is highly erotic to some women — especially feminists. If it weren't, they'd happily don the metaphorical hijab and submit to men, knowing that that is a much easier and more peaceful path to take. But no, Joyce and her ilk want passionate love tinged and spiced with anger and danger, and like junkies they keep shooting more dope into their arms, all the while plunging the rest of society into chaos. What we have to ask is whether it's really worth it to indulge these extreme individuals. For most of us, it obviously is not, but the devil drives!

This is the human condition, men. See these kinds of women for the dangerous beasts they are, and face them boldly and defiantly, giving not an inch of compromise, or put up a fence and keep them out. Would you invite the she-wolf into the pasture to talk about your flock? Of course not. You keep her out or else you tame her and make her your bitch. With recalcitrant feminists, the former is the much more practical and sensible route to take.

Kathryn and Judy, if you two want to go to war, leave the little people out of it. Find yourselves a sociopath who

can satisfy your lust for gender war, and live the dramatic life of conflict that fulfills you down there. There are men who will oblige you, but you will have to seek them out, because they are no more prevalent than women like you. However, because you are already hot on the trail of war and violence, I trust something will come up, and your wishes will be fulfilled.

Then will you stop bothering the peaceful majority?

Men's Rights Groups "Frightening" Feminists

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A reader sent me an article about men's rights groups that was published yesterday in "Double X," one of the countless feminist blogs that infest the internet. Ordinarily, I wouldn't bother commenting on an article written in some obscure femzine, but evidently the author managed to get some statements from a couple of guys who are pretty high up in the fathers' and men's rights movement.

The article has all the usual scare-mongering, insinuations that men who fight for justice are "abusers," and quotes from manginas who are in on the feminist racket. Discredited DV statistics are held to be canon, and MRA tactics equated with DV, etc. As a divorced man who went through a custody dispute, I know that it is very easy to be labeled a "perpetrator" or "abuser" without having broken any laws at all – even without being arrested and/or charged with anything – so I'm familiar with the technique, but it still gets my blood pressure up when I see it. Here's an example from the article just to illustrate the point:

> In this, critics like Australian sociologist Michael Flood say that men's rights movements reflect the tactics of domestic abusers themselves, minimizing existing violence, calling it mutual, and discrediting victims. MRA groups downplay national abuse rates, just as abusers downplay their personal battery; they wage campaigns dismissing most allegations as false, as abusers claim partners are lying about being hit; and they depict the violence as mutual—part of an epidemic of wife-on-husband abuse—as individual batterers rationalize their behavior by saying that the violence was reciprocal. Additionally, MRA groups' predictions of future violence by fed-up men wronged by the family-law system seem an obvious additional correlation, with the threat of violence seemingly intended to intimidate a community, like a fearful spouse, into compliance.

Does Australia have a real problem with greasy academics like this Flood fellow? Certainly seems that way.

Anyway, back to the main reason I am commenting on this article, its author, Kathryn Joyce, who is apparently a hardcore feminist, contacted Glenn Sacks, who runs the excellent Fathers & Families organization along with a radio show and his eponymous blog. Sacks is a polished, media-savvy guy, and I greatly appreciate his efforts to change things for the better. In fact, if anyone is going to talk to feminists, I'd prefer that he be the one to handle this unpleasant business.

However, I'd like to point out that Joyce spun his statements to indicate that Sacks calls people who are upset about what is happening to men "idiots" and suggests that they are dangerous. This is why I would counsel men to not even bother speaking as authorities on men's issues with feminists at all. I seriously doubt Sacks intentionally said these things, but that's what the woman is going to work into her piece — truth and context be damned. Actually, his very act of giving her the time of day lends some legitimacy to her article that – considering her typical abuse of statistics and underhanded insinuations – it doesn't deserve.

Another thing to consider is that giving Ms. Joyce some of his time is something men couldn't expect from feminist women in a similar position to Glenn. If I, for example, tried to contact Gloria Allred, saying that I write for a men's rights magazine, does anyone believe that she would bother to get back to me? I don't. So I don't think feminists like Ms. Joyce should be extended a courtesy that men cannot currently expect. There's no reciprocity, so why give them anything for free? I support Glenn doing a *paid* interview with these people, but he shouldn't make their job easier by providing them with free statements they can and will twist any which way they want.

Obsidian Speaks: Don't be a Slob

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Yesterday I was reading RooshV's recent post "18 Reasons Guys Don't Get Laid" and one of those reason has been something on my mind lately, what I consider to be a fundament of what some call Inner Game-not looking like a slob.

In Manosphere circles, of which I consider the Game/PUA portion to be a part of, there's a great deal made of how Women in our time have let themselves go-you don't need me to recount the ways. Virtually every week, if not more frequently, somebody out in the Manosphere will bemoan the Dowdying of Feminine America in one way or another, usually in the most unflattering of terms. While there is certainly something to be said here, I've always found the exercise itself to be the very kinds of feminine behavior (bitching, whining and moaning) that so many Men one, claim to despise, and two, are supposed to be above; afterall, to be a Man is to take the bull by the horns and make things happen, NOT sit on the sidelines and bleat on and on about shit nobody, least of all YOU, can do a darned thing about.

Right?

So, in light of the aforementioned, and in solidarity with Roosh (somebody I'll definitely be reading more of in the coming weeks), I thought to dedicate the first of what I hope will be many posts focused on helping guys up their Game for real.

So let's begin. Like Roosh said, are you a fright to see naked? Don't get me wrong here-no one's saying you gots to have six pack abs and 0% body fat-but looking like the Michelin Man, like you're about to ape Octomom any minute, hell to the naw, that does NOT make a Woman moist. The Obsidian Axiom #10 is very clear on this point: when you're fully clothed, take a look down-if you cannot see your belt buckle, you could stand to lose a couple.

And you don't need to join a gym to do it-Russell Crowe got in shape for his role in The Gladiator by doing farm work. In fact, and I say this as a lifelong Blue Collar Guy, it was rare to see many Men having pot bellies, double chins and the like. Simply put, the more active you are, the more likely you'll be in shape. Make it a point to move your ass early and often. Walk-alot.

Next, let's consider your grooming. While they're some posers and haters out there, I proudly proclaim the Axe line of Men's grooming products to be a Godsend to Humanity, because as a Man I know for a fact that A LOT OF GUYS STINK. To me, Axe is akin to the Garanimal clothing line they had for kids way back in the day, where you matched things up according to the animal you saw on the clothing. Axe makes it really simple for a guy to wash his ass, AND the best part? It didn't cost an arm and a leg to d it either. Hey, if you can afford to go all out on toiletries and cologne, do your thing bro, but most guys, especially the slobs, either can't or don't yet see the value in such an exercise. Axe is a great starting point, and believe me when I tell you, the Ladies WILL thank you for it.

Next-the haircut. Now admittedly, we Brothas are a bit tighter in this regard, so I'm afraid this has to be aimed abit more at our Brothers from Another Mother, so to speak-unless you're a certain type of personality, loose the Steven Seagal ponytail, that's so 90s. Same deal for the combover-if you're losing your hair, SHAVE IT ALL OFF. Women like neatness in a Man, and having a nicely clan shaven head can and will turn many a Woman on, even, especially, those who don't normally go in for that sort of thing. Same deal w/the grungey stubble thing happening that I see a lot of Hipster White Guys do-it's not appealing and makes you look dirty. Get a good shaver and shave.

Staying in shape will reflect well on your face because it will emphasize your jawline; this will work very well if you aim to rock a beard or goatee, which has always been seen as an "Alpha Male" look. The trick is to keep it groomed nicely, but if done well, Women will most definitely like it.

Next, clothes, and this goes for both White and Black guys, who tend to be on the extremes of the spectrum here. White guys tend to wear their clothes too tight; lots of Brothas, too darned loose/big. There needs to be a kind of

meeting of the minds here. White guys-WEAR A BELT WITH YOUR PANTS. That's what the belt loops are for, and Women LOVE a Man who accessorizes well. That means, hats, gloves, scarves, belts, etc. You don't have to go into hock for this sort of thing, just take a Sunday afternoon at Target or H&M and look around and try out stuff. You'll be surprised what you find.

Brothas-PULL YOUR PANTS UP. No one is interested in looking at your boxer-encased butt or worse, your impersonation of Joe The Plumber Asscrack. And those long as White Tees? Oh my. Yo, Dickies are a line of clothing FOR WORK, so if you're gonna wear em, actually have ajob to go with it, OK? And I don't know where the idea of aping Charlie Brown's baseball cap thing came from, but it looks absolutely ridiculous, and it needs to stop, pronto.

Many Brothas like to wear their hair long, like in braids or locs-that's cool, but KEEP IT UP. Nothing looks worse that a Thug Nigga who really does look like a Thug. One of the great things about having styles like that is that you can always get a Sista who'll only be too happy to do your hair for you. So hop to.

In a nutshell fellas, instead of complaining about how Women today look, how about taking a good looking in the mirror and objectively assessing how YOU look? Take some care about your appearance. You don't have to be the next Brad Pitt or Denzel Washington, but you can look a lot better than you currently do-and while its true that Men are more visually driven than Women, keep in mind they ain't Helen Keller, either. Women have always liked a well dressed, fit Man, and always will. Follow these simple rules and watch your Game takeoff.

Now adjourn your grimey asses.

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THEY FOUND NEMO!!!

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May he rest in peace.

Thought we could use some comic relief.

Doing Something About False Rape Claims

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We can talk all we want to about vague plans to improve the relationships between men and women, but vague talk never accomplishes anything.

The issue of "rape" really is the nuclear weapon of the gender war, because nothing strikes more deeply and directly at the fundamental mechanism which brings men and women together **as** men and women. The wholesale demonization of men simply because they find woman sexually attractive creates a no-win situation for everyone except the feminists who want to drive men and women apart.

The redefinition of the entire process of sexual interaction in such a way that all the gray and uncertain areas are now crimes exists completely apart from the out and out lies told by some women which the cultural atmosphere regarding rape allows to completely destroy the lives of average decent people. Note in the following story that it was not just a man who got hurt, but his wife as well.

There is a blog which deals specifically with the problem of false accusations of rape – The False Rape Society – which is currently highlighting an effort to make false accusations of rape a serious crime and attempt to establish some deterrence for women who wish to use lies to destroy the lives of others. Something very important to emphasize is that this is **not** an issue about how "rape" will be defined, which has to be addressed separately, but specifically those cases of rape accusations when no sexual act took place at all – complete fabrications.

> More than 10 years ago, the lives of Mike and Betty Gallagher were turned upside down when a student accused Mike of repeatedly raping her while she was a fifth grade student at Willow Hill Elementary.
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> "It was December of 1997 when two detectives showed up at my house to say there was a complaint against me and I'd have to come down to the station," Mike recalled.
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> He was told that the student had accused him of raping her more than 20 times during the 1985-86 school year.
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> He knew the charges were untrue, but that didn't stop police from arresting him on Jan. 22, 1998.
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> "I was thrown in jail for a couple hours, then paraded in handcuffs to the District Justice's office with every major news channel there," he said. "I remember Vernon Odom sticking a mike in my face and asking, 'Are you guilty of this crime?'"
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> For the next 10 months, he lived a teacher's worst nightmare, suspended without pay, racking up $45,000 in lawyer fees and, worst of all, watching his good name scorned and his family humiliated.
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> In the end, the student's story unraveled and law enforcement realized it was all a lie.
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> She was never charged and walked away scot free. The Gallaghers didn't have it so easy. They were left with the tattered remains of their life and a conviction that something needed to be done to help other victims of the same injustice. For years, they helped others who were falsely accused, and lobbied Pennsylvania lawmakers to toughen penalties for those who knowingly make false allegations.

Men certainly should be concerned about this, particularly the men who use Game to have sex with lots of women. The only thing which stands between these guys and a long stint in prison, crushing legal bills, and a life, career, and reputation left in complete tatters is a totally corrupt and biased legal system.

Women who would like to have decent relationships with men should be concerned, too, but I ain't holding my breath.

This proposed law needs as much public exposure and support as it can get.

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> Look on the face of the bill and find the bill's co-sponsors: lend them any support you can, too: List of Pennsylvania state legislators

Undermining the Orthodoxy: How Feminism will Consume Itself

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Cultures are very adaptable to circumstances and opportunities, but they don't usually have much forethought. As I wrote in my piece on strategy and tactics, we men were put in our current position because we were a ripe fruit ready to be plucked and eaten. It didn't really take very long for a coalition to form to squeeze every bit of juice out of us, and that coalition included people who traditionally railed against one another in everything from academic journals to supermarket tabloids. Feminists launched into Marxist tirades against the "patriarchy," while traditional conservatives insisted that their version of civilization was the best.

However, when it came to gettin', both sides seemed to agree that the hapless, typical man owed them something. Feminists wanted taxpayer-funded women's programs, special health care for women, jobs for women, child support and alimony. Conservatives wanted men to sacrifice themselves for their country, capitalism and civic institutions such as marriage. Men were getting pushed and pulled this way and that, but eventually both the feminists and conservatives made a series of deals that they could both live with, making them allies of sorts. This culminated in the massive change in policy in the 1990s, in which welfare was largely shifted from the taxpayer to the father (and expanded thereby), the American workforce was feminized, police forces were militarized and expanded and American men were imprisoned at world record peacetime rates.

All of these things have hit young men with full force over the past decade, and yet there is another disaster looming over the horizon: the coming retirement of the baby boomers. When that happens in big numbers, it will be like a grand piano falling on the head of the younger male taxpayer. It will be a deal breaker.

Now, instead of feeling utterly defeatist about this, it's got to be seen as an inevitable turning point. Young men have already been squeezed almost dry. I see the market reports on TV and have to chuckle a bit as the talking heads sell stocks to all the avaricious, largely elderly stockholders. It reminds me of the real estate agents in Hong Kong getting on TV right before the PRC takeover telling everyone that the time to buy Hong Kong real estate is NOW, NOW, NOW! Of course, HK real estate tanked immediately following the takeover, and SE Asia plunged into a recession for a year or so. I was in Hong Kong in late '97, and nobody seemed too happy there. The stores were empty and the Pakistani merchants in Kowloon were so desperately aggressive in their efforts to shake me down that I just about decked one of them.

Now that working men have been pretty much cleaned out, and many are just plain out of work, people will soon realize that we aren't much of a target worth pursuing anymore. Wealth has been increasingly concentrated in the hands of fewer Americans, but it has also been increasingly concentrated in the hands of *older* Americans, many of whom are retired, widows, unhealthy, unproductive, etc. Therefore, the emphasis on wealth redistribution will have to change, or a lot of people will start running out of revenue very soon, and it will take on far more ominous overtones in the popular imagination as weaker demographics are increasingly targeted.

As commenter Sestamibi wrote on a previous post:

> The reality is that the world [..] of high-wage unionized low-skill jobs in auto plants and steel mills was the aberration, not the norm. It existed only from about 1946-1973. That means a whole generation has ALREADY grown up under the return to the status quo ante, and has no experience with $75/hour to install bumpers on Ford Escorts, such guys living in comfortable ranch houses with boats, rec vehicles, and all kinds of other toys.

Yes, that world is gone. I saw it fall apart first-hand, growing up in the now vanished working-class milieu of pre-1990s Seattle, where guys working at factories could still afford houses in nice neighborhoods near downtown. Nowadays, there are far fewer of these men, and those that remain live in the cheaper suburbs because their relative wealth is far lower than it used to be. So what will likely happen is that the coercive mechanisms that were used to

extract money from the once wealthy working and middle classes will no longer be worth maintaining, because the return will no longer justify the cost.

First, I expect that we will see some reduction in imprisonment for child support arrears, because prisons are already cutting back operations and these guys are not generally the kind who get politicians in trouble for letting them out on the street, as opposed to, say, knife wielding maniacs. Then, some of the social agencies that make recommendations to judges in custody cases, etc., will start getting cut, as will some domestic violence programs and investigations (these are widely known to be wasteful because so many accusations are bogus in the context of divorce). I doubt that "obligations" will be changed substantially any time soon, but enforcement and the numerous hoops men are forced to jump through by courts may be significantly reduced. It really takes a lot of money to strictly control society, and having lived abroad I can say with some certainty that American society is heavily policed and controlled.

Next, men will probably begin to withdraw their voluntary support of some of the old standbys, such as buying family houses. Fewer men are getting married, those that are have grown increasingly afraid of losing a house in case of divorce, and people don't trust real estate like they used to, so house prices should move toward reflecting their true value, which will start to eat away at the wealth of a lot of upper income and retired people.

Of course, there is always plain old inflation, and from the looks of things that's what we're going to have to live with in the face of the massive debt our government has incurred. It's really an untenable situation we've dug ourselves into, and the old model of the productive family has been so thoroughly gutted that there won't be much motivation on the part of young men to pull our country out of this mess.

What we're facing is a system that does indeed oppress us as men, but also virtually guarantees its own failure. When it has truly achieved victory, and many, many men who would otherwise have been productive breadwinners are pushed to the margins of society, barely able to support themselves, let alone a family, it will run out of gas. We can only speculate as to what will happen after that, but one thing I'm pretty sure of is that women will share the misery as well. Sadly, many of the elderly will probably have a very rough time of it, as ruthless cost-cutting measures eat away at the benefits they receive.

As I wrote in the first sentence of this piece, cultures are adaptable. Men will adapt to the harsh reality they face. If there are structural limits to their happiness, they will find ways around them. Unfortunately for women, they have become a structural problem for men, so they shouldn't expect much cooperation from them. It will become a time when chivalry is laughed at or punished, dishonesty and manipulation of women for financial or sexual gain is common, and men skate out of their obligations to females without any feelings of guilt. If you think about it, this is clearly the expansion of the ghetto culture (which was simply an early manifestation of the same process) across the entire country, with the exception of some God-fearing remnants in flyover country.

Given the state of modern Detroit – perhaps the first and most complete example of this ongoing process – which is reverting back to wilderness in many places, one might think this is an apocalyptic scenario. Perhaps it is as far as the old, traditional America is concerned, but we have to keep in mind that the destruction will be selective. Those of us who do some damage control can survive, and even thrive after a fashion. Those who take the biggest hit will be the current beneficiaries of this rotten, dysfunctional system. I can foresee a day when many people working in all these cake jobs in government and education simply stop getting paid, and the police and first responders start taking a half an hour or more to respond to 911 calls, because there aren't enough of them, and those that remain are apathetic and demoralized.

Men will create new communities, first amongst each other, and then they will bring in the women they trust and their children. Our old ways and communities may have been broken, and our foes may be doing victory dances, but as I see it they're about to give us a great opportunity to start over. Instability and anarchy favor men by their very nature, so when things really fall apart, we'll be back in the driver's seat by default.

Sound pessimistic? Maybe it is, but I see a lot of potential on the horizon.

Everything She Does Is Cute

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[Personal note: Because of time constraints that is the lot of the international man of mystery, my usual Friday Spearhead posts have been sporadic.]

[image]I'm on a few mailing lists for various pickup oriented businesses. I don't spend money on workshops or material, but I do like to keep current with what is being offered in the world of game, so I read the frequent marketing heavy emails and the posts on seduction forums that abound on the internet. Occasionally, a recommendation or a new game tactic will really stand out for its insightfulness, and I'll make a mental note of it so I can incorporate it into my own lifestyle.

Recently, one of those great insights came my way, via Lance Mason from the Pickup 101 company. It's simple in its elegance, and like the "Agree & Amplify" game tactic very effective at getting women attracted to you. As stated in Lance's email:

> If you only learn one thing from me, my instructors, or PickUp 101… this is the one to BURN into your memory banks.
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> It will help you in attraction
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> It will help you pass a woman's 'tests'
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> It will help you in relationships
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> And it's really simple.
>
> No matter what happens…
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> EVERYTHING She Does Is CUTE

This pretty much rings true based on my experience. The more you patronizingly treat women like bratty kid sisters, the more their vaj takes over their critical thinking skills. It all harkens back to the one fundamental principle guiding male-female relations: Chicks love submitting to powerful men. And what is a bigger demonstration of male sexual power than believing that a woman is so far beneath you that she is the equivalent of a child, hardly deserving of a serious answer or an emotional investment?

So what does "everything she does is cute" mean in practice? It means not getting riled up when she tests you. It means not explaining yourself when she stamps her wee feet and wags a finger at you. It means never acting apologetic when she's upset with some mysterious infraction you've committed. Keep in mind that when a woman gets upset, at least half the time she's not really upset with whatever misdemeanor she's accusing you of; she's just upset that your behavior caused a temporary reversal of gina tingle induction.

The "everything she does is cute" game tactic is defined more precisely as an inner game refinement. When you start thinking of women as adorable brats who know not what they do, you start treating them in ways consistent with your beliefs. With enough reprogramming in the right direction (i.e. kicking the supports out from under her pedestal), soon the words coming out of your mouth will be effortless verbal expressions of what you actually feel. And therein lies the secret to being a natural — naturals truly believe the charmingly jerkoff things they say to women.

Here is an example from the Pickup 101 email of "everything she does is cute" as it might happen in real life:

> Her: You're a player.
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> You: You're so cute, you're like pop-psychoanalyzing me! Are you a psychic?
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> (Note: you can keep the "You're so cute part" in your head. It doesn't actually have to be verbalized.)

> Lots of times your first reaction is that something she does is NOT cute, but take this new frame and treat her actions like they're cute.
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> This is how you can be solid as a rock no matter what kind of emotional storm a woman creates as a test.

Here is an example from my own life:

> Her: Seriously, do you have to announce when you're going to take a dump? Do you think that turns me on?
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> Me: Keep up this flirting and it's Dutch oven for you tonight.

As mentioned in Lance's email, you want to refrain from verbalizing the "You're so cute" part. That could get annoying if said over and over to a girl. If you have trouble replying in an alpha way to a woman's shit test (and, really, 90% of the white noise that buzzes out of a woman's mouth is either a shit test or a prelude to a shit test), then a neat trick you can do is mentally insert the "You're so cute" prefix before any reply you are about to deliver. If the unspoken "You're so cute" clause is congruent with what you're about to say, then you are doing it right. If it sounds incongruent, then you are running a higher than normal risk that what you are about to say will make you sound like a defensive beta or, worse, a boring herb.

Like all game strategies this one should be viewed as a guideline, not a step-by-step schematic. Avoid the spergy-tude of interpreting everything she says as a bratty ploy to incide a reaction. It's possible to overplay playful condescension. If you've done something objectively bad, like "accidentally" spiked her cat's food with LSD (ever watch a cat when it thinks the whole world is a ball of yarn? quality entertainment.), you may not want to glibly brush it off. If your girl's demeanor changes to grim seriousness, and she asks you to stop joking around, you should take that as a cue to pursue a more fruitful alpha avenue; one that, say, involves you being stoically strong and commanding instead of condescendingly superficial.

PS How hot is that new chick from "V"? V for vaj!

Mailbag: Gusto Hat Eine Frage

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[image]A reader named Gusto emailed me the following query:

> If I'm unfortunate enough to father a girl, what should I do to make sure she grows up with the right attitude?

A great question, and thanks for asking it. There are quite a few embedded issues lurking below the surface, so I will ask your indulgence in unpacking them.

The first embedded question in your interrogatory is this: "should we men have children in the first place?" My answer to that is the lawyer-like "it depends". Broadly speaking, there are three camps in the dude-iverse when it comes to men and marriage and family. The first camp is made up of men who take seriously the warnings, sounded eloquently and effectively by elder brothers such as Baskerville, that counsel against men marrying and and having children. These men comprise the bulk of the marriage strike crowd.

The second camp is comprised of men either (a) aware of the warnings and took the risk anyway, or (b) was unaware of the warnings and assumed the risk by default. The end outcome of the behaviors of men in Camps 2a and 2b is the same, regardless of intent: get married, have kids, roll the dice. Maybe those fellows will get lucky, maybe not. I myself am a member of Camp 2a, although I was squarely in Camp 2b territory in my first marriage.

The third camp, much much smaller than either of the two previous, is comprised of those fellows that have the resources to pursue woman-not-included reproduction and raise these children outside of a pair-bond construct. These men do not maintain a romantic/sexual relationship with a woman but pursue a family anyway, either by adoption or by surrogacy, the latter of which is becoming more and more cost-effective in these days of globalization. The critical step to consider when implementing the surrogacy option is that a man should never allow a woman to act as the primary caregiver for his children unless she is paid for the effort or is a female relative. If he does, he risks placing himself on the same footing as those fellows who married to have children. Just as men who act the father figure to unrelated children run the substantial risk of becoming the target of a chilimony suit, I wouldn't put it past a family court judge to reward a former girlfriend's squatter's rights with a two-decade long entitlement to my income stream. In short, a man who mixes the business of looking after his children with pleasure may find himself hit up for chilimony on her way out the door–with his children in tow. When "primary caregiver" is the standard, blood relationship matters little, and the State (post Welfare Reform) is merely looking for the closest, deepest pockets to pick, appropriate precautions must be taken, and this caregiver relationship, if used, must be kept strictly economic.

At any rate, however one accomplishes it, having a child is, in its essence, a vote of hope for the future, a public statement that one thinks that there is at least a future worth bringing the next generation into. One may also view child-bearing and -rearing as a form of demographic warfare, in that we know that the political inclinations of a child is best predicted by the political slant of his parents. Moreover, added to this are the facts that the fembots and their ilk fail to achieve replacement fertility, and that they must import acolytes from abroad and convert them in the education camps they run with taxpayer dollars. This low birthrate presents a critical vulnerability that we MRAs/FRAs/MGTOWers can exploit as part of a multi-pronged strategy to replace the present hegemony. We should aim to out-breed our adversaries, from the bottom up, over decades, in hundreds of thousands, even millions of small battles known as male-headed families. In such a way we may reclaim territory lost when the battle of the sexes brought "personal is political" divorces to our marriages and our families. To hazard a Rumsfeldian expression, this is the "long war" that won't be over in a mater of days or months but in decades and/or generations.

The second embedded question, hinted at by the suggestion that having a girl-child would be a disappointment, is really two: should we men select the sex of our children, and should we men become like the women who express "gender disappointment" (GD) in conceiving boys? (Click here for a transcript of a stunning–in the sense that rarely

is such feminine obtuseness so conspicuously on display–Elle article on the subject.) These are questions that a man can only answer for himself, given the thorny ethical and moral issues involved, although I do hold up the latent anti-male genocidal tendencies of these GD women for a bit of point-and-laugh scorn and ridicule and disgust. Thus, I suggest that, as critical as it is to raise good strong young men who are fully aware of the FemMatrix that surrounds them, if the twin misandrist threats of FemMarxism and Victorian traditionalism are to be defeated, it will require not only properly trained young men but properly trained young women to partner with them. Which leads me to the third question, the one you originally intended.

So what should we emphasize when raising those young girls, who are literally half of the future of the revolution that we men look to foment, and are essential to keeping the wheels of revolution turning? For starters, we should be raising girls the same way that we raise boys–to have integrity, to build up treasures in Heaven and not in this world, to be industrious and not lazy, to exercise self-control, to be responsible for their own actions, to prize the monogamous commitment of marriage, to hate divorce and, above all, to believe in a higher power that will hold them accountable for what they do in this life. From there, the instructions for daughters diverge slightly, tailored to the differential nature of the feminine. They are, in no particular order: to be modest in their dress, to be a help-meet worthy of the sacrifice and leadership of the man she'll meet and marry, to be chaste, to keep her own significant sexual appetites in check, and to not be a stumbling block for the men around her.

As an aside, while we are talking about the raising of good, quality boys and girls, it should go without saying–but it doesn't, so I will say it–that a man, if he wants the best for his children, should resist mightily the temptation to offer his children as a sacrifice to the modern-day Molech, the public school system. These government-run camps have been completely overrun by the feminists, and are where boys learn to despise the masculine…and where girls learn that feminine self-indulgence and responsibility-shifting are the ultimate values. If the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, and if the fembots and their acolytes are the hands that rock that cradle, then men who wish to spare their children from this fate would do well to refuse to voluntarily submit their children to such brainwashing.

But it isn't quite sufficient to train up your children in the way they should go and to avoid making your children victims of weapons of mass instruction. Just as, if not more, important are the characteristics you model for them as a husband, a father, and a citizen of the broader society. Are you the kind of father and role model that you want your son(s) to aspire to be? Do you model the sorts of masculine behaviors that you want your daughter(s) to seek out and to marry? For we are all tested each and every day; how we act, the choices that we make as men and as fathers, propagate themselves into our offspring.

As men, I think it important to not only effect first-order change, that is, a shift in attitudes of the men and women in our immediate vicinity, but we should also foment second- and third-order change as well. We can do this primarily through the institution that the present hegemony has fought so hard to destroy: the family. Through the family we provide moral and religious instruction as well as material provision, and it is through the family that we men give the gift that continues to propagate well after we've departed the scene. By our actions, by living lives morally and uprightly, we model behavior that will make the lives of our children happier and healthier and wealthier. Our children will absorb this instruction, and as the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, will transmit it to their children, thus initiating the second-, third-, and subsequent-order chains. Through such a focus, multiplied by millions of men in across the country, we men can found the natural aristocracy of virtue and talent, dreamt of by Jefferson so long ago, and through this aristocracy we can re-install the family as the cornerstone of society, thereby prospering our societies, making them stronger, and–by virtue of displacing government–more free.

The Chinese character for crisis (危机) is formed from the stems of two others: "danger" (危险) and "opportunity" (机会). We know the dangers inherent in marrying, we know the dangers in begetting children in the current legal climate. I would not blame a single one of my brothers for deciding that the risk is unwarranted. But in the dangerous act of marrying and having children,of training them, and leading them as we are charged to do–not just boys but girls too–we posture our families to take advantage of the opportunity presented to us to restructure society in such a way as to prosper us all.

Mancession Deepens, Male Unemployment Hits Record Postwar High

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According to the BLS, Male unemployment stands at 11.4%, a rate unseen since before America's entry into WWII. Female unemployment, while higher than average, is almost 3% lower.

American men are increasingly disenfranchised, even as onerous burdens are placed upon them as husbands, fathers or even single men who are denied access to the wealth of programs available to women. Add to that the preponderance of females with degrees and in school, and the situation looks grim.

Some analysts predict that overall unemployment could hit 14%, which, given the current trend, would suggest a male unemployment rate approaching 20%:

> Because a lot of PBI [private business investment] goes toward offsetting depreciation and increasing productivity, it takes a 5% year-over-year increase in PBI to produce a 1% increase in the number of jobs. **Correspondingly, a 5% decrease in PBI will yield a 1% reduction in total employment**.
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> The unemployment rate a year ago was 5.5%. Because the potential labor force is growing, we need employment to increase by 1% annually to keep the unemployment rate from going up. The 37.9% investment decline reported by the BEA [Bureau of Economic Analysis] can be expected to eventually produce a reduction in total employment of about 8.5%. Accordingly, we can expect unemployment to rise to about 14% within a year unless the downward slide of PBI is reversed.

Expect more men to lash out in desperation as their world crumbles around them, and they are faced with nothing more than punitive measures to keep them in line. Also, expect an increase in property crime and violence – particularly aimed at women – as prisoners begin to flow out of an overtaxed, expensive penal system.

The single woman lifestyle ought to get a lot more exciting! Have fun out there on your own, girls…

Kipling: The Female of the Species

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In Harvey C. Mansfield's *Manliness*, he makes reference to Rudyard Kipling's 1911 poem "The Female of the Species." It is not as great a poem as the manly favorite, "If," and it's a bit over the top and perhaps a bit tongue-in-cheek, but it somehow seemed relevant to present to you fellows here at *The Spearhead.*

The Female of the Species

When the Himalayan peasant meets the he-bear in his pride,
He shouts to scare the monster, who will often turn aside.
But the she-bear thus accosted rends the peasant tooth and nail.
For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

When Nag the basking cobra hears the careless foot of man,
He will sometimes wriggle sideways and avoid it if he can.
But his mate makes no such motion where she camps beside the trail.
For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

When the early Jesuit fathers preached to Hurons and Choctaws,
They prayed to be delivered from the vengeance of the squaws.
'Twas the women, not the warriors, turned those stark enthusiasts pale.
For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

Man's timid heart is bursting with the things he must not say,
For the Woman that God gave him isn't his to give away;
But when hunter meets with husbands, each confirms the other's tale—
The female of the species is more deadly than the male.

Man, a bear in most relations—worm and savage otherwise,—
Man propounds negotiations, Man accepts the compromise.
Very rarely will he squarely push the logic of a fact
To its ultimate conclusion in unmitigated act.

Fear, or foolishness, impels him, ere he lay the wicked low,
To concede some form of trial even to his fiercest foe.
Mirth obscene diverts his anger—Doubt and Pity oft perplex
Him in dealing with an issue—to the scandal of The Sex!

But the Woman that God gave him, every fibre of her frame
Proves her launched for one sole issue, armed and engined for the same;
And to serve that single issue, lest the generations fail,
The female of the species must be deadlier than the male.

She who faces Death by torture for each life beneath her breast
May not deal in doubt or pity—must not swerve for fact or jest.
These be purely male diversions—not in these her honour dwells—
She the Other Law we live by, is that Law and nothing else.

She can bring no more to living than the powers that make her great
As the Mother of the Infant and the Mistress of the Mate.
And when Babe and Man are lacking and she strides unclaimed to claim
Her right as femme (and baron), her equipment is the same.

She is wedded to convictions—in default of grosser ties;

> Her contentions are her children, Heaven help him who denies!—
> He will meet no suave discussion, but the instant, white-hot, wild,
> Wakened female of the species warring as for spouse and child.
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> Unprovoked and awful charges—even so the she-bear fights,
> Speech that drips, corrodes, and poisons—even so the cobra bites,
> Scientific vivisection of one nerve till it is raw
> And the victim writhes in anguish—like the Jesuit with the squaw!
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> So it comes that Man, the coward, when he gathers to confer
> With his fellow-braves in council, dare not leave a place for her
> Where, at war with Life and Conscience, he uplifts his erring hands
> To some God of Abstract Justice—which no woman understands.
>
> And Man knows it! Knows, moreover, that the Woman that God gave him
> Must command but may not govern—shall enthrall but not enslave him.
> And *She* knows, because *She* warns him, and Her instincts never fail,
> That the Female of Her Species is more deadly than the Male.

Mansfield uses the poem to illustrate the idea that pragmatic women, whose nature in some partially Darwinian sense seeks security (in theory for her offspring), have little patience for man's concern with "abstract justice," "ideals" or "causes."

Of course, we are seeing that women are less interested in having children, and more interested in gain for gain's sake, but this is slightly different from something more male and more abstract–winning for winning's sake.

How many times have men understood you when you wanted to take a path that offered less security but which served your passion or greater goals, while the women in your life advised you to take the financially or physically safe route?

One area where I see a possible contradiction is religion–women tend to attend church more regularly and are more likely to give to the church, occasionally to the tune of their own financial ruin. It often seems, though, that when this is happening there is a smooth talking male preacher on the other side of the pulpit giving her, or appearing to give her, attention she isn't getting elsewhere. Traditionally, a wealthy matriarch would give away *her husband's* money to various causes–this is probably why many art museums exist today–but this may be more a case of status seeking behavior among females.

Is the "female of the species" deadlier? Is she more materialistic, more apt to seek security, less interested in higher ideals? Is this a matter related to the survival of our species? How so, and how is this idea relevant today, if at all?

Slouching Towards Libertinia

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In their seminal work, *Too Many Women?*(1983), Guttentag and Secord developed a matrix to describe social behavior under different sex ratio conditions and disparate male or female structural power regimes. I believe the model is a good tool to show us where we've historically been as a society; it also shows us the mechanism by which we've come to our current state of debauchery.

The authors' argument rests on the assumption that male structural power is universal. Structural power is defined as the political, legal, and economic structures of society and the ability to influence and shape social customs and practices. It is true that men have always held structural power in every society (the authors found one obscure society that exhibited female structural power somewhere in Africa), but given that structural power is a continuum, power shifts have consequences for society.

Guttentag and Secord's Power Matrix:

Gender Holding Dyadic Power	Male Structural Power	Female Structural Power
Males (Low sex ratio)	Sexually permissive society with familiar roles	Traditional society with reversed roles (EROS)
Females (high sex ratio)	Traditional society with familiar roles	Sexually permissive society with reversed roles (LIBERTINIA)

Besides structural power, dyadic power influences social behavior in men and women. Men are said to hold dyadic power when there are fewer of them relative to women – when the sex ratio is low. Women hold dyadic power when the sex ratio is high. Dyadic relationships adapt to underlying structural regimes. When men have dyadic and structural power we expect sexually promiscuous behavior and lower fatherly investment in offspring. Since men have more readily available options, society is more sexually promiscuous as men have less incentive to settle down. Conversely, when there are more men than women, men seek to maintain relative order in society. They punish sexual promiscuity and extol the virtues of marriage and monogamy. In traditional society – and in accord with Guttentag and Secord's matrix – men use their structural power against the backdrop of dyadic power to shape social behavior.

As with all such models, there are inflection points at which an unusually high sex ratio becomes social dynamite. The Middle East has high operational sex ratios meaning that there are many more single men than single women. It is feared that China and India may face similar problems associated with extreme high sex ratio societies. Idle male hands can lead to gang activity, social unrest, or anarchy.

Conversely, Guttentag and Secord show that feminism has historically arisen during periods of low sex ratio (more women than men). Given their greater numbers and discomfort with misogynistic social behavior, women gather to act against the status quo. Since women are valued lower relative to times of female dyadic power, they adopt progressive means to correct the imbalance. Also, to protect against Cad-like behavior, women develop strategies to prevent investing sexually in men who don't plan on investing in any children that might come out of those relationships. College campuses were hotbeds of feminism and the 1950s and 1960s helping spark the recent female power coup.

Guttentag and Secord laid out a dichotomy, mainly as a thought experiment, describing what would happen under female structural power. They called these two hypothetical worlds LIBERTINIA and EROS. LIBERTINIA had a high sex ratio and exhibited sexually permissive behavior and reversed gender roles. EROS had a low sex ratio and a sexually prudish society – also with reversed gender roles.

I'll accept *prima facie* that gender roles have changed. While they haven't reversed, they've definitely become more obfuscated and hazy. A recent Time magazine article laid out all of the equitability women have gained since 1972.

Men have taken on formerly feminine roles, and women have taken on traditionally masculine ones. Many pieces of research have shown this, and mounds of anecdotal evidence (ask your parents or watch TV shows from 40 years ago) support this claim. According to Guttentag and Secord's matrix, the only societies that had reversed gender roles were those with female structural power. We can at least say that society has tilted away from strictly patriarchal towards the feminine on the structural power continuum.

I titled this piece "Slouching Towards Libertinia" because I think that's where we are effectively headed. While the United States' sex ratio isn't as low as it was in the 1950s and 1960s (during the spark of the Sexual Revolution) we have an effectively high sex ratio society with increasingly gynocentric structural power. While it could be true that there are more women than men, this point is merely academic – our society functions as if it has a high sex ratio as I'll show below. I don't argue that we exist under a matriarchy, but social democracy – according to the natural law that majority rules – is largely gynocentric. In past patriarchal societies, women had no avenues to structural power. Modern society is unique in this regard; we are also unique in that we are closer to LIBERTINIA than any society in the past.

> "In LIBERTINIA, most women are libertines. They frequently move from one brief liason to another; at best, they practice serial monogamy. Women often have more than one man. At the same time, they havea relatively low regard for men. Generally they exploit them when they can, usually treating them as mere sex objects. In fact, sexual morality is weak for both sexes. Women in particular see marriage as having a lot of disadvantages, and often will live with a man without marrying him if they can. Many children are born illegitimately. While most men would prefer to get married, they are not averse to having sexual relationships before marriage. What often happens, however, is they get attached to their female partner, and she uses the attachment to exploit them.
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> Both men and women more often remain single, marrying only at later ages if at all. Families tend to be unstable and frequently break up in divorce after a few years. Men do not expect a wife to remain with them throughout their childbearing years, and LIBERTINIA has a large number of single-parent families headed by men. Often men make desperate attempts to hold on to the women they have a relationship with, making sacrifices in order to please their female partner and catering to her needs."

Just as theory predicts a rise in feminism during low sex ratio scenarios with male structural power, LIBERTINIA with its high sex ratio and female-skewed power structure predicts the same thing for men:

> "But other men respond to the situation by agitating for economic and sexual independence in an effort to achieve an adequate standard of living and a satisfactory social status without being dependent on a woman. These men have organized extensively and have developed a radical masculinist literature. Their protest takes a variety of forms, ranging from those stress equal rights and male dignity, through those who rebel against housework and childrearing, to those who emphasize their hatred of women and praise homosexuality."

While the men of *The Spearhead* and other like-minded internet outlets don't fit this to a T – we don't militantly argue for homosexuality or rebellion against child rearing – men have banded together on the Internet to craft a more masculinist dialogue. Since our society is still patriarchal – albeit at its historical nadir – things haven't become quite as extreme as in LIBERTINIA, but our posture is bad.

We are approaching the feminist promised-land of LIBERTINIA through two mechanisms: feminism and egalitarianism.

During the 1960s, feminism did its trick. While men still hold most of the economic power and political power; they are merely behaving according to a feminine agenda. Legislation has benefited women and minorities most in the last 40 years. They have been given economic power not only by their entrance into the workforce, but also because a swollen bureaucracy tends to employ women more than men. While I can't definitively say that women

have structural power over men, they have much more than they did 100, 50, 40, 30, 20 years ago.

A large part of the underlying power structure of any society is its culture. In America, women are pedestalized compared to men. Their issues are forthright; men's are placed on the back burner. Anything that is overly masculine is derided as meat-headed, bigoted, or out-of-touch. Men in traditional roles have utterly no voice in popular culture. They aren't advertised to. Movies aren't made for them. Their songs aren't on any popular radio channels. To have a stake in popular culture – to have a voice – men have to kowtow to women. In short, culture has become androgynous; men have to either adapt to that or drop out. While men have forever catered to women's needs as part of the seduction process, they have never been as structurally marginalized as in current society.

LIBERTINIA can only be discovered and developed in a high sex ratio society. Its sister colony – EROS – is the name on the sign when there are more women than men. But I'd argue that, regardless of the actual number of men and women, we are in an effectively high sex ratio society. The whole thrust of a high sex ratio society is that in it, women embrace a coupling strategy for mates when attempting to procure resources. The "attraction" of a woman to a "Dad" is the provision opportunities he offers – his investment in her and her progeny.

According to Moore, Cassidy, Law, Smith, and Perrett's paper *The effects of female control of resources on sex-differentiated mate preferences*:

> "Woman's ability to control resources may cue a strategy in which she does not need to seek resources through a long-term social mate, and thus she can elevate her preference for indicators of good genes."

When women don't need a beta provider – because they have one already – they seek traits that indicate genetic fitness. They become increasingly hypergamous. Women are able to satisfy their economic needs through their surrogate husband – the government. They don't need men for what they've traditionally needed us for – financial support – while we still need them for what we've traditionally needed them for – a warm hole. The government, therefore, serves to artificially increase the sex ratio. Not only that, but as Nettle and Pollet found in their research *Driving a Hard Bargain: Sex Ratio and Male Marriage Success in Historical U.S. Population,* rates of marriage *decrease* as the sex ratio increases. This is counter to what we'd expect under high sex ratio regimes. Guttentag and Secord didn't account for the fact that women become much choosier when they effectively have more options. As I've said before – choosy women choose alphas.

Feminism has done its job so effectively that monogamy and marriage are merely words. Adultery is scarcely punished. We live in an effectively hypergamous society. In a traditional low sex ratio society, hypergamy wasn't as strong a force because women, seeking to secure whatever mates they could, didn't worry as much about marrying up. They took what they could get; any parental investment or indicators of committment were more readily accepted. The guys that were most sought after merely slept around with minimal investment.

As noted above, it isn't for the companionship that women alter their sex strategy; it's for shekels. In a situation where the government does away with the problem of obtaining shekels by making it easier for women, the sex ratio for all intents-and-purposes increases. Mix this with increased female structural power and we get a situation where society is sexually promiscuous and gender roles are reversed.

Western culture is slouching towards LIBERTINIA. This is not a nice place; before its discovery on Earth, it was thought that LIBERTINIA was located in the northwest corner of Hell. Sexual promiscuity abounds and there is very little investment in society. Unfortunately, it was an inevitable outcome of ever-encroaching female structural power. While I won't go so far as to advocate against female suffrage, womens' ability to vote and their higher overall numbers *vis a vis* men made it such that – left unimpeded – power will always march in their direction. Second-wave feminism was the catalyst that sparked the fire in an attempt to overthrow the patriarchy. Given the trend towards chaos that all systems exhibit, disbursement of power to the less dominant factions of society implies that the former patriarchy's power is greatly eroded. As part of the pogrom, the formerly less-dominant – women and minorities – are given unmeritocratic stakes in society. As such, women are propped up and provided for at the

expense of one super-alpha man – a conglomeration of lots of disparate beta males – the USG. This man, this Khan, is able to provide for many without giving any of the commensurate spoils that normally went with beta male provision to the actual financiers – the everyman. The sex ratio is inordinately higher than it would be according to actual male/female body counts. According to Guttentag and Secords highly instructive – albeit limited – dichotomy, Western society slouches towards that perilous state: LIBERTINIA.

Introducing The Spearhead Forum

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Because some of the comment threads are getting pretty long, and it's obvious that people are starting to get to know each other, I installed a forum on the domain to give readers a better venue for discussion.

Another consideration is that I thought some people might prefer participating in a moderated environment where they can choose what kind of discussion they'd like to be involved in. This would be impossible on the main site due to the limitations of the CMS as well as the fact that it is a publication designed to provoke thought, not a place for us all to "get along."

I think a real community could develop around this, so I'd encourage everyone who's interested to get involved and start posting. Because I installed the forum just the other day and have kept it under wraps, it's brand spanking new and just waiting to be populated with the opinionated masses.

For our female commenters, they can rest assured that they will be unmolested if they stay out of the cage, and if they are nice and ladylike maybe they can even have their own place called, say, "the tea party" or something like that.

So head over to The Spearhead Forum and make yourself heard — everyone's welcome!

The Garbage Generation

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A Spearhead Book Review

The Garbage Generation, by Dr. Daniel Amneus, is a seminal work in clearly analyzing the role of Patriarchy in creating civilized society, and how the Feminists role in overthrowing Patriarchy is directly responsible for much of the social ills and pathologies that have manifest in a generation of children raised under a societal paradigm of Matriarchal kinships, instead of the Patriarchal system that was responsible for creating civilization in the first place.

This is a powerful tome that every man should read to gain a better understanding of exactly how and why we now live in a world torn part by a socially engineered gender war and why the feminist movement's leading icons championed various ideas to deliberately influence both men and women's thoughts, values and behavior, so as to effect the total overthrow of Patriarchal values in Western Civilization.

For those who have never heard of this important book, you can read it for free at the Catholic based website, fisheaters.com:

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Please note, this book is not a Catholic/Christian tome…as fisheaters prefaces the introductory chapter on their website:

*This book outlines the consequences of the destruction of the two-parent family and the need to stabilize it by strengthening its weakest natural link, the role of the biological father. It is written from a secular perspective and includes a few things with which the owner of the Fish Eaters Website would **definitely** quibble. But it most certainly makes its case about the need for patriarchy, destroying the myth of women being innocent, sexless little fluffballs in the process — a quite necessary destruction in that reaching the goal of chastity shouldn't be based on lies and pious tales about the reality of human nature — women being a little more than half of all humans. Failure to deal with **actual** human nature, rather than sentimentalized versions of it, can only lead to failure, resentment, neuroses, and backlash.*

So-Cons and pedestalizers, take note!

*At any rate, this book is **must-reading** for all who are concerned about the future of Western civilization — and is definitely **the** book to give to the **radical** feminist who decries "the evils of the patriarchy" (which is not at all to belittle real evils suffered by women at the hands of those with sentimentalized, condescending, un-Catholic attitudes towards them).*

Indeed, this book really is about the future of Western Civilization…as it carefully lays out a well developed case for why we live in rapidly declining state of civil society. Amneus quotes many prominent feminist leaders such as Betty Friedan and Phyllis Chesler. He offers sharp rebuttals to their arguments, so as to correctly identify why society's decline can be directly tied to the feminist movement's role in the purposeful destruction of Patriarchy.

In his introduction, Amneus endeavors to make the most important point of his case: The Pathology of the Female-Headed Family:

If we are to deal meaningfully with crime, what must be seen is its relationship with the female-headed family. Most criminals come from female-headed families. Most gang members come from female-headed families. Most addicts come from female-headed families. Most rapists come from female-headed families. Most educational failures come from female-headed families. Every presidential assassin before Hinckley came from a female-headed family or one in which he had an impossibly bad relationship with his father. Most illegitimate births occur to females who themselves grew up in female-headed families.

If we are to deal meaningfully with crime, what we must do is reduce the number of female-headed families; what we must do is prevent the divorce courts from expelling half of society's fathers from their homes; what we must do is terminate a welfare system which displaces millions of men from the principal male role, that of family-provider. What we must do is make the father the head of the family.

Indeed, this is the central point of the entire book. Under Patriarchy, men have the socially created role as provider for his family. The feminists called it oppression, and engaged in a variety of ways to overthrow the Patriarchal "hegemony," but what they have really done, in essence, was to demean, marginalize and literally destroy the role of FATHER in the creation of the nuclear family.

In case anyone wonders if Amneus has solid grounds on which to make this case, he offers an Annex to Chapter one:

The Annex is an essential part of the argument of this book and logically belongs at this point in the text. To place it here, however, would be placing a stumbling block in front of the reader, asking him to plow through fifty pages of tedious documentation, filled with repetitious overkill, proving the assertions made in Chapter I…

…It is enough that the reader should know that there exists — and can be consulted on pages referenced {in the annex} — proof that the high-crime, low- achieving areas of society are those with the greatest numbers of families headed by women and that the low-crime, high-achieving groups in society are those with stable, patriarchal families–that the feminist/sexual revolution and its attempt to impose a social organization based on female kinship is a failure and that it is necessary to return to a social organization based on male kinship.

It is here that I have a bone of contention with Amneus…the social organization based on female kinship is NOT a failure. It's a system that was purposefully promulgated so as to benefit a wide variety of constituents – namely the growth of the Government and it's role in creating a disaffected, subservient, and easily controlled population of sheeple, dependent on the Government and it's marxist re-distribution function, rather than a Father headed family. Failure? The feminist movement and it's statist backers have succeeded beyond their wildest dreams.

A minor quibble to be sure, this book still offers valuable insight into identifying certain principles that apply to human behavior and how they relate to either supporting or undermining the institution of Patriarchy. The following is an abstract compilation of these principles found throughout the book:

The First Law of Matriarchy

As stated by feminists Monica Sjoo and Barbara Mor:

"Women control our own bodies. This would seem a basic premise of any fully evolved human culture; which is why primate Patriarchy is based on its denial."

To which Amneus responds:

"The most significant thing about this statement of "the first law of matriarchy" is that it is asserted categorically, without reference to the marriage contract. It assumes without even bothering to assert it, ***that marriage confers no rights on husbands.*** *It must be obvious to most men–though it is clearly not obvious to these women–that this female sexual autonomy rules out the possibility of using the family as a system for motivating males. Such is the state of things said (correctly) by Sjoo and Mor to have existed prior to the creation of patriarchy a few thousand years ago, and such is again becoming the state of things as patriarchy melts away.* ***It was to prevent this state of things that patriarchy was created****, a central feature of it being society's guarantee of the Legitimacy Principle–every child must have a father. The present situation, which has created the Garbage Generation, results from society's delinquency in refusing to implement this guarantee."*

The Sexual Constitution

The principle of that Amneus identifies as the integral part of Patriarchy.

The workability of the patriarchal system requires the regulation of female sexuality, including the enforcing of the

double standard. In no other way can men participate meaningfully in reproduction. A woman violates the Sexual Constitution by being promiscuous. A man violates it by refusing to provide for his family.

When Patriarchy breaks down, society begins to revert to Matriarchy, and the next generation of children belong to a new class:

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Raised in an environment in which fathers don't provide for their young and dependency on government is assumed, few children will develop the skills of self-sufficiency, or even the concept of personal responsibility. Young men will not strive to be good providers and young women will not expect it of their men. Family breakdown becomes cyclical, out-of- wedlock births become cyclical, poverty and dependence becomes cyclical. And the culture of poverty grows.

Slaughtered Saints Feminism

This is a phenomena in which Amneus points out the cognitive dissonance of one of the primary arguments the feminists used to foment their war on Patriarchy:

Slaughtered Saints feminists now affect to interpret the free ride as itself an affliction, as what feminist Jessie Bernard calls "the woman's extra load of economic dependency." She thinks this burden "has to be lightened" because

"A union between a man and a woman in which, when it breaks down, one loses not only the mate but also the very means of subsistence is not a fair relationship."

*It is not a relationship at all when it breaks down; and it breaks down chiefly because (thanks to the feminist/sexual revolution's insistence on a woman's right to control her own reproduction) marriage has become a non-binding contract. Women do not suffer from an "extra load of economic dependency"; they want to hang on to the dependency or get it back again–**without having to fulfill the marital obligations which justify it.** The patriarchal system benefits women by marriage. The feminist program of wrecking the patriarchy aims to make it provide the same benefits outside marriage, thereby destroying marriage, the family, the male role and the whole patriarchal system–and restoring matriliny.*

*The only way for men to restore the patriarchy is to insist that there shall be no free ride outside of marriage and the acceptance of sexual regulation–no alimony, no child support payments, no affirmative action and comparable worth programs, no quotas, no goals-and-timetables. **To be independent means not to be dependent.***

*…The feminist demand to be made independent by being made dependent appears paradoxical until its underlying idea is understood, which is this: What women want is not independence but de-regulation. They yearn to return to the "kind of role they had on the grasslands of Africa millions of years ago." **De-regulation is the key idea which explains the feminist/sexual revolution.***

*They like to talk about independence because it sounds self-approbatively heroic–and the talk is sincere in the sense that when they write agitprop or get together at conventions and take one another seriously they believe their own flim-flam. But when any tangible, especially economic, benefit enters the picture they opt for dependence. The more dependence–the more alimony, the more child support, the more legislative/bureaucratic/judicial chivalry, the more affirmative action, the more comparable worth, the more quotas, the more goals-and-timetables, the more anti-male discrimination, the more freebies–the better. If it's free they want it. **What they don't want is the regulation of their sexuality which gives males a secure role within stable families.***

The Mutilated Beggar Argument

This is an important argument that Amneus details here: the tenets of feminism have ruined the lives of millions of families, and it is this very ruination that it has caused for which the feminists point to as proof of the need to overthrow Patriarchy.

In Cairo there exists a cottage industry which mutilates children to be used as beggars. The more gruesome and pitiable

the mutilations, the more the beggars will earn. The disfigured children are placed on mats on street corners with a begging bowl and they ask for alms for the love of Allah.

The almsgiver is doing a good thing and a bad thing. The good thing is paying for the child's next meal. The bad thing is ensuring that more children will be mutilated.

The Mutilated Beggar technique is employed extensively in the contemporary war over the family. Ex-wives drag their children into poverty and then point to their sufferings as proving the need for ex-husbands or the welfare system to bail them out. The father (or taxpayer) who bails out Mom and the kids is doing a good thing–providing rent and food money–and a bad thing–subsidizing the destruction of this family and encouraging the mass divorce which is wrecking millions of others–in effect, undermining the patriarchy and restoring matriliny.

The Gilder Fallacy

Amneus begins here by quoting a prominent So-Con Pedestalizier, George Gilder:

"The crucial process of civilization," says George Gilder, "is the subordination of male sexual impulses and biology to the long-term horizons of female sexuality. The overall sexual behavior of women in the modern world differs relatively little from the sexual life of women in primitive societies. It is male behavior that must be changed to create a civilized order."

Amneus disputes this Pedesatlizer's delusions unequivocally:

Untrue. There is a striking difference in the behavior of males in civilized and in primitive societies–the difference between motivated, productive, stable males in the former and disruptive or idle or macho or narcissistic drones, or at best hunters and warriors, in the latter. However the most essential difference between the two societies is one less conspicuous but more pivotal: In the civilized society the females accept the regulation of their sexuality on the basis of the Sexual Constitution–monogamous marriage, the Legitimacy Principle, the double standard and female loyalty and chastity; in the primitive society the females reject sexual regulation and embrace the Promiscuity Principle, a woman's right to control her own sexuality.

The female behavior is more basic, since it determines whether the males can be motivated to accept a stable and productive lifestyle. The key issue is not, as Gilder imagines, whether men can be induced to accept the Sexual Constitution which he imagines women try to impose, but whether women themselves can be induced to accept it. What causes women in civilized society to accept it is the knowledge that the economic and status rewards bestowed by patriarchal civilization can be obtained in no other way.

…Patriarchal civilization is made possible by the regulation of female sexuality on the basis of the Sexual Constitution. Given freedom, females do not use their influence to impose this Sexual Constitution on males but ***to escape from it****, to wreck the hated patriarchal system, as they have done in the ghettos.*

Indeed, this is exactly what we are seeing in society today. With the ending of social stigma for female promiscuity, an end to strictly enforcing the institution of marriage as the bedrock of civilization, an end to the role of the Father for males to aspire to, society is increasingly headed towards ghetto-ization where female promiscuity is the norm and males have no role other than to fight, fuck and embrace self-destructive hedonism.

Welcome to our Brave New World: the Garbage Generation.

Women's Forum Naming Suggestions

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I'd like to add a forum for women at the new bulletin board we've set up. Why? Because there are billions of women out there, and somehow we've got to make peace with them.

This is an emergent movement, and as all before it, there's going to be some female participation. The gender wars are a farce in reality — a stupid concept cooked up by unnatural politics and strange times. Some men and women profit from them, but most of us on either side just get nailed.

If there are women out there who want to end the insanity and revive natural relations between men and women – and I know there are – they definitely have a place on *The Spearhead*. But first I'll extend them the respect of asking for their opinion on how to proceed with this.

Women should have their own place, and I'd like to know how they would define that. Suggestions are appreciated.

Three Spice Lamb Chops

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In the spirit of manly food, which should be hearty and nourishing, I'd like to offer a lamb chop recipe I came up with after developing a taste for the kebab sold by Turks on the streets of Beijing. The kebab I came to love, known to the Chinese as yangrouchuan (lamb on a stick), is roasted on bamboo sticks over a long, rectangular barbecue getup, usually fashioned from sheet metal as far as I could tell. The Turks would have a number of sticks of raw lamb in an icebox, as well as some sticks of chicken, including giblets (I liked the chicken gizzards, and ate them for a change of pace from time to time), and the customer would order some five or six of them, upon which they would be thrown on the grill right there on the sidewalk. The cook would fan the coals with a piece of cardboard while deftly turning the sticks this way or that, sprinkling salt and a mysterious spice on them. I had no idea what this spice was, but it certainly made the lamb tasty. In addition to the spice, powdered hot pepper could be thrown upon the lamb to spice it up.

[image]
Yanjing beer and yangrouchuar -- a good night in Beijing

After returning to America, I tried hard to find out what this mysterious spice was, finally obtaining a packet from a friend from Beijing when he came to visit. I still didn't know exactly what was in the packet, but managed to reverse engineer it, add my own twist, and come up with a concoction that did the job quite well. I then began to apply my special ingredients to the traditional Irish-American lamb chops my grandpa served me years before.

This is a fairly easy dish to prepare, and can be cooked in a variety of ways, so any man who knows how to cook meat (and what man doesn't?), can make it without any trouble. In fact, it is so easy that, with proper supervision, even a wife could cook it!

Equipment:

Broiling pan, skillet, or grill, fork or spatula to turn the chops, and a cutting board to prevent a mess.

Ingredients:

- Lamb chop(s)
- Mustard powder
- Paprika
- Ground cumin

Cooking:

First, take your lamb chops and throw them on the cutting board. Let them warm up a bit so they cook more evenly. Sprinkle salt on both sides of the chops, and then get your spices. Coat the lamb on both sides with each spice, and then rub the powdered spices until they evenly cover the lamb. All of the spices can be applied equally, as together they create a savory aroma during cooking. Let the spices set onto the meat as they absorb its moisture.

Now comes the choice. You can barbecue, broil or sautée the chops, depending on your preference. I usually sautée them in an iron skillet during the colder months and grill them on the barbecue when it's nice outside, but some may prefer broiling. If choosing to sautée, be sure to coat the skillet with just enough oil to keep the lamb from sticking. Whatever method you choose, just be careful not to overcook. Good lamb chops don't take any longer to cook than steak, so they'll be done in a matter of minutes if cooked over hot coals or on a hot pan. To test doneness, I use the fork method — simply gently press the back of a fork down on the center of the chop and feel how firm the meat is. When it is noticeably firmer than it was at first, the center has started to cook and it's at least rare (my preference).

When the chops are done, they are ready to serve immediately. They can be accompanied by some mint sauce,

which actually goes with the spices surprisingly well, or eaten as is. If not over or undercooked, the lamb will be delicious, and can be accompanied by whatever one deems appropriate. Red wine, obviously, goes well with this dish. Personally, I'd crack a Yanjing beer to go with them if I could get some over here.

Note on selecting chops:

Do not assume that you have to buy the most expensive lamb chops for this dish. In fact, cheap shoulder chops, provided they have sufficient meat on them, are as good as any other chop, and given the savory nature of the spices are probably a better choice than more expensive cuts, which tend to be more flavorful and better without too much enhancement.

Why Game & "Choice For Men" Elicits So Much Hate

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With a major snag being hit with the House passage of the Healthcare Bill that involves public monies being used to pay for abortions, and in the light of my recent "debate" on Game with the lovely Susan Walsh of HookingUpSmart.com, I thought now would be the perfect time to address exactly why these two powerful "correctors" of the sexual marketplace-Game and Choice For Men-has drawn the ire of both, Women AND Men.

Let's put our Occam's Razor-assisted thinking caps on, shall we, gentlemen?

OK…

The reason why Game is reviled, and why "Roe For Men" elicits the ire of Women and Men alike, is very simple:

Because it gives maximum options to a maximum number of Men.

That's why.

Keen students of Game understand well that its underpinnings come from the insights gleaned from Evolutionary Psychology & Biology, the study of human behavior and the adaptations that had to take place many tens of thousands of years ago on the African savanna to meet the demands of the environment. Human beings evolved and moved away from said environment, but by then the "programming" had taken hold; it takes many thousands of years to "reboot" the system.

So, what we have today in our time, is essentially this-we have all these toys and gadgets and big ideas, but we aren't that far removed from our savanna past.

Game is the proof.

Now…

As we all know, the key mating strategy of the Female is to get the attention of the Alpha Male-the leader of the pack. He is the one best equipped to provide resources to her children; he is the one best able to defend her and her kids from any threats.

For thousands of years, this was a fairly easy thing to do for the Female; the Menfolk were quickly sorted out, either by rivalry within the tribe, or warfare with other tribes, or by being killed off during hunting trips, etc. All the Females had to do was pick the "winners" of these and other situations.

Now, barring Rape-which was quite a common mating strategy for Males for thousands of years in its own right-the deal was, the Alphas got the best Females. If you weren't an Alpha, your chances of passing on your genes into the future were dim-you either had to hope you could sneak one in while the Alpha was away, or, get the leftover Females nobody really wanted, or, bust a Female upside the head and take her by force. Failing that, you were facing an Epic Evolutionary Fail.

Women are wired to "screen out" all but the Best Men for the purposes of mating and *longterm commitment*. Remember this one, folks, its very, very important. All lesser guys need not apply. Down through the Ages, Women have evolved to come up with ways and means to separate one group of Men, from the other.

This highly attuned "radar" if you will, on the part of Women, is in large part "fooled" by Game, because it gives the average guy the tools needed to ape the behavior of Alpha Males. This in turn gives him more chances to mate-in other words in our time, get laid-and this in turn causes mucho stress for the Ladies, because Game makes it so they cannot as easily determine who's who. For a Woman, this is hugely important-as I've pointed out before and it bears repeating, a Woman risks a heck of a lot to have sex. Much, much more than Men do. Aside from things like Rape and STDs, one of the biggest risks is in her giving it up to the wrong guy, and having to deal with the fallout from that. And, as I've also noted before, and it also bears repeating, Good Guys-essentially Alpha Males-are hard

to find. This means that, by necessity, all the guys cannot get laid:

From a female's point of view, it's very important that the number of guys getting lucky is restricted.

If every Tom, Dick and Harry could get laid at will, with the more topshelf honeys, it would wreak havoc on tens of thousands of years of delicate programming for the Female-important programming that helps her "sort out" the Males into two distinct groups: Alphas, and everybody else. Game in essence, seriously messes with that programming.

Which is why Women have so many problems with it.

So, that explains the Female side of the equation-but what about the Male side? That too, is also simple.

When one has a fundamental grasp of Human Nature and of Game, which is really Social Sexual Dynamics, then one understands why one can see much Hateration from certain quarters of the Menfolk on this issue. For Men, competition to mate, and with the choicest Females, is FIERCE. In Nature, Males display, and Females choose-this means that not only does a Male have to have the best "display" but that it's in his interest to restrict the number of competitors he has to contend with-the more guys in the round, the lesser his chances of "winning". Again, Game gives more guys more chances to "win"-and quite a few guys, operating from the Reptilian Id, DON'T LIKE THAT.

This is why you'll hear these guys dress up their evolutionary hateration in flowery terms like "trickery", "deception" and the like, not to mention a goodly bit of White Knightery-when you really break it down, the issue is, that more guys will have options if they have Game. Simple as that.

Before I move on to Roe For Men, let me say this…

Remember my recent debate with Susan Walsh? She made quite a big deal about the "neg", a powerful method that one soon learns when first receiving Game training. And she's not alone-just about every single, female critic of Game will crow loud and long about this one teeny wittle aspect of the science. And do you want to know WHY so many Women complain so loudly and long about the Neg?

BECAUSE IT WORKS, THAT'S WHY.

And worse, there is *no defense against it.* Why? Because it is deeply embedded in a Woman's psyche to submit to a Dominant Male, and negging is what Dominant Males do. In fact, the astute among my readers might have picked up on something in the aforementioned exchange. Hmm…

So-teaching average guys about the why's and wherefores of Negging again, essentially screws up the inherent Alpha Radar Women have-can you see why they're so upset now?

Another example, and then we'll examine "Choice For Men"…

Recently, I wrote about the issue of paying for dates. Although I didn't get a heck of a lot of responses enlist, I did get a goodly number from WOMEN offlist, complaining about what I said. Now, keep in mind-I didn't say I wasn't gonna pay for ANY dates; I simply said that it wasn't a good idea for a guy to go all in on a first date with a Women he really doesn't know and hasn't had sex with in any event. Even given the comments in response to what I wrote, by other guys, The Fifth Horsemen amon them, what I wrote was quite fair, balanced and reasonable.

Still, the Ladies were feeling some kind of way.

Do you know why? Go back and review what I said: it's because, the mere mention of saying what I said means that I'm not needy for sex, and the vast majority of Men are-which means, in effect, they're signaling that they're NOT ALPHA. So when a guy blows a C-Note on a gal he hasn't been in bed with yet, he's saying "I'm so horny!"-and that tells the gal that he ain't The One. Epic. Evolutionary. Fail.

She WILL however, take his money, in the form of lunches, dinners, nights out on the town, flowers, baubles, you name it-and hey, why not? As the Wise Man once said, a Fool and his Money are soon departed. I betcha all those

Women who wrote to me offlist, had NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER either doing what I just wrote above, and/or know, and fully endorse, other Women doing it. Yet, they have a problem with little ole me. Why?

Because hipping guys to the realities of paying for dates too soon basically screws with the “radar” again, AND WOMEN DON’T LIKE THAT. Only Alphas are supposed to have sexual options. See what I’m saying here?

OK, so let’s now move on to the Roe For Men issue…

People, its real simple: in America, we have this thing called Equal Protection Clause-which means, that you can’t make laws that benefit only one group, and not everyone else, or worse, target one group with a set of laws. It’s either all or nothing, and it works very well across the board, no matter what the issue is.

When it comes to Reproductive Rights, as it currently stands, we have an inherently un-Constitutional situation happening, because only Women can have the right to choose whether they want to be a parent or not. Men, don’t have that right.

Again, once one understands Game, which is deeply rooted in Evolutionary Science, it is easy to see why Roe For Men is so vehemently fought against, by Women and Men both.

For Women, the issue is very easy-despite all the many advances Women have made, they still desire and demand that they get maximum resources from a Male-ideally the actual dad, but in a pinch any guy with good prospects will do (watch the Maury Show)-and failing that, the State. For Men, again, basically freeing up Men to fully explore their sexual options without any encumbrance of being a parent involuntarily, would mean more “competitors” in the marketplace; as it currently stands, forcing guys to pay child support acts as a check on their sexual activity. It removes potential players from the field.

Going back to Women, remember what I said earlier: their “mission” isn’t only to mate with the Alpha, but to get his *long-term commitment* in the form of resources. If Roe For Men would be allowed to pass, that latter part of the deal collapses. But it would uphold the basic premise of the Equal Protection Clause, yes? If Women can decide, w/o regard to her sex life, when and if she becomes a parent, why can’t Men? Its really simple. And just note all the rhetorical jiu jitsu the “pro choice” crowd engages in when confronted with these facts. I mean, come on.

So, to recap:

Game & Roe For Men greatly threaten the sexual marketplace, by giving the average guy much more options than he would have had previously. This is a great concern to Women and Men alike, albeit for differing reasons. For the former, it messes with their finely attuned radar that’s set for weeding out Alpha Males from everyone else; in the latter case, it promises more direct competition for the better females.

OK, my job is done here.

Now adjourn your confused and befuddled asses…

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Fettucini Alfredo Carbonara – A Very Simple, But Elegant, Dinner

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The best meals to toss on the table for company are the ones which sound impressive, but which are actually very easy to prepare. Pasta Alfredos have a certain mystique about them, but are actually far easier to prepare than pasta with red sauce.

Here is the basic recipe for 4 – it multiplies perfectly and I have done it for up to as many as 32.

¼ lb (1 stick) unsalted butter (never use salted)
1 clove garlic
½ cup heavy cream
¼ – ½ cup shredded Parmesan, Romano, or Asiago cheese
½ lb fettuccini (cooked in heavily salted water ~ 10 minutes)

The sauce takes a little longer than the pasta, so get the water boiling then start the sauce.

Melt the butter in a heavy skillet over med-low heat. The key is to cook all the water out of the butter. Otherwise, it won't bind right and tends to clump or separate later. (This stage is a lot like making ghee.) Let the butter bubble lightly but never boil until it is completely clear and golden in color. Crush garlic with the side of a knife then chop finely. Cook a couple of minutes until you can smell the garlic above the pan. Raise the heat a bit and just as it begins to froth add the cream. When it begins to bubble again, reduce the heat so that you keep light bubbling in the center of the pan. Start the pasta about now. Stir the sauce now and then to make sure it binds and the sauce cooks evenly. Reduce by about 1/3 rd until the consistency is smooth and the sauce has thickened slightly. Dust the top with a liberal amount of freshly ground pepper. (I like to use the mélange that has several different colors of peppercorns, but regular black is fine also.) Boost up the heat until the mixture just starts to boil and add the cheese. Stir briskly to melt and bind the cheese quickly, then turn the heat down low. If using the carbonara addition (see below), add it now. Drain the pasta and add about 2/3rds of it to the sauce. Toss briskly to coat the noodles, then keep adding a bit at a time and tossing until all the sauce is soaked up and all the noodles are evenly coated. You may have a bit of pasta left over.

Tip into serving dish and dust the top with ¼ tsp of nutmeg. Have a little extra grated cheese to top it with.

Carbonara Addition –

If you can find good peppered pancetta, use it. Otherwise, thick sliced peppered bacon works just fine. Figure about ¼-½ slice of pancetta or ½ – 1 slice of bacon per person. Cut the bacon into ½ inch chunks and fry in a heavy skillet until all the grease is fried out but the bacon isn't quite yet crisp. Remove with slotted spoon and drain on paper towel. Use about 1 green onion per 2 slices of bacon or 1 slice pancetta. Slice fine and sauté in olive oil until transparent. Mix with the bacon and set aside until it is time to add to the Alfredo. As soon as the cheese is melted in the Alfredo sauce, add the carbonara, reduce the heat, and toss to coat the noodles and distribute the meat. The carbonara is mostly to add flavor, and all you want is a small chunk or two per bite of pasta.

If you are using a large decorative skillet to make the Alfredo, it can go directly to the serving table in it and allow your guests to serve themselves buffet style.

Complement with a tossed, or even better Caesar, salad, a loaf of crusty sourdough french bread with real butter, and a dry white wine.

Quick Review of Open Betas

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This one got delayed for college obligations, so let's jump to it. Here are three open betas of games that you may be tempted to buy. Don't do it. Open beta has yet to launch, and at this point none of these games can compensate for their deep flaws.

Painkiller: Resurrection

I know, I know, it looks badass. The above picture shows as much. But really, it went so far:

- A crappy, annoying menu where detail wasn't taken in account.
- A 10-minute video, which is basically a narrated comic book about a random hitman who accidentally blows up a bus with his target and himself and goes to hell for his troubles. Unfortunately, it's unskippable, which is a no-no for any company except perhaps Square Enix, and that's because their videos are AWESOME. This one was evidently produced with a scanner, Photoshop and a video editor.
- After the video, it reveals the worst level design that I've ever seen in a First Person Shooter, with a weird saw-hook that nobody tells you how to use (nobody tells you even the basic controls) with an endless wave of enemies that your bullets don't touch until you hit them in the gut.

So, after a few frustrating attempts at playing this game, it got deleted and I jumped to the next one:

World of Battles

This RTS game, despite having decent stuff like locking a formation or letting them go at their different speeds (something that is annoying to do in other games — case in point: Dawn of War), ramming people with cavalry and other details, seems familiar:

- Humans have the best cavalry, and the only modification is that they became reputation whores. Really? What happened with knighthood, when things like chivalry were developed for making an army not kill each other indiscriminately, huh? This modification was lame.
- Dwarves, who are the toughest/slower army.
- Orcs, that are a Warhammer ripoff point by point, get to spam slightly tough cannon fodder and not-so tough cannon fodder.

- Undead, who, for spamming, get even more cannon fodder as well as the brown skeleton of Everquest/Diablo (can't remember which one).

Seriously, I used to think that Tolkien, what with being public domain, was the worst thing that could happen to the Fantasy genre. Then I discovered Buffy and Twilight, but still, I just can't play another Tolkien game — especially one that doesn't even attempt to be original.

So we finally get to:

League of Legends

OK, this one isn't that bad. It was produced for the guys that made the Defense of the Ancients custom map on Warcraft 3. It has the "so cartoonish that you don't care much about the polygons" look that will last and, in essence, is fun to play.

The story is about a bunch of Champions that are chosen from different universes, which is another cool aspect of the game. There are a lot of them, and they are all different and weird, fighting on behalf of the "Summoners," which are you and me — the individual players. Basically, you need to zerg the other team's base before they zerg yours, and it has the same balance as a WoW arena match, which means that it is based on finding the most flawed combination of Champions and zerg first.

It's fun, don't get me wrong, and since everybody can pick any character it doesn't hurt as much, but it feels broken. It didn't pass the Blizzard Rule: If, while playing a game, I think "I could have more fun playing WoW right now," it gets deleted. If you are fine with that, go ahead; the 20-min matches are intense, and you don't need to play much more than that.

Another mistake they made is putting a leveling system on the Summoner, instead of just the one in the character on each match (e.g. Warcraft 3). That means that you will lose before you can scrap enough experience to start winning. Frankly, it isn't fun enough to bother with. At least not for me.

And here it ends. Three games that look cool,but just don't cut it. Unfortunately, mediocrity is a word that you will find in many, many games. The good news is that you can know if a game is going to end up mediocre from the beta. If it got deeper problems than bugs, don't bother and don't preorder. The latter rewards the over-hyping of a marketing team.

Shoring Up Health Care Disparities for International Women

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I have a proposal for Western women – the American variety in particular. Given that you have a "wealth of life" relative to men in your societies and to women in less-developed countries, perhaps you should redistribute some of that longevity. Cut a couple years off of your lives so that a woman in Sierra Leone or Bhutan can live a few more.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recently released a study showing that women around the world are in need of health care. Numerous articles and blog posts have been written decrying the shameful state of women's health. This is a problem because women tend to live longer than men in regular conditions; a reversal of that trend is cause for action. Granted, many female deaths are the result of male aggression towards women; steps should be made to prevent these atrocities. Regardless, the WHO and feminists seek to shore up medical care differences despite seemingly gynocentric health coverage. My recommendation seeks to minimize the gap strictly between *health care opportunities* in developed and under-developed countries.

Interestingly enough (and luckily for of international women), women in America should expect to live 5 years longer than their men. According to Warren Farrell's seminal work *The Myth of Male Power*, the life expectancy for an American woman in 1920 was 54.6 years and 53.6 years for men. Today it is 82 and 77 respectively. American women have some cushion to spare.

Assuming those underdeveloped nations have increasing marginal returns to health care expenditures vis a vis Western society (an extra dollar spent on health care for women of underdeveloped nations creates more "health" and adds more benefit than an extra dollar spent on healthier Western women), wouldn't it make sense – from an egalitarian and utilitarian viewpoint – to redistribute health care overseas? I mean, its only right.

So I say unto you, Western women, stop hoarding all of the breast exams, PAP smears, disease treatments, birth control devices, and tampons. After all, you only came by those luxuries by luck or by birth. Let's start a drive. Next year, instead of getting your annual breast exam, donate the money to the Red Cross or some other international health organization with the designation that it pay for a breast exam for a less fortunate woman in another country. Encourage American doctors' offices to send their sonogram machines to remote parts of Africa telling its patients that, despite the danger created for their child, African mothers and children will have better access to health care.

Of course, leftists believe that the solution to this problem would be for "the government" to pay for superior health care for all women, but then, where does "the government" get its money? From "the people". So women's health is merely another socialistic endeavor whose financial backing will dry up when everything else comes crashing down. As a society, if we are concerned with the dismal state of women's health in developing countries, we should follow the usual strategy for shoring up these glaring disparities; re-allocation of resources. Rather than printing money to pay for those new machines and health care infrastructure, just unplug machines that are currently running over here and ship them overseas. This follows the same principle we apply when re-allocating tax dollars from the wealthy to the poor in this country. Don't be stingy ladies.

Webhost Issues

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The Spearhead is growing pretty fast, and I still have the site on a shared server at Dreamhost. Looks like this might be causing some problems…

Of course, Dreamhost has been having its own issues over the last couple of days, so I'm going to get to the bottom of the recent server problems to make sure this isn't a recurring problem.

In the meanwhile, the Spearhead forum has been running smoothly the entire time, so feel free to check in there for news and discussion.

Female Circumcision Catching on in Britain

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The BBC reports that each year thousands of British women are electing to have surgical procedures performed on their genitalia in an effort to increase "self-esteem." Although the surgeons who perform the procedure refer to it as "labiaplasty," it is no different from the majority of female circumcision performed in Africa and the Muslim world. It is essentially a trimming of the labia minora, which in some cases evidently protrude (to see what the surgery does, look here).

Some women complain that protruding genitals cause them discomfort during activities such as riding a bicycle, but most admit that they seek the surgery for cosmetic reasons.

Psychologist and likely feminist Lih-Mei Liaoh opposes the procedure, stating:

> "Advertisements promote labial surgery as easy answers to women's insecurities about their genital appearances – insecurities that are fuelled by the very advertisements that prescribe a homogenised, pre-pubescent genital appearance standard for all women"

Although I can't say that I often see advertisements concerning female genitalia, perhaps that's simply because I don't read Cosmo. I also suspect that Ms. Liaoh *does not* have protruding genitalia, and although she opposes women's freedom to do as they choose with their bodies in this case, she is probably all in favor of "choice" when it comes to abortion.

The controversy is one more indication of the escalating neurosis of Western women, and highlights the fact that feminism, which has brought all this silliness to the fore, is even more in conflict with women's nature than the traditional patriarchal society of bygone days.

It never ends, does it?

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This is a short one, but really, I cannot make this shit up:

http://www.comicsalliance.com/2009/11/12/stephenie-meyer-comic-book-twilight/

How much can a franchise, especially such a terrible one, be exploited? I'm probably going to regret asking that, but I want to know.

To see more of the gallery:

http://www.bluewaterprod.com/comics/female_force.php

How To Deal With “Not All Women Are Like That”

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This article was submitted by ARMARaptor.

Talking about the current sad state of dating and marriage in the USA will often elicit “Not All Women Are Like That” or NAWALT.

The first thing is not to contradict whoever makes that claim. Why? Because it is true. Not all women are skanks, attention whores or predators. The MRA cause is not helped by attacking people who speak truthfully. Better to examine the assumptions behind “Not all women are like that” and then reply. This article does that.

There are three unrealistic assumptions behind NAWLT. They are:

1. Perfect Detection (Zero Error)

Not every woman is a suitable partner. Some women are sociopaths and exploiters. A great date may not be a great wife. So a man has to choose. If her errs, it costs. Because of anti-male laws, this cost is high. Choose the wrong wife and half your assets vanish. If you have children, it is unlikely you will see them. Plus the threat of false accusations.

As the cost of selecting the wrong woman increases, the error rate has to go down. Lowering the error rate takes more time and resources. Eventually cost of finding a partner exceeds the benefit of finding a partner. At that point, looking for a partner becomes pointless.

2. Zero or Low Cost Of Error

The cost of error (selecting the wrong woman) also influences the risk of selecting the wrong woman. That is because the risk associated with an error is a function of both cost of error and the chances of the error occurring (Risk of Error = Cost of Error * probability of error).

A low cost of error can mitigate a high probability of error. But a low cost of error for spouse selection is not a valid assumption, especially for today.

3. Infinite Time And Resources Available For Search

It is generally agreed that one should be slow to marry. This is because compatibility is a complex matter and takes time to correctly assess. If it takes 100 years to find a suitable mate, what is the point? Most people do not live that long.

Furthermore, only so much time and resources can be devoted to a mate search. Could the energy be better directed elsewhere?

There is another aspect to mate searching. When a man considers a woman for a wife, he is testing two hypotheses. The first one is “Is she suitable?”. The second hypothesis is “Is she not suitable?”.

When you do hypothesis testing, the hypothesis you assume to be true by default is important. This is called the null hypothesis. It is what you assume true in the absence of evidence to the contrary. It is designated Ho or H1.

The remaining hypothesis is called the research or alternative hypothesis. It is the hypothesis you adopt only when there is evidence for it. It is designated Ha or H2.

You decide which hypothesis to reject or not reject based on evidence. If the evidence is in favor of the alternative hypothesis (Ha or H2), you accept it and reject the null hypothesis (Ho or H1). If the evidence does not support the alternative hypothesis (Ha or H2), you retain the the null hypothesis (Ho or H1).

Now set up a hypothesis test for the mate selection problem assuming what NAWLT advocates say is true. Since not all women are like that, it logically follows that the null hypothesis is Ho: She is suitable. The alternative hypothesis is Ha: She is not suitable.

The hypothesis test is now:

Ho: She is suitable
vs.
Ha: She is not suitable

There are four outcomes to this test
a. She is suitable when she really is – Correct decision
b. She is not suitable when she really is not suitable – Correct decision
c. She is suitable when she really is not – Error. This is called a false positive or Type I error
d. She is not suitable when she really is suitable – Error. This is called a false negative or Type II error

Which is outcome has the most potential for damage? Outcomes a and b are correct decisions, so they incur zero or low cost. Outcome d, the false negative, is unfortunate, but not that costly.

The most costly outcome is c, the false positive. That means our man is now married to a skank, sociopath or gold digger. Thus our man wants to minimize the false positive rate.

But if our man reduces the false positive rate, the false negative rate increases. He winds up rejecting suitable women to keep from selecting non-suitable ones.

This is what men face today. The cost of bad wife selection is so high that he is forced to turn away good women for fear of mistakenly choosing a bad one.

A Quick Primer On The Sexual Marketplace, & Why The Femosphere CANNOT Address It Meaningfully

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Over the weekend I happened across Girl Game team member Aoefe's post "The Stock Market & Mate Selection". It was a most timely subject, given the current state of affairs on the economic front not just for Americans, but throughout the world.

Her piece, while well written, was just basically a kind of "checklist" that a Woman would use in trying to land a real catch of a Man-no argument there, since this has always been the primary mating strategy of the Female. But, because of the deep and far reaching implications of our economically stressed times, I for one was hoping that someone out on the Femosphere-be it Girl Game, Susan Walsh of Hooking Up Smart, the crews of Feministing, Feminste or Jezebel, of *somebody* on that side of the aisle, would offer a comparatively cleareyed analysis of our times and how that directly relates to the dating and mating market. Needless to say, that to date, since the "Mancession" began, and Maria Shriver's much heralded "A Woman's Nation" report came down the pike, there has been, at best a kind of oblique nibbling around the edges by the likes of Ms. Aoefe, Ms. Bhetti (the latter of whom gives her take on the current economic situation in a new piece over at Girl Game) and Ms. Walsh (the latter having a Wharton MBA!), and at worst, the usual mocking of the "Menz" by the latter most feminist-identified sites (for example, a recent piece at Feministing openly mocks the idea of a Mancession, then turns the focus back on how bad Women have it, which is in direct contradiction of the Shriver Report-but then again, would we really expect anything less of Feministing?).

While I'm fairly sure the ladies of the previous cohort may raise their hackles at the notion that I lump them in with the latter cohort of fem-bloggers, the bottomline is, that they all comprise what I call the Femosphere, and serves as a kind of counterpoint to what some has coined the Manosphere, which is made up of Male blogging voices spanning the MGTOW and MRA corners of the Internet, to the Game and PUA oriented bloggers. They different in many ways, both camps do have quite a bit in common, and which serves to be the backbone of this essay.

For example, as noted above, there has been no "meta-analysis" of the current radically altered economic landscape and how this WILL effect the dating and mating one by ANYONE in the Femosphere; while, in the Manosphere, from Marc Rudov to Roissy in DC, there have been any number of "takes" on the situation that are easily found at the click of the mouse. Curious guys like me sit back and take notice of such a glaring difference and has to ask, "what's up with that?".

So, this article is gonna layout, in real basic terms, how the sexual marketplace works, the changes that have happened in recent years, and the changes that we see before our eyes right now, and why the Femosphere, with all due respect, is basically incapable of giving the kind of "meta-analysis" that one can't help but trip over walking ten paces in any direction in the Manosphere. Ready? OK, here we go:

Astute readers of my post Why Game & Choice For Men Elicits So Much Hate will recall how I laidout the basic mating strategies of the Human Male and Female, which was deeply informed by our evolutionary past. Simply put, both sexes were exposed to environmental pressures against which they had to form adaptations to overcome; for the Male, he has to figure out a way to be noticed by the Female; for the Female, she has to figure out a way to "screen out" all but the best Male with which to mate. While both skill sets do take time and trial and error to perfect, it doesn't take a rocket scientist-or a Wharton trained economist-to figure out which job is inherently harder-the Males have it infinitely tougher. Not only do they need to make the best showing to the Female, but they must also beat out all the other competition-which could prove deadly, and very often did.

This occurs among sperm even; millions of them fight to the death to unite with the one egg, and thus forms the basis of the sexual marketplace-eggs expensive, because of their scarcity, and sperm is cheap, because of its vast surplus. In said marketplace, Women are the "sellers"; Men, the "buyers". And for much of Human history, and

until relatively recently, it's been a Seller's Market. Contrary to all the boilerplate many feminists and the like try to foist on an otherwise ignorant and unsuspecting public, in truth Women have always gotten a kind of artificial market "bump", much like the "bumps" Wall Street has received from the gov't in the form of taxpayer funded bailouts and the like. For example-we've all heard of the Shotgun Wedding, right? Guy meets Girl, Guy hookup with Girl, Guy gets Girl preggers, Girl's fam finds out, Guy is pressured to marry Girl. Now-who wins in that scenario? The Girl, of course. She gets support in the form of Guy's resources, and is insured in this by the threat of her peeps doing something very bad to Guy if he welches out on the deal.

There are many other instances of artificial bumps in the market aimed at assisting Women historically as well, marriage in the more broader sense being yet another example. It helps Women, not necessarily Men. At least it does first and foremost-the benefits Men get got from marriage historically, were a secondary thing. From a purely Evo-Psych standpoint.

Polygamy is yet another example where the clear beneficiaries are the Women, because she's almost assured of getting a "share" of a wealthy Man's resources, rather than having a full "claim" on a poor Man to herself. Aside from a very small pool of Men who can put themselves in a position to gain from such an arrangement, the vast majority of Men do NOT benefit from Polygamy.

So, we see how, contrary to the arguments of the feminists, how the Female side of the SMV equation has always gotten a leg up as it were.

So, what does this have to do with the current Mancession, the Shriver Report, and the dearth of meaningful, straightahead discussion about it in Femosphere?

Very simple.

As my previous article clearly pointed out, Women are genetically wired to seek out the best Men with which to mate, and then do all they can to make him stick around after the party's over. Doing this by necessity, means that *a lot of guys have to be eliminated from the search*. The current Mancession-where some 70-80% of ALL layoffs and firings have been Male, and the Shriver Report, which clearly says that for the first time in American history, there are more Women than Men gainfully employed, simply means that Women's "field of erotic view", as F. Roger Devlin would put it, just got a heck of a lot narrower. Far from giving the guy who's down on his luck a "mercy shot", they will follow their instincts and simply set their sights on the few remaining Alphas left in the field, and vie like made against all the other Females in the round hoping to rope him in.

This is why there has been no discussion of these types of topics along these lines in the Femosphere, BECAUSE WOMEN SEE THE ISSUE IN A FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT WAY THAN MEN DO. They don't need to figure out "workarounds" like Men do. They only need to figure out, how to get the Top Guy to stay with THEM.

Now…

Let's go back to the site, Girl Game. It is a site found by a bunch of Women, who's sole purpose is to give Ladies the tools with which to land the Best Guys-again, nothing wrong with that…in theory. The problem comes in when one considers what has happened in the sexual marketplace over the past four decades or so.

Aside from medical interventions like the Pill and Abortion, things like access to education and money/jobs, along with massive support from the gov't, have made it possible for Women to make choices she could have never dreamed of only a half century ago, let alone 5 centuries ago. That she can do this all with a minimum of censure or reprisal, makes it all the better. I consider this a kind of "deregulation" of the sexual marketplace, where people, definitely Women, but as we'll soon find out, a goodly number of Men, too-can really do as they wish. If ever there was a time when one could see our raw mating strategies at work, this timeframe, the late 20th to early 21st century, was it.

Because, while Women now have maximum choice in terms of mating, so too do Men-but, as I've said before, and contrary to popular opinion, not ALL of them-only a select few. This is just how Women prefer it, of course.

Remember-the scarcer a resource, the higher the price.

The problem is, that the current situation, the SMP if you will, is greatly inflated-a kind of SMP “bubble”-and sooner or later it will burst-meaning that there will be A LOT of Lady Losers in its wake. They will have all the sex they can handle, but because of the Mancession and because of their own ability to provide for themselves, very few will be able to land the Man of their Dreams for more than a fortnight, if that. For one, the environment doesn’t support it, and two, of the few remaining Alphas left, they have every incentive to enjoy what is now essentially a Buyer’s Market of Poon.

This is where Game-and by that, I mean in its original parlance-comes in, because all it does is gives the Man more bargaining power at the table of the Sexual Marketplace. Of course, being gainfully employed helps, but it is NOT, I repeat, NOT, the end all be all, and we’ve all seen that to be true many, many times. Which is why my good friend, The Fifth Horseman, says that having Moderste Game Competence is worth roughly $2M. I, agree.

I’ve told the ladies at Girl Game before, and it bears repeating, that what they’re attempting to do can only, by design, “work” with a very small number of Women; by and large, unless the playing field is leveled again, the vast majority of Women, can and will LOSE. Of course, there’ll be a lot of Male Losers, too, but that’s nothing new; what is, are little things like Glocks and Rugers, and the extreme losers will make use of these and exact their revenge on a number of ladies too. But I digress. The point is, for the first time in human history, Women en masse won’t be the winners of the mating game. For the first time, they’ll be the losers.

I’m just sayin’.

Now adjourn your asses…

The Obsidian

The Sexual Peak Myth

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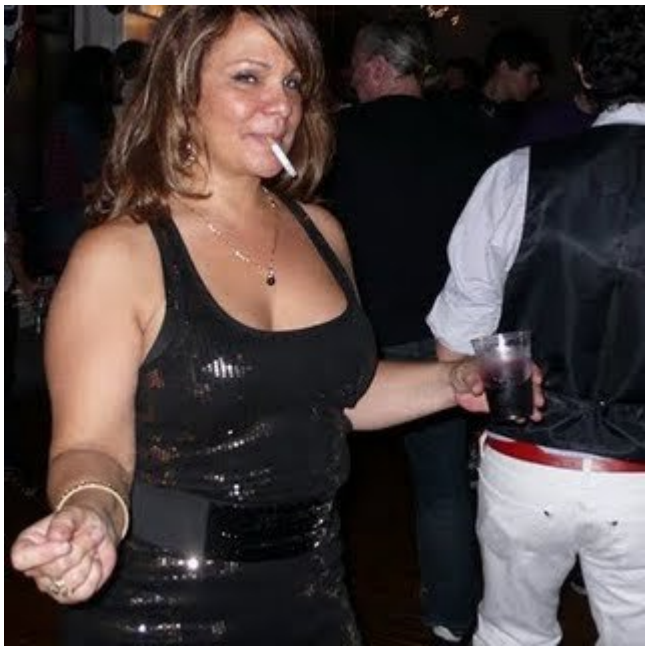
A common myth is that men hit their sexual peak at the age of 18 while women hit theirs at 30-35. Despite literally no scientific support for this theory, this meme has become “common knowledge” in our society.

The myth never sat well with me. And to be clear, this myth is no straw-man concocted by this writer. It has entrenched itself in our culture to the point that most believe it is true without considering the implications or reasons for such an illogical development.

“Well we all know…” is a precursor heard before recitation of the myth. I worked with three 30-something women as a bank teller. Their excuse for their child-like antics, raunchy sex-talk, and monthly vibrator parties was that they were at their sexual peak. They said it as if they had a moral obligation to live up to their billing as sex-crazed mynx. While I’m not proud of it, when I was 20 or 21 I had a year-long sexual relationship with a 30 year-old woman whose fiance couldn’t keep up with her horniness. She justified her behavior by saying she was at her sexual peak and had a right to satiate her hunger. I got into an argument the other day with a female Bulgarian friend of mine who off-handedly recited this meme. The myth has infiltrated the Eastern bloc. I’ve had many encounters with the myth; I’m sure most readers have too.



I’ve never understood why our creator – natural selection – would put men and women at their sexual peaks at such different points in their lives. More importantly, why would women be at their peaks and more horny when they were less fertile? Every thing we know about evolution and sexual behavior indicates that natural selection has made it easy peasy for our genes to be passed on through sexual reproduction – why throw a wrench in the system by making horniness levels – or “desire to copulate” levels – incongruent between the sexes and less conducive to reproduction? Since women are most fertile from the ages of 20-24, it would make sense that they would desire sex more than when they were a decade older and half as fertile.

Those purveyors of the myth don’t account for Dr. David Schnarch’s dichotomy between *genital prime* and *sexual prime*. As spouted by the masses, the myth advocates the notion that these women want sex more rather than the more plausible argument that they are more experienced and comfortable with sex. *If the myth is fully perpetuated, it grants 30-something women sexual liberation while offering nothing to men of the same age.*

From Dr. Schnarch’s book Passionate marriage:

> "Most textbooks on human sexuality, adolescent development, and family life teach that men reach their sexual prime before they even hit their twenties. Women supposedly reach their prime several years later…and therein lies our problem. Health-care providers make the same mistake as the rest of us: *We've confused genital prime with sexual prime.*

Genital prime occurs when a person has fully developed sexual organs and are most fertile. This occurs during adolescence and shortly after for both men and women. The myth holds men to the genital prime model while holding women to the other; it doesn't compare apples to apples. This has the effect of making 30-something female sex some sort of animalistic expression rather than a more mature concept of sex that men of the same age achieve. The widely-accepted meme of late female sexual peak is a false dichotomy.

So why has this meme succeeded in entrenching itself so deeply in our collective mythology? First, it prevents us from being able to call 30-something sexually-peaking women sluts. Saying that a 30-something woman is at her peak is a PC way of saying she's a slut. But given that "slut" implies something bad (and we know that a woman doing what she wants with her body can never be bad) those myth-sustainers prefer to say she is peaking. A peak implies something grandiose and wonderful. Peaks are achievements of milestones deserving rewards and ticker-tape parades. When the sexual prime myth is used to encourage and support these womens' shady sexual behavior, it violates Schnarch's dichotomy. Myth-purveyors seek to use the genital peak behavior of men at the age of 18 to condone womens' slutiness at later ages by citing the need for equality of opportunity to express sexuality.

Second, older women *HATE HATE HATE* younger women. Sex is power. Younger women have held it in spades over their elders. Being that everyone desires to wrench power out of the hands of people who hold it, older women and those soon to be of that demographic have an incentive to glamorize the twilight years.

Says sex and relationship expert Pepper Schwartz:

> *"The bottom line for me: The evolution of the cougar concept is good for every woman and her partner. It keeps sexual possibilities and eroticism alive. And that continued capacity for passion creates lifelong desirability to younger men, older men, or anyone who can recognize a vital spirit when meeting one."*

The myth has sustained because it gives women hope as they venture into the twilight of their ability to be incubators of seed and the commensurate degradation of their looks. Sex is power, and attaching that power to women of ever-increasing ages allows women to hang on to it longer. Older women have declared war on younger women. Through wishful thinking they seek to destroy every benefit and short cut that younger, prettier women have even though they benefited from the same attitudes at an earlier point in their lives. We see this by observing the attitudes towards female celebrities who act in sexual ways. When Madonna was younger, she was considered a slut. Her book Sex was considered raunchy and disgusting. Now that she's old and in her "sexual prime" she is given a free pass to perform in sexually-suggestive ways. Her behavior today, while not as risque as that when she was younger, is lauded as empowering and even artistic.

Young starlets are hazed by a certain segment of the population for capitalizing on their sexiness, but that same segment glorifies Demi Moore, Susan Sarandon, Madonna, Cher, Jennifer Aniston, and Halle Berry for rocking it at older ages.

We can easily see that the sexual peak meme is widely touted for the empowerment it gives to older women. Rather than being a quirky feature of our sexuality, the myth that 35 year-old women are on the same level as 18 year-old boys attempts to allow women to hold more leverage over men. As feminism achieves its goal of female economic empowerment, we begin to observe "peak inflation". The peak shifts upward as women delay marriage and children and seek to have fun of the sexual variety at increasing ages. Cougars are a case in point. These women are over 40. Even though the myth hasn't explicitly increased the age range of women at their peak, the cougar phenomenon idolizes women's sexual power at these late ages and glorifies their sexuality as empowering.

You see, the sexuality-as-power lobby wants to shift the reins of control from men to women and from younger women to older ones. Younger women are fulfilling their biological imperative thereby submitting themselves to men or to a scheme that plays into men's strategies. Older women expressing their sexuality is a way for them to hold sway over the purse strings to power. They are having sex on their own terms rather than due to some ingrained chore or obligation. The sex peak myth is a catalyst for creating sexual autonomy.

In terms of species propagation, men and women are most horny whenever they are most fertile; their genital peak occurs at a young age. Both men and women reach their "sexual peak" – their mental maturity – at later ages. The key here is that each maturity occurs at similar ages for both sexes; the myth loses its power when we realize this. The first maturity is biological while the second is social. The myth of the late female peak says that women are hornier in their thirties by trying to equate the 30 year old's behaviors and urges to that of an 18 year old man. This is simply a perversion of Dr. Schnarch's dichotomy. Both sexes have had many years of sexual experience and they have had more time to rid themselves of debilitating sexual hang-ups and phobias. They aren't hornier at later ages, they're just more relaxed with the ideas of sexuality and have thus reached "sexual prime". The late sexual prime myth is a convenient tool that excuses perverse sexual behavior in older women. Sex is power, and it is used as a weapon to pry control from those that have traditionally held it; men and young, beautiful women. By ratcheting up the expectations of older females' sexual inhibition, they wrangle pawns to line their battlefield.

A Rational Cost/Benefit Analysis of Marriage

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This study conducted by Professor Paul Frijters of Queensland University in Australia calculates the costs and benefits of marriage. Frijters estimated the sum of money that would be the equivalent of certain life events for married men and women. Naturally, the headline leads one to believe that a man gains the most happiness from a marriage. Scouring through the numbers and analyzing the real-life picture of marriage shows a different outcome for men. *While this type of study is highly specious*, it is interesting to analyze.

When calculating the present value of something, one has to take into account probabilities and the effects of interest rates on the value of future events. The golden rule of finance is "a dollar in the future is worth less than a dollar today."

A marriage buys $29,600 (17,700 British pounds) in happiness for a man and only $14,600 (8700 BP) for women. Marriage is a steal of a deal for the man right? Wrong. A newly married couple has about a 50% chance of divorce which entails higher "costs" for men than women. Perhaps due to the monetary cost or the emotional one, divorces cost $102,000 (61,100 BP) for men and a paltry $8,300 (5,000 BP) for women.

Multiplying the costs of divorce by the probability of it occurring gives us a true picture of what the whole rigmarole of marriage costs at the outset – when our whole future is subject to the winds of change and the gina tingles of your potential wife.

If we break out our abaci, we'll see that the whole marriage package leads to a net present value of *negative* $21,400 ($102,000 times 0.5 plus $29,600) for men and a $10,450 *gain* for women.

Granted, men gain more happiness from having children, according to this study, but it is unclear what the effect is should divorce occur. The study doesn't break down the numbers to indicate if the high cost for male divorce includes the likely loss in custody issues or child support payments. More importantly, the study doesn't indicate whether the large benefit men gain from having children is dependent on an intact marriage. Men also suffer a $16,000 deficit when changing homes.

In all, if we're to conduct a rational cost/benefit analysis of marriage, men absolutely lose out. From a financial standpoint, an investor should accept projects that have positive net present values. After all of the costs are accounted for and the future income discounted back, if we have a positive value, we should accept the project. Likewise with marriage decisions, if a man has a positive value, he should "invest" regardless of the huge deficiency he has compared to the woman. According to this analysis, if the marriage doesn't produce children or the costs of divorce are higher or there is a change in domicile, the man should forgo marriage.

Johnny Walker Black Label: A Review

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The following review was authored by *Heathen*.

I have been looking for a new drink for some time now. I have been a rum drinker for nearly a decade, thanks to time spent in the navy, but I dislike being reliant on a supply of mixer, be it Coke or some kind of fruit juice. I am also conscious that, as I get older, the "extras" in the mixers (such as high sugar levels) become more and more significant.

So what I have been looking for is something that I can drink neat. Unfortunately neat rum has very little to offer beyond the taste of caramelized sugar. There are, of course, spiced rums, but I have never enjoyed those, even when mixed.

I have experimented with gin, which was too flowery and smelled like perfume, vodka, which had no flavour, and brandy, which was nice but did not really win me over. However, after reading Hawaiian Libertarian's article on whisky, I decided to give it a shot (pun intended).

I looked around for a decent brand and label, as I knew that trying something at the bottom end of the market would be setting myself up for disappointment. Here I let online reviews and Wikipedia guide me. I settled on Johnny Walker Red Label, as it is apparently the best selling whisky in the world. There has to be a reason for that, right?

However, when I went into the liquor store I had a chat with the proprietor, and he told me that I would be better off with the Black Label, which was only a pound more expensive. Red Label apparently has "a bold, brassy taste", which makes it very popular with people intending to mix their drink, as the flavour carries through the mix. However, Black Label was a far smoother drink if I wanted something neat. This advice made sense to me without contradicting anything I had read online about the Red Label's popularity, so I went with the Black Label.

Johnny Walker Black Label is a Scottish whisky made from a blend of 40 single malts, each at least 12 years old. I also understand that, unlike some other Scottish whisky, Black Label uses only alcohol from malted barley, rather than a mix of barley and other grains, such as wheat (obviously, American, Canadian and Japanese whiskies use large quantities of corn, rye and rice respectively, but for those whiskies this is not an indicator of lower quality).

The Review:

I should say right now that I am no connoisseur of fine alcohols. In fact, that's why I am writing this review, because average guys like me probably want to know what this whisky will taste like to them before blowing £20 on a bottle. What follows is my take on this. Your own mileage may vary.

Over the course of the weekend I tried the Black Label four times, and each time I tried it a slightly different way. I will save time, however, and say that in each case the "nose" or smell of the drink was identical. After the fuss that whisky drinkers can make about nosing their whisky, I was surprised at how little odour it had; much less than gin or rum, but about the same as brandy. However, my sense of smell is notoriously poor, and one of my children commented, unasked, that it smelled "strong".

Drink 1:

My first drink was a finger of whisky with a splash of bottled water (apparently tap water would react badly with the whisky, destroying some of the taste). Due to poor planning on my part, I had just eaten some fresh chocolate chip banana bread.

My first sip left me with some very strong impressions. For a full strength spirit, I could not believe just how smooth this drink was. No burn, or involuntary jaw tightening, just a pleasant warmth throughout the mouth. In fact, I assumed that I had over watered the drink. I was also very pleased with the round, smoky tones that seemed

to fill up the back of my mouth and throat. I can honestly say that I have never experienced so much flavour in a spirit before.

As I continued to drink, and let the whisky settle on my tongue, the strong flavour of the food I had just eaten faded, and I was able to make out other notes in the whisky. In the middle of my tounge I identified a very pleasant wood flavour, presumably oak. But even more surprising was a sweet flavour that danced on the tip of my tongue. It was similar in taste and strength to maple sap (not syrup, which is far stronger), or lightly sugared water. I can only surmise that this sweetness, like that of an orange, is very fragile, and disappears in the face of sweeter foods.

On the whole, very good first impression.

Drink 2:

This drink was taken neat, alongside a meal of quality beef burgers and home made chips.

First, I should say that the smoky flavour of the whisky really complemented the beef. This is definitely a drink that I could see accompanying a meal as well as being enjoyed on its own. I should also note that the drink was only mildly more heated that the drink with a splash of water. I had not overwatered the first drink; the whisky is just that smooth.

I also noticed that both the smokiness and the sweetness were reduced in this drink. I had read that some drinkers feel like the water “opens up” the flavours in the whisky, and I definitely feel that this was the case.

Drink 3:

Another finger of whisky with a splash of bottled water. The sweetness and strong smokiness were back, and I continued to enjoy the flavours in the whisky. In this case, having not eaten immediately prior, I was able to enjoy the sweetness immediately.

Drink 4:

This time I went half and half, whisky and water. I was a little disappointed with the result, as the sweetness disappeared completely, and the smokiness was not as impressive. Clearly, I had overwatered the drink.

On the other hand, there was nothing unpleasant about the flavour. It simply did not compare to the earlier drinks I had enjoyed.

Verdict:

I was very pleased with Johnny Walker Black Label, and I think that it will be a regular of mine from here on out. The flavours are surprisingly delicate, and require just the right amount of water to really enjoy. In a pinch, the drink can be taken neat, but at the loss of some flavour, though not as much as over watering.

It is also a very smooth drink, meaning that you can actually relax while drinking it. Some drinks, like a vodka mix, are quite “bright” in tone, and slightly abrasive if under diluted, which is fine if you are out on the town, but less pleasant if you are just putting your feet up.

I would say, however, that this is a very smoky whisky, and some may not appreciate that. For those that enjoy this kind of flavour, I think it would be hard to go wrong with Black Label.

-Heathen

Swine Flu

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I'm out of commission with the flu — probably H1N1 according to the preschool teachers where it made its way around and ended up in me after my kids got it. It sucks, but I've had worse. Still, I can't help but imagine herds of tiny pigs rampaging around in my body.

Anyway, I'll try to post some over the next couple days, but be patient if I come off as a bit incoherent and/or delirious.

Milestone

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The Spearhead passed the 10,000 comment mark yesterday morning, and is still averaging over 200 comments per day. This is great, and I'm glad to see the discussion carrying on here.

My next plan is to integrate the bulletin board with the articles, so that people can post directly on *The Spearhead* forum.

One thing that has impressed me is the quality of commentary. We have some very bright guys posting here, and I am happy to see that we are actually getting to the heart of things. Any resolution (if possible) to our dysfunctional system is going to take a lot of thought and discussion before it begins to emerge, so perhaps this is a good first step. I want to thank all the contributors as well as commenters for their participation in our project. This is grounds for hope.

Roast Your Own

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Coffee is a crop grown by povertous, hunched-over, little people, in distant countries saddled with picturesque mountains. They grind it using ancestral skulls and thighbones as mortar and pestle. It smells like old cardboard*, and to preserve the aroma the wrinkled small ones pack coffee in cans, tightly sealed after all the air has been sucked out by the lungs of towering, deep-chested, higher-elevation-dwelling people who supplement their income by inflating the bicycle tires of hipster tourists with cardboard-scented air**.

Ancestral bones don't last forever, so a few years ago the more forward-thinking of the wrinkled chiefs hired marketing consultants to justify their cost-reducing measure of shipping the coffee in its unground form. Thousands of slack-titted homely tribal women were laid off, and the mortars and pestles were purchased by the Smithsonian Institute, which promptly recouped its expenses by selling half of the stock to specialty porn sites. The marketroids devised a brilliant scheme: sell the raw coffee at a higher price than the processed form to trick stupid American consumer-pigdogs into thinking that they are buying a better product.

The garbage disposal industry jumped on this new opportunity like a slack-titted homely tribal woman on the last living coffee-can sucker. Rich folks needed to grind their expensive raw coffee by themselves, and their skinny wrists couldn't handle a mortar and pestle. Seventeen disposal factories were converted to the production of coffee grinders. Homeowners across the nation went on waiting lists to get one of the suddenly reduced number of garbage disposals, chewing up their own waste in the meantime, if they weren't rich enough to import Cambodian orphans to do it.

The end of the age of pre-ground coffee would have been a blinding roundhouse punch to the jaw of drug smugglers if it had not been for the swift uppercut delivered by savvy Detroit cops unexpectedly turning up in Los Angeles to expose the dog-defeating olfactory power of ground coffee. The smugglers, burdened with thousands of tons of now useless coffee, gave up the drug trade and opened coffee shops, desperate to unload the incriminating stuff. But hip young Americans in a hurry didn't want boring old coffee, and the coppers were sniffing around, so the smugglers invented a machine that could take an entire pot of coffee's worth of grounds and turn it into a few teaspoons of sludge. They called it espresso, because drug smugglers are all Italian, and the middle classes drank it up. The Illuminati, never blind to a profit, pressured the smugglers into forming a corporation and turning over their patent rights. The name of that corporation was Starbuck's.

No, that's not right. I'll come in again.

What we know as coffee comes from the seeds of a peculiar kind of fruit that grows on a peculiar kind of tree that prospers at high altitudes, usually the sides of mountains. The seeds are a little difficult to remove from the fruit pulp, but once you've processed them, they're dense little yellowish green things that look a fair amount like coffee beans. The seeds are smaller than coffee beans, and as I mentioned, denser. If you put a couple of ounces of these seeds in your whirly blade grinder, you'll likely break it.

Come to think of it, that's exactly what you should do. Break that grinder, or throw it away, or save it for turning sassafras leaves into filé powder. Whirly blade grinders are blunt instruments, only good for turning brittle objects into boulders and dust.

So: take these dense seeds that smell like burlap sacks and look a fair amount like coffee beans. Apply the right amount of heat, for the right amount of time, and you will have something that looks exactly like coffee beans, only they'll smell like nothing you've ever smelled. Carefully slice them into infinitesimal fragrant shards and infuse them with almost boiling water, and the liquid that flows forth into your carafe will taste like nothing you have ever tasted.

Coffee is not bitter, and it is not black. It is not oily, sour, or flat. Coffee does not need cream or sugar. Coffee, when the all the stars align, is heaven.

Next time on “Roast Your Own”, the Proper Application of Heat.

* Cardboard is considered a delicacy in foreign countries
** It is a closely kept secret that the hipsters later deflate their tires purposely to inhale the vapors produced by the combination of coffee grounds, foreigner-lung-juice, and ancestral bone dust. Ask Roosh if you don’t believe me.

DoubleX Bites the Dust

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Online radical feminist magazine DoubleX is being shut down and staffers who dodge the ax will be folded into Slate.com. Editors Hannah Rosin and Emily Bazelon made the announcement on November 16, suggesting that this is a "new phase:"

> After some deliberation, we have decided to fold DoubleX back into Slate. The site will now become its own section, with our XX Factor blog, articles, and special projects already in the works. Our aim is to create a more intimate version of the community we have built, with many of the same voices and passions.

Obviously, "intimate" is code for smaller, and "many of the same voices" means *not all of the current voices*.

This comes on the heels of DoubleX's sleazy hit job on Glenn Sacks and other MRA bloggers. I would like to think that the duplicitous screed penned by anti-religious, misandrist bigot Kathryn Joyce played a part in bringing the site down. I suppose we'll never know, but that would be sweet justice.

Now Slate.com will absorb a few more feminists, and that should give us a fairly good perspective from which to view that publication, but what's really important to recognize here is that *feminists are expensive and not profitable*. Feminists are, in fact, a liability. They are like trophy wives with towering senses of entitlement, yet, at the same time, they aren't the kind of people you'd want to take on a date. So why do publishers continue to support them?

I've got a theory:

Many of the feminists writing for DoubleX, Jezebel, Slate and other online media sources are probably the daughters of fairly influential men. Yes, these men sent their little girls to college, and after the feminist tribal anthropology degree had to get them jobs somewhere.

I expect more of these cuts to occur in coming years. Every industry that is failing will eventually have to start facing the music and axing unproductive workers, and that includes wild-eyed feminists on the warpath against men, families and common decency.

Sadly, I predict that the last ones to go will be government and court workers. This means that as feminism is increasingly discredited in the mainstream, it will still dominate social services, family law and many of the other redistributive mechanisms of government and the courts.

However, on the bright side, this will make it more difficult for them to control the popular discourse even as they retain a position widely hated by society at large — not a position I'd want to be in during a time of increasing popular anger.

Mailbag: Letter from an Omega

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Reader Elliott Frost e-mailed me earlier this week:

> Hello,
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> There are a few things that bother me about game. It seems to me that game promotes the idea of judging a mans entire value as a human being based upon nothing but his place in the sexual/sexual heirarchy. Let me assure of this, I am aware that such a hierarchy exists regardless of PUA intervention and men are largely judged this way anyway, especially by women. I can take this as common sense on an intellectual level, but it take time for me to fully accept this at a deeper level. Now am I wrong in my assertion?
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> I am an omega male, so its quite clear why men being judged soley on thier sexual prowess would frighten and infuriate me, as it would reduce my worth as human being to fuck all. I am aware that many people would see me this way regardless. There are a few more things that worry me about this emmerging world view that seems to come with game, but I can't really articulate them very well.
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> Lastly who can game help, are omegas such as myself irremable or can your techniques help even the lowest of the low? Do you think that game could be used to benifit a mans life even if it never help him succeed in getting pussy? One thing I really don't fucking understand about game advocates and MRA's in general, is why they seem to focus almost exclusively on the issue of game. I mean I know at The Spearhead the talk its overwhelmly about human sexuality within a very broad context and its relationship to many other subjects. But in all the areas of study that fall under the category of "mens rights" why on earth is game the principle area of concern. That I really don't understand Ferdinand. Its seems to me that no matter what subject you guys talk about, whether it be politics, religion, history, somehow you manage to link back a specific cause to sexuality and game. Please tell me Ferdinand, do you feel that single greatest factor in the shaping of human behaviour, whether individual or collective, is sexuality?
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> One of the things that I hate about game and the world view that comes with it, is the way it paints human beings as animals. Animals prodominantly controlled by base, primal urges that we can hardly even control. But as much as I hate it I really can't argue with it, it just makes me hold humanity in lower esteem.
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> Now I don't want you to label me as hater of game, but just incase you do, I will define game in my own words. I see game as set of learned social skills, social techniques, that immiate the behaviours of the alpha male which women find attractive, therfore increasing the mans chance of getting laid. So you can tell me whether or not I understand game, I know I sure as hell don't have any.
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> Hope you can clarify these issues for me, thanks.

Good questions, Elliott. I'll address your points in a more appropriate order.

> One thing I really don't fucking understand about game advocates and MRA's in general, is why they seem to focus almost exclusively on the issue of game. I mean I know at The Spearhead the talk its overwhelmly about human sexuality within a very broad context and its relationship to many other subjects. But in all the areas of study that fall under the category of "mens rights" why on earth is game the principle area of concern.

The Spearhead is not an MRA publication. Welmer, the Grand Poobah of this house of iconoclasty, said as much. While a number of us, such as Cless Alvein, are MRAs, and I'd imagine that we all have some degree of sympathy for MRA viewpoints, we don't represent them as a collective. To paraphrase something my colleague Jack Donovan mentioned in an e-mail, we here at *The Spearhead* are basically banging our own drums.

Additionally, while I support men's rights activists, I don't represent the mainstream of MRA opinion by any stretch

of the imagination. Game and men's rights have historically had little to do with one another, due to a longstanding animus between MRA/MGTOW factions and the seduction community. In fact, another one of my colleagues, Chuck Ross, describes my blog as "residing in the center portion of the Venn Diagram of conservative, Game, and MRA sites." If you want mainstream MRA views, you should go to someone like Glenn Sacks or Angry Harry, not me.

> Now I don't want you to label me as hater of game, but just incase you do, I will define game in my own words. I see game as set of learned social skills, social techniques, that immiate the behaviours of the alpha male which women find attractive, therfore increasing the mans chance of getting laid. So you can tell me whether or not I understand game, I know I sure as hell don't have any.

I defined game as follows:

> **game** (\'gām\), *noun* – a set of male behaviors, attitudes, actions, and strategies designed to win the sexual attraction of females. SYNONYMS: **seduction**.

So yeah, you pretty much understand what game is.

> It seems to me that game promotes the idea of judging a mans entire value as a human being based upon nothing but his place in the sexual/sexual heirarchy. Let me assure of this, I am aware that such a hierarchy exists regardless of PUA intervention and men are largely judged this way anyway, especially by women. I can take this as common sense on an intellectual level, but it take time for me to fully accept this at a deeper level. Now am I wrong in my assertion?

To a certain extent, you're correct. The alpha/beta/omega hierarchy that is used to classify men is based solely on said man's sexual attractiveness. You also rightly note that society at large does this as well. There's a reason why the number one insult feminists and women use on anti-feminist writers like myself is "you can't get laid," just above "you have a small penis."

I won't lie and say that I don't regard a man's sexual attractiveness as an integral part of his character. One of the goals of all life is to reproduce and pass on your genes – if you don't have the ability to do that, you have failed at existence. The fact that reproducing is much more difficult for men then for women, as judged by the fact that less then half of the former have successfully done so throughout human history, means that the ability to get with women (and by extension spread your seed) is a quality that other people respect. But is the skill of seducing the second sex the sole determinant of masculinity? No. Defining yourself solely by what other people think of you (women specifically in this case) is a sign of intrinsic weakness. Not only that, owing to the amoral nature of woman, men who are judged as sexy by them run the gamut from paragons of greatness to loathsome vermin. A man who is derelict in every aspect of his life save for his ability to make ginas tingle may be an alpha in the sexual realm, but that does not compensate for his other failings. While chasing women is something I do, it is not, never has been, and never will be the focus of my life. I'm not alone in this assertion - Sparks123, Talleyrand, Max, Slumlord, and Roosh agree to varying degrees.

> Its seems to me that no matter what subject you guys talk about, whether it be politics, religion, history, somehow you manage to link back a specific cause to sexuality and game. Please tell me Ferdinand, do you feel that single greatest factor in the shaping of human behaviour, whether individual or collective, is sexuality?

I'd say that it's one of two. All life, from protozoa to plants to puppies, is possessed of one primary goal – survival. I separate survival into two subcategories - **corporeal survival** and **genetic survival**. The former entails staying physically alive, and the latter consists of passing on your genes to the next generation; reproduction, in other

words. *The Mystery Method* posited a similar premise, with **survival** and **replication** being the purpose of every living entity. Every living being wants to reproduce, and will do anything in its power to accomplish that goal. This includes human beings; half of what we do is done for the purpose of attracting members of the opposite sex. It was Dave Chappelle who joked that if women were willing to have sex with men in cardboard boxes, guys wouldn't bother buying houses. So yes, sexuality is one of the greatest determinants of human thought and behavior.

> One of the things that I hate about game and the world view that comes with it, is the way it paints human beings as animals. Animals prodominantly controlled by base, primal urges that we can hardly even control. But as much as I hate it I really can't argue with it, it just makes me hold humanity in lower esteem.

While I wouldn't argue that we humans, being sapient, are identical to chimpanzees rutting in the trees, our sentience is a tower constructed on a foundation of animal drives and instincts. The low, base urges may not be out in the open, but they're still there and are still holding up everything else. We cannot escape our nature, we can only work with it.

The comparison has already been made, but I'll reiterate it because it works so well: game is the red pill, the proof that everything that you were told about men, women, and human nature is completely false. You're at the disbelief stage, writhing in the chair and frothing vomit, as your mind rejects the truth that's been hidden from your eyes for so long. Once the pain passes, you'll see the world with a clarity that you never had before. You'll see humanity as it really is – we aren't good, we aren't evil, we just **are**, like every other creature on this green earth.

> Lastly who can game help, are omegas such as myself irremable or can your techniques help even the lowest of the low?

The answer is an unequivocal yes. Roissy, whose experience in the game surpasses mine, said this in response to a similar query:

> Learning game will transform you. How much is a question of commitment, preexisting suite of alpha traits, and ability to withstand rejection. Some guys see their notch count triple (mine quadrupled). Others see a strengthening of their relationships. Still others see only marginal improvement. If you knew beforehand that spending a year learning game would net you just one girlfriend one point higher than the best girl you ever banged, would you commit yourself? What if all the effort amounted to no more than one extra one night stand? A lot of lesser betas and omegas who are cursed to realize very little improvement from learning game commit themselves to it despite the odds. Because men know there is nothing more hellish than to go your whole life never feeling the sex and love of a woman. Really, what's the point of living? Love is life's penultimate pleasure.

Game can help any man; the question is how much it will help him. I say that the degree to which a man can improve his success with women is dependent on both his genetic goods and the amount of work he puts into perfecting his talents. Being an omega male, the benefits you get from game will be less then most men. You won't become the next Mystery, Roissy, or Roosh. You won't even become the next me, the least of King Arthur's knights. But what you CAN become is a man with control over his love life. With game, you can obtain something that you don't have and can't have without it, one of the greatest things you can have: the freely given love of a woman.

> Do you think that game could be used to benifit a mans life even if it never help him succeed in getting pussy?

I'd say yes. I believe it was Pro-Male/Anti-Feminist Tech who summed up game as "successful masculinity." If you click on the link above to my definition of game, you'll find a list of qualities that form its nucleus and have applications outside of the sexual marketplace. Additionally, *The Mystery Method* separated out a man's life into

three spheres, health, wealth, and love, and explained that neglecting one would negatively affect the other two. The flip side is that improving one will also benefit the other two. Every aspect of our lives is interconnected.

I'll conclude with these words. zed has remarked that one of the unintentional effects of feminism was the liberation of men from their societal responsibilities and obligations. The corollary to freedom is that when you are free, nothing is guaranteed. If you want something, you have to go out and take it yourself – no one will help you. If you are unhappy with your life, only YOU can turn it around. Game is not a panacea, but in terms of addressing an concern that all men have, you'll not find a better way to contentedness. I can only speak for myself, but I can say I am a genuinely happier person for pursuing my desires rather than just sitting at the back of the metaphorical classroom, staring at the apple-shaped derrière of the girl in front of me, wondering what could have been. The only way to know for sure how much game will help you is to get off your ass and run the distance. You may not win the race, but you'll be able to say that you gave it your all, when most guys are too cowardly to even stand up and try.

Best of luck to you, man. In this world, you need as much of it as you can get.

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Men, Religion, and Morality

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Fedrz left this comment in reply to the "A Rational Cost/Benefit Analysis of Marriage", and I thought it was too good to let stay buried in the comments because he hits on some of the major issues that men have to resolve before we can move forward. (image nipped from The Critical Thinker blog, from a very thought-provoking post on Thomas Aquinas)

The Church stuff is pretty interesting, and of course, is tied into all of this. It is pretty difficult subject to discuss dispassionately, which is what is required, but is difficult to do.
Harvard was actually originally mandated to be "Protectors of the Truth." And at the time, they felt they could actually identify truth, because during that age, they used the Bible as an anchor of "Absolute Truth" to identify what was true and what was not.

When Hegel came out with "The Truth is Relative", it set the whole system into the shitter, because it got rid of the "anchor" of Absolute Truth. The concept of God is "black and white." God's word is "Truth."

However, of course, we are able to recognize that truth often does change, or, truth often is relative.

And herein lies the entire problem, I think. Human nature, and the need to control it.

In many ways, I agree with Hegel & Marx that indeed, the Truth is Relative. But, from a position of what works for a civilization? Well… that must have elements of an Absolute Truth to it, or cultural hegemony will never arise, and civilization will never occur.

The human brain is enormously malleable, and it naturally tends to lean towards "Relative Truth." We often use our brains to justify what we would like to be true, rather than what actually is true. Jail is full of innocent people. Morality is forever malleable unless attached to an absolute truth.

From an anthropological sense, human beings naturally create religions. Every civilization that has ever existed has adhered to some form of religion. It seems to be a necessity for the human condition. And, look at how different morality can develop in different ways. Think about the typical movie scene of the virgin tied to a stone slab, about to be sacrificed to the Volcano God or whatever. The people that lived in such civilizations thought nothing immoral of such a situation, yet, when other civilizations encountered them, they were horrified by their "lack of morality."

Morality can go in many different ways, and indicates that indeed, from a big perspective, "truth is relative."

But even if it is, it is not a good thing for civilization to not have any absolutes. It's for similar reasons that we have the Rule of Law and a Legal/Court system. You and I can argue and argue, and both of us will create a belief system for ourselves, justifying our position to ourselves, and creating a reality in each of our own minds – that will forever contradict the other's view of reality. Therefore we must have a court system to decide, hopefully with impartiality, what is right and what is not. An absolute. Without it, things would never function.

A civilization needs a religion in the same way.

And all things considered, Christianity was not the worst one we could have wound up with. The way I look at it is, when everyone points out how hypocritical and evil it has been in the past… well, that is not Christianity, per se, but rather, it is the nature of humans that is trying break free from the bounds that Christianity tried to place upon them. It doesn't matter whether Christian or Marxist or Muslim or the Hoobie Joobie Mumbo Spirit, it is human nature to try and manipulate and force one's will upon others. In that sense, Christianity has been not too bad, because it is firmly based in the concept of Absolute Truth, and can be used to pull us back from the brink of La La

Land when we get a little too insane. It is an anchor. I think the history of the West would have been a lot worse without the Bible, than it was with it.

If you want to know why most Communist countries abolish Christianity, it is because it is firmly rooted in the concept of “Absolute Truth” which is directly at odds with dialectical manipulation. The Bible zaps it into oblivion, as the two cannot exist in the same philosophical space.

It is for this reason as well, that the lefties are so adamant about Evolution. And again, one has to look at the Evolution debate dispassionately.

Marx and Engels were extremely excited when Darwin came out with his theory, because it was the “science” that supported their political philosophy – namely, that the Truth is Relative. Evolution indicates that the truth is forever changing. What was true yesterday, is no longer true today. And therefore, what is true today, does not neccessarily have to be true tomorrow.

This was great for Marx because he is preaching the political philosophy that man’s condition can be “altered”, basically, by use of force. One can therefore “force an evolutionary direction” upon mankind. Kinda like how an arborist prunes a tree to control how it grows and shapes itself.

Whether one believes in Evolution or not, this very important political aspect rarely gets mentioned in the debate, but it is core to the importance of a lot of philosophy about “truth.”

This is why the leftists pee their pants so quickly whenever someone begins to discuss intelligent design. If intelligent design were to be proven, it would indicate a “plan,” which would indicate the existence of Absolute Truth… and the entire political philosophy of the left would fall to bits. They need evolution to be true for more reasons than what they… so does the Creationist side… the Intelligent Design side doesn’t, however, because it is dispassionate.

Much of Anthropology has been shattered by insistence on adherence to this as well, and anyone trying to suggest that those “primitive” people from the past were perhaps a helluva lot smarter than we give them credit for, is automatically drummed out of the business and called a loon. And yet, the ancient Sumerians had the knowledge to “weld” gemstones together, which is something we still can’t replicate today.

The religion debate is interesting, because it is about Absolute vs. Relative Truth.

If a society always tends to “create” a religion, would you rather have one based in Absolutes, or would you prefer one that is forever malleable.

It has elements that come down to the similar situation as, would you rather live under a government that was ruled by whim and emotion (Democracy), or would you rather live under The Rule of Law? (Republic)

Here Come the Herbivores

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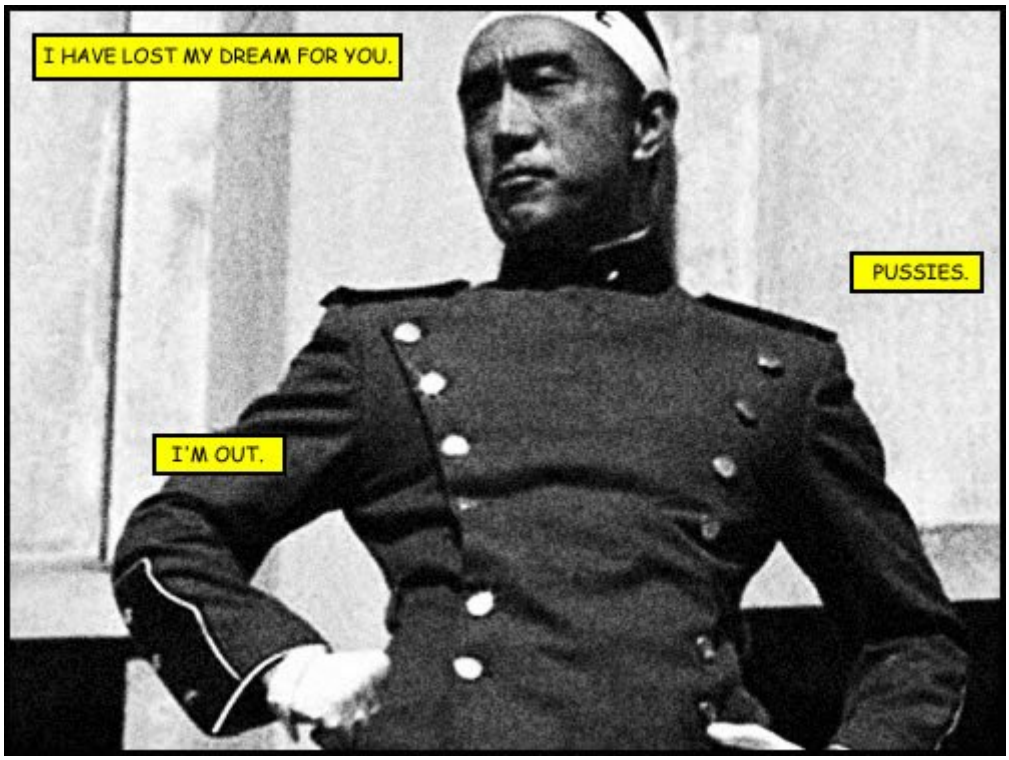


On November 25, 1970, author Yukio Mishima and handful of compatriots took the commandant of a military base hostage and commanded the attention of a nation. His men were armed only with samurai swords. With news helicopters buzzing overhead he asked the assembled soldiers at the base to rise up and proudly reclaim their manly national heritage.

He was rebuffed, as he expected he would be. Mishima left the balcony from which he was speaking and returned to the office where the horrified commandant and his loyal men looked on. Then, according to plan, he committed *hara-kiri*.

Mishima didn't disembowel himself because he was depressed, or hopeless, or insane. He killed himself to make a point.

Mishima is a personal hero of mine and in the years since I discovered him I have observed the date of his departure and paused to reflect on the meaning of his artful human sacrifice.

Mishima called the *Hagakure*—an 18th century collection of reflections on the way of the Samurai— the "womb of his oeuvre." He believed that post-World War II Japan had abandoned its virile warrior tradition in favor of becoming a commercialized, soulless nation synonymous with "flower arranging." Given Japan's current status as the global hub of Hello Kitty cuteness, he's probably glad he's dead.

Samurai, the men Mishima respected and probably romanticized, were known to have been fastidious about their appearances, and they sometimes wore makeup in preparation for death. A samurai wanted to leave a good-looking corpse—one that his enemies would respect as a worthy adversary.

This would seem related to contemporary interest in male vanity, but it isn't. Today's male vanity isn't the vanity of strength and virility, but the soulless vanity of social decay. It is a passive-aggressive vanity, a vanity that seeks status and influence through being desired or pretty or pleasant-looking. It is not about being prepared to meet your doom with dignity and honor, but rather a trivial obsession with appearances for the sake of appearance alone. It is a *decorative* vanity, not a harmonious confluence of form and function.

In 1994, British journalist Mark Simpson coined the term "metrosexual" in a now infamous article titled "Here Come the Mirror Men." He wrote:

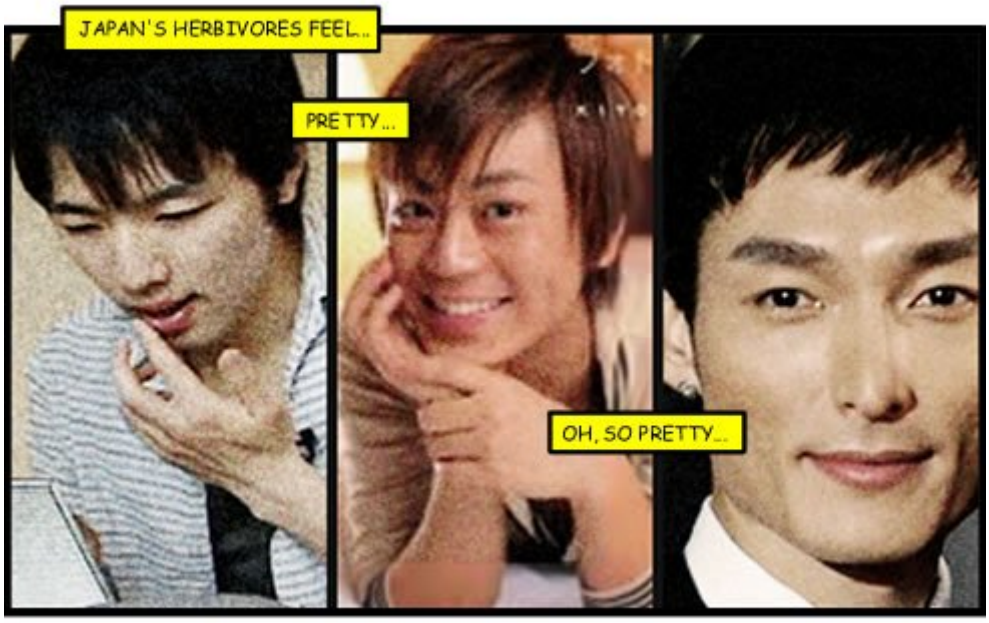
> "Metrosexual man, the single young man with a high disposable income, living or working in the city (because that's where all the best shops are), is perhaps the most promising consumer market of the decade. In the Eighties he was only to be found inside fashion magazines such as *GQ*, in television advertisements for Levis jeans or in gay bars. In the Nineties, he's everywhere and he's going shopping."

It wasn't Simpson's fault. He was describing a change that was already happening. Men were being relieved of their responsibilities, relieved of purpose. No longer expected to bring home the bacon, men were free to busy themselves hunting the most fashionable fall "look" or the best moisturizer.

In hindsight, we know that men were ultimately unable to compete with women as avid consumers. A new generation of men may have embraced AXE and they may even "manscape," but in most cases they are doing it for the same old reason: *to impress chicks and get them in the sack*. (We can call it "game" if you like.)

Women still generally get dressed up, as John Cougar Mellencamp noted, "for each other." And that makes their vanity a full time obsession.

However, even that may be changing. On the heels of Simpson's metrosexual, the Japanese, always on the bleeding edge, seem to have one-upped us in the worship of Cybele with their "Herbivore" men. The trend was spotted and named by Japanese pop culture columnist Maki Fukasawa in 2006, and it refers to males who are not interested in "the flesh" as more "carnivorous" men would be. They are interested in fashion and cosmetics and appearances, but they are not particularly interested in sex or finding girlfriends—though they are not necessarily homosexuals, either. The herbivores are males of little means, who are nevertheless obsessed with frivolous consumerism and passing fads. They seem to be perpetual teenagers, like many gays who follow celebrity gossip, fashion and pop culture fads well into middle age.



Some blame an economic slowdown and a scarcity of viable career options for young men. Others see an exciting move away from traditional gender roles. Feminists are tickled, of course.

In *Manliness*, Harvey C. Mansfield wrote that:

> "…there is no backlash; there is only inarticulate resistance in the form of reluctance, a residual, bodily, behavioral unwillingness on the part of men to do their share in the upkeep of gender neutrality."

If you are reading this, you are part of the articulate resistance. (So is Mansfield.) Japan's herbivores give us a window into the future, and a key to understanding the reluctance of men to completely embrace feminism's gender neutral ideal. When feminists encourage men to reject traditional notions of masculinity, they speak wistfully of the newfound freedom that lies just beyond the strict constraints of the manly ideal.

The problem is that over there, over the rainbow, is *this.* THIS is what feminism has to offer men. A gender neutral world offers men the freedom to be "herbivorous." Feminism offers men the freedom to be weak, to be passive, and to be obsessed with fashion and cosmetics— safe from the cruel disapproval of manlier men. The aim of feminism is spiritual parricide—to purge society of all masculine ideals and do away with manly men altogether. Feminism offers men a set of freedoms they never asked for, never wanted. A gender neutral society offers men freedom to be effeminate and impotent.

What gain is this?

EPILOGUE

[image] Somewhere in Tokyo, there is a loudspeaker barking something militant. As it approaches, we see a black van, and hear…

「諸君の中に一人でも俺と一緒に立つ奴はいないのか。」

"Among you gentlemen is there not one single person who will stand with me?"

The words are Mishima's.

They are from his very last speech, given 39 years ago this week.

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The Light of Truth of Paternity Testing

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Recently, the New York Times had an article on paternity testing which has already been commented on by our own Roissy and Female Masculinist on their respective personal blogs. The men in the NYT article are all the **victims of fraud**. In any other context, the legal system would consider this a case of outright fraud. What this means is that the simple technology of paternity testing has acted as the light of truth exposing the entire family law system from lawyers to judges as corrupt and supremely dishonest.

The other area where paternity testing has shown the light of truth is with female behavior. Before paternity testing the only way a man would know for certain if his wife/girlfriend had committed paternity fraud against him was if he was away from his wife/girlfriend for an extended period of time when conception could have taken place. Now, it's possible for men to know the truth both individually and globally. Depending on who you ask, the cuckoldry rate is somewhere between 1% and 30%, with 10% being a commonly cited number. Without mandatory paternity testing it's impossible to know the exact percentage. However, the exact percentage doesn't matter so much since paternity testing has shown that paternity fraud does happen enough that every man should be concerned about whether his kids really are his kids.

Before paternity testing, women and male white knights would claim that "women would never lie about paternity." Since paternity testing has proven this to be a myth, they have moved to "biological/genetic connections don't matter" and shaming language. Take this quote from Carol McCarthy, an officer of the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

> "Having been involved in cases like these, I think the answer to 'Is it my kid?' is irrationally important to the cuckolded husband. My own biases are going into this because I'm adopted, so I'm real into 'your parents are the people who raise you.' I couldn't care less who my biological parents are.

First, take notice of the shaming language. Aside from the fact that this quote is incredibly self serving, I would bet serious money that if McCarthy had a medical problem that was inherited or otherwise required family medical history she would change her tune very quickly. And what about all of those adopted children who go searching for their biological parents? According to her that shouldn't happen. It's all just more proof that McCarthy is claiming that fatherhood doesn't matter and engaging in anti-male shaming language.

If a genetic connection doesn't matter for fatherhood then why does it matter for motherhood? The article points out that hospitals go to great lengths to make sure that the baby a mother gave birth to is the baby she leaves with, including footprints, matching ID bands, guarded nurseries, surveillance cameras, etc. If genetics does not matter then why doesn't the government take all babies after they are born and randomly reassign them to parents? It's because **genetics does matter**. Every other position is self serving shaming language, and paternity testing has exposed this.

Mandatory paternity testing will probably not happen, because women and male white knights will oppose it. However, that does not matter since the most significant change that has resulted from the introduction of paternity testing is the knowledge men now have that cuckoldry is a serious problem. Men are now aware of the need to make sure that his kids are really his, and nothing is going to put that genie back into the bottle.

Open and Closed System Game, MRAs, and the Prisoner's Dilemma

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"*In the ruthless pursuit of sexual goals, for example, men and women derogate their rivals, deceive members of the opposite sex, and even subvert their own mates.*" – David Buss in *The Evolution of Desire* (p. 5)

I came to this little niche of the blogosphere through Roissy. Being in my mid-twenties, Roissy's writings hit home and explained a lot of the confusion and rationalized a lot of the anger I had built up inside. I felt that men were getting the short end of the stick in the culture wars and I enjoyed Roissy's site because it was the closest thing I had read to male empowerment.

But with all of his talk about Game, I soon realized that Game was an affront to some MRA agendas. I place MRAs into two broad categories - those who dislike feminism and its results and those who dislike women because they are women. The latter being misogynists. I walk on thin ice when I toss that word around, I know, but if I'm to believe that there's a such thing as misandry (I do) then I have to believe that its antithesis exists as well. Anti-feminist MRAs - with whom I tend to align – seem more amenable to Game. Misogynistic MRAs tend to shame men who compete for women; they play True Scotsman with Gamers' masculinity. They argue that we are capitulating to them, pedestalizing them too much, or unable to harness our animal desire for the greater good when we utilize Game.

Procurement of opportunities with women is a two-front war. The first group of MRAs, the ones that tend to embrace Game, realize that we have to compete against other men and against women's bitch shields; other types of MRAs feel that competing against the "brotherhood" decreases the overall power of men.

It's true that Gamers and strict MRAs have competing agendas. I've argued in the past that Game is a Ponzi scheme. Men do well with women by stepping on the heads of other men. Given that *someone* has to occupy the lower rungs of the social hierarchy and that men don't want to choose their women from the teeming cesspools of slutdom, one man's gain is another man's loss. Game merely serves to jumble men's positions on the ladder rather than build a bigger ladder. This outcome doesn't put men's advocacy in the forefront and it doesn't do anything to improve our position relative to women.

But we still harbor primal instincts. Men are compelled to compete for women against other men. In Game Theory, two agents face the "Prisoner's Dilemma" when neither agent knows the actions or intentions of the other agent.

The Prisoner's Dilemma of Game

	Cooperate	**Game (Betray)**
Cooperate	Both alone with no chance to fulfill biological imperative	(Alone + failure relative to other man, Relations)
Game (Betray)	(Relations, Alone + failure relative to other man)	Both used as tools by the woman but give themselves an "E" for effort

In these games, the dominant strategy for each player is to act (Game, or at least try) regardless of what the other player does. Given that men have some sort of natural urge *to act* towards a goal that involves women, it is in our best interest to use Game or any other tool necessary to best our male opponents. If we merely step with the same level of Game, resources, or enthusiasm we reach the gloomiest outcome of the Prisoner's Dilemma; both players end up worse off than if neither would have acted at all. **The major difference** in this Game theory of Game is that – unlike the pure Prisoner's Dilemma – men are compelled *to do something* by their natural instincts. The man who Games more effectively, or Games at all, will win out while the man who "cooperates" loses.

(In my analysis I assume that a man who tries to get a woman but fails still feels better than a man who doesn't try at

all; that's my personal experience at least.)

There are other Game theory models that would better fit seduction Game, but the conclusion is still the same: men want to act, and they'd better act as quickly and as effectively as possible in order to beat out other men. This natural tendency, exhibited in every other organism the planet, cannot be muted in men. Muting it for the sake of an artificially constructed brotherhood employs strategies similar to feminists in their quest for cultural marxism.

Another way to look at this dilemma is to picture a cartel. Some MRAs would like to see collusion among men in the fight against entitled women. I argue that this wouldn't work. As with every cartel, the first guy to break the contract reaps the biggest reward. Men will undercut the tacit agreement with other men; this leads to a game theory outcome of tit-for-tat and constant vigilance against other men. Unfortunately, it's a dilemma we can't escape.

So Game isn't a tide that lifts all boats *at least with regards to Game as used for procuring new dating interests.* Game's real appeal and effectiveness lies in closed systems – committed relationships. In an open system where there are no strong pairings but only loose couplings involving intricate webs of sexual activity, men *as a whole* suffer a disadvantage. Since women always have more options and greater ability to choose than men, their value is greater in the midst of a sexual free-for-all. As stated earlier, men will compete in a race to the bottom for the attention and sexual dalliances of women. No matter the behavior of the woman, she can be an entitled daddy's girl or a felon, if a man finds her attractive and thinks he can get her, he'll undercut other men to do so. The sorry state for men is a result of men having to fight a two-front war. In relationships, men usually only have to fight a frontal female attack (if you're fighting a two-front war in this closed system, you might as well go *kamikaze*) and can use the singular tool of Game against their lone "enemy" in order to capitalize on their position atop the pyramid.

As I mentioned above, I was drawn to the MRA/Game movement because I wanted to see a redress of the current sorry state men face. After observing the different dichotomies and learning more about Game and human behavior, I've realized that our plight arises from the Sexual Revolution that undermined relationships for the sake of easy-as-pie pie. Relationships are marginally less attractive, either because they aren't cool or because they are stifling, thus leaving many more men competing against fellow men and women than before. This also results in fewer relationships in which Game can be effectively used for all men in the same situation. As a further impediment to men's fulfillment, the situations in which men do have the ability to apply the tool of Game are distorted by gynocentric family law.

To buy into the notion that we should mute our natural inclination to Game or seduce women through whatever tools we have - so as to not undercut a men's movement – is absurd. Game and strict men's rights advocacy are at odds with each other. Feminists want to ignore our human nature by constructing a new social paradigm; MRAs who want men to sing kumbaya together are doing the same thing. Instead, men face a more structural foe: feminism and liberalism. The twins have caused a social shift that any amount of cooperation between men on the Game front will correct. In "free market" situations – in groups of single men and women – a man has a duty to Game as hard as he can to procure the woman he desires. In doing so he is charging hard into both enemy lines; one man will lose. Every man should Game in their relationships; it is one of the few opportunities for men to improve their station in life without the collateral damage of open system Game.

The Long Train Wreck

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As I grow older, I find myself reaching back into my memories from time to time to retrieve old images, sounds and experiences. What I am really looking for is those remarkable sensations we have that freeze a moment in time, and can be recalled by a certain smell, the color and brightness of the sky, ambient noise or any one of the numerous elements that come together to create these unique moments that stand out from the dreary files in one's memory bank.

Perhaps it is because cynicism grows like ivy with time, covering up the clean facades with a dull, rank, green weed, but I definitely have the impression that things have been getting worse in my homeland for as long as I can remember. This isn't because I had a perfect childhood — far from it; I am a child of divorce and remember quite clearly the uncertainty and material poverty of my early childhood. However, despite the failings of some of the adults in my life and the tragedies I bore witness to, there remained, at least for some time, more of a sense of right and wrong. Back then, people may have behaved poorly, but they didn't justify it as people do today, and there still was a sense of community amongst neighbors that has disappeared in my generation.

Born in the mid-70s, I was part of the first generation of children upon which the new ideals of the 60s and 70s were imprinted from birth. I watched the hippie-lite Sesame Street, and remember the gender-bending "Free to be, You and Me" program (see media box to the right), which featured girls as firemen and boys playing with dolls. Yes, it sounds a bit heavy-handed, but nobody took it all that seriously; it was a *children's show* after all… But given all that has taken place since, it seems prophetic. For my part, I preferred Mr. Rogers, but my little sister must have absorbed something from Free to Be, because as a toddler she had the habit of placing the suffix "woman" at the end of many occupational titles (e.g. policeman-woman, fireman-woman). There was Wonder Woman, the Bionic Woman, and then the proto-herb "Greatest American Hero" (Believe it or not, it's just me!) who fights crime in magic red pyjamas:

These shows were a mere backdrop against the larger society, which still appeared outwardly healthy in most respects. Maybe not so much as it had a decade or two earlier, but we still celebrated Columbus Day, there were still Thanksgiving pageants free from multicultural sermonizing that characterizes the holiday today, and nobody (at least nobody who would admit it in public) even thought about banning Christmas, although Dr. Seuss evidently saw the writing on the wall long before most did; perhaps his work in wartime propaganda made him familiar with Soviet campaigns to do so. This state of affairs was the norm for the first couple years I went to elementary school in the early 1980s, but then sometime in the early 80s the disco party drew to a close and things began to change perceptibly. At that point the national spirit darkened considerably as the Cold War once again became a source of collective fear of nuclear annihilation. The downing of Korean Air Lines flight 007 was a major crisis that led to apocalyptic paranoia, enhancing the appeal of movies such as *The Terminator* and leading to widspread anti-nuclear protests. As a young boy at the time, I remember this fear quite well. The media, often filled with images and threats of nuclear warfare, had quite an effect on me and my friends, and I clearly remember nightmares in which warheads fell like meteors in the night sky.

I'm not sure whether this darkening of the national mood was reflected in all art, but popular music became more grim with the entry of heavy metal bands like Metallica, and then gangster rap of the NWA variety came to prominence in the mid-late 80s.

I think gangster rap deserves its own discussion, because it was really the first art form to come out the fatherless ghettos that too many urban black kids were growing up in. Black Americans were ahead of the curve in terms of the social problems that we now see creeping into the mainstream. Illegitimacy, high divorce rates and fatherlessness had become endemic in this community as early as the 1970s. For black Americans, the sexual revolution was an unmitigated disaster that resulted in an unprecedented wave of youth crime that exploded onto the scene as the gang wars of the late 1980s. To young, powerless, fatherless boys, gang culture represented a

coming of age; an escape from the matriarchal world of ghetto queens. Add illicit profit in the form of crack cocaine, and the stage was set for mass delinquency as soon as the first generation of boys raised without fathers grew out of their mothers' control.

For those who never grasped the spirit of those times, this video does a good job of summing it up (pay close attention to the lyrics dealing with women):

The white youth culture took a turn for the worse as well with the grunge fad, which emerged from the poorer underworld of the Pacific Northwest and coalesced in Seattle in the late 1980s. Heroin became trendy, and the inevitable overdoses occurred, sending a couple of people I knew to the afterlife in the 90s. Suicide and despair were common themes, and youth violence continued unabated until the mid-90s when the boomers, now firmly ensconced in power and in charge of a victorious sole superpower, set about remaking America as a police state with the '94 Crime Bill, which included VAWA. The regulation of American society became heavier than it ever had been before in history, and prisons were constructed and filled at record rates. Children were increasingly drugged and controlled to an unprecedented extent, and fathers began to be persecuted and prosecuted in earnest. In the meanwhile, there was this incredible relaxation of traditional morality across the board. I suppose it seems counterintuitive that a severe state apparatus could coexist with the flouting of morality, but perhaps the conditions are more closely related than they may seem at first glance. Perhaps a morally relativist society *needs* to be heavily policed in order to thrive. I am becoming more and more convinced that this is the case, and that our courts and police function as enforcers of an unnatural order that would quickly be overturned without a heavily coercive government enforcement apparatus.

This is an exceedingly short treatment of the history of the last few decades, but I thought it worthwhile to highlight a few of the stages that brought us to where we are today. In the beginning, it didn't seem all that serious, but as time went on the rainbows and unicorns became prisons and officers with body armor and automatic rifles. It's important to take these snapshots of history and contrast them, and to lay them out in a manner that indicates the progression of things. People ought to try to understand how one thing leads to another, and in this case it is pretty clear that the destruction of gender roles and traditional morality led to widespread crime and then an increasingly oppressive, coercive state.

I suppose the question now is where does the oppressive, coercive feminist state lead? My personal bet is bankruptcy, but I'd be happy to see any other theories.

A Rare Breed of Wild Turkey for Thanksdrinking

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Happy Thanksgiving Spearhead Readers!

Just a quick recommendation for a theme appropriate beverage for the holiday about all things Turkey…

If you've never tried it before, you might want to give this mid-range priced ($30-$40), small batch, Barrel proof, Kentucky Straight Bourbon a go. At 108.4 proof, it may be a little intimidating for the folks used to 80 proof whiskeys. Rest assured, while a splash of water or some ice cubes may help you mellow out the initial burn, at least give this whiskey a neat little sip, before you dilute it.

You may be surprised that it's not as harsh as you would first think…

Here's the description of Rare Breed from the Wild Turkey Distillery:

> Rare Breed is a "barrel-proof bourbon," meaning it is bottled directly from a variety of barrels at the proof it reaches in those barrels, with no added water to lower the proof or dilute the flavor.
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> This bourbon is a unique marriage of Wild Turkey 6-,8- and 12-year old stocks, which give the whiskey a rich, exceptional flavor that is remarkably smooth, considering its high alcohol content. It is assertive with hints of light oranges, mint and tones of sweet tobacco that will remind you of your grandfather's pipe-bowl. The finish is long, warm and nutty and lingers in the mouth with hints of hot peppers and well-toasted whole wheat bread.
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> Jimmy Russell keeps his Rare Bred in the freezer so he doesn't have to add ice, which would melt and ultimately dilute the flavor.

I don't know about you folks, but I intend to sit down on my porch after digesting a healthy portion of Norbest turkey and all the thanksgiving fixins', and have me a dram or two of some Rare Breed Wild Turkey, and enjoy the delicious interplay of complementary flavors it will impart by puffing along with a Padron 5000 Maduro cigar I just picked up from my local tobacco dealer.

And when the wife grumbles about the smell of the cigar smoke drifting into the house, I'll just holler "Pipe down Woman, and bring me another dram of Rare Breed!"

What are your plans for the Thanksdrinking?

OK, Winston, Start Your Two Minutes of Hate... N.O.W.!

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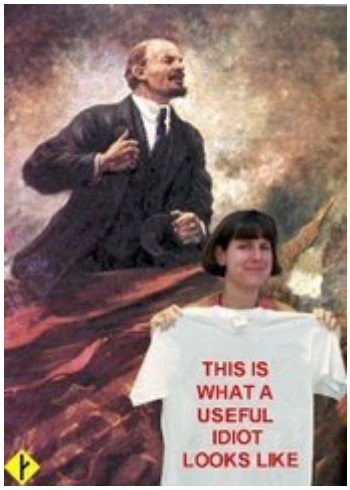
This piece was originally written by Rob Fedders for his No Ma'am blog.

I have to laugh at all the people that came here from http://www.rense.com/ to leave insulting comments on my blog.

The world may be struggling with shortages in resources, but useful idiots abound at every corner. If I could turn them into fuel, I would become a billionaire overnight!



Here are a bunch of people who very likely pride themselves on their "knowledge" of what is going on in the world, but still have not put two and two together and realized that feminism is of Marxist origins, and its purpose is to destroy the family and put in a system of tyranny where the weak rule the strong – kinda like making a society where children rule adults. Lol! You shrieking women are next. Haven't you read Hillary's thesis? How about the UN's "Rights of the Child"? Think men are going to rescue you? The very men you so love to hate today? The ones you've kicked out of their own homes, and have stolen their very children from? The ones you offered up to state supported slavery? Think again. The plan is to separate men from families so they won't help you when you really need it.

Totalitarian regimes know that the family is their biggest obstacle in maintaining tyrannical rule. Any moron can conquer a country… keeping it under control is a different matter altogether. Fathers who are attached to their own families are usually the ones that run the oppressors out of the country with pointy sticks. Remove men from their families, and you remove the desire of good to men to search for pointy sticks. DUH!

I notice this disease all over the place on the web. There are many excellent sites out there that document all kinds of government abuses… Prison Planet… Freedom Force etc. They are filled to the brim with excellent articles documenting the abuses being inflicted upon the people by corrupt governments, BUT, nary do they mention feminism and the state encouraged destruction of the family, inspired by evil feminists who often outright state that they want to destroy the family and destroy society and the nature of the sovereign state.

Of course, will any of these useful idiots who come here to screech "FAGGOT!" ever bother to read articles like this one, which documents how our No Fault Divorce laws are an exact replica of Russian marriage laws in the early 20th Century?

http://waysandmeans.house.gov/hearings.asp?formmode=view&id=954

(Did you read it, you Gorgons?)

Yes indeed, Russia did so much damage to their population that during WWII, they had to abandon such insanity because they were screwing themselves even worse than the Nazis breathing fire outside the city gates. Gorbachev

commented in his book that the reason why the Soviet state collapsed was because of the damage they inflicted on people's families and close relationships in the early part of the century. 50 years after reversing such policies, they were not able to save themselves, such was the extent of the damage which they did, and which we are replicating under the name of "feminism" and "equality."

As I mentioned in the comments, in between the 2 minutes of hate, one wonders if all of these politically correct shriekers (Did you know Political Correctness was invented by Lenin and perfected by Stalin?) also scream so loudly and hurl such hatred towards the people that produce shirts saying "Boys are Stupid. Throw Rocks at Them!"

Are they half as concerned that over 80% of teen suicides are committed by boys?

I doubt it.

I am sure that many of them giggled and tittered when they heard about Lorena & John Bobbit too. Certainly they didn't screech and shout such vitriol at their cohorts as they do when a man asks if women invented anything.

A little perspective is in order, perhaps?

Many probably used to run around their university campuses, fueled by an estrogen high as they emphatically told men that "A Woman Needs a Man Like a Fish Needs a Bicycle." (By the way, Irina Dunn was the woman who coined the phrase, and she stole it from a male philosopher who stated "Man Needs Religion Like a Fish Needs a Bicycle." Oh, the irony, you mighty inventors.)

I wonder how many of these fucktards took an equal amount time which they spent hurling insults of "you must be gay, FAGGOT!" to send Barack Obamanation a nasty note when he blamed father's for abandoning their families this past Father's Day. How many of these useful idiots even realize that women file 2/3 of all divorces, and the number one reason is not "abuse" but rather, they simply feel bored and unfulfilled?

How many of them are equally upset about Joe Biden's VAWA, a completely sexist, one sided law, that strips men of their constitutional rights?

How many of these Useful Idiots even understand that Obama & Biden are going to try and pass over sovereignty of the USA to the United Nations, under the entirely corrupt CEDAW and i-VAWA? Do you even understand the implications, you hate mongers? Holy Totalitarianism! And it's all being done in the name of women's equality – fueled by people like the useful idiots who feel justified in shrieking mindless insults at any man who dares say even the most trivial of negative things about the "fair" sex.

Our freedoms are disappearing daily because no-one dares speak out against feminism and its totalitarian excesses.

Why do you think they targeted women as the best group of useful idiots to crumble the institution of the family and bring in cradle to grave socialism? It's because they knew the tendency of people to never dare to speak out against women. People like the idiots from Rense that came here to shriek mindless insults over the most trivial of things.

Useful Fucking Idiots.

When Rebellion is the Only Option

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This essay was originally published at In Mala Fide *on August 19, 2009.*

It's been a month since I started this blog, and two people have remarked on my chosen name for it, *In Mala Fide*, and the fact that "mala fide" translates into English as "bad faith." The first was she-dissenter and pseudotroll sparky in this comment, and the second was Lawrence Auster in his critique of my critique of him. Neither seem to think very highly of my choice. *In Mala Fide* has a deeper meaning beyond being a snappy blog title - I didn't choose it at random, but after a considerable bit of thought.

Two bloggers I read recently posted on this subject. First, Kamal S. posted an essay entitled "You Can't Survive Without Being A Rebel." An excerpt:

> Just the other day, a really fine example of the Contemporary American Illiterate (Ilitteratus Americanus Contemperaneous) accused me of being a natural born rebel.
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> While this accusation didn't exactly strike at the center of my sense of self worth nor drive me to contemplate suicide — it did cause me to begin thinking about what causes individuals to rebel against society at large.
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> What immediately struck me is how difficult it would be to survive *without* being a rebel. If one were to attempt to survive by following the rules of society as officially stated, the natural evolutionary laws would give the offender quite a punishment.

The essay goes on to describe how the rules of contemporary American society effectively force people to break them in order to stay afloat, using college sexual harassment codes, our Kafka-esque tax laws, and violent crime statistics as examples. It concludes with this:

> If you want to reproduce, succeed economically, or merely stay alive in modern America, you *must* become a rebel. Your other option is to be a meek virgin who spends all of his or her time indoors (afraid to go out, for fear of being robbed, raped, assaulted or murdered) filling out those 4,000 pages of IRS forms and sending your money away to a government which can't protect you from anyone but yourself.

Next, MarkyMark recently posted an article entitled "Bitter Boys." Here's a sampling:

> The word "bitter" is such a loaded term in our society that most people are afraid to ever admit to experiencing the emotion. Well here's a fact that the world will never tell you: It takes a man to admit that he's bitter – at least to himself.
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> The truth is, it is impossible for prudent, intelligent, red blooded, heterosexual men living in feminist countries not to be bitter once they realize the truth about WW & divorce laws because that sobering reality basically means the death of their hopes and dreams for ever having a family in their home country.

> When you think about it, those are devastating realizations. For most of us, it means pretty much having to completely reevaluate our life's goals and what we are living for. This is not an easy thing to do. It also means having to "get over" something that is deeply instilled in most of us (the desire to marry and have our own family).

> Bitterness, like mourning, is a necessary part of grieving after a tragedy and realizing that you can't marry and have a family unless you're certifiably insane is a tragedy of the highest order. Bitterness only becomes a problem if you allow yourself to wallow in it for too many years.

We all know that society is sick and civilization is waning, but how is an individual supposed to react to this? Once you've learned that following the rules is a sure way to get screwed over, you can't go back to being Boobus Americanus (to borrow from Mencken). Western civilization, in its politically correct, feminized state, demands that you bend over and grab your ankles in order to be a good citizen, and breaking the rules will earn you the contempt of society at large – and yet, breaking the rules is the only way to survive. There's no proper ethical code in existence that requires people to submit to tyrants who seek to bind them in chains. Much like how the Christians of the Roman Empire refused to worship the emperor, sane Westerners are refusing to worship the various false idols that comprise our dying culture. Running on the corporate hamster wheel to pay off six figures of student loans that you racked up so you could get that job on the hamster wheel to begin with, spending what little discretionary income you have left on pointless objects you don't need, and working towards being unhappily married to an irritable sow who will divorce you at the drop of a doughnut and move halfway across the country with the kids out of spite – no one would call that a sane or sensible way to spend your life.

When the pseudonymous Asia Times Online columnist Spengler unmasked himself last April, he stated his reason for choosing that nom de plume was as a joke – the name of the German scholar who wrote *The Decline of the West* appropriated for a column in an Asian newspaper. A bad joke, but it has a point. The name of this blog, *In Mala Fide*, can be thought of as a jab in that vein. The moral configuration of Western society, as chronicled on this blog and others, requires its best citizens to rebel, to go against the grain, to behave in mala fide in order to secure their own fortunes.

Take the concept of game, for instance. Conventional wisdom holds that women want nice guys who will respect them, dote on them, and treat them like princesses. Any guy who tries this, however, will end up getting LJBF'ed by every girl he wants to bang. On the other hand, complete assholes often find themselves up to their chins in vaj. The conventional wisdom of dating and courtship is wrong, so wrong that an entire online community sprung up seeking to uncover methods of seduction that work. Boobus Americanus opposes game, denounces it as manipulative and dehumanizing, and the fact that it works doesn't cross his mind at all. If you practice game in your personal life, you are, according to the dictates of modern society, behaving in mala fide. Members of the MGTOW movement, who reject the values of our corrupt culture, are another group of individuals behaving in mala fide.

Behaving in good faith according to the principles of our degenerate civilization will inevitably lead to your demise. It is not immoral to behave in bad faith in regards to such a society – you have no obligations to a culture that only seeks to harm you and keep you down. Rebelling is the only sane and moral option in an insane and immoral world.

Ferdinand Bardamu took the red pill and has no regrets. He blogs at *In Mala Fide*. You can follow him on Twitter here.

Philosophy on the Useless

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In my surfing on the Internet I usually found pieces of truth in strange places, take this post in a WoW blog. The author, although abrasive, in his blog tries to explain how to make gold in WoW and how it relates to real world economies, he admits that a MMO for 12+ years old isn't the best economy simulator, but people are dumb in the Internet and the real world. Anyways, the specific is an answer to an e-mail from Peter that says:

> To every "person of subnormal intelligence", including Gevlon who think that savings should be made by anyone with a brain and a job regardless of circumstances so that in case of unemployment shit doesn't happen: you are wrong! I, personally earn twice as much as the average salary in my country, my wife is at home with two kids (1,5y and 3y), kindergartens "sponsored" by the state are full, she earns some family allowance for a few months, and we spend almost 100% of the money we get. No way to save unless I would let my standard of living fall to the level of animals (eating junk food every day and wearing chinese lowest budget crap of a clothing). And we don't live in black Africa or inner Asia, we're in fucking EU!

I'm going to tear a new one to this guy later (don't write stuff on the Internet that expose your stupidity), but the author, Gevlon does a really good job in his post. Seriously, read it.

Back? Ok, to my take (Warning: Curses ahead).

Why the fuck a man gets in the same petty, banal and stupid one-up contest of women, huh? I mean, seriously, everything under your over-the-top standard is the "level of animals"? I wonder in what kind of pretty bubble idiots like you are raised, because even with a recession every one can and should save money (and savings are your boat when shit hits the fan and you get layoff, and you will).

Perhaps it's me, that was raised with parents that got a house and two cars FROM NOTHING with hard work and savings, but I truly don't understand status whores. And is not an isolated case. With welfare money I see guys with a Plasma TV and a huge Chevrolet Blazer living in houses of zinc and paperstone, I kid you not. And, like we all know, alimony and child support cash is mostly expended in makeup and expensive clothes. Perhaps if those people earned that money they wouldn't expend it like retards, I mean even other college students that have to work and study have savings (and they don't ride in that Vanity parade).

It makes me sad, that elemental stuff like hard work and saving, things that are thought in The Bible and, in past times, any home with low resources, things that are basic male values, are exchanged for sucking the Governmental tits for cash, which is a Marxist strategy, and one that creates disgusting human beings. I'm not saying that people shouldn't have luxuries, but a reasonable budget isn't that hard to do.

Thoughts?

The White Elephant

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One thing I've noticed as I read the complaints, case studies and various bits of advice in the manosphere is that it appears that, for the majority of men, having a wife or long-term female partner is rarely if ever described as making life easier. In fact, almost every warning or technique suggests that the success of a marriage is dependent on hard work and diligence on the part of the husband. Maintaining a marriage is described as a sacrifice that requires going *above and beyond the call of duty*. It was even the same in the semi-traditional sitcoms from the 1980s, where the woman "is always right," and the husband has to frequently go to great lengths to please his wife and keep her happy.

Quite frankly, an American wife is generally known in our culture to be a gigantic liability; a white elephant that must be maintained at crippling expense. In fact, an elephant might even be easier – and certainly safer – than an American wife, because if it goes on a rampage the police will shoot the beast rather than you.

Is this a universal constant, or is it only an aberration that has arisen in the modern west? In civilized societies of ancient origin, such as China and India, it is well-known that sons are favored over daughters. Why is this is the case? In all likelihood, it is because daughters do not contribute to the well-being of the family, but rather cause trouble and expense beyond what they bring to the table. Furthermore, they leave the family when they come of age and marry, so all the expense that went into raising them comes to naught. These are cultures in which girls are taught to work from a young age, and who are expected to contribute not only children but valuable labor. Even today, Chinese girls who leave the family farm to work in factories prior to marriage send all but the minimum needed to survive back to their parents as a gesture of compensation, and in hopes that their parents will make a good match for them in marriage.

Such considerations are lost on American women, for whom every dollar earned is an opportunity for her to enjoy herself. The fruit of her labor is squandered on eating out, going to a spa, getting her hair done, working out at a gym, dancing or gambling. She goes into marriage without any sense of responsibility or duty to anyone but herself, and our society, based as it is on consumerism, celebrates and encourages this attitude. It is as though the American economy relies upon the production of lousy daughters and wives, good for nothing but selfish expenditures and entirely unable and unwilling to see any purpose to life beyond self-indulgence.

Even the wedding itself has been turned into nothing more than an excuse for women to indulge themselves. Ostentatious weddings with huge cakes, expensive dresses, exquisite hairstyles and perfectly choreographed routines are a far cry from the modest affairs of only a few decades in the past, where the solemnity of the sermon was the defining moment of union between a man and woman. Today, the vows are an afterthought; the flowers, gifts, dresses and cake overwhelm all else, so symbols of decadence and frivolity mark the occasion rather than any sense of sacred matrimony.

This shift in attitudes has taken its toll not only on the weight wives assign to their wedding vows, but to the very concept of matrimony itself. Marriage is supposed to be a big party, with gifts and affirmation at every stage (e.g. baby showers, anniversaries, etc.). There is absolutely no remaining sense of duty, so at the first sign of hardship on the horizon the typical wife grows weary of the married state and destroys the union, and then is rewarded by divorce, and again by yet another wedding.

Culturally speaking, it is clear that the deck is stacked against marriage, and that a man will face great hurdles to happiness in the state of matrimony. This is probably not sustainable, but what process will turn things around? I am growing more and more convinced that the very economics that created this system will destroy it, and already are destroying it. Someone must pay for women's indulgence at every step of the way, and men, squeezed as they are today, will be less and less able to afford to indulge their daughters, wives and ex-wives, even if ordered to do so by the court. Eventually, as women become the majority owners of wealth in America and those who earn the most money, which is already happening in blue cities in the under-35 demographic, they will have to pay for all this

extravagance themselves. Men will concurrently *expect* them to do so, as men realize that there is nothing at all to be gained from indulging thankless women.

Therefore, just as in the ancient civilizations, women will again be expected to pay their own way, and they will increasingly be valued above all for that ability rather than the simple fact that they are women. As always, entitlement inexorably creates obligations, and women will find that their heaviest burdens are their own expectations and desires.

Gender Double Standards at Work in Tiger Woods Incident

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Imagine an incident in which the police rolled up, found a woman lying down in a semi-conscious state with facial injuries, and saw her husband standing over her prone body wielding a golf club. Then imagine the husband said he had just saved her by smashing out the rear window of her car with a golf club after she had bumped into a fire hydrant in the driveway and dragging her out of the vehicle.

You think a cop would buy that? I'm not sure, but it certainly seems as though that's the gist of the story concerning the Tiger Woods incident, except in this case it was the wife with the club, and the husband injured and bleeding on the ground.

Given the rumors of infidelity surrounding Tiger Woods, one might be inclined to doubt the official version of the story, i.e. the wife's version. One might also think that people learned a thing or two following the murder suicide committed by Steve McNair's girlfriend. And how about Arturo Gatti's wife, who strangled him with a purse strap after clubbing him on the head? Enraged women can assault, and even kill, male athletes.

Celebrity news outlet TMZ reports that Tiger Woods has told a friend that his facial injuries were caused by his wife:

> We're told he said his wife had confronted him about reports that he was seeing another woman. The argument got heated and, according to our source, she scratched his face up. We're told it was then Woods beat a hasty retreat for his SUV — but according to our source, Woods says his wife followed behind with a golf club. As Tiger drove away, she struck the vehicle several times with the club.

I'm not sure how reliable TMZ is, but their version certainly seems a lot more plausible than the heroic wife dragging her injured husband out through the back window of his SUV reported by *People*.

Elin Nordegren, Tiger's wife, is a Swedish bikini model who landed one of the world's wealthiest athletes. She really lucked out, and no matter what happens she is guaranteed to get more out of hooking Tiger than anything she could ever have achieved on her own. The risks athletes take in getting married these days are massive, especially when they hook up with professional skanks like Nordegren. It seems that in addition to being taken to the cleaners in a divorce, athletes now also run the risk of becoming victims of spousal abuse. Can anything go wrong for a woman in marriage when, with impunity, she can not only threaten a husband with financial ruin, but with an attack with a deadly weapon as well?

Military Divorce Rate Still Rising

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Divorce is endemic in the military. There are a number of reasons for this, including the fact that benefits are assured for divorcing spouses – especially if they have children – and that the military base lifestyle is little different from a coed college frat row, where many young people live in a haze of intoxication and promiscuity.

However, one fact that I found in an article detailing the phenomenon has largely escaped attention — so far:

> As in previous years, women in uniform suffered much higher divorce rates than their male counterparts — 7.7 percent in 2009, compared to 3 percent for men.

Although the military women are described as "suffering" from divorce, I am willing to bet that their rate of filing is at least the same as civilian women, i.e. around 70%.

Why is it that women in the service are divorcing their husbands at higher rates? The obvious explanation is that in what is still a mainly male occupation, they have plenty of opportunities to have affairs with other soldiers. Another factor is that the macho culture of the military *encourages* female recruits to have sex with a number of different men. They probably quickly develop contempt for their husbands, who they must see as the ultimate kitchen bitches, especially if they are not serving overseas. Additionally, they are assured custody of their children, and having custody is a good way to get them out of dusty outposts such as Afghanistan (they can claim that "nobody else can take care of the kids," even if the father is available).

Scummy lawyers have set up camp at military bases to advise women on divorce procedures, and there is no doubt that the gossip brigade feeds a steady stream of divorce advice to military women.

It has always been common for women to leave their husbands while they are on duty overseas. In fact, in WWII the common method was known as the "Dear John Letter." The difference back then was that attorneys didn't have the opportunity to cash in on these sentiments as they do today, and the only incentive for common female betrayal was the fickle, womanly nature we all know so well, as opposed to the cashouts and benefits they get today.

It is a wonder that any soldier gets married at all, but evidently they are encouraged to do so through the many perks, including family housing. Perhaps they feel that temporary benefits are worth the likely dissolution. In any case, the high rate of marital dissolutions in the military cheapens not only the institution of marriage, but the vows of servicewomen and some men as well. Perhaps the best thing to do would be to institute a ban on marriage for recruits who have not completed their active service. This would probably save much heartbreak and many broken homes, and prevent opportunistic military wives from leaching off the taxpayer and their soldier ex-husbands.

Julie and Julia: the Redefinition of Marriage Through Popular Culture

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In the Wall Street Journal's website, host Steven Kurutz interviews on video "Julia and Julie" author Julie Powell, seen here.

It is worth a quick view, in which the author and blogger (whose story was turned into the movie "Julia and Julie" by Nora Ephron) talks about her second book, "Cleaving: A Story about Marriage, Meat and Obsession."

The book details her life, after she became somewhat famous, and engaged in an affair with an old flame. She moved to Upstate New York to become an apprentice butcher. What is interesting is how the author casually acknowledges the new definition of marriage: cohabitation with options. "Growing" in a marriage is where the partner with the most power (mostly but not always as Tiger Woods points out, the wife) has an affair. Neither the author nor the interviewer challenge the assumption that adultery is a normal, everyday occurrence to be expected in most marriages, and no big deal. [Particularly, for obvious reasons, female adultery.]

The interview is fascinating for other reasons too. The author and blogger, Powell, would not turn a single male head with any options. Only 36, according to Wikipedia, she looks at least a decade older. A good deal of weight makes the author's plain looks into instant haus-frau. Obviously, raw animal attraction was not the marker here in her notorious affair. Given her looks, it is a safe bet knowing men that her lover was no great looker either, unlikely to generate admiring looks from women as she herself was to generate gazes from men.

What is at work?

First, the redefinition of marriage. Note that the author and blogger casually publicizes, and indeed depends on that publicity, of her affair. Quite clearly she does not love her husband, and indeed has ill-concealed contempt for him. Otherwise she would not shame him with publicizing her affair. But just as important is the lack of shame or fear of social condemnation that Powell and her interviewer feel about adultery. It simply is a fact of life in marriage now, socially accepted and about as shame-producing as not taking out the garbage. Particularly for the partner with the most power in the marriage (the most famous or high earning or sexually desirable), which is mostly but not always women, adultery is the new normal. A change this complete will not be undone anytime soon. Even the SWPL crowd, that the Wall Street Journal caters to, no less than the New York Times, accepts casual adultery. [Note carefully the appearance and demeanor of the interviewer, Kurutz. Very SWPL. A more stunning indictment of the "new" Wall Street Journal could not be imagined.]

Secondly, it is the source of Powell's complaints with her husband. As detailed here in the Daily Mail, Powell lives her life by the maxim of the "bad slayer" Faith in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" : "Want. Take. Have." This is the line the "bad slayer" (played by Dollhouse's Eliza Dushku) says shortly before she kills one of the good guys. Indeed, the two-year affair was characterized by S/M sex and endless Buffy references pepper the book.

It's clear what Powell really had against her husband. She was famous and he was not. Married as High School sweethearts, her husband who supported her while she stayed at home, blogging, and writing, simply failed to excite her and indeed, generated nothing but contempt (and still does, hence the constant publicity about the affair as punishment for being ordinary). Much like "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," author Powell takes the message to heart: only someone who is far more dominant and powerful than she is will do for a sexual playmate, and fidelity and family is for suckers. Like Buffy's non-stop pursuit of more powerful, abusive, vampires, even those who rape her, Powell clearly felt nothing but disgust for the ordinary man who was her husband, once she got a bit of fame. [I must confess, I had never heard of her until the reviews of the movie.]

This has interesting implications for modern marriage. First, even relatively unattractive women will have no trouble cheating, in fairly ickly S/M situations. So much for the song that advises to take an ugly woman for your

wife! No social condemnation will be forthcoming, from anyone. Indeed it will be celebrated as female empowerment. [In the case of Tiger Woods like situations, the sympathy will be with the more famous partner.] Secondly, women will cheat the moment they find their relative positions changed to their husbands. A woman who earns more or equal to her husband, or has a modicum of fame, or any attention whatsoever that is greater than her husband's, will be far more likely to cheat. At a minimum, her desire for her husband will die, never to come back, and she will actively pursue other men.

Third, and perhaps most interesting, is how women even in their thirties have taken junk popular culture to heart. Buffy the Vampire Slayer was filled with as many toxic messages for women as Twilight was, only with better actors and dialog. The same belief that one can be 16 forever, or pursue endlessly the brooding, violent bad boy (even when he rapes you) informs women's belief systems into their thirties. The idea that female power is encapsulated in "bad-sexy" slayer "Faith" who uses her sexual attractiveness as much as her super-powers is a troubling sign. As is her mantra that was intended on the show to demonstrate stupidity and lack of decency (the character is later shown to be an unrepentant murderer of innocents who enjoys killing).

Women no less than men need stories that instruct them how to behave, how to live, and how to act. With religion a fading memory save faux-pagan Gaia worship in the "Green" movement, church attendance particularly among younger women collapsing, mobile families lacking grandmothers and aunts giving constant moral instruction, women even into their thirties (and probably older) look to junk female-appealing popular culture that tells them to give into their worst rather than better natures.

Lacking in Twilight or Buffy is any feminine restraint, modesty, compassion, kindness, comfort, caretaking, or frankly, womanly strength to endure and take care, of others as well as one's self. Rather, a narcisstic, forever-16 attitude is part of the cultural instruction. It is "Want. Take. Have." Which led the Faith character to murder a nice old man who she'd never met before to gain an apartment filled with nice clothes and a Playstation. Doubtless the Twilight-Tween, Teen, and older female audience, including Moms and women in their thirties, embrace the bad-boy chasing, "my boyfriend can beat you up" ethos of that movie and book series.

This is the new normal. The new state of marriage. Affairs simply a fact of life, to be expected by whatever partner has the least sexual market value on the part of the one with the most. Women will want to, and be likely to cheat, the moment their husbands have less social power than they do. Even unattractive women will find willing partners to cheat with. And bad-boy chasing and whatever faded sexual power a woman can muster in her thirties will be part of her (profoundly immature) identity until menopause.

With this redefinition of marriage, it is no wonder that women find fewer men they desire as willing to commit.

The Mythology of Marriage

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Sometimes, in a moment of self-indulgence, I think about paradise. It is a beautiful concept, and a welcome distraction for those of us stuck in those hellish middle years of life between childhood and old age, which are chiefly defined by suffering and labor, in which Americans take a sort of perverse pride despite their limited understanding of both.

Paradise could be a beach with white sands bordering azure seas in the milder months of the year, when the sun's warmth and light are welcome accompaniments to the sea breeze. Ionic columns stand in relief on the hills, the sand is soft and pleasant beneath one's feet, and the scents of the earth and grasses are rich and fragrant. Or it could be an alpine meadow sloping up from a clear lake, cut with cool streams and flecked with the bright colors of wildflowers. Deer emerge from the woods at dusk, and music floats across the lake as the sun sets and the moon paints its surface a silvery white.

I don't know whether other men share such fancies; these are things men do not often speak of amongst each other. If a man were to admit to any expectation of such a reward, others would likely laugh, and even those that held their tongues would smile inside at such a naïve and childish fantasy.

Yet as quick as men are to dismiss notions of paradise or some mystical Avalon of endless joy and happiness, they readily accept the idea of the perfect wife and the happily-ever-after fantasy so often attached to fairy-tale notions of marriage. In a strange reversal that sets our own time so clearly apart from the ancient ages, we apply fictions and fanciful illusions to grim reality, creating myths that embellish the course of life on this earth. Where the popular medieval tale of Tristan and Iseult portrays romantic love as a tragic, doomed affair, we are now regularly treated to fictions of endless, undying love, and too often arrange our lives as though this is a reality, rather than the cruel illusion youthful love so often turns out to be.

I believe this explains a great deal of the tragedy and disappointment that hovers over the decaying hulk of marriage like so much foul air. There is something truly odd about our civilization in how it has seized the ideal from the realm of myth and transposed it upon the temporal world, effectively mythologizing reality and creating a living world of fantasy in which anything is supposedly possible, and all desires may be fulfilled on this earth. There is nothing that characterizes Americans so much as this marriage of myth and reality; of ideals and practice.

And so it is that we men continue to act on faith, betting our lives on a secular fantasy that is not only as unproven as the concept of paradise, but is demonstrably wrong in the temporal world that unfolds before our mortal eyes. This is why I can never take atheists seriously: life requires its own irrational justification, and people will find their

faith somewhere or other, empiricism be damned, and there they will hole up and stake their claim, clinging to it as their only refuge in an otherwise incomprehensible universe.

Unfortunately, placing one's faith in a vanishing myth such as the American Dream leads to disappointment and disillusionment in most cases. It is virtually guaranteed to disappoint men, but still they are moved to acts of martyrdom, only to have their faith shattered before their eyes, and their beliefs exposed as a hoax that has targeted them as the dupe. Is it any wonder that divorce can break a man?

It would be far better for a man to believe in worlds of angels and demons, or even fairies and trolls, than to buy into the fiction of the perfect wife and marriage. A belief in heaven in the afterlife is far more reasonable than the expectation of happily ever after in this life; the heaven on earth that men look forward to can easily become a living hell in comparison to their expectations.

To restore some sanity to domestic relations in America, perhaps we need to once again put myth and fantasy in its proper place: in the uncertain world of the afterlife, the unseen, unknown parts of the universe, the distant past and future, and the realm of imagination; it does not belong in our notions of the family, which is the most palpable, real social construct on earth.

I, for one, count the man who believes in the American fairy tale of the happily ever after marriage as the greater fool than the much ridiculed Muslim who expects 72 virgins in the afterlife, the fundamentalist Christian who expects the rapture, or the devout Hindu who looks forward to reincarnation.

Suicidal Tendencies

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On November 29, 2009 Los Angeles Times sportswriter Mike Penner died of an apparent suicide. In 2007 he announced that he was a transsexual and began writing as Christine Daniels. In October 2008 he returned to work dressed in male clothing and began writing as Mike Penner again.

The point of this essay is not to speak ill of the dead.

It is to draw attention to yet another way that feminism and cultural Marxism are doing harm to men.

The incident seemed particularly timely to me because this past weekend I helped some young men move out of a crazy transsexual's home where they were renting rooms. This former construction worker was open about the fact that he was taking black market hormones, and his behavior was extremely erratic. He had a history of suicide attempts. He owned several guns, and had made a plea to someone in the house to hold his ammunition—because "he couldn't trust himself." That's about the time when my pals decided that discretion was the better part of tolerance.

This was no surprise to me. I associated with a wide range of pre and post-op transsexuals when I worked in New York City and San Francisco nightclubs in the 1990s. As with all things there were exceptions, but generally drag queens, trannies and transsexuals in all stages of transition were *not* well. They were often addicted to drugs, had been diagnosed with mental disorders or chemical imbalances, and many had at one point routinely engaged in prostitution. The erratic, emotionally unstable, borderline schizophrenic behavior my friends described to me was almost exactly what I had experienced myself in the past. A guy I knew a year ago was dating a pageant-winning local drag queen who had to be committed. Even in liberal communities where transsexuality is relatively accepted, suicidal behavior among known transsexuals is over or around 20%.

To be clear, I am not discussing female-to-male(FTM) transsexuals, but only male-to-female(MTF) transsexuals. Female transsexuality is a different ballgame; it seems to be almost entirely a feminist tom-boy fantasy and it is difficult to separate from feminist politics. At some point I will write something titled "Chaz Bono is Still a Fat Chick," but today is not that day.

I have met a few convincing post-op transsexuals. Some of them were Pilipino ladyboys who started hormones early; some were simply "pretty" boys who were naturally delicate and soft-featured. They lived as women and bedded straight men (watch out fellas). As passable women they were also highly promiscuous. I knew of at least one who married a guy who paid for the expensive transition, and then dumped him later. It is worth noting, too, that many of these individuals occasionally engage in deceptive behavior, "hiding" their birth sex from potential sexual partners. It's not just a comedy cliché. It happens, and it's ethically reprehensible.

The majority of MTFs, however, are not even remotely convincing as women. Like Penner (as far as I can tell from this photo), many of the trannies I've known and seen have been rather tall men. At 6 foot 6, my pal's landlord was only ever going to pass while sitting down in the corner of a very dark bar. A lot of them you can easily pick out a block away.

So what's the point of this? Why are therapists encouraging these troubled men to attempt to become something they can never truly be? To what end?

While I'll assume that some FTMs end up passing as women and live long, happy lives, I have a hard time believing they represent a majority of the males who identify as transsexual and undergo some sort of gender transformation. Why do professionals encourage this? Why does our federal government now recognize it by giving these men special protected status with the new "hate crimes" law? Why, in some communities, are very confused young boys being encouraged to identify as girls—virtually ensuring that they'll spend the rest of their lives in therapy, that they'll never feel normal or comfortable in their own skins? Why isn't this considered child abuse? How long will it

be before even asking these questions will be considered illegal “hate speech?”

The only thing that “proves” any theory of transsexuality is a *feeling* expressed by transsexuals that they were born “the wrong sex.” The available physical evidence strongly suggests that they were born male, and that they only thing wrong with them is in their heads. The idea that they were born “the wrong sex” is impossible to even contemplate without wandering into metaphysical territory. There’s a built-in notion of intent there. Who wanted them to be born a different sex, and why did they screw it up?

If a man takes hormones to look more like a woman, or a woman takes hormones to look more like a man, we accept it and legally recognize the switch.

If a man takes hormones to enhance his own natural masculinity, we call it immoral and we’ve made it illegal. We call him a cheater and threaten to put an asterisk beside his name. Why is it so much more acceptable to use drugs to alter your sex than it is to embrace and enhance what you were born with? From the perspective of mental health, isn’t that counterintuitive?

If an apotemnophiliac wants to have his leg amputated, our doctors call him insane and he ends up in dying of gangrene in Mexico. If a man wants to cut off his own penis, why do we officially applaud, fund it, and call it courageous?

It all fits too easily into the feminist/Marxist desire to subvert the patriarchy, to craft a society where sex is meaningless and distinct roles of men and women are a thing of the past. This sort of encouragement of those who, despite questionable mental health and the lack of a real understanding of the problem of transsexuality itself, want to change genders muddies the waters of public perception. Among transsexual writers—these people who are so obsessed with gender and being something different—the questioning of gender and the attack of traditional gender roles, especially traditional patriarchal roles for men, reaches a fevered pitch. The transgendered are most often on the far left of the radical left. In their world, only when gender is meaningless and every variant on a continuum between male and female are accepted wholeheartedly and without reservation—only when being a man means absolutely nothing—can men and women truly be equal.

The thing is…equality is a lie. We’re not born equal. We’re *all* born *different.*

You get dealt a set of cards, and you make the best of it. There are some things you can change, some things you can’t, and some things you should probably just accept. Little fixes are easy, but something as significant as a sex change…that’s a tall order. Being born male colors the way you see the world through your entire development. Maleness and femaleness are total experiences. They can’t be perceived—they have to be experienced. A man can never really know what it is to be a woman, to grow up female, to relate to the world that way. A male can only know a caricature of what it is to be a female, and vice versa.

I’m slightly above average across the board, but sure, I’d like a little more of this or that. I wish I could grow a decent beard. I’d take an extra ten I.Q. points and better math aptitude. I have a slight lag in certain areas of visual spatial perception that gets me all sorts of harassment. I’d gladly upgrade my metabolism so that I could have beer and bacon cheeseburgers with a side of pizza every night for dinner and never have to go to the gym.

Some guys are born short and it really bugs them and there’s not a damn thing they can do about it. Some guys will always fight weight. Some dudes are fucking DUMB. Some will always be Omegas. Some people have congenital illnesses, bad eyesight, handicaps—all sorts of physical and mental limitations. Some people are just real, real *ugly.*

But that’s part of being human, and sometimes being human sucks.

Mike Penner was apparently a very talented writer. He also had this “problem.” I believe that for others like Penner, the best way—the most humane way—would be to advise them to make the best of what they’ve got. He was never really going to *be* a woman. To hold that hope out for him seems like the real cruelty in all of this: to have him triumphantly “come out” and then painfully realize he could never truly “go back in.” He never could have known what it was like to really, truly be a woman. How could he? He would have always been an imposter, a poseur, a

freak.

In our downward slide to matriarchy, empathy is set at an uncontrollable gush. Our master-nannies live in constant fear of passing judgement on anyone they see as weak or threatened or “oppressed.” They want to rock every runaway to sleep, to say “yes” to everything, to coddle and encourage every childish fantasy, to indulge every impulse, no matter how misguided it seems.

Sometimes the best answer, the sanest answer, the answer we really need…is a firm, paternal, “NO.”

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Backdoor Cuckoldry: Girls Just Wanna Swing

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A 30 something woman at work divorced her husband several years ago because she was sleeping with his best friend. Unable to deal with the betrayal; the husband steered the relationship into the ground – minus the safe landing pulled off by Capt. Sully. Before her treacherous escapades began, my coworker coaxed her husband into becoming swingers in order to fill the void that a lone penis couldn't fill. It dawned on me: swinging is backdoor cuckoldry – husband-approved.

Women use swinging as an excuse to increase their lay number or satiate their libidinal desire without feelings of remorse or guilt. While most husbands are principally opposed to sharing their partner – a bedrock of the swinging lifestyle – they are usually forced into it in order to keep their wives happy. While women are jealous of their man laying the pipe on another woman, men are much less equipped to handle their woman in the arms of another man.

This article in TangoMag described a DC swinger coven. The article makes clear that swinging is "all about the women". In this underground world, women call the shots. They decide which couples are attractive enough and whether or not the vibe between the dyad is fluid.

Lori, a *DC-AREA LAWYER* and mother of two, describes the process by which she shamed cajoled her husband into the lifestyle:

> "Me, me, me, me, I'm a selfish shrew. Nyah, nyah, nyah. Pussy. You're not a man if you don't swing."

Oh shit, sorry, I was typing in a foreign language: femmespracht. Here's what Lori actually said in English.

> "I'm bisexual and a very sexual person. My husband and I had conversations about it even before marriage, and in the years that followed he wasn't interested at all, so I dropped the topic."

Six years later, after talking the issue over for a year, the husband caved and started accepting sensory-dulling sexual electroshock therapy in the form of other women in exchange for foreign dong intrusions into his wife's private parts. If she's not into swinging solely to have intercourse with another man, she's made clear that she's interested in the other woman – basically marginalizing the men. For both husbands, they have to live with the fact that not only does their wife have sex with another man – causing lifelong flashbacks and PTSD (Post Traumatic Swinging Disorder) – they aren't even wanted by the other wife they're banging. **Swinging is a ploy for women to get their rocks off; the cost is male emasculation.**

As I've mentioned before, the act of lesbianism should be unappealing and lackluster to men. As a man, my penis is as welcome in that setup as a turkey at a vegan Thanksgiving. The appeal of lesbos is their attractiveness as two seperate naked entities, not as an intertwined erotic act.

After hitting the Two-Year Wall, an ex-girlfriend of mine started talking about how she wanted to have a

threesome with me and another girl. Most guys would jump at this opportunity to check one of the boxes on their "bucket list", but like a Grandmaster Chess player, I saw several moves ahead. The relationship was faltering, and my girlfriend at the time was no lesbian. She was trying to outflank me by offering up the vagina of another woman as a peace offering then using that Trojan horse to introduce other ball sacks into the mix. It was cunning strategy on her part, but common sense told me all was not as it seemed. I shot down all mention of threesomes and got shit from my friends for not capitalizing on the situation, but I wasn't willing to accept sex from another woman if that meant my girlfriend would have a reasonable argument to take the sexual experimentation to other realms. Whether she ultimately sought to incorporate another guy into the mix, I'm not sure, but I didn't want to leave that door open.

Threesomes are for singles. For men in LTRs or marriages, the lifestyle sounds like a deal with the devil. Women take advantage of the faulty ground men occupy in today's society. Turning over the sexual decisions to the feminine is all-too-common among men today – the feminists are jumping out of their Birkenstocks. Always remember, when something sounds too good to be true, it is. As we have learned repeatedly in our studies of evolutionary psychology and the disparate natures of men and women, how can we expect both sexes to have similar peachy-keen responses to such hedonistic endeavors? Also, do alpha/beta dominance hierarchies suddenly disappear among swingers? One couple or one particular person is going to be more attractive; there is always fallout from such incongruencies. We can't rationalize these tendencies in order to make swinging work, so its a situation best left alone.

I'll end with a follow-up question that I posed to my co-worker. I asked her if its true that swingers are able to overcome their jealousy; I've always heard the meme that swinging leads to healthier relationships blah, blah, yadda. Speaking for herself she said that she became extremely jealous of the wives of the other men; not because they scored with her husband but because they had more steady access to their own husbands; her husband couldn't handle the jealousy either. She also pointed out that most couples she knew became overly jealous in one way or another and that fights were common. Her first-hand account is completely opposite that of the TangoMag article; my gut instinct tells me to believe that the coworkers experience is more true to life.

Female Columnist Applauds Domestic Violence in Tiger Woods Incident

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Tiger Woods' indiscretions and his wife's ride on the crazy train are being beaten to death in the pop press, so I know the story may already be a bit tiresome, but the glaring hypocrisy and double standard where domestic violence is concerned simply has to be pointed out by someone.

At this point it's obvious Tiger cheated. Big deal. Infidelity has become the norm in marriages across America, and that goes for women as well as men. In fact, the only women who appear unlikely to cheat these days are those for whom it would be economically disadvantageous, such as Tiger's wife, which suggests what measures ought to be taken to reduce infidelity in general. However, the law today affords no excuses for domestic violence, no matter how heinous the behavior of the victimized spouse. Except, apparently, when the perpetrator is a wife. I suppose VAWA was named the "Violence Against **Women** Act" for a reason.

Whatever one may think of Tiger's behavior, the fact is that, every year, millions of American men are subjected to the exact same thing his Swedish wife Elin Nordegren faced. Any husband who reacted in the same manner Mrs. Woods did would find himself behind bars in no time. He'd probably do some serious time if he'd picked up a deadly weapon such as a golf club.

Nevertheless, countless comments left by women on articles have been congratulatory in a "you go girl" manner and, sadly, a number of men appear to share the same opinion. Today, I came across an article in which the columnist actually applauds domestic violence. Jessica Ashley, writing for *Shine*, supports Elin's golf club attack:

> I say that she should do whatever it is she has to do. If that is taking the tool of her husband's trade to smash the window of his Cadillac Escalade, so be it.

Of course, she leaves out the part about Tiger being in the car at the time, which makes it a plain case of assault. I should know about this. At one point in my life I got into a fistfight with a guy who threatened me over a traffic dispute, and beat him fair and square. Being a sore loser, the fellow snuck up on me while I was stopped at a red light and took out my window with a baseball bat, spraying glass into my face. The surprise and blood in my eyes blinded me temporarily, and if I'd been moving at the time I'm sure I would have crashed.

Fortunately, a witness took note of his license plate number, a detective called me over to the station to pick him out of a photo montage, and the guy was arrested. He ended up doing a couple months in jail for his ill-advised attempt to mimic a wiseguy. Aside from having to endure a doctor picking tiny glass shards out of my face and eyes with tweezers, I was fine, and the remaining scars are tiny. The point is that attacking someone with a baseball bat, even if they happen to be in a car, is a violent crime. Same goes for an attack with a golf club, I'm sure. In fact, here in Seattle a member of the "Critical Mass" bicycle gang was arrested a couple years ago for attacking a man's car with a bicycle lock, and the driver, who tried to run the cyclist over following the attack, was let off the hook.

So now that it's been established that Mrs. Woods likely committed a violent crime, we ought to ask why she was never arrested. In cases of suspected domestic violence, police are virtually *required* to make an arrest, but they chose not to in this incident. Now I'm not sure if it was because of the stature of the family in question, but I'd be willing to bet that there is far more political pressure to arrest men than there is to arrest women. In other words, the double standard comes straight from the top. Politicians and judges (who are also politicians) are directly responsible for this state of affairs. I don't think the police, who are quite often victims of false accusations themselves, are the ones who are calling the shots on the ground here.

Honestly, I don't really give a damn about Tiger Woods fooling around, or even about his wife's insane response, but as a man, I am not at all happy about the fact that women can commit crimes against men with impunity. Think

about this: if a woman can get away with going after Tiger Woods and be congratulated for it, how much do you think the authorities would care if an ordinary, anonymous guy gets assaulted by a woman? This simply proves that men are second class citizens in the eyes of the law.

To add insult to injury, it has been reported that Tiger's wife has used the incident as an opportunity to revise her prenup with him and receive a huge cash transfer into a personal bank account. If this is how it is, men are truly screwed here in America.

The Myth of Date Rape Drink Spiking

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Going back to the second feminist revolution of the 90's, we men have been bombarded with a nonstop barrage of hysteria about rape, "date rape" in particular. According to the mean-mouthed commissars of the false rape industry, there's purportedly an epidemic of men spiking womens' drinks with roofies and dragging the newly helpless damsels off to have their way with them. When I was in college, girls were admonished to guard their drinks as zealously as if they were protecting a vault of treasure, and the resultant panic fed into the myths about the prevalence of campus rape. I always wondered why, if date rape of this variety was so common, why the girls concerned about it simply didn't avoid the sorts of venues where it would likely happen, but that was before I figured out that feminism is all about allowing women to do whatever they want, damned be the consequences.

Now, via Robin Hanson at *Overcoming Bias*, we've learned that the plague of floozies being drugged with flunitrazepam is a big load of hooey:

> A study of more than 200 students revealed many wrongly blamed the effects of a "bad night out" on date-rape drugs, when they had just drunk excessively.
>
> Many are in "active denial" that drinking large amounts of alcohol can leave them "incoherent and incapacitated", the Kent University researchers concluded.
>
> Young women's fears about date-rape drugs are so ingrained that students mistakenly think it is a more important factor in sexual assault than being drunk, taking drugs or walking alone at night.

> But despite popular beliefs, police have found no evidence that rape victims are commonly drugged with such substances, the researchers said.

So why are so many women falsely claiming to be roofied? You've got ninety-nine guesses, and the first ninety-eight don't count:

> Dr Adam Burgess from the university's School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, said: "Young women appear to be displacing their anxieties about the consequences of consuming what is in the bottle on to rumours of what could be put there by someone else.
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> "The reason why fear of drink-spiking has become widespread seems to be a mix of it being more convenient to guard against than the effects of alcohol itself and the fact that such stories are exotic – like a more adult version of 'stranger danger'."

Women seeking to avoid responsibility for their actions. But hey, what else is new?

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Amanda Knox and the Price American Women Pay

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Although it appears to us that American women have an unmitigated advantage in society, and perhaps they do here at home, their character has already begun to affect their reputation abroad. American women are viewed as headstrong, masculine, fat, loud and domineering career-oriented feminists by much of the world. Many American men strongly advise rejecting them altogether in favor of foreign women. In fact, a number of American men advise rejecting American society altogether, as the United States is deemed one the most miserable places to be a man, relatively speaking (which counts for a lot), in the entire world.

Whether or not the stereotypes foreigners have regarding American women are true, they are evidently strongly held, and one American woman in particular is fighting for her life in a bid to overcome hostility toward American women and all they have come to represent the world over. This young woman is an ordinary, middle-class Catholic girl from my hometown of Seattle, who got caught up in a murder while studying abroad in Perugia, Italy. Her name is Amanda Knox, and she is on trial, accused of murdering her roommate, UK national Meredith Kercher, in a satanic sex orgy with her Italian boyfriend and an African transient.

A verdict is expected in the case very soon, perhaps today, following a gruelling trial that has dragged on for about a year. Shortly after the murder, reporters dug up Amanda's Myspace and other online social networking accounts, from which they managed to paint a picture of a sex-crazed, drunken, pot-smoking whore. A video of a drunk, stoned Amanda Knox made the rounds, making her an easy target for such accusations. Her nickname, "Foxy Knoxy," which her friends and family claim refers to her soccer-playing style, has also provided grist for the speculatory mill. The Italians have referred to her as the "Dark Lady of Seattle" for some time now.

The hype and salacious details have made it relatively easy for the Italian prosecutor, conspiracy-theorist Giuliano Mignini, to come up with a story of a drug-fueled orgy and Satanic murder, which he hopes will serve to convict Amanda Knox.

Despite the incredible story, Mignini might just have his way.

As an American who knows well what goes on at the University of Washington, where Amanda was enrolled as an undergraduate, none of the videos, nicknames or rowdy, slutty behavior on the part of Knox surprise me in the least. Sadly, she was simply a normal college girl. American college girls drink a lot, smoke weed, and sleep with tons of different men. They live promiscuous and frequently intoxicated lives. Is there anything sensational about that to Americans? In between bouts of heavy drinking and sex with a merry-go-round of young men, they also attend feminist classes that serve to bolster an already swollen sense of entitlement to do whatever the hell they feel like at any time. Nothing shocking there…

Here in the states, that's all well and good I suppose, but it does tend to create girls who can easily come off as little monsters to the rest of the world, and if Italian public opinion is any indication, the natives harbor a strong desire to put these little monsters in cages and poke them with sticks. That may be a sympathetic sentiment, but we ought to know better.

Although I am no expert witness, and I have only seen some of the evidence, I have a very hard time believing that one of our spoilt little beasts actually could have pulled off anything so fantastically evil and contrived as what Mignini has conjured up. Our girls may often be vicious, selfish little trolls, but above all they are indulged creatures. Their biggest fault is their overwhelming privilege and the sheer volume of support and protection they receive from both willing and unwilling American men.

Spoiled, privileged little princesses do not orchestrate elaborate murders; they cry and lie and fall apart when the going gets tough, expecting some man to step in and rescue them. This appears to be exactly what Amanda Knox did when interviewed by Italian police. She wept, made up stories, and pointed the finger at others. Anyone who has read about interrogations knows that the innocent are often quick to come up with alternate theories and blame

anyone but themselves, including friends and acquaintances. Although this is a sad truth about human nature, it is what it is. The guilty are more likely to shut up and act sullen, refusing to provide anything but the barest of details. Amanda Knox was simply doing exactly what you'd expect an inexperienced American girl to do in such a situation. Would a crazed, satanic murderer, Charles Manson for example, have behaved in this manner? I doubt it.

If anything, Amanda Knox showed how pathetic American women are when they are expected to do anything on their own. If the killing was your garden variety rape/murder that I suspect it was, Guede, the convicted African transient, did his business, knifed the girl when she made a fuss, and went on his way. Here in the states, where this sort of thing is more common than in Italy, the police probably wouldn't have initially focused on Amanda Knox as a suspect, or they would have been very circumspect about doing so, and her hysterical reaction to interrogation never would have occurred.

American women live in a bubble of our creation, and there they develop strange and unnatural characteristics, which seem sinister to the rest of the world. Never having to face reality, never having to take responsibility for their own foibles, they can easily be seen by outsiders as willfully evil, although the reality is that they are simply the products of a sort of crippling, emotional foot-binding process that makes them incapable of behaving like fully functional human beings.

I don't believe the story about Amanda Knox murdering her roommate. I think she just couldn't hack it when she was put under pressure, and reacted as your typical American girl would. For that, she may lose her freedom for a very long time.

Amanda transformed

Finally, the transformation of Amanda Knox from slutty, irresponsible, co-ed dimwit to poised, capable defendant in the two years she has been in prison has been nothing short of amazing. If she is truly innocent, and I believe she is, this gives me hope for American women. When taken out of the bubble of endless entitlement and protection and forced to stand on their own two feet, it appears that even American women can grow into soulful human beings. However, it truly is an indictment of our society that it takes years of prison to effect that change.

The “Fragile Male Ego”

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Whether you’re an iPerson or a PC user, you have to admit that Mac’s marketing is solidly beta. Their spokesperson is the know-it-all perpetual teen, Justin Long–a stand-in for every art nerd who’s ever been shoved in a locker.

A recent CNN column mocks Droid for actually marketing directly to men.

http://brainstormtech.blogs.fortune.cnn.com/2009/12/04/ad-wars-droid-manly-iphone-girly/

> Earlier commercials had appealed to the **fragile male ego** with icons of masculinity: stealth bombers, heavyweight fighters, rock-crushing machinery.

Is this how we talk about men now?

I have an iPod, and I have to admit that iPhones are technological marvels. I’ve never considered buying a Mac for home computing simply because they are so much more expensive that I could throw out three PCs before I matched the base price of a Mac with the same capabilities. They’re impressive, but so are sports cars. They’re just out my price range.

But another big turn-off for me has always been Mac’s neutered marketing, and the cutesy, art-fag vibe in their stores.

Isn’t it about time that someone figured out that the majority of men actually don’t identify with Justin Long?

I’ll hold on to my crappy cell phone until my contract is up, but I gotta say…those new commercials kinda made me want to buy a Droid.

Equality Redux

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This is a post I made on my blog several months ago, which I am resurrecting because it may be of interest to readers here.

Equality.

We often hear from feminists and their supporters that this is the goal of the feminist movement: true, full equality between males and females, and full freedom for all, in all walks of life. While I do not doubt that some of the Marxist radicals of the 60s and 70s honestly believed that feminism was aimed at bringing about equality for all, clearly feminism-in-fact — that is feminism as it has developed over the past few decades — has neither brought about, nor been terribly focused on, equality.

Oh? How can you say that? Haven't women made great "gains" over the past few decades? Surely this brings about more equality?

It's true that women have made gains in educational access and the workforce. But even these gains are quite revealing, in terms of new inequalities that feminism has instituted:

- Women outnumbering men in college admissions and graduations, based on girls outperforming boys in elementary and secondary schools
- Women having parity or majorities in all academic disciplines other than the STEM subjects, a disparity which is now the focus of measures to adjust it, while areas of female advantage and, in fact, domination, are ignored
- Women virtually always obtaining custody of children in divorces, even in cases where their husbands have been the primary care-giver
- Numerous fields being completely female-dominated (nursing, psychology, social work, primary and secondary education, numerous academic disciplines), with feminism not expressing any interest in adjusting such inequalities

And that leaves aside the substantial inequalities around reproduction that effectively give women totalitarian power over the means of reproduction, sidelining men as having only the decision as to whether to contribute sperm — so far, yet that right may itself be eradicated at some future point, in the interests of women and society, under some predictions.

What happened here? Why did feminism not succeed in its utopian goal of achieving "equality" between men and

women?

The issue was that academic and radical activist feminism had to, at some point, come to terms with the concerns of women as a whole — and women as a whole had largely different interests from the academic and radical activist feminists. While the radicals and the academics sometimes talked about getting rid of female privilege (saying things such as “a pedestal is a small space”), this was never taken seriously by women as a whole, because the wider world of women had no interest whatsoever in shedding female privileges. Why would they? As Chinweizu points out in “Anatomy of Female Power”, these privileges and ideas were the ones that helped women control men behind the mask of patriarchal power and privilege. So, in fact, women as a group took a “cafeteria” approach to what feminism offered — taking what they wanted, and resisting what they did not want.

In effect, this meant that women accepted the gains women made in the areas of educational access, workforce presence and earning capacity, sexual freedom, reproductive power and so on — while resisting, tooth and nail, the abolition of any of the traditional female privileges (courtship and dating privilege, sexual power, military draft exemption, day to day deference, general conceptions of women being more moral, upstanding, empathetic, kind and so on, privileges around children). So, in effect, what happened was that the feminist leaders learned that women, as a whole, were interested in advances for women (as were the feminist radicals), but were not interested at all in giving up their traditional privileges. And so, in order to remain politically relevant for women, feminism largely confined itself, beginning in the 80s, to advancing the interests of women, rather than even attempting to achieve actual equality between men and women.

Because of that, we see the women’s groups thoroughly disinterested in the advantages women have over men outlined above. Where women are ahead, feminism defends the status quo, while where women are behind, feminism demands changes to ensure parity or better for women. The end result is that women will have parity in some fields, and domination in others … while men will have at best parity, and in many areas relegation to minority status. This is not only the case on the university level. It’s also happening in the workforce and the society in general. Women choose the fields they wish to focus on, and then they tend to dominate them. Men are increasingly relegated to the kinds of work women do not want to do — work that is either physically demanding, dirty and dangerous, or involves less life flexibility or longer working hours. And as between what was, prior to second wave feminism, the male sphere and the female sphere — women have consolidated their stranglehold over the female sphere while aggressively colonizing the male sphere … again leaving men with no space of their own, while reserving for women a huge space where their power is absolute.

In effect, one can say that when feminists speak of “equality” what they mean is equality in what was previously the male space. The female space was, by contrast, shored up by laws supported by feminism — laws covering the areas of marriage, divorce, child custody, child support, sexual harassment, and even domestic violence and rape, have all been altered in ways that decisively shift the power balance in any area relating to relationships, sex, marriage and children to women in a very substantial way. Equality was not the goal for the female space, but only for the male one. The female space, and female hegemony over it, was reinforced and substantially buttressed by feminist legislation, whereas the previously male space has been aggressively colonized, and it remains a key goal of feminists today to take over the highest echelons of power in the previously male space — again leaving men with nothing, no place where their power even comes close to the kind of total power women have over the female space.

Women may object, saying that they would be happy to cede a good amount of control over the female space to men in the name of equality, but this rings false. Even leaving aside the more controversial areas of rape and domestic violence law, family law indicates that this is simply not the case. There have been numerous cases noted by observers where a breadwinner mother and a stay at home father have divorced, yet the mother still insisted on mother custody, and succeeded in obtaining it in court. Even in cases where men are actually providing the main child care effort, courts, backed by feminist-inspired laws, award custody to mothers — ensuring that the power of women over children and divorce is absolute in nature.

This is hardly equality.

In fact, it's female supremacy over all places where men and women interact relationally, combined with female colonization of the previously male space. It isn't equality in any reasonable construction of the word, but an absolute power gain for women, at the expense of men, who are to be left with no space of their own, and a relegation to second class status in the female space as well.

In closing, I'll note that it's quite telling how this overall trend manifests itself in contemporary culture. Some of my readers may recall that feminists spent a lot of time and energy in the 80s and 90s eliminating male-only spaces, claiming the exclusion of women was discriminatory. Well, things in our species have a way of coming full circle. The recent trend of women's only hotel floors — the creation of the type of sex-specific spaces that feminists so recently dismantled, when men were the "permitted" sex — almost perfectly demonstrates how feminism, and women more generally, are totally uninterested (in fairness, at least one feminist objected to these arrangements, but most women do not) in equality or exclusions, when men are the ones who are excluded or disadvantaged. Rather to the contrary, the movement today is simply about empowering women full stop, and if men suffer as a result of that, men be damned.

Alphas, Male Hierarchy and the Form

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There are a lot of competing definitions of alphas and betas out there. I'm going to build a model here for my own purposes, and I'm open to constructive criticism. A model is just a model, a way to think about something. When thinking about humans, models are useful renderings but never perfect mirror images. They are blurry and inaccurate at certain levels of detail, and they break down in lights and shadows. Those areas are important to consider. But the value of a model is that it can give you a general idea of a thing, or a more complete understanding of it than you had before.

Men push down and look up.

A man establishes his own position by applying pressure on the men around him. The men who succumb to that pressure fall beneath him. They may resent him or covet his status, but in some way they are always looking up to him. Those men, in turn, apply pressure on the men around and ultimately beneath them. It is not a linear order, but a pyramid of dominance. In relative proportion to the size of the group, multiple men can claim comparable levels of dominance. Their highest task is to compete with each other, but they also have to apply a certain amount of downward pressure to stay where they are.

Well adjusted men tend to have a sense of humor about all of this jockeying for position. I offer that humor about hierarchical competition is one of the most popular forms of everyday male humor.

How do you like me now?

Men are hierarchical but hierarchy requires a group. Men in complex societies move through many groups. Depending on the composition and the values of a given group, a man may achieve a greater or lesser status within it. In a room full of men who are rarely dominant, there is hierarchy. In a room full of naturally dominant men, there is still hierarchy.

Most men will experience many levels of dominance over and deference to other men throughout their lives. One of the major benefits of the patriarchal system is that a man with low status in the male hierarchy still enjoys the highest male status at home. He is "*the* man of the house."

This brings me to the word *alpha*. Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and it has been used in the natural sciences to designate dominant male animals like apes and wolves in group or pack situations. When the word alpha is applied to men, it should likewise refer to status or dominance among men. Alphas often get preferential access to pack females, but as a benefit of their dominance over males. Being alpha means being alpha *among men.* This is the only alpha status that actually matters. Being able to manipulate or dominate women doesn't make you an alpha. Being able to dominate men makes you an alpha.

What does it mean to dominate men?

In our complex society, this becomes confusing, because otherwise weak and submissive men—and women—often wield authority over men who in feral circumstances would naturally dominate them. But while we acknowledge that men who lack certain qualities have power, through the accumulation of wealth or some other form of status, we hesitate to refer to them as "alpha males." There is a difference between power and manliness. Power is gender neutral.

Alpha is not merely power or dominance but *manly* power, *manly* dominance, and dominance over other *men*. Alphas dominate men *as men.* They are better men, or better at being men, but not necessarily better people. Alphas are not necessarily even good leaders, though they often have leadership qualities and a specifically male version of "star power" that makes men *want* to follow them.

Alpha is a zoological reference, and it refers to a wilder, more primitive masculine norm. Non-violent, artificial

forms of social power can only exist because some men somewhere back those power structures with a threat of violence. *Violence is golden*. Laws and money mean nothing without law enforcement and other forms of "protection." Masculine men secured the peaceful, protected space in which other forms of power can exist. And if the security is breached and the system fails, it will inevitably be manly men—led by alphas—who will step in and take charge. Forms of power not backed by the threat of violence will be meaningless. The threat of violence is implied by strength, and strength is the metaphor that defines manliness.

I have said that men push down and look up. What do alphas look up to?

In my model, the pinnacle of the male dominance pyramid is not inhabited by the alphas. Like the cap of the pyramid on the dollar bill, above the alphas floats *The Form*. I mean this in the metaphysical, Platonic sense. Above the alphas is the unreachable ideal of MAN. The form is idea of man we keep creating over and over again in every culture and civilization. The ideal varies from culture to culture, but even across boundaries of time and race and religion the key qualities of the masculine ideal overlap. *The Form* of man is not any one man, but an amalgam of those key qualities that the best example of a man would ideally have.

Legendary god-heroes are our approximations of *The Form*, but even those men are rarely *perfect.*

In male hierarchies, the alpha is dominant but also closest to the form. Beyond him is the unreachable ideal.

Someone recently mentioned the "NFL Quarterback" as the alpha ideal, and while the masculine ideal is not *really* a football player *per se,* the comparison works. The quarterback is not the strongest or the fastest guy on the team, but he's an exemplar of *many* desirable masculine qualities. He's strong, he's fast, he's dominant, he's decisive, he's a leader, he's charismatic, he's likeable, he's probably smart and he's usually good looking. He may not be the best at any one thing, but he's the guy other men can and will look *up* to. He's got *it.* He's close to The Form. He's going to be near the top of any natural male hierarchy. He's going to assert himself confidently, and he's going to be the alpha in *almost* every room.

When I think of what I mean by alpha as a *type* rather than a *position*, I'm not thinking of guys who are *never* betas or guys who *must* dominate *every* male group. Alphas are close to the form, and they will dominate *most* of the time. Other men will step out of their way *most of the time.* And when they push their way through, *most* men will let them. This is due in part to an implied threat of violence, but that's only one aspect of it.

Now…what about the rest of the guys?

I don't find the way the term alpha is used nearly as confusing as the way *beta* is employed. To me, true betas are the cornermen for alphas. They are also close to the form, but less dominant than the alpha for whatever reason. Most betas can step in for alphas in most scenarios. They are alphas in the minds of many other men. They look up to the alpha, but it's easy for them to push down on most others. Most alphas probably shuffle back and forth between alpha and beta roles depending on which men they're interacting with.

As you move down the pyramid, you get more specialists, and you get men who for various reasons are further away from the form. They're men in their own right, and they still recognize and look up to the form. They have their own value and they bring something to the table. They're part of the team and they understand their place in it.

The gearheads and tech-heads mentioned recently are a good example of men in the middle or toward the bottom of the pyramid. They aren't alphas or betas by type, though they will still create their own hierarchies and one of them will dominate. It is worth noting that many of them revere The Form through video games. They are often avid consumers of comic books, science fiction, adventure tales, sword and sorcery stories and what have you. They know they are not the alpha heroes, but they look up to them. In some sense they still want to be more like The Form. These men might be ζ, η, θ, ι, κ, λ, μ or even ψ. Some near the very bottom get picked on and pushed down all the time. But they revere The Form, and being pushed down to the bottom of the male hierarchy is still better than being outside of it.

The real *omegas* in my model are the men who reject The Form completely. They may be naturally challenged in

some way, but so are many of the men who stay part of the team. Males who reject the form completely have *ressentiment.* They hate The Form, and the alphas and the whole hierarchy. They seek to undermine or reorganize it. They often want to remodel The Form in their own image, making their own attributes the most highly valued. Sometimes they are bitter, effeminate, socially inept or physically challenged intellectuals. Often, they are fags. Gay culture is omega culture; it's an overt rejection, perversion and mockery of masculine culture. Its proponents often see it as a more enlightened or more evolved version of masculinity, or simply a "different kind" of masculinity, which also subverts the order of the unified pyramid of male hierarchy.

"*Wait, we get to make up our own rules where we can all be alphas? Sweet!*"

True omegas are pushed down and out of the group because they reject The Form—what everyone is looking *up* to.

Women have traditionally recognized and respected The Form and the male need for hierarchy, even though I'm sure it frustrated them at times to know that they couldn't be included. However, they did gain social status among women as their husbands gained social status among men…so sometimes the system worked to their advantage.

Feminists make direct attacks on The Form.

Men can push omegas down and out, but they don't know how to combat feminist attacks on The Form—which disrupt order and capitalize on the frustrations of men at the bottom of the pyramid.

Without a unified concept of the form and some sense of order, it's every man for himself. And that's about where we're at now. That's the real "crisis in masculinity."

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Feeling Like a Man

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In pop culture, the concept of "feeling like a woman" permeates both advertising and entertainment. From songs such as Aretha Franklin's *You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman* to Shania Twain's *Man! I Feel Like a Woman!*, the idea that feeling like a woman is a glorious thing is spread throughout our culture. It may be that men wrote these songs (actually, men are listed as "co-writers" for both), but the message is embraced by women everywhere. In addition to songs, one often hears lines such as "he makes me feel like a real woman" or "he makes me feel like a lady" in films and television. As Jack Donovan pointed out in his Suicidal Tendencies post, it's probably impossible for us men to understand exactly what it means to "feel like a woman," but it's pretty clear that it must feel pretty good to women, because the sentiment is so often expressed with a joyous, barely concealed sensuality that reveals the undercurrent of sexuality that pervades the entire female experience.

Because this sensation is apparently a source of great pleasure and happiness for women, it's worth asking whether there is an equivalent for men, and if so, how does a man get that feeling? There is a male equivalent that is every bit as unique and powerful, but because we are men it is, of course, fundamentally different.

Unfortunately, the encroachment of women into traditionally male domains has muddied the once clear streams of male endeavors, confusing our society as to what exactly it was about these things that drove men to invent and participate in them in the first place. This is why the term "feel like a man" falls a bit flat today. Actually, it isn't only that women are now doing pretty much everything men do; there is a very real sense that men would not be allowed to do anything uniquely male.

Nevertheless, there are still uniquely male accomplishments, such as hitting a Major League home run, winning the Tour de France, or being Sean Connery, but these are usually relegated to professionals, through whom the rest of us are expected to live vicariously. Ultimately, it is a sense of accomplishment, victory, and triumph that begets that sublime, unique feeling that we could call "feeling like a man." There is no doubt that a woman can relish those achievements as well, but the feeling they give men is something different. Following the initial excitement of accomplishment, there is a sort of peace and contentment in men that eludes women. You can see it in the faces of public male victors, whether they are professional athletes or politicians, whereas women in such situations exhibit a prolonged, gushing joy and social behavior that indicates heightened self-awareness and a perception of higher status. It is very different for men, and this can clearly be seen in the widely varying achievements that can give men a sense of accomplishment.

For a man a victory can be a very private, solitary experience, such as bringing down a trophy buck while hunting alone, and it wouldn't matter whether anyone else witnessed it; he'd still feel the same as the quarterback who won the Super Bowl in front of an audience of millions. The uniquely male feeling we get from triumph is simply different from what a woman feels, as it is not affected so much by outside considerations. It is a state of mind that overrides all else; a satisfaction and peace with the world and a sense of unshakeable presence, like a great rock in the riverbed around which all else flows [this unflappable presence is something PUAs suggest mimicking to attract women, because it is clearly evident when a man has it, and apparently very attractive to females, in all likelihood because it is an expression of solid masculinity].

I suspect that religious mystics are often trying to achieve this state of mind through meditation or devotion. This is likely why male religious practices are so different from female. Men often seek enlightenment alone or through some privation, which is essentially a struggle for victory over the flesh, whereas we see women more frequently engaging in group efforts, such as the ever-popular yoga classes and prayer groups.

As real as the sensation of feeling like a man is, opportunities for ordinary men to experience it have been disappearing from the realms of their lives. As both the home and workplace have become increasingly dominated by females, the emphasis on struggle and victory has been toned down, and much more of our effort is expended in "getting along," which to men so often seems like an intolerable waste of time. Hours are spent in meetings at work,

and the most important considerations at home are wallpaper, curtains or cutlery. Distracted and drawn into unnatural concerns, men find moments of achievement elusive. Many men turn to professional sports for the vicarious enjoyment of victory they get out of watching their team win, and many play video games for the same feeling. In the traditional realms of work and home, the opportunities to achieve and prevail have become so limited that most men don't even bother trying. It a life of profound disillusionment that is offered to the ordinary man; disillusionment that the movie *Fight Club* very accurately portrayed.

The good news is that it is this uniquely male drive to triumph that has driven change and progress throughout the ages. It is irrepressible, because it is stronger even than sexual desire. For men, the quest for mastery begins with the dawning of consciousness, and lasts until the final breath. And it is mastery that is the very kernel of manhood. It isn't social status, fame or wealth, but rather the process of striving and achieving, from which those things may issue or not, that makes us feel like men.

Today, social convention and rules work to prevent the mastery that men crave. A man who follows them is the master of nothing anywhere, nor does he win any victories, but is instead mastered by a dystopic society that would deny him the opportunity to feel like a man on any occasion. For some time men have been trying to get around convention and the rules, but skulking around them still gives them a certain legitimacy and only provides an incentive to strengthen and increase them. At this point, most men would be better served by simply pulling them down like so many rotten fenceposts, and then acting as men *outside* of their confines.

To bring back a sense of our own masculinity, we only need to realize that our choices are independent of the expectations of others, which for all we know may not even be real, but rather accidentally contrived through a sort of blind consensus. And even if there is risk in defying convention, it is worth the reward of escaping from a half-life of subservience and inevitable regret. Without that struggle for mastery, without the feeling of accomplishment, men don't truly live. If breaking the bounds of propriety is what it takes to feel like a man, then every man owes it to himself to do so.

AWN Review: The New Breadwinners

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A few weeks ago, the left wing think tank Center for American Progress published a policy paper entitled "A Woman's Nation: The Shriver Report" (hereafter abbreviated AWN). While fellow Spearhead authors have analyzed the executive summary and Oprah Winfrey's epilogue (Hawaiian Libertarian and Jack Donovan, respectively), in this post, I will summarize, rebut, and analyze the first chapter within AWN titled "The New Breadwinners" (html, pdf) penned by social economist Heather Boushey (bio, wiki).

By way of background, and as a way of framing this post, I take the time now to note that Boushey's contribution to AWN is completely congruent with the left-wing college from which she obtained her PhD, The New School in New York City. A few minutes of googling reveals that this institution of higher learning is itself a product of an interesting intersection of various left-wing socialist benefactors, such as the Rockefeller Foundation–which we know is a major benefactor of American feminism and other leftish causes–and the Frankfurt School, a school of Marxist thought that Jonah Goldberg skewers for its Marxist influences upon American culture. This also happens to be the very same School that fled Germany in the 30s under pressure from Hitler. Personally, I find it interesting that the Frankfurt School was so radically socialist, so far to the left that even the leader of the Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei didn't have use for them. And thus we today are reaping the harvest that resulted from allowing the cancer of European Marxism to take root in our society.

With that framing in mind, let me move on with my analysis:

Chapter Summary

Boushey's contribution to AWN centers around four main points, more or less coinciding with her chapter headings, that support her main thesis that the wide-scale movement of women from hearth and home into remunerated economic activity is "the greatest social transformation of our time". In support of this thesis, Boushey first cites statistics that a woman's earnings now make the critical difference to the lifestyle of her family. No longer is a woman's earnings ancillary to a man's wages, not when the effective purchasing power of industrial-age "traditional" families, where one spouse (usually the mother) stayed at home with the children, remained static over the last 30 years when the standard of living of two-earner couples rose. Indeed, in citing that women contribute 42% of the average household's income, that 40% of women are in paid employment, and that the mancession is permanently outsourcing male jobs, Boushey suggests that a woman's income is necessary just to cover the basics. As further evidence that female employment is transforming society, Boushey cites statistical evidence that shows a doubling of single-mother families in the last 30 years (no direct causal link between employment and single-motherhood or divorce is made, however), and that such families depend on a woman's wages to survive. Boushey discounts male financial contribution to such families, namely by citing statistics such as "only 41.7% of custodial mothers receive any child support" and of those only "47.3% receive all the child support" awarded. Indeed, Boushey quite effectively paints the picture that single mothers are truly doing it alone, and their wages enable them to provide for their families in the absence of a male earner in the home.

TABLE 3

Occupations with the largest projected new jobs, 2006–2016

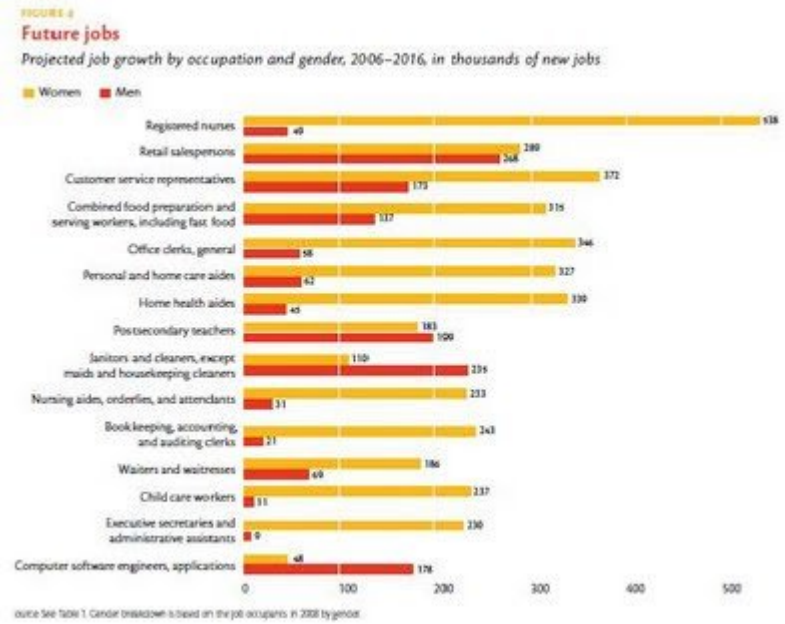
Occupation	Employment		Quartile rank[1]	Most significant source of postsecondary education or training[2]	Share that is female, 2008[3]
	Thousands	Percent			
Registered nurses	587	23.5	VH	Associate degree	91.7
Retail salespersons	557	12.4	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	51.8
Customer service representatives	545	24.8	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training	68.2
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	452	18.1	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	69.8
Office clerks, general	404	12.6	L	Short-term on-the-job training	85.7
Personal and home care aides	389	50.6	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	84.1
Home health aides	384	48.7	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	88.2
Postsecondary teachers	382	22.9	VH	Doctoral degree	48.0
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	345	14.5	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	31.9
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	264	18.2	L	Postsecondary vocational award	88.2
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	264	12.5	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training	92.1
Waiters and waitresses	255	10.8	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	73.0
Child care workers	248	17.8	VL	Short-term on-the-job training	95.5
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants	239	14.8	H	Work experience in a related occupation	96.3
Computer software engineers, applications	226	44.6	VH	Bachelor's degree	21.2

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Occupational employment projections to 2016," Monthly Labor Review, Vol. 130, No. 11, Table 3 (http://www.bls.gov/emp/emptab3.htm) and authors' analysis of the Center for Economic and Policy Research extracts of the Current Population Survey Outgoing Rotation Group Files (ORG), 2008.

Notes: 1. The quartile rankings of Occupational Employment Statistics survey annual wages data are provisional in the following categories: VH = very high ($46,300 or more), H = high ($30,630 to $46,300), L = low ($21,260 to $30,640), and VL = very low (up to $21,220). The rankings were based on quartiles, with one-fourth of total employment defining each quartile. Wages are for wage and salary workers. 2. An occupation is placed into 1 of 11 categories that best describes the postsecondary education or training needed by most workers to become fully qualified in that occupation. For more information about the categories, see Occupational Projections and Training Data, 2006–07 edition, Bulletin 2602 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, February 2006) and Occupational Projections and Training Data, 2008–09 edition, Bulletin 2701 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, forthcoming). 3. The ORG data combine home health aides and nursing aides into one category. "Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides 31-1012" and we use the share of that workforce for both "Home health aides" and "Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants."

Source: AWN, Page 45

As her second point in support of her transformation thesis, Boushey explores the nature of the job market in which women labor. Here the reader is treated to a list of service-oriented occupations, nearly all traditionally female and consequently female-heavy, that require little to no post-secondary education, and–here's the transformative part–that these jobs are largely an outsourcing of what the industrial-age SAHM used to perform within the walls of the home. Furthermore, of the top 15 occupations with the largest projected growth over the next generation, nearly all are in industries/sectors that are historically female-dominated. Assuming that the sexual segregation of work continues in the same pattern as today, this projected job growth in female-dominated occupations (and the lack of growth in male-dominated occupations) will only serve to increase women's earning power, further displacing that of men. This in spite of Boushey's cataloging of the disadvantages of working while female.



Source: See Table 1. Gender breakdown is based on the job occupants in 2008 by gender.

Source: AWN, Page 44

In addition, as a reinforcement of the "working while female" argument, Boushey discusses at length the so-called wage gap, parroting the long-since-debunked 77c per man's dollar canard, claiming that 41% of the wage gap is unexplained by a woman's demographics or her particular job. The implication being of course that, having the particulars of the woman's background (education, motherhood, etc) and her job (e.g. full-time, part-time, occupational category, etc) eliminated, all that remains is simple bigotry and "systemic undervaluing" of women

and women's work. Moreover, Boushey decries the what she terms as the "motherhood pay penalty" that encompasses discrimination against mothers in the workplace* and lifetime earnings penalties suffered by women who stop out to bear children–$434,000 cited by one study–or are not hired in the first place because they are mothers.

Next, Boushey explores a third transfomative trend: the reasons why women are increasingly in paid employment. One reason she gives is, well, because they can. Barriers to female entry into the workplace fell as women's liberation from the confines of the home spread. Moreover, the advent of the Pill and other contraceptives have permitted women, particularly single women, to plan when they bear children and therefore permit them to deconflict work, education, and child-bearing. But Boushey also claims that women increasingly have to work for their families to survive. In support of this line of argument, she cites the lowering standard of living relative to two-earner couples for families where only the husband works, and how a wife's income goes to pay the rent and put food on the table, as well as the welfare reforms of the mid-1990s that sent low-income single mothers to work. To mitigate the harsh expectation that women should work to support themselves, the welfare reform legislation also included some carrots with the sticks…carrots such as taxpayer subsidies for female-headed households like WIC, EITC, and increased child support collection. Yet it is true that a mother, while working, cannot be home to care for her children. She cannot be two places at once. Boushey suggests a solution for this apparent dilemma…that the availability of employer- or taxpayer-subsidized child care be increased as a means to enable women to fully realize their earning potential, to labor in the job market at full capacity, to become more self-supporting, and to free them from the burdens of caring for children and for elderly family members that so effectively depresses their lifetime earning power.

Fourth and last, Boushey surveys which women seek paid employment. Boushey highlights the facts that the single and the childless and the highly educated (often these three populations are one and the same) are most likely to be in paid employment, and women that are less educated, that are married, and/or are mothers are the least likely to work outside the home. The data splits largely along socio-economic and racial/ethnic lines as well: Latinas are most likely to work outside the home, blacks next, and whites least. Older women are also being pulled into the labor market by the mancession and real-estate bubble burst to join their younger sisters. The net effect of the increasing numbers of unmarried and older women joining the labor force is to further increase the demand for domestic labor, again creating a demand for more service-sector jobs to replace the unremunerated labor that industrial age SAHMs and older female family members used to perform in the home "for free".

In sum, in this article, Boushey surveys the net effect of women's entry into the workforce, notes its significant and enlarging effect on the finances of their families, the increasing tendency for women to be sole and/or the primary wage earner in the home, and details the obstacles to increasing the earnings of those women and balancing work and family. She ends her chapter with a call to re-evaluate assumptions about family structure and women's employment in the labor market, and a consequent change in social policy to reflect this new reality.

Fact Check #1: The Pay Gap

One of the most obvious technical flaws in Boushey's article is her regurgitation of the pay gap myth. This feminist hobby horse is as pervasive and enduring as it is false and disingenuous. For instance Boushey cites "facts" like "women…[are] paid 23 cents less than men" (page 32), that 49% of the pay gap is explained by the segregation of men and women into different sorts of jobs, that "41% [of the wage gap] cannot be explained by the characteristics of women or their jobs" (58), that a woman makes five percent less than her identically educated male colleagues the first year out of school, and that ten years later those women make 12% less than their male peers (59).

Yet we know that all of this is horse hockey. The pay gap myth, while being red meat for feminists for whom simple proximate cause and effect is hard, has been repeatedly shown to be a function of women's choices, not on economically illiterate*** allegations of discrimination. For instance, after controlling for marital status and motherhood, both of which happen to be women's choices, the wage gap narrows to 5c, not the 23c gap that the fembots rail on and on about. Yet five percent is still a significant number, representing quite a bit of money when compounded over the span of decades of employment. But, as one would expect when analyzing a feminist's

publication, there is more to this story than first meets the eye. And we are not disappointed…digging deeper, we find that, while women are paid five percent less than their male counterparts, they put in 12 – 20% few hours. Which means that women, rather than being discriminated *against*, women are being discriminated *for* to the tune of 5 – 15%. In other words, when women's lower productivity is taken into account, women enjoy a wage premium over their male counterparts. Your guess is as good as mine why this is, but I suspect strongly that having activist and litigious vaginas has something to do with it.

But the apples-to-oranges comparisons continue in the defense of the indefensible. In addition to comparing unlike men and women together, Boushey also compared unlike occupations together when she compares the job of zookeeper (a typically male job) to child caregiver (a typically female job). While a zookeeper is indeed paid more (average $14/hr) than a child care worker (average $10/hr), the qualifications and duties of a zookeeper are far more demanding than the OJT and sedentary duties common for a child care worker. I also suspect that there are many many more women clamoring to be child care workers than there are men seeking jobs in zoos; simple middle-school supply-and-demand economics suggests that the overabundance of labor competing for each day care worker job also serves to depress wages in what is already a low-wage entry-level McJob with no special skills required. Furthermore, if Boushey's erroneous comparison of zookeeper and child care provider is indicative of the job comparisons common in the rest of the body of feminist/leftist research in support of the pay gap, then one is forced to cast a skeptical eye on any claim that compares "comparable" male and female jobs together and pronounces them alike.

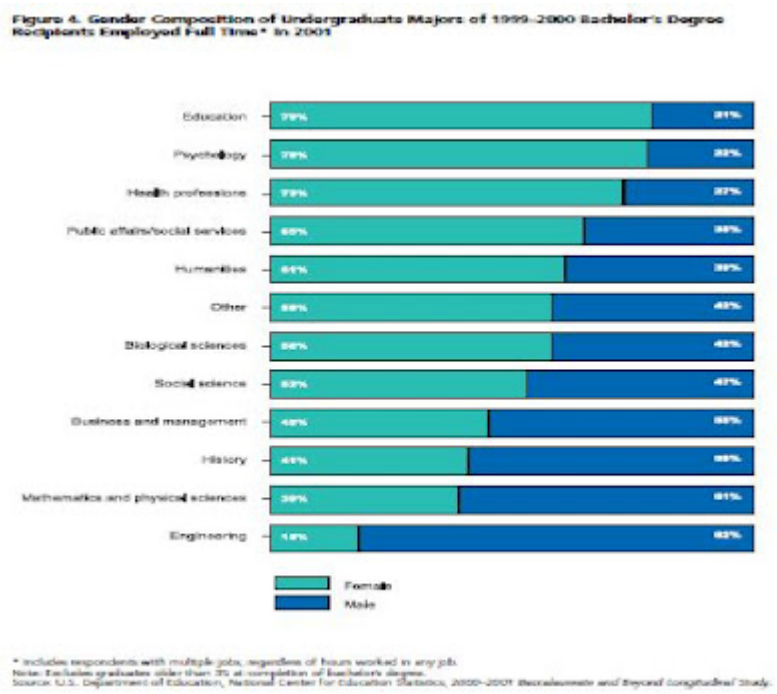
Who works where

Top 20 occupations for women and men, 2008

Occupation	Share of female workers	Occupation	Share of male workers
Secretaries and administrative assistants	4.7	Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	4.1
Registered nurses	3.8	**All other managers**	2.9
Elementary and middle school teachers	3.7	**First-line supervisors/managers of retail stores**	2.6
Cashiers	3.0	Construction laborers	2.1
Retail salespersons	2.5	Carpenters	2.1
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	2.5	**Retail salespersons**	2.0
First-line supervisors/managers of retail stores	2.3	Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	2.0
Waiters and waitresses	2.1	Janitors and building cleaners	1.8
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	1.9	Chief executives	1.6
Receptionists and information clerks	1.9	**Cooks**	1.5
All other managers	1.9	Grounds maintenance workers	1.5
Customer service representatives	1.9	Construction managers	1.5
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	1.9	Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing	1.3
Child care workers	1.8	First-line supervisors/managers of non-retail sales workers	1.2
First-line supervisors/managers of office and administrative support workers	1.8	Stock clerks and order fillers	1.2
Accountants and auditors	1.6	Electricians	1.1
Office clerks, general	1.5	Automotive service technicians and mechanics	1.1
Teacher assistants	1.4	First-line supervisors/managers of construction trades and extraction workers	1.1
Cooks	1.1	Computer software engineers	1.1
Personal and home care aides	1.1	First-line supervisors/managers of production and operating workers	1.0
Share employed in the top 20 occupations			
Females	44.4	Males	34.8

Source: AWN, Page 41

Boushey also underplays the impact of occupational self-segregation and the impact this phenomenon has on women's earnings. At the entry level, men gravitate toward jobs that capitalize on their strength, ability to labor, and willingness to do crappy jobs for money…construction, carpentry, driving, maintenance, janitor. Women tend to select themselves into the caring, administrative, and social occupations, activities that feature schedule flexibility and human interaction…waitressing, secretary, teacher, child care, clerk. As a rule, men's jobs at the bottom (as well as the top of the income ladder) are more economically value-added than women's; they also generally require more skill and education and are also much more dangerous (I note that nowhere in Boushey's analysis does she vie for parity for women in the workplace fatality statistics. Fancy that). These four factors alone translate into higher pay for men when compared with women when looking at low-paying jobs.



Source: "Behind The Pay Gap", AAUW, Page 12

This pattern repeats at the top of the income ladder as well. Here, we readily observe that women tend to choose college majors that, while interesting and intellectually fulfilling as they may be, funnel women into lower wage jobs in the public or service sectors after graduation (jobs that, incidentally, offer the sort of stability that protects them during economic downturns like the current mancession), whereas men tend to choose academic majors that result in higher pay after graduation in the private sector. Once again, we see that fundamental concepts of supply and demand better explain the differences between male and female pay than farcical notions that women's work is devalued by a misogynist culture or that women are discriminated against because they have vaginas by cigar-chomping business*men* in smoke-filled rooms.

Boushey also falters when she does make apples-to-apples comparisons, this time by highlighting research sponsored by the feminist special interest group American Association of University Women that tracked and compared male and female college graduates from the same school and same academic major. The AAUW study found that a woman will make 5% less than her male counterpart the first year out of school; that same woman will make 12% less 10 years later. Yet Boushey somehow fails to mention that the same AAUW study, on page 15, documents that full-time men work three more hours per week (45 vs 42) than do full-time women. Could this be the reason for male graduates earning more than their female counterparts? Possibly, but Boushey doesn't address this possibility.

Fact Check #2: Women Are Better Managers

On page 32 of AWN, Boushey claims that women's inherently more collaborative management styles improve a corporation's bottom line. Putting aside the obvious sexism and negative stereotyping inherent in such a claim–didn't certain women threaten to get the vapors when a certain Larry Summers suggested that men may have superior math aptitude and that may explain their predominance in STEM? How is this claim any different from that?–and the sexism of those in the press, in academia, and in industry, the best I can tell is that, while the extant body of research seems to suggest that women are inherently better managers than men, the samples that form the basis for the research's conclusions suffer badly from selection effects…the executive women sampled by these studies are not necessarily representative of the pool of female managers or of the female population in general, particularly in majority-male occupations or sectors…thus the reliability of the data is questionable. Why then are female managers able to obtain such good results? One possibility forwarded in the literature is that female managers who are mediocre or who are unable to thrive in a climate that places a premium on the "masculine" traits necessary to succeed in business quit early on. Or are pushed out. Either way, they don't stick around. Moreover,

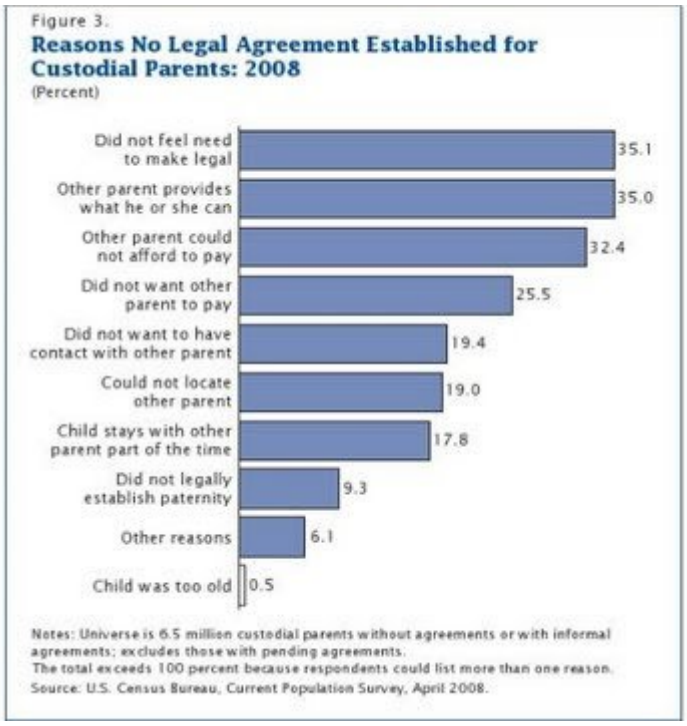
men do not stick out as much as a woman in such an environment and are usually not subjected to the same "fishbowl" microscope…thus they do not develop the same sort of hyper-competence that a similarly situated female would need to have in order to survive. The end result is that the female managers that do manage to bubble to the top in an organization are more likely to be of an exceptionally high quality compared to a similarly situated male counterpart.

But what about another metric to compare the effectiveness of female and male executives, say, the corporate bottom line? Wouldn't that be a good, unbiased measure? Possibly. However, I contend this isn't sufficient in this day and age, either. Why? Well, companies and sectors dominated by women (health care, government, law), by accident of being part of the service and government sectors, haven't suffered as much economically in the current economic downturn as companies and sectors that produce widgets or other value-added products. In particular, the dot-com and housing bubble bursts have affected the capital goods and associated industries tremendously, and these industries are dominated and led by men, thus skewing the corporate bottom-line data in favor of women.

Furthermore, most analyses of women vs male managers tend not to ask the workers themselves of their opinions of the effectiveness of female and male managers. Perhaps it is because these trench-level reports tend to strongly contradict all the PC happy talk about how great female managers are. Instead, we see clearly what the hands-down choice of female workers, and the more moderate opinion of male workers are: male bosses. Anyone else find it telling that 2/3 of women would prefer to work for a man? Could the cyclical emotionalism and drama that a woman brings to the workplace hinder cohesion and team effectiveness rather than bolster it?

Fact Check #3: Chilimony

Boushey expends quite a bit of ink in AWN demonstrating the importance of women's wages, and particularly how important those wages are to the well-being of her "family".*** Thus, on page 35 of AWN, she relates that only four in ten custodial mothers receive chilimony and, of those, only half receive the full amount awarded to them by a judge. On these narrow points, Boushey is largely correct. Her data somewhat agrees with the BLS data, which relates that only 57% of custodial mothers were awarded any chilimony at all in 2007. Of those, 77% of custodial mothers reported receiving some or all of the chilimony awarded and 47.1% receive the full amount of chilimony awarded.



Digging deeper, a more nuanced picture arises. First, I note that the data is based on surveys of custodial mothers–the ones who are owed the money–and therefore the data itself is probably biased to an unquantifiable

extent. Second, the 57% figure is eye-catching. Only half of single mothers are awarded chilimony? Wondering why, I dug into the data (see the chart above) and found that, of the 43% of custodial mothers who were not awarded chilimony by a court, more than one third did not bother to attempt to obtain a legal order, another third indicated that the NCP pays what he can without an order, another third reported that the NCP could not afford it, another quarter said that they felt the NCP didn't need to pay, and another fifth reported that she didn't want conflict with the NCP, couldn't locate him, the child stayed with him part of the time, or could not establish paternity, each. (Totals more than 100% because respondents gave more than one reason.) Thus, the data isn't as working-mother-positive and deadbeat-dad-negative as it seems, and by this omission, Boushey's text gives the reader the false impression that these single mothers are doing more on their own without the support of the their children's fathers than what the ground facts suggest. In other words, Boushey's manuscript inappropriately inflates the importance of a single mother's income while similarly and inaccurately denigrating a man's contribution to the well-being of his children.

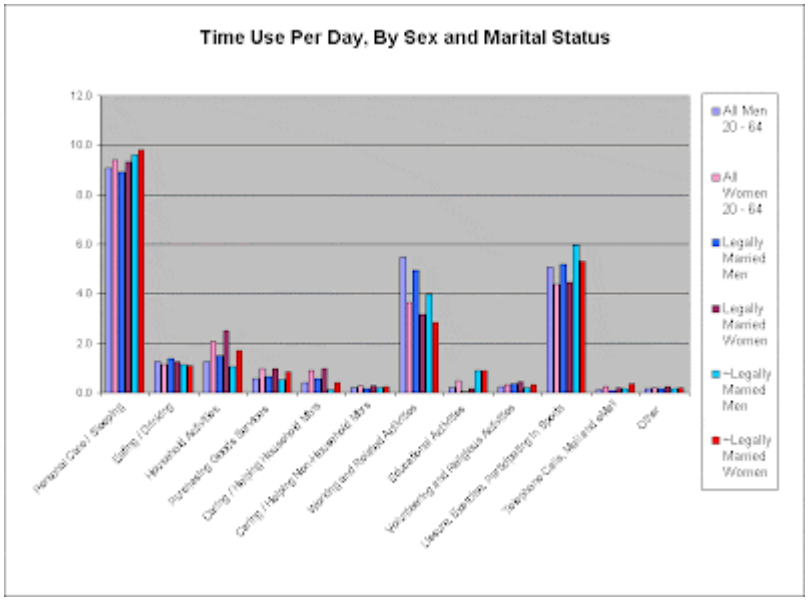
I do acknowledge that there is a sizable fraction of men who, for whatever reason, do not pay the full amount that some judge says the hapless NCP must pay under penalty of imprisonment. Yet I am not quick to label these fellows deadbeats, as we know that chilimony bears no resemblance to the costs of raising a child and in some cases can take more than half of his gross income, interfering with his ability to find a place to live or to eat, much less visit his kids. Another fraction–two-thirds according to the GAO, if Glenn Sacks is to be believed–are not deadbeats in any sense of the word but are "deadbroke" dads who cannot pay because they had no job.

Fact Check #4: The Second Shift and Shiftless Men

Of course, any discussion by a woman regarding how much men and women contribute to the well-being of their families would not be complete without a reference, obliquely or otherwise, to Hothschild's Second Shift in which women are painted as selfless Boxers who toil thanklessly all day long while their Peter Pan husbands come home and play after an easy, leisurely day in the office:

> Inside the home, men continue to do less (usually much less) of the housework and care work than their wives–even though the number of hours they [men] devote to work around the house has risen

Oh dear. Once again we see how a feminist takes a nugget of truth–a smaller man's contribution to the household inside the four walls of the home–strips it of the larger context–a man's household contribution performed outside the four walls of the home, and uses it to paint a false picture. The reality however is much different, and a touch less friendly to the feminist fem-positive discourse.



Source: Personal analysis of 2008 BLS Time Use Survey data, Table 3. I compared and contrasted data from each sex in the age cohorts 20 – 64.

As one can see from the above graph, the reality of household life for men and women is different from what feminists like Boushey would like us to believe. Far from being weighted in favor of women, when one adds up the hours invested by married men and women in whole of household support (the "household activities", "purchasing goods and services", "caring and helping household and non-household members", and "working and related activities" categories–those that make up the effort required to support a household), lo and behold, one finds that married men invest an average of 7.82 hours per day and women invest an average of 7.94 hours per day, a difference of 7 whole minutes.**** Widening the aperture to include between men and women not legally married to each other or single/divorced Americans yields a shocking 9 minutes in favor of women. Clearly, the data suggests that the feminist "second shift" narrative is a lie.

But the dissonance between the reality and the propaganda doesn't stop there. Drilling down into the notes that accompanied the BLS data, one acquires even more nuance. Specifically, one discovers interesting nuggets like this:

> Primary childcare activities include time spent providing physical care; playing with children; reading to children; assistance with home-work; attending children's events; taking care of children's health needs; and dropping off, picking up, and waiting for children. **Passive childcare done as a primary activity (such as "keeping an eye on my son while he swam in the pool") also is included** [emphasis mine]. A child's presence during the activity is not enough in itself to classify the activity as child-care. For example, "watching television with my child" is coded as a leisure activity, not as childcare.

So here we see that activities that involve significant amount of leisure for women have the potential to be coded as "work" by statisticians, a bastardization of the concept of work. Indeed, Glenn Sacks points out that

> both men and women list housework as one of their least enjoyable tasks and, since women do more housework than men, this shifts the advantage to men. However, while people may not enjoy cooking or folding the laundry in and of themselves, they are usually much happier at home and in casual dress (and perhaps talking on the phone or watching TV while they work), than they are in a supervised and regimented work environment. Also, while housework may seem like drudgery compared to middle-class white collar jobs, it doesn't when compared to blue collar or "pink collar" work.
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> In addition, both the ISR [University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research] survey and The Second Shift count only hours worked, without noting the special contributions of men who do dangerous and physically demanding work. Of the 25 most dangerous jobs listed by the US Department of Labor, men comprise at least 90% of the labor force in all of them. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, nearly 50 American workers are injured every minute of the 40-hour work week, and every day 17 die–16 of them male.

In other words, what housewives consider to be "work" and what the reality of "work" is for blue-collar men and pink-collar women are very different things indeed. Given that folding underwear is obviously not equivalent to physical work like, say, sulphur mining, one must be careful about conflating them all together under the same rubric of "work". There is a world of difference between women's work…the work that women are willing and able to do…and men's work, the hard, dirty, dangerous work that men must do to support their families. This is the very same work that enables women to choose to stay home and engage in the half-work/half-leisure of childcare and home-making, or choose to work in cushy little white collar offices.

There was also this snippet from the BLS technical notes attached to the time-use survey:

> Secondary childcare. Secondary childcare is care for children under age 13 that is done while doing an activity other than primary childcare, such as cooking dinner. Secondary childcare estimates are derived by summing the durations of activities during which respondents had a household child or their own nonhousehold child under age 13 in their care while doing activities other than primary childcare. It is restricted to times the

> respondent was awake. Secondary childcare time for household children is further restricted to the time between when the first household child under age 13 woke up and the last household child under age 13 went to bed.

It does not take much imagination to see how this provision can be used to artificially inflate the time a housewife spends performing "secondary child care" while she is executing–and receiving full credit for–time spent on a different primary task. Thus we see quite well how essential it is to read the fine print in such statistical reporting, and how in this case the fine print reveals how a housewife's contribution to the home is double-counted to a certain unquantified degree.

While we are on the subject of men and women's contribution to the home, I'll digress for a moment and discuss a topic not addressed in Boushey's essay but one that bears mentioning here…the notion that a woman's household contributions are worth six figures. I'm sorry, 38,000 is more accurate a figure. If God were to call Mrs Wapiti home tomorrow, while I and my children would miss her terribly, and while the economic value of her contribution to my home and to my children is much lower than the intangible and priceless contribution she makes, I wouldn't have to pay six figures for child care or meal preparation or home cleaning. Moreover, given the loss of my wife and the fact that I would once again be a single dad, I would no longer be able nor be inclined to work as hard or as long (housewives being the enabler that permits married men to be the highest-earning, most productive, longest-working population subset), thus my need for long hours of child care or meal preparation or home cleaning would be less than what Mrs Wapiti currently provides.

Analysis

One trend that becomes clear in reading AWN is how the femosphere, in their drive to achieve complete independence***** from men, completely ignores the not insignificant social costs that come from the transition of both husbands and wives to the world of paid employment. Boushey dutifully reports that, as result of education and work, women delay marriage, that is if they marry at all (33). Child-bearing and -rearing are similarly delayed, oftimes to the point that technological intervention is needed to coax a conception and gestation for older women who have passed their prime childbearing years, or who have missed the fertility boat entirely. She also reports that fully two-fifths of women over age 25 are unmarried, and that two-fifths of children born in 2007 are born to unmarried mothers, to which I add that there is a growing industry to fill the needs of choice moms who pursue man-not-included reproduction or single-woman adoption. And it should go without saying–for the Spearhead audience, anyway–of the corrosive effect of divorce on the family and society in general. Each year in the United States approximately 500,000 (~1.0M divorces/yr * approximately 50% to 60% divorces that involve children) new choice moms are made, mothers who value their happiness more than their commitment to a man and, like a rock thrown into pond, inflict great instability and lasting and perpetuating harm on their children and on the society around them.

We know where this self-reinforcing socio-cultural death spiral ends. We know that marriage is an institution that protects women and children first and foremost, and by extension, men and society in general. It is the fundamental building block upon which a technologically advanced society is built. It literally ensures the next generation is born in replacement rates or better. Marriage does these things–fosters/reinforces society and encourages natalism–by harnessing the generative energies of men and fathers in a socially productive manner, by constraining women's sexuality in a socially productive manner, and by ensuring that children grow up in the image of God, that is, with both a father and a mother. Without marriage, as imperfect as that institution is, society wastes away as men suffer, children suffer, and–something that one would think that feminists care greatly about–women suffer. Yet instead of promoting marriage and work-family balance, AWN highlights motherhood and child care as obstacles to be cleared from the path of female self-actualization through labor, instead of honorable and necessary functions and occupations in their own right.

Another point that Boushey seems to miss is how women's entry into the workforce has all but guaranteed that a man's wages could not support a family on their own. Like a cynical and opportunistic politician who creates

instability so as to profit from it, women's entry into the economic workforce created the economic conditions that guarantee that a woman must then seek outside employment as well if the family's relative standard of living is to be maintained. Yet there is evidence that this is no mistake; that the movement of women from the home into paid employment is but one part of an intent (I won't go as far to say conspiracy) to replace Western patriarchal civilization with a different hegemony.

Another interesting feature of Boushey's manuscript is where the phenomenon she describes fits into the historical narrative that chronicles the changing nature of the family and what activities are accomplished there. Viewed at a macro level, the patriarchal family has been under severe stress since the West industrialized in the 1800s and the father was pulled from the home to go labor in the factories. Suddenly the family itself was subjected to even more of Adam Smith's specialization–both father and mother became more specialized–with the father more specialized in breadwinning and the mother more focused in homemaking and child-rearing. While arguably an economically more efficient model of family organization, this shift also eventually broke the social tie that bound the father into the nuclear family, the key enabling technology of a complex civilization. With the father's role of provider–spiritual, moral, leadership, as well as material–reduced to that of material alone, the family was instantly reverted to a matriarchal family model that featured a mother and her children, the mother's friends, and men/fathers who come and go and can be dispensed with just as easily.

With the bond that tied men to their families broken by dint of his physical absence from the family home, there was scant need to retain the other part of the patriarchal compact that applied to women…their fidelity to their oath to marry one man and remain monogamous. While I won't discuss the steeply negative effects of female promiscuity and serial polyandry as it is outside the scope of this post, I will note that Boushey's contribution to AWN seems imply that her conceptualization of the family is one of women and "their families"…in other words, *their* children, and single mothers. In both models, men are an afterthought except as they relate to income generation or are themselves a hindrance to "progress" as hinted at by the "second shift…shiftless men" or "deadbeat dad" discussion above.

This leads me to my next point, that A Women's Nation is one where government is large and gets larger, as women co-opt the state for their own ends. The choice mother family–the Women's Nation family–must be propped up by the society at large, as it is economically and socially less efficient than the (patriarchal) nuclear family. This is because the choice mother family requires more resources, more housing, more energy, more child care, more outsourcing of what the "traditional" housewife used to accomplish in the home, just to get by. Yet without the resources that a man produces through his labor, the average choice mother will find her choice-mom lifestyle choice difficult to maintain independently. This is where government comes in, and why government intervention is absolutely essential to the generation and maintenance of Women's Nation families. For without government intervention (read: alpha males parceling out benefits from the public trust to women in exchange for their votes) to provide resources confiscated from lesser beta males, to mandate businesses hire economically less productive women at a wage premium, to pressure businesses to provide on-site child care and to provide flexible working hours, to provide social welfare programs that keep the choice mother from falling through the glass floor (WIC, EITC, child health insurance, subsidized day care, head-of-household tax deductions and the like), an AWN family literally cannot survive. In AWN, the government is the ultimate daddy rabbit, the ultimate husband and provider; why should a woman/mother commit to and stay married to a man with all of his flaws and imperfections when the most alpha of alphas is standing by to lavish his resources upon her. Especially when Big Daddy subsidizes the transition of feminine dependence on a lesser provider to dependence upon himself through VAWA and OSCE?

And even with government patronage, the post-AWN family is still inferior to the pre-AWN family, for if Boushey et al succeed, and both the husband and the wife are gainfully employed full-time in the marketplace, there will still be a need to outsource all of those domestic labor functions, including the rearing of children, that the housewife used to perform. While the debate about day care's dangers to a child's development rages on as part of the Mommy Wars, there is substantial evidence to suggest that day care produces suboptimal outcomes in children when compared to children not placed in day care, much in the same fashion that homeschooled children outperform

their public school peers. Institutionalization, be it in a day care, an industrialized school setting, or a prison, has adverse effects on the development and mental health of those placed within them. Moreover, I contend that a society in which the basic human interactions have been made economic transactions is less human, less efficient, and less sustainable than one where this has not occurred, in that there are functions of a civic society that simply cannot be outsourced to the paid labor of others or entrusted to government agents. Boushey herself reinforces this point by admitting that the movement of more and more women into the paid labor force concomitantly reduces their involvement in volunteer work and in care tasks, namely that of elder care. I do not think we as a society are prepared for the fraying of the fabric of civic society that could result from the second- or subsequent-order effects of the widespread replacement of willing volunteers with paid workers. There is something to be said for labors done gratis, out of the goodness of the heart or duty to one's fellow man, that cannot be achieved through appeals to rational self-interest and/or remuneration through the marketplace.

Thus far, in my critique of this chapter of AWN, I have not attempted to refute Boushey's primary thesis, that the wide-spread entry of women into paid employment is a fundamental and society-shifting phenomenon of seismic proportions. And this is because I cannot, that this phenomenon that Boushey describes as revolutionary as it is self-evident:

> At the most profound level, it changes the rules of what it means to be a woman–and what it means to be a man. Women are now increasingly sharing the role of breadwinner, as well as the role of caregiver, with the men in their lives. Even so, we have yet to come to terms with what it means to live in a nation where both men and women typically work outside the home and what we need to do to make this new reality workable for families who have child care and elder care responsibilities through most of their working lives.

Here Boushey is correct: we have yet to fully come to terms with what it means to live in a nation where most or all women work outside the home and where the size and scope and role of government is expanded as necessary to effect this vision. Not that I have any issue with women in paid employment; on the contrary, it was in keeping women from remunerative work that permitted spoiled upper middle class white women like Freidan to complain about how comfortable her pedestal was. No, I think women should work, and in fact I think that a reasonable read of Scripture, particularly Proverbs 31, indicates that, contra some of my fundie bretheren, a woman should work and it is a sin for her to not be productive for her family.

Instead, it is the transition to a matriarchal family model and a matriarchal society that promises to sideline or even enslave the vast majority of men that must be opposed bitterly. And I am convinced that A Woman's Nation is one that is not at all sympathetic to men and men's issues at all in the way that the man's world was concerned with the well-being of men, children, and women alike. In fact, I contend the reverse…feminists like Boushey are not in any way concerned with equality. Rather, as Novaseeker recently put it, their goal is the domination, if not outright subjugation, of men. We have hints at what is in store for men as a sex should this trend continue, in the Napoleonic treatment of men accused of sex crimes, falsely or otherwise, in the facile enslavement of non-custodial fathers run through the divorce mills, or in the preferential treatment given to women in government-run schools or in women-only payouts from the public trust. This is not a condition that I think the majority of men will appreciate.

That we as a society haven't quite yet come to terms with this phenomenon also tells me that this issue is still contested ground, and I do not think we men, alpha or otherwise, should continue to sleep as our adversaries gain more ground on this issue. How may we resist? One way to do so would be to ape the manner employed by the victors of this Gramscian Long March through the society. Boushey herself is a prime example of how our adversaries operate. Likely raised in a liberal family, she was schooled in a Femarxist institution and now consults for think tanks that provide influence government policy. She has even testified for Congress. We men need to start growing and grooming men to become the Bousheys of the future, to populate think tanks and educational institutions****** and push legislation in a symmetrical manner. In this way, we men would be able to advance the male and patriarchal perspective to government and to the media in a manner that the Bousheys of the world have

done. Our row will be comparatively tougher to hoe; unlike the feminists one hundred years ago (who enjoyed the support of moneyed interests), we will have strenuous opposition from the vast majority of women and apex-dwelling men. But I see little alternative–other than expatting, and I don't think that is a feasible solution for most men–if our sons are to be saved.

* an unlawful taking of business property by the government that punishes the most productive in favor of the least. In fact, in reading this chapter of AWN, it was clear to me that the author sees the responsibility of businesses is to provide jobs and as a vehicle through which to implement social policy, rather than create/add value for profit. Thus is exposed a fundamental philosophical difference between capitalists and Marxists.

** how much sense does it make, in a globalized world, for an employer to hire and retain more expensive labor when equivalent labor is readily available for cheaper rates? Thus the pay gap myth apologists display their economic illiteracy.

*** unfortunately the definition of family is so wide and so broad now that the same word is used to refer to households headed by single mums as well as two-parent families. The data strongly suggests that one form of domestic organization is superior to the other, yet referring to both of them as different variants of a "family" is an attempt to obscure this fact.

**** the BLS time use survey averaged time expended across a seven-day week; thus the average married man works 4.94 hours per day in a seven-day week, while the average married woman works 3.16.

***** the irony is that the fully feminist woman is far from independent, dependent as she is on a social infrastructure constructed by men, funded by taxes expropriated by men, and often on chilimony confiscated from men under penalty of imprisonment.

****** programs such as this one don't sound terribly promising…replacing one variant of Marxism with another is not what we should be working toward.

Passing the Hat

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Now that *The Spearhead* has been up and running for a while, I've finally got some indications of where the site is going and what I think it will become. *The Spearhead* started out very well, thanks to the excellent articles and link support from its contributors (not to mention the hubbub over PMAFT's scifi article), and has started to stabilize. However, while I was out of commission with the swine flu a couple weeks ago, it became pretty clear that without my frequent attention to the site its traffic drops very rapidly. *The Spearhead* is a content driven site, which is the best kind, but this means that it needs steady content and maintenance, so I've found myself putting a whole lot of work into it.

I do expect the site to continue to grow for some time. The goal from the beginning has been to create an outlet for content concerning men's issues, and that's what it has come to be known for. I'd like *The Spearhead* to be one of the first places people go when they want to know how men across the Anglosphere and beyond feel about the issues affecting them, and what their opinions happen to be. This is why I intend to continue offering a broad spectrum of opinions, news and experiences from men from many walks of life.

In order to continue to accomplish our goals, I'd like to offer more than a simple website. What I have in mind is publishing books that deal with what is discussed on *The Spearhead*. Fortunately, the technical side of book publishing, with which I have a lot of experience, is a lot better suited to small-scale publishing now than it was a mere decade ago. Writing and editing are still hard work, but thanks to digital publishing, publishers are no longer constrained by economies of scale to anywhere near the extent they were with offset printing. Small runs and even one-offs are now possible with very little overhead, and ordering and fulfillment can all be handled online.

However, despite having little overhead, it still exists. For starters, before I got sick we started hitting the memory limit for my shared hosting account, and the site was overwhelmed to the point of severe slowdowns, backend server errors and periodic crashing for a couple of days. What this means is that I'll have to get a virtual private server with adjustable memory capacity to grow beyond a certain point. I'm not sure how much extra this will cost, but it shouldn't be too much. Next, I plan on integrating the forum with the WordPress CMS. This won't cost me anything if I do itself, but that's something I'm a bit hesitant to do, because although I'm fairly competent with the technology, I am not by any means a professional programmer. Whether I do it myself or not, it will be a tricky job. Finally, I would like to purchase a block of ISBNs (International Standard Book Numbers) so that I can set up an account with Lightning Source (anyone interested in publishing should check this company out — very innovative business model) and get started with the publishing venture. The ISBNs, which must be sold in blocks due to the racket large publishers have set up, will be the largest expense, costing hundreds of dollars.

Now, for a little bit of disclosure about myself, I am recently divorced (April of this year) and despite having significant custody of my children (I wouldn't have it any other way) I'm still obliged to pay child support, which means that I am feeding my kids while they are with me and expected to do the same while they are with my ex — this is the price you pay for being an involved father, I suppose. I am self-employed, and business hasn't exactly been humming along lately, to put it mildly. On the positive side, this has given me the opportunity to put a lot of work into *The Spearhead*, but that doesn't support me — not by any means. Fortunately, I am not a materialistic person; if I were, I wouldn't be a very happy camper right now.

Despite the fact that I don't like asking for money, it's something I have to do if I want to keep *The Spearhead* running and growing. At this point, I can accept donations through the Paypal donate button on the right sidebar. I'll probably get a PO BOX soon, but for now I'll have to accept Paypal nicking me for a couple percent for each donation.

So, for those of you who find *The Spearhead* a valuable resource and can afford to spare some funds, I'd really appreciate a donation. I'd like to thank all those who have already contributed to the site, including both writers and donors, and to offer my gratitude to those spreading the word.

The Spearhead is for you, our readers, and all people who want justice and good for men and families throughout the world.

Thank you for contributing to its success

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Think Twice, Young Man

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While I was in school in the 80s and early 90s, we children were given a great many warnings about the dangers of drugs, unsafe sex, talking to strangers, drunk driving, smoking, etc. We'd get literature about how we should always wear safety gear when bicycling or skateboarding, and we were frequently lectured about how our choices would affect our future. Sometimes older recovered addicts were brought in to tell us their stories, and we were subjected to graphic descriptions of drunk driving accidents. I'm not sure how much these programs helped steer kids clear of risky behavior, but I suspect they had some effect on the normal, obedient kids. Of course, their parents probably would have done the job just as well, but that's for another post. Today, kids are probably even warned about internet safety and the dangers of video game addiction. They really try to cover all the bases. Or do they?

For all the warnings of dire consequences for making incorrect choices, schools never bothered to mention a thing about marriage. Sure, it was OK to talk about sex and drugs, but not the most important choice most people make in their lives, and this despite the fact that the American family was disintegrating at a record pace during those unfortunate years.

Today, young men are probably better informed than we were back in the 90s, before the internet really took off, and due to the fact that the devastation of the traditional family is no longer swept under the rug (as it still was when I was a kid), they are probably a lot more skeptical of marriage. I have seen some evidence of this, as young men appear to be a lot more wary even of long-term relationships with young women than they were only ten or fifteen years ago. Of course, the sluttiness of young American women is off the charts these days, so there isn't much motivation for the young men to hook up long-term. This has a lot to do with why Italians were so shocked by Amanda Knox, who at one point boasted of doing a stranger in a train.

However, despite the stories I'm sure many young men have heard from friends and relatives, or the disasters seen first hand in their parents' marriages, I doubt they really know just how bad it can be when a marriage goes south. For example, I don't think very many of them know about VAWA, and that they can be thrown out of their own house on the basis of a single accusation without any hearing at all. Unlike earlier generations, they may be aware that plenty of wives cheat, but I doubt they know that getting upset about that and yelling insults can get them ordered into a domestic violence program that they must pay for, possibly as a condition for seeing their children, even if they never laid a hand on anyone. Do they know that if their wife gets physical with them and they attempt to restrain her, and then a neighbor calls the police, that someone is going to get arrested — probably the man? Additionally, they are probably unaware of just how merciless child support enforcement is, and how they can end up treated like a criminal – in fact, made a criminal – for losing a job. Did anyone tell them that their credit can be ruined or their passport revoked for falling behind for as little as a couple months?

In addition to the ruthless nature of family law, young men probably aren't aware of just how nasty the women they loved can be in divorce. Has anyone told them about how a wife can go from apparent emotional detachment to all out war in an afternoon? Or that many, many women think nothing of ripping children away from a father, even when they mean more to him than anything else in his life? No, people are usually too cowardly to tell the truth.

People may argue that these are adult issues that shouldn't be foisted on children. They may say that it would unduly traumatize and frighten young men to tell them this may happen, and anyway marriage is a private matter. They may say that, but the problem is that marriage is so heavily legislated that its dissolution can be far more consequential than being caught by the police with crack cocaine, and don't we tell young men stories about guys who lost everything and ended up in prison for drug offenses? Girls are taken aside and warned about teen pregnancy; why aren't boys taken aside and warned about it, too? They'll be on the hook for child support even if they are 13 years old and the woman who ~~seduced~~ raped them is 25!

The failure of the state to inform boys and young men about the dangers of marriage goes beyond neglect, and gets into the realm of willful malevolence. Not even an Army recruiter would withhold the fact that soldiers are killed in

war, so why would the state make no effort to inform potential husbands of the risks of marriage, if not from callous cynicism? Parents who fail to do so are acting negligently, although I'm sure many fathers who have never been through divorce are intentionally ignorant about the dangers; who wants to contemplate such horrors, after all? But every mother in the United States surely knows how easy it is to divorce a man, take the children and receive monthly payments for doing so. This being the case, the burden falls more heavily on mothers with sons. Mothers who do not explicitly tell their sons what other women can do to them are failing their own children, and in all seriousness they should be ashamed of themselves for holding the interests of strange women above those of their own flesh and blood.

Unfortunately, the job is probably up to us — at least for now. Until our society confesses to its abominable treatment of men, we few rabble-rousers will be all there is to warn boys of the perils ahead. Ours may be a lonely voice in the crowd, but it's getting louder, and people are starting to fall silent and listen. We can only hope that the young hear us before it's too late.

In the Name of Science

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Lies, untruths, misconceptions, deception, propaganda and misinformation. These are all primary characteristics of our modern mass media "news" and "info-tainment." Of course, the best way to pass off all these illusions as reality is to always make these claims on the basis of unquestionable authority. It used to be the rulers of any given society used the concept of "GOD" or "GODS" to utilize the appeal to unquestionable authority to get their subjects to do what they desired of them.

Whether you believe in religion or not, one cannot look at human history and ignore the role of religion as social and behavioral control by the power structure of the church/state. Indeed, the rulers of any society have always understood the role of playing to people's beliefs to manipulate and control their behavior.

The biggest illusion that has been effected by the rulers of our current dystopia is the delusion that we live in a secular society that has separated church from the State, and that we are all better off for it.

No, what has actually been done, was to delude the masses into accepting a NEW church and State power structure…and that "church" is the idea of SCIENCE playing the role of being the ultimate arbiter for guiding human behavior.

Where the rulers of the past wielded authority "In the Name of God," we now live in a world where the dynamic is exactly the same – but now the appeal is "In the Name of Science."

But it's all a grand lie.

There are observable truths and reproducible results to testing hypothesis, that most of us recognize as the foundation for the "Scientific Method." Indeed, you won't find me trying to argue that there are many things mankind understands, and many technological advances that have been engineered and invented thanks to the rigid application of the Scientific Method by intellectually honest scientists.

The "grand lie" that is promoted by politicians, Government agencies, corporations, foundations, and of course the mainstream media, is to get the masses to believe something has been proven by scientists using the scientific method. In many cases, it's really just a rhetorical sleight of hand…a shell game.

Here are some common phrases used by the media/Government/Corporate Commercial interests to play this game of subtle mind manipulation:

"Research has shown…"

"Studies indicate…"

"The latest research…"

"A brand new study…"

The real problem here is that in many cases, a very real study using a very rigorous application of the scientific method to produce a testable result that either proves or disproves a hypothesis has been done. Many great discoveries, inventions and revelations have helped mankind by doing exactly this. But in many of these cases, the scientific method was NOT used.

Actual research using a control group and double-blind studies have NOT been conducted. Many times, what IS done, is to use "statistical analysis" of data and information that either was gathered for some other study, or a deliberately misleading study designed to reach a predetermined conclusion was conducted.

Then, when the latest corporate press release, or public service announcement by the Government or some non-profit foundation is made, it uses those types of aforementioned phrases…and the average, dumbed down sheeple consumer mindlessly accepts those pronouncements as "SCIENTIFIC FACTS" and they unwittingly and naively

change their behavior based on what becomes conventional wisdom…

…all IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE.

If you recognize the truth in what I just wrote, you can actually step back and look at so many assumptions, ideas and things that you "just know" and realize that this subversive mind control has in fact been carried out on us in virtually every aspect of our modern, 21st century lives. It IS the defining zeitgeist of our Brave New World Order.

I've come to this realization through an intensive personal effort to research dietary truths out of a desire to attain better health and physical well being for myself. Doing my due diligence in researching this, I do believe I've seen exactly just how far this rabbit hole does go.

Before I was able to comprehend the scope of the deception and manipulation, I had to first wake up to the fact that by following the "conventional wisdom" was making me become exactly what I was trying to avoid in the first place – fat, overweight, out of shape and in poor physical health.

Throughout my entire 20's and early 30's, I was what I THOUGHT was a conscientious, healthy eater. Yet over those years, a slowly but surely kept gaining weight until I reached the point of either figuring out how to lose weight…or begin to start shopping for a new wardrobe to fit my expanding waist.

That truly was the very beginning of my journey into awareness, culminating in the realization that we do in fact live in a world of deliberately promulgated delusion to lead us all astray for the benefit of those who would promote such lies.

Here are a few of the lies I unquestionably accepted and followed when I thought I was eating "healthy:"

– Red Meat is bad for you.

- Saturated Fat is bad for you.

- A Plant-based diet, or being as "vegetarian" as you can - is optimal.

- That "Greasy" food is why so many people are obese and sickly.

To summarize what I learned — before I delve into the details here –

THE biggest corporate business interest in the world besides "BIG OIL" is "BIG AGRICULTURE."

And their influence on the Government, the mass media and society as a whole and their beliefs regarding diet and nutrition is far reaching and ubiquitous. It has hopelessly corrupted the medical and healthcare industries. It has hopelessly corrupted the Government. And a wide variety of interests have profited immensely from this, while literally millions of people have suffered ill health, disease and death because they THOUGHT they were following the dietary wisdom promulgated IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE.

To make a long story short, my research on the internet lead me to the principles of a "Primal" or "Paleo-lithic" diet. Lots of animal meat, and loads of saturated fat, no processed foods, no sugars or vegetable oils, and limiting carbohydrates to lots of deep green vegetables.

The idea that I could eat bacon and eggs and cheese and ham and sausage every day, along with generous heaps of full fat sour cream, full fat yogurt, lots of butter, and heavy cream in my coffee and LOSE weight blew me away. I couldn't get passed my indoctrinated programming at first. Everything I read was counter to all of the accumulated "wisdom" of dietary conventional wisdom I'd been indoctrinated with over the years. I used margarine instead of butter. "Lite" coffee creamer. "Lite" sour cream or sour cream substitute. Everything I bought and ate was "Low Fat" or "Non-Fat" or "Lite." I would eat Turkey Bacon, and use ground turkey for any food recipes that called for ground beef, under the notion that lean, low-fat meat was healthier. And I would go for days at a time eating vegetarian meals, eschewing meat and fat, thinking I was eating healthy.

And yet I kept getting fatter and fatter.

And it's not that I was a lazy gluttonous slob either. I've been physically active my entire adult life…I work out a minimum of 4 times a week, often times 6 days a week. And yet the more "plant based" I tried to make my diet, and the harder I worked out, the fatter I continued to get.

So at first, upon discovering "Primal" dietary advice, I was very hesitant to try it out…but I eventually did. I began to eat a high protein/high saturated fat diet, while limiting my carbohydrates, sugars, vegetable oils and eschewing almost all processed, packaged foods. And I lost over 40 lbs. in a 3 month period.

And yet…I STILL couldn't believe what I was seeing on my bathroom scale or in the mirror. Part of me would think "Ok, I lost all this weight…but aren't I clogging my arteries and setting myself up for high cholesterol, heart disease cancer and diabetes?"

Than I REALLY began to do my research…and here's where we really get to the meat of the matter (pun intended!)

Let's start with this idea often cited by articles, PSA's, and news stories – that Red Meat causes cancer: From the National Cancer Institute

The first graph displayed on that page purports to show the amount of meat eaten by individuals that participated in the survey. From the reference to that first graph, I'm able to google up the website of the source of that questionnaire used to generate this graph…which is the basic means of gathering information used for the statistical analysis that eventually lead to "experts" promoting the propaganda that red meat causes cancer.

Here's the actual questionnaire (PDF) used to gather the data.

The food frequency portion of the questionnaire begins on page 176 of the PDF document.

Here's the standard question structure used for all of the questionnaire's survey on food:

> *During the past year or so, how many times per day, week, month or year, did you usually eat/drink {food or beverage}:*
>
> *____ Times per (check one) __ Day __ Week __ Month __ Year __ Less than 6 a year or never*

How can such a study take a generalized question structure like this and even hope to get "accurate" data, to recommend making such life changing behaviors to people? Can YOU remember how many times you ate steak in the past year? Hot Dogs? Pizza?

Furthermore, there is almost no distinction between quality of food! It asks about fried foods…but no distinction about what oils it is fried in nor at what temperatures (who could remember that anyways? Do you know what kind of oil your french fries were made in a year ago at that one McDonalds you had lunch at?)

It asks about food like Pizza. Is there not substantial difference between cheap, frozen pizza versus home-delivered vs. home made? And is not the toppings of a pizza, and the ingredients for the crust extremely variable?

It asks about how many times a year a person ate "Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers or Meatloaf." Again, the ingredients used to make these food items could be extremely variable.

And I didn't even get to the validity of bias selection in this survey. Look at the entire size of this survey. Frankly, I'm stunned that they supposedly found 500,000 people that willingly sat there for the amount of time required to fill out this questionnaire in it's entirety.

Finally, no matter how accurate these self-reported results are, can you not see the very fundamental flaw regarding the methodology?

That one could supposedly look at the sum totality of a reported diet, and point to red meat as the culprit?

Yet this is PRECISELY how all of those claims you encounter that red meat or saturated fats are bad for you…they

do not conduct a scientific study using a control group and feed one group a lot of meat and saturated fats, while another group eats a vegetarian diet for a long period of time and than figure out which group had higher rates of cancer and/or heart disease. No, that would be an actual scientific experiment.

No, what we have here is essentially a marketing style survey and a statistical analysis. What was that saying again about there are lies, damn lies and than there are statistics?

This is precisely why every time you hear/read/see reports that promote the idea that red meat or saturated fat is a health hazard, they always use weaselly qualifiers:

*"Researchers have **linked** high intake of fat from red meat and dairy products with **increased risk** of pancreatic cancer, in a study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute."*

Or

*"Research **has shown** that people who eat a diet free of animal products, high in plant foods, and low in fat have a **much lower risk** of developing cancer."*

So remember folks…the next time your in the grocery store, don't forget your plant-based high fructose corn syrup, your plant-based soybean oil margarine, your plant based, fortified cereal and your plant-based soymilk and your plant-based potato chips fried in plant-based cottonseed oil…you wouldn't want to eat real food like meat or dairy and get cancer!

Anyone interested in finding out just how far I've actually dug into this particular topic, you can find much more details on the following posts at my blog:

The Hammer and Sickle Diet

"A Plant Based Diet"

Our Brave New World Order's Dietary Wisdom

The Source of Dietary Deception

Sheeple Watching – FUPA

Suffrage Succotash

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Every American man reading this grew up in a nation where women were expected to play a role in governing our nation by casting a vote that was equal in value to every man's vote.

Women make up almost 51% of the total population.

In a republic that employs democratic means to elect its governing representatives, more than 50% of the vote is a controlling interest. Assuming that women now cast their votes as individuals and not together with their husbands as they probably often did early on, the 19th Amendment effectively ceded a controlling interest in the government to women.

If men and women are more or less the same and share the same basic interests, the fact that there are more women exerting influence on government is utterly meaningless.

If, generally speaking, women behave differently and have interests that differ from the collective interests of men, then the fact that women are collectively able to exert a controlling interest at all levels of government is extremely significant.

It also follows that these differences in interests and behavior will have a cumulative impact on governance and culture.

If women are generally more collectivist in nature, unless there is some check against collectivism, it seems likely that over time the state will become progressively more collectivist.

If women are generally prone to any way of thinking, it seems likely that over time the state will progressively begin to reflect that way of thinking.

A seemingly slight derivation from a given path will, over a long distance, become a very significant derivation from the given path. It will ultimately lead to a different place entirely.

If all nations allow women to gain a controlling interest in their governments at the same time, the differences between nations in this regard will be minimal.

If one nation is governed with a male controlling interest and another nation is governed by a female controlling interest, and male and females have different tendencies, what are some possible outcomes?

Very few successful societies have ever allowed women to gain a controlling interest in governance.

This post advocates nothing in particular.

It is a mix of statements, thoughts and questions related to offering women the right to an equal vote or say in governance.

Some of those statements and thoughts may be incorrect, confusing or misleading.

Please feel free to make corrections or add additional statements related to the potential impact of women's suffrage on Western civilization, taking the long view.

What current trends seem to be the result of a female influence on the shaping of culture and government?

Why Men Should Avoid Women Writers

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There are a few obvious reasons as to why exercising caution with women who write for a living is essential, including the fact that they are the kind of women who not only are compelled to make their opinion heard by the entire world, but also have a great *volume* of opinions, of which one is likely to never hear the end. Another fairly simple fact is that a lot of writers are vain and drink a lot, which is often a recipe for adultery. Then, of course, there is the megalomania, the possibility that she will be a cruel mother with a tendency to run down her children in hurtful ways, and the arrogance that comes with any audience and tends to be exaggerated in females.

However, perhaps the most important reason not to have a long-term relationship with a female writer is that, inevitably, she will write about YOU, and the larger her audience the more uncomfortable and potentially humiliating that will be. There is nothing that says “beta” quite like a guy who allows his wife to humiliate him – even if unintentionally – in front of a multitude of strangers. And trust me, she *will* do this, because women, especially artistic or opinionated types, are moody and do not have a steady temperament.

Of course, I am not saying to avoid these women entirely. Perhaps some of them are great lovers, and one may find their company intellectually stimulating and spiritually enriching, if only for the opportunity of a case study. But the man who commits to her is throwing himself into the Colloseum to feed both hungry beasts and the amusement of the jeering, plebean horde.

Roissy recently posted a photo of a depression-era couple, remarking on the cheery disposition of the husband, who was waiting for work picking beans. As a comparison to the mood of the photo, in which the man’s bashful wife graces the background, he linked a very long article from the NY Times in which the writer wife launches into an epic spiel against her husband. It is a painful read, but worthwhile if you are a man and want to get a good feel for the mood of American women.

Additionally, Whiskey recently posted an article on *The Spearhead* about the author of Julie and Julia, who openly discusses her choice to pursue an extramarital affair as though it was no more than hiring an independent contractor, trashing her poor, cuckolded husband in the process.

Throughout the ages, there have been many male writers, most of them married at some point. I can’t think of one single famous male writer who explicitly trashes his wife in his published works, but now that women are happily publishing away, spouse-bashing in print has become the norm.

Is there anything more disgusting than a woman who exposes her intimate life to the entire world? Is there anything more humiliating to a man than to have his most vulnerable self reluctantly hoisted onto the public stage?

Shame is a forgotten concept these days. Women who write will have none of it, and they revel in the power of public display. Just as Mackenzie Phillips found glory in the revelation of her alleged consensual, adult sex with her own father, the new generation of female American writers like nothing better than to dissect their husbands in front of a drooling crowd.

If ever a woman tells you she is a writer, it would be best to reveal as little as possible to her. If you are foolish enough to conjoin your life with hers, in the end, you’ll be no more than an unsympathetic character in a sensational, but ultimately forgettable, romance novel at best.

From Tiger Woods to Phil Hartman

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What happened to Tiger Woods isn't being taken seriously by most of our society. This is no surprise. One example of this is a skit from the most recent episode of Saturday Night Live. (The skit can be viewed on Hulu, which may not work if you are outside the US, or on Youtube.)

The only reaction to this video has been that it was in "poor taste" because Rhianna was the musical guest for that episode. However, the sketch itself is very interesting for what it tells us about the societal view of female on male domestic violence. In the skit, Elin is set off by very small things, such as Tiger Woods' cell phone ringing. As it goes on, we are supposed to accept explanations for what is happening to Tiger Woods that are more and more implausible, such as Tiger Woods falling down a flight of stairs and throwing himself through a window, to Tiger Woods driving a car that he ran himself over with, etc. There is also a throwaway line about not blaming Cadillac for what happened with the car. Since female on male domestic violence isn't taken seriously, someone else (Tiger Woods, General Motors, etc.) has to be blamed no matter how absurd. Throughout the skit, Tiger Woods makes comments about how strong Elin is, because supposedly she must be strong for any type of domestic violence to happen. This is not the case.

One reason that domestic violence against men is not taken seriously is that men on average are stronger than women. There are many problems with this idea. The most obvious is that men are afraid to defend themselves against women because they will be thrown in prison regardless of the actual circumstances. The advantage of strength can be nullified. One quick way of doing that is to pull out a gun. No matter how strong a man is, he isn't going to stop a bullet. Knowledge of martial arts is another. Recently, there was the story of a "Mr. Zhang" in China who was constantly battered by his wife. She battered Mr. Zhang using Kung Fu, the martial art that she had practiced since she was a child. Evidently, domestic violence against men isn't taken seriously in China either. Mr. Zhang was only able to get a contract stating that his wife would only batter him once a week. This contract was to be enforced by his in laws. Such a thing is absurd (but what can be expected from a woman who says that "she can't help herself") and shouldn't be necessary. I'm not familiar with the Chinese legal code, but I'm certain assault and battery is illegal in China. Thus, this proves that domestic violence against men in China is treated in a similar manner as in the West.

Another example is Carolyn Brown of Louisiana, who poured boiling grits on her boyfriend while he was sleeping. As he was asleep his strength advantage was nullified. There are plenty of others, including Lorena Bobbit's attack on her husband.

All the men I have mentioned so far have one thing in common: they are still alive. Phil Hartman wasn't so lucky. You may remember Phil Hartman from TV shows such as Saturday Night Live and Newsradio and movies such as Three Amigos. Hartman had many problems with his poorly-behaved third wife, Brynn. She had been addicted to drugs and in and out of rehab several times. Brynn was known for having trouble controlling her anger and losing her temper to gain attention. This came to a head in 1998 when Brynn, while drunk and on coke, committed an act of domestic violence murdering Phil Hartman. With all of her problems, why didn't Phil Hartman leave? Only Phil Hartman knows that, but some possibilities are that, despite the fact that Brynn had major substance abuse problems, a divorce court would have sided with her in distribution of assets. Even if that was the case, wouldn't that have been worth it for Phil Hartman? He would recover. Probably, except they had two children. Given that women typically receive custody of children in divorce unless they're eating the children, the children would have been stuck with Brynn and all of her problems. Phil Hartman wouldn't have been there to protect his children. I would not be surprised if this is the reason that Phil Hartman never divorced Brynn, and led to his tragic death.

These men I have written about are all well known. Many men are suffering in silence as victims of domestic violence. It is now known that women are perpetrators in 50% of domestic violence incidents. Given that men aren't likely to report women committing domestic violence against them, it's safe to say that women commit more

domestic violence than is reported. This is a deadly serious issue for millions of men, famous and ordinary alike.

The Long Reach of The Spearhead

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While perusing my favorite Google Analytics feature – the map overlay – I thought our readers might be interested in knowing where their brothers in arms come from. To put it plainly, pretty much everywhere. 108 countries in all. From Hafnarfjordur to Harare, Hamburg to Novo Hamburgo (Brazil), and from Sapporo to Swansea we have a nascent international brotherhood forming around The Spearhead. Of course, most of our readers are in the US, but can anyone guess which city reads *The Spearhead* more than any other? London England claims that honor, beating out even New York City, which comes in at number two. Canada, for its part, provides more readers per capita than any other English speaking country, while Australia makes a very strong showing in that department as well. Outside of the Anglosphere, pound for pound, the most avid readers of *The Spearhead* of all are the Finns, those tenacious denizens of Europe's frozen north. If anything should give us cause for hope, it is that the same men who fought Stalin's Red Army to a standstill, despite being vastly outnumbered, are apparently really pissed off about feminism.

I noticed with some pleasure that we have readers in Beijing, where I spent a couple of years blissfully free from American feminism, and we have a contingent in Istanbul, a place I'd love to visit. I was curious when I saw that we have readers in Iran; what must they think when they read about what it is like to be a man in the West? Are they relieved not to be a part of it, or just bewildered by it all? A reader in Lagos, Nigeria has spent a good deal of time reading our site, and quite a number of hits have popped up in South Africa.

Of countries with no direct link to the West through population or geography, India and Japan have contributed the most readers. In Japan, at least, I suspect that most are expatriates, but I really don't know — maybe the Japanese find our subjects relevant as well. As for India, I know that feminism is a modern form of Western Imperialism, which is still alive and well in that long-exploited land, and it seems a few far-seeing Indian men are beginning to wake up and educate themselves about the new menace.

In general, one finds the most hits from countries in which feminism has become a serious problem. As one moves from Western to Eastern Europe, readership declines precipitously. It also declines markedly from north to south in Europe. Most of Africa is uncharted territory, but there are hits in unlikely places, such as Kampala and Harare. The Middle East, surprisingly, yields a decent number of readers, but that is likely due to Western enagagement with its people, who are being force-fed feminist ideology, in many instances at gunpoint. We have a number of fellow readers in South America, in fact, surprisingly many in Colombia and Venezuela, and quite a few in Brazil. Chile is blank, at least in the last week. Men must be very content in Chile — perhaps it would be a good place to visit.

It is very interesting to see that men all over the world are interested in the same issues that affect us right here at home in the belly of the feminist beast. That we can reach out is encouraging; maybe we help men in other parts of the world avoid our grim fate, and perhaps they can offer a helping hand to their fellow men who are languishing in the West under the scourge of rampant feminism.

In this comment thread, it would be great to hear from people from all over the world, and I'd especially like to encourage those who are not from English speaking countries to chime in (don't be bashful about your English). What brings you here, and after reading *The Spearhead*, how do you feel about Western feminism? Is it an unstoppable juggernaut, destined to gain dominion over the entire planet, or can it be smashed like the other evil, totalitarian ideologies of the last century?

A Note on Commenting

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I've noticed that there has been a minor debate about the comments on The Spearhead. That's fine; that's part of what the comments are for — hashing things out.

I'll explain why I am as liberal about commenting as I am, but first, I'd like to point out that there *is* a commenting policy, and that it is enforced. Fortunately, people are, for the most part, pretty good about adhering to it. The main point of the commenting policy is to keep people on topic and prevent out-of-control flame wars. So far, it's been fairly effective, but when it fails and certain people can't can't suppress their tendency to start conflagrations, I'll step in and break out the fire extinguisher. Of course, any cheap shots such as "outing" people or exposing others' private personal details (e.g. job, family, address, etc.) on this site will be dealt with first and with alacrity.

However, as the internet has become an established part of our lives, I've developed the philosophy that fighting its nature is pointless. I would rather take a Daoist approach, and allow the information to flow through its natural channels. Not everything that everyone posts is entirely accurate or relevant, and some of the streams of thought can be pretty murky, but there's often gold dust in silty water all the same. Maybe it takes a bit of work to sluice it out, and naturally we don't all have time for that, but it's there for the taking if you care to put in the effort.

Back in the early 90s, when the militia movement came to prominence, many people were operating in an information vacuum, especially those in the rural areas, who were largely ignored by an arrogant, all-powerful media. All sorts of conspiracy theories popped up, and people in cities were often quick to dismiss them as the ravings of ignorant, mentally imbalanced rednecks. Some of the ideas were bunk, but not all. I remember the jokes about "black helicopters" that journalists in big cities often made. Well, you know what? There *were* unmarked, black helicopters flying around the wilderness, and they were a part of the government's intrusion into the lives of citizens. Anyone ever heard of the DEA? For all I know, there were other government agencies flying around out there as well. Our government had all sorts of creepy programs that people weren't supposed to know about. Hell, they still do. Remember the "renditions" where we'd fly people all over the world to avoid torture laws? That was, what, five years ago?

The point is that the internet filled in a lot of information gaps that led to crazy conspiracy theories. That was a good thing for two reasons: first, it exposed clandestine domestic operations, and secondly, it allowed people who would otherwise have been in the dark access to *more plausible and realistic explanations*, because although the crazy ideas continued to be out there, people had much more to choose from, and in the light, truth tends to win by attrition.

When a contributor posts something to *The Spearhead*, they are putting out an idea or opinion in the plain light of day. People are free to question it, find flaws, and generally remark upon it. If it is a good idea – even if it has a few flaws – that will strengthen it. If it's just plain wrong, then all the better to find out quickly and move on to the next one. For my part, I don't mind being wrong. That's just the way I am. Sometimes, I love ideas so much that simply coming up with them is the greatest pleasure. In those cases, I count myself as fortunate when someone else comes along and offers critique; that's work I didn't have to do myself. In fact, some ideas I come up with have such terrible implications that I *want* them to be proven wrong. Finally, a writer without an editor is going to have a hell of a lot more work on his hands, and the end result won't be as good. Commenters are like editors, or quality control inspectors, etc.

If a feminist or other dissenting commenter wants to put some effort into challenging the posts, that's a good thing. Either our ideas hold up, or they don't. If you say you've got a flying machine, it had better go airborne when you start the thing up. If it doesn't, it's back to the drawing board. So as long as critics adhere to a few rules to keep the discourse relevant and relatively civilized, they are free to fire away. As for those who come up with their own ideas or opinions in the comments, they should expect to be held to a similar standard. And critique is subject to its own scrutiny; if it is misdirected or ridiculous it will only backfire and discredit itself.

All in all, truth is the goal, and although sometimes it can be hard to pick out in this age of roaring torrents of data, nevertheless there is more of it than in a trickling stream, and men have a genius for finding the eddies and lees where it settles to the riverbed.

Marital Insurance: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

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Men are resorting to increasingly desperate measures to protect themselves from the huge risks inherent in marriage. Prenups have exploded in popularity, and despite Tiger Woods' recent cop-out and capitulation, are proving effective. Men are becoming more discerning when it comes to choosing a wife, which probably goes a good ways toward explaining the rise in illegitimacy rates — many women are having to resort to tricking men into impregnating them out of wedlock to have children at all. Society is awakening to the fact that women are far from the morally unimpeachable angels that white knighting old fools fantasize about. However, none of this is enough. Given the miserable state of millions of divorced men, it is obvious that men need a lot more.

One thing that could definitely gain some traction is marital insurance. People have always sought out health and life insurance, because everyone knows that a disaster or accident could strike from out of the blue, cutting down young or old, healthy or sick and rich or poor alike. It's just a fact of life that adults accept. But what about divorce? This catastrophe is far more likely to cut a man down in the prime of life than cancer, a serious car accident, or even falling and breaking a leg on an icy sidewalk. A wife can go from calculated pleasantries to blitzkrieg divorce war while a man is at work, entirely unaware of her scheme, and he can come home to flashing lights, armed men and an order to collect his "personal belongings" and immediately leave and stay at least one mile away from his home and family.

In these cases, far too many men are left with no help, no options, and literally nowhere to sleep. No man is safe; I have heard from policemen who were forced to sleep at the station because their wives had seized their bank accounts and obtained orders throwing them out of the house. Many men must sleep in their cars, and others in their offices if they are lucky. There are no shelters for these men. In fact, the only shelter always open to them is jail, because they are commonly labeled "perpetrators" whether or not they have been convicted of crimes.

An innovative solution to the acute crisis of marital separation is an insurance policy to cover the short-term costs in such an event. A man with marital insurance, upon being ordered out of his house and thrown into the cold, unforgiving night, could obtain temporary lodging pending finding a new place to live, funds for food and gas, and enough money to pay a retainer to a good family law attorney. More comprehensive forms of marital insurance could include counseling, private investigator services, and temporary backup for any bank accounts seized or liquidated by the wife.

Not being an attorney, I'm not sure exactly what the laws are surrounding such forms of insurance, but in a search I found that a number of patent applications have already been filed for marriage insurance. Obviously, I'm neither the first nor the only one who has thought of it, and people are apparently taking the idea seriously.

In addition to protecting men in the event of a sudden divorce, divorce insurance could prevent a number of men from making the wrong choice in the first place. Just as an insurance rate varies according to the value of the asset and risks involved, a method could be developed to calculate which women are good bets and which ones are not. The more statistically likely a woman would be to divorce, the higher the insurance rate. Knowing how much a wife would cost to insure could give men a much better idea of whether marrying her is a good idea or not. If, for example, a young female intern in a family law firm cost, say, $500/month to insure, many men might opt for a new car instead of marriage and save themselves from a future catastrophe.

Complicated times call for extraordinary measures, and this might be one that could tide over men until we can finally do away with the current mess and try something better.

The Cultural Devastation of and By Feminist Women: Tell Your Stories

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In 2006, social commentator Nancy Levant came out with a book titled "THE CULTURAL DEVASTATION OF AMERICAN WOMEN: The Strange and Frightening Decline of The American Female (and Her Dreadful Timing)." In it she said many things that American men had been saying for decades, against very pervasive and systematized resistance to, and denial of, their message. Men's criticisms had long been dismissed with accusations of "misogyny" or "backlashing" or claims that the men were just "angry" or "bitter" or "threatened by losing their power."

The social movement of the last half of the 20th Century started out being called "women's liberation" but eventually came to be termed "2nd Wave Feminism." While many who call themselves "feminists" will point to a dictionary definition of feminism as being about something like "equal rights for women", their idea of "equality" always seems rooted in a presumption of victimhood and the pursuit of "equal rights" always translates into actions taken to seek ever expanding special privileges and entitlements for women. With this as justification, any restriction on women's behavior is seen as coming from their historic "oppression" and any validity it might have in protecting other people and the culture as a whole from unrestrained infantile self-indulgence is simply ignored and refuted.

The result of this has been a couple of generations of women terribly stunted in their emotional development and maturation, and given to the most unbelievable excesses of behavior under the rubric of "empowerment". Any observation of this has been attacked by women, feminists, and feminist apologists twisting legitimate criticism of socially destructive and pathological behaviors into ridiculous strawmen arguments like "wanting to send all women back to the kitchen, barefoot and pregnant."

This is what makes Levant's criticism of the same selfish, excessive, and anti-social behaviors so refreshing.

> "The Cultural Devastation of American Women is a factual investigation into American women's misunderstanding and abuse of liberation. Levant burrows into the psyches and habits of American women. She exposes over-spending, over-decorating, obsessions with beauty, weight, social climbing, and the hiring of traditional female functions, demonstrating a rejection of biological instincts and behaviors.
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> Levant exposes demanding, unreasonable, and incompetent mothers. She delves with brutal frankness into women and marriage, child rearing, divorce, hypochondria, self-absorption, and vanity – challenging the assumption that political feminism liberated women from social bondage.

The "social bondage" she mentions is, of course, simply those restraints on impulsive, thoughtless, selfish, behaviors which are necessary to allow people to live together in a civilized manner without destroying each other's lives. Since the mid-20th century women, as a group, have indeed been freed from having to show any concern at all for the effects of their own actions, and "choices", on the lives of others – to the extent that the right to terminate the lives of their unborn children remains the flagship issue for feminists.

Where Levant fails is that she still holds on to the illusion that feminism ever had any other purpose or intent. As a movement and ideology, feminism desperately grasps at the work done by the suffragettes in securing the right to vote for women. Levant dismisses this notion, but puts forth another equally idealistic and unrealistic one given the actual observed behavior of women today.

> "Many Westernized women took a wrong turn, and particularly so in the United States. American women allowed for the corruption of feminism – the complete and total corruption of feminism – and the results have devastated our nation.

> **Feminism was not born in the Suffragette Movement.** The Suffragettes were women who fought, and mostly with dignity, for the right to vote and higher education. They were not culture-damaging women. They were mothers and wives. They fought for representation and fairness and nothing more. Feminism, as defined by today's standards, was born during the Sexual Revolution, which was born from widespread recreational drug use by American teenagers. Why no one ever made the connection is beyond me, but that is the truth of the matter. When youths in high schools and colleges were high, widespread sexual activity was the fallout. It's the same phenomenon as the bar mentality – get drunk and sleep with anybody who is willing. Once American youth were openly sleeping with all their friends, including ones of the same sex, and at the same time under the influence of a one or two decade-long marijuana, cocaine, LSD, hashish, amphetamine party, a mindset kicked in, which perverted the very essence of feminism.
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> **The resulting politicizing of feminism all but destroyed what it means to be a natural and biological female. In fact, feminism became a movement based upon anger, demands, and a demand that women think and believe in a prescribed and documented agenda.** Political feminism actually worked to recapture the free will of women. Try disagreeing with a political feminist and discover what a dumb ass your free will has become. Try disagreeing with anything a political feminist has to say about anything.
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> Feminism is not brute-force politics. **With bated breath, I will tell you what feminism is. Feminism is the result of women who feed and grow their spiritual and biological gifts. That is its sole definition.**

(Hm. In my entire life I have never met a "feminist" who fit that definition.)

But, she does go on from there to lay it on the line –

> Many, many contemporary **American women are emotional messes. They are pathologically vain, materialistic** as clearly demonstrated in their overly decorated, sterile home, and landscaped yards; are **grossly self-involved, horrible and mean-spirited mothers and wives, and they are constantly, incessantly, angry and neurotic. American women are shallow.** They openly accept television, Hollywood, and magazines as role models for their daughters and themselves. **They abuse money and spend thousands upon thousands of dollars annually for beauty regimens, diet supplements, day spas, trinkets, and gym memberships. Many are addicted to a whole array of over-the-counter drugs and beauty aids.** This is liberation?

Unlike Levant, the vast majority of women in feminist countries remain either unaware or in complete denial of the wholesale breakdown in civilized behavior by women. Even with signs everywhere one looks, any attempt to draw attention to the magnitude and pervasiveness of the problem will be met either with the same old denial and personal attacks, or the meaningless dodge "but NOT ALL women are like that." The net result has been to provide cover, aid, and succor to a group of women that truly is an enemy to the preservation of a functioning civilization.

Every time the subject comes up, the story is always the same – someone, most often a woman, will attempt to "kill the messenger" and silence him. However, as time has gone on, the behavior of women has become so outrageous and destructive that even women are starting to take notice – such as the example of Levant, above, or this piece in the Daily Mail in the UK: "The ego epidemic: How more and more of us women have an inflated sense of our own fabulousness" by Lucy Taylor -

> Us women are more egocentric and narcissistic than we ever used to be, according to extensive research by two leading psychologists.
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> More of us have huge expectations of ourselves, our lives and everyone in them. **We think the universe resolves around us, with a deluded sense of our own fabulousness, and believe we are cleverer, more talented and more attractive than we actually are.**
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> **We have trouble** accepting criticism and **extending empathy because we are so preoccupied with**

> **ourselves.**

One bit of insight on the reason for this strange cooperative denial by women, despite the vast amount of evidence right in front of their faces, is referenced in a recent article on the popular men's website Men's News Daily – The Making of a Men's Rights Activist: A Letter to a Departed Friend

> At the conclusion of our discussion, when you finally, and brutally honestly, declared that **you didn't care if women's advancement meant that men would be treated unequally and unfairly — that they would have to unjustly suffer, even as they would be expected to fully support women's interests** — I was stunned, to say the least. It was a devastating epiphany to realize that **you placed the interests of women that you would never know ahead of whatever affection you felt for your own male family and friends – and ahead of any sense of justice. Instead of fairness, justice, and family, you acknowledged that it was all about grabbing power.** Perhaps I was naïve, and perhaps I overreacted, but to a significant degree, **my general affection for women was shattered by what you told me, and was replaced with a sense of wary distrust. My view of women as men's "better half" was destroyed. I saw that women were intent on being men's competitors in a "winner-take-all" competition.**

The writer's friend, about 30 years ago, obviously had the same inability to extend empathy due to being so preoccupied with herself and the concerns of women. And, it was about this same time (being about the same age as Jay Riggs) that I began to notice that same obsession with self and fundamental disregard for all others among women.

Against the backdrop of the pervasive cultural mythology that women are the "relationship experts", and are "caring and nurturing", this self-centered willingness to exploit anyone while at the same time demanding support from everyone sounds very much like the observation of women made by Florence Nightingale –

> Women have no sympathy . . . And my experience of women is almost as large as Europe. And it is so intimate too. **Women crave for being loved, not for loving. They scream at you for sympathy all day long, they are incapable of giving any in return for they cannot remember your affairs long enough to do so.**
> - Florence Nightingale

Now, recently, we have had a woman here wanting men to write a "manifesto" about what men want, which she will toss from the rooftops in NYC and DC. And, it somewhat baffled her that her initial suggestion to ""wipe the slate clean" and start over on better terms between men and women was rebuffed in a fairly cold, and sometimes hostile, manner.

On the one hand, it is difficult to maintain a hard enough heart to hear someone who gives every impression of being completely sincere and reject her message. But, on the other hand, years of experience with women who have made every bit as compelling a pitch, then the moment they got what they wanted turned around and seemed as if they had promptly forgotten that getting what they wanted was viewed by the other person as the beginning and only part of an exchange that would involve some reciprocity on the woman's part, have made many men skeptical, wary, and distrustful – just like Jay Riggs above.

My first take at coming up with an answer to what men wanted, and testing the water to see if more women than just her were interested, was titled "Do Western Women Want Gender Peace?", because after years of one-sided exploitation, and being lied to by women, one non-negotiable demand by men for engaging women again is sincere effort on women's part to have a relationship based on reciprocity rather than solely on exploitation of the man for her benefit and entertainment.

But, from the responses by men to the thread, maybe I should have also asked the question – do western men want gender peace with western women? Because, it seems like a lot of men who responded to the question "what do you

want from women?" answered with "For them to go the hell away and leave me alone." Sometimes relationships reach a point where they are damaged beyond repair.

It is quite baffling to a lot of men – at least until their positive view of women is completely destroyed by women's selfish exploitation – that women seem to be so unwilling to give even the tiniest bit of consideration to the man's point of view and experiences. Men who post on internet boards, blogs, and discussion lists are well aware of an absolute stone wall of resistance which exists any place women are allowed to be present. And in the face of this it becomes very difficult for a man to believe a woman who seems to be asking to make peace because it comes across as "why don't you just forget about everything bad I have ever done to you and start giving me what I want again so that I can keep using you and jerking you around."

While "forgiveness" is a wonderful thing, it can also be a foolish thing when that forgiveness is used for nothing more than an opening to repeat the same exploitive and destructive behaviors.

The excessive, neurotic, behaviors discussed by Nancy Levant, and the selfishness and utter comtempt for others discussed by Jay Riggs and Lucy Taylor, have left a trail of wreckage of other people's lives of unbelievable proportions in its wake. The so-called "liberation" of women has freed them from all legal and social restraints against destroying people's lives with their selfishness, so men are left on their own to deal with that.

Anoukange suggested that we create a collection of stories of the damage women have done to others, and she has promised to throw them from the rooftops. Whether or not that actually does any good, I think it would be useful to have a compendium for readers of the Spearhead to tell their own particular stories of female destructiveness.

So, use this as an opportunity to tell your story – what sort of trail of destruction have feminist women left in your life?

And the Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize is...

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Nobama:

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/2009/press.html

Color me surprised *rolls eyes*

In other US news: Monday, December 7 was the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attack_on_Pearl_Harbor

Funny that nobody talks about that.

Spearhead on Twitter

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Although I really don't care much for the name "Twitter," it seems to be a fairly popular social networking service, so I obtained a Twitter account for *The Spearhead* and installed the Twitter Tools WordPress plugin, which creates a tweet each time a post is published.

I'm not sure whether we'll take to twittering anything besides posts, but evidently Twitter does make it easier to share links, so it should have some value.

So if you tweet, come on over and follow *The Spearhead* on Twitter.

The Right Woman

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One idea I've seen put forth by a few female commenters on *The Spearhead* is that if only men were wise enough to choose "the right woman" they could avoid the catastrophes that so often afflict them in marriage and divorce. There is probably an element of truth to this, but as with so many cure-alls, it is missing the bigger picture.

First, we should ask what is the "right woman?" If we are to take a woman's opinion, she is intelligent, educated, independent, self-confident, capable, attractive and in control. How do I know this? Because this is how women are always portrayed in media designed to appeal to them, and we know it works, because women consume a great deal of material that is designed to cast them in that light.

If we were to ask a man, we'd get a significantly different ideal. Men – at least most of them – want women who are pretty, kind, caring, not stupid, modest and helpful. Not opposite, but a pretty big difference from what women think of as the ideal woman. A couple of these qualities are mutually exclusive, such as self-confident and modest, and others, such as in control and helpful, are quite different from each other. Even pretty and attractive are distinctly different concepts; attractive suggests the kind of woman who gets a lot of looks on the street, while pretty describes the girl who gives a man a feeling of a more privately shared desire. Finally, there is a pretty big difference between not stupid and intelligent: studies have shown that the more intelligent women are than average, the less likely men are to marry them.

Obviously, not all guys want the same thing, and fortunately human diversity does a great job of offering plenty of options. However, there is a looming archetype that casts a shadow over relationships between men and women in our culture, and it does a great deal of damage to the real partnerships that men and women create. This archetype is a product of the darker aspects of femininity — the drive for social dominance in particular.

Men are often unaware of the brutally competitive nature of women, who are far more conscious of social hierarchy than men. Men create hierarchies in order to get things done; they recognize that abilities and talents differ, and that each man therefore has a different place. They choose their leaders for qualities such as courage, charisma and righteousness. As Jack Donovan recently pointed out, men follow those they admire for their inherent qualities, and then they grace them with external honors. With women, this is inverted: women tend to view the inherent qualities as products of the external honors. The queen is superior *because of her crown*, and the prince more desirable because of his castle and fine steed. Men can only understand the appeal that a fairy tale such as Cinderella holds for women on an intellectual level after a good deal of life experience; for women the story hits them at a visceral level that they can feel from a very young age. The poor stepdaughter is scorned by by her privileged stepsisters until her fairy godmother comes to the rescue, and suddenly she is surrounded by finery and assumes social superiority over all other women. For boys, it is internal qualities, such as super powers, that allow them to rise above. As we know, most superheroes are ordinary guys when off the job, and refrain from using their powers in a social context. This is a profound difference.

It is this difference that makes women better consumers than men, and in our consumerist society the cultural emphasis has naturally shifted toward encouraging consumption by the most effective means. In the case of women, this is an appeal to the most basic components of the desire for elevated social status. Being a consumer is about more than simply buying things; it is also about *buying into things*. We all know that women account for the vast bulk of consumer spending in the West, but there is a reason they are coming to dominate university enrollment and high status professional jobs as well. For years, the message that having a degree or a job as, say, a doctor, confers social superiority has been rammed down people's throats through popular entertainment. Men have long known that being a physician is a lucrative job, and quite a few have been attracted to the profession for that reason among others, but few boys become doctors because they idolized the hunks in white coats who so often appear in soap operas and TV dramas. For a woman, however, making the rounds and declaring herself a doctor at social events is a satisfying exercise. Likewise, boasting about her degree from a good school is a great pleasure. The social credit

she gets from these honors is a reward in and of itself.

Women's natural focus on social hierarchy combined with their overrepresentation as consumers has inexorably pushed us toward a more socially hierarchical society that is alien to most men. In a way, we are living in a world that increasingly reflects daytime soap operas, and many boys and men simply don't understand the logic of this new society. It truly has become a woman's world, and the characteristics that men find attractive in women simply aren't relevant to it. In this world, a woman who wants to achieve her natural, instinctive goals will have to adopt a persona that is inherently unattractive to men. A woman of inherent quality and capability, therefore, will often be more repellent to men than a rather unremarkable girl, because her very ability to fulfill her desires will lead her to resemble an archetype that makes her a poor choice for a mate. This probably explains why highly intelligent women find it so much more difficult to find a mate than their dimmer sisters.

Most men are thus left with a difficult choice: either partner with a woman of inherent quality who has become unappealing because of her ability, or settle with a second-rate woman who has not only because she lacks the wherewithal. Neither choice is likely to lead to happiness.

We have created a society that virtually precludes girls from becoming the "right woman." Few men in my generation will have the opportunity to find the right woman, and most of those who manage to make it through with an intact marriage probably won't ever know what such a woman is. Perhaps that is for the better; what good could it possibly do them to know what women were like before the great cultural shift of the late 20th century?

Perhaps the most tragic thing about this is that the few women who really are the right women for men, those scattered renegades of their sex, are the ones most likely to suffer at the hands of dominant women. They are the real Cinderellas in a world dominated by evil stepmothers and stepsisters. Perhaps the old fairy tale is the best metaphor for our modern society: the gracious diligent woman is consigned to the ashy hearth while the harridan and her ungainly brood rule the roost.

Writing in Tongues: Feminist Language

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> When women's experience is made intelligible in the communications of consciousness raising we can recognize that it is in the structures of men's stories of the world that women don't make sense — that our own experience, collectively and jointly appreciated, can generate a picture of ourselves and the world within which we are intelligible.
>
> -*Women, Knowledge and Reality*, Ann Garry and Marilyn Pearsall

When it comes to language, I am something of a conservative. There is little that annoys me more than the propagation of ugly, obtuse and unintelligible writing. This is one of the reasons I admire Orwell, who vigorously protested the degeneration of the English language in essays and books, most notably 1984.

Feminists, for their part, often appear to have taken it upon themselves to wage war on the English language. The style and language they use, which employs a number of neologisms and, dare I say, "neosemanticisms," could be described as having some attributes that mimic classical philosophy, but the effect is more what one might expect from a gang of axe-wielding orcs set loose upon an ancient, wooded grove.

Hallowed academe, once the keeper of the classics, has been invaded by a new form of literature; one that has metastasized throughout the stacks of libraries, shoving the beautiful old books full of clear, delightful language to the margins. Here, I'd like to offer a few examples of what kind of text can be found in a typical humanities class in the 21st century, and leave it up to the reader to determine why boys and men are fleeing these institutions:

> "The power of the Marxian critique of class domination stands as an implicit suggestion that feminists should consider the advantages of adopting a historical materialist approach to understanding phallocratic domination."
>
> –Nancy Hartsock in *"The Feminist Standpoint"*

This is the first sentence of Hartsock's essay. The term "phallocratic domination" is a euphemism for patriarchal society, i.e. rule by men, which is the norm throughout most of the world. Hartsock reduces this to rule by penis. Both Hartsock and I live in Washington state, which is largely ruled by women. Our governor and two senators are female. How would feminists react if men were to call that a "vaginocracy?" Essentially, Hartsock is reducing men to their genitals, which is a very primitive slur. This is easy to do when one has a guaranteed position at a university, and contradicts her fundamental premise that penises rule.

Nancy Hartsock is a tenured professor of Political Science at the University of Washington in Seattle.

> "The relation between ourselves as practicing sociologists and ourselves as working women is continually visible to us, a central feature of experience of the world, so that the bifurcation of consciousness becomes for

> us a daily chasm which is to be crossed, on the one side of which is this special conceptual activity of thought, research, teaching, administration, and on the other the world of concrete practical activities of keeping things clean, managing somehow the house and household and the children, a world in which the particularities of persons in their full organic immediacy (cleaning up the vomit, changing diapers, as well as feeding) are inescapable. Even if we don't have that as a direct contingency in our lives, we are aware of that as something that our becoming may be inserted into as a possible predicate."
>
> –Dorothy E. Smith in *"Women's perspective as a Radical Critique of Sociology"*

Here, Dorothy Smith, who also published *"Feminism and Marxism: a place to begin, a way to go"*, expresses in convoluted terms her anger and frustration about how her maternal duties imposed upon the "conceptual activity" that she apparently cherished. In fact, her grief is shared by plenty of women who are not conceptually capable, and she is simply a more verbose (although far from eloquent, as the quote clearly demonstrates) example of the woman who just doesn't want to be bothered by motherhood. Note how she uses "predicate" where she clearly intends "predicament."

Dorothy Smith is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada.

> One phenomenon feminist historians have focused on is the rape and torture metaphors in the writings of Sir Francis Bacon and others (e.g. Machiavelli) enthusiastic about the new scientific method. Traditional historians and philosophers have said that these metaphors are irrelevant to the real meanings and referents of scientific concepts held by those who used them and by the public for whom they wrote. But when it comes to regarding nature as a machine, they have quite a different analysis: here, we are told, the metaphor provides the interpretations of Newton's mathematical laws: it directs inquirers to fruitful ways to apply his theory and suggests the appropriate methods of inquiry and the kind of metaphyiscs the new theory supports. But if we are to believe that mechanistic metaphors were a fundamental component of the explanations the new science provided, why should we believe that the gender metaphors were not? A consistent analysis would lead to the conclusion that understanding nature as a woman indifferent to or even welcoming rape was equally fundamental to the interpretations of these new conceptions of nature and inquiry. Presumably these metaphors, too, had fruitful pragmatic, methodological, and metaphysical consequences for science. In that case, why is it not as illuminating and honest to refer to Newton's laws as "Newton's rape manual" as it is to call them "Newton's mechanics"?
>
> –Sandra Harding in "The Science Question in Feminism"

The assault on men in this instance becomes so ridiculous as to accuse Sir Isaac Newton, a lifelong virgin, of surreptitiously writing a rape manual while publishing one of the most influential scientific works of all time. Keep in mind that this woman is a tenured professor at a public university, and actually gets paid taxpayer money to write these kinds of things. “Phallocracy” indeed!

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Gloria Steinem: 65 More Years of Feminist Revolution

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Today, by chance, I saw the following interview with Gloria Steinem on my local public television station, KCTS 9. The interview was hosted by Enrique Cerna, who is an insufferable kiss-ass. Watch the video and you'll see what I mean.

Male Unemployment and Crumbling Infrastructure

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[image]By now you have already heard about the "mancession", and you know that men are disproportionately losing their jobs compared to women in this recession. Since the official unemployment rate in the US is already in the double digits, President Obama did the only thing he knows how to do: talk, by holding a jobs summit. All that came out of the jobs summit was undeniable proof that all the attendees at the summit should probably be unemployed.

Originally, the "stimulus" (which was supposed to keep the official unemployment rate well below its current level) was supposed to be spent on infrastructure. The I-35W Mississippi River Bridge collapse in Minnesota in 2007 and the DC Metro crash earlier this year in June (which was also covered by our own Roissy on his personal blog) showed that spending on maintaining current and building new infrastructure has been insufficient for a long time. The stimulus would have been a good opportunity to begin to correct this massive error as solid infrastructure is necessary for long term economic growth (not to mention safety), but womens' (such as NOW) groups objected. They called the original stimulus "burly", "macho", and "sexist" demanding that the stimulus be spent on women. This was despite the fact that millions of men were losing their jobs, and education and health care added jobs primarily benefiting women. NOW and the other womens' groups were successful with the stimulus was skewed towards education and health care leaving infrastructure in the same dangerous state it was before. In addition the gap between male and female unemployment is the largest in the history of unemployment data going back to 1948 when such data began.

This "women oriented stimulus" along with other things has caused the federal deficit for this year to surpass 1.8 trillion dollars, far beyond the deficit of any previous year. This causes more men to be unemployed since this massive federal debt is sucking capital out of the private sector which destroys jobs. Literally, there is no capital for new business creation and business expansion that would create jobs. Given all of the other factors here, effectively the stimulus and other ballooning government spending is causing millions and millions of more men to be unemployed. At least if the stimulus was spent on infrastructure jobs doing badly needed work would be created that would have provided a solid foundation for long term economic growth. Instead we have infrastructure that continues to crumble plus more and more men losing their jobs.

Since government policy is now driving the problems of male unemployment and crumbling infrastructure, only a significant change in government policy will solve these problems. Until then millions more men will become unemployed and there will be more bridges collapsing, metro crashes, electrical grid failures, and other disasters that should never have happened.

Men With Pens Anything But

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I'd seen the "Men With Pens" site before, and although I didn't pay too much attention to the site, because it didn't seem to be relevant to my interests (now I know why), I thought it was nice to see guys who were proud of being men in this age of utter female domination of writing. I didn't read the site too closely, so I never suspected what was really going on. It simply seemed like a project that I could support, on the face of it at least.

Turns out that there is often more than one face of things. It's now clear that women will tell any kind of lie to get what they want, including usurping our gender for their own business purposes. Not that this should surprise anyone, but as men we don't tend to expect these kinds of lies. It is a huge disadvantage for us; we just *don't think to lie* like these women do. We are totally outclassed when it comes to dishonesty and subterfuge.

Toosh, a poster on Roissy's site, alerted me to the truth, which was spilled on copyblogger.com, in all likelihood in a moment of drunken hubris. After reading this awful piece, I have lost an immense amount of respect for copyblogger, which ~~is~~ was one of the premier online writing sites on the web.

The author claims that being a woman put her at a huge disadvantage in the writing business, despite the fact that women utterly dominate mid-level writing positions across corporate America. She offers up a sob story about going on welfare and coming up with a number of alternate personas to get work. According to this woman, portraying herself as a man did the trick and got her better jobs.

One thing I'd like to know is whether she claimed she was a man when she applied for welfare and small business loans. Somehow, I don't think so.

She took to calling herself "James Chartrand," and founded "Men With Pens," a masculine-themed site, banking on masculinity to sell herself. Now Ms. "Chartrand" is riding high, portraying her success as some kind of feminist coup. Wonderful. With men in prison and out of work all over the country, we have to face the theft of our very identity as well. I suppose that's just what we've got to expect in the current feminist regime, but it doesn't mean we have to be happy about it. When an intersexual, Caster Semenya, tried to compete in international track and field, it was promptly thrown out. However, we have to accept that women can usurp us in fields in which we, as men, are already disadvantaged and underrespresented.

Women have tremendous advantages these days. Not only do they dominate university enrollment, they are given preference in business loans as well. Everywhere they turn they are being given unfair advantages, so it's really no wonder that some people might prefer to hire a man in the same business. After all, if a man established himself, it's pretty obvious he did it on talent, rather than loads of undeserved help. But that means nothing now — women can simply take advantage of all the programs geared to help them and then claim to be men. So simple, so unfair.

I urge all readers of *The Spearhead* to spread the news about "Men With Pens" and both expose and boycott the site. It is run by a lying, freeloading woman who is dedicated to using all the advantages women have while she destroys masculine identity. Also, let Copyblogger know what a scummy thing it is to encourage this.

Children of the Soy

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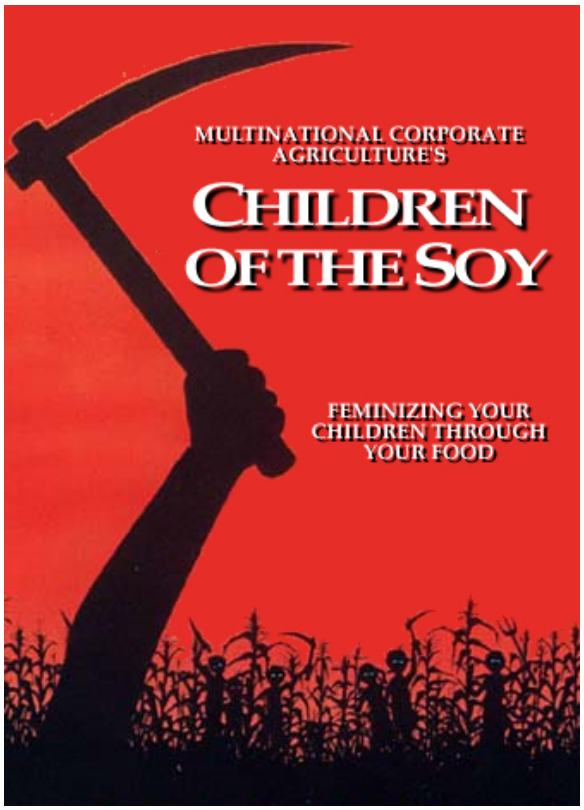

Learn to fear *She Who Walks Behind the Rows.*

There is a lot of confusion when it comes to the health effects of Soy in the human diet. There are some things people need to realize before they conclude whether or not they should include this substance in their daily diet….but for most of you, it already is.

Unless you read labels religiously to purposely avoid eating soy products, chances are you have eaten some form of soy in just about every meal you've eaten – especially if you regularly eat at restaurants (fast food or not) or any kind of food that comes boxed, wrapped or pre-prepared for convenience.

First thing to consider is that the Soybean plant is similar to all other legumes: in their natural state, right from the plant, all legumes have a host of anti-nutrients in them. Traditional cultures around the world have intuitively understood this, which is why preparing legumes in traditional cuisines almost always involved pre-processing of the legumes to neutralize these anti-nutrients.

This is a very important point to remember – the traditional uses of Soy by Asian cultures was almost exclusively based on soy foods made through fermentation, which rendered most of the anti-nutrients harmless and even beneficial. Miso, Shoyu (traditionally brewed soy sauce), Natto and Tempeh are all examples of traditionally fermented soy foods that were a part of traditional Asian cultures diets.

So what anti-nutrients are a part of the Soy legume, and how do they affect the body? From Soy Online Service:

- High levels of phytic acid in soy reduce assimilation of calcium, magnesium, copper, iron and zinc. Phytic acid in soy is not neutralized by ordinary preparation methods such as soaking, sprouting and long, slow cooking. High phytate diets have caused growth problems in children.
- Trypsin inhibitors in soy interfere with protein digestion and may cause pancreatic disorders. In test animals soy containing trypsin inhibitors caused stunted growth.

- Soy phytoestrogens disrupt endocrine function and have the potential to cause infertility and to promote breast cancer in adult women.
- Soy phytoestrogens are potent antithyroid agents that cause hypothyroidism and may cause thyroid cancer. In infants, consumption of soy formula has been linked to autoimmune thyroid disease.
- Vitamin B12 analogs in soy are not absorbed and actually increase the body's requirement for B12.
- Soy foods increase the body's requirement for vitamin D.
- Fragile proteins are denatured during high temperature processing to make soy protein isolate and textured vegetable protein.
- Processing of soy protein results in the formation of toxic lysinoalanine and highly carcinogenic nitrosamines.
- Free glutamic acid or MSG, a potent neurotoxin, is formed during soy food processing and added to many soy foods.
- Soy foods contain high levels of aluminum which is toxic to the nervous system and the kidneys.

SOY INFANT FORMULA — BIRTH CONTROL PILLS FOR BABIES

- **Babies fed soy-based formula have 13,000 to 22,000 times more estrogen compounds in their blood than babies fed milk-based formula.**
- **Infants exclusively fed soy formula receive the estrogenic equivalent of at least five birth control pills per day.**
- Male infants undergo a "testosterone surge" during the first few months of life, when testosterone levels may be as high as those of an adult male. During this period, baby boys are programmed to express male characteristics after puberty, not only in the development of their sexual organs and other masculine physical traits, but also in setting patterns in the brain characteristic of male behavior.
- Pediatricians are noticing greater numbers of boys whose physical maturation is delayed, or does not occur at all, including lack of development of the sexual organs. Learning disabilities, especially in male children, have reached epidemic proportions.
- **Soy infant feeding—which floods the bloodstream with female hormones that inhibit testosterone—cannot be ignored as a possible cause for these tragic developments. In animals, soy feeding indicates that phytoestrogens in soy are powerful endocrine disrupters.**
- Almost 15 percent of white girls and 50 percent of African-American girls show signs of puberty such as breast development and pubic hair, before the age of eight. Some girls are showing sexual development before the age of three. Premature development of girls has been linked to the use of soy formula and exposure to environmental estrogens such as PCBs and DDE.

Yet if you look in mainstream media sources, all you ever hear, see or read is how Soy is a health food, how it can help prevent cancer, is good for heart health, is healthier to eat than meat, etc.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

What is really going on is this: Soy is the second biggest crop being farmed by Big Agriculture. It's a multi-million dollar crop, and industrial food processing corporations have found innumerable products, by-products and additives can be created and used from this legume. The multiple uses of this crop are precisely why it is so profitable to grow and market it to the food processing industry. And the soybean producers have certainly spent a pretty penny to fund research to promote their marketing efforts.

The important point of using methods like fermentation to neutralize the anti-nutrients in soy IS THE KEY TO THE BAIT AND SWITCH used by the Soy industry that they use to produce biased research results to promote Soy as a "health food."

Here's what Soy Nutrition (a pro-Soy website, most likely funded by the Soy lobby) says regarding Soyfood and Cancer:

Current views on soy and breast cancer stem from several comprehensive statistical analyses of epidemiologic studies. Epidemiology is the science of studying populations in order to determine the frequency and distribution of disease and measured risks. In the epidemiologic soy studies, investigators ascertained the quantity of soyfoods consumed by study participants to determine if high-soy consumers were more or less likely to have (in case-control studies), or to develop (in prospective studies), cancer.

In the most recent analysis, which was conducted by Anna Wu and colleagues from the University of Southern California, high-soy consumers were found to be about 30% less likely to report having breast cancer than Asian women who consumed relatively little soy.[67] This second study purposely included a high percentage of vegetarians, who typically consume more soy than non-vegetarians. However, in a separate large study in the United Kingdom, there was no evidence that soy intake was protective.

What might account for the protective effect of soyfood intake in the Asian studies but not in the UK study? One explanation is that soyfoods are protective against breast cancer only when consumed early in life – during childhood and/or adolescence.[8] In the UK study, it is likely the vegetarians adopted their dietary behavior as adults, and may well have consumed little soy prior. In contrast, because soyfoods are part of the traditional Asian diet, it is likely that Asians who consume soy as adults also did so as children.

That's a deliberate misdirection.

The real reason is because Asians who eat soy, generally eat soy foods prepared in their traditional methods – fermentation to render the anti-nutrients harmless. The majority of soy consumed in the US and the UK…not so.

No, here in the west, the majority of Soy that we consume comes from all of the additives created by soy and put into the food supply.

Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein
Textured Vegetable Protein
Soy Protein Isolate
Hydrogenated or Partially-Hydrogenated Soybean Oil
Soy Lecithin
Soy Flour
Soy Milk
Soybean Oil (if you ever see a listed ingredient as "Vegetable Oil" it's almost a certainty that Soy is the "vegetable.")

These are some of the products created from the soybean that are in nearly EVERYTHING you buy from the grocery store nowadays. If a food product has an ingredient list of more than 5 things, chances are, there is some soy derivative in it somewhere. Also, unless you're eating fried or sauteed foods from restaurants that specifically state the oil they are using to make it, you can assume the oil they use is "vegetable" oil…the cheapest cooking oil in mass production.

Also, soy protein isolate and hydrolyzed soy are often used as meat filler. Public School lunches, and cheap fast food often have soy-filler in their meat. Ever wonder how a fast food Mexican restaurant could sell you a half-pound burrito for a $1 and still make a profit?

But I digress…

So these "researchers" can than look at a culture, and do an epidemiological study (see my previous post here, In the Name of Science, to see the other means of misleading the consumer through such study methods), than make statements like "Studies Show Higher Soy Consumption Can Help Prevent Cancer!"

Except they make NO distinction between traditional soy foods in Asian countries versus the manufactured, processed and toxic sources of Soy that predominantly are the source of soy consumption in the West.

To summarize – the amounts of Soy products in our food supply were almost non-existent prior to the 1980's. It's now in everything.

Some scientists wonder if that has anything to do with the rise in girls who enter puberty at very young ages, the rise in male babies with genital birth defects, and perhaps even in the rise in homosexuality…

If you ever do some research into body-building and sports nutrition, you can also find a lot of different weight trainers and sports nutritionists that explicitly advise limiting your soy consumption and to avoid using soy protein isolate in your protein shakes, as it inhibits your bodies testosterone production…which is what every body builder needs in order to see any kind of results from all of that hard work in the weight room.

While many of us here at the Spearhead focus on the myriad of ways in which the media, pop culture, and the educational establishment have worked to "feminize" society, bet you never thought the most subversive way was to sneak some food on your plate that would boost your estrogen and suppress your testosterone…eh?

Here some excellent reading on the topic for you to peruse should you care to:

Soy Alert

The Whole Soy Story

Newest Research on Why You Should Avoid Soy

Soy Online Service

Female Arousal May be a Simple Matter

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Joleen Baughmann, a 39-year-old New Mexico woman, began to experience strange, new sensations following severe injuries sustained in a bad traffic accident. Ms. Baughmann, who suffered a broken back in the accident, began experiencing an insatiable desire to copulate some six months following recovery. She described intense arousal from day to day activities that "would come out of nowhere and completely engulf [her]."

Sex did not appease her strong urges, but only served to amplify them. When the symptoms first appeared, her husband was quite pleased, and so was she, as she had very little sex drive prior to the accident. However, she soon found that sex did not relieve her of her symptoms, and could be quite painful, despite the fact that it left her wanting more.

Ms. Baughmann has been diagnosed with "Restless Genital Syndrome," a newly named condition that seems to affect only women. According to Dutch physician Marcel D. Waldinger, RGS has numerous causes, including pelvic varices, hormonal changes, PMS and menopause, among other factors. It also often occurs along with restless leg syndrome and an overactive bladder.

In Ms. Baughmann's case of RGS, it is suspected that a malfunction in the pudendal nerve is the culprit. The pudendal nerve branches out to the bladder, the perineal region and the penis in men and clitoris in women.

Although this must be a source of embarrassment and frustration for Ms. Baughmann, it is a rather revealing condition that debunks some of the mystique surrounding female sexuality; apparently women are aroused as easily as men, and perhaps even more so, given the absence of RGS in men.

As I read the Telegraph article, I recalled Roissy's "tingleginaceptor," a hypothesized nerve he suggested was responsible for female sexual arousal. It appears that, once again, Roissy's intuition was correct, and the tingleginaceptor does indeed exist. Further research into the condition may better reveal its pathways and regions of control in the brain, which could give us a clearer idea of the mechanics of female arousal.

Delusions of Masculinity

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I recently watched *American Psycho*, a movie based on the novel written by Bret Easton Ellis. The movie is about the descent into madness of a delusional psychotic named Patrick Bateman, who is a serial killer either in his head or in reality — the story is intentionally vague on that point. There were some very curious political intrigues surrounding the book and film, beginning with a successful protest by NOW against the book's publication by Simon & Schuster (Vintage ended up publishing the novel in 1991) due to its allegedly misogynistic nature, and continuing through the production of the film in 2000. This led to a deal whereby production of the movie was handled both directly and indirectly by feminists, which was probably accepted by Ellis as the only possible way to get the story onto the big screen.

Feminist director Mary Harron and lesbian writer Guinevere Turner collaborated to write the screenplay. Harron directed the movie, and Gloria Steinem lobbied actors to influence who should be cast as Patrick Bateman. Ultimately, Christian Bale got the part, and right around the same time Steinem married Christian's father, David Bale. It is undeniable that a feminist clique had a great deal to do with the production of the film, and this can be seen quite clearly in the end product. Although this may have profoundly changed the nature of the story, the resulting film is valuable for the insight it gives us into feminist psychology regarding men.

One thing I noticed while watching the film was an uncanny resemblance to the *Mad Men* TV series. The attention to clothing and grooming, the uniform corporate atmosphere, and the callous, sociopathic behavior of the men all reminded me very much of Don Draper's life. *Mad Men*, which is also written largely by women, portrays men in essentially the same light as *American Psycho*, that is, as soulless beasts driven only by lust and greed.

As I am not a woman, and can merely imagine what goes on in the female mind, I can only speculate as to whether this is actually how women view men. Perhaps it is a uniquely American phenomenon, but amongst women there seems to be something approaching worship of this twisted masculine ideal – veneration at the very least – and I don't think men in general are aware of this, because they are too preoccupied with another cult.

The film opens with an elegant and very effeminate dinner, at which the impeccably dressed and clean-shaven men of Pierce & Pierce (where Bateman is VP) make crude, politically-incorrect jokes while blowing hundreds of dollars and eating exotic animals. They are caricatures of men operating against a feminine backdrop of elegant dining, replete with dapper waiters, exquisite dining linens, cutlery and artistically arranged dishes. In the next scene, Patrick Bateman goes through his daily routine, which includes applying cosmetic concoctions to his body and face, doing exercises to improve his appearance, and grooming himself for another day at the office. This scene borders on pornographic, as Christian Bale's nude, toned, and waxed body is constantly on display. Again, the backdrop is distinctly feminine, with a gorgeous bathroom, a tanning booth, and an array of cosmetic products. One gets the sense that Bateman, the serial killer, embodies everything that women desire.

Aside from his preoccupation with his appearance, Bateman is obsessed with 1980s pop singers, such as Phil Collins and Whitney Houston. When he isn't obsessing over trivial details and trivial culture, he murders people and has sex, often at the same time. Patrick has no personality to speak of, nor does he have any real humanity. His emotions all stem from two basic instincts: a drive for status and an insatiable lust for both sex and blood. In the narrative, Bateman states that he is flesh and blood, but he *is not really there*. He can be felt and seen, but beyond the material, there is no substance to him. It is here that I suspect we might find the greatest divergence between the feminist interpretation of the tale and Ellis's intent. To feminists, Bateman is the patriarchy; a mechanical, inhuman force, devoid of warmth or human frailty, but incorporating all the forbidden desires of women. Perhaps it is the story of Eve, and Bateman himself is the serpent, but if so Adam is strangely absent from the narrative.

In *The Spearhead* many of us have commented on the issue of Victorian ideals and how they have had a profound effect on our culture. We often write of the pedestalization of Western women, and how this has directly led to many of the problems afflicting us today. The ideal of the blameless, chaste woman, who is neither real nor human,

remains a potent cultural icon. In fact, outsiders might even suggest that there is an element of religious veneration inherent to this cultural trait. Many men and women have discussed this aspect of the Anglo psyche, but there is another side to the Victorian ideal that we too often neglect. There is the necessary complement, and I am starting to understand that women, too, have an idealized vision of men that is every bit as unnatural and inhuman as the Victorian doll on the pedestal that has led to our reluctance to treat women as the flawed, fallen human beings that they are.

If anything offers a counterpart to the woman on the pedestal, it is the depraved, dangerous, bestial man portrayed by Patrick Bateman. His dark, compulsively acquisitive, violent and sexual nature is the nemesis, and also the consort, of the asexual paragon of virtue and light that we have fashioned as the essence of femininity. If Lucy Manette, the angelic heroine of Dickens' *Tale of Two Cities*, is the archetypical female goddess as imagined by a male artist, then Mary Harron's Patrick Bateman, dripping with bloody murder and raw sexuality, is the male god as imagined by the female artist. He is insane, soulless and hellbound, yet Bateman is more demon than damned, for he is not a fallen human so much as he is the recrudescence of hell on earth. It is an oddly similar, yet sexually inverted, theme to the Hindu relationship between Shiva and Kali.

The more we delve into feminism and its elemental concepts, the more apparent it becomes that we are struggling against a meta-religion that is deeply ingrained in the Anglosphere's psyche. Perhaps we will have to accept that we dissenters are actually heretics who are leaning on pillars that support the entire edifice of our civilization as it has emerged following the 20th century. We are, after all, challenging the fundamental concepts of ourselves as men and women, without which we would have to start over with something entirely different. Perhaps, therefore, it is our responsibility to make some effort to articulate a replacement. More and more, I see feminism as a challenge to us men to do just that, and at this point I don't see that we have an alternative.

Feminists Infuriated by Composition of New Seattle Mayor's Staff

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Seattle's mayor elect Mike McGinn ran on a progressive platform, beating incumbent Greg "cheeseburger" Nickels and corporate egghead Joe Mallahan. Jan Drago, feminist City Councilwoman, was annihilated in the primary, suggesting that Washington State's feminist juggernaut is running out of steam. However, as you might imagine, this hasn't reduced the volume of feminist complaints, and now the composition of the incoming McGinn administration is under fire from the poorly-constructed foxholes of Seattle's feminist media, which is run by former employees of The Stranger, namely Josh Feit and petty thief Erica Barnett. The Stranger was hoisted to prominence by sex advice columnist Dan Savage, who pretty much runs the publication at this point. I would like to commend Savage for dispensing with Barnett, although I doubt it was a very difficult decision.

Erica Barnett looks – and writes – like a chipmunk on meth, and she is heavily larded with feminist cred, so read the article with that in mind, and remember that every feminist is morally impeachable.

To fire up her feminist legions, Barnett "exposes" McGinn with the following:

> One thing jumps out of the list of new appointees Mayor-Elect Mike McGinn has announced so far: Only one of the seven new appointments announced today—executive assistant Allison Burson—is a woman. That brings the total number of new female McGinn appointees to two (for a total of four women on his staff, including two who are already members of Mayor Nickels' team), compared to eight male staffers.
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> Moreover, those eight men are all in top-level positions (State Legislative Director, Director of External Affairs, Director of Communications, Office of Intergovernmental Relations Director…); the women, in contrast, include two city liaisons (the two Nickels reappointments) and McGinn's executive assistant. Chief of staff Julie McCoy, in other words, is the only woman in a high-level position in the McGinn administration.

Keep in mind that Barnett is whining in a state that has a female governor and two female senators. Washington state might as well be a gynocracy, which might be exactly why feminists are so emboldened as to demand more than parity. Nickels, an obviously unpopular mayor, appointed a significant majority of women to his staff, two thirds to be precise. Perhaps they didn't do the job, but to feminist crooks like Barnett, none of that matters — they just want to shove their snouts in the trough.

Seattle has long been a feminist stronghold; the City Council was dominated by a plurality of radical feminists in the 90s. The King County courthouse, with which I have unfortunately had some experience, was, and still is to an extent, a hotbed of misandry. Seattle is a strange town in that it combines a lot of working-class men with a lot of professional types, and it doesn't take much effort to figure out who loses in that situation. However, things are starting to change.

Although I am somewhat suspicious of the San Francisco style "progressive" politics that McGinn practices, he's a

lot better than the feminist commissar types like Jan Drago. A lot of young men were inspired by McGinn, and that, I hope, says something positive about the guy. In any event, I'll hold him to it. A liberal progressive is better than a "conservative" feminist, and if it takes some shilling for the usual liberal BS to oust a hard-core feminist, I'll play along. Hell, in this town we have no choice.

The Price of Domestic Privacy

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A murder can be a sudden, unexpected event, but sometimes you can sense it coming like a train hurtling down the tracks at night. There is something about the darkest human passions that strikes us at our very core, and nothing has such a strong emotional effect on social creatures such as ourselves as the arrival of death.

On one gray afternoon years ago, I was walking to the local convenience store when I heard a commotion from a house across the street. A man had burst out of a side door closely followed by a woman, and something about the scene immediately drew my attention. It was a working class, middle-aged black couple, the man fairly tall and and the woman stout, neither out of the ordinary in any way.

The man's head was down and he was taking long, quick strides away from the woman, who was on his heels like a harrier. The man's hands were spread out from his sides as though he was desperately imploring someone unseen; the woman's hands were in front and up high, pointing, gesturing, taking an aggressive posture. In a voice that was half moan, half scream, the man shouted in a rising tone "why won't you just LEAVE ME ALONE?" His voice was so anguished and tortured that I stopped in my tracks, staring at the couple. My first thought was to tell the woman she'd better listen to him and leave, but there's something about a domestic dispute that gives one a strong feeling that getting involved at all is a very bad idea.

I stood watching for a moment, near a payphone on the corner of the street. I was prepared to call the police if it got any worse, but at that point I hadn't seen any actual physical violence. Nevertheless, I felt very strongly that there was something desperately dangerous and dark about the scene I saw unfolding before me. The drama was so intense that it looked like an overacted play, but it was undeniably *real*, and I could feel the anguish welling up in the man through his tormented cries for relief.

Not all men have felt the black clouds of desperation and despair that blot out the light of reason, or the buzzing crescendo of insanity that overwhelms one's senses like an angry swarm of hornets, but when a man has been stricken it is plain to see, although not easy to understand. It is something one feels, yet cannot readily explain, so I stood there watching with no real comprehension, but a deep sense of unease.

Soon, the scene appeared to calm, and the couple, perhaps sensing my attention, went back inside the house. I lingered for a minute, warily watching the house until I heard no more. I then continued on my way to the store, made my purchase, and headed back home, my eyes still on the house as I passed it again. For some time, the scene preoccupied my thoughts, but it soon passed out of mind and life went on as usual.

A few days later, while skimming a newspaper, I noticed a story about a murder. When I saw the address I stopped cold and read the story. There it was: same house, same date, same time of day. It was a short story; a simple notice of a small tragedy, such as happens every day in the city. A man strangled his wife, and then called the police to confess and turn himself in.

So I had witnessed the prelude to murder, and instinctively I had seen it coming, but I still couldn't consciously believe it even as I watched it unfold. It struck me that violent crime can be an intimate act, often one in which the victim is very much a participant. As an outsider, I felt somewhat indecent and uncomfortable for having witnessed such a passionate exchange between two intimately-connected people who were strangers to me. For me, this posed a quandary: was my failure to intervene a moral lapse on my part? Had it been my duty to get involved?

In the abstract, of course, if I had known that the man would strangle his wife, I should have called the police. And in a sense I *did* know, or rather felt, that something very bad could happen. If I hadn't, I wouldn't have stopped to watch or positioned myself near the payphone. However, every bit of urban propriety and my sense of common decency had also told me that it was wrong to interfere in the intimate lives of strangers, especially in a case that was clearly not one-sided as a mugging or purse-snatching.

It is this lesson, this simple murder I saw coming, that makes me wonder whether, in our society, a private, intimate relationship between two people can exist in the framework of contemporary public morals and laws. If, as the feminists say, the person most dangerous to a woman is her intimate companion, and statistically speaking this is true, can an institution such as marriage survive laws that make interpartner violence a more serious crime than other, physically similar crimes? Can it survive a campaign to eradicate conflict between intimate partners?

Clearly, it was the ancient sense of the sanctity of such relationships that prevented me from getting involved, and possibly stopped me from preventing a murder. If it had been a conflict between two strange men or women I wouldn't have felt any qualms about intervening or calling the police immediately, in fact, right around the same time I did break up a mugging. However, despite my reluctance to get involved, modern discourse and policy would never suggest that, at times, it is best just to stay out of it, because it has become our philosophy that the prevention of violence in relationships is a far more pressing concern than respect for or preservation of such relationships.

On the face of it, there is a strong moral case for taking preventative measures to head off interpartner violence, and for interfering whenever one has the sense that trouble is about to begin. If I had called the police right then, a woman might still be alive, and a man free. It is exactly those kinds of incidents that argue strongly for better domestic violence enforcement and more public vigilance.

But sometimes the face of things is not the entire picture. If we interfere in every domestic dispute that comes to our attention, regulating and sometimes destroying relationships, might there be some unintended consequences? Can we legislate an end to the passions that sometimes explode in the confines of an intimate relationship, or will they simply be set off in public, exposing others to the conflagration?

If we do gradually legislate an end to the sanctity of private relationships, there will eventually emerge a vagrant kind of passion, where people's intimate lives are displayed in the open, as in a troop of baboons.

Perhaps marriage was originally conceived as a means to confine passions to private space, so as to preserve the integrity of the community by isolating the fires of passion. Our taboo against involving ourselves in the domestic disputes of others is a cultural relic of this peacekeeping practice, and we break it at our own peril. However, we have to recognize that the case for interference can be very strong, and many people, both men and women, have paid a heavy price for the survival of marriage, that oldest of all civilizing institutions. As always, we humans are ever weighing life and peace on the balance.

Swedish Feminists Applaud Elin Nordegren's Domestic Violence, American Feminists Nervous

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Sweden epitomizes "progressive" — so much so that the Nordic country is held up as the ideal by American progressives such as Matthew Yglesias, who idolizes the place. One thing I'm not sure these people understand is that Sweden is very different from the United States. In fact, culturally speaking, Sweden is even quite different from its neighbors Norway and Finland, both of whom absorbed heavy blows in the troubles of the 20th century. Norway was a staunch supporter of the Anglo-American alliance during both WWII and the Cold War, and despite its sparse population resisted Nazi occupation with more vigor than any other Western country. Finland, for its part, stood up to the Red Army virtually alone during the Winter War, humiliating Stalin and stopping the northern advance of Communism in its tracks. In the meanwhile, Sweden experimented with socialism, continued to supply Nazi Germany with vital raw materials, and stayed out of the fighting.

Isolated by geography and shielded by its neighbors, Sweden has managed to avoid war for 200 years. This prolonged peace has led to a culture largely isolated from the realities of international conflict, allowing Sweden to develop an idealized society that is viewed as a paradise by American leftists. Needless to say, this has resulted in an enervated masculinity in Sweden, where men have taken to attempting to breastfeed and sitting down to urinate. Swedish women, for their part, have taken this to mean that they are every bit the men that their brothers are. Indeed, never having faced anything to tell them otherwise, they may be correct in their isolated northern enclave.

However, things are different down here in our somewhat less ideal American society. In America, violence, poverty and ethnic conflict are realities that no sane American can deny. Even feminists are aware that certain self-righteous behaviors are just plain stupid. So as Swedish women have been cheering Elin Nordegren for attacking Tiger Woods with a golf club, some American feminists have voiced concern about whether it is really wise to take it that far. It appears that American women are still aware that they might not come out in such good shape following a free-for-all.

Single mother Katarina Andersson, a New York-based Swedish blogger, has covered the Swedish media's response to the Tiger Woods incident, highlighting the fightin' spirit of Swedish feminists:

> "Swing it again, Elin!" wrote Jan Helin, editor in chief of Aftonbladet, the country's biggest newspaper, on his personal blog. One of the paper's top reporters, Ann Söderlund, proclaimed, "Thank God for girls like Elin. Next time, I hope she uses a bigger club."
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> Britta Svensson, a well-known columnist at the tabloid Expressen and a former U.S.-based correspondent, commented, "Our Swedish hearts are overwhelmed with pride, because our very own Elin didn't take any s—. Just like a tough Swedish girl shouldn't. Elin is our heroine."

In response to this, "The Sexist," an appropriately named DC-based feminist blog, raised the point that must be on a number of cheating American women's minds:

> If Swedish cultural commentators want the world to know that Swedish women stand for divorcing cheaters, I think that's fine—if a bit odd. If they want the world to know that Swedish women stand for beating the cheaters and then divorcing them, I think that's a fucked up standard to set for an entire country of girls and boys. Plenty of Swedish girls will grow up to be cheaters, too—do we want their future spouses to grow up thinking it's empowering to physically assault them for screwing around?

For once, a feminist actually thinks of consequences.

If it suddenly became standard practice to clobber cheating spouses, ERs across America would immediately be

filled beyond capacity with bruised and bleeding women. As commenter The Fifth Horseman has observed before, feminists will eventually take things too far. It looks like they already have in Sweden.

Breaking News: Tragedy in Dublin as Guinness Brewery Burns

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Dublin fire brigades have finally managed to quell the flames that were consuming the contents of a warehouse at Guinness Brewery's headquarters this afternoon, but the extent of the damage is apparently quite severe. Brave firefighters risked life and limb to salvage what they could, but a great deal of beer may have been lost despite their valiant efforts.

The mood on the street was somber as Irishmen contemplated the prospect of a Guinness shortage on New Year's Eve; some openly wept as the black smoke billowed skyward from the flaming storage facility. Members of a roofing crew suspected of accidentally setting the fire have reportedly been keeping a very low profile.

As far as we know at *The Spearhead*, Guinness has not yet indicated what effect the conflagration will have on beer supplies and distribution. Men around the world await word with bated breath.

Patriarchy Works

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Before feminism, men got along just fine.

Some men succeeded, others failed. Collectively, men built and re-built social structures that they preferred, structures that worked best for men and served their proximate interests. Whatever your feelings are about the "rights" of women in society, one thing is undeniable: *patriarchy works*. It's not an academic theory. It's historical fact. Some patriarchal societies have worked better than others, for a wide variety of reasons. It has been proven that a patriarchal society can rise to international prominence. Few, if any real matriarchal systems have ever succeeded. Virtually all of the great achievements of mankind—from the aqueduct to the steam engine to the great works of Western and Eastern arts and literature—are the products of men who worked within patriarchal systems.

There is no matriarchal or feminist society with a comparable track record. Feminists have only "what if" to offer. They can say only that "maybe women would have done great things if they would have been allowed to." Perhaps they would have. We'll never know what might have happened if any or every major successful human society had come to different conclusions about the most reasonable and appropriate division of labor between men and women.

What we do know is that as a group, men did not demand feminism. Men did not clamor for women to join them in the workforce. Men did not cry out to be relieved of their burdensome responsibilities as providers. Men did not complain that they were the ones who went to war, or who did the most dangerous work. Men were physically and mentally better suited to certain tasks, and they did them because *someone had to do them*.

Men did not demand feminism. They made way for it. Men acquiesced to the demands of a minority of demanding women, because men were collectively swayed by appeals to their sense of moral justice and fairness. Machines made equal participation in the workforce *conceivable*. The resulting surplus of wealth and goods, population growth, advances in medicine, lower infant mortality and longer life spans made it *possible.* The novel idea that labor offered personal fulfillment and happiness—and that individual happiness and personal fulfillment were more important than what was best or most practical for a civilization as a whole—made work *desirable.* Because work seemed *more desirable*, and because in a thriving materialistic society financial freedom offered greater opportunity for happiness, men were convinced that it was morally unfair to keep women from joining them in the workforce. **The success of feminism has always depended on the benevolence of men.**

It is important to remember that patriarchy did not *fail* or *collapse.*

Patriarchy works.

Does feminism work?

It seems to be good for women, at least on the surface. Others have written about the seamier side of women's liberation—free-for-all whorishness that often leads to abuse, fatherless children, disease, loneliness, depression and so forth. But women can pursue exciting careers and buy lots of *stuff*. These things make them feel *important.* And feeling important is something. Studies seem to suggest that none of this has made women happier, and men are blamed for this unhappiness because they haven't acquiesced to the demands of women thoroughly enough. But to truly answer whether or not feminism really *works* requires more than a moral argument about how things *should work* or a social inquiry into the *happiness* of women.

For a society to *work*, it must first *survive.*

In nations where feminism has had the most influence in shaping social policy, and where women have succeeded in the workplace and ascended to positions of political power, birth rates of non-immigrant populations have dropped below replacement levels. The largest immigrant population in Europe, (Muslims) and the largest immigrant population in America (Mexicans) both have high birth rates and patriarchal cultures. When the family is devalued

and women seek happiness and fulfillment in the working world, they have fewer children, and they have them later in life.

If a population that embraces feminism necessarily ages and dwindles, as competing non-feminist cultures surrounding it grow and thrive…*does feminism work?*

Patriarchy Works II

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Fellow Spearhead contributor Jack Donovan wrote a fantastic article earlier today about how the system known as "patriarchy" actually works better than competing theoretical (or even practical) systems. It's well worth a read and reflection and comment.

In my own reflections, I posted a long comment there which probably should be a post of its own, both so as not to distract further from reflections and comments on Jack's article, but also because my own take on the same issue is a bit different and touches on some disparate points of reference. So, without further ado, reposted here, with some formatting changes, is my earlier comment.

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Indeed, Jack. There is no historical precedent for a non-patriarchal society thriving in the long-term.

However, this does appear to be a cycle in the course of human history. Oxford anthropologist J.D. Unwin penned a book at the beginning of the 20th century titled "Sex and Culture" which explains this dynamic fairly well. Following a rather exhaustive survey of human cultures around the world, Unwin concluded that societies which restrain female sexuality tend to thrive, but eventually, as a result of their prosperity and success, tend to erode these restraints, due to women demanding this and men acquiescing. In other words, the societies thrive, and this gives rise to demands from women to participate in the success and prosperity, and men generally acquiesce (at least the powerful ones do) at some stage — and that acquiescence pretty much always takes the form of relaxing the strictures of marriage and allowing women to exist "independently" from men — sexually and otherwise. The history here is revealing and, in the broader world, largely unknown. For example, very few people are aware that ancient **Babylon**, prior to its collapse, instituted civil reforms to family law such as no-fault divorce and child support. Or that **Sparta**, which is widely known for its military tradition, had liberated women to such a degree that they ran the Spartan economy, and as a result had below replacement rate birth rates, leading to a collapse, eventually, to surrounding patriarchal states. Or that marriage in late **Rome** had declined so precipitously that the Empire tried to encourage men to marry by instituting a bachelor tax (to no avail, mind you, because men did not *need* to marry due to the relatively freely available sex after women were "liberated").

The historical record is quite clear: at some point in prosperity and power, it appears that a common trend in civilizations of Europe and the Middle East is that women get, to some degree, "liberated" from having to be married to men in order to have access to the good things of life — in other words, they get *liberated from sexual restraint*, because one of the main points of marriage has always been to sexually restrain men and women so as to coaxe men into forming lasting pair bonds with women for the benefit of the tribe/civilization. Once the civilization gets sufficiently fat and happy, this seems to be less needed, as the whole thing seems nigh on invulnerable — so the rules are relaxed, women's sexuality becomes liberated (and, living in the age we do, we know very well what that looks like when it happens), family life breaks down, birth rates drop, sexual immorality becomes rife, and the whole house of cards comes crashing down faster than anyone would have thought when they made the reforms to family law and social mores around sex.

What has happened in the contemporary West in the last century is simply a reprise of this pattern. The West is, by definition, the "fattest and happiest" civilization ever on the planet. The strictures of monogamy, sexual restraint, and marriage seem quaint and unnecessary to the vast majority of people living in the West. And so the laws were reformed (in ways very similar to how they had been in Babylon millennia ago), the social mores on female sexual expression were relaxed, and the West entered a period of utter sexual saturation, loose sexual mores, devalued monogamy, devalued family life, lower birth rates and so on — all following a familiar pattern. The distinctive characteristics of this particular iteration of "female liberation" are technological — abortion, contraception, the rise of non-labor-based work as the staple of the economy –> these changes made the current iteration of female

liberation more robust than the earlier ones, more like “cooking with gas” than the earlier ones, and are what has made this version of it change things as fast as it has. And, the West is, in relative terms, much stronger, for the time being, than the rest of the world. This will change as the economies of the West gradually soften (already happening), requiring diversion away from military spending (already being called for), and proliferation equals the playing field in terms of tactical weaponry. *Citadel West* seems impregnable now, and it very well may be for the time being, but things change fast in the current environment, and the economic decline of the West, in relative terms, seems unavoidable — and this, in turn, will result in a military decline for the simple reason that there will be less money to spend on the military, relatively, than there was in the past. All of this is taking place in the context, of course, of the contemporary version of female liberation: sexually “empowered” women who live lives “independent” of men, if they wish, with the full backing of the state power, increasing numbers of unmotivated, underperforming men who are dragging down the social productivity rate, and a less than replacement birth rate when compared with birth rates of people from cultures that are not exactly embracing the values of the “contemporary West”. It’s impossible to look to the future with a crystal ball and predict what will happen, particularly due to technological advancements which are true game changers, but if the script keeps going in the direction it seems to be going, Unwin’s book may well prove to be a prophetic vision describing the decline of our own civilization in our time.

But more fundamentally, the real deal here is that, as Matt Ridley points out in his book “The Red Queen”, men and women are in competition within our species. Normally this is a kind of collaborative competition, but it is a competition nonetheless. That competition is to get the “leg up” reproductively, on the other — in other words, at the most reductive level, men and women are reproductive resources to each other, and each exploits the other. The pair bond is a way of making this more of a *win/win*, but there are always incentives to cheat the pair bond to make it a better deal for either partner. However, every now and then, women get the opportunity to get the “leg up” on men, reproductively, by gaining “liberation” *from the pair bond itself* — exploiting male reproductive resources without having to commit to sexual loyalty in a pair bond. This allows women to access “higher gene” reproductive resources among the men (see: Lysistrata), and is a short term benefit for women as a class. As with any imbalance, however, it is not sustainable in the long-term. In the longer term, men become disincented to pair bond with women, and become relatively debauched (see: Late Rome, Late Babylon) and women tend to have fewer children, even below replacement rate (see: Babylon, Rome, Sparta). So in the long-term there is a correction, as we see in the histories of Babylon, Rome and Sparta — namely, the society cannot sustain itself with one sex having the “leg up” on reproduction due to the demotion of the pair bond from being the most sacred social institution to being an optional lifestyle choice. That can only last for so long — it cannot last in the long term barring technological changes that fundamentally transform our species. But, importantly, it is very much a part of the endless warfare between men and women in our species. Sometimes men have the upper hand and sometimes women do. We live in an age when women have the upper hand, and we are not alone historically in that. However, we also know that the societies that have thrived the longest are the ones where men have had the upper hand by having regimes of enforced monogamy (i.e., restrictions on sexuality, especially female sexuality), while societies that have relaxed these restrictions have eventually declined under their own weight and decadence. So the war of the sexes never really ends, folks, and we are simply living through a reprise of a chapter that has played itself out in the history of other great civilizations — a downward chapter, to be sure, but not a final one.

Don’t watch Anime or Read Manga: It Will Rot Your Brain.

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If you want to know a civilization, just watch their culture. There is a reason why culture is always researched; it allows people to understand the dreams and ambitions of the people of said civilization. Since this popular culture is one of the few that is exported in massive amounts (Around 120 million dollars in 2006, hat tip: Wikipedia) it is necessary to wonder about the message that it brings. This one in particular is disturbing because of a common factor, no matter what the piece is:

Men must submit to women

There are so-called herbs in Japan, and this message that is disseminated from childhood isn’t helping much. The skeptic or the fanbois will say “You are full of BS, where does it say that?”

Damn, how do I start?

First, this stuff is read mostly by nerds in Western countries for a reason. If you want to see totally batshit insane stories that have less sense than American comics (and that’s something), then by all means go ahead. If, on the other hand, you want something that teaches manhood and how not to be a loser, then look somewhere else, because you won’t find it there.

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I could say that all this stuff promotes the idea that women can physically attack and otherwise harass men and leave it at that, but let’s be more specific: the poison that is fed through all kinds of magazines has many varieties.

- Shounen (Young boys):

In this falls the typical boys series, Dragon Ball Z, Naruto (barely) and One Piece for example. It promotes the value of friendship, loyalty and courage by having children and adults fight a lot versus all kinds of villains. So far so good. What irks me is the fact that no matter how strong and powerful the male protagonist, he is always getting

manhandled by the designated female tamer, I mean, “romantic prospect.”

Come on, these guys fight and beat all kinds of WTF villains and save the female tamer of said villains, but still she punches them through a wall? Am I the only one that doesn’t see the logic in it? (yeah, I ask for logic in a work of fiction).

- Ecchi (Pervert):

This one is for boys when they get to the teen years and realize that: a)They won’t save the world, b)Girls make their dicks hard, and c)They are losers, but don’t know why (mainly because they let women walk all over them). These are basically stories about a guy (who looks AND acts suspiciously like the author) who, for some reason, either lives and/or studies with a lot of girls that are attracted to him because of his kindness, but they are just shy and express it by beating the shit out of the guy or having catfights for him. Also known as Harem (heh).

It shouldn’t be a surprise to regular readers of this site, but, for starters, Nice Guys ™ repulse women. The male protagonist does good stuff out of the kindness of his heart, but the real Nice Guys ™ just do it because they are begging for vag. And women know it, and are repulsed by their lack of testicular fortitude.

Second, quoting Roissy “The paradox of femininity is that it is often, both the ultrafeminine and ultramasculine women who have racked up big numbers of men.” Perhaps in Japan their families have tighter control over them, but shyness isn’t something that you usually find in any woman who is the center of attention or who occupies an extreme position on the gender balance.

- Shoujo (Girls and Women):

These are written by women, and are love stories between an ordinary girl (that, once again, looks a lot like the author) and the most dominant alpha male, with whatever bullshit story that they cram in the middle.

Haven’t seen one that cannot be reduced to this:

*Girl goes around.
*She finds alpha male.
*He treats her like any other of his conquests, but he tries to go too fast with her (true alphas don’t do that).
*She walks away or is saved by an unimportant character and goes complaining that “he is such a jerk”. Well, chicks dig jerks, so it’s pure rationalization.
*She finds herself in a tough situation (kidnapped, bullied, attacked, etc).
*Alpha male goes to the rescue (don’t know why).
*She’s about to give herself over him, but then she starts to feel like a slut and she screams at him or hit him while he just takes her shit (again, no true alpha does that).

Same stuff over and over (with different junk crammed in the middle) until finally she gives herself to him *before* making him take her shit. So it is basically an overextended Twilight, just with more rationalization.

- Hentai (Porn):

Here’s a couple of links (NSFW, obviously. Courtesy of Google) in which you can see a lot of them. Go and then get back.

Ok, back? What we remember (besides the hard-on):

*Disproportionally huge genitals and tits, lots of body fluids and porn actress screams. I know that it needs to look interesting, but these just scream that whoever produced these comics has little experience with sex.
*Most of it concerns a regular boy (or boys) finally growing a pair and screwing a hot girl (or girls). Basically the classical “No, no, no, yes, Yes, YES!!!” false rape that is a typical women’s fantasy.
Like all porn, let’s remember that both men and women watch it.

Ok, those cover the usual ones. Now the really messed up stuff.

- Shounen-ai / Shoujo-ai (Gay comics)

First, reading something about guys with other guys is icky. Need to say it.

Second, both are written by women. Both have divorced parents and/or and strict upbringing (in the ones for teens and adults) and prostitution, alcohol and drugs (in the ones for adults) way too many times to be a coincidence. The kind of women who write this stuff would be in a LGBT PRIDE parade in a Western country, so there's a correlation in there. Put that with the usual shoujo story with both protagonists of the same gender and bam, there you got it.

- Seinen (Male Mature)

These ones, represented by Neon Genesis Evangelion, are usually fucked up stories with a lot of existentialism questions covering a lot of emo. Also, if I wanted to see a bunch of teens and adults with deep psychological traumas with no capacity whatsoever of trusting another human being, I would go to the closest rape therapy group.

- Josei (Female Mature):

Drawn versions of drama series, with the same usual quality of drama series. Nothing to see here (but couldn't put it anywhere else).

Well, the guys in this stuff are as fancy as the typical Japanese herbivore, so they copy that motif. Unfortunately, just like women who believe that a career makes them attractive to males because they are attracted to males with a career, males believe that the appearance is what attracts women to the protagonist when it was their social dominance. Appearance is secondary.

However, what kind of social dominance can have guys that are brainwashed since children to believe that women like chumps? The lack of preparation for a free sexual market is often cited as a cause for low birth rates in Japan, but I would bet that this set of expectations held by both men and women has something to do with it.

More Cops Shot in Greater Seattle Area

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More and more men in our society are becoming unglued, and the results have not been pretty in my neck of the woods. Following Christopher Monfort's alleged Halloween assassination of a policeman on the same block I used to live on (here I am at the scene of the crime some years before it happened), Maurice Clemmons gunned down four officers in the Lakewood Massacre.

Those two incidents were enough to mark 2009 as an exceptionally bad year for local police, but this morning two more cops were shot in a domestic violence call near Eatonville, a town in rural Pierce County, just west of Mt. Rainier National Park. The suspect in the shootings, David Edward Crable, was shot and killed at the scene, but he left one deputy in critical condition and the other with a serious gunshot wound. Officer Kent Mundell, who was shot multiple times, is on life support. It doesn't look good for him.

Crable had been in trouble with the law over domestic issues on and off for a couple years. So far, these seem to have revolved mainly around his immediate family, including his daughter, brother and mother. Could he have grown up in a single-mother household? If so, this would put him in the same company as the previous two cop-shooters.

These attacks are of interest to me because the three shooters are all of my generation, which was the first test case for our new, matriarchal society. There is little doubt that the men involved are extreme examples, Clemmons having shown signs of psychosis prior to killing four police officers and Crable having a history of heavy drinking combined with domestic violence and a tendency to make threats, but it is often the borderline cases that indicate the trends.

The incidents raise the question of what relationship marginalized men will have to the state in a highly feminized, matriarchal society. Washington state – and Western Washington in particular – is perhaps the most feminized region in the entire United States. Feminism is unquestioned at the highest and lowest levels of authority, and unlike feminist regimes in Europe, Washington retains the draconian American methods for dealing with men, including imprisonment for poverty (CS arrears jailings), violent arrests, social shaming and the like.

The attacks on police, I suspect, are inchoate manifestations of a general enmity between a certain class of men and the state. If the economic situation does not improve and social trends continue along the lines of the previous three or four decades, we ought to expect more and more of these tragedies.

American Father to be Reunited With Son, Brazilian Grandmother Opposed Based on “Moral Foundation”

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David Goldman, whose Brazilian wife abducted their child to Brazil to start a new life with a lover in 2004, is finally set to regain custody of his son. Mr. Goldman has been battling the Brazilian court system for years to regain access to his own child. His ex-wife expired during childbirth last year, after which the boy, now 9 years old, was “adopted” by his wife’s adulterous lover without Mr. Goldman’s consent.

This is the kind of nightmare that fathers usually don’t dare to consider, and it underscores the dire need for family law reform. Allowing the removal of children from their home country without the father’s consent constitutes kidnapping, but in these days of widespread international travel it is a fairly frequent occurrence, and women get away with it all the time. Although it is almost never reported, the vast majority of international kidnapping cases each year are perpetrated by women. Sadly, they almost always get away with it, and fathers rarely see their children again. Some feminists, as might be expected, have been struggling to enshrine a woman’s right to abduct children.

Mr. Goldman is one of the lucky ones: he will be reunited with his son. Hundreds of thousands of men are not so fortunate, and must carry the pain of a lost child throughout their lives. It is a widespread injustice that cries out for drastic action, but far too many are reluctant to even address the issue.

In Goldman’s case, the most revealing thing so far is a letter written by his son’s maternal grandmother to Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. In the letter, she writes: “Our moral foundation values the mother’s role. In the absence of the mother, the raising should be done by the grandmother. That’s how it’s done in Brazil, from north to south, regardless of race, religion or social class. It’s natural that foreigners, with a different foundation, would not understand these authentically Brazilian feelings.”

I’m not sure whether this is actually the case – perhaps our Brazilian readers can verify her statement – but it is about the same thing one might expect from an American woman. In fact, I don’t think it is a matter of national tradition so much as it is a universal female sense of entitlement. Women instinctively feel that they *own* children, and that fathers have no real claim to their own progeny. This is the law of the jungle, and as firm a refutation of patriarchy and civilization as any opinion.

As we have stripped fathers of their place in the family, we have been deconstructing civilization, and sadly now we even have so-called “conservatives” who would lead us down this path to ruin. That a man has to fight for five years for the right to raise his own child speaks volumes about the state of our society. It is absolute proof that there is no patriarchy in the West, as patriarchy, first and foremost, is about the man’s legal and socially recognized stewardship of his own home and family. If that is trumped by his mother-in-law, there is no family as we know it, and we are already well on our way back to savagery.

Is a Disabled Mother Better than an Able-Bodied Father?

Jack Donovan · 26 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

ABC News: "Quadriplegic Mother Fights for Custody of Son"

My father is handicapped. He had polio when he was extremely young. But he wasn't babied, and he followed the Man Law that I believe a Spearhead commenter or writer recently summed up: "If you can do it, do it." **

As a result, he's a fully functioning adult with a limp, and most of the time I forget that he has a handicap at all. My dad and I have a great relationship and I obviously have no axe to grind with the disabled or handicapped. In fact, he has my admiration for having achieved more than many who had fewer disadvantages–and with less whining along the way.

But quadriplegic? That should be a no-brainer. If you've ever watched a kid under 10 years of age for over 15 minutes you know that this mother will need someone else's assistance to care for this child on a daily basis. If the father wants custody and he's not a complete fuck-up, he is hands down better equipped to care for a child than the quadriplegic mother. This should not be an issue. But apparently, it is.

This story–*the fact that it's even a story at all*–seems to be a perfect mix of victim politics and mother-preference. It's also a story designed to invoke empathy and emotion to trump common sense.

***This is so fundamental and concise that I'm likely to repeat it, so thank you and please feel free to take credit when it is due.*

Post-Christmas Update

Welmer · 26 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

I hope all our readers have enjoyed the holiday so far. For my part, I've had my kids and parents over, and we've all been enjoying ourselves. The weather in Seattle has been glorious — a little cold, but sunny and clear.

We'll probably be a bit spotty with the posts until after the New Year. I expect our readers and authors alike to enjoy themselves as they please with friends and family, and of course we should all be availing ourselves of the opportunity to bond with those we love. I hope every reader, no matter what religion (or lack thereof), gets the most out of this most important of Western holidays.

I just learned that there will soon be another baby in my family, and despite the twisted state of the family today that's always a cause for celebration. I have faith that things will get better in time, and in this Christmas season I am reaffirmed in my efforts to make that happen. The happy children, the family I love, and the general goodwill have all given me some optimism.

There is something about holiday cheer that replenishes us, and that is something we need, because there is such a big fight ahead. So eat, drink and be happy! In the New Year we will be well-rested and committed to the utter destruction of totalitarian feminism, the greatest evil of our time.

Obama Has Subverted Our 4th Amendment Rights

Hawaiian Libertarian · 27 December 2009 · Archived copy · Original

While I was on the road for the past few days, I've been disconnected from the internet. Since I do not watch regular TV except for NFL Football and MMA, and do not read newspapers or magazines (i.e., I do my best to avoid the instruments of propaganda meant to herd we the sheeple), I did not find out about Obama's latest action that certainly lends credence to the claims that he is nothing more than a puppet for a Globalist elite working to implement Global Governance…our Brave New World Order.

What am I talking about here?

Check out this executive order he signed last week…

Office of the Press Secretary

Executive Order — Amending Executive Order 12425

EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 12425
DESIGNATING INTERPOL AS A PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ENTITLED TO ENJOY CERTAIN PRIVILEGES, EXEMPTIONS, AND IMMUNITIES

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 1 of the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288), and in order to extend the appropriate privileges, exemptions, and immunities to the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), it is hereby ordered that Executive Order 12425 of June 16, 1983, as amended, is further amended by deleting from the first sentence the words "except those provided by Section 2(c), Section 3, Section 4, Section 5, and Section 6 of that Act" and the semicolon that immediately precedes them.

BARACK OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE,
December 16, 2009.

So what does this mean?

From Threatswatch.org:

Last Thursday, December 17, 2009, The White House released an Executive Order "Amending Executive Order 12425." It grants INTERPOL (International Criminal Police Organization) a new level of full diplomatic immunity afforded to foreign embassies and select other "International Organizations" as set forth in the United States International Organizations Immunities Act of 1945.

By removing language from President Reagan's 1983 Executive Order 12425, this international law enforcement body now operates – now operates – **on American soil beyond the reach of our own top law enforcement arm, the FBI, and is immune from Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) requests.**

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Through EO 12425, President Reagan extended to INTERPOL recognition as an "International Organization." In short, the privileges and immunities afforded foreign diplomats was extended to INTERPOL. Two sets of important privileges and immunities were withheld: Section 2© and the remaining sections cited (all of which deal with differing taxes).

And then comes December 17, 2009, and President Obama. The exemptions in EO 12425 were removed.

Section 2c of the United States International Organizations Immunities Act is the crucial piece.

Property and assets of international organizations, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, unless such immunity be expressly waived, and from confiscation. ***The archives of international organizations shall be inviolable.***

Inviolable archives means INTERPOL records are beyond US citizens' Freedom of Information Act requests and from American legal or investigative discovery ("unless such immunity be expressly waived.")

Property and assets being immune from search and confiscation means precisely that. Wherever they may be in the United States. This could conceivably include human assets – Americans arrested on our soil by INTERPOL officers.

International police agency just granted powers of immunity from the US Constitutional law.

Obama's Christmas gift to the nation was to sign away our 4th Amendment Right protections to an International police force entity.

How much more hope for this kind of change must we be forced to believe in?

Eddie Bauer: From Manly Store to Bankruptcy

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Eddie Bauer is a regional icon in the Seattle area. Along with REI, I have been familiar with its products since my childhood, much of which was spent outdoors. Founded in 1920, the store made a name for itself as a supplier of quality outdoor clothing and gear to military, scientific and exploration expeditions.

Founder Eddie Bauer started out at 21 years of age selling sports equipment on a seasonal basis. As he matured and developed his business sense, Bauer began to patent useful designs, such as the quilted down jacket, which became standard government issue for airmen in the Army Air Force during WWII (my grandpa, a WWII B-17 gunner, was a big fan). He also sold a great many backpacks, pants and sleeping bags to the US military, which were used in campaigns from the snowy Aleutians to steamy Guadalcanal.

Eddie Bauer's popularity with American soldiers and airmen during the war carried over to the postwar years, as former military men signed up in droves for his mail-order catalog. Up to that point Eddie Bauer's growth and popularity was fuelled entirely by men, who were his sole customers. However, he soon began to produce women's clothing as well, which was probably a logical choice at the time given the maturity of the company. Little did he know at that point that he was sowing the seeds of the company's eventual downfall.

During the 1960s the company continued to hold to its tradition of providing rugged gear to real men who worked and played hard. The first American to scale Mt. Everest wore Eddie Bauer gear, and it continued to be a favorite amongst explorers and scientists on expeditions to such inhospitable places as Antarctica.

However, after Eddie Bauer sold his company to partner William Niemi in 1968 to retire at the age of 69, the company took a decided shift in another direction. Niemi set out to broaden the appeal of Eddie Bauer by greatly expanding the emphasis on women's clothing and casual wear. This trend continued after he sold the company to General Mills in 1971. Dropping the emphasis on outfitting expeditions, General Mills focused on branding, forming a partnership with Ford to put the Eddie Bauer logo on Broncos and Explorers. I distinctly remember particularly wealthy women driving these things around during the late 1980s and early 90s.

Spiegel bought Eddie Bauer in 1988, opening hundreds of additional stores. Soon, Eddie Bauer was selling table linens and comforters to a growing female clientelle. The company's rugged origins were increasingly obscured by the softer, gentler products that filled the greater part of its stores. Eddie Bauer became a brand detached from its roots, and many began to see it as the preserve of middle-aged housewives.

While Eddie Bauer's transformation to the Martha Stewart genre was still in full swing and close to completion, I often visited the corporate headquarters. I was a courier at the time, and it was 1994, before the digital revolution. Back in those twilight days before the internet took off, couriers were used to ferry proofs, photos and designs back and forth between model shoots, photographers, corporate design teams and printers. It was a fun job, despite the danger and lousy pay, and I enjoyed being on my own out on the road. I probably visited Eddie Bauer about three times a week, spending many an idle minute waiting for someone in corporate to sign off on the delivery. What I remember is a heavily female staff. Not only the receptionists, but the managers and designers as well. The entire atmosphere was soaked in estrogen — the only affiliated men I dealt with were the photographers and the guys in the print shops downtown, and they weren't even employees.

Eddie Bauer, for all intents and purposes, had become a women's apparel store by the late 1990s. The stores were all filled with soft, synthetic clothing made in China for pennies and then marked up on the strength of the Eddie Bauer brand. The company was selling junk from the point of view of the typical man, but for a time it was a very popular trend. However, like all trends that lack substance and are feminine in nature, it was bound to go out of fashion sooner or later, and sure enough sales started to slip badly about seven years ago. Faced with competition from Abercrombie and Fitch, another former men's clothing store that actually outdid Eddie Bauer in selling cheap, effeminate junk, quarterly sales declines in the teens became common.

Finally, the recession delivered the coup de grace, and Eddie Bauer declared bankruptcy in July of this year. Now struggling to recapture some of the essence of the company in its virile, younger days, Eddie Bauer has teamed up with real mountaineers to once again sell products worthy of real men. Their new line, First Ascent, is the centerpiece of this effort. Perhaps there is still hope for Eddie Bauer, but if the girl with the pastel helmet and pink climbing rope on the header is any indication, maybe not.

Stewed, Screwed and Tattooed

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Hori Smoku is a cantankerous collection of salty tales, practical jokes and tattoo lore, all centering around the life of American tattoo master Norman "Sailor Jerry" Collins. As unpretentious and straight shooting as its subject, Erich Weiss' documentary delivers a 77 minute vacation in a Hawaii where men lined up to get "stewed, screwed and tattooed" as they stopped over on their way to an unknown fate.

Sailor Jerry had several nicknames, and "Hori Smoku" is half honorific—after the Japanese "Hori" title for tattoo masters—but also a playful jab at the Japs. (It's a corruption of "holy smokes.") Some of the stories in *Hori Smoku* have a certain *Gran Torino* flavor about them, and that's half the damn fun. Collins comes off as one hell of a character; he slapped a giant sausage on King Kamehameha and pissed daily on a toilet seat plastered with a photo of one of his rivals. Sailor jerry Collins was no bleeding heart hipster. He was a right-wing libertarian patriot, suspicious of Nixon for being a little too "liberal."

If you know anything about tattoos, you know his work. His trademark designs feature themes of "Man's Demise," a brand of manly nihilism that recalls the lyrics of the Hank Williams song "I'll Never Get Out of this World Alive." Likely owing to his war-bound clientele, Sailor Jerry's man is tough and scrappy, but ultimately just another one of Fate's marionettes. You owe it to yourself to check this one out for its manly, earthy humanity.

Hori Smoku (Official Film Site)

Sailor Jerry, Ltd. (Commercial Site)

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Spearhead Store

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I've been thinking about setting up an online store on The Spearhead for some time now. In fact, writing about Eddie Bauer's demise made me more determined to do so. From what I understand (and really, it is self-evident if you think about it), the best way for a website to support itself is to offer products that its readers want. Third party ads, although capable of providing some supplemental income, are rarely enough, and as I'm sure my readers have noticed they still haven't perfected the art of tailoring ads to readers through keywords.

Of course, I've already been offering books for sale on The Spearhead, so I'll probably start with a bookstore. We'll feature the books that are already on the sidebar plus quite a few more. Most of them will be offered through the Amazon affiliate program, because Amazon sells pretty much every book in print these days. However, I'd like to offer more self-published books that are relevant to our interests, such as Roosh Vörek's e-books, but I'll need to go out and find them (any readers who know of such books, please let me know so that I can contact the authors). Eventually, as I've mentioned previously, I plan to publish some here through *The Spearhead* and sell them directly from the site.

But books are not the only things worth selling/advertising online. As I see it, there's a big gap in marketing when it comes to men. When we turn on the TV, even products that should appeal to men are often sold with the same offensive message, that is, the "stupid husband clever wife" type ads that are ubiquitous on TV. Rather than do nothing but complain about this, I figure I might as well make my own effort, however small, to change this and advertise/sell goods that men like in a positive way.

Because I know that my own tastes are not shared by everyone, I'd appreciate it if readers would let me know what they like so I can get a good idea of what to offer. Personally, I am something of an electronics enthusiast, and I like well-made clothes and shoes, like Danner boots, Alden shoes, Jonathan Richard hats, etc. If I could have my way, I'd also be perfectly happy to sell things like this, this, and this, but I'm afraid I might run into some trouble with the boys at the ATF, so our selection will necessarily be limited by certain legal realities.

So with that in mind, suggestions from readers as to what they would like to see for sale and might consider buying would be most appreciated. Once I get a good idea of what appeals to our regular readers and visitors alike, I'll begin building a store worthy of our readership here at *The Spearhead*.

Girl Uses MySpace Hookup to Rip Off Lonely, Desperate Man

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An Everett Washington man met 19-year-old Ashley Dawson through MySpace, inviting her over to his place for what he hoped would be a night of passion. Instead, Andrew Scarbrough found himself stark naked and soaking wet as his Ford Mustang disappeared into the night along with his mobile phone, wallet, and laptop. Dawson had told him to get warmed up in the shower and wait for a "surprise" — in his excitement, Scarbrough apparently shed his common sense along with his pants.

Scarbrough says he would have chased her down, clothed or not, if he'd had a chance. It's probably a good thing he didn't, because we all know the likely result of a naked man chasing a young woman — even a thief — down a street at night.

[image]As for Dawson, she showed up in court with a smirk on her face, probably because she got off easy on her last burglary two years ago. Dawson was arrested after stealing the car a *second* time — she was so bold that she went after the car again, at its owner's workplace this time, even after police had located it and towed it back to Scarbrough.

It appears that Dawson lives in Lynnwood, Washington, and this is her MySpace account.

Anti-Domestic Violence Activist, Singer Mary J. Blige, Assaults Husband at Club

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Mary J. Blige, singer and prominent women's advocate, started a fight with her husband over his alleged wandering eyes, punching him in the face and leaving him bleeding in front of shocked onlookers.

According to the New York Post, she unleashed her rage in club M2 at her record release party on Tuesday night:

> Mary J. Blige punched husband Kendu Isaacs in the face at her record release party at club M2 Tuesday night. The singer slugged Isaacs, drawing blood, after she thought he was flirting with a waitress.
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> "They got up in each other's faces before someone tried to separate them, at which point she shoved the guy aside, pulled back and popped [Isaacs] in the face."
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> [...]
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> "She was yelling at him, 'What are you gonna do, Chris Brown me?' Four of her bodyguards and two of the club's kept them apart."

Ironically, Blige recently opened a battered women's shelter in New York, and claims that her father, who left before she was five years old, was abusive to her mother. Perhaps her father did beat her mother, but it is just as likely that her mother exaggerated stories of abuse as revenge for the failed relationship, as many women are wont to do, leaving Blige with a lingering hatred of men that erupted into interpartner violence on Tuesday night.

It remains to be seen whether Blige will face any consequences for her public display of aggression, but if the Tiger Woods affair is any indication she will get off scot-free, with a green light to perpetrate further domestic violence against her husband.

Blige's punch was caught on tape on the following video at about 1:08 (view partially obstructed by someone's head):

The End of the Gender Wars?

Jack Donovan · 1 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This sounds a bit hopeful, and I'm inclined to think the gender wars have only begun…

But Barbara Kay's commentary here is commendable and deserves a link.

> **The end of the gender wars**
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> "The notion that female victimhood is more tragic than male victimhood has long been widely accepted. But those days are over…"

Drunk and Disorderly: NZ Women Live It Up in Feminist Utopia

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New Zealand is the progressive capital of the Anglosphere, and naturally that includes a strong dose of radical feminism. As we have been pointing out at The Spearhead since its inception, feminism leads to rather loutish behavior on the part of women.

During the "Rhythm and Vines" festival, a three-day party in Ginsborne, NZ, culminating on New Year's Eve, hundreds of revelers drank and drugged themselves into a medically significant stupor.

Paramedics were astonished by the hordes of inebriated, disoriented women who ended up in their "detox tent" — a sort of impromptu drunk tank they set up in the field. According to Shane Clapperton, who was in charge of the 30 medics working the tent, 90% of the casualties struck down by the Bacchanalian plague were women.

Lest randy young men think it was all sweetness and ecstatic abandon, the side of effects of intoxication were not all that alluring:

> "They [drunk women] have pretty much just got to a point where they can no longer look after themselves," Mr Clapperton said.
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> "A lot of times their friends are concerned about them, so have brought them … to make sure they're going to be okay and to provide a place where they can have a lie-down."
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> Mr Clapperton said staff dealt with 300 patients over New Year's Eve.
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> [...]
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> These included injured people and others who had become unwell after consuming alcohol and Ecstasy, with side-effects including vomiting and diarrhoea.

New Zealand's radical "equality" has brought the world a preponderance of stumbling, barfing "ladies" who couldn't even prevent themselves from crapping their pants at a music concert (if, indeed, they were still wearing pants at all at the time).

Yet still, men like Clapperton brave the carnage to provide them with help and protection despite their self-inflicted shame.

The greatest irony of all is that our so-called civic leaders will demand and enforce their version of gender equality, and then in the same breath insist that men boot up and attend to the mess created by these infantile, "liberated" women.

Lifeboat Feminism

Elusive Wapiti · 2 January 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Author's note: Today's column is a slightly edited re-post of an article that I had penned over at my blog back in May. I wrote it after a decade or two of observing the modern female's persistent affinity for the privileges as well as the rights that come with being a franchised citizen in an egalitarian society. This having-one's-cake-and-eating-it-too phenomenon is dubbed "lifeboat feminism", and it is part of my "Evils of Feminism" series. Enjoy!

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> Back from the boats…the first man that touches a boat, I'll brain. Women and children first, men

Quote from W.D. O'Connor's *Harrington*, 1860.

I am not a wymmin's studies major. Nor do I have much formal schooling in the theory and history of feminism. As such, I do not know with much certainty if the first wave feminists advocated true equality (equal rights and equal responsibilities) between men and women. They may very well have done so, but whether or not they did is irrelevant today because the successors to First Wave feminism most certainly do not strive for *de jure* and *de facto* equality between the sexes.

As the quote above indicates, the chivalrous among us–usually men, but women play a key supporting/reinforcing role–value women and children more than themselves. In this view, men are disposable, and men should sacrifice their time, wealth, comfort, even their very lives, so as to ensure that women, the women's (note, not the man's) children, even society in general, benefit from their gallantry.

As it so happens, women, feminist and non-feminist alike, generally are in agreement that that men should bear the brunt of boosting women onto a pedestal. The non-feminist thinks that this is just the natural "just so" order of things, and the second- and subsequent-wave feminist lobbies for the acquisition of political privileges over the disposable male because she knows that it isn't. The result, then, is that feminism is not a political movement that seeks the legal and social equality of women in which women and men are legally equal in all respects, but is instead a political movement that seeks to accrue advantages to itself while attempting to bestow new disadvantages upon, or cement existing disadvantages for, men. It is a movement of, by, and for chauvinists, looking to make their position all the more superior, and no never-mind is paid to the male corpses left strewn in its wake. What's more, to the disappointment of men searching for allies in this political death match, the non-feminist woman isn't bothered much by the feminist's agitations–in fact, while she may tut-tut at the methods, she herself gladly reaps the benefits from feminist jockeying for political power over men on her behalf, all while ignoring or rationalizing away the deleterious effect that such political acquisitiveness has had on the men around her.

I've commented upon this phenomenon before, in a post over at my blog entitled "Boats and Votes". While I certainly understand how feminists can adhere to this hypocritical viewpoint, in that post, I sadly observed that even women that profess to be Believers, appear to have drunken the fembot kool-aid and demand entitlements and advantages over their brothers while simultaneously demanding that their brothers serve them, even die for them. And as far as I can tell, nothing has changed wrt women's attitudes in this regard. The message is: serve us, placate us, cater to our neuroses, or we won't bother with you. You are a fish to our bicycle.

These attitudes appear to be set in stone, anchored in the bedrock of our culture, immovable.

Or maybe not.

While it is possible that it is wishful thinking, perhaps I am detecting a minor foreschock on the cultural seismograph, in that this obtuse notion, this chivalrous hangover, of feminine entitlement to boats (a literal and euphemistic reference to the privileges afforded women in Western patriarchal cultures) and votes (privileges and advantages bestowed upon women by a government in transition to matriarchy) is now starting to be critiqued in in

the wider media. As an example, I give you Kevin Myers, writing in the Irish publication the Independent, about the Lifeboat Feminism he witnesses in his own country:

> So…we see what the official, government-sponsored version of Irish feminism has mutated into: the cry of the officers on the deck of the foundering Titanic — "Women and Children First". But at least in those days there was a coherent moral order behind that command. Children were children, and women were seen to be weaker and inferior and thus voteless; gentlemen of all classes would naturally stand back and give them places in the lifeboats first.
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> If there is a coherent moral order to the present thoughts of the National Women's Council, it is that words no longer mean what they used to. In the Council's prospectus for the year 2009, the word "equality" is used 38 times. Yet clearly, in the sisters' deviant vocabulary, "equality" does not mean equality of pain, or hardship or suffering or poverty. No: it means the opposite of equality. It means a protection from these conditions, regardless of what men are enduring. In other words, lifeboat-feminism, surely the most ignoble and unprincipled of all the many liberal political creeds which dominate our ethos today.
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> And no, the NCWI press release doesn't mean "mothers", it makes no mention of mothers, not even once. Though interestingly enough, it refers to "women and children" four times, and to "women" just three times. Psychologically, this is simply placing women at the protected level of children, just as was done on the Titanic: quite an achievement for a state-subsidised feminist body in 2009, if a largely unsurprising one.

One need only to look around to see that this sort of lifeboat feminism is all around us. In the USA, feminists consistently wrap their rhetoric in "women and children" terms, get pissed when programs are set up for the ostensible benefit of men while crowing about programs and government money spent for the exclusive benefit of women, and even have their own council on women and girls in the Executive Branch. They have multiple federal offices dedicated to improving their health. And they bray incessantly about the pay gap, which I have shown repeatedly works in favor of women instead of against them, and in any case is a direct result of their own choices.

All this while men die earlier at far higher rates from every class of disease, and spending on men's health lags significantly lags spending on women's health. In addition, women are routinely let off the hook for crimes (scroll to bottom) (also here)–that is, if they are even arrested at all–which send men to jail for comparatively longer terms. Furthermore, only men are required to register for the draft…interestingly enough, legislation that would probably have required women to register as well was defeated by a conservative woman–and cheered by her conservative sisters who didn't want responsibilities to come with those rights–in 1973. And men are routinely evicted from their families for no other crime than allowing his wife to become unhappy, and have their children stripped from them with the full cooperation of the state (which takes its cut of the largess that women garner from the transaction). As Robert Franklin of Glenn Sacks's blog writes, it is noteworthy that the biggest opponents to a father's equal status in the family often hail from the feminist camp.

Fellow Spearhead author Novaseeker was absolutely spot on in his observation that feminism has operated to permit women to invade the male social and legal spaces, without ceding any territory of their own. As such, women are now able to vote and be breadwinners, soldiers, pilots, politicians, housewives, and play against men in sports. But men are rarely permitted female privileges such as being a homemaker, taking time off for family, or being exempt from military service on the basis of sex and / or young children at home, or, increasingly, to occupy the same floor as women in hotels or the same car in subways in several countries.

This is what feminism, a movement that, if one ignores its misbegotten nature, may have had some shred of well-intended nobility of egalitarian purpose, has boiled down to: the crass acquisition of privileges for women at the expense of children, particularly boys, but also the male half of society in general. Thinking more of themselves than the others in their midst, they embody the opposite of love as they heave their corpulent solipsistic (thanks FB!) egos into the lifeboats while snickering at everyone else's misfortune.

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Canaries in the Coal Mine

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In 2008, two men in the UK had their houses raided, their papers and property seized. They were prosecuted and convicted of "inciting hatred." They were sentenced in absentia. They fled to the United States, where their controversial web site was actually hosted, to seek asylum. They waited in jail for over 80 days, and were denied asylum by a judge who had granted it to an IRA member who participated in the *beating, stripping and murder* of two police officers. These two men are *writers.* They have not committed any acts of violence or theft. These two men, known as the Heretical Two, were deported back to the UK, where they were immediately jailed. They remain in prison today.

Their website, containing much of the material that was used as evidence against them in court, is still online.

http://www.heretical.com/

Some of the material on the site is inaccurate, skewed or distorted. Some of it is funny, some of it is crude, some of it is angry, and some of it is mean. Some of it is racist. Some of it is sexist. Some of it is true. Some of it is in direct conflict with my own beliefs and writings, and some of it is offensive to me on a personal level. Some of it would be denounced by most people. Almost all of it would be denounced as unacceptable by cultural Marxists, feminists and other leftists.

Many of the same things could be said about the posts and comments published on *The Spearhead*.

You don't have to agree with everything these men have written or published to agree that it is *wrong* for them to be in prison for THOUGHT CRIME. If you say, write and believe things that could be selectively identified as "hate speech" by the powers that be…*one day, this could be you.*

I *know* it could be me.

This story needs to receive much more attention than it is getting. It needs to be told over and over, because it is a sign of things to come. In America, protected by the United States Constitution, we still have the ability to say what we like and face mostly social and professional consequences. We take this for granted. We shouldn't. We currently have hate crimes laws—our President recently expanded their scope—and many on the left believe that our Constitution is "a living document" to be altered and reinterpreted according to prevailing whim. "Progressives" and liberals in the US idolize European and Canadian systems, many of which have and defend the same kinds of hate speech laws that put these men behind bars.

Women—as many of you know well—will be happy to tell you what you can and cannot say. Women are ascending to power. How long will they continue to allow you to freely and openly question them? How many feminists would defend your right to free speech if they found what you wrote threatening, insulting or "politically incorrect?"

If my characterization of feminists here is incorrect, I challenge five pro-feminist sites to post blogs demanding the release of "The Heretical Two," who were vehemently sexist as well as racist. Otherwise, I will continue to characterize feminists—and a large percentage of women—as enemies of free speech.

Release The Heretical Two!

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Is There A Female Brain?

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The Following article was submitted by Charles Martel:

The concept that "gender is a social construct," that men and women differ only in their social conditioning, is the sine qua non of second-wave feminism.

It's puzzling that "anything a man can do, a woman can do," is so self-evidently untrue, and yet is widely accepted among Western women. I have long thought that the explanation for this may lie in brain structure. Perhaps there are important differences in the way that the brains of men and women perceive and process information. Is it possible that men and women can look at the same information and genuinely reach different conclusions, for reasons of neurochemistry?

How often have you seen women characterized in the manosphere by the words "me, me, me, me, me?" To a man, this behavior is evidence of narcissism and is not highly regarded. But perhaps this kind of female behavior is not so much a conscious choice, but more an outward expression of female brain structure. I'll call this phenomenon the "Locus of Consciousness" and propose that the most important difference in perception resulting from differences in physical brain structure is that the female locus of consciousness is primarily internal while the male locus of consciousness awareness is primarily external.

In my opinion, a second key difference between the male and female brain lies in what I will call "Time Awareness." I suggest that the female brain is wired to live "in the moment" to a greater extent than the male brain. The female brain discounts future consequences of current actions not out of obtuseness or stupidity, but from a genuine neurological incapacity to consider them.
OK, all of the above is speculation. So…..is there any evidence that male and female human brains are different?

Here's the view of one typical second wave feminist.

"Newsflash: there is no "female brain" – the latest cutting edge research on sex, attraction, arousal, etc focuses on the HUMAN brain not on the male or female brain."

Predictably, this is not true. In fact, to the male brain it is an outright lie, but is perhaps more understandable in the context of my proposed female neurological "Locus of Consciousness." What the female writer is really saying without conscious awareness is that "it's not in my interest to acknowledge that there are brain differences between men and women."

There is a female brain, and it is very different to the male brain. Of course, advancing this idea has been about as career-enhancing for a neurologist as researching racial differences in IQ is for a sociologist. Ann Moir and David Jesse made this clear in their 1992 book, Brain Sex, when they wrote: "Doctors, scientists, psychologists and sociologists, working apart, have produced a body of findings which, taken together, paints a remarkably consistent picture. And the picture is one of startling sexual asymmetry. Some researchers have been frankly dismayed at what they have discovered. Some of their findings have been, if not suppressed, at least quietly shelved because of their potential social impact."

Despite the de facto suppression of gender-based neurological research these inconvenient truths are emerging, thanks primarily to the introduction of highly sophisticated medical imaging devices. There can be no doubt about the structural and functional differences in male and female brains seen in MRI and fMRI images.

This article, by Michael McCarthy of The Independent, provides an interesting and highly politically incorrect overview of recent neurological research: "Men and women show differences in behaviour because their brains are physically distinct organs, new research suggests. Male and female brains appear to be constructed from markedly different genetic blueprints. The differences in the circuitry that wires them up and the chemicals that transmit messages inside them are so great as to point to the conclusion that there is not just one kind of human brain, but

two, according to recent neurological studies."

A quick survey of neurological research shows that:

- Men have approximately 6-1/2 times the amount of gray matter that women do, and women have nearly 10 times more white matter than men. Gray matter processes information in the brain, while white matter connects the processing centers.
- Women have about 85% of their IQ-related brain matter—both white and gray—located in the brain's frontal lobes while men have nearly all of their IQ-related gray matter distributed equally between the frontal and parietal lobes.
- The corpus callosum, the major white matter tract connecting the two brain hemispheres is larger in women (and gay men).
- The inferior-parietal lobule, which is associated with mathematical ability, is significantly larger in men than in women, with the left side lobule larger in men and the right side lobule larger in women.
- The preoptic area of the hypothalamus is more than twice the size in men as in women. For complex reasons that I will not attempt to explain here, this is why men constantly think about sex and women don't.
- The limbic cortex, which processes emotions, is proportionally larger in women than in men.
- The parietal cortex, which processes spatial perception, is proportionally larger in men than in women.
- The amygdala, associated with emotional memory, is proportionally larger in men than in women.
- The hippocampus, associated with short-term memory and spatial navigation, is proportionally larger in women than in men.

So, is there a female brain? Clearly, yes. There are very significant structural differences between the male and female human brain.

Of course, these structural differences alone do not offer any specific evidence for my proposed differences in locus of consciousness or time awareness. Nor do they prove that male and female cognitive ability and information processing are different. It's entirely possible that despite these many structural differences, the male and female brain are functionally identical, just as a 140lb female firefighter and 200lb male firefighter are functionally identical.

To conclude, I offer a new way to look at The Gender War. The Gender War results not only from the competing interests of the sexes, but from real and measurable differences in conscious perception rooted in differences in male and female brain structure. We men need to understand that it is not that women will not see our point of view, it is that they cannot.

Amazonomachy: The Art of Progress

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A number of The Spearhead's readers are fans of classical art, philosophy and history, as am I, so I thought I'd bring one of ancient Greece's most popular art genres to attention. Amazonomachy is rooted in myth, but was highly symbolic and relevant to classical Greek society. The main myths portrayed were Herakles' labors, one of which was to retrieve Amazon queen Hippolyta's girdle, and Theseus' seizure of the queen for his concubine. Both of these mythical events sparked battles with the warlike Amazon women, leading to great carnage and Greek victory. Theseus, who according to legend founded Athens, impregnated Hippolyta, who bore him a son he named Hippolytus. When Hippolyta fell out of favor with Theseus, his next wife, Phaedra, eventually fell in love with her son Hippolytus, who rejected her advances. Scorned, Phaedra falsely accused Hippolytus of rape, leading to his death at the wish of his father. It is fascinating to see how the Greeks covered the gender issues that plague us today thousands of years ago in their art.

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Symbolically, Amazonomachy was important for its illumination of the Greek ideal of civilization. The Amazons represented savagery and darkness, and the Greeks the light of reason and human progress. There may have been an ethnic component to the depictions of struggles as well; the Amazons are conjectured to be derived from Indo-Iranian tribes such as the Scythians, who were frequently enemies of the Greeks. In fact, some Amazonomachies depict them in Scythian dress, and recent archaeological finds indicate that many Scythian women did, in fact, participate in warfare.

Whatever the origin of the Amazon myth, it played an important role in the Greeks' view of themselves as a civilized people struggling against benighted barbarian hordes. It also highlights some stark cultural differences between the ancient Greeks and ourselves.

In recent years, art and popular culture in the West has increasingly portrayed women as aggressors and warriors of one sort or another. Although this was almost unthinkable when Americans were actually fighting major wars, violence and aggression perpetrated by women has come to be rather commonly depicted in film, graphic art and popular music. Despite the supposedly more egalitarian nature of this new role, in the vast majority of cases the women are both the victors and the sympathetic parties. There are very few incidents in which violence against women is shown as justified, and these are all, almost without fail, between women. Almost every single time a woman attacks a man he is the bad guy, and she wins in the end in one way or the other.

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The Greeks saw it differently. Defeating the Amazons was *glorious*. An Amazonomachy was even depicted on Athena Parthenos' shield at Athens' holiest site, and various examples were found at some of the most important archaeological sites in Greece.

For most men there is a visceral reaction to violence against women. Protecting women against harm is a natural sentiment, but for some reason the Greeks portrayed the gender wars in physical terms. Could it be because, for the Greeks, physical art was the pinnacle of expression of our nature?

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I think so.

Greek artists and thinkers understood that there was, and always has been, a power struggle between the sexes. Men and women complement each other, of course, but doesn't the deer complement the mountain lion, and doesn't the sheep complement the wolf? Biology is not a simple matter of cooperation, even within species. It would be stupid to think of it as such, and the Greeks made a conscious decision to prioritize civilization over the barbarism of matriarchy. Nothing better illustrated that concept at the time than the Amazonomachies.

The ancient Greeks were strugging against societies that saw them as fanatics. The supine potentates of surrounding states must have asked: “Who are these men to demand rights and a voice over their rulers? Surely, they should bow down to kings and queens, and relinquish this odd concept of manhood.” But they stood their ground, defining their struggle according to what appeared before their eyes.

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Despite the misappropriation of the term “progressive” in contemporary America resulting in a warped concept of human progress, surely an irony befitting ancient Babylon, progress was at one time a desperate effort, and the Greeks fought against great odds to leave us with the blueprint upon which we built modern civilization.

If, like today’s simpering politicians, Greek men had bowed down before their wives and sisters, debasing themselves and squandering their efforts in order to appease the mother goddess, we would have been left with none of the marble pillars of civilization, but rather the misshapen mud huts of matriarchy.

In this spirit, we should celebrate the victories over the wanton Amazon women. Each stroke of sword and thrust of spear into the defiant, struggling Amazon warriors was another step in the construction of a better way of life. As Theseus plucked Hippolyta from the midst of a frenzied horde of howling women, carrying her off as a reluctant trophy, it was as though he were a fisherman hauling an ignorant mass of savages ashore. Thus was Athens, the seed of Western civilization, planted in victory in the heaving womb of barbary.

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Today, as rockets burst forth from a speechless earth, as marvels of medicine save the lives of otherwise lost victims, and as we unlock the mysteries of the cosmos, we still resort to the language and thought of the few brave men of ancient Greece, reaching back to that indomitable spirit that subjugated even the Amazons, those women who still clamor and press up against us in spirit in an effort to shove us back into the abyss of darkness. If we give in and relinquish our patrimony, we have failed our forefathers, and don’t deserve to be called men.

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Next in series: Male Spirituality as exemplified by the Hebrew prophets.

Dubious Claim from Swedish Feminists

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Sweden's premier feminist political party, "Feminist Initiative," has unveiled a new line of consumer goods to promote their party and their political goals. The clothing and items feature logos proclaiming: "Feminists have better sex."

Party spokeswomyn Veronica Svärd bases this strange claim on American research that supposedly shows that couples who split housework are more sexually satisfied.

Swedish Feminist

It is not clear whether this is really a purely political ploy, or a pathetic, thinly-veiled example of self-delusion. Given the appearance of the party leaders, the latter is most likely. One wonders whether many of these women would be feminists at all if this claim actually has any merit. To further reinforce their point, the party has put together a porn video, replete with cheesy music:

New Study Confirms “Prejudices” About Female Parking Ability

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According to a study conducted by Dr. Claudia Wolf of Ruhr University, women have more difficulty parking cars than men. Dr. Wolf decided to carry out the study to determine whether “prejudices” concerning women’s driving ability are correct. When she found that they are, Dr. Wolf said the study “only proves what previous studies about the spatial differences between men and women have shown.”

Feminist author Germaine Greer dismissed the study as “pointless,” but conceded that men “have a very insignificant advantage in spatial awareness when it comes to parking.”

An Open Letter To Denise Romano, MA, EdM

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[A MAJOR Corrective To Her Views On Game, & Other Issues...]

Perhaps as a result of the Internet, among other things, Game and what was once a "secret society of Pick Up Artists" has gotten the attention-and ire, it seems-of quite a few Women bloggers, some of whom seem intent on tearing the House that Mystery & Style have built to the ground. This, I find to be disturbing on a whole host of levels, but perhaps the most disturbing, is the fact that oh so often, these "crusaders" are so misguided, if not misinformed, not only about Game itself, its key thinkers and writers, but most sadly, about where they're getting their source information from.

In the few months that my personal blog, The Obsidian Files has been in existence, I've run across several Women who all have key things in common:

1. They're all bloggers of varying stripe
2. They all have deep issues with regard to Game, however
3. they haven't read the key source material, and almost always use, as their "primary" source info, Roissy in DC, or blogsites like it (such as say, Tucker Max, in the case of Ms. Susan Walsh of HookingUpSmart.com)

Keep in mind here that all of the Women I'm talking about would be, in the minds of the average person, highly educated, even accomplished people; Ms. Walsh for example, boasts an MBA from the Wharton Business School of UPenn while Ms. Romano has multiple degrees from Columbia U. Yet the level of reasoning and simple investigative research into the basic of issues surrounding Game by these and other Women is, I have to say, a slap in the face to all that the Academy stands for. I am NOT arguing that these or any other Woman has to AGREE with Game, but rather, to merely be educated on its basic premise and methodology, as propounded by its creators and key thinkers themselves. I've written in some detail previously here at TOF, about this very disturbing tendency on the part of quite a few ladies I encounter in my Internet travels.

So, with all that said, enter one Ms. Denise Romano, a certified psychologist who specializes in spousal abuse and the like. Apparently, she got wind of my back and forth epic struggle with another (unnamed) Woman blogger who can't get the bee out of her bonnet that is Roissy, despite her multiple goes at the Man, and which I have extensively written about. Like Romano and Walsh, she too has minimal understanding, at best of what Game exactly is, but worse that the former two, she has flatly refused to at least read some of the widely recognized and accept sources of information on Game, such as Style's book The Game, and Mystery's The Mystery Method, dismissing both as the fodder of snake oil salesmen and reality tv show stars. To be honest, I have never encountered such an individual in debate. I suppose the old saw is true, that there's a first time for everything.

Ms. Romano's comments over at the aforementioned anti-Roissy blog struck me as a bit odd, considering the string of letters following her name; perhaps I do give such people a bit too much credit, because I have always been taught that such individuals are by definition, people who attempt to live by Reason, Logic and at least some understanding of and application of, the Scientific Method. It would appear that I was wrong.

For not only has Ms. Romano made what I consider to be comments inconsistent with the core meaning of the letters that follows her name, but her more "fleshed out" commentary on the matter of Game, PUAs and Seduction, which can be found on the Aug 1 2009 entry at her blog eqwithdenise.wordpress.com, only filled me with more dread, for how can such a highly educated and credentialed human being say such outrageous things?

The post referred to above by Ms. Romano is quite lengthy – even for me(!) – and I would highly recommend anyone so inclined to read it to be sure they have an hour or two to kill before settling in to take it up. In it, she lays at the feet of Game and PUAs, charges of patent abuse of Women, and even goes so far as to lump in Neil "Style"

Strauss, with OJ Simpson, Mike Tyson, and Scott Peterson. Yes, that's right-Ms. Romano, Columbia U grad twice over, has made such an outrageous remark. Outrageous because it is ridiculous on its face; all of the other Men she's mentioned are convicted felons, and in the case of Simpson, we know, for a fact, that he was indeed abusive towards his then-wife, Mrs. Nicole Brown-Simpson. There are no such convictions, or for that matter, charges, against Style; moreover, given that the Man has written, to date, no less than two memoirs on his life in the Game/PUA community, one would think that by now, if he wasn't on the up and up, quite a few Women-at least one-would have come forward. To date, not a peep from the Sisterhood. That's gotta say something. To me, it says that they're quite satisfied with what Mr. Strauss has had to say.

Speaking of Style, it should also be said, that he goes out of his way in BOTH of his books, to warn Men about the very real Dark Sides of Game; in fact, I attribute a goodly bit of my own "style" to Style, not just in a stylistic sense, but in a moral one, too. No one reading his books can say, with a straight face, that he comes off or sounds anything like the Tom Cruise, Ron Jeffries-inspired, and truly disturbed and sleazy character seen in the film "Magnolia". Style is very careful to chronicle the pitfalls of Game, and I for one am very glad that he did so; of all the many books, dvds and the like out there on the topic, I maintain that his is the most honest-often painfully, brutally so-of the entire genre. He gives Game a human face.

So for Ms. Romano to suggest that Mr. Strauss is in any way akin to Mr. Simpson, Mr. Tyson or Mr. Peterson, it only goes to show how far our educational institutions have fallen; such sentiments are to be expected from the Great Unwashed; its akin to heresy when academics like Ms. Romano does it.

Secondly, her assertions about the methods, techniques and the like within the Game community being deceptive and the like are also laughable, because it just goes to show the degree to which her ignorance of Game truly is. So, once again, unto the breach I go dear friends, to give a quick primer on what Game is, and how it operates:

Game (noun, verb): A corpus of knowledge, and series of behaviors, designed to win the SEXUAL ATTRACTION of the Female. PERIOD. The act of employing Game is often referred to as "running Game" or "Gaming". It is a mating strategy, and ALL living things found on the Earth has one, if not several. Game, is simply a mating strategy for Human Males to use. Game draws its knowledge from the insights gleaned from Evolutionary Psychology, itself considered by some a controversial corner of the Psychology world; PUAs (or "Gamers" if you will) study not only Game-specific materials, but also the work of noted Evolutionary Psychologists, like David Buss, Mat Ridley, and Steven Pinker. In addition, Gamesmen (my preferred term) study the great works of literature on the topic of romance, seduction and Human Sexuality, such as The Story of O, the compendium written by Robert Greene The Art Of Seduction, My Secret Life and others. Many of its core tenets may seem bizarre or counterintuitive to the uninitiated or otherwise untrained eye; but to those well-practiced in the Game, they know well the efficacy of its use and practical results.

Game can also be said to be an "applied science" in the sense that it relies heavily on trial and error, after periods of intense and lengthy observation. Field reports, detailed accounts of actual, real-time interactions with Women are a staple of Game practice, and much of what is viewed today as the core tenets of Game came from said practice. It remains perhaps the single most valuable aspect of Game today.

Moreover, Game is NOT in itself moral or immoral; in fact, Game is AMORAL, and it is left solely to the practitioner as to how he will use it. This is where methods such as the use of what is known as NLP-and forms the backbone of the Ross Jeffries school of Seduction or Game-comes in, because it uses considerable degrees of hypnosis in its methods. Does it work? I've seen it in action and can say, YES, it does work. But then we are left with the moral implications of such a strategem; is it RIGHT to do it? I say NO, and I am not alone. It is unclear if Mystery himself is cool with NLP, but what is clear, that his school of thought does not include or incorporate NLP in any way; instead his school of thought deals with what has become known as Social Dynamics, how people interact with each other within the context of group activity.

Again: Game is amoral. In and of itself, there is no "right" or "wrong" way to get a Woman into bed with you. The only one to determine ultimately if something is good or bad, is the practitioner himself. In this regard, I view

Game in the same light as Niccolo Machiavelli's The Prince-a practical and pragmatic, how-to guide to gaining political power and keeping it. It doesn't concern itself with the moral or ethical implications of Statecraft; it is left to the "Prince" to decide for himself which way to go.

Furthermore, Game is NOT relegated to the niteclub, bar or lounge, although it certainly can be used in such environments; Game can be applied to a whole host of situations and scenarios, from the boardroom and shop floor, to the local taproom or formal events. Basically, ANYWHERE Men and Women get together, there will you also find GAME. Additionally, the idea that Game is designed only as a short term mating strategy is immensely misinformed and shortsighted-Game can be applied to both, a one night stand, and to a marriage, or anything in between. Game can be used to win the affection of one Woman, or a thousand. Nor does one with Game have to actually bed any Woman AT ALL-all of these things are purely up to the Man in question, as to which way he will go. And that, is the true Power of Game-it gives a Man options.

That so many Women are so very concerned about the blatherings of weird guys with funny names in our time – a time where Women enjoy an unprecedented level of advance, freedom, opportunity and largesse – is proof if there ever was any, that Game does indeed WORK. The very fact that Women from Lady Raine to Susan Walsh and now Denise Romano, make such a stink about it all, is again proof positive, that despite all the protestations and denunciations and denials to the contrary, that Game is indeed, highly effective. Understandably then, they would be concerned about the way in which it is applied by its practitioners, and to what ends.

It is important for these ladies to understand that, like any discipline or field of endeavor, there will invariably be many approaches, understandings and stances by many corners of said community; it is not at all unusual to find multiple, seemingly conflicting interpretations of things such as, say, the "Neg" is and how it is to be applied. For example, some say that Negs are indispensable to any seduction; others argue that it plays at best, a tangential role. Some say that Negs are to be employed in "carpet bombing" fashion regardless as to the Target is, others say that Negs should be "calibrated' for use depending on how "hot" the Target is-the hotter she is, the more you Neg her. Those who attempt to diminish the whole of Game, are akin to those who attempt to diminish the whole of ANY field of endeavor, because within each one is bound to find differing takes on core or key tenets and ideas or principles. Such critics shouldn't see this as a weakness or failing of Game, but indeed a strength, just as we would say, Psychology, and its many differing takes and "squabbles", LOL. Viva La Difference, indeed!

Now – with all the above being said and laid out – it is also important to let Ms. Romano and every other person, Male or Female, reading this, know that YES, there are what I consider to be "Dark Forces" in the Game; who twist and pervert it to their own ends, and has the potential to really damage many lives with their "Black" Arts. For my part, I and others whom I consider good friends, do what we can to act as a kind of check on said behaviors, by speaking out against them and their kind. For example, I liken NLP to Sith Magic, effective and highly seductive, but deeply morally unethical and potentially soul-killing, for both parties involved. While I respect Tyler Durden's knowledge of Game, I refuse to use much of what he's gleaned, because I so thoroughly disagree with his philosophical stances and just overall "vibe". He creeps me out, quite frankly. And, as much as I respect Roissy's deep knowledge of Game, I also deeply disagree with his application in many instances, as well as the overall vibe of his "house," which explains why few if any people have seen me posting there after my own blog launched, nearly three months ago.

While I'm on the topic of Roissy, let me also say, that in many ways, his presence on the Internet is both a triumph and a curse. He is a triumph in the sense that Game has real utility and, quite frankly, power, to change things. His promotion of Game has touched many lives, mine included, and I would to think, at least in my case, for the better.

But he is also a curse, in the sense that because of the way in which he blends his personal views on many topics in with Game itself, people on the outside looking in get the impression that HIS TAKE ON GAME IS "THE" TAKE ON GAME, and that's where they would be sorely mistaken, but by then the damage is done. Women, such as Susan Walsh and Denise Romano, are convinced, based on Roissy and a few others like him, that Game is no good, that it is inherently misogynistic, and that it is also deliberately deceptive and manipulative. That Roissy attracts so

much attention to Game on the one hand, yet so much negative publicity for it on the other, is truly sad. It's sad because Game itself has a much harder time getting a fair hearing. I've taken it on as my own personal mission to do what I can to present Game in its best light, since it's been so good to me in meeting my goals in life. The record clearly shows me not only speaking out against what I consider "Sith" applications of Game no matter who does it, but I have also opposed Roissy himself publicly on a host of issues, both on his actual blog and here at my own, and will do so again if the need arises. Let me be clear here: Roissy's understanding of Game is not and cannot be in dispute; it is his application of Game, his undergirding philosophy, that IS in dispute, and that which I take deep issue with. This is the key distinction that I think is lost on many of his critics, many of whom refuse to properly acquaint themselves with key Game source materials, most notably Style's works.

I would also like to address Ms. Romano's charges that to be a Gamesman is to be an abuser-something I take great umbrage with, for a number of reasons. First, despite the presence of Men like Roissy, there has been no reports of Women being abused, and by that I mean, physically abused by PUAs. By the way, Roissy does NOT consider himself a PUA, he's said so himself. Just wanted to be clear on that point. Moreover, as one who has put his livelihood and very life on the line to protect Women from abuse, I find Ms. Romano's slinging out the term "abuse" to BE abusive, and a most disturbing trend in the popular culture of late-merely call anything you have a personal issue with or otherwise don't like, "abusive", "misogynistic", "racist", "homophobic" and so on. Such abuses of truly powerful terms cheapens their meaning, makes REAL instances of such abuses seem trivial, and makes the whole exercise a joke and a laughingstock, while at the same time throwing the true victims of such practices under the bus. One would think that a Woman of Ms. Romano's statue would be a bit more deliberative with her language, especially the written word.

I also find it most interesting — aw heck, I'm just gonna call it what it is: it is hypocritical of Ms. Romano to, on the one hand, deride those in the Game community who sell their wares to customers as snake-oil salesmen, to then turn around and implore Men to instead spend some $250 on "NVC" training. Mind you, I'm not yet in a position to say whether NVC is worth its weight in gold or lead — just that I find it interesting that she wants to shut down one aspect of commerce in favor of another. Hmm.

Then there's Ms. Romano's seeming indifference, or intellectual dishonesty when it comes to the full range of "abuse", indeed violence. Her Aug 1 2009 post was terribly one-sided in its view of the situation: Women are victims, Men victimizers. And while no one would deny that Woman are indeed abused and victimized, it seems incredibly hard for Women to even acknowledge that the same can happen to Men, too-even when the stats back this up. For more on the spousal abuse side of it, please see such authorities on the matter as Glenn Sacks, a Men's Rights Advocate who has long been known to have his facts straight, just to name but one person in the fight. According to him, nearly half of ALL domestic partner violence, was initiated by the Woman. And, as if to bring heaven sent proof of this fact, we need no other than one Mr. Tiger Woods, who, on Thanksgiving Day, was clocked upside the head with one of his own golf clubs by his wife, Mrs. Elin Woods. To be sure, no one I personally know – and definitely not me personally – defends Mr. Woods' actions. But that doesn't give Ms. Elin Woods the right to physically abuse her husband.

Now, where is the intellectual consistency on Ms. Romano's part here? Hmm? To ask the question is to answer it. If she can take time out of her schedule to write a lengthy hit piece on Game and PUAs and MRAs, if she can find time to log her comments in to anti-Roissy blogs about same, then why can't she find the time to speak out against what Elin Woods did? Hmm? And why is that NO MAJOR FEMINIST WEBSITE TO DATE, has done so either? If anything, it's the exact opposite, a kind of "You Go Girl!" sentiment, not tacitly expressed, by EXPLICITY expressed. If Ms. Romano is truly interested in the fairness she exhorts PUAs to exhibit with regard to Men and Women, one would think she could start in her own backyard. After all, charity begins at home.

What about Mary Winkler-who shot her hubbie in the back with a shotgun, while he was sleeping? The only "proof" we have that she was "abused" comes from Mrs. Winkler herself – there was no independent record of spousal abuse on Rev. Winkler's part, and to add insult to injury, Mrs. Winkler was even feted on Oprah – white platform shoes and all, to tell her story. No one was there to speak for Rev. Winkler. Dead Men tell no tales.

I saw no such denunciation of Mrs Winkler on Ms. Romano's or quite frankly, any other Woman's site who claims to care about "domestic abuse". Seems that they care about it only when it involves Women on the receiving end.

Last month, in specific response to my lady readers, I put up a post taking up the question as to whether Game was inherently deceptive and manipulative. Without exception, excuse or apology, I said that YES, Game can indeed be used this way, that there is a contingent of the Game community who does this, and that I neither condoned or endorsed it, nor did I want to be associated with anyone who was known to be engaging in such activity. Then I asked the Women who claimed to be so concerned about the ethics of the Men in the Game community, about the many deeply deceptive and manipulative things Women do, and have done, for YEARS. I invite Ms. Romano or anyone else reading this open letter to see my post for themselves, it's in the Dec 2009 archive and very easy to find. The replies I got back from the majority of Women – notable exceptions aside – were, in a word, mind boggling. Some actually wanted to justify the heinous actions I pointed out that Women undertook; others wanted to actually put up for debate other things Women have long done that are misrepresentations of themselves, if not out and out deceit. Finally, in a followup post I put up directed at the ladies of my forum, also found in the Dec 2009 archives, I questioned them as to why we never see those issues addressed on so many Women's blogs and websites. The responses were again mind-boggling — if not quite deceitful in themselves.

It all adds up to a feeling on the part of many Men, of a very real double-standard: Women want Men to be held accountable, but they don't want to be held accountable themselves. Women have no problem using every advantage they can get out there on the Mating Grounds, but deplore anything that might help Men get an advantage, too. Women want Men to speak out against their own who do wrong, but Women can never seem to be found when time comes to speak out against a Elin Woods, a Mary Winkler, a Crystal Gale Mangum, to say nothing about the many scores of Women who take advantage of Men every way till the next Xmas. Women want Men to take the high road, but don't seem to have trouble at the very least, condoning the low behavior of so many of their "sisters".

That Ms. Romano makes outrageous claims against Game, indicts someone like Style and lumps him in with known and documented spousal abusers, rapists and murderers, asserts that ALL PUAs are "abusers of Women" and then falls completely silent on the well known and publicized events of clear, present and REAL abuse perpetrated by the Women above, someone who's LIFE WORK is to advocate for victims of violence and abuse, really says it all to me, and to any thinking, caring person who gives a damn about fairness, decency, and just plain ole getting the facts straight. If this is the best our Academy can do, it is little wonder we as a society are in the mess we're in after all.

I'll say this in closing, and it behooves Women like Ms. Romano to listen close: your "war" against Roissy, Savoy and others, will not succeed. It won't because not only are your motives wrong, but so to are your own convictions. So long as Women like you refuse to remove the 2×4 out of your own eyes before you go to plunking splinters out of the eyes of Men like Roissy and Savoy, your effort will fall flat on its face. More and more Men aren't flocking to these guys for nothing, Ms. Romano — there's definitely something there. And so long as you and others like you refuse to address the root causes of why the Roissys exist in the first place, all you'll be doing is standing in the middle of a sinking boat, trying to prevent it from going under by tossing overboard bucketfuls of water.

That's it. If you want to talk, you know where to find me.

Thanks for listening.

The Obsidian

New French Law: Displeasing Your Wife Now a Crime

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France has passed a law criminalizing "psychological violence" in marriage that will go into effect this year. Under this new law, so much as making a negative comment concerning one's wife's appearance could lead to the husband being fitted with an electronic monitoring device, such as the leg bracelets attached to criminals in the US. If anything symbolizes slavery, it is these modern day manacles and leg irons.

This law only criminalizes insults within cohabiting relationships, so men are still free to offend women in France, provided they aren't living with them. The legislation surrounding family law in the West has become so oppressive and so insane that it is a wonder young men still get married at all. We all know that women, at certain times [of the month, often], are prone to call anything abusive and to take offense at the slightest and most trivial of innocent words or gestures, so the law constitutes a very real threat to any man who gets married.

Leg Irons for the 21st Century

One can imagine thousands of French men being hauled into court as a result of a fleeting moment in their wives' tearful affliction with PMS, then sternly admonished by a judge and outfitted with the accoutrements of slavery. Surely, this should convince men that marriage is to be avoided like the plague, entered into only by the most troubled, masochistic souls or benighted fools of the highest order.

The question this raises is whether women really are interested in marriage. All of the evidence points to the fact that they are, but still one finds them working like busy beavers to topple the institution and chase any men with an ounce of sense away from it. One has to ask whether women are really this fundamentally stupid as to undermine their own interests to this extent. Laws such as these give us legitimate cause to wonder about that.

The Misandry Bubble: An Excellent Treatise Written by The Futurist

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The Spearhead commenter *The Fifth Horseman*, AKA *The Futurist*, has written an in-depth analysis of the state of manhood in the modern West. I am sure that a number of our readers have already read it, but I want to make sure that none of our busy subscribers miss such a great piece.

So if you haven't had the opportunity to check out the article for yourself, we at *The Spearhead* heartily endorse our fellow traveler TFH, who honors us with his comments and contributions to our cause.

Personally, I would like to commend him on his excellent writing, and express gratitude for the hard work he obviously put into this effort. Writing such a long piece is not easy, and we should all give him a round of applause for putting such stellar thought out there for free. If we are to accomplish the Herculean task of setting gender relations straight in the West, it will largely be due to the efforts of men such as The Fifth Horseman.

Bravo!

Australian Study: Women Get Fatter After Marriage

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According to a study of 6,000 Australian women, shacking up with a man leads to women packing on the pounds. All of the women studied were between the ages of 18 and 23 at the beginning of the study, and by the end of the ten-year study most of them had "partnered" with a man and about half had given birth.

The women who remained single gained the least weight – 11 pounds – while those who had given birth gained an average of 20 pounds. However, the women who were partnered but had not given birth still gained four more pounds on average than the single women.

The study appears to confirm a common, yet usually unvoiced, source of frustration for husbands. Possible reasons for the weight gain cited by researchers include a "more active social life," although that might seem counterintuitive to many married people, particularly those who have children. Other possible explanations, such as the increasingly sedentary lifestyle adopted by many married women or a sense of complacency (no longer need to find a mate), were not mentioned.

"Mother May I?" Masculinity

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Modern women balk at any suggestion that men should be able to tell women how to behave. Many believe that a woman should be able to do whatever she likes without worrying "what women are supposed to do."

When feminists talk to men, they pretend to offer the same sort of freedom from social expectations attached to one's sex. But this talk of freedom is always a lie. This new, "free" model of manhood approved by feminists must, after all, serve the interests of feminism. Many traditionally masculine behaviors and ideas are clearly "off limits." So, while the new woman does whatever she wants and explores her world unfettered, the feminist male is carefully restricted and monitored for signs of disobedience or treachery.

He's a rhinestone collared lapdog with a humiliating barrette in his hair, free to run in a yard bordered by an electric fence.

At best, he's allowed the manly privileges of opening jars and taking out the garbage.

The pro-feminist male is a wretched, guilt-ridden creature who must at every turn make certain he is not impeding the progress of women in any way. He willingly accepts guilt for crimes against women he never committed, perpetrated by men he has never met. He must question any interest he has in sports or any admiration he might have for traditional male role models—for fear that he is perpetuating cultures of honor or patriarchy that could somehow result in the oppression of or violence against women. He must be careful to include women in every activity, even if he would prefer not to. He must avoid pornography. He must "Try hard to understand how [his] own attitudes and actions might inadvertently perpetuate sexism and violence, and work toward changing them." He must never collude with men to work for the interests of men—unless those interests have been certified as completely harmless to the interests of women. He is encouraged to work with women to support their interests with little or no regard for how those interests might have a negative impact on men. He must "create systems of accountability to women in [his] community." He must reject any advantages he receives that seem to be tied to "systems of male privilege" but he must support and defend programs that help or give advantages to women based on their sex alone.

The only "freedom" that feminism offers men is the freedom to do exactly what women want him to do. The freedom to *serve.*

Moderate feminists sometimes make the argument that feminism is truly "humanism" and that the interests of men and women are essentially the same. This is a debatable belief—not a fact—and we must respect it, as H.L. Mencken wrote, "only in the sense and to the extent that we respect his theory that his wife is beautiful and his children smart." Men and women do share some key interests—especially when they are not in competition with one another. But so long as men and women remain physically different and demonstrate different psychological and political tendencies, some conflicts of interest between them will naturally continue.

No woman is expected to burden herself with concerns about how her words or actions might have a negative impact on men. The idea that women should serve the interests of men is explicitly anti-feminist, but the same is not true of men serving the interests of women. Serving the interests of women—possibly at the expense of your own—is required of men who support feminism.

What kind of a man must ask women "what kind of man may I be?"

Not a man, but a boy—a mere child picking flowers for a kiss on the cheek and a pat on the head.

Any assertion of his manhood hinges on the question "Mother, may I?"

If men are not supposed to tell women how women must behave, what right do women have to demand that men cater to their interests? Who are they to tell men what manhood means? Why should men accept their authority?

What the Hell do women know about what it means to be a man?

A woman's commentary on the masculine experience is warped and distorted by her own interests, and should never be regarded as authoritative. If, as feminists have said, the personal is political, it is foolish to trust any woman not to filter her thoughts on men through her own experience and interests as a woman. *The pose and the language of unbiased thought do not guarantee it.*

These new, independent women should have no need to exploit a man's vestigial sense of chivalry. If they are truly suited to compete with men, they should be able to do so without special rules, privileges and protections. Men should not have to curb their behavior so that women can achieve. If "equality" were truly desired, men would never have to ask, "Mother, may I?"

Now, within any relationship or friendship between two people, compromise is inevitable and healthy. Every relationship is different, and a man and a woman should be able to make their private arrangements as best serves them both.

It is also true that some compromise at the public level is necessary to maintain even the most rudimentary civilization. But to ask men to radically alter their behavior to facilitate the success of complete strangers with whom they may well be in direct or indirect competition is absurd. That's not "equality" any more than asking a boxer to fight with one hand tied behind his back is a "fair fight."

And yet this is exactly what feminists ask of men.

"Hobble yourselves so that we can crawl over your backs."

Men need to reject this.

In the UK, there was recently some controversy over the formation of what looks like the most benignly pro-feminist men's therapy and health education group you could possibly imagine. But it was too much for some women to entertain the possibility that men might have any valid concerns or complaints of their own, or that they should have access to the same kinds of sex-specific support networks that now abound for women. The group's leader fell all over himself trying to justify his existence to female critics, trying to prove that he was "one of the good ones" and that his focus on masculinity wasn't a threat to women or gays or the transgendered. Perhaps this appeased his masters.

Men are doing this everywhere. They're apologizing and appeasing and asking for permission, cowering and begging and finding out that it will never, ever be enough.

Maybe some men believe that unless they hold their tongues and surrender to the never-ending demands of women, they'll never get laid again. Maybe they're afraid of being alone, unloved or scorned by women. Maybe they're afraid that if they really look into the abyss and see the situation for what it is, they'll be consumed by anger and hatred and they'll no longer be able to smile and nod their way through the crowd of oblivious and obedient consumers who are their friends, families, employers and clients. Buckin' the system ain't great for business. So men lie to themselves and pretend everything is fine to keep things on an even keel.

Damage control.

It's a little too easy for me, having little use for women and few reasons to compromise with them, to tell other men what I think they should do. So I'll just ask:

"How's that working out for ya, fellas?"

Change will begin when men stop working from willingly handicapped, defensive positions.

Men need to stop apologizing for being men.

And most of all, they need to stop asking for *permission* to be men.

Northern Ireland First Minister Forgives Wife Following Her Affair

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[image]In a stark contrast to the often brutal shaming that men in public office undergo as a result of infidelity, Peter Robinson, First Minister of Northern Ireland, did all he could to protect his wife despite her infidelity. Not only did he suppress the story to save his wife, an MP, from "medical" issues, he has forgiven her and will take her back.

His wife, 60-year-old Iris Robinson, began an affair over a year ago, and is now blaming it on "mental illness." Mr. Robinson has actually taken much of the blame, saying:

> [...] Over time and on calmer reflection, I set her inappropriate behaviour against 40 years of bringing up our children – often alone.
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> Forty years of selflessly giving me the space to pursue my beliefs; of facing public pressure for the stand I was taking and having to live with the threats and dangers my position visited upon my family.

We have heard male politicians' wives "forgive" their husbands in the Anglosphere, but I don't think I can recall one single instance of the wife taking the blame for a spouse's infidelity. This reflects the wider culture, which holds that men are guilty no matter who cheats in a marriage.

Mrs. Robinson, for her part, appears to be putting a lot more effort into garnering pity than actually apologizing to her husband:

> During this period of mental illness I lost control of my life and did the worst thing that I have ever done. Over a year and a half ago, I was involved in a relationship.
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> It began completely innocently when I gave support to someone following a family death. I encouraged friends to assist him by providing financial support for a business venture.
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> Regrettably, the relationship later developed into a brief affair. It had no emotional or lasting meaning, but my actions have devastated my life, and the lives of those around me.

Sure, Iris. It didn't mean anything — you were just "involved in a relationship" that "began completely innocently." Of course, it was all because of the "mental illness."

Too many men have heard it all before. As men, we have to remember that Mr. Robinson, despite his obvious deep pain, has a certain duty to uphold to society, and it does not include coddling his adulterous wife.

Perhaps our greatest failing as Western men is our pathetic weakness where women's misbehavior is concerned. This tendency has put us in a bad place, and we've got to take a stand and declare that there is no virtue in giving cheating, destructive women license to wreck families and hurt people.

The Awesome Power of a Wife's Love!

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A very old man lay dying in his bed. In death's doorway, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookie wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands.

With labored breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven.

There, spread out on newspapers on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table. The aged and withered hand, shaking, made its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when he was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife.

"Stay out of those," she said. "They're for the funeral."

(Time for a bit of levity.)

Bastard Game

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I have never considered myself a Player. When searching for a good bad time, I consider sex more a consequence than a goal.

Whatever happens, I am not going out of my way for a woman I've just met.

In fact, I generally refuse to go out of my way for women I know. Experience has left me wanting in the "Trust" Department. If someone is merely an *acquaintance*, much different than a friend, I'll sooner spill a drink on the floor than go out of my way for them.

Game is a social skill-set for the effective knocking over of ass. However, no skill-set is perfect. Everyone has different aptitudes, and everyone's Game needs tweaking to find what works for them.

Game is about being an Alpha-male. By demonstrating your higher position in the social hierarchy, you become more attractive to the opposite sex.

I read about Game for amusement more than anything. There is something sad about grown men who privately worship women as sexual objects, but then whine about "pedestallers". For misogynists, they draw an awful lot of validation from the women they seek to conquer. It's like a hetero 'Broken Hearts Club'.

If you follow the Mystery Method to the letter and spend four hours a night out "working your game", reconsider your priorities. I don't care if it works. Get a gym membership.

After reading a tongue-in-cheek breakdown of various styles of Game, I thought about it what style (or combination of styles) matches what I pass off as "Game".

It isn't strictly Asshole Game. It certainly isn't Cool Guy Game.

It's Max Game. It's Bastard Game.

I have decided to break down my style by parts to better explain it. Think of it as Strategy and Tactics.

First, **the Rules**:

Rule 1: Be Indifferent

With the exception of your mother, no woman is special. The only reason a man treats a woman special is if he wants something from her. She will assume that what you 'want' is her ass. She will be right. This puts her in charge.

If this happens, you have just lost. At this point, you may as well ask for her permission to fuck her. Asking is begging. Begging is contemptible.

Rule 2: Proffer No Excuse

Do not apologise. You do not need a woman's approval. She needs yours. She wants your validation. If you apologise, you are asking for her approval. See *Rule 1*.

Rule 3: Work the Help

If you are in any place for more than a night, get familiar with the local color. Go out early, talk to waitresses, bartenders and bouncers. Don't look for favors, just act friendly. Tip well.

When you can walk in a place and shake hands with the employees on your way to the bar, you don't need to know the owner. This is Social Proof.

Rule 4: Never Let 'em See You Sweat

Always maintain your bearing. Everything you do is easy, even when it isn't. Swagger. You've heard it, seen it, and done it. Treat everything and everyone with mild amusement, mild curiosity, or mild disgust. No one needs to know your limits.

Rule 5: Never Compete With Women

Darts. Pool. Conversation. Never let them see you try. If you win, you did it with one hand tied behind your back. If they win, it is because you let them.

Never try to impress a woman. *Be* impressive. The difference is in the effort. If it looks like approval seeking behavior, it is. See *Rule 1*.

Never mind the fact that there is No Honor in it.

Rule 6: Men Are More Important Than Women

Treat other guys with respect. You may be competing for the same resource, but you're still on the same team. Treating other men well acts as Social Proof.

Treat Betas like your kid brother and you'll earn Alpha credit. Treat other Alphas respectfully, as equals, and you can avoid unnecessary conflict. If you're trying to knock over some ass, fighting is counter-productive.

Don't get overzealous with your anti-male negs. Keep it in proportion. If he's busting your balls, let him be the one putting out the obvious effort. Females *will* pick up on his eagerness to one-up you, and you'll look more alpha for being casual and indifferent.

Being unnecessarily aggressive toward other men in front of women is bad form. It's negative Social Proof. You'll either look **a**) intimidated, and therefore approval seeking (see *Rule 1*) or **b**) you'll appear dangerous. Bad boy charm goes out the window if women think you will *actually* throw them in your trunk.

Women will ignore the obvious monster in front of them as long as they don't have to see its teeth.

Just ask Ted Bundy.

Rule 7: Never Humiliate

Long before I'd ever heard of Game, the use of Negs was natural to me. Negging is a normative part of male behavior. Men bust balls constantly. Women think they understand this practice, but they don't. They cannot tell the difference between ball busting and an insult.

Ball busting is a sign of trust. "Look at me, I can insult you (within certain limits) because you and I understand that I mean no offense."

Negging exists very near the event horizon of a slippery slope. Negging a girl, particularly if she is part of a group, and especially if that group includes any males, can blow up in your face. Females occasionally take negging as ball busting, and counter as such. Females are adept at picking out weaknesses – they set at each other like a murder of crows at carrion – and will sometimes up the *ante* with particularly vicious comments.

Be wary of how you Neg. You might be able to read a girl's nine abortions and her "Weird Uncle" story in her eyes, but calling her on it will invariably lead to violence.

Regardless of a person's race, rank, or gender, Humiliation is the *fastest* way to spark a brawl.

This covers the *Macro-Strategy* section of Bastard Game. 7 is a perfect number for rules. Any more or less and I will invariably get drunk and completely forget them. As it is, I will invariably get drunk and completely forget

them.

Fairly standard stuff, from a Gaming perspective. The real Devil is in the details.

Tactics

"*Carefree, mocking, violent. Thus wisdom wants us.*

For she is a woman, she always loves a man of war."

- **Nietzsche**; *Genealogy of Morals*

Bastard Game was designed to help cultivate a specific posture.

Alphas rise to the top of their social hierarchy because they embody manliness. They become leaders in their group, sometimes in spite of themselves, because they demonstrate the most Alpha traits. There is one Alpha trait that supersedes the rest: *Strength*.

All Game relies on the presentation of Alpha male qualities. Bastard Game forgoes some of the basic tactics of other styles to focus on one thing:

Rule 1: Be Indifferent

No matter what happens, don't give a fuck. Don't care. Do not put yourself out for anyone. Don't lift one finger, don't bat one eyelash. This isn't a false posture. Indifference is the luxury of the Alpha male. He is calm and composed because, whatever happens, he can handle it.

Bastard Game: Tactics

Opening:

1. **Never Approach**. Game is like magic, it falls apart at the seams if the audience knows the trick. The more a woman has been approached, the more savvy she will be to your approach, no matter how subtle.

In order to close the distance, consider:

The Drive-By: Open on the move. You are a walking, negging machine. If you're with a wingman, even better. You'll already be in conversation and you can casually toss a comment over your shoulder. Is it an approach? . . . eh. Not if you couldn't care less and keep on walking.

The Tactical Advantage: Being parked in an approachable position is a good thing. Sitting at the bar *seems* ideal – you're automatically talking over your shoulder, for one – but there are too many distractions (i.e. the bartender). Find the high-ground, where people must approach or pass you on *your* terms.

2. **Subliminal Social Proof.** Remember Rule 3 – if you're in a familiar place, then you'll be shaking hands with everyone from the bouncer to the bartender. Every person you talk to publicly builds your Social Proof. The more others notice, the less strange it will seem if you randomly drop a comment in their lap.

If you're in a strange place, have a wing come in a few minutes late. Give yourself enough time to get the layout. Grab some tactical advantage, or move near a set, and let your wing run into you. He is so glad to see you that he'll even buy you a round.

If you're solo, make new friends. *Men are more important than women*. If you're truly leader of the pack, nothing will show it better than the way other men act around you. Once they start telling you stories to impress you, start making that face that attractive women make when a man is boring them.

You are an Alpha. People are glad to know you, and they want to make you happy. Seeking a female's attention overtly is like asking for approval. Asking is begging. Don't ask them to be interested in you, make them feel out of place if they are not.

3. **Turnabout**. This is always fair play. Females always arrive in groups, they dress the part, their *value* is obvious.

That is, their valuables are obvious. All of this is bait – *Come impress me, Mr. Alpha. Win my approval.*

Asking is begging, and begging is contemptible. Even from a female.

They display all of these approval-seeking behaviors. Deny them that approval. Only open a set enough to start a conversation. Fuck your routines. Don't run off at the mouth with stupid stories.

Opening a set is nothing more than an invitation for them to entertain you. You are the Alpha male. You know your worth. Now let them prove theirs to you. Beauty alone isn't enough – you've seen it before – you aren't swayed by it. They have to demonstrate *real value.* Let them buy *you* drinks, or else just offer to blow you in the bathroom.

Working a Set:

1. **Neg, Neg, Neg**. Remember, this isn't about their approval, it's about yours. Make them want it, then dole it out in small doses.

2. **Smile**. Let them see you smile . . . at other people. Smile when you talk to your wing before you open. Smile when you talk to the Staff. Smile *for* females, not at them. They'll have to earn it.

Wait for them to give you Indicators of Interest. After a few, feed a smile. Work your own Indicators sparingly, like Pavlovian conditioning. If you have her on the hook, she'll escalate for you. Once she does, follow suit.

3. **Bounce**. As soon as you have her/them/it on the hook, get the fuck out of there. Once escalation starts, it's only a matter of time before the location gets stale and your Game stalls.

Express displeasure at your surroundings. Demand to change them.

Either regard the new venue as more interesting, and use the girls you hooked for Social Proof as you work the new place . . .

OR

Be skeptical of the new venue's ability to please you. Turn your attention back to the girls, inviting *them* to please you.

Closing:

1. **Fuck Numbers**. If anyone should be giving out their phone number, it's you. If she's really interested, she'll call.

2. **Plan B**. In case your swaggering Alpha demeanor intimidates her, strike up a tentative plan to do something, somewhere, sometime soon. It gives her an excuse to call you.

3. **Escalate**. If you're not escalating her skirt by now, lose interest.

You can read more of Max's barely recollected philosophical musings at http://www.fkinonline.com/. *This article is a re-post of material that first appeared there.*

HPV Litigation Cases and Why Men Are at Risk

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I don't know much about sexually transmitted diseases. My 10th grade health teacher – Coach Oates – spent more time threatening "ass whoopin's", cracking jokes, and talking football than he did teaching us about the birds, the bees, and STDs. The main source of information about STD threats was the media; growing up in the Nineties, the only STD worth mentioning seemed to be HIV – "the disease that causes AIDS". A recent legal case in which a man was ordered to pay a woman $1.5 million highlights several inefficiencies. First, the legal system is shown to be stacked against men, once again. Second, the overblown AIDS crisis hurt women in one important way which – if cases like the one I'm going to discuss continue – has brought men down with it.

It wasn't until college that I really heard any talk about other more common, albeit less serious sexually transmitted infections like HPV, herpes, chlamydia, etc. HPV causes cervical cancer; chlamydia can cause tubal pregnancies and serious health problems in women, yet sexually irresponsible children only hear about the Big One: HIV.

For example, we all know the various mechanisms by which HIV is spread – anal sex, vaginal sex, IV needle sharing, blood transfusion – but not many know that HPV can be spread through skin to skin contact: no penetration necessary. For a virus that affects some 50% of sexually active adults and has serious consequences if left untreated and unmonitored, the time, energy, and resources spent on HIV awareness is and was inefficiently allocated. HPV awareness in the media and schools would have had more bang for the buck than the hullabaloo surrounding HIV. The fact is that, as a white heterosexual non drug-using male, I have very little risk of contracting HIV. I have a relatively high risk of contracting and transmitting HPV, chlamydia, and herpes though.

This is my long-winded way of saying that this lawsuit is bullshit. A dentist, Alan Evans, has been ordered to pay $1.5 million to Karly Rossiter for allegedly knowingly transmitting HPV to her; the decision handed down in an Iowa court was recently upheld. The pair had sex on January 1, 2005 after beginning dating sometime in December 2004. One "strong" piece of evidence against Evans was the fact that Evans asked Rossiter if she had been tested for HPV *after* they had sex.

In the particular case of Rossiter versus Evans, Rossiter claimed that she was HPV free before having sex with Evans. Even though she is also currently HPV-free – and $1.5 million richer – she sought and received damages for stress and strain due to a possibility that the virus would flare back up in the future. Assuming Rossiter, who was 23 at the time, had previously had sex with other people (she didn't hold out on sex with Evans for long: they started dating in December 2004 and had sex on New Years, *and* the fact that Rossiter states that her previos test came back negative for HPV rather than saying that she was a virgin ***Update: she wasn't a virgin), it's entirely possible that Rossiter's HPV had "gone away" before her previous exam and reappeared during the interim. There seems to be too many possibilities to prove that Evans knowingly infected Rossiter.

But in civil suits, "preponderance of doubt" is the only legal hurdle that needs to be cleared. This leaves men more susceptible to liability than women despite the same level of negligibility and carelessness. Rossiter's lawyer, Jeff Tronvold, even pointed out during the trial that the date, means, and identity of infecting partner are difficult to definitively pin down when people are sexually active.

An MSNBC article quoted Tronvold as saying:

> "If 75 percent of people are exposed to HPV, then everybody should know they had it at one point…[If you deny it to a partner,] "you have already met, in my opinion, the civil burden [of proof] because you just lied. You should say, 'I have no signs, but I cannot tell you I never had it.' This could change the way we all date."

Scary stuff for any *man*. Regardless of the particular circumstances surrounding this case, such a decision and such legal wrangling leaves open the door for future litigation against men for knowledge that is often beyond their ability to have. The fact that most men carry the disease at some point but never know when they carry the disease or if their immune system has defeated it means they must make the assumption that there's a reasonable possibility that they currently have the virus. To definitively deny having HPV is deceptive since a man can never know for sure that he doesn't have the virus. But if Tronvold argues that men are culpable because they have cause to believe they are somewhat likely to have had the disease, doesn't this imply that a woman should have reasonable cause to assume that the man she's sleeping with has or has had HPV? Welcome to CYA 101.

This court decision caught my eye, took me aback, and made me throw up in my mouth a little. First off, men are usually only ever aware of having HPV after being told by a woman that *she* has the virus. HPV screens are only available during women's cervical exams. The Center for Disease Control even seems to poo-poo HPV infection in men:

> "Currently, there is no test designed or approved to find HPV in men. The only approved HPV test on the market is for women, for use as part of cervical cancer screening. There is no general test for men or women to check one's overall "HPV status." But HPV usually goes away on its own, without causing health problems. So an HPV infection that is found today will most likely not be there a year or two from now."

Most men never develop health problems from HPV therefore there is no reason for them to screen for it. Well, unless we all get sued to death; that's a health concern.

If Evans was liable, this means that many, many men have contracted the virus from a woman who *knew* she had the disease but didn't tell him. Because men don't directly suffer from HPV or show signs of infection (1% of cases lead to genital warts and most show no outward signs of infection) and none die as a result of the virus, men don't have much of a litiginal claim against a woman who lies about her infection. But if *he* is informed of his infection, neverminding the fact that he could be completely misled into thinking that he carries the virus, he is liable to a woman he infects if she isn't informed about it. The only recompense for men would be if a judge and jury bought the same distorted logic used by Tronvold to side with a man – this is doubtful to happen.

So there is a legal precedent implicating men for having sex with women without knowing for sure that they *don't* have HPV. There are many other cases as well such as the recent filing of a $25 million lawsuit of a woman suing her husband for HPV contraction. The legal claim regarding HPV incurred such a high settlement because of the potential damage caused by this particular virus. But up until recently, and likely during the mid 2000s, people didn't know much about HPV or the damage it could potentially cause. If a man like Evans were told that he had dipsodrymadica (I made that up) is he responsible for whatever damage that disease causes to a person he gives it to if a.) he knows nothing about it b.) the disease has little media exposure and c.) it is relatively less researched than other diseases? At what point must a person be fully aware of the consequences of their disease, at what point must they fully know the risks of it, and at what point are the responsible for sifting through mountains of information that may or may not be true? Purposeful HIV infection is pretty cut-and-dry: people don't "get rid of" HIV, and the effects of it have been fully pounded into our skulls. There is another possibility about the extent to which a man knows he has HPV, which is relevant in Evans' case. Genital warts indicate HPV, but lack of knowledge about HPV means that there is/was little chance that Evans knew a.) that he had a virus b.) the severity of the virus and c.) the nature of the virus and the risk of passing it on. An interesting fact about this particular case is that Rossiter testified that Evans had bumps on his penis *yet she still had sex with him*. If Evans had bumps and didn't know what those bumps indicated because of ignorance is he to be held liable even though Rossiter isn't held liable for the same ignorant display? It is also worth noting that Rossiter continued having sex with Evans for a year-and-a-half after learning she had HPV. Evans probably did, however, know that he should wear a condom during sex so as to prevent the transmission of HIV. Unfortunately in the case of HPV, condom use doesn't prevent its spread. I didn't know that until 2 years ago.

The point is, most men today don't know that they can transmit HPV. Men around my age who grew up in the Nineties and early Naughts knew absolutely nothing about the disease then. Men older than us knew that much less. Hardly anyone knows that 50% of adults contract the virus at some point in their lives nor do they know the nature of the virus and what its symptoms are. They also don't know that about 4,000 women die a year in the United States as a result of cervical cancer caused by the virus. As a comparison, 18,000 deaths occured in the United States due to AIDS in 2003. Of those 18,000, a high percentage were attributed to homosexual intercourse and IV drug use. To compare apples to apples, 4,000 women died from HPV due to relatively innocuous sexual behavior – which, I'd argue is in the ballpark of the number of women who died from AIDS contracted via similar behavior. The risks are similar, but the media attention, medical funding, and general knowledge of each disease incongruently favors HIV/AIDS relative to HPV and other diseases. This has harmed women and will also harm men if their knowledge of the diseases they potentially carry isn't provided to them.

This is where my ire towards our educational upbringing and overblown media coverage of HIV comes in. A case like this leaves too much room for people – especially men – to be found liable for damages from a disease they know next to nothing about. They know next to nothing about it because nobody has told them about it because the "teachers" were too busy focusing on other diseases that – while dangerous and certainly a threat – weren't the only disease on the block worth knowing about.

So lesson #1 learned from CYA 101: men now face the possibility of lawsuit for having sex with any woman without signing a legal waiver. Great – Game, foreplay, and romance are now futile.

Outsourcing Condom Production to China May Have Been a Bad Idea

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The US government buys millions of condoms every year, shipping them around the world as part of an AIDS prevention effort. Additional condoms are distributed to soldiers and other government workers in risky areas.

Last March, the government decided to stop purchasing condoms from Alatech, an Alabama company that was the sole provider and employed some 300 people in condom manufacturing. Now, the condom manufacturing will be contracted out to Chinese producers, who can produce the condoms for a lower price.

All things being equal, cutting government waste is a fine idea, but China is notorious for quality control issues, and where condoms are concerned this is a matter of obvious importance.

As it turns out, there was a largely unreported scandal in November in which millions of Chinese condoms were found to be faulty, prompting a recall. Although the faulty condoms may well have been produced in another factory, the Chinese market is very difficult to control, and there's virtually no guarantee that someone won't try to make a quick buck by swapping the goods before they get shipped out. This is a contingency one simply must plan for in China, but it is unlikely that people with shabby rubbers are going to think about that in the heat of the moment.

Sordid Deeds of Ulster's Premier Adulteress Come to Light

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We reported on the shameful surrender of Peter Robinson in the face of his wife's wanton adultery yesterday, but weren't fully apprised of the heinous nature of Iris Robinson's transgression.

It seems that Iris seduced a teenage boy who is 40 years her junior. She offered to help him in his business following a tragedy in his family, and then took advantage of him. This exposes the true nature of the "cougar" phenomenon — it is all about power and the consumption of innocent prey.

Western women have become so unhinged that not only are they willing to lay waste to their own families, but will also gleefully permanently destroy the reputations of young men as well. There's no doubt that this kid will never live his affair with the predatory Northern Ireland MP down. For the rest of his life, his "relationship" with a married woman old enough to be his grandmother will haunt his steps.

Perhaps women think it is no big thing to have affairs with older men. If there is any disparity in adultery between men and women it is a mathematical certainty that this is due to young women being eager homewreckers, but for young men there is little in the way of forgiveness for such disgusting behavior. Certainly, the Maureen Dowds of the world may have reaped great benefits from their ancient dalliances with older men, but nobody has any respect for the young man who is seduced by a lecherous old lady.

Kirk McCambley, the boy who engaged in adultery with Mrs. Robinson, committed a heinous act, but given our female-worshipping society he will be the one to pay the heaviest price despite his lesser guilt. A young life has been ruined by vice, but is it fair that the boy will bear the greatest burden for this crime of passion?

Surely it isn't. We live in a warped world in which there is nothing but encouragement for women to act on their most base instincts and then run away and hide under the cover of sympathy committed by the women in their lives.

Because, thanks to progressives such as the Swedes, adultery has been decriminalized, we can only hope that Mrs. Robinson's manipulation of boy with her power and connections will be punished under the rubric of corruption. Unfortunately, it is only the economic corruption rather than moral, for which she may be held responsible. In a better world, the rotten woman would do time for both, but those in power, including her husband, want nothing more than to exonerate her disgusting crimes.

Mrs. Robinson indeed!

Joe Iannicelli Exposes Family Court Corruption in Video

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Commenter Puma pointed out that Joe Iannicelli, the “Old Roman,” has uploaded a video to YouTube. In the video, he details one case of corruption that exemplifies what occurs in courts around the country, which explains why men are so often burned by a justice system that is anything but “just.”

Mr. Iannicelli’s website can be found at the following URL:

joeiannicelli.com

Old Roman Puts His Foot Down

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Joe Iannicelli, an 80-year-old scientist and inventor, stood up to a Georgia judge and said he'd had enough of paying for the ex-wife who abandoned him and two of her children nearly 40 years ago. With alimony arrears totaling $68,000, Superior Court Judge E.M. Wilkes III of Hazleton Georgia ordered Mr. Ianicelli to pay up or turn himself in for contempt of court.

Unlike many unfortunate men jailed for not forking money over to their ex-wives, Mr. Iannicelli can afford to pay; he owns valuable property, two lucrative companies and luxury cars. His refusal to pay is based purely on principle: he feels that when his wife dumped their sons off on Jekyll Island, GA, calling him after she had abandoned them, she voided the contract for alimony.

Iannicelli has vowed not to budge from his position, saying "they can do whatever they want with me," and, citing his ancestry, "I have a Greco-Roman background. Romans never surrender. We've been slaughtered several times in history."

More and more men are beginning to take a stand against injustice, and more people are beginning to take note. Mr. Iannicelli is a brave old gentleman who deserves our respect and admiration for his strong convictions and willingness to sacrifice for them.

Shii – The Wii for Women

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I present this foreign video without comment. Figured you guys could help out with that. A pal sent it, and I was entertained.

The End of Marriage

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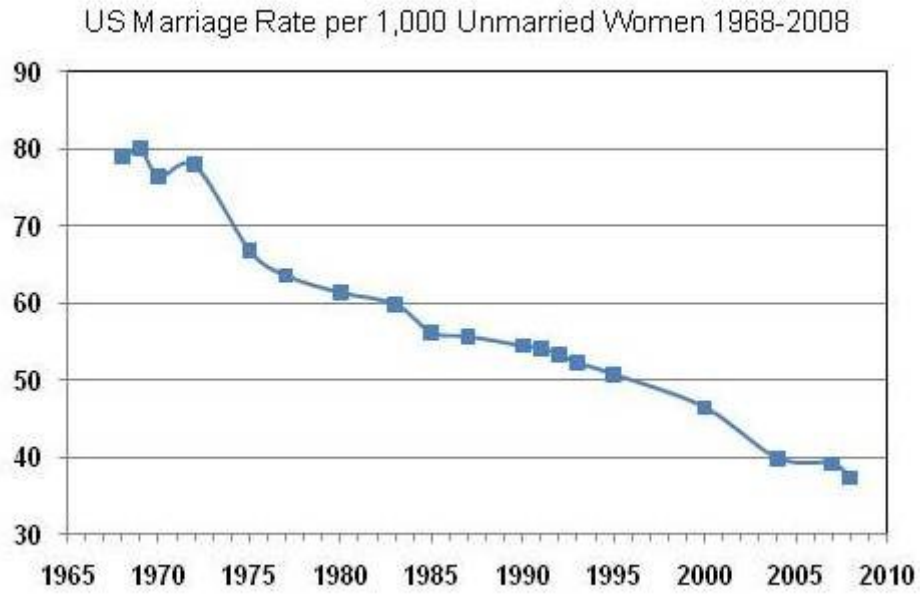
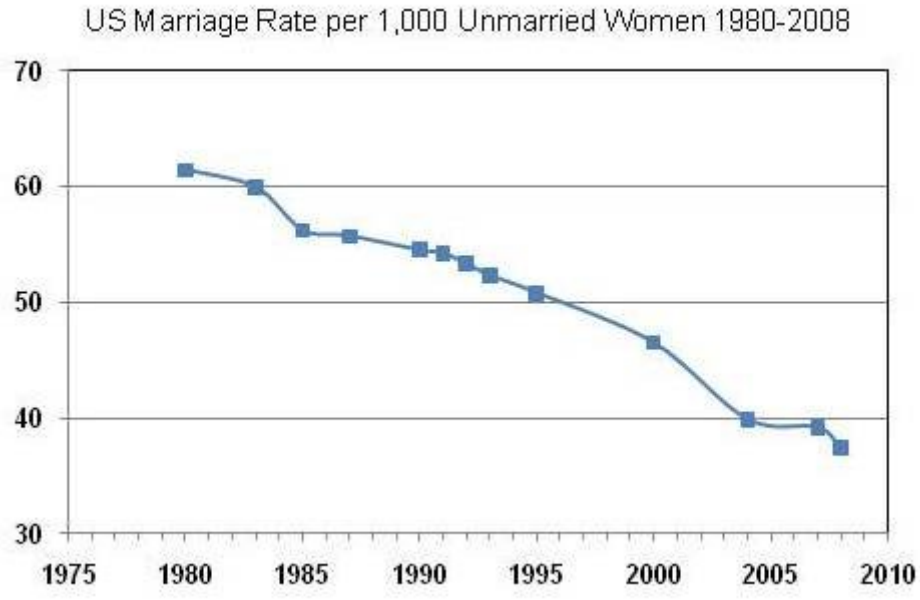
The marriage rate is declining in the USA and other Western countries. You knew that. But what exactly does that mean? Men and women are still marrying. Marriage will continue, won't it? Let's take a look at the data for the USA.

The National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia publishes an annual report titled The State Of Our Unions which includes data on US marriage rates since 1960. From 1970 through 2008, the US marriage rate has declined from 76.5 to 37.4 marriages per 1,000 unmarried women – see the chart below:

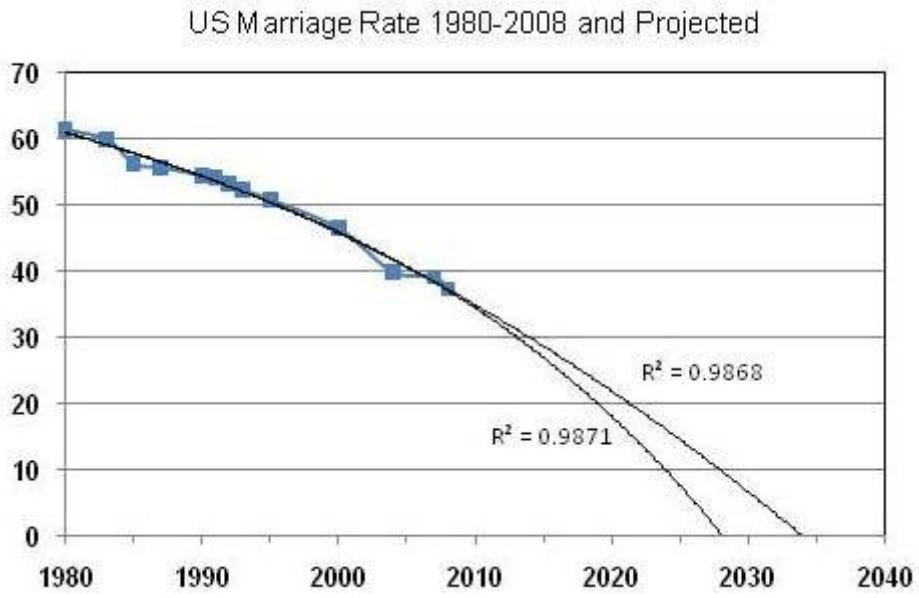


It's immediately obvious that the decline of marriage can be divided into two distinct periods. From 1968 through 1977, as the seismic shocks of the sexual revolution and the Vietnam war rolled through our society, the marriage rate tumbled from 79.1 to 63.6. Then from 1980 on, the marriage rate settled into a steady decline to arrive at 37.4 in 2008.

Let's take another look at the later period of the data set:



Michael Mann, Phil Jones and the Hockey Team would have to do some serious adjustments on a data set like this. Not only is the marriage rate declining, but the rate of decline is accelerating. Let's fit a trend line. The best fit trend lines are second and third order polynomials with R-squared of 0.9868 and 0.9871 respectively:



So there it is. If the current trend continues, sometime between 2028 and 2034 the US marriage rate will reach zero. What will America look like in year one AM?

Our Brave New World Order

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I began using this phrase a little over a year ago in my blogging and commenting, and while it certainly pertains to what I see as very real aspects of the "NWO" conspiracy theory, I'm not posting this to re-engage in a debate concerning the existence of the NWO conspiracy.

Rather, this is a re-posting of a previous blog entry I made a year ago, in which I expanded on an initial comparison made by Neal Postman between two fictional visions of future dystopias – George Orwell's *1984* and Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* – and how they apply to our current reality.

Our Brave New World Order
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It's been well over 15 years since I initially read Adolph Huxley's Brave New World. I have just finished re-reading it, and I must say, Huxley has presented one of the most accurate predictions of life in the future from the era in which he wrote his novel.

While Orwell came up with some accurate predictions regarding the surveillance police state and heavy handed authoritarian government that would try to control every citizen's thoughts and behaviors, I do believe Huxley was closer to the mark in envisioning how our modern day society would become.

As Neil Postman wrote in the foreward to his book, Amusing Ourselves to Death:

> *We were keeping our eye on 1984. When the year came and the prophecy didn't, thoughtful Americans sang softly in praise of themselves. The roots of liberal democracy had held. Wherever else the terror had happened, we, at least, had not been visited by Orwellian nightmares.*
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> But we had forgotten that alongside Orwell's dark vision, there was another vision that was slightly older, slightly less well known, equally chilling: Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. Contrary to common belief even among the educated, Huxley and Orwell did not prophesy the same thing. Orwell warns that we will be overcome by an externally imposed oppression. But in Huxley's vision, no Big Brother is required to deprive people of their autonomy, maturity and history. As he saw it, people will come to love their oppression, to adore the technologies that undo their capacities to think.
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> What Orwell feared were those who would ban books. What Huxley feared was that there would be no reason to ban a book, for there would be no one who wanted to read one.
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> Orwell feared those who would deprive us of information. Huxley feared those who would give us so much that we would be reduced to passivity and egoism.
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> Orwell feared that the truth would be concealed from us. Huxley feared the truth would be drowned in a sea of irrelevance.
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> Orwell feared we would become a captive culture. Huxley feared we would become a trivial culture, preoccupied with some equivalent of the feelies, the orgy porgy, and the centrifugal bumblepuppy.
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> As Huxley remarked in Brave New World Revisited, the civil libertarians and rationalists who are ever on the alert to oppose tyranny "failed to take into account man's almost infinite capacity for distractions." In 1984, Huxley added, people are controlled by inflicting pain. In Brave New World, they are controlled by inflicting pleasure. In short, Orwell feared that what we hate will ruin us. Huxley feared that what we love will ruin us.
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> This book is about the possibility that Huxley, not Orwell, was right.

I've read 1984 at least three times over the years, but it was the re-reading of "Brave New World" – this time with a mind made aware of the realities of our current existence – that, I have to say, gave me cause to believe Postman

was right about this.

Look how much of Huxley's nightmare vision of dystopia has already come to pass:

* Sex would be completely disassociated with reproduction. (We're almost there.)

* The nuclear family model would fall out of mainstream acceptability. Motherhood and Fatherhood would become shameful. (We're almost there.)

* The use of chemicals by the population to avoid facing the stark reality of their existence.

* The rigid stratification of society into a socio-economic caste system.

* The conditioning of society to not value traditions, religion, or anything that is old. No value in keeping, mending or fixing things…a disposable society in which all things that break or wear out quickly and are immediately thrown out and replaced with NEW.

* The cultural acceptance of death as each person's duty to make way for your replacement in the larger community.

But most of all, I think Huxley's most accurate prediction was the successful means of the power elite to use what he called Hypnopædia — the use of repetitive suggestion to brainwash the masses. Except Huxley described this process in his story with the State implanting suggestions in developing infants while they sleep; we the Sheeple gladly embrace our own indoctrination and brainwashing while we are conscious and attending state indoctrination facilities (public schools and Universities) and our own voluntary consumption of mass media "entertainment!"

Environmentalism, Feminism, and Communitarianism are all our current versions of Conscious and Deliberate Hypnopædia. Talk to the average first world person still totally plugged into the current societal Matrix, and you will find the platitudes, cliché's and verboten "opinions" they espouse eerily familiar.

Just like Huxley's characters repeating their hypnopædiac phrases, one can easily see the same sort of phrases regarding sex, Soma and behaviors; just listen/watch/read the thought patterns being regurgitated by ANY self-identified "Republican", "Democrat","liberal", "Conservative", "Feminist","Environmentalist" or even "Voter" in our modern world.

In fact, I think we could define "Political Correctness" as conforming to our Brave New World Order's hypnopædiac conditioning.

However, the thing I fear the most about our Brave New World Order is that Postman was merely making observations relevant to his time (he wrote the above passage in 1985), because I believe that the current paradigm of the New World Order following Huxley's prescient vision of population control through mass dumbing-down and infantilization of the sheeple and distracting them with base, hedonistic pleasures, will eventually result in mankind waking up from our stupefying slumber and find ourselves screaming under the authoritarian jackboot dystopia foretold by Orwell.

Once the New World Order power elite social engineers that have molded and shaped our present day existence have achieved absolute entrenchment into power and control, I think Orwell's vision will become our new reality.

The only real question here is how will each and every one of us refuse and resist? How can we save our own liberty and freedom from their nefarious master plan?

Because, after stepping back and looking at the big picture, I really don't see much hope for our future as a society and a culture.

The Beginning of Ramping up the False Rape Industry to Combat Game?

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At some point feminists (and other female supremacists) are going to develop new tactics to combat game. The Fifth Horseman has said that ramping up the false rape industry is one possibility. Based on a couple of things I have recently come across, this looks like it could happen.

The first is related to the Duke Lacrosse case. A few months ago, Duke University revised their "sexual misconduct" policy. While the Duke Lacrosse case was one reason this was done, another was that the reported cases of "sexual misconduct" at Duke had declined slightly. Ada Gregory, director of the Women's Center at Duke University, had an absurd explanation for this fact saying, "The higher IQ, the more manipulative they are, the more cunning they are … imagine the sex offenders we have here at Duke—cream of the crop." In other words, because Duke has intelligent men attending, they can get away with rape (and other "sexual misconduct") because they use their intelligence to convince the women they raped that they weren't really raped at all. Effectively, Gregory is claiming that when it comes to intelligent men, most women won't be able to determine that they were really raped because intelligent men can "trick" women into believing that they weren't raped.

The new "sexual misconduct" policy also informs the Women's Center at Duke of any "sexual misconduct" allegation and the Women's Center is involved at every step of the process. The policy also contains language about how "real or perceived power differentials between individuals may create an **unintentional** atmosphere of coercion." Effectively, Duke's new policy claims that rape can't be determined by the alleged victim, but by third parties (such as the ideologically driven "Women's Center").

What does this have to do with game? These ideas can be used to ramp up the false rape industry to combat game. One thing I have heard from some people is that a false rape charge can't happen when you use game, because good enough game will protect you. While this is debatable (and I don't think there is any guarantee of this), let's assume it is true. The problem becomes that this is no longer about a man and a woman. As the Duke "sexual misconduct" policy says, third parties (which we can assume are anti-male) will get involved. This is the key, because instead of dealing with a single woman, you're dealing with an entrenched feminist bureaucracy so feminists won't have to worry about minor problems such as women believing they consented to sex. Feminists will claim that using game implies a certain level of intelligence that allows a man with game to convince a woman sex was consensual. This will lead feminists to claim that using game is rape. In addition, feminists can also claim that game creates a "real or perceived power differential" which means that a man with game raped a woman even though he had no intention to do so.

Recently, Obsidian wrote a post concerning Denise Romano and her views of game. This led to her spamming The Spearhead, Obsidian's blog, Ferdinand's blog, and others with a comment about rape. Spam is the correct word to describe what Denise Romano did since her comments had nothing to do with the issues being discussed, and in the case of Ferdinand's blog her comment was added to a post about his blog's comment policy, making it true spam in every sense of the word. What Denise Romano is most likely trying to do is imply that men with game are effectively rapists. While we all know that's a crock, this is the beginning of using the false rape industry to combat game. We have nothing to worry about from Denise Romano since she is doing it so poorly, but other feminists in the future may do it better.

“No, really…Don’t F–ing Tread on Me”

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Welmer and I met a couple of weeks ago, and while we were talking about *The Spearhead* the idea of having someone write something about “style” every so often came up.

I kinda brushed the idea off as “probably too metrosexual.”

But then I came across this brand tonight, because I literally typed “DON’T TREAD ON ME T-SHIRT” into a search engine. The free market provides. So I figured “what the Hell, I’ll write a style column.”

Don’t Tread on Me.

It’s a classic, all-American, “get off my lawn” kinda message.

It’s what I wanted. I wear a lot of t-shirts and I go to the gym a lot. I’m not really a “band t-shirt” kind of guy, but after 3 years of wearing plain black Target brand Merona Ultimate T-Shirts every day (I have at least 12), I decided I might like a shirt with something going on.

However, being a man of words and ideas, I can’t just walk around wearing some dipshit “Brand X” advertisement in an attractive font. I like things to have some sort of meaning.

So I found out there’s a whole line of ‘em. Who knew?

Now, I’m sure that in some major fashion metropolis that I don’t live in *on purpose*, this brand is already so “last year” or is associated with some douche bag contingent or other. Like Affliction or Don Hardy or whatever is “no longer cool since it got too popular.”

I’m only 35, but I’m already too old and mean to give a shit.

In fact, if you make a comment about this brand being “over” in any way, you’re a fucking faggot.

And coming from me, that’s fucking saying something.

I’m also sure that, given the fact that these shirts have appeared on MTV and American Idol and what have you, a lot of the people wearing them probably put them into a hamper along with a selection of cute fake vintage t-shirts from Urban Outfitters and maybe a pink “Che” cutoff belly tee.

What the fuck ever.

If you watch American Idol, you’re also a fucking faggot.

And your dad wishes he had smothered you in your crib.

Anyway I like them, and come payday, I’m gonna get me one. Maybe two.[image]

I figure I’ll “accessorize” with the NRA ball cap I just ordered, to head off the cutesy ironic postmodern look. Hopefully that says…

“I’M NOT KIDDING. DON’T FUCKING TREAD ON ME.”

How’s that grab you for some *Spearhead* “style commentary?”

“Don’t Tread On Me” Brand Official Site
http://www.donttreadonme.com/

Bikini Baristas Give an Entirely New Meaning to Caffe Latte

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Although this may be straight out of a scene in *Idiocracy*, it is not a joke. Perhaps, because Seattle is at once one of the most liberal and uptight cities in the US (it may seem like a contradiction, but it really isn't), and Seattlites sure do like their coffee, something like this was bound to come along to take advantage of the sex gap:

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It seems that a few of the bikini baristas in Everett, a blue-collar city a bit north of Seattle, got a bit carried away, and began offering "special deals" for some extra cash:

This business model has also emerged in downtown Seattle, where baristas claim to have increased their earnings five-fold with their new uniforms. In the following video, a woman betrays obvious hostility, while a man with his family pretends it's "bad." Some Indian tourists, on the other hand, seem perfectly happy with the concept, posing with the baristas for photos while sporting broad grins:

I think the appearance of these espresso stands is kind of funny, but it also dovetails with something that I've been predicting for a while: the emergence of prostitution as a more acceptable practice in a post-moral America. In the Former Soviet Union prostitution exploded during the economic crisis and suddenly the world was awash in Russian hookers. Could the same phenomenon occur in an America where economic opportunities for the young have largely evaporated and there is no longer a traditional sense of morality to prevent girls from resorting to selling themselves for the extra cash?

Forbes Magazine: Female Dominance not Total, More Laws Needed

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Forbes magazine, supposedly dedicated to profit, business and the American Way, has published a feminist call to action, written by Dina Bakst, demanding legislation to prop up women in the workplace.

The article starts out with celebration of victories, such as chasing men out of college and the workplace:

> Going into a new decade, women have many things to celebrate: They now earn close to 60% of all college degrees, run more than 10 million businesses with combined annual sales of $1.2 trillion and, for the first time in history, make up half of all workers on U.S. payrolls.

Followed, of course, by the obligatory whine about the "glass ceiling":

> Yet the struggle for women's equality is far from over. Despite remarkable advancements, the glass ceiling remains securely in place for American women–even with 18 million cracks in it.

How do we smash that glass ceiling? Well, we need *laws*. Lots of 'em!

> The time has come to update our laws and policies. First and foremost, Congress should expand access to family-friendly employee benefits, including paid family leave and paid sick days.
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> Congress should also expand access to workplace flexibility and fair work schedules by reforming the Fair Labor Standards Act and passing a law that guarantees workers the right to request flexible work. Flexible work arrangements (e.g., part-time work, flexible workday schedules and telecommuting) are crucial for many workers with multiple responsibilities.
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> [...]
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> In the current recession, claims of pregnancy discrimination and other forms of family responsibilities discrimination have increased, yet the gaps in our existing framework of civil rights laws leave many workers without a valid claim. In addition, Congress should strengthen our fair pay laws and ensure that part-time workers are afforded pro rata pay and benefits. Many federal laws explicitly exclude or authorize the denial of benefits to part-time workers.

And what else? Money:

> Then there's Social Security, which needs major revisions. Our national social insurance system has never been updated to provide economic support to workers who reduce their hours or exit the paid workforce to care for family members.

I never knew Forbes was a major supporter of government regulation. Does feminism actually trump profit now? My, how our country has changed…

Slut Economics and Tiger Woods

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Any man who sets foot in a strip club faces a potential moral dilemma:

How would I feel about this if it were my daughter?

I am cavalier in this regard because I have no desire to be a father. I can, and have, let a stripper grind my leg until she bled and my only regret was tipping her. However, I recognize that there are breeders among us who do not share my apathy.

For some, the answer is simple: *Don't go to strip clubs*. For others, the solution is not so cut and dry. My own moral emotions are such that, if by some unfortunate accident I ever spawned a daughter, I would do everything in my power to keep my kid off the pole.

Having a daughter would not stop me from going to strip clubs. I would be an authoritarian parent, but keeping my own daughter from being a slut would not necessarily change my own behavior toward other existing sluts.

My objection to this circumstance is not the hypocrisy of the *do as I say, not as I do* mentality. My objection is that taking advantage of a system without contributing back to it is exploitative. In the world of Slut Economics, these exploitative fathers who safeguard their daughters' virtue while taking advantage of some other man's slutty child represent a kind of redistribution.

Redistribution is an economic model in which some suffer for the benefit of others. Redistribution ignores the value of the individual. Robert Nozick summed it up best;

"*There is no justified sacrifice of some of us for others. This root idea, namely, that there are different individuals with separate lives, and so no one may be sacrificed for others.*" (Anarchy, State, and Utopia; p.33)

While other men are missing soft ball games and dance recitals, these selfish fathers are tending to the emotional needs of their daughters. The exploitative fathers do not provide the necessary emotional neglect for their daughters to develop the loose morals and substance abuse to become a top-tier slut.

How *dare* they?

It's the Problem of the Commons, really. If every man in town is allowed to graze his cattle for an hour a day, the system can sustain itself. If every man thinks that he can take a little extra without hurting things, every man will. Before you know it, the commons are ruined.

I would reckon that there are many more exploitative fathers than there are the opposite. Furthermore, I suspect that more girls are driven to the pole by unintentional neglect than by the deliberate effort of some considerate soul looking to put back into the system that he has benefited from.

I also recognize that some fathers fail to protect their daughters' virtue. Despite their best efforts, some combination of factors beyond their understanding or influence conspire against them.

Statisticians do not seem devoted to the task of monitoring the ebb and flow of the Slut Economy. My intuition on the matter tells me that more men are inclined to prevent their daughters from being sluts than not. The amount of happy accidents and failure-fathers cannot keep up with Slut Demand unassisted.

How *does* the Slut Economy sustain itself with such rabid demand when so many men are dead-set against contributing back to the system?

The answer is *efficiency*.

The raw efficiency of the individual slut is responsible for the success of the system. Consider the following:

One stripper spinning around a pole can service the "stripping needs" of hundreds, if not thousands, of men in a

year. If only 1% of a stripper's clientele manages to produce a slut, then the system can self-sustain.

. . . And that's just stripping.

One porn actress can fuck dozens, if not hundreds of men in her first year alone. With the popularity of MILF porn, a girl who starts out dancing in her twenties and ends up in porn can have a full and rewarding career. By 40 she will have serviced the slut needs of thousands of men.

Between the men she danced for, screwed on film, and the multiples more who have tugged off to her streaming videos, one slut is worth her weight in cocaine.

This is why Tiger Woods is an asshole.

Tiger Woods has laid claim to over a dozen Mistresses. Mistresses are sluts. However, Mistresses are sluts who are not living up to their potential. The Mistress Ideal is a devoted woman, servicing the sexual needs of one married man who provides her with money, attention and sex.

Under different circumstances, a Mistress might service any number of men larger than 1. I will concede that several of Tiger's ladies were porn stars. While Tiger did not stop them from their slut duties – if anything, their Mistress premium *comes* from from their being porn stars – he did keep the others from operating at maximal efficiency.

How many men did Tiger Woods inadvertently deny service?

Call Tiger an over-Alpha, call him whatever you want. Idolizing his behavior is like rooting for the enemy. Tiger Woods represents the worst kind of exploitation. In the terms of Slut Economics, Tiger Woods is an anti force multiplier.

A man who goes to strip clubs, or has sex with prostitutes, is one thing. He takes up a space on the dance card. Tiger Woods was a selfish bastard. Tiger collected Mistresses who were "sought after" women. He then validated his own self worth by having exclusive access to (most of) them.

Mistresses, and the men who keep them, are a blight on the Slut Economy. Men like Tiger thin the herd. Even if the individual women he kept would not have fucked you, they might have serviced someone else along the hierarchy. Somewhere along the way, in the blurry gray lines of social networking and alpha-beta hierarchy, some slut was sitting one rung higher up the ladder because of Tiger.

Somehow, because of Tiger Woods, some poor bastard went home alone.

Affirmative Action Begins to Favor Men in Swedish Universities, is Promptly Abolished

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[Ed. -- The following article was sent in by a reader kind enough to keep us apprised of international news]

In a stunning about face Sweden plans to remove gender quotas for admissions to university and college programs because not enough women are getting accepted to certain courses. The quota system was originally implemented to ensure that women were received to these programs in equal numbers to men. However, this has resulted in many women from being denied places because the course is already over enrolled with women. Under the existing quota system men have received priority in those courses where their gender was underrepresented, such as veterinary medicine, dentistry, medicine and psychology.

Higher Education and Science minister, Tobias Krantz, was quoted in the newspaper Dagens Nyheter as saying [trans.] “The education system should open doors – not slam them in the face of women motivated to study.” Note how his comment prioritizes women over men.

So, once again we see that the goalposts are moved in order to cater for the advantage of women. When the quota system was originally introduced, and women were gaining entry to university slots despite not having the highest grades, that was fine. Now that the situation has been reversed and female students with high grades are being excluded the rules are to be changed. The confused Swedes will soon realize that removing the affirmative action quota system will revert the situation back in “favor of men” and will in all probability come up with a new law that just discriminates against men.

Krantz noted in his opinion piece, “Consequences show that ideology plays a roll. A socialist system that pits one group against another tends to lead to unforeseen results.”

Eternal Solipsism of the Female Mind

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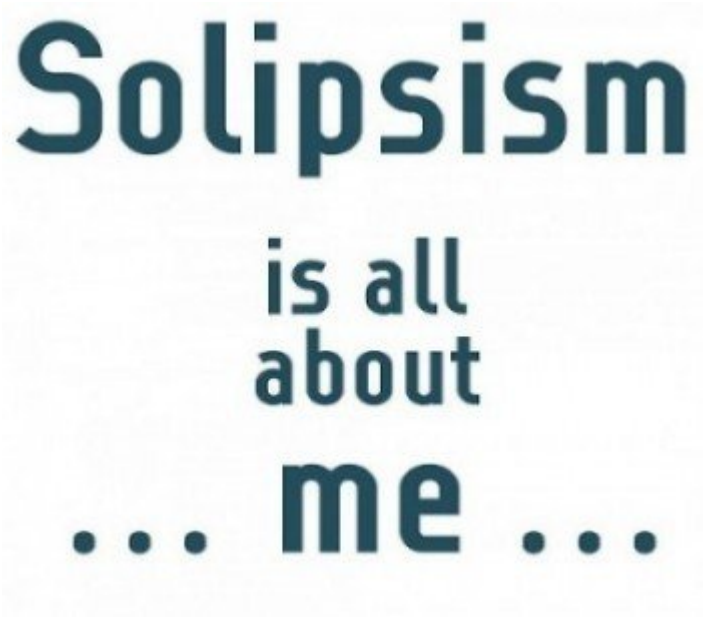

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If I had to pick a random word to describe women, one of the ones I could choose is "solipsistic." A definition of solipsism, from the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary:

> Main Entry: so·lip·sism
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> Pronunciation: \ˈsō-ləp-ˌsi-zəm, ˈsä-\
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> Function: noun
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> Etymology: Latin solus alone + ipse self
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> Date: 1874
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> : a theory holding that the self can know nothing but its own modifications and that the self is the only existent thing; also : extreme egocentrism

The female of the species is a master at absorbing herself in her own thoughts and neuroses and projecting them onto men. In the U.S., virtually all women are suffering from the unmentionable delusion that guys are just like them when it comes to sexual attraction. From career women who lament that their accomplishments don't give men erections to living lardballs claiming that men don't want them because of peer pressure, the female is unparalleled when it comes to assigning her prejudices and desires to the male. Even on issues on which men and women are visibly different, such as the effect of aging on sexual market value, women can't stop digging in their hole of projection, as is evidenced by the myth of "male menopause" and the ludicrous new claim that men have a biological clock. Men seldom engage in sexual solipsism of this sort, and those who do are mocked – otherwise, we'd see a lot more guys acting like this freak.

Female sexual solipsism and projection are the primary reasons why women's dating advice is useless. Let's look at some of *The Rules again*:

> Rule 1: Be a "Creature Unlike Any Other"
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> Rule 3: Don't Stare at Men or Talk Too Much
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> Rule 4: Don't Meet Him Halfway or Go Dutch on a Date

> Rule 5: Don't Call Him & Rarely Return His Calls
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> Rule 6: Always End Phone Calls First
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> Rule 7: Don't Accept a Saturday Night Date after Wednesday
>
> Rule 11: Always End the Date First

Rewrite and rejigger these points in a couple of places, and they would work perfectly for guys. In fact, all of these points exist in the literature of game in some form. The fact that these are passing for rules WOMEN should follow is prime evidence of the deep ignorance of female thought on this subject.

For another example, here's a great post I dug up from Chuck Ross' archives:

> Last week, I witnessed a female friend trying to give a mutual female friend of ours pointers on picking up our mutual male friend. The female friend's advice was similar to the stuff that works for guys when picking up girls. She advocated playing hard-to-get, not standing too close to him, and walking away whenever he came near. My advice was this: "Rub your tits on his nose." Plain. And. Simple.

Virtually all female-targeted relationship advice is flawed in the same way: women advise each other to assume behaviors for attracting men that they respond to when men use them. Of course, no man will ever get the hots for a chick because she plays hard-to-get. As I wrote in my essay "How Mainstream Dating Advice Harms Women":

> Women ascertain a man's sexual desirability through his social dominance, and all of the various trials they put men through, such as shit tests, spring from this reality. Game is made possible through this quirk of women's psyche; a guy who is not naturally dominant can mold himself into a man that the ladies want by altering his behaviors.
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> Men ascertain a woman's sexual desirability through her looks. If she makes your penis hard, she's a worthy conquest. This ensures that women who aren't wildebeests and/or hippopotamuses will have an endless stream of dudes looking to bring their battering rams crashing through her iron gates of life, but it has a downside; a woman's options for improving her sexual market value are limited. The reason a 20-year old co-ed can play the coy coquette and a 35-year old cougar has to force herself onto guys is because the former has qualities men desire (youth and beauty) that the latter doesn't and can never get back. An unattractive woman who prances about like she's a 10, like *The Rules* says that ladies should do, isn't going to suddenly make men think that she is a 10 – they'll just avoid her in favor of girls who are still on the same plane of reality. Men instinctively know the difference between fool's gold and the real deal, and no games played by girls can convince them otherwise.
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> Furthermore, a man's willingness to put up with shit from a woman is inversely correlated with how good he is with them. Natural-born alphas, the guys who women want to ensnare, will not tolerate the behavior of a "Rules Girl." Only gameless schmucks will bother with chicks who won't pay for dates or refuse to do more "than casual kissing on the first date." *The Rules* ought to have been subtitled "Time-Tested Secrets for Capturing the Heart of Mr. Beta."

Where does the extreme, unprecedented sexual solipsism of modern females come from? I blame the average woman's complete disconnect from reality. Owing to their status as the gatekeepers of sex, and the fact that their sexual value peaks before men's, most women, particularly young women, can spend a fair portion of their lives sailing on a cloud of fantasy. If a girl is reasonably attractive and sociable, she can sit back and watch the gentlemen callers pile up. Not only that, the same factors that have enabled unrestrained female hypergamy (legalized abortion, cheap and available contraception, economic emancipation) also shield women from the consequences of their bad behavior. Think of a spoiled brat who has everything he wants handed to him without complaint (lest he throw a tantrum) and who is rescued by daddy whenever he gets himself into trouble. In our modern culture,

women are basically spoiled children, and are as equally clueless about the real world.

We men are forced to confront reality from the outset because we are the dominant sex, expected to approach girls and direct our relationships with them. The overwhelming majority of guys have been slapped with rejections from girls from the day their mating careers began, forcing them to analyze their behaviors, actions, and attitudes. The only men who can afford to engage in woman-esque solipsism are apex naturals who the ladies are natively attracted to (see: Tucker Max) – the rest of us grinders have to stay on our toes at all times.

Another factor in female sexual solipsism is increased promiscuity. The indispensable Lupo remarked here:

> That may or may not be true: most slutty women I know could take on entire football teams without noticing the nature of male sexuality. They're that self absorbed in their emotional turmoil, they don't notice men look at them like a hungry man looks at a piece of meat. Prudes notice more, probably because they had fathers who were decent men.

The sexual double standard arises from the reality that getting sex is easy for women but hard for men. The reason studs are respected and sluts are derided is because being a stud requires skill, talent, and practice, while being a slut merely requires a pulse and a lack of impulse control. The unsung flip side of the double standard, however, is that female virgins are cherished whereas male virgins are ridiculed. A man who can't get laid signals to the world that he is a loser, while a woman who resists spreading her legs for every scumbag who winks at her shows herself to be a sober, selective person. Because a female's primary goal is getting the highest-quality man available to commit to her, women who cannot or will not stay in a relationship are poor sources of information on men. The male virgin and the female slut are mirror images of each other in terms of attractiveness to and knowledge of the opposite sex.

While we guys can have a good laugh at women who make poor choices, the solipsism of the fairer sex will ultimately be their undoing. An exchange I had with Obsidian (visit his blog) on LILGRL's inaugural post at *Girl Game*:

> Obsidian: Here's my thing, and maybe you ladies can help me out with this:
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> Whatever happened to the older, wiser Women in the world? The moms, grandmoms, aunties and the like, who pulled younger Women aside and told themthese cold, often brutal, facts of life? Where'd they go? Why don't we see them around anymore? What happened?
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> Comments?

> Ferdinand Bardamu: The sexual revolution happened. The women who came of age in that era junked the "old knowledge" of sexuality and bequeathed their ignorance to their children. There are exceptions here and there but for the most part, the mothers of today's young women are just as clueless as they are. As for grandmas and other extended family members, the replacement of the extended family with the nuclear family that occurred post-World War II combined with the mass entrance of women into the workplace removed any possibility of the wise women imparting their knowledge to the young'uns. For example, my mother relocated away from her hometown because of her job. We only saw the relatives on holidays and family reunions.

> Obsidian: Hey Ferdi, thanks for the comment and also for the heads-up about Sofie's new blog-home.
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> You may know of one of my oft-repeated phrases:
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> In the New Girl Order, the biggest losers, will be Women.
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> NOT MEN.
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> And the reasons for why I say that, lie in my posts here. Simply put, the "game" is rigged for Today's Woman

> in ways that is even WORSE than for you and me. Why? Because a lot of Women are being sold a seriously bad bill of goods…and, like the economic meltdown we're seeing around us right now, the same will happen on the dating market. Because by design, only a small number of people can obstensibly "win"-especially when it comes to Women. Most, the vast majority, will lose.
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> I feel deeply about this for several reasons. One, because had it NOT been for one of those Wise Women-in my case my great grandmother-I might have ended up a statistic. After a month-long courtship, my mom, who at the time was a 19 year old singlemom and a radiology nurse, was urged to marry my mid-30s aged stepdad. My GGM told me mom straightup, look, I know he's not all that you want him to be. But he loves you and that child. And you need a father for your son. You'll learn to love him.
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> Today Ferdi, those words don't even exist in the American lexicon-and keep in mind, I'm only 40 years old! My God…how far have we done fell.
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> Secondly, I have three sisters, and I love them dearly. I don't want to see any of them serially and repeatedly pumped and dumped…riding the cock carousel into infinity…out there clawing and scratching for the few Alphas out there in a de facto harem…or worse. Don't get it twisted, I'm a pretty practitioner of Game, but I see its real limitations and real dangers, too, and because I have some skin in the game, so to speak, I am concerned about the sexual market aping the economic one these days. Where there are precious few winners…and a hell of a lot of losers.

Because of the destruction of the "old knowledge" of human sexuality that occurred forty years ago, today's women are woefully ignorant of the realities of the sexual marketplace. Men are ignorant too, but our status as nature's guinea pigs gives us more leeway in our personal lives. A man's sexual market value doesn't peak until his early thirties, and the decline afterwards can be mitigated with fame and wealth (just look at all of the rich old farts with hot young wives). A woman's value peaks in her late teens/early twenties, declines slowly during her late twenties, precipitously drops in her thirties, and effectively reaches zero (or close to it) in her early forties. Most women simply do not realize this cold fact until it's too late, as The Fifth Horseman (visit his blog) wrote in the comment section of this post:

> Women, by definition, can't grasp the hard reality of numbers and probabilities. That is why they often are caught by surprise when their attractiveness fades in their mid-30s.
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> Thus, women end up experiencing a Wile E. Coyote moment, when they suddenly realize men aren't interested in them to the same degree, and that men 15 years older are going to be the norm for her henceforth.

> That is why mother/Gmother mentorship is more important to a woman of 20-25 than father/Gfather mentorship is for a man of the same age.
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> Women were shielded from their Wife E. Coyote moment by the steady hand of their mothers and grandmothers. You, Sofia, LSB, and Bhetti still probably have this service available to you, but a lot of white urban women do not.
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> Yes, men never get a big falloff like that (unless they go bald, and even then, there are ways to reduce the impact of that).
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> But women are FAR more likely to go on match.com and get their ego boosted by the male-heavy ratio there making them think that their market value is higher than it is.
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> Men are less prone to getting so detached from reality.

> The removal of the steady hand of mothers and grandmothers guiding the choices made by young women, has made them vulnerable to bad choices.
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> Hence, women go around in their 20s thinking that the treatment they are accustomed to will never end, and

> that an Alpha who sleeps with them will actually marry them (not realizing that she is one of three at any given time). They use Match.com to generate a lot of emails from men, which happen due to the 2:1 ratio there. Women falsely interpret this attention driven from an unnatural ratio as a sign of their value being higher than it is.
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> Then, women face their Wile E. Coyote moment. They realize their attractiveness has plunge only after it is too late to avoid the fall. They did not see it coming, as the emails from match.com were still flowing steadily as a response to photos of her that are 5 years out of date.
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> In the old days, grandma knew that a girl's appeal was temporary, and made sure she got married off long before her appeal dropped. Today, women have no steady hand of yesteryear to warn them of the impending cliff. In fact, the media trys to paint a continued path in the air, in the form of shows that try to normalize cougarhood. Thus, more and more women face their Wile E. Coyote moment (age 34-37).

> For this particular 'Girl Game' blog, I am cutting them slack, since Bhetti, Sofia, and LILgirl are all 20-22, and have better values than white 'womyn' types. Lilgrl is engaged too. So this crowd doesn't irk me.
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> But yes, women who cross the age of 28-29 really have to get with it and realize that their time is very limited at that point. Online dating sites make it very easy for a woman to overrate her prospects (due to the ratios I described, and the inherent nature of the medium, where 20 emails from guys can *seem* like a lot, but really aren't).
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> The steady hand of mothers and grandmothers was important in keeping a young woman away from cads and married off to a 'good man', and already have kids by age 35. Now that this factor is absent, young women are extremely vulnerable to hitting their Wife E. Coyote moment. And they have themselves to blame…
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> Female fertility drops off a cliff by 35. White women get wrinkles by then. Colored women have skin that lasts much longer (until 45), but fertility is all but gone by 35 no matter what race the woman is.

With the coming economic collapse and the end of the "sheconomy", one hell of a lot of single, "confident," "independent" women are going to find themselves suffering on the streets because no man will look to them for anything more then a one-night stand. The biggest winners will be the good girls who had parents who taught them right, few as they may be. In the land of the starving sluts, the prudish virgin is queen.

For further reading:

"When Shit Gets Sold as Soap…" – *Fedrz explains how feminists project their own behaviors, thoughts, and beliefs onto men. I was not aware of his post when I originally wrote this piece, though I wish I had been.*

"The Wisdom of the Elders and its Decline" – *Thursday expands on a comment he left on my post when it was first published.*

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Avatar: PC Kumbaya Singing

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Well, Whiskey's take on the sales (more precisely, the lack of them) of the movie *Avatar* inspired me to try to understand the why. Why did a movie with such an enormous cost garner so little profit? Since I was dragged in by my family to see it (one of those gatherings), and since I had to wait through 30 minutes of advertising (mostly commissioned by the government of my country, and totally lame, mainly because they spout bullshit and everybody knows it) to finally see it, I'm going to let you know why it is one of the most disgusting attempts at manipulation that I have ever seen.

A point by point analysis of the plot doesn't do much, since it is a bunch of cliches that can be cut and pasted to any agenda (boring), but let's check the subtle and insidious aspects of it:

- The shape of the native aliens. Blue because it is a calming color, with big eyes and round faces, which are signs on babies designed to look "adorable" and a surprising lack of evidence of age. My gut tells me that they were designed with the specific purpose of being favorable to the audience.
- The society where they live. It looks like it came straight from a PC handbook, with males as warriors and females as "spiritual" advisers AND warriors. In a primitive tribe, females needed to be kept barefoot and pregnant to ensure the survival of said tribe due to the high amount of males dying from causes such as lack of antibiotics, natural accidents, wars among tribes and the fauna that tries to kill said people. Tribes who didn't do this went extinct. Don't blame me, blame natural selection.
- Another page of the PC handbook, no actual raising of children by a mother or a father. All the children seem to flock to Dr. Grace, the oldest member of the scientific team. Looks like a commercial for "It takes a village."
- The synaptic connection between nature and everybody (which wins the fight at the end). This talk of "energy flows", of the cult of the Goddess, Mother Earth, I mean, "Ka' ja", the huge amount of hand holding and humming wouldn't be out of place in a hippie/Greenpeace camp.

All that wouldn't have bothered me too much, but what really makes me angry is that along with all that "Noble Savage" propaganda (Read: Bullshit) they paint the military guys as a bunch of mercenaries and merciless savages engaged in a long, drawn out war designed to steal oil at gunpoint from a bunch of terrorists, no matter who is in the middle. It isn't too far away from the truth, but the rank and file soldier is a human being, who has self doubts, but puts them away while serving his country (poor guys don't realize that their country sees them as cannon fodder except when it is too late). Funny how that isn't mentioned except for the guys that **betray** their planet for the natives.

One would think that a country that is at war should be more, I don't know, supportive of the guys that are killing and dying in the war, but that would require an elite that isn't comprised of a bunch of megalomaniac aristocrats with a desire of controlling the masses, no matter the price, even if it is ruling through thuggish satraps. No chance of that happening.

I just have to laugh, since that decadent elite is going to be one of the first to be exterminated in case of an invasion. And all the ass-kissing in the world isn't going to change that.

Conclusion: They missed the Obama and Greenpeace logos. Maye they are concealed in an attempt at subliminal control. That wouldn't surprise me.

Bummer Alert! Men are, like, totally not going to die out after all.

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Yahoo!/AP News – Men more evolved? Y chromosome study stirs debate

> "It's kind of fun to say that men are going to die out, but the science is proving — now that we've got data — that that's not true at all."

With her hopes of an amusing male mass extinction dashed, scientist Jennifer Hughes cautions that although the Y chromosome is evolving quickly…men, like, shouldn't get too impressed with themselves or anything.

The book Adam's Curse by Oxford geneticist Bryan Sykes presented a highly readable–if curiously gleeful–explanation of the theory concerning the deterioration of the Y chromosome. While this new theory will be debated by specialists in the field, for the rest of us laymen the idea that ole "Y" might be just playing the game of evolution fast and loose is comforting.

David Copperfield Beats Rape Rap

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Federal prosecutors in Seattle officially closed their rape investigation of magician David Copperfield, AKA David Kotkin, on Tuesday, declining to press charges. The closure of the investigation closely follows another rape accusation made by his 23-year-old accuser, a model and waitress who has competed in Washington state beauty pageants.

Last month, while waiting tables, Copperfield's accuser met another man and agreed to go to his hotel room after work. She went upstairs with the man, and allegedly performed oral favors for him, then offered sex for $2,000, which the man refused.

She left the room, then proceeded to tell hotel staff she had been "taken advantage of" by the man. She called police to make a police report, stating that she had felt dizzy and then found the man on top of her. The man also called police and gave his version of the events.

Police documents included video from the hotel showing the woman engaged in willing, intimate behavior with the man prior to their entry into the hotel room. The woman's friend, who went out for drinks with her and her latest victim, described the accuser to police as behaving in an excessively sexual manner with her victim.

The accuser still hasn't been named, because, paradoxically, women who accuse men of rape – even falsely – are generally protected by "rape shield" policies implemented by news agencies. However, it is not a crime to publish the name of the accuser, as free speech still applies, and criminal cases are still a matter of public record. Indeed, if *The Spearhead* learns the name of this dangerous woman, it will most assuredly be published here as a warning to all men who live in or may visit the Seattle area.

Whether the woman will face charges for her most recent extortion attempt remains to be seen, but given that this is Washington state, that is an unlikely outcome.

Where Have All The Good Women Gone?

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by Snark

Every week or so, the mainstream press publishes another of these "where have all the good men gone" articles, invariably penned by some female dullard who is over the hill but "still looking" for a worthy partner to settle down with. As Spearhead readers will be well aware, her real cause for complaint is the expiry date on her Pussy Pass; men of all ages would rather pursue the newer models than act as her personal meal ticket for the evening. Her real complaint is that men simply stopped being interested in her. What she would really like now is for these "manchildren" to just grow up and take responsibility for her own actions.

The fact that these articles – wearisome and predictable as they are – appear with such regularity, while virtually no space exists for the equivalent criticism of women, speaks volumes about our collective Locus of Consciousness. A commentary which similarly takes women to task would not make it past the editor's desk of any mainstream publication. Criticism of women is strictly verboten; such is the official policy of the guardians of popular culture. Owing to this, a great narcissism has flourished, leading women to overvalue themselves so much that they price themselves out of the dating market. No wonder that women who believe – simply by virtue of being women – that they exemplify perfect girlfriends, wives and mothers, should want to hold their potential suitors to the same standards. Introspection and honesty with oneself have no place in the female Locus of Consciousness, which appears to operate on the principle that "the truth is whatever I want to be the truth."

However, my male Locus of Consciousness, which recognises that truth exists objectively, and quite apart from human concerns, does not permit me to indulge the modern Western female in her delusion that she is a paragon of virtue. Our zeitgeist is femme-centric; this should go without saying. Our modern world privileges the fluidity of emotions and subjectivity over such masculine throwbacks as a regard for truth, justice, logical argument and personal responsibility. Women, it is claimed, are *strong, independent, feisty, smart, cute, sexy, capable, emphatic, classy, etc.,* and all the other positive traits you can find listed in women's magazines, feminist blogs, newspapers, talk shows, movies, and other sources of boastful pomposity.

On the flip side, men are routinely slandered for their masculinity, *or lack of it.* The display of any masculinity whatsoever is elevated to the status of "hypermasculinity" – a loaded neologism which places one on the same moral plane as violent rapists. The absence of masculinity, even as a conciliatory gesture to the demands of feminism, is equally grounds for derision as a sign of weakness. Supplicating husbands, who acquiesce to equality in performing household chores (dictated on her terms), are deemed "kitchen bitches," their own affability becoming the justification for their wives playing away from home. All of this is spelled out quite clearly in the words of women asking where all the "good men" have gone. Women, of course, are free to pursue their own masculinity as they please; dressed in pantsuits and armed with false bravado, they declare themselves the superior gender, the eventual victors of the long and fierce battle of the sexes.

And yet, with all this cheering and braying regarding women's apparent victory over the opponents who didn't even bother to show up at the battlefield for four decades, I just don't see it. When I look around me, I see women absolutely failing to live up to this archetype which the mainstream feminist media presents. *Strong, independent, sexy, smart, etc.?* One could consider that feminism has created more demands for women to live up to than "patriarchy" ever did.

No, what I see, for the most part, are sad, deflated wretches, clinging like barnacles to the side of the ship of civilisation, which is rapidly sinking under their weight. Modern Western woman is the very antithesis of independence. Feminism, over the last forty years, has done more to prove the assumptions of patriarchy than men themselves ever could: women *absolutely cannot* make it on their own, if we use Western "liberated" woman as our yardstick.

Rather than competing on the same playing field as men, she sought to tilt that field in her favour, so that she could scramble up onto the podium without ever needing to learn how to play the game. From her lofty position, she declared herself every bit as competent as men – if not moreso – with absolutely no comprehension of the irony of her statement. The female Locus allowed woman's deserved success to ring out across the land, precisely because she *wanted* it to be true. Affirmative action, harassment lawsuit threats, juked statistics, government grants, the mass guilt-tripping of males; all these mechanisms, which she had used to ascend to her throne, were carefully ignored. They do not, after all, have any place in the meta-narrative of female strength; ceasing to have a purpose, they simply ceased to be true in her mind.

Men and boys continued toiling in the field below. They had no such recourse when faced with life's obstacles – of which they found more and more as time went by, thrown down at them by the very same women who had torn up the rulebook and now demanded that their male counterparts be increasingly regulated. "Women only earn 75 cents on the male dollar," modern Western woman whined, apparently forgetting that the sentence concludes: "for 70% of the work." Men are The Problem, it was declared, and anyone who dared suggest otherwise was an anti-progressive, a misogynist, a neanderthal, a rape apologist, a chauvinist, a patriarch, and so on. As boys were increasingly prescribed drugs to curb their dangerous youthful male energy, society came around to the idea that men and women are identical in all but genitals, and even those were negotiable. Society was to be redesigned along gender-neutral lines, except, of course, for when women are superior; commiserations to those masculine men who found themselves next in line to be crushed underneath the steamroller of androgyny.

And androgyny is what I see; it is an image which cannot be reconciled with the *sexy, cute* image in which women see themselves. Women seem to have this bizarre notion that *they* can tell *men* what is attractive in a woman, and what is not. But, to quote Shakespeare, a turd by any other name stinks just as bad. What I see, when I look at the women around me, are dull, dumpy harridans, with men's haircuts, wearing men's clothes, with slumped shoulders and dead eyes. Aging, fat-faced non-entities giggling obnoxiously over sexual innuendo as though they were teenage girls. Crones long past their prime, who divorced their husbands on the pretence that they could make it on their own, and promptly shoved their hands out at Big Husband Government.

Women have lost their femininity; that most crucial of all characteristics needed to attract a man, upon which *sexiness* and *cuteness* are surely based. Those young women who spend their nights hopping bars and clubs, their faces painted up like clowns, aggressively pursuing men for casual sex, can hardly be considered feminine. Their allure is superficial, and appeals only to the physical senses; is it any surprise that men want nothing more to do with them, following sex (if that)? You can shop all day long for that perfect outfit which just oozes class, but that's certainly not the vibe you give off when you pass out on the street in a pool of your own vomit.

But what about smarts? When they're not stumbling around in a drunken stupor, women are going to college in record numbers, having now surpassed the number of male graduates. Well, yes, the policy of making college campuses the most hostile places in the world for young men has been a roaring success. It is small wonder that men are avoiding further education at institutions which actively seek to expand the definition of "rape" to encompass most or all examples of consensual heterosexual intercourse – the fact of rape soon to be determined, not even by the alleged "victim," but third party Women's Centers, if Duke University's new policy is any indication. The problem for universities is that their sexual harassment of men has meant throwing the baby out with the bathwater; as men leave in droves, participation in the hard sciences plummets.

And all this is leaving aside those women who use their social position as females to manipulate men and the system in a variety of ways, e.g. by making false accusations of sexual assault in return for financial rewards. Have these creatures no morality, no sense of responsibility or compassion towards others? They openly brag about their affairs, they boast to the world about how they robbed their jilted husbands of their life's earnings in a divorce settlement; they glorify in these behaviours which crush an innocent man's dreams and drive him to suicide. Score another one for the sisterhood.

There are no ladies left. Modern woman insists that every man treat her "like a lady," seemingly without any

awareness that to be treated as a lady, *one must actually act like a lady.* Can we imagine Don Juan complaining that women never treat him *like a gentleman?* How is this any less absurd? Yet, most people never manage to lift their heads up, out of the festering swamp of politically-sanctioned thought, to realise that a whore is simply a whore.

And that's why middle-aged female hacks can get away with their repeated complaints that men aren't kowtowing to their demands any more – they aren't "good" men, in the sense that a child or a pet is "good" for doing what it's told. It never seems to cross their minds that they might actually have to appeal to men. No, the faintest whiff of the idea that a woman should live up to a man's expectations causes women to cry foul: *that's oppression!* On the other hand, it's perfectly acceptable for women to make demands that men settle down and support them now, and even to decide, on a man's behalf, what he should find attractive in women.

We have it all fundamentally backwards. While female journalists and other cranks prattle on about the dearth of good men, one needs only to take a look around to realise that it is good women who are few and far between.

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A Few Whiny Student-Athletes

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During a break from football practice back in the 7th grade my coach looked me up and down and said "Ross, if you were a catfish I'd throw you back." I felt a slight tinge of shame from his call-out which elicited laughs from my teammates, but I didn't cry and I didn't go home and tell my mom. The coach was hardnosed and old-school – he called most of the players "sissies" and made fun of almost everybody – so I accepted it and moved on.

Football has changed in the few years since my junior high playing days. Several high-profile harassment cases have emerged from Division 1 college football within the last couple of weeks. These cases – in their manifested political correctness – bode poorly for college football going forward.

Sports, and football in particular, has always had a military-like setup. There is a pecking order; the coach is the drill instructor and the ultimate moral voice. In the military, grunts are forced to push themselves and obey orders that may seem arbitrary and pointless. Sports – like the military – operate on a presuppositional principle: to be a part of the team one must obey orders from superiors. Once the presupposed assumption of ultimate authority within the closed system is gone, the team dissipates under the weight of nihilism.

Political correctness and a negation of the presuppositional contract will cripple college football before it harms any other sport – although others will ultimately succumb to similar pressures – because of its hierarchical rigidity. Political correctness and a shift towards the dismantling of any patriarchal force in this culture will ultimately undo the basic premise of structure upon which sports is founded much as it has already done to the "Patriarchy" – of which the military is a part. In the past, if a player didn't like a coach's methods he could quit the team. Today, with PC fully instilled in every co-educational orifice, players (with the coaxing of parents and university administrators) desire to change the system from within by making the coach and the social structure bend to their whims. The military is already weakened from such a philosophy; college football will be next. In the volunteer military we have today, soldiers had a choice whether to enlist or not. Once they enlist, much like players on a sports team, they are locked in to the dictates of their superior authorities. The words "ultimate" and "authority" are inextricable within a closed system like a sports team or military regiment. "Authority" exists because it *is* ultimate; the ultimateness is relevant because it comes from a certain authority. Once ultimateness is extended to those formerly subject to the ultimate authority's dictates, the players become the arbiter of ultimateness; authority ceases to exist; chaos reigns.

In the past, I argued that feminists seek to eradicate sports from the face of the Earth. My generalization was trite, as I don't think there is a concerted effort and a defined goal of male sports eradication. Rather, the dialectical process – which is the biggest hammer in the feminists' and political correctness junkies' toolbox – will eventually swing down on sports in their patriarchal raze. Rigid hierarchical systems cannot withstand its force. Feminists and PC-ers will cheer sports demise even though they haven't outwardly tried to usurp them.

The recent firings of several Division 1 college football coaches provide evidence of this fledgling trend. Mike Mangino from Kansas, Mike Leach from Texas Tech, and Jim Leavitt from the University of South Florida have all been fired for disciplining players too harshly. Over the weekend, Kansas State basketball coach Frank Martin pre-emptively apologized for "hitting" a player on the arm with the back sides of his fingers after the player screwed up the Press. What was once considered behaviors that a coach employs in the process of "coaching" – a self-contained system – has come to be influenced by outside forces – namely, political correctness and self-esteem boosting. Sports columnist Berry Tramel summed it up perfectly:

> "Call it a clash of cultures. Coaches haven't changed much over the decades; homes have. Discipline is less, respect for authority is less, accountability is less. Then Coach Drill Sergeant starts yelling, and the field's on fire."

Mike Mangino was recently forced to resign – huge settlement in tow – from the University of Kansas for a particular incident in which he poked a player in the chest during a practice. Mangino has a history of having a coarse temper and saying "inappropriate" things to his players. Although the Jayhawks had a poor showing this season, the team had been successful recently compared to their weak showings in the past; Mangino's "method" has worked to achieve the football team's end: winning.

Jim Leavitt has been fired from the University of South Florida amid allegations that he manhandled a player. Initial reports stated that Leavitt choked a special teams player during halftime and grabbed him by the shoulderpads. Leavitt maintains that he was merely trying to fire the player up by grabbing him by the shoulderpads. It should be noted that Leavitt is a particularly firy head coach; he routinely head-butts players with helmets on to get them fired up. While Leavitt was officially fired for cause citing his lack of cooperation with the investigation, the player in question and his father have denied that Leavitt committed any transgression.

Mike Leach was ousted because of his treatment of a player who reported having a minor concussion. Reports are conflicting. Some say that Leach felt that the player, Adam James, was faking the injury. As punishment, Leach allegedly "treated James like an animal" and ordered James to stand in an electrical closet or training room during the practice session. Others report that Leach wanted to keep James in a dark area in order to minimize the effects of the concussion. There is a financial backstory to Leach's firing, but the ultimate catalyst was James' complaint.

However, players and coaches have come forward to say that James has a history of being a "prima donna", a "jerk", "entitled", and "lazy". The consensus of emails and interviews between these individuals and the media indicates that Leach had every reason to suspect that James was faking the injury.

We have three former head coaches who have lost their jobs for treatment of players that would have been roundly accepted 5, 10, 15…years ago. Today, because universities are scared of the PC enthusiasts and their team of lawyers, and because players' allegiance to their teams and coaches have been undermined by the "kumbaya effect" that teaches them that they are special, the presuppositional "contract" to which these players agreed has been nullified. It is worth noting that the c0mpetitive animal (and masculine) spirits that some coaches use to envigorate their teams will be the first characteristic to be muted. Excitement and that blood-thirsty competitive drive will be washed away in a docile bath infused with PC bubbles.

This same issue – dovetailing with my military-football analogy – was the subject of the movie *A Few Good Men.* Jack Nicholson's character represented authority; Tom Cruise and his legal team represented Political Correctness and the dialectical argument that there are nuances within any power structure that call for restraint and inspection of the system. The trick is this: the gaps of these power structures can't be completely patched. The goals of the leader are in conflict with the goals of those at the lower end of the hierarchy. Military grunts and second- and third-string football players suffer from the rigidity of the system within which they reside. Nicholson's character – like Mangino, Mike Leach, Bobby Knight, Bear Bryant, Jim Leavitt and other hardnosed coaches in the past – was faced with the task of keeping his squad in line. Discipline, respect, and commitment to duty keeps the system running and maintains competitiveness. The leader is torn between his job of winning and his placation of "grunt's" feelings. These patriarchal systems can't survive if their path to winning involves competitiveness, toughness, and sacrifice. If the ability to instill those virtues is confiscated the whole operation is rendered impotent.

I'm not so much condoning these coaches behavior; there is a point where a coach's aggressive coaching methods cross a certain line. But we'd have to assume that these three coaches haven't all of a sudden adopted a new style of handling players in the same season; they are using methods that coaches before them have used for decades. The player himself has changed, and the consequences of it are that the patriarchy will crumble from the inside as power is transferred from the coach to the individuals on the team. This process is the same one that has starting chipping away at every patriarchial institution in our culture. The military, the family, and the Church have all started giving way to internal pressure that renders them ineffective.

Evidence. It's just further evidence of our decline.

Amidst Haiti Disaster, Women's Groups Seek to Deny Relief to Men

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This week's devastating earthquake in Haiti, which struck near Port au Prince, has led to countless tragedies on the impoverished island, and is a disaster that may rival the recent Sichuan quake in China. The damage struck indiscriminately, killing young and old, rich and poor, and man and woman alike.

However, some relief groups have decided that women deserve more aid, and have come up with a number of reasons why men should be left to die from injuries and disease while women get preferential treatment.

Quoted in Salon.com in an article titled Why "women and children first" persists, Elaine Enarson (probably a Swedish woman), cofounder of the Gender and Disaster Network ("Calling for a gendered approach in disaster risk reduction"), explains why men are to be excluded:

> Women in general will be in need of "hygiene supplies, continued access to birth control/reproductive health services"
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> Women "are central actors in family and community life," says Enarson, and are more likely to know "who in the neighborhood most needs help — where the single mothers, women with disabilities, widows and the poorest of the poor live."

Another women's relief program, MADRE, has joined the relief effort to help women only, and is employing a similar rationale for doing so, stating:

> "Women are often more integrated and more aware of the vulnerabilities of their communities."

Besides these questionable assumptions, and leaving out the fact that a large number of men are bound to become single fathers as a result of their wives dying in the quake, Enarson takes it a step further, saying that providing relief to women only is a means to prevent rape and domestic violence:

> They are "at increased risk of gender-based violence, especially domestic violence and rape but also forced marriage at earlier ages" due to their increased dependence on men for protection and support…

So now when men provide women with protection and support they are suspected rapists, child molesters and batterers? Are these strange, foreign women more trustworthy than Haitian girls' fathers, brothers and grandfathers? I try to refrain from inserting my opinion when I am writing these news pieces, but Ms. Enarson is making one of the most offensive insinuations possible with the above statement, and she is dead wrong. It is matriarchal societies where women cannot rely on men for support in which women face the most danger.

Women's groups: this man endangers daughter by supporting her

That these women's groups are heading to a disaster area with the same anti-male agenda with which we are so familiar should be cause for outrage.

It is not clear whether such discrimination in the wake of disaster is legal in Haiti. In any event, if men are needlessly dying because these women's groups are hoarding supplies for women only, the Haitian government should send troops in to seize the supplies and distribute them equally to needy men and women alike. That would be a true act of mercy.

John Bagot Glubb

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The best way to describe Sir John Glubb is "Lawrence of Arabia….but smarter." We can learn a lot from this dead white male.

Sir John Bagot Glubb, decorated British Army Officer, became the commander of the Arab Legion in 1939 and transformed it into the most effective fighting force in the Arab world. If you have a few minutes, take a look at David Castlewitz's fascinating article, Glubb Pasha and the Arab Legion.

A soldier for much of his life, John Glubb was also a historian who wrote a number of books on Middle East and Arab history, including The Life and Times of Muhammad. But it is his prescient book "The Fate of Empires," that I will focus on here.

Glubb examined eleven empires over a timespan of almost 3,000 years, from Assyria to the British Empire, and found that each followed an astoundingly similar path of growth and decline.

He found that empires have a lifespan of about ten human generations, two hundred and fifty years, and that changing technology and methods of warfare do not affect this life expectancy.

Glubb also found that empires were remarkably consistent in their growth and decline, moving through six readily identifiable stages, which he called the Age(s) of Pioneers, Conquest, Commerce, Affluence, Intellect and Decadence.

About the USA, Glubb wrote: *"The United States arose suddenly as a new nation, and its period of pioneering was spent in the conquest of a vast continent, not an ancient empire. Yet the subsequent life history of the United States has followed the standard pattern…..the periods of the pioneers, of commerce, of affluence, of intellectualism and of decadence."*

Glubb has much to say on the first four stages of empire, but I'm going to focus on what Glubb writes on the Ages of Intellect and Decadence. Published in 1978, The Fate of Empires is highly relevant to our discussions at The Spearhead. I make no apologies as I quote at length from The Fate of Empires. If you get bored, **skip ahead to the bolded text** and just read that.

"In a wider national sphere, the survival of the nation depends basically on the loyalty and self-sacrifice of its citizens. The impression that the situation can be saved by mental cleverness, without unselfishness or human self-dedication, can only lead to collapse."

"……intellectualism leads to discussion, debate and argument, such as is typical of the Western nations today. Debates in elected assemblies or local committees, in articles in the Press, or in interviews on television – endless and incessant talking. Men are interminably different, and intellectual arguments rarely lead to agreement. Thus public affairs drift from bad to worse, amid an unceasing cacophony of argument. But this constant dedication to discussion seems to destroy the power of action. Amid a Babel of talk, the ship drifts onto the rocks."

"True to the normal course followed by nations in decline, internal differences are not reconciled in an attempt to save the nation. On the contrary, internal rivalries become more acute, as the nation becomes weaker."

"As the nation declines in power and wealth, a universal pessimism gradually pervades the people, and itself hastens the decline…..Frivolity is the frequent companion of pessimism…..The resemblance between declining nations in this respect is truly surprising…..The Roman mob, as we have seen, demanded free meals and public games…..Gladiatorial shows, chariot races and athletic events were their passion. In the Byzantine Empire, the rivalries of the Greens and the Blues in the hippodrome attained the importance of a major crisis…..The heroes of declining nations are always the same – the athlete, the singer or the actor."

"The works of the contemporary historians of Baghdad in the early tenth century are still available. They deeply

deplored the degeneracy of the times in which they lived, particularly the indifference to religion, the increasing materialism and the laxity of sexual morals. They lamented also the corruption of the officials of the government and the fact that politicians always seemed to amass large fortunes while they were in office. The historians commented bitterly on the extraordinary influence acquired by popular singers over young people, resulting in a decline in sexual morality. The 'pop' singers of Baghdad accompanied their erotic songs on the lute, an instrument resembling the modern guitar. In the second half of the tenth century, as a result, much obscene sexual language came increasingly into use, such as would not have been tolerated in an earlier age."

*"***An increase in the influence of women in public life has often been associated with national decline. The later Romans complained that, although Rome ruled the world, women ruled Rome. In the tenth century, a similar tendency was observable in the Arab empire, the women demanding admission to the professions hitherto monopolized by men. "What," wrote the contemporary historian, Ibn Bessam, "have the professions of clerk, tax collector or preacher to do with women? These occupations have always been limited to men alone." Many women practiced law, while others obtained positions as university professors. There was an agitation for the appointment of female judges, which, however, does not appear to have succeeded. Soon after this period, government and public order collapsed, and foreign invaders overran the country. The resulting increase in confusion and violence made it unsafe for women to move unescorted in the streets, with the result that this feminist movement collapsed.** *The disorders following the military take-over in 861, and the loss of the empire, had played havoc with the economy. At such a moment, it might have been expected that everyone would redouble their efforts to save the country from bankruptcy, but nothing of the kind occurred. Instead at this moment of declining trade and financial stringency, the people of Baghdad introduced a five day week."*

"When I first read these contemporary descriptions of tenth-century Baghdad, I could scarcely believe my eyes……The resemblance of all the details was breathtaking – the break-up of the empire, the abandonment of sexual morality, the 'pop' singers with their guitars, the entry of women into the professions, the five day week. I would not venture to attempt an explanation! There are so many mysteries of human life that are beyond our comprehension." [We have a better understanding of this now, thanks to the MRM - Charles Martel]

*"***The people of the great nations of the past seem normally to have imagined that their pre-eminence would last forever. Rome appeared to its citizens to be destined for all time to be the mistress of the world. The Abbasid Khalifs of Baghdad declared that God had appointed them to rule mankind until the day of judgement. Seventy years ago, many people in Britain believed that the empire would endure for ever**…..*That sentiments like these could be publicly expressed without evoking derision shows that, in all ages, the regular rise and fall of great nations has passed unperceived. The simplest statistics prove the steady rotation of one nation after another at regular intervals."*

"We have not drawn from history the obvious conclusion that material success is the result of courage, endurance and hard work – a conclusion nevertheless obvious from the history of the meteoric rise of our own ancestors. This self-assurance of its own superiority seems to go hand-in-hand with the luxury resulting from wealth, in undermining the character of the dominant race."

"When the welfare state was first introduced in Britain, it was hailed as a new high-water mark in the history of human development. **History, however, seems to suggest that the age of decline of a great nation is often a period which shows a tendency to philanthropy and to sympathy for other races…..The rights of citizenship are generously bestowed on every race, even those formerly subject, and the equality of mankind is proclaimed.** *The Roman Empire passed through this phase, when equal citizenship was thrown open to all peoples, such provincials even becoming senators and emperors. The Arab Empire of Baghdad was equally, perhaps even more, generous.* **During the Age of Conquests, pure-bred Arabs had constituted a ruling class, but in the ninth century the empire was completely cosmopolitan. State assistance to the young and the poor was equally generous. University students received government grants to cover their expenses while they were receiving higher education. The State likewise offered free medical treatment to the poor. The first free public hospital was opened in Baghdad in the reign of Harun al-Rashid (786-809), and under his son,**

Mamun, free public hospitals sprang up all over the Arab world from Spain to what is now Pakistan. The impression that it will always be automatically rich causes the declining empire to spend lavishly on its own benevolence, until such time as the economy collapses, the universities are closed and the hospitals fall into ruin. *It may perhaps be incorrect to picture the welfare state as the high-water mark of human attainment. It may prove to be merely one more regular milestone in the life-story of an ageing and decrepit empire."*

*"Neither is decadence physical. The citizens of nations in decline are sometimes described as too physically emasculated to be able to bear hardship or make great efforts. This does not seem to be a true picture. Citizens of great nations in decadence are normally physically larger and stronger than those of their barbarian invaders.....***Decadence is a moral and spiritual disease, resulting from too long a period of wealth and power, producing cynicism, decline of religion, pessimism and frivolity. The citizens of such a nation will no longer make an effort to save themselves, because they are not convinced that anything in life is worth saving.***"**

Server Move

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I just moved *The Spearhead* over to a virtual private server, which should significantly enhance the response time and stop the errors that have been cropping up lately due to killed scripts. The problem that necessitated this move is not really a problem at all — we were getting too much traffic.

In addition to moving the server, I've obtained a Chitika ad account that will only display ads for people coming through searches, so they will not bother regular readers. I'm going to keep the Google Adsense for now because it has started to provide some revenue, but the Chitika ads will allow us to advertise in a less obtrusive manner while hopefully increasing the overall click through rate per page at the same time.

There are lots of other things I'd like to do with *The Spearhead* soon, but I've got to be careful not to bite off more than I can chew. Managing traffic and keeping the content flowing are the most important things at this point, and we're handling both pretty well.

I'd like to thank the very generous people who came through with donations last month. That really helped keep us going and growing through the holidays by allowing me to put a lot more hours into the site than I would have otherwise, and according to the stats, this has given us a real boost in the new year.

So, enjoy *The Spearhead* in its newer, faster incarnation, and look forward to more improvements as the year unfolds.

False Rape Accusation Awareness — Steps Toward Understanding and Avoiding

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[The following post was written by E. Steven Berkimer who runs the vitally important *False Rape Society* blog.]

The following does not constitute legal advice, and is not intended for that purpose. Only a licensed and qualified attorney who is able to interview the accused and to conduct other appropriate investigation can properly serve his interests.

False Rape Accusations. Duke lacrosse immediately springs to mind when you read those words. Hofstra, for a more recent case. On a daily basis, someone is being falsely accused. On my site, www.falserapesociety.blogspot.com, we refer to them as FRAs (it's much easier than typing it out every time). For the purposes of this piece, the vast majority of FRAs are understood to be filed by women.

How do you avoid having an FRA leveled at you? What do you do once an accusation has been leveled? And how do we, as a society, prevent the FRA from happening?

Lets take a look at that last one first.

How do we prevent FRAs from happening? Unless we see a radical shift in our legal system (speaking of the U.S.), we will never be able to completely stop false accusations from happening.

That said, the first step in preventing false accusations would be to make the seriousness of the crime equal to the level of the accusation. Rape is a felony, and rightly so. However, falsely accusing someone of rape, at most, will be met with a charge of filing a false police report, which is usually a misdemeanor. I know that in the U.K., there are other charges that can be leveled, and under the E.U. Human Rights Charter, there are other avenues that can be legally used. The U.S. however, doesn't afford those options.

The biggest hurdle? Changing the attitude of the judicial system, from the police to the prosecutors to the judges. Proper practice by law enforcement should be to investigate first, then arrest if there is sufficient proof to warrant that. However, in the current climate, it is arrest first, and then investigate. So innocent citizens can and do spend time in jail, with no proof aside from the accusation of even a mentally unbalanced woman, before an investigation even starts.

So, what do you do if you are on the receiving end of an FRA? Get the best criminal attorney in the area to represent you, preferably one who has tried before a jury numerous similar cases. Spare no expense because it is the most important investment you will ever make. Make sure you have an attorney present, and make sure you follow his or her advice, when you speak with police or anyone else about the matter of which you've been accused and related matters. If you receive a suspicious phone call from anyone trying to get you to discuss the incident or related incidents, it might be a pretext call — a call recorded by police in order to get you to incriminate yourself. Be polite but firm. Refuse to answer questions or engage the caller in a conversation. Hang up as soon as possible and call your criminal defense attorney. Anything you say might be used as evidence in a criminal trial against you, depending on the jurisdiction.

The biggest difficulty lies in avoiding an FRA in the first place. When it isn't even necessary for any type of sexual activity to take place to be falsely accused, it is almost impossible.

The best recommendation – although drastic — is to keep some form of electronic record of all sexual interactions. However, in most states, it is illegal to record video without all parties' knowledge. Most states allow for audio taping of calls, but always be aware of your state's laws.

Also know the major factors that can lead to an FRA:

1. **Alcohol/drugs –** If she's been drinking, even if it is just one drink, and she regrets what happens, she can claim rape, and because of that one drink, may be considered legally, incapable of consent. It's another area where women evade taking responsibility for their actions.
2. **Infidelity –** If you know she is involved in any way with someone (dating/married), consider that a warning sign. A more general way to describe this situation is when someone important to her would disapprove of her relationship with you – she might try to cover up consensual sex with a rape lie.
3. **Group Sex –** Hofstra is the most recent case of this. However, that case was an example of #2. She lied to her boyfriend about the gangbang she willingly participated in.
4. **Job –** If you are a Cop, Firefighter, Teacher, Cab Driver or Paramedic, you are more likely to have an FRA leveled against you.
5. **Age Differentia**l – Older man/younger woman and Older woman/ younger man. In neither scenario will anyone even question an FRA. The second one however, lends credence to the idea that adult women are akin to children, and STILL aren't held to the standards that adult men are.
6. **Break ups –** Those who know what kind of special hell Family/Divorce Courts are like are well aware that false accusations of abuse, rape and molestation are used with regularity, and as a weapon, specifically if custody is involved.

While the "rape industry" likes to loudly proclaim that FRAs are a myth, women "don't lie about rape," and that false accusations are only around 2% (Studies by Kanin, McDowell, Times of India, Daphne II commissioned by the EU, and DOJ statistics all put the amount much higher), two things are certain. FRAs are a problem that is overlooked by the vast majority of people in our society, and their victims are almost 100% male.

Due to the vast inroads that feminism has made into the current judicial system, FRAs are a weapon used against men, and they are usually used to cover up the bad behaviors/decisions of some women. Under our current legal system, the woman can change her mind the next day, the next week, or the next year, about what she previously consented to, and cry rape.

And you WILL be arrested, so long as she is a convincing enough actress.

How to Tell if He Hates Your F–ing Guts

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There is an incalculable amount of advice in the world for women on relationships with men. Scarcely an issue of COSMO or any other women's magazine has been printed that doesn't contain articles by some woman or another claiming to give you all the "how's" on the man in your life. How to snag and keep a man, how to get him to pop the question, how to drive him wild with desire, how to catch him in a lie, how to get him to treat you like a queen or how tell if he is cheating.

And it is not just women's rags, it's almost everywhere. You can't even check your email any more without some headline grabbing your eye that is also pitching the now ubiquitous "how to get what you want from a man" advice. Almost all of it written by and for women.

The fact that so many of you are still reading this stuff might point to the idea that whatever you are reading isn't doing a lot of good.

Sarcasm aside, I thought I would offer up some self-help magic for the ladies about men, from a man's point of view.

Let's call it *"How to Tell if He Hates Your Fucking Guts"*

Catchy, eh?

I know, I'm just a man, and as such not as sympathetic to the need for both constant approval and unconditional tolerance for bullshit that has likely left you batting squat in the man department. But I do know that love, at least as far as emotions go, is more conducive to a healthy romantic life than, say, loathing. And I happen to be an expert on how to prevent that hate monster from eating up your dreams of the future.

I won't leave you hanging by just pointing at the problem, either. For each sign of infectious hate that I identify, there will be a clear cut plan of action to ensure you will ameliorate the problem and move forward with a more loving relationship. You can trust Dr. Paul to cover all the bases.

Your advantage here, ladies, resides in the fact that men are quite simple. You won't need to buy a study guide or hire a relationship coach to ferret out the truth about how that hombre in your life feels. You just need to be willing to observe and digest what is right in front of you. Your man isn't prone to subtlety. He doesn't hint at hating, he radiates it if you are just paying attention.

That being said, let's get to work. Here are the most common signs that your man spits upon the ground on which you walk, and what you can do about it.

Sign number one:

He quits fucking you and/or starts fucking someone else.

If your man isn't fucking you there is definitely something wrong, and there are only a three possible explanations for it. One, he's gay and has been hiding it. Two, he has a physical problem that needs medical intervention. Or three, the thought of touching you makes his dick wilt like a boutonnière in a blast furnace.

Since number three is the only one that can possibly apply to you, my solution will be confined to that problem. First, you may need to consider that four hours of bitching is not foreplay. Now, some guys are so sex driven that they will actually fuck you while you're bitching, but you should also know they're imagining you're someone else while they're doing it. Maybe your younger sister.

There are, however, a lot of other guys that lose the amorous mood by the time you have reached bitch #17 on your much longer list of complaints. To them, there is a big difference between whispering sweet nothings in his ear and yelling "You're nothing," at him, from across the room.

What you can do about this is simple, assuming you can't shut up. Organize! Take a minute or two out of each day to make a list of the things about him that dissatisfy you, and then heap them on him all at once. You will find the list reusable because it will only contain things you have been repeating since three months into the relationship. As he continues to reveal his imperfections you can just add to the list.

Oh, and try to get it all out in 7 minutes or less. Brevity is bliss, in the bedroom and out.

Timing is also important. Give him an hour or so to unwind after coming home from work. Then, after you decide where he is taking you for dinner, you can use the car ride to get in your digs. It is a great place for you to say what needs to be said. He is trapped with you next to him, you can keep the nagging out of the home, and, if you finish your tirade before you get to the restaurant, you can set about taking the evening in a more pleasant direction.

Additionally, you may have to skip a day of berating him here and there. Also, and this is the hard part, you will need to occasionally point out some things he does right. You know, just to make things look balanced.

Sign number two:

He does anything, anything he can, not to come home.

If you met your man at a Sierra Club convention and he suddenly takes an interest in hunting wild hog with a crossbow, 300 days a year, well, that is one of those not so subtle signs I was talking about.

As you have surely heard from some of the women writers, men like to retreat into their caves. Whatever your man likes to do for an outside interest, his favorite spot in his home is something sacred to him. So if he finds all manner of reasons not to be there, then there is a problem. And most likely the problem, at least for him, is you.

Ostensibly, you can just refer to the solutions to problem number one. After all, being present is one of the few hard prerequisites to having sex. If you can modify your behavior enough that it will induce him to walk in the door in the first place, it will solve problem number two and go a long way toward helping problem number one as well.

So, the next time you find yourself wanting to ask your man why he doesn't want to spend more time at home, first take a quiet moment and ask yourself "Why should he?"

Oh, and answering yourself honestly would be a plus.

And by the way, here is a link to some more support. It's some more detailed advice on how not to nag. There is some good stuff there, but I encourage you to skip over the parts that of course blame him for everything you do and just focus on being less of a pain in the ass.

Sign number three:

He hauls off and smacks the living shit out of you.

This far from subtle sign that your man hates your fucking guts comes generally one of two places. One, he is an abusive asshole and hates everyone, most of all himself. Or two, you are an abusive asshole and he got one too many rounds of your mouth and snapped.

Now if your situation is the former, and you are really sure of that, then your solution is a better man.

But if your situation is the latter, then your only solution is to be alone. Why? Because you are either physically, verbally or emotionally such a complete ass wipe that anyone around you will eventually turn mean. His main mistake was that he didn't wise up and dump you before things went too far. He was likely just trying to do the right thing, but with the wrong person. And your treatment of him and of the other men in your life leaves you in a position that self help articles sandwiched between lipstick ads aren't going to help.

The premise is simple. If you want respect, be respectful. If you want to be treated well, treat him well. If you want love, then give it. The only relationship tools that are worth anything are the ones found in the mirror, and ten thousand issues of COSMO ain't getting anyone around that.

Ever.

And you should drop the COSMO anyway. Articles on how to get what you want from relationships aren't what anyone needs. In fact, running around trying to scheme and manipulate ways to get what you want from someone else is the problem. It is the chosen, narrow minded path of the selfish and undeserving.

It's all about what you have to give, baby, and what you're willing to. Take it from Dr. Paul.

(Authors note: I am not a real Doctor, but I play one on the internet)

A Voice for Men

Shifting the Goalposts

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Sometimes, life teaches lessons at the darnedest times. For me, the best lesson on how to deal with feminist propaganda came during a game of HORSE in second grade. Look below for the obvious analogies with our current sorry political situation; far be it from me to spell them out, because we're the sort of crowd here that is … better at analogies. (See below.)

So anyway, back to my story. I was playing against a kid who was widely regarded – by the masses of students who simply preferred to go about their day unimpeded by needless strife – as a tattletale, a whiner, and, most importantly, a cheater. But the thing was, none of us fair-and-square types were allowed to voice these concerns, since this kid came from a family that had, in a word, "connections". So we had to play nice with him.

I was winning solidly, by three letters, when The Shifting of Goalposts began in earnest. Lugubriously watching one of my Harlem Globetrotters-inspired trick shots bounce in vain off the rim, I was nonplussed when my opponent suddenly came to life, grabbing the rebound and tossing it nonchalantly back into the hoop. "H!"

"Huh?"

"Rebound on a miss!"

I was taken aback; the kid had simply created a new rule, from scratch, at a time when it was precisely to his advantage.

I rolled my eyes and let it slide. Sure enough, I thought, I'll get the chance to reciprocate; and reciprocate I did – on the very next shot. I grabbed his rebound and performed a textbook layup, laying claim to the "S" that is the HORSE equivalent of match point.

"Nope, doesn't count. Can't touch the rebound with both hands!"

I laughed, ready to take the next shot, but then turned around and realized that *the kid was being serious*. Still, little scrapper that I was, I foolishly continued to believe that I actually had a chance to win this "game", as I was still ahead by two letters. So I gamely plodded on, through more and more rules changes that were as ridiculous as they were spontaneous, until I suddenly found myself "losing" the game, four letters to three; the kid's go-ahead point had come from the expiration of an imaginary shot clock.

I faced two choices with which to preserve a semblance of honor: I could punch the little snot in the face, or I could put down my ball, cock my hat further sideways, and leave. I chose the latter.

I was incredulous the next day – although, in retrospect, I shouldn't have been – when *I* was castigated by the teacher for my "poor sportsmanship".

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As today's analogy for my valiant yet ultimately hopeless effort at HORSE, let's examine the claim, widely touted in the MSM, that girls are as good at math as boys are.

However – and this should come as no surprise to any of us who have ever taught a class requiring innovative problem solving – these data are only arrived at by a combination of cherry-picking, goalpost shifting, and misleading reporting. In other words, misrepresentations, convenient redefinitions, and outright lies.

Let's start with the misrepresentations and the "selective reporting".

NOT-SO-DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

Usually, only a few droplets of the proverbial dew have evaporated from the morning landscape of Statistics 101 by the time students have been taught that there are two main ways to describe a set: *average value* (most commonly

represented by the mean) and *variability* (most commonly represented by the standard deviation).
Early and often it is taught that either of these statistics, if reported alone, creates a picture that is at best distorted and at worst disingenuous. But this principle seems to have gotten past our intrepid researchers and reporters, who somehow got so excited about boys' and girls' equal *averages* that, despite their best efforts,** they forgot to report the differential *variation* in their scores.

Sure enough, in these studies, the highest and lowest ranks were occupied predominantly by boys – unsurprising, considering that this greater variability in male mental processes has been corroborated by just about every reputable study undertaken on the subject, and is even accepted by feminists (although with the entirely predictable rejoinder about how there are SOME women in those high ranges of intelligence, astronomical ratios be damned).

Still, in the true spirit of the media's relentless quest to dismiss *any* vestige of male superiority *in anything* as the fortuitous fruit of "socialization", the MSM deliberately omits this little nugget. To wit, let's consider the difference in reportage between the average and the extremes.

From the HORSE's mouth:

THE AVERAGE:
For their current study, the team acquired math scores from state exams now mandated annually under No Child Left Behind, along with detailed statistics on test takers, including gender, grade level and ethnicity, in 10 states. Using data from more than 7 million students, they then calculated the "effect size," a statistic that measures the degree of difference between girls' and boys' average math scores in standardized units.
The effect sizes they found — ranging from 0.01 and 0.06 — were basically zero, indicating that the average scores of girls and boys were the same.
Note the awesome statistical precision.

Now, THE VARIABILITY:
Some critics argue, however, that even when average performance is equal, gender discrepancies may still exist at the highest levels of mathematical ability. To account for this possibility, researchers compared the variability in boys' and girls' math scores, the idea being that if more boys fell into the top scoring percentiles than girls, the variance in their scores would be greater.
Again, the team found little difference
"Little difference"!
Note the … not-so-awesome statistical precision. Why not? Could it have something to do with the fact that this "little difference" is actually a difference of more than 100 percent? And on tests from which the strongest bastions of male intellectual strength were almost completely absent (see below)? Who knew! Nah, must have been an innocent oversight.
Just like the similar innocent oversights in *every other area* in which boys still predictably outshined girls.
In other news, men can run faster, bench-press more, and jump higher than women, but there is actually "little difference". And, don't you know that SOME women can run really fast, too?
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Aaaaaaaaaaand now, for the goalpost shifting.

GATTO'S LAMENT

So, why these newfangled, Johnny-come-lately "No Child Left Behind" tests, hmm? Why not use a test with a long and well-vetted history, such as the SAT?
Here's why:
However, Hyde and her colleagues are concerned about one facet of the standardized tests they looked at in their study.
In most of the states they gathered data from, and from most grade levels, ***the standardized tests did not include problem-solving questions.*** (emphasis mine)

That's right, folks – these "researchers" "equalized" the math performance of boys and girls by *deliberately selecting tests that don't involve problem solving* – because (again, as anyone who has taught a day in his or her life, or bothered to observe children at play with a critical eye, would know), boys are much more likely to solve problems by innovation or insight (the "insight approach"), while girls are much more likely to solve problems by rote memorization of established methods (the "algorithmic approach"). This is why the authors of the study tiptoed a wide, quiet circle around the long-established SAT, on which boys still outperform girls handily despite the test writers' admitted efforts to stack the deck in girls' favor – because the SAT, at least for now, still contains large numbers of such "insight" problems. Indeed, as documented by the College Board's researchers themselves (who are as PC as they come), sex differences between insight- and algorithm-based learning are extreme – and the difference becomes even more precipitous at high levels of achievement.

We see the same trend in what is perhaps the last redoubt of widespread creative problem-solving for American school kids, the SAT. The SAT has been unusually slow to yield to the PC brigade, largely because it was originally conceived as a test of unconventional problem solving, designed expressly to identify insight-based and innovative acumen. However, in the most recent revision of the test, in 2005, the test writers deep-sixed two major types of problems – Analogies and Quantitative Comparisons. Not so coincidentally, these were the two most heavily insight-based problem types on the exam, and the two problem types on which boys outscored girls by the highest margin. Not surprisingly, these changes narrowed the gap between male and female SAT scores – a development that has, of course, been seized upon by feminists as grounds for dismissal of the very *notion* – horrors! – that boys are naturally better than girls at something. Especially something whose importance is growing, in concordance with that of the technology that increasingly runs our lives.

Four letters to three, indeed.

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What's most troubling here, though, is the subtext. Specifically, feminists – and the complicit MSM – are willing to shoehorn "gender equity" into STEM (science/technology/engineering/math) subjects *by redefining STEM aptitude in ways that exclude problem-solving skills.*

While both "algorithmic" and "insight" reasoning have their relative strengths and weaknesses – surely, no large enterprise could run without the former – the latter is responsible for essentially ALL progress in scientific disciplines. In the name of feminism, our establishment is willing to exclude the most essential of all mathematical and scientific skills – creative problem solving – from the measurement of scientific aptitude, and, *a fortiori*, from scientific education itself.

And that's not all. Even the SAT – an instrument that played a key role in bringing meritocracy into higher education, contributing to the unprecedented flowering of American science in the postwar decades – has started to decelerate. And, like other deceleration, this one looks primed to eventually become backward movement:
[T]he dreaded SAT could actually help produce a national curriculum, a sweeping education reform enacted without the passage of a single law… In the process, the test itself will have to change to include questions more like classroom exercises and less like–well, less like SAT items. … as the SAT morphs from a test of general-reasoning abilities into a test of what kids learn in school.

Bye-bye creative problem solving, hello hypnopaedia.

One more letter and we're knocked out.

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**For a similarly valiant effort, fast-forward to 0:36.

The Manly Woman of Honor (Part II)

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My first post on "manly women of honor" praised country women who seem to be comfortable with the fact that they aren't men—but yet aren't pampered princesses, and who are ready to jump in and get their hands dirty when necessary. Women who don't blink at driving tractors or getting muddy to the waist, but who allow their men to be men and manage to retain their femininity.

However, these are not the women who originally got me started thinking about Manly Women of Honor. About a year ago, I was working out at my gym when I looked over and saw a young woman with a shaved head. She was wearing loose fitting tank top, presumably made for a man, and some military looking pants. Very "G.I. Jane." Few women who are actually in the military seem to have shaved heads, and I was in downtown Portland. So I doubted she was actually in the military.

Dyke. Probably thinks she's "just like a man."

That was my first response.

But then I thought about it some more. Was I being unfair? Unreasonable?

That stereotype was based on my experiences with urban manly women and lesbians, and it probably would've been accurate. Unlike the country women I mentioned above, city dykes and other manly chicks like to act and dress tough, but are really far more emotional and tend to act more like hypersensitive, spoiled girls than their tough (heterosexual) country cousins. I'll offer their bumper stickers as Exhibit A, and this famous letter from "pregnant man" Thomas Beatie as Exhibit B. Such women are normally hostile toward masculine men and seek to change or neuter male behavior.

But the questions that came to mind that day were hypothetical.

Is it *ever* acceptable for a woman to try to "man-up?" And if so, under what circumstances? What kind of manly woman could I respect on a personal level? Is there a path of honor for women who feel they have little in common with other women, and who prefer the things and the ways of men? Perhaps a woman like Calamity Jane, as portrayed in the excellent Deadwood HBO series—a woman who squares up like a man, is prepared to fight like one and who asks for no special favors.

As a man who yearns for the return of heroic masculinity, codes of honor and male dignity, I could sympathize with a woman who found herself attracted to these romantic ideals and who then resolved to emulate and embody them as best she could. Charitably, I could imagine that for a few early feminists, a womanly reverence for traditional manhood was a good intention that paved the road to the emasculation that modern feminism demands. If a woman wants to live by the laws of men, that seems admirable enough. However, if she decides she must change men or redefine masculinity so that it better accommodates her desire to live a manly life, her attraction to masculinity has become cancerous.

A true manly woman of honor—a mannish woman whom I could truly respect and admire—would have to conduct herself in a way that is complementary to masculinity, not corrosive or hostile to it. Here are a few guidelines I propose to distinguish a manly woman of honor from a female enemy of men.

- A Manly Woman of Honor acknowledges that she is not a man, but a rare woman who prefers manly pursuits and ideals to womanly one.
- A Manly Woman of Honor does not believe she is better than men at being a man, though she may well prove herself to be better than some men at doing some things men do.
- A Manly Woman of Honor does not want to change men; she admires them and prefers their codes and ideals to the codes and ideals preferred by women.

- A Manly Woman of Honor does not seek special accommodations or handicaps on account of her sex; she acknowledges that she is a woman playing a man's game and wants to play it by *the exact same* rules. If she does well, good for her!
- A Manly Woman of Honor does not want to be regarded as a man; she wants to earn the respect of men and be regarded as a woman of honor.
- The Manly Woman of Honor does not need to redefine intelligence to appear smart, she doesn't have to redefine strength to be strong and she doesn't ask men for special favors. In fact, her sense of honor would make this impossible.
- Like men, a Manly Woman of Honor asks for help only when she truly needs it—after giving her best on her own.

This is only a preliminary list of guidelines, and I welcome suggestions and comments.

I have met women whom I would consider Manly Women of Honor. Far from believing that women are "the same as or better than men," they are often acutely aware of just how rare they are among women. They seem to find it difficult to relate to other females for this reason. While I often rant about women who are kidding themselves or who live in a fantasy world or who expect men to happily live by the double standards women craft and then change at whim—I think it's important to be fair and I don't want to tar all women with the same brush.

There are women who have made themselves the enemies of men, and they should be treated as such. But if a woman wants to hold herself to the same standards as men, and doesn't need to redefine masculinity or ask for special accommodations, well, more power to her.

British Airways: Male Passengers Assumed Dangerous to Children

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According to the Daily Mail, Mirko Fischer, a 33-year-old hedge fund manager, was sitting in the middle seat between his pregnant wife and a 12-year-old boy when a flight attendant appeared and sternly asked him to move. Fischer explained that he didn't want to move away from his pregnant wife, but the flight attendant only grew angry, raising his voice and demanding that Fischer move, saying that the plane would not take off unless he did so.

Shamed and humiliated, Mr. Fischer agreed to the move, but the incident bothered him so much that he decided to file suit against British Airways to force them to change their policy of not allowing men to sit next to children on airplanes. Fischer sees the policy as blatant anti-male discrimination, stating:

> This policy is branding all men as perverts for no reason. The policy and the treatment of male passengers is absolutely outrageous.

Indeed.

The system-wide hatred of men in the Anglosphere has reached such a level that men are not even trusted in a confined place surrounded by hundreds of other people to behave themselves around children. Perhaps next will be a policy in which grown men can only sit in the back of airplanes, separated from the rest of the passengers by a sheet of ballistic glass with a few airholes and a slot through which the meals are shoved…

One might think that, where safety is concerned, having a man around might actually be good for children. Say an airplane crash landed and all was bloody chaos, fire and mayhem. Wouldn't a child have a better chance of being saved by an adjacent man than a much weaker, slower woman? Apparently, however, the irrational fear that the man might have dirty thoughts outweighs all other considerations in this upside down world.

HT virtuallogs.wordpress.com

Considerations Of The Denise Romano Worldview

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As one might suspect, I get quite a bit of letters and emails from people, asking why I even bother taking to task Denise Romano's ideas and actions; in this post, I'll answer those questions, as well as laying out Ms. Romano's worldview, how it fundamentally conflicts with that of Ms. Susan Walsh, & what it means for Women overall.

OK, so let's get right to it: way do I bother w/the likes of Ms. Romano? Well, aside from the fact that I can, one major reason is because I take charges of Rape very, very seriously-why? Because, as a Black Man, I understand in a very real way, what can happen when such a charge is cheapened and indeed, raped itself-indeed, the historical record of the United States clearly shows, that hundreds if not thousands, of innocent Black Men were lynched, burned, shot, murdered and otherwise mutilated, merely on the trumped up charges of a Woman, *a White Woman* I might add. "Rape" means something very, very important to me. It's not merely an arid academic discussion, or some emotive, perverted, misguided crusade. It, for me, is the cold, hard realization that Women can twist and pervert the meaning of ANY word or act they choose, in order to justify ANY behavior on their part-and have Men pay for it. Notice how Ms. Romano is quick to use Slavery in her response to me, but completely sidesteps the One Hundred Years of Lynchings-largely predicated on false charges of Rape. MY ANCESTORS WERE HANGED, SHOT, LYNCHED, BURNED AND KILLED, BEHIND THAT SHIT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, MS. ROMANO? Pardon my emotive outburst, but I really had to say that.

People like Ms. Romano, who use all kinds of convoluted definitions for the word "Rape" not only abuse the term itself and cheapens it for Women who were truly raped, but it pisses on the graves of Black Men like Emmit Till, who met a grisly and truly barbaric end under such BS circumstances. I object to her ridiculous "definitions" and declarations of what is and is not Rape, and I will use this and any other platform or medium to oppose her every step of the way. Not only is it the right thing to do, but it is also doing right by my ancestors, who didn't have a voice to say "Hell No!".

But that's only one reason.

Another reason why I take the time out of my otherwise regularly scheduled blogging duties to take on Ms. Romano and her ilk, is because I do not appreciate her efforts to shutdown our First Amendment Rights. Earlier this week I wrote in defence of Roissy, and I did so not because of personal interest one way or the other, but because I saw that if he goes down, all of us aren't far behind. The First Amendment protects all of us, because it defends the speech WE DON'T LIKE, not the speech we do like. Similarly, the idea of Tenure in the Academy operates much in the same way, to protect academics whose ideas may not be popular or likeable. For example, I found the late Boston College professor Mary Daly's teachings to be abhorrent and reprehensible, but you never saw me trying to have her ousted for her views; what needed to happen, was to have her ideas and views to be shown for the weak and shoddy reasoning that they were, by other academics who had the balls to oppose her. THAT is the Academic Way to deal with ideas that we find abhorrent, NOT the way Ms. Romano and Lady Raine have attempted to deal with the Roissys of the world. As I've noted in a previous post, the very fact that he remains online, proves that they have failed in their self-appointed mission. And I surely do hope they will continue to do so.

The third reason why I oppose Ms. Romano's ideas, is because I see them as an affront to Women themselves. In a previous post dedicated to Ms. Romano, and taking up the Roissy issue in particular, I made careful note of the fact that it is through deep Socratic questioning that we can determine if an idea is indeed valid. Well, this principle has borne itself out to be true in Ms. Romano's case-for, as a result of my interactions with her, she has revealed a dominant line of thought throughout her arguments. In a word, and simply put:

Women cannot be viewed as Free, Independent, Responsible, Human Beings.

Bear with me now.

As we all know, Ms. Romano wants Game, if not removed from the scene altogether, to be deeply modified, so as to “warn” Women out there so they can make better, “informed” decisions. Sounds good at first glance-but doesn’t that suggest a kind of Nanny State reasoning-that people aren’t saavy enough to figure things out for themselves? Especially in a time where more Women than Men earn college degrees? Earn their own money? Have careers? And huge help in the many forms of the State? To be honest, if I were a Woman on the outside looking in at the debate between myself and Ms. Romano, I would be deeply offended-because what she’s saying basically is that I don’t have the basic wherewithall to know who I’m with or what I’m getting myself into.

But it gets better. Recently on Lady Raine’s blog, Ms. Romano was asked, not just by me, but a number of Male participants there, about her views of the violent actions of Ms. Elin Woods against her cheating husband Tiger. Ms. Romano’s response was, if ever, a vindication of Mystery’s “plausible deniability” maxim about Women: she said that Ein Woods was justified in physically attacking Tiger, on the grounds that he “raped” her by having unprotected sex with multiple Women, putting her and one of their kids at risk for contracting STDs. She completely sidestepped the matter of legality-which is quite clear on this point, by the way-and instead rationalized (or as we Gamesmen would say, “backward rationalized”) Elin’s actions, even when it was crystal clear that not only was she in violation of the law, but if news reports are true, that she’s now also a fugitive from the law-much like Roman Polanski is. When she and Lady Raine were asked, if the shoe were on the other foot, and it was Elin doing all the tomcatting around on Tiger, and he commenced to kicking Elin’s behind up one side of the street and down the other, Ms. Romano and Lady Raine suddenly demurred. Talk about adding insult to injury-not only do they want to justify Elin’s violent acts, but they also want to maintain a clear and present double standard as well. Rich.

But as if a Theatre of the Absurd couldn’t get wierder, Ms. Romano outdoes her own self, by saying that, because she has ever-perky nipples, and because she can’t help it, no one should judge her for this; that it is society’s responsibility to “grow and evolve” to learn that having engorged nipples doesn’t mean anything at all. Nope, nothing to see here, keep it movin’.

Riiiight.

My response to Ms. Romano was that not only did I write a post about this very same subject-that of how and why people can, do and will make value judgments about you based on how you present yourself in the world, and that it was right and NORMAL to do-but that I included the fact that, as a Black Man, I too have to give considerable thought to how I present myself to the world when I step outside my front door. Failure to do so could prove catastrophic for me-and the harsh realities of life don’t care if I think it’s fair or not. I have two choices-either pull my pants up, get a shave, look and act like I got some sense-or-bear the full brunt of the consequences if I choose to do otherwise. That’s. It.

But not for Ms. Romano-she insists that its EVERYONE ELSE-ESPECIALLY MEN who must change, who must “grow”, who must “evolve”-not her. Everyone else must be a grown up. She, on the other hand, has the right to remain a child.

In each instance-her crusade against Roissy, MRAs and Game/PUAs; her defence of the violent actions of Elin Woods; and her “Nipple Defence”-Ms. Romano lays out that Women have no agency, personal responsibility, or even basic reasoning faculties and commonsense, to act in an advanced and free society-one who’s fulcrum is based on these ideals. She claims that we are the ones wo are behind the times, but in truth, by her own hand and reasoning, it is SHE who still regards Women on the whole as incapable of independent thought, actions, rights or duties, as Citizens of the Free World.

Which finally brings me to Ms. Susan Walsh, of the website and blog, Hooking Up Smart.com. Over the past few months that my blog, The Obsidian Files has been in existence, I’ve had the chance to interact extensively with Ms. Walsh, online and off, and have found her to be an exemplary Human Being, to say nothing of a truly Classy Lady. She is not because she agrees with me-indeed, there are some things on which we deeply disagree-but because she refuses to cowtow to the line of Infantile Reasoning that is Ms. Romano’s stock and trade.

Instead of seeking to shut Roissy and Tucker Max down, Ms. Walsh instead uses her spare time and blogging talents to educate young Women about their ilk and how to reign in their innate urges to mate with such Men; instead of seeking to get more and more laws passed to “protect Women” Ms. Walsh instead uses her site to teach young Women to respect themselves, and to use their head; and instead of approaching everything and everyone as if it were one big group therapy session, Ms. Walsh uses her more than a quarter of a century’s experience as a married mother of two grown kids of her own, to counsel young Women in the ways and wherefores of Sex and Relationships, as have many “Big Mamas” before her in a not too distant past. These are but a few of the big differences between Ms. Walsh and Ms. Romano, and I think she would agree with my analysis of the latter’s essential worldview here.

Lastly, let me say this. I have three sisters of my own, and NONE of them have been duped, brainwashed or led astray by some fuzzy hat wearing Player, LOL. They’ve had their ups and downs sure, but for the most part, they all done well for themselves. Part of the reason for that was because they had an older brother who gave em all a no holds barred talking to about the Real Deal out there on the bricks, and I’m happy to say that it sank in. I think, if they were able to read any part of what Ms. Romano wrote, and compared it to what Ms. Walsh writes, that they would regard the former as on some other ish, and the other not that far off from our dearly departed Mama. In any event, I want Ms. Romano to know, that not only am I deeply offended by her assertions as laidout above in her worldview, but I’m even more offended by the notion that, per her line of reasoning, my three sisters cannot discern Life for themselves. I take tremendous umbrage at that notion. I object!

I’m done on this point, but do not get it twisted, I ain’t no ways tired when it comes to opposing Ms. Romano. I will fight her deranged view of things with all the vim and vigor at my command. Count on it.

Now adjourn your Captain Bligh arses…

The Obsidian

Meet Dr. Paul

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(Authors note: For the interpretively challenged, this is the disclaimer: This is a *somewhat* tongue-in-cheek column that also contains very serious advice. If you are a woman and the opinions expressed here don't apply to you, then you have no reason, or right, to be offended by them. If you are offended "on behalf of all women," then stick around. I can do wonders with grandiosity.)

Dear Ladies,

I thought it best to start my column off here at The Spearhead with a personal introduction, and to give you a general overview of how and why grabbing you by the collar and holding a mirror up to your face will lead you to a happier life.

I am Dr. Paul. And I am to self help what *Dr. House* is to diagnostic medicine. That is to say, I'm a complete jerk, but the jerk you want to call when you're in real trouble. And if you are a woman in western culture, you are most likely in trouble.

You should know up front that your feelings are about as important to me as your opinions, which is to say that they aren't important at all. In fact, your feelings and opinions are the problem. By fixing them we can fix *you*, and everyone goes home happy.

You see, I already know how so many of you feel and where you are in life. I know about your struggles with men, how disappointed and disenchanted you have become. I know you are tired of guys that look great in the beginning but end up hurting and disappointing you.

That's why you have been watching Oprah and Dr. Phil, and why you read magazines like COSMO for advice on relationships. You're yearning for answers, and in fact you have probably spent a fair amount of yours or your man's money chasing after them. Your bookshelves are filled with everything from John Gray to Gloria Steinem and it hasn't done anything but leave you wondering if there are any good men left in the world at all. You are on an unending quest for an elusive solution, and you don't see anything promising in sight.

It's not entirely your fault.

From the time you were born, and I am going to put this in bold italics because it is very, very important, ***the whole world has been lying to you*** . And when all you hear is lies, you can only get the net result of where you are right now:

Fucked up and clueless as to what to do about it. The only thing you are sure of is that none of your problems are of your own making.

You see, all these lies have convoluted your expectations. Your sense of self-importance has been inflated to the point of psychic mutilation; your sense of responsibility proportionally reduced. It starts in childhood with unicorns and Prince Charming, Daddy's little princess and sugar and spice. Yes, you are what little girls are made of. And while that as all sweet and gooey, it pretty much screws the pooch when it comes to creating a tenable relationship with a grown man.

Being Daddy's little princess is a cozy role for a child, but a piss poor ambition for a grown woman. And while the world pinched your cheek and cooed at you in your youth, it should have told you at some point in your life to take the tiara off and grow up.

But the world did just the opposite.

By the time you were a teenager, hormonal boys were telling you whatever they thought you wanted to hear just to get in your pants, or at least cop a feel of your tits. They would tolerate any amount of your smugness and

indifference just for a chance to be near you. And with this, they continued to enable you and reinforced the illusion of your flawlessness. It made you feel powerful, important. Obsequious comment by obsequious comment, they helped you perfect the expectation that life would never demand from you humility or fairness. They taught you what your fathers did, that respect was not to be earned, but handed to you, by a man, regardless of your true nature.

And for years you lived with this as a constant, as there was always at least a few guys hanging around trying grovel their way into giving you the high hard one.

You could have a man and toss him away any time you wanted and you knew it. As a result you only gave attention to men who told you what you wanted to hear, and performed for you as expected. And even when you did follow your primal instincts into riding bitch on a Harley with a guy who didn't spoon feed you bullshit, you made it your mission to mold him, too, into treating you like a princess. Often you succeeded.

And you ate it up like a beggar at a buffet.

Then you got a little older and feminism picked up where fathers and suitors left off. You learned that you were not only a princess with all the entitlements that come with that, but that you were also a victim of history; that all this entitlement that had been lavished on you was really oppression, and that you were owed even more.

And what's more, you were able to quickly deduce that you could hang on to all those "oppressive" entitlements and take advantage of all the new doors being opened at the same time. All while you were more and more deeply entrenching yourself in the idea that you were not getting everything you deserved; that some man was responsible for it; that some man should fix it.

No wonder you're so fucked up! Who wouldn't be?

The world set out to produce an entire generation of personality disordered females and that is exactly what we got. Exceptions notwithstanding.

And so that leaves scores of you now here, in a state of perpetual dissatisfaction and disillusion. Many of you are downing anti-depressants like popcorn at a matinee, spending half your time ripping men, the other half looking for one that will fulfill your insanely unrealistic expectations of what he should be. And then wondering why it isn't happening.

All the while, your relationship shelf life is ticking away. Your looks are fading and your options are narrowing. But you can't seem to grasp the notion that it has anything to do with you. That is in part because all the mainstream self help options to which you have availed yourself have only made things worse, fueling the fires of your entitlement and aiding your projective denial. Your gurus and therapists and talk show hosts have only fed you more of the same that ultimately led you back to where you started, minus whatever portion of your earnings you gave up to them.

They are in business counting on the fact that everything I am saying here is true; counting on the fact that you won't buy anything unless it is what you want to hear. You have been a good customer, which means you have been screwed. And since you can't blame them or yourself, you just add it to your list of reasons to blame men.

It is a trap you can't get out of because you have been taught to shun accountability like an AIG executive and point the finger of blame like a snitch in a drug bust.

It is time to grow up. And unless you do, you will never get out of that ditch, whether you know you are in one or not.

It won't be easy. Growing up at 30 is a bitch; at 40 a nightmare; at 50 a lost cause but for a precious few.

Your ace in the hole is right here, though. I will help whip your mind into shape. It's a hard job because right now your cranium is just a bucket for a glob of disoriented, infantile mush. The only cure for it is very high doses of the truth on a regular basis.

You won't like it because I won't mince words; because I won't feed you the same poison that has ruined your life. If you want sugar coated, go get a doughnut. COSMO has one on every page, but Dr. Paul doesn't do junk food.

Most of you will come back here again and again hoping for another column. Why? Well, for different reasons. Some of you will just come back to hate me some more. You are addicted to that sort of thing with men, and those of you the most far gone will only seethe and seethe more at my words.

But others, though you will curse me even in your sleep, will come back to visit me at The Spearhead because I am the first human being in your life to ever shoot totally straight with you. And you will come back because you are, though in terrible shape now, capable of understanding that getting the truth for free is much better than paying money for a pack of lies. And let's face it, you do *free* pretty good.

We are on a rebuilding project here, ladies. And relearning. Through this column I will give you the reeducation you so desperately need. We will cover communications, intimacy, trust, and friendship. You will learn new concepts, like your man has feelings and desires of his own; new, radical ideas like making your man your emotional pincushion is actually a *bad* thing. I will teach you that you are not the center of the universe, that you never were; that you were never supposed to be.

You will grow from a child-woman into a paragon of mature partnership material. And it will bring you the happiness that only a grown up can know.

And all you have to do is understand that humility is better for you than hubris and abandoning any notion that you are royalty will free you from a depraved trap.

I know you will thank me later.

And remember, ladies, I am not a real doctor, but I play one on the internet.

MTV's Domestic Violence Double Standard and Public Reaction

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[The following was originally written by Jay Hammers on his Open Your Eyes blog.]

Yesterday I took a seat in my recliner and flipped through the channel guide until my eyes fell on the reality show "Teen Mom" on MTV. Out of morbid curiosity and perhaps in an effort to further reinforce my views on today's parenting failures I decided to watch it. I continued to watch MTV into the night, including "Jersey Shore", another reality TV show on MTV. My brain being sufficiently numbed, I decided I'd wake it up a bit with a blog post.

MTV had previously aired "teaser" clips of a Jersey Shore scene where a drunk guy punches a female cast member, "Snooki", in the face during an argument. See the video here. I had seen the slow-motion clip before and I saw the actual full scene today.

MTV blacked out the video of the punch in the episode and displayed a PSA at the end of the broadcast as follows: "Violence against women in any form is a crime. If you or someone you know is being abused by a boyfriend, family member or total stranger, please call 911 or log on to www.loveisrespect.org for information and help. You can also call loveisrespect, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline at 1-866-331-9474 for immediate support."

Loveisrespect is described as a National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline. Loveisrespect posted a comment about the incident on their website.

I found this interesting because earlier today I saw another scene on MTV that involved actual teens, depicted domestic violence, was not blacked out, had no PSA, and that occurred in front of a child. On "Teen Mom", one young woman named Amber violently pushes her boyfriend Gary against the wall and hits him in the face in front of their young daughter. Amber is also constantly verbally and emotionally abusive to Gary throughout the show.

Why the double standard, MTV? Why didn't Loveisrespect post a comment about the incident and Amber's other forms of consistent abuse on their website? After all they provide a NATIONAL TEEN DATING ABUSE helpline, not a JERSEY SHORE BAR ASSAULT helpline.

The PSA gives it away. Only "violence against women" and "abuse by a boyfriend" are worth attention. Right?

It seems a lot of people disagree. A quick Google search for "Teen Mom MTV domestic violence" turns up several comments on the episode and the discrepancy between how MTV dealt with the scenes in each show. Here's one shining example:

> "I am actually pissed off at MTV, last week they cut the punch of a stranger to the face of Jersey Shore's Snooki (a completely more terrifying and violent situation admittedly) but then capped off the episode with this really odd PSA given the circumstances (a bar fight punch between totally strangers) about violence against women and how women who were victims of domestic violence should report it. However, in this episode they included an actual domestic violence incident and at least in the case of 11pm viewing included no PSA at the end about it. It just seemed so messed up, I mean I know Gary wasn't in any freaking danger but that is the sort of situation that can escalate either by him responding or her grabbing a weapon of some sort that can do more damage. This is the exact situation that happens all the time and people who are experiencing it see as 'normal' and not a big deal, complete with a make-up that includes a kiss and an 'I know you love me,' just because it was a woman who was the perpetrator and her victim has size on strength on her doesn't make it okay. Shame on you MTV!"

These sorts of comments are not uncommon and what's interesting is that a lot of these are from everyday web users, not people who are likely to even be aware of the men's rights movement. It's more and more common for everyday citizens to recognize the inconsistencies in how the media treats men, women, and violence. It's a good sign.

Still, we also see the usual comments about how the victim has to “man up a little” and “take responsibility” so Amber won’t have to abuse him.

At the same time the reaction to the Snooki punch is surprising. For example:
“Now, I would never hit a woman, but, I do believe some women need it. Especially the women who think they can get away with everything because a man should not hit a woman. Sorry, but if you act like a Dumb B*tch and think you are a queen. First off act like a Lady and not a piece of trash and you will get respect. Act like a man and expect to get hit like one – just not by me.”

These sort of comments are not uncommon, reflecting a disturbing reality. Everyday men want equal treatment. They see female privilege every day and they’re tired of it. Men are so angry they’re considered second-class citizens that they find satisfaction in seeing a “bitchy” woman – someone they see as an oppressor – get punched in the face.

Men WANT to love women. They always have and they always will. But now that radical feminism has convinced women to hate men, men’s delayed but not surprising reaction is to hate them right back.

How is this good for society? Radical feminism has drawn a wedge between the sexes, increasing the likelihood of divorce, tearing families apart, and leading to increased crime and poverty as the children of the dysfunctional feminist system grow into adulthood. The mainstream media continues to male bash and condone violence against men by women. The legal system continues to fail families. Why wasn’t Child Protective Services called on Amber? Why isn’t she sitting in a jail cell on domestic violence or assault charges? Why is it okay for a girl to be abusive verbally and physically?

Thanks to the Internet, there is hope. More and more often these issues are brought into the open through blogs, tweets, and discussion. People are starting to realize that something’s not quite right about society today. They may not realize the full extent of the issues, but they have a gut feeling and they’re seeing concrete examples of the rampant bias against men.

Awareness is the first step. Without it, change cannot come.

Air New Zealand in Trouble With Women's Groups over Cougar Campaign

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Air NZ recently launched a publicity campaign designed to appeal to single women over the age of 35, portraying them as sexual predators on the hunt for young men.

There is a somewhat funny and accurate video in the article that depicts the women in their natural habitat, and describes them as voracious nocturnal predators.

Women's groups, however, including a local representative of the rape industry, growled and bared their fangs when they caught wind of the marketing effort. Kim McGregor, head of New Zealand's "Rape Prevention Education" called it "appalling, disgusting and degrading to women."

Nevertheless, scores of women have sent in photos of themselves with younger men in an effort to win prizes, including free tickets and cougar costumes.

Guide to Bird Watching in the Manosphere

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Many men love to stroll through the lush forests of the Manosphere, as there is much to see and behold. One can find all sorts of things, from young saplings yearning to reach the open sky, to mighty Sequoias offering a sense of security in their strength, along with respite from the outer heat within the ambience of their shade.

As one walks through this unique atmosphere, it is quite common to hear the chirping of several different types of birds. The birds are part of the forest and therefore I would like to provide the following Guide to Bird Watching in the Manosphere.

One might spot an Elusive Wife perched on a branch overhanging your path. You veterans know her well. She is the one who has the perfect life; her marriage is free from strife, her children are raised the perfect way, and you'll see her in Church twice on Sunday. She will pleasure her husband anytime he desires, sex in their marriage is still burning fires. "Her home cuisine is delicious," she insists he will say, and to top it all off, from this path she'll never foray.

The Elusive Wife is most often a traditional stay-at-home mom who believes in the message of the MRM. She's the one who never lets any man forget that "he should keep on looking because there are still good women out there!" Her song goes something like this: "Look at me! Look at me! This is how it can be! Look at me!"

The Elusive Wife appears to support men's issues, but really, those more jaded and experienced within "The Movement" will recognize that the Elusive Wife is concerned about men mainly because she is scared shitless of men waking up to the scam. She wants men to return to their masculine role of pandering to women's every whim, slaving away like a mindless drone for her and her children. It is noteworthy that the Elusive Wife's husband never comes online, gushing about his wonderful life with his wonderful wife. Nope, only she speaks of how blissfully contented her husband is with her. He smartly (or cowardly) remains silent.

The Elusive Wife says she is interested in men's issues, but what she really wants is to ensure that men keep serving women. She does this because, deep down, she knows she would be screwed if it were any other way. She knows she is a preferred human and wants desperately to maintain that concept. She has a manipulated man-slave at her finger tips and she damn well knows what a good con-game women have been running for thousands of years.

Another species which may appear is from the genus Mountainous Mammarious. You can tell a Mountainous Mammarious is in your neck of the woods because of her distinctive call, "DEE DEE! DEE DEE!"

She too fully believes in men's issues, and that's why she plunks her self-described Victoria Secret satin pantied ass (page 9, item C), right in the midst of as many men as she can find. She brightens up the whole board with her cheerful song, "DEE DEE! DEE DEE!" which is interspersed amongst every comment she makes.

She agrees with everything and befriends all. She often provides some useful services to humanity, like informing men of what it is like to grow breasts, menstruate, or have an ovary removed. The only thing she complains about is how uncomfortable it is to always have her lacy, Victoria Secret brassiere straps (page 11, item B) cutting into her back, due to the imbalanced weight proportioned towards her front. You see, she helps men better understand things from a woman's perspective. She flits in and out of blogs and forums, always spreading her good will towards her new found friends, and of course, announcing her arrivals and departures with her cheerful song, "DEE, DEE! DEE, DEE… Dee, Dee… Deeeee, deeeee…."

A third species of woman is rather an interesting one which is called Meritorious Mediocrus in Latin. Meritorious Mediocrus is perceived as a great Amazon bird of prey to many of those within men's circles. Tales of her exploits become legendary and her name is revered wherever she goes. Even in far away lands, children are regaled with stories about the brave and mighty Meritorious Mediocrus.

There is a natural problem built within the species Meritorious Mediocrus though, and this is why some experts

wish to rename this bird as Annika Sorenstamus. You see, Meritorious Mediocrus gets an enormous amount of attention for placing 96th out of 111, simply for being a woman. No-one knows who was 97th, 95th or even 5th – but everyone knows when Meritorious Mediocrus places in the bottom 15% of the field, and she receives gratuitous adulation for her accomplishments.

We see this same phenomenon all throughout society. A woman accomplishes something "great" simply by becoming, say, a firefighter. In fact, a newspaper story might appear on the front page because of this particular example of a Meritorious Mediocrus, and sumptuously entertain the readers with her heroism in becoming a firefighter. A man, however, who is stronger, faster and has fifteen years experience on her, will not receive any praise for his "accomplishments" unless he charges fearlessly into a blazing orphanage and single handedly rescues a dozen toddlers. Then of course, when he is done, he sees a little girl crying that her kitten is still trapped inside. So the male firefighter again gallantly dashes into the inferno, intending to rescue the kitten, only for the entire building to collapse upon him, killing him instantly. That story will make the eighth page in the same newspaper.

The problem with Meritorious Mediocrus stems from her fame and influence far outstripping her insights and accomplishments. The effect of this is that the lower end of the spectrum tends to have a louder, more influential voice than the higher end of the spectrum. And somehow, there is just something not right about that. It's like the natural hierarchy of the universe gets turned upside down.

The fourth type of bird one may encounter hails from the species of Achievus Consensus. This bird's entire purpose in life seems to revolve around convincing men that they will accomplish absolutely nothing unless they manage to get women onboard. (She might cite examples of how men completely failed to create a civilization because women didn't participate). As absurd as it sounds to an outsider, Achievus Consensus has some kind of magical hypnotism in her song that makes men agree that, indeed, no flock of sheep can properly succeed without a sufficient number of wolves in its midst.

Despite her hypnotic melody, however, when one digs deeper down it becomes apparent that while Achievus Consensus knows a few peripheral issues, when push comes to shove she knows nothing of substance. Biologists often argue whether Achievus Consensus is from the greater Cuckoo genus or if she is just a crossbreed of the Elusive Wife and the Meritorious Mediocrus.

There is a good case to be made for the crossbreed theory of Achievus Consensus in that she is sometimes very active like the Meritorious Mediocrus while at the same time displaying some traits of the Elusive Wife. She never lets you forget how much she is doing for your benefit while at the same time reminding you that she, and other women, are not all like that.

I, however, tend to agree more with the theory that Achievus Consensus is a sub-species of the Cuckoo because of her continual shaming references to what other women, not her, think about our views. The Cuckoo theory is further backed up in that the Achievus Consensus seems stuck on the belief that men somehow have to convince women to let them do want they want. Achievus Consensus talks like men are small children who need to ask Mom's permission to play outside after supper.

Now, although I am describing several completely different species here, one should not forget that they are still from the same overall family within the animal kingdom. This reality is starkly revealed when a man dares to challenge one of them. The flocking instinct of these creatures automatically kicks in and they all gather together, descending upon the transgressing man as if in a scene from Hitchcock's The Birds.

Of course, men rarely stick up for other men at the best of times, so the offending man is often left outnumbered. Even worse, some of the other men in the near vicinity were lured in by the message of the Elusive Wife, because she always sings of a dream which he once had, but never attained. Other men are still thinking about the Mountainous Mammarious' Victoria Secret satin panties, which he looked up online after she let it "slip" that they were the ones one Page 9, Item C. Several men will have enormous respect for the achievements of Meritorious Mediocrus, thinking those achievements make her above reproach, while others are still in a hypnotic trance from

listening to the song of Achievus Consensus, who has been admonishing them to get women onboard so “they can accomplish something.”

The result?

Well, no other man will dare speak up once he sees how all the birds attack, as if eagles plucking at Prometheus’ heart, and more, how few of the other men will even try to shoo the eagles away.

Soon, all the men are “kept in line” and with everything they write there will be a subconscious concern that the women will be offended. In a month or two, the men are posting less and less while the women are posting more and more, until the few women begin dominating the conversations of the many men.

Now, a men’s forum may try to counter this by creating a “sub-forum” that only allows entrance to men, so they can speak freely without concern of offending the women… but, come on now… a few women show up on a men’s forum, and that forces all of the men into a private room in the back? How often have we seen that happen in society? I am starting to find forums with too many women on them to be an excellent way to gauge what happens in the greater society when women show up.

Once a forum has gotten that far, it is quite literally, for the birds. Society is no different. Have a look at our governments.

There are two other types of birds that may appear as well.

The first is the much touted Odd Duck. (She is easiest to notice by the characteristics of reading much and talking little). Similarities to her extend well out of the bird family and into other parts of the Animal Kingdom. Take piglets, for example. Every litter of piglets has a runt that is odd. However, it is the other piglets that make the runt to be odd. And so it is with the Odd Duck in the Bird Family. What makes her odd are the other ducks, and how her behaviour is different from the normal behaviour of ducks. Therefore, in no way ought she be classified as an entire species of her own. And thus, I feel justified in talking little more about Odd Ducks.

The final bird one will encounter is the Cawing Crow. These birds are hardly a rarity though, and you need not be within the rich splendor of the Manosphere to find them. In fact, these birds are so common that many men report sighting them in their own backyards!

There is no beauty in the song of the Cawing Crow. In fact, you downright hate the sound; it’s just so damn irritating!

Everybody else hates the sound too, and that’s why nobody in the Manosphere complains much when you take out that weak, old BB gun which your dad gave you for your 11th birthday and start taking potshots at it.

“Ping!”

You bounce a BB off the Cawing Crow’s tail feathers and she flies away.

You would think that would be it, and the Cawing Crow would have learned a lesson… but, alas, what do you hear out your window again tomorrow?

“Caw, Caw!”

“Damn irritating Cawing Crow,” you exclaim, grabbing your BB gun as you rush out the door in your socks.

“Pow!” You let off a shot and see a few black feathers erupt into the air as the Cawing Crow takes flight with a stinging in her side.

The next day? Sure enough, there’s the Cawing Crow again, irritating you with a song akin to nails on a chalkboard.

“Pow! Pow! Pow!”

You hit your target with all three, but this time the Cawing Crow does not fly away. She has learned that the BB’s

won't kill her but will just bounce off her thick feathers, even if they do sting a bit.

Soon it becomes almost like a game between you and the Cawing Crow, and she shows up daily knowing full well that she will be greeted by multiple potshots at her. Yet, she keeps showing up, day after day.

You have a BBQ one day in the backyard with several of your friends, and they have heard your amazing tale of the Cawing Crow that never goes away – so they each bring their own BB guns along to the BBQ.

"Pow, pow, pow, pow, pow, PING!" Volleys of shots fly at the Cawing Crow, most hitting their mark, and yet, she still doesn't fly away!

Wtf?

"What's the point?" one might ask. "You are not accomplishing anything."

Well, there is a point. You are becoming one hell of a good shot, and the Cawing Crow has helped you to become skilled at picking off a target with that weak, old BB gun from a considerable distance.

Compared to the other birds, the Cawing Crow is at least serving a purpose that is valuable to the MRM.

I would rather have ten Cawing Crows than one Elusive Wife, one Mountainous Mammarious, one Meritorious Mediocrus and one Achievus Consensus.

At least with the Cawing Crow, you both know where you stand, and after a while you have to grant the Cawing Crow a certain amount of respect, if only strictly for the amount of abuse she is willing to take while still coming back for more.

Hey, I never said that the Cawing Crow was the smartest bird, only that you have to respect its temerity to some degree.

And this, gentlemen, brings us to the end of our Guide to Bird Watching in the Manosphere. Be sure to keep your ears open for their songs and your eyes sharp to spot their various distinguishing traits, so that you may pass on any sightings to your fellow travelers in the Manosphere.

Hate Bounces: How man-hating and man-bashing harms women – the making of a misogynist

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Misogynists are not born, they are made.

Once, a long time ago when the world was young, I loved women with all my heart and soul. I grew up among strong competent women who understood that all living things need to be taken care of and will flourish if that happens.

The men I grew up with knew that as well. Everyone knew that people must live and work together and find ways to cooperate and just deal with the inevitable differences that arise and keep them in perspective. They knew that people are not perfect, but that most of them try to be as good as they can manage. They took the measure of a person in wholeness, and if there was more good than bad to a person, they accepted that person's faults as being part of the package which was still valuable, if a bit flawed. After all, nobody really is perfect. We all knew that.

Then, something happened. And that something was called feminism. I remember the early days of the movement when it was called "Women's Liberation" which was a high sounding and noble cause in a country which is founded on a document which cites liberty as one of 3 inalienable rights that every person has. No one with a sense of fairness and an understanding of civics could be against women being liberated and treated fairly. And, there was also the promise that some of the ways men were being treated unfairly would change along with it.

And, as the old joke goes: if you believe that one, then I have some lakefront property in the Mojave Desert I'd like to talk to you about.

I learned very quickly that feminism wasn't about liberating PEOPLE from their previously too restrictive roles which were assigned to them based on the plumbing they displayed at birth, but rather was founded on a number of absolute falsehoods which had nothing to do with freedom, equality, or fairness. The fundamental premise that men had MORE power, not just a different kind of power and in a different area of society as a whole, but MORE power in a complete and absolute sense was something that I vehemently disagreed with. I could come up with thousands of examples of circumstances in which women had more power than men did. And in every example they gave of where men did have any power, I could easily point out the uneven distribution of power among men, and how a few men at the top of the wealth/influence pyramid had a lot of power, but that the vast majority of men had very little.

The strangest thing was that most of the situations in which I was being told I had or was exercising "power" seemed absolutely ridiculous to me. When I was a college freshman, one day I was walking across campus toward the student union. I reached the door about a half step ahead of a female student so, as I had been brought up to do, I hastened my last couple of steps and held the door open for her. Instead of the smile and nod that I had been used to in response to such simple acts of social courtesy, she flew into a rage and started screaming at me about how what a male chauvinist PIG I was, that she was perfectly capable of opening that door for herself and didn't need any g– damned MAN to do it for her, and kicked me in the knee.

"Shock" is a totally inadequate word to describe my response.

I was at a loss to understand any of her reaction. She couldn't have been any more totally, completely, and absolutely wrong about my motivations and purposes. I instantly assigned her to the categories of "mentally defective," "hate filled," and female. Over the next several years, a lot of women joined her company.

A couple of years later, a woman that I was dating described her feminist "consciousness raising" group as consisting of **"perfectly satisfying man hating sessions."** Again, I was bewildered. I asked why she found hating me(n) so "perfectly satisfying." I don't remember the answer she gave, but she soon proved to me just how true that statement was of her. Like the knee-kicker in response to having a door opened, it seemed that anything and

everything I did was proof that I deserved her hatred and rancor. At least 10 years later, she called me out of the blue to apologize. She said she realized that she had just gotten swept up in a group consciousness of hatred and had finally realized what had happened and that I had not deserved the bile she had spewed on me.

It was, I suppose, better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick, but it was too little and too late. Because, by then I had encountered so many other women who acted in pretty much the same way that it had simply become part of my view of what women were. Somewhere, deep down inside, either hidden or proudly displayed, women hated men. Women came in a variety of sizes and shapes, most had breasts and female genitals, but they all seemed to come with a hatred and fundamental contempt for men. One woman I dated while Jimmy Carter was still president spoke of “my hatred of men” in the same matter-of-fact tone that she might say “my nose.” It was just an integral part of her.

Needless to say, this presented me with a significant paradox and source of internal conflict. Being a healthy heterosexual male, I had the natural and universal desire that men have to have a loving relationship with a woman. But, how is it possible to love someone that returns hate for that love?

So, over time I began to develop a wary distrustful posture toward women. I still dated them, but I had become so conditioned to expect hatred from them that I simply accepted it as part of the price I had to pay in order to be involved with one. My desire for a relationship was still strong, but was opposed by a distrust and unwillingness to let someone who hated me get the upper hand over me. Thus, in my mind the concept of “commitment” became one and the same as “trapped in a relationship with someone who hates me.” I was indeed one of those men who “wouldn’t make a commitment.”

The worst part of this, for me, is that it blinded me to the warning signals of some truly sick personalities. The hostility which I had become accustomed to enduring from women became only a matter of degree – greater or lesser. And, with a baseline of being kicked in the knee for the courtesy of opening a door, and learning how “satisfying” man hating is to some women, I had no yardstick to sort out the seriously sick and deranged women from any of the rest. As a result, I ended up in some relationships that were truly horrible and very damaging to me. And, of course, each of these left scars which over time built up so much emotional scar tissue that I began to lose all the positive feelings I once had for women.

That is the personal side. And, I won’t bore you with the details of all the stories. But, there eventually got to be so many that I developed the attitude that the question was not “whether” a woman would burn me if let her get close enough to do so, but “when” and “how soon” it would happen.

On the political side, things were just as bad if not worse. About the same time I started becoming the target of violent physical attacks by individual women for what I perceived as courtesy, I also became the target of vicious verbal attacks by women collectively – just for being a man.

I remember the first time I saw the slogan “A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle,” I knew my face had just been spit in. Men were not just useless to women, we were irrelevant. We had no purpose in a woman’s life, and did not belong in her world at all. It was a message of hate, dismissal, and refutation. But, I also saw it as a warning of what was to come. It was like seeing clouds on the horizon, and knowing that it is time to get under cover because a storm is brewing. And, since it was obviously smearing shit in my face, it was going to be a shit storm.

Soon it became apparent that women could say any damn thing they wanted about men – no matter how wrong, no matter how hateful, no matter how unfair – and that was fine, but every time I stood up to that and said “no, that is wrong, there is another point of view” I’d get some little fem-bot harpy in my face shrieking the same old tired slogans, like a mindless Chatty Cathy doll, about how I was threatened by losing my power, wanted to keep women “in their place,” was probably violent, and was a misogynist. The dull predictability and regularity of it all was only kept from being terminally boring by the shrillness and sheer vehemence of the attacks.

There is a belief among those who believe in magic that one must speak a spell 3 times in order for it to become

binding and true. It took being called a misogynist a lot more than 3 times to become true, more like 3000+, but in time it did become true.

I began to see women as vicious creatures whose only agenda when it came to me, or any man, was to see how much they could get from the man – then when he had nothing left to give because they had taken it all, toss him out with yesterday's garbage. In short – I viewed them as nothing but users.

Feminist author Wendy Dennis came out with a book in the early 1990s called "Hot and Bothered: sex and love in the 90s." Among many other astute observations in the book was that nothing was more classically typical of the state of male/female relations than the woman who complained bitterly about every aspect of men, then couldn't figure out why she couldn't get one of these awful creatures to fall madly in love with her. I had observed the same thing so many times that I had simply concluded that such women were simply not very bright. In stark contrast to the mythology of how socially adept women are, I was baffled that such women were so stupid that they didn't realize that no living thing will respond to such projections of distaste, contempt, and hatred with anything except return animosity.

I took to avoiding women, particularly groups of them, because I could never sit quietly and put up with the bashing and would always challenge it, which ended up in a lot of fights and added greatly the count of times that I got called "misogynist." I noticed that women seemed to do it habitually, without thinking, and would confront my female friends over and over until they learned not to do it in my presence.

And, after 3 decades of listening to it, and hating it, and trying to keep the animosity which had been building in me over it – when the husband of a woman friend of mine (who had been very dishonest about her motivations for our friendship and had been trying to harass me into turning our friendship sexual) threatened to kill me and she said "I don't know why you are making such a big deal about it," I caved in and really did begin to hate women.

Most of the time this hatred lies dormant. I figure that the best thing I can do for myself and for women is to keep the contact I must have with them to a minimum, and to keep as much distance between them and myself as possible. It is rather like hanging a sign on a fence that says "Beware of VERY bad dog." Stay outside the fence, and everything is fine. But, come through the gate at your own risk. Leave me the hell alone and I will leave you alone.

Misogynists are not born, they are made.

I am still baffled at all the women who seem to expect men to live on a steady diet of hatred and man bashing, and somehow magically metabolize this toxic diet into "love" for women and a desire to see good things come to them. When I work real hard, I can make the anger cold and take no joy when bad things happen to women. I simply regard it with indifference. When I hear a woman whine about being victimized, I simply tune her out and go elsewhere.
When a woman smiles at me, I think of an old ethic bashing joke – "What does a _____ say instead of 'fuck you?'" Answer "Trust Me."

I will not allow most women in my house unless I have known her a long time and she is old enough to have escaped being infected with the plague of man hating or is escorted by someone I trust, nor will I enter theirs except on the same conditions. If I pass a woman stranded on the road, I will not stop to help her because it is as likely as not that she will be afraid of me. That's fine. She's a fish without a bicycle – I have no place in her world, nor her in mine.

Man bashing and man hating harms women, because it makes men hate them back – eventually. A puppy returns love for love, but if you beat it will eventually turn mean and will one day turn on you when you raise your fist or your stick (or the club of words) to hit it. Men are no different. When women talk about treating men like dogs, I wish they would. It would be an improvement. Most women treat their dogs far better than they treat their men.

Somewhere along the line, I went through a metamorphosis. I changed from a man who loved women and thought

they were just about the greatest thing in the world, to a man who can't stand them, or anything about them.

I'm sick and tired of the lies that women tell about men, I'm sick and tired of their victim games, I'm sick and tired of hatred and bashing I have to put up with when I am around them. I am sick and tired of the arrogant contempt in which they seem to hold me and all other men. I am sick to death of the way that some of them feel the need to seek me out to piss me off. A couple of years back, at the funeral of my uncle, as fine a man as I have ever known, some woman felt the need to start a conversation with me as I sat with my private grief. She wanted me to agree with her that men don't ask for directions.

How could anyone be so stupid and socially incompetent? When men came up to me to talk, it was always with something like "Your uncle was a fine man," not, "aren't men headstrong and stupid?"

Invariably, when I tell a woman about all this, she tries to argue with me and say something like "get over it," or "why don't you take the gender out of it?" In return I ask, "Why the hell don't you women get over it, and take the gender out of it?"

I would like nothing better than to be left in peace, and allow women to enjoy the absence of my company which they find so annoying and unpleasant. Every day, a few more men got through the transformation and become like me. We don't get our guns and shoot a few women; we don't beat them up; because what women have been saying about us all these years is just flat wrong. But, there's no point in trying to tell women that because they have become so certain of their superiority that the best way to deal with them is to leave them to it, and the company of their other fishy friends.

Videos of Argus Eyes reading this essay are available here - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5A87VbJUY6g and here – http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nH4poAZKeak

Book Review: The Return of the Great Depression

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The Book: The Return of the Great Depression, by Vox Day, 267 pages.

Click here to read my (much briefer) book review on Amazon.

The Gist: This latest book by WND columnist Vox Day documents his case that the Great Depression, a distant memory to all but the oldest among us, is fixing to happen again with a vengeance. The book opens with a vivid description of the scene in go-go Tokyo in the late 1980s, a scene much like an irrationally exuberant New York city in the early 2000s, in which the whole of the Japanese economy was drunk on the easy money of the Heisei boom and was convinced of its can't lose prosperity. Yet we know the fate that befell the Japanese soon after–the Japanese economy quickly fell from its apex of power and influence and crashed, destroying billions of yen's worth of wealth and resulting in years of hard times know as the Lost Decade. Twenty years hence, the Japanese economy still hasn't recovered, growth is still flat, and the Japanese central bank's attempts to stimulate the economy into life with near-zero interest rates were and remain ineffectual.

Day uses the example of the late 1980s Japanese experience…a people's whose "pride and glory on display" only to be later "transformed into farce and indignity" as their prosperity vanished…as a metaphor for the fate that awaits the USA and much of the rest of the world. Day spends the bulk of this tome methodically demonstrating the validity of this metaphor for the reader, first by explaining how easy, low-cost bank credit–in other words, loans with exceptionally low interest rates–begets boom times and economic malformation. But the consumption upon which the cycle of usurious debt* depends has its limits, ceilings beyond which even the most profligate government/banking "stimulus" cannot pass. There is a limit to how much the consumer will load themselves up with debt, just as there is a limit to how many cars, televisions, refrigerators, and DVDs they can reasonably enjoy, just as there is a limit to how cheap the government can make the money (see the lower right-hand corners of RGD Figures 1.1 and 2.1 below). When this happens, attempts to reinflate the bubble with progressively easier and easier money fail, and the inevitable economic reset to intrinsic, uninflated value occurs. This reset to actual value is know as a recession if minor, or a depression if major.

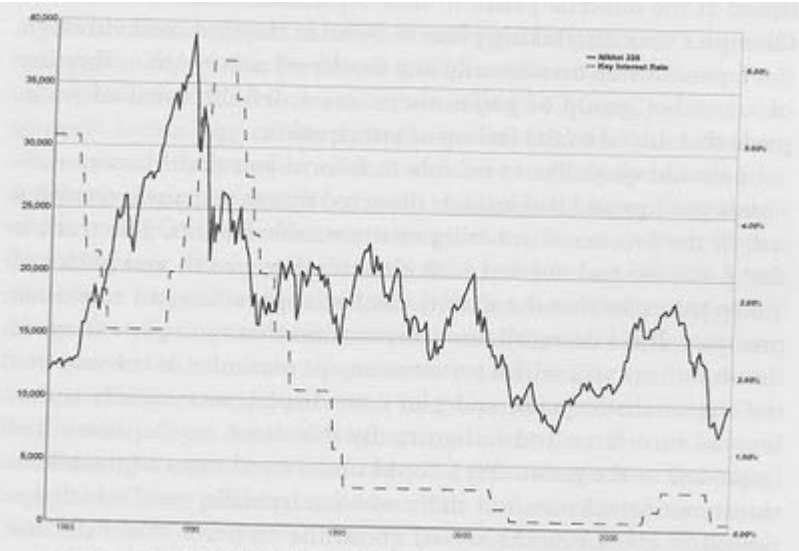
Figure 1.1. Nikkei 225 and key interest rates, 1985–2009

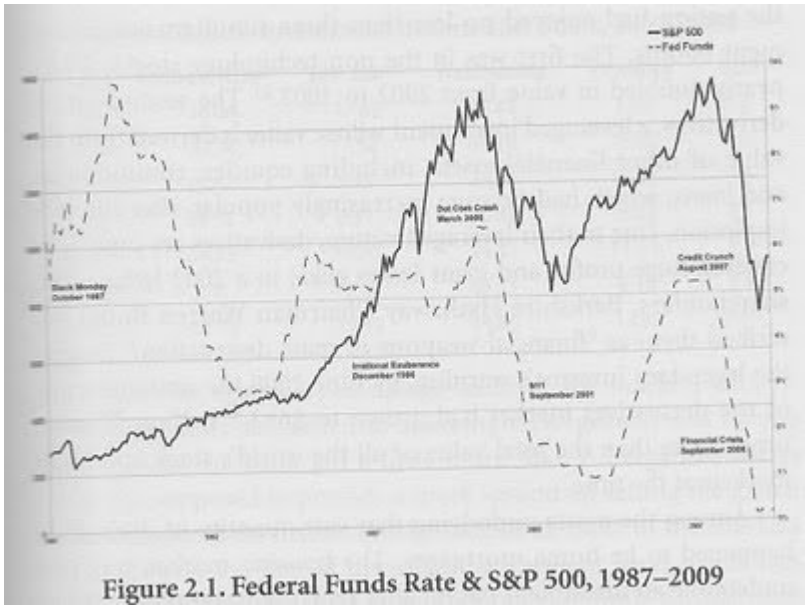

Figure 2.1. Federal Funds Rate & S&P 500, 1987–2009

These graphs demonstrate what happens when the government can't make money any cheaper to stimulate more consumption. Nothing happens. Even stimulus after stimulus has little effect. Note how low the interest rates are in Figure 1.1, representing the Japanese economy. The Nikkei is flat, despite desperate attempts to re-inflate the investment bubble with cheap money.

Next, Day ably shows how the three major data points (plus a fourth introduced later in the book that I include for discussion here) used to measure economic performance and economic/monetary intervention is hopelessly flawed and invalid. He states:

> The truth is that no one really knows anything…the mass of numbers, figures, and reports, and statistics are all very crude approximations that do little more than create the illusion of accuracy.

Day backs up this bold statement by examining each of the these four metrics in detail. The first of these metrics, gross domestic product (GDP), is a dataset constantly in flux, subject as it is to continuous revision. Now revisions or refinements of a percent or two may not sound like much, one or two percent of a trillion-dollar economy is no small figure. What's more, historical GDP is often revised upward–in the government's favor, naturally–by government-employed statisticians, sometimes altering the historical record so much that significant economic events like the recession of 2001 are often "revised" out of existence. How one is supposed make good decisions based on historical data when the historical measures themselves are subject to such revisionist shenanigans at any time is somewhat lost on me.

The second measure, consumer price index (CPI), is shown by Day to also be fatally flawed, primarily by virtue of its heavily politicized nature (CPI is often kept artificially low so as to prevent large COLA increases), making it extremely vulnerable to political manipulation. But it is also defective in Day's eyes because the CPI measure most commonly used, "core" CPI, is hardly core at all, as it fails to account for key components of consumer expenses, most notably, food and energy. Day finds this amusing, because, as he quips, "so few consumers buy groceries, heat their homes, or fill their cars with gasoline". In fact, core CPI fails to account for approximately 60% of any given household's monthly expenditures. Moreover, using this flawed measure as a barometer of inflation and/or overall economic health is a mistake because, just as it underreports price inflation apparent to the consumer, it also underreports price *deflation*. In other words, in these tough economic times, those who would fancy themselves captains at the helm of our national economy, using these indexes, would have little clue as to the magnitude of the actual contraction that has already taken place. As the saying goes, GIGO, and decisions based upon crappy measures cannot help but be crappy decisions themselves.

Table 4.4. Price Comparisons, April 1998 and April 2008 [71]

Price and Income	April 1998	April 2008	CPI-U (32%)	Actual Increase
White bread, per lb.	$0.86	$1.37	$1.14	59.3 percent
Fresh whole milk, per gal	2.67	3.8	3.52	42.3 percent
Tomatoes, per lb.	1.4	1.77	1.85	26.4 percent
Peanut butter, creamy, per lb.	1.81	1.98	2.39	9.4 percent
Cola, non-diet, per 2 liters	1.07	1.33	1.41	24.3 percent
Beefsteak, per lb.	3.67	5.28	4.84	43.9 percent
Gasoline, all types, per gal.	1.11	3.49	1.47	214.1 percent
Fuel oil #2, per gal.	0.92	3.88	1.21	321.7 percent
Utility piped gas, 100 therms	65.87	142.73	86.95	116.7 percent
Electricity per 500 kwh	45.74	62.15	60.38	35.9 percent
Median single family house	132300	200700	174636	51.7 percent
Mortgage payments	719	966	949	34.5 percent
Income	22753	27530	30034	20.9 percent
BLS avg weekly wages	441	454	582.12	2.9 percent

Note the delta between the projected increase in prices according to CPI and the actual movement of prices. Should make you sleep better at night to know that your leaders are using such wonderfully accurate data to make such monumental decisions with

The third index, unemployment, is tricky to measure since employment itself is a very subjective concept, fraught with arbitrary definitions–for example, where does one draw the line between “fully employed”, “partially employed”, and “unemployed”?–deemed necessary from an statistical analysis standpoint, and thoroughly imbued with the subjective opinions of disgruntled out-of-work former laborers. It gets worse: the BLS also doesn’t count as employed those who haven’t worked in the last four weeks and have no intention of returning to work. Thus the SAHM who chooses to stay home is lumped together with the wastrel childless wife who sits at home all day, pops bon-bons and watches soap operas, the out-of-work bank teller who has looked and looked and looked for work but can’t find it and has given up, and the reluctant hausfrau who wishes to gain remunerative employment but cannot because it costs too much in child care and other expenses for her to (re)join the labor force. Added to mixing of apples and oranges, Day calculates that the most widely used measure of official employment, U-3, only captures the working habits of a mere 14% of the non-institutionalized** population aged 16 and over. Thus Day shows that the standard measure of unemployment, and even its slightly broader sibling, U-6, are both extremely limited in their representativeness of the overall population as well as their validity in characterizing the employment state of that population.

Fourth is the money supply, which one would think would be easy to track: simply count the notes in circulation. But this is not the case: currency in circulation is merely a fraction of the money supply. This fraction is known as M1. But as with the previous three, nothing is quite that simple, and other aggregates of the money supply, M0, M2 and M3, track progressively larger and more amorphous approximations of total number of dollars in circulation. But as this editorial states, even the broadest measure of the total amount of money in circulation, M3 (which the Fed stopped publishing a few years ago) itself doesn’t come close to accounting for the total amount of credit that it out there. One would think this measure would be quite important to track, yet the Fed seems unconcerned with the explosive growth in the money supply and the impact that this growth has on the behavior of the economy as a whole or on the time-preferences of each of the billions of individual actors within that economy.

Piggybacking on his contention that “no one knows anything”, Day then contends that a nation’s economy is too large, with too many actors, for anyone to exert any modicum of control. As justification, Day compares attempts to control the economy to an intractable problem from the physical sciences called the “n-body problem“, which, simply stated, is the geometrically increasing complexity of calculating the movement through space of an n number of celestial objects, each gravitationally interacting with all the others. Each actor in the national economy is likened to a body in the n-body problem, and the reader is then invited to consider just how complex this

computation would be, with literally billions of economic actors in the economic universe. Econometrists have been fully aware of this computational complexity as well as its mathematical intractability since at least the 17th century; consequently the field of econometrics side-steps the n-body problem entirely by simplifying the behaviors of each of the actors in the n-body problem to a few approximations that permit their equations to be resolved. In short, they turn the massive, un-solvable n-body problem into a nice, elegant 3- or 4-body problem. Yet, as with any simplification, errors result, errors that render the entire model's predictive ability worthless. This simplification (and its effects on the models built using such simplification techniques) is known as the "Ricardian Vice". Unfortunately for us, the Keynesian economic model upon which our modern political economy is now based*** follows the same pattern…each of the aforementioned major statistics that are used to "control" our economy suffer from the Ricardian Vice, as are the billions upon billions of individual economic transactions somehow summed up by a wave of the Ricardian hand into generalized behaviors that fail to account for the small acts that individuals have that may result in large effects on the overall state of the economy. The following quote summarizes Days argument in this section of the book thusly:

> What the theoretical economists and the practical financiers alike have failed to take into account is that the impossibility of socialist calculation applies to the price of money as well to the prices of goods and services. A central banker has no more ability to correctly ascertain the intersection of the collective supply and demand curves for money in a modern economy than the historical communist planner was able to calculate the correct number of shoes required in the now-defunct socialist economies

If Keynesian economics, a school of thought that seeks to defeat the business cycle through the use of technical measures such as those highlighted previously to foster endless economic growth, is demonstrably theoretically and empirically unsuccessful at accomplishing either task, to what then does Mr. Day ascribe its popularity? The answer lays in the political top-cover that Keynesianism provides to politicians who happily exploit it as a pretext to engage in never-ending government expansionism and the spending this expansionism engenders. This top-cover is a two-fer: not only does it give the politician the appearance of "doing something" through so-called "stimulus",**** but it also allows the pol to take credit for the good times created through easy credit.

A word here is required about psychology. Day points out in his book how many times Keynesian theory mentions the words "psychology" and "psychological". While possibly being a product of the times…after all, Freud's theories were all the rage when Keynes wrote his General Theory, it certainly suggests that a major part of Keynesian and neo-Keynesian theory concentrates not on empirical, scientific control of the economy but on a psychological feel-good campaign to prop up consumer confidence so that the consumer continues borrow-and-spend to consume. Like a shark that must keep swimming to breathe, the (neo)Keynesian economy depends on consumers taking out loans for material consumption, and anything that causes them to save and not spend (or the banks to refuse to lend) threatens the oxygen supply for the entire economy. Thus the emphasis placed on stimulus, enticing the consumer to take out loans and buy things, on happy talk from the various Administrations and Wall Street financiers, and on getting the banks to be willing to risk loaning out again.

Next, Day expounds briefly on the Fed and how the Fed's actions launch the business boom-bust cycle predicted by Austrian economic theory. Day demonstrates that, rather than being a watchdog to control inflation as is often (but erroneously) thought, the Federal Reserve Bank is actually the initiator of monetary inflation. Readers are informed that this is also not without precedent…the Fed is actually the fourth incarnation of a central bank in US history, each of its predecessors having self-destructed for engaging in inflation of the nation's currency. It seems that one of the first things that a central bank does, particularly one that engages in fractional reserve banking, is inflate the currency; the current Fed is presently on the same track, having engaged in rampant inflation that has reduced the value of the dollar to a nickel in less than a century. It is this inflationary extension of bank credit that, according to Austrian-school monetary theory, sets the stage for expansionary booms, malinvestment, economic bust and bank runs, and economic contraction.

Thus far, Day has built the case that it is impossible to control the economy in the ways that our leaders and

financial professional think they can, and certainly not with such crude tools. Moreover, Day introduces us to the inevitability of the debt-fuelled boom-bust business cycle, and how the Keynesian remedies that supposedly smooth out the boom-bust cycle merely pour more fuel onto the fire. Yet these by themselves do not necessarily spell GD2; to that end, Day offers ten exhibits as to why the recession the world entered in 2008, if not delayed off by "successful" economic intervention, will deepen into a worldwide depression in the near future:

1. The investment boom leading up to 2008 was bigger and broader than in 1929. Interest rates were lower, and the duration of the expansion was longer and affected a much broader proportion of the economy in 2008 than in the times leading up to GD1.

2. Counter-cyclical fiscal policy was enacted on a bigger and wider scale than in 1929.

3. There is less margin today for government intervention than in 1929. The government had much more *lebensraum* to enact debt-fuelled economic "stimulus" back then than today.

4. Loan defaults are spreading into other sectors of the economy.

5. The "rescued" banks and corporations, rather than being returned to health, were instead resurrected as "zombies". The "too-big-to-fail" policy merely propped up unhealthy businesses while short-circuiting the process of creative destruction and reallocation of resources necessary for an economy to recover from malinvestment.

6. Derivatives and the credit contraction multiplier. This refers to the contraction of every dollar and the collapse of the credit that is leveraged upon each, sometimes as large as a factor of 40. However, rather than "unwinding" these debt derivatives, the banksters are in effect "doubling down" on their bets.

7. Labor inefficiency. This refers to policies that encourage partial employment, such as employing two people at 20 hours per week than one person at 40 hours per week. Indications are that companies in the US are increasingly electing to under-employ their workers rather than simply laying them off, perhaps due to the social costs inherent in full-time versus part-time workers.

8. A shortage of war, at least one in which the country is the victor. However, Day suggests that socioeconomic theory suggests that the longer a downturn lasts, the greater the probability that a depression-inspired war will occur.

9. The economic drag effect from environmental legislation such as Waxman-Markley.

10. Socio-nomic patterns and the "Grand Supercycle" bear wave. Elliot wave theory posits that we are on the cusp of a global downturn of huge proportions.

Mr. Day marries up these ten reasons that the economy is headed for a downturn with six potential future outcomes. These outcomes are, in order of his forecasted probability: Great Depression II, the Great Recession that doesn't fully develop into a depression, hyperinflation and stagnating growth, a jobless recovery, "Fallout 4″, live and in color, and a V-shaped recession culminating in a return to a happy-days-are-here-again bull market. It should come as no surprise that to the reader that, given the case he makes in his book, Day believes GD2 to be the most probable and, if Austrian theory is to be believed, the most healthy for our country overall. Thus, Mr. Day suggests that we're in store for a GD2 that will be one-third worse than GD1, with a 35% decline in real GDP over a five-year period and a bottom on 2012 or 2013 at a Dow below 1,500. Stern and sobering stuff.

Day ends his book with a laundry list of things that the US could do immediately to bring about economic recovery. 1. **Stop digging**. Raise interest rates, allow deflation, and permit the deleveraging process to begin. 2. **No more bailouts** that create zombie banks and zombie companies. 3. **Cut takes in half**. This permits consumers to deleverage themselves faster, as well as help shape the economy in a way that is congruent with consumer preferences. 4. **Require a supermajority for federal spending**. It goes without saying that there should not be a third simulus package. 5. **Audit the Fed**. Find out where the ugly truths are, and expose the inner workings of this semi-independent institution to the light of day (no pun intended). 6. **Repeal** laws that partially nationalize the financial industry. 7. **Withdraw American troops** from all overseas locations. War is expensive, and these

resources are and will be needed elsewhere. 8. **Stop the expansion of the labor force** and the collapse of wages by halting immigration and establishing incentives to permit married women with children to raise them at home. 9. **Ban bankster bonuses** and other perverse use of the taxpayer's money. Since they signed up for the people's money, they should have no truck with following the people's terms. 10. **End the Fed**.

My analysis: Putting aside the occasional typo error, which ocurred with some frequency toward the end of the book, overall, I thought this was a good book on par with Sowell's *Basic Economics* in terms of the "a ha!"-producing, connect-the-dots moments it provided. The book itself isn't terribly technical, and it is appropriate for beginners not steeped in Austrian economic theory, although a basic background certainly does help since Day's Austrian orientation undergirds his entire argument. I myself found grateful that I had previously read Rothbard's *America's Great Depression*; Rothbard's tome certainly helped to provide the cognitive backdrop useful to understanding Day's book.

One of the things I liked best about this book is how it absolutely shreds the idea that smoothing out business cycles using technical analysis and intervention is even remotely possible, or should even be attempted in the first place. Here Day's argument dovetails nicely with Sowell's…that there is no way that the socialist planner can know all the information at every point of transaction in an economy…and thus the same principle of lack of sufficient knowledge extends to bankers and monetary authorities as well.

Reading this book, I was also interested to note the Fed and the Bank of Japan take an active role in monetary policy management whereas the Swiss National Bank, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, the Riksbank of Sweden, and the Reserve Bank of Austria take a more mechanistic rules-based policy of monetary management. I wonder if there is a correlative relationship between the large Japanese/American investment bubbles and the smaller ones in these other countries as a result of this active management style?

Lastly, I also very much appreciated Mr. Day's casting of the field of economics as "the study of political economy". This terminology reinforces the fact that economics is not a physical science but more a study of the interactions of people, institutions, and governmental organs. In other words, politics. And politics often trumps facts, and any attempt to study the field without considering the effect of irrational politics on supposedly rational transactions in an economy will likely fall short.

* For more reading on usury lending, I suggest a trip here.

** U-3 also excludes other institutionalized populations, such as the uniformed US military, which was a whopping 2.2M in FY2005.

*** I found the footnote on the bottom of page 157 particularly apt: "Mainstream economics today is largely an incoherent synthesis of Keynesianism with Friedmanite empiricism tarted up with econometrics and flavored with a dash of neo-classicism. It seldom makes any sense, for the very logical reason that it is not a theoretical system but a collection of concepts taken from various economic theories.

**** The below table drawn from RGD shows the timing of each anti-recession stimulus package. Note how each comes "late to need"

Table 6.2. U.S. Recessions, 1948–1990

Recession Starts	Recession Ends	Anti-Recession Legislation
Nov 1948	Oct 1949	Oct 1949
Aug 1957	Apr 1958	Jul 1958
Apr 1960	Feb 1961	May 1961, Sep 1962
Dec 1969	Nov 1970	Aug 1971
Nov 1973	Mar 1975	Mar 1975, Jul 1976, May 1977
Jul 1981	Nov 1982	Mar 1983
Jul 1990	Nov 1991	Nov 1991, Apr 1993

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Communicating Thoughts and Thinking About Communication; The Duality of Reason

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(Author's note: this piece was originally prepared as an essay for a philosophical conference, and so was so tailored to be as general as possible. The application to men's rights should be obvious and I encourage readers to comment on various points raised in the essay as they apply specifically to men's rights. There should be plenty of points of departure.)

1. Introduction

The objective of philosophy, in the broadest and most fundamental sense, is concerned with thinking. But this begs the obvious question – what is thinking? One professor at the University of Utah asked his students this simple question with varying results:

> I recently asked some college honor students to define thinking. After pondering the question, a student majoring in sociology said, "It consists of reflecting on some idea or insight and exploring its logical connections and implications for making sense out of something." In response to the same question, an English major responded: "It's the ability to write a convincing argument in support of a particular point of view." According to a premedical student majoring in biology, "Thinking is the ability to use information for analyzing data in order to solve some problem." A philosophy major said without hesitation, "It's a critical openness to new ideas as one explores their logical foundations." And a student whose major is undecided said "It's what I'm trying to do in response to your darn question." (Geersteen, 2003)

It seems that a precise definition eludes consensus; indeed, as American writer and television producer J. Michael Straczynski once famously remarked, "The quality of our thoughts is bordered on all sides by our facility with language" (Lewis, 2009). The purpose of this essay is to more closely examine the link between language and thought, and put forth the foundation for an argument that asserts that language *is*, more or less, thought, as well as consider the implications of that idea.

2. Evolution of Language

In his work, Evolutionary Biology of Language, Martin A. Nowak goes to great lengths to establish a logical model that tracks the way in which a simple system of symbols could have evolved into modern language. His model involves quite a bit of advanced logic and mathematical concepts (which are beyond the scope of this essay), but the basic idea is that language evolved from a rigid system of limited symbols whereby one object had one symbol to the more modern system which allows for (perhaps) unlimited expression of ideas and events. Another expert who has also tracked the evolution of language remarks on the character of modern language systems: "Present-day human languages can be readily deployed to talk about events, objects, people and places far removed in space and time from the act of speaking, and the signs used to talk about such displaced referents have no detectable physical similarity to the referents themselves" (Urban, 2002).

Nowak (2000) incorporates arguments about evolution in his analysis of language: "Evolution relies on the transfer of information from one generation to the next. For billions of years this process was limited to the transfer of genetic information. Language facilitates the transfer of non-genetic information and thus leads to a new mode of evolution." Essentially, he asserts that language has evolutionary advantages, and thus more effective (or "fit") systems of languages would be the ones that get passed down from our ancestors, while less "fit" systems would become extinct. How do systems become more or less fit? It has to do with how many symbols and how many definitions there are in a system:

> In other words, adding the possibility of describing more and more objects (or concepts) to the repertoire of a

> language cannot increase the maximum amount of information transfer beyond a certain limit. If, in addition, we assume that objects have different values, then we find that the maximum fitness is usually achieved by limiting the repertoire of the language to a small number of objects. Increasing the repertoire of the language can reduce fitness. Hence natural selection will prefer communication systems with limited repertoires.

He goes on to assert that "successful communication increases the survival probability or performance during life history and hence enhances the expected number of offspring. Thus, language is of adaptive value and contributes to biological fitness."

If languages which retain fewer concepts ("reduced repertoires") have increased biological fitness and evolutionary advantage, how did modern language come to be so complex and accommodate so much ambiguity and confusion? Nowak (2000) offers his thoughts in his conclusion (emphasis my own):

> Efficient and unambiguous communication together with easy learnability of the language is rewarded in terms of pay-off and fitness. While we think that these are absolutely fundamental and necessary assumptions for much of language evolution, *we also note the seemingly unnecessary complexity of current languages.* Certainly, systems designed by evolution are often not optimized from an engineering perspective. Moreover, it seems likely that at times *evolutionary forces were at work to make things more ambiguous and harder to learn, such that only a few selected listeners could understand the message.* If a good language performance enhances the reputation of the group, *we can also imagine an arms race towards increased and unnecessary complexity.* Such a process can drive the numbers of words and rules beyond what would be best for efficient information exchange. This should be the subject of papers to come. (Nowak, 2000)

Here Nowak admits to one of the most fundamental problems with language – the way in which it can be ideologized. Before I tackle that idea, which deals with large social systems, let us first examine more mundane dangers associated with misunderstandings of language.

3. Language Assumptions

"Everyone who reads this paper knows of the order of 50,000 words of his primary language. These words are stored in the 'mental lexicon' together with one or several meanings, and some information about how they relate to other words and how they fit into sentences" (Nowak, 2000). Language is a fundamental fact of human existence, but it is also one that is taken for granted. As the quote above illustrates, we all have a sort of mental dictionary we tote around, and during communication, it is all too natural to assume that the definition we have in mind for a word we use when we are speaking matches the definition that our listener has in mind for the same word. Often times, conflicts that arise as a result of this are minimal, but other times they can have important consequences. Imagine a scenario where a friendly girl tosses around the phrase "I love you" in the most trivial of ways, utilizing the phrase as a sort of goodbye, which seems so common these days. (Her interpretation of the word *love* is casual and can be supported by more than one of the many definitions found in any number of dictionaries – the dictionary.com website has no less than 14 definitions for *love*.) In a communication moment with someone who thinks of the word *love* as having more gravitas, she is bound to create a miscommunication – the person to whom she is speaking will receive an entirely different message than the one she intends. This could result in disappointment for her listener, such as in the case of her listener being a man who was infatuated with her. Twist the scenario a bit, and imagine she did mean the more serious interpretation of *love*, whereas her male listener assumed she meant a more casual one, and now *she* is prone to feel the negative impacts of communication loss.

Recall Nowak's (2000) idea of language fitness, first visited above: "…The fitness contribution of a language can be formulated as the probability that two individuals know the correct word for a given event summed over all events and weighted with the rate of occurrence of these events." Essentially, a language is more "fit" if the chances of the speaker and listener having the same definition for a word (*love* in the previous example) are high. It follows that the higher the number of disparate definitions for the same word there are in a given language, the less fit that

language becomes. English seems especially rife with words that have numerous and disparate meanings, and it is no exaggeration to say that a 15-page paper could be written on this subject alone. I implore you to consider the use of words such as “socialist,” “communist,” “harassment,” “equality,” “family values,” “oppression,” or nearly any other politically charged word in the public sphere, with the idea that the person speaking the word could be talking about something entirely different from the person listening to the word, even though they are both considering the same word. Since this essay is concerned only with impelling contemplation, the previous analyses should suffice as a primer on this particular point.

However, definitions of words are not the only assumptions we make regarding language. The literature establishes that the average person is both ignorant and arrogant when it comes to language, a rather dangerous combination:

> In matters of language history, structure, function, and standardization, the average individual is, for the most part, simultaneously uninformed and highly opinionated. When asked directly about language use, most people will draw a very solid basic distinction of ’standard’ (proper, correct) English vs. everything else. (Lippi-Green, 1994)

That we posit the existence of something called language can itself be considered an assumption, which, furthermore, has an impact on how human societies are organized:

> Beliefs about what is or is not a real language, and underlying these beliefs, the notion that there are distinctly identifiable languages that can be isolated, named, and counted, enter into strategies of social domination. Such beliefs…have contributed to profound decisions about, for example, the civility or even the humanity of subjects of colonial domination. They also qualify or disqualify speech varieties from certain institutional uses and their speakers from access to domains of privilege. (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994)

More examples of how language has a tangible impact on our lives will be discussed later. We hold other assumptions about language that are of paramount philosophical importance. Indeed, how we think about language may impact perceptions as fundamental as how we define ourselves: “Language socialization studies have demonstrated connections among folk theories of language acquisition, linguistic practices, and key cultural ideas about personhood” (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). Moreover, thoughts regarding language (especially in the Western nations, like the United States) underpin assumptions regarding the nature of reality: “In the vernacular belief system of Western culture, language standards are not recognized as human artifacts, but are naturalized by metaphors such as that of the free market” (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). This stands in stark contrast to a more reasoned and self-examined perspective, informed by a more comprehensive understanding of language, its functions, and its evolution:

> Deconstructive rhetorical analysis is based on the premise that all claims to transcendent truths are radically undercut by the fact that they are made within a given language and culture which impose limits on the thought and perception of individuals making the claim. We do not have unmediated access to a truth; rather, our view of the world is a function of a set of culturally constructed assumptions which shape our perception of the truth…Deconstructive critics also assert, though, that rhetoric is always open to multiple interpretations which are themselves a function of the interpreters’ own beliefs and values. Any deconstructive reading is offered as one among many possible interpretations.” (Blanton, McLaughlin, & Moorman, 1994)

A key point here is that not only is language ineffective for establishing perfectly objective observations of reality form the perspective of the speaker, it also depends upon the interpretations of the listener. Thus, miscommunication can result either from poorly phrased speaking or from various deficiencies in the listener. For example, while a speaker’s poor accent can increase the odds of communication loss, a listener’s desire to understand the speaker is perhaps even more important:

> …Accent…is most likely to pose a barrier to effective communication when two elements are lacking. The first is a basic level is communicative competence on the part of the speaker…. The second element, even more important but far more difficult to assess, is the listener's good will. Without the goodwill, the speaker's…degree of communicative competence is irrelevant. Prejudiced listeners cannot hear what a person has to say, because accent, as a mirror of social identity and a litmus test for exclusion, is more important." (Lippi-Green, 1994)

The assumptions of language we take for granted can be exploited through the imposition of language ideologies.

4. Language Ideologies

The phrase "language ideology" is defined by different authors in different ways, but for the purpose of this essay I provide the following: "The definition [of language ideology] used here is: a bias toward an abstracted, idealized, homogenous spoken language which is imposed from above, and which takes as its model the written language. The most salient feature is the goal of suppression of variation of all kinds" (Lippi-Green, 1994). In other words, a language ideology seeks to impose a *standard* of language upon as many potential speakers as possible (for example, within a nation as in a national language, though certain social groups may exclude others on the basis of 'official' languages).

Considering that language can be crucial to how one defines one's place in the world (as examined in the article Language and Borders), such totalitarian impositions have observable consequences:

> The phrase "language and borders" suggests that language differences signify categories of person defined by ethnic or national origin and that these categories are opposed to each other. People act in ways that are taken as "having" a language, which is equated to "belonging" to an origin group. Borders emerge in specific contexts as a metonymy of person, language, and origin category. This metonymy can be fleeting or quite rigid and in varying degrees politicized. (Urciuoli, 1995)

Stated more simply, the language a person speaks comes to fully define that person in the perception of others. Ideas like ethnicity and nationality could be deconstructed as nothing more than a difference in language. Urciuoli (1995) goes on further to say, "What does exist, in any society, is the fact of linguistic variation from which people deploy language forms in acts of identity. From such acts, people's sense of community, group, and language emerge in specific places and times." This need not be interpreted only with regards to nations – think also of subcultures, such as internet gaming communities, the military, or any other culture which has a language unto itself.

Due to length considerations, this essay cannot fully examine the ways in which various parts of language have important implications. The literature points out that accents play a key role in the way a listener perceives a speaker: "…Prosidics and accents…are key in the perception of ethnic and race boundaries that thread their way through ordinary situations and that have real-world consequences for people's social options" (Urciuoli, 1995). Additionally, notions regarding systems of writing and literacy are fueled by cultural factors: "Anthropological studies of literacy…recognized belatedly that it is not an autonomous, neutral technology, but rather is culturally organized, ideologically grounded, and historically contingent, shaped by political, social, and economic forces" (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). I would now like to take the time to examine the counterargument that language is not the only way to think, that surely there must be some other way of thinking.

5. Alternative Models of Thinking

The most common split in cognition theories is that humans are capable of thinking verbally and mathematically, and that these two modes of thinking are distinct from each other. Such a worldview is evident in the organization of the SAT exam, for example, which is split between math and verbal components. Nowak (2000) seems to hint that language is not the only mode of thinking when he writes, "Our language performance relies on precisely

coordinated interactions of various parts of our neural and other anatomy, and we are amazingly good at it. We can all speak without thinking. In contrast, we cannot perform basic mathematic operations without concentration."

Let us examine mathematical thinking more closely. At first glance, the literature is convincing in establishing mathematical thinking as distinct from thinking through language:

> Most schools assume that teaching mathematics compulsorily and over a number of years they are providing the conditions through which pupils will develop their mathematical thinking. This assumption, usually unchallenged, rests on a view of mathematics as a logically developed discipline, together with the expectation that the logic will spill over and be absorbed by the pupils into all aspects of their lives as they pursue a study of the content of mathematics, for example, in learning number, geometry, trigonometry, or algebra. Experience, however, tells a very different story…Certainly an inordinate amount of time in schools is spent teaching mathematical content and techniques while the process, the means through which mathematics is derived, receives little attention….Exploring process is not very profitable when teachers do not understand the kinds of thinking from which process springs. (Burton, 1984)

In summary, mathematical thinking is a different process for thinking, and one assumes it would be distinct in nature from thinking through language. However, once the literature is read more deeply, apparent distinctions evaporate (emphasis the author's own): "The process is initiated by encountering an element with enough surprise or curiosity to impel exploration of it by *manipulating*… Although the sense of what is happening is vague, further manipulating is required until the sense can be expressed is an *articulation*" (Burton, 1984). Expressing an articulation? Isn't that the precise point of language? Yet wait, there's more (emphasis my own):

> Pupils need tools to help them structure their responses so that they can build their reflective powers. Further, they need encouragement to *capture their feelings at the moment of expression.* Consequently, students of all ages have been *encouraged to develop the use of particular words* that reflect their responses as they tackle questions…*The key to recognizing and using mathematical thinking lies in creating an atmosphere that builds confidence to question, challenge, and reflect.* (Burton, 1984)

I assert that mathematics is just another type of language which is also based on symbols (generally, numbers instead of words), and that, in fact, all human thinking is symbolic in nature. There is a school of thought which asserts truth through symbolic logic, and it is worth examining at this juncture.

6. Symbolic Logic

What is symbolic logic? Aside from a rule system that has useful applications in computer programing and math, for instance, I assert it is nothing more than another language. In any event, one proponent describes it as follows (emphasis my own):

> …Symbolic logic, is, in its broadest sense, a new science which studies through use of efficient symbols the nature and properties of all nonnumerical relations, seeking *precise meanings* and necessary conclusions. As an applied science, it holds immense promise. For example, it may give us an *unambiguous language* for political, economic, and social fields, which will conveniently reflect the structure of these fields and make discussion and analysis easy. (Berkeley, 1942)

Symbolic logic seeks "precise meanings" and supplies us an "unambiguous language…" It should be clear at this point that it is nothing more than another language (and thus owes no higher claim to The Truth than any other language), but, the following quote about one of symbolic language's chief powers may help shed some more light on the situation (emphasis my own): "We observe first that symbolic logic can *define certain ideas* which neither mathematics nor the dictionary can possibly define; for example, symbolic logic can define number." (Berkeley, 1942) There again, symbolic logic is concerned with defining things (and it is even said later in the article that

symbolic language competes with dictionaries); how can one not conclude it is just another language?

For those unfamiliar, symbolic language did indeed take off as a philosophical idea and has had many practical and important impacts. However, as mentioned before, it is no more a path to conceptualizing The Truth or reality as any other path. It is still a language, though a refined one, and still subject to the pitfalls of language (emphasis author's own):

> As we noted earlier, no language, as the product of a given culture and history, can claim to have unmediated access to the real. Making such a simple assertion implies a kind of cultural arrogance, forgetful as it is of the multiplicity of languages and of the linguistic reality that each provides a variety of ways to structure the real. Language is a mediational tool which enables the construction of cultural reality. Such terms as *real*, *authentic*, and *genuine*, especially when they are repeated without much critical self-awareness, give the impression that successful language use provides access to The Truth itself." (Blanton, McLaughlin, & Moorman, 1994)

Symbolic logic was not without critics, however.

One author wrote a multifaceted rebuttal based on logical arguments, though a full treatment of those arguments is beyond the scope of this essay. Of more relevance is the following analysis, which rejects the idea that the definitions of things should be fixed, or, in other words, that language ideologies should be enforced (emphasis author's own):

> But Formal Logic has perversely chosen to build on the fiction that the meaning of terms is (or ought to be) *fixed*, and to talk about propositions rather than judgments. So the proposition becomes a helpless formula, totally incapable of reproducing the features of living thought. It has acquired its meanings from *past* uses; but these do not protect it against 'willful modifications' at the hands of masters of language like Humpty Dumpty, who make words mean what they please…Is not the whole history of philosophy one long illustration of philosophic audacity in manipulating language, and does not experience show that philosophers frequently get away with their arbitrary modifications of '*the*' meaning of words and 'propositions?' I can not admit, therefore, that…symbolic logic [is] in any way relevant to the procedures of our actual thinking. (Schiller, 1932)

An important implication of this argument is that words/ideas/what-have-you are defined by past uses, but this provides no protection from those who would manipulate definitions for their own advancement. Thus the Jew in Nazi Germany, for instance, can suddenly become the scapegoat for an entire nation's woes. There are many examples of this but unfortunately little room for a detailed analysis; I am sure the reader can think of his or her own examples of how words have been manipulated to mean entirely different things, for good and for ill. The take away point from this section is that a more accurate conceptualization of human thinking is thus: all human thinking is symbolic – and language can be thought of as nothing more than a system of symbols created for the purposes of communication. Therefore, symbolic logic is 'just' another language, like English or mathematics.

7. Practical, or Less Abstract Implications

So far, many of the examples mentioned in this paper have been of an abstract nature. Here, I hope to provide a brief look at some real-world, practical implications to the understanding of language I have outlined above. Geersteen (2003) outlines why it is important to think more clearly:

> What makes higher-level thinking so important? To begin with, we live in a world of unprecedented change and expansion in information. New information continues to multiply as old information becomes obsolete…Constant and accelerating shifts in information mean that all members of society need greater skill in assessing and evaluating knowledge.

An understanding of language ideologies may yield answers to significant and challenging contemporary problems,

including (but certainly not limited to) those outlined in the quote below:

> Many populations around the world, in multifarious ways, posit fundamental linkages among such apparently diverse cultural categories as language, spelling, grammar, nation, gender, simplicity, intentionality, authenticity, knowledge, development, power, and tradition. But our professional attention has only begun to turn to understanding when and how those links are forged – whether by participants or their expert analysts – and what their consequences might be for linguistic and social life. A wealth of public problems hinge on language ideology. Examples from the headlines of United States newspapers include bilingual policy and the official English movement; questions about free speech and harassment; the meaning of multiculturalism in schools and texts; the exclusion of jurors who might rely on their own native-speaker understanding of non-English testimony; and the question of journalists' responsibilities and the truthful representation of direct speech. Coming to grips with such public issues means coming to grips with the nature and working of language ideology. (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994)

Indeed, an understanding of language ideologies may be critical to achieving true intellectual freedom. As was quoted in Nowak (2000)'s work above, it is not unfeasible to imagine that certain people/groups/interests have a vested interest in an "arms race" towards ever increasing complexity and ambiguity. As his work demonstrates, this is more than just a social justice issue – if the fitness of our language continues to deteriorate and we can no longer efficiently and effectively communicate with one another, we will be at an evolutionary disadvantage. How much danger we are in is up for debate, but it certainly warrants consideration.

We should be wary of ideological interpretations of language: "Important sociolinguistic changes can be set off by ideological interpretation of language use, although because they derive only from a larger social dialectic, such changes are likely to take an unintended direction, as in the historical case of the second person pronoun shift in English." (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994)

One example I would point out would be the "politically correct" movement, which seeks to define what is and is not acceptable for conversation and even intellectual debate. Such ideas are dangerous because they limit the amount of discourse in society and in the academy, and, further, can allow for certain ideologies to propagate unopposed and without critical evaluation. The whole idea of freedom of speech, after all, is to protect the ideas that we do not like to hear; the ideas that we enjoy hearing need no protection, and yet, if we do not listen to ideas we do not like, we may not be able to see the ways that the ideas we do like potentially poison our thinking (and in turn, our society and world).

Figurative speech is often employed for ideological purposes. This essay cannot hope to examine every use of figurative speech possible, but will provide one example related to the "whole language" movement in education to illustrate the point (emphasis author's own):

> We mean the term *rhetoric* to refer to the effort to persuade or argue forcefully for a position. More specifically, following a tradition that goes back to antiquity, we use it to refer to…figures of speech….An example…is the use of the word *ownership* to describe the relationship that the movement wants to foster between student writers and the texts they produce. In this context the word *ownership* is being used figuratively. It does not refer literally to an act of economic possession; rather, it uses that act as an analogy for the idea that writers can have control over and feel pride in what they write. The use of the word *ownership* in this metaphorical or figurative way serves as a rallying cry for teachers. The intense control that the word implies is a goal that teachers can strive for, a value that they can share. Thus the use of this figure attempts to persuade the uninitiated and to produce group solidarity. It serves the rhetoric of the movement. (Blanton, McLaughlin, & Moorman, 1994)

Figurative language can be evaluated critically to reveal the deepest assumptions of its users, however:

> We argue, though, that the figurative language of a text does more than persuade. Read critically, it also reveals the deepest assumptions that underlie the text's arguments. All arguments proceed from a set of assumptions held by the persons making the arguments. These assumptions are what can be taken for granted, the unquestioned 'truths' that underlie the explicit claims evident in the text. (Blanton, McLaughlin, & Moorman, 1994)

A wise philosophy professor I had the good fortune of studying under once told our class that philosophy was the business of questioning assumptions. If that is the case, we should always be on the lookout for figurative language, and seek to evaluate the assumptions that lie lurking below powerful rhetorical language.

8. Conclusion

We are left then with the simple-seeming question posed at the beginning of this paper: what is thinking, and what is the proper way to go about thinking? The answer is likewise simple: thinking and the proper way to go about are entirely up to the thinker to define. Some may deride this idea as infantile and naive; but I believe a full appreciation of the implications of this idea reveal it to be as liberating a philosophy as can be conceived – it permits true freedom of thought. As Kierkegaard once remarked: "The thing is to find a truth which is true for me, to find an idea for which I can live and die." The extent to which we can conceptualize of thinking as correct applies only so far as a thinker can effectively communicate with another through whichever language facilitates the most clarity between the two – be it English, algebra, symbolic logic, or some soon-to-be invented language. Cognizance of the communication medium and respect for differing abilities among speakers/listeners to comprehend messages encoded in that medium are paramount to understanding and commonality. Indeed, "A…crucial concept is that the burden of communication is shared, on every level, by both participants…" (Lippi-Green, 1994). Perhaps, one day, humans will evolve an entirely new system to replace symbolic thinking/language, but until that day we are compelled to live with what we have. A rigorous review and critical evaluation of the mediums we choose to communicate in, and all the associated implications, seems likely to reduce unnecessary conflict and to, dare I say, promote peace.

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Rise of the "Eco-Shrew"

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According to a recent article in The New York Times, therapists claim a rise in household "green disputes." It turns out some couples are experiencing what therapist Linda Buzzell calls a "values gap," when one of them "undergoes an environmental 'waking up' process" before the other. Leslie Kaufman reports that Christienne deTournay Birkhahn of the Marin County-based EcoMom Alliance has noticed "disputes over how green is green enough often divide along predictable lines by sex."

Of course they do.

It's not that there's anything particularly masculine or feminine about having respect for nature, being concerned about the depletion of natural resources, or taking care to protect the land around you. Recycling, when it is handled effectively and efficiently, is really just cleaning up after yourself and being less wasteful. Finding and making use of alternative energy sources is a practical contingency plan, and a way to become less dependent on foreign fuel sources. There are rational, conservative arguments to be made for many so-called "green" measures.

But it's hard to blame the husbands mentioned in this article for being skeptical or a little resistant to indulging their wives' eco-obsessions. For many women, rational environmental concern has metastasized into a full-fledged, screaming-for-trees hysteria. This constant, ascetic struggle to erase one's own carbon footprint is symptomatic of the ever-penitent far left's religious conviction that the world would truly be better off if humans—especially those fat, materialistic, Wal-Mart shopping, mean, oppressive Americans—would simply disappear. And whether you believe the sky is falling or not, the idea that a coalition of middle and upper-middle class soccer moms are going to save the world by recycling their yogurt cups is patently ridiculous. Even some environmental activists on the left doubt that all of this obsessive effort will have a significant impact.

There are other reasons why men are right to remain skeptical when saner women harp on them to adopt greener practices or nag them to buy green products.

Green is a Marketing Gimmick.

"Going green" is the best marketing gimmick aimed at women since breast cancer awareness.

Just as you can slap a pink ribbon on anything from cereal to toilet paper and get women excited about buying it, savvy marketers have discovered that women will pay more for a product that is labeled "eco-friendly." I've heard salespeople note first-hand how wet women's panties get the second you tell them your company is "going green" or drop a hint that a certain product is better for the environment. It's an easy way to turn a consumer indulgence into a feel-good buy that she can brag about to her friends. So long as she feels morally superior for buying something, it doesn't matter *how* green it really is. It doesn't matter if the company she bought it from is only recycling its old invoices, and what she's actually buying came over on a slow boat from some faraway land where it was made by starving children in a factory that's dumping toxic waste in some exotic river that empties into a valley of panda bears.

Every little bit helps, right?

Extreme Green Just Moves the Problem (And Jobs) Elsewhere.

That last bit brings me to another issue. When green hysteria inspires people to "act locally" and demand extreme environmental legislation on local industry, American and international businesses simply "think globally" and set up factories in countries with fewer regulations and cheaper labor. Importing goods requires long range shipping, in addition to domestic trucking. Long range shipping creates a tremendous amount of pollution. If we all bought from domestic factories with relaxed environmental regulations and everyone threw garbage from their windows, we'd probably be doing more to save *the planet* than we do by obsessing over household trivialities while importing so many of our goods from factories overseas. What's more, we'd be creating American jobs—manufacturing jobs,

the kinds of jobs men are more likely to do—instead of selling our own men out and shipping their jobs overseas. If you really want to go green, stop globalism, make imports a luxury again, and be ready to pay more for American labor.

Green is a Fashion Trend.

Most American women probably haven't taken green quite to the extreme that the women in the article have. They're simply caught up in the emotional excitement of the green movement, and they've been convinced by Hollywood and the media and daytime television personalities that going green is "important and the right thing to do." It makes them feel like good citizens. It appeals to their nurturing instinct by making them feel like good mothers who are doing something to make the world better for their children. And *all of their friends are doing it.*

It's been pretty obvious since the green trend really took off that "going green" was just another way to keep up with the Joneses. The first desperate housewife with a gray-water system gets to shame all of the other women around her. Instead of gossiping about how unkempt Sally's house is, or how Susan dresses like a whore, Mary and Jane can gossip about how they "just *throw* their empty bottles in the *trash*!" John Waters was ahead of the curve when he satirized the self-righteousness of the new, greener *hausfrau* in *Serial Mom*.

Many women are probably going with the flow, doing just enough to avoid becoming social pariahs. Going green also gives Betty and Wilma something cheerful and uplifting to talk about.

As I mentioned earlier, there's nothing really wrong with recycling or trying to minimize waste. But it makes sense for men to avoid becoming enablers when their wives or girlfriends begin to reach what Mr. Fleming referred to in the article as the "high-priestess phase."

Kaufman managed to avoid portraying the men interviewed as hopeless Troglodytes, though men's concerns were trivialized and women were portrayed as having "seen the light." The piece ends ominously, suggesting that unrepentant husbands may someday find these petty household disputes about going green have become "deal breakers." And that's probably the most disturbing thing here—that women may begin seeing insufficient adherence to the green code as grounds for divorce. Men will lose, and women will lose, and their children will lose—all in the name of "going green."

The supreme irony of this is that the people most obsessed with "going green"—white, educated liberals—will only hasten their imminent demographic irrelevance by sacrificing family life for a smaller carbon footprint.

Sobbing and sniffling, Mark McGwire finally answered the steroid question.

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I'll put right up front that I am not a sports fan – particularly pro sports. I've always derisively referred to athletes – "jocks" – as "steroid mutants." I know a lot of men like sports, so I generally keep quiet in order to stay out of arguments.

But, once in a while a case comes along that puts my hype and hypocrisy aversion into overload. Tiger Woods only got me to the yellow zone, but the pictures of Mark McGwire simpering and sobbing as he Oprahfies himself and seeks sympathy for lengths he went to in his pursuit of fame and money just made me want to puke.

There is much to admire about a man pushing himself toward excellence and achievement. A good challenge will stir up a man's blood and spirit like nothing else. Setting a record, being "the best" at anything, can create a sense of pride that nothing else can.

Unless he has to "cheat" in order to do it.

And then no matter how great the public praise, the accomplishment really means nothing to the person who did it. Oh, how the high and mighty do fall. In the past month we have witnessed the public spectacle of not just one, but two, larger than life, record breaking, superstars be reduced to pathetic groveling.

Personally, I believe there is much wrong with the famous Vince Lombardi-ism "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing." In McGwire's case, "winning" seems to have been so important that he was willing to do anything in order to do so. And now, whatever he did accomplish is being discounted due to the fact that he didn't actually accomplish it on his own, but with pharmaceutical help. "Winning" for him isn't "everything", or "the only thing", or now even **any**thing.

In both McGwire's and Woods's cases, we see men who sell out their integrity in exchange for an image – and a bit of wealth. But those images were both fragile, and based on lies. And, when those lies were finally exposed, both of them crumbled into pathetic heaps of apologetic Jello.

> In a quavering voice, McGwire apologized and said he used steroids and human growth hormone on and off for a decade, starting before the 1990 season and including the year he broke Roger Maris' single-season home run record in 1998.

I could have some respect for him today if he had stood up, either then or now, and say "Yeah, I juiced. So what? Most of the guys who are any good do it. If you want to be at the top of the game, and everyone else around you is giving themselves an edge, then you have to give yourself that same edge."

I think there are a whole lot of important issues in these cases for men. First, is the trade-off between honor and competition. Is there any pride to be had in winning without honor? Is being "the best" by cheating the best really something that can make a man hold his head high? And, the "fans" who make these guys what they are… do they admire ruthlessness and cunning more than honest achievement?

For some reason, the strains of Bruce Springsteen's "Glory Days" are running through my head. McGwire and Woods had theirs, but they are **over**. And everything they worked to achieve has been eclipsed now by their feet of clay being exposed. Public adoration is fickle. In 20 years I can easily imagine a couple of golf fans talking about great golfers – "Palmer, Nicklaus, and that guy who was boinking all those bimbos." Or a couple of baseball fans talking about home run kings – "Ruth and Maris… they did it without 'roids."

Truly, what does it profit a man if he gains the entire world, or just fame and money, but loses his soul? How many

of us would go for 10 years as a sports hero knowing that at the end of it we would have to make humiliating public spectacles of ourselves?

These guys are only a couple of examples, but they are the reason why fame and wealth do not interest me all that much. I would not trade all of both of their money for the ability to look anyone in the eye, including myself in the mirror, and have no fear of a lie I have been living being exposed.

Don't Hate The Player

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Denise Romano v. The Seduction Community

Denise Romano is no friend of pick-up artists. Ms. Romano has accused pick-up artists of being abusive to women. She claims that Game represents a kind of Fraud, invalidating consent for women who have sex with pick-up artists.

Ms. Romano believes that Game, and pick-up artists, are morally culpable for coercing women into having sex. She believes that Game is a kind of brainwashing, that it manipulates the will, therefore constituting sexual assault.

Denise Romano is just bitter . . .

Ms. Romano argues *ad nauseum* that Game is morally wrong. She attacks the specific terms that pick-up artists use, claiming that they objectify women. She thinks that some pick-up artists are rude, awful jackasses who use women for sex without consideration for that woman's feelings.

On some accounts, she is right.

Ms. Romano makes a Kantian argument. Intentionally or not, she evokes the Categorical Imperative.

In the First Formulation of the Categorical Imperative, Kant states:

"Act only according to that maxim whereby you can at the same time will that it should become a universal law."

The first formulation is based on the "golden rule", *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*. A universalizable maxim is a moral duty. A maxim must be logically consistent. It is not logical to will that you can steal from others without allowing that they can steal from you.

So don't convince attractive people to have sex with you unless you want them to do the same.

The Second Formulation is closer to Ms. Romano's logic:

"Act in such a way that you treat humanity, whether in your own person or in the person of any other, always at the same time as an end and never merely as a means to an end."

This second formulation more specifically addresses Ms. Romano's objection to Game and the Seduction Community. Her real objection is that pick-up artists use women for sex without regard for their inherent moral value as persons (i.e. moral agents; people are capable of making moral choices, and therefore have moral worth).

If I were a Kantian, I would care.

The premise that seduction is inherently abusive assumes that people have a moral duty to one another. Where does this moral duty come from? Is there a divine law that we mustn't break? Does the power of Christ compel us?

No it doesn't.

There is no such thing as moral obligation. Morality is a social construct, an abstraction grown out of the human aversion to pain and death. Right and wrong amount to personal injury and property damage.

How can this be? If this were the case – if the world were, in fact, amoral – then life would be horrible! We would all live in constant fear of pain and death. The truth is, we do. The world is a dangerous place. It does not care about your pain.

Only you do.

Each of us recognizes the fact that such an existence – one of constant fear and danger – is miserable. Each of us accepts, if only tacitly, a kind of great truce with our fellow man. Thomas Hobbes calls it the Second Law of

Nature:

". . . that a man be willing, when others are so too, as far forth as for peace and defence of himself he shall think it necessary, to lay down this right to all things; and be contented with so much liberty against other men as he would allow other men against himself." – The Leviathan; Chapter XIV

There it is again, the Golden Rule. The difference here is that Hobbes isn't concerned with universalizable maxims. Hobbes suggests that we shouldn't run around bonking each other over the head and stealing one another's shit because a world like that would be miserable.

That does not mean we are obligated in any way to treat other persons with regard for their moral agency. It means we must treat them with regard for their ability to kill us and take our shit.

See the difference?

Society is not based on altruistic principles, but on self-interest. Each of us are responsible for our own well-being. We are not obliged to worry about the wants or needs of others, except when we *choose* to.

As far as Game is concerned, Consent is the extent of the Law.

Here is where Ms. Romano's argument thickens. She holds that Game is a kind of Fraud, therefore legally invalidating any Consent given.

Ms. Romano's premise relies upon the fact that Game is a form of deception. Pick-up artists will often use a variety of deceitful practices in order to seduce a woman. They adopt persona cultivated to entice women, they use canned material that is often little more than phony stories, they may lie about their names or facts about their lives.

Pick-up artists lie their asses off.

The problem is that lying and Fraud are not the same thing. People lie all the time, and are guilty of nothing more than bad taste. Pick-up artists lie and are guilty of nothing more than being douche bags.

Women wear flattering clothing to hide their flaws. They use make-up to conceal blemishes and padded bras to accentuate their breasts. They tell men all kinds of things to attract them, and sometimes they *lie.*

Does any of this constitute Fraud? No.

Fraud: *A false representation of a matter of fact—whether by words or by conduct, by false or misleading allegations, or by concealment of what should have been disclosed—that deceives and is intended to deceive another so that the individual will act upon it to her or his legal injury.*

Fraud must be proved by showing that the defendant's actions involved five separate elements: (1) a false statement of a material fact, (2) knowledge on the part of the defendant that the statement is untrue, (3) intent on the part of the defendant to deceive the alleged victim, (4) justifiable reliance by the alleged victim on the statement, and (5) injury to the alleged victim as a result.

Elements 1-4 are clear; they outline the constituent parts of a lie. Element 5 is where things get tricky. In order for a lie to constitute Fraud, it must cause injury. Specifically, the victim must be deprived of rights or property. Furthermore, any lies must be false "statements of fact".

Opinions and qualitative statements don't count.

When a woman has sex with a pick-up artist, she is not buying a sales pitch or exchanging goods or services. She is engaging in consensual sex. Sex is straight-forward, what you see is what you get. There is no false advertising once the clothes come off.

Buyers beware.

One sticking point here concerns STDs; a person who knowingly endangers another without making their partner

aware of their condition beforehand obviates that person's ability to make an informed decision.

. . . And if you're having unprotected sex or being incautious with your body, shame on you.

In most cases, when someone goes home with a person they have just met, they do so at their own peril. If bad sex or a smirch on your reputation is the worst that happens, count your blessings. Consider the ramifications of your actions *before* you act, there is no **RESET** button.

Denise Romano's argument is the argument of a bitter woman looking to obviate her own responsibility for having slept with someone she regrets. I am not stating that this is actually the case. I don't care.

Game is just nerdy guys trying to get laid. It isn't magic. It isn't hypnosis. It certainly isn't sexual assault. It's just a game.

If women want to stand on equal footing with men then they have to accept the fact that, when they wake up next to a Gorgon, maybe they should have said No to that last shot of Jagermeister.

As for Denise Romano, maybe she should stop drinking the Kool-Aid.

Max is probably drunk. You can sift through more of his nonsense at FKIN.

Toxic Fathers

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In dysfunctional families there is something called “the no-talk rule.” Talking about the source and cause of the dysfunction is prohibited. If one of the parents is an alcoholic, then no one is allowed to speak of the drinking. This rule is rigidly enforced by a variety of means, including invoking family loyalty in an “us versus them” mentality. “We” must stick together because “we” are all each other have in our struggle against all of “them” in the outside world. The no-talk rule is in effect regardless of whether the problem is alcohol/drugs, abuse, incest, gambling, or any other uncontrolled behavior by one member which affects the family as whole.

Both sides of the gender war have their own set of no-talk rules. Women cannot and will not talk about violence by women, the lies they tell, or their manipulation. Men are much more willing to tear into and attack each other, but there is one subject which does assume a bit of the status of a sacred cow – fatherhood. Out of deference to our brethren who really are good fathers fighting tooth and nail for the smallest opportunity to remain part of their children’s lives in the face of the anti-male, anti-father, feminist onslaught, the subject of fathers who left a lot to be desired in how they fulfilled their roles is seldom discussed.

This is extremely unfortunate, because there are a lot of issues around fatherhood which would behoove men to address as we endeavor to get our own house in order. A man’s relationship with his father has a very profound influence on his life and how he will choose to conduct himself as a man. Men with good fathers get a head start, because they have a model to follow. Men without a good father, either totally without one or with one who for various reasons (including not having a good father of his own to teach him) does not do a very good job, may be able to substitute brothers, uncles, or other mentors. But there is an emotional bond between a boy and his father which is unique and for which there is no substitute.

Here at the Spearhead we talk about things which men are not encouraged to talk about anywhere else, and in most places are actively discouraged from talking about. In fact, some of us take a bit of perverse delight in breaking the no-talk rule, and spitting in the face of the mandate “you can’t say that!”

It is too bad that the lame-stream media did such a hatchet job on the mythopoetic men’s movement, because I think it had a lot to offer men to help them understand and put in proper perspective both their own internal experiences and the expectations and demands placed on them as men by their cultures. Mythology is full of examples of the complex relationships between fathers and sons – the competition, the love, sometimes the hatred, and a great deal about the tension between a man’s sense of loyalty to his mother versus his father.

The power that a father has in a young man’s life and to affect his sense of himself can be illustrated by fairly contemporary example as well as a biblical one. The actor Burt Reynolds was once asked “How does a boy know when he has become a man?” Reynolds’s answer was short, sweet, and to the point – “You know you are a man when your daddy tells you that you are one.” The power of, and need that a boy feels for, his father’s blessing is illustrated in the biblical story of Jacob and Esau. Even though fathers generally lack the social power today that they had in biblical times, they still have a great deal of psychological and emotional power over their sons. Few things matter more to a boy than his father’s blessing. Boys will often turn themselves inside out to hear their father say “You are good. You have done well.” Even seriously defective fathers – rogues, drunks, compulsive gamblers, etc. – often hold their sons in thrall, chasing the approval and blessing of the most significant man in their lives.

And when that happens, a whole host of stresses and distortions enter the picture. In a story that goes back to Hesiod’s ***Theogony*** composed circa 700 BC, the creation myth of the ancient Greeks, the primordial god Uranus came every night to cover the earth and mate with Gaia, but he hated the children she bore him. Uranus imprisoned Gaia’s youngest children in Tartarus, deep within Earth, where they caused pain to Gaia. She shaped a great flint-bladed sickle and asked her sons to castrate Uranus. Only Cronus, youngest and most ambitious of the Titans, was willing: he ambushed his father and castrated him, casting the severed testicles into the sea.

There certainly are men who want to “lay with” (or just “lay”) a woman but who hate the children she bears as a result. Perhaps such men would be better described by the breeding-stock term “sire”, representing a purely biological role, than by the honorific term “father” which has positive social connotations that simply getting a woman pregnant do not earn a man.

And, there are women like Gaia who love their children greatly, but despise the men who fathered them. And frequently such mothers will enter into collusion with the sons against the fathers. Seldom is the castration physical, as Cronus did to Uranus. But, boys and young men who sense that their fathers are destructive and not using their male power in a constructive and responsible manner will seek to psychically and emotionally castrate them and take away their power.

Robert Bly, in one of his videos, goes into great depth about the glee he used to get from sticking it to older men. Boys, deprived of the blessing of an older man they admire, often carry a deep and seething resentment against the way that their own fathers failed them, and will often get trapped in alternating between knocking themselves out trying to gain the blessing of an older man – a father figure – and hating them for the psychological and emotional power they have over the younger man.

The sins, and failures, of the fathers do, indeed, get visited on the children unto the 3rd and 4th generations.

Such men are sitting ducks for women, because in the absence of approval and blessing of their fathers, they sought it from the only place they could get it – their mothers. And thus does an unholy alliance of emotional incest often form between boys and mothers, with the boys displacing the fathers as the emotional mate of the mother. For many of them, being a “good man” involves both making “mama” happy, and being as unlike their fathers as they can manage to be.

What does not work, and never works, is to replace “blessing” with “beratement.” Nothing will alienate a boy from his father faster, or more thoroughly, than a sense of being unfairly attacked by the older man and used as a whipping boy for the old man’s rage. As Cronus castrated his father, and Oedipus killed his, a boy left without a means to form an emotional alliance with his father will become his enemy, and seek alliance with his mother.

I think that if you look around today at the effects of feminism on the culture, and the wholesale loss of allegiance to manhood and manly ideals, you will see a lot of the effects of men feeling betrayed by older men – sometimes their own fathers, and certainly by powerful men in the culture in general. The emotional allegiance to women we see today is an inevitable result of boys and young men who lose the ability to trust older men. In every man-bashing advertisement created by a man, and in every sitcom where the man is portrayed as a clueless buffoon, we see the traces and lingering after-effects of a boy who never had a man he could respect and admire, tell him that he was now a man.

In fairness to some of the men who dropped the ball on handing off the mantle of manhood to their sons, many of them were set up. From the Industrial Revolution onward, and even before, men were isolated from their families for the workday and when they returned home at night were often stressed out, angry, tired, and had little if anything left to give their families because they had given it all to the role of being the breadwinner. For many kids, all they ever saw of their fathers was their temperament. And, being children, they did not see the stresses and pressures which caused it.

But, under such stresses to be the sole providers of their family’s survival, many men did a poor job of making a distinction between being dominant and domineering – or between leadership and being a petty tyrant. Their frustration and rage at their own sense of being entrapped came out at the most convenient targets, the ones close and present – their families. And, sons in particular often bore the brunt of it.

In my own specific case, my old man’s two favorite sayings were **“YOU AREN”T WORTH A PINCH OF SOUR OWL SHIT!!”** and **“I’M GOING TO KICK YOUR ASS “TILL YOUR NOSE BLEEDS!!” –** both delivered from a state of red-faced, bellowing, rage. He never actually succeeded in kicking my ass until my nose bled, but he did succeed in kicking it until I absolutely hated his guts.

Many men today have mixed and conflicted feelings about their fathers, their own roles as fathers, and fatherhood in general. Most men do love their kids with all their heart and soul and the news is filled with stories of men who give their lives protecting their children.

Nothing I say here is intended to give fathers a hard time, nor to denigrate fatherhood in general. But I have some serious questions and reservations about certain elements within the generalized Men's Movement who have attached a certain mystique to fatherhood in the same way our culture idealizes motherhood. Some parents are not good parents – both mothers and fathers. But, having either a toxic mother or a toxic father will skew a person's perceptions for life, and often lead to them following a very roundabout path to maturity – if they ever achieve it.

It is easy to lay blame, but often difficult to move forward. A great many men of current and future generations are suffering and will suffer from what the mythopoetics call "The Father Wound" – the loss of the part of themselves which the father represents. I'm not big on obsessing about "wounds" because in today's chaotic world we all have them. But, I think it will benefit everyone – men, women, and children – to give **good** fathers their just due and recognize how vitally important they are to both future men and future women, as well as their future spouses and future children.

Because **some** fathers give children little choice except between being destroyed by them or repudiating them – and along with them, most if not all of the **good** things which fathers do. And those are things we cannot afford to lose.

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Woman Says "Combat Not For Women," Other Musings of Interest to Men

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Ah, women in combat.

This hilarious and wonderful piece spotted in the 18 January 2010 Marine Corps Times by one of my buddies needs no commentary, but will certainly be getting some (emphasis my own):

> I totally agree with the Jan 4. forum entry "Women in Combat." I have been in the Marine Corps for nine years. After deploying to Iraq and going outside the wire with an infantry battalion, **I realized that women do not belong on the battlefield.** The male Marines were outstanding and supportive, but the locals were the problem. **Locals thought female Marines were a joke when they saw us on patrol.**
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> I am not saying that women can't handle the job of a Marine. I am just saying that having them on the battlefield causes way too many problems.

Sounds to me like having them on the battlefield, causing problems, is another way of saying that they can't handle the job. You know a third way of saying it? By acknowledging the fact that women, on average, have half the upper body strength of men and 25%-30% less aerobic capacity.

> Females get pregnant. They are a distraction to males who are away from their wives and girlfriends. **People have to watch their words for fear of a misstep that could cause a sexual harassment case.**
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> The way I have felt for the past nine years is nothing I would ever want my daughter to experience.

At least she didn't suggest we need to radically revamp military culture to make soldiering safe for women.

> **Now, as a mother, I can see why my mother never wanted me to join the Marine Corps.** I love the Corps but **I feel, as a woman, we should go back to the way things used to be.** Every day in the Marine Corps is a struggle to compete and be a leader. At least I will retire in 2011 knowing I gave 110 percent.
>
> Sgt. Charity Perrine, Jacksonville, N.C.

I like math. Let's assume she is an average woman. If she gave 110% effort, that means she had a whopping 55% of the upper body strength and 77% of the aerobic capacity of an average man! Still not quite cutting the mustard, but hey, she did her best, right? I'd like to quote Sean Connery as John Mason on this point: **"Losers always whine about their best. Winners go home and fuck the prom queen."** Sounds like she'd be better off as the prom queen.

There were some other noteworthy comments in the publication (collected from their forums) I thought I'd go ahead and share too:

> "When you have aggressive, young, alpha-male types who join an organization to kill and have limited contact with women … there will be a problem. The only real solution to this issue is to not have women [in the Marines] at all. It's sickening that the military has become a big social experiment. My buddy on Okinawa says he's not even allowed to enter a female's room in the barracks. Then the command will turn around and talk about how there are no female Marines, only Marines. – ivantense

Aside from the obvious concurrence with common sense observation of alpha male tendencies in the military…I'm stationed on Okinawa. The male-female ratio out here is so bad that as soon as a female joins a unit – any unit – on

base, practically all of the men hear about it through the grapevine. Considering rules and regulations for going off base can be hugely restrictive, what do the brass expect to have happen when a woman "comes aboard?" News of women joining other units on other bases can even spread, so long as she is attractive enough. Women literally become celebrities just by virtue of their gender out here – Meritorious Mediocrus, anyone?

> My only fear of the "crackdown" on sexual assaults ["Zero Tolerance," Dec. 28] will be male Marines fearing to even speak around female Marines because they're afraid of nonjudicial punishment for offending a woman. – NRTrackChamp2004

There's nothing to fear. Most of the more sensible male Marines already **do** avoid speaking around female Marines because they're afraid of nonjudicial punishment! What you should really fear is the fact that male Marines are almost certainly **going to** face nonjudicial punishment as 'investigations' turn up instances of 'harassment.' Pretty easy to convict someone of something that the "victim" has 100% leeway to define, now isn't it? Complete avoidance seems the only way to avoid such outcomes – but this is antithetical to ideals of unit cohesion (or as the Marine Corps calls it, "esprit de corps").

Long-time MRAs will love this quip about service members who commit suicide while deployed (from the editor):

> …One group of families does not receive such letters [of condolence from Defense Secretary Robert Gates]: the families of troops who die by their own hand in the war zones. Pentagon officials explain that there is no official policy to exclude the families of suicide victims; it's simply the way it's always been done…That is no excuse for ignoring the pain of these families' loss, which they feel no less keenly than do the families of troops killed in action…The suicide rate is at a record high in the military. That suggests troops are struggling to cope with truly extraordinary levels of stress.

Somebody really pulled out all the feminist-language-ideology stops on this one. Notice how use of gender is avoided (because we all know that the vast majority of "troops who die by their own hand in war zones" are, first and foremost, men), and how the suffering of the men in combat zones is downplayed by comparing it to the grief of the families they leave behind. Such rhetoric assumes that all families are supportive, when more reasoned and cognizant individuals could postulate that families may be an additional source of stress and woe for the men overseas – it's not 'out-there' to think that a man might 'snap' or 'lose-it' after receiving news that his wife is cheating on him or walked away with all his assets. These horror stories are all too common in the service. Lastly, I like how the editor acknowledges that suicide rates are at a record high, yet the only suggestion is to help comfort the grieving families, rather than address why (mostly) men are killing themselves at accelerating rates.

Ending on a more light-hearted note, I suppose at least we can be enthused that even women are beginning to recognize the illogic of females in combat situations – although, it did take motherhood to knock her into her senses. One blogger thinks, contrary to popular wisdom, marrying young may have a good effect on women. Perhaps motherhood plays a role in that?

Bartender! A Round of Baumeister Please

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One of the most trenchant breakdowns of men's position in modern society is psychologist Roy Baumeister's presentation for the American Psychological Association titled "Is There Anything Good About Men?" . Some of the topics of Baumeister's speech have been covered here before, but they can bear repeating. He also fuses several of our previously known ideas together to give us a clear picture of the development of culture. (HT: Ferdinand Bardamu).

1. Men are at the top of society, but they're also at the bottom

The feminist movement sought to usurp modern culture based upon the observation that men occupy the upper echelons of society. The problem with the feminist argument is that, because women were too busy looking upward, they didn't notice that men occupied the bottom of society as well.

Men operate in the boardroom, courtroom, and legislature; they are also fixtures of the battlefield and prison cell. They sleep in the most plush beds with sheets of a high thread count; they also occupy real estate under the most rickety of bridges using local business' most recent cardboard throwaways as padding. Men are risked, experimented with (both by nature and by culture), and used for the greater good. They reap large rewards by incurring more risk. Women who complain about the male-dominated social structure fail to understand the concept of trade-offs; the men who now dominate have reached those positions against a backdrop of an unseen number of men who have failed.

2. Men are the extreme sex

Men and women may have average intelligence or behavioral measures across a broad spectrum of ability, but men occupy the extreme tails of those distributions. With regards to IQ, men have the highest incidence of genius, but they also have the highest incidence of mental retardation. The average IQ of men equals that of women because the highs for men are balanced out by the lows.

When businesses make employment decisions, they prefer to choose from the right tail of the employability distribution (this was the point Larry Summers tried to make, for which he was canned). Men tend to be chosen for higher level jobs because they exhibit more extreme intelligence and ability. When a job has a limited number of positions available with no requirement for gender, people with the most intelligence, ambition, creativity, and work ethic will be selected; this is an evolutionary outcome.

Male extremity leaves room for people to fabricate their own stories with regards the "superiority" of either gender. As Baumeister said:

> "Men go to extremes more than women. Stereotypes are sustained by confirmation bias. Want to think men are better than women? Then look at the top, the heroes, the inventors, the philanthropists, and so on. Want to think women are better than men? Then look at the bottom, the criminals, the junkies, the losers.
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> In an important sense, men really are better AND worse than women."

He makes a powerful point. The purpose of his speech was to investigate the cultural shift that spanned an era where men were thought of as superior (up through the 1960s), on through to a decade where superiority was a toss-up, to the modern age, from 1980 on, where women were thought of as morally superior and "better" than men. If we want to characterize men as "good" or "bad", there are plenty of extreme examples to validate both sides of the argument.

To explain the social effects of the concept of male extremity, Baumeister points to GPA and minimum wage. Both are affected by arbitrary boundaries. For GPA, grade inflation has made it such that there can be vast

differences in the mental ability required to get one "A" over another. Grade inflation has eroded the value of the highest-scoring students – presumably male. Therefore, the very low-scoring students – also presumably male – pull the average male score below that of girls who hover in the middle with their inflated grades.

The same goes for minimum wage. Workers are bounded by a wage floor but not a wage ceiling. Men's average wage looks higher than it would be if there wasn't an arbitrary floor. Account for the number of men who don't work, have shaky job prospects, or end up in prison or dead from pursuing illegal activity as a response to poor job prospects, and the average wage of men and women falls into more equitable territory.

According to Baumeister, these two statistical anomalies arising from male extremity make it seem as if women are adding more inputs into the system while receiving less compensation.

3. Can't versus Won't

Baumeister cites research that has shown that women don't *want* to engage in certain specialized fields as much as men. To be a top-notch mathematician, one has to not only have the ability to do math, but they must have the desire and devotion to it.

If men are the more extreme gender, in terms of innate ability and innate desire to achieve, it makes sense that men would more likely make it through the rigorous gauntlet that is the process towards Ph.D. math positions. Men's extreme nature means that more men – although a very small proportion of them – will have the focus *and* determination to see their math studies through to the highest level.

This disparity is a consequence of our different evolutionary-ingrained natures; men are more extreme in their wants – successful men differentiate themselves and get a leg up by being persistent in their endeavors. In the workplace too, 80% of those who work 50+ hours are men.

Baumeister also makes a particularly interesting argument with regards to men's creative extremity compared to women. Creativity can be a motivating factor that has little to do with actual ability, and it also offers a differentiation among men that can be a solid strategy towards the goal of reproduction.

Why is it, Baumeister asks, that during the 19th century, a large number of girls played the piano, yet very few women ever composed music? Baumeister shields us from the oft-repeated feminist meme that women weren't encouraged to create music by showing that, if women were inclined to, they could overcome the perception of discouragement running rampant throughout society. When newly-freed black men – who had little access to musical instruments and had every barrier in the world preventing them from playing or composing – actually did gain access to instruments, they composed jazz music and blues which have come to influence much of modern American music. There is a difference in the innate motivations of men and women.

4. The Most Underappreciated Fact

DNA research has shown that throughout human history, twice as many women as men have reproduced; something along the lines of 40% of men produced offspring while 80% of women did.

The disparity in the odds of reproduction had to have had resounding effects on the characteristics of modern day humans. Modern humans descend from the 40% of men who had to out-compete the other 60% who failed to reproduce as well as the 80% of women who were able to bear children. Baumeister asserts that we are the product of men who took on risk and differentiated themselves from other men and women who played it safe. The long gestation period and rarity of female sex cells makes it such that women are – evolutionarily-speaking – less disposable than men. Populations in which women took on undue risk had lower survival rates. From the standpoint of producing a healthy next generation, women are much more crucial than men.

Since men had a much lower chance of reproducing anyway, they are most naturally geared towards engaging in risky behavior. These risks can take on many forms: financial, physical, explorative.

5. The Different Social Natures of Men and Women

Women are often thought of as the more social gender, and Baumeister admits that women tend to be more amenable than men. But he puts forth the argument that men are just as social – but in different ways than women. Female sociability is more intimate while males' is more superficial but wide-reaching. Men tend to cast a wide (albeit flimsy) net while women lay down a steel trap.

Baumeister points to several observations of these differences. Men help strangers more than women, but they are also more likely to engage in fights with strangers. Since women care more about intimate relationships, they aggres and help people who are close to them. Since men care about broad social networks with low intimacy, they also aggres and help in those arenas.

Childhood playground observation supports this thesis. Young boys tend to engage with multiple play partners during recess while young girls tend to focus on one other person. Baumeister ties up all of this up as evidence to support what we see in the "real world": men most often dominate vast, loose, non-intimate social networks like business, politics, sports, and the economy.

6. Egalitarianism = small group; Meritocracy = large group

For small, intimate groups in-depth communication strengthens bonds. In loose organizational networks, withholding some information is part of a strategy for success while tipping your hand to the competition hinders it.

The different natures of men and women were shown by another experiment. Research in the 1970s showed that women tend to allocate resources in an egalitarian fashion; egalitarianism is more amenable to small groups and helps them survive. Men tended to allocate resources based upon merit which is a better way to maximize "profitability" and teamwork in large groups.

This provides further evidence that, because of their greater disposability, men have developed strategies to operate within large social networks.

7. Culture

Baumeister views culture as a biological strategy that has pitted groups of men and women against other groups of men and women. This runs counter to the feminist view of culture that promotes the idea that the culture of patriarchy has developed in order to hold women down.

Culture creates a fusing force called "social gain". It is a sort of electric bond that utilizes division of labor and cooperation within the given culture to aid in survival. When one culture is pitted against another culture, the culture with the most effective fusing force captures resources, survives, and spreads through either cultural diffusion or heredity to higher numbers of surviving offspring.

Since culture's benefits are stronger with more people, and since men are more tuned towards engaging with larger groups, men have been the main drivers and benefactors of culture.

8. Men and Culture

Baumeister rejects the claim that men have benefited from patriarchy. He views patriarchy as a conspiracy theory that posits that men have systematically and purposely sought to hold women down.

Baumeister's argument is that, because men's networks tend to be shallow and widespread, they benefit from the rise of culture. As culture rises, their sphere of influence becomes more important as well. The distinction is that male-domination of social structure didn't arise because men sought to hold women down; it was a result of the different natures of male and female physiology and the surviving strategies that were most amenable to propagation of the culture.

9. Three Ways Culture Uses Men

a. Culture uses men to create large social structures

As has been repeated, men are geared towards operating within loosely-knit, superficial social settings. Culture is created out of the evolved inclination of men to compete, innovate, and work their way to the top of society.

Cultures that form using more intensive amounts of competition, innovation, intelligence, and ability will be marginally stronger against competing cultures; the culture that is strongest prevails. Following from this, if we currently reside within a given culture, we have the infrastructure of that culture to thank for our existence. If the culture – the electrically symbiotic system of division of labor and cooperative effort – wasn't in place, the ability to survive would have been greatly eroded. The culture is what got us here; arbitrarily criticizing the culture is like criticizing your legs because they "helped" you walk in front of a moving car (please note: the culture of which I speak isn't pop culture; it's the culture of hard work, duty, meritocracy, and self-sufficiency).

b. Men are Disposable

Physiological differences make each female womb coveted while each male penis is easily replaced. A fully-populated next generation can still be brought forth if half of the men have died off, but this can't be done if half the women suffer the same fate.

Men expend themselves in any number of ways. They engage in dangerous risks like combat or exploration, but they also spend inordinate amounts of time in other endeavors. Baumeister draws a parallel to the research process whereby 11 men can fail in their theories while the one who succeeds wins the Nobel Prize. There is a lot of risk involved, but the payoff is especially sweet for the one who does succeed.

I mentioned earlier that men are experimented with both culturally and biologically. In light of the recent research that shows that the Y sex chromosome is 30% different from chimpanzees (while the rest of our DNA is only 2% different), it seems that the Y chromosome (men) are the mechanisms of evolution. Experiments and mutations in human beings are carried out on the male sex chromosome. In biological terms, men are used as **guinea pigs** by the forces of natural selection to tweak and mold human physiology and behavior. Culturally as well, men develop extreme behavior which correlates with greater disposability all in an effort to come up with the strongest strategies towards propagating the culture going forward. While there will be unmitigated failures, the positive extremes add value to the species.

c. Be a Man: create more than you consume

The whole point of male disposability is to benefit future generations. Since male sex gametes are common, we are most inclined to offer the benefit to offspring. Being a man involves risking what you have in order to benefit others. Risking life and limb on a battlefield, capital in a financial endeavor, time and brain power on innovative efforts or political endeavors don't come with a certain payoff. There are quite a few losers for every winner, but even those losers give something of themselves in order to build the culture. Their failure is a result of a contest with a man who ended up winning. The failure would have been a winner if he had faced an inferior competitor. The fact that the best man won benefits culture, society, and humanity as a whole by putting forth a battle-tested idea or innovation.

In order to incubate competition, the cultural set-up operates on the assumption that there is a limited amount of respect to go around. Not everyone can have respect in this relative hierarchy. Put-downs, hazing, and harassments have all co-evolved with male groups in order to separate the cream from the rest of the crop; culture doesn't benefit most if people aren't "harassed" or put in their place. This is a hard pill for women to swallow when they enter a workplace that wasn't designed to allocate respect to everyone from the jump.

In summary of his speech, Baumeister brings up one more interesting point. He acknowledges that culture uses men and creates an insecurity in men that leads to both grand achievements and dastardly deeds. On balance, the insecurity instilled in men pushes culture forward. It creates the desire in men to be accepted by competing and proving themselves in their cultural networks. This insecurity, stemming from the biological development of male disposability (which developed from the fact that men aren't as necessary for fully populated future generations) is culture's engine.

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Feminism as a Language Ideology

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My previous post about language only touched tangentially on language ideologies and wasn't specifically tailored to speak to feminism. I'd like to correct that, and offer something more concise and digestible for your reading pleasure. Do note that this piece does borrow upon the last post, however, and is probably best read afterward.

What is a language ideology, specifically? To recap, a language ideology is a standardized version of a language imposed from the top down. "Standard" English is an example of a language ideology – the notion that there is a correct and incorrect way to speak English, that words are pronounced certain ways and mean certain (or various) things. The problem is that, because thinking (and indeed, even fundamental concepts like personhood and identity) are entwined with our language facilities, language ideologies tend to have polarizing effects. (For more, see the post above.)

Language ideologies may be the common denominator in what defines a social group, to include a nation: **"…The nationalist ideology of language structures state politics, challenges multilingual states, and underpins ethnic struggles to such an extent that the absence of a distinct language can cast doubt on the legitimacy of claims to nationhood"** (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). The language consensus – that is to say, agreement on what is and is not *proper* language and thus thinking – informs the way the state structures itself. Absence of such a consensus may cause the entire system to dissolve as people perceive the organization to lack legitimacy. These assertions are not based on pure abstraction, but rather on empirical studies of linguistic histories: **"Macrosocial research on language planning and policy has traced distinctive ideological assumptions about the role of language in civic and human life and distinctive stances toward the state regulation of language, for example, between England and France"** (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994).

Literacy and orthographies (systems of writing) have a profound impact on language ideologies. They tend to lend credability towards notions of language consensus: **"Ideologies of literacy have complex relations to ideologies of speech and can play distinctive, crucial roles in social institutions. Even the conceptualization of the printed word can differ importantly from that of the written"** Additionally, literacy can often be fueled by cultural factors: **"Anthropological studies of literacy…recognized belatedly that it is not an autonomous, neutral technology, but rather is culturally organized, ideologically grounded, and historically contingent, shaped by political, social, and economic forces"** (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994). It is relevant at this point to call attention to the distinction in linguistics between ideologies of speech and ideologies of printed word. Imagine how hard it would be to enforce a proper way of speaking, for instance – especially without the aid of the written word! Thus, written word has a synergistic effect with the spoken word; the two working together can create a far more powerful language ideology than perhaps either could alone (though it is rather hard to imagine a written language without a spoken component – unless you count math). Language ideologies can form around the spoken word, written word, or both. This post will focus more on the written word (as opposed to considerations of accent and so on), which is more relevant to feminism. Concepts of literacy have a profound impact on society:

> The definition of what is and what is not literacy is always a profoundly political matter. **Historical studies of the emergence of schooled literacy and school English show the association between symbolically valued literate traditions and mechanisms of social control.** Analyses of classroom interaction further demonstrate how **implicit expectations about written language shape discriminatory judgments** about spoken language and student performance. The nineteenth century foundation of English as a university discipline created a distinction between reading as aristocratic and leisurely and writing as work. Composition as skill training for employment is the dirty work of English departments, with consequences for gender politics (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994).

Stop and chew on that for a second. Consider what feminists have done to the education systems in the West – a

topic that has been covered well by many other bloggers and authors (Christina Hoff Sommers comes to mind). Women thought they were being liberated by feminism, with its heavy handed talk of male oppression and patriarchy. Such words represent revisions; marriage was not always a synonym for oppression, patriarchy not always a synonym for totalitarian control. And yet women bought into this language ideology and structured their realities around such concepts. They traded one system of thinking – that exonerated the wifely duty for the benefit of society – for another system of thinking, one that exonerated careerism for the benefit of individuals (and often at the expense of society). But it is hard to imagine that most people have been doing any "free thinking" of late, given the mechanisms by which language ideologies propagate themselves.

One may ask at this juncture how it is that language ideologies are imposed and sustained in the first place. This is an excellent question with an unfortunate answer – the entire system is imposed right under our noses. It begins in the classroom: **"Standard language ideology is a basic construct of our elementary and secondary schools' approach to language and philosophy of education. The schools provide the first exposure to SL ideology, but the indoctrination process does not stop when the students are dismissed"** (Lippi-Green, 1994). I hypothesize that this may be a result of how education has come to be synonymous with college (evidence by the phrase "get an education," which generally means, a college degree) thus eliminating the perception that education is a multifaceted process and that there are many ways to become educated. This is probably unsurprising to those familiar with MRAs and the "men's movement," if you buy into that phrase. Critique of the modern education system is generally a component of such philosophies, but I think they've missed the subtle nuance of language ideology and instead blanket-blamed feminism. **"Much of what the American educational system teaches children about langauge is factually incorrect; in this it is thorough, consistent, and successful across social and economic boundaries. The phenomenon has been observed by others"** (Lippi-Green, 1994). After the school system, there are several other guardians of standard language ideology: **"There are four immediately identifiable proponents of SL ideology…: the educational system, the news media, the entertainment industry, and what has been generally referred to as corporate America. At the end of the article, I argue for adding the judicial system to this list"** (Lippi-Green, 1994). Lippi-Green's article provides a convincing case to consider the judicial system as a fifth enforcer:

> Transcription, or the written representation of speech, within academic disciplines and law, for example, relies on and reinforces ideological conceptions of language…In the American legal system the verbatim record is an idealist construction, prepared according to the court reporter's model of English, against which incoming speech is filtered, evaluated, and interpreted. It is considered information if a witness speaks ungrammatically, but not if lawyers do, and edited is applied accordingly (Woolard, & Schieffelin, 1994).

I don't think I need to make the case that the education system, news media, entertainment industry, corporate culture and the legal system in the West are biased against men. Those sacred cows have been gored before – far better than I could ever hope to gore them. But I think it is interesting to note that those five sources of woe for men can also be thought of as indoctrination engines, prone to propagating any sort of language ideology – of which feminism is but one kind. We understand the ways in which women have been divisive, but do we fully appreciate the mechanism?

I propose two steps. We need to eliminate the fiction that any language provides unmediated access to "the real" or "the Truth," because it is precisely this fiction that has motivated many women (and men) to believe in feminism's vile lies, double standards, and illogic. Feminism purports to be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth to its adherents, and they take such sentiments literally. A person who vehemently believes in feminism will be impossible to communicate with (and come to a genuine understanding with) *unless* you are speaking the same language (ideology). You can't ever tell a die-hard feminist that marriage is a good idea, because that is not part of their perception of reality.

In order to do this, we may want to re-examine the way we approach language and language education. I theorize that refining languages to be more precise (as English has an awful lot of ambiguity) would help make them less

susceptible to malicious abuse. Additionally, however, we should not teach children that there is only one language and only one correct way to speak that language. I believe we should encourage our young to learn many languages, if possible, so that we could learn to express ourselves in a variety of ways to a variety of people. Greater respect for diverse languages (and thus diverse ways of thinking) may engender a respect for coming to understanding as opposed to the more common approach of "winning" an argument. Communicating should not be viewed with an adversarial attitude, as that is antithetical to understanding. I do not mean to assert that we should all come to agreement, mind you – it is perfectly appropriate to understand another and disagree with them, and generally disagreements sprung from understanding are more respectful and civil than those sprung from misunderstandings.

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Taking the Cougar Trend Way Too Far

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Single mother Angela Sullivan, who lives in Middlesbrough England, slept with a 12-year-old boy she ensnared almost 200 times, marking each illicit encounter with a star and written entry in her personal diary. She was caught after the boy began to tell friends about his abuse. Ms. Sullivan would send her own son over to her parents' house while she engaged in sex sessions with the boy.

Sullivan first ensnared the boy by getting him drunk and then performing oral on him. She wrote that she "loved" the boy in her diary, amidst other hideous acts she detailed, which provided the evidence needed to remand her to custody. In court this week, she admitted to abusing the boy for at least ten months during which the two participated in some 200 sex acts.

As the photo accompanying the article demonstrates, this woman is no Mary Kay Letourneau (in terms of looks), so perhaps her dalliance with the pre-teen was simply because she couldn't convince a male at a higher level of cognitive development to overcome what in normal circumstances would have been natural revulsion.

The deeper issue here is that the bombardment of women with the message that sex is the penultimate in personal fulfillment is having an effect on the more marginal elements of the population, and giving them the sense that it should be pursued even in clearly inappropriate circumstances. However, it still isn't entirely clear whether the recent explosion of sexual misconduct amongst women is really as dramatic a change from the past as it appears; it may simply be that shifting attitudes toward female sexuality are allowing people to openly discuss a tendency that may well have been with us for a long time.

However, given that such behavior in the past would have met with universal horror rather than the milder disapproval combined with occasional congratulation from more radical feminist types that we see today, there probably has been an overall increase in sexual abuse perpetrated by women.

Tiger Woods and the Sex Addiction Scam

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Addiction is a real phenomenon, and most people who have smoked as well as quite a few who drink alcohol and coffee will confirm that. Breaking an addiction can be quite difficult for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the psychological component of addiction, which can send those suffering from withdrawal into anything from an annoyed to a profoundly depressed state. However, it IS possible to break an addiction. People who do so of their own accord tend to have far higher success rates than those who seek out or are ordered into "treatment." This fact should focus some serious scrutiny on the enormous treatment industry even where hard addictions such as alcoholism and drug addiction are concerned.

Once we drift further and further from the hard, undeniable addictions we get into the realm of more nebulous cases of so-called addiction, such as porn addiction, video game addiction, sex addiction, etc. There is certainly a psychological component to these forms of compulsive behavior, but there is no alteration of the brain's natural chemistry with exogenous substances, such as cocaine, ethanol, nicotine, and others too numerous to list. In my opinion, the term "addiction" ought only to be appled to the latter. Other forms of behavior would be more properly termed "compulsions," which are definitely a characteristic of addiction, but do not exactly equate.

Compulsions are not always a bad thing. In fact, we often feel compelled to do things that end up benefiting us throughout our lives. They are a necessary part of our psychological makeup, and a large part of what keeps us ticking throughout the years. It is, however, easy for clever people to manipulate compulsions, and make a lot of money by doing so. Hence we find that Blizzard Entertainment is raking in money by selling World of Warcraft to compulsive gamers, certain individuals grow very wealthy off porn sales, and women are generally enticed into shopping sprees everywhere one looks.

A sexual compulsion is probably one of the most natural of all. Without it, after all, the human species would be in the same boat as the panda bear, which evidently has a very low interest in mating. People, and the young in particular, do not require very much manipulation to engage in sex. In fact, it has always required a great deal of conditioning to get them to *avoid* having sex in inappropriate circumstances. This has generally been understood throughout the ages as a timeless reality.

But not so anymore. Recently news reports that Tiger Woods has entered a sexual addiction treatment center – the Pine Grove Behavioral Health & Addiction Services Center – have surfaced, adding him to the list of celebrities who have sought out sex addiction treatment. Mr. Woods, either intentionally or not, is now displaying himself as a victim of an "addiction" over which he has no control — an addiction he needs "treatment" for. No, it isn't that a young, healthy man let his success go to his head; it is that he suffers from some disease if you believe it, and the good people in Pine Grove are there to make him get better.

The sex addict treatment regime at Pine Grove appears to be fairly onerous, consisting of constant monitoring, being locked in, and a prohibition of any kind of sexual activity at all, including masturbation. There are also daily psychological evaluations and counseling – ordeals in and of themselves – and activities that don't sound all that appealing. The treatment lasts some six weeks.

For the therapists and owners of these centers, getting a patient like Tiger Woods must be something of a bonanza. This is becoming a real industry with a substantial amount of income, and threatens to spread out to the wider population, as so many of these fads do. This is really where the problem lies.

Woods himself probably knows that sex addiction treatment is a waste of time, but in all likelihood it was inserted into an intra-marital agreement (similar to a prenup, but written during the marriage rather than before) by his vengeful wife. Just as DV treatment, substance abuse treatment, anger management, psychological treatment and various other evaluations and regimes can be forced by the party with the upper hand – that is, the party that will win custody, which is almost always the woman – now we can add sex addiction treatment to that list.

Along with their attorneys, angry wives and ex-wives can make men jump through all sorts of hoops to see their children. Men rarely have the power to do the same, and even when they do they tend not to make full use of this power as women do. Perhaps this has something to do with the different nature of the sexes, but it probably is also a result of caution on men's part as the last thing they want to do is appear "vengeful" or "abusive" in front of notoriously feminist judges and commissioners, whereas women need not restrain themselves.

So I can pretty much guarantee that if sex addiction treatment becomes widely accepted, it will soon become part of the divorce industry, and it will be overwhelmingly men who are subjected to it. Certainly, adultery is just as common amongst women as men (it takes one of each to consummate an adulterous coupling, after all), but there is no way that – barring work in the "sex industry" – women will be ordered to attend sex addiction treatment at anywhere near the frequency men will.

If we lived in a practical society with some sense of decency, adultery would be seen for the moral failure and betrayal of one's spouse that it is. Those betrayed by their spouses, ultimately, should have two choices: forgive or divorce. If forgiveness is the choice, legally enforced punishment should be off the table. Divorce, as many of us know, is punishment enough. There is no need to add one more tool to wives' already overflowing arsenal of legal weapons, nor should we give them more incentives to abuse family law to punish their husbands.

“Ball-Tapping”

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Slwerner just alerted me to the disgusting practice of “ball-tapping”. I’d never heard of it before, and I’m not *that* old. Anyway, I looked around and found a video of what it’s all about. the video pretty much speaks for itself, so take a look:

My how low we’ve sunk. Even when I was in high school in the 90s boys had a lot more self-respect than they do now. I guess the feminists have finally gotten what they wanted all along: boys who will hold their hands up while girls kick them between the legs.

Groping OK When Victim is a Man

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A reader sent me this article about the shocking behavior of an Italian TV hostess who decided to have some fun and boost her ratings by grabbing David Beckham's crotch while he was speaking with reporters. She prepared for the assault by putting on some rubber gloves and practicing the grab. The video of the incident is available in the article.

While it is quite clear that what the woman did constitutes assault, she apparently got away with it without any punishment, and then went on to mock Beckham's genitalia on air, saying "David you have conned us all … what did you use, cotton wool?" Beckham's reaction, which can be viewed in the video, is clearly one of shock, anger and disgust. It's pretty obvious from his expression he wanted to give that woman a good smack, but ironically he would be the one to go to jail if he had reacted that way, and he seemed to be aware of that.

Imagine the reaction if some paparazzi photographer grabbed a female Hollywood star's breasts on air to determine whether they were real. The guy would probably get beat up, arrested, and then convicted of sexual assault and have "sex offender" stamped on his record for the rest of his life. Yet a woman in Italy can pull this off with no consequences.

The double standards across the West are beginning to become so blatantly obvious that they can't realistically be hidden anymore. Additionally, female misbehavior is so widespread that it is starting to become disruptive even to the lives of the rich and famous.

It Isn't Just The Government

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It shouldn't surprise any of our readers that corporations often practice discrimination against men; the federal government *orders* them to, after all. However, a number of corporations and very rich individuals go above and beyond the call of duty, contributing generously to sexist organizations that promote women over men explicitly and publicly.

The largest such organization is the San Francisco-based Global Fund for Women, which is a hardcore feminist organization with tens of millions of dollars of assets that doles out cold, hard cash to what it considers "progressive" causes. Recent articles featured on the homepage include Sometimes Change is About Who Washes the Dishes: GFW's MDG3 Goals, which discusses what they will be doing with millions of euros courtesy of Dutch taxpayers, and European Feminist Forum: Herstory Project, which highlights the efforts of Filipina lesbians in Europe (what's with the feminist obsession with Filipinas, anyway?), and abortionist Polish women. The latter article also features a link to an e-book, which I am sure our readers at *The Spearhead* would all find a great pleasure to read. The following passage from the book is an example of the lofty thought and fine writing that characterizes the entire publication:

> In today's feminist approach the binary opposites of man/woman have been displaced to more fluid sexual identities which are incorporated in the ontology of gender. This gives new meaning to what it is to be a man or a woman. Body politics is now about the challenge to create new forms of relationships between people – with their bodies and sexualities expressing new social subjectivities and favouring more fluid, open and democratic ways of living together, breaking through heteronormative expressions of gender to include lesbians, homosexuals, queer, transgender, transvestites and intersex identities.

How generous of them to give it away for free! Surely this one would have been a bestseller…

Although this may seem like a bit of a joke, there is nothing funny about the 21 million dollars of assets owned by the GFW and 71 million dollars of grants it has handed out.

Now where did all this money come from? Aside from the bonanza they got from the Dutch government, GFW appears to be feeding off West Coast tech largesse. The most important founding donor was William Hewlett of Hewlett-Packard. Hewlett's charity, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, is a notoriously leftist organization. Curious how guys who gamed the capitalist system tend to swing that way, isn't it?

Perhaps the most illuminating fact is that the *president and CEO* of the GFW is also on the Global Development Advisory Panel of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Kavita Ramdas, who "has dedicated herself to empowering women worldwide with the financial resources to increase girls' access to education, defend women's right to health and reproductive rights, prevent violence against women and advance women's political participation" has presided over an explosion of cash available to the organization. Ramdas is the shining star in a constellation of progressive fundraising efforts, utilizing her considerable talents to extract money from near and far, and networking with ivy league academic departments to bolster her credibility.

As a Seattlite, I have long been subjected to paeans to Bill Gates, who has offered me nothing but mediocre software and an increasingly painful drive across the bridges that span Lake Washington. I was always willing to give Mr. Gates the benefit of the doubt, but this is too much: Not only has the man sold us second-rate software, but

now he rubs it in our faces by taking the proceeds and handing them off to this high-flying poverty pimp who drops cash from airplanes to the most execrable of feminist organizations to give them leverage in impoverished, corrupt third world hell-holes.

Ms. Ramdas is the penultimate example of international waste gone awry: she is an unrestrained feminist spraying a firehose of cash at the the kinds of programs highlighted above, and she is funded by some of the world's most powerful men.

Going after Ramdas would probably be a waste of time, because this is a racket that she could never dream of topping in any other circumstance, but we ought to hold the irresponsible plutocrats responsible for their malfeasance and the harm they are likely doing to families across the world by funding these radical groups.

There is no reason to be afraid of Bill Gates and the Hewlett Foundation; they are not actually all powerful members of some invincible illuminati group, they just have a whole lot of money, and as Ramdas has so convincingly demonstrated, *it is there for the taking*. With concerted effort and enough outrage, even the tallest pillars of wealth can be cut down to size. Perhaps it is time to think about turning the screws on them just as their little pets would on honest, hardworking men across the Anglosphere. There's nothing sacred about a few zeroes, after all…

Male-on-Male Sexual Harassment?

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A recent Newsweek article reports that restaurant chain The Cheesecake Factory settled a sexual harassment claim in November. This would hardly be news, except for the fact that *both* of the alleged victims and the alleged abusers were *male*.

As I skimmed the article, I prepared to dust off a link to my favorite essay on homo/hetero male relations, "Why I Treat Straight Men Like Married Women." I've seen a lot of homos *actually* harass straight guys in the workplace—especially in restaurants and bars and in retail, where the two groups are most likely to…brush against each other. The lass-lover usually has the choice of either getting fired for clobbering the butt pirate, or simply shrugging it off. In especially PC joints, he also runs the risk of being considered a "homophobe" if he gets miffed.

But, at least according to the information given, there was no homo/hetero dynamic in this suit. All of the parties involved, we're told, were heterosexual.

Huh.

I dug around, but couldn't find many specifics. And specifics would be useful here, because depending on who was being harassed and who was doing the harassing, there could be a number of different male-male conflicts involved. I'll throw out a few possibilities, and would welcome more information.

Routine Male Socialization

Men harass each other. It's what they do. They mock each other, goof around, call each other names, enjoy crude humor, test each other and push each other around. The guys who don't cry about it—or better, give as good as they get—end up being included in the social group. The guys who don't know how to handle it are harassed and pushed out of the group. They have rejected The Form; they're Omegas.

Also, when men share close quarters, they sometimes play a game I call "homo gross out."

There's something innately comedic to most men about two men having sex, so in addition to testing your pal's boundaries and making light of male-to-male physical proximity, the real point of it is to get a laugh.

On one of the first days I was packed into a truck beside a pal of mine, he put his hand on my knee…just to see if I'd say something. He thinks it's hilarious. And it is. The look on his face when he does it cracks me up.

Then there's the sneak attack nipple tweak, and the occasional dry hump. A familiar and much discussed variation is the famous football ass pat. The majority of men who do this stuff are completely straight; they're not repressed homos looking for an acceptable outlet for their forbidden desires. There's rarely anything to it.

Women and omegas rarely understand this. Some guys of a reserved sort are uncomfortable with almost all physical expressions of fraternity between men, and they demand a little more personal space. They don't find this kind of goofing around funny, either. But they usually handle it and set their boundaries in their own way.

This kind of crude male socializing is one of the problems I foresee with open homosexuality in the military. Our society is going to have to be honest about certain aspects of male fraternization and be careful that the mixed messages men send when they're goofing around aren't regarded, in one way or the other, as "actionable." And the experts (see below) aren't properly equipped to really understand or be honest about male behavior. Not by a long shot.

Mixed messages could be the case here. Or routine fraternization could have escalated into "hazing the outcast"…which can admittedly get out of hand.

Class or Race Issues

It was difficult to tell from the information provided, but I have to wonder if there weren't some class or race issues

involved as well. It's Arizona, in the kitchen of a chain restaurant. In the American southwest, restaurant kitchens tend to be dominated by Hispanics—good and bad alike. Kitchen jobs also tend to be places where ex-cons find employment after prison. I can imagine a situation where a bunch of suburban (post culinary school?) crackers with last names like "Fitzpatrick," end up being bullied. Prison or ghetto humor could be a bit much for a guy from the other side of the tracks. There could have been a real effort to "drive out" the unwanted outsider through bullying.

When you're being bullied, a good revenge tactic would be to imply that your bullies are homos. In court. It's also a great way to extort money from a former employer.

However it came down, I have trouble feeling bad for the "victim" unless he was truly humiliated in some tremendously lurid way or full-on butt-raped in cold storage.

But if you can't handle a little name calling and crude horseplay, you deserve to be ostracized. You're part of the problem.

Playing into the whole litigious victim culture is in most cases dishonorable, and at the very least, distasteful and unmanly. If you don't like the way the men around you are treating you, you settle it with them like a man or you decide they are assholes and you get out. If your co-workers are physically assaulting you or making legitimate threats, fine. Otherwise, get over it and stop feeding a phenomenon that eats manhood and freedom.

A Feminist Phenomenon?

A final note that struck me about the article was that all of the so-called experts on male-to-male sexual harassment were women. And as women who specialize in sexual harassment, they're pretty clearly projecting their own ideology and experiences onto a scenario in which a variety of different dynamics could be at work. The female reporter repeated the catch-all feminist, Marxist "truth" that, "sexual harassment of both genders has more to do with issues of control and abuses of power for the purpose of humiliation than with sexual attraction."

But, for cultural Marxists, isn't *everything* about power imbalances between the oppressors and the oppressed?

The Looking Glass

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Since it's the weekend and I'm in a reflective mood, I'll editorialize a bit on the phenomenon known as "Game," and what my take on it is. Many of our readers are very enthusiastic about Game, some of them hate it, and a lot of others have ambivalent views on Game. I fall in the latter camp, because, for one thing, it wasn't necessary for me when I was an errant youth, and I'm past that stage of my life now, so I don't really feel any need for it. And, quite frankly, I'm not all that thrilled about the idea of spending time with what you find out there these days. Better than most, I realize just how flat-out *dangerous* women can be today (many men don't see it because the danger is by proxy), and I don't want my kids to grow up with daddy in prison or dead because I got mixed up with the wrong one.

However, the emergence of Game is endlessly interesting because of what it says about what has become of our society. This is not a positive or negative judgment concerning Game, but rather an objective declaration.

To me, Game reveals an inversion of gender roles in our specific cultural context. The goal of Game is to get a woman (or women) to choose the man applying it. Historically, Game has been the preserve of females, who endlessly preen, jockey for social dominance, and do their best to enhance and display their sexually appealing attributes. Women play hard to get, they lie about their sexual virtue, and they position themselves so as to be in the most visible places where desirable men might congregate. Incidentally, the last is probably the most important reason even non-feminist women have generally supported the dismantling of all-male institutions — so that they could have better chances in the mating game through access to a larger pool of males. There is a subconscious calculation going on behind all of this, and its force is as strong as a river.

But now men have begun to adopt certain calculated measures toward a purpose that is fundamentally at odds with the female goal of corralling the best/strongest/wealthiest man she can find to labor for her. From the female point of view, Game is entirely subversive. It confounds women by manipulating the subconscious calculations they make in their own Game. It causes them to make what they may later perceive as the "wrong choice." Of course, the idea that the men they snared were often swindled into making the wrong choice doesn't occur to them, but even such self-protective attitudes as that can be manipulated by skillful application of Game. For example, many Game techniques involve giving a woman the impression that one is higher status than her, which triggers her instinct to go in for the kill before the "unwary" man detects this, and can get her into bed very quickly.

When properly applied, Game is doubtless effective. If it weren't, we wouldn't find certain women growing so alarmed by its emergence. It probably isn't possible for all men to learn effective Game; just as some men can never quite wrap their heads around a foreign language past a certain age, many will probably never quite "get it." However, it is likely that a very significant proportion of men can learn to apply it. Only a few will be masters, of course, but as The Fifth Horseman has pointed out it will only take some 10% of men running Game to start shifting social power back toward men.

Morally speaking, Game is troubling for many. Even if one is to take the issue of deceiving women out of the equation, it is bound to cause a lot of damage to men. Given our social reality and the removal of risk (female adultery is, in fact, protected by law and its enforcement mechanisms at the insistence of women), plenty of men will have no qualms about using it to seduce others' wives. For women, there is no cost to committing adultery today, and for men no cost is incurred by sleeping with married women. In fact, given most child support and divorce settlements, both are rewarded at least as often as not. Single men who have adulterous relationships with married women often stand to gain under the current family law regime. This is a fact. Game will only make it easier for them to act on this incentive, and the philosophy behind most versions of Game can only serve as a justification for this behavior.

Then, consider the married men who will be tempted to run Game on women outside their marriage. They may find themselves successful, and then what? Inevitably, their wives will find out, and they will not feel very alpha after

the lawyers and judges have their way with them.

So, certainly, Game can be destructive. In some situations it can be evil if you want to call it that. But if you strike out against it, you will not be changing a single thing. Let me explain why:

Game is a looking glass. This cultural adaptation did not emerge out of nowhere, but rather arose as a response to a specific set of conditions. It was not Game that created the conditions for its adoption, but rather the demands and actions of a loose coalition of people, including feminists as well as a surprising number of conservatives. Just as the use of poison gas by the Germans in WWI quickly led to its adoption by the allies, and the detonation of atomic bombs over Japan led to an arms race with the Soviet Union, unleashing female sexuality led to a male response that reflects the new reality. Call it a sexual arms race if you will.

When women go after Game, they are being just as disingenuous as the United States would have been had we condemned the Soviets for developing the bomb after we had already done so. If men want to attack Game without first calling for dismantling the family law regime, they are being just as kooky and short-sighted as the activists calling for unilateral nuclear disarmament during the Cold War.

My take on Game is that, given the enormous advantages women have gained through oppressive laws and institutions over the past half century, Game has emerged as one of the only weapons available to men. Certainly, it is toxic to many men, because it is really not suited all that well to our nature (which is why men have to make a concerted effort to study it) and will cause plenty of damage, but on the balance it empowers men, so it probably isn't going anywhere. If, on the other hand, the EEOC were dismantled, the Civil Rights Act (included women at the insistence of dixiecrats) repealed and affirmative action done away with, Game would no longer be of net benefit to men, and would be suppressed very rapidly. But seriously, that won't happen until the US government can't afford to pay its employees anymore.

The greatest irony of Game is that men have coopted something that has always come naturally to women – cutthroat competition in the sexual marketplace – to advance their own interests. This is why I call it a looking glass. For those female readers who are disturbed by Game, I say take a good hard look at it, and if you have any perception at all you'll see yourselves.

Western Men Abroad — Reader's Opinions and Experiences Wanted

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I went expat for a couple years as a very young man, and had the experience of my life. I lived in Beijing, working and learning Chinese language and culture. It taught me invaluable lessons about the profound differences between cultures, but most importantly, it helped me realize that there is more than one way to run a society.

Of course, humans all have a lot in common, but our cultures can be quite divergent. For example, "culture shock" is very real, and is a result of the profound cognitive dissonance that can set in when one starts to understand the new culture and realizes how very different it is. Culture shock generally sets in months after arrival in a new culture, and the more different the culture the more difficult it can be to overcome. Culture shock really set in for me when I began to understand the Chinese language and realize the major philosophical differences between Eastern and Western civilization. I'd say it took me about six months to get over the shock phase, but I was in a state of negotiation with the host culture the entire time I was in China. I couldn't have fully adopted Chinese culture (my heart wasn't in it), but I came to enjoy it and have a functional, pleasant life there before I came home.

Western European countries present their own problems and differences, but generally they aren't all that different from Anglosphere countries. I imagine Eastern Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union are somewhere in between East Asia and Western Europe. India may even be more difficult to adjust to than China, while Islamic countries are probably the most difficult of all. However, I don't have any direct experience with either India or Muslim countries.

What is most relevant to us is that when comparing different cultures disparities concerning the status of men and women emerge. In the Anglosphere and Northern Europe – in fact, all countries of Germanic origin – women are legally and socially privileged, whereas in Islamic countries, men are clearly dominant. The rest of the world falls in between on a continuum.

What I'd like to hear from readers is what they have observed in foreign countries concerning the status and treatment of men. If you've had any particularly good or bad experiences, I'd like to know. Many Western men have the money and time for travel, but few know where they will be treated well as men. As more and more Western men eschew marriage, single men will inevitably become a greater proportion of Western tourists and expats. There is already a growing need for information that could help them have a positive experience in doing so, and it's time we started making our voices heard so that both the travel industry and local governments listen and take steps to accommodate us.

Gender-Based Affirmative Action: Do Two Wrongs Make a Right?

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Sweden's plans to eliminate gender-based affirmative action laws for higher education lead me to an interesting dilemma. I'm against affirmative action in all its forms because it tries to solve the lack of equal opportunity in this world downstream, once people have gone through 18+ years of an unfair system. But I find myself pondering actually supporting affirmative action programs for males, at least temporarily.

Affirmative action for girls was wrong. Affirmative action for boys is wrong too. Is it worse to eliminate affirmative action for boys now, leaving them on their own in a system that has all but destroyed their opportunities, or to keep the flawed program in place until the root problem is solved?

In the end affirmative action needs to be replaced with upstream programs to give children from different social classes a minimum amount of base support from an early age. One aspect of this will be to make the educational system fair to boys by allowing them to learn in ways suited to them and fostering competition in the classroom, which tends to drive boys to succeed. Today's feminized classrooms stifle boys' natural energy, promoting purposeless cooperation over competition, taking the focus off achieving the correct solutions to problems. We need to treat boys like they are boys, not little girls. In fact, since boys and girls learn in different ways they should be educated separately until a certain age.

It's entirely hypocritical for the same folks who pushed affirmative action for girls to demand we cancel it for boys. Pushing affirmative action only when it suits select groups is shameless discrimination. The same double standards show up in child support and alimony cases. Although these programs were meant to be attacks against men, some women find themselves owing child support and alimony to men as they are propelled higher into the workforce through affirmative action programs. Feminists cry foul, but what's good for the goose is good for the gander, right? Or is it?

There are actually a lot of situations where laws or society's views, which are wrong in the first place but only applied against men, start to be applied to women as well. Alimony, child support, education, arbitrary age of consent, military conscription. When this happens I'm torn between supporting the flawed law for the sake of equal treatment between the genders or condemning the law because it's unfair regardless of whether it's applied to men or women. I worry that if I condemn it, it will still just be applied against men but never for women.

Until the entire educational system is made fair to boys, can we really allow gender-based affirmative action programs for higher education to be eliminated? Do two wrongs make a right? Really, we're stuck with two very unattractive options. If we support retaining affirmative action programs that benefit boys we are supporting a form of discrimination. If we support eliminating these programs we are leaving boys defenseless in a world that is already against them. The best option is to fix the educational system, but how long will that take?

In fixing the educational system we also have to realize that not all boys learn the same way. Is education based on sex really the best method or does it need to be based more directly on how an individual child learns? Although a lot of men's rights activists like to say men are smarter than women it's just not true in every case. I know some women who are just as skilled at engineering and management as men, if not moreso. And I think it's very likely that when I have a daughter someday she'll be inclined toward math, science, and engineering far more than women's studies.

I wonder what will happen to gender-based affirmative action in science, math, and engineering. Politicians may try to eliminate affirmative action programs favoring males but will they simultaneously try to find a way to retain the programs favoring females, who are on average less adept at high level science, math, and engineering? I wonder how they'll explain that one away. What can we do about it?

The Misandry Bubble is Similar to other Economic Bubbles

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(Disclaimer for this post: I am not nor do I claim to be an economist or have any formal education in economics.)

By now you have read The Fifth Horseman's post on The Misandry Bubble. (If not, go read it right now.) The term, misandry bubble, is very accurate because the misandry bubble operates like an economic bubble.

Economic bubbles fall into two types. The first type is typically a technological related economic bubble. The Railway Mania in the 1800s and the dot com bubble are two examples of this type. Both of those bubbles had all of the typical behaviors of economic bubbles, over-investment, rampant speculation, etc. However, when all was said and done there were real economic gains. The Railway Mania produced railroads, and the dot com bubble expanded the internet and created related businesses such as amazon.com. The second type of economic bubble is what might be called an asset bubble. The Tulip Mania of the 1600s and the recent (or current depending on where you live) housing bubble are both examples of asset bubbles. In an asset bubble the price of an asset increases beyond its fundamental value so the price of that asset must come down through inflation, a price collapse, or a combination thereof.

The misandry bubble is clearly an asset bubble. The fundamental value of women has not increased. Women aren't becoming more beautiful, or smarter, or better cooks, or better girlfriends, etc. By any metric you wish to use, women are not improving. If anything they are getting worse so their fundamental value is going down not up. Thus, the misandry bubble exists because the demands, the "price", women are demanding from men is going up while the fundamental value of women is holding steady or really going down.

In an economic bubble there are several social psychology factors. One is extrapolation, the idea that because prices have risen in the past they will do so in the future. During the housing bubble we saw this with speculators who flipped houses, and other people who bought houses because if they didn't buy soon, "they would be priced out forever". Realtors would say, "real estate only goes up". David Lereah, the former Chief Economist for the National Association of Realtors, wrote books about how home prices would continue to rise until around 2010 or so. The same claims were made about the oil price spike of 2008 such as demand from the BRIC countries would remain high. We see the same claims in the misandry bubble. A lot of men accept the increasing demands of women because either they are "white knights" or believe that they have no other choice. However, as we see from the collapse of the housing bubble and the 2008 oil price spike, extrapolation is wrong, and this is true with the misandry bubble as well.

Another factor is herding, the idea that investors buy or sell in the direction of the market trend. In the housing bubble, many investment fund managers bought the investment vehicles that were designed to sell mortgages. During the bubble, there were hardly any voices speaking out about how the problems with these mortgage investment vehicles. There were people who noticed, but kept their mouths shut since it could mean losing pay or their jobs. Herding also existed on the level of individual buyers who bought because "everyone else was doing it".

One aspect of herding that isn't well know is the use of shaming language to get people who would be skeptical of the behavior causing the bubble to fall in line. There was plenty of shaming language used in the housing bubble. Many made claims that renters were losers and "would be priced out forever" (as in they would forever have the stigma of being a renter since they wouldn't be able to afford buying a house in the future). The biggest example of shaming language has to be the Century 21 commercial from 2006 (the below video).

In addition to the shaming language to get the husband to buy the house, there is also a great deal of misandry in this video. This is a case of the housing bubble and the misandry bubble overlapping. The husband was right to be skeptical. This commercial aired in 2006. If the couple was really worried about schools, they could have waited two years (when their oldest was starting kindergarten) and saved a boatload of money. Even better they could have rented waiting out the housing bubble in the location with the schools they wanted. However, it was more

important to make the husband fall in line despite the fact that he was originally right. With the misandry bubble, shaming language is nothing new as we have the Catalog of Anti-Male Shaming Tactics.

We also see moral hazards with bubbles where the decision making of investors in terms of risk and reward is interfered with. With the housing bubble, they are plenty of moral hazards as the government was and is encouraging people to buy houses. The $8000 tax credit for new homeowners is a prime example. It encourages people who would otherwise rationally weigh whether they would want to buy a house or not to believe there is less risk in buying a house than there actually is. Moral hazards aren't limited to government policy either. The explosion of exotic mortgages during the housing bubble allowed people to buy houses they otherwise could not afford. These moral hazards lead to many of the foreclosures we see today since they threw the risk-reward relationship of whether to buy a house or not out of whack. Moral hazards also exist in the misandry bubble. The clearest example is with divorce and family courts. With the way divorce works now, women can easily divorce their husbands and get rewarded for it both financially and in getting the kids creating an incentive to get divorced. The same is true with the false rape industry. A woman can get away with making false rape accusations which creates an incentive to make false rape accusations. In the churches, priests/ministers/pastors "encourage" men to get married (using plenty of shaming language) creating a moral hazard of men marrying women they otherwise wouldn't.

When economic bubbles happen, people who implicitly or explicitly realize there is a bubble, make changes in their behavior. Many people decided to wait out the housing bubble by renting to the point of deciding to rent their entire lives in some cases since they were soured on buying houses. With the 2008 oil price spike, people changed their driving habits and started buying more fuel efficient cars. The misandry bubble is no different. Many men learn game, go ghost, become part of the marriage strike, or even just minimize their time alone with certain types of women.

Overproduction and the search for alternatives is another aspect of a bubble. With the housing bubble, many more houses were built than needed. Areas were gentrified by people looking for cheap housing. The 2008 oil price spike led to increased oil production where possible and investment into alternative energy and other alternatives to oil. With the misandry bubble many men decide to expat to find women or bring foreign women to where they live. In the longer term, alternatives will include virtual reality sex, sex bots, and artificial wombs. The creation of these technologies is guaranteed by the fact that the misandry bubble is an economic bubble.

However, the misandry bubble is different from economic bubbles in one important way. The prices due to a bubble must come down through either inflation, lowered prices, or a combination. There is no equivalent to inflation in the misandry bubble so the "price" women are demanding from men must by definition collapse to where it was before. With the creation of technological alternatives, it will collapse to a lower level than it was before.

White Game?

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The Spearhead is not a "white" site. We promote relevant content by people of all races. See the ad to your right for "Going Ghost with John Nada."

And for what it's worth, they'd come after me on The Night of the Long Knives.

But, tea party etiquette aside, I came across this essay offering a "white nationalist" take on Game. The Spearhead has been tracking the development of the Game concept as it continues to evolve, and there was so much crossover content in this piece that, having read it, it would have seemed prissy to me to avoid posting a link to it here. Change a few words, and the majority of the post could be on this site. If nothing else, this is more evidence that something is happening out there.

> I am no misogynist; I am merely an observer with a knack for characterization. One thing I have noticed about women is that their minds are chaotic places, rife with insecurities, second-guessing, emotionalism, sensationalism, caprice, naivete, worries, self-contradiction, and an unhealthy preoccupation with immediate concerns.
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> [...]
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> And for God's sake, get laid.

It seemed like fodder for conversation. One interesting angle was the idea of using game and sex to "convert" a woman to your particular ideology. We could just as easily be talking about Patty Hearst, or an Obama-worshipping college girl, or a member of the Manson family, or some other doe-eyed damsel under the spell of a smooth-talking Svengali.

Alpha Wives

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The NY Times – along with other media outlets – has been delving further and further into the debate about changing gender roles and what their effect has been on our society. Unsurprisingly, this is usually approached from a feminist point of view.

In the "Room for Debate" blog in its opinion category, the Times has published the opinions of a number of people, mostly women, concerning the empowerment of American women and emasculation of their husbands. Out of seven essays, five view the change positively, one seems a bit cautious, and another, written by Ralph Richard Banks, is skeptical of the new trend.

Despite the generally triumphant tone and victory forever chord struck by several of the female writers, there are some slight expressions of unease about the fact that it appears that not all men are very happy with the new setup.

Stephanie Coontz, a history teacher at radical leftist Evergreen University in Olympia, WA., writes:

> There are lots of people or trends we might want to blame for our economic stresses. But women and the women's movement should not be included in that list, and most men know it.

There is obviously some insecurity over the idea that some men may not "know it."

As usual, the essays dwell largely on housework, where it is seen as a universal good that men are doing more of it. That more and more husbands are less educated than wives is held out to be good by each writer except for Banks, who warns that what has happened to black families – where this disparity is highest – could soon become the norm throughout the country.

It is good to see some discussion of these issues reach the mainstream, but it is also important to realize that this is – at least in part – a reactionary response to growing men's awareness. For example, Kathleen Gerson, a Professor of Arts and Science at NYU, writes: "Whatever term we choose, it's clear that the gender revolution is here to stay." Declarations of eternal victory are rather typical of new regimes, and one should not take their projections of confidence seriously.

If there is anything we should try to keep in mind, it is that the subjugation of the American male is not a permanent condition. We can overturn the new, feminist order, and we should be making every effort to do so.

Inspiring Men: My Grandfather

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(Below is a mostly unedited letter I sent to someone a few months ago. The only changes I have made were grammatical and removing my grandfather's name for operational security purposes. Even though, at time of writing, I hadn't had some of the epiphanies I have had recently, I still think my story may be of some use to some of the readers of the Spearhead.)

Nothing – absolutely nothing – in life is permanent. If you spend your entire life dreading the loss of something, you might not ever get to fully enjoy that thing. This is a lesson I've had to learn the hard way, and I think it might help you to hear a story from me, maybe so you can learn the same lesson I did.

Part of the reason I enlisted in the Marine Corps was because my grandfather retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Marines. Growing up, he had always been something of a hero to me – even if I didn't really understand much about the Marine Corps, or felt like I knew him much. In fact, he once made it very clear to me that I was the son of the black sheep of his family – he still loved me, I felt, but my exposure to him was limited. I take my middle name after him.

After I enlisted – and saw what the Marine Corps was really like – my love and admiration for him sky rocketed. It's something people could never understand unless they go through it. I can't even try to put words to it, I know it's futile – others have tried and failed. I heard that my graduation photos from boot camp had circulated back to him, and that for the first time in a long time, his family saw him cry, he was so proud.

Training in the Marine Corps is lengthy and intense. I wanted very much to, when I was first able, take leave and meet with him, to talk about the Marine Corps and give him a chance to talk to someone who could understand. As I continued to work on my own memoirs, I realized that my grandfather had stories – amazing stories – that he had probably never told anyone. He had fought – and survived – on Iwo Jima! He never talked about it much with anyone, and after being in the Marine Corps, I can understand why… people on the outside just **don't get it.**

As my training was nearing completion, I received bad news. My grandfather was coming down with Alzheimer's. By the time I graduated, members of my extended family, who were with him, made it clear that his memory was pretty much gone – he couldn't remember his own children anymore. I had missed my chance – forever – to really talk to him and understand his life.

I grieved, candidly, in my own fashion. I grieve now, as I recall. Grieving is natural. You just can't get stuck on it. What I realized, as I became stuck on it, was that I couldn't control the situation – I had no ability to influence his disease or his memory. Furthermore, I was sure that I would do his spirit no honor by remaining paralyzed in grief. Instead of grieving, I took the time to drudge up a deep introspective dialogue – sifting through my own memories for my memories of my grandfather.

And as I did this tough work, rather than remember with grief and regret and longing, I focused instead on cherishing each memory, remembering it to the fullest and enjoying it as though I were there again. Some memories I enjoyed for the "first" time, having, as a child, not enjoyed that particular experience, but as a man with new understanding, cherishing it in a new way.

Part of my healing process involved investigating my family history. I tried to learn as much about him as I could – being that I hadn't known him very well, and what I did know came from youth. He was a beautiful man. (I'm crying a bit right now, but it's not painful. I am proud to be his grandson.) The trials and tribulations he went through – being one of MANY children from a very poor family, suffering through abuse, disowning his own family much like I have had to do, paying his own way through college, entering the Marine Corps as an officer in lieu of what he could have done with his education, and serving in World War 2 and the Korean War (he proposed

to his wife and got married shortly before reporting in for The Basic School, right after receiving his commission – he would not see his wife again for two years…they stayed married until she died of old age), retiring in order to become a public servant in another way – by being a teacher and then principal at his local high school.

Did he do everything right? No, perhaps not. My father claims the way he was raised by my grandfather was not fair or healthy – but my grandfather's other children seemed to have turned out better than my father, so who is to say who is right? But the struggles he went through, the pain and adversity he must have felt, resonated with my own life, and I felt very close to him. There was nothing that I could do for him in his final days, but that was okay, because I could live the rest of my life in his honor. I used to want to change my name in order to disown my family, which I had come to hate. But learning about my grandfather this way, after he was already effectively taken from me, restored my faith and pride in my family name.

Now, when times are dark and when I wish I wasn't in the Marine Corps or doing other things, I turn my thoughts back towards Bill, and it gives me strength and resolve.

This turned out longer than I intended. A lot of my coping with Bill's situation was done on a more subconscious, nonverbal level, also. This is the first time I've told ANYONE – even my few close friends – about this. The lesson I learned was to not be consumed by grief over loss; to instead channel that grief into something more positive. Everything must eventually come to an end, so it does not make sense to dread that time and to waste your energy being full of regret and sadness. Let the passing of something you've cherished be a cause for remembrance and cherishing. Let it be a new beginning – something to live the rest of your life for, rather than spend the rest of your life mourning.

These philosophies dovetail also with the revelation of thought I had while in the more intense training phases of my Marine Corps career, where I literally trained for every waking moment to kill and be killed. Life is so fragile and transient. We are all so very fragile and vulnerable. It makes no sense, none whatsoever, to dedicate your life to seeking achievement or seeking material gain over emotional depth and well-being. There will always be more work to be done tomorrow, and there will always be another achievement to seek or another record to break. Eventually, we will all pass our peak, and in all likelihood, have things left we still want to achieve or accomplish that we cannot. However, we may not always have a second chance to tell someone that we care about that we love them, or another chance to get to know that someone interesting just a bit better. Take risks in the name of enriching your relational life – strip everything else away and the measure of your life, I think, is the impact you had on other people and on the bonds you forged with them – on the families and communities you forged or were a part of.

US Clamping Down on Indian Surrogacy Industry

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Chennai:

Perhaps sensing a threat from foreign wombs and fertile ova, US consulate officials have been closely scrutinizing children of American citizens – in some cases interrogating the parents – carried to term by Indian surrogate mothers or otherwise conceived by ART.

The Times of India speculates that this may be due to worries about Indian court rulings vis a vis custody, but it is more likely that, in the spirit of IMBRA, American feminists in powerful positions (e.g. our Secretary of State) have ordered these measures to safeguard the inflated value of American women, who could be bypassed as mothers by men seeking to have children by purchasing donor eggs and having them implanted in Indian surrogates.

US consulate officials in Chennai have remained tight-lipped, repeating only legal definitions of citizenship when asked about policy.

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Women Don't Create Jobs (Part I)

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The major lamentation over women's slide into the workforce has been the number of jobs taken from men. Underlying all of that is the structural shift from the private to the public sector and from manufacturing to service based economies; both trends favor female employment.

But even if those are plausible issues for male concern, there is another issue with female upward mobility that is of consequence to the whole economy (local, national, global).

Women don't create jobs.

Besides becoming more omnipresent in the workforce, women are taking on more upper management, consulting, and "50,000 foot view" strategic roles. The latter group are of most importance here as they deal more with large-scale risk implementation and capital deployment – the main thrust behind new products, new markets, and new jobs. Not only are women more than half of the U.S.'s workforce, they comprise a near supermajority in college attendance. Affirmative action type policies and general wailing for diversity have forced women up through the glass ceiling into these upper management positions whether they display merit or not. In Norway and France, policy dictates that 40% of a corporation's upper management must be female. In business, one prospers by adhering to the mantra: "Don't be France."

In economics, the most important decision-making factors are opportunity costs and tradeoffs. A woman taking a man's job on a production line has no reverberating consequences for anyone besides the man and his family (my examples are deliberately simplistic) – the opportunity cost is the same whether the gender is switched. But a woman taking a role in these high-level strategic positions – by the more sinister "invisible hand" of equality – has unseen opportunity costs arising from the differences in each gender's nature: one more woman in the boardroom costs a man a boardroom job (which is a moot point) and perhaps a few other people jobs lower down the ladder. How so?

Job creation stems from "creative destruction", innovation, and technology development which all stem from risk. I'll preemptively put one argument to rest that I see springing up: innovation and technology *do* create jobs. It's true that corporate men destroy jobs and green light endeavors that quickly fizzle out, but on the whole and in the long run, risk-taking men create a net benefit in the job market. The poor economic showing of the past decade is a bump in the otherwise long-trending trajectory of quality of life improvement.

My discussion of Baumeister last week underscores the dichotomy between male and female risk-aversion. Men have innately developed low risk aversion out of necessity. The men who passed on their genes engaged in riskier behavior *and succeeded* at higher rates than men of genetic inconsequentiality.

On the flip side, women are more conservative than men. This is biologically and behaviorally true. A woman is not only less likely to use drugs or go sky-diving, she is also less likely to engage in financial risk. In organizations with an AA infused feminine influence, risk will be lower, but so will return. Jobs may be preserved, but even more jobs will *not be created*. This is the important unseen tradeoff.

There are even more resounding knock-on effects to women's unmerited infiltration of the boardroom. As more and more women sneak through the cracks of the glass ceiling, the competitive nature of industry that has led to massive job creation in the past will have compounding effects. Not only will an individual company take on a less risky strategy, the fact that it is up against less risky competitors who have followed the AA/PC path implies that the whole industry will be less risky all together. Lower levels of risk imply lower levels of innovation and job growth for the whole economy in the future. The problem is that we won't notice the effects because we won't know what the tradeoff scenario would have brought.

To make a quick example, the computer chips of Intel and AMD would be of lower quality and more expensive if one or the other company didn't exist. Each company took on risk because they had to develop smaller, faster, and cheaper chips in order to stay abreast of their competition. The innovating drive for Intel was spurred by the chip developments and risk-taking of AMD. We can apply this concept to the risk-aversion of upper management. Depleting the level of risk taken on by one company affects not only that company but companies in similar industries. The lower levels of competition, over time, lead to less highly developed markets and products. More highly developed markets with higher levels of technology and cheaper products create more jobs and higher qualities of life for a nation.

Supporting this hypothesis, research at the London School of Economics showed that companies with higher ratios of female boardmembers have poorer financial performance. The research points out that, while women do their jobs very well, they tend to take on corporate governance roles that stifle growth. The females not only bring their singular risk-averse vote, their influence decreases the risk-taking of other members of the board.

> Dr Ferreira said: 'Women directors appear to have a significant impact on the governance of companies. However, it is not necessarily that the women on the board are doing all the monitoring. The behaviour of the board as a whole is affected by increased diversity.'

Decreased risk may be a sweet song to some, but risk-taking is the lifeblood of our businesses and our culture. Especially for companies that are already reasonably well-governed, this extra red tape (on top of the red tape strewn about by the government) stifles creativity, innovation, risk, profit, and job growth.

If a woman enters the boardroom because she has proven that she has a good grasp on the risk/reward profile that the company embodies (i.e. the same track on which a man has to prove himself), she rightfully deserves her place. But if a woman enters said boardroom because some external pressure compels the boardroom gatekeepers to let her in, and this same policy is administered in boardrooms across the nation, female admittance implies worse financial performance, anemic job growth, and less-than-optimal quality of life. As with most governmental or socially structured dictates, inefficiencies arise. In the past, men have been mostly concerned with the primary effects of women in the workforce: men's focus was on their replacement by females and the capitulation of the breadwinner role. But if we look a few steps further and a couple of levels above us, we'll see that womens' decisions in the boardroom have amplified effects on the millions of men *and* women down below them.

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British Feminists Desperately Trying to Defend Themselves

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In response to undeniable evidence that British women have taken their newfound feminist privileges to mean that they are free to engage in something akin to mass prostitution, hardcore feminists are trying to find a silver lining in the PR disaster that feminism is fast becoming.

Writing for The Telegraph, Ceri Radford acknowledges that young women are letting it all hang out and, in her words, wearing "underwear to nightclubs."

However, Radford, ever the optimist, writes that this is good because it proves that women now have a "choice" to have sex with whoever they want. Since when have men generally had a "choice" in this matter?

Finally, she suggests that it is better for a woman to be a shameless hussy than a wife:

> I feel far more sympathy and concern for the woman trapped in a miserable marriage by a culture untouched by feminism than I do for the British girl shivering in her skimpy outfit on her way home through the snow because she's too vain to wear a coat.

Indeed, this is what feminism was about all along: better a public whore than a wife.

Men's Issues and Race

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I'll try to make this short, because this is one of those subjects that tends toward long-winded, contorted, and usually unsuccessful attempts to get a point across.

First, race is real, race is important, and race is an issue. Only people who are afraid of it or who don't have to deal with it claim that it isn't. It is human nature to separate ourselves into distinct groups based on various attributes, and racial characteristics are the most obvious of these. So I'm not going to try to convince anyone that race is irrelevant, or even that racial conflict will ever disappear. It never will, but I *do* think it can be managed pretty well.

Despite the fact that this is a huge issue in society that is deeply relevant to American culture (although perhaps not so much for other Western countries), it's something we're going to have to put aside here just as we would were we in the Marine Corps and facing battle. This is a fraternal effort, and each of us is defending the next man's most fundamental right, which is to be free in his own affairs from the depredations of oppressors.

It is dedication to this freedom that is the cornerstone of The Spearhead, and it is unconditional. Just as a man should not have his Constitutional rights thrown in the toilet because his wife decides to run off with his children, he should not lose any of his rights because of his race. Both the former and latter situations are out of men's hands, and there is nothing more disgusting and unjust than punishing people for what they have no control over. I'm sure all decent men will agree with that.

What we're confronting here is a merciless anti-male regime that does not care about the rights of any man. That's the enemy. Any man who stands up against it is my brother in arms, and I am his. I can't afford to worry about his hair texture or the shape of his nose, nor can he about mine. None of us can afford to bother with these things in this effort, because if we spend too much time bickering amongst ourselves we have no chance at all.

Keep these words in mind while here at The Spearhead

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The Changing Sexual and Cultural Mores

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Read more of Whiskey at Whiskey's Place.

Two recent stories illustrate the changing sexual mores of women. In one, a now 20 year old woman alleges that age 16, she was forced into sex with a supervisor when she worked as a Starbucks barista. The kicker? That the woman acknowledges she had sex with 12 other men, 7 before she met her alleged sexual harasser (who pled guilty and served several months in prison). The other is one of Tiger Woods mistresses tawdry retelling of her affair with the celebrity golfer. What these stories show is a very big shift in female sexual behavior. Which is changing the culture radically. Making in particular, older men and women absolutely clueless about how families (mostly don't) form.

In the first story, we have the remarkable news that an otherwise ordinary, attractive but not jaw-droppingly beautiful young woman, had sex with 7 men by age 16! And went on to have sex with another four men (without coercion). This is a sea change in female behavior. Moreover, the young woman in question does not feel shame at such a high partner count (much of done underage, I must add). The plural of anecdotes is not data, of course, but what is most telling is the lack of shame and indeed, pride at the high partner count. Certainly there seems to be no social pressures or control to keep young women from having many sexual partners. The AIDS crisis is long past, ads for Valtrex and other medications make STDs socially acceptable (notice the attractive young women in relationships getting approving smiles from their hunky partners and doctors), and there is no sense of social shame making women with many partners less desirable. Indeed, the lack of shame points to a defacto "woman shortage" where any woman, who is halfway attractive, can get some sort of relationship with a man no matter how many prior partners (indicating a bad bet for the current relationship).

In the second, we have a lack of shame by Woods mistress. Indeed, much of the story is filled with female bragging about sex in all sorts of places, and the thrill of having sex with a celebrity:

> " It was a thrill to be the secret lover of such a famous star. In front of TV cameras he acts shy and professional, but away from that he is very macho, cocky and has a huge eye for the ladies."
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> "As a sportsman he is in great shape, but he is also very well endowed. He kept on complimenting me on my figure and kissed me all over.
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> "That first time he was very dominant and knew what he wanted and what he was doing. By the time we finished I looked like a rag doll, but we both had big smiles on our faces."
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> Despite being the first billionaire sporstman, Woods was not generous to Mindy. She said: "He did not buy me anything, not even a meal."
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> Mindy said that after a while she fell deeply in love with Woods, but he made it clear he only wanted a physical relationship.
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> "I really did fall for the guy," she said. "I began to dream that I would some day be the next Mrs Woods. I really did think that he would want to be with me. He is such an attractive guy and what woman wouldn't be attracted to him. Of course it probably helped that he is worth millions."

Writer Julia Baird in Newsweek echoes many of these assumptions young women make when she urges young women not to settle. Criticizing the book by Lori Gottlieb "Marry Him: the Case for Settling for Mr. Good Enough," Baird asserts that women should not compromise on passion and sexual attraction. Indeed, Richard Whitmire, author of "Why Boys Fail" in a Wall Street Journal piece, itself from a New York Times Magazine

article, notes the case of one Rachel Downtain, 36, attractive, single, and searching for a sperm donor instead of a husband (she won't compromise). Downtain's real complaint? She can't get Mr. Big from Sex and the City to marry her.

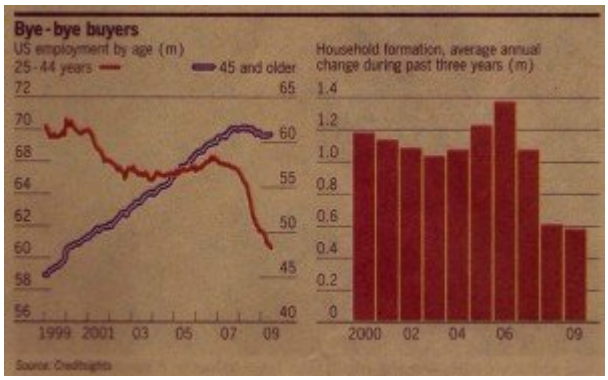
Contrary to Whitmire's naïve, chivalrous older male view of women, the operational sex ratio is driven by women's hypergamy. Women desire generally, the highest available man for a mate. Even a waitress can get a celebrity like Tiger Woods to have sex with them (marrying them is a different story, of course). Women can and do delude themselves over the power of their sexual attraction, "dreaming" as in Mindy Lawton's case, that they will get the superstar over the current wife. Feeling no shame at that, either, and facing no social condemnation (the dog that isn't barking, so to speak). There were plenty of men available for Rachel Downtain, in her twenties. They merely lacked the superior status of all the "Mr. Big" types that Downtain obviously preferred.

What has happened is the sexual revolution, encompassing the pill and condom, reducing risks of pregnancy and disease, along with urban anonymity, a consumerist approach to sex (conspicuous consumption), and critically, lack of social condemnation by other women **AND** potential partners lead women to have a lot more sexual partners than they did in times past.

Why can't Rachel Downtain find a husband? Because she lived like Mindy Lawton, and the Starbucks barista, pursuing and catching their own many, Tiger Woods-types, during the peak of her attractiveness. Now, many partners later, and significantly older, she isn't very interesting to the Alpha Male types she desires. She's unwilling to sacrifice by marrying downward, to a man less attractive or status-laden. Even those types of relationships don't work out when the man is significantly younger. Ashton Kutcher notwithstanding.

What this means is that the fundamental way in which families formed has changed. Instead of most men and women marrying equally, and forming families, in a middle class America, we have a "Brave New World." One in which women (and significantly, underage girls), have many partners (most of them the typical Alpha Male, from Tiger Woods to "the Situation" on "Jersey Shore"), and then finding few Alpha males wanting to marry them, forming single mother families.

The graph below, taken from the "Lex" column of the Thursday, Jan 21, 2010 Financial Times shows how household formation has fallen off the cliff. If a man lacks the asshole cocky nature of say, "the Situation" (which women love), his only play is that of provider. However, employment for those 25-44 years (almost 75% of the job losses have been male) has fallen off the cliff. Employment of that age group is down 8%, since the start of the recession, again almost all of them men. If past recessions are any guide, finding jobs for that age group and new entrants into the labor force will take between six and fourteen years.



Household Formation has fallen off the cliff

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The "Beta Male" is not even on the playing field. Given downward pressure on wages for those employed, and uncertainty in employment as the economy teeters on the precipice of a double-dip recession. Instead we are shambling towards a new model, one characterized by short-term hook-ups, driven by sexual desire (by the women

for guys ranging from “the Situation” to Tiger Woods types), and not much else. Women just don’t like marrying down, or even equal, if they can find a man who is Alpha to have sex with, and don’t face social condemnation for single motherhood, or even not marrying an ordinary, same-status guy in their twenties. This is our new reality. And it is already shaping our culture.

Two interesting movies, show how romance leading to marriage is now dead. The George Clooney, “Up in the Air” centers on the impossibility of traditional romance **OR** marriage among the yuppie professional set. Clooney plays a man who travels around the country to lay people off, and lives to collect frequent flyer miles and live anonymously. He meets a woman (Vera Farmiga) with whom he has an affair, to the point of taking her to his sister’s wedding, and a young female co-worker dumped by her boyfriend by text message. After falling for the woman (Farmiga), Clooney shows up at her home, only to discover she is married with young kids, and that he was just an escape. Clooney remains an empty, anonymous professional firer, living for frequent flyer miles. Because, intriguingly, marriage is redefined to mean “stuff at home” while men and women have affairs in the workplace. The dream of marriage and family Clooney’s character chases is as empty as his frequent flyer miles. Marriage is redefined as “cheat but don’t get caught.”

The other is “(500) Days of Summer”, which bills itself as “not a love story.” It spends nearly all of the movie with the young male protagonist, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, in love with a young woman (Zooey Deschanel, daughter of cinematographer Caleb Deschanel) who likes his attention and devotion but exploits him for her own emotional validation. In the end, Deschanel’s character is engaged to someone else. While it takes Gordon-Levitt’s character to begin greater career success to get a date. [Indeed, he meets a woman called "Autumn" while applying for a more prestigious job interview, and makes a date. It is implied, however, that his character must win the job and the woman lose, for the date to occur.] The whole point of the movie is the Gordon-Levitt character learning that “true love” does not exist, and killing his romantic impulses by becoming adult and cynical about relationships.

What this means is social reality (family formation is for the middle-rich, the upper class but not ridiculously wealthy) is making culture reflect the reality. Movies, the purveyor of “Its A Wonderful Life” images of family and the sanctity thereof, now do not even believe that George Clooney can get married (OK, they have a point there), or even an earnest young guy get a girlfriend. Given how culture is a lagging indicator, this is a big shift. America is moving to a single-mother dominated family structure. Like Chav Britain or ghetto Black America. The nuclear family is dead, not even Hollywood believes it can exist in its old form given female hypergamy and relaxed sexual mores. Both “Up in the Air” and “(500) Days of Summer” wear their cynicism about love and relationships on their sleeves. At best both are for other people who exist outside the yuppie world of professions and upper middle class life.

At best, this is what America will become, a nation of cynics who know, because they’ve lived it, that sex and love are conditional, fleeting, short-term, and so not worthy of commitment or sacrifice. The cost of no real social control for female and Alpha Male sexuality (women do not desire Beta Males so their control is irrelevant) is quite high. As satisfying as it is for most women to have many, many Alpha males (young girls aged 16 do not rack up seven sex partners if they do not like it), the ultimate cost is male cynicism and lack of investment. Removal, even. As women and families and children become something for the upper class rich or a few Alpha Men with significantly younger women.

The WomEconomist

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A Spearhead Fisking

In the last few months, The Economist has published several articles that celebrate the changes to society, the economy and life in the 21st century because of the advent of women in the work force.

Those of us that see the big picture of gender politics and the ulterior motives of the social engineers that inflicted feminism on the Western World as a means of population control read such articles and notice the sheer amount of feminist shibboleths and memes that are assumed as a given premise – in which the author presumes the reader already accepts the feminist point of view as normative.

As I labored to point out in We Are All Misogynists Now, there a number of assumptions that have been inculcated into mainstream consciousness by a variety of cultural influences; points of views that the larger society accepts at face value that are never questioned — just accepted as factual.

But when one learns to recognize these premises, it's rather easy to start to deconstruct the kind of articles that pass for conventional wisdom in mainstream media outlets like The Economist. The following fisking will show just how many assumptions and premises of the politically correct, feminist mindset are taken as a "given" by some of the contributors to this magazine.

From: We Did It! The rich world's quiet revolution: women are gradually taking over the workplace

> AT A time when the world is short of causes for celebration, here is a candidate: within the next few months women will cross the 50% threshold and become the majority of the American workforce.

Just who is "celebrating?" Those that gleefully rejoice in watching more and more women forsake marriage and creating families with multiple children so that they can pursue the education-career track? How about the growing number of working women growing disenchanted and harried as they try to find "balance" between careers and home making responsibilities?

> Women already make up the majority of university graduates in the OECD countries and the majority of professional workers in several rich countries, including the United States.

Note…*professional* workers. Get back to us when they make up the majority of blue collar, hazardous and physically laborious jobs as well. Until then, your cheers of victory for "equality" ring quite hollow.

> Women's economic empowerment is arguably the biggest social change of our times.

Now there's something we can all agree on. The real question you should be asking is whether or not this change has been good for society or not.

> Just a generation ago, women were largely confined to repetitive, menial jobs.

Just like most men. Except for most, you could also add hazardous and physically laborious to that description as well.

> They were routinely subjected to casual sexism and were expected to abandon their careers when they married and had children.

Ahh yes. Now that women are 50+% of the workforce, casual sexism is no longer a problem! At best, telling Betty she looks "pretty in that dress," will land a man (that Betty doesn't find attractive – remember, it's only harassment if he's ugly,) in "sensitivity training sessions" and a permanent mark in his company file; or at worst, summarily fired and sued for "creating a hostile environment"

And of course, now women do not have to "abandon their careers" — I wish I could have "abandoned" my career once I got married…but I digress — they now have the freedom and joy of dropping off their kids for babysitting by minimum-wage paid workers at a day care center or the nearest State-run public educational system's indoctrination and social engineering facilities (aka public school,) so now they too can pursue the fulfillment of being a corporate-drone wage slave in a cubicle farm…just like the lucky men!

> Today they are running some of the organizations that once treated them as second-class citizens.

Running them alright…right into the ground.

> Millions of women have been given more control over their own lives.

Got that ladies? Unless you become a *human resource* for a giant corporation, you don't have control over your own life! Those of you that are stay at home housewives don't even know how little control you have over your life!

> And millions of brains have been put to more productive use. Societies that try to resist this trend—most notably the Arab countries, but also Japan and some southern European countries—will pay a heavy price in the form of wasted talent and frustrated citizens.

Oh yes, they most certainly will pay a heavy price…they will actually have above-replacement levels of children so that they won't have to encourage mass immigration from poorer countries to prop up their tax base and menial, service-sector work force. After all, what a waste to have millions of female brains focused on nurturing and raising their own children…better to have them devising sensitivity training courses and power point presentations for their *Human Resources* department!

> This revolution has been achieved with only a modicum of friction. Men have, by and large, welcomed women's invasion of the workplace. Yet even the most positive changes can be incomplete or unsatisfactory. This particular advance comes with two stings. The first is that women are still under-represented at the top of companies. Only 2% of the bosses of America's largest companies and 5% of their peers in Britain are women. **They are also paid significantly less than men on average. The second is that juggling work and child-rearing is difficult.** Middle-class couples routinely complain that they have too little time for their children. But the biggest losers are poor children—particularly in places like America and Britain that have combined high levels of female participation in the labour force with a reluctance to spend public money on child care.

Note the bolded section of this excerpt. This is the classic case of feminist cognitive dissonance. The idea that women who "juggle" work and child-rearing, would have nothing to do with why women *on average* making less than men? Or that many never attain the top-level positions in companies…that would have nothing to do with the time *voluntarily* taken off of work over the course of a career to meet familial responsibilities and obligations…nah, couldn't be…IT'S SEXISM!

> **Dealing with the juggle**
>
> These two problems are closely related. Many women feel they have to choose between their children and their careers.

Many women FEEL? Feelings have nothing to do with the reality of opportunity costs my dear! I hate to break it to you, but you simply can't be in two places at once. No matter how you *feel* about it, you can either take the time to be a great Mother or a great Career Womyn…not both.

> Women who prosper in high-pressure companies during their 20s drop out in dramatic numbers in their 30s and then find it almost impossible to regain their earlier momentum.

But never forget…it's still unfair and oppressive that these women make less than men *on average*!

> Less-skilled women are trapped in poorly paid jobs with hand-to-mouth child-care arrangements. Motherhood, not sexism, is the issue: in America, childless women earn almost as much as men, but mothers earn significantly less. And those mothers' relative poverty also disadvantages their children.

Now they're "trapped?" I thought women have escaped the "trap" of Patriarchal oppression by eschewing marriage and entering the workforce to become "economically independent!?"

> Demand for female brains is helping to alleviate some of these problems. Even if some of the new theories about warm-hearted women making inherently superior workers are bunk, several trends favour the more educated sex, including the "war for talent" and the growing flexibility of the workplace. Law firms, consultancies and banks are rethinking their "up or out" promotion systems because they are losing so many able women. More than 90% of companies in Germany and Sweden allow flexible working. And new technology is making it easier to redesign work in all sorts of family-friendly ways.

Sorry dear…these "trends" that are favoring the "more educated sex" are merely indicators of the misandry bubble. Eventually, all bubbles pop…

> Women have certainly performed better over the past decade than men. In the European Union women have filled 6m of the 8m new jobs created since 2000. In America three out of four people thrown out of work since the "mancession" began have been male. And the shift towards women is likely to continue: by 2011 there will be 2.6m more female than male university students in America.

Take note, Men. Remember the opening sentence of this paragraph: "*AT A time when the world is short of causes for celebration, here is a candidate: within the next few months women will cross the 50% threshold and become the majority of the American workforce.*"

Female empowerment = Male dis-empowerment

Isn't it great that your fathers, your husbands, your uncles, your brothers, your nephews, your boyfriends…they're losing their jobs at a record pace…BUT WOMEN ARE SOON GOING TO PASS THE 50% THRESHOLD OF THE WORKFORCE! Still feel like celebrating, ladies?

> **The light hand of the state**
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> All this argues, mostly, for letting the market do the work. That has not stopped calls for hefty state intervention of the Scandinavian sort. Norway has used threats of quotas to dramatic effect. Some 40% of the legislators there are women. All the Scandinavian countries provide plenty of state-financed nurseries. They have the highest levels of female employment in the world and far fewer of the social problems that plague Britain and America. Surely, comes the argument, there is a way to speed up the revolution—and improve the tough lives of many working women and their children?

Of course there are plenty of calls for hefty state intervention. Never mind all of the social ills, the broken families, the neglected children…never mind the "tough lives" that are the results of these "modicum of changes," *more of the same* is the only solution to make things better!

> If that means massive intervention, in the shape of affirmative-action programmes and across-the-board benefits for parents of all sorts, the answer is no.

Why, how reasonable of you…especially since affirmative-action programs and benefits for parents of all sorts *are already the law of the land!*

> To begin with, promoting people on the basis of their sex is illiberal and unfair, and stigmatises its beneficiaries.

You don't say?

> And there are practical problems. Lengthy periods of paid maternity leave can put firms off hiring women, which helps explain why most Swedish women work in the public sector and Sweden has a lower proportion of women in management than America does.

Don't worry dear, this is changing real soon. Under the current economic conditions, America's "Public Sector" is the only growth industry.

> But there are plenty of cheaper, subtler ways in which governments can make life easier for women.

Ah yes. This is precisely what Governments are for, right? I forgot that little part of the Declaration of Independence…you know, the old "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness **for women**."

> Welfare states were designed when most women stayed at home. They need to change the way they operate. German schools, for instance, close at midday. American schools shut down for two months in the summer. These things can be changed without huge cost. Some popular American charter schools now offer longer school days and shorter summer holidays. And, without going to Scandinavian lengths, America could invest more in its children: it spends a lower share of its GDP on public child-care than almost any other rich country, and is the only rich country that refuses to provide mothers with paid maternity leave. Barack Obama needs to measure up to his campaign rhetoric about "real family values".

Real family values? How about changing the laws and the welfare system to restore the meaningful role of FATHER? Abolish the gender-biased family court system? Eliminate "No-Fault" (his fault) divorce? Oh wait, silly me, I forgot…men have nothing to do with "family values."

> Still, these nagging problems should not overshadow the dramatic progress that women have made in recent

> decades.

Isn't it great that just about every time an article or report is written singing the praises of "women's progress," much of the articles are always full of statistics, anecdotes and examples of women who are struggling…but they always conclude with a statement that despite such problems, it is still "dramatic progress" that should be hailed as some sort of grand achievement?

> During the second world war, when America's menfolk were off at the front, the government had to summon up the image of Rosie the Riveter, with her flexed muscle and "We Can Do It" slogan, to encourage women into the workforce.

Now they merely indoctrinate them through mass media and educational brainwashing to get into the workforce. Never mind getting married and having children…get that degree! GET TO WORK!

> Today women are marching into the workplace in ever larger numbers and taking a sledgehammer to the remaining glass ceilings.

More like taking a sledgehammer to Western Civilization, the nuclear family and society as a whole.

"Coerced Reproduction": Bogeyman for the 2010s

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Here is the new bogeyman of the 2010s: coerced reproduction. It will be what "date rape" was to the 1990s, and what "global warming" was to the 2000s.

Teenage pregnancies are on the rise because girls' boyfriends sabotage their contraception, poke holes in their own condoms, and favor the raw-dog. That's the story. Memorize it. But to hear some feminists tell it, teenage pregnancy is on the rise because abstinence awareness pogroms have undermined efforts to prevent unwanted pregnancy – like condom and Pill use. Now we're hit with the argument that those condoms – if they're used at all – may have been sabotaged in order for young men to keep their women chained to their side via unwanted pregnancy. Two strikes against the patriarchy.

Before I start – a slight digression. It's convenient that feminists try to shift the problem of increased teen pregnancy from irresponsible behavior on the part of young men *and* women to bad behavior on the part of *young men*. They correlate higher unplanned pregnancy rates as stemming from male reproductive coercion while, if it exists, it probably didn't start yesterday. Feminists don't consider the possibility that their relaxed attitudes towards sex are part of the cause in the increase in unwanted pregnancies; they are effectively putting the onus on us.

The headlines come from a recent cross-sectional study of five Northern California family planning clinics. In a sample of 1,278 women, 53% said they were the victim of physical or sexual violence at the hands of their partners while 20% say they were pressured into having a child. One-third of women who were party to domestic abuse felt coerced into pregnancy while 15% of unabused women felt the same way.

I really shouldn't have to discredit the selection bias of this study. But I'm bored, so I will – succinctly. Poor women more often go to family planning clinics. Unwanted pregnancies are more highly correlated with lower socioeconomic status. Poor women get beaten by their men at higher rates. Poor men, when not beating their women, are more likely to engage in other forms of emotional abuse similar to reproductive coercion. For what it's worth, far fewer than 15% or 33% of women are coerced into pregnancy in manners that the research suggests. But to put the actual cases of coerced reproduction into perspective, men take shits, and although we don't like to hear it, so do women.

This just-so report has several nifty features that fit perfectly into feminist arsenals. If we believe the overarching picture painted in this report, young men trap their female partners into staying with them by poking holes in condoms and flushing Pills down the toilet. These incidents are reported in family health clinics to social workers whose job is to tease this type of information out of women like a barber teases ratted hair. Women have venues to report their stories of "reproductive coercion".

But what about the men who undergo similar trauma? There isn't a nearby reproductive rights facility for them to expel their crocodile tears and horror stories. Unfortunately, drinking buddies don't carry the same academic weight as sociologists or even feminists. There no measurement devices by which to gauge the amount of coerced reproduction men face on a constant basis. What about online message boards? How about articles from a real live woman at a reputable site like Salon.com? Females' reproductive coercion of males flies under the radar as it is more passive-aggressive. Understand: this fact doesn't make it any better.

So since we don't have any corroborating studies with evidence to support mens' horror stories of reproductive coercion at the hands of women with baby rabies, we'll have to develop *a priori* arguments and anecdotal evidence to support the argument that women employ reproductive coercion much more than men. If these arguments appear to be true, we might as well burn every rag on which every forth-coming male-bashing story is printed (in fact, let's burn them anyway).

- Who exclaims their desire to have children more often? Men or women?
- Who gets baby rabies more often? Men or women?
- Who is more likely give their partner an ultimatum to force them to have children?
- Who has the pesky biological clock that won't stop ticking?
- Who gains more, overall and on average, by having children?
- Which gender benefits most from social welfare after having a child?
- Who are the gatekeepers?

If the answer to these questions, by and large, is men, my argument is null and void.

Then there are the tactical arguments. Women have the most power over their own birth control; if anyone were going to sabotage the Pill cycle, women would be the most likely suspects. Pill skipping or misuse of the Pill is a much more passive-aggressive means to getting pregnant. It isn't as aggressive as choking a woman and telling her to have your child, but it has the same outcome. The fact that Pill skipping is perfectly legal while choking a girlfriend will get a man tossed into jail implies that the former is a much more plausible strategy if someone were going to force another person into conception. What's worse is that the man really has no say in the matter; if a man flushes a woman's Pill down the toilet, she knows that she missed her Pill. It's her choice to have sex amid such risk. If the man rapes her to coerce pregnancy; that's a whole new issue.

We also don't hear of the women who practice the Timing Method but don't keep good time – on purpose. We don't hear of the emotionally dependent women whose main goal in life is to have a child so they can trap their man. We don't hear of the relationships in which the man is given an ultimatum to either make with the sperm or pack up and leave. Again, if anyone is going to be trapped by a pregnancy, the man is the one most likely to wear the collar.

Furthermore, as with all studies that seek to rip men to bits to provide kibble for man-haters, it is most convenient to look down towards the low end of society to provide the vivid brushstrokes that help the image of male treachery pop.

If there were a dearth of men engaging in reproductive coercion at higher rates than women, it would most likely come among lower-status men. They are the ones that have a harder time finding partners; they more likely engage in mate-guarding tactics, shaming behavior, and violence to keep their woman chained to them.

But if there were a dearth of *women* engaging in reproductive coercion at higher rates than men, it would most likely happen to higher-status men. Women come out of the woodwork to claim paternity against men who have lots of money and good jobs compared to men with no jobs and no prospects.

So since women are painting this picture, and the picture sells better when the men look really bad, ugly, and scary (and their scariness comes from the fact that there are so many men out there like this), their Muses are men from the left tail of the spectrum.

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Jack and Diane – Emblem of American (Male) Fatalism

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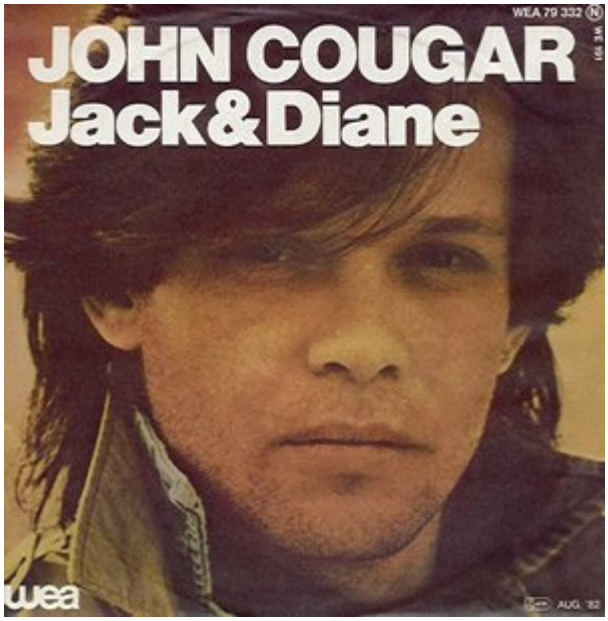
Some of you may be able to guess what this post will be about from the title, but others may not see where I'm going. "Jack and Diane" is a song – considered an American classic, it was written by rocker John Mellencamp, (known by the name John Cougar back in 1982 when the song came out). John was born in 1951 which means he was going through his teenage years/puberty in the 60's. This is an important point to consider when we analyze the content of the song, especially as the song was "influenced in part by John's own life experiences." Quotes will be from the lyrics.



The song is a "little ditty about Jack and Diane, two American kids growing up in the heartland." Jack's "gonna be a football star" while Diane is "a debutante [in the] backseat of Jackie's car." So far, so good, right? Young love, young dreams. Certainly, most should be able to relate. In the second verse, Jack wants to get frisky with Diane (no protest, and apparently he takes charge and isn't overly worried about contemporary concerns of complicated consent):

> Diane sittin on Jackie's lap
> He's got his hands between her knees
> Jackie say, hey diane lets run off
> Behind a shady tree
> Dribble off those bobby brooks
> Let me do what I please

Perhaps I am belaboring the point, but what I'm driving at is this – when John (Jack is a common nickname for John, by the way, so we may be able to assume that John was writing about himself and a girlfriend from his youth) was growing up, affection between men and women wasn't yet irrevocably poisoned by notions of "gender" politics, political correctness, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and all those other "progressive" ideas we've swallowed together as a culture. That he looks back on these times with fondness is more than understandable – hell, men who weren't even alive in those times look back to them with fondness.

The problems I'd like to highlight begin with the chorus (worth mentioning that the chorus is always set off by "and Jack(ie) says" or some derivation thereof):

> Oh yeah life goes on

> Long after the thrill of livin is gone
> Oh yeah life goes on
> Long after the thrill of livin is gone they walk on

And here fatalism rears its ugly head. It is telling that this song caught on and become massively popular. It is little more than nostalgic yearning for times long gone and a fatalistic attitude towards the contemporary – and it is primarily a song which men will relate to. Why anyone would accept a life of misery as inevitable ("life goes on, long after the thrill of living is gone") is disappointing – as humans, we may not be able to control our external circumstances (change the world) but we always have some power to change ourselves and how we adapt to that world. We do not need to adopt a fatalistic attitude towards things, and give up, as John seems to in this song. For men in contemporary times, there are many ways to adapt – learn Game, expatriate, marry a foreign wife, form or join a brotherhood, go your own way…

The refrain is even more telling:

> Gonna let it rock
> Let it roll
> Let the Bible belt come down
> And save my soul
> Hold on to 16 as long as you can
> Changes comin round real soon
> Make us women and men

Here the fatalism is even clearer. John expects the Bible belt to come and save him, rather than having to apply himself rigorously to study of the Bible in order to come to faith and understanding. (Author's note: I am currently an agnostic.) Furthermore, his only advice to listeners is to "hold on to 16 as long as you can," even though the 16 he experienced back in 1967 is drastically different from the 16 that someone born in 1996 (who will turn 16 this year) can expect. He tells us that changes are going to come which will make us all "women and men," even though the changes of which he is warning (likely changes advocated and imposed by feminists and their supporters) came to pass in his lifetime. Furthermore, I doubt seriously that the changes of which he is likely speaking about are what truly cause boys and girls to become women and men – and, on my view, there are precious few women and men left in America today. (Here's a hint: being a man or a woman has very little to do with age.)

The idea that we lose our innocence when we become adults, as we realize how "terrible the world is," betrays an assumption that feeds into language ideologies. For one, it is not the entire world that is terrible – merely the American (and, to an extent, Western) one. This goes for men and women both, or perhaps ironically only for women. The degree to which your world is terrible is also largely dependent on how you structure your world view, and really, how much you allow things to get to you and influence you. Here, some stoicism (perhaps I could write a post on this for readers? let me know) may be helpful, but stoicism is often misunderstood as fatalism.

In his book, A People's History of the World, Chris Harman points out two prejudices he had to overcome in his telling of human history:

> One is the idea that key features of successive societies and human history have been a result of an 'unchanging' human nature. It is a prejudice that pervades academic writing, mainstream journalism, and popular culture alike. Human beings, we are told, have always been greedy, competitive and aggressive, and that explains horrors like war, exploitation, slavery, and the oppression of women. This 'caveman' image is meant to explain the bloodletting on the Western Front in one world war and the Holocaust in the other. I argue very differently. 'Human nature' as we know it today is a product of our history, not its cause. Our history involved the moulding of different human natures, each displacing the one that went before through great economic, political and ideological battles.

> The second prejudice, much promulgated in the last decade, is that although human society may have changed in the past, it will do so no more.

That Harman's arguments here feed naturally into my reflections on language ideology (the main enforcers of language ideology are, again, public education, the news media, the entertainment industry, corporate culture and the legal system) I'd like to think is more than just a happy coincidence. I feel strongly that a proper understanding of language and language ideologies is a sort of missing link when it comes to understanding why and how feminism has wrought so much damage, and, more importantly, how to make sure it doesn't happen again. It has certainly happened in the past, after all.

Fatalism seems to be the domain of little men who are too afraid to believe in themselves and their own power to change their own circumstances. Wilhelm Reich may have been on to something well ahead of his time. He was writing about the evils that permitted the atomic bomb to be created and used, but the attitude that allowed for this atrocity seems very similar in character to the attitude that permits feminism to destroy civilization (emphasis my own):

> You see, little man, it all boils down to one thing, to you and your sound or unsound thinking. And you, the most brilliant scientist of the twentieth century, if you were not a microscopically little man, **you'd have thought in terms of the world and not of any nation.** Your great intellect would have shown you how to keep the atom bomb out of the world; or if the logic of scientific development made such an invention inevitable, you'd have brought all your influence to bear to prevent it from being used. **You're caught in a vicious circle of your own making, and you can't get out of it because your thought and vision have taken the wrong direction.** You comforted millions of little men by telling them your atomic energy would cure their cancer and rheumatism, though you were well aware that this was impossible, that you had devised an instrument of murder and nothing else. You and your physics have landed in the same blind alley. You know it, but you won't admit it. You're finished! Now and for all time! You know it, I've told you so very plainly. **But you keep silent, you go on dying of cancer and a broken heart, and on your very deathbed you cry out, "Long live culture and technology!" I tell you, little man, that you've dug your own grave with your eyes open.** You think the new "era of atomic energy" has dawned. It has dawned all right, but not in the way you think. Not in your inferno but in my quiet, industrious workshop in a far corner of America.

A parting note I'd like to leave you with is this – John Mellencamp originally intended for the song to be about an interracial couple, but was afraid of the backlash that would result. Language ideologies regarding racism were undergoing drastic change when John was growing up, much like ideologies regarding the sexes were. I intended on writing a piece about language ideologies and race, but I thought perhaps Spearhead readers were getting tired of me hammering on this point.

MSNBC: Be a Bitch to Get Married

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In a prime example of what Western men face today, Sherry Argov writes for MSNBC that women seeking to tie the knot should be “bitches” to get men to propose. I doubt this advice will be particularly effective, but like so many other sales pitches it only encourages American women to continue doing what got them into a fix in the first place to achieve a different outcome. Just like the countless products marketed to fat people that promise they can lose weight while eating all they want, this advice is designed to appeal to women who find the idea of changing their behavior to make themselves more attractive too frightening to contemplate.

As comforting to women as this advice may be, it is bound to disappoint them in the long run, but the real victims will be boyfriends and husbands who will inevitably be subjected to more demands, less respect and general abuse from the women in their lives.

Feminism has reached critical mass, and what we are seeing today is a sort of chain reaction, wherein each new expression of feminism leads to another. It seems that here in the West, we have built the perfect breeder reactor for feminism, in which feminist reactions actually create additional fuel as they propagate.

Outside Observations

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I just had to go to the local Apple Computer store to replace some faulty hardware. Here in Seattle, it's located in the University Village, which is a mall that abuts the University of Washington. The U. Village, as it's known here, is an upper middle class place featuring all the trendy chain stores, such as Crate & Barrel, Starbucks, Apple store, etc. Personally, I liked it better when it was a lumber yard and bowling alley before they developed the place. But it was the response to new money that flowed into Seattle during the 1990s, so I suppose it's here to stay, and perhaps the yuppies needed their own ghetto to counterbalance the Ave, which is the trashy strip crawling with gutterpunks and other assorted miscreants on the other side of the UW.

What I noticed at the U. Village is that middle class Americans are not all that attractive themselves. Last time I went to WalMart I thought it was bad there, but the frumpy, androgynous crowd at these upscale malls isn't much to crow about.

What I want to ask is whether it's just me, or has America really gotten a lot uglier over the years? I know we're fatter – that's obvious from looking at old high school yearbooks – but are we also just more run-down and decrepit?

America's First Legal Male Hooker Starting Work in Nevada

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Far out in the Nevada desert, a young man who goes by "Markus" has just started peddling himself to women at the "Shady Lady" brothel.

Markus, who compares himself to Rosa Parks, suggests that by whoring himself he is a civil rights pioneer:

> There has to be some kind of change in terminology to describe persons like myself. And it's more of a civil rights thing now. Basically this is the first time in the economy of the United States that a male has actually stood up and said, "I want to do this for a living." And be protected under law to do it. It's just the same as when Rosa Parks decided to sit at the front instead of the back. [...] This actually isn't about selling my body. This is about changing social norms…

The befuddled young man, who couldn't make it in the Marine Corps, probably doesn't realize how ridiculous he sounds. In fact, his claims are so embarrassing that I can't tell whether the interviewer is trying to turn the entire article into a joke.

It gets even worse as Markus conjures Freud in an attempt to explain what he's doing, essentially calling himself a motherf***er in the process:

> When I was 7, my father and mother applied for a divorce, and I was pretty much left sensory deprived for my whole adolescent and formative years. There was a deficit there—a sensory deficit—where I was left in a shell. [...] Psychologically, Freud always said that every man inherently has an innate desire to copulate or have some sort of relation with his mother—regardless of whether he wants to admit it or not. I think this engenders what it means to be a gigolo.

But at least he draws the line *somewhere*…

> I think gay people are very put-together. I think they're very classy, very well-organized people. They have great personalities. I have nothing against them, but that's not me… My sphincter isn't for sale.

The article is both hilarious and depressing at the same time. Tragicomique would be the word, I suppose.

Markus goes on to explain all the superhuman attributes gigolos must possess, apparently in a bid to attract customers, and spouts a fair amount of feminist ideology. He was a poor kid from Alabama who tried to make it big in California, and now he's working at one of Nevada's notorious ranches.

I can't help but feel a great deal of pity for the guy. It just doesn't seem fitting that a man should be a whore.

Another Study on Women's Sexuality Misses the Obvious

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According to a Texas A&M study on young women in their 20s, employment and financial security are negatively correlated with promiscuity.

The women in the study who were irregular workers, i.e. women who were employed less than six months over a two-year period, were found to have a greater sexual appetite and to be more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior.

Researchers speculated that this may be due to jobs providing women with a sense of structure and purpose. Of course, the fact that unemployed women might be the type who are less likely to control their impulses in the first place was never mentioned, but another, probably more important factor was completely left out:

Women have traditionally secured resources through sex. In contemporary society, there is little preventing them from attempting to do so from numerous different men. The woman without a job, therefore, is still providing for herself after a fashion through sexual engagement with men.

One could even say that unemployed women who sleep around are actually independent contractors — they have simply traded the job at the office or the restaurant for another one in the bedroom.

Democrats and Republicans Unite to Form the Misandry Party

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Reader DC Handgun Info (visit his blog) emailed me this link of U.S. Representative Carol Shea-Porter (D-New Hampshire) saying that healthcare reform could be passed into law if only those dastardly men weren't around to muck it up. From the horseface's mouth:

> We go to the ladies room and the Republican women and the Democratic women and we just roll our eyes. And the Republican women said when we were fighting over the healthcare bill, if we sent the men home…

The full video of her comment, courtesy of *Hot Air*, can be viewed below. The quote above was met with enthusiastic applause from Shea-Porter's audience:

Additionally, Shea-Porter's blatant sexism was defended by one of her lady colleagues:

> Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) on Monday called "irreverent" but accurate, comments made by a female colleague that Congress could pass healthcare reform if men were sent home.

> "Carol Shea-Porter was I think expressing the frustrations in an irreverent way of a lot of women across this country," Wasserman Schultz said on MSNBC. "We do have conversations like that in the bathroom among Republican and Democratic women."

> "In terms of healthcare decisions, women make virtually all of the healthcare decisions, or are the main decision makers for most families," Wasserman Schultz said.

In his introduction to *The Spearhead*, Welmer wrote the following:

> We aren't really interested in conservatism or liberalism — when the entire structure is rotten you might as well bring it down so as to build a newer, better temple.

On the governmental level, he was dead on correct. When female legislators from the two major parties in the world's most powerful nation can come together through their disdain for men, it is obvious that we have no allies in the halls of power. The Democratic Party is the party of feminism in the U.S., but let it not be forgotten that conservatives and their Republican allies possess their own brand of misandry, an antiquated brand that endorses heavy-handed regulations on men to protect "innocent" young women. To excerpt Welmer again:

> They [social conservatives] are not driven as much by an altruistic desire to improve society as they are by the lack of sexual and emotional fulfillment in their own relationships with their mother-wives. They find fulfillment of these desires through an incestuous relationship, both symbolic and real, with the daughters of America, and they wage war against America's sons with all the primitive passion of savages raiding a village to carry off its maidens.

> This is what I have in mind when I think of social conservatives. Essentially, I see them as people who have a strong impulse to judge and punish others – men in particular – for flimsy or backward reasons. They justify their sadism by portraying themselves as defenders of virtuous, defenseless young maidens who, not coincidentally, are the objects of their lust. This is why one can see some very odd intersections between policy advocated by lesbians and social conservatives, who disagree violently on some other issues, such as abortion

> — they both have similar motives in the matter of relationships between females and other men.

This mentality runs through modern conservatism like a throbbing artery, to the point where the most punitive anti-male legislation of the past two decades, the Violence Against Women Act and the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act, were tacitly endorsed by conservatives (the latter being co-sponsored by two conservative Republicans). Their ingrained ignorance of the nature of women leads them to place them on pedestals, giving them common cause with feminists who seek to beat down men at every opportunity. While I imagine the majority of *The Spearhead's* readership is right-wing, we shouldn't look to mainstream conservatives for our salvation.

On a related tack, this story also lends credence to the idea that allowing women to vote and participate in government inevitably shifts the state towards socialism. Writes Vox Day:

> I think every male politician in America should resign his office and let the womenfolk run things for as long as they want to do so. Because that will be the fastest and easiest way to end the disastrous women's suffrage experiment that I can imagine. There are two words that describe a matriarchal society and those two words are "grass huts".

Think about it.

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Life and Times in Old Peking (Part I)

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A reader asked me to share a bit about my experience living in China, so I thought I ought to oblige both him and my nostalgia. I suppose China is on my mind lately, because an old friend of mine – a woman from Kunming – recently got in touch. She's a professor of Chinese calligraphy in France now. Not sure how she pulled that off, but the girl sure did have some spunk. I have nothing but fond memories of her, and am happy to see that she has found a place for herself in France.

I lived in Peking, now known as Beijing, from 1997-1999, when I could barely call myself a man. Life in Seattle had become something of a dead end for me, or so it seemed. I hated school, and found myself descending into the underworld of youth subculture, which involved all the usual hedonistic pursuits of the 90s. I decided that I had to get out, and having studied a couple years of Mandarin and made friends with some visiting Chinese students, decided that Beijing was the place to go.

I started by renewing my passport, obtaining a three-month tourist visa and purchasing a round trip ticket with an open return date. I had no idea how long I'd last in China, but I knew when I would go, so at least there was some kind of a plan. Fortunately, my friend suggested that I stay in his parents' house for a couple of months, so I knew I at least had a temporary place to stay.

When I arrived in Beijing the city was in the midst of a transformation. Buildings were rising like mushrooms after the autumn rains, and armies of construction workers marched to their jobs every morning. It was early September, so the weather was quite pleasant, but the haze of coal smoke and the dust from the incessant building gave the streets an otherworldly ambience, which I would take in as though in a dream on my first walks around the neighborhood.

My friend's parents lived in a danwei, which is a neighborhood built around a work unit. This was a relic of the Communist system of organization, and because each danwei was organized to provide for the needs of its workers and families, it had something of the feel of a town within a city. Everybody knew about the newly arrived young foreigner, and watched me with curiosity, and probably some suspicion as well. It took a while to grow accustomed to the fact that *everyone* around me was Chinese. For a while, it seemed a bit surreal to be surrounded by a sea of bronze-colored faces, but eventually it simply became the norm.

After staying with my friend's family for some six weeks I found a job as a teacher, and then they helped me find an apartment nearby in a neighborhood close to Sanhuanlu (Third Ring Road), which was almost suburban at the time, but due to development is now well within the urban confines of Beijing. The people running the school I was to work at advised me that I needed to go to Hong Kong to get another visa, so I made arrangements to do so. I decided to fly to Hong Kong and then take the train back to Beijing after obtaining my visa. All in all, Hong Kong was an interesting place. I'll never forget landing in the old airport, where the plane descends over the water and then suddenly huge buildings rise all around and you touch down right in the middle of the city. I went in November of '97, so it was still suffering from the effects of the economic crisis. The shopkeepers in Kowloon seemed rather dejected, and I stayed in a cramped hotel room, sharing a bathroom with several other people. I have never in my life seen people packed together tighter than in Hong Kong. The city is like a honeycomb of humanity.

After procuring my visa, I took the train across the border to Shenzhen, where I bought a ticket to Beijing. I opted for the "luxury" soft bed, which was essentially a mattress on a board (at least it was clean), and then stayed overnight in Shenzhen pending departure. While in the hotel in Shenzhen, I was harassed by whores, who would call up on the hotel phone and ask if I wanted a girl. One of them even came to my room, and was so pushy that I ended up giving her money to go away. The beggars in the streets were even worse. Gangs of street urchins with babies in their arms mobbed me outside the train station so closely that I had to wrap my jacket around me as tight as possible to keep them out of my pockets. There were legless beggars strategically placed on bridges and such, lying

on their bellies and pathetically extending their tin cups. After a while I began to realize something awful: the beggars and kids with babies were part of an organized beggar gang. They all looked the same — each beggar had both legs cut off at the knee and the kids all had obviously drugged babies in their arms. It brought the beggar gangs of pre-industrial London to mind. Shenzhen was truly a wretched place at the time.

With great relief I boarded the train for Beijing in the morning, finding myself in a coach with a middle aged couple. They turned out to be very nice, pleasant people, and my Chinese was just starting to click at that time, so I appreciated the conversation and company. Unlike your typical American couple, the Chinese husband and wife were perfectly relaxed with each other and happy together. The wife was well past her prime, but she had such an accommodating, easygoing attitude toward her husband that he struck me as a lucky man. She called him her “old man,” and would stretch out languorously on the berth next to him, while he would contentedly sip tea. They were what one would call “laobaixing” in China — that is, the Chinese version of what Americans call the middle class. They were neither relatively wealthy nor poor for city folk (they were headed home to Beijing), and they didn’t seem at all stressed by their station in life. Theirs was a good life from the looks of it, and they complemented each other perfectly.

This was one of the first examples I saw of the natural affection Chinese men and women had for each other, and it was comforting to the child that still dwelt within me, young as I was at the time. I was to see more over time, but for me it always remained elusive; a sort of wistful ideal that was to haunt me the entire time I dwelt in China.

I was supposedly on the fast train to Beijing, but in fact it was pretty slow. Not that I minded all that much — the countryside that rolled by the window was fascinating. As we rolled north through the rice paddies of southern China, I saw ancestral tablets, peasants plowing fields with water buffalo, and people wearing the traditional garb of the region. Where we crossed the Yangtze it was so vast that it hardly seemed a river. It was more like a great lake spanned by an endless bridge.

China is effectively divided into north and south, and the great Yangtze River is the line. The change is immediately noticeable even from a train. After crossing the river the fields of bok choy became fields of bai cai, the water buffalo were replaced with oxen, and the lush rice paddies of the south gave way to dusty, dry farms of the north. Even the hats the peasants wore changed shape — from conical to funnel-shaped. Although it took about three days to get from Shenzhen to Beijing, I was glad to have seen so much of China from the ground. Flying over the country just isn’t the same; one doesn’t get a feel for the land from 30,000 feet.

Soon I was back in Beijing, armed with a new visa, a job and an apartment. I was ready to strike out on my own as an expat, and filled with a nervous kind of excitement. I knew at that point that I wasn’t going to come back home to Seattle for a while, and looked forward to facing the unknown.

–To be continued…

Middle School Kids Arrested, Facing Draconian Punishment Over Sexting Incident

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Lacey, WA: A 14-year-old girl sent a naked picture of herself to her boyfriend over her mobile phone, and after they broke up a couple of other girls convinced him to send them the photo, which promptly spread all over Thurston County. Soon, a snitch alerted school officials, who then called the police. The boy and two girls from the original incident were promptly arrested and are facing child pornography charges that could have them all marked as sex offenders for life.

The exhibitionist girl's mother, Toni, claims that her daughter sent the picture out of "lack of self-esteem and confusion." Despite the fact that she was the one who originally sent the photo, she has not been charged with distributing child pornography.

Thurston County prosecutor's office official Rick Peters has suggested that the boy and two girls will not face anything more serious than sex offender status:

> Juveniles who are committing certain types of sexual crimes do have to register as sex offenders, but certainly that is the most serious sanction that would go along with this charge – if they were to be found to be … guilty," says Rick Peters of the Thurston County Prosecutor's Office

Prosecutors have also suggested that they could do a month in lockup.

Personally, I'm curious as to why the school officials had to take the initiative and call the police. Why not grab the kids, call the parents, and nip it in the bud? Now these kids – and probably others – will face an inquisition for this stupid incident. Of course, the original act of stupidity was the girl taking a naked picture of herself and sending it to another student. Her mother seems to have no problems with what the other kids are facing for her daughter's stupid, slutty decision.

Let's be honest here: the girl was being a tramp. The other kids shouldn't have sent the picture around, but *they're in middle school* for God's sake! Middle school kids do this sort of nasty, thoughtless thing all the time. To turn it into a full-bore child porn prosecution is cruel and doesn't serve as justice.

This is just another example of official white knighting to protect the sullied "honor" of a teenage slut. The other kids who got mixed up in it have already paid a heavy price for her exhibitionism, and we can only hope they aren't permanently ruined over this by being classified as sex offenders for life.

I shudder to think of what the young hussy will learn from all this. Probably that she can do whatever she wants and then have others punished for the fallout. This is the story of our society.

Spain Seeking to Impose Police Surveillance of Men Throughout Europe

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In an Orwellian effort, Spain has proposed setting up a domestic violence tracking system throughout Europe, purportedly to help victims of abuse. However, Spain has already mandated electronic shackling of men subject to restraining orders, which are obtained without due process, so this is far more sinister than it might appear at first glance.

The following gives us a hint of what's in store:

> Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, a self-proclaimed "feminist", pledged before the European Parliament last week to advance gender equality in the EU and "eliminate the scourge of violence against women".
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> Specifically, Equality Minister Bibiana Aido has said the government plans to promote "the creation of a European observatory on domestic violence to gather information, create common tools and be able to make a global diagnostic of the situation."

This so-called observatory is little more than a police database, obviously, to be used for God knows what.

It is starting to become clear that feminist-mandated chivalry is the current excuse governments are using to increase power over citizens. Their argument goes something like this: "If you oppose these measures, you must be all for beating up women, right?"

Feminism has matured into the totalitarian system it always wanted to be, and seeks to extend its tentacles into every nook and cranny of our lives. Like all totalitarian ideologies that have no purpose other than consolidation of absolute power, it is the mortal enemy of free men.

Frankly, I am deeply disappointed by Spain, but I suppose totalitarian tendencies die hard. Perhaps the feminists have simply replaced the Falangists. Nevertheless, I have always had an admiration for the Spanish people, and thought their women to be particularly attractive and graceful in comparison to other Europeans. Unfortunately, it appears that their lust for power has contorted them into twisted monstrosities compared to what they once were.

Tragedy for You

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> With that skill that was hers alone,
> She drove her clutches into me.
> I was dumbfounded.
> She was hungry.
> She required me entirely.

Beginning in the early 1980s, a group of Belgians known as Front 242 laid the foundation for a second wave of industrial music, though they called what they were doing Electronic Body Music. Their songs were hostile to religion and tradition in the customarily ironic European way. Ah, angry youth.

> All that's left is here to remain.
> It's a dull and cruel pain,
> That passes the ages unaltered.
> Her stamp is in my heart.

As a teenager, I rocked out (with nothing out) to Front 242. A friend and I once used one of their tracks as the incidental music to a church talent show act that caused substantial damage to a theater. We thought they were the shit.

But I found the words to my absolute and totally favorite song, "Tragedy for You", bizarre to the point of comedy. These masters of hard-hitting, block-rocking beats used their platform to *whine about a woman*? A life-ruining, emasculating woman? Come on, you Walloons, grow back a pair.

> I still feel disemboweled.
> I clearly retain
> A blank
> The void,
> The sore in my soul,
> The mark in my heart,
> Her acid reign

"Tragedy for You" is the almost-eponymous single from their 1991 album, *Tyranny for You*. I lost the jewel case to that album years ago, and the CD has been floating around since. Tonight I found it and popped it in the car stereo on the way to buy some booze. On a hunch, I skipped straight to "Tragedy for You". And then I rocked out (still without anything else out). I've taken control of my marriage to a great extent, thanks to what I learned from this community, and I'm happier than I've been since high school. But I feel it still, the mark in my heart, the sore in my soul. Her acid reign.

> And that voice that was hers alone
> Still resounds in me.
> She left me dislocated,
> Disemboweled,
> And twitching.
> Her rhythm is in my heart.
> She inspired in me,

> An acute sense of treachery

I had a dim memory of the video Front 242 had made for this song, something about a fat woman and a shopping cart, so I looked it up when I got home. It exceeded my expectations, by a long, long shot. See it here. Genius. Between the song and the video, they completely nailed the modern feral female. Fat, self-absorbed princesses who permit us to worship them with offerings of cash. It's a pity that we all didn't learn not to nail the modern feral female.

My musical heroes tried to warn me about women, but I refused to listen to their misogyny. The more fool I.

Your Feelings, and Why They Don't Matter

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Dear ladies,

Let's talk feelings. Actually, forget that. *I'll* talk feelings, because if you talk feelings, I won't get to talk at all.

I know, that sounded insensitive. Well, it was insensitive, and quite intentionally so. But keep reading, there is a method to my malice, and a message that you really need to hear. I don't want you to miss out on it because you're in a huff over the fact that I regard your feelings at best, as obstructive, and at worst, the primary and overarching cause of failure in your love life. And worse yet, as a source of abusive control for anyone crazy enough to get close to you.

As ironic as it may sound to you, if you want a good love life, the first step is to get your feelings out of the way, or at least quit using them as a weapon. So let's get out of Oprah mode and just use our brains long enough to sort this thing out.

It starts, like most of your problems, in childhood. That's the cute and annoyingly whiney phase of life that boys, unlike you, are forced to outgrow. You don't get all the blame for that, but if you really want a meaningful relationship, you'd better start taking some responsibility for correcting it.

Babies, whether blue or pink, are pretty much alike. When a child gets hungry or dirty or tired or sick or lonely or scared, they tend to react by screeching until someone does something about it. It makes sense. Babies, after all, can't take care of themselves.

But not too far along in life the paths of boys and girls, emotionally speaking, fork into two very different directions. By the time both have some measure of language and cognitive skills the reaction to all that caterwauling changes, and not so subtly.

Pretty early in a boys life, about the time he can speak in complete sentences, tolerance for remaining a baby wears thin. His wailing is met with everything from ridicule to threats. If "big boys don't cry," doesn't work, then, "I'll give you something to cry about," usually does, especially after a few rounds of following through.

Psychologists will tell you that this is where we harm boys, that we dissociate them from their feelings and shut down their emotional selves. They even call it *emotional abuse*.

But in most cases, unless taken too far, it doesn't abuse boys feelings as much as it teaches them to start mastering them. That kind of self control is a pretty good skill that comes in handy for a lot of things, like, say, being an adult. You see, before the psychologists came along to tell us what rotten parents we were, we had a different name for the effect we had on boys, although not so catchy and marketable.

We called it *growing up.* It was all the rage.

We knew, even without a Ph.D. in conjecture, that not maturing was a bad thing. It resulted in all sorts of problems, like permanent childhood and self centeredness.

And *women*.

That's because while we were insisting that boys learn real life skills, girls got a different message. Actually, they got the same message that they'd been getting since birth. Namely that squawking loud enough will get you what you want. And that is why that while boys your age grew into manhood, you just got older, hairier and more irritating.

And more vulnerable to being exploited.

The self help gurus have zeroed in on that one like chicken hawks and turned your feelings about your feelings into

a cash cow. For a fee, they tell you to express your feelings, write them down, trust them, affirm them, discuss them in groups, put them in a journal, confront people with them, list them, learn more words for them, read about them, mouth them through a sock puppet like a neurotic ventriloquist and above all, get them validated as something sacred by all in your life.

That have led you to attend the Church of Emotionalism, where your tears are holy and Kleenex are passed right along with the collection plate. Can I get an amen?

But they aren't telling you anything really different than the same bullshit you have been told your whole life, and that you now tell yourself. When you have pain, or even a sense of slight annoyance, someone else is supposed to by God fix it.

And so you remain, born again baby that you are, stuck in self delusion until you get some things straight.

Despite what your therapist told you, or what you saw on Oprah, your feelings don't have any inherent value compared to say, facts, logic or a good cheeseburger. Most of the feelings you think are so important are as transient as campaign promises and worth just about as much attention.

What you feel right now won't be the same thing you feel in a few hours, or, if you are like a lot of women, in a few minutes. So expecting your man to stand constantly at the ready, as though his purpose in life is to validate and honor every fleeting emotion you have at each and every point of their temporary existence is a non starter. If that is what you expect, you don't need a relationship, you just need a better therapist.

And the same for taking your relationship straight into turmoil because you use your feelings to undermine communications every time a logical solution undermines your agenda.

You know exactly what I am talking about. The more reason and logic point to your being wrong, the more unreasonable and illogical you become. It is calculated and intentional. It's the tried and true plan of "If being reasonable doesn't get me what I want, I will just be increasingly unreasonable till I get it anyway." Nothing like frustrating someone into compliance.

And in a really twisted, perverted way, it makes sense. Heck, you're a slave to your feelings, why shouldn't everyone else be?

For a while, in many cases, it even seems to work. But it ultimately blows up in your face because all this nonsense is just a recipe for him to eventually cook up a great big casserole dish full of *fuck-this-crazy-bitch*.

Are you feeling me?

Ladies, the only real purpose for your feelings is to tell you there is a problem you need to fix. After that, continuing to dwell on them, or childishly forcing your partner to obsess on them with you, only keeps you from finding solutions.

It may annoy him into fixing things for you, as surely as you were still laying in a crib, but at this point in your life that is only to shut you up, and leaves you less respected, and less respectable, every time it happens. And so when your man gives in to this, he isn't meeting your emotional needs, and you certainly aren't meeting his. All you have accomplished is pressuring him into changing your diaper.

If you think that is the path to a healthy relationship, think again. Jerking people around on an emotional leash is only good thing if you are a psychopath.

Hostility will always be the natural result for people who use emotions not to connect or to create intimacy, but as a weapon to control and manipulate. It is hostility well deserved.

Now, there has been a long running misconception about men and women that has been around about as long as igneous rock. That is that women are somehow more gifted in the emotional department than men.

Of course, that's more bullshit. Training half the population to be childish, emotional puppeteers in ways that ultimately sabotage their own emotional fulfillment is hardly a gift. It is more like a cruel joke. And it may seem funny with you are 20. But it may seem much different at 45 when you are rapidly graying, cooking for one, and wondering why so many men get tired of listening to you in about 5 minutes.

With that in mind, if you want to see evidence of real emotional acumen, consider the following names:

Shakespeare, Keats, Hemmingway, Steinbeck, Gibran, Kipling, Blake, Wordsworth, Byron and Shelly. Or even the great contemporary songwriters, Simon, King, Kristofferson, Dylan, Hiatt, Lovett and Henley. This list is a drop in the bucket, and if we added to it till we covered every genius in world history in the realm of the human heart, we would have to address 95% of them as mister.

In fact, truth be known, most of the men in your life who you have dismissed as emotional zeros more likely belong on that list than you do. You just never knew it because you are such an emotional mess.

Feminists would tell you that this is sexism, and perhaps they are right, though as usual for the wrong reasons.

It may well be sexist to the core to raise half the population, *your* half, to be emotional cripples while telling them they are emotional giants.

Dr. Paul on Youtube

A Voice for Men

Life Without Feminism

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Sometimes it's worthwhile to speculate a bit about how things could be better. People need more than just alarm and gloom and doom to motivate them, so I think we ought to make an effort to think about what would be positively different in our lives if feminism were finally evicted from power.

I imagine a world where men aren't afraid to speak their minds like they are today. At work, in the home and in public, men could make their opinions heard without worrying about being canned, browbeaten or denounced. Free speech could once again be practiced as intended, rather than the exercise in spin and avoidance our public discourse has become. People would be less afraid to give voice to new ideas and opinions, which would provide us with a greater abundance of solutions and a better understanding of real problems and issues.

Men would no longer fear the women in their lives, and would thereby become more attractive to those women. Women despise a timid man, but feminism and its enforcement mechanisms have made us into cringing, cowering curs, always expecting the whip to cut into us at any moment.

A masculine sense of virtue would return, affecting both sexes, and relations between men and women would become more forthright and honest. Not only would men straighten out their own behavior, but women would come to appreciate the concept of honor once again. Husbands could have some confidence that their wives were not debauched, and men would have a greater respect for the concept of marriage.

Freedom of association could be returned, and men could feel free to enjoy time with each other without fear of government intrusion forcing women with questionable motives into their midst. Men would no longer be jailed or dispossessed without due process, nor would their children be seized from them.

Fear of women in the workplace would dissipate, and PC authoritarianism on campus would fade away, freeing up far more opportunities for men who would otherwise have been pushed aside to make way for politicized, resentful women.

Billions of dollars could be saved by liquidating institutions of oppression that thrive off of unconstitutional family law. Taxes could be lowered even as the huge expense of divorce would be reduced dramatically, freeing up more money to drive economic growth rather than be squandered in unproductive, parasitic family law and social services. Those who lose their jobs because of this could retrain and find something else to do, as millions of men have done since the destruction of America's manufacturing base.

There are so many benefits that would come from dismantling feminism that it would take volumes to list them all, so I'd like to see our readers add a few of their own to the list in comments.

It really is important that we remind ourselves that we're not simply struggling against something awful, but trying to bring about a better world. This doesn't need to be a zero-sum game — we could actually have a society where freedom and decency take precedence over the trends and fads that now drive politics and law.

It may sound like a dream for now, but some dreams can be willed into existence.

Deconstructing Popular Music: Fall Out Boy's G.I.N.A.S.F.S.; A Lament for Patriarchy

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So, like most people I know, I am a fan of music. Moreover, I enjoy analyzing music and figuring out what sorts of messages listeners decode, and what sorts of messages the musicians intended on encoding. I'm not so good at the instrumental theory part, but I love picking apart lyrics for meanings. If this sounds like a waste of time to you, then depart now. This post is meant purely as an enjoyable intellectual exercise for myself and for any like-minded readers. If the readers like this sort of thing, I could make it a sort of regular feature. Mind you, I don't often listen to "popular" music, but I think pop music can reflect a lot of cultural values (see my previous post on Jack and Diane, for instance).

That being said, I know the intent behind the song in question. G.I.N.A.S.F.S. (the video isn't perfect, I just pulled one quickly) is, apparently, an acronym which stands for "Gay Is Not A Synonym For Shitty," and the song is generally interpreted as a sort of homosexual love ballad. This was probably the intention the band had for the song. I am not rejecting this interpretation or saying it is wrong or anything of the sort (complaints about political correctness aside).

However, I think it's possible to interpret the lyrics with a different bent – note that I am acknowledging that the artist probably had no intention whatsoever of the lyrics being interpreted this way, but that's half the fun of deconstructing music. My theory is thus: the song can be interpreted as a sort of lament from women to men, a longing for a return to patriarchy in light of the ills of feminism. This will be fleshed out, but keep in mind the fact that most women are not "feminists" in the sense that they are die-hard believers – they mostly believe since everybody else believes and they experience a lot of cognitive dissonance about it.

Let's take a look at the first verse:

> I loved everything about you that hurts
> So let me see your moves
> Let me see your moves
> Lips pressed close to mine
> True Blue

First, it is relavent to note that the opening line is apparently a quote (first one) from the movie Closer. I've never seen the movie. Facts aside and back to my "for fun" interpretation:

Here, we can see the beginnings of Woman's (read as: the average woman) lament. She loved everything about men – even the parts that hurt, or were hard to swallow (standard male emotional masks, over aggressive tendencies, insensitivites, you get the idea). These things that hurt caused her to pursue alternate modes of fulfillment – specifically, male modes ("so let me see your moves, let me see your moves"). Because she wasn't satisfied in her womanly role, she was easily lured into pursuing traditionally male modes of fulfillment (careers, etc).

For the sake of my theory, let's say that the bottom lines represent Woman's struggle to fully adapt to a man's world – "True Blue" can be interpreted as a symbol for Woman's desire for a traditional relationship/traditional man, and "lips pressed close to mine" indicates that, at some point in the past, she had such a relationship.

It is interesting to note that in one of the communication courses I've taken, "blue" is described as having the following characteristics (keep this in mind for later):

> Blue represents people who prefer a calm life – neat and orderly, with peace and tranquility. They are introverts, often deliberate and introspective but not too intellectual. Blue people are steady, diligent, hard

> working, and with the persistence to become successful and make a lot of money. They are admired and respected for their sensitivity to others and their secure hold on their emotions. Blues know how to concentrate and how to accept responsibilities and obligations.

I know what you're thinking – ultimate Beta? Still, as we all know, Betas had a much better go at life (to include a lot more respect) under patriarchy. This fits with Woman's desire for a True Blue – for a very strong Beta that could provide for her, if only things weren't so different now.

Next verse:

> But the prince of any failing empire knows that
> Everybody wants, everybody wants
> To drive on through the night
> If it's a drive back home

Now, this is a great verse that lends itself strongly to my theory. Here, Woman is chastising Man ("the prince") for his failure to keep the empire together. She's saying, don't you know that everyone really does love the empire, and you can't let a few naysayers tear it apart? What everyone truly wants, she's saying, is for you to stay the course and take us through "the night" (the night almost always seems to represent trouble or danger of some kind in any sort of literary analysis – in this case, it represents the early threat of feminism to more traditional ways of living). Specifically, everyone wants this to drive on through the night, especially if it's a drive back home – home of course, in this context, meaning back to more traditional modes of living and organizing society. Woman is angry with Man for this failure. It's a sort of sly dig – since "the prince of any failing empire knows," what is really being said is that all princes in all failing empires should know that, despite loud complaints, what Women want is strong leadership and solid commitment to going back "home," home here being a symbol for (lack of better terms) patriarchy.

Now, the chorus:

> Things aren't the same anymore
> Some nights, they get so bad
> You almost pick up the phone
>
> Trade baby blues for wide eyed browns
> I sleep with your old shirts
> And walk through this house in your shoes
> I know it's strange
> It's a strange way of saying
> That I know I'm supposed to love you
> I'm supposed to love you

There's a lot going on here. Clearly, things aren't the same anymore – society, if we can call it that, now barely represents what it once was. Woman is encouraged to pursue a career and basically live like men used to in order to find fulfillment. Giving into natural impulses over rational ones (hypergamy and polygamy versus monogamy) and pursuing hedonism (under the guise of consumerism) rule the times, rather than the values civilization used to be known for (in living memory!). Woman is simply trying to do what society has told her to do, buying into the language ideology (imposed by public education, the news media, the entertainment industry, corporate culture and the legal system) which tells her that the key to happiness and fulfillment is career first, family later. Some nights, however, it gets so bad (the cognitive dissonance becomes so great) that she almost picks up the phone (note the literary use of the universal you, a technique I often employ in my own writing – using "you" even when I mean "I"), presumably to call True Blue back – you know, opting for traditional ways over contemporary ones.

To cope, she's traded True Blue in for wide-eyed (read: innocent, credulous, even childlike and simple) Browns. Remember how I described Blue, above? Here's Brown from the same sheet:

> Brown[s are] steady in their ways, persistent and tenacious, rational, and sensible. Brown people tend to indulge themselves; they have an ageless quality and never seem to change. They are able to think things through and assume responsibilities. They never seem to make promised that they do not intend to carry out, and they are conscientious in all they undertake.

To me, this sounds like a toned-down beta. Just as feminism has impacted women negatively and sullied them overall, so too has feminism toned down traditional male values and had a negative impact on men overall. Rather than Blue's ability to "know how to concentrate and accept responsibilities and obligations," we have Brown's reduced but similar capacity to "think things through and assume responsibilities." Blues are "steady, diligent, hard working and…[can] become successful and make a lot of money" whereas Browns are merely "steady in their ways" with no hint as to being successful. If Woman becomes tired of pursuing endless hypergamous fantasies (which she may not be able to do successfully, especially as an "average" woman – alphas will only bed the best), Brown is the best she can hope to settle for.

The last few lines are the ones that initially tuned me into this song, specifically the part about "I know it's strange…it's a strange way of saying I know I'm supposed to love you." Here, Woman is saying that she's dressing up like men (see also: women in business suits, women in uniform), which she knows is strange. The best she has to offer is that perhaps this is a strange way of saying she loves men, after all – despite the misandry that society pushes on her and, at times, can brainwash her into promoting. How's the old saying go – imitation is the highest form of flattery? Furthermore, it seems to make sense that women would attempt to play out these roles, if they have a deep yearning for them, absent a culture where men play them out.

Next verse:

> I've already given up on myself twice
> Third time is the charm, third time is the charm
> Threw caution to the wind
> But I've got a lousy arm

This is pretty straightforward. We can interpret her "giving up on herself" to mean that she's already tried to toss aside feminism and its model for her success twice before. After all, if she is the average woman, she is prone to think that the messages society broadcasts to her are to be trusted and best represent "reality." Perhaps she's been married twice before, or she's "fallen in love" twice before. "Third time is the charm" means that she's found another man to love/marry. The part about having a lousy arm fits too, since we know women on average have half the upper body strength of men.

> And I've traced your shadows on the wall
> Now I kiss them whenever I'm down
> Whenever I'm down
> Figured on not figuring myself out

More lament for the loss of Man in Woman's life. The last line is the most important. She is cognizant enough to realize that she doesn't know herself very well (more evidence of cognitive dissonance) but perhaps isn't cognizant enough to know why she has a hard time figuring herself out (protip: it's due to the constant bombardment of the enforcers of language ideology – public education, news media, entertainment industry, corporate culture and the legal system!).

The chorus repeats and we move into the refrain:

> Born under a bad sign but you saved my life
> That night on the roof of your hotel
> “Cross my heart and hope to die
> Splintered from the headboard in my eye”
> Photo-proofed kisses I remembered so well

I suppose this is a sort of happy ending to the tale. Woman was born under a bad sign (feminism) but luckily she was able to find a Man to save her life – presumably, show her how feminism has poisoned her and many others, and show her the path to happiness. The rest of the lyrics here probably reference something very personal to the band or what have you and aren’t easily interpreted for my purposes, so I kind of just ignore them. Feel free to help me out, though!

The song kicks into the chorus one more time before closing. So, major points – women like patriarchy, too (even if they aren’t cognizant of it), and can be upset with men for failing to enforce it (as, after all, women can’t rightly be expected to impose anything by their very natures).

Let’s not forget that patriarchy works, and when patriarchy fails, so too does civilization.

Who knew you could learn such important and far-reaching social truths from a seemingly simple Fall Out Boy song?

On Women as "Chattel"

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A pal of mine poked a little fun at me the other night on the phone.

"So, do you still believe women should be *chattel*?"

He's an independent-minded ally, and he likes to bust my balls when I shift into angry man mode.

The thing is that I've never said that I believe women should be treated like "chattel."

That's a feminist meme, characteristically distorted and hysterical, so I thought it might be worth addressing here on *The Spearhead*. I don't think most of our readers or writers truly want to see women treated like "chattel." But for attacking feminism, or suggesting that civilization works better when men and women take different roles, many have no doubt been accused of attempting to subjugate women and been likened to wannabe whip-cracking slave masters.

[image]In some alternate feminist reality–in a galaxy far, far away from our own–men are as base and villainous as Jabba the Hut, and feminists are cold-but-comely princess Leias, heroically strangling him with the chains of patriarchy.

Yet, years after her triumph, Leia still can't stop bitching about her moment in the sun as a sex object. Her subjugation turned out to be her defining role. Without the gold bikini, she's no hero–just another cranky, boozy old broad.

The problem with the whole enslaved women song and dance is that women have rarely been enslaved in the Western World. The harem is a foreign idea, a playboy fantasy. Even Hugh Hefner's women come and go of their own free will.

Western men have been, for the most part, fairly monogamous.

Sure, women have been barred from participating in business or politics. But they were also forbidden to do the most dangerous jobs; men were the ones literally *dying* for work. And women weren't exactly kept in shackles in the basement. They had keystone roles as wives and mothers. While it is true that some men have been cruel and abused their wives for sport, I have a hard time believing that has historically been the norm in Western households. It was certainly not the *ideal*. There's too much literature to suggest otherwise.

Women were not treated like men, but that does not mean they were *slaves*. To say they were is a lie in almost every case.

First Wave Feminism was not about releasing women from bondage, it was about gaining political power. And Second Wave feminists were hardly "slaves." Second Wave feminists were primarily educated, middle class white and Jewish women who thought the role of being a good mother in a luxurious, suburban home sounded terribly boring.

So feminists piggy-backed onto the civil rights movement, and borrowed a lot of rhetoric from African-Americans–who could, however, legitimately make the claim that their people were "chattel" in recent Western history.

My job takes me into the homes of a lot of older couples. The other day, I came across a charming man and woman–probably both in their seventies. They were around to see the rise of Second Wave feminism, but it didn't seem to have poisoned their relationship. They were of the old school, like both sets of my grandparents, who loyally took care of each other until the ends of their lives.

The older fellow bragged to me about how he used to be able to lift things like I could. His wife came in, and

together, they both discussed the best possible place to put the product I was installing. They clearly had different roles, but they also seemed to be very much in love, and treated each other with deferential respect. His wife was a woman, not his slave. Not *chattel*.

This often–though not always–seems to be the case with couples of that age. Polite, respectful, dignified, *civilized*. These people are fugitives from a better time.

In those moments, I wonder how men and women of my “liberated,” entitled, latte-guzzling generation will behave when they get to be that age. Will the women even have husbands? Will the men have wives? Will they complement and take care of each other, or will they just bitch at each other as “equals” engaged in a constant struggle for power?

Organized Labor Has Become an Arm of Female Supremacism

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Recently, I wrote on my blog about about an article from Reason Magazine (found via our own EW's blog) that said that the primary class war is now between public sector employees and private sector employees. The article explains how government jobs are now better paid, have better benefits, have platinum plated pensions, and in some cases are even effectively exempt from some laws such as various traffic laws. I made the observation that this meant the primary class war was now between men and women because public sector employment is now mostly female. Public sector employment is now a vehicle for promoting female supremacism.

This also means that organized labor has also become a vehicle for promoting female supremacism. It used to be that organized labor was made up of men working in the private sector. In fact, unionization of government employees at the federal level wasn't even allowed until 1962. Over time, private sector unionization has gone down while public sector unionization has gone up. For the first last year, a majority of unionized workers have jobs in the public sector (making up 52% of unionized workers) instead of the private sector. As a result, unions have become more and more about political activism for raising taxes and increasing unsustainable government spending. There are many examples of this. In Arizona, the Arizona Education Association (the teachers' union in Arizona) successfully lobbied against repeal of a $250 million a year statewide property tax and identified another $2.1 billion in tax increases to forestall spending reductions. In California, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) spent $1 million on a television ad campaign pressing for higher oil, gas, and liquor taxes. In Maine, the Maine Municipal Association, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the Teamsters, and the Maine Education Association collectively spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to campaign against a ballot initiative in November 2009 that would prevent government spending from growing faster than the combined rate of inflation and population growth and require the government to return excess revenues as tax rebates. In Oregon last week, there were two ballot initiatives to raise personal and business taxes that passed. Ninety percent of the advertising promoting a yes vote was provided by public employee unions who also made sure that the money that will be collected from the tax increases will go into benefits for public sector employees.

Knowing that the public sector workforce is predominately female, this means that all of these tax increases with increased spending on public sector employees are effectively acting as a transfer of wealth from men to women. It's no surprise that state branches of the National Education Association (the teachers' union) come up again and again when it comes to increasing taxes to spend on government employees as the teaching profession and by extension the membership of the NEA is predominately female. These are the reasons why organized labor has become another arm of female supermacism.

Female Terrorist Kills Dozens in Baghdad

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Given the recent buzz about MEK, here is a very relevant incident that just occurred in Baghdad:

According to the AP, a woman detonated an explosive belt amongst Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad, killing at least 41 and wounding over 100.

MEK (AKA MKO) has recently been threatening the Iraqi government and others over their proposed expulsion from the country, and the group has hundreds of fanatically loyal women who would carry out acts like this.

It wouldn't surprise me in the least if the feminist group were behind this act of mass murder, which a hallmark of MEK activism.

It's time to take feminism a lot more seriously; in fact, like Al Qaeda, feminist demands are deadly serious. There is even speculation that MEK is planning to set up a base in Pakistan to carry out attacks against Iran and Afghanistan.

The US state department and military should be very careful about dealing with these people, as any support we give them will only reflect very poorly on us.

Feminist Terrorism: Not a Joke

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Few Americans have heard of the Mojahedin-e-Khalq (MEK), a violent cult that was allied with Saddam Hussein, has killed American citizens and has conducted numerous terrorist attacks in the Middle East. Even fewer know anything about its leader, Maryam Rajavi, the Marxist, feminist fanatic who heads up the group and its largely female militant wing.

Also known as the PMOI (People's Mujahedin Of Iran) and the NCRI (National Council of Resistance of Iran), MEK started as an anti-American Marxist group opposed to the Shah of Iran back in the 1970s. Following the Islamic Revolution, the Communist-oriented MEK and the Islamic government of Iran naturally had a falling out, which erupted into armed conflict after MEK killed some 70 of Iran's new leaders in a bomb attack and assassinated various others. Despite the fact that MEK supported the revolution – including the 1979 seizure of the US Embassy – it couldn't see eye to eye with Islamic revolutionaries, and soon found itself in exile.

After a brief stint in France, the Iran Iraq War presented MEK with an opportunity, as Saddam Hussein invited the group to assist him in his war against Iran. Soon, MEK was established in Iraq, and began to receive substantial support from Saddam Hussein, including tanks, heavy weaponry, funding and a role in internal security. This move quickly alienated the majority of Iranian supporters, and the group became increasingly cult-like and fanatical. MEK and Saddam collaborated in cross-border raids, intelligence gathering and terrorist attacks on Iran, which continued well into the last decade. It is alleged that MEK participated in the suppression of Kurdish and Shiite resistance to Saddam Hussein following the first Gulf War.

[image]
Tank Woman

Maryam Rajavi, the public face and "President Elect" of MEK, succeeded her husband Masoud Rajavi in 1993, and currently resides in France. Mr. Rajavi has not been seen since the 2003 American invasion of Iraq, and it is not clear whether he is still alive. Over the last decade, Mrs. Rajavi has emerged as the undisputed leader of the group, and has had considerable success gaining support from various American organizations, including the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Although one might expect organizations such as the Feminist Majority Foundation to support some unsavory characters, it is a bit more serious than usual in this case. That's because MEK is officially designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the State Department, and supporting these organizations is a federal crime. Legally speaking, this would be equivalent to Fathers and Families writing checks to Osama bin Laden, and we all know what would happen if that were the case…

So what is it that draws American feminist organizations to support a foreign terrorist organization with American blood on its hands? Evidently, feminism trumps all. According to Maryam Rajavi's NCRI website, she believes in "complete gender equality in social, political, cultural and economic arenas." However, her real intent might be better gleaned from her Wikipedia entry:

> As President-Elect, Rajavi has continued to place women in nearly all of the leadership roles within her resistance movement…

Also revealing is a comment on Daniel Pipes' website:

> The MEK is a radical feminist organisation. Their leader believes that women should occupy all the leadership postitions in the resistance. This is refelcted in the current make-up of the organisation. The entire leadership council of the MEK as well as the NLO is comprised entirely of women. The President-elect of the

> organisation is a women Mrs Rajavi. Even though only 30% of the military resistance are women, women hold over two-thirds of the commander postions and command many all-male units. So the MEK seek to replace a male-dominated society in Iran, with one that actively discrimiantes against men. So rather than being progressive and for equal human-rights the MEK is as discrimiantory as any regime in the middle-east, if not worse because it currently masquerades as being democratic and fair. In reality the orgainsation discriminates against men.

Mrs. Rajavi must be greatly admired by American feminists. If you want to know what a feminist "utopia" would be like, this chilling article in the NY Times Magazine written by Elizabeth Rubin about MEK is probably right on the money.

Here's an excerpt:

[image]

> [R]ecently, I went to visit Camp Ashraf, the main Mujahedeen base, which lies some 65 miles north of Baghdad in Diala province, near the Iranian border. Ashraf is 14 square miles of ungenerous desert surrounded by aprons of barbed wire, gun towers and guards in trough-like bunkers, shaded by camouflage netting and dehydrated palm trees, their trunks thickened by dust. As you pass the checkpoints and dragons'-teeth tire crunchers into the tidy military town, you feel you've entered a fictional world of female worker bees. Of course, there are men around; about 50 percent of the soldiers are male. But everywhere I turned, I saw women dressed in khaki uniforms and mud-colored head scarves, driving back and forth along the avenues in white pickups or army-green trucks, staring ahead, slightly dazed, or walking purposefully, a slight march to their gaits as at a factory in Maoist China.

Camp Ashraf was recently dismantled by Iraqi security forces, who discovered a mysterious mass grave with Kuwaiti remains under the group's headquarters, shortly after the post-election protests in Tehran last June. Iran blamed much of the dissent and violence that accompanied the protests on MEK and British intelligence provocation, and Iran's Shiite allies in Iraq may have decided to take down MEK's main base as a favor to Iran. Unfortunately, this suggests to me that many of these people will end up as refugees in the West, where they will inevitably be sucked into MEK units operating in Europe and North America.

Although Justin Raimondo broke the story linking the Feminist Majority Foundation to MEK, there are other strong indications of cooperation between MEK operatives and American feminists.

The National Committee of Women for a Democratic Iran, a front group for MEK (compare the crest on the NCWDI's website with the one on NCRI's) that was active in the US around the time of the 911 attacks, sponsored a rally by the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) along with the Feminist Majority Foundation. RAWA, for its part, supports resistance against American forces in Afghanistan.

Now I'm going to go out on a fairly stout limb here and guess that RAWA is associated with – if not completely run by – MEK. Why? Well, for one thing, the National Committee for a Democratic Iran, the aforementioned MEK front group, has RAWA as one of its most prominent links, and it also co-sponsored RAWA's DC rally. Additionally, RAWA features four different languages on its pages, and none that I can tell are Pashto, but Farsi is quite prominently featured. Farsi is what people speak in Iran, not Afghanistan (except perhaps in some northern enclaves).

Following is a RAWA url to what I believe to be a Farsi article titled "Ensler:"

http://pz.rawa.org/68/68ensler.htm

Yes, THE Eve Ensler of the Vagina Monologues. She is a big supporter of RAWA:

> But some feminists remain unconcerned. In a Salon.com interview, Eve Ensler, author of The Vagina Monologues, dismissed RAWA's alleged connection to Maoist groups. "I may not be the most thorough investigator," she admitted. Yet Ensler declared later in the same piece, "I've become RAWA's greatest defender."

I would really appreciate it if someone could translate the Ensler article, or at least the relevant parts. It is clear that Ensler supports a group that advocates fighting coalition forces in Afghanistan, but the extent of the support is not altogether clear. Perhaps this article would shed some light on the subject.

Obviously, it is a murky world out there in Middle Eastern politics, and Marxist/feminist politics in particular must necessarily be pretty shady in those parts. But as they say, it takes one to know one, and apparently American feminists can sniff out their sister-comrades and will extend support to them, federal law be damned!

What I find most illuminating about the collaboration between feminists in matters of power and war is that they clearly have little idea how to do things right. For example, what sense does undermining US power in Afghanistan make when America represents the pinnacle of feminist power in all of history? This simply shows that feminism is about nothing but "deconstruction," and even when they have the world handed to them on a silver platter they can't figure out what to do besides tear things down. This is why feminism will ultimately fail. It is simply end-stage indulgence, and men are starting to catch on.

Sadlly, over a dozen American soldiers died providing transportation to the MEK while they remained under our protection at camp Ashraf — and this after they opened fire on our forces when we came to establish control over the area, wounding at least one. As Raimondo and Rubin both suggested in their articles, a number of US government officials have suggested using MEK against Iran, but I think they are vastly overestimating the effectiveness of the group. It is possible that MEK was in part responsible for the vehemence of the post-election protests in Tehran (PMOI was working overtime putting out calls to action around that time), but if so they failed to achieve their objective, and intelligence agencies around the world have likely wised up to the tactics employed by feminists in stirring up trouble. In all likelihood, MEK's days as a formidable terrorist organization are over, probably because most of the male fighters are already dead, and they will not have an easy job finding new ones given MEK ideology and abusive treatment of male recruits.

However, the group still poses a threat. Most seriously, the threat is within the West if a similar group is established on our soil, because our feminist laws will allow them to organize and menace men with impunity. Just as Saddam made use of women with tanks and heavy weapons to terrorize his own people, it is not inconceivable that feminist militias in the US or Europe could be used to intimidate citizens who are legally prohibited from defending themselves.

In conclusion, I would say that America's association with an unnatural, oppressive cult such as MEK dishonors our nation and people. No matter what argument we may have with the nation of Iran, there is nothing to be gained in the long run from associating with a group that is not only an ideological failure, but a murderous, exploitative cancer in the already fragile political melange of the Middle East.

For more background information the Rand Corporation has compiled a report on MEK. Download the pdf here.

Supplicator-in-Chief

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President Obama has proposed a federal spending freeze to curtail runaway discretionary budget spending…for the most part. It is telling that Obama is also proposingthat one specific area of the budget will be exempt from the freeze: programs that benefit women. President Obama has singled out 15 such programs (9 of which are specifically gynocentric) for budgetary thawing in a document titled "Opportunity and Progress for Women and Girls".

Said White House spokesman Kate Bedingfield:

> "We're looking at a lot of significant funding increases for women's programs in a year when the president has ordered a three-year, non-security, discretionary spending freeze."

If a sitting President pulled this stunt in favor of men's programs (not that such a thing exists), he'd be railed out of office. But this is the major difference: if such a thing happened, there would be plenty of feminist-minded men who would speak out against such action. I'll go out on a limb and say that few women this side of Michelle Malkin will utter one word in opposition to this deck-stacking.

If you're in the market for blatant examples of misandry and leftist gender politicism, stop looking. The Supplicator in Chief exposed his true colors by bowing to foreign dignitaries; now he's making an across the board exception for his most ardent supporters: women. This is what socialism looks like. This is what tyranny looks like. This is Pedestalism.

Women-Only Food Lines in Haiti

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Enforced by American soldiers, women-only food lines have been opened in Haiti. CNN reports that this is causing aid distribution to be more peaceful than it was previously. However, the women-only food lines are part of a new policy where only people with coupons and who wait in line can get food, so it is unclear whether the order is the result of women, armed peacekeepers, or the coupon system.

At the end of the video. young Haitian men express their displeasure. Certainly, this policy does not appear to be contributing to harmony between the genders in Haiti, but in the face of armed soldiers enforcing it, there is little the men can do at this point but go hungry.

Book of Zed

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Some readers may be aware of the existence of The Book of Zed, which is a compilation of Zed's posts on various forums over the years. It was put together by Rogue Wolf, a contributor on one of these forums, and contains hundreds of pages of Zed's writing on various topics of interest to men.

It's really quite profound as well as a great read, and since Zed sent it to me some time ago I've been trying to figure out what to do with it. Finally, I came up with an idea for disseminating the book as widely as possible while also gaining new subscribers for The Spearhead.

What I am going to do is offer a free copy of the book to anyone who signs up for The Spearhead's email list. The email list will send a weekly digest of posts as well as offer access to any special publications or material The Spearhead puts out.

I am putting the list together right now, and it should be ready to join very shortly, so keep an eye out and you will soon be able to download a copy of The Book of Zed. Those who are already subscribing to The Spearhead's RSS email can still sign up for the new email list for a copy of the book.

Getting The Book of Zed

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I set up a form to subscribe to the new email list, which, upon confirmation, leads to a link from which to download the Book of Zed.

I'm having the sign up form pop up as a lightbox for now so people don't miss it, so for our RSS readers, if you go directly to The Spearhead the option to sign in to get the Book of Zed will appear shortly after you visit the site. Once you've closed the lightbox it should recognize your browser and not appear again.

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New Heights of Misandry for Eve Ensler

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Eve Ensler, the notorious author of The Vagina Monologues, an anti-male screed glorifying female sexuality which is routinely shoved down the throats of undergraduates on college campuses throughout the United States, is out of her cage again, plugging her upcoming book and, of course, pathologizing masculinity in the process.

CNN predictably has given Ensler a platform to disseminate her caricatures and hatred of the masculine, together with a video spot. Some of the highlights:

> The future is "girl." Imagine girl is a cell that each of us — boys and girls — are born with. Imagine this girl cell is central to the evolution of our species and an assurance of the continuation of the human race.
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> Now imagine that a few powerful people, invested in owning this world, understood that the oppression of this cell was key to retaining their power, so they reinterpreted this cell, undermining its value and making us believe that it is weak. They initiated a process to crush, eradicate, annihilate, humiliate, belittle, censor, reduce and kill off the girl cell.
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> This was called patriarchy.
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> Imagine girl is a chip in the huge microcosm of our collective consciousness, which is essential to the balance, wisdom and future of humanity.
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> Imagine that girl is the part of each of us that feels compassion, empathy, passion, intensity, association, relationship, emotion, play, resistance, vulnerability, intuitive intelligence, vision.
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> Imagine that compassion informs wisdom. That vulnerability is our greatest strength. That emotions have inherent logic and lead to radical saving action.
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> …
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> I have been with boys as well, watched as they have been ridiculed, censored and abused for their tenderness, their doubts, their grief, their need for comfort and protection. I have seen how the tyranny of masculinity has forced boys and then men to cut off their hearts and cast them into a brutal, lonely state of disassociation and isolation.
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> The state of girl, the condition of girl — in the world and in us — will determine if this species survives.
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> I believe unleashing the intensity of girl, the outrage of girl, the passion of girl, is the only way to chip away the thick sludge of denial, oppression and indifference that has led to our insane acceptance of a world spinning us toward our end.
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> What I have witnessed across this planet is the wild natural resiliency, fierceness, grace and nobility of girl.

And so on. Essentially, Ensler is calling for a complete feminization of the culture — including of men and boys, of course — to be redone according to so-called "girl" values, which seem to be comprised of nothing more than tired stereotypes one would have hoped to have died off with the lambasting that Christina Hoff Sommers gave the shoddy work of Carol Gilligan. Yes, Ensler is a lunatic, but she's a lunatic with a platform and bully pulpit all the same. The ideas that she has are shared by many other "gender feminists" (a polite term for feminists who believe in the superiority of all things female, as Ensler clearly does). As an aside, it's quite telling that when men express such views about our own sex, we are referred to as sexists, while women who express such views are referred to as feminists — confirming rather transparently the reality that gender feminism is simply a militant female sexist movement aimed at destroying the masculine in our culture, full stop.

The point isn't that Ensler herself is a threat — she isn't. The point, however, is that many of our elites share her views, even if they would not express them as extravagantly as she would. Bill Pollack at Harvard has similar

views, although he expresses them more mildly and therefore has done a tremendously higher amount of damage to the young boys he advises parents about in his books. One must always remember that for every strident loudmouth like Ensler, there are hundreds if not thousands of elites who are the soldiers in the feminist army — people who basically agree with Ensler, but express themselves differently about the same things.

It's not good that mainstream websites are openly publishing female supremacist tracts, but it's a sign of the times. Either Fifth Horseman is right and this is a sign that we are in a bubble which will collapse relatively soon, or it's the harbinger of even darker days ahead for Y chromosome bearers in the decades to come.

All or Nothing: The Twofold Path of Male Liberation

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Recently, it has dawned on me that the rut men are stuck in has a lot to do with false hope. False hope about what? Well, sex. Feminism supposedly liberated men from the confines and drudgery of marriage, and in the beginning many men eagerly anticipated a world in which they would no longer be frustrated by their inability to sleep with the attractive women they saw all around them. If only those women were liberated, they thought, sex would be easy to come by. Of course, this turned out to be a huge disappointment. F. Roger Devlin has explained in detail why this is the case: women's sexual liberation only benefited the most attractive men in terms of wealth and looks because it turned women's hypergamous instincts loose on our society.

The problem is that this has not done anything to quench natural male desire, so most men continue to soldier on in the face of failure, doing whatever they can to land a woman for a night of release, or possibly a relationship. Most men are stuck in a constant state of frustration that is at least as bad as it was during the old days of social shaming, and at the same time they get virtually none of the old benefits that used to come from having a wife.

Although men are not happy with the current state of relations between men and women, they still hold onto the fantasy that they are – or at least have a chance to be – more sexually fulfilled than they would in a more traditional society. It is essentially a gambler's mentality, with men thinking that if they at least have a chance, someday they'll hit it big. Most never will, and as more and more single men age out of the prime dating market they will discover that they wasted a good portion of their lives alone and frustrated. Some, like Sodini, may even become suicidal or homicidal as a result.

In fact, this is where feminism and women really have men by the balls, so to speak. I also suspect that this is why traditional morality and abstinence are hated with a passion by feminists. It is this constant state of deprivation combined with just-out-of-reach titillation that gives women such absolute power over men. Imagine a country where the government enforces scarcity for the majority of people, yet constantly shows examples of how being a patient and obedient little citizen could pay off with fabulous riches at any time. For most people it's a cruel lie, but it fosters false hope for the majority and thereby keeps them in line. That's what's happening to men: many of us are eagerly anticipating a pussy payoff even as women smirk and walk all over us in every other realm of life.

There are two ways to break out of this rut, and unfortunately neither comes all that naturally to most men. First, there is Game, which can make it so easy to get laid for those with talent that women cannot manipulate them with sex. Secondly, there is a spiritual commitment to extramarital abstinence, which similarly robs women of power over its practitioners. I think both are equally effective on the individual level, but due to hypergamy only the latter would likely be effective as a society-wide approach. Interestingly, I think even attaining a certain level of Game has a spiritual aspect as well, because one might transcend certain temporal appetites simply through overexposure.

Neither Game nor commitment to sexual morality can ever be absolutely implemented, but both could become a lot more widespread than they currently are in our netherworld of male deprivation and false hope. And, strangely, I think they can exist together and have a cumulative effect, because at their core both share one belief in common: women's sexuality is overvalued. Those who practice Game may seem to be sex fiends who live only to get laid, but fundamentally Game is a technique that lowers the cost of obtaining sex — these guys don't think it's worth blowing hard earned money or going through humiliating ordeals to get laid, and they're acting on that principle. Those who believe in sexual morality think that women's sexuality is of lesser value than obedience to God and their faith.

Both paths are different, but they end up in the same place: with the realization that getting laid just ain't worth all that.

Feminism Losing its Luster

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As NOW takes shots at collegiate football hero Tim Tebow over his pro-life stance, prominent women are starting to distance themselves from the organization. Washington Post sports columnist Sally Jenkins has written a column excoriating the notorious women's organization, going so far as to call it "intolerant."

Tim Tebow is everything feminism hates: he is a believing, pro-life Christian who has even had the nerve to remain celibate pending marriage. Feminists, despite their incessant use of shaming language and denigration of male sexuality, seem to hate nothing more than people who promote sexual abstinence outside of marriage, perhaps because they know that this strips them of a great deal of power over men.

Of course, they also despise the idea that there is anything morally wrong with killing one's children in the womb if they get in the way of such important things as a master's degree in women's studies or a career in journalism.

Sally Jenkins, and probably millions of other women across America, are starting to face the uncomfortable fact that their own advocates have turned out to be amongst the most hateful people on earth; people who have not only openly spoken about exterminating half the human race, but who have in practice fostered a cult of selfishness and death.

Grandmothers for Abortion

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The obvious question here is what does abortion matter to these menopausal crones? Also, if they'd aborted all their children, could they call themselves "grandmothers?"

Whatever the case, this is what feminism is increasingly starting to look like: old, decrepit and vulgar.

Duds Versus Studs

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I'm tired of women who get mad at certain men for staring at their assets, inquiring about their status, or hitting on them. Women display those assets for a reason. They want attention from a high bidder. It isn't men's fault that each one of us isn't the Sully Sulzenberger of TNA in that we don't know when to gas it and when to ease up to land a Dime.

In other words, women have to take the good with the bad. The creeps with the desirable alphas. The "No thanks" with the "Yes, Pleases". Yin, Yang, and the shit in between. Women, if you want to wear a low-cut shirt with your tits hanging out one end and your ass hanging out the other you're going to get a mixture of welcome and unwelcome advances. It's economics; pay attention.

In the marketplace this female behavior would be similar to if a person were trying to sell their car in a parking lot *with no price tag*. Usually people sell their car with a price on a sign displayed on the windshield, but this isn't what women are doing. They're essentially putting a car in a parking lot with no price tag just *asking* for bids. If they were in the business of selling cars instead of boobies and pussy they'd accept or reject offers with a word. When it comes to those assets on their person – when we switch from cars to personal companionship, heavy petting, and sexual relations – those offers are met with a less economically rational reaction.

The next question becomes, when is a woman "on display" and "on sale"? This is a floating definition which needs some attention.

When I was younger I parked my car in my parents' driveway. One day, a couple of Mexican guys knocked on the door and asked if my car was for sale. My dad, being macho as he is, responded in haste and said that if the car were for sale it would say "For Sale".

Men today have a similar conundrum to the Mexican car-buyers: every car is potentially for sale; the price is negotiable. The problem is we don't know when which cars are for sale. In Western society we have conventional methods for which to display our marketable cars. But in the conventional market for mates and dates there is no such rational mechanism. Women determine when they are "for sale" based upon the customer approaching them; if the man isn't up to snuff the woman is off the market – the man's advances are misplaced, offensive, and considered outright harrassment. If the man is of high quality his advances are timely; the woman is willing to "work out a deal". In a rational market the price is negotiable; the binary decision between "for sale" and "not for sale" is not. But, of course, that's based on the assumption that we're dealing with rational agents…

> Chuck Ross is no Sully Sulzenberger. He usually gasses it too much; occasionally he calls it short and lands in the Hudson although he got it right once. Either way, he blogs daily at Gucci Little Piggy.

The Grievance Table

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Many Spearhead readers consider themselves "Men's Rights Activists," or "MRAs."

I agree that men and manliness are often mocked by smug misandrists and sex traitors in the media. I sympathize with fathers and divorced men who have been screwed over by family courts and our current legal system, which favors women. Women have established massive organizations—many of which are wholly or partially taxpayer funded—to serve their own interests at the expense of the interests of men. Many balk at the idea that men even *have* any legitimate interests of their own. But men are not women, and they do have different interests, and because their interests are not being addressed, Western men are collectively faltering. Which, is, for reasons I'll note below, the entire point of feminism and the wider "civil rights movement."

The powers that be have finally learned to leverage the noblest instincts of men against them. Men are told to deal with it, to handle it. *No whining*. Just take it, to prove that you can. To prove that you're better, that you're stronger. *Shoulder it.*

I cannot call myself a "Men's Rights Activist."

The sticking point for me is the whole "rights" thing.

The notion of "unalienable rights" is an Enlightenment-era rhetorical flourish that has been abused to the point of absurdity. The idea that men or women have "natural rights" is a myth, handily debunked by L.A. Rollins, among others.

> "The metaphorical nature of natural rights is obvious in many statements by natural rights mythologizers. Consider a few examples. According to Ronald Dworkin, "Individual rights are political trumps held by individuals." But will Dworkin's individual rights *literally* trump the guns held by a bunch of cops enforcing an "unjust" law? Can shrimps whistle? John Hospers writes, "And so I put up a 'no trespassing' sign, which marks off the area of my right. Each individual's right is his 'no trespassing' sign in relation to me and others." Of course, unlike a real, literal "no trespassing" sign, natural rights are invisible. But what use is an invisible "no trespassing" sign? Another natural rights mythologizer is Eric Mack who says, "Lockean rights alone provide the moral and philosophical barrier against the state's encroachment upon society." But a "moral philosophical barrier" is merely a metaphorical barrier, and it will no more prevent the State's encroachment upon "Society" than a moral philosophical shield will stop an arrow from piercing your body."
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> L.A. Rollins, *The Myth of Natural Rights and Other Essays*

Men have no natural rights. They have no natural right to father their children, or to be heads of their households. They have no natural right to marry, or to have sex, or to "pursue happiness." Men are animals vying with each other for resources, like every other animal. The United Nations invented a bunch of magic human rights that people "should" have, and it's telling that most of the states in the world disagree on one point or another. Some of the supposed "human rights" don't even make a whole lot of sense, and most are merely pleasant ideas. A state serves its own interests, and the foremost interest of any state is to remain in power.

Government is by its very nature coercive. Freedom is a relative term. Freedom within a state means that you are able to do certain things, but you give up the "right" to do other things. A state cannot offer true "freedom." At least not to everyone. A state offers order in exchange for obedience. *Ordered violence*. You pay the state with your taxes. For your money and your obedience, the state promises to hurt people before—or after—they hurt you. The state will not always make good on this promise. But it's the best racket in town. And anyway, like any working mob, your allegiance is considered mandatory—the state is also selling *protection from itself*.

So you pay up, and you do fine so long as you don't give no lip to the wrong guys.

They'd be the guys with guns. The guys *licensed to hurt people for you*.

(Or the guys who are in with the guys with guns.)

When you pay your taxes, you tacitly fund the deeds of men (and women) who are willing to dispense violence on your behalf—so as you don't have to get your pretty little hands dirty. You also get to keep your stuff. And if you are wronged, you go to the racket to ask for "justice."

Men used to run the state, so they enjoyed a favored position in many respects. It asked the most from them, but also flattered their egos and gave them a certain amount of autonomy at home.

When men offered to split the run of the state with women, they divided the state's interests.

Men tend to want more independence and autonomy. Manliness requires action and risk—risk with the potential of failure. Men of worth crave the opportunity to succeed or fail on their own merits. As the social democratic state expands, it offers more services, more safety nets, more regulations, and fewer opportunities for risk. The good guys who came by once a month to offer you a little protection and sanity are now hovering over your shoulder all day long and offering to wipe and powder your ass. Men are generally the ones you'll find grumbling about these little indignities as they accumulate. They feel stunted, hemmed in, powerless. This puts them at odds with the state.

Women on the other hand, as all of human history has shown, are more or less happy to be dependent, so long as they enjoy a certain level of comfort and security. They have a greater aversion to risk–they want to protect people from the consequences of their own bad decisions. They're more empathic — they want to see everyone cared for. They're less thumotic—they're frightened by the displays of volatile, spirited anger that men applaud. Women are good at working within a system. This is why women love socialism. They're abandoning men for the state, because the state is big and powerful and smooth-talking and rich and it says it wants to take care of them forever and ever.

As has often been said, "Security+power+money= 'gina tingles."

Women's desire to be cared for and their support for the state's growth ultimately gives them a position of favor within the new state.

In the case of "men's rights," this is where I see some inherent difficulty.

And I have to ask, men…

Is this really what you want—another place at "The Grievance Table," another empty bowl, another list of complaints?

An appointment to whisper in the headmistress's ear, seeking favors or redress?

Men made this world in their own image. Men invented the game and ran the racket. Until a generation or two ago, they sat at the heads of their own tables. They're the stronger 49% of the population, not a tiny, oppressed minority. If the state no longer serves the interests of men, if they must grovel and petition for "rights"… maybe men should start thinking "regime change," or better, "paradigm shift."

The civil rights paradigm is built around the assumption that men, especially heterosexual white men, are the universal oppressors, the source of all true evil. It's a movement to remove *you* from power. It's not designed to address *your* grievances. It won't restore what it sees as lost "privilege." And in determining what is fair and what is "privilege," the reigning civil rights paradigm is necessarily biased. The only help it dares provide is to assist you in accepting your reduced status—through re-education or therapy. Those who say that you must lower your expectations and abandon your ideals are not friends, but castrating agents of your serpentine masters. These solutions are merely anesthetic.

It is neither acceptable, nor in the best nature of men that they should resign themselves to being mere supplicants in every aspect of life.

I suggest that the civil “rights” seeking posture cannot succeed for men—especially when they seek the favor and permission of women—and that it would be better to consider a bolder, more authoritative stance.

> “… since Fortune changes and men stand fixed in their old ways, they are prosperous so long as there is congruity between them, and the reverse when there is not. Of this, however, I am well persuaded, that it is better to be impetuous than cautious. For Fortune is a woman who to be kept under must be beaten and roughly handled; and we see that she suffers herself to be more readily mastered by those who so treat her than by those who are more timid in their approaches. And always, like a woman, she favors the young, because they are less scrupulous and fiercer, and command her with greater audacity.”
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> – Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*

Commenting Changes

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I've finally gotten around to contacting someone about integrating The Spearhead's CMS with the phpBB forum so that comments on our articles can go through the forum rather than the main site itself. Hopefully, we can get this out of the way quickly. I would have done it myself some time ago, but the DIY instructions are a bit too vague for an amateur programmer like me. Fortunately, WP-United is now offering installation assistance for a very reasonable fee, and I just requested a quote.

I've been getting occasional complaints from readers about the comments for some time. People have various issues with the comments (mainly I have received complaints about feminist commenters and such, but there have been a few other issues as well), and recently I've had to deal with a few rather vicious trolls. As The Spearhead grows in reach and influence I suspect this problem will grow along with it, and I don't really have time to moderate every single comment — there are just too many.

So my plan is to beef up the forum by posting the magazine's articles directly on it and letting people have at it there. For most of you, this shouldn't change things much at all. If you haven't registered on the forum already, it's an easy thing to do, and when this job is complete you will be able to read and comment on all the posts there. Of course, the link to the forum will remain, so it's just a click away from the main site.

For the magazine's main site, we will publish selected emails as a weekly "letters to the editor" feature. Particularly insightful comments on our articles – both pro and con – will be selected for special consideration and published in a post along with some commentary. In the forums, however, we will maintain a laissez-faire policy regarding comments, only deleting those that are excessively disruptive, obscene and/or trollish. On the main site, commenting will be disabled, so if the free-for-all of the forum doesn't appeal to you, it will be easy to avoid.

It shouldn't take long to implement these changes, and until the integration is complete I'll leave things as they are. However, the site may go offline temporarily this weekend while the upgrade is underway.

My hope is that this will satisfy the better part of our community while actually enhancing interactivity. Different people have different preferences, and I'm working on providing different options to suit them. Implementing WP-United is probably the best way to do that.

Expanding the Possibilities

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> Dear Jay,
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> It's an easy equation – investing in women and their families equals investing in a healthy future for America.
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> And with the release of his budget this week, President Obama showed he's committed to programs serving women and children.
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> **Now it's your turn to show your commitment** — sign the pledge to fight for critical investments in women and families.
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> Times are tough, and women are forced to make impossible choices between putting food on the table and paying rent, between going to the doctor and keeping the lights on. Official estimates show that one in four children and nearly half of single-mother families are expected to be poor in 2011. We need to make sure that more is done to create jobs and provide help for those most in need.
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> The budget makes sensible investments that are critical to women and families and our nation's economic future, including: education, child care, health care, tax credits for working families, enforcement of civil rights, retirement security, and more. It also continues the President's commitment to passing comprehensive and affordable health care reform for women and their families. And, the budget supports these priorities with fair and responsible proposals to close corporate tax loopholes and require the very wealthy to pay their fair share of taxes.
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> We know times are tough, so together we'll fight hard to make sure the needs of women and their families are met.
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> Sincerely,
> Helen Blank
> Director, Leadership and Public Policy
> National Women's Law Center
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> Joan Entmacher
> Vice President for Family Economic Security
> National Women's Law Center
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> Fatima Goss Graves
> Vice President for Education and Employment
> National Women's Law Center
>
> Judy Waxman
> Vice President for Health and Reproductive Rights
> National Women's Law Center
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> P.S. Check out our latest analysis to learn more about how the President's budget makes critical investments in women and their families.
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> *Did someone forward this message to you?*
> *Sign up to receive future NWLC e-mails.*

Did you make it through all that? Are you convinced?

Calls to action like this one go out to card-carrying members of the National Women's Law Center every week. You'll also see the NWLC is fighting hard to pass The Paycheck Fairness Act, which perpetuates the gender pay gap myth, does not recognize discrimination against men in employment, and would provide for negotiation skills

training programs for women only.

MoveOn.org and the CREDO Action Network provide very similar mailing lists which allow members to contact their representatives in the House and Senate quickly and easily on key issues, making a real impact on our legislators or at the very least raising their awareness of public opinion.

Imagine if legislators were bombarded with e-mails and letters from their constituents pointing out the injustices of VAWA, The Bradley Act, and The Paycheck Fairness Act. They just might think twice before taking away more of our rights.

P.S. ”Expanding the Possibilities” is the slogan of the NWLC.

Go Red For Women?

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Have you heard of Go Red For Women? It's an effort by the American Heart Association to raise awareness of heart disease in women. Friday is National Wear Red Day.

The AHA can't really seem to get its statistics straight, claiming on one page that women account for over 52.6% of cardiovascular disease deaths here while stating the following here: "Final 2005 CVD death rates were 331.1 for males and 237.1 for females." Furthermore, 2006 data on heart disease deaths shows the number of men per 100,000 who died from heart disease is 248.8 while the number for women is 162.2. In other words, men are 53.4% more likely to die from heart disease each year than women.

Again we see warping of statistics to serve a female-centric / men-don't-matter agenda, just like when we're told women rarely commit domestic violence, women never lie about rape, and only women's cancer deserves funding. Now, apparently women die of heart disease more often than men!

It's great to raise awareness that heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, but do they really have to exclude men? Apparently that's the whole point, as you can see by their campaign for the HEART for Women Amendment: "Over the last 25 years, the death rate for heart disease in men has declined steadily (by more than 17%), while the death rate for women has declined by only 2.5%, resulting in a disparity in heart disease mortality in women compared to men."

Ooh, there's that *disparity* buzz word. It's funny how even when men die more often there's a disparity against women. And when women receive almost 60% of degrees, there's a disparity in engineering degrees against women. And when women make the same pay for equal work, there's a disparity in the number of female CEOs. Are we sensing a pattern here?

Heck, maybe with enough focus on the Go Red For Women movement – as opposed to a movement focused on heart health for both genders – we can turn that statistic around and get the death rate for men to go up where it ought to be! Seriously, though, the American Heart Association could still raise awareness in women just as effectively by calling it Go Red For Women *and Men* day.

No worries, though. Even if you're male, you can call 1-888-MY-HEART for more information on how WOMEN can join the Go Red For Women movement and how WOMEN can get free information on heart health. Too bad *my heart* isn't located in a woman's body.

I propose we organize a Wear Tie-Dye For Men event. After all, men are #1 when it comes to *dying*. Last time I checked men still die five years younger than women and have higher death rates for the ten leading causes of death. Let's call for men and women to wear a t-shirt with at least ten colors on it to work, one for each cause of death that men die more often from. I'm sure it would get attention.

The Fullness of Time (Part 1) – Rage

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[Standard Disclaimer: This analysis represents only my personal interpretation of the lyrical content of Redemption's suite, The Fullness of Time, and is not representative of the opinions of either the band or any affiliated persons involved in the production of Redemption's music; past, present or future.]

Unlike my previous two posts, the next few songs I plan on deconstructing are actually from a band I enjoy listening to. In fact, if I had to pick a favorite band, it would probably be Redemption. They're often described as a "prog metal" or "power metal" band, but I'm no expert at music genre types. I would certainly agree that their music is powerful, and often times, the lyrics seem to resonate very much with my own life.

In particular, their second album, The Fullness of Time, has been particularly instructive to me throughout the years. It has a total of eight songs, and while the first four are strong in their own right, they don't have the staying power of the last four. The last four are part of a suite, and, depending on who you ask, may even be considered one whole song in and of themselves (the song name being "The Fullness of Time"). However, the songs are broken up on the CD as separate tracks, so I don't buy that gimmick. Furthermore, each track has a separate name and theme, which help untangle some of the messages (or so I've come to believe) the songs are trying to convey.

These four songs are sort of like a mini-concept album, for those who are familiar with that terminology. Note also that since Redemption isn't nearly as "mainstream" as the last two bands/performers analyzed, YouTube links may not be available for some of the songs. (Rage is not the strongest, musically speaking, of the four tracks being analyzed, but it has an important lyrical part to play in the total "story" if you will.)

Near as I can tell, the concept for this suite is that a person (hereafter, Man) suffered some sort of devastating betrayal, and the songs explore the various stages of Man's journey towards recovery – starting with Rage, moving into Despair, finding Release, and finally achieving Transcendence. (In case you couldn't tell, those are the four song titles as well.) I think there's a lesson out there for some of the MRA crowd as well, so I encourage you to stick to it and read through these posts. If you get to the end and feel I've wasted your time, by all means, call me a raving lunatic/idiot and demand for a refund.

The first song, Rage, opens with the following spliced in movie quote:

> I believe in death. I believe in disease. I believe in injustice and inhumanity, torture and anger and hate…I believe in pain. I believe in cruelty and… in… every crawling, putrid thing… every possible ugliness and corruption, you son of a bitch!

This, in case you couldn't tell, more or less establishes the fact that we are dealing with an unhappy person.

Moving along, then, to the first verse:

> Struck down by the persons that I trusted
> Robbed of dignity and left for dead
> I can feel unmeasurable anger building in me
> Emptiness and rage begin to burn inside my head

Here we can debate whether or not Man was literally "struck down" and "left for dead," or if these are merely impassioned metaphors. I suggest the more likely case that they are metaphors, and in my interpretation, they are metaphors of the betrayal Man has, generally, been dealt at the hands of women. Who among us can't relate to that feeling of betrayal? Aside from the extremely rare statistical anomaly who was born with amazing gifts of Game, I think most of the male readers of this site have all suffered some sort of betrayal (perhaps multiple ones) at the

hands of women, and I think we can all relate to feeling “unmeasurable anger” and even “emptiness and rage.” I have certainly felt this way, and it seems to be the case that others have too. (Props to Jabherwochie for the best analysis of daily psycho-sexual torture women conduct upon men I’ve yet read.)

Furthermore, most of us recognize that we have all been robbed of dignity – particularly our traditional male dignity – and this has left us worse off as a group. Traditional male values, as we all know, have been demonized in society at large, and positive/heroic/”flawless” male role models have all but disappered from mass media. Men aren’t remembered for their great achievements, anymore, but only for their great failings – and half the failings we’re remembered for seemed to have been purely invented by feminist machinations. It’s enough to get a man’s blood boiling.

> Once I was a person without malice
> Once my heart bled red instead of black
> Friends with one hand held behind their backs carried knives
> Didn’t see the blades ’till they were buried in my back

More musings and metaphors on the nature of the betrayal Man has felt. Specifically, this seems to relate to “nice guys.” I know it’s trendy to beat up on betas and nice guys in the current blogosphere climate, but I’m here to suggest that maybe we, as men, should try to establish some commonality with other men regardless of their perceived status on some vague hierachy that’s still being defined and debated. We all recognize that women have presented a united front, and why would we want anything less than a united front of our own to meet the challenge feminism has presented to our favored Western ideals? (If you are so inclined to try and preserve them, that is – but I don’t find most men talking about expatriating or forming new countries, so…)

I think at one point or another, most of us browsing these sites have identified with the “nice guy” label and bought into the party line that told us so long as we were well behaved and good providers we would receive many social rewards. I know that I bought into this idea and I’m a relative pup compared to some of the folks in the community. Those of us who have felt this way can probably relate to the lines of this verse – “once my heart bled red instead of black” and “friends [women] with one hand held behind their backs carried knives.” How many times have we described women as “stabbing us in the back?”

After this verse, we get the first does of the chorus:

> Sleep with one eye open
> Knowing that I’m watching you
> Listen for my footsteps on every darkened street
> Like a call for help unanswered
> You can scream but no one hears your voice
> No one there to save you
> As I take my just revenge

I think this represents the sort of path unchecked male anger can take, especially towards women. There is a lot of anger out there – some of it even rationally justified – and this is not something that should be trifled with. I understand this anger even if I do not endorse it. There is historical precedent for male anger exploding with consequences for a society – just see this quote by Nancy Levant “Why don’t you ask the women of Afghanistan what happened to their liberation, which existed prior to the national radicalization of angry men with weapons?” A common observation in the movement seems to be that if you kick a friendly dog enough times, you wind up with a mean dog.

As Man observes here in the song, women are not safe unless there are men present to protect them. Without Man, there is “no one there to save [women].” Furthermore, under certain understandings, an argument could be posited

that physical violence as revenge could be just. (Again, I don't endorse this, but I can certainly understand why people would.) If you feel this way, perhaps this musical suite will speak to you and resonate with you. I encourage you to read on and discover/consider alternatives.

Next verse:

> I can hear your laughter
> I can see you think you've won
> But I don't know how you live
> With no remorse for what you have done

Pretty straightforward here – the laughter and having women think they've won stand in as metaphors for shaming language and common feminist debate tactics. Not knowing how women live without remorse seems to be a lament for misunderstanding either hypergamy or misunderstanding natural female amorality. Women play by a different set of rules, and Man has had to learn that the hard way, especially in the absence of systems (patriarchy) designed to curtail natural human failings.

Then the refrain:

> You claimed you were my friend
> All the while you planned to murder me
> You claimed that I imagined all the things you'd done to me
> You'll pay for being so destructive
> You'll beg for compassion
> But I've nothing left to give

This is a powerful verse. Once again, Man is lamenting the false friendship that women have offered him – especially in a more feminist society. "You claimed you were my friend, all the while you planned to murder me" could just be a metaphor for how women generally deceive and mislead to get what they want – think of cuckolding, adultery, all of those things. This is one of my favorite examples of attempted cuckolding. Remove the system that instills and enforces morality (patriarchy) and all of the sudden, all bets are off!

The third line is an important one – how many times has the male perspective been denied, especially by the supposedly more empathetic gender? How many times has Man tried to air his grievances only to be told it was all in his head, or worse, all his own fault? It is only natural he wants women to pay for what has been done, pay for being so destructive – after all, the sting of betrayal is still fresh, the pain still raw and tangible. "You'll beg for compassion, but I've nothing left to give." I see a lot of that sort of attitude here and elsewhere, and it is not illogical. But it doesn't need to be the only way.

See what anger will eventually melt into, given enough time, with my next post!

Jokes About Men

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At what point do we laugh at ourselves? This is the question Avidlearner89 asks on the forums.

> I admit I am fairly new to the MRM, ive been doing a bit of research, and the one thing I keep asking is, where do we draw the line between sexism and humor? I know weve probably all made our fair share of jokes about women which the most extreme feminist would call sexist. If we are going to dish it out we have to take it as well. I would say "Everybody Loves Raymond" is a bit too extreme for me (but i love the chemistry between doris roberts and peter boyle and its a great example of women wanting to be in control and expecting men to do the dirty work) but a joke here and there about men is not a huge deal to me. anyone else feel the same way?

Here's my reply:
I will joke about things with my girlfriend because she's pro-men's rights and well aware of my stance on things. She's also black and we joke about race as well. Would I joke about race with just anyone? Probably not. Would I joke about men with just anyone? Probably not. It depends. The fact is that most jokes about men are just a cushion for misandry.

Let me be more specific. I searched Google for "jokes about men" and the first result is here:
http://www.jokesaboutmen.net/

Every joke here is either at the expense of men based on widely held misconceptions about them or a thinly veiled complaint about how women are "oppressed" by men and women don't need men. They're really all about hatred of men AKA misandry.

On the other hand, I dug up this old joke from years ago. I don't find it offensive to point out the amusing differences between the genders at all, and I do so myself frequently, usually followed by an explanation as to why men are the way they are and why that's a GOOD thing.

> HOW MEN AND WOMEN SHOWER DIFFERENTLY . . .
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> How To Shower Like a Woman
> Take off clothing and place it in sectioned laundry hamper according to lights and darks. Walk to bathroom wearing long dressing gown. If you see husband along the way, cover up any exposed areas. Look at your womanly physique in the mirror – make mental note to do more sit-ups/leg-lifts, etc. Get in the shower. Use face cloth, arm cloth, leg cloth, long loofah, wide loofah and pumice stone. Wash your hair once with cucumber and sage shampoo with 43 added vitamins. Wash your hair again to make sure it's clean. Condition your hair with grapefruit mint conditioner. Wash your face with crushed apricot facial scrub for 10 minutes until red. Wash entire rest of body with ginger nut and jaffa cake body wash. Rinse conditioner off hair. Shave armpits and legs. Turn off shower. Squeegee off all wet surfaces in shower. Spray mold spots with Tilex. Get out of shower. Dry with towel the size of a small country. Wrap hair in super absorbent towel. Return to bedroom wearing long dressing gown and towel on head. If you see husband along the way, cover up any exposed areas.
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> How To Shower Like a Man
> Take off clothes while sitting on the edge of the bed and leave them in a pile. Walk naked to the bathroom. If you see wife along the way, shake wiener at her making the 'woo-woo' sound. Look at your manly physique in the mirror. Admire the size of your wiener and scratch your butt. Get in the shower. Wash your face. Wash your armpits. Blow your nose in your hands and let the water rinse them off. Fart and laugh at how loud it sounds in the shower. Spend majority of time washing privates and surrounding area. Wash your butt, leaving those coarse butt hairs stuck on the soap. Wash your hair. Make a Shampoo Mohawk. Pee. Rinse off and get

> out of shower. Partially dry off. Fail to notice water on floor because curtain was hanging out of tub the whole time. Admire wiener size in mirror again. Leave shower curtain open, wet mat on floor, light and fan on. Return to bedroom with towel around waist. If you pass wife, pull off towel, shake wiener at her and make the 'woo-woo' sound again. Throw wet towel on bed.

Super Bowl weekend seems a little slow around here but heck, I got a great idea for this blog entry just out of reading the forums.

I'd encourage you to add your own reply to Avidlearner89's forum post here: **At what point do we laugh at ourselves?**

The Fullness of Time (Part 2) – Despair

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[Standard Disclaimer: This analysis represents only my personal interpretation of the lyrical content of Redemption's suite, The Fullness of Time, and is not representative of the opinions of either the band or any affiliated persons involved in the production of Redemption's music; past, present or future.]

This is the second of four posts on Redemption's musical suite, The Fullness of Time. It is a lyrical dissection of the second track, Despair, which is the most straightforward of the four tracks. There is a smooth musical transition between all tracks in this suite, which represents part of the overarching concept – that this is a journey through Man's emotional response to women's betrayal of him.

I know, talking about emotions breaks man law, but stay with me.

The first verse:

> Left now
> Alone with your betrayal
> There's no way to feel secure
> Anymore
> Broken
> Crushed in soul and spirit
> With no way to set things right again

This represents, to me, an honest and private response to what has happened to Man. In public, he may show his Rage, and perhaps even initially he will feel that Rage in private. Eventually, however, it seems inevitable that Despair will set in as the true nature of the betrayal settles upon his mind. After all, he is "left alone" with "no way to feel secure; crushed in soul and spirit with no way to set things right again." I have never been taken over the coals in the divorce court but I know some of our readers have (and my sympathies go out to you) – I imagine these lyrics might resonate with your situation? I've felt hopeless and despaired after suffering betrayals at the hands of women, and I wasn't even invested significantly (like a marriage) or standing to lose anything substantial (as in a divorce) when I was betrayed!

Rage comes first, but it melts away into Despair.

The chorus:

> Gone
> You have stolen everything I ever had
> And I'm left with nothing more than pain
> And I know I'll never trust the way that I once did
> You have taken all my dreams
> And turned them to ashes in my mouth

This seems to speak almost directly to those men who've gone through a bitter divorce or custody battle. Doesn't it feel as though that woman you've trusted – the one who seemed friendly but put that kinfe in your back – has made off with everything of value you ever had (sometimes to include, most bitterly, your own children) and all you have left is pain? It also seems common for men to resolve to never "trust the way that [they] once did," after women kill their dreams of domestic tranquility.

Final verse:

> Starving
> Searching for some comfort
> Left to choke on my despair
> Blinded
> My faith and friendship shattered
> And my life beyond repair

I think we men have all been seeking commiseration and unity from like-minded men. That's why sites like The Spearhead have been cropping up. Without sites like these, we may have all been stuck in a perpetual cycle of Rage and Despair. The betrayals we've gone through, individually (I'm almost certain every male reader here has gone through some sort of betrayal – some only minor, some only major, and the rest somewhere in between) may have even shattered our faith and friendship. After all, the effects of feminism seemed to have led to a decline of religion (faith) and fraternity/men's only groups (friendship). Furthermore, it seems to have had the poisonous effect of causing men to distrust one another, viewing each other as competitors (for women) during the best of times and villains (towards women) at the worst of times.

Privately, I think we have all felt that our lives were beyond repair. When we come together collectively and apply our reason, we can see that we have all suffered similar blows, that there are systemic problems and our failures are not isolated or individual in nature. This may not help ease the pain, but it does remind us that there may be any number of solutions to our grief.

Like I said, this is the most straight forward track. Stay tuned for the final two!

WP-United Implemented

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I just bridged phpBB and The Spearhead with WP-United. For now, commenting will require registration (this may change in the next release of WP-United), but otherwise the site will remain the same. Once you register you can comment away as though nothing happened (if you have registered on the forum you are already registered — it's the same). Furthermore, the articles will automatically be posted to the forum, so from here on out we'll have a forum dedicated to articles and their comments. This will provide a higher level of interactivity and allow discussion to continue as interest dictates.

This move ought to reduce trolling and thereby raise the quality of comments, as well as allow me to save many hours of time every week by freeing me from the frequent slogs through the spam folder and comments.

It might take a few days to fine-tune the system, but so far it seems to be running pretty well, and I don't see any major issues.

So…

Carry on, and happy commenting!

Back To The Future

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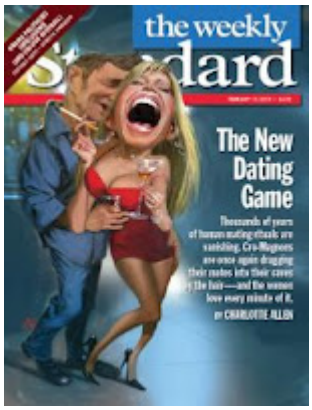

Via MarkyMark, I stumbled across this article in an upcoming issue of The Weekly Standard, a publication founded by noted neocons Bill Kristol and Fred Barnes.

What struck me most about the article is not what the article said…for its content was pretty standard fare for those of us here at the Spearhead and others who have been floating about the MRA/FRA/PUA sphere for any appreciable length of time. No, was was surprising to me was that the issues and viewpoints we express here at the Spearhead have surfaced in yet another mainstream venue. What's more, they were penned by a conservative female member of the mainstream chattering class (click here for Ms Allen's bio).

First, we have the author noting that it seems that cads and thugs, rather than the majority of honest, dependable "nice guys"…beta and 'lesser' men…seem to be reaping the retrograde social harvest that women's lib has sown:

> Welcome to the New Paleolithic, where tens of thousands of years of human mating practices have swirled into oblivion like shampoo down the shower drain and Cro-Magnons once again drag women by the hair into their caves—and the women love every minute of it. Louts who might as well be clad in bearskins and wielding spears trample over every nicety developed over millennia to mark out a ritual of courtship as a prelude to sex. It helps, of course, that there's currently a buyer's market in women who are up for just about anything with the right kind of cad…

Then the author notes that some pretty significant socio-cultural moral shifts may have quite a lot to do with it, and that the fembots have been cheering it all along:

> …delayed marriage (the average age for a woman's first wedding is now 26, compared with 20 in 1960, according to the University of Virginia-based National Marriage Project's latest report); reliable contraception; and advances in antibiotics (no more worries about what used to be called venereal disease). No-fault divorce, moreover, has pushed the marriage-dissolution rate up to between 40 and 50 percent and swelled the single-female population with "cougars" in their 30s, 40s, 50s, and beyond. On top of it all is the feminist-driven academic and journalistic culture celebrating that yesterday's "loose" women are today's "liberated" women, able to proudly "explore their sexuality" without "getting punished for their lust," as the feminist writer Naomi Wolf put it in the Guardian in December.
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> All this takes place to a basso profundo of feminist cheerleading.

And then the author becomes the very first female that I personally have witnessed acknowledge the apex fallacy in writing, as she rightly observes that the alphas and sigmas benefit while the betas, deltas, gammas, and omegas are forced to learn evo-psych-based game if they stand any chance of attracting the attention of the modern-cum-paleolithic hypergamous female:

> While it's a truism that the main beneficiaries of the sexual revolution are men, it is only some men: the Tucker Maxes, with the good looks, self-confidence, and swagger that enable them to sidle up successfully to a gaggle of well turned-out females in a crowded and anonymous club.
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> Out of such [an environment] was born the "seduction community," part band of brothers, part nakedly commercial and ferociously competitive business enterprise.

All this is fairly pedestrian intro-level manosphere information. It isn't until page seven of this twelve-page missive where Ms Allen starts to bang out doubles and triples. First, she notes that the beta and delta male has been disenfranchised in a big way:

> Evolutionary psychology also provides support for a truth universally denied: Women crave dominant men. And it seems that where men are forbidden to dominate in a socially beneficial way—as husbands and fathers, for example—women will seek out assertive, self-confident men whose displays of power aren't so socially beneficial. This game of sexual Whack-a-Mole is played regularly these days in a culture that, starting with children's schoolbooks and moving up through films and television, targets as oppressors and mocks as bumblers the entire male sex. Not surprisingly…many women satisfy their yearning for dominance by throwing themselves at bad boys or even worse.

Then she correctly perceives that the current dating scene, by disenfranchising the second- and third-tier men who make up the bulk of society, produces a demographic disaster-in-waiting, something that myself and others here have noted as well:

> The percentage of children growing up in fatherless families—a chief risk factor for social pathologies—has risen concomitantly: from 9 percent of all households with children in 1960 to 26 percent today. On the plus side of the ledger, these negative trends don't affect the college-educated as severely. College-educated women have significantly higher rates of marriage and lower rates of divorce than women without college degrees. The bad news is that such women, who tend to marry late, have far fewer children. In 2004, according to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey, 24 percent of women ages 40 to 44 with bachelor's degrees were childless, in contrast to 10 percent of women without a high school diploma. Marriage is slowly becoming a preserve of the elite, who pay a price in severely reduced fertility.
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> [Blogger] Roissy often writes of a coming "apocalypse," a thorough collapse of civilization thanks to the stalling of its reproductive matrix.

One thing we know for certain is when a culture's men are disinvested in the outcome of society, and when marriage for them becomes unattractive, they will cease to either marry or be involved. They will sit on the sidelines, play MMPRGs and smoke dope, and no amount of cajoling will succeed in getting the main body of them off top dead center. The Romans ran into this very issue…first they gave women the vote (over Cato the Elder's objections), then, like magic, their bachelors refused to marry in the female-empowered culture that ensued. I suspect that, just as there is nothing new under the son, the moral fiber of Romann society was dealt a fatal blow by ancient feminism and that the trials and tribulations we experience today…where invested males "enforce" upon divested males…existed back then as well. But I digress, and to get me back on track, I quote Allen again:

> In The Mating Mind, Geoffrey Miller wrote:
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> > Our ancestors probably had their first sexual experiences soon after reaching sexual maturity. They would pass through a sequence of relationships of varying durations over the course of a lifetime. Some relationships might have lasted no more than a few days. . . . Many Pleistocene mothers probably had boyfriends. But each woman's boyfriend may not have been the father of any of her offspring. . . . Males may have given some food to females and their offspring, and may have defended them from other men,

> but . . . anthropologists now view much of this behavior more as courtship effort than paternal investment.
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> That's a pretty fair description of mating life today in the urban underclass and the meth-lab culture of rural America. Take away the offspring, blocked by the Pill and ready abortion, and it's also a pretty fair description of today's prolonged singles scene. In other words, we have met the Stone Age, and it is us.

I had read once somewhere…Vox Day's place I think…that the natural progression from hunter-gatherer society to agrarianism to industrialization to feminism leads inexorably straight back to hunter-gatherer, do not pass Go, do not collect $200. And thus far, the fact that we are seeing the matriarchal social/reproductive patterns of the Stone Age savannah return to our once advanced culture lends creedence to this prediction. Allen seems to agree, insofar as she cites "long-term monogamy" (I presume that she would oppose short-term monogamy, or what we've come to know as serial polyandry) as the principle building block of Western Civilization, and to cast that cornerstone aside threatens the entire edifice.

But Ms. Allen isn't done. Here come some more doubles…again noteworthy in that it is a more mature established female columnist doing the noting:

> Some argue, though, that it is actually beta men who are the greatest victims of the current mating chaos: the ones who work hard, act nice, and find themselves searching in vain for potential wives and girlfriends among the hordes of young women besotted by alphas.
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> During this process, monogamy as a stable and civilization-maintaining social institution is shattered. "Monogamy is a form of sexual optimization," [Author Roger] Devlin told me. "It allows as many people who want to get married to do so. Under monogamy, 90 percent of men find a mate at least once in their life." This isn't necessarily so anymore in today's chaotic combination of polygamy for lucky alphas, hypergamy in varying degrees for females depending on their sex appeal, and, at least in theory, large numbers of betas left without mates at all—just as it is in baboon packs. The aim of Mystery-style game is to give those betas better odds.

It is worse than that, in my opinion. Not only does Average Joe have a hard time getting a woman to pay attention to him, but if he does manage to pair off with a used-up former bad-boy semen receptacle, she will be less able to have a lasting relationship with him. In other words, she'll dump him as soon as possible with a better man, which is often the paternalistic State.

In all, this was an excellent article in which I urge you, dear reader, to peruse all twelve pages. To me, it is encouraging that the truth is starting to bubble to the surface. Whether or not it is enough remains to be seen. One thing is for certain, though: the voluntary surrender of the technology of patriarchal civilization by our women in favor of a more primitive, paleolithic form of social organization can't help but to bode ill for us all.

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Denise Romano Claims that Men are Performing the Impossible

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(This post is the result of this post on my blog about hypnosis and a follow up post on the same subject.)

I find debating feminists to be a waste of time usually. It's like fighting the Iran-Iraq War from the perspective of Iran or Iraq. A lot of time and energy gets wasted with no real results at the end. Feminists aren't going to listen to our logic and reason, and we are not going to obey feminist insanity. Denise Romano is a primary example of this. It's a waste of time to debate a known spammer and someone who says outright lies such as, "MRA blogs that enthusiastically incite rape and celebrate rape as a mens' right".

Another problem with debating feminists is accidentally conceding points because you're busy making an argument about something else. Most of debate with Denise Romano is about whether moral or ethical issues of game. No one was asking the question of is everything that Denise Romano claiming even possible. This is important because Denise Romano is claiming that there are PUAs using hypnosis to get women to have sex with them. Hypnosis can't be used to get someone to have sex with you (unless they already want to have sex with you in which case it's redundant). **It simply will not work.**

Hypnosis requires three things to happen:

1. The subject must WANT to be hypnotized.
2. The subject must BELIEVE he or she can be hypnotized.
3. The subject must eventually feel comfortable and relaxed.

If you don't want to be hypnotized, you can't be hypnotized. This means that hypnosis can not be used as a seduction technique ever. The only case where it would work is when a person has already been seduced in which case there is no point in using hypnosis because it would be redundant and a waste of time. Denise Romano is claiming that there are men out there that can forcibly hypnotize women against their will despite the fact that this is impossible.

Clearly, forced hypnosis is impossible. If it was possible, a few guys trying to get laid would be the least of anyone's problems. We would see murderers who would instead hypnotize their victims into killing themselves, criminals who would rob people and banks by forced hypnosis to make people want to hand over their money, governments using forced hypnosis to gather intelligence, etc. None of this is happening, and this is what the world would look like if Denise Romano was actually correct.

Since I banned her from my blog for being a spammer, Denise Romano responded to my first post on her blog. Most of her response had nothing to do with anything I said, but Denise Romano claimed that "hypnosis professionals" agreed with her, and this was documented on Lady Raine's blog. If this was really the case, why is it only on LR's blog and why was there no link to these "hypnosis professionals"? We can figure out the answer to that, but I did a google search for the word hypnosis on LR's blog. I found no links to "hypnosis professionals". In fact, I only found three minimally relevant links. The first was to some nut job who makes the same claim as Denise Romano but without any actual evidence. That link also contains nonsense statements like, "but actually 7080% of us are receptive to some hypnotic suggestions". The second was a link to an anti-scientology website which had to do with people who voluntarily underwent hypnosis. The third was a link to someone trying to sell a system using hypnosis so you can get laid. Again, there is no proof that it works. There are plenty of websites out there that claim to have products that will enlarge your penis, and they don't work either so vigorous claims don't mean anything.

Even "hypnosis professionals" can be very questionable. A few years ago, Penn & Teller on their Bullshit! show on the Showtime channel did an episode on hypnosis (which you can watch here). They showed how hypnosis is very problematic in terms of how well it works even when its voluntary. Even when people want to be hypnotized to

stop smoking or lose weight, it only works when that person was highly motivated beforehand. Penn & Teller also talked to a “hypnosis professional” who claimed among other things that hypnosis could make your penis bigger, and she had a hypnosis tape to do that. Knowing that even talking to “hypnosis professionals” may not tell you the truth about hypnosis.

The fact is that it’s **impossible** to force a hypnotic state on anyone. You can’t hypnotize anyone against their will. Denise Romano when she claims otherwise against the body of scientific evidence about hypnosis is claiming men have found a way to perform the impossible. In essence, she is trying to start a moral panic which tells you everything you need to know about her.

Super Bowl XLIV Commercials

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The Saints win it, 31/17.

Dodge: This commercial initially sounds like a men's movement advertisement.
Dodge Charger Super Bowl Ad – Man's Last Stand

> I will take your call. I will listen to your opinion of my friends. I will listen to your friends' opinions of my friends. I will be civil to your mother. I will put the seat down.
> …
> Charger: Man's Last Stand.

FloTV: "As you can see, his girlfriend has removed his spine, rendering him incapable of watching the game. Boy, that's hard to watch."
Super Bowl XLIV TV Commercials – FloTV

Doritos: A little boy smacks his mom's suitor, telling him: "Keep your hands off my mama. Keep your hands off my Doritos."
Doritos® – Crash the Super Bowl 2010 Finalist – House Rules

Teleflora: Woman: "Don't touch me."
Teleflora Super Bowl Commercial 2010 Talking Valentines Day Flowers Commercial

Pizza Hut: A family, including a husband, wife, and kids, orders several $10 pizzas.

> Wife: For the first time in my life, I don't have to settle.
> Husband: We're still talking about pizza, right?
> Wife: (No answer.)

Motorola: The "talented actress" from Transformers, naked in a sud-filled tub.
Motorola: MOTOBLUR with Megan Fox

Volkswagen: Includes an exceedingly clever old man groin punch.
VW PunchDub Commercial

Bridgestone Tire: Your tires or your life? (You'll like this one.)
Click on "Your Tires Or Your Life"

Bud Light: Ladie's book club crashed by a guy who just wants their beer.

> Woman: Do you like Little Women?
> Man: I'm not picky.

Then there were the typical GoDaddy ads featuring Danica Patrick.

Discuss. Did I miss any worth mentioning?

Responses may take some time to display here, you can also respond in the forums.

Feminists Declare Victory Over Recognition of Sex Addiction

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The concept of sex addiction is gaining steam, and feminists are cheering it on. The reasons for this are fairly clear: it is another means by which they can pathologize masculinity. I wrote about the sex addiction treatment scam and why it is a problem recently, but I didn't expect feminists to come right out and cheer it on so quickly. Perhaps I overrate their powers of subtlety.

In a piece in Slate, Hannah Rosin, former editor of the radical feminist doublex blog, comes right out and calls sex addiction a "feminist victory." Perhaps she is encouraged by the fact that, according to sex addiction guru Martin Kafka, 95% of the people diagnosed with the "disorder" are male.

These kinds of moves may seem silly and irrelevant to most men, but I guarantee that eventually they will become a problem in family law. It is already standard practice to order men to attend "anger management" for such sins as getting upset over a wife's affair, and raising one's voice and insulting a shrewish, abusive wife during an argument can result in being ordered to attend a DV class, whether or not any actual crime was committed.

Now, we can also look forward to men being ordered to attend expensive sex addiction treatment for being upset that their wives refuse to sleep with them. Yes, that's where it's going, and that's why it is a "feminist victory."

Feminism is largely about sexual power. Declaring natural male desire a disease will add yet another legal weapon to feminists' arsenal, and they will most certainly use it.

The Fullness of Time (Part 3) – Release

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[Standard Disclaimer: This analysis represents only my personal interpretation of the lyrical content of Redemption's suite, The Fullness of Time, and is not representative of the opinions of either the band or any affiliated persons involved in the production of Redemption's music; past, present or future.]

This is the third in a series of four posts analyzing the lyrical content of Redemption's musical suite, the Fullness of Time. So far, Man has dealt with Rage and Despair, and in this track, he will be contemplating Release (and unburdening himself of these two negative and entropic emotions/dispositions). As a side note, this track is really fun to listen to if you like metal / progressive music.

First verse:

> Lying here surrounded
> By the pieces of my life
> Would it all be easier
> If I lay be down to die

A piano interlude introduces the song and these lines are sung slowly. Man is picking himself up from his Despair, taking a survey of what's happened. He's surrounded by the fragments of his life, after everything's seemingly fallen apart on him due to the betrayal of women; he wonders if it would be easier just to give up and die. (While suicide can be honorable in certain contexts, it is rarely honorable as a response to extreme depression. Following through on these thoughts and feelings would be a bad idea.)

The drums kick in and the verse continues:

> Dreams piled high
> On the back of this broken man
> Is this all? Born to fall?
> Or to rise again?

A poignant statement. Men tend to bear the burdens of all of society's hopes and dreams. It is, generally, men who build society's infrastructure, staff society's enforcing positions (government, military, and so on) and men who take the fall when society begins to crumble (despite the fact that feminism is often a common element of that patterned collapse). In reference to that patterned collapse, the lyrics pose an interesting question – are all civilizations born to fall, or is it possible to see them rise again? While every civilization believes itself to be invincible during its collapse, isn't it possible that our society could still be salvaged? It would be a long, hard road, to be sure, but to write it off as impossible…I think it's a bit too early for that. But that's another issue for another post.

Guitars kick in and we get another verse:

> So much pain and disillusionment
> Everything I once felt sure about
> We're all lost if we don't know
> It's a game that we are all playing
> The motions of all our counterparts
> A piece of sinsiter scheme

More allusions to Despair but this time, rather than focusing on the pain, Man has begun to try to put the pieces

together and analyze what has happened. He once felt sure about the way society was organized – sure that if he worked hard and was a good provider, he would have a good life like patriarchy guaranteed him. Now, he realizes that "we're all lost" (we being men) if we don't realize that there's a game being played. You can take this to mean what you want – that Men literally need to learn Game to adapt and overcome. I take it more generally, in that feminists (in particular) have executed some grand strategies at very important power centers, enforcing a language ideology we've come to term feminism, which has influenced/distorted the very way people in Western nations think and perceive the world.

"The motions of all our counterparts," that is to say, women, are a "piece of some sinister scheme." This represents the way all women are culpable, to a degree, of allowing feminism to propagate. Their silence was a form of compliance; by not providing opposition to the movement they were complicit in its aims. (So too, mind you, were the men who were silent, and let's not forget men who actively supported and enforced the movement.) This reminds me of people who try to dodge responsibility for their government's ineptitude; anyone who pays taxes to the government is, to a degree, culpable for that government's actions. Whether or not you vote matters little to the government – they'll be spending your money either way. (By the way, your taxes are currently funding this post, which has been composed on my lunch break on a military base library's computer.)

> The puppet that's broken has reason to smile
> They can no longer force him to dance on their strings
> Why shrug off the chains? If you wrap them about
> You'll be sunk to the bottom and drowning
> The clockwork behind their smiles
> Wound by hands that were made to harm

Here, Man has woken up to the fact that he has been little more than a dancing puppet for women as a group. However, the puppet who has been broken and betrayed – he who has lost all hope in the system ever satisfying him – actually has "reason to smile." He is no longer compelled to dance when the puppet masters pull the strings. This is a powerful revelation – the revelation that we, as men, do not have to buy into womens' construction of society nor do we have to play by their rules. They don't hold the power – we do. The more men who wake up to this and live it, the better off we will all be as a result. After all, it has been well demonstrated here and elsewhere that patriarchy benefits both men and women, while feminism harms both men and women. Our Rage might compel us to seek vengeance against the opposite sex, but if we Release ourselves from that Rage, we come to understand that ultimately we must reconcile with women if there is ever to be any hope of a future for mankind. Granted, some may not be motivated to see humans prosper, but I'm not going to argue the merits of continuing the species here.

Still, Man is struggling, and he thinks about allowing the chains to wrap about him and drown him. Despair is still present as Release hasn't been fully completed. He makes an observation that the "clockwork smiles" women and the rest of feminized society offer – the platitudes and meaningless trinkets and half-hearted concessions – add up to less than nothing. Furthermore, as a puppet, he was wound by "hands that were made to harm;" the system of misandry that society now fosters was designed only to harm men (with a side effect of harming women as well).

The first part of the chorus:

> Just release yourself
> Cause they can't rape the willing
> Or take what you have if there's nothing else
> Tired of life and filled with despair
> And covered with blood from the crosses I bear
> But I'm still standing
> Should I make myself crawl?

It's a difficult process but Man realizes he must free himself of the entropic synergy of Rage and Despair if he is to move on and make things right again. "They can't rape the willing" means Man can't be violated by a system he doesn't buy into or believe in – he can't be shamed by terms like "misogynist" if he doesn't care about being slandered, for example. He's not afraid to speak the truth and he knows in his own heart whether or not he hates women. Society can't take anything else from him if he has nothing to lose – and he can reduce the amount of things to lose by reducing the amount of investment he makes in a feminized society. Even though Despair and Rage still weigh on his mind, and even though he is bloodied from the burdens he has borne, he is still standing.

It is not unreasonable to imagine that one of the crosses Man bears is the cross of feminism – a crushing weight and a cumbersome load that digs into him and wounds him on his journey.

The next verse:

> Seems so counter to our nature
> Accepting with grace the things we can't change
> But when all's said and done and you're wronged and deceived
> Then it matters the most what you choose to believe
> Should I fight against fate
> Or should I just lay down and die?

Here, Man laments the passive nature he has been shackled with. It is against his nature to "accept with grace" the evils of feminism – the "things we can't change." What matters, however, is that after he has been "wronged and deceived" (as he was in Rage), then personal conviction becomes the most important thing to seriously consider. Where should Man's beliefs lie? Should they continue to support conventional wisdom and the language ideology that fueled women's betrayal of him? Or should he take a step back and examine things as if for the first time, without the crippling framework of lies and deceit that society has spun to poison his thinking? Should he fight against fate (another metaphor, here, for feminism) or should he just give up and die (either literally, or allow his spirit to remain crushed)?

I prefer to fight, but I suppose that choice is up to you, dear readers.

Guitar solo, followed by next verse:

> The puppet that's broken has reason to smile
> But the strings can't control you if you walk away
> No more tears of disillusionment
> I'l be a puppet no longer
> The hands that I thought had held me
> The clockwork behind their smiles
> They'll not have control over me
> I'll stand up and leave them behind

Here, we see Man has a lot more resolve than previously; he realizes the strings from the puppet master can't control him if he walks away from the system of control (MGTOW). This can be achieved in a variety of ways – Game, expatriation, CoAlpha brotherhoods, marrying a foreign wife…

The regular chorus repeats once more before bleeding into a revised chorus, the finale of this track:

> Just release yourself
> From the scars you inflict on yourself
> When you're wounded by no one else
> Rise above pain, move past my despair

> And put down the cross that I've made myself bear
> Now I'm still standing
> And I'm not gonna crawl

This is an important verse. Here Man realizes his own culpability in the perceived evils that have been wrought upon him. He needs to release himself from self-inflicted scars (self-obsessed wallowing is one example, being unable to move on from the betrayal he's suffered – scars inflicted when he is "wounded by no one else"). He realizes he needs to unburden himself completely of the cross he has made himself bear (feminism) in order to move on, and he has found new resolve ("I'm still standing, and I'm not gonna crawl").

The next song is the most powerful in the quartet, and the reason I even started writing up any of the other ones. However, some of its power is reduced without understanding the full context of its lyrical content, and so these other analyses were necessary. See you next time.

The New Math on Campus

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The New York Times ran an interesting article earlier this weekend about the sex ratio on college campuses and how it is wreaking havoc with the social lives of the female undergraduates. The entire article is worth a read, but here are a few highlights:

> Jayne Dallas, a senior studying advertising who was seated across the table, grumbled that the population of male undergraduates was even smaller when you looked at it as a dating pool. “Out of that 40 percent, there are maybe 20 percent that we would consider, and out of those 20, 10 have girlfriends, so all the girls are fighting over that other 10 percent,” she said.
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> Needless to say, this puts guys in a position to play the field, and tends to mean that even the ones willing to make a commitment come with storied romantic histories. Rachel Sasser, a senior history major at the table, said that before she and her boyfriend started dating, he had “hooked up with a least five of my friends in my sorority — that I know of.”
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> “A lot of my friends will meet someone and go home for the night and just hope for the best the next morning,” Ms. Lynch said. “They’ll text them and say: ‘I had a great time. Want to hang out next week?’ And they don’t respond.”
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> Even worse, “Girls feel pressured to do more than they’re comfortable with, to lock it down,” Ms. Lynch said.
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> As for a man’s cheating, “that’s a thing that girls let slide, because you have to,” said Emily Kennard, a junior at North Carolina. “If you don’t let it slide, you don’t have a boyfriend.”

It’s very interesting that things like this are now being talked about openly in the media. Of course there is still language in the article about how the men are “victimizing” women because of the sex ratio, but that’s as absurd as saying that the young professional women in Manhattan are “victimizing” their male peers by dating and sexing several notches up the social totem pole. What comes around goes around, ladies.

As Nature Intended

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I have a problem with Evolutionary Psychology. Specifically, I have a problem with how some members of the Game community interpret Evolutionary Psychology. Evo-Psyche is used to define what it is to be a Man.

Evolutionary Psychology is a scape-goat science being used to market a product.

Once upon a time, men turned to God for explanations. *God lives in the gaps*. Then Man discovered the Scientific Method. In the search for Truth, Man applied logic and reason to natural phenomenon and gradually the need for God dwindled.

"God works in mysterious ways," became Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Science began filling in the gaps in Man's understanding of the world. As methods improved, scientific credibility grew. Then the scientific community developed a tragic flaw: *hubris*.

As recently as last year, scientists were suggesting that men were a dying breed. Fifteen minutes ago, scientists announced that they were wrong. Eggs are good, eggs are bad. You too can lose weight eating nothing but bacon.

Science had long abused its credibility to push biased, misinformed, and under-investigated theories. People listened because they wanted to believe what they were being told. All they needed were the relevant statistics so they could plead authority.

Then Climategate broke and the wheels came off.

Evolutionary Psychology is not an exact science. It is controversial, meaning debatable, and therefore far from perfect. Before you quote Dawkins at me, understand what I'm saying. I am not arguing that Evo-Psyche has no merit, nor am I arguing that it is not an advancing field.

What I am arguing is that Evolutionary Psychology is not grounds for making broad, deterministic statements about the nature of human beings.

When I read statements like "humans evolved to . . . " or "nature intended", the thinking part of my brain short-circuits. Humans did not evolve to do anything. Nature has no plan. The idea that survival and replication are Nature's/Evolution's goal is quaint foolishness.

This may only be a trick of the language. These kinds of statements may only be poor wording that conveys an unintended meaning. Then again, they may be an extension of *Argumentum ad Naturam*. Humans evolved that way, natural selection allows only the best, therefore people should behave according X,Y,Z.

Evolution is a process of happy accidents.

Humans did not evolve with opposable thumbs so that we could survive better. We evolved with them because having them didn't get us killed. The fact that our thumbs are useful is only a bonus.

Evolution happens by *kludging*. For every million or so harmful mutations, one comes along that happens to be benign, perhaps even useful. There is no purpose behind it, humans "read" purpose onto Evolution. We invest it with our own meaning.

Science is supposed to be about observable facts.

"Humans have forward looking eyes, a trait common to predatory animals," is a valid scientific observation.

"Humans have forward looking eyes because they evolved to be predators," is not.

Using Evolutionary Psychology to define Manhood makes it easy to reduce men to polyamorous breed machines.

Extrapolating how men are “supposed to be” from a series of lower level physical properties, however factual, is nothing more than reductive determinism.

Meanwhile, a generation of men emasculated by feminism and the Sexual Revolution mope around, dick-hurt about their clumsy love-lives and willing to blame anyone but themselves. They turn to Game because the people marketing it wave a magic wand and say, “Science!”

Does Game work? Sure it does . . . but I suspect that its success has more to do with the confidence a systematic approach instills in men than with the credibility of its scientific underpinnings.

Before you dust off your pitchfork and burn a cross on my lawn, think about *why* men want Game to be a *Scientific Fact*. Men want sex. Game promises them that. If Game *truly* is the magic bullet, then anyone can land the girl(s) of their dreams and all they need is a little practice . . .

While you indulge this thought, which sounds like the male equivalent of a Cosmo cover article, consider how other scientifically proven products have benefited you.

Has your magic powder increased your natural testosterone 1500%? Did that magic pill increase the size of your penis?

Did Xenedrine and Hydroxycut make you *ripped*?

If so, I’ve got some magic beans you’re gonna love . . .

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> For more barroom philosophy, check out FKIN.

Feminism and the Prison Industrial Complex

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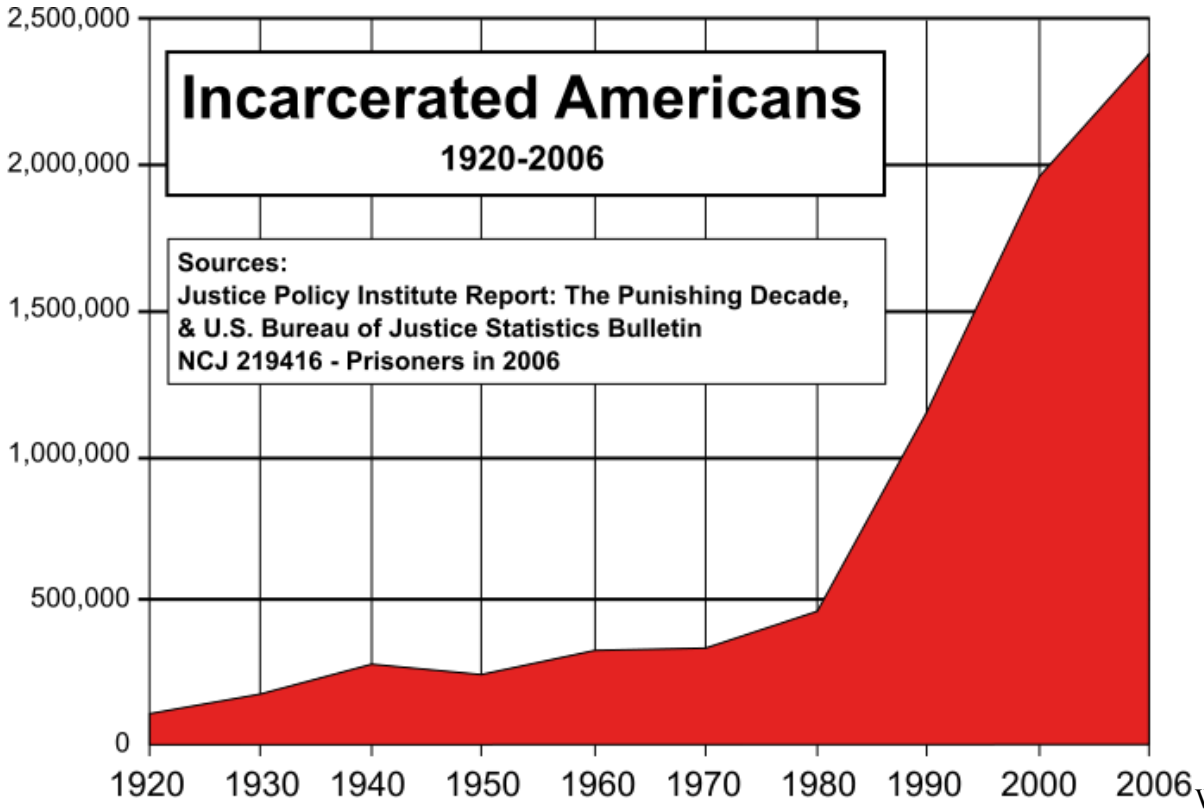
I was recently looking over US prison statistics, which demonstrate that the United States imprisons more people by far in terms of both percent of population and overall number than any other country in the world. In fact, the United States may have the highest peacetime incarceration rate in recorded history — we are certainly somewhere near the USSR at the height of the GULAG system (not counting post-war POWs).



While looking at graphs detailing the steep rise in incarceration that began around 1980, it occurred to me that the implementation of feminism and women's liberation coincided almost perfectly with the rise in the incarceration rate. As single motherhood and "innovations" in family law spread, the number of men in prison grew at a fantastic rate. In the 1990s, Clinton's 1994 crime bill further increased the growth of the prison industrial complex just as the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) took hold.

It often takes great effort and force to prop up an unnatural social system. The reason the implementation of Communism was accompanied by mass incarceration was that the Communist system wasn't the best fit for the societies it enslaved. Likewise, although sexual liberation and the destruction of families may come naturally to many – possibly most – women on an individual basis, it doesn't really work in modern human societies, and probably hasn't been adaptive since the end of the middle paleolithic.

The decimation of American families began to gain steam during the 1960s, when the illegitimacy rate of black Americans rose rapidly, foreshadowing the current explosion of white illegitimacy. This was accompanied by a record crime rate in the 1970s. As social chaos began to take hold and women marched in the streets for easy divorce and abortion, conservatives' attention was largely focused on the poor behavior of the young male cohort. As conservatives are wont to do, they blamed men exclusively for the problem, possibly because of their cherished fantasy that all women who have children out of wedlock or who get divorced are innocent victims of rapacious men. In reality, the boys who were out in the street misbehaving were, as often as not, victims of their mothers' choices.

In addition to the criminality brought about by illegitimacy and broken families, the economic issue of welfare came to be a major point of political contention. As single mothers went on welfare en masse, pressure built up to make fathers pay — again, often for the poor choices of women. Tougher laws were passed to rein in the social chaos in inner cities and attempt to coerce young men into behaving like Ward Cleaver even as their role as provider husband or father had been subverted by revolutionary family law and feminist policies in school and the workplace. Of course, it was impossible for many of these young men to beat the odds stacked against them, so the punitive option was brought to bear, and prisons across the country received them with open arms.

An interesting thing about the meteoric rise in incarceration is that it continued apace for over an entire generation. Starting around 1980, it continued to grow throughout the last Bush administration. If you are a young man today, your chance of being thrown in the slammer has grown tremendously from the day you were born. Even as your real wages have declined, your educational opportunities eroded by higher costs and female domination of higher education, and the likelihood you will have a stable, lasting marriage and family has largely evaporated, you now have a greater opportunity than ever to live the life of a convict.

Feminist policy created a self-reinforcing loop of male disenfranchisement, male crime, public outrage and calls for punishment, incarceration, and then more disenfranchisement as children grow up with daddy in jail or otherwise on the wrong side of the law. There is nothing more responsible for the destruction of the American family than feminism, and there is nothing that breeds crime like broken families.

More Mother-Teen Daughter Sexual Jealousy Exposed

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[The following was originally written by Schopenbecq on The AntiFeminist blog.]

What it feels like for a mother to see her little girl turn into a woman :

> The other evening, I walked in on my 15-year-old daughter as she lay soaking in the bath. Somehow, I held onto the gasp I wanted to emit at the sight of her: that beautiful young body, with its impossibly pert breasts and taut midriff, surely belonged to a woman and not my little girl. “Darling, I’m so sorry,” I said quickly, making to hurry out of the bathroom. “I’ll leave you in peace.” For the first time since she was born, seeing my child naked had left me feeling embarrassed, awkward and, oh dear, rather jealous.
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> With her incredible figure, long and naturally golden hair, and sculptured features, it was plain to see that my eldest daughter’s beauty eclipsed my own. I always knew that three pregnancies, and the simple passing of time, had had an impact on my own looks and shape. Now, as I compared myself to my woman-child, it struck me just how much. “It’s fine, Mum,” my daughter laughed, oblivious to the depressing epiphany she’d just provoked. “Stay and chat.”
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> Only I couldn’t. I needed to go away and process how I felt; to shake the green-eyed monster hanging off my back, before my darling girl picked up on how I was feeling. I’d have been mortified if I’d inadvertently ended up making her feel bad, too, so I made my excuses and left — and promptly told my husband that it was about time we fixed a lock on the bathroom door.

Yet increasingly, any man who even takes a second glance at a 17 year old girl let alone that beautiful 15 year old who inspires such jealousy in her own mother, is the worst pervert imaginable, a nonce, a sub-human paedophile, to be locked away to be beaten, spat upon, and raped for the rest of his life. And some of you think this isn’t men’s rights. And some of you think the only thing that matters is proving that as many female monsters as men break statutory rape laws that were created by ugly, sexually jealous, middle-aged feminists in order to protect their own selfish sexual interests (if you don’t believe me, just read the above one more time, eh, and consider that women like this have criminalized millions of men as ‘perverts’ for clicking on a fucking cartoon picture of a female who MIGHT look as though depicting a girl of 17!!!!).

Meanwhile, the Daily Express, seeking to win away the crucial female 35+ year old readership from the equally odious, deluded, and paedohysteric Daily Mail told it’s target audience exactly what it wanted to hear :

50 and Fantastic : Rise of the Quintastics

[image]
Look at these, not their daughters

> The major change taking place is in our attitude to ageing. “In our generation all the messages about women’s validity after 50 have completely changed,” points out Quilliam. “We are now free to do what and say what we want when we want; 50 is no longer the downturn that marks the end of a useful life. Now women work, the benchmark for the end of youthfulness is retirement. These days you can make love when you want to, go out when you like, learn a new skill or enjoy yourself how you please.”

To which I’m reminded of a brilliant photo signature I spotted beneath the posts of a forum member at menarebetterthanwomen.com (the girls are the two beautiful 16 y.o. singers Selena Gomez and Demi Lovato).

To all the 30+ women – THIS is who we are looking at on the beach!

Exposing Feminist Flaws and Outright Lies – An Analysis of Paramount Importance

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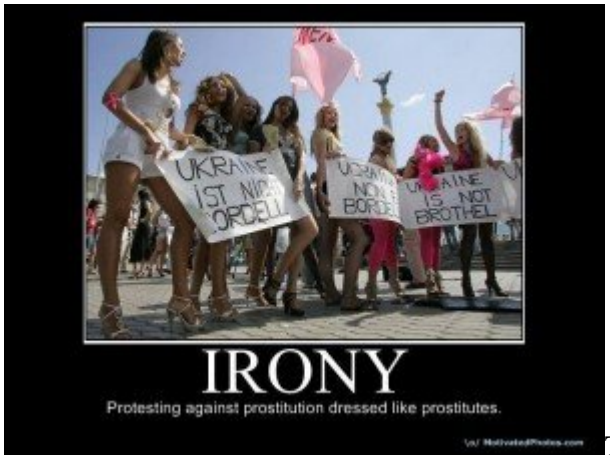

The word of the day today is irony. While my post won't be talking about the themes raised by the picture above, you'll see what I mean at the end.

Feminists wield power by their absolute mastery of language and their domination of intellectual debate; this is an observable phenomenon. Furthermore, their ideas often march on unchallenged because people are afraid to speak up against the prevailing wisdom, for whatever reason. Maybe this post can change some of that. First, let me set the scene for the genesis of this post:

I'm innocently and productively doing my homework for an organizational communication course I'm taking, reading through the text (which isn't perfect but isn't awful, either, and actually does a good job of being balanced) when I come across the dreaded "Feminist Perspectives and Organizational Communication" section. I bite the bullet and read on. When finished, I'm compelled to race over to the computer and share with you all some of the juicy bits with my commentary, so here we are.

Diving right in, we begin with a relatively standard definition of **feminist theory**:

> Focuses on the marginalization and domination of women in the workplace and the valuing of women's voices in all organizational processes.

Long time readers will know the ways in which this statement is false, but regardless of your amount of time spent in the community, I'd like to draw your attention to this excellent post. Written on a woman's blog and analyzing a woman's opinion/arguments from circa 1870 (you know, back when women were awfully oppressed in a terrible patriarchy that couldn't possibly be good for them), it makes for an enlightening read and rebuttal. The blog author has several other posts on the subject I haven't yet found the time to read, but if you like what she has to say, feel free to comment and let me know. And if you're the sort to think that nothing good can come from women, I think there are plenty of examples to prove you wrong; but to each their own.

EXHIBIT A: JUDI MARSHALL AND THE NONSENSE OF PRIMA FACIE FORMS OF ARGUMENTATION

First up in the line of authors cited (I was familiar with none of them before reading this text) is Judi Marshall. The text cites a work she did in 1993 ("Viewing organizational communication from a feminist perspective: a critique and some offerings" – a limited search yielded me no links or abstracts) which essentially criticizes the tendency of organizations to respond to male values ("self-assertion, separation, independence, control, competition, focused perception, rationality, analysis, clarity, discrimination and activity") in favor of female values ("interdependence, cooperation, receptivity, merging, acceptance, awareness of patterns, wholes, and synthesizing"). Marshall posits

that, and I quote from my text with emphasis my own, “although males and females can access both types of values, **evidence exists** that females in organizations adapt to male norms while being evaluated against female stereotypes.”

I have two major problems with this brief paragraph. I like bulleted lists, so let’s do that:

- **PROBLEM THE FIRST: ASSUMPTIONS –** Naturally, the assumption is that “male” values are somehow negative and “female” values are somehow positive (without any analysis offered as to why these values belong to either males or females – they are presented as belonging to their respective biological sex *prima facie*). An objective look at the values, however, shows that many of the “male” values are positive ones for organizations (especially independence, competition, focused perception, rationality, clarity, analysis and activity) whereas many of the “female” values seemed better suited to making friends than getting things done (especially interdependence, receptivity, merging, and acceptance). Furthermore, I reject the assertion that females are better at “awareness of patterns, wholes, and synthesizing” and I am not alone in my rejection. These are also referred to as mathematical abilities, and there’s a lot of literature to suggest that women are not as naturally suited to mathematics as men are.
- **PROBLEM THE SECOND: EVIDENCE –** What evidence? Do you mean the kind of evidence that is spawned by politicized agencies funded by feminists with the express intent of propagating feminism? My educated guess: probably. It’s the same way feminists gather all their evidence – especially statistics on rape and sexual assault. Date rape is a myth. In fact, even the extent to which rape “plagues” our society is a myth. Or maybe it’s more accurate to say the “method” in which “rape” plagues our society is misunderstood – after all, false rape accusations are a rampant disease. What else has been mythologized and misconstrued by feminist doctrine?

Moving along, then, to:

EXHIBIT B: PATRICE BUZZANELL AND LANGUAGE IDEOLOGIES

Patrice Buzzanell, in a piece entitled Gaining a Voice: Feminist Organizational Communication Theorizing, describes feminist organizational communication as (and I quote from my text) “the moral commitment to investigate the subordinated, to focus on gendered interactions in ordinary lives, and to explore the standpoints of women who have been rendered invisible by their absence in theory and research.” I’m not going to take the time to rebut this nonsense – see the posts I linked to above or stick around The Spearhead for a while and you’ll see that all of this is patently false. Women were not oppressed under patriarchy, women are not subordinated in the workplace, and women are far from absent in theory and research. How anyone can ever be convinced that over half the human population has been rendered “invisible” seems absurd – but, as Voltaire observes, “those who can make you believe absurdities can convince you to commit atrocities.” Sound like what’s happened to society of late?

What’s more interesting about Buzzanell are the relatively unstated assumptions fueling her arguments; she “discusses how gender is socially constructed and enacted in organizations with messages, structures, and practices becoming the contexts for gender construction and negotiation.” If biological sex at birth is a social construct, why is it after 40 years of feminism (and indeed, the birth of a new woman’s nation, per the Shriver report) women are still found to have half the upper-body strength of men, 70-75% the aerobic capacity, and are slightly less intelligent by metric of the intelligence quotient on average? Perhaps we shouldn’t be too hard on Buzzanell. She’s merely part of a much larger system that fuels prevailing language ideologies, which can have a poisonous effect on the way we all think about and perceive the world.

But then she goes on to observe that “the ethic of competitive individualism creates organizational winners and losers based on competition and a need to excel over others.” Well, this is true enough, and as Ray Baumeister outlines in a seminal analysis, evolution may have played a part in how humans tend to organize. However, Buzzanell can only speak sense so long before she must vomit nonsense: “the competitive ethic typically casts

women in the role of the *other*, whereas stereotypical expectations and behaviors cast women as *losers*." There is nothing wrong with seeing women as "other" from men; in fact, men and women are innately different and serve unique (but, it could be said, equally important) biological/evolutionary roles. It should be expected that when women try to be men (and attempt to compete in male organizations and try to accomplish male tasks), women are going to "lose" in greater proportion than men are. Some women can succeed, because traits such as strength, intelligence, etc., appear to be distributed along a bell curve; but the traits that lead to success in traditionally male endeavors are centered around a lower proficiency in women when compared to men. I've not encountered much formal research about how male traits are distributed in regards to traditionally female roles (motherhood tasks, nurturing, etc) but I would expect a similar disadvantage exists for men when it comes to womanly tasks – men exist to be men and women exist to be women. Revolutionary and mind-blowing, I know, but try to keep pace.

Buzzanell isn't done yet, however. One of her themes of critique "is based on the superiority in traditional society of the rational, direct, and solution-oriented." Yes, she is critiquing the fact that traditional society is solution-oriented. What does she propose, a problem-oriented society? The illogic here is baffling. Apparently, "feminist organizational communication theory asks questions about alternatives and explores the double binds created for women who are negatively sanctioned for adopting the scientific male style nad who are also devalued for choosing stereotypical feminine communication patterns." Good. Let's toss aside useful and proven methods of organizing in favor of endless debate so that the barbarians can come in and destroy everything we've created and we can start the process all over again ad infinitum. Nevermind the fact that feminism tends to be the primary critical voice when it comes to devaluing women who choose "stereotypical" (read also: traditional, perhaps even "natural") "feminine communication patterns," namely, motherhood and willing submission to patriarchy. As I and others have said elsewhere, patriarchy works, benefits women, and when it is discarded, society crumbles.

But wait, there's more! Buzzanell is also critical of "socialization practices that urge men to become separate and autonomous through action, work, and status; women, by contrast, are socialized for nurturing, being attractive, following authority, and being well liked." That's right! Social pressure to compel useful behavior for society is, according to Buzzanell, **a bad thing**. Do I really even need to tear this apart?

Moving along, then, to:

EXHIBIT C: CONNIE BULLIS AND IDEOLOGICALLY FUELLED CONCEPT…fuck it, let's just be honest and straightforward. Ahem, allow me to try again.

EXHIBIT C: CONNIE BULLIS AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF BULLSHIT

Connie Bulllis is cited in a 1993 piece awkwardly titled "Organizational Socialization: A Feminist Standpoint Approach" (couldn't find an abstract or link, forgive me) as repeating the party line. (The party line always makes for an entertaining read.) Ironically, her arguments apply directly to the state of men in contemporary society. Allow me to quote:

> Connie Bullis (1993) uses feminist theory to develop an alternative perspective. Bullis describes why it is important to consider how socialization practices can construct women as marginalized others. Bullis challenges us to think about voices marked as outsiders, unsocialized, uncommitted, disloyal, absentee, unemployable, or dropouts…Bullis and Karen Stout (1996) raise important questions about socialization processes that function both to marginalize as well as socialize.

I see your ante of imagined misogyny and raise you one very real misandry, Connie Bullis. The Fifth Horseman / The Futurist describes why it is important to consider how socialization practices can construct men as marginalized others. I challenge everyone to think about male voices which have been marked as outsiders (men no longer have fraternities but cannot be a part of women's groups; women's studies far outnumber men's studies in college), unsocialized (all men are, rather than complicated human beings with a variety of emotional and physiological needs and wants, piggish animals who are satisfied only by sex), uncommitted (men are cast as

deadbeat dads and unwilling to commit in the dating scene), disloyal (despite the fact that women initiate 90% of all divorces, the average woman still fears that a man will leave her in marriage), absentee (google "where have all the good men gone") unemployable (the vast majority of the unemployed are men) and dropouts (again, the vast majority of dropouts are men).

In fact, **as a proud high-school dropout, I demand everyone listen to me.** After all, feminist theory demands I be listened to! In order to meet this demand, I encourage all of the readers of The Spearhead to link this article as far and wide as they can. Post it in forums, post it on Facebook, casually slip it into your instant messaging conversations ("hey there, how about that weather? Oh, by the way, feminists are crazy (link here)"). Do whatever it takes.

CONCLUSIONS

I'm glad I "soldiered" through both the text and this post. This turned out a lot better than I initially envisioned. Feminists tend to propagate their misinformation and faulty reasoning because people are afraid of criticizing them. Criticism isn't a crime yet, so do what you can to join in the critiques – if that means writing your own posts, do it. If that means questioning feminists in public, do it. If that means spreading along a well-written critique of someone else's, do it. Hope you enjoyed the piece, and, furthermore, hope you learned something useful. The best part is that we can use their own reasoning against them – irony is always an enjoyable exercise. Back to my homework. Until next time!

Lindsey Vonn SI Pose Allegedly Sexualized

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In a hilarious example of feminist cluelessness, the Sports Illustrated cover photo of skier Lindsey Vonn has provoked feminist outrage. First, because she "represents norm of feminine attractiveness. [sic]" Now one might think it's a good idea to put a photo of someone who is attractive to normal people on a national magazine's cover, but I guess feminists aren't normal. Still, you'd think they'd at least *understand* the concept of marketability. Well, on second thought, maybe that is asking too much.

Secondly, Lindsey's pose offends them. According to the feminists, Vonn is portrayed in a sexualized manner. Yes, I suppose one could interpret it that way, as she is bending over with her rear rather high in the air, but one could also say that it looks as though she is doubled over on a toilet seat with stomach cramps. The truth is that a "tuck" is a rather unnatural pose in normal life, but it is exactly what one does when downhill skiing to maximize control while maintaining an aerodynamic profile.

If anything, the SI covershot is actually portraying Vonn as an athlete rather than a sex symbol. The only thing off about the picture is that she is smiling and looking at the camera rather than looking straight ahead with 60mph wind whipping her hair back. It may be a stylized pose, but it's an *athletic* pose above all. It's really the same as a quarterback posing with his arm cocked back for a throw.

One could say that feminists are being prudish about this, but I think it's actually something different. Although they don't come right out and say it, women want to be sexy on their terms, and an unglamorous pose such as a tuck bothers them, even when it is the most technically accurate representation of Lindsey Vonn's sport.

Turning the Tide: An Object Lesson in "Waging the War," from the Front Lines

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1. Introduction and Statement of Intent

Maybe you are peeved at my picture. It serves an important point – if all we are to do in this community is sit around and endlessly talk to one another about the same issues, we will never accomplish anything useful. We are living in interesting times, to be sure. Information technologies have progressed to the point where we could infinitely process information about feminism and just how bad it is ad infinitum. **We will never be able to completely finish talking about just how bad feminism is.** In fact, we run the danger of falling into the trap that John Bagot Glubb describes as "intellectualism," whereby a society is condemned to ruin because its best minds are engaged in endless debate while poison slowly eats away at it. At some point, if we want this "movement" to do anything, we must come to consensus and say "enough is enough!" We must select certain articles as the best for articulating and explaining the situation, shortening the amount of time it takes to convince a skeptic of our position. It's like we're all stuck talking in circles – the majority of this community agrees that things are messed up, so what's the point in sitting around and continuing to agree that things are messed up without doing anything else? I'm not saying we should stop talking about the issues. Rather, I'm saying we should start talking about them with new people. But read on to see what I mean – this will be a long post.

I feel as though this is the most important thing I have written so far in my life. It may not end up being the most important thing I ever write, but I digress. I say this not to gloat or be boastful, but to try to convey the gravity of the situation I am attempting to describe to you. I am asking you to take me seriously and to try your best to understand what I am writing – I am not asking you to see things my way, in the sense that if you do not see them my way you end up as my enemy. This is not an appeal to the "my way or the highway" mentality. Either you are with me or you are not – but casting your chips with another does not make you my enemy. In fact, the only way I will ever perceive you as my enemy is if you cast your lot with feminism; even then, every true warrior throughout the ages has known that enemies are only relative and bound to time and context. If you are a feminist, we may be enemies now yet best friends ten years from now. **To any feminist "enemies" who may be reading this: things change, and I do not need to kill or otherwise destroy you in order to defeat feminism.** Furthermore, defeating feminism does not mean I have defeated you – if anything, I have liberated you from a parasitic cancer which poisons your thinking and constrains your thoughts. (It goes without saying, of course, that if someone literally tries to assault me and take my life through physical force, aka murder, I may be required to use lethal force to prevail in that situation – but that's neither here nor there.)

Agitation has been building in our community for a while that basically amounts to a call for action. This post represents one way to take action, so if you have been feeling the itch to **do something** about the problems we've all identified, then read on. If you are content to merely continue discussing the problems, stop reading right now;

this post is not for you. This is not a comprehensive outline towards a final solution to the problems – but it is an important, fundamental first step that I earnestly believe, to the bottom of my very being, must be taken if we are to seriously confront the problem before us.

For a long time – far too long, in fact, as this has been true my entire life – I have allowed the ideology of feminism to shame me into silence, and worse, cause me to disbelieve in myself. I have always felt that I have had great and important ideas, but the influence of our ideologically-fueled society compelled me into silence if I wanted to "succeed." However, my conception of success was limited in that it was dependent upon my acceptance of a system I knew was broken. Now that I have rejected the system – and feel that I have nothing to lose – I have gained the confidence to assert myself. I am a little man no longer.

I have, as Kierkegaard recommended long ago, found an idea for which I can live, and more importantly, for which I can die. I have found the thing which motivates to me sacrifice all other things, and as such, I will not be shaken from my beliefs. I do not write for recognition, ego, traffic, fame, credit, or any other similar reason. I write because I believe and I am compelled to act on that belief. Again, either you are with me or you are not – I extend an alliance to all who are willing. Being my enemy is a choice you freely make by advocating or defending feminism; and as I have already mentioned, our opposition will certainly only be temporary.

Enough proselytizing. Let's get down to the details – as we all know, that's where the devil's at!

2. Re-framing the Challenge, or, This is War

Feminism is our enemy, and, as has been established many times over, hurts both men and women (more simply and quite literally **all human beings**). But what is feminism? Feminism is **an idea.** Feminism is **not any specific person or group of people.** This is extremely important to keep in mind, because it is extremely easy to forget. No one person or one group of people **is** feminism. What does this means? It means that you cannot get rid of feminism by getting rid of that person or group of people which you perceive to be the **source** of feminism. One of the most common logical mistakes in our community is to equate feminism with women, and attempt to hold all women accountable for feminism. I will not spend time here spelling out exactly why I understand people do this; you will have to take me at face value when I tell you that I can empathize. Let me say that if we want to hold anyone accountable for feminism, we must hold **everyone** accountable, because as we've discussed throughout this community, ultimately **men** are the ones who enforce concepts such as morality or "rights." However, holding people accountable is ultimately inconsequential – it may provide some sense of catharsis but I can't see it providing anything else. As such, I suggest we look at more productive **things to do.**

A useful and timely analogy for describing the mechanisms of feminism in the context of what it has done to western society is to compare it to an insurgency. Insurgencies are, at bottom, conflicts about ideologies. To better understand what an insurgency is all about, I recommend you read The Counterinsurgency Field Manual. In case you didn't read my link comparing feminism to insurgencies, one of the take-away points is this: in any ideologically fueled conflict (such as an insurgency), you will generally see what I call a 10-80-10 split. 10% of people involved in the conflict will be what you can call "die-hard believers" on one end of the spectrum, with 10% being the polar opposite. In the middle – **and this is what the conflict is really about** – is a vast and undecided (or skeptical) middle ground, approximating 80% of total people impacted by the conflict. Allow me to now carry on the analogy developed originally in the aforementioned link.

As has been detailed elsewhere and generally acknowledged by anyone who values reason, the main driving force behind the feminist movement lacks a grass roots constituency. Feminism is, essentially, an extremist minority ideology propagated and actively promoted by a very small minority of people (men and women both). Their lack of numbers, however, does not mean that they are without power. This is a key point that many people – **the average people, the "90 percenters" or the real objective in this conflict** – seem to miss whenever criticism of the feminist leadership is brought up. (Try talking to an otherwise reasonable woman, for instance, and quote the feminist leadership, or show them NiceGuy's handy article on the subject, and they will, while recognizing the downright wrongness of the doctrine being voiced, comfort themselves by thinking "oh, this is just a minority of

people" and "they can't be having as much of an effect as you claim!")

In any ideological conflict, there is also an active minority diametrically opposed to the other minority. In the context of understanding feminism as an insurgency, this would be places like The Spearhead and the so-called "MRA community" at large. Here you have a dedicated user base that's writing articles to expose the flaws in feminist philosophy; ferret out the truth in issues like false rape accusations, unfair divorce laws, men's health issues, domestic violence, and any other number of related concerns; and attempting to bring more people "into the light," as it were.

(Un)fortunately, the vast majority of people in any insurgent situation will always be in the middle between the two extremes – usually relatively undecided on the matter. **In fact, the insurgency is not over until the undecided majority has, for lack of more eloquent phraseology, decided en masse.** The true battle in any insurgency is over these people who are in the middle. Generally, whichever side can get more support and/or commitment from the middle wins. An important caveat, however, is this (to quote from the manual): "**…a passive populace may be all that is necessary for a well-supported insurgency to seize political power.**" Feminists have made so much ground and been able to seize and wield so much political power precisely because they've instituted a system where they thrive on a passive populace. They don't need the vast majority of people to actually believe in all of their bullshit – all they need is tacit acceptance. Any time criticism is levied and rational debate sought, they have developed powerful tools (like shaming tactics) that can even bring down people we once perceived having power – politicians, professors, etc, you name it. But the power of these tactics is not absolute; in fact, they only have power over you if you allow them to. (This is the dirty secret feminists don't want you to know, and perhaps in a future post, I will expand upon this – the "answer" has a lot to do with certain aspects of Stoicism.) In any case, the power of these tactics is on the decline, and the time to "strike," as it were, is now – **feminists were only successful in seizing political power for a temporary period, but they were not successful in committing the middle majority of people and therefore they have not won the war.**

As I wrap this section up, allow me to recap my basic argument. In fact, allow me to strip it down to its logical skeleton – you will rarely see the truth presented so nakedly, nor will you see it presented so irrefutably. I have nothing to hide and I am not trying to manipulate anyone. I will present the above as a syllogism in seven words, 2 numbers, and 6 other characters. This syllogism is known as the AAA-1 syllogism:

1) Ideology = feminism
2) Insurgency = ideology
THEREFORE, feminism = insurgency

3. Turning the Tide, or, Waging a War of Ideas

If we understand that feminism is an ideology/insurgency, then logically we understand we cannot end feminism by getting rid of those people who believe in it. The solution may not be obvious, but there is a way to combat ideas, and this section will outline how.

Thank You For Smoking, aside from being hilarious, is actually **very instructive** as to how this is done. Many men fall into the trap while debating feminists (and to a lesser extent, women) that the objective is to convince the feminist that s/he is wrong. This is a logical objective. The problem is, as great as logic is, **it only has power over people who buy into its rules.** Those who have been poisoned by the ideology of feminism **no longer believe in logic,** as one of the (stated!) objectives of feminism has been the destruction of logic. To save time explaining this truism, I'll quote an earlier post I made, based on Christina Hoff Sommer's book, Who Stole Feminism (both of which have already been linked to once before in this post):

> The very construct of knowledge – of schools, of math, of science – is a male construct, designed to oppress women! Elizabeth Fee articulates this belief: "Knowledge was created as an act of aggression—a passive nature had to be interrogated, unclothed, penetrated, and compelled by man to reveal her secrets" (qtd. in Sommers 66) while Catharine MacKinnon claims that, for men, "to know has meant to fuck" (qtd. in Sommers 66). "In a

> similar mood, Sandra Harding suggests that Newton's Principles of Mechanics could just as aptly be called "Newton's Rape Manual." (Sommers 66).

Feminists equated knowledge – and by extension, logic – **literally with rape.** As we have come to learn in this community, **the concept of rape is an extremely potent force for feminists,** even if it has been expanded to include essentially anything feminists want it to. But a great majority of the power of this idea extends from the fact that **very few people are willing to publicly challenge it in a logical, dispassionate manner.** We literally live in a culture of fear where people have very real reasons to be afraid of sticking their neck out – so I'll stick my neck out for everyone. Chop my head off. At least I will die for believing in my heart what I know to be true!

A further point to take home from the quote above is that we will never, ever be able to convince a "true-believer" of feminism that they are wrong – **this is impossible.** Therefore, any time we engage in a logical debate with a feminist, we should not make it our goal to "defeat" the feminist specifically, or attempt to persuade the feminist that they are incorrect. **Every reasonable attempt should be made to identify whether the person you are corresponding with is a skeptic or a feminist**; if a skeptic, continue debating logically and attempt to persuade him or her. If a feminist – **start playing to the crowd.** I will be elaborating on the tactics involved in doing this later on in the post; for now, allow me to finish talking about strategy.

One **highly critical** thing to take into account about making a spectacle of any debate with a feminist – consciously appealing to the crowd and attempting to win the crowd over with reason, **rather than** trying to dissuade your **perceived** opposition from their logically untenable position – is the concept of groupthink and specifically the bystander effect/diffusion of responsibilty. The seminal case to consider when evaluating the validity of groupthink is the case of Kitty Genovese. To summarize very briefly Kittty's tragic fate, she was assaulted and stabbed by an assailant multiple times, screaming for help, while virtually no one aided her. The kicker? She was in a public area with a diverse group of observers – failure on the part of the observers to help couldn't be pinned on straw-men concepts like gender, race, age, religious creed, and whatever else you might think to use as a scapegoat.

The reality of the situation says a lot about the human condition. Virtually all of the observers recognized the attack was occurring and that it was wrong. However, **and quite importantly**, they also all registered that the attack was occurring in a highly visible public area with countless other observers not unlike themselves. What did this mean? This meant that responsibility was diffused among the group – literally **every observer** independently concluded that because there were so many other observers, someone else must have already taken the necessary action to remedy the situation. In reality, **no observer** took the action necessary because of this belief! How does this tie into **playing the crowd** when it comes to debating feminists?

It is not illogical to assume that every person "in the crowd," observing your debate with a feminist, believes in the power of logic. It may even be possible that, somewhere deep inside those anonymous observers, they burn to tell the feminist that the feminist is wrong and illogical. However, each person in that crowd certainly recognizes there are many other people in the crowd, diffusing the responsibility to directly challenge the feminist. (Furthermore, the feminist's perceived power and implied ability to harm dissenters, as discussed above, is another motivating factor for people to remain silent.) Moreover, the observers may doubt the validity of their truest, innermost feelings when no one rises to the occasion to debate a feminist. Worse still and **yet more poisonous to the cause** is when someone **does stand up to a feminist, but is clobbered back into silence by illogical persuasive techniques** such as shaming tactics or appeals to stay silent since, after all, "not everyone believes in that crazy stuff" or whatever other excuse people offer up to maintain the status quo. Nobody wants to rock the boat, since it's dangerous. Let me be clear: **if we want to combat feminism, we will need to rock the boat.** Additionally, all it may take is **one person** to break the spell of diffusion of responsibility and bystander apathy – especially if that one person takes charge of the situation and directs the actions of the crowd.

Martin Luther King Jr. hit the nail on the head when he observed, inside a prison cell, that "**injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.**" (Political correctness joke: Let no one say The Spearhead has forgotten Black History Month!)

In order to be successful, we must strive to **control the debate** and moreover **control the rules of the debate.** This is the same mechanism by which feminists have been successful, but I reject their methodology. Their methodology involves mass deception and literally billions of dollars of dishonest statistics and lies. I advocate complete transparency and absolute adherence to the dictates of logic; we cannot be swayed by ad hominem assaults, appeals to pathos or any other illogical **non-sense** (literally, lack of sense!). We will control the debate by refusing to engage an opponent who refuses to adhere to the very same rules; if the opponent refuses to adhere to these rules, **it is not manipulative or deceptive to expose them for failing to adhere to logic.** This is more or less what we do when **play to the crowd** – we expose feminists for failing to adhere to logic, "like the rest of us." This builds commonality and has the side-effect of isolating and rendering impotent the feminist. We are not banishing the feminist forever; merely, we are telling him or her that if he or she would like the **privilege of participating in conversation with civilized society,** he or she **must adhere to the rules of discourse governing civilized adults.** Freedom of speech is a useful legal reality, but it does not guarantee anyone **the right that they will be listened to** – it only guarantees you the right (more or less) that you will not be persecuted by the state for running at the mouth. **Being heard is a privilege,** and we must refuse to hear feminists on any other terms than logical or otherwise well-reasoned (and honest!) ones.

Not only shall the truth set you free, but it shall be presented to you free of charge. You do not have to "buy-in" to my worldview or system of truth – I hold my truths to be self-evident. There is no cover charge on "free thinking," and if you do nothing else after reading this article, I urge you to try thinking freely from here on out. Once, long ago, our nation also believed in something referred to as "self-evident truths." I swore an oath to defend the Constitution from any enemy – foreign and domestic – and I intend to make good on that oath; feminism is an idea that can create both kinds of enemies, and as such, poses a threat I am obligated to confront. But I would confront it even without such obligation – I would confront it because **it is the right thing to do.**

4. Tactics For Our Re-conceptualized Struggle; An Object Lesson in "Waging the War" From the Frontlines

I am not asking to be your leader, or even a leader. I am not asking to be called a visionary. Some may inevitably call me both of those things – but a leader can not lead without followers, and a visionary's vision is only great if other people can see the vision too. I will accept the mantle of leadership if I must but it is something I accept tacitly and for unselfish reasons; a leader is no more and no less important than his or her followers – neither is better and both are necessary to achieve the desired (and often synergistic) effect. But as a leader, I would not ask any follower to do something I would not – and thus, I give you my object lesson in "waging the war" from the front-lines of the conflict. This will be a tactical analysis that demonstrates many or all of the grand strategy concepts I have outlined above. I would have you learn, if you desire to.

The seed for this post was planted when I honesty attempted to engage Lady Raine in an intellectual conversation. She has been picked apart by our community for various reasons, but I refuse to accept the conclusions of others without investigating things for myself. (If I accepted the conclusions of others without investigating for myself, I would still be a feminist – as I once was – and would have never enlisted in the Marine Corps. **I am living proof that people can change, even stubborn people.**) I did not pursue this conversation, as I may now be accused of, because I wanted to make a grander point. In the moment, I earnestly and honestly wanted to engage her in direct and intelligent conversation, in part so I could come to my own conclusions about her and determine whether she was really as unreasonable as other people made her out to be.

(Preliminary note to Lady Raine – I have already archived all relevant statements you have made and, in the event you decide to delete your comments in an attempt to erase the record, **I will gladly disclose the entirety of our discourse for the reading public.** After all, the public deserves to know, do they not? I would ask you kindly to not delete your comments – as any upstanding adult and citizen should either be able to stand behind their statements or apologize for their mistakes – but the choice to delete those comments is not in my power to make.)

In fact, as can be evidenced and documented on our forums, I originally did not intend to write a Spearhead post

about Lady Raine. I found her initial response to my attempt at conversation highly amusing and nothing more – I sought to share my amusement with other like-minded people. My day ended shortly thereafter (as I, in case you were unawares, am currently in Okinawa, I live on a different time zone than most of the readership of The Spearhead/Lady Raine/etc).

I woke up and started my Marine Corps day (not so bright) and (extremely) early, as all Marine Corps days begin. I notice that in the short five or six hours I was sleeping, Lady Raine has already found my desolate and inconsequential blog (which, really, only close friends care about, and I have more or less abandoned to pursue content for the Spearhead). I find this situation even more humorous, make the requisite posts in our forum and the requisite snide comment to Lady Raine that perhaps the irony of suggesting she act her age would be lost upon her, which, much to my delight, she proves by editing my post to read "**LR EDIT: My age is 29, you halfwit.**" During work, I converse with one of my supervisors about the matter and we share a laugh. **At this point, the issue is still only of entertainment value to me.**

As I think more about the situation, I ponder at the nuances. Lady Raine is a self-proclaimed 29 year-old mother and wife, **yet she can find nothing better to do than scour the internet and devote her time to shaming and defaming an otherwise inconsequential blogger.** She even admits (and I agree whole-heartedly) I am an inconsequential and minor force when it comes to the blogosphere **– so why devote the effort to attempting to "fight" me at all?** Doesn't she have a husband and children to love, a home to brighten and make more sacred, a family to devote herself to? During my lunch break, I share my musings with Ferdinand Bardamu, who had taken the time to weigh in on the matter (much thanks for the solidarity, brother). In another group in which I am much more established (and perhaps therefore a little more confident and assertive), I muse at what (some) women have become.

At some point during my lunch break, I also notice that Lady Raine has taken the liberty to accuse me of absolute falsities, at which point I realize I can seize upon this opportunity to Turn the Tide. She accuses me of being a rapist (because I write for the Spearhead) and I take absolute ownership of this – you're right Lady Raine! **As a man who has never had sex, I am certainly a rapist for writing on The Spearhead.** The only thing more nonsensical than her statement would be my acquiescence to it; and yet acquiescing to it **drains it of any power it could have had.** Nothing I have ever done in my life has **ever even approximated the highly expanded legal definitions of rape,** so anyone can call me a rapist all they want. In a court of law, where the idea is **a man is innocent until proven guilty,** the burden of proof rests with the accuser. I challenge anyone to find proof I've "raped" a woman **– because no such proof exists.**

The rest of my work day is spent split between outlining this post and learning the nuances of a completely new and mind-blowing way for the Marine Corps to conduct logistics. It was a busy mental afternoon.

I come home and am dismayed to see tolerance for injustice even among my aforementioned trusted friends, but I am not afraid to voice my dismay. Someone suggests that they may have previously misunderstood me and I agree that such an event is entirely possible. People urge me to quit focusing on only "men's rights," which is a straw-man of my position, and I urge them (and even provide the mechanisms) to correct their ignorance. Eventually they more or less give up and assume debate tactics that smack highly of the ones feminists use, which I absolutely refuse to agree to or abide by.

Perhaps what they say is true **– no one is a prophet in his own land.** This does not ease the sting of disappointment I feel; if I could save anyone, free anyone, I would most like to free those people I grew up with and have fond memories of. Rather than give up and accept my supposed fate – the inability to share truth with those from whom I originated – I am more resolved than ever to redouble my efforts and free them from the parasite that is feminism. The parasite that prevents them from thinking free thoughts.

Every step of the way, I stuck to my guns, adhered to logic, did not let emotion sway me. Furthermore, I held my opposition accountable for their lack of logical integrity. I make every attempt to explain I am not seeking to defame their character or make value judgments about their worth as human beings (even if they are doing these

things to me). Additionally, **this post serves as an example** as to how one can play the crowd. These tactics can be studied and emulated. They can be expanded upon. Some of my arguments can even be copied verbatim – they apply in a variety of situations. I do not seek credit or status; only an end to the incessant chaos and chronic pain that knows no divisions among humans – a hurt that hurts us all.

5. Rebuttal to Potential Counterarguments Against My Position and Advocacies

It is impossible for me to predict all of the ways in which people will try to reject my position. Some will accuse me of being intellectually dishonest and talking to people only to publicly shame them. Some will accuse me of being unduly manipulative by advocating a methodology that appeals to the crowd. Others will tell me that they themselves cannot walk in the path I have laid out because they are simply incapable. Still others will reject and criticize my position for any other number of reasons – some valid but many I predict will be invalid (i.e., based on logical fallacies such as the straw man, red herring, ad hominem or otherwise unreasonable).

Still, allow me to mitigate some of the criticism I am sure will be directed my way. I will respond to the three major criticisms identified above via means of a bulleted list, since those things look svelte:

- **COUNTERARGUMENT THE FIRST: DISHONESTY –** I never engage in conversation with people merely because I wish to publicly humiliate them or for any other perceived ulterior motive I could be accused of. I always approach another human being for conversation because I am genuinely motivated to engage in honest intellectual discourse with any and everyone who is interested in doing the same with me (as time permits, of course). If people end up publicly shamed by engaging in a public discourse with me, **that is a consequence of their freely chosen decision to engage in a public discourse with me.** Furthermore, I am generally the first person who will de-escalate the situation either by refusing to continue the conversation (notice how little I responded to Lady Raine?) or suggesting that, since commonality cannot be reached, conversation should cease. **In fact, I am often harassed into conversation by persistent and unceasing attempts at veritable trolls,** forced to endure countless slanders and insults either for what I have said or for failing to respond to earlier slanders and insults (see again: Lady Raine's responses to me). Isn't **harassment a crime?**
- **COUNTERARGUMENT THE SECOND: MANIPULATION –** It is not manipulation to appeal to a crowd when one is already engaged in a public debate. **One of the basic assumptions about public conversation is that the conversation will be public – that means either there will be multiple interlocutors or there will be multiple observers to the conversation.** Furthermore, openly confronting a feminist can be personally dangerous (as has been well-established). Was Kitty Genovese being manipulative when she appealed to her crowd by screaming at the top of her lungs? **Absolutely not – she was trying to survive a perilous and life-threatening situation.** Make no mistake, debating with a feminist can **literally** be similar, depending on the context.
- **COUNTERARGUMENT THE THIRD: I CAN'T DO WHAT YOU HAVE DONE –** This may or may not be true. I would encourage the person who thinks this to study the Pygmalion Effect, which, in brief, is sound scientific evidence for the existence of the so-called "self-fulfilling prophecy." In no uncertain terms, **human expectations mold and influence events.** Therefore, if you or the people around you have negative expectations, events are significantly more likely to have a negative outcome. Conversely, if you or the people around you have positive expectations, events are significantly more likely to have a positive outcome. There is a corresponding phenomenon known as the Galatea Effect, which is essentially the same thing but is focused upon only internal expectations (ie, expectations that exist within yourself). If you expect yourself to succeed, odds are more likely you will; if you expect yourself to fail, odds are more likely you will. Google this.

6. Conclusions

If you agree with what I have outlined in this post, then you should feel compelled to act. You may be uncertain how to do so or what your first step to take should be. I'll suggest a first step for you: **viral-bomb the shit out of this post.** Share it with everyone you know. Talk about it at work and then e-mail it to coworkers. Share it on Facebook. Post it in comment threads on blogs and share it on forums. Do not spam, but do what it takes.

If you don't like that shotgun approach, then try the Pay It Forward approach. If you haven't seen the movie, here's what you do – exhaust your list of close friends and trusted allies and attempt to share this post with them in the best way that you can. This is a legitimate attempt at having them "see the light." If you can get three people to "see the light," you are halfway there to "paying it forward." The other half is ensuring that those three people you've enlightened each enlighten three people of their own. Is this overly utopian or impossible? Hardly. It'll take some work on your part, and it'll also require you to check up on your friends and hold them accountable to their end of the bargain, but it is not outside the realm of possibility whatsoever. And the exponential exposure this post will receive as a result (with the tangential side benefit of increased traffic to all of the links in this post as well as The Spearhead in general) will be measurably appreciable to our efforts. **This is something any reader – I repeat, any reader – of The Spearhead can do, and it will contribute to combating feminism.** There is no rule limiting you to the rule of three when it comes to paying it forward, either – go all out. **This is war, after all.**

As I mentioned in my most recent post, irony is the name of the day. How ironic is it that, by refusing to "give up" in her assault on me and defamation of my character, Lady Raine may have unknowingly provoked the massive counter-stroke that deals feminism a decisive blow? Wouldn't that be a delicious irony? It is out of my hands to deliver that irony – the ball is now in your court, dear reader.

Do whatever you feel is right (even if that means rejecting this post and calling me an idiot). I stand to make no personal profit from your seeing things my way – so it stands to reason that I am also unconcerned and unhurt if you refuse to.

Feminism, in a way, proves the age old adage that **perception is reality.** In this case, a sick and twisted perception that men are vile enemies who enforce unspeakable oppression upon women as a result of their biological nature (which is immutable, inevitable, universal and unchanging) has persisted **despite all sound logic, scientific evidence and empirical observation.** How do we remedy this situation? By changing perceptions. But first, we must start with our own. We must perceive that feminism is a problem that can be solved; otherwise, we will never be able to solve it.

7. Parting Wisdom

"The shot heard round the world" is a phrase that has come to represent several historical incidents throughout world history. One such incident marked the American Revolutionary War – a war which patriots fought for what they hoped to be endearing, noble, universal and transcendent ideals that we all recognize have been perverted by feminism. It is in your power to make this post another "shot heard round the world," the first in a myriad of offensives aimed at reclaiming those noble ideas before it is too late, and before America is just another page in the history books.

When it comes to feminism, always remember what Voltaire said – "Those who can make you believe absurdities can convince you to commit atrocities."

“Credentialation” is not Education

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When debating feminists or even just reading or listening to their drivel, they are guaranteed at some point to make a reference (really several references) to their “education”. As we know this is meant to convince us (unsuccessfully) that they are intelligent and have knowledge. The fact that feminists went to school or received a degree does not mean that they are intelligent or have knowledge. That is obvious from the fact that they fail to grasp basic concepts such as cause and effect and supply and demand. (Neither concept really requires that much intelligence, knowledge or education to understand.) Many of their degrees are in “women’s studies” which is about indoctrination and not knowledge or they got their degrees through affirmative action or some other form of female privilege. In either case, having a degree does not mean these feminists (and other women) received much if any education.

Since we know that they didn’t receive an education, a new word is needed to describe the process of going to school, receiving a degree without gaining any real knowledge or education. I propose, **credentialation**.

They have gone through a process that on the surface seems similar to getting an education, but all they have done is received a **credential** that is supposed to mean they have received knowledge in a particular subject. However, no real knowledge was gained, but these women are able to use the “credential” to act as if they actually received the knowledge the credential claims.

Credentialation doesn’t automatically mean some type of indoctrination happened, but in many cases it did. A degree in “women’s studies” is a good example. Classes in “women’s studies” do not impart any actual knowledge, but plenty of anti-male propaganda is presented (indoctrination). Many degrees in liberal arts fields also have indoctrination with anti-male propaganda but to a much lesser extent. Working for a degree in those fields can also be a credentialation since its possible to skate by on anti-male propaganda. It’s also possible to get a credentialation in an engineering field or the sciences, but this is more difficult since both those areas deal with the real world and thus require students in those fields to produce real, tangible results. However, due to “women in engineering” programs and other affirmative action for women, it’s still possible to get a credentialation and not an education in engineering and the sciences.

The are a couple of good ways to test if someone received a credentialation or an education. The more someone mentions their degrees as an argument the more likely they received a credentialation. If despite receiving a degree, it’s obvious that person didn’t gain any knowledge (particularly if they don’t understand basic knowledge about how things works), then they received a credentialation. Feminists are likely to fail the first test and will definitely fail the second.

Game as Killer App

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Men of the world: adopt Game or go the way of the horse buggy.

The classic example used in business school when talking about evolving markets is the horse buggy industry. Purveyors of horse buggies had perfected their craft by the time the automobile hit the streets, but the convenience provided by the new technology killed the buggy industry through the process of "creative destruction".

Buggy company owners undoubtedly went through several phases of denial when confronted with the killer app to end all killer apps. First, they scoffed at carmakers. No way people will forsake their horses and carriage for noisy, pesky autos they said as they pointed to the expensive new technology. Second, was coalition-building and moral judgments. Carriage makers turned the market into an "us against them" situation. Die-hard carriage owners were touted as moral, reactionary, and steadfast compared to those seeking the easy way out by choosing automobiles. Auto owners were touted as footloose and fancy free. Third came desperation. As market share slipped away, horse buggy manufacturers developed hare-brained schemes and last-ditch efforts to save their businesses. No amount of pleading was lost to stem the tide. After the maelstrom subsided and autos ushered in a new era, the final stage was set. Those late to adapt to the marketplace started from a weak position and never regained their footing. Carriagemakers' capital was depleted, and their businesses went bankrupt. They had all the skills to operate in the old marketplace but knew nothing of the new one.

Game is the killer app of the sexual marketplace. The dead industry, the horse and buggy of yesteryear, is accepting the role of beta provider. Just as horse carriages weren't needed after the proliferation of autos, the need for a male provider is decreasing rapidly, as this article from "Women's Health" points out:

> "It's often less about absolute earning power and more about personality variables such as reliability, generosity, social status, and kindness." As women have greater access to resources, Pillsworth says, they have more freedom to choose what they want in a life mate. (This means that in the near future we may see fewer beautiful women partnered with short, tubby, bald men driving Porches.)"

Women desire men; it's just that they desire us based upon their needs at the time. In days of old, women looked first and foremost for job status and income as it indicated ability to provide. Other factors included physical attractiveness, social dominance, intelligence, aggressiveness, kindness, generosity, and reliability. Since women seek the most alpha male available – the one able to provide the most of what she needs (and she needs less provision given her prevalence in the workplace, higher income, and general government support) – and since alpha males are rarely generous, kind, or reliable (at least towards their mates) women have turned to the other categories to do their selecting.

The market for "ability to provide" is Mike Tyson in the 8th round of the Buster Douglas fight. It's about to go down, and it isn't getting back up.

Men would be ill-served to hold onto this category as a last bastion of hope. The past few weeks I have spent rallying around this "Beta Revolution" as the only hope for our great Western Culture. I'm still for preserving the culture and the Male Provider role, but unfortunately I'm going to be the first blogger to give up on its restoration. The past isn't coming back. No amount of social shaming of women, rallying of men, or even practicing Game will recrown Provider as most-desired mate characteristic.

The "Game" – the sexual one – has changed. The tide has turned; this is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius. The frame of reference of this country has shifted so far leftward that laws won't be repealed redressing the imbalance of power that favors women. As Mencius Moldbug has described, the nature of power is that it moves towards chaos, towards classes of those perceived to be weak and down-trodden, namely – towards the left. Unless Men

come to be that down-trodden minority, gaining power through demagogues and progressivism (both antithetical to the current movement) we'll never regain our glory. The target will always be shifting, and men will have to adopt new strategies to compete. One day, the shoe will drop on Game as well, and the first-movers who devise ways to overcome will benefit the most.

To fill the void of diminished value in the provider category, men have to turn to other means to shore up their attractiveness to women. Since generous, kind, and reliable White Knights are miles behind even the "Beta Provider" crowd, their redeeming qualities won't help them in the new marketplace.

Aggressiveness, physical attractiveness, and social dominance are the "3 Wise Men of the Rebirth" – to coin a sloppy title based on a much better one. Male gym memberships have been increasing dramatically for years. This 2000 article discusses the book "The Adonis Complex" whose authors spotted the trend early. Men were hitting the gym, trying to increase their market value in response to their decreased need in their classical roles. Interest in MMA and UFC is growing every year. Good marketing has to do with some of its support, but many men have taken to the full-contact sport as a substite for more "soft" sports like softball and basketball. Some unseen death bugle is inducing men to turn to the martial arts as a way to compete against other men. Weight lifting and cage-fighting handle the physical appearance and aggressiveness categories; Game hits on the social dominance aspect. But that's Roissy 101.

Many of my fellow bloggers on the subject – men that I respect and have learned a lot from – desire a concerted effort by men against the wiles of power-wielding women. The thing they forget is that there was also a competition to be the best Beta Provider one could be, when that station was valued. Animal species compete; there is no tricking that. Men have and always will compete against each other in the sexual marketplace. Collusion will not happen. The first price-fixing scheme will be instantaneously met with a price war.

The only thing we can do now is encourage Beta Providers to fulfill those roles if they have them – hopefully stemming the tide against wholesale cultural decline - while seeking other means to induce women to find us attractive. If they don't need us, as a whole, to provide for them, we won't. Perhaps the shift towards Cads – away from Dads – is the key.

Legislating Chivalry

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A number of bloggers and commenters have remarked that women can look forward to withdrawal of male support, especially in the younger cohort, as feminism takes hold across several generations. The male feeling of duty toward women will naturally evaporate when it becomes clear that the game is rigged in women's favor across the board. This is what I was hinting at in yesterday's article about people – including security guards – standing and watching while a girl received a vicious beating. The only guys willing to white knight for women will be gimpy old men, and they just can't hack it.

Last October, a girl was beaten and gang raped following a high school dance in the Bay Area while up to 20 students watched with either amusement or apathy. This is not just because they were kids; when I was in high school in the 90s that wouldn't have happened. Society has clearly changed, and youth attitudes suggest that chivalry is as good as dead. Given incidents where women and girls abuse chivalry, such as Duke Lacrosse, that's understandable. Also, girls' preferential treatment in school combined with the fact that a lot of lower income boys grow up in single mother households with male family members incarcerated or unemployed probably doesn't exactly inspire much sympathy for women or girls.

However, last ditch efforts are underway to force people to white knight for women in peril. In California, the "Witness Responsibility Act" has been proposed as a means to prevent people from callously disregarding crimes against women. It is specifically aimed at failure to report rape or murder, and could send non-reporting witnesses to jail for up to six months. I can see one immediate problem with this law: people will claim they didn't see anything to avoid being charged, and then all of the sudden detectives won't have ANY witnesses.

Morally speaking, of course people should report crimes against others, but the years feminists and other assorted radicals have spent breaking down traditional social norms have taken a heavy toll on so-called "civil society." People have been conditioned to look after themselves first, and not to take any actions that don't directly benefit them. Additionally, boys, traditionally trained to be protectors in society, have been so thoroughly alienated that they have totally rejected that role. Predictably, the conservative response has been to… wait for it — question their manhood.

So now, in what has come to be the standard – and ineffective – American response, legislators are passing another law. Perhaps it will make constituents feel good about having voted for their civic leaders, but the law won't change a thing. If people don't want to help others, it's mighty hard to make them, and prosecuting them for failing to do so is legally dubious, and, as I mentioned above, probably counterproductive when it comes to solving crimes.

I expect to see more futile efforts to force people to behave as though we are all part of a cohesive community. These efforts will all be coercive in nature, so they will therefore have the exact opposite of their intended effect. Likewise, more abusive shaming of boys will only further break down the concept of chivalry. As the social fabric of America unravels, it will become a much less hospitable place for everyone, but girls in particular will feel the burn as they lose their most important protectors and benefactors: boys and men.

In fact, it appears that for the new generation chivalry is already dead, and no law can resurrect it. It's a terrible shame what's happened, but people tend to get what they ask for.

Oversharing

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Take notice that this is a PUBLIC CHAT CHANNEL, that the ENTIRE SERVER (1.5-2k) people can see at will. And that is primetime.

That said:

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Attention whores: Rampant on the Internet.

Preaching from the Peak: A Conceptual Parable for the Information Age

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[Warning: This is a **very different** post from what you may be used to. It has multiple layers.]

Come with me on a thought experiment where I will play with your perceptions. To begin, you must blank your mind and, try as best you can, to empty it.

Successful? Good.

Now, what do you perceive? I should be the only thing on your mind right now, besides perhaps a persistent perception of yourself. How do you perceive me? Can you see me in your mind's eye? Or am I more like a disembodied voice in a cave, speaking to you in ethereal tones? Perhaps you see me like some miserly old man, hoarding knowledge and secrets in his ivory tower. The way in which you perceive me will influence how you perceive my message; no matter how carefully I encode it, meaning does not exist until you decode it. And in order to decode my message, you take several things into account even if you are not aware of these things. Decoding is largely a process of perception, but it is also a process of assigning meaning; in other words, your very reality is constructed as you decode the world around you.

Allow me to treat you as *tabula rasa*, now. I will explain the story of the world to you; even though you think you know this story, and I think I know you think you know this story, I will be telling it anyway.

[image] Imagine this image is like a tarot card I've slid across the table to you – a visual aid to help with the myth I am making. It is obvious to some that the world was begun in chaos, and as time passed, the world slowly worked itself into order. This is a very simple idea which is validated by pedestrian observations – *mustn't this be the case*, we ask, when we realize the relative order we perceive as we age? Life begins chaotically and proceeds unto order. Minor pockets of chaos, swirls of disorder, are smoothed out by the immutable and eternal flow of time – this is the way of things, optimistic and reassuring despite evidence to the contrary. Perfection is merely a function of eternity. Or so some perceive.

[image]Don't like that tarot or what it implies, wanderer? Don't worry. I probably have the world view for you somewhere in my stack. Here, try this one. Can you decode the reality here? I'll lend you my aid – this is a more cynical outlook, though not necessarily a fatalistic one. A person who thinks like this feels like the good old days are in the past and the future doesn't hold as much promise, yet this isn't enough to get too worked up about. Life goes on, after all, and even if the future isn't what it's cracked up to be, you still have a life you've got to live. *Mustn't this be the case*, wanderer?

[image] I can sense you are not satisfied, wanderer. Moreover, you are frustrated, aren't you? I hope you don't feel I'm being patronizing. It's easy to lose the fundamentals when you're drowning in a sea of complications, and I felt as though maybe you were looking for something more basic. I've got one last tarot that may suit your needs – take a gander. You know what they say – third time's a charm! Let's decode the reality here – seems like life is very competitive and chaotic. *Mustn't this be the case,* wanderer? Weakness cannot possibly survive at all, and in fact, death and destruction may bring about great change – although, it is recognized, we are unsure of what is beyond the great beyond. After all, that time has not come yet. But you're the confident sort, aren't you wanderer – the kind who likes to advocate that which you do not know?

Hmm. I'm getting the feeling you're not sold. You must be very clever. Most of my customers have already bought in by this point! I've been in the business a long time and I've seen all kinds. That's okay, though. I don't mind a hard sell. In fact I rather look forward to them – they're such a rare treat! Eons last an awful long time, don't you know? The tarot hat trick didn't do the trick for you, but that's okay traveler. I have more tricks up my sleeve. Just take a look at this here rune:

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Now there's a holistic perspective if ever I've heard of one! It's the circle of life, traveler, can't you see it? It explains so much more than those silly tarot cards – don't look at me that way, traveler, I knew you wouldn't want any of that fake stuff anyway – and doesn't it just give you a certain sense of…certainty? Things are inevitable, but since you understand your fate and the mechanisms that drive it, you can take comfort. No sense in fighting against the circle of life – it will crush you with its omnipotence and the natural order of things will carry on in only the way nature can. The more things change the more they stay the same – **mustn't this be the case,** traveler?

Still haven't bought in, eh? You're no mere traveler, are you? I didn't mean disrespect. I deal with a lot of people and I don't experience time the way you might think that I do…there I am rambling again. What I'm getting at, is, sometimes I have difficulty reading people and knowing how it is they really see things. I'm just trying to give you want you want, interloper – the reality that will jive most closely with your inner desires and secure you that happiness. Who was the jerk that guaranteed us the pursuit but not the reward, anyway? But boy, you're a tough sell. Let's see if the next rune is for you, interloper:
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Pretty clever, huh! You probably don't even need my assistance decoding this one and constructing reality. You're awfully clever interloper, but just in case there's somebody else listening in, let me try and spell it out for them a bit. No sense in hoarding the truth, right? Obviously there's no such thing as a circle of life – that's silly, it doesn't take into account culture; you know, time and place. Still, though, things tend to follow patterns, even though exceptions exist, and maybe there's a universal culture and maybe there isn't, and maybe some things are immune to the patterns but most things aren't so why bother considering those paradoxes? This is all very enlightening, as you well know, interloper. It explains so much, but the world's awfully big and hard to change, isn't it? Oh well. Pick and choose the culture that fits you – that's the secret to success! **Mustn't this be the case,** interloper?

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You're still here? I should apologize, friend; I've been seriously underestimating you! Like I said, I'm just trying to give you what you want, and most people just want it easy. You're a tough customer, a hard sell, that's for sure. Nothing wrong with that, nothing at all. You know, this is a real treat. I don't often get to dig into my collection of glyphs but it looks like this one might speak to you. Wouldn't you know it, I got a glyph for everybody, that's far too many glyphs to be having since so very few actually want 'em. In any case, take a look, friend, and tell me what you see:

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Awfully confusing, isn't it? That's okay. Maybe you see what I can see; maybe you perceive what I perceive. After all, friend, perception is reality. **Mustn't that be the case?** I could help you understand this better, in theory at least, but there's another rule. Something about prophets in their own land – I can't remember the rule exactly, but I know it means I can't share all the secrets with you. I'm sorry friend. I really am!

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But you're still here? You haven't bought in yet? You…you want the secrets anyway? Well, brother. They're not really secrets – not at all. You already knew the biggest secret – the best things in life come for free, brother. Here, let me show you:
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Simple, really, when you stop and think about it. By the way, I've got a special task for you. Could you find me a reckless youth? I have a wild quest for him. I'm looking for somebody with pointy ears in green garb, golden hair. Swordsmanship skills are necessary and if he takes crazy and mystical sounding advice well from strangers that'd be a huge plus. Do you know the sort of youth I'm looking for? Well, I guess he doesn't have to be a youth, brother, so long as he is free to act in a time of need – I think I remember something about him being destined to dispel the darkness. Awful alliteration and rather ominous but that's the way these things go sometimes.

I don’t know if I should ask it, but, mustn’t this be the case, brother?

The Scottsboro Boys – Have We Learned Nothing?

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It's neither funny nor surprising that wherever you go around the country, around the world, or around the Internet you are sure to stumble upon a case of men's rights being trampled.

Last weekend I saw a commercial for the Turner Classic Movie "Birdman of Alcatraz", the story of a man sent to prison for killing another man who had beaten the woman he lived with. But that's not what this article is about. I Google'd the movie and eventually stumbled upon the story of the Scottsboro Boys, filing it away as an idea for an article.

When I read Kragshot's own false accusation story on the Men's Rights sub-Reddit I was reminded of the case. What happened to African American men in the 30s can happen to **any** man today.

From Wikipedia (emphasis added, text unedited):

> The Scottsboro Boys were nine black defendants in a 1931 Scottsboro, Alabama rape case. The case was heard by the United States Supreme Court twice in Powell v. Alabama and Norris v. Alabama. These decisions established the principles that criminal defendants are entitled to effective assistance of counsel and that people may not be de facto excluded from juries because of their race.
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> **Nine young negro male defendants were accused of raping two homeless white women on a freight train to Mississippi, and eight were quickly convicted in a mob atmosphere.** The juries were entirely white, and the defense attorneys had little experience in criminal law and no time to prepare their cases. As each of the nine cases successively went to the jury, the next trial was immediately begun. **Eight of the nine defendants were found guilty, and were sentenced to death, but later had their death sentences lifted by the Supreme Court, serving instead between six and nineteen years in prison.**

I was immediately engaged. Here are a few key parts of the article which detail the "trial":

> Next, Dr. R.R. Bridges testified that Virginia Price was talkative and "not hysterical" when he examined her. The only injuries he found were small bruises on her back and the top of her hips. There was no tearing in the area of her genitals. He found semen in her that was "non-motile", which indicated that the spermatozoa had been in her vagina for several hours. **The Court allowed him to testify, over defense objection, that it was "possible" that she had been forced to have sex with six men, one right after the other, and not have any more injury to her body than he found.**
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> On cross examination, Bridges confirmed that Price had no lacerations and was not bloody. Bates had two small bruises, about the size of a "nickel" on both sides of her groin. He agreed that she also was not hysterical and showed no other injuries. The only semen he found in her was located in the area of her cervix. **The defense asked, "Both of these girls admitted to you they had had sexual intercourse previous to this, didn't they?" The Court sustained the prosecution's objection to that question. The prosecution objected to defense questions about what the women had told the doctor about their sex habits, whether Ruby Bates had a venereal disease, or whether the women had previously been virgins.**
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> **The Court sustained those objections. Many later commentators hold the refusal of the Court to let the defense inquire into other ways the women might have ended up with that semen was another example of how the defendants were denied a fair trial. In fact, virtually every account of this case is quick to mention that the accusers were alleged prostitutes. However, it is interesting to note that this fact likely would not be admissible at the trial of their accused rapists even today under Alabama Code Section 12-21-203, the Alabama "Rape Shield Law." This law holds that the reputations for non-chastity or**

> **specific acts of non-chastity of the victims of an alleged rape are inadmissible.**

It is *interesting*? No, it's *ridiculous*. From my experiences at Wikipedia, however, stating the truth – even when properly sourced – will just get your contributions reverted by the political correctness Nazis.

> **Judge Horton grants Patterson's motion of new trial**
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> "**History, sacred and profane, and the common experience of mankind teach us that women of the character shown in this case are prone for selfish reasons to make false accusations both of rape and of insult upon the slightest provocation for ulterior purposes.** These women are shown, by the great weight of the evidence, on this very day before leaving Chattanooga, to have falsely accused two Negroes of insulting them, and of almost precipitating a fight between one of the white boys they were in company with and these two Negroes. **This tendency on the part of the women shows that they are predisposed to make false accusations upon any occasion whereby their selfish ends may be gained. The Court will not pursue the evidence any further.** As heretofore stated the law declares that a defendant should not be convicted without corroboration where the testimony of the prosecutrix bears on its face indications of improbability or unreliability and particularly when it is contradicted by other evidence. **The testimony of the prosecutrix in this case is not only uncorroborated, but it also bears on its face indications of improbability and is contradicted by other evidence, and in addition thereto the evidence greatly preponderates in favor of the defendant. It therefore becomes the duty of the Court under the law to grant the motion made in this case.** It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that the motion be granted; that the verdict of the jury in this case and the judgment of the Court sentencing this defendant to death be set aside and that a new trial be and the same is hereby ordered."

Male judges used to know that women could lie about rape. If anything false rape accusations have become more common, but it seems the entire "justice" system has forgotten the lessons of the past.

Have we, as a society, learned nothing?

Geeky girls are just like the rest of them: The WoW chronicles.

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Ok, last attempt to bring entretaiment from WoW before another videogame review:

First, given the demands of world's first boss kills, the #1 guild at the time says: Girls are not allowed. Given that uniformity is the easiest way to ensure sucess, sounds reasonable, right?

http://www.wow.com/2007/03/20/nihilum-recruiting-females-need-not-apply

Mostly a discussion between people people who can see the logic (1/2 men and 1/4 women, maybe less) and White Knights and the rest of the women. Hmm, it looks a lot like a Standard Men's Discussions Thread. (Also, got to love when a videogame community has more reasonable policies than the US military).

Then let's check the forums of the guild itself:

http://ensidia.com/forum_topic.php?forum_id=1&topic_id=23542&p=1

A women who shows pictures of herself in underwear in a public forum on the Internet without pay.

I'm going to go with: What is a camwhore?, Alex.

Second, an all-female guild, who is lauded with all their GRRRL power.

http://www.wow.com/2009/12/01/15-minutes-of-fame-amazon-grace-how-sweet-these-guilds/

Look, they are GODESSES. A check list:

Man-mating dykes? Check.
Rayyyype victims? Check.
Feminist indoctrinated women? (the bulk of the guild) Check.

Is not all puke-inducing, though. They got a guild for their boyfriends, I mean "significant others", where they can remain blissfully ignorant on how their women bash them and laugh on their burning carcasses. Wait, all of it is puke-inducing. Of corse, according to them, all males are mean to the poor souls *sniff*.

Third, virtual LARP:

http://rottenapples.talisancreations.com/rspcremorne.html

Feminists excusing all slutty behavior of women is expected, of course. I just pity the guy, I just can see him wanting "his share of the equality pie". Cannot make the connection, despite all the evidence around him.

Just putting my grain on convincing the unbelievers, or at least getting a laugh of the spectators. Besides, a confirmation of the truths here presented feels nice, got to admit.

Hypergamous Times at Ridgemont High

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While the topic of this post may seem to have a sophomoric subject with no appeal to grown men, I believe it causes a ripple effect that has long-term ramifications for men's options in the sexual marketplace.

My thesis: schooling compartmentalizes students along age lines thereby distorting the sexual marketplace we'd expect to find in a more natural setting. Female hypergamy mixed with a prominent demarcation between high school and college leaves many young men in a sexual dead zone. I don't purport to offer alternatives for the situation nor do I contend that the "problem" is a problem at all, but I do offer an academic look.

Starting at the age where young boys and girls chased each other around the school yard, the options and choices of opposite sex "love interests" were molded into a certain groove by a school system that rigidly compartmentalizes its students strictly along age lines. In grammar school, we interacted with kids in our own home room. The next level of schoolhouse interaction was between kids of the same grade. After that, 4th graders lightly socialized with 3rd, 4th, or 5th graders, but there was always a sense of "Us Against Them" rather than being a group of kids that were only a year or two apart in age. Although the compartmentalization becomes less stringent as students age, some level of groupification follows all the way up through college.

In middle school, the stratification is relaxed compared to elementary school. Children in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade begin hanging out more with kids outside their own grade. Kids in different grades have classrooms and lockers in the same area of the school building, and they aren't forced to walk in single file line to and from class. In short, middle school marks kids' first foray into the sexual free market (notice I said "foray" not "swan dive").

High school interaction is relaxed even further. It shares the same qualities of middle school in which there is a huge demarcation between 8th and 9th grade (kids go to completely different campuses) and 12th grade and college except high school has an even more intense sexual playground than their middle school counterparts. High school becomes more sexually autarkic as kids get drivers' licenses and are allowed out until later times by their parents.

This is the framework with which we must analyze the hypergamous natures of females as it has the biggest impact on boys who are coming of age.

First, to prevent any crude misinterpretation of my analysis, let me point out that sexually developed girls of high school age would have been fair game in earlier times to men 5, 10, or 15 years older than them. The disgust leveled against older men who have relations with 16 and 17 year olds is a relatively new phenomenon that further limits the options of men. So my discussion of the hypergamous sexual desires and behaviors of high school-aged

chicks has historical legitimacy. Add to this that girls reach puberty earlier than boys and it quickly becomes clear that these young women prefer to date up in age and status to the detriment of a whole host of boys. This isn't a problem in and of itself as women are hypergamous by default; the problem is that there are socially constructed stratifications that muck up the "free market" and leads to a double whammy against "beta" boys.

In my high school, like every other one around, the most desired girls tended to date the highest status boys – the football players, basketball players, class clowns, and kids who had easy access to booze and weed. This "elite" group formed an intricate web of boyfriends, girlfriends, exes, and such. The kids who ultimately lost out the most in this setup were the ones we'd call "beta males". They would need a little bit more age, status, or maturity to get the girls they desired. While there were plenty of single girls, they either had unrequited relationships with high-status boys or hung out with their own girlfriends. Even these swaths of single girls had some sort of option or possibility on the horizon if they chose to take it. If we ranked each boy and girl in a particular grade based on overall attractiveness to the opposite sex, a girl would have more options than the boy with the same rank. By an order of magnitude, there were more boys than girls who had absolutely no options.

To make matters worse, every year a high status girl would confound the boys in her own class by dating a kid two or three years younger who happened to be at the top of his own class. Girls are hypergamous in status; age is only important wherein it is correlated with high status. When the pool of highest status boys in a girl's grade dries up or she has had relationships with most of them, and it is difficult for her to date college-aged young men, she'll date high-status boys younger than her. Basically, unless they are high status, boys have fewer opportunities than girls. Most boys only have options with girls 2 or 3 years younger; this limits the total dating pool for boys compared to girls.

For example, in a high school with 3 top male and female 12th graders, those 3 most likely hook up. The top female from the 11th grade chooses the 4th top male from the 12 grade. At some point when the younger men on the hierarchy have status that passes some of the 11th and 12th grade boys, girls in the 11th and 12th grades will start dating them. The key facts are: the girls do the choosing and they are somewhat prevented from choosing guys above the age of 18 who aren't students at the school. The latter is one key part of my analysis.

If we conducted a thought experiment wherein we relaxed the social construct that separates people into school-age categories, we'd likely see a different dating scheme. Let's take the extreme measure of having no school whatsoever. With a compartmentalized grade scheme, the difference between 18 and 19 is one year plus a radical change in lifestyle associated with a shift from high school behavior to college or real-world behavior rather than just the absolute difference between 18 and 19. Sans compartmentalization, girls wouldn't be forced to date within a certain pool of boys. They'd likely date up in age and go after real status rather than false status formed by a socially truncated education pressure cooker. This false barrier at the top end of the spectrum that decreases the options for 18, 19, and 20 year-old men. While high school girls do often date college aged young men, they are held back from their "natural" inclination by that line of demarcation. A relaxed system – one practiced in more "primitive" societies – would follow the traditional pattern in which men pair up with women 1-3 years younger than themselves. Assuming equal sex ratios and a market that still allows for hypergamy (though not as socially reinforced as that in high school), men would have an easier time finding potential mates at younger ages.

What happens to the "beta males" from high school is that they go from a system where girls are hypergamous in socially constructed settings to a place where girls' hypergamy begins following a "real world" pattern. The floodgates of feminine hypergamy are opened when young women enter college. The fact that it is difficult for college-aged young men – because of the demarcation between 12th grade and "13th grade" – to benefit from a huge pool of girls that are still in high school means that they go from being at the bottom of the heap to being at the bottom of another heap. At least this fresh heap provides new scenery.

As they age, graduate college, and attain status through whatever means, men become attractive to women a few years younger than them. The problem is that the women that find these men in their mid twenties attractive have

fewer prime years left than the girls in high school and college that looked past them. High school's truncation of the sexual marketplace decreases the number of years a young man has of quality dating and female experience both during high school and for a short period in college. He could have dated 17 year-old 8s when he was 21 rather than 21 year-old 8s when he was 25. This is four fewer years of precious 8-dating.

Keep in mind, my hypergamy high school model isn't exact – no models can be. My personal high school experience was in a semi-rural area where kids didn't have as many options to go outside the school. There was a local university and plenty of men in their twenties around. But I think my model explains a good enough part of the male dating experience from high school on up to the mid 20s. It's not as if older guys should make enemies out of young high school aged males, but the system which puts a lid on the "natural" behavior and choice of sexually peaking girls distorts the marketplace. It means that a good-looking 18 year old girl is forced down in age and maturity and unable to choose a man she'd likely choose without school indoctrination. The aversion to dating outside of a certain school-age ban also comes from the shaming thrown on men because they seek college newbies. Recall every time you've ever heard the phrase "Eww, he's old" thrown about by an 18-year-old sorority chick when talking about a 24-year-old college grad. In bygone days, the 18-year-old would have hoped to date the 24-year-old.

If you'll allow me to make a leap here; this is one more instance of governmental dictate screwing with a well-working free market system. The mangnanimity of that statement is contingent on the prevalence of out-school dating – which has probably increased over the years. But if the government erected shock collar that is the 12th grade sways the dating habits of enough 17 and 18-year-old girls, there can be profound effects on men as they age. Men identify with their dating experiences from this point in their life; once a chip on their shoulder has been chipped away it stays for a long time.

Mailbag: The Literary Canon of Game

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Reader Steve Tirone writes:

> Do you know of any resources about bringing you sons up knowing Game? I've two young boys, and I want to clue them into Game so that they always know how to interact with girls, from the start. Any pointers would be appreciated.

That's a very good question. *rubs chin*. In terms of resources specifically targeted to your needs, there aren't any. I've previously compared the state of seduction to that of pre-Constantine Christianity – an underground movement lacking in philosophical unity or direction. Chuck Ross also made the same comparison recently. Right now, plowing through the available game literature is akin to being plopped out in the deep forest without so much as a compass to point you north.

My advice at the moment is to have your sons read the best available literature out there, preferably around puberty so they can get in on the ground floor. Hell, you may want to read the books yourself so you can help them along. Below, I've compiled a list of what I believe are the best books for learning game and the underlying principles of sexual dynamics. This list is by no means exhaustive, but it covers all the essentials.

The Mystery Method: How to Get Beautiful Women into Bed by Mystery – This is the veritable Bible of game, and like the Bible, it's obtuse, written in a language no one understands, and requires an arsenal of footnotes to comprehend. Still, Mystery's book serves as the foundation for the theories of the modern seduction community, and just about every pickup guru out there owes an intellectual debt to that quirky Canadian magician. It's required reading for anyone interested in seduction, no matter your goals. The original e-book version is no longer commercially available, so pick up the dead tree edition, which is identical save for featuring a new foreword by Neil Strauss.

The Game: Penetrating the Secret Society of Pickup Artists by Neil Strauss – Speaking of Style, his memoir about his rise to prominence in the seduction community is a must-read primarily because it allows you to see how Mystery-style game is deployed in an actual, real-world setting (both versions of *The Mystery Method* are deliberately thin on examples). Not only that, the book is great because Strauss ruthlessly depicts the seduction community in a brutal, honest fashion, showing both its good and bad sides.

Bang by Roosh Vörek - It's game for the rest of us, and by "us" I mean "people who aren't socially retarded nerds." For more, read my review.

The Art of Seduction by Robert Greene – The second installment in Greene's "amoral series," it's absolutely worthless as a self-help book. As a study of seduction throughout the ages, however, it is without peer. Greene's laws of seduction are rooted in three millennia's worth of historical and literary accounts spanning Western and Eastern culture, plus everything in between. Additionally, his taxonomy of seducers is helpful in that it will help you determine how to tailor your game to your personality. I credit this book with opening my eyes to the reality of game – it's not a contemporary contrivance, but a modern reincarnation of something that's literally existed since the dawn of time.

The 48 Laws of Power by Robert Greene – Not directly related to game or gender differences, but the first installment of Greene's "amoral series" is applicable to the topic in many ways. *The 48 Laws of Power* is basically the Cliffs Notes version of Machivelli, Gracián, and a few others, re-stated in a sensible order and in crystal-clear prose. Greene's tome is required reading for anyone seeking power – and what is game, if nothing more than acquiring power over your love life?

The Red Queen: Sex and the Evolution of Human Nature by Matt Ridley – THE book on evolutionary psychology as

it pertains to sex. So much of game theory (or the modern version of game theory that is rooted in evolutionary theory) springs forth from Ridley's book that you can't not read it.

Sperm Wars: Infidelity, Sexual Conflict, and Other Bedroom Battles by Robin Baker – Similar to *The Red Queen*, Baker's book also informs a great deal of game's Darwinian precepts.

Supplemental literary resources – If I listed all of the novels, poems, plays, and other works in the Western literary canon that (un)consciously display the principles and assumptions behind game in action, I'd end up listing half of the books ever written. That said, a few I consider enjoyable and informative reads are *Selected Poems of Lord Byron* (the 2001 Modern Library Classics paperback edition - see my overview of Byron for more), *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert (see my analysis of the novel), and *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Antony and Cleopatra* by William Shakespeare (see Master Dogen's analysis of the latter).

For more resources, including free blogs and websites, check out this post I left on *The Spearhead's* forum, this thread on Roosh's forum, and the first part of this Roissy post.

You'll note that my list is heavy on theory and analysis and light on actual instruction. That's because I think that only a handful of resources are really needed for a guy to start making changes in this department. Overloading with PUA manuals is problematic for three reasons. One, most seduction community material is overpriced. No way in hell am I paying seventy bones for a bleeping e-book. Two, a lot of PUA material is garbage, snake oil ripped off from other, more reliable sources combined with flat-out bullshit marketed to swindle suckers. Three, too much information on a topic like this has a paralyzing effect on the brain. Roosh also wrote about this in *Bang*, but when you internalize material from too many different sources, you can't act because your brain is too busy trying to figure out what method is best for each situation. A little basic information is all that's necessary to get out there and start improving your success rate.

Also, actually putting what you've learned into practice is just as important, possibly more so, than actually learning it. Make sure your sons don't turn into phony players who know the material but don't know how to use it. By age 14 they should be able to hold a conversation with a cute girl without wetting themselves. The earlier they start, the easier a time they'll have when they're older.

Finally, one lesson you should impart to them that is absent from from most game literature is this: **their happiness and existence is dependent on no one but themselves.** Not women, not society, but themselves. The biggest reason why I'm not and never will be a pickup artist, player, or what have you is because all of those men place too much of their self-worth in how many of the less-fair sex they can bed. Living for the sake of poon is unmasculine and unhealthy, and part of being a discerning man is knowing when the chase isn't worth it. Sometimes it's better to just drink alone, so to speak.

Good luck to you and your boys, man. If anyone has any suggestions for additions to my list, feel free to holler in the comments.

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Eve Ensler on the Defensive

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Early Friday morning, I happened to notice that Eve Ensler was being interviewed on the Tavis Smiley show. Despite the fact that these feminist interviews are usually terribly boring because they just drone on about exactly what one would expect (e.g. the poor, oppressed third world women), I consider it my duty to keep up with them. In this case I was glad I did, because Ensler seemed to have softened her stance somewhat in regards to men. Not that I believe for a minute that she's actually coming around, but obviously she senses some political need to do so given that the winds are shifting course.

Ensler starts out with women in Congo (what else?), but toward the end of the interview Tavis Smiley actually asked a couple of questions that gave me some newfound respect for the guy. In contrast to the fawning adulation displayed by Seattle's Enrique Cerna in the presence of Gloria Steinem, Smiley actually pressed Ensler on a couple of points. First, he asked what good it would do men to act more emotional, and then he asked her whether she would take anything back.

Interestingly, Ensler said she would. In fact, she even said that she regrets the "coochie snorcher" episode of the Vagina Monologues in which a girl celebrates being raped by a lesbian. Of course, she phrased her regret in terms of misunderstanding, but she clearly recognizes that she took it too far, and she even seems to be aware that right now, feminism is becoming less and less popular as women across the Anglosphere take misbehavior to new heights of indecency. At the end of the interview, she even claims that she has come around and now appreciates men. This, of course, should be taken with skepticism, to say the least.

The video is worth watching past the 15 minute mark or so, but it really gets interesting at about 19:00. For a bit of humor, watch Smiley cough as he tries to say "Vagina Monologues" (19:12).

Watch the full interview here.

A Thing of Beauty

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I've always thought that figure skating and the like are dubious sporting events. Mostly, I've dismissed these events as indulgence for little girls' fantasies rather than real athletic competitions. However, there are times when they give us a deeper view into human nature. I think the brilliant performance yesterday of the Chinese skaters Shen and Zhao was one of those events.

On Valentine's Day and the Chinese New Year, the married couple blew everyone away with a passionate performance that exemplified the harmony of the ideal husband-wife couple. Their ease with each other and love was on display better than any of the cheap TV or movie performances we are subjected to on a frequent basis here in the West.

Although neither Shen nor Zhao are exceptional on their own, together they were a spectacle to behold. As East Asians, they may not have been as flashy as Europeans or Americans, but they had such a complementary bond that their performance has shamed us all. It was the ultimate in cooperation and harmony.

I don't know whether it is possible these days for Western women to display such grace and poise as Madame Shen. Here in the West, competition between the sexes prevails rather than teamwork and cooperation — the woman must always outshine the man, who is seen as an expendable, interchangeable component of herself. It is only when women give their entire selves to their relationship with a man that marriage can be a thing of beauty, but that art is utterly lost amongst our people.

Behold these humble Chinese athletes, who achieve *together*, and see where we have gone so wrong.

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America Headed for Political Realignment?

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A friend just forwarded me this article about the pending retirement of Evan Bayh, the moderate Democratic senator from Indiana. Although The Spearhead is not a partisan magazine, our home base is becoming increasingly divided along political lines, and the acrimony out there is impossible to ignore. The Bayh article highlights this acrimony, and we should pay attention.

For us men, politics matter quite a bit. This is an unfortunate reality, because it is a filthy, snake-infested swamp in the halls of power. Every choice made at the top concerning public funding, family law, and judicial appointments will have an effect on our everyday lives.

It has been many decades since anyone stood up for the common American man. To be sure, some politicians paid us lip service, and it benefited them tremendously. In fact, every Republican victory since at least the 1970s, when Pat Buchanan articulated Nixon's new strategy for the Republicans, has relied largely on paying lip service to men. However, despite all the talk, we've lost on the issues that matter over and over again. We've been so consistently ground into the dirt that, from my point of view, Republicans have been nothing more than a huge fraud.

Democrats, for their part, hardly bother to pay us any lip service. Instead, they come right out and go on the attack. For that, I am more inclined to believe them, because one knows better what their intentions are.

So it seems that for us men, we have no party that represents us. We are simply a vast resource to be tapped like a Saudi oilfield and beaten into submission when we get uppity.

However, that oilfield is starting to fail. We've been so thoroughly robbed and disenfranchised that there isn't so much to squeeze out of us anymore. This is where things get interesting, and this is why politics will become even more vicious. As the great cash cow that is American manhood starts to founder and flail, the radically entitled on both sides of the political divide will start to go after each other with knives drawn to grab whatever loot remains. And now that our bankers in Peking are showing signs of withdrawing the flow of cheap credit, the struggle is taking on an air of desperation. Bayh, who said he was tired of the partisanship and inability to get anything done, appears to be a casualty of this war for the remaining scraps. Evidently, he doesn't want to be part of that game anymore.

So where does that leave us men? In a position of greater power? Probably not — at least for now. If anything, we can look forward to cracks and gaps in the coercive mechanisms of the state, but the demand for our resources will neither flag nor fail anytime soon. If there's any silver lining in this cloud, it is that we have virtually no support system, so cuts can't affect us as much as they do others.

But there is some hope. The descent of the decades-old political alignment into a free-for-all will open the door to alternative voices. Some politicians will emerge who listen to us, even as the rest of them fight over healthcare, bailouts and the budget. So it is time for us to start articulating our positions now, so that they have an idea of exactly what measures we want them to take. Just as the feminists focused on abortion, affirmative action and pro-female family law, and won every time, we should come up with some very clear goals we are prepared to fight for and then take a stand on them.

My V-Day

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I decided to go out for the hell of it on V-Day, knowing that it was one of the days of the year during which I have a major advantage as a single man. I'm glad I did. I ended up running into an old high school friend of mine I hadn't seen in over ten years. I helped him out in the bar trivia contest, and we did pretty well. I think we would have won if I'd shown up at the beginning, but it was fun nonetheless.

Turns out a bunch of guys I went to school with are in the same boat as me. Half of us are divorced, and we're all in our 30s. Sounds like some of them even had it harder than I did! Many are out of town, naturally, as Seattle is a pretty lousy place in a lot of ways, and there are plenty of incentives to get out. If I didn't have kids, I'd probably have left long ago.

Anyway, the interesting part is that as I was leaving a couple of intoxicated girls propositioned me. Women really are desperate these days in America. I agreed to walk them to their car, making small talk and promising I'd see them soon (who knows?). It's starting to become clear to me that the imbalance in the dating market actually works in men's favor. There are immense numbers of women out there who have cast off their boyfriends or husbands in hopes of hitting it big, but for the most part they're just ordinary women, so they failed and are therefore wide open.

I think this explains the PUA phenomenon as much as anything else: there are hordes of single women and very few men willing to get down on one knee. Game may work, but it is as much a product of an artificially enhanced dating market as anything else. To put it simply, there is a glut of available young women on the market, and even those women in "relationships" are down to play on the side. Hypergamy and women's sexual liberation is simply a pipe dream that women are already starting to pay the price for.

Why would a man ever commit in this environment? Women got what they asked for, and it is only becoming a man's world again. As with so much we see in America today, it is funny and sad at the same time.

Plaintiffs in Sexual Harassment Cases At Least Twice As Likely To Win If Judge Is Female

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A recent post in the ABA Journal was passed on to me by a reader.

It links to a *Yale Law Journal* article, drudged up at a recent conference on judicial diversity. The findings–that female judges are much more likely to render decisions in favor of the plaintiff in sexual harassment cases–seem to be presented in the study as a positive offset to male anti-plaintiff bias. However, it could just as rationally be read as pro-plaintiff bias on the part of female judges. Men and women perceive sexual harassment differently. *Especially, one would imagine, when the women are highly educated and have likely been indoctrinated by feminist professors in women's studies programs.*

The report seems to have been produced in 2005 and some of the MRAs who frequent *The Spearhead* may be familiar with it, but for others I thought it might provide useful data.

Isn't It Time You Dumped Her Sorry Ass?

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~~Valentines Day~~ Vagina Day has passed and like all Vagina Days, it involved lots of men supplicating before women. In other words there are a lot men who should be dumping the women they're with but they don't. You may be one of those men. Let's take a look at two (admittedly extreme) examples of men who need to dump their women, post haste. The first example comes from here (which I talked about on my blog a while back).

> Recently, my girlfriend of two months came up to me with a request for something foul. She wants me to try scat with her. Before I continue, let me say something. If you don't know what scat is then trust me when I say that you don't want to find out. Take my advice and don't read this thread. When my girlfriend explained to me what scat is, I threw up right away, and I've been shaking ever since. So, believe me when I say that you don't want to know what it is. If you aren't planning on taking that advice, then know that you're following at your own risk.
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> My girlfriend wants to poop in my mouth and have me eat it and swallow it. That's what scat is. It's the most horrific thing I've heard of, and my girlfriend wants to try it on me this saturday. She wants me to fulfill her desire. And I agreed to do it. She told me that if I'm not willing to do this for her, then I'm not a real boyfriend, that I don't love her, and that we should break up. And, well… I love her. And when you love someone, you do these kinds of things for them. My girlfriend has been stuffing her face full of everything from bean burritos to chili, with plenty of laxatives thrown in for good measure. She wants to pull out the biggest crap of her life, just for me. I don't think there's any backing out at this point. Come this Saturday, my girlfriend wants to execute the greatest display of control and female empowerment on me that she possibly can by using me as a toilet. And there's nothing that I can do about it now because I love her and I don't want to disappoint. I'm just so terrified that I need help and some people to talk to.

I have to admit I'm not sure this is something that really happened. However, I am sure something similar is happening to a guy (or many guys), especially with the standard shaming language that is being used. While there is a joke that can be made about a literal "shit test" here, the fact is we have a man who has been bombarded with messages about how he's a loser without a woman. He needs to dump his girlfriend's sorry ass. Let's take a look at the second example I found:

> This my be a little long winded so I apologize in advance. My wife and I have been married for 5 years and I recently came back from a very long deployment over in Iraq. Shortly after I returned she confessed to me that she had been cheating while I was away but that it was all just a purely sexual fulfillment thing. After the shock and hurt wore off my understanding side came out and I basically told her that every woman has needs and that I understood and forgave her. She then hesitantly told me that she was without a doubt pregnant by one of them. Not him, but "one of them" she said.
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> Now the real confessions came out. Come to find out that during the year that I was deployed and gone she had numerous sexual flings with several guys. Once in a while she would have a one night stand but most of them were "friends with benefits" type situations or just plain old "Booty Calls" where they just used each other with no real friendship. When I asked her to tell me exactly how many guys she had slept with while I was gone she couldn't give me an exact number. She just agreed that it was "more than a dozen".
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> Now let me say this. At this point I'm still being the understanding and forgiving husband. I realize that while I was away at war she was extremely stressed.. wondering if I was going to get injured or killed. OK I get that. I forgive her for all of her flings no matter how many.
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> Heres what I have the problem with in all of this. Shes pregnant by another guy and doesn't have a clue who's it is. Not that it matters really but it just makes it even more wrong that she doesn't know whose it is. And why is

> she pregnant in the first place? Because she has an IUD she never ever used condoms with any of the guys that she had sex with… ever. She says she didn't think it was necessary with an IUD.. well obviously it was.
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> Before or during sex with these other guys she just either never mentioned pulling out to them or if they asked, she just left it up to them. Hmm.. if given the choice I wonder what the guys will do? Hmm. Of course they're not going to pull out if given the option.. obviously because none of them did!
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> Now my wife is absolutely gorgeous..without a doubt. So I dont hold it against any of the guys for sleeping with her. However I do have a problem with something. She swears that she not only told every guy that she was married before she slept with them, but she also told them that her husband was over in Iraq fighting for our country. So they all knew that she was married and they still slept with her.. Ok, no shocker there.. But what amazes me I guess is that they knew I was over fighting in war, for America, risking my life every day while they used my wife for their sexual pleasure not even caring the slightest bit if they got her pregnant. Talk about thinking with your c**k!
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> Yet still Im not blaming them. She offered it and they accepted. They got their rocks off, some of them once, most of them coming back for more over and over again. I honestly cant say I blame them at all. She is hard to resist. 90% of the blame lies on her.. I get that..I really do
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> Before I say anything else let me tell you that Ive made the decision to forgive her for all of this and work on our marriage. I know without a doubt I can do it and that we can get past this. I really do. I love her more than life itself and am ok with what she did under the tough circumstances. The sleeping with all the other guys part doesnt bother me as much as the fact that she is pregnant by someone else. You may not agree or understand my decision to stay with her but Ive made it.
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> My(our) biggest decision, which is really why I am writing for advice here it what to do about the baby. Our 3 options are to either have an abortion, give it up for adoption, or raise it as my own. Shes already had 2 abortions in her past, once during college and one right before we met. Adoption I think would be tough on both of us. Being with her the whole 9 months that the baby is growing in her and then giving it up.. Dont know if either one of us can do that. The 3rd choice is to have the baby and raise it as my own. My friends and family would have to think that it was my baby though.. And I have no idea how I would feel being with my wife while she was pregnant from another man. Will it bother me? Be a constant thorn? A constant reminder of her sleeping with these other men? Would it end up turning me on for some reason? I have no clue.. Any thoughts from anyone?

This man is married so he is stuck from a practical perspective. Dumping his wife's sorry ass means a divorce which despite the fact that she was cheating on him with multiple men while he was in Iraq, he still will lose half or more of his assets and possibly his freedom. In addition, if his wife keeps the baby he will be paying for child support despite the fact that the baby is not his and that there is no way it could be his since he was in Iraq. However, this man's problems go deeper. Look at all the ways he is making excuses for his wife. He is also pretending he has a choice when it comes to keeping the baby vs. adoption or abortion. He doesn't. His pathetic excuse for a wife has all the power there. What he needs to hope for is that his wife has an abortion so that he can divorce her afterwards with a minimum of problems.

Experts in game will tell you about push-pull techniques to keep women interested in you. This sort of misses the point. The point is **having a backbone**. Both these men are lacking a backbone. The first man should dump his girlfriend's sorry ass immediately. The second man needs more of a strategy since he's married, but he should do the same. We should not be reading their weak willed writings. We should be reading how they have dumped (or will dump) their women's sorry asses. Maybe she will beg to you to take her back. Maybe not. However, the important thing is that **you stand up for yourself**.

Many of you men reading this may be thinking, "My woman isn't that great, but at least I'm not those guys". These examples may be more extreme than what you're going through. However, is it really that different? Just because

your woman isn't treating as bad as these guys are treated, it doesn't mean that your woman isn't treating you like crap. If you're man in a similar situation even if its only 1% as bad as these two guys, why are you letting it happen? If you're married, you have some hard decisions to make. If not, then what you need to do is easy. Isn't it time you **grew a backbone** and **dumped her sorry ass**?

Men’s Studies Banner Campaign

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[image]I just put up a page for activism regarding misandry in education. This is an important issue that I feel strongly about, having been subjected to it myself for years. Also, given the widespread failure of boys in school, it is becoming a national issue. People are still largely ignorant about just how bad it is in universities and high schools, and it’s important that we get the word out about this problem.

Although The Spearhead is not directly engaged in activism, we’d like to keep people updated on what’s going on out there, and this is as good a cause as any. If you’d like to support this campaign, visit the following page to find out how you can help:

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NY Times Finally Admitting There's a Problem

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In reference to a recent article in The Atlantic magazine (I want to write it up, but need a little more time to do so), David Brooks of the NY Times has come out and said that boys and men are getting the shaft. Of course, he doesn't explain why, and his proposed remedies are weak and likely to be ineffectual, but *he said it*. This is important. People are finally starting to listen.

Coming from the NY Times, the following is almost revolutionary:

> The current financial crisis is no different. The U.S. will have to produce 10 million new jobs just to get back to the unemployment levels of 2007. There's no sign that that is going to happen soon, so we're looking at an extended period of above 8 percent unemployment.
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> The biggest impact is on men. Over the past few decades, men have lagged behind women in acquiring education and skills. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, at age 22, 185 women have graduated from college for every 100 men who have done so [...]

In years past, we were treated to the same steady drumbeat of "women good, men bad" that so many of us have grown accustomed to, but now major media organizations have finally started to face the obvious and write about the crisis amongst America's men.

This is just the beginning, so I wouldn't expect any changes anytime soon, but when you have even hardcore feminists like Eve Ensler soft-pedaling their anti-male stance you know something is in the air.

What this means for us is that we have to be very careful not to get our hopes up about any kind of cooperation — it's never worked in the past. As Gloria Steinem has said, the feminists want 65 more years of feminist revolution, and they haven't lost a battle yet.

I'll come right out and say what nobody in the mainstream media wants to admit: feminists have to be purged from positions where they can harm men and boys. Feminism is female supremacism, nothing else. A woman (or man) spouting feminist rhetoric in a university should receive exactly the treatment one would expect a professor calling for the return of black slavery might receive. Companies should fire troublemaking feminists. Politicians who support feminist laws should be exposed and thrown out of office as soon as feasible. Feminist judges should be removed from the bench. After WWII, the allies carried out a program of "de-Nazification" in Germany. I think that is an appropriate model to follow in dealing with feminists. There can be no common ground with supremacists, and there is no sense in dealing with them until they have been properly rehabilitated.

Women Don't Create Jobs (Part II)

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I've already dealt with the stifling effects that unmeritorious female board membership has on a company – an effect that reverberates down the company line, within the industry, and throughout the whole economy over time. A whole nation of risk-averse companies stifles profitability, economic growth, innovation, job growth, income growth, and most importantly, quality of life. Now I'll turn to another engine of job growth, innovation, and wealth creation that percolates most when men are in charge: small businesses.

If you read the opening lines of the Small Business Association's 2007 report "Are Male and Female Entrepreneurs Really That Different?" you'd come away with the feeling, in answer to the rhetorical headline, that no, they really aren't all that different. This fits the narrative prevalent in so many other facets of society that favors equality and negligible gender disparity.

The study states:

> "While gender was shown not to affect new venture performance when preferences, motivation, and expectations were controlled for…"

Throughout all of the tables of bi-variate and regression analysis, the theme is that if women didn't have structural barriers in the way – if they had equal access to capital and similar socialization into business networks – women-owned small businesses would be just as successful as men's. What the research overlooks is that small businesses started by men tend to have emergent properties that businesses started by women don't seem to have.

To compare apples to apples, the researchers controlled for management experience, number of previous start-ups, age, race, household size, and other factors to determine the differences between men and women that deal solely with the characteristics of each gender rather than the benefits or impediments each might face due to their gender. Even though the beginning of the research indicates "Move along, nothing to see here; women are still down-trodden," a closer look reveals that there are robust differences in male and female entrepreneurs. We have to analyze those findings to understand the emergent properties of male start-ups.

1. Men are more likely to found technologically-intensive businesses, businesses that lose their competitive advantage quickly, and businesses with a geographically-dispersed customer base.

Even though the research found that if control variables are accounted for – management experience, prior start-ups, age, race, etc. – men are still more likely to engage in technology-intensive businesses. This is important to my original thesis. Despite the finding that maleness didn't indicate more employees or superior performance for start-ups, thinking about the nature of business would alter the picture a little bit. Technological businesses increase innovation and decrease costs. Not even counting the jobs created within the company, these types of businesses are more likely to create jobs for other companies and throughout the whole economy since their products travel further through the supply chain of other companies.

I can make a safe assumption that, with their greater technological-intensiveness, businesses started by men pay their employees a higher wage. Technology is positively correlated with wages. So even if male-powered start-ups didn't create absolutely more jobs, they create *better* jobs and help support businesses that create jobs outside of the organization. To make a trite comparison, starting up a bakery or an art gallery has lower returns to scale than a tech-industry start-up.

Companies founded by men tend to deal with geographically- disperse customers. Like Marco Polo, successful companies spread their products out across the world; that successful product begets new ideas and other new products that take humans to build, market, and sell.

Further, the rapid turnover of competitive advantage indicates that men are more at ease with increasing the churn of innovation. While this may not bode well for those companies that fail, the "start-up compost" creates freshness and innovation on which the economy thrives.

2. Men are significantly less likely to prefer low-risk/low-return businesses.

On the whole, risk-taking in capital decisions has positive externalities and creates superior returns. Part of the story of the economy's success is its failures – part of the start-up compost mentioned above.

Going back to Baumeister, men's low risk-aversion is *the* story here. Risk is inextricable from maleness; when we discuss the goodness of start-ups begun by men, their riskier nature is the reason the economy and the culture have succeeded so far.

The Guardian Life Small Business Research Institute forecasts that small businesses started by women will create 5 – 5.5 million new jobs by 2018 – more than half of the jobs created by small businesses. Here are the Institute's parameters:

> "This job growth projection is based on a rigorous analysis of converging factors, including the faster growth rate of female-owned vs. male-owned businesses; higher college graduation rates by women than men; and the predicted growth of industry sectors and occupations traditionally dominated by women."

It's likely that the forecast makes the assumption that female-owned businesses will employ the same risk strategy and have the same returns as male-owned businesses. In the long-run, male businesses will create more jobs, innovate more, and build more wealth precisely because of the innate riskiness of men. Women simply can't compete on this parameter.

3. Men are more likely to start businesses to make money, consider their business more important than family, and enter a business in order to become a community leader.

The research states that there isn't a significant difference in the number of jobs created by male start-ups or female start-ups. One can't help but figure, though, that businesses that have a profit-motive or a pro-community stance will create jobs and give back more than those that were begun in order to create a more amenable work-life balance – such as those businesses that women start.

This underscores other positive externalities of male-owned small businesses. They pay more tax revenues and higher marginal rates. Their owners are less likely to "settle" for a malleable work-life balance; they're driven to succeed on multiple fronts. Going back to Baumeister, this is one of the lynch-pins of men's contribution to our existing culture. Men's risk-taking and desire to make a name for themselves are all strategies predicted by Baumeister in his speech. By engaging in these strategies across the whole economy, men create more "stuff" than women.

Men embrace technology, they take risk, they venture into uncharted territory, the embrace the profit motive, they focus on their business qua the business, and they define themselves according to what they do in the office, factory, laboratory, or boardroom. Whatever this says about the personal lives of these particular men is irrelevant; our society wouldn't be where it is today if it weren't for such investment. If one values the remaining fragments of our culture and economic freedom, he has to appreciate the dedication that this investment takes. He also has to realize the true nature of this innovative bent. And the reality is that men, by and large, hold these qualities in spades, although you wouldn't know that by reading popular press or even government agency reports.

The tack of some feminists is to teach us all, through reports like the SBA's, that women could do it if they were given the chance. But there are other factors at play that. When given equal opportunity women don't have the tools to perform as well in business as men.

Attorneys Exploring Residual Hearsay Exception for Plaintiff Advantage in Gender Discrimination Cases

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I'm no attorney, but I like to keep up with legal trends when I can, and as men's position erodes ever further in society, it's worth documenting the process by which this has happened. It isn't as though men's current, subjugated position is natural — far from it. There has been an avalanche of legislation that has accompanied the decline of men in the Anglosphere. We have quite literally been chained by the law. It is my opinion that the best path to freedom is the elimination of these laws, which, unfortunately, will probably require regime change of some sort. I don't think the current regime can or will go back on the body of oppressive law that has been growing for many decades. In fact, I have an inchoate theory concerning an idea that law is the DNA of civilizations, and its mutation and radicalization is simply part of the natural aging process that precedes civilizational death.

So I'd like our readers who are attorneys to reflect a bit on a hearsay exception idea I came across, and what implications it has. From my perspective, it is simply another example of stacking the deck against men. I don't doubt that it will be put to use if possible, as innovations are immune to morality, whether they be legal or technological.

Here's an excerpt:

> Rule 807 is a rarely applied rule of last resort upon which litigants can try to rely if all other hearsay exceptions don't quite cover statements that they seek to admit. As the recent opinion of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada in Taylor v. Fairfield Resorts, Inc./Wyndham, 2009 WL 5195973 (D. Nev. 2009), makes clear, however, it could be a useful rule for gender and race discrimination plaintiffs who can't point to smoking guns and who can't find employees willing to testify.

Feminist Response to Super Bowl Ads

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While perusing the feminist law professors website (lousy site, but it provides a wealth of valuable information), I came across the following little gem, produced by outraged feminists in response to the notorious Dodge Charger ad:

Seems they'e still fuming over the Super Bowl ads. Poor babies… Of course, we men are never demeaned and insulted on TV, right?

Feminist Sites Losing Their Punch

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I often visit feminist websites to see what they're writing about, but recently I've noticed that they are consistently boring and lacking in good material. I don't know whether it's because the economy has forced them to lay off writers or whether they are demoralized, but their journalism has taken a serious dive in terms of quality lately. Not so say it was ever all that great, but they used to come up with items that had broader appeal and were worth discussing.

I have a theory: because of the increasing domination of formal news organizations and reporting by women, there is little competition to spur on greater effort and a zeal for work. When an entire industry becomes feminized, it will soon become as repetitive and predictable as a daytime soap opera.

Perhaps feminism will sink due to its progressive banality. Sassy women who go through an endless series of men and complaints as they make their way to middle age are not all that entertaining — even to women. Because so many men have been shoved out of the way to empower these women, they don't even have anyone left to fight anymore, and they're drifting into complacency.

Feministing, for example, has been reading like a NOW press release, with some 40% of their articles about defending abortion. Jezebel has become, for all intents and purposes, a trashy celeb magazine with puerile writing. And Bitch magazine, well… that's just the special needs little sister.

I have to admit that I'm a little disappointed. It would be nice to have some real, spirited opposition, but it looks like these little feminists don't even matter much anymore. In fact, it's becoming increasingly clear that the people we're really up against are not shrill fembots, but politicians, appointees, professors and executives — in short, a grim, but far from entertaining bunch.

Maybe it's time for us to get a little more serious ourselves, but I, for one, would miss the antics of the shrill, feminist activists were they to disappear. Given their entertainment value, they've done a great deal to popularize sexual politics, and that's worked to our advantage over the last year or so.

Metrosexual Backlash

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First, remember the name "Mark Morford." Morford just wrote a hit piece for the San Francisco Chronicle. It's racist, sexist, heterophobic and dripping with contempt for the middle and working classes. Perhaps newly emboldened by the special legal protection Obama has extended to gays, Morford lashed out from his San Francisco redoubt with some of the most vicious language I've seen in newsprint.

Here's what San Francisco elitists like Morford think of us:

> Let me just ask you this: Do you pity the sad n' squishy white guys of America right now?
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> Do you feel any empathy for their perilous plight, their incessant sexual frustration, their terrible taste in light domestic beer and that tell-tale slumping paunch, as they are slowly crushed under the relentless demands of their wives, the ruthless wail of their kids, the frightening instability of their job status, all overlaid by a thoroughly devastating female empowerment movement that has successfully mocked, derided and shamed every formerly proud dumb-guy thing — cars, beer, barbecue equipment, porn — down to a quivering puddle of don't-even-think-about-it?

He goes on to whine about the failure of metrosexuality and the return of more traditionally masculine pursuits:

> [...] if there's one hallmark of this dumbed-down American male, it's utter lack of intellectual range, subtlety or refined taste. Is this really the message? Is this really the new male ideal? Farewell "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," hello "Lair for the Lugnut"? I'm not buying it.
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> I really do not wish to begrudge. I do not wish to overly criticize, even as I lament the loss of what I saw as a damn fine and long overdue trend, a healthy, if subtle, cultural shift away from the macho, simpleminded energies that seemed to have gotten us all into so much trouble lo these past, oh, two million years or so.

Of course, the machines, engines and hardware he so disdains could only be created by stupid simpletons, right? For some reason, I suspect Morford would have a hard time designing and building so much as a chicken coop.

The piece Morford wrote is so over-the-top that it betrays some truly angry desperation. Perhaps he is angry that the Super Bowl did not feature the gay commercial; he certainly seems to have taken the other Super Bowl commercials very personally. Maybe he really expected that America would "evolve" (a favorite progressive code word) into a metrosexual/feminist paradise where the men he and his fab girlfriends despise were forced into mute slavery. In Morford's world, all the beautiful people would endlessly chat and party while the disgusting heterosexual white men keep everything running and hand over their earnings to the state for redistribution to deserving people like Morford and his girlfriends.

That's what they truly want, and they do want us to shut up about it. It is columns like this that should remind us that there isn't any hope of compromise. We're in a negative sum game that is taking on some elements of the late 18th century Bourbon dynasty.

A Working Definition Of Oppression

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The following was submitted by *Snark*, whose blog can be found here.

How does feminism maintain its relevance in a world where women have got everything they asked for and more? As we all know, feminists lie, they juke statistics, they continue to portray men as eternal oppressors and women as injured innocents, and so on. But there is something else going on, which has barely been articulated by the Men's Movement up until now. That is *redefinition.* Feminists have been working hard to dissolve the partitions between categories, e.g. between the categories of 'oppression' and 'non-oppression'. I refer to this dishonest practice as *categorical dissolution.*

In a recent video, Angry Harry comments on certain child protection organisations, which once focused their efforts on children who were at risk of being severely beaten or killed by abusive parents. Today, these organisations are intent on creating new sins. Innocuous and wholly natural behaviours are increasingly criminalised, and 'deviant' men are rooted out for punishment. The axiom of men as oppressors and women and children as victims has been branded, with the red-hot ferocity, into our cultural code. This axiom is a useful tool for those who wish to extend their authority into new areas of our personal lives.

A lot of people's livelihoods depend upon feminism remaining relevant. Just as the butcher, the brewer and the baker act in their own self-interest rather than out of altruism, those people who work in the abuse industry create new sins, not out of an altruistic regard for the vulnerable, but out of pure self-interest. Their fear of obsolescence stifles real progress and clamps down on the freedom of men to interact with women and children in wholly natural ways. Feminism is like the shark: if it stops swimming, it dies. If feminists cannot find new reasons to attack ordinary men as 'deviants' and 'victimisers', they cease to have purpose; they cease to exist as feminists.

If we are to articulate an objection to this, we require a definition of 'oppression'. 'Oppression' is a term which has been dirtied by feminism and other victim-ideologies, which is why I prefer to use 'coercion', 'restraint' or 'restriction'. While no less accurate, these terms are rather more sober, allowing for the recognition that rights cannot exist *without* constraint in some form – thus, some forms of constraint will inevitably be necessary, insofar as we believe that people should be able to claim rights.

However, 'oppression' is the buzzword, and if we are to refute its unscrupulous use by feminists and the abuse industry, we must be able to articulate a definition of *what it is* as well as *what it is not.* Oppression, according to my working definition, is oppression only if it meets the following three conditions:

1. The restriction in question must be enforced by other people.
2. The restriction must be unjust.
3. The restriction must be to the detriment of those who are restricted.

All three of these conditions must be met for restriction to be oppression. For example, men's greater physical strength is not a matter of oppression for women, because although it may be unjust, it is naturally so; nature does not make all people equal. This restriction, in and of itself, is not enforced by anyone. It does not meet the first condition of oppression, and arguably, it does not meet the second either.

To take another example: we imprison criminals, but this is not oppression, except for when they are falsely accused. When they are guilty of the crime they are convicted for, they are restricted by other people, and to their detriment, but it is not a matter of injustice (this is leaving aside issues of unjust laws, and the unjust application of laws; for the purposes of this example, assume that the law is just and is justly applied). Imprisoning criminals meets the first and third conditions, but not the second, so it is not oppression.

Now, feminism seeks to dissolve *all* restrictions which are to the detriment of women, whether just or unjust,

whether enforced or natural, into the category of oppression. It is said that any restriction against a woman is an artificial construct of 'patriarchy'. Inevitably, in attempting to justify this position, their arguments become ever more abstract. 'Patriarchy' becomes not simply the visible, measurable power which a man holds over a woman; since it is responsible for every negative feeling which a woman experiences, it is everywhere and it is invisible. It becomes like the air, all around us although we can't see it. We try to grasp hold of this concept, but we grab at nothingness.

To put it phallocentrically, imagine two pillars, stretching majestically up into the sky. The first pillar represents those things which do or might happen to women, which fit the above definition of oppression. The second pillar represents those things which do or might happen to women, and are of detriment to them, but do not meet the other two criteria of oppression, i.e. they are not unjust and/or enforced by 'patriarchy'. Those things represented by the second pillar are not anyone's fault but her own, or they are simply the results of bad luck. Now imagine the first pillar, gradually leaning over, and eventually, collapsing into the second. This is what feminism is seeking to accomplish.

As a recent, real world example, let's take the (non)-issue of sleep. Feminists are currently attempting to make sleep the new 'feminist issue', on the presumption that women are sleeping less and men are somehow to blame. We're not talking about sleep deprivation here – we're talking about women getting between six and seven hours sleep a night, which is neither unusual nor harmful. But the point is this: outside of work, your time is your own. And unless men are engaged in a society-wide conspiracy to keep women awake for an additional ninety minutes each night (a truly ingenius plot which would have to be carried out while the men themselves are asleep), this cannot feasibly be traced back to men or to an invisible patriarchy. It is most certainly not an example of genuine oppression. It is not enforced, and it is not a matter of injustice, but it is to women's detriment; and thus, men are to blame. This is categorical dissolution at work: dissolving irritations into the foaming sea of false oppression.

Another recent example is the labelling of women as 'victims' because of their *majority status* on university campuses. Whether they are in the minority or the majority, women are oppressed, so our cultural guardians tell us. Even when a female majority has been brought about intentionally by women through affirmative action programs, they remain the 'victims'. The 'victimisation' in this case stems from the fact that, as the numerical majority on campus, women can't all get boyfriends. Again, we find categorical dissolution. This situation is only enforced and unjust insofar as women have made it so – but as it is to the detriment of women, it falls under the rubric of women's oppression. Note that this dissolution works only in one direction. Never before were men considered victims for being the majority of university attendees. As if to prove my point beyond a shadow of a doubt, this article sprung up mere days later, gloating about how men will have to "up their game" given projected demographic shifts which will leave the UK with more unmarried men than women. Is this how we speak to victims of oppression – by crying "eureka" and telling them to "up their game"?

Of course not – and it isn't oppression. Women are not entitled to partners, and thus it is not an example of injustice when there aren't enough men to go around – particularly since they have enforced this situation upon themselves.

Simply pointing out categorical dissolution, when a feminist or feminist-sympathiser cries oppression, should be a sufficient response; it exposes their trickery for all the world to see. What they are agitating for is additional privileges, not freedom from unjust restraints (often, the privileges they agitate for are self-contradictory, e.g. they want women to be both the superior majority *and* the coveted minority on university campuses). And take note: a pillar cannot completely collapse into another without the roof caving in. That will be the bursting of the misandry bubble, the rapid uncoiling of the tightly wound spring, or whichever metaphor you prefer. I have more to say on this subject, so stay tuned for the second part.

Captain Phil Harris Worked and Fought Until The End

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Deadliest Catch captain Phil Harris, who died on February 9th, urged crews to keep filming after he surprised everyone by awakening from a medically induced coma. Harris, who had a stroke while offloading snow crab with his crew, was only 53 when he died. Like many men who came before him, he lived a short, hard life. The tattoed skipper was a heavy smoker and in all likelihood knew how to enjoy a party during the off season.

It is ironic that many of the toughest men who perform the most dangerous job in America live in Seattle, a left-coast city that has embraced the progressive label and promotes matriarchal values. However, perhaps it is inevitable that in such a climate, men like Harris are driven to face the elements and a long sleep in Davy Jones half the year — being cooped up in the social womb of a contemporary American city all the time simply doesn't suit their nature.

When Harris came out of the coma, he couldn't talk, but wrote on a piece of paper that we wanted the crews to keep filming, saying "we need a great finish to this story." In a moment of jest (or perhaps not) he also told the doctors and nurses "Don't f— up." Harris was dearly loved by his children and admired by his crew, and a major draw for fans of the *Deadliest Catch*.

Hot Smoked Salmon

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Living in the Pacific Northwest, I have plenty of opportunities to eat salmon. In fact, I've eaten so much salmon in my life that I'm not a big fan of ordinary broiled/grilled salmon anymore. It is one of those foods that can grow tiresome after a while. So eventually, I looked for different ways to cook it, and I found that smoking the salmon not only improved the flavor, but made it very tasty even when cold.

Smoking salmon is not very difficult, but you have to keep in mind that hot smoking and cold smoking are very different processes. Lox is cold smoked salmon, and is not cooked, but rather brined and then cold smoked at about 85 degrees for hours. Hot smoking salmon does not require a special smoker (you can use an ordinary charcoal grill), takes less than an hour, and the end product is cooked.

The ingredients are basic, including:

- Salmon filet(s), skin on
- Coarse salt
- Brown sugar
- Pepper

For equipment, you'll need a charcoal grill, some aluminum foil, wood chips and a metal spatula.

To get started, make a rub out of equal parts brown sugar and salt, and grind in pepper to taste. The amount you need varies depending on how much fish you have, but a cup should do the trick for a couple of ordinary filets.

Thoroughly cover your filets with the rub, and then refrigerate them in a bag or on a covered plate for a few hours. Before cooking, take out the salmon and let it air dry on an uncovered plate for a while. This will allow the salmon to develop a pellicle, which is a sort of tacky rind on the meat, which is important for keeping it moist inside as it cooks.

Also, do not forget to soak the wood chips in some water. Alder, which is sweet and aromatic, is the traditional wood used for smoking salmon, but any mild hardwood, such as apple, will do.

When you're ready to cook, it's time to fire up the grill. You won't need to use too much charcoal, since the goal is not to cook it too hot. Once your coals are all burning, arrange them around the edge of the grill, leaving an empty space in the middle. This is to avoid cooking the salmon with direct heat. Cover the grill to save the coals cool and keep them cool.

Now, make a pan out of aluminum foil, making sure that the bottom of the filets are completely covered by foil. Make sure to set the filets skin-side down on the foil. Before setting the fish on the grill, sprinkle some of the wet wood chips on the burning coals, and open the vents on the grill a little until they start to smoke. When they are smoking, set the filets down directly over the empty space in the middle of the grill, cover, and close the vents.

All in all, the fish can be cooked from a half hour to an hour, depending on how well done and smokey one prefers it. I usually hot smoke fish for about 45 minutes, which is more than sufficient to cook it through. If you take it out earlier, it may be a little more tender, but the smoke doesn't have as much time to flavor the fish.

When it's done, the fish can be eaten immediately, and leftovers stored in the refrigerator. This leftover salmon makes a tasty snack, and can be eaten with crackers and cheese, or tossed a salad. It retains a strong, sweet flavor when cold, and the texture is excellent.

For those of us who live near salmon-filled seas, this is a great way to improve on the ubiquitous broiled or grilled salmon, and for men everywhere who like to grill, it's a fun and delicious meal.

Meet Your Oppressors

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Are you one of the millions of men who has seen his life crumble under the treads of the family law system? Did you ever wonder why hatred and abuse directed toward men was so prevalent in school? Maybe you're an employer who got screwed in a sexual harassment lawsuit, or an employee who was falsely accused.

Perhaps you are the victim of an ex parte TRO (temporary restraining order), and were summarily evicted from your own house and your children's lives. You might have tried to fight for custody of your children, only to find the deck stacked so high against you that you had no choice but to give up.

Maybe your wife had an affair, then received your house plus a hefty alimony judgment and now lives there with her new boyfriend.

After facing terrible injustice, you can't imagine who would ever create this monstrous, oppressive system that has driven you to ruin and despair. You look around, but you have no idea who is to blame.

Look no more, because *The Spearhead* has come upon a neatly compiled list of people who are directly responsible for your pain and suffering. Yes, the people listed below are proud to be the source of your affliction, and broadcast their efforts to ruin the lives of more men from their lecterns in our nation's institutes of higher learning. They write law, indoctrinate students, influence judges, serve as legal advisors to organizations such as NOW, and generally put a great deal of effort into beating down men with the law.

Of course, the following list is not comprehensive, but it's a good start. It shows where they work, and has links to CVs that detail their experience and affiliations. Those who are interested in activism can use the info to protest the nearest school, or if they are alumni to demand an explanation for why the school is promoting sexist, misandrist female supremacists.

These lists are golden for political purposes, as cross-referencing can easily identify associations that are dedicated to feminism, allowing us to identify enemies and their allies as well as their opponents. They should be widely distributed so that plenty of people can use them.

Albany Law School

- Alicia Ouellette
- Laurie Shanks

American University Washington College of Law

- Ann Shalleck
- Anthony Varona
- Billie Jo Kaufman
- Christine Haight Farley
- Mary Clark
- Nancy D. Polikoff
- Pamela Bridgewater
- Victoria Phillips

Boston University School of Law

- Katharine Silbaugh

- Linda McClain
- Wendy Gordon

Brigham Young University School of Law

- Cheryl Preston

Bristol Law School

- Rachel Fenton

Brooklyn Law School

- Anita Bernstein
- Liz Schneider
- Minna Kotkin

California Western School of Law

- Nancy Kim

Chapman University School of Law

- Francine J. Lipman

City University of New York

- Caitlin Borgmann
- Deborah Zalesne
- Jenny Rivera
- Julie Goldscheid
- Michelle Anderson
- Penelope Andrews
- Rebecca M. Bratspies
- Richard Storrow
- Ruthann Robson

Cleveland State University College of Law

- Lolita Buckner Inniss

Columbia Law School

- Ariela Dubler
- Carol Sanger
- Caroline Bettinger-Lopez
- Elizabeth Emens
- Elizabeth Scott
- Jane Spinak
- Katherine Franke
- Kendall Thomas

- Patricia Williams
- Susan Sturm
- Suzanne Goldberg

Cumberland School of Law, Samford University

- Marcia L. McCormick

Drexel University College of Law

- Anil Kalhan
- David S. Cohen

Duke University School of Law

- Kimberly Krawiec

Elon University School of Law

- Eric M. Fink

Emory University School of Law

- Martha Fineman

Florida Coastal School of Law

- Nareissa Smith

Florida International University College of Law

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- Lesley Wexler

Fordham Law School

- Sonia Katyal

George Washington University Law School

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- Joan Meier
- Naomi Cahn
- Neil Buchanan
- Phyllis Goldfarb

Georgetown University Law Center

- Nan Hunter

- Rebecca Tushnet

Golden Gate University School of Law

- Leslie Rose

Gonzaga University School of Law

- Mary Pat Treuthart

Hamline University School of Law

- Marie A. Failinger
- Sharon Sandeen
- Tom I. Romero

Harvard Law School

- Elizabeth Bartholet

Hofstra University School of Law

- Barbara Lukeman
- Elizabeth M. Glazer

Humbolt University Berlin Law Faculty

- Susanne Baer

Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law

- Felice Batlan

Indiana University Maurer School of Law

- Susan H. Williams

Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis

- Jennifer A. Drobac
- Shawn Boyne

John Marshall Law School

- Colin Miller
- Doris Long
- Susan L. Brody

Lewis & Clark Law School

- Kathy Hessler

Louisiana State University Law Center

- Christine Corcos

Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

- M. Isabel Medina

Marquette University Law School

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- Jessica E. Price
- Lisa Mazzie Hatlen
- Rebecca Blemberg

McGill University

- Kim Brooks

Michigan State University College of Law

- Catherine Grosso
- Cynthia Lee Starnes
- Joan Howarth
- Kristi L. Bowman
- Melanie B. Jacobs

New York Law School

- Ann F. Thomas
- Carlin Meyer
- William P. LaPiana

New York University School of Law

- Amy Adler
- Meg Satterthwaite
- Sylvia Law

Northwestern University School of Law

- Elizabeth L. Inglehart
- Kimberly Yuracko

Ohio State University College of Law

- Marc Spindelman

Pace Law School

- Adele Bernhard
- Alexander K.A. Greenawalt

- Andrew C.W. Lund
- Audrey Rogers
- Barbara Atwell
- Bennett Gershman
- Bridget Crawford
- Darren Rosenblum
- David Cassuto
- David Dorfman
- Don Doernberg
- Emily Gold Waldman
- Horace Anderson
- Janet A. Johnson
- Jeffrey Miller
- Jill Gross
- John Humbach
- Leslie Yalof Garfield
- Linda Fentiman
- Margaret M. Flint
- Marie Stefanini Newman
- Michael Mushlin
- Michelle Simon
- Noa Ben-Asher
- Ralph Stein
- Vanessa Merton

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- Eileen Kane

Princeton University

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Rutgers University School of Law – Camden

- Imani Perry
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- Stephanie M. Wildman

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South Texas College of Law

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Southern Methodist University School of Law

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Southwestern Law School

- Angela Riley
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- Gowri Ramachandran
- Judy Sloan
- KC Sheehan
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- Marie Ashe

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- Kevin Noble Maillard
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University of California Davis School of Law

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- Madhavi Sunder

University of California Hastings College of Law

- Kelly Weisberg

University of Cincinnati College of Law

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- Kristen Kalsem
- Margaret Drew
- Verna Williams

University of Colorado School of Law

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- Clare Huntington
- Laura Spitz
- Marianne Wesson
- Scott Moss

University of Dayton School of Law

- Pamela Laufer-Ukeles
- Vernellia R. Randall

University of Denver College of Law

- Ann Scales
- Kristian Miccio

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

- Bonita Gardner
- Bret Boyce
- David Koelsch
- Jennifer Henderson
- Julia Belian
- Julie St. John

University of Florida College of Law

- Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol
- Nancy Dowd

University of Houston Law Center

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University of Idaho College of Law

- Elizabeth B. Brandt
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University of Illinois College of Law

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- Sarah Deer

Mangum Busted

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We might finally see some roundabout justice in the Duke LaCrosse case, the national disgrace that showed exactly why boys are falling behind in school. Crystal Gail Mangum might have gotten away with her false accusation at Duke, but this time she's been arrested for attempted murder, a charge that's taken far more seriously.

Mangum allegedly tried to stab her boyfriend, set his clothes on fire and fought police responders. It's beyond me why any man would want to be involved with Mangum, but despite the man's lack of judgment and good taste, he doesn't deserve to be stabbed and have his property destroyed. Additionally, the three children who were at home when police arrived should never be exposed to such a scene.

If Mangum had been held accountable for the crime of filing a false report of rape against the Duke Lacrosse players, she might have learned her lesson a few years ago. However, it seems that she believes she has a certain immunity when it comes to victimizing men. Former prosecutor Mike Nifong, for his part, should be in prison today for his part in the original Duke case.

Olympic Sports and Gender Parity

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I was reading a rather strident article in my local college newspaper written by some feminist in training about how women are being oppressed by not being allowed to have their own ski-jumping competition. According to Rebecca Kuensting, feminist crusader at the UW Daily, the International Olympic Committee's rationale for not holding a women's ski jumping event is wholly unjustified:

> The International Olympic Committee (IOC) contends that the reason why ski jumping remains the only Olympic sport from which women are excluded is not a matter of sexual discrimination. They claim that the women's version of ski jumping lacks the size, universal appeal and history of world championships that is required of Olympic sports. If the fact sheet on their official Web site is any indication, the ladies of the Visa U.S. Women's Ski Jumping Team aren't buying it. The page attacks the IOC's allegations point by point, citing that, "in 2009, more than 160 women from 18 nations were registered with FIS as elite ski jumpers."
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> The disturbing truth is that there is no good reason why the IOC has chosen to exclude female ski jumpers from the Vancouver games. Female jumpers use the same jumps that men use, are scored according to very similar technical criteria, and have accumulated the numbers and support necessary for the success of their sport.
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> We always think of the Olympics as an event that celebrates equality, that brings people of all nations together. But if you're a fan of ski jumping, you know there's a whole host of willing athletes who aren't allowed on the slopes.

Frankly, I think Kuensting is full of it. There's no way that the number of women ski jumpers is sufficient. She cites 160 women from 18 nations, and that may comprise every single female ski jumper in the entire world from what I've seen. That isn't nearly enough to sustain an Olympic sport. As for interest, who cares at all about women ski jumpers?

Honestly, most people don't care much about male ski jumpers. However, there's a big difference here: men – boys in particular – love to jump. When I was a kid I ski jumped all the time. There's no way I could have ever been an elite ski jumper — I'm too big and heavy. To be competitive you have to be light and thin to catch the air. Guys like me have the trajectory of a cannon ball. But as a kid I didn't care. I'd jump for hours just for the feeling of being free and airborne. I did it on skis, my bike, and even on the basketball court. I fell all the time, and hurt myself a couple times, but it was all worth it. I've never met a woman – ever – who had the same zeal for that experience.

Because men love flying so much, there will always be plenty of guys willing to launch themselves off ramps to sail for hundreds of feet through the air. The sport won't be lacking, because it is an archetypically male pursuit, as exemplified by Icarus, the boy who flew too high.

What this leads me to is a question about the very origin of sports. Sports were created by men because they love the pursuits they represent. Boys naturally run, throw things, kick and jump. They love sticks and balls, and they want to perform feats with all these natural abilities and tools. As far as I know, every single sport in the Olympics, with the possible exception of figure skating and synchronized swimming, was invented by men. Is there any one single sport that women came up with by themselves? If not, why do they deserve exact equality in representation? What the hell is their point?

I suspect that if women created their own sport, the vast majority of men wouldn't want to have anything to do with it. So why is it that these feminist blowhards are so set on parity in everything men have invented? Why don't they create their own sport? Maybe we could have Olympic sock darning competitions, or Olympic Christmas tree

decorating. Of course, gay men would probably win these events, but at least the girls could put in a decent effort.

But when it comes to men's sports, what's really the point? Sometimes, I think it's simply to inflate the medal count. In fact, that's probably how it started. Some countries figured they could sneak in a few more medals by training their women in ice hockey or something similarly ridiculous when played by women, and now we're stuck permanently with a bunch of programs for freakish, butch women that nobody wants to watch anyway.

Taking it to The Dean

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Spearhead reader and blogger Dirk Johanson, a practicing attorney who runs the *guyinism* blog, wrote a concise and amusing letter to the Dean of the John Marshall Law School, pointing out the "specious legal reasoning" of feminist law professor Colin Miller, who is on John Marshall's faculty.

In the following passage, Johanson flays Miller's legal reasoning:

> The case Miller believes supports his argument is Taylor v. Fairfield Resorts, Inc./Wyndham, 2009 WL 5195973 (D.Nev. 2009). In that case, an aspiring timeshare sales con artist claimed that she was given inferior suckers lists due to her race and gender. In denying the defendant's motion for summary judgment, the court considered an uncertified transcript of a non-party witness deposition submitted by the plaintiff. The court noted that the plaintiff was proceeding pro se, and that the defendant did not challenge the accuracy of the deposition. The court in no way indicated that it would have allowed the plaintiff to simply repeat what another employee had said – the very definition of hearsay.
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> Nevertheless, Miller argues that the Taylor decision is somehow supportive of using the residual hearsay exception to admit statements of other employees in gender and race discrimination suits – deposition transcript or no. Miller's reliance on Taylor for such, I am confident you will agree, is ridiculous.

Johanson sent copies of the letter to a number of other male professors on John Marshall's faculty, pointing out the they have a mangina in their midst and should keep Miller's third rate legal skills in mind when tenure comes up.

This is a great use of the resource provided by the feminist law professors blog, which kindly provided us with the list of feminist law professors we published yesterday. Standing up to those who would further enslave us with bad law and unfair advantages for women, despite their clear dominance in university enrollment and employment, will eventually draw more attention to our plight and start turning things around.

This won't happen if we don't use the tools at our disposal, but Dirk Johanson has given us a good example of how we can start to do so.

Defeating Patty Murray Should be a Priority for Men

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Senator Patty Murray of Washington State, although considered one of the dimmer bulbs in congress, has been a rock-solid proponent of feminist laws, including IMBRA, VAWA and others. Currently, she is promoting SAFE, The Security and Financial Empowerment Act, which would give women another powerful weapon in family law. SAFE allows women to take time off work to prepare for court and mandates that employers must pay them while they do so. As with other federal DV bills, women would likely be able to do so without any proof other than their own word.

According to Murray, VAWA was only the "first step":

> VAWA was the first step. It helped us respond to the immediate threat of abuse. Now we need to address the long-term problems that victims face — from insurance and employment discrimination to finding permanent housing.

Feminists love Patty Murray, seeing her as a staunch ally in their war against men. Her tireless fight to give women advantages in relationships and the workplace have earned her high praise from self-described radicals. Gloria Steinem herself showed up unexpectedly at Patty's birthday during her first senate run to lend her support.

Murray knows where her base of support lies, so she highlights her feminist accomplishments, which turn out to be pretty much her *only* accomplishments.

Fortunately, Murray isn't looking so hot any longer. There's even a chance she could go down come fall. She lacks charisma, and a serious candidate could give her a run for her money.

A Murray defeat would be a real victory for American men, so we should keep a close eye on Murray and see what we can do to fan the flames of opposition to her radical feminism. We also ought to identify additional feminist politicians in weak positions and take measures to work for their defeat and eviction from office.

These people have done real harm — removing them from power is imperative.

Marry Him! (Really?): A Clear Example Of The Eternal Solipsism Of The Female Mind

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This time of year when one of the biggest holidays on the calendar burns through the dead of Winter-Valentine's Day, what else?-it's common to hear of the newest/latest books and the like, almost always aimed at Women, to help them find their Mr. Right. Ms. Lori Gottlieb's "Marry Him: The Case For Settling For Mr. Good Enough" is no exception; in fact, it appears that her missive has started quite a backlash among her fellow travellers. It seems that all of the Usual Suspects of the Femosphere have kneejerked their disapproval at Ms. Gottlieb's sisterly betrayal: what, actually *settle* for some lowly Man? Women need Men like…oh, well you get the point.

Not only has Ms. Gottlieb's book been the talk of the town on the Web, but apparently it's been optioned to be made into a feature length film, by none other than Tobey "Spider-Man" Maguire himself-which, when one thinks of his Peter Parker persona, really makes sense.

That's because only a non-Venomnized Pete could ever, ever even consider such a thing. Not only is the very premise-that a Woman, any Woman, has to put up with a guy because she's simply run out of options-but the Y-chromosome yammering over the whole thing once again, leaves out one crucial element:

US.

But, we'll get to that in a moment, as well as the gist of Ms. Gottlieb's book. But before we do that, let's consider one little thing, shall we?

Gottlieb's book no doubt will be viewed as "dating advice"; perhaps even as "self-help"-and in any event, such books are marketed in droves to Women, *for years*. All kinds of truly dehumanizing language and allusions are made to Men, such as the very title of the book we're discussing; we're rated and objectified, ranked and given the heave-ho for the slightest imperfection, infraction or just the misfortune of being *human*-a necessary evil all in the name of the Precious Ladies' search for "Mr. Right".

Moreover, none other than the High Priestess of Relationship & Dating Advice herself-Oprah Winfrey-is known for her pricey workshops and seminars as she is for her long running tv chat show. And of course, she endorses everything for Women from The Rules to He's Just Not That Into You, to now, of course, "Marry Him!".

Yet, one of the biggest complaints and charges by those who decry Game-almost, but not always Women, is that it is not only disrespectful to Women and trades in dehumanizing terminology to and about them, but it suckers in unsuspecting guys too, on the grounds that the Game/PUAsphere is chockfull of hucksters-21st century snakeoil salesmen who rake in the dough while their clients and customers get feeble, at best, results.

And to be sure, for my part at least, I don't deny that the Gamesphere has its share of hucksters and shady types. But the sheer hubris it takes on the part of many Women to actually fix their mouths to make such charges, in the face of scads of books and the like, such as the one we're examining today, really takes the cake. It, along with the other points that need to be raised and presented in the light of day for all to see, counts as just one of many examples of what fellow Game and all-around blogger Ferdinand Bardamu called the Eternal Solipsism of The Female Mind.

But wait, there's more!

Not only is Gottlieb's screed a half-hearted attempt to sound like she's gained some wisdom in her more than a *quarter century of frutiless dating*, but she has the nerve-the unmitigated gall-to suggest that she still has every right to be picky, because, afterall, she has a son to think about.

That's right. Ms. Gottlieb is a Baby Mama. The question becomes, *how* did she achieve this monumental feat, without so much as a hubbie, boyfriend, or even a Hookup?

The answer comes from Gottlieb herself. In her Mar 2008 article of the same name of her book in the Atlantic (and which is still available online; , she makes it clear that she took a trip to the local fertility clinic with time running out on her biological clock so she could knocked up the good old fashioned way-with the Turkey Baster-because, well, there just wasn't anybody out there good enough for her to make a baby with otherwise.

Let that sink in for a moment.

OK, so let me get this straight: she can't find anybody "good enough" for 25 YEARS, then finally, at the fag end of her fertile years, decides to get the Butterball Treatment. Then, STILL expects to find "Mr. Right", and failing that, will grudgingly "settle" for "Mr. Good Enough".

Is this Beeyotch out of her ever-loving mind?!?

Oh yea-I can just see the swarms of Men now, who can't *wait* to lineup to take to one knee and humbly beg for this Middle-aged Maiden's hand in holy matrimony, Test Tube Baby in tow, no less.

The sheer arrogance, hubris and out and out megalomania, that this Woman exudes is something the likes of which I've never set my eyes on before-and believe you me, I done seen a lot of stuff. She honestly thinks that her stuff don't stink-and she's by no means alone. More and more, both here in the States and across the pond in the UK, Women are being seen as increasingly demanding, narcissistic, unrealistic and haughty-with average, at best, cred to back it up. Consider the recent London Daily Mail article that talks about this very problem, the one written by American homegirl Kay Hymowitz, and others. Heck, forget all that-just take a look at Gottlieb herself-one can understand why she finally had to go under the Turkey Baster to do the deed. Girlfriend is hardly a prize by any Man's standard, even if you took the baby out of the equation and rolled the clock back a decade. At best, I'd rank her a middling 5. But the way she talks about herself, it's as if she's the identical twin to Megan Fox or something.

NOT.

And that's another thing that burns me up about Women like Gottlieb-which, I am very sad to report, are the coin of the realm in our times: they not only want, or expect, but DEMAND the tip-top absolute best Man in the Universe, but give little if anything in return. They surely aren't offering equal value, that's for certain. Ever took a peek at Craig's List, or Match.com, or eHarmony, and looked at these ladies ads? Their "lists" of the ideal Man are yay long, but notice something:

They never, ever, offer what the guy gets in return. It's almost as if these gals are doing such sought after guys a favor just to be in their hallowed presence. What's in it for me? Not a whole lot. Gimme, gimme, gimme.

No, screw that. It ain't "almost as if"-it IS as if.

Nor does it surprise me one little bit that Gottlieb's supposed cautionary tale talks about how all the guys she passed up in her life have moved on to have families of their own-you know, the one you make with someone you actually know and doesn't require a petrie dish-and trust me, they're thanking GOD in Heaven that they didn't get hitched to this Royal Headcase, or others like her. Men, in case no one's figured it out by now, are just simpler, more pragmatic and are much, much more likely to "settle" than are Women, and when they decide that the dating game ain't for them, they find happiness elsewhere. Which explains why for every Game or PUA website, blog, book or seminar, you can find easily dozens of the female-versions in any direction you want to go. Happiness for Men is a heck of a lot easier than for Women for the simple reason that we expect a lot less than do Women. And once Women, for all their vaunted brainpower, finally figure this out, they too just might get a freaking clue.

The ASSumptions this book and attendant squawking by the Femmetariot makes-very, very dangerous ones-is that the guys will simply go along with whatever the ladies eventually decide to do, assuming that's even humanly possible in the first place. It doesn't occur to them that Men have minds of their own, connected to their own ideas of what they'd like to have and do and be in life, and who to do that with. Moreover, they assume that the reason why they haven't found Mr. Right, is because, well, they just haven't found Mr. Right. It never occurs to them that the real reason why they haven't found Mr. Right, is because they're NOT Ms. All That-and the Mr. Good Enough's

of the world aren't exactly beating a path to their door either. They can't seem to make the connection between what goes on in their heads and what goes on outside it, and line the two up accordingly. And they can't seem to understand why anyone with any modicum of options, self respect or just plain ole sanity, would be out of their mind to even give one nanosecond, or one spark of brainpower towards even considering standing in the same room as such a Woman, let alone dating or worse, mating with her. Once again: Feminine Solipsism, anyone?

Parting Shot:

As if I couldn't be more pissed off by reading Ms. Gottlieb's crocodile tear-laden "cautionary tale", her constant rejection of Men for congenital features (among a great, great many things), such as lack of the height she wanted and so on, really got me to thinking-you know, Women do not hesitate to call a Man a Misogynist-usually because he disagrees with her-and some Men have tried to "answer" back by charging some Women with Misandry.

But it doesn't work, in my view. Why? Because the word is too esoteric, and besides, it smacks of a kind of loserdom; they call you a Misogynist, you call them a Misandrist? Nah.

But as I was out talking a walk to cool off after reading Gottlieb's mad ravings, something else occurred to me; Bigotry. The intense dislike of another, just because of how they look. In fact, Gottlieb's book, stands as an A1 case study in perhaps thee most pernicious form of discrimination around, and that's the kind that Women of her ilk visit on Men all the time. In fact, now that I think about it, I have been discriminated against MORE by Women-and in this case, Black Women-than I EVER have by job employers, banks, landlords and the like. In other words, being an "unacceptable Male" has been the cause of my being discriminated against, by BLACK WOMEN, than my being discriminated against, simply because I'm Black.

Therefore, it is wholly appropriate, and I call on all my Brothers-and Sisters of Good Will-to begin to call such people like Gottlieb for what they are:

Woman, thou name art Bigot. And Hypocrite. And just plain ole Cwazie.

And like Archie Bunker, we'll laugh AT you, too.

Now adjourn your pathetic arses…

The Obsidian

America's Most Decorated Winter Olympic Athlete Raised by a Single Father

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Yuki Ohno immigrated from Japan and set up a hair styling shop roughly 30 years ago, marrying an American woman and having a son. Within a year his wife was gone and he was struggling to raise an infant child by himself. Working long shifts to keep his business going, he had to hire daycare providers to take care of the little boy. But Yuki stayed as involved as possible in his son's life, carefully choosing daycare providers and, as he grew up, keeping him involved in after-school activities so that he wouldn't drift into delinquency like so many other neglected children – known as "latchkey kids" – of the 1980s and 90s.

After many ups and downs, the effort paid off, and now Yuki Ohno's son Apolo has achieved Olympic fame and success. Apolo credits much of this to his father, who never gave up on him, fostering his talents and steering him in the right direction as only a caring father can guide a son.

At one point, when Apolo was 15 and entering a rebellious time in his ife, Yuki told him he would have to spend some time alone to decide for himself what he wanted. Apolo stayed in a remote cabin in the rainy, cold Pacific Northwest for eight days, pondering his future and inner desires. At the end, he called his father and said he was ready to go back to training in speed skating.

Following the angst of adolescence, Apolo went on to become one of the best Olympic skaters in the world, as attested by his wealth of medals and victories. In addition to his Olympic success, Apolo appeared on Dancing With the Stars, earning the show's first ever perfect score in a samba routine with partner Julianne Hough. He has also been involved in charities in his native Seattle, raising funds for sick children and working for the Salvation Army.

Apolo knows how lucky he was to have a father like Yuki, but there must still be something bittersweet about his life. Being abandoned by one's mother is a harsh burden to bear, and Apolo expresses no desire to see her or talk much about it. Perhaps, given women's newly liberated status and frequent eagerness to break their marital vows and abandon their husbands, we will see more men reluctantly thrust into the role of single parents. We can only hope that they will have the wisdom and determination that Yuki Ohno displayed in his struggle to raise a successful son.

Although Michael Phelps' mother was lionized in the press for raising an Olympic-caliber athlete as a single mother, Yuki Ohno has had a lower profile. However, the bond between Apolo and Yuki appears to be every bit as strong, and in contrast to Phelps' mother's case, Yuki never had anyone to pick up the slack for him — he was truly alone with his son throughout all the long years it took to raise him.

In Apolo and Yuki's case, victory arose out of the tragedy of abandonment. How sweet success must be for the father-son team.

Jessica Valenti in Washington Post: “Where’s the Outrage?” (i.e. Donations)

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In a call to arms featuring the same old predictable bogeymen, Jessical Valenti was given space in the Washington Post today to editorialize on why the battle against men is far from over. According to Valenti, Americans are suffering from the “mass delusion” that women don’t have it so bad in the West. She goes on to use the exaggerated statistics concerning rape and women’s earnings that have been thoroughly debunked by people who have bothered to run the numbers, painting a picture of a suffering, victimized American womanhood.

Valenti’s job is to promote a sense of female vicitimhood, whether it exists or not, so even her supporters should be skeptical of her claims, but the real issue is why she is given such publicity and space to promote her radical, questionable views. Does the Washington Post actually profit from Valenti’s strident declaration that we are facing “an epidemic of sexism?” Is there any chance that someone with opposite, equally strident opinions will be given any space in a major national publication to offer some editorial balance?

Sadly, the PC culture in newsrooms around the country suggests that there will be no effort to achieve balance, but the profit question still remains. As demonstrated by Jezebel and Cosmo, feminism is best promoted with an eye toward women’s interests, which include things such as fashion, celebrities and sex. Strident feminists such as Valenti aren’t the greatest draw in that department, but I’d be willing to bet that there are some women on WaPo’s editorial board who are very sympathetic to her brand of activism.

This is just the thing: as media has found it more and more difficult to make a profit, it has become more elitist. Major newspapers are becoming charities for activists such as Valenti, supported by the rich and powerful rather than the average consumer. Exacerbating the problem is the huge disparity in wealth that has arisen in the United States over the last generation, allowing the rich to fund their pet projects, many of which involve outdated ideologies and the warped view of reality that big money tends to create.

Valenti is making a direct appeal to these people. Although she doesn’t state it explicity, she’s clearly asking for money:

> There is so much more work to be done. The truth is, most women don’t have the privilege of being able to look at gender justice from a distance; they have no choice but to live it every day. Those of us who are lucky enough not to have to think about sexism, racism, poverty and homophobia on a daily basis — **those of us who have the privilege of sending money to an international cause via e-mail while ignoring the plight of women here at home — have a responsibility to open our eyes to the misogyny right in front of us. And then to stop it.**

For the foreseeable future, we should expect more of the same fantasy-laden editorials in national publications. There is little remaining motivation to cater to the typical American, and the money is flowing in from the kinds of people who vacation in Paris every year, so editorials will be skewed toward the interests of perhaps 10% of the American population. This will further erode profitability, leading to a positive feedback loop that forces the old media into the position of boutique publishers who cater to a small elite.

Of course, this is unsustainable over the long-term, and new models will eventually find their way and rise up to relegate the old media to its proper place, much as printing eventually pushed old manuscripts into museums and the hands of wealthy private collectors. But in the meanwhile, we should expect “respectable” media outlets to increasingly become platforms for fund raising for the pet causes of the very rich.

Another Tragedy Amongst Millions

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One of Roissy's commenters posted a link to an audio file where a man dumps his girlfriend on the radio, demanding she pack up and leave by Valentine's Day. The young man, who had been with his girlfriend for five years, including three years of living together, and was preparing to propose on Valentine's Day, had found out that she was cheating with "an old friend." The dumping, which was pretty harsh, can be listened to at the following address:

Valentine's Dumping

The young woman believed that she was about to be proposed to on air, but instead she was shamed, humiliated and unceremoniously dumped. Her pain is obvious, and was actually hard for me to listen to, although I'm sure plenty will feel no such squeamishness. The young man almost certainly dodged a bullet. He's lucky he had friends who told him when they saw his girlfriend out on the town with another guy. If he had married her, clueless the entire time to her affairs on the side, he would have found out, probably after a kid or two, that he was married to a tramp who had no respect for him as a man, and he would have endured the pain and humiliation so many American men go through these days. He's a lucky guy in many respects. Sure, he blew five years of his life with an skank, but he doesn't have to give her one red cent and he's free to move on.

However, if you think about the fallout from this breakup, the lives of these two young people will probably be forever changed. The young man will never be as trusting and willing to love as he had been, having had his heart broken by the woman he was prepared to marry, and the young woman will be thrust back into a merciless dating market just as her sexual value is on the decline.

If it weren't for our culture of female promiscuity and entitlement, these incidents would not be nearly as common as they are today. As awful as it may seem, it is not uncommon for young women to play the field sexually as they pull the wool over the eyes of the man they expect to marry them. Women love the attention of multiple men — in many ways they are *less* monogamous than men. It isn't that they are more sexually predatory, but the allure of "romance" and clandestine relationships is far stronger for the so-called "fairer sex." Men may be more sexually adventurous, but women are surely more emotionally adventurous, and while men may have a number of sexual partners, they tend to bond with one woman above all others. Women, on the other hand, crave "connecting" with multiple partners. Combine that with the assumption that sex with multiple partners carries fewer physical risks than it used to, and there are bound to be many, many young women who sleep around on the men who love them.

In an era of sexual permissivity, the long term well-being of both men and women is sacrificed. For most young men and women, their lives would be enhanced by a long, monogamous marriage. For a few men and women, there is much to gain from sexual adventure, but these are in the minority. The typical result is unfortunate incidents such as the above heartbreak of two young people who, in another time, might have gone on to be a happily married couple.

The wreckage of lives introduced by feminist policy is a subtle evil, in that one cannot see it as clearly as a corpse-strewn battlefield, but its victims are legion, and the real harm and tragedies it has introduced to millions of young people is taking an enormous toll. It is up to us to expose this scourge and hold those who profit from it morally accountable.

Styles Makes Fights — And Game

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Fans of the Sweet Science will recognize the words in the title of this post; in boxing, its one of the first principles. As much as learning the universal basics of boxing are important, such as the rules, conditioning and so on, so too is it very, very important for a boxer to find a style of boxing that best works for him. Some boxers, being tall, can utilize their superior reach; others, speed; and still others, power. Some boxers, while not having awesome "one-two" knockout power, may nevertheless be able to use their keen understanding of the mechanics of boxing and the human body, as well as being astute students of history and watching tapes of their opponent, to use all of this knowledge to their advantage during the fight, using the "point" system and endurance to wear their opponent down. Other boxers are shorter, more compact, and may do much better as an in your face kind of fighter-which quite a few boxers aren't able to handle, especially for extended periods of time,
say three or four rounds back to back.

The point is that very often, the boxer who has the best fit of his chosen style to his natural abilities, talents and gifts, more often than not, wins the fight. The same can be said of Game-after you learn the basics, such as the fundamental differences between Male and Female, what turns on both and why, etc, and when you've learned key principles such as Negs, Social Proof, PAS and so on, you're then ready to give serious consideration to the style you will use, to best take advantage of your natural abilities.

Since Game tends to attract geeky types, and because many Game writers and the like will tend to draw analogies between Game and the Force-I've done it myself-I thought to illustrate a bit more by discussing the styles a Gamesman can use, by way of the various combat styles the Jedi, the fictional ancient order of Force users in the Star Wars universe, display in the franchise of films.

In the Star Wars universe, there are what is known as the Seven Forms, a series of styles of combat that developed over millennia. Shortly after a Jedi trainee is finished with their basic training, they are then sent off to study the ways of the Force with a Master. It is usually at this time that they choose a style of combat that best suits him; often, his Master will aid him in this regard.

The Seven Forms are as follows:

1. Shii-Cho
2. Makashi
3. Soresu
4. Ataru
5. Djem-So
6. Niman
7. Juyo

Let's examine these forms briefly:

Shii-Cho is the first and most basic of combat for the Jedi. This covers all the fundamentals-stances, thrusts, striking points, swings, defence, offence. In Game parlance, this would be about learning all the most fundamental basics of Seduction, and while this style isn't as effective against more higher powered Targets, no other form can be effective without a firm grounding in this one. It's for this reason that such a style, for the aspiring Gamesmen, is most closely aligned in my view, with "Solid Game".

Makashi is a bit more obscure, owing to the fact that, at the time when the Star Wars films are made, very few Jedi encounter another Force user in combat. Makashi was designed with *dueling* in mind, and relies on elegant, subtle, yet quick and precise, almost balletic moves. It is most effective in one-on-one situations, though a verified

Master of the form can take on two highly trained Force users and defeat them both (as Count Dooku did to Obiwan and his apprentice Anakin in Attack Of The Clones). In Gamespeak, this style is best in terms of Direct Game, yet elegant, swift, with a rapier wit (Negs in this form are ultra smooth, subtle and highly, highly effective), perfect timing and a flair for fashion, elegance and style, perhaps just a bit over the top or having a thing for the dramatic.

Soresu is the third form of combat for the Jedi, and developed in the early days of blasters, which meant that Jedis had to learn to defend themselves from such attacks. In the films, for example, when you see a Jedi blocking incoming fire from a blaster, he's practicing this form to some degree. At the time of the Star Wars films, this form was pretty much the "default" style of combat, due mainly to the prevalence of blasters and the rarity of coming across Force using opponents.

Because of its focus on defense, and not on offense and attacks, this form is often referred to as "the true Jedi form" because of the Order's emphasis on passivity and peace, as well as mercy-Soresu tends to focus more on disarming an opponent rather than taking him out altogether. Obiwan Kenobi is recognized as the undisputed Master of the form and displays it beautifully, even as an older Man in the famous "cantina" scene of Star Wars: Episode Four, and his final duel with Darth Vader on the Death Star; and in his epic duel against his one time apprentice Anakin Skywalker in Star Wars: Episode Three. Notice how no matter how much rage and sheer power Anakin used against Obiwan, Obiwan remained calm and parried all his attacks, blocked all his blows and patiently bided his time, until, finally, Anakin revealed a blindspot-and Obiwan took him out.

Its for this reason that Soresu is considered virtually invincible, because opponents have been known to get tired and give up. In Game parlance, this form doesn't expend much energy chasing Targets around, but rather *draws them in* and then uses their energy with which to build attraction. "Maximum effect with minimum output" is a big feature of this style, and it is for this reason that its one of the best styles to have.

But it's also heavily dependent on one cultivating strong Inner Game, because that's where this style's true strength comes from. This style of Game relies on patience, tranquility and calm-cool, smooth, refined, yet focused and determined in the eye of the storm. Through this inner calm and peace, firm yet relaxed cool and confidence, and ability to draw in a Target to himself, such a Gamesmen rarely encounters flakes, LMR or ASD. Closes are almost always complete and full.

Ataru is the forth form of Jedi combat, which is focused on the body; this style makes use of the Jedi to accomplish great physical feats, such as leaping far distances, or performing acrobatic moves in combat. Yoda is a Master of this form of combat, because it both takes advantage of his shorter height, and as well his deep connection to the Force which makes it possible to for him to move as if a young Man. Ataru is also more attack oriented; notice Yoda doesn't "defend" himself per se; offense is the best defense in this form. In the films, perhaps the best examples of this form in action was when Yoda engaged Count Dooku, and, more importantly, Senator Palpatine, who uses a Sith variant of Ataru as well. In Gamespeak, this style most relates to flashier displays, like Peacocking, that are really over the top, working a room hard and taking it over, taking full advantage of the situation and engaging a group at full blast. The Gamesmen really puts his all into it and pretty much overwhelms or bowls over the Target and her entourage.

Because this style demands high levels of energy, it is recommended that only high energy guys use it, otherwise you can burn out pretty quick. Also, an older and/or short Man can use this style to great effect, because both states infer a less vibrant or powerful Man, and your Target can be both taken aback as well as impressed by your "Big Man" personality and/or your formidable level of energy, despite being older.

Djem-So, the fifth form of Jedi combat, is actually a mixture of Makashi and Soresu, a joining of both a dueling style, and a more defensive, "protective" style. Less "flashy" then Ataru, Djem-So concentrates on the principle of "peace through strength" and even a "might makes right" mentality. Unlike Soresu, where the user defends himself but doesn't hurt the attacker, a practitioner of Djem-So deliberately turns defence into offence. This is seen for example, when both Anakin Skywalker and his son Luke, turn blaster fire right back on those who fired it at them.

Some Jedi frown on this style, as it tends to focus more on the aggressive side of the Force. In Game parlance, this style tends to focus more on Direct Game, strong approaches, and taking any defences the Target will put up and turning back on her. Such a style is perfect for barrelling through a Target's "Bitch Shield", via use of sheer persistence, determination and will. Plus the more raw or naked displays of power is very often a big turn-on for many Women.

The sixth form of Jedi combat, Niman, is considered more of a diplomat's form or style, because instead of focusing on any one form, these users kind of dabble in all of them, having a basic understaning of each. The problem with this form though, is that there isn't enough of a grounding in any one style to really be able to make an impact when out in field and going up against hardcore opponents-this is why most Jedi were killed at the Battle of Geonosis in Attack Of The Clones.

However, one important feature of this form is its use of two weapons at once, known as Jar Kai; the only practitioner to do this in the films was Anakin in his first confrontation with Dooku, and for a time he held his own, but was eventually bested by the Makashi Master. In Game parlance, this relates to "Game theorists" but not Game *doers*, who know all the theory and what not, but have very little actual hands on experience. However, if one is able to make use of two "weapons" at once or in tandem-say both be able to work Social Proof and Preselection at once-this form can be highly effective. But by and large, not highly recommended.

Juyo, the seventh and final form of Jedi combat, is similar to both Ataru and Djem-So, in that it focuses on physicality, offence, power and passion, but much moreso than either of the two forms-in fact, it so relies on the latter, that it brings the user very close to the Darkside. It is for this reason that very few Jedi can even learn the form, much less have the inner focus needed to keep from veering over to the Darkside. Only two displays of this form have been seen in the flms-Darh Maul's Sith variant of Juyo, and Mace Windu's "take" on the form, which he calls Vaapad.

A major feature of this form is the blinding speed at which attacks are mounted, coming from all directions in a seemingly disconnected and unorthodox manner, but which are intended to both overwhelm and disorient the opponent. In Game, the practitioner using this style focuses on his inner passions as a source of his Game, and basically overwhelms his Target, coming at her from all directions and throwing everything at her including the kitchen sink. When executed correctly, it takes a Woman by storm and sweeps her off her feet. However, the downside here is that things can get too hot too fast, and can be over almost as quickly as it began. That's OK, if that's what you're looking for-but it does come at a price. For starters, the emotional toll this places on Women can be huge, since for them emotions and sex are closely linked; and the longterm effects can be hazardous to the Gamesman as well, unless he's constantly doing inner monitoring of his own state, and focusing on the Light. For this reason, it is best that should a Man choose to use this style, it is highly recommended that he first have a very clearly defined code of conduct and rules of engagement, lest he be seduced himself by the Darkside of Game.

Speaking of which, I've mentioned several times the term "Sith variant" to the differing forms of Jedi combat, and this applies to both boxing, or any other martial art, and as well, to Game. The difference is that while the former focuses on a code of ethics and the highest good, the latter focuses on the exact opposite-being amoral/immoral, and using the style in question to humiliate, demoralize or in some other way, bring the Target down or low. In boxing this would equate to hitting below the belt, using head butts and so on.

For example, much has been said about the Neg. It is a powerful tool, no doubt, but it can also be used to hurt a Woman, sometimes deeply. In Jedi speak, when it comes to Sith, there is the tactic of Dün Moch, basically taunting your opponent while using other "dirty" tactics designed to demoralize your opponent. Darth Vader did this to Luke Skaywalker during their first duel on Bespin, by using the Force to hurl objects at him from many directions while also attacking him at the same time. Senator Palpatine did this to Yoda during their battle on Coruscant while in the main chamber of the Galactic Senate. And Darth Vader did it again during his final duel with his son on the Deathstar, by mentioning Leia Organa, Luke's sister and his daughter.

In Gamespeak, Dün Moch is basically Negs Gone Bad, used intentionally to bring a Woman low, in a pernicious

way. Other “dirty” tactics can be brought to play, too-just think of how a Gamesman can use Game in a negative, morally questionable way, and you have Dark Game. It’s something that is both highly effective, but also very, very damaging, to the Target and the Gamesman both.

Anyway, the above should give you something to think about as we head into spring. Remember: styles makes fights.

And Game.

Bonus Question: what style do you think The Obsidian uses?

Holla back

The Obsidian

We Got Your Self Esteem Here

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Let me tell you what I'd do if I liked money more than self respect. I'd go to the local shoppers club and buy a hundred gross of small brown paper bags. Then I'd drive out of town to the nearest auction barn and pay them a fair price to let me go into the stalls and fill every bag with an even pound of cow crap.

Then I'd slap on some shiny pink labels with "Bag-O-Women's-Self-Esteem," printed on them in a distinctly womanish font, add a five, no, ten dollar price sticker, and tie 'em closed with couple of nice frou frou ribbons. Next, I'd set up a kick back arrangement with Dr. Phil in exchange for an endorsement and take out an ad in Cosmo or Redbook.

Then I would head down to Belize and sit on the beach, throw back cocktails and check the bank account on my Droid 8 or 10 times a day. After about a week I'd buy the beach I was sitting on, and maybe that cute little senorita that was fetching my drinks. The word expatriate would start sounding pretty good.

And I'd be doing myself and you ladies a big favor. It would be perfect synergy. I like money, and you like buying bullshit.

You've been doing it for as long as I can remember. Fake self esteem, like 98% of everything else that is marketed just to females, has become the psycho-porn of the western woman, with profits that would put a twinkle in Bill Gates eyes. How much profit exactly is anyone's guess.

What I do know is that the self esteem racket comes in a lot of guises. I will deal with the two major ones here because that is all I have time for.

First, the plastic surgery route. With 8 year olds getting bikini waxes and high school juniors getting fitted for an instant C cup, it is a growing industry for the grrls. For the supposed grown ups it is a monster. Plastic surgeons know how much better you will feel about yourself if your tits draw some more stares and your lips look a little more blow job ready.

This is what they pass off as self esteem, and they use it as an advertising come on in the same way beer companies use girls in bikinis. Since you are the consumer, it sells like cheap crack in a bad neighborhood. And so now you and your sisters are lined up like schoolgirls for tickets to see *Pink*, to get cut and stretched, injected and inflated, and to have your fat asses suctioned down to bubbles of perfection.

But, there is one ever so slight problem. Actually, it's a big one.

You see, vanity isn't self esteem. Neither is narcissism. Not the real deal, anyway. If you think self esteem and self obsession are the same thing, then go buy those plastic titties. They will match your character and personality just fine, and they might go a long way toward a career as a porn star or topless dancer if the scars don't show too much. After all, it's common knowledge that self esteem abounds for women who can squat down and pick up folded dollar bills off the floor with the crack of their ass while a room full of drunks howl at them.

Then you can attract more men and join the millions of other women that spend their time bitching about how those men won't look at them from the neck up. It's a small price to pay for all that self worth.

Tell you what -today only- two bags of cow crap for the price of one.

Now, if you are not on an elective surgery budget, you needn't feel left out. There is a whole world of cheaper but equally fake assistance with your problem. It's the Stuart Smalley route of the self esteem simpleton. And it is for sale in the wacky world of mental health. The purveyors, usually women who don't have any more self esteem than you do, are scattered across the world wide web, thicker than Henry Kissinger's accent. For a mere hundred or so per hour, they will give you the stalwart advice to look in the mirror -each and every day- and say really affirming

things like *"I am unique. I am special. I am the only 'me' there is!"* They will advise you to smile while saying it, but I dare you to simply keep a straight face.

They will tell you there are lots of reasons you don't have self esteem. The most common one being men that don't see just how special you really are, or don't tell you as much every 15 minutes. Those are the relationships where you lose your self esteem. Yes, ladies, you can have it and then lose it, like there was a big hole in your pocket and it fell through and rolled under the sofa.

Actually, they will make it look a little more sinister. It's like this: You get into a relationship and at first he is all roses and chocolates. After time though, he starts saying things that are not really bad, but just a little cutting, like "I'm going fishing with my friends,"

After some more time passes, it gets worse. When his fishing trips don't stop simply because you tell him how important it is for him to give them up for you, what started as "I'm going fishing with my friends," ends up being "Get off my back you insufferable fucking control freak."

Self esteem into the drink, right then and there.

Seriously though, ladies, disinformation about your self esteem aside, the self help gurus aren't any better at it than the cutters. And they miss the most important thing about self esteem, just like you do.

The cold truth is that if you have self esteem, nobody can take it from you. And if you can surrender it to someone, even an asshole that says he loves you, then you never had it to begin with.

That is partly because there is no such thing as self esteem. It is just a made up word; a marketing tool to get to your purse, or through you, your mans wallet. There is, however, self respect. And self respect, since it must be earned, is rarely sacrificed.

When you have it, respect from others is a given. But you can't have respect from others or yourself if what you keep chasing is scripted adoration and unearned preeminence. And if you are the average woman in today's world, you don't have a damned clue as to the difference. It makes selling you bags of bullshit all the easier. In fact, as long as you insist on hanging on to the idea that your being special is a demand you can put on anyone else, or obtain by making an ass of yourself in a mirror, it makes selling you anything but bullshit impossible.

Unlike what any plastic surgeon or psychobabble spouting huckster will tell you, you have to get off your ass and earn the way people see and treat you, and the way you see and treat yourself.

You do this through the development of your character, not as a princess or little girl or the self designated center of someone else's universe, but as a grown human being with more focus on your responsibilities than your entitlements. Ante up like a big girl and see how quickly the world, and men, treat you like one.

And if you are taking shit, stop it.

If you don't stand up, and I mean immediately, to any mistreatment from any other human being, and put an end to it, then don't whine about being a door mat. You volunteered for it the second you laid down.

But the real trick here is for you to understand that people, particularly men, failing to meet unrealistic expectations isn't robbing you of anything. They aren't respecting you by catering to your childishness, they are just giving in to it, and, in the mother of all ironies, disrespecting themselves.

Now you can take this advice, which is totally free, and start applying it today. You can start growing up this very minute. Before you know it other people, men included, will be looking at you in a way you have likely never seen before. With genuine admiration. I know, it's a poor substitute for adulation, but in the real world it has to do.

Or, if you just can't wrap your mind around the idea that the onus is on you to get the job done; that self respect is a by-product of maturity and humility, I have another form of self esteem, right here, by the bag full.

Operators are standing by.

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Best of Craiglist: How men handle the current society

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Damn, just discovered it and the stories there are really funny.

First, resignation:

To the guy doing my wife at my house

“Dude, I’m chained to a warpig, but you are the one that is desperate enough to pork her. So respect my stuff”

Chances are that, since he’s porking his wife, the other guy will not give a damn anyways. As usual, the children are the only reason of why a man would take this abuse. If he wants to keep seeing them (as much as he can before she decides to divorce), he’s gonna have to take it on the rear.

One would think that giving males reasons for not reproducing would be counterproductive, you know if you want to avoid having to cut pensions at all just for avoiding bankruptcy due to low replacement rate. It’s common sense, right? Hah. When was the last time that a politician cared about that?

Second, advice to female posters, Dr. Paul’s style:

Note to the female posters

“We are MEN. We already know everything about “commitment”. We won’t be apologizing for the former and like hell we’ll be going to the latter. Get used to it.”

It says another things, like telling women what men know since a long time ago: You aren’t an unique snowflake, much less a better one. Sounds reasonable, right? Unfortunately the manginas who will attempt to please women and fulfill what they say that they want (not what they really want) will make this advice fall in deaf ears. Sigh.

Finally, an old favorite of mine. I laughed when I found this story in another website a long time ago, and it’s funny no matter how much times I read it:

Vasectomy: $400. Speechless look on her face: priceless.

Many men can guess a summary of the story, but still should read it. A paragraph worth mentioning (an actual quote):

> I also heard that the real father was some guy in a band she had met. I assumed that after 30, women stopped going after musicians, bikers, criminals, and thugs. Silly me for thinking the best of American women.

That’s everything you need to know about Western women.

The capacity to stoically cope with hard situations hasn’t been lost in Western males. It’s a part of manhood, that’s something that cannot be removed, no matter how much they try. Stories like these prove that all the mangina conditioning of the world cannot destroy manhood.

College Professor Amy Bishop Always Got a Pass

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Amy Bishop, the University of Alabama in Huntsville professor arrested in the shooting of six colleagues on February 12, left a long, bloody trail of violence and conflict in her wake throughout her adult life. Details of the many incidents she was involved with are coming to light in the aftermath of the Alabamas rampage, but what remains unexplained is why she never had to answer for them.

Readers of *The Spearhead* probably already know why this is the case, but for the uninitiated it is a clear case of women getting a pass on violent – often criminal – behavior, even as men face heavy social and police scrutiny for their every move. Even as men are forced to attend anger management classes for raising their voice in an argument, or even making phone calls when their visitation is interfered with by ex-wives, women like Dr. Bishop get away with some breathtakingly violent acts.

In 1986, at the age of 21, Amy Bishop was attending Northeastern University with her 18-year-old brother Seth. She and Seth got into an argument, and somehow Seth ended up dead on the floor with a shotgun wound to his chest. Bishop's mother claimed it was an accident, and the incident was swept under the rug — the police accepted her and Amy's version and halted the investigation. No charges were filed, despite the fact that Amy attempted to rob a car dealership in an apparent attempt to procure a getaway car. One would think that this is an indication of guilt.

Here is an excerpt from an in-depth NY Times story on Dr. Bishop:

> Carrying the shotgun, she descended the stairs to the kitchen, where her brother and mother were standing.
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> "I was at the kitchen sink and Seth was standing by the stove," Mrs. Bishop told the police. "Amy said, 'I have a shell in the gun, and I don't know how to unload it.' I told Amy not to point the gun at anybody. Amy turned toward her brother and the gun fired, hitting him. Amy then ran out of the house with the shotgun."
>
> Mrs. Bishop said the shooting had been an accident.

In 1994, Bishop was questioned concerning a mail bomb plot against a Harvard professor.

In 2002 Bishop attacked another woman in a Peabody, Massachussets International House of Pancakes over the use of a child booster seat, punching her in the head. Although she was charged, she apparently got off the hook with a slap on the wrist and probation — she was never convicted.

Bishop was an aspiring writer, and worked with a writers' group in Massachussetts, where one of the collaborators on a novel she planned to write about biological warfare described her as "always within striking distance of the edge."

A man with a similar history wouldn't have escaped the criminal justice system. Even the IHOP incident would have, in all likelihood, landed a man in jail for a spell, and at least with a conviction on his record.

We live in a society in which the innocence of women is an article of faith. When men have their legs crushed for allegedly making a phone call to their ex-wives, and women get off scot-free for murdering their own brothers, there's bound to eventually be some blowback. It is sad to see what happened to Dr. Bishop's colleagues, and although Dr. Bishop should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, others, including the prosecutor and police chief in Braintree MA who let her off the hook, should answer for letting her crimes go unpunished.

No End of Young Women Seeking to Capitalize on their Promiscuity

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Ashley Cole, a famous UK footballer, has been following in Tiger Woods' footsteps by having a string of affairs with blondes despite having an attractive, accomplished wife. His most recent escapade was in Seattle, where his Chelsea team was playing an exhibition game against the Seattle Sounders.

Cole hooked up with a 28-year-old City Council staffer named Ann Corbitt at the Four Seasons Hotel. The soccer player is portrayed as being a sly, tricky devil in this article, but the tactics he allegedly used to bed the star-struck staffer, including sending her pictures of himself in underpants, were pure cheesecake.

His clumsy attempts to "seduce" the young woman didn't matter, because all she could think of was his status as a famous athlete. It took very little for Cole to convince Ms. Corbitt to go to bed with him the first night they met. Pictures of her with the athlete portray a giddy woman grinning from ear to ear, looking for all the world like she'd just hit the jackpot.

Corbitt claims not to have had any idea he was married. Of course, she could have asked, but it probably wouldn't have mattered, given that she is the kind of woman who will jump into bed with an athlete at a moment's notice and then make the details public (she has even hired a British publicity agent).

Here's Ann Corbitt spilling the beans:

> "All in all, the sex lasted three or four hours," she told us. "I was very taken aback by how intimate he was and how needy he was.
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> "It was like having sex with a boyfriend, someone who loves you. Ashley took my clothes off and was incredibly attentive.
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> "He was a creative and adventurous lover. At the end he was satisfied and so was I. He was aiming to please, not just out to satisfy himself.
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> "When we went to sleep, he wanted to snuggle up close. I don't like sleeping like that and he made me too hot.
>
> "But even when I moved to the other side of the bed Ashley still wanted to hold hands and have that contact. And that was sweet."

Why do American women love sharing with the world what sluts they are? Could it be because they are rewarded for it? Whatever the reason, it takes not only shamelessness, but a vicious attitude toward the man's wife to do

something like this. I suppose the only conclusion one can come to is that Corbitt is pure trash, and as low-class as it gets, but unfortunately she's the norm.

An additional observation I would make is that women who are attracted to politics seem to be amongst the most consistent offenders in this regard. Perhaps this is how they get their jobs as "staffers" in the first place. Wouldn't surprise me at all if a plurality of female staffers sleep with all the high-status men they can get their hands on (as opposed to those who only do it sometimes and those who don't do so at all). Perhaps Tom Rasmussen, Seattle City Councilman and Corbitt's boss, hired her for just that reason.

Crystal Gail Mangum: Requiem for a Headcase

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By now everyone on the planet has heard about the recent arrest of former exotic dancer Crystal Gail Mangum, who, nearly four years ago, falsely accused three White students of gang raping her on Duke University's campus. The story, fueled by the joining of two of America's most potent taboos-Sex & Race-quickly sprouted legs, and became the cause celeb of do-gooders everywhere.

Despite the opportunistic zeal of Durham NC DA Mike Nifong, the case was eventually thrown out, due both to Mangum's story having been flimsy in the first the and the DNA results proving the accused so-called Duke Three's innocence. But by then, the damage had been done-the Duke Three's families spent more than a million dollars in legal fees defending their sons' good name; upwards of 100 Duke faculty, much of them tenured academics, signed an open letter condemning the Duke Three; and the whole of the Femosphere, aided and abetted by the mainstream news media, led the charge in vilifying in the worst ways imaginable, the Duke Three.

If ever there was a case to be made for a High-Tech Lynching, this was it. The sheer irony of it all, during Black History Month no less, is something you just can't make up.

Mangum's recent arrest on a litany of charges, including *domestic abuse*, along with a long history of legal trouble, and some even suggest mental and emotional problems, only goes to show the Woman for what she is — not some hapless victim, but the problem herself. And ironically enough, it is Women like her who make true victims of rape harder to believe.

Part of the personal code that I live by is to always respect Universal Law, because its true-what goes around, comes around. Not only that, but the Truth ALWAYS comes out, sooner or later. If you're standing on Truth, you have nothing to worry about for Truth crushed to earth, shall always rise again. That the cacophony of academics, talking heads and Feministas, are now strangely silent, only proves the point. And worse, notice that not a one of them have so much as offered an apology, not just to the Duke Three – their lives ruined regardless of their innocence proven in a court of law – but to the general public either. All of them go on as if nothing happened, even as Ms. Mangum's mugshot is plastered all over the news media and Internet.

Earlier this morning, the local NPR affiliate, instead of covering the Mangum case, instead decided to run yet *another* story of a young lady who claims to have been raped on college campus, *after attending a frat/keg party and drinking heavily*. Hmm. I defy anyone reading this to check in with the leading Feminist blogs and sites: Alas! A Blog, Feministing, Feministe, Jezebel, Pandagon, and tell me that they've even mentioned Mangum's name in the past week, much less even fixed their mouths to offer a mea culpa. Remember, these are the same folks who say, that Women never LIE about being raped, and that anyone who suggests otherwise is a rank Misogynist. Right?

I'll wait.

As I've always said, and it bears repeating now, tough times don't shape character; they reveal it. If the Femosphere-which absolutely includes Academia and Legacy Media-had a scintilla of character, they would be among the first to offer a "my bad". They. Remain. Silent. And then have the nerve to continue running "hate against Women" propaganda as if nothing ever happened.

If nothing else proves that this foul triumvirate has no credibility, that the Empress is walking around in the buck, the Ballad of Crystal Gail Mangum most definitely does. And, I assure my Brothers-and Sisters of Good Will-do not be troubled.

For the Truth needs no defense.

And it will always win out in the end.

Just ask Ms. Crystal Gail Mangum.

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Goodbye, Old Friend!

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Little Sparky, my macbook, has finally entered his death throes. Victim of a faulty power source, he has started to sputter and rattle like an old man at the end of the line. Poor little Sparky! He served me so well throughout the years…

I'll have to get a new machine, despite my dire straits, but what really bothers me is what will become of the little guy. I'd give him a proper burial, but his corroding components would likely leach out and poison the soil. I'd part him out on e-bay, but that just seems so cynical and cruel. Perhaps I should shellac the little machine and mount him on the wall.

If anyone has been the workhorse of *The Spearhead*, it has been Sparky, who has patiently endured so much pounding and poking without so much as a whine or beep. Never once did he present me with the Blue Screen of Death, and he obeyed my every command. If only I could find a wife as fine as Sparky, I'd be a made man!

So, if there are a few gaps in content over the next day or so, mark it down to grief (and to all the time it will take me to install all my junk on a new machine).

Why Women Shouldn't Preach

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Elusive Wapiti, a contributor to *The Spearhead*, has a great post up on why "Conservative" women are as much a problem as their strident, infanticidal sisters in the left-feminist movement. EW is a committed Christian. Considering the abuse that Christian men are subjected to these days not only from their country, but their church as well, it is a wonder that any of them exist at all these days. It must be a testament to the strength of the faith, so maybe all is not lost.

In any event, none of the Abrahamic religions have any room for feminism, but this heresy has infected Christianity to an alarming degree. One might even compare contemporary American Christianity with the state-sanctioned churches that were dedicated to promulgating the sham notion that the USSR and other Communist countries tolerated religious freedom.

As women increasingly voice their opinion on church matters, Christianity becomes more and more of a farce. Search the internet, and you will find female theologians popping out of every crevice, virtually preaching their own brand of femino-centric Christianity to the world.

Although I definitely inherited a Christian sensibility from my family and culture, I've pretty much given up on the faith. However, I still think it's within my rights to tell Christians that if they don't tell these mouthy ladies to shut up (1 Timothy 2:11-13) they might as well call it a good run and start over with something else.

Look around at EW's place, and throw in a comment over there if you have an opinion.

Delusions of Masculinity

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The other night my compadre and I were watching some coverage of the winter Olympics. There was some sort of skiing on, slalom I think, and it caught my eye. Impressive stuff. Then women's figure skating comes on and the compadre gets ready to turn the channel.

"Don't even say it…I know you won't watch this."

"Why not? You basically have some pretty girls being graceful and dancing to Western classical music. Nothing wrong with that. That's what they're *supposed* to do. Like ballerinas. *Like women*. Ice skating is a good sport for women. It's pretty and feminine. Only the male skating is offensive. If I wanted to see some f—ing queen in spandex gyrate like a f—ing whore I would go to a f—ing gay bar."

So obviously I'm not watching the men's figure skating competitions. But you've seen them. Maybe not this year. But they've looked pretty much the same for the past 20 years, right? Gay guy in a sparkly outfit fags out, middle class housewives clap. Husbands wince. End of story.

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Jack: I feel like kicking every dude I see today in the balls. No idea why.

Max: Because America just won its first gold medal in mens figure skating and fag who lost is accusing the fag who won of skating like a woman.

Jack: Now it makes perfect sense. Thanks.

But *why* do men wince?

I was laughing about the text exchange above with a guy I work with a few days later. He says:

"Dude, I *hate* watching that stuff. It's *embarrassing*."

So I did what I do. I applied the narrative.

"That's what I get from most men. It's *embarrassing* to watch because the skater is *embarrassing himself*. It's uncomfortable to watch a man *dishonor* himself."

"Yeah. *Exactly*."

I don't know if I'm willing to go on record as saying that men's figure skating is always unmanly. I can't recall one off the top of my head, but there are probably guys who have put a testosterone spin on it—*who really made the ice their bitch*.

This is the part where I really want to say, "*What would Brian Boitano do?,"* but he ain't exactly Clint Eastwood, is he?

He did build the pyramids, and he beat up Kubela Kong.

And NAPOLEON. He dressed like Napoleon. *So there's that.*

Figure skating isn't really a sport. Figure skating is an interpretive dance that requires a high degree of athleticism. Ballet is also an interpretive dance that requires a high degree of athleticism. Figure skating is more like ballet than it is like swimming or sprinting or weightlifting. But the audience for the Winter Olympics this year has been 56% female. Women love watching figure skating, which is all about backstory and expression and emotion—not raw numbers or linear achievement. It's ratings gold and they'll call it whatever they want to call it. Men will continue to tune it out. It's women's entertainment; skaters are entertainers catering to a largely female audience. In fact, from

the looks of it, they're catering to roughly the same audience as *American Idol*—where faggotry also abounds.

For the record, my application of the term "faggot" is inclusively pansexual, and that usage seems to be increasingly common among men. Homosexuality and effeminacy correlate on average but effeminacy is not the exclusive domain of homosexual males. Not by a longshot. I don't care who a man says he's having sex with. If he's wearing something f—ing *bedazzled* and prancing around like a tart, he's a fag to me. Fruitcakes are fruitcakes. Likewise men who act like men should be regarded as men and treated like men.

Fagtastic figure skating is fine and dandy, so to speak.

If some guy wants to get in touch with his inner Tinkerbell, well, I guess someone has to do it.

But don't expect men to get excited about it, or watch it, or approve. It is what it is.

And when a male figure skater says something stupid like, "I think masculinity is what you believe it to be," men need to stand up and correct him, instead of caving in to women and gay groups and apologizing.

Men need to control the definition of masculinity.

Masculinity is not "whatever you believe it to be."

If it is "whatever you believe it to be" then it is a word without meaning. So why even say it?

The argument itself is completely insincere.

Johnny Weir knows he's not masculine. He's "gender bending." He knows it, and he *loves* it. He knows he's playing at being a half-woman. He knows the kind of reaction it gets from men. He knows it gets a lot of attention, negative and positive. He wants that attention. He's not just "expressing himself." He's being purposefully transgressive, and the people close to him obviously enable and validate it.

His feigned innocence is a lie. Fags like Johnny Weir subscribe to a feminist agenda. They believe they are changing the world, and they are absolutely giddy about it. And unfortunately, *they're right.*

They are remaking "masculinity" in their own image.

Because men are allowing it. They don't want to deal with these guys, because arguing with fags is like arguing with women. There's no honor in it.

Some *French Canadian* guys joked on-air about what most guys *think* when they are forced to watch some queen shame himself on ice. They said he should be tested to make sure he's really a man.

He's acting like a big queen, he knows he's acting like a big queen, he has no shame about it, so they shame him a little. They're not *afraid* of him—it's not a real *phobia*. It's like a peculiarly male form of empathy coupled with a peculiarly human form of social control. They're embarrassed for him, they're ashamed of him and they want to distance themselves from him. Weir is an omega. He's rejected the form—he's openly mocking it. So they push him out of the world of men and he continues to thrive as the little darling of women.

There's a lot of talk in "men's movement" circles about shaming language, because women use it to control men. But men also use it to control each other.

Johnny Weir and his supporters want figure skating in fur and sequins to be equal to showing strength and valor in battle—at least in terms of "masculinity." Unfortunately, I sometimes see men's advocates saying essentially the same thing.

"Throw off those old roles!"

"Do whatever you want!"

"Don't let anyone tell you how to be a man!"

"Kill the alpha!"

“Beta power!”

“Masculinity can be whatever you believe it to be!”

Oh, wait. That last one was Johnny Weir.

Don’t be a tool.

Masculinity means something. Some men are more masculine than others, just like some men are taller than others. Some men are good at being men, but they are not always good men. There is room for distinction and discussion—men have always talked about what it means to be a man.

But men don’t need to live in a world where nothing means anything, and everyone gets to be “alpha for a day.” That’s not *winning*.

That’s the way women think.

That’s the world that women want.

That’s the world feminists want.

When masculinity means whatever you want it to mean, it means nothing.

And being a man means nothing.

When being a man means nothing, women have won “The Battle of the Sexes” completely.

And they know it.

Men have got to start saying “no” again.

To Johnny Weir, to politically correct groups, to women, and to each other.

Take back the power of “NO.”

NY Times: Cultural Signals Missed in Amy Bishop Case

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Writing for the NY Times, Sam Tanenhaus suggests that art has failed to keep pace with the rising tide of female power and violence. According to Tanenhaus, American artists have usually had a good sense of the direction society was moving, and have produced faithful representations of their contemporary times:

> [...] the Jazz Age is better known through the fiction of F. Scott Fitzgerald, who captured its energies in real time, than through any number of retrospective studies. And the alienated teenager, that fixture of modern American life, didn't fully exist until J. D. Salinger, with his faultless ear and attentive eye, coaxed him into being.
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> But every now and then, it seems, a gap is exposed. Events occur; art offers no guidance. The powers of imagination and attunement falter. Artists suffer a collective loss of awareness. "The culture" emits signals, but they are picked up only fitfully or are missed altogether.

He writes that today is one of those times of artistic failure, and skates dangerously close to the edge of truth in the following passage:

> But the landscape of unprovoked but premeditated female violence remains strangely unexplored. Women who kill are "relegated to an 'exceptional case' status that rests upon some exceptional, or untoward killing circumstance: the battered wife who kills her abusive husband; the postpartum psychotic mother who kills her newborn infant," Candice Skrapec, a professor of criminology, noted in "The Female Serial Killer," an essay included in the anthology "Moving Targets: Women, Murder and Representation" (1994).
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> Ms. Skrapec was writing at a time when Hollywood seemed preoccupied with women who commit crimes — in productions like "The Burning Bed," the 1984 television film in which a battered wife finally sets her sleeping husband aflame, and "Thelma & Louise" (1991), in which a pair of women go on a outlaw spree after one of them is threatened with rape.
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> Both are essentially exculpatory parables of empowerment, anchored in feminist ideology. Their heroines originate as victims, pushed to criminal excesses by injustices done to them. The true aggressors are the men who mistreat and objectify them. So too with "Monster" (2003), in which Charlize Theron, in a virtuosic instance of empathy (and cosmetic makeover) re-enacted the story of Aileen Wuornos, a real-life prostitute who, after years of sexual abuse, began murdering her clients.

A few writers at the NY Times are beginning to show signs of breaking out of this "feminist ideology." Tanenhaus, in exploring the possibility that female empowerment has led to the rise of female violence and criminality over the last decade or so, is exposing the fact that feminist rhetoric is dated and out of touch with contemporary reality.

Expanding on Ezra Pound's assertion that artists are the "antennae" of culture and society, he writes that, for many of our artists, their antennae have grown rusty, or simply aren't working. That we could read appeals from Jessica Valenti for the poor, oppressed American women – those eternal victims of the patriarchy – even as the blasts of Dr. Amy Bishop's gun echoed through the halls of the University of Alabama actually suggests something more sinister.

It isn't a mere oversight to inaccurately depict society, after all, when objective reality flatly contradicts feminist discourse. Rather, it is a deliberate attempt to shore up the very power that has led to atrocities, both large and small, carried out by those with more political and social power in the United States.

Tanenhaus takes a step in the right direction by airing this discrepancy, and demonstrates that his own antennae are in good shape. However, I suspect that the real trick in keeping them that way lies only in the ability to fire up the

browser and navigate to some of the sites that are spearheading this social revelation.

Potiphar's Wife: False Rape Accuser of the Bible

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In the spirit of the current discussions on religion and and false accusations, I thought I'd bring the two together by introducing the story of Joseph and Potiphar's wife, found in Genesis. Joseph was a Hebrew who was sold into captivity and eventually purchased by Potiphar, but due to ability and perseverance rose to become the head of his master's household.

Potiphar's wife took a fancy to the young and virile Joseph, and set out to seduce him. Being a loyal servant to his kind and trusting master, Joseph resisted her, but she took hold of his cloak, forcing him to flee. Angry, and left with nothing but Joseph's cloak in her hand, Potipher hatched a plot to accuse him of attempted rape.

Here is the account given in Genesis 39:

> 1
> When Joseph was taken down to Egypt, a certain Egyptian (Potiphar, a courtier of Pharaoh and his chief steward) bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him there.
> 2
> But since the LORD was with him, Joseph got on very well and was assigned to the household of his Egyptian master.
> 3
> When his master saw that the LORD was with him and brought him success in whatever he did,
> 4
> he took a liking to Joseph and made him his personal attendant; he put him in charge of his household and entrusted to him all his possessions.
> 5
> From the moment that he put him in charge of his household and all his possessions, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; in fact, the LORD'S blessing was on everything he owned, both inside the house and out.
> 6
> Having left everything he owned in Joseph's charge, he gave no thought, with Joseph there, to anything but the food he ate. Now Joseph was strikingly handsome in countenance and body.
> 7
> After a time, his master's wife began to look fondly at him and said, "Lie with me."
> 8
> But he refused. "As long as I am here," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, but has entrusted to me all he owns.
> 9
> He wields no more authority in this house than I do, and he has withheld from me nothing but yourself, since you are his wife. How, then, could I commit so great a wrong and thus stand condemned before God?"
> 10
> Although she tried to entice him day after day, he would not agree to lie beside her, or even stay near her.
> 11
> One such day, when Joseph came into the house to do his work, and none of the household servants were then in the house,
> 12
> she laid hold of him by his cloak, saying, "Lie with me!" But leaving the cloak in her hand, he got away from her and ran outside.
> 13

> When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand as he fled outside,
> 14
> she screamed for her household servants and told them, “Look! my husband has brought in a Hebrew slave to make sport of us! He came in here to lie with me, but I cried out as loud as I could.
> 15
> When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran away outside.”
> 16
> She kept the cloak with her until his master came home.
> 17
> Then she told him the same story: “The Hebrew slave whom you brought here broke in on me, to make sport of me.
> 18
> But when I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and fled outside.”
> 19
> As soon as the master heard his wife’s story about how his slave had treated her, he became enraged.
> 20
> He seized Joseph and threw him into the jail where the royal prisoners were confined. But even while he was in prison,
> 21
> the LORD remained with Joseph; he showed him kindness by making the chief jailer well-disposed toward him.
> 22
> The chief jailer put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners in the jail, and everything that had to be done there was done under his management.
> 23
> The chief jailer did not concern himself with anything at all that was in Joseph’s charge, since the LORD was with him and brought success to all he did.

As I have grown older, I’ve come to realize that we ignore ancient wisdom at our peril. The Bible, the Greek and Roman classics, the Chinese classics, and many other great works of wisdom are available to us to clearly show that for all our “progress” human nature has changed very little.

We educate our children only in “modern” disciplines, and in so doing them we cripple their judgment and deprive them of some of vitally important lessons. Sometimes, I think movements such as feminism are born out of ignorance more than anything else, and a stupidity that can only arise from a lack of real education and understanding of the world.

This is Female Journalism

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"Anti-theist" Angie is live-tweeting her abortion, and is being applauded by Jessica Valenti and her crew for doing so. Although I'm not in favor of using legal pressure to end abortion (I think law got us into our fix in the first place), I have to admit that it would be nice to see these snuff films disappear. When women have control of the mic, anything's fair game, including the elimination of their own children.

Angie looks like a $20 whore to me. I don't know what she expects to get out of this awful display. Perhaps she thinks the feminists who are cheering her on will kick a few bucks her way for using abortifacients. Of course, this won't happen. To feminists like Jessica Valenti, she's just a useful idiot, and the activist women with the big money in their purses wouldn't dare associate themselves with something so banal — they prefer doing it from a distance, hence the support for RAWA and other third world female brutality.

Watch single mother Angie tell the world how abortion is so much easier and more rewarding than being a mother:

This is the perfect representation of the American woman. A woman who publicly celebrates poisoning the children in her womb. And they call men dangerous!

I wonder how her son will feel about his mother's eagerness to eliminate inconvenient children.

If anything, this proves that the Christians who oppose abortion are absolute idiots for the most part. They kill abortion doctors and call the women – who make the ultimate choice – "victims." If you believe abortion is murder, then why is the person who takes out the contract any less guilty than the hitman?

Wheels of Justice Beginning to Turn

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Biurny Peguero Gonzalez, a single mother who has admitted to lying in court to convict an innocent man of rape was sentenced to 1-3 years in prison by Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Charles Solomon, who has apparently decided to live up to his name. Gonzalez originally lied to placate her friends, who were upset that she had ditched them to accept a ride from her victim, William McCaffrey.

After Mr. McCaffrey had already served four years of his sentence, exculpatory evidence came to light, and Gonzalez, under pressure from her priest, recanted. She will be eligible for parole in under a year, less than a quarter of the time McCaffrey spent in prison. However, her sentence is exceptional in that most women who lie to put men behind bars are never inconvenienced at all.

Having a man falsely imprisoned is an act of violence. It is worse than all but the most egregious domestic violence in that it not only deprives a man of freedom for an extended period – sometimes for life – but ruins his reputation as well. When people make generalizations about which sex is more violent and prone to do harm, they tend to ignore the willingness of a significant minority of women to destroy the lives of innocent men. This fraction may even be higher than the proportion of men who are violent criminals. It is exaggerated by a lack of accountability, highlighted by Crystal Mangum's false accusation of the Duke Lacrosse players, for which she faced no penalty at all.

Only justice can prevent false accusations and, for once, it appears that it has been done in such a case.

Canadian Women Hockey Players Get Drunk, Chomp Cigars on the Ice

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In a show of poor sportsmanship, the Canadian women's hockey team, gold medals around their necks, swilled Canadian lager and puffed Cuban cigars for their post-game photo op. Later, some were seen sprawled drunkenly on the ice. The IOC is not amused, and has taken steps to investigate the team for what, to most of the rest of the world, was a rather tasteless display.

For some reason, despite the "liberated" spirit of the players, women's ice hockey is not as popular as women's figure skating among women, for whom it has about the same appeal that men's figure skating does for most men.

ESPN's Tony Kornheiser Suspended for Criticizing Awful Cougar Outfit

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Tony Kornheiser, an ESPN sports reporter, deeply offended his colleague Hannah Storm by dissing her outfit on his radio show a few days ago. For this he was suspended, but what really ought to be asked is why Storm's stylist wasn't suspended instead. The outfit really is awful, and although Kornheiser's statement may have offended Hannah, it couldn't have been any worse than the offense her unfortunate viewers were subjected to.

Kornheiser's remarks, quoted below, were actually pretty funny:

> "Hannah Storm in a horrifying, horrifying outfit today. She's got on red go-go boots and a catholic school plaid skirt … way too short for somebody in her 40s or maybe early 50s by now." [She's 47.] "She's got on her typically very, very tight shirt. She looks like she has sausage casing wrapping around her upper body … I know she's very good, and I'm not supposed to be critical of ESPN people, so I won't … but Hannah Storm … come on now! Stop! What are you doing? … She's what I would call a Holden Caulfield fantasy at this point."

Feminists are predictably outraged, but what was "sexist" or "misogynist" about what he said? All he did was suggest that she looked bad in a particular outfit. Women criticize each other's clothing all the time.

These days, "sexism" is pretty much anything women don't like to hear from men. What a joke.

More Female Journalism

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Sally Quinn has been writing a column called "The Party" for the Washington Post for some time, but she's been kicked off the print version due to certain indiscretions. Quinn thought it would be a good idea to air her family's dirty laundry in the newspaper, and use her column as a platform to explain away what looks like a dirty trick she played on her step-granddaughter. The article is terribly boring, and I don't have any idea why your average reader would care one whit about her private drama, but Sally seemed to think it was worth throwing up. I really can't believe the editors let this one get through. Maybe everyone involved was drunk.

Here's an excerpt from the column:

> Our son Quinn Bradlee is marrying Pary Williamson in Washington on April 10. My husband's granddaughter Greta Bradlee is getting married the same day in California. In the past few days there have been a spate of negative stories, both online and in print, about the "dueling weddings." It's been hurtful to all four of these wonderful young people. This "dueling" characterization couldn't be further from the truth.
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> The unfortunate result of the dates being the same was an inadvertent mistake on my part. My error had nothing to do with the two couples who will wed that day.
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> [...]
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> Quinn and Pary decided on Oct. 10, 2010, as their wedding date. Over Christmas, Greta's mother and I came to an understanding that, because of existing tensions, it would be best for all if none of us attended Greta's wedding. Then, in mid-January, we were thrilled to learn that Pary is pregnant, due Sept. 21, and decided to move up the date as quickly as possible.
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> Unfortunately, our church does not do weddings during Lent or Easter. The only date we could arrive on when both church and minister were available was April 10, and the next wasn't until after Memorial Day.

This is in a national newspaper? I'm shaking my head. This belongs on a blog that nobody reads, but is being projected far and wide.

When we talk about the feminization of certain professions, this is what we mean. This kind of irrelevant fluff is as responsible for killing major publications off as the internet. I've never had much pity for newspapers' failures, but every time I see this junk I actually feel optimistic about their demise. Could it be any worse?

Naturally, the others involved expressed outrage, and Quinn was disciplined by being demoted to online only. Why didn't they just fire her outright? Any man who made such a boner would get the axe for sure.

In the distant past, it was commonly thought that women were naturally more modest than men, and had more of a sense of shame. However, I can't think of one single period in the history of the entire world when men behaved with such shameless indiscretion and were so eager to air the personal in public as our women are today.

Just goes to show how *wrong* we were about women.

Major Drama in US Armed Forces as Women Take on Combat Roles

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Writing in the NY Times, Steven Myers examines the rising tide of sexual harassment and rape complaints made by female soldiers serving in combat zones. Evidently, many of the problems occur when women choose to break up with their boyfriends. One such woman, Captain Margaret White, was engaged in a tryst with a married man at Taji, a base in Iraq, and then decided he had become "creepy." When he attempted to win her back, she became "afraid" and later complained that he had forced her to have sex, and sometimes waited for her for a long time at various spots around the base.

Ms. White eventually obtained the military version of a no-contact order, but expressed frustration about the fact that she might face recrimination. According to the military, only 10% of sexual harassment incidents are reported. However, if sexual harassment is as loosely defined as it is in the civilian world, that is not saying much. For example, the article reports one female soldier, Specialist Erica Beck, based in Diyala, as claiming that a soldier harassed her by expressing, apparently on one occasion, interest in her. In all likelihood, the proposition came from a beta male soldier.

In another incident, a female soldier reported sexual harassment, only to find herself drummed out of the army for adultery:

> When Sgt. Tracey R. Phillips told a superior about an unwanted sexual advance from a private the night their unit arrived in Iraq in May, the accusations unleashed a flurry of charges and countercharges, an initial investigation of her on charges of adultery, a crime in the military justice system, and, according to her account, violations by her commanders of the new procedures meant to ease reporting of abuse.
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> In the end, she was kicked out of Iraq and the Army itself, while the private remained on duty here.
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> The military disputed her account but declined to state the reasons for sending her out of Iraq. Her paperwork showed that she received an honorable discharge, though with "serious misconduct" cited as the reason. The so-called misconduct, she said, stemmed from the Army's allegation that she had had an inappropriate relationship with the private she accused. She denied that.

These kinds of "injustices," where females soldiers do not always have their sexual preferences and behavioral choices enforced the the military, have led some politicians to bring up the issue of our poor, beleagured ladies in uniform.

According to California Representative Jane Harman, "A woman in the military is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire in Iraq." This statement has been trumpeted by feminist media outlets as proof that the US Military has a crisis on its hands, but it actually reflects the tiny proportion of combat deaths suffered by women.

If the problem is that men simply can't be trusted to behave themselves around women in a combat zone, perhaps women really do not belong in combat. Or, on the other hand, men do not belong in combat. To settle the matter, all men should be withdrawn from combat zones, and the women should be left on their own to handle war.

Just like Jane Harman, I'm sure the enemy will be much nicer to them than our nasty boys in uniform.

Stopping Male Genital Mutilation

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I'm circumcised and fortunate not to have had any serious lasting complications from it. Of course, like many other males lacking their foreskin I have reduced sexual sensitivity and if my Johnson gets in a pickle he's more likely to end up chafed.

However, those are the least of the negative effects resulting from cutting off protective, nerve-rich flesh from one's genitals. Complications and even death can result during circumcision surgery. Some of these complications can cause problems into adulthood, even resulting in painful – and smaller – erections.

If I father a boy he won't be circumcised. There is no medical reason for routine circumcision of baby boys. Circumcision creates new risks, it does not prevent HIV or other diseases, and cleaning the foreskin is easy. I'm not going to circumcise my son for the sake of some American trollops who have been led to believe a mutilated penis is more aesthetically pleasing than a natural one. Would you circumcise your son so that when he's older he can "last longer" for selfish little girls produced by the feminized Western world?

I received an e-mail from Intact America, an anti-circumcision organization whose mailing list subscribe to:

> On March 2, the Massachusetts State Senate will consider the Male Genital Mutilation Bill, legislation **that would outlaw the genital mutilation of both young girls AND boys in Massachusetts.**
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> We urgently need your help to show Massachusetts legislators why passing this bill is the right thing to do.
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> Submit your own personal story about why you oppose circumcision before March 2 – **and we'll make sure your testimony is heard by the Massachusetts State Senate Joint Committee.**

I would urge you to consider sharing your own story to help stop this barbaric practice. Massachusetts could set a precedent for the rest of the United States to follow.

A Word From the Big Head About the Little Head

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Dear Ladies,

In a woman's world, half-baked complaints about men get passed around like joints at an early 70's Zeppelin concert. Most of them have the same result in the cognitive realm. Pot makes you stupid. Misandry makes you stupid and chronically angry.

But there was actually one of those complaints that was rooted in some truth, and now I'd like to share that with the red-eyed, pissed off lot of you.

Men think with their dicks.

True dat.

When it comes to women we are just wired that way. When we meet you, we size up your body part of choice first and then check our the rest of the terrain as a follow up. We wonder if you swallow before we want to know your last name. If you are not what we want sexually speaking, we make some small talk, but start figuring on an escape route even as we nod and smile to whatever it is you are saying. If we are attracted to you, then in one way or another, everything we say or do is geared to matters horizontal.

It is just the way we are. Take it up with God or Darwin as you please, but don't whine about it. It's never going to change. And it doesn't make us defective. Truth is, you would not be reading this if things were not just as they are because homo sapiens would have just been another evolutional dead end. And truth tell, it lands us men in a lot more trouble than it ever brought on you. So if you are looking for sympathy about it, inquire elsewhere.

Actually, rather than being cranky, you should be thankful. If men thought with anything other than their dicks, 98% of them wouldn't give you the time of day. I mean, why would any man pay any attention to you at all were it not for the prospect of boning you? What, your *personality*? Your companionship; sharing interests?

Please.

Let's just get real here, ladies. Think of every time a man has ever bought you dinner, flowers, candy, jewelry, taken you on vacation, paid your bills, carried your crap, repaired your car or fixed any of those other thingy's in your life with moving parts that seem to escape your grasp. Now take your pussy out of the equation. You can kiss it all goodbye. If you think that isn't true you are seriously deceiving yourself.

And let's get even more real. You, of course, already know all this don't, you?

That is why you spend billions collectively on cosmetics, alluring clothing, fake tits and the like. And before you come across with some tired old "I do those things for me," bullshit line, just stop. Save that for your girlfriends. They need their delusions reinforced much more than I need my intelligence insulted.

See, here is the problem. Men thinking with their dicks and you playing on that to get ahead has always been a really good deal for you. I mean, c'mon, surely you can see that biology has dealt you the *get-out-of-jail-and-everything-else-free* card, platinum edition. Just use it with some measure of dignity and it will be passed down to your daughters and their daughters, forever and ever halleluiah.

You should seriously think about the long term impact of a meme that shames men's natural inclinations, even as you exploit them. In fact you can already see the result.

Numbers of men, and I mean growing numbers, have been so barraged with the message that they have started listening to it. Many of us have started thinking, and have concluded, "Man, they're right, I do think with my dick."

Ladies, that is not good news for you. Because the day men stop thinking with their dicks, you are truly fucked.

So my suggestion to you is this. One, smarten up enough to know a good thing when you see it. And two, use the thing you are most gifted at, self interest, and see this realistically.

I have already covered the material and free labor incentives for embracing the natural state of things. But there is another benefit you probably never considered.

It can help keep you from being so psychotic.

Like so many of the things you like to bash men for, it requires you to embrace two diametrically opposed sets of beliefs at the same time. When you are lamenting men who think with their dicks, yet continue parasitic use of them, you just end up in a hostile-dependant mindset that will always keep you in conflict.

It may appear that as a woman you can change beliefs to suit situations as easily as a man can change crank baits in a bass boat, but the resultant craziness is unavoidable, and so is the ensuing state of permanent dissatisfaction.

You can't depend on something you hate and ever be happy or completely sane. That is just as hard wired as a man's sexuality. So you only have three options here.

First, stay crazy and unhappy That will be the choice for almost all of you, which pretty much explains why modern femininity is better explained as a mental disorder than an adaptive aspect of evolution.

Two, drop the dependency. *Fat chance*.

Or last, drop the hate. I have a sneaking suspicion that the number of women who drop the hate will somehow have a positive correlation to the number of men who start telling women to find their purse if they want to go out to dinner, even if it means, god forbid, doing a little thinking with the big head.

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Manliness is Love

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A lot of people have a hard time defining manliness and masculinity.

In fact, some people insist that because it doesn't always mean exactly the same thing, masculinity doesn't mean anything at all. They pillory words like manhood, manliness, manly and masculine by locking them up in quotation marks where they are to be mocked, scrutinized and castrated.

This is a political position, and it's a fundamentally dishonest one. I don't believe for a second that men and women who say masculinity can mean anything—or nothing—are really, honestly at a complete loss when it comes to sensing manliness in men. They can distinguish a manly man from an unmanly man as well as the rest of us, but they dislike the unfriendly, unequal implications of doing so. Some of these people have probably had negative experiences with sensing manliness. Manliness can be frightening, aggressive, impressive, off-putting, threatening, belittling and envy-producing.

But it's certainly *there.*

Men who are regarded as being manly are usually at a loss for words to describe *exactly* what makes them different from others. Even those of us who think and write about the concept of masculinity on a regular basis are unable to nail it down in precise terms. If manliness was a disease—and our society often treats it like one—we would identify it by describing its symptoms. We quickly reach for examples and stories to give it a certain shape. We make lists of traits, but we acknowledge that it is sometimes this and sometimes that and almost never the other thing—except in certain situations handled a certain way. Manliness doesn't lend itself to exact scientific measurement. I suppose a man could measure his manhood, but while we may joke about it I don't know many men who honestly believe that manhood can be measured in inches. There is no Guinness World Record for the manliest man. Men could collectively come up with a list of contenders, and the most popular picks would have a lot in common. But no one man can ever really hold that title. Manliness is a phenomenon, a quality or a collection of qualities and while we can't quite measure it, we know some guys are dealt a weak hand and others have manliness in spades. We can't describe it exactly, but we know it when we see it. Or hear about it. Or feel it.

Masculinity is something we can recognize on television and in the movies but in real life it is something we sense, something we feel. When a man is strong with The Force his masculinity almost has a physical presence to it.

The experience of recognizing masculinity is a little different for everyone. It depends on who you are, and whose masculinity is being recognized. But there is enough crossover to make some sort of universal understanding of this phenomenon possible. We all know masculinity, it touches all of our lives, and in some way or another we are all in its thrall. To know manliness is to be human.

We agree that we can sense and feel things which we cannot measure all of the time. Without doing so, we could not have poetry or literature.

We know what we mean when we say something is beautiful, but what is beauty? A sunset? A symphony? A sportscar? There are equations and commonalities and disagreements but I don't know anyone who can't appreciate the beauty of a mountain or the ocean or a waterfall. These things evoke stronger responses in some than others, but we set aside viewpoints and send postcards for a reason. We know what it is to experience beauty, to be in its presence. Like manliness, what we perceive to be beautiful probably has a root in our hard-wired collective history.

Fresh water good. Waterfall good. Drink water. Waterfall beautiful.

Young healthy woman make good baby. Less cooties. Firm flesh. Tight vagina. Sex feels good. Young healthy looking woman beautiful.

And that last little vulgarity brings me to the subject of love.

Isn't love also something that touches all of our lives, that holds all of us in its thrall in some way, that we all experience differently but also something that we universally understand? Isn't love also something we have trouble talking about and describing definitively? Isn't love something we treat a little bit like a mysterious disease with familiar symptoms? Something we can't measure, but we can recognize. We can distinguish great love from weak love. And while there are no Guinness World Records for loving the most, some people probably love *a little too much*. To know love is to be human.

Manliness is a lot like love and beauty and all of those other damned messy complicated parts of the human experience. It is so powerful and at the same time a little bit mysterious. Perhaps it is powerful in part *because* it is so difficult to put into a tidy little box. But we feel it, we sense it, we experience it as a natural reaction to the natural differences between us and the advantages—or disadvantages—they bring with them.

Manly man strong, tough, get stuff done, hunt big game, make good war, hard to hurt, take control when others afraid.

Manliness good.

Manliness is love.

Is This Really What Men Want?

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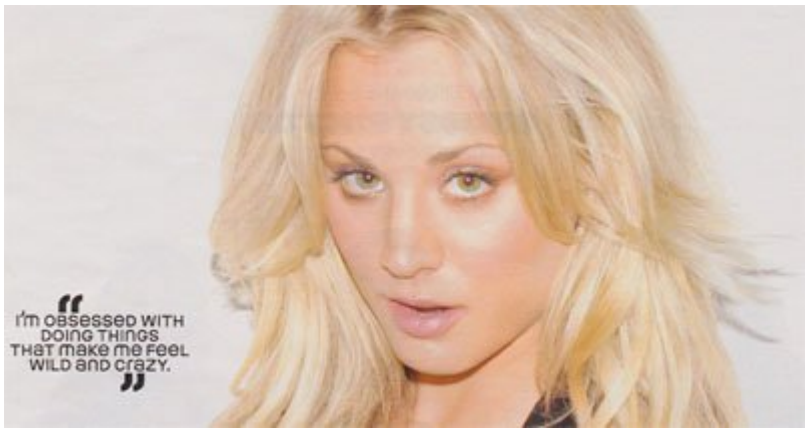
The March 2010 Maxim cover: Is this what men want? Really?

Do men want a saggy-lipped, droopy-eyed, floppy-boobed bimbo like this?

Kaley Cuoco looked much better on the sitcom, The Big Bang Theory, where several super nerds worship the ground she walks on for no other reason than her perky breasts, ample makeup, supple flesh, and propensity for exposing said flesh as much as possible.

Here's an example of her portrayal on the show:

Contrast this photo with the Maxim cover and you'll notice a key difference: makeup. Why Maxim didn't apply more makeup to this Courtney Love lookalike I'll never know. As it is, her photos in Maxim are rather unpalatable, at least to me.



Ms. Kaley plays Penny, a young blonde who somehow manages to pay for her own apartment on a waitress's salary whilst four graduate and doctoral students have to share an apartment across the hall. Penny is a caricature of

modern Feminist Woman: dimwitted, slutty, shallow, begging for attention and entitlements, prevailing due to the support and undeserved subservience of beta males.

Ms. Kaley apparently does not have to stretch her acting "skills" very much to play Penny. I know the only reason Maxim articles exist in conjunction with photo shoots is to allow beta males the opportunity to feel they are bonding with what they perceive to be a "bombshell", but let's examine a few quotes from the Maxim article anyhow.

> Maxim: Does being a bad driver mean you've been in a lot of accidents?
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> Ms. Kaley: I've had so many, I can't event count. Just yesterday I was driving along, and all of a sudden I hear this loud sound. I was like, "Oh, my God! What was that?" I totally knocked someone's mirror off their van.
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> Maxim: Whoops.
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> Ms. Kaley: I did leave a note – I was very proud of myself. It said, "Hi! Sorry! Broke your mirror! Call this number…"
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> Maxim: You gave them your number?
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> Ms. Kaley: Ha, well, it was my lawyer's number. Another time I was driving a Vespa in the Dominican republic with my Big Bang cast mate Johnny Galecki on the back like a little bitch. I ran us right into the wall, and he went flying. I almost killed Johnny Galecki. I'm dead serious.

Men's car insurance rates skyrocket while dizzy blondes like Ms. Kaley parade around callously, nearly killing the poor emasculated schmucks they associate with. Fact: Women have more accidents per mile driven than men.

> Maxim: Do you prefer dating older guys?
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> Ms. Kaley: I've always dated older guys. I still do – I'm very attracted to older men, never anyone my age. I always felt, even in my teens, that guys my age were just so dumb, young, and immature. Guys are just a little behind girls.

Because guys, unlike Kaley with her propensity for running into parked vehicles and solid walls, are SO immature.

> Maxim: Have you ever had an unrequited crush?
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> Ms. Kaley: I'm sorry, but I usually get what I want. When I go for something, there's nothing that stops me. Nothing.

Sorry Ms. Kaley, but I'd stop you. I can do better.

> Ms. Kaley: There was one extra who was kind of eyeing me, and Johnny was like, "We have to have him removed!" I'm like, "What's wrong with him looking at me?"

As you can see, her fellow cast members are classic beta male "protectors".

> Ms. Kaley: I went to American Apparel and bought hot pink shorts, a teeny-tiny hot pink tank top, pink knee socks, hot pink Converse, and a headband. I haven't lost a game [of Ping-Pong] since I put that outfit on. I've got my boobs hanging out and legs showing. The guys cannot even concentrate.

Classy. At least she understands where her worth lies.

I just hope more guys see through the cosmetics girls like Ms. Kaley hide behind. I hope guys realize that feigned beauty ain't everything, that flakiness is not appealing, that taking advantage of pervasive women's privilege is not

independence.

And that women like Ms. Kaley are worthy only of scorn and aversion.

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Alternative Right Interview

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In addition to *The Spearhead*, Jack Donovan is going to be writing for a web startup called *Alternative Right*, which is the brainchild of former Takimag editor Richard Spencer. Jack will be contributing mainly to the "Virtus" department. I've had some correspondence with Mr. Spencer, and I appreciate his efforts to shift the political paradigm, which both of us believe to be somewhat outdated. Although I'm essentially a Libertarian (and, above all, a cynic when it comes to government), I have no problem with people on the left or right who respect people's right to live life as they choose.

To start things out, Jack suggested an interview, and of course I obliged. It's about what it means to be a father today, and I responded with a little more candor than usual, since this is a subject that is near and dear to me.

So head on over and take a look at the interview, and those of you on the right side of the political spectrum may find a new online emporium of ideas:

The War on Oblivion: A Discussion about the Future of Fatherhood in the West

Harvard Business Review: Women Held Back by Bad (Women) Bosses

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A reader forwarded me an article in the Harvard Business Review that bemoans the lack of women at the top of the corporate hierarchy. This complaint is nothing new, and it shouldn't be in the least surprising that Harvard is as dedicated as any other American university to propping up female status above other, less important goals such as, say, productivity, profit and international competitiveness.

However, the article inadvertently reveals that one of the main reasons women with MBAs aren't getting ahead despite the best efforts of Harvard et al is other women — female bosses in particular.

According to HBR, it isn't that men necessarily get more opportunities from the get-go, but rather that they tend to advance faster. And the faster advancement of men is tied to early career success, which is largely dependent upon one's relationship with the manager:

> Can we attribute men's disproportionate advancement to early managerial assignments? No. Although it's true that people who have managed others reached higher levels, the women and men in our study were equally likely at every career stage to have had direct reports.
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> We think that gender difference in advancement may reflect another problem altogether: bad first bosses.
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> And so we circle back to those fate-sealing first jobs. A quarter of the women in our study left their first job because of a difficult manager—nearly as many as those who moved on for more money (26%) or for a career change (27%). Only 16% of the men left because of a difficult manager. Of course, these results suggest that women and men may be treated differently by their first managers.

But who are these early managers? Well, it turns out that they are, more likely than not, other women!

As the graphs in the article demonstrate, more women with MBAs are in management than men, who are more likely to be in executive positions than women. So in that fateful first job our young, female MBA grad gets, she's more likely to be under the supervision of a female than male manager, and, according to Harvard, that manager is the biggest obstacle to her success.

So, if women's main obstacle to advancement is other women, then how to solve the problem with an acceptable feminist outcome? This article is valuable in that it reveals exactly the wall that feminism is about to crash right into.

Preparing to Change Machines

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I've been backing up my old files and programs in preparation for the transfer to the new machine, which ~~should arrive soon~~ just got here! I'm afraid it might be a little tricky to make the change from Tiger to Snow Leopard, and I'll probably lose some applications, so I think I'm going to make a partition so I can run the old 10.4 on the new machine. Needless to say, this has cut into my writing time, but when I get everything put back together it will be a lot easier to work with the desktop's bigger screen, and should substantially improve productivity (no more working with windows piled on top of each other).

BTW, does anyone know whether Adobe programs will work if opened on another machine from a bootable hard drive, or do they have to be reinstalled?

Canada Conservatives to Neuter National Anthem

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"Conservative" Canadian politicians have proposed changing the Canadian national anthem to make it more "gender-neutral." Evidently, the lyrics "true patriot love in all thy sons command" are offensive and sexist to some people (probably feminist academics). It has been suggested that they be changed to "True patriot love thou dost in us command."

Perhaps, given the extent to which Canada has been feminized (some suggest even more than the United States), this would be appropriate, but given the true scope of feminist changes made to society, perhaps this is not going far enough.

It might be more appropriate to change the line to "true sacklessness in all thy sons command."

Feminist Icons Starting to Crack

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Australian playwright Louis Nowra has come out on the offensive against fellow Aussie Germaine Greer, dismissing her notions of the true nature of women as fantasy. 40 years after Greer launched her feminist career with *The Female Eunuch*, Nowra has published a scathing critique in *The Monthly*, an Australian society magazine (requires registration, so for more quotes see this article).

Nowra's criticism is mainly directed at Greer's first book, which he describes as having utterly failed to predict how women would respond to women's lib. Having grown up with an angry, frustrated and thrice-married mother, Nowra was initially supportive of the book. He writes that it convinced his mother to divorce his stepfather:

> But my mother was the main reason I read feminist works. My father, a truck driver, was her second husband. An intelligent woman, she felt frustrated at living on a Housing Commission estate and her dissatisfaction showed itself in her volatile emotional states that ranged from vociferous anger to inarticulate fury at her predicament. From a young age, I knew she should never have married and had children. In my naive way, I hoped that feminism would change the world enough to enable women like my mother to find satisfaction in careers rather than marriage and childrearing.
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> Greer's chapters were short and the one about women's isolation in their homes and their monotonous and thankless work was particularly powerful. It changed many a woman's life dramatically. A journalist friend gave it to her mother, who after reading it left her husband. There were countless similar stories.

Over time, Nowra grew increasingly "disenchanted" with Greer's book, and finally, as a grown man who beat the odds and managed to thrive despite being raised by a volatile single mother, he has come out firmly against it.

As more and more men who grew up victimized by feminist ideology find their voice, feminist excesses will come under increasing scrutiny. It remains to be seen how this will play out politically, but the dam is starting to leak.

Levi Johnston: 19 Years Old and Over $20k In Arrears

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In a crystal clear illustration of why conservatives are not to be relied on to do anything ease men's pain, the Palins have demanded and received an order for back child support for over $21,000 for the last year. Johnston is now facing a monthly child support bill of nearly $2,000 for one child in addition to the hefty arrears.

While Bristol Palin lives with her millionaire mother, Johnston's mother is under house arrest for dealing prescription drugs. Johnston's family support is negligible.

Levi Johnston is no hero, but he's a kid, and has little hope of maintaining the kind of income that justifies such an exorbitant child support order. Some have suggested that he may have work in pornography to pay the bills. Unfortunately, that's probably the only job he's qualified for that might pay around $100k per year.

Johnston is probably far from wealthy right now, and if he pays the rest of the order almost certainly will be close to tapped out after legal fees. If he isn't careful or lucky, his arrears might build to a level that he cannot hope to repay any time soon, crippling him for his young adult life.

Conservatives commenting on blogs and websites have little pity for Levi, laying all the blame for the pregnancy on him, as though he raped Bristol. Sarah Palin, likely furious about Levi's public criticism, has access to top-flight attorneys and piles of money. She can bury this kid, and it appears that she has.

Whatever people may think of Levi, this court order doesn't bode well for any young men and boys in similar situations.

On a "Man" Finding His Inner Vagina

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For American youth, which industry controls the spigots of information flow? Within this certain industry, which company holds most sway over cultural and social perceptions of same said youth? Unless you've been cryogenically frozen for the last 30 years *and* aren't a Dire Straits fan, you'll know that the answers – in order – are "the entertainment industry" and "MTV".

This post isn't a profound insight into MTV's scrap-metal mangling of youth culture. Rather, I want to point out the attitude of one particular cultural gate-keeper and expound briefly on how that affects boys and young men growing up today.

After a reading of Eve Ensler's new monologue "I Am an Emotional Creature", Jason Rzepka – who works in "social issues and entertainment" – had this to say:

> "She's an extremely remarkable person. The world needs more Eve Enslers…I found my inner vagina."

Perhaps Rzepka should speak to Caster Semenya about that affliction.

I googled Rzepka to learn more about the type of sack-loathing Herb who would be caught dead uttering such a phrase on the record. Turns out, Rzepka is VP of Public Affairs at MTV – which sounds like the type of job that could control propaganda and programming. I'm particularly troubled that a young man who holds an important position at MTV – and therefore in our culture – says things like this. In an overfeminized time when boys should be developing themselves as men, comments like Rzepka's tacitly encourage them to move more towards androgyny and outright femininity. If youthful minds are Playdough, MTV's cultural dictates are hands. Molding young peoples' minds as they do – and using the pink dough to boot – is especially detrimental to boys whose core identities aren't as malleable as girls'. The ideas that come out at the tail end of the boob tube have been hand-picked, distorted, filtered, and steam-pressed by minds like Rzepka's. Young men today are being shaped by an elitist group of other slightly less young men who continually worship at the alter of V.

Young men have no need to find an inner vagina; in fact, Ensler's current monologue or her famous one have no place for a *man* to find anything. Her writings are gynocentric – just read the fucking titles. If Rzepka found a vagina somewhere while at the reading, he should put it back because its not his.

But Rzepka's trite comment is troubling on a more fundamental level. Why is it that young men are made right, whole, or correct by developing their feminine side? They are fledgling *men*; the only tools they have are those of men. Their brains, their bodies, their attitudes, their hormones, desires, and motivations operate in a completely masculine realm. Anything they "find" has to occur based on a bedrock foundation of their being male.
So searching for their inner vagina is a snipe hunt; understanding the full scope of what it means to be a man – finding their descended nutsack – is a better endeavor.

> Chuck Ross had his inner vagina surgically removed by an ex-girlfriend and Dr. Roissy. As of this writing, the IV is still in remission. He blogs daily at Gucci Little Piggy.

A Tyrant on the High Seas

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As USS Cowpens – a guided missile cruiser with a 400 man crew – patrolled the seas in defense of the United States, all was not well on the ship. Sailors describe an atmosphere of abuse and intimidation, with foul invectives frequently hurled in their direction, along with solid objects, by the raging captain. One sailor, a strapping 6′4″ officer, describes shaking with fear in the presence of his superior. Others documented the incessant profanity and humiliation.

Who was this fire-breathing monster? A burly, bearded thug in uniform? No, it was a strong-jawed 1985 Naval Academy graduate named Holly Graf.

Graf was almost universally despised; her inclination to demean her subordinates was legendary. Some of her alleged abusive statements and actions are as follows:

> "Take your goddam attitude and shove it up your f_____ ass and leave it there," she allegedly told an officer during a stressful maneuver
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> "This is one of the reasons I hate you," she allegedly told one who was seeking her help. When another officer visited her quarters to discuss an earlier heated discussion, her response was terse: "Get the f___ out of my stateroom." She allegedly told a male officer, "The only words I want to hear out of your mouth are 'Yes ma'am' or 'You're correct, ma'am.' " She also allegedly put a "well-respected master chief" in "time out" — standing in the ship's key control room doing nothing — "in front of other watch standers of all ranks."
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> A younger woman recalled going to Graf to seek her help. " 'Don't come to me with your problems,' " she said, quoting Graf. " 'You're a f_____ department head.' " The officer also said that Graf once told her, "I can't express how mad you make me without getting violent."
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> A second female officer told the IG that Graf was a "terrible role model for women in the Navy," alleging that Graf once told her and a fellow officer on the bridge, "You two are f_____ unbelievable. I would fire you if I could, but I can't."
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> Paul Coco, a 2002 Naval Academy graduate, served as a gunnery officer under Graf aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Winston S. Churchill from 2002 to 2004. "She would throw coffee cups at officers — ceramic, not foam," he recalls, "spit in one officer's face, throw binders and paperwork at people, slam doors."

The litany of tyrannical acts goes on, concluding only when she is removed from command, upon which the crew – to a man – cheers vociferously.

How did someone so clearly unfit for command last so long, despite the profound dissatisfaction of her crew? The answer appears to be a Navy policy to push women into positions of leadership. Nicole Waybright, who served under Graf for a year of her five-year stint as a junior officer, says that the Navy was too hasty in its efforts to achieve gender equality:

> "She was a terrible ship handler," Waybright recalls. "I was 23 years old and I wanted to show, just by my actions, that women could do it and just blend in like the gray doors with the rest of the gray ship," she said. "But she betrayed our gender." Waybright felt the Navy pushed women into command too quickly at the time, but adds that Graf's "sadistic cruelty" didn't help.

Like Amy Bishop, Holly Graf's unstable behavior was overlooked because of gender. She was an equal opportunity bully, who pushed around both men and women alike and, according to subordinates, was physically violent toward them. To have someone with these tendencies in command of a billion-dollar warship might seem very unwise, but as in so many other institutions, the ideology of gender equality overrides all other concerns.

We are already starting to pay dearly for this foolishness, and the end is nowhere in sight.

“Catholics Come Home” Campaign Portraying Men as Abusers

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Is the Catholic Church trying to bring men back into the fold? If so, its latest campaign won’t help. Some of our readers may have seen the Catholics Come Home (catholicscomehome.org) commercials that have popped up on TV recently. I just saw one that didn’t leave me – a lapsed Catholic – feeling anything but pissed off. After a quick search I found it on Youtube, and thought I’d post it here to invite comments from Catholic and non-Catholic men alike.

Let me ask you: how do you feel about this kind of portrayal of men?

I’m beyond disappointed, but not really surprised.

Because blog comments appear to be disabled, perhaps our Catholic readers (and others if they object strongly to the abhorrent, one-sided portrayal of men), should contact the program director to communicate their thoughts (please be civil):

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Domestic Violence Lobbyist Murders Her Husband

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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

This looks to be a story straight out of The Onion.

A 45-year-old woman, charged with ending a domestic dispute by killing her 26-year-old husband of five days, is a registered lobbyist for a group fighting domestic violence.

This feminazi cougar married a man 19 years her junior, got into an argument with him and killed him 5 days after saying "I do."

Arelisha Bridges was ordered held without bond in the Fulton County Jail. She is scheduled for a preliminary hearing later this month on charges of felony murder, murder, aggravated assault and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Officials said Bridges claimed she was unemployed. But records show she is a lobbyist for an organization called the National Declaration for Domestic Violence Order; its Web site says the group is pushing legislation to create a database of those convicted of sex crimes or domestic abuse.

If this group is successful in pushing through their agenda, I wonder if Mz. Bridges will be registered? Somehow I doubt it. In fact, it's an almost virtual certainty she'll be lawyering up and we are about to hear the sordid details of an abusive 5 day old marriage…probably involving "marital rape" and abusive behavior like pressuring her to wear white high heels during sex…but maybe they'll put her dead husband in this database, after all, the only reason an activist against domestic violence would murder her husband is if he were being abusive! After all, everybody knows that domestic violence is only committed by men!

Ahh….but we have witnesses…

Usually an accused felon will appear at a preliminary hearing a day later, but Bridges' hearing was within hours of the shooting death of Anthony Rankins. Officials said the court appearance was moved up because of the unusual circumstances around the crime.

Witnesses told police that Bridges was wearing a nightgown and a shower cap as she argued with Rankins on the sidewalk on North Avenue near West Peachtree Street around 10:45 p.m. Monday.

And moments later, witnesses said, they heard shots. They said she then "calmly walked away."

This cougar is a cold-blooded man killer…

A MARTA police officer stopped her as she was getting into her car, perhaps to return to her home nearby on Centennial Olympic Park Drive.

According to Atlanta police, Bridges told investigators that she and Rankins had been dating for a few months and were just married on Feb. 24.

I think it's safe to say, a 26 year old man marrying a 45 year old feminist activist was a relationship destined to end badly. Let's see if this story gains any kind of national prominence. It will be interesting to read and hear the spin on this from our feminist-driven mass-media matrix.

This is What a Feminist Looks Like

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Sorry, guys, couldn't resist after I found the "This is What a Feminist Looks Like" website. Yes, this is a real photo on the site. Feel free to browse at your leisure. Some of them are actually men, believe it or not.

This is what a mangina looks like:

[image]

Women Engage In Double Standards Far More Then Men Do

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Yesterday's discussion, along with other items in the news, has inspired me to write this post, about just how much Women engage in doubles standards all. The. Time.

This is an important topic, since it won't be long, if you're a guy, before you hear some lady bemoan stuff like "the sexual double standard" or "the income gap", a form of a double standard, and so on. And to be sure, both of these issues gets mad facetime and ink. Much, much less is said though, about the very real double standards in reverse, let alone Presidential attention. But fear not, for I have come to shed the searing Light of Truth on these and other pressing matters of the day, for once you know the Truth, it shall set you free.

So let's dive right in:

Female Double Standard #1: Women Objectify Men MORE Than Men Objectify Women. This is a fact, easily proofed by the most casual of observations. How? Simple: height. Women make no bones about not wanting to date a Man their own or shorter height. Take a quick spin around the Internet, there you will see Women being quite flippant, and others downright adamant, about rejecting out of hand a Man's lack of vertical cred. Of course, many of these very same Women will call any Man who judges a Woman's objective beauty scale to be "objectifying" and the like, and notice, have you ever heard Men en masse deny this? Even more to the point, isn't it true that Men settle much quicker than do Women, all things being equal? Then there's the reaction of many of these ladies when they're called out on the carpet for their blatant objectification of the Male form and rank discrimination based on physical factors one has no control over. Even when you freely acknowledge their right to choose whomever they want to be with they'll attempt to shame you by calling you names and the like. Yet these are the very same people who have no problem labeling others as racist, homophobe, fascist, etc. Pot, meet Kettle much? Of course, a Woman's desire for a taller Man hearkens back to our Evolutionary past, when choosing a Man based on his physical size was a reasonable thing to do; after all, somebody had to do the heavy lifting and if necessary, killing of potential enemies. But in an age where even a kid can pull the trigger of an AK47, and when much smaller wives kill their hubbies all the time, such a fixation is really kind of silly. Yet Women will vehemently defend their right to be basically, a bigot, and will engage in rank hypocrisy at the same time. The reason why I say that, you see, is because often these very same Women will poo poo Evolutionary Psychology as being inherently misogynistic. But as we can see here, they have no problem actually embracing with a big ole bear hug, EP when it suits them.

Hmm.

For more on this, please see anything in the current press about Lori Gottlieb, also my recent post on her and her book "Marry Him!"

Female Double Standard #2: Women Are Snobs Much More Than Are Men, AND, Don't Really Believe In Merit Either-We are often berated about this sort of thing by Women en masse, yet many of these very same Women have no problem looking down their noses at "lesser" Men for not coming from the "right" pedigree, or not having gone to the "right" school (or school at all), not being in the "right" social circles, and so on. As author and avowed lesbian Norah Vincent chronicles in her must-read book, Self Made Man, Men are much more inclusive than Women are, especially when it comes to merit-if you can do the job, you're in. Moreover, Men are more apt to create a system that's more "flat", that is to say, that is more amenable to Men or Women being able to move from one social class to another, based again on merit or at the very least, effort. Not so for Women, and this can be most vividly seen wrt Game — you wanna know the real reason why so many Women flail so wildly about on this issue?

Because Game gives Men the tools to move up through the social hierarchy that was once reserved only for the "natural Alphas" Women always desired; "how dare those poor schlubs step out of their place!" It rankles many Women deeply, in ways they themselves may only be dimly aware.

For more on this point, please see my post, Why Game Elicits So Much Hate.

Female Double Standard #3: “Reproductive Rights” Is About WOMEN, Not Men. And Women Want To Keep It That Way, with quite a few news items appearing before us involving this thorny issue, for example: the recent Pro-Life promotion efforts in the Black community, or the Woman who live Tweeted her abortion, or the Healthcare Bill that’s tied up with abortion-none of them addresses the very basic and simple premise: that it only deals with one half of the population. “Reproductive Rights” is taken to mean something that only Women can have. Men have no reproductive rights that any court is bound to respect.

This becomes deeply problematic because Women have successfully put forward the notion that dads are optional now. Indeed, many Women are becoming single mommies *by choice*, and not just among the Lori Gottlieb set. Have we forgotten the “pregnancy pact” girls in New England a few years back? As the book *Promises I Can Keep* clearly shows, poor Women want to be moms and are prepared to go it alone if need be. Of course, there is no Male equivalent to such a book, even when I asked its authors whether they had interviewed the baby daddies. They hemmed and hawed and finally had to admit, no, they didn’t. Hmm.

At any rate, the issue is clear: if a Woman has the right to determine when, and under what circumstances she is to become a parent, it is only right and just to say that the same should apply to Men. But, a quick perusal of some of the much staunch advocates for “Choice” on the Internet, will have no compunctions vociferously denying a Man’s right to choose, too. Here again, Women want the double standard to be removed when it impacts them negatively, but have no problems with it when it doesn’t. Like I said, hmm.

And don’t even get me started on Mandatory Paternity Testing…

Female Double Standard #4: Women Have No Desire To Financially Support A Man For ANY Reason-Here we get to the good part. While Women en masse are all for overturning archaic notions of gender and the like, when the rubber hits the road, they not only balk but are vehement in their refusal to Man Up. Case in point? Paying for dates. Regardless of the fact that Women now make up a clear majority of the American workforce and are more educated and higher earning than many Men, to say nothing of the effects of the Mancession, Women can still be heard trying to shame Men into paying for dates, or paying more for dates, or saying “I’m not gonna support a lout” and so on. Yet, when has *any* Man said such a thing, historically speaking? It was expected that not only was the Man to pay for the date(s), but he was also to support the wife *for life*. We all either saw firsthand, or have heard of the guy who, on payday, hands his check over to his betrothed. Well, Today’s Women say “screw that!” — they’re having none of it. They want the goodies of earning a higher income, but none of the responsibilities that come with such a high honor.

But wait Obsidian, I’m not like that, some of you ladies reading along may say. And indeed, some of you aren’t like that, my own personal life, present and at some points in the past, attests to this. And for this you are to be commended. Nevertheless, you know as well as I do, that there are easily twice or thrice as many Women out there, who take the view I outlined above, with no problem whatsoever engaging in double standards.

Research Question for the Fellas; listen closely, and please respond:

1. Of the past 10 Women you’ve dated or otherwise were romantically involved with, how many offered to pay for the *1st date*, without you prompting them to do so?

2. How many of them paid, or offered to pay, for *any dates* during the life of your courtship?

3. When’s the last time a Woman called you up and asked you out on a night on the town — on her dime?

4. When’s the last time a Woman bought you a drink?

The responses, should be most interesting to read.

The bottomline here is that Men en masse, never seemed to have that much of a problem paying for dates and supporting their Women when it called for them to do so; after all, until relatively recently, Women weren’t as fully

self-supporting in that regard. But now that the tables have turned, Women have made it quite clear that not only do they not have any desire to return the favor, but they also don't have any problem denigrating any Man who fails to measure up.

Yet another case of the Female Double Standard.

My job is done here.

Holla back

The Obsidian

Men and Open Source

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Over the last few days I've been building a new system, picking and choosing what I want to keep from my old machine and installing some new software. I don't have the disks for my old installation of Adobe CS3, so I can't run it on the new OS. This was annoying, but from personal experience and a "writing for the web" class I attended at the University of Washington (probably the most valuable class I ever took in school), I knew there would be a way around it. I've made use of Photoshop, but not even close to its full potential. I've wanted to see what I could do with InDesign, but I'm not producing any print magazines, and it's kind of overkill for what I have in mind. For most of my letterhead and pdf creation I've used LaTeX through the LyX interface. This was helpful for legal correspondence, as I could match opposing attorneys' letterhead with my own superior creations. Petty, I know, but small triumphs help sustain us through the absurdities of the American judicial system. When I have to open Word documents, I simply use Open Office, and for writing code or text to post online I prefer a text editor such as Bare Bones' BBEdit, which color codes tags and code and doesn't foul up the text with some proprietary encoding.

About half of the programs I've been using in desktop publishing are proprietary software, but I've found a substitute for every single one. This is great for me, because I can't afford to buy Creative Suite all over again, and I'd like to avoid paying for the cheaper ones as well if at all possible. For Photoshop's replacement I installed the GIMP, which is more than adequate for my needs. I also checked out and downloaded Scribus, the open source replacement for InDesign. I'm sure that will be sufficient for me as well. And instead of BBEdit, I am now using the free Textwrangler, which is produced by the same company and has all the features I was using with the old version of BBEdit (it appears to be essentially the same thing). Of course, I installed the latest stable version of MacTeX and LyX, both of which are open source.

After finishing up, it occurred to me that all the bright guys out there who put work into these applications have done me a big favor. I really owe them one. One might ask why in the world they would bother to put this stuff together and give it away for free, but as a guy who is putting out content online for free I totally understand: men build and create things because it is in their nature. Money, although great to have (and, unfortunately, necessary), is not our primary motivation. Gearheads get a thrill out of watching that engine turn over for the first time, programmers love to see their code doing what it was designed to do, and architects are delighted by the buildings they design. Even ordinary guys often find their greatest joys involve the small projects in their garages, basements and back yards.

If you go out anywhere there's civilization and look around, you'll see the fruits of these labors. In fact, they are so common that we take them for granted. When you see a beautiful breed of dog such a golden retriever, you tend not to think of the years of care and work it took to develop the breed. When you drive through town you don't usually consider that the reason hundreds of thousands of huge vehicles have not hopelessly clogged the streets is that some guys who were fascinated by maps and streets worked out a system to keep traffic flowing. One could go on with this ad infinitum, but the point is that this is simply what men do. Civilization was developed to reward them for this, and we can see the impressive results, but sadly we seem to have taken a turn in the opposite direction in recent years.

Now, this being *The Spearhead*, I thought it might be worthwhile to investigate what's going on with the other gender as far as Open Source is concerned. It occurred to me, after seeing so many names, that the open source community is thoroughly dominated by men, so I did a little searching to see if this is actually the case. As one might expect, it certainly is.

According to an article in Network World, women comprise somewhere between 1.5 and 5 percent of the OS community. I'd be willing to bet the lower figure is more accurate. Writer Amy Vernon is not happy about this, but at least she isn't whining that it's all men's fault:

> Instead of worrying that other people aren't going to think we can do things, we need to just do them. Show people what we can do instead of waiting for someone to ask us. That's what the boys do; haven't we spent the last 40+ years saying we want to be treated equally?

She's a bit more optimistic about female involvement in cutting-edge tech than I am. In fact, as much as I admire her go-getter attitude, I'm afraid that, as usual, an entirely different approach will be implemented to "equalize" the open source community. Another article, written by a member of "PHPWomen," opens with a far more familiar tone:

> The topic of the difficulties women face in the open source community comes up often. Here at OStatic we've discussed everything from the gender bias and harassment some women say they face, to highlighting the projects that are helping change the way females experience the developer community.
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> A new project has gotten underway recently that aims to foster a healthy and respectful environment between female PHP developers and the PHP community. PHPWomen has teamed up in a partnership program with six open source projects that it feels represents the best the community has to offer in terms of an open, respectful, and friendly community.

So, if you ask the PHPWomen, the reason women are underrepresented in open source development is because of "gender bias" and "harassment" (i.e. having to endure being approached by beta males). However, gender bias as a factor excluding women from open source development is a fantasy, because so many developers are virtually anonymous, and many use pseudonyms anyway. The best OS developers, such as Don Knuth of TeX fame, produced their masterpieces largely on their own time and without a "team." Most people have no idea who wrote the OS software they use, and don't really care. All that matters is that it works.

I sincerely hope that efforts to equalize open source development do not destroy it, but unfortunately I can see some potential damage in the future. All it takes is one lawsuit or public allegation to tarnish the reputation of an entire project, and considering that the development is largely a product of goodwill, the disappearance of mutual respect and an atmosphere of comradery could easily sink some important efforts.

In the meanwhile, I think open source development is worth our support. First of all, men ought to *use* open source software when possible, and then if they have the means donate to projects. If you don't need MS Office, download Open Office — hell, use Linux instead of Windows if you're feeling adventurous. If you're an audio junkie, check out Audacity. Try out the GIMP instead of Photoshop, and see if you can find any other programs to replace or avoid purchasing. Before purchasing any software, first do some research to determine whether you could do the same job with an open source program. Not only will you save money, you'll be supporting guys who work outside of the big software and Silicon Valley companies, which are fully committed to affirmative action and propping up female entitlement.

People of The Promised Land

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[Submitted by *Piercedhead*]

It's a familiar story. News of a new land is brought back by adventurers, and tales of its gold, its vast forests and the endless plains of good grazing lands immediately take the public imagination. The same idea is hatched simultaneously in each of the minds of millions: "if only I could get there! I could fence off a few acres for myself, live independently and say goodbye to all this drudgery that is my life!". And the idea becomes an over-arching ambition. The first settlers set off. Reports of their new-found prosperity soon return to the home country and their former fellows, emboldened by their success, start making plans for their own journey. Soon a flood of people are taking that trip to the promised land, all on one-way fares.

On arrival, a new immigrant notices a strange bunch of bedraggled people living in the most abject poverty on the streets of the new city. Alarmed, she asks a passerby who these people are, and why they would live so poorly. "Oh them", the passerby snorts, "they're some of the native people. Sub-human. How could anyone live like that?". The new immigrant is stunned. "You mean there were people living here before us?", she asks, her mouth a little too wide-open, betraying a simple heart. The passerby laughs at her ignorance, "why of course there were!", he replies. "Hundreds of thousands of them, maybe millions. Initially they were all right, but they turned nasty and attacked the city a few years ago. We soon showed them who was boss. Those that you see there living like pigs used to raise gardens and trade their produce – but now they're all lazy good-for-nothings. They give us no end of trouble. Prisons are full of them".

The new arrival, too used to the ways and customs of the country she has only just left, asks "but what did they do with all their money?". The passerby raised one eye-brow and quickly asked "What money?". It seemed almost too obvious to ask, and so the immigrant hesitated a little, wondering how such a simple question could be misunderstood. "Why, the money they got when they sold their land – or haven't they sold it yet?".

At this the passerby stared thunderously at her, his face reddening with anger. "What sort of fool are you taking me for? Go and ask your stupid questions of someone else! They should be grateful to have their worthless lives considering the harm their ilk have done us, never mind paying them for land that they never owned in the first place!", and with that he stomped off in a fury.

For some reason that the newcomer couldn't explain to herself, the sight of these people and their pathetic state had left a large impression. The realization that she wasn't in a new land at all, but in the land of others bothered her much more than it seemed to bother anyone else she talked to – and she found herself talking to anyone who could tell her anything about them. The dialog was universally one of near hatred for the people who once lived unmolested in this land:

"Before we arrived, they lived like brutes. They were forever at war with each other. We civilized them."
"They had no religion. They worshipped the seasons, the rain, the earth, the sun, the wind – everything. They refused to believe in the most basic truths and decencies!"
"Why the concern? The natives are better off because of us. Look at all the great things and new knowledge we bring with us. Besides, we're their moral superiors. What harm can come to them so long as our great charities are there to save them from starvation or exposure to the elements?"

The more the newcomer learned, the more sickened she became with her own people. She learned that the natives, apart from filling the prisons, also killed themselves at rates well above the average. They died younger from all sorts of diseases that the immigrants were immune from. Their word mattered for nothing in the courts they were forever being herded through. They were jailed and executed out of all proportion to any wrongs they did. Their families were torn apart. Their property was stolen. They were denied the same education as the immigrants. They were specifically exempted from protection by the law – an immigrant, and the primacy of the immigrant – was the

central theme of all thinking. A native could be held as a slave in certain circumstances that were becoming increasingly common. And they were being starved to death en masse deliberately by immigrant soldiers who had identified their vital dependencies and were systematically annihilating them.

If you haven't gathered by now that I'm really talking about the great Feminist immigration into, and takeover of, male spaces over the past 50 years I have been too subtle for you. Isn't it interesting that colonialism, that great staple of the socialists, is actually being practiced by them as thoroughly now as any they accuse in the past?

Department of Labor: Gender Wage Gap a Myth

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Every now and then the Federal Government does a decent job of getting to the heart of the matter. Actually, this happens more frequently than one might think. I used to work with a lot of government reports, and I found a number of them to be very professional, objectively written documents. The real problem is that our politicians too often ignore them. In fact, I doubt our politicians read many at all; they probably just have adolescent staffers write little summaries or talking points for them to use in support of one piece of legislation or the other.

While reading "The Gender Silent Majority," an article written by Gordon Finley, I came across a link to a report produced under contract for the DOL that Dr. Finley claimed debunked the gender wage gap. Sure enough, when I took a look at the report the foreword concludes that any wage gap that may exist is almost entirely explained by differences in choices that men and women make, and that if all data were taken into consideration there is probably no gap at all.

Here are a couple of excerpts:

> There are observable differences in the attributes of men and women that account for most of the wage gap. Statistical analysis that includes those variables has produced results that collectively account for between 65.1 and 76.4 percent of a raw gender wage gap of 20.4 percent, and thereby leave an adjusted gender wage gap that is between 4.8 and 7.1 percent.
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> Research also suggests that differences not incorporated into the model due to data limitations may account for part of the remaining gap. Specifically, CONSAD's model and much of the literature, including the Bureau of Labor Statistics Highlights of Women's Earnings, focus on wages rather than total compensation. Research indicates that women may value non-wage benefits more than men do, and as a result prefer to take a greater portion of their compensation in the form of health insurance and other fringe benefits.
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> Although additional research in this area is clearly needed, this study leads to the unambiguous conclusion that the differences in the compensation of men and women are the result of a multitude of factors and that the raw wage gap should not be used as the basis to justify corrective action. Indeed, there may be nothing to correct. **The differences in raw wages may be almost entirely the result of the individual choices being made by both male and female workers**.

This is a valuable, up-to-date report, and I'm glad I came across it. All too often, these conclusive findings are buried under the snow of polemic, so having them available for instant reference can be of great benefit. Fortunately, government documents are open source, so this report will be available from now on at *The Spearhead* as a resource for all readers who would like to use it to counter spurious feminist claims of unfair compensation for their labor.

Feel free to view or download the report at your convenience.

The Marxist Origins of International Women's Day

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I almost forgot it was International Women's Day, but fortunately the feminist blogs I frequently check reminded me. Obviously, most people could give a damn about the event, but it does usually result in some publicity and, naturally, some political pandering.

Because most people do not pay it much attention, the origins of the event are shrouded in ignorance. So, it falls again to *The Spearhead* to pierce the darkness and shine the illuminating torch of knowledge on the fetid annals of feminist history.

It turns out that the first International Women's Day was launched by the Socialist Party of America in 1909. The SPA was a fervently Marxist organization — its most famous leader, Eugene Debs, became a convert after reading Das Kapital. As Marxism gained steam, the holiday became increasingly popular throughout Europe and the United States. In Europe, during the fateful years preceding WWI, hundreds of thousands of women marched, rioting and fighting police after agitators such as Clara Zetkin (later a staunch Bolshevik) spurred them on.

When Czarist Russia was teetering on the brink, it was an International Women's Day riot by the women of Petrograd that set off the spark of revolution. In recognition of the crucial support these early feminists gave to the nascent Bolshevik regime, International Women's Day was made an official holiday of the Soviet Union.

Due to its strong affiliation with Communism and the monstrous excesses of the Bolsheviks, International Women's Day fell into obscurity in the West until revived by the Marxist feminists of the 1960s. Since then, it has become a day of triumph, during which women have desecrated churches, excluded men from public places, and generally congratulated themselves.

In some countries, the day has very negative connotations, because it symbolizes Soviet occupation. In the former Czechoslovakia, for example, Women's Day rallies were huge events sponsored by the Communist Party. Since regaining independence, these countries have generally had a negative opinion of the holiday, which is only commemorated by diehard Communist loyalists.

As Western men grow increasingly burdened by authoritarian feminism, perhaps we can identify with the subject peoples of the Communist Bloc. Perhaps, some day in the future we, too, can throw off the shackles of oppressive dogma and forced equality and once again stand and live as free men. Then, as it is now in recently liberated countries, the day will be remembered only as a hated symbol of a cruel regime.

Harvard: From Nation's Most Prestigious University to Feminist Farce

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No social class enforces the damaging lie of absolute gender equality so much as the elites. It is no small irony that those with the greatest wealth and social power are often the most self-righteous about their moral superiority. All humility is lost on the highest tiers of American society, and today their hubris is exaggerated to ridiculous levels. Although it may seem like a joke to those of us in the real world outside of the sheltered institutions of most hallowed academe, it is the little people who inevitably pay the consequences of power's excess.

On February 23, Jason Mattera, spokesman for the Young America's Foundation, criticized feminism in front of an audience in Washington DC. Now, the YAF appears to be little more than a Republican front dedicated to bringing cornfed kids into the shameful charade of national politics, so it would be a mistake to see throw our lot in with these guys. However, Harvard's indignant response to Mr. Mattera's criticism of feminism demonstrates the degeneration of a once proud institution into the burlesque.

For example, Mattera brought up classes such as "Cyber Feminism" and a class on deconstructing the "new feminist black man," and criticized feminism for presenting a warped view of diversity. In response, Linda Ellison, who lectures in Harvard's Women and Gender Studies Program, defended feminism, saying that it was diverse because it challenges conservative viewpoints on abortion and premarital sex. This is ridiculous, because this is sacred feminist dogma, and there's nothing "diverse" at all about a feminist upholding orthodox feminist principles. This would be analogous to a Jesuit missionary in pre-Christian Guatemala calling his conversion of natives a contribution to diversity.

Linda Ellison is apparently a former Mormon who, at Harvard's Divinity School, became an ardent feminist, so the missionary comparison is quite apt in this case.

Perhaps in part in response to increasingly vocal opposition to feminism on the part of proles, Harvard launched a "Feminist Coming Out Day" to celebrate feminist victories. Organized by the Radcliffe Union of Students and the Harvard Queer Students and Allies, the exercise in feminist triumphalism went on display in Harvard's Adams Art Space, where Harvard luminaries such as Alan Dershowitz and Timothy McCarthy metaphorically dropped their trousers and came out as feminists. Dershowitz is a strange case here, because he has explicitly argued against certain rape shield laws that prevent any inquiry into accusers' past sexual behavior (including past false rape allegations) on the part of the defense counsel. Maybe, to maintain his prestige in the new Harvard, he needs to declare himself a feminist, but that certainly doesn't say much for his principles.

It has been less than 40 years since Harvard became fully coed, and in that short time it has apparently become a slave to feminist ideology. In retrospect, it is amazing how quickly such institutions can decay from pillars of tradition to hotbeds of crass radicalism, following every ideological fad that blows in like some foul wind. I wonder sometimes what should be done with them when the inevitable collapse of feminist supremacy occurs. Should these tragic failures be preserved and reformed, or should they be allowed to expire to make way for a new society?

I should stop posting about this, but....

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Some articles are just begging for it:

Women finding love in the World of Warcraft.

Women cheer when other women become cheating skanks because they are protecting the right to become cheating skanks themselves. News at 11. As biased as you could expect. An extract (and actual quote from the skank herself):

> "We spent every night sharing photos and talking on webcam. In time we grew closer and closer. We didn't play WoW for the game any longer, but rather to be together. Both of us were scared of our feelings but one night we declared our love for each other."

As any people who has surfed the Internet enough for finding a porn add (that being about 5 seconds) can tell you, we know perfectly well what they were sharing on webcam. That's the webcam main use.

Blah blah blah, WoW is a MMORPG (introduction for those who can't Google it) the mostly female guild likes the easygoing atmosphere (aka only sit and talk), maybe I'm biased but I want to kill stuff, not just use a glorified Messenger.

Some words from Felicia Day, a woman who was just a minor character in *Buffy* and started her own show *The Guild*, an Internet show. Saw it, got bored. It isn't funny and it just shows a woman who is blaming the game for all her failures in life. Blah blah blah wanna introduce more woman to WoW (please don't, all the drama for WoW becoming a female fad isn't worth it, not that it is likely) and the jewel of the crown, a quote from the woman herself:

> "I would consider myself a feminist. If I'm helping women get into playing games when they wouldn't have before, I'm proud of that. Women should be on equal footing everywhere."

Of course she's a feminist. Feminism a) produce the crops of manginas who only watch her unfunny crap for her not so good pussy that sustains her career and b) doesn't hold her accountable as a man would for spending so much time online.

And a interview to a member of the woman-only guild, Got Girls (duh). They bring these "benefits":

> "Men assume you play because you're lonely and looking for love, but we bring equality to a very male-dominated online society and even offer relationship advice to our male companions."

Equality isn't possible or wanted, my dear. Also, your relationship advice sucks. A lot.

> Sometimes political correctness goes out of the window — but it's all OK as we know that they're joking and we give as good as we get."

You are saying it like Political Correctness was a good thing. Is not.

As I've said, some articles just beg to be eviscerated.

Single Mother Tries to Get Toddler Son to Take the Fall for Arson

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Terminkia L. Humphrey has been charged with first-degree arson after several fires erupted in an apartment she had just been asked to leave. She was staying with her former sister-in-law and six children in the apartment in Kent, a working-class suburb south of Seattle. Ms. Humphrey denied noticing any fires or smoke before leaving to move her belongings to a storage facility, but a witness allegedly saw her packing bags in her van as smoke billowed out of the apartment window.

While firemen questioned her, her four year old son claimed to have found a lighter in his mother's purse and set a fire in the closet. The fire investigator noted four separate locations at which fires had been set, and that the kitchen burners had been left on. Investigators do not believe the toddler set the fires, and even if he had she would have had to allow [or encourage] him to do so.

Hopefully this case will see Ms. Humphrey's little boy removed from her custody and sent to live with his father, if he can be identified and is not incarcerated.

The Plague of Modern Masculinity

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Authors note: Dr. Paul is on sabbatical. I decided to offer this one up. It is an overhaul of an earlier work, and is most likely still a transitional piece. So comments, especially from those with and eye for lapses in consistency, are most welcome.

Scores of our young men today are stranded at an impasse on the road to realizing manhood. They are bogged down in the confusion of a generation lost to treacherous forces they never saw, for reasons they were never able to comprehend. They are struggling and starving; unable to feed their souls in a world that finds them increasingly unnecessary and burdensome.

They have come of age in a time of coerced impotence, their nascent masculinity gutted and stripped long before having the opportunity to shape their character and their destiny. In that they are suffering from the loss of things never held, from things missing but never known. They are, quite literally, a lost generation of the walking wounded, wandering blindly from a battlefield on which they never knew they stood.

In that light, the path they are on is not really the road to manhood, but simply a retreat from the effacing malice woven into the very fabric of their developmental lives. And it takes them not to safe ground, but directly into a dismal culture of shallowness and self indulgence; a realm of options without obligations; of self gratification without self awareness or self discipline. It is the death march of the western male, destined for a withering end ensured by intellectual, psychological and moral atrophy.

This aimless, narcissistic existence is a forced escape from lives shrouded in shame; from manhood being reduced to an evolutionary joke in the eyes of a culture that holds it in contempt, even as the elders deny it is happening. With the wholesale whitewashing by society and abandonment by the fathers more or less complete, the newly (de)engineered young man is all but defenseless against this downward spiral into terminal insignificance.

It's happening all around us. One only need look at current events to see that the world of men is quite literally circling he drain; disappearing from the stable foundations of education and employment. They are targeted with disinformation about crime and domestic violence, and about deviant sexual proclivities with women and children. These are no longer just the ruminations of twisted ideologues. The demagoguery now emanates directly from the government, backed by men with gavels, *and men with guns*. The judicial apparatus has been reshaped, not to pursue justice, but to incarcerate men at every opportunity, even to enable and encourage false accusations to accomplish that goal. This isn't just about male bashing any more. It is about male subjugation. And it is not being executed by feminists or women, but by men.

We might proffer that the solution is a redirection to days past, when we imagine that men made masters of sacred codes; when they possessed strength and purpose and would stand against this growing tragedy and defeat it. We would be wrong. We can only find that Thomas C. Wolfe was right. You can't go home again. And what's more, you really don't want to. It was, in a sense, home that got us here. And that is a truth we must face, no matter how natural or compelling the tendency to point to any other "outside" force and satisfy our frustrations with the simplistic convenience of an easily identified enemy.

As always, our true enemy is in the mirror. The only thing that will save us is to face up to that and act accordingly.

In the fitful and often strange world of the men's movement, we attempt to answer this social malady; to create a haven, if only an intellectual one, for the refugees of this godforsaken gender war. It is a mission often hobbled by our own hands, yet the work goes on, limping toward solutions. We strive, I think, as men who have taken the red pill and seen through the Matrix, to formulate an appropriate response, and in our own way to push some sanity and balance back into the collective consciousness; to force it past the architects of institutional misandry, both male and female. But even as we exert pressure, we don't have a firm grasp on what it is we are fighting.

We have not ascertained, nor have we even really thoroughly tried to, what role traditional manhood plays in the problem. Unfortunately, what we have too often done is practice the obstinate politics of wounded children who insist that they have no role in whatever befalls their lives. We have, at times, angrily and energetically reacted to misandry, but have balked with equal vigor at seriously examining how we fostered and enabled it with masculine codes of conduct. Consequently, all of our efforts rooted in this approach have failed, and miserably so. We have made some progress, and will no doubt eventually mature into a more effective movement, but not before we embrace more than the hostility we feel for perceived enemies.

Our most functional response thus far is to check out and go our own way, but I contend that an exit is not a destination, but just a needed removal from the line of fire; a chance to collectively regroup and rethink. Remember that the young men festering at those crossroads have, in their own way, checked out, too. It isn't looking too good on them.

And it forces us, sooner or later, to swallow a pill that some will find bitter. And to face a reality that some will find unconscionable.

The feminists were right. Masculinity has, as it relates to modern realities, corrupt, oppressive and destructive elements that need to change.

And yes, I mean that literally. And no, I'm not kidding.

In fact, the entire thrust of my argument is that the monstrous social degeneration we are now witnessing, more than anything else, is the result of outmoded and horribly misguided masculinity.

Of course, once we dig more than a nanometer deep into the subject we find that objectivity and reason veer us onto an entirely different philosophical trajectory than the pathologically twisted and apoplectic mindset of feminist ideologues.

To chart our course, we will do two things that feminists never did. First, we will look at the subject without a politically driven agenda for unjustified revenge, or a mandate to dominate the other half of the population. And two, we will proceed with the sincere goal of benefit for everyone, not just an elite group.

The only sensible place to start is with a more grounded understanding of masculinity itself, something that can't be done in a 3,500 word essay, but can, with even marginally appropriate treatment, arrive at far better conclusions than the last forty years of women's and gender studies. We can rely on the combined contributions of history, mythology, politics and, most importantly, human sociobiology. For in the end we are a species of animals whose very existence depended on the development of reproductive strategies, the primary of which is that the most aggressive and powerful males are selected for mating by the most reproductively viable females. Those strategies arose from an environment of necessity and produced an effective way to produce offspring with the highest probability of survival. As a function of survival, that strategy, and not patriarchal conspiracy, shaped the male hierarchy, as well as what we now call *masculinity*.

Some dry facts- The hierarchy of men:

Despite the numerous male archetypal figures of history and legend, there are truly only four basic types of men. Three of the more commonly known are the alphas, betas and omegas. The fourth I will address later.

Alpha males are a very, very small fraction of the male population. They are highly dominant men who reside at near the top of all populations, from social groups to national governments. These men are generally characterized by the ability to force the deference of other men, often mistaken for leadership, and to obtain and hold power, which lends them dominance in being selected for mating by the most desirable females. There is no evidence to suggest this is any different now than at any other time in history, and there is no way to underestimate the importance of the mating strategy in the phenomenon of the alpha male.

Success often has its price. Alphas also tend to be obsessively controlling, abusive and megalomaniacal. If you point to any despot in world history that slaughtered scores of his own people, for the need to maintain control, or for

sheer sadistic pleasure, you are pointing at an alpha male. With alphas, you can throw your imagined codes of honor out the window. Those codes are nothing more than tools used to force betas and omegas into compliance with their agendas. All romanticism aside, the code of the alpha male is to conquer and control, both the objects of his desire and the men he exploits and expends to acquire them. Characterologically speaking, they are a minute, worst representation of the male of the species. But they also get things done, and with great efficiency if you don't factor weigh the loss of freedom and human life.

Incidentally, their characteristics are also the same ones that feminists have erroneously used to define masculinity in one broad stroke, painting all men as domineering and oppressive. Success at this enabled them to take other microscopic minorities of men and attribute their characteristics to men in general as well, e.g. abusers, pedophiles, rapists, etc…

Historically, the challengers to alphas frequently came from other alphas and often from the ranks of beta males, who form the next tier down in the male power structure. Betas serve as the alphas enforcers, the strong-arms used to maintain control over greater numbers. They also play the role of "yes men," affording them their own realm of power and putting them within striking distance (or scavenging proximity) of the alphas position and status, including sexual primacy. Like roadies for a rock band, fortune often filters its way into their hands, and beds.

At the bottom, and most heavily populated part of the hierarchy, are the omega males. These are the pawns on a chessboard, often under the direct control of alpha, or by proxy, beta males. This is the common man, and the one most vulnerable to the hazards of common life.

A good way to look at this is to take a look at the military chain of command. The general tendency is that the alphas, betas and omegas shed increasing amounts of blood in descending order and claim increasing shares of the spoils of victory in ascending order.

Government runs in the same way. In the simplest of terms, alpha lawmakers use beta law enforcement officers to exercise their will on the generally omega population.

Or rather government used to work that way, but it really doesn't any more.

The political sell out that changed the world.

Alpha males in government didn't just collude with feminist ideologues in order to garner a sizable and dependable voting bloc. They had wives to contend with, many of whom were supporting feminism, which effectively reduced everything to the biological imperative. Alpha males are no less, and arguably even more disposed to take whatever measures are necessary to ensure sexual status. Faced with a perceived threat to that, they effectively ceded the alpha position and became beta enforcers for the feminist agenda. You won't find better examples of that than Barak Obama or Joe Biden, or George Bush for that matter. These alphas became the beta muscle for a feminist Mafioso, maintaining rank and privilege through enforcing ideological imperatives on the defenseless masses beneath them. They became cops hauling men to jail on the simple accusation of their wives. They became judges bludgeoning men with their gavels in corrupt courtrooms; politicians passing ever more misandric legislation; C.E.O.'s of pharmaceutical companies pushing drugs like Ritalin to sap the vitality and strength out of our boys, to make them more malleable in female hands once the father had been removed from the home.

Isn't this ironic? The supposed pinnacle of strength in the male hierarchy was revealed by feminism to actually be the pinnacle of sexual weakness. This series of events is also a lesson in real power, and where it resides, which in the realm of sexual selection has always been in the hands of the women who did the selecting.

But an even greater irony is revealed. Women, who have bemoaned a lack of power for ages, and in fact still do, found out four decades ago that all they had to do to gain almost complete control was step up and demand it be handed over, playing the sex card as they did so. And it was handed over, by the most powerful men in the world, who in the presence of these women became like butlers offering cocktails on a serving tray.

I am not fond of that conclusion. In fact, as a man who continually struggles to break old world ties, I am rather

embarrassed by it.

Nothing learned, nothing gained.

Nonetheless, what happened here on the whole was that women, their raw biological power masquerading as feminism, have taken the dominant alpha status in our culture, and the result is quickly becoming an age of oppression and injustice more insidious and intractable than any other. It is in the biological, survival oriented nature of women to enhance their lives through the utilization of male labor and male expendability, without compunction or moral constraint, and that is exactly where our culture has ended up on an Orwellian scale.

Defeating this monstrosity requires the insanely formidable task of battling (figuratively) through beta enforcers masquerading as alpha controllers, not to a command post with someone in charge, but through a pervasive ideology that snakes like countless invisible tentacles through the consciousness of the population at large, and that emanate from the very heart of human evolutionary psychology.

And the first strike in that battle should be, must be, at the elements of masculinity that allowed it all to happen.

Meet the new boss, same as the old boss.

They say there is nothing new under the sun. History infers wisdom in those words. We can see with proper discernment that the women's movement was not really a new era for women at all. It is, on close inspection, just women and men practicing their biological strategies in a highly successful manner. So successfully, in fact, that it is rendering large portions of the male population even more expendable. So expendable, in fact, that we are now creating reasons to get rid of them.

It was destined to happen once male control of the environment made it safe enough for women to start acquiring power and resources outside the traditional and protected realm of the home. This is why you see feminism with its strongest foothold in industrialized nations founded on the rule of law. And it is why you see that law itself is now being manipulated away from the idea of justice (which was its intent in a man's world) and toward the funneling of added protection and resources to women (which has always been the intent in the world shared by both sexes).

It is not the pursuit of equality or the love of egalitarian values that has led to feminist governance, but pure blind human biology, practiced in the same way it was on the plains of Africa a million years ago. And the stunning successes of men making all manner of advances since then has now begun to take us out of the picture.

Quite simply, men have worked themselves out of a job.

As noted earlier, we have already begun to disappear from the ranks of the employed and educated, and the government is adopting policies to accelerate that process. It doesn't take a conspiracy nut to understand that this will eventually become a disappearance from the planet. In practical terms, there are not near as many men needed proportionally as there once was. The ones that remain will be of increasingly lower status and will be subject to ever more draconian control.

But of course, there is one factor that will turn the tide before it's over. It is the instinct for survival. It is the only instinct stronger than sex, and it has already shown signs of emerging. We call it the men's movement; MRA's, MGTOW, and the like. We are the evidence that men transcending biology is possible; proof that there actually can be something new under the sun. And we are growing rapidly because more and more men are beginning to see misandry for what it is; a loaded gun pointed directly at their heads, and at the heads of their sons.

Unlike feminism, which is simply a normal, functioning part of the female sex role advanced to destructive levels, masculism is the exact polar opposite. This is the *first time in human history* that men are organizing to overcome their biological mandate and to reverse the flow of survival power back to the world of men. And while our ranks contain many who are misinformed, and who in fact unwittingly play into the wrong agendas with support of chivalry and traditionalism, those notions are becoming increasingly unpopular and more commonly attacked on philosophical grounds. The men's movement is starting to *get it*.

And this is precisely the battle we need to fight! Not with women and not with feminists of either sex, but with the aspects of masculinity that are leading to our destruction because they are now outmoded, archaic and self defeating. What remains of chivalry is better described as toxic waste in the water supply. And just as we depart from the old definitions of masculinity, we must do the same with chivalry. It may have once also been a code of honor used by alphas to control other men, but in the modern world we all know it has but one meaning- female privilege. And so now we can call chivalry by more modern names, e.g. VAWA, primary aggressor laws, family court, prosecution on false accusation, media bias against men- and *misandry*.

The fourth type of man- the zeta male.

As previously noted, the men's movement is a unique and literally unprecedented phenomena. It will bring with it some other firsts. One of them is the socio-sexual warrior, and I refer to him for the purpose of this discourse as the zeta male. The tag remains faithful to the Greek alphabet classification of the other three types of men, but there is more purpose to the label. I took it from the star Zeta Persei. I liked the navigational metaphor of the star as it is applicable in the context of the lost generation. But I was also intrigued to learn that Persei is a variation of Perseus, the first of the Greek mythological heroes. Perseus had a remarkable talent for slaying archaic monsters, Medusa the Gorgon among them, who as a mortal woman possessed great beauty, and was self enamored and struck with the power of her sexual allure until she was turned into a hideous monster by Athena, who later used her severed head as a weapon on her shield.

In 1940, an article by Sigmund Freud was posthumously published, entitled *Medusa's Head* (Das Medusenhaupt) in which he postulated that Medusa represented castration in a child's mind related to discovered and denied maternal sexuality.

Even more interesting is that in modern times, feminists (Women: A Journal of Liberation, 1978) adopted and reinterpreted the image of Medusa as representative of women's rage, and it served as a binding symbol of feminist solidarity.

So Perseus, namesake of Zeta Persei, was the slayer of oedipal shame (control) and the murderously powerful raging feminist archetype.

The zeta male.

This classification of a male is new because this is a male that until recent times was never needed, and indeed was never there. He is emergent and unpolished and struggling to find his legs, but is doing so thanks to the fertile, safe ground, provided by, of all things, other emerging zetas on the internet. He has no allegiance to tradition or nostalgia for the past, and in fact is charged with plotting a new course. He cannot be shamed into control or intimidated into silence or seduced into capitulation. He doesn't fit in the classic hierarchy, and would gladly bring it down in the name of his cause. When someone says he needs to act like a real man, he smiles and says, "No, thank you."

He doesn't seek power, but justice. And he has one overarching feature largely absent in the world around him.

He cares about those lost young men who were ambushed coming out of the womb. And he will strive to make himself an example, living proof that there are other roads to take than the ones that lead to self hatred and self destruction.

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Are Foreign Women Really Better Looking?

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Just for the fun of it, I decided to look around at various female news anchors around the world to see how our own stacked up (heh) against them. I chose TV news anchors because, although they have to be attractive compared to the average woman, the standards are more realistic than they are for, say, bikini models. A news anchor should be at least a 7, and might represent (in terms of looks) an attainable woman for the average, ambitious guy. Needless to say, the results were depressing, as these things so often are for American men. Not only are we often disappointed while out on the streets of our once-mighty nation, we can't even see something pleasant when we watch the nightly news, and to top it all off, now we know how much better other guys have it in the rest of the world.

It was harder than I thought to find photos of international news anchors (language barrier presents a problem in Google search), but I came up with a few for comparison. The header photo is of French news anchor Melissa Thieuriau.

Russian anchor for RT English language Russian broadcast Anna Federova:

Chinese CCTV anchor Shi Dan (puts Connie Chung in the proper perspective):

[image]

Brazilian news anchor Patricia Poeta:

[image]

And, finally, our very own Katie Couric:

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I think we'll all agree that France takes the gold in this competition. But if you aren't sure of that, simply get a load of Melissa without her makeup on.

Are Women Lightweight?

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[This post submitted by codebuster]

What does Game tell us about the psychology of women? Why is an alpha bad-boy most likely to get the gal? Let's take a peek. But first, let's establish the basis why women think differently to men, because it is not in the genes.

Introduction to the basic theory

A woman can never be attracted to a man if she perceives him either as less than her or, worse, equal with her. Why is this? It is because being provided for is a woman's birthright. And the provider/provided for roles are about much more than just money. They represent very different states of mind. Parents provide for their children, boys and girls, up until they come of age. But where the boy is encouraged early on in his life to learn to stand on his own two feet, the girl is not. The girl unconditionally enjoys an entitlement to being provided for, and she is reminded of this whenever she is provided with the soft options, whenever anyone steps in to protect her from the nasty world outside. A girl carries with her the expectation of this entitlement through to adulthood, marriage, and into old age, and it is reinforced in the politics of affirmative action and VAWA.

It's not in the genes.

But these sorts of entitlements come with costs. Entitlement-thinking is impulsive and compulsive thinking. It encourages indulgence and discourages rationality. I want. Gimme gimme gimme. Me, I, me, me, I want, I need, I hurt, gimme gimme gimme. What a woman has never learned to confront and control she instead learns to avoid. She learns inadequacy and dependency, and she learns to look up to those who are more capable than her. She cannot avoid this. It is an emotional reaction over which she has little control. She is unable to resist the type of man that fits the sort of profile she values and respects. And as Steve Moxon (author of the Women Racket) once pointed out in an online forum, men fall in love, women fall in respect.

Yes, that's right. Even with bad-boy bikers and musicians, 'respect' is the crucial component behind 'dangerous'. 'Dangerous' provides that spicy thrill that combines fear with excitement to give a lady the tingles.

If a man is unable to deliver on respect, he misses out altogether on that wetting-her-panties enthusiasm that yearns "Here I am! Here I am! Talk to me!" If he fails to impress, he'll never see that flick of her hair as she glances back to see if he's noticed her.

Clearly, women have different notions to men as to what constitutes respectably, but that's a topic beyond the scope of this essay.

Entitlement and the flight response

When a woman is confronted with a situation, avoidance becomes fear and an impulsive retreat from the situation is her first instinct. While it may be true that women often 'play' hard-to-get exactly as instructed in rule books written by dating 'experts', it is also true that women spook easily, and being hard-to-get is often less a strategy than it is a reflex, a flight response, a manifestation of women's proclivity to avoidance.

Women jump to conclusions, reading more into situations that more rational minds would be inclined to leave undefined. They have trouble making up their minds and committing to a course of action, and would rather flee a situation than deal with it head on. Whether as deliberate strategy or as instinctive flight response, playing hard-to-get ultimately taps into the psyche of the entitled, for whom an escape route, a way out, is just another entitlement. If women find a situation too stressful, they freak and head for the hills. Why? Because the entitlement mentality that they've enjoyed since childhood has never taught them to confront the situations that are important to them. This is why even the most attractive women, women you'd think can do better, can sometimes finish up settling for

wealthy but hunch-backed gnomes or 'financially secure' but sniveling gollums. But hey, why look a gift-provider in the mouth? Why work yourself up in anticipation over a handsome, successful dude who can leave you for another woman, when you can be provided for for the rest of your life by a predictable non-descript who is at least financially secure? For a man, looks can help, but looks can be quite incidental to the ultimate priorities that many women value.

Let's pause a moment here. Does evolutionary psychology (EP) help us in understanding any of this? Of course it doesn't. No amount of referencing on the topic of hunter-gatherers on the savannah from the Pleistocene era sheds any light whatsoever on what motivates women and men. What does shed light on all of this is context (associative learning, conditioning, Pavlov's dog).

The things that a woman has learned throughout her life come to bear on her impulses, her choices and her flight response. A pampered princess learns that she will always be served, and that this is her entitlement where the only requirement of her is, certainly as far as contemporary western women are concerned, to turn up. There is no onus on her to bear responsibility either for her choices or the outcome.

But it has not always been this way. There was a time, not all that long ago, when women were also held accountable, when they also had their own responsibilities, when they too were judged in accordance with the choices they made. Back in a not-so-distant past, when a woman chose a knucklehead, there was perfect justification for everyone else to conclude that she too must be a knucklehead-equivalent… a slut, a bimbo, or just a really dumb doormat.

The importance of social proof

Notice how women work themselves into a lather about things, arbitrary things, that for one reason or another are noticed, become an issue and go on to become the focus of their collective attentions. It's all in the spirit of jumping to conclusions – if you have limited information, just accept as given that which everyone else accepts. And, true to form, they'll come to a consensus about some dude in the office, work themselves into a lather and decide that he's 'hot'. They'll wet their panties, falling over themselves vying for his attention. It's a collective feeding-frenzy thing, rarely related to logic or fact. It's as arbitrary as the weather and as predictable as the winning number in a lottery. Brad Pitt? George Clooney? Yeah, ok… but I think this Clooney/Pitt cliché has more to do with lather and froth than with better, taller, more handsome, more formidable. Nothing beats the social proof of publicity and fame and the self-indulgence of women working themselves into a lather.

Ever notice how women are drawn to your vicinity when you are accompanied by an attractive woman? A man might be forgiven for muttering under his breath, "I'm with her standing alongside me, you dumb fuck, leave us alone." This is social proof in action. It's the lament of many a man that it's either a drought or a flood. Success breeds success, and this applies more so to women than anything else. If you are on your own, if you're down on your luck, regardless of your potential, regardless of your courage and natural charisma, you can forget the flood, and it is more likely the drought with which you will be most acquainted. Social proof. It is perhaps the most essential component of context.

The importance of context

Here's something that you can't learn from the hunter-gatherers of the Pleistocene era. First, let's consider 'traditional' women outside of the Anglosphere. Do we know why providing a woman with gifts used to be so effective? Do we know why taking a woman to fancy restaurants with ambience and atmosphere used to win her over? Of course these practices don't work as well as they used to, because they can create a context that makes the modern woman uncomfortable – too much anticipation, too much angst, so much to be responsible for. So let's fast-forward to today's zeitgeist. Do we know why single women are attracted to married men? Do we know why married women like to make out with strangers? Do we know why married women like to fantasize about being raped, or why single women like to fantasize romance with George Clooney or Brad Pitt?

Let's put this into more tangible terms. Context is what grabs a woman. Let's go back to our restaurant example, even if it is a bit out of date, because restaurants are all about creating context. I remember one of my first jobs after graduating, taking a client to an expenses-paid fancy restaurant in London and immersing myself in the context of it all, the view through the windows from high up to the bright lights of the city below. I remember thinking to myself… "hmmm, I can dig this. I like this job." After the initial exposure, though, eating at fine restaurants was not a big deal, because for a man, with his identity defined by his success, fine restaurants are just a part of the job and the routine. A man is in control of the contexts he creates, and therefore he is not so easily impressed by them.

But think of the same situation from the perspective of a woman that you are taking on a date. She's not really into you, at first, but once you've had the opportunity to have her taste a context, a sense of what you stand for, you've put yourself in the position of changing her mind. Whether she prefers the humble context of a cozy restaurant with intimacy and atmosphere, or the more flash surrounds with celebrity, bright lights, status, connections and happenings, if you get the context right, she's as good as hooked. She thinks to herself, "hmmm, I can dig this. He's not my type, but I like this context. I like meeting his friends. I like the package." Because she's not in control of the context, she's less likely to understand it, and she'll be more easily impressed by it. And you've passed first base.

Of course, you could still blow it, especially if you come across as a needy wuss who is eager to provide her with a free lunch, no strings attached. Why? Because you've jinxed the context. You no longer fit with the context as a success. The success-context that has been so important in the lead-up no longer applies. But if you stay consistent with the context, you should have no problem.

Same with sex with married men. Married men provide a context. They have assets, a luxurious mansion and exotic cars. They represent a package. They have family, wife, kids, a package that spells 'influence' and 'success'… and of course, social proof, because somebody 'loves' them. For many women, a married man may be out of bounds… but not necessarily uninteresting. But for other women, a man's marriage is the only kind of social proof that they can take with them to the bank. A married man is dangerous, and the context that he represents is addictive. There are risks associated with getting involved with a married man, and this provides some of that spice that suites many women just fine.

Same with sex with strangers… a new kind of context, a new kind of package. The thrill of illicit sex is the thrill of the forbidden, and this alleviates the boredom for many a novelty-seeking woman who is tired of her stale relationship with predictable Joe Sixpack. Illicit sex with a dangerous, bad-boy rock star bears no comparison to illicit sex with a bespectacled nerd with a whiney voice. Illicit sex with a bespectacled nerd sounds too much like pity or charity to get a woman's rocks off, but illicit sex that meets all the standards of a rape fantasy works a treat.

Same if you own a yacht. A cynical woman wanting a free ride and boasting-credits enters your lair, and for all her wariness, for all her clever cynicism, depending on how you play the context and how comfortable you can make her feel, a part of her begins to yield. What accounts for this? Context. You work your magic and you change her mind. You do this by applying the laws of context.

Of course you can still blow it all… women these days are propositioned all the time and if the context you create is one of a needy wuss who is just trying to impress her, you will likely fail. Own your yacht, own yourself, allowing for the odds that she has her own self-indulgent agenda, and you'll be fine. And you'll never be disappointed.

Gifts, diamonds, trips, it's all about creating context. It's all about spinning a web that draws her in, that a woman can call home – or at least, in our current zeitgeist, an entertaining diversion. The key to context is that it plays on a woman's subconscious motivations. It develops over time and as she immerses herself into your world, your friends and the way to do things, she becomes addicted to this context, she becomes addicted to you. Even a hunch-backed gnome, if he can create a compelling enough context, can become an integral part of something of which she cannot let go. Even a hunch-backed gnome can own a label, he can stand for something, he can deliver on a context. And a powerful context can move even the tennest of tens.

A bum without a brass razoo to his name can create a powerful context that can draw a woman into his orbit. A freedom-fighter, a rebel with a cause has been known to inspire the odd romantic fantasy. Sometimes women misconstrue bad-boys for rebels with a cause, so it's not necessarily always about danger and rape fantasies. What it is all about is context. EP does not shed any light on how context works.

I'm not passing any value judgment here. This is just the way it is, it is how nature works. If I have any value judgment to make, it is the responsibility that contemporary women fail to take for the choices that they make. Women (feminists excepting) are not stupid. They know what they want, and they usually have a pretty good sense of what they are about to enter into.

So let's review what we know about game, and apply our preceding discussion on context and entitlement to understand why game works.

Why game works

The three main reasons that first come to mind (no doubt, there are others) all tap into the avoidance and flight responses that cannot be separated from a woman's learned sense of entitlement:

1. He owns himself. He does not expect much of her. Mocking, teasing and making fun of her, all in a good-natured kind of way of course, is integral to defusing her expectations. This defuses her self-consciousness and her feelings of inadequacy. It tells her, "honey, your jip is up… I'm not intimidated by your looks, I know you're kinda dumb, but I like you anyways, just as you are." She no longer feels that she has to live up to any expectations, and this relieves the pressure;
2. His assumed confidence controls her low self-esteem and her inability to act decisively. She is relieved of the terror of decision-making and confrontation;
3. Her low self-esteem implies something important about the reality that she inhabits. More specifically, if someone comes across as 'valuing' her, or seeing her as an equal, she is likely to assume that there is something deficient in that person for doing so. It's a woman's interpretation of Groucho Marx's famous quip "I wouldn't want to belong to any club that would accept me as a member."

Brief note to the above… do women really have low self-esteem? Of course they do. I'm not talking about their deluded princess arrogance that is fed on a daily basis by chivalry and feminist propaganda. I'm talking about their real self-esteem, the one that they deny, lying just under the surface, the one that shrivels up when tested by reality. This is the approval-seeking self-esteem that makes them an easy target for the manipulations of PUAs (pick-up artist).

There are many layers that can be explored here, and as we look deeper, we realize that there are troubling aspects in the dynamics that hold sway between modern women and alphas:

- To begin with, imagine a man behaving as a woman in response to being mocked, teased and made fun of. What a loser, eh? And yet, women eat it up. They love being treated like children. Why? Because it consolidates their lower position on the pecking order. It resonates with a woman's entitlement to be provided for and a man's role as the successful provider;
- What's the significance of the fact that only if you don't expect much of a woman (that is, if you don't respect her), only then are you most likely to have your way with her? Weren't women only a couple of generations ago concerned about whether or not they'll be respected in the morning? These days, it seems that the absence of respect for women is virtually the only thing that will guarantee your success with women.

An aspiring PUA's most essential first lesson, then, is to realize that every woman is, deep down inside, little different to most moms. He's got to learn to humor them and baby them. The vast majority of women, if they can look beyond their narcissistic, career-grrrl delusions, are just moms-in-waiting with motherly priorities and a ticking clock fast approaching midnight. If he knows which buttons to push to set his own mother off, our aspiring PUA will be well-enough equipped, in the first instance, to learn Game.

Female sexuality explained

Now that we've introduced the basic elements of female entitlement and why context is so important, let's take a brief, introductory look at what this implies for female sexuality. A common assumption is that women have a diminished sex drive, virtually non-existent. Nothing can be further from the truth. For example, Rookh Kshatriya observed that "… the female sex drive is so miniscule compared to that of males", to which the following two paragraphs is the gist of my response to this line of reasoning.

Most of us have heard of the Islamic saying 'nine parts of desire'. Quoting Ali Ibn Abu Taleb (founder of the Shiite sect of Islam and also the husband of Mohammed's daughter, Fatima), "Almighty God created sexual desire in ten parts; then he gave nine parts to women and one to men."

Here's my take on the reason why women's nine parts of desire go unnoticed. It's because women, traditionally, are shielded and protected from birth through to infancy through to adulthood through to old age, and therefore ('traditionally' speaking) they are rarely put into the position of having to test their sexuality, to explore it. So they go through their shielded lives never knowing their true selves… they are in a perpetual state of virginal babyhood. But once they discover their own little secret, oftentimes there is no turning back, and this gives us a sense of where chivalry, and the impulse to 'save' a damsel in distress comes from… she needs to be saved from herself.

What manifests as low sex drive is, in reality, untested sex drive. Many women, preoccupied with the priority of being provided for, have no idea of the nature of the beast that lurks within.

So what's the gist of female sexuality? Anais Nin contends that violation is a secret erotic need in women. What does this mean? It seems to conjure up conflicting concepts relating to the forbidden, and the fear of the unknown. Think of women's proclivity to indulge in rape fantasies. And immediately in this we see the potential for one part vocally, consciously, insisting NO, but another part secretly, hesitantly, yearning for YES. This is the gist of Nin's contention that is played out in her stories. It is also a dynamic played out in romance novels.

Think about the forbidden for a moment, if you will. Every culture has it. And so I am talking about something primal, something that cuts across all cultures. Why? Because the forbidden is defined by culture. Sure, there are different forbiddens in every culture, but ultimately the most primal thing across all cultures is this notion of no-go zones, the notion of the forbidden. Anais Nin captures the essence of these notions in her writings, without spelling it out. If women are inclined to safe, predictable lives where routine defines security and a life worth living, it is this primal thrill of the forbidden that lurks in the shadows, an ever-present uncertainty that a fine lady of impeccable breeding might lower her guard to discover the depraved beast within.

Porn star Sasha Grey is interesting because she brings some credible analysis to the matter of women's roles in pornography. She seems to be better able than most women to analyze things from a more tangible perspective that others can better understand – I'm deliberately avoiding value judgments here, we're here to learn, not judge… right? She's ventured beyond the forbidden, and her journey is not yet over. Were any other woman also to go there, they might discover things they could never have imagined and they would be justified in being concerned whether or not there was a way back.

Female sexuality is not trivial. Just like male sexuality, female sexuality must also contend with the forces of darkness. Women of entitlement, oftentimes even those that behave like complete sluts, can be entirely oblivious to their sexuality and its more formidable aspects. The 'lie back and think of Mother England' type is alive and well, and this type you'll encounter in places as varied as strip joints and HR departments. Don't let this type fool you. They may be completely ignorant of their most primal natures, but there are many others who prefer to keep what they know to themselves. All this is fascinating stuff that is beyond the scope of this essay, so let's wrap up for now.

The future of Game

Included among the practitioners of Game is an assortment of pretenders and mommas' boys, who wouldn't last long in a bloodlust society ruled by warlords. They would have their heads lobbed off long before they would be

cast out and laughed into the surrounding desert.

It raises concerns about modern society that men (of the PUA school) would be motivated to learn techniques to pick up women. While the motivations for developing Game vary from casual sex through to strengthening existing long term relationships (hence the acronym 'LTR'), it seems that we've lost sight of the purpose and meaning of manhood.

It is not the purpose of men to be trying to measure up in the eyes of women – not as nature intended, anyways. But it seems that this is the only way that most contemporary manifestations of Game can be interpreted. Game is about pleasing women, and measuring up to their terms – yet avoiding being seen to be seeking their approval. It's a fine balancing act, a deception that conceals a shortfall. And I'm not so sure that I'd care to measure up in the eyes of those predisposed to believing that astrology is science or that social proof establishes character.

This sad indictment of modern society extends to women. For ultimately, Game, in its mainstream, marketed form, would not work if women were not so shallow, self-indulgent, predictable and so easily manipulated.

In other cultures from other times, boys often underwent challenging initiation programs to establish their coming of age into manhood. That was the test of a man, not whether he had an soh (sense of humor) or passed an assortment of popularity tests. Men do need to learn about things like courage and honor… not the smash-face variety of the thugs that attract the sluts and the bimbos, but the more formidable variety that resonates with something more profound.

Game is useful. It works. It provides a true test of how men and women think in very different ways. But we should see it as a stepping-stone. May we move on to the next stage, towards a higher plane of evolutionary development.

CONCLUSION

EP sheds no light whatsoever on how men and women think. It sheds no light whatsoever on the motivations, fears or desires of men and women. Its sole insight is the neo-Darwinian interpretation of natural and sexual selection. Natural/ sexual selection is an important dynamic that operates in any ecosystem, and whilst it is certainly not a trivial force of nature, it doesn't really help us to understand how men and women think.

Are women 'lightweight'? It's probably not too different to asking if men are 'evil'. If we consider that women enjoy entitlement privileges that no longer require them to take responsibility for the choices that they make, then of course, women are lightweight. But what about the men who accept this absurdly unfair situation? What about the men who persist with chivalry and their role as provider chumps in the face of all this injustice? In a culture where one sex is lightweight, it thus follows that so too is the other. For the reality is that men and women deserve each other, and 'lightweight' is the common ground that they share. It is the common ground that allows absurdity to feed absurdity.

A popular myth is that men are so predictable because they think with their dicks. But the reality is quite the opposite. When you understand how context works, then you can better appreciate that it is women who are more predictable, more easily corralled into a desired outcome. The idea that men think with their dicks is an assumption, and that's all it is. Whilst it is an assumption that has force in the current zeitgeist, because men have allowed it, the reality is that men who do not subscribe to this zeitgeist often find themselves in the position of trying to reassure some dingbat that she's misread his cues, and that he really has no intentions on her.

Understanding context is the key to understanding how and why Game works so well. EP provides nothing of the sort.

English Degree Worth $8.55 Per Hour

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As our feminized education system devalues credentials by pumping out hundreds of thousands of young women with humanities degrees, the glut is taking its toll on the labor market, leading to plummeting wages amongst the literate set. Now, right here in the US, we have our very own Chinese sweatshop content production line run by lolcat internet entrepreneur Ben Huh, who employs college grads at Washington state's minimum wage of $8.55 per hour.

Huh claims that offering such low wages is how he attracts premium talent, but that's obviously a load. He's paying people so little *because he can*, and he can because there are so many people out there who think of themselves as "writers."

As I well know, the market for content producers is absolutely saturated. Only a few can stand out of a field of millions, and the rest will be relegated to low-wage jobs. A few experts, such as tech writers and editors can make a decent living, but when you've got dozens of people competing for the same job, all else being equal, the one who will take it for the lowest wage will be the one who gets the job.

Huh's website, icanhascheezburger.com, is based on the lolcat meme he ripped off from 4chan. Sure, the pictures of cats are a bit amusing, but this is one trend that isn't going to last. He's got 30 employees producing this junk for peanuts, which is essentially the same model Walmart used to bring us millions of tons of cheap trinkets produced in factories in Canton.

When our colleges are pumping out kids with degrees that qualify them for little more than putting pictures of cats up on the internet, it's time to take a serious look at what's gone wrong. Was the feminization of our universities a good idea if this is the result? Does this add any real value to the US economy?

Old Men more Likely to Have Sex than Old Women

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According to *Time*, a pending British Medical Journal article finds that even past retirement, most men are sexually active, while the same is not true for women of that age. Even among men between 75 and 85, over a third are still having sex.

Researcher Patricia Goodson, working at Texas A&M, is attempting to figure out why older women do not see this as a problem, probably because feminists are becoming concerned about the geriatric sex gap.

We will likely see efforts by old feminists such as Pepper Schwartz and Gloria Steinem to address the geriatric sex gap by encouraging old women to have sex even if they don't really want to. If that doesn't work, one can imagine a public campaign to stop old men from having sex, possibly accompanied by legislation.

A Call for Support

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The Spearhead has been around for almost six months now, and considering its short life and rather sudden emergence, it's made quite an impact. Looking around, subtle cues are emerging even in the mainstream that people are recognizing that feminism has gone too far, and men across the Anglosphere are starting to let it be known that they are fed up. We are getting nearly a thousand first-time visitors every day through searches and referrals, and a significant proportion of those people are sticking around to see what we have to say.

I suspect some higher level pundits have read some of our articles, and are thinking about the implications of a society filled with rootless, disenfranchised men. Perhaps they are a bit worried; they should be if they value stability, productivity and growth.

I'm delighted that our publication has been climbing its way into the public consciousness, and excited about its potential. In fact, I'm so optimistic about the prospect for making a real difference that I've taken it on as my primary job, and that's where things get complicated.

As much as I'd like to pretend that money doesn't matter, little things like my computer falling apart recently, the need to feed my kids and pay bills, and the other mundane costs of life continue to pile up. As a simple man with simple tastes, my needs are not great, but there is a bare minimum associated with life in America. Because I am primarily motivated by abstract ideals rather than concrete profits, I'd be perfectly happy to keep putting a great deal of work into *The Spearhead* for that bare minimum, but I do have to meet it.

Ad and affiliate revenue has risen to almost $200/month, which covers my costs as far as bandwidth and overhead (not counting hardware). This is roughly 10% of what I need to get by. My next goal, which I have mentioned before, is to start publishing books in both electronic and print format, and I have recently set up a good system for producing them. All I need to proceed is to purchase some ISBNs to finish setting up my account with the printer. I am hopeful that *The Spearhead* will be self-sustaining through a combined income approach in due course, but that will take some time.

Eventually, we're going to have to go from words to action, and I have some plans along those lines as well. Of course, one can only take on so much at once, but I can imagine putting some effort into influencing some political campaigns come summer and fall. Defeating feminist senator Patty Murray, champion of VAWA and IMBRA, is something I'd be thrilled to help accomplish, and I already have some potentially useful ideas that might help with that.

Last time I asked for some support – three months ago almost to the day – quite a few people came through. Some donors have truly humbled me with their generosity. Following that appeal and subsequent response, I began to put substantially more work into *The Spearhead*. This paid off with rapid growth over the next couple months. In fact, it grew so fast that I could barely handle all the comments and attention. Things have evened out a bit over the last month, but as our database continues to grow, more and more links and views are coming in every day. We have almost 1,100 subscribers now, and the number continues to rise week after week.

In short, *The Spearhead* is still gaining steam. I can foresee a day – not too far off if I may be optimistic – when we outrank Feministing, which operates with a paid staff and has connections at the highest levels of national government as well as ridiculously wealthy supporters. We are like David facing an Amazon version of Goliath, and we should have all the same confidence the shepherd boy did before he sank a stone in the monstrous Philistine's forehead.

Once again, I'd like to thank our writers, to whom *The Spearhead* owes its success. Their content has been brilliant and thought provoking. Ordinary men from many different walks of life have contributed thoughts that are being read by hundreds of thousands of people. Their voices together have grown strong and reached far and wide. For far too long these men and others like them have been silenced and pushed aside, but now that they've found their

voice it turns out that the people want to hear what they have to say. If anything, seeing that happen has been the most rewarding thing about being a part of this publication.

So in closing, I'd like to ask for your support, and to offer my most sincere gratitude to those who have already pitched in. Any contribution is helpful, and will allow me to continue the fight for a better society for men and mankind.

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Eating Grass

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Given the current state of affairs, it is very easy to be cynical about the prospects for any political change. If you take a long term view, cynicism is usually justified. People forget past lessons, they usually don't know a good thing when they have it, and they wreck things by trying to fix what worked pretty well. However, for some reason we seem to keep on moving forward even in the darkest of times: technology progresses, we adapt, and buried truths are brought to light.

The odds against men are formidable. Governments across the Anglosphere have crafted increasingly complex legal constructs designed to extract the maximum amount of resources from men to turn them over to women and the state, and have built the most extensive peacetime prison network the world has ever seen to enforce them. Our consumer-driven economy has helped push this trend along, as women are more reliable spenders and more susceptible to advertising. Finally, thick-skulled men with an atavistic sense of chivalry have aided and abetted this process every step of the way.

When taking into consideration that some enlightened men's best efforts over the last generation to warn us and point out the obvious have been totally ignored and ineffectual, one can't be blamed for giving up hope. Men, it seems, are determined to allow themselves to lapse into a permanent state of subjection due to passivity and and a refusal to act in their self-interest.

When I lived in China, I was bemused by Chinese assertions that they, the Chinese people, could take anything, and could even survive by eating grass. I wondered why that was something to be proud of. "What's the point of taking all that abuse, and shouldn't you have been less tolerant?" I'd ask them. Stubbornly proud of this trait, they would give me a smug look as though the answer was so obvious that there was no need for explanation.

To an American, it might be understandable that the Chinese were proud of their ability to survive great deprivation, but that was only part of it: they also declared that not only could they survive terrible conditions, they would actually allow things to get *that bad* before they would do anything about it. To me, it seemed absurd that people could be so proud of being humble and passive, almost as though it were a completely illogical contradiction. From an American perspective, there is something shameful about not "doing something" immediately to fix some problem.

However, in retrospect, this trait is far from useless. Perhaps, as a relatively new people (I count the British people as fairly new as well), we have little historical perspective from which we can understand why, and its counterintuitive nature must be learned from experience rather than deduction, but there are plenty of examples for the familiar.

What is really going on is that the humiliation, suffering and oppression endured by the meek gives them a messianic zeal and a moral imperative that cannot be gained in any other way. After decades of warlordism, war with the Japanese, and finally civil war, the starving peasants marching with their savior Mao Tse-tung were an irresistible force that Chiang Kai Shek's corrupt, urban nationalists couldn't hope to defeat. Their determination, ferocity, and – mostly importantly – conviction, gave them an overwhelming edge.

Christianity incorporates the same principle. In fact, it is the image of the Via Dolorosa and the cross that gave it the kind of moral determination that comes from enduring the unendurable. The Jewish Shoah had the same effect, galvanizing the Jews and leading to the establishment of Israel. The crushing poverty of late Bourbon France created the radicalism that led to the French Revolution. The list goes on.

I hope Western men never have to face the kind of travails endured by mid-20th century Chinese, European Jews, and 18th century French peasants, but more of us are being crushed under a severe economic burden than at any time since the Great Depression, and today the law and political atmosphere is more hostile than it was in those

grim days. Millions of men will face pretty severe hardship, if not starvation. Many of them are inexorably being pushed to the margins and out of a legitimate, above-board position in society. These men – many of whom are fathers – have all the rights of illegal aliens, and none of the political support. The law is ruthless toward them, and given the prevailing trend, will only get worse. All that they can hope for is that states don't have enough money to imprison them.

From our Western, Anglo perspective this just looks hopeless. Men are being taken to the cleaners, legislated into quasi-criminality, stripped of their children — and they aren't doing anything about it. It would be easy at this point to simply write them off, just like the world wrote off the Chinese in the 1930s as hopeless and powerless against the arrogant, modern, imperialist Japanese, but it would also be too hasty.

In every man and boy cheated, dispossessed and abused by venal politicians and their churlish, feminine masters, a new strength and certainty will take root. Men will stop blaming themselves, and, as they realize that they have no say or choice, they will no longer be plagued by indecision, which is a luxury reserved for those with options.

It is not such a bad thing that so many men are now under the boot, and beginning to recognize their pathetic, hopeless position. Let more of them plumb the depths of despair and hit bottom with a thud. When they finally stand up, they will be much tougher customers than before.

It was once said that "the meek shall inherit the earth." This was not merely eschatological prophesy; it is the way the world works.

On Women And Their (Occasional) Beauty

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[This post was submitted by Michael Claymore]

Quick, picture a woman in your mind, right now. So, what did she look like? Was she fat and /or plain? Probably not, despite the fact that in the real world that is what most women look like!

If you're anything like most men you probably pictured some hot piece of tail out of Penthouse, or your favorite porn star , or maybe just a generic "Girl Gone Wild!". Either way, you pictured something that is not representative of women, and in doing so you on some level transferred at least some of the feelings that you have towards "good looking women" to the larger group called simply "women"!

And are those feelings just the self-serving ones like lust? No. If you're one of those men who goes against what he's been taught all his life and actually examines his feelings, you will probably find other emotions triggered by female beauty – tenderness, affection and protectiveness.

Feminists often whine about the proliferation of beautiful women in our media, yet ironically these images do men more damage than they do women, precisely by giving many of us a false inner image of what "women" are. This leads many of us to respond emotionally not to the prosaic reality of "Actual Woman", but to a glittering, media-induced mirage best described as "Idealized Woman"! So when bastards like Obama get up there and whine about domestic violence, do most men picture a fat and/or ugly woman? No! They picture a good-looking woman with a black eye, thereby triggering feelings of affection and protectiveness and attaching them to the concept of the abused woman, and in turn increasing the likelihood that they will support whatever nutty D.V policy President Useless has up his frilly sleeve!

There is nothing wrong with appreciating beauty in women, and I should know, I've drawn and painted hundreds of gorgeous women over the years. But men have got to make a conscious effort to separate the affection and protectiveness induced by what is at best a tiny minority of women, from a reality which does not support the same feelings.

Perhaps I'm wrong in this. Perhaps I'm projecting the way artistically inclined, beauty-loving males see things. Perhaps I am the exception rather than the rule, but even if so, who do you think ends up generating the media's images of both men and women? Yes, it's the artistic men who create those images inside your head, and on that fact alone, it's time we took a serious look at how false images of women influence the way we feel about the real deal.

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Second Wave Confronts Third Wave

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Feminism is like the hydra — every time you cut off one of its heads a couple more grow back. Some older feminists are horrified by the new growths that have replaced their own cherished brand of feminism. Charlotte Raven, writing for the Guardian, deplores the image of the modern woman, which she sees as excessively sexualized and narcissistic.

To Raven, artificially augmented British sex symbol Katie Price epitomizes the new woman:

> Katie Price's currency is as high today as when she published her million-selling autobiography in 2004. She has generated much outrage in the last few years, but it is nothing compared with her influence. Her narcissism no longer seems so aberrant. Women's belief in specialness and a concomitant sense of entitlement has inflated in line with Price's most famous assets.
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> Two new exposés of the dehumanising effect of the Price worldview feel like too little too late. The fantasy world described in Natasha Walter's Living Dolls: The Return of Sexism, where appearances are everything, has already come to pass. Today's young women are right to think they will be judged on how they seem, rather than who they are. In this context, Kat Banyard's promise to tell "the truth about women and men" in her new book The Equality Illusion is the promise of a horse-drawn plough in the machine age. The truth is no longer enough; she needs a promotional gimmick.
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> In a recent study of 1,000 British girls (admittedly by a mobile entertainment company), quoted in Walter's book, 60% said glamour modelling was their preferred career. A quarter said they would consider becoming lap dancers. By all measures, the value map has shifted in Price's favour.

Raven does something one very rarely sees any feminist do: she takes responsibility, and admits that "thinking women have turned their backs on feminism." This bit of introspection marks a turning point for the old guard, which is increasingly uncomfortable with the monster it has spawned.

However, despite her regret, Raven still can't bring herself to admit that second wave feminism itself was a failure. Instead, she blames corporate culture and asserts that women were simply being manipulated by pervasive branding.

Her biggest fear, it seems, is that women are losing that asset that got them so far in the heady, early days of our own sexual revolution: permanent victim status. However, the image she returns to is deeply conservative, which raises interesting questions about what truly motivated feminists in the first place:

> If awareness returned – if modern woman were no longer disassociating from her pain and victimhood – all her decisions would be different. The things that hurt us would never seem "potentially enjoyable". We wouldn't wear silly shoes, blog about our sex life, worry that our babies are upstaging us. Most importantly, we'd resist the temptation to caricature ourselves. We'd lose the Nigella-esque pinny, the Price-esque lash extensions; the Belle-esque pose of erotic empowerment would seem inhibiting. We'd recover our desire for the missionary position with the person lying next to us. In every sphere of existence we'd be free to choose normality.

Taking Credit

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[This post was submitted by meistergedanken]

This post may present a slightly new wrinkle for this site, as most of the populace of the MRA/PUA realm seem to either take the approach of wanting to free or disassociate themselves completely from women, or want to sufficiently alter their behavior so they can use them and lose them at will. But some of us are still in the thick of it, attempting to retool a marriage that seems assaulted from innumerable external forces and inbred expectations, and are trying to make the best of a difficult situation….

Obsidian's March 6 post briefly alluded to the issue I am going to address ("…Female Double Standard #2: Women Are Snobs Much More Than Are Men, AND, Don't Really Believe In Merit Either"), and so I decided I needed to strike while the iron is hot.

In our current Mancession environment, there is a lot of talk about credit, and its supposed scarcity. But I would like to examine a different kind of credit, and how its abuse has rankled me, and I suspect, many more men in committed relationships.

I am specifically speaking of **credit** in the intellectual sense, referring to an acknowledgement of those who contributed to a work, whether through ideas or in a more direct sense.

I'll start with the axiom that women "put on airs", and that they do this based on the most tenuous justifications. Why do women buy into and breathlessly promulgate the "two become one" vision of marriage? Because it permits them to absorb all the accomplishments, social status and rank that the man has worked so hard to accumulate. With a stroke of the pen on the marriage certificate it is instant and legal entitlement. "What's yours is mine, and what's mine is yours". Of course, when the woman doesn't bring any meaningful assets into the relationship (and no, the cats don't count), and indeed brings considerable debt in the form of student loans, that sort of sentiment is easy to adopt as a credo.

The phenomenon is best described as "achievement without accomplishment", just like the corrosive basis of our current public school system, where grade inflation and social promotion are rampant.

The anecdotal evidence for this is everywhere. At work I have heard the receptionists talk about how the rudest callers to the front desk aren't angry clients, but the *wives of the owners of the company*. Their bosses would never speak to them the way their wives do – after all, they are employees in a professional environment, where a collegial atmosphere is valued and personal relationships are cultivated to enhance efficiency. A good boss knows that there is an office karma, and rude, demeaning behavior comes back to haunt you at some point. Respectful interactions with your employees earn you loyalty and encourage them to go the extra mile when it is called for. So where do these wives get off pulling this attitude? Because they assume they have the same authority as their executive husbands – the two are "one", you see, and so the receptionists better hop to it and follow their orders! Furthermore, like most women, they don't like to acknowledge the pitiless edicts of Cause and Effect, and in this case the consequences of their actions can be avoided (or at least deferred) because they can just hang up the phone and never go into the office. Let their husbands deal with the resulting resentment…

A colleague of mine related to me a story about how he decided he had to relocate a tree so his driveway could be enlarged, and that his wife stood there watching him on and off for three hours while he was laboring at this, making sure he put it in the spot they agreed upon. And the next week he stood there, his back still in pain from the ordeal, aghast, as he overheard his wife say to her sister, "you wouldn't believe how hard we had to work to move this tree!" "What is this 'we' you speak of?" he asked wryly.

Now I'm no Norm Abrams, and my handyman skills are modest, but in the first year my wife and I moved into the house I planted five trees, replaced eight light fixtures, painted four rooms, refinished the stairs, installed two

cabinets, built several shelving units, and put in a flagstone walkway. And then there was the stuff I couldn't do, that I hired people [men] for: replacing the roof shingles and basement windows, installing new exterior doors and locksets, sealing the driveway, tiling the fireplace, cutting down three trees, installing gutters on the garage, and repairing a rotted windowsill. Did the Wife contribute any money to these endeavors? No. Did she ever pick up a tool and pitch in? No. Which is fine, I know what I signed up in that regard when we married so I am willing to shoulder that burden. But when you then hear your wife say to visiting friends or neighbors, "yes, we've put in a lot of hard work on this place," or "yeah, we spent a bundle to remodel this kitchen," the incredulity always strikes me afresh. *What is this "we" you speak of, woman? Whose work? Whose money?*

If a man is to have a satisfying relationship, he needs recognition when it is due him. And if a man is to have a satisfying life, he needs to be able to take pride in something: his work, the fruits of his labors and/or ingenuity. Pride is grounded in *personal* achievement – anything else is delusion. One flows from the other. It is an *emotional* form of Cause and Effect. Anything that sullies the purity of that, or that compromises that simple equation should be neutralized. How to do that is another matter entirely.

When you can't actually DO anything, the most efficient way to seem impressive is to appropriate the work of others. Culturally, poseurs do that (accompanying track: "Jumping Someone Else's Train", by the Cure). In literature, this forms the underlying theme of Atlas Shrugged. In industry, it's like India mass producing generic drugs that American firms spent decades formulating, or China bootlegging DVD's of movies that cost $100 million to make. It is piracy, though not of an intellectual property sort, but of a *value-added sort.*

Yet somehow, of course, pointing this out is seen as petty.

Twenty Thousand Dollars

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$20,000.

That seems to be the asking price for killing off one's soon-to-be-ex-husband.

In an interesting case in New York, 43-year old Susan Williams has been arrested because she contracted with an undercover cop to arrange for the killing of her estranged husband of 21 years. The Williams couple was apparently in the middle of a bitter divorce, and I suppose the $20k sounded cheap compared to the legal bills she'd incur trying to secure her, ahem, fair share of the assets. Strangely, the mother of four seemed nonplussed the entire arrangement, going about her normal beauty salon treatments routine (and complaining to her hairdresser about the difficulties of dating as a soon-to-be-divorced woman in her early 40s) as she anticipated her husband being killed and his body quietly and mysteriously disposed of.

Unfortunately for Williams, she's now behind bars and Mr. Williams has been granted temporary custody. It always strikes me as strange when a woman flips her lid like this during a divorce, because if a woman plays her cards correctly, she's going to win the divorce 99% of the time. I suppose there is the greed factor (nothing beats getting 100% rather than something between 50 and 100%) and perhaps the revenge factor (if her husband was cheating or something like that – a la Elin Nordegren yet a bit more organized and determined). But perhaps the strangest thing about this case is the following little factoid:

Why, if you were planning to hire a hit man to kill your spouse, *would you approach an ex-cop for advice?*

Readers, Thank You!

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I'd like to thank our readers for your generosity following the appeal for support. Many people came through, and now *The Spearhead* is ready to take it up another level. In fact, it shouldn't be long now before The Spearhead Press goes into operation, and we are producing real, physical books.

I just met an artist last night who has gone through all the typical misery associated with being a divorced American father, and he was quite excited about the idea of helping out and getting his name out there, so now, if things work out, we have a professional illustrator as well. This is something we've needed for a while, and should help in book design as well as add to the site (comics would be great).

The Spearhead has potential to effect some cultural change, and this is how I foresee it realistically making a difference. When the truth about how imbalanced society is and how ridiculously overprivileged and advantaged young women are today becomes widely known and discussed, changes will start to occur. For the majority of Americans, the supremacist sham that is feminism will come to be seen as a dirty word, because it only benefits a minority of women and men, and hurts everyone else.

Our job at *The Spearhead* is to hasten this process, and to put the feminists and their enablers on the defensive. It's time for them to start explaining why the 50% divorce rates, exploding illegitimacy and fatherless homes are a good thing. They should defend the coercive transfer of resources from men to women even as the male unemployment rate far exceeds the female. Let them explain why it's a good thing that boys are failing in school, and wandering about aimlessly in their youth. Why are girls wasting their chances for a functional family by bouncing from one sexual partner to another for half or more of their fertile lives? Feminists have a whole lot to answer for, and it's time someone stood up and rebuked them to their face.

We want to make it easier for ordinary people to stand up, armed with facts and a strong conviction that what feminists have done is wrong and indefensible. We'll expose the lies about rape and domestic violence they use to tar all men, and shine a light on the abuses of the family law system, which is used to bludgeon millions of innocent, loving husbands and fathers across America — all so that women can do whatever their impulses dictate and transfer all the negative consequences onto the rest of society, men in particular.

Perhaps I am biased in this matter, but I think this is the most important social issue of our time. I suspect a great many of our readers feel the same way. It is thrilling to be a part of something of such fundamental relevance to so many people's lives, and it is rewarding to be able to put effort into making a positive difference.

I'd like to thank readers for their support, and for affirming that we're all in this together. It is through combined effort that we will pop the lid off this pressure cooker and break out into the mainstream.

And the best part about it is that we'll have a good time doing so.

So once again, thank you all for your time, attention and support!

-Welmer

The Decline of the Matriarch

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Yesterday, it came to me that perhaps the most destructive aspect of feminism is that it empowers young women at the expense of everyone else. Although I had observed that older women are usually more reasonable and have a much better perspective on the matters of family and decent behavior, I tended to attribute that to generational differences. But that can't be true any longer, because the only women who were really untouched by feminism during the years it would have been relevant to them are very, very old these days. Today, a woman at retirement age would have been right in the middle of the sexual revolution during her most fertile and sexually active years, but these women do not seem thrilled by the behavior of the younger cohort.

In my short writeup of Charlotte Raven's piece, I exposed the discomfort some older feminists have with the rampaging sexuality of today's younger women. Certainly, young women seem pretty out of control today, but are they really much worse than they were in the late 1960s-70s? Probably not. The 1970s, which I can just barely make out through the mist of earliest awareness, were excessively libertine. In fact, the advent of AIDS had a chilling effect on sexual license in the 1980s, and the rampant "anything goes" promiscuity of the 70s was shut down for a while.

So it isn't as though sexual behavior is significantly worse than it was decades ago, although promiscuity might be more socially acceptable. According to some of the men and women I know who were young during the 1970s, there was plenty of fun to be had. In fact, at the local university, one sorority became a brothel during the 70s, and was eventually shut down. Some of my friends' mothers did stints as hookers back then. They never told me or their children about this, but word of these kinds of things gets around. Rock band groupies were notorious, and women at concerts were a seething mass of sexuality. Listening to girls screaming at Beatles' concerts is probably one of the most intimidating sounds I've ever heard on tape.

Women who are pushing retirement now lived the sexual revolution with as much abandon as young women "hook up" today. Human sexuality is a biological constant, so there's nothing qualitatively different about today's young women (except perhaps environmental estrogen), but there is an important difference.

That seething, sexually chaotic mass of the early stages of the sexual liberation was a demographic mammoth. The young women of the baby boomer generation had disproportionate power due to numbers. Their goals in the early stages were exactly the same as young women's goals are today: empowerment. Women seek power through sexuality, and they wanted free reign to do so. They got it, and now we have a culture and legal regime dedicated to allowing them free expression of that powerful sexuality.

Young men express power through force. Not only violence, but that sublime mental and physical athleticism that only young men possess. The R&B singer/dancer, the metal guitarist and the young professional athlete epitomize youthful male power. Unfortunately, the street thug does as well, so the dark, dangerous aspect of the young male is greatly feared in peacetime. Stanley Kubrick did a brilliant job delving into the subconscious fear that society has for male force. Several of his films captured the terrifying brutality and bestiality that young men are capable of. Clockwork Orange, Full Metal Jacket and The Shining come to mind. Even Kubrick's male computers were homicidal!

His art, and that of others, was taken as a warning. Those in power should *fear* the masculine, and rein it in. The silly liberals who defended young men were setting themselves up to be beaten and smashed by them. People took that to heart, and soon policy began to reflect the new attitude toward young men. Young men were deliberately disempowered, and male tendencies suppressed and punished.

However, at the same time the equally disruptive sexual power of young women was aided and encouraged by these powerful people who had grown to fear young men. For powerful men, sexually liberated young women are intoxicating. There is a symbiosis between socially dominant men and fertile, sexually powerful young women.

Together, they can exercise a great deal of control over society — so long as most men are pacified. Younger men, who do not have much social power, are left out of this.

But there is another group that is explicitly disempowered: older women.

In years past, women who survived past their childbearing years exercised a great deal of control over family matters. Even – and perhaps most strikingly – in staunchly patriarchal societies, such as traditional Italian Catholic, Confucian Chinese, and Orthodox Jewish, these matriarchs held enormous power and sway. The Chinese nai nai, the Italian nonna, and Yiddish bubbe were formidable, highly influential people in their families and out. In my own culture, Ma Joad of *The Grapes of Wrath* epitomized the American matriarch. They had earned respect through a life of work, childrearing and devotion to their family, and even the toughest of young men would humbly submit to them in the confines of the home.

I suspect that the second wave feminists who are increasingly nervous about the direction society has taken are starting to realize that now that their sexual power is all but gone, there will be no dignified role for them. Many of them are childless, many divorced, and many put their children in the hands of others to further their careers. Their role as matriarch is greatly diminished by their failure to *earn it.* But even the women who do deserve it are being upstaged by their daughters and granddaughters, who have been told over and over again that they can do whatever they please, and any criticism they may get from the older women in their lives is only the result of jealousy.

There is always some danger in empowering the young. Authority requires perspective that can only be gained from maturity. There is also evidence that the brain changes as we age, giving us better control over impulses and potentially rash decisions. For women, the disappearance of the hormonal cycle that accompanies fertility probably promotes mental stability. Today, instead of having older women calling the shots in the family, we have young women, overflowing with hormones that drive a great deal of their behavior, exercising power and control over everyone around them. This is one reason it can be such a nightmare to work with younger women, who are so often capricious and volatile.

I would like to think that older women could be allies in an effort to restrain the rampant sexuality of young women and their alpha male partners in crime, but unfortunately too many of them were disciples of feminism for their entire productive lives. It is very difficult for people who have supported an ideology for a long time to admit that they lived for an evil cause, and I'm not sure more than a fraction of older women will do so. However, I remain hopeful that a few will break ranks and add their voices to the growing number of people in the Anglosphere who are saying "enough!"

After all, it is not only ordinary men who stand to gain from the defeat of feminism: grandmothers, too, would find their lives vastly more rewarding and their influence greatly expanded. And so, in one of those curious twists, we men may find ourselves advocating for the return of the matriarch.

New York Madwoman Alleges Abuse, Murders 8-Year-Old Son

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Gigi Jordan, a Manhattan millionaire, poisoned her autistic son with prescription meds, claiming that she was saving him from rape orgies perpetrated by the child's father and stepfather. Both men deny the allegations, which suggest that Ms. Jordan is clinically psychotic.

Although it is not always possible to protect children from the criminally insane, the American assumption that a child is always safest with its mother ought to be reevaluated. In many – probably most – instances of severe neglect or abuse leading to a child's death, the child was in the custody of its mother. Given that custody of children is awarded to mothers almost as though by default, this is hardly surprising.

A great number of fathers have exerted enormous effort to regain custody of their children when the mother has proven herself to be wholly unfit for parenting. The custody bar is set so high for men that a woman with a severe drinking or drug problem will usually still get custody simply by promising to go to rehab, which is usually unsuccessful in achieving full remission, even when the father of the child is a sober, responsible man.

There is no doubt that this overwhelming mother bias in custody decisions has cost the life – not to mention the future – of many a child. When a woman is descending into insanity, addiction or wanton promiscuity, fathers should be given the right to care for their children without having to go through years of court battles and spend tens of thousands of dollars. This could save the lives and salvage the futures of untold numbers of children, preventing needless tragedies such as the murder of Jude Tzekov, Gigi Jordan's helpless, innocent little boy.

Victim Industry Encourages Fantasies of Childhood Abuse

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Dr. Jo Woodiwiss, a UK sociologist at the University of Huddersfield, writes that women are encouraged to see themselves as vistims of childhood sex abuse on the basis of "feelings" rather than concrete memories. It seems that when women feel that something is wrong or missing from their lives, they tend to seek therapy, and then emerge convinced that they were abused as children.

According to Dr. Woodiwiss, vague symptoms such as dissatisfaction are enough to convince women that people in their family did something horrible to them at a very early age:

> These "alternative" or "recovered" memories can take the form of physical or bodily experiences, feelings such as sadness or anxiety, and a whole range of other events or difficulties experienced in adulthood. They are often displayed in self-help literature as checklists of symptoms that the reader is encouraged to identify in their own lives, and include the following taken from The Courage to Heal:
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> Do you have trouble feeling motivated?
> Can you accomplish things you set out to achieve?
> Do you feel you have to be perfect?
> Do you often feel taken advantage of?
> Do you find your relationships just don't work out?
> Can you say no?
> Do you often have sex because you want to, or only because your partner wants it?
> Are you satisfied with your family relationships?
> Have you ever been rejected by your family?

The above-mentioned book, *The Courage to Heal*, is one of many self-help publications aimed at convincing women that their adult problems are linked to suppressed childhood events. A growing number of psychologists and sociologists such as Woodiwiss are speaking out to criticize such publications.

These ideas can be extremely disruptive to families, and when taken to extremes can result in severe abuses of power, such as the "Wenatchee Sex Ring" witch hunt, in which 43 mainly impoverished and mentally challenged people were arrested on nearly 30,000 charges of sex abuse (yes, 30,000).

Of course, child abuse is a terrible thing, but that's all the more reason to base any accusations on concrete evidence. The potential for hysteria and moral panics accompanying these accusations is very real, as the above and other examples illustrate.

Encouraging women to see themselves as victims of sexual abuse when there is no physical evidence on the basis of "feelings" is irresponsibility of the highest order. Perhaps there is no way to stop people from pursuing profit from pandering to some of the most destructive impulses in the female psyche, but those who do should be strictly barred from any positions of authority.

A Skank's True Love

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Today in GQ, Rielle Hunter tells her side of the sordid story of her affair with John Edwards. She expresses her undying, profound devotion to the lying scumbag, proving that there is still such a thing as true love in America — as long as it involves a sleazy, cheating alpha and a scheming tramp.

Ms. Hunter poses with her daughter, and then suggests that Edwards swept her off her feet. So much, in fact, that she couldn't resist sleeping with him the same night they met. The article goes on for ten pages, so it's a painful read. GQ, supposedly a men's magazine, and the female interviewer (Lisa DePaulo) give her kid glove treatment. More than anything else, it's a justification for infidelity from a woman's point of view. Rielle *loved* him, and it was so *profound*, so it's all OK. She describes cheating as "pulling off the band aid," and goes on and on about how honest John Edwards is…

Because the article is little more than a long, hormonal gush, it's hard to say it's worth reading, however it does give some glimpses into the female world of self-delusion, prevarication and logical contradiction. I'll give a few examples below:

> **Why do you think he loves you?**
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> Um… How do I answer that? [long pause] I mean, I could give so many answers. I could give a spiritual answer, that I reflect back to him large parts of himself that were unconscious. Like, he's a huge, huge humanitarian. He is very kindhearted and sweet. He's very honest and truthful. And all of that was hidden.

Edwards the honest humanitarian, and…

> **And wasn't that when he was asked if he loved you and he responded by saying there was only one woman he ever loved, Elizabeth?**
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> I believe so. Yeah. I mean, it was very painful. Because I had this thing in my head like a lot of women, where you want your man to stand up on a cliff and scream, "I LOVE HER." You know, the knight in shining armor. And that wasn't what was going on.
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> **Did he call you after the interview?**
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> Yes. And I said, "Ouch, that hurt." And he said, "I'm sorry." And "It doesn't mean anything." And it didn't. I know he loves me. I have never had any doubt at all about that. We love each other very much. And that hasn't changed, and I believe that will be till death do us part. The love doesn't go away. It's unconditional. It's unconditional on my part, but our connection is profound. There's a lot of passion there.

Edwards the lying sack of sh-t.

Below, Rielle describes a seismic gina tingle. It is a "magnetic force":

> I sat on the other side of the room. I wouldn't go near him. And he kept saying [she mimics his southern drawl], "What are you doin' over there? Come over here. I can't even see you. Come closer. I won't bite you." I was just—there was sooo much attraction and sooo much… I want to say love, but it wasn't love at that point. You know, it was just this, this magnetic force field like I had never experienced. It terrified me. Absolutely terrified me. And, um, I eventually walked over to his side of the room. [laughs] He was pretty relentless. And that's all I'm gonna say on that! Now fade to black!

Rielle completely disavowing any responsibility for the destruction of Edward's marriage:

> **How were you able to reconcile learning these things about her, from him, at the same time knowing that she's ill?**
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> Well, his relationship with her and the problems in it really had nothing to do with me. You remove me from the equation and they still exist. They existed before I was there. They're still existing. His dynamic with me is completely different.

Here is possibly the biggest whopper Rielle tells in the entire interview:

> **What was your reaction when you found out you were pregnant?**
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> I was shocked. I was 43 years old, you know, and pregnant? And I had never been pregnant in my life. Didn't think I could get pregnant.

I know a lie when I see one, and Rielle Hunter must have been praying to Gaia that her rapidly expiring womb would bear such golden fruit. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if it came to light that she was popping fertility pills at the time.

Edwards, on the other hand, was not so thrilled:

> And what was his reaction?
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> He was always very gracious about it. And always said that he would support whatever decision I made. But I believe on some level he was hoping I would get an abortion. Because he didn't—he wasn't happy about the timing. Which is understandable. [laughs] He was married and running for president. And I find it interesting that my daughter thought that would be a good time to come into the world. That daddy was running for president and married to someone else. "Gee, I think now's the perfect time." There's something to be said for divine timing.

Divine timing indeed!

If this was God's doing, He must not have been too pleased with John Edwards.

Here is Edwards' reaction when he finds out he's about to be a daddy, and everyone else is about to find out, too:

> **How did the whole plan go down for Andrew to claim paternity?**
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> It was Andrew's idea. The first time Andrew said it, I was on the phone with Johnny, and Johnny was screaming at me about the National Enquirer finding me and photographing me. He was very angry. And Johnny doesn't scream. He's not a screamer. But he was screaming at me that day, and Andrew suggested, right then and there, "Hey, tell him that I'll claim I'm the father."

Additional bits of information, such as Rielle's interest in astrology and her youthful penchant for cocaine, are peppered throughout the interview, but it's really only remarkable for being a portrait of a common, American skank. There isn't too much to be gained from it, but it does show what's behind the sparkle in the eye of women who gravitate toward power and success.

Ah, the times! It's all a farce, I tell you.

Legislating Propriety

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One might think that people writing for influential publications have enough common sense to understand that legislation is no cure all, but perhaps this is too much to ask. In the Huffington Post, writerette Holly Kearl demands that "harassment" of women be regulated just as it is in the workplace. Examples of harassment include: "acts like leering, whistling, honking, sexual comments, sexist comments…"

As offensive as boorish behavior may be to some people, I can imagine that there could be some confusion in interpretation. What exactly constitutes a "leer," for example? Is all honking at women harassment, or could it be that the clueless bimbo with the mobile phone glued to her ear is drifting into somebody's lane? And what constitutes sexism? I can imagine some poor beta fool getting hauled in front of a judge for opening the door for some angry feminist on PMS.

Once, when I was about 18, I was walking to a girlfriend's house in an inner-city neighborhood late at night, and a woman happened to be walking in front of me, taking the exact same route I was. I kept walking, about a half block or so behind her, thinking little of it. When I had almost arrived at my destination, I noticed she had picked up her pace a bit and was looking over her shoulder from time to time. I didn't really care, and continued on my way. By the time I was at the apartment, she was virtually running into her own place, which was directly across the street from my girlfriend's. I stood in front of my destination, finishing a smoke before ringing the doorbell. Just as I was ready to go in, some guy opened a window several stories up in the apartment building the frightened woman had entered and started yelling at me about "stalking." In somewhat rough language, I explained that I had every right to walk from one place to another, and told him to mind his own business. He shut the window and left me alone.

If there were some "harassment" law, I imagine I could have been arrested and brought to court just because some woman was frightened that a man happened to be walking behind her at night. It wouldn't matter *why* the man was walking behind her, because in the feminist world all it should take to have men arrested is a "feeling."

I, and probably most American men, think it's in poor taste to hoot or whistle at women. However, I've noticed that plenty of women rather like the attention. In fact, I'm pretty sure I've seen television ads where a woman buys some new shoes or something and all the construction workers leer at her, much to her satisfaction. The funny thing is that the women who like this would probably be all in favor of a law against street harassment themselves, because this would give them the power to make the men stop in case it didn't feel right. For example, she might not call the police if some strapping, young Navy officer propositioned her from across the street, but if a pasty, thin nerd remarked that she had a "nice dress" she'd call in the boys in blue to give him a concrete sandwich and dislocated shoulder as they wrestle him into cuffs.

I have a friend who, when we were teens, used to engage in what might be called harassment under Ms. Kearl's definition. It embarrassed the hell out of me, because as we were driving around, he'd proposition every good-looking girl he saw. He was a good-looking guy, so they just loved it. Unlike me, he had absolutely no shame, and would simply blurt out whatever he thought upon seeing women. Sometimes, he'd see a woman with an unfortunate hairdo, and he would make hilarious comments about her hair and laugh uproariously. Unsurprisingly, like most young rascals, he had been raised by a libertine single mother. Would insulting women be illegal under an anti-harassment law? I'm sure it would, and my scamp of a friend would have ended up behind bars many a time for simply saying what was on everyone else's mind.

Although it is conceivable that these laws might be passed, how would they be enforced? Accusations of harassment would probably swamp 911 lines, and we'd have to at least double police forces to enforce them all. Do women realize how *expensive* cops are? In a big city, it probably costs about a quarter million per patrol officer per year, taking salary, equipment, administration, insurance, training, facilities, pensions and legal costs into account. That's a lot of money. Of course, that isn't even taking into account the costs of prosecution, incarceration, legal

defense, etc.

Finally, there is the issue of civil liberties. Is an expression of desire, if it does not include physical assault, protected speech? Probably, but since when did a feminist care about the Constitution?

Hopefully, people are starting to realize that if feminists have their way, not only will we be legislated into a police state, we'll be sucked absolutely dry to accomodate the feelings of women who demand that every aspect of their lives be defended with force of arms and law. We are already starting to reevaluate out profligate consumer culture; isn't it about time we question the voracious hunger for entitlement our women have developed?

Staying married but moving out

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One of our most beloved peddlers of female pap, Oprah Winfrey, recently published an article in her magazine (linked by CNN, of course) about women who are deciding to move out of the marital home while remaining married to their husbands.

In the article, Jean Morgan, a woman in her early 50s, wrote that she simply decided that once her sole child reached 21, she was no longer in the mood to make marital compromises:

> Must compromise, if it's no longer necessary or practical to preserve the family unit, be part of the equation in a marriage? Not sure, not sure, not sure, not sure.

So, she simply decided to move out and get her own apartment. Morgan claims she has no interest in having sex with other men, but simply wants her own "space" (yep, we've heard that one before, at least some of us have).

The article goes on to detail other women who live apart from their husbands by choice, so that they can be "independent". Frankly they seem to me to be tired of marriage but want to retain the legal and financial benefits of being married. The author muses:

> And marriage—even my sometimes difficult marriage—has in many ways been good for me. My husband's interests in art and in India have widened my own. Our joint incomes allowed me the gift of a flexible work schedule while raising our son. Most important, he and I have encouraged (or at least tolerated) each other's emotional growth and enjoy an appreciation of that. But now…

It doesn't take very long until we get to the real agenda of the article however:

> It turns out that among the masters of supple, long-term, enduring attachments are gay men and women. "The successful gay relationships I've seen are better than successful heterosexual relationships," says Judith Stacey, PhD, professor of sociology at New York University and senior scholar at the Council on Contemporary Families. That's partly because gay couples—without the social scripts, rules, and conventions that bind heterosexuals—can negotiate more honestly and openly about what works for them in a relationship. According to Stacey, a lower percentage of homosexuals have long-term relationships than heterosexuals because there's little institutional support, but those who do navigate them more creatively. Their relationships are, in a way, custom-made. "Our scripts for marriage are limited and trap people when they don't have the courage or the creativity or the resources to be able to imagine and implement an alternative," said Stacey.

And there you have it. The trouble with straight couples is that they do relationships wrong. In reality, straight couples should learn from gay couples, because gay couples are better at relationships than straight couples are. We can expect more of this nonsense from the female and gay psychology and therapy communities as gay marriage becomes increasingly accepted in the US: more insistence that straight relationships become like gay ones so that women can be more free-wheeling and so preciously "independent". The kind of independence that comes from leaving a boring suburban home with a husband in his late 50s for an exciting urban apartment where younger, more vibrant people live — all the while still being married and benefiting financially and legally and so on from the marriage and, well, getting around to seeing your husband when you feel like it. It's clear whose "flexibility" this arrangement favors, even on its face. The woman gets her "freedom and independence" while retaining the benefits of marriage and husband … while he gets to put up with it and shut up, otherwise she'll just rape him in divorce court financially for having been the hard worker that allowed his loving wife the "flexibility" to work from home.

Of course, not a word in the article from the husbands themselves in these arrangements, other than a perfunctory

shrug:

> “And your husband?” she said. He’s not happy about it, but we’re talking about it, and he’s accepting it, I told her. She shook her head. Then she said, “I’ve seen it all. I’ll write you a move-out letter detailing your agreement.”

Readers of The Spearhead will, of course, recognize well the situation presented here for the husband. Of course he doesn’t like it — what man would? It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out that having your wife move out of the house is a *bit* of a problem, even if she claims not to want a divorce or to seek out other men. Both of those things may, in the end, be true, yet what is essentially happening is that the wife is participating in the financial benefits of the marriage while living alone. It’s quite telling how the author is appreciative of the fact that her husband’s work and income allowed her the “flexibility” to work from home — something which she is now rewarding by moving out of the house against his wishes so that she can rediscover herself and be independent and all rest of that female empowerment bullshit happily peddled by the likes of Oprah Winfrey and Elizabeth Gilbert.

Not that the readers of this site need to be re-warned, but let this article nevertheless stand as yet another warning to all men who are considering marriage in today’s cultural and legal environment. Even in marriages that are long-lasting, and even where a wife does not for whatever reason want to divorce, you may still find yourself being effectively “left” holding the bag once your usefulness has come and gone. Despite the grating nature of the sheer narcissism of the article, nevertheless it serves as a useful reminder to men of just what kinds of things can happen, even in seemingly “working well enough” marriages, and what you can expect from today’s women.

Truth and Humor from Saturday Night Live

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Chances are you're familiar with Saturday Night Live's Tom Brady sexual harassment skit. If not, you can watch it at this link. While Saturday Night Live is trying to be funny, they end up presenting a very accurate portrayal of how "sexual harassment" really ends up working. This is particularly true with the "three rules" they came up with to avoid sexual harassment lawsuits, "Be handsome. Be attractive. Don't be unattractive."

With this weekend's episode Saturday Night Live has done it again. This skit is a spoof of a commercial for one of those home security companies. Watch it below:

While this skit is a hilarious spoof, it shows how unreasonably paranoid women have become of men. You have a guy who was at the woman's party break into her house 20 seconds after leaving the party in addition to her grandfather, her rabbi, a couple of boys, etc. Why does this skit have a basis in reality? It's because feminism produces propaganda that men everywhere are out to get women, and the skit hits on this by talking about how if you're a woman "most men want to kill you".

One thing that makes this funny is how it doesn't make sense. Why would a guy already in a woman's house leave just to break in 20 seconds later? That even more true with the woman's grandfather. How would a couple of nine year old boys break down her door so quickly? We know such things but, the paranoia of men that many women have is not rational. A woman's grandfather or a nine year old boy isn't a threat to a woman. Feminists produced and continue to produce anti-male propaganda that men are out to murder, rape, and/or assault women, but as we know it doesn't reflect reality. It makes no sense that a guy already inside a woman's house would leave and then break in 20 seconds later. However, there are plenty of women who believe such things.

What's very ironic about this skit (and still very true) is how despite this woman's paranoia about men, she is still dependent on men for her protection. The office of "Broadview Security" is staffed by men. This also is very poignant. While feminists have produced all this anti-male propaganda to make women paranoid about men, their protection is still dependent on men. This includes male police officers and male legislators who produce anti-male laws for feminists. In the woman's paranoia had any logic whatsoever, she should be just as afraid about the men from Broadview Security breaking down her door.

In conclusion, Saturday Night Live has created a skit (probably unintentionally) that shows the levels of female paranoia against men that many women have today. Just like with the Tom Brady sexual harassment skit, it tells truths about the subject that only humor can deliver over feminist dominated media.

UK Gyms face Prosecution if they Warn Women about Heavy Weights

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Harriet Harman, Britain's top equality commissar, is pushing an "Equality Bill" that would criminalize stereotyping based on gender, even when accurate. This will certainly put gyms in a bind, because insurance costs are sure to go up if they are barred from warning women about the dangers of freeweights, which can do significant damage if improperly handled. Although not explicitly stated, other implications of the bill might include criminalization of urinals, because they discriminate on the basis of gender.

Harman is apparently widely-hated in the UK, but has a great deal of power. She once bragged that there would not be "enough airports for all the men who would want to flee the country" if she became PM. As an American, I am curious as to how this woman, who is even worse than Hillary Clinton, has amassed so much power.

After reading about what's going on in Britain, I can now understand why this poor British expat lost his marbles and went on a rampage in Japan:

Female Prison Guards More Likely to Fraternize with Inmates than Male

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People's behavior when in a position of power can be very revealing, and there are few more stark examples of difference in power than the relationship between jailer and prisoner. According to the Justice Department, female prison guards are more likely than male prison guards to have sexual relationships with inmates. There are several reasons for this, the most important being the fact that male prisoners are, on average, more attractive to the opposite sex than female prisoners, and, of course, that men comprise the overwhelming majority of prisoners in our country, but none of them excuses such a breach of responsibility.

Unsurprisingly, female prison guards usually describe their incarcerated lovers as the aggressor, and often claim they had relationships out of fear. I'm sure "fear" may be something they genuinely felt, but there is a strong correlation between fear and sexual arousal in women, as suggested by Rielle Hunter in her interview about her lover John Edwards. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if many of the women who work in prisons choose to do so for the thrill, just as women are drawn to horror movies.

In Montana, inmate Michael Murphy, a con artist, managed to initiate relationships with five different women, including his therapist. I suspect, but do not know, that he and his lovers were only caught because one of them became jealous of the others. It seems that con artists are the penultimate alphas, as their sociopathic tendencies are irresistible to women. This raises the question of whether women should be allowed any interaction with male prisoners at all.

These issues aside, the most disturbing aspect of these cases is that, according to Martin Horn, former head of NYC's corrections department, there is a double standard at work when female guards abuse their positions of power and initiate relationships with male prisoners. In these cases, although the women may lose their jobs, they are rarely prosecuted, and are usually treated as victims of male prisoners. When male prison guards have sex with female prisoners, on the other hand, the consequences are more severe, and the female prisoners are treated as victims.

Horn deplores the inconsistency:

> "As long as we have a double standard we are going to see these kind of behaviors," Horn said. "It is a very slippery slope we go down if we say we are not going to hold female officers to the same standard."

When white knighting extends even to people who fraternize with criminals, it is clear that our society cannot handle so-called gender equality, which is a fraud of a concept that serves only to reinforce irresponsible female behavior at the expense of men.

Femivorism

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In The New York Times Magazine, Peggy Orenstein explores the trend in California for educated women to take fully to domesticity, going even so far as to raise their own chickens. Ms. Orenstein seems a bit perturbed by the development, as though she is afraid that she couldn't hope to keep up with the neighbors in the chicken farming department, what with her freelance writing job. California is a state of fads and trendiness, so her anxiety is likely quite real; if one can't keep pace with the latest in California, it entails a loss of status that must be unbearable for the Orensteins of the world.

As for raising chickens, it is not the most difficult job in the world. I once had the opportunity to raise a chicken after my cat brought home a chick from a wild flock in the neighborhood (yes, we do have wild chickens in Seattle, although even most Seattlites don't know about them). I couldn't discern the bird's sex, so I named it "Pat," after the androgynous character on Saturday Night Live. Fortunately for me and my neighbors, Pat turned out to be a genuine female chicken, and I built her a little coop to nest in. She was a wonderful, funny little bantam, who amused me to no end as she ran back and forth clucking in the backyard. As a very territorial animal, any other birds who tried to fly in to eat her food were promptly chased off with extreme prejudice. She was also affectionate, and constantly pecked at the window in an attempt to gain entry to the home. Of course, given her lack of toilet training, this was not going to happen.

Eventually, poor little Pat was murdered by one of our local masked bandits — a vicious raccoon who only survived because it is illegal to discharge firearms in the city. Next time I get a chicken, I will definitely be more careful about locking up the coop.

All that about chickens aside, what is most curious about Orenstein's article is that it brings up the feminine conflict between work and domesticity that has been raging since women entered the workforce in large numbers. Many women want to have it all, but even they know this is impossible, so they expend huge amounts of effort rationalizing their choices, whatever they may be, and making an argument one way or the other about which choice is superior. Usually, the pro-career women win the argument because, after all, who else has all that free time to write for national publications? That isn't something one can do with small children tearing up the house, chickens to tend to, or a garden to grow.

So it is perhaps unavoidable that Orenstein, the *important writer*, eventually passes negative judgement on the idea of hearth and home, concluding by calling it a "gilded cage":

> I understand the passion for a life that is made, not bought. And who doesn't get the appeal of working the land? It's as integral to this country's character as, in its own way, Wal-Mart. My femivore friends may never do more than dabble in backyard farming — keeping a couple of chickens, some rabbits, maybe a beehive or two — but they're still transforming the definition of homemaker to one that's more about soil than dirt, fresh air than air freshener. Their vehicle for children's enrichment goes well beyond a ride to the next math tutoring session.
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> I am tempted to call that "precious," but that word has variegations of meaning. Then again, that may be appropriate. Hayes found that without a larger purpose — activism, teaching, creating a business or otherwise moving outside the home — women's enthusiasm for the domestic arts eventually flagged, especially if their husbands weren't equally involved. "If you don't go into this as a genuinely egalitarian relationship," she warned, "you're creating a dangerous situation. There can be loss of self-esteem, loss of soul and an inability to return to the world and get your bearings. You can start to wonder, What's this all for?" It was an unnervingly familiar litany: if a woman is not careful, it seems, chicken wire can coop her up as surely as any gilded cage.

Orenstein's rationalization may work for her, but I suspect that the phenomenon of many women choosing

domesticity over career will not end any time soon. It is, after all, as timeless as the broodiness of the hen, who gathers her chicks under her wings as the sun sets.

Jihad Jane and Jihad Jamie

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Usually, when we think terrorists, we think of men. However, there are women terrorists too. And they aren't just coming from the Middle East. Colleen LaRose, a middle aged divorced woman from Pennsylvania who went by the name "Jihad Jane" and "Fatima LaRose" online, was arrested for conspiring with other terrorists to assassinate Swedish artist, Lars Vilks. (Lars Vilks is the artist who created the cartoon of Muhammad as a dog.) LaRose traveled to Europe last year to train with and assist other terrorists in their plot to kill Vilks. She was arrested when she arrived back in the US.

LaRose's arrest was due to the work of the Jawa Report and Youtube Smackdown who have been tracking supporters of terrorism on Youtube and twitter and having their videos on Youtube flagged for removal. She spent a lot of time on Youtube where these groups discovered her calls for violent jihad on Youtube and her use of twitter to raise funds for terrorists. You can read more about how LaRose was tracked on Youtube from the Jawa Report. In that link, the Jawa Report has described LaRose as a "middle aged sociopath woman desperate for love, lonely and isolated". The Jawa Report has more about LaRose here.

It turns out LaRose wasn't the only American woman involved in this terrorist plot to murder Vilks. Jamie Paulin-Ramirez, a 31 year old medical assistant, originally from Colorado, was arrested recently with several others involved in this plot. She was later freed, but still may face charges. Ramirez's story is somewhat similar to LaRose's. Last year Ramirez started spending a lot of time in Muslim chat rooms where she met LaRose and other extremists. In September, she left the US for Ireland to marry an Algerian man taking her son with her.

This is a still developing story. Originally, when I was going to write this post for The Spearhead there was only one American woman identified in this terrorist plot. We'll see what happens.

Tennessee Taking the Lead in Family Law Reform

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A couple years ago, Tennessee State Representative G. A. Hardaway proposed a bill that would require mandatory paternity testing at birth for all children born int Tennessee. Hardaway's argument was that every child has a right to know who its father is, which seems reasonable enough, especially given the high rate of contested paternity, out of wedlock birth and cuckoldry in the United States. However, the bill faces stiff opposition from women, who believe it is their right to determine who the child's father is, rather than genetic reality.

Now, a new bill requiring evenly split custody in the case of divorce has come up in Tennessee as well. Of course, women's groups are bitterly opposed, claiming that it will grant "abusers" (i.e., anyone who stands in the way of women getting exactly what they want all the time) too much power in divorce. Men overwhelmingly support the bill, as do a number of grandmothers, who have been stripped of access to their grandchildren by selfish, vengeful ex-daughter-in-laws.

Evenly split custody is mandated in much of Europe, including the ultra-feminist nation of Sweden, so obviously it does not portend the return of patriarchy or anything like that. However, it could go a long way toward healing fractured bonds between fathers and children, and eliminating punitive child support obligations that would probably be best replaced by actual parenting, which, although very tough, is far more rewarding than having the state seize money and give it to one's ex to spend however she pleases.

It is interesting to see Tennessee tackling this issue, which other states are largely avoiding. In my opinion, Tennessee's cultural heritage as a border state where several different cultures converge gives it some perspective and freedom that others may not have. Tennessee is neither strictly Protestant and conservative like deep South states nor hyper-feminist and liberal like many Northern states. Additionally, Tennessee has a large black population – mostly Democratic, of course – which has been hit very hard by dysfunctional family law. If there is any group in America that has been disproportionately alienated from its children and hurt by liberal divorce laws, it is black men, who are all too often summarily evicted from their children's lives. We all know how that's worked out…

When we think in terms of politics, it is important to see through partisanship and understand the complex nuances of American culture. For example, while I, personally, may despise the Democratic, feminist Senator Patty Murray of Washington State, I find myself strongly agreeing with G. A. Hardaway, a black Democrat from Tennessee. Likewise, Mike Bell, the white Republican Tennessee Rep. sounds like a good guy to me. I don't care about "Republican" or "Democrat" — I care about whether or not they support my most basic rights as a man and father. If men begin to develop some consciousness about important issues like paternity testing and custody, we *can* make an appreciable difference in the lives of millions of men. It is *The Spearhead*'s mission to help plant the seed of that consciousness in men around the world.

The Wistfulness of Elizabeth Wurtzel

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I've long considered Elizabeth Wurtzel a kind of image girl for the generation of women I grew up with. Wurtzel was in the same college graduation year as I was, and although her school was ~3,000 miles away from mine, she is not dissimilar to many of the women I knew at my school: smart, pushy, in-your-face with their sexuality, bitchy (and proud of it), intemperate, and shockingly entitled.

The world knows Wurtzel for her mostly confessional autobiographical books: Prozac Nation, detailing her early struggles with depression and anti-depressants; More, Now, Again, detailing her later addiction to Ritalin which almost killed her; and Bitch: In Praise of Difficult Women (and its follow-on, The Bitch Rules).

Well, Wurtzel – who could easily turn heads in her twenties when she wasn't strung out on some or other drug – is now aging into her middle forties and she's not at all happy about it. In a confessional piece in Elle Magazine (confessional seems to have always been Wurtzel's writing niche – she seems to be at her best when giving readers a voyeuristic glance into just how royally screwed up a person she is) published last year, she waxes poetically about her regrets about her life in her twenties, and her anger about how her looks are inevitably fading now that she is in her forties.

It appears, as we men often note when discussing such things, that Wurtzel, like many women, actually had a relationship with a viable marriage partner in her twenties – a young man she refers to as "Gregg":

> When I was still in my twenties, for several years I had this wonderful boyfriend; I'll call him Gregg—he's the one we're all waiting for: tall, blue-eyed, with this thick black hair, all smart and sensitive, an inveterate graduate student who used to rub my feet at the end of the day with a lovely pink peppermint lotion from the Body Shop. It was young and romantic. You'd have thought we were happy. I think really we were happy. He was good for me: People met him and liked me better because I was going out with him; his sweetness redounded to me like a sunny day on a dark sidewalk. I could have and probably should have spent the rest of my life with him, might have avoided scenes like the time some guy I was seeing later on chased me down Topanga Canyon with a hot frying pan, screaming at me something about learning to make my own goddamn omelets. In other words, had I just stuck with the good boyfriend, I could have prevented a good deal of extraneous craziness.

But, of course, most of the readers of the The Spearhead magazine already know what happens next without even having to read her text, given many of our own experiences with women in their twenties these days:

> But something went wrong—terribly wrong.
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> The idea of forever with any single person, even someone great whom I loved so much like Gregg, really did seem like what death actually is: a permanent stop. Love did not open up the world like a generous door, as it should to anyone getting married; instead it was the steel clamp of the iron maiden, shutting me behind its front metal hinge to asphyxiate slowly, and then suddenly. Every day would be the same, forever: The body, the conversation, it would never change—isn't that the rhythm of prison?
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> …
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> **I was temporarily credentialed with this delicate, yummy thing—youth, beauty, whatever—and my window of opportunity for making the most of it was so small, so brief.** I wanted to smash through that glass pane and enjoy it, make it last, feel released.
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> **And so, I cheated on him. With everyone I could.** Bass players, editors, actors, waiters who wished they were actors, photographers. And everywhere I could, like that Sarah Silverman and Matt Damon video: on the floor, by the door, up against the minibar. I couldn't sit still or stand still or lie still. And I didn't want to lose Gregg either.
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> …

> Months later, when Gregg found out for sure what I was doing, when he went through files on my Mac and found letters never sent to this lover or that one, he didn't want to make me feel better anymore. He threw a two-thirds-empty bottle of Stolichnaya at my head when I finally found him at a friend's house. He told me, *I was your only chance at happiness—now it's over for you.*

As it turns out, our man Gregg was no wuss. But apart from that, and despite the fact that what Wurtzel did goes well beyond the average behavior of women of her generation (Wurtzel has always had something of a flair for not just behaving badly, but behaving *spectacularly, extravagantly badly*), the basic theme is common to many women of her generation: *why should I stay with the guy I love now in my early to mid 20s who is good for me when this is the prime time of my attraction and I can enjoy that by spreading myself around numerous interesting, yummy men?* And so that's what she did, throwing away what was probably her best shot at lifetime happiness in the process. Wurtzel's reflections on this reality are, however, disappointingly, if somewhat characteristically for her writing, confused and contradictory. On the one hand, she seems to realize the power of her lost opportunity, but on the other she seems desperate to fight what her mind tells her is unshakable reality:

> Age is a terrible avenger. The lessons of life give you so much to work with, but by the time you've got all this great wisdom, you don't get to be young anymore. And in this world, that's just about the worst thing that can happen—especially to a woman. Whoever said youth is wasted on the young actually got it wrong; it's more that maturity is wasted on the old. I was both emotionally unkempt and mentally unhinged—deeply depressed, drugged, sensitive, and nasty all at once—during the years I was supposed to be spousing up.
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> Now that I am a woman whom some man might actually like to be with, might actually not want to punch in the face—or, at least, now that I don't like guys who want to do that to me—**I am sadly 41. I am past my perfect years.**

Even there, we can see the anger at how life works juxtaposed with an almost resigned acceptance of reality. And that reality hits hard, when she realizes the depths of it in fullness:

> So here's the funny thing: There seem to be more men coming around these days, and they keep getting younger as I get older—I'm an interesting, mature woman to a man in his twenties, **while to a guy my age, I'm just jaded**—but I think they are falling in love with a person I used to be, with a girl in a picture, with an idea or an image, not with who or what I am now. Because with every passing second, I feel I am less physically desirable, even though I'm finally, in fact, a desirable person. *It makes no sense, it's not fair, and it sucks.*

Characteristic of Wurtzel and her writings, however, after making this rather good and solid insight, she then proceeds to more or less completely blow it:

> But eventually, at some somber and sobering calendar date, most of us lose our looks and likewise one of our charms—and I will lose mine. **At which time, for me at least, there won't be much point to life anymore at all.**
> …
> I don't want to look back at what was, tell stories of once upon a long time ago, of what I used to do, of the men I once knew way back when, of 1,001 rapturous nights that were and are no more—I don't want my life to be the trashy and tragic remains of a really great party, lipstick traces on a burned-out cigarette at the bottom of a near-empty champagne goblet. **Sex and sexuality, at least for me, are not some segment of life; they are the force majeure, the flood and storm and act of God that overtakes the rest. Without that part of me, I'd rather be dead.** And I know all I can do right now is hold on tight to the little bit of life that's left, cling to the edge of the skyscraper I'm slipping off of, feel my fingers slowly giving way, knowing I'm going to free-fall to a sorrowful demise.
> Maybe I would not have to hold on with such tough white knuckles if I'd done things right when I was still

> young.
> Oh, to be 25 again and get it right. People who say they have no regrets, that they don't look back in anger, are either lying or boring, not sure which is worse. Because if you've lived a full life and don't feel bad about some of what you did, pieces are missing. Still, there are some mistakes that one is eventually too old—either literally or spiritually—to correct. I can't go back.

Ugh.

It bears remembering that Wurtzel is a woman who has suffered from serious bouts of clinical depression and chemical addiction. Perhaps that frames and explains her extreme case of "not getting it".

Not getting what? Not getting this rather obvious fact: for a woman (or a man, for that matter, but particularly for a woman, given the time frames involved) to base her life and identity and value and enjoyment and so on around her sex appeal and hot sex with numerous men and so on is to live a self-defeating life. Wurtzel rightly realizes, perhaps finally, that beauty and sex appeal have a shelf life that, for women, is somewhat shorter than it is for men. Yet she draws the completely wrong lesson from this. The lesson is not that life is unfair (although it can seem so, to everyone at some stage, for different reasons), or that life has no more point after sex appeal fades! It rather obviously means that sex appeal is but one part of a fully lived life, and surely not the central part, given that it is a rather fleeting thing. The obviousness of this truth remains apparently elusive even for the more introspective than average Wurtzel — something which makes me think it is a truth being rather deliberately avoided.

By my estimation, Wurtzel appears to have become *addicted to her own sexiness*. Perhaps her predisposition to addiction led to this. Perhaps her intrinsically narcissistic approach to life for most of it, as far as one can tell from her various writings, was another factor. But for a woman of 41 years of age (she'll be 43 this year) to believe that life has no point if she isn't sexy any more is quite sad – almost shockingly so. There is no sense of Wurtzel's troubles having given her a useful perspective, or having woken her up to the truly transcendent and important things in life, or to learn to place her sex appeal in its proper perspective. None of that. Instead we get wailing and gnashing of teeth at how the focus on youthful beauty "sucks" (even as she exploited that focus to the hilt in her younger years), about how life has no point if your sex appeal is diminishing and so on.

I can't help but wonder how many women of my generation, of my age, share Wurtzel's perspectives, even if her own life trajectory has been more spectacularly exaggerated, as is her style. I wonder whether Wurtzel is really giving us a look into the inner psyche of "generation lost", of the "hollow women" of my college class, women in their forties who now look exhausted after having spent the last twenty years chasing their collective six in so many creatively self-defeating ways. And I wonder if Wurtzel is giving all of us, ultimately, a mental roadmap as to why so many women in her age group stray, or long to become cougars, or become seemingly dependent on psychotropic meds.

Ultimately, as with most of Wurtzel's work, this piece is very saddening, even if it is revealing of a broader mindset – or, rather a lack thereof, – among so many women of my generation.

What a ridiculous waste of a life, Elizabeth.

Historian Tony Judt on The 60s, Sex and the New Puritanism

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In the New York York Review of Books blog, Judt reflects on how culture has changed over the years, from the radical sexuality of the 60s to the "sexual correctness" of today. He recounts several examples of academic censure, and contrasts his own life with that of younger generations.

I always enjoy getting some perspective from an older man who has seen so much more than I have. Perhaps, as more of these older academics retire and are liberated from the campus culture of rigid control, we will see more open and thoughtful criticism of gender politics as they have played out over the last several decades.

It's a short enjoyable read, with a surprise ending that takes a poke at the enforcers of sexual correctness.

Prominent Orthodox Rabbi Backs Down on Ordaining Women

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Facing expulsion from the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi Avi Weiss, leader of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in the Bronx, made a statement last week promising not to confer the title of 'Rabba' [feminine form of Rabbi] on graduates of Yeshivat Maharat, a Jewish religious school for women.

Weiss's statement is a reversal from his January promise to call his student Sara Hurwitz "Rabba," which provoked severe criticism from Orthodox groups around America. Only Orthodox Judaism still forbids women from serving as rabbis, but the only group of Jews that is fertile and committed to maintaining the Jewish faith happens to be Orthodox as well.

However, there is a contemporary movement to bend Jewish tradition and introduce feminism into Orthodox Judaism, most notably represented by JOFA, the "Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance," which just released a nebulous statement pertaining to the hubbub over Weiss.

Despite popular pressure and cultural phenomena such as "Yentl," Orthodox Judaism has quite successfully resisted contemporary fads. Perhaps having a very limited missionary agenda has been helpful in this regard.

The 10 Harmful Things Single Mothers Do to Ruin Their Sons

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I recently came across a Black Christian Pastor by the name of Gills Tripplett, and he has written an article entitled 10 Harmful Things Single Mothers Do To Ruin Their Sons Lives.

It is an excellent piece regarding what I consider to be the single greatest cause in perpetuating the so-called "cycle of poverty." As pointed out by Kay Hymowitz in her seminal article, The Black Family: 40 Years of Lies, the Black American family was devastated en mass years before the same pathologies were spread to other racial groups in every country in considered "first" world. As fellow Spearhead contributors and bloggers like Obsidian and Whiskey have pointed out on numerous occasions, the subsidization of single mother households through tax redistribution schemes to fund entitlement programs is something that corrupts all communities and societies, regardless of race. The black family in America was simply the canary in the coal mine. Well, much of society has ignored that canary's reaction to the experiment of the "GREAT SOCIETY," and we now see the same thing infecting all corners of our most-assuredly declining Western Civilization.

Look in any white trailer park, or any other community across the country that is largely poverty stricken and is predominantly composed of single mother households on welfare, you will see the same pathologies of a matriarchal-modeled community. The same thing is apparent even here in Hawaii – the same kind of projects and ghettos can be seen amongst areas of the State that are essentially homogenous Samoan, Hawaiian, and Filipino enclaves. Wherever we see single mother households as the majority of "family" units, you will find the "Cycle of Poverty" is evident.

However, like most Christian-based articles concerning the travesty and tragedy of single mother households and it's overall effect on society as a whole, there is certain elements in his piece that are certainly oblivious to the insights those of us who have studied Game and social hierarchy's role in mating and dating…so here's a "Fisking" of his article. While I agree wholeheartedly with the big picture, I believe there are few minor errors that needs to be corrected…

(Note that Pastor Tripplett provides plenty of links to back up his sources…visit the original article if you're interested in following up on anything he cites.)

Raising Boys Wrong…
In the state of Georgia, as in most urban areas, two thirds of the Black children born, are born to unwed mothers. Most of those boys will grow up to be unproductive men in our society. For irrefutable proof one only needs to examine:

** The high school drop out rate amongst boys from single-family homes.*
** The incarceration statistics for boys raised by single moms.*
** The mass number of single mothers who have trained their boys to devalue and disrespect the entire female gender*

Am I blaming society's ills on single mothers? No! Am I attacking or demonizing single mothers? A thousand times no!

Of course Tripplett needs to begin with a general disclaimer. This is a tacit admission that he at least understands the eternal solipsism of the female mind. I'm sure he wrote that first to preempt receiving numerous emails of protestations from single mothers who claim to be the exception to the rule. This was futile. He no doubt will get those anyways.

I am dealing with a critical issue that has devastated multiple generations. One that has not been properly dealt with for too long. I have watched this particular group of single mothers reek havoc and sow seeds of discord in the lives of countless children.

Amen, Pastor.

I had one incident in which a woman, (I'll call Racine) was dating a man, she got pregnant by him and they moved in together.

Like many women who give themselves to dishonorable men, Racine assumed that she could change him and that he would eventually marry her. She was so convinced of her abilities to alter his conduct, that she got pregnant, AGAIN! You should know that Racine was in the church while this disgraceful chain of events took place. After their second child, her live-in boyfriend just up and left. He coldly and calculatedly abandoned her and both of their kids.

Here's the first bit of "So-Con" rationalization. See how he basically positions his example as simply a woman done wrong…her intentions were noble, she was trying to "save" her boyfriend, but this "cold and calculating" scum bag abandoned them.

Pastor, what we have here is a classic case of a CHURCH GOING WOMAN chasing a known "bad boy" and basically thinking with her 'gina tingles instead of her head. Come now, give her an equal share of the responsibility here: she CHOSE an irresponsible guy to impregnate her, not once, but twice. She is not a victim here. She is an active participant in perpetuating the cycle of poverty by creating yet another single mother household.

Her means of getting revenge against her ex was to physically abuse both their children. She would do things such as force them to sit outside in the freezing cold for hours at a time. She would choke her older son, (I'll call Joseph) while swearing at him and cursing his father. Because of her physically and verbally abusive behavior, Joseph learned to hate females.

Because of how his mother abused him and his little brother, Joseph detests the female gender with an unforgiving passion.

Ah yes. Thanks to the society wide acceptance and subsidization of the single mother household, another Misogynist is born!

Like his mother had been drilling in his ears for years, he followed in the footsteps of his father. He got a female pregnant while in high school, but instead of abandoning her and baby like his dad, he married her. Not because he loved her, but to prove his mother wrong. Joseph had taken on the same vengeful and abusive spirit as his mom. In less than two weeks after saying, "I do!" he physically assaulted his new bride. He has been abusing her ever since. Even at my behest, his wife refused to file charges. She felt as though she could change him.

Pastor, pastor, pastor…"SHE FELT" is nothing more than the rationalization hamster wheel furiously churning in her brain. It's how she justifies to herself why she stays involved with an abusive guy… because he makes her 'gina tingle.

Their little girl will be 5-years-old in 2004 and Joseph has never held a conversation with her because of distrust and hatred of all females. The only things he has said to his daughter is, "Shut up! Didn't I tell you… No! Sit down and, go get me a…"

Joseph kicked her across the room one night when she attempted to stop him from physically assaulting her mother. Did you comprehend what you just read? You just read how generational curses are started. Even worse, Joseph's daughter is a likely candidate to believe that all men are dogs and become an angry Black female.

Depends. If Joseph and her mother stay together all throughout her childhood, she may instead grow up to actively seek out an abusive thug that makes her 'gina tingle like her mom, and repeat the pattern of putting up with physical and mental abuse as long as she is excited by his thuggish behavior.

What you are reading are not aberrations. These incidents happen everyday. I could share with you so many other cases and incidents such as the large number of single mothers who for various reasons refuse to divulge to their kids who their true biological father are. These women don't realize how their callous insensitivity has damaged their children.

Ah, but Pastor, you're forgetting the number one response to pointing out any single instance of a woman behaving

badly: **Not All Women Are Like That!**

Some of you will read this article and say, "What about the things the men are doing and why didn't you mention how daughters are affected when they don't have a dad?" I'll deal with the dishonorable men, deadbeat dads and daughters in another session. I cannot cover all of life's issues in one article. Right now, our focus is the ten harmful things certain single mothers do to ruin their son's lives.

Save it, Pastor. There's no need to go over how dastardly and dishonorable deadbeat dad's are. We already live in a culture and society for which our mainstream media and entire cable TV channels are dedicated to never letting us forget how *Men* are the problem, and single mothers are heroic martyrs and paragons of self-sacrifice.

Nevertheless, on with the list:

1. Do You Poison Your Son's Mind Against His Biological Father?
Some women knowingly and intentionally perform this evil scheme. Others do it unintentionally. While boys are young, this vengeful act seems harmless, but as they grow older, they develop bitterness against their fathers.

Note: Women can do this to their children, even if their Father didn't abandon them and still remains married and an able and competent provider in the home. This is what happens when you have a mother who doesn't respect her husband – most likely because he's an emasculated "herb" or "beta nice guy."

2. Do You Instill In Your Son: "The All Men Are Dogs," Mentality?
You may hate the father of your child. You may hate all men. You may feel justified in your malice because of how men have treated you. However, all men are not dogs! Good men do exist! A portion of the men who become dogs were trained to be that way by their disgruntled mothers. These boys listen to their moms speak hypercritically, denounce and condemn all men until they develop a disparaging complex about being a male.

Once those seeds are planted in their impressionable minds and hearts, these boys lose hope about being an honorable man. Their mother's words become a prophetic utterance. Albeit a negative one. Single moms, you must find ways to encourage your son and put a stop to words and actions that dismantle his vision of being a decent man. All men are not dogs!

Amen!

Unfortunately the next point comes right out of the So-Con playbook:

3. Do You Play The Dating Game?
As a single mother, you cannot afford to play the worldly dating game of love, sex and relationships. When you become a revolving door for hordes of males, you indoctrinate your son to systematically devalue and disrespect the female gender. By watching an assortment of males freely enter into and abruptly exit out of your life, your son learns firsthand how to become a playa player, pimp, baller and shot caller.

On the other hand, you're simply giving your son a first hand view of what it means to be a slut.

As he witnesses your failed relationships, tears of regret from your manifold sexual liaisons and learns how you were dumped, played, dismissed and disgraced at the hands of detestable males, his conscience becomes desensitized to the well being of all women. As you play the dating game, you persuade your son that males were called to be pimps.

There's probably a lot of truth to this.

As a single mother, if a man refuses to respect you as a woman and honor the fact that you have a child, he is not worthy of your companionship.

Whoa there Pastor! The fact that she already made the mistake of getting impregnated by an irresponsible thug already severely limits HER WORTHINESS of the companionship of a worthy man!

You need to know that a man should not date you if he is not prepared emotionally, psychological, physically and financially to take on the responsibility of raising your child.

This is true…but you need to add that a woman who actually does find a "good" man "worthy" of her companionship, she should also seek to avoid deceiving him into thinking being a single mother is easy, and that she should imply or deliberately deceive a man with the idea that she will put him first in any future relationship…than not do so once the sucker (oops, I meant "Man") was actually foolish enough to commit to you.

It is an absolute waste of your time for you to date or court a man who:

> - *Doesn't want children*
> - *Doesn't like children*
> - *Is averse to raising another man's child*
> - *Is not interested in getting married*
> - *Has it made clear that his objective is to dishonor you sexually*

Sigh.

More So-Con pedestalization here. I agree with the rest of this list, but let's be frank about this last one: Women have the choice, the control, and the responsibility of dishonoring their own sexuality! A man who makes it quite clear that he is not interested in a long term, committed relationship is NOT dishonoring her! He's being honest! If she has sex with him anyways, in the hopes of "changing his mind," SHE IS DISHONORING HERSELF AND HER SON.

As a single mother of a boy, you are largely responsible for how your son will treat the next generation of women. Take that charge serious. Don't set your son up for sure relationship, marital and manhood meltdown. Set before him an example of honor, respect and virtue.

As important as it is for a single mother to avoid engaging in the cock carousel of thugs and bad boys in plain view of her son, she should also be aware of choosing a man who is NOT a pedestalizing, feminized mangina that she can manipulate and run roughshod all over either. That kind of role model will have it's own set of issues and pathologies that will affect him when he is older…and in some cases, this can cause just as much psychological damage as having a string of abusive bad boys for his primary male role models.

4. Do You Engage In The Sleepover Trap?
Time and time again, I meet single mothers who allow men to spend the night, move-in or do long-term layovers. When boys see their moms engaging in such shameful activity, they become indoctrinated to see women as sex objects, booty calls and casual sex partners.

Don't worry…even if you don't do this, he'll get plenty of that indoctrination from watching TV and going to school with all the other little boys whose mothers do it.

5. Have You Made Your Son The Man of The House?
As cute as it may seem, your son IS NOT the man of the house. He is your child! Most single mothers will never understand the psychological damage they cause by anointing their sons to be the man of the house. By falsely convincing their boys that they are men, these single moms pigeonhole their adolescents into a pressure-based environment God never intended for them to be in.

Many of these undeveloped boys feel such emotional duress, that they resort to doing the unthinkable to meet their mom's fanatical demands of manhood. These teenage boys freely talk about selling drugs, robbing people, car jacking and committing other crimes to take care of their household.

Amen.

6. Are You Feminizing Your Son?
To feminize means to cause a male to assume feminine characteristics. The way single mothers feminize their sons is

by doing things such as:

> - *Having him with them while they go shopping for women's clothing*
> - *Taking him to the beauty salons while they get their hair and nails done*
> - *Having him in the bathroom and bedroom while they primp and pamper*
> - *Buying him feminine toys such as girl's bikes, dolls, etc.*
> - *Providing him with feminine clothes, makeup or accessories*
> - *Involving him in feminine activities*
> - *Calling him cute, primping and pampering him*
> - *Piercing his ears and giving him earrings*
> - *Belittling or minimizing male-female gender differences*
> - *Bringing feminine or homosexual males into his life or presence*

Single mothers who allow or inspire their sons to engage in activities that cause him to be feminized are partly responsible for the mass number of passive and effeminate males in our society.

Don't forget to add that young boys raised by a single mother also pattern their emotional responses to their mothers. This is why many young men from single mother households become violent and abusive criminals. They never learn to control and channel their aggression properly by a good masculine role model. Instead, the only role model they have is the emotional roller coaster of their mother's hormonal mood swings. When his body changes, you will have a young man full of testosterone and aggression, but no self control of his emotions.

7. Are You Training Him To Be a Man?
Get this irrefutable truth engrained into your mind and heart as expediently as possible. A woman cannot train a boy to be a man any more than a man can train a girl to become a virtuous woman. A man has his limits when it comes to raising and training girls.

While I'm sure there are plenty of problems men have when it comes to raising girls, I don't think "virtuous" is one of them. A strong, protective Father most certainly can train a girl to be virtuous. I think the Pastor would have been better served to state any more than a man can train a girl to become a *feminine* woman.

He can read a thousand books and attend countless lectures, but he will never be able to fully understand or explain to a girl what PMS is, a woman's hormones or what to expect when she gets pregnant. Most men won't even attempt to broach subjects such as a woman's broad range of emotions and feelings, her weight or looks, tampons or why women break out and cry at certain events and situations. It takes a woman to talk to a girl about those critical facets of her life.

Agreed. THIS is what Men cannot adequately do in raising girls…but none of that has to do with *virtue.*

In the same token, as a woman, there is only so much that you can instill in or teach a boy. Accept that fact and do not try to cross your boundaries. There are certain things that boys need psychologically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally, that you as a woman will never be able to impart to them. You will never understand or be able to help your son understand:

> - *Masculinity*
> - *Testosterones*
> - *The male ego*
> - *A man's penis*
> - *Why men are territorial*

> - *Why men love a good battle*
> - *A man's need to conquer*
> - *A boy's rites of passage*

Like most females, you will spend an eternity scratching your head trying to understand why men gravitate towards brute competition. Since you will never comprehend these masculine things, you will never be able to properly communicate them to any male. Including your son!

SO STOP TRYING!

Leave the manhood training to the men!

Hallelujah!

8. Are You Emasculating Your Son?
Some single mothers ruin their sons by emasculating them. To emasculate means: 1. To castrate. 2. To deprive of strength or vigor and to weaken. These single moms accomplish this catastrophic emasculation process by:

> - *Impeding the boy's natural gravitation towards things that boys love to do, (i.e. rough sports and aggressive play)*
> - *By constantly scolding, condemning, yelling and screaming at him. This commonly used tactic erodes a boy's self-confidence*
> - *By being a domineering or overbearing mother. These single moms not only bruise their son's male ego, but they mutilate his male identity and condition him to be a cowardly passive male*
> - *Constantly seeing his mother crying or throwing temper tantrums. When a boy sees these seemingly harmless emotional outbursts, he becomes conditioned to respond to the issues and pressures of life in the same manner as his mom.*

Excellent advice. Once again, Amen, Pastor.

I also cannot find any fault with his last two points as well…

…well, *almost* anything:

9. Have You Made Your Son Into a Momma's Boy?
I constantly meet single mothers who delight in the fact that they are raising momma's boys. Let me put things into proper perspective by first defining what a momma's boy is. He has been raised and taken care of by his mother. She has dressed him, cooked his meals, did his laundry, put a roof over his head, babied and spoiled him since birth and still does so… although he is a grown man.

She has come to his rescue, fought his battles, spoken up for him, lied for him, blamed others for his sins and protected him from harm and still does so… although he is a grown man. She has bought his shoes and socks, paid his bills, bought his groceries and got him out of jail and other jams and still does so… although he is a grown man.

In their strange and contorted mother-son relationship, neither of one them is willing cut their now grotesque umbilical cord. By the way their mothers have raised them, these males have been indoctrinated to believe that women exist for the sole purpose of serving and taking care of men. They have no problem with moving in with a female and sitting at home, watching television while their wives, girlfriends and baby's mothers work two and three jobs to pay the bills.

Their understanding is, "What's the problem? That's what my mom did and that's what women are supposed to do!" When it comes to marriage and relationships, I advise all women to avoid momma's boys. One way or another, these males are going to cause you heartache. Especially if you attempt to snip their umbilical cord. Single mothers who truly

care about their son's future will not raise their sons to be momma's boys!

10. Do You Avoid Finding Strong Male Role Models For Your Son?
By having no strong male role models in their lives, boys are prone to gravitate towards:

> - *Having a distorted sense of self-worth*
> - *Feeling irrelevant in our society*
> - *Rebelling against authority*
> - *Being passive males*
> - *Having a deep sense of vulnerability*
> - *Wondering about their legacy*
> - *Not respecting the female gender*

This is our Brave New World molded and fashioned by a feminist movement and a sexually libertine culture promoting Matriarchal values and unleashed female sexuality. Teaching a boy to "respect the female gender" is another way of teaching him to pedestalize women, as a gender. Teach him to respect only those men and women that have earned it! No woman deserves respect simply because she has female plumbing.

> - *Not understanding, respecting or embracing manhood*
> - *Not understanding, respecting or embracing marriage*

Heh. If he understands marriage…more specifically Marriage 2.0, he certainly should NOT embrace marriage…

> 1. *Not understanding, respecting or embracing fatherhood*

As they reach adulthood, these harmful traits make men become societal undesirables. As a single mom, you must make seeking out strong godly male role models for your son a top priority. Start with your child's father. The only reasons you should keep your son away from his biological father is because his dad:

> - *Is an alcoholic, drug user or drug dealer*
> - *Is wanted by the police or other authorities*
> - *Has harmful mental or other psychological issues*
> - *Is a thug or is involved in other criminal activity*
> - *Is an abuser, molester or perpetrator of domestic violence*
> - *Has threatened physical harm or violence*
> - *Poses a safety threat to you or child in some other fashion*

Barring none of the above, you should not prevent your child's from interacting with his dad. After the child's biological father, look at the men in your family, church, after school programs and organizations that are passionate about raising boys. Be clear on this irrefutable fact: your son needs honorable men in his life if he is going to properly transition from boyhood to manhood.

If he has no godly strong male role models, your son will go from boyhood to adulthood, while skipping manhood. Don't deceive yourself into believing that you can raise your son without men, you cannot.

Overall, I really don't have too much quibble with this article. It would probably be better for society if more boys in single mother homes were raised to be pedestalizing doormats for women when they get older than violent, anti-

social and emotionally out control adults…but still, the better answer would be to prevent the promulgation of the ubiquity of single mother households in the first place.

As long as we have a welfare and family court system defining any “family” as a mother and children, and subsidizing and/or forcefully removing men from their families and their roles as Patriarchs, the “cycle of poverty” will continue to escalate and hasten the decline of our declining civilization.

St. Pat's a Bust

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I don't know if it's just my boring neighborhood or the lousy economy, but it seems as though what used to be fun celebrations are simply not so fun any longer. There is something a bit depressing in the air lately, and the exuberance that normally bursts forth from time to time at the appointed days is coming out with barely a fizzle.

However, as I said, it may simply be where I live. I don't know how things are in the rest of the country, but last night was a pretty big disappointment to me. The only local bar that celebrated St. Pat's was filled with people who made me feel like a kid, and I'm in my mid-30s! All they were doing was sitting down to eat Irish food and drinking microbrews. There wasn't even a band at the local cabaret/theater, which was boarded up and looks to be going out of business.

Just out of curiosity, do readers find that America just isn't as *fun* as it used to be? If so, is it just that people are broke, or is there something else going on?

Manhattan Girls go Thelma and Louise for Feminism

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Emma Bernstein and Nona Willis Aronowitz, a couple of Sex and the City types from Manhattan, came up with the idea to go on a road trip and write a book about it in the midst of a liquor-fueled brunch. Aronowitz, who had never ventured outside of Manhattan much before, said the trip was "about discovery and opening your eyes to other people's realities. It was a perfect coming-of-age thing to do."

Aside from the fact that America is awash in feminist literature, these girls come off as clueless, privileged little princesses. Stopping mainly in cities, they asked women what they thought about feminism. Interestingly, while in San Francisco, they found that while women knew plenty about feminism, they couldn't explain how it might be relevant to their personal lives.

This is rather amusing, because San Francisco is chock full of high-powered career women. Lawyers, doctors, professionals of all sorts… For women, it's a utopia full of culture, nice parks, restaurants and great shopping opportunities. Perhaps this is why they don't have much time to think about feminism in SF. In fact, knowing San Franciscans, they were probably thinking "how long do I have to keep talking to this annoying New Yorker? I really want to go to that new Italian boutique on the Embarcadero!"

However, even in places where women might feel the need to be "empowered," our feminist dynamic duo didn't get such a great reception. The poor women they spoke with thought of feminism as "elitist." Gee, wonder why? Couldn't have anything to do with a couple of nosy Manhattan girls driving around and bothering women who've got more important things to worry about than "coming of age," could it?

Although I'm not going to buy the book, I am curious as to how much outright hostility they ran into. Most people are a lot more reasonable than your typical entitled, urban princess, so probably not much, unfortunately. However, I'd be willing to bet that they were more successful in raising eyebrows than in raising feminist consciousness.

Worst Nightmare for Divorced Fathers

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Divorced fathers whose children spend a good deal of time away from them and out of their protective influence often worry a great deal about their children. Babymomma's boyfriends and behavior can be a huge source of anxiety, but under our feminist family law regime there isn't a thing these fathers can do to alleviate their anxiety. In fact, simply stopping by to check on a child can result in arrest.

When stories about the tragedies that disproportionately strike the children of single mothers appear in the news, they can be a real source of pain and worry for divorced fathers.

Here in Seattle Joel Zellmer, a Kent man, is facing trial for the murder of a 3-year-old girl. He allegedly killed her for a $200,000 life insurance policy he took out on her with her mother. In 2003, the girl drowned in a pool in her new stepfather's back yard. When the child drowned, the death was initially thought to be accidental, but prior incidents involving the children of single mothers Zellmer proposed to came to light, and Zellmer was arrested in 2007. His first wife's son had his legs broken in 1990, supposedly in a hit and run by an uninsured driver. Zellmer received a $25,000 insurance settlement from the "accident." Later, the baby of a single mother he was dating somehow ended up in his hot tub, and was injured. In 2002, he started dating several single mothers at once, and then got engaged to one, who left him after some suspicious incidents and his suggestion that she and her daughter get life insurance policies.

Another single mother, to whom he proposed within two weeks of meeting her, also left him after life insurance suggestions. She also claims she found numerous photos of single mothers with children in his house.

Of course, there's a chance that Zellmer didn't murder or hurt anyone, but a $200,000 life insurance policy on a three-year-old looks pretty suspicious. So does his obsessive interest in single mothers, and the numerous injuries children sustained in his care.

The facts state that if a woman with small children is having a relationship with a man who is not the child's father, the man is 60 times more likely to kill the children than a resident biological father. Of course, plenty of men who date and marry single mothers are perfectly decent, but sadly a lot of them are not. Some of them are downright homicidal.

In this day and age, an interest in single mothers is also a bit odd. Personally, I'd recommend avoiding them, because in the majority of cases they *chose* to become single mothers. Only a fraction of them faced the kind of abuse or neglect that justified putting their children in that situation. In most cases, they either got tired of their husbands and dumped them or intentionally got pregnant by a man who had no intention or desire to become a father. A man with good sense should approach any relationship with a single mother with extreme caution. However, they are also an easy mark. In many cases, they are desperate, so some guys might choose to take advantage of that.

It is every caring divorced father's nightmare that some guy who doesn't give a damn about his kids might soon become the "man of the house." In these situations, the children suffer disproportionately from the choices that were ultimately made by their mother, and these choices are facilitated – even encouraged – by the law of the land.

Men like Zellmer, if he really did murder the girl, are only taking advantage of easy prey.

Another Single Mother, Another Dead Kid

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Little Azriel Carver's corpse just washed up on a beach in southern Puget Sound. The boy and his mother, who is still nowhere to be found, had been missing for a few days. Authorities have been searching for them since their car was found partially submerged in shallow water in a pond.

After reading about the discovery of the car, I was hoping that his mother had made a break for it, as many single mothers do, fleeing the pressures of her life to live in anonymity with her child. That's far from an ideal situation, but at least the little boy would have had a fighting chance. It would have been far better than drowning in the cold water of the sound, only to be thrown up by the hard saltwater cold and blue on a mudflat or rocky shore.

I've seen them pull people out of the water a couple times before. It's always a tragedy, but so much more for a child. A friend of mine used to be a lifeguard, and had to haul in a couple dead kids. I can't think of anything more painful than that.

Since the discovery of the boy's body, some new information has come to light. It turns out that his mother, Shantina Smiley, had been seen by several people prior to her disappearance, and seemed disoriented. There was a half-empty bottle of wine in her car, and a man working at a convenience store saw her trip and fall after leaving the store.

Additionally, she has been investigated three times by CPS, which in itself doesn't constitute guilt, but in one investigation a finding of abuse was made after Azriel sustained a serious injury at the hands of one his mother's boyfriends, who was arrested for breaking the kid's arm. In 2007, Smiley was found to be negligent after she had passed out drunk while with her son. The boy was returned after she completed a stint inn rehab.

Unsurprisingly, Azriel was not returned to the custody of his father, who hadn't seen his son in years and lived on the other side of the country. If an abused or neglected child has a parent who has never been found to be abusive or negligent, why not send the child to live with that parent? Oh wait, it was his *father*, so we can't have that…

Big Sister Killing More Jobs

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While surfing Google Finance I stumbled upon another instance of Big Sister stifling the economy with her victimhood-saturated menstrual pads. This time Big Sister takes the form of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

> Four Jack in the Box restaurants formerly owned and operated by Abe Alizadeh will likely close because a federal agency wants to impose regulations on new owners based on sexual harassment charges from four years ago.
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> The four restaurants will likely close around April 15, leaving about 200 out of work.

Just what our economy needs. Thanks, Big Sister!

> The bidder who had won the stores in a bankruptcy auction declined to buy the stores after discovering in a court hearing that the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission wants stipulations to carry on to the new owner.
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> Four years ago, a manager of one of the Chico-area restaurants was fired after allegations surfaced of sexual harassment. The manager was fired, the regional manager was fired and Alizadeh even fired his director of operations supervising that group of restaurants. That all happened four years ago. The EEOC filed a lawsuit over the incidents in October of last year, when the stores were already in bankruptcy.

Nice timing, Big Sister.

> The stores are all profitable. None of the managers from four years ago is still involved in the restaurants. The ownership is different now and it would be completely different after the asset sale, Gallup said. The bidders had no interest in picking up liability from the previous management through the bankruptcy court.
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> The EEOC didn't define what its stipulations might be.
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> "The stipulations scared the crap out of my buyers," Gallup said. "These are good operators with clean histories. Not one of them said they would open themselves to unknown levels of scrutiny. … One of them said: 'I will not take a dog with fleas into my house.' "

Big Sister knows **someone** has to pay when a woman claims to have been the victim of a crime. She has to make an example of **someone** so we remember to tread softly lest we inadvertently step on one Big Sister's toes. She has a lot of toes of varying sizes and shapes, over 150 million in the United States alone. And every one of these toes is a potential victim in need of additional protections and entitlements at the expense of men and families, which Big Sister gleefully provides.

> The EEOC's position is that it wants [to] make sure good management policies are in place to protect the workers where there had been a history of poorly managed environments.

What a noble cause, Big Sister, but instead of protecting these workers you've destroyed their jobs in an already harsh economy. I suppose we don't have to worry, though; they can just collect unemployment fueled by taxes paid by men.

Full article at MSN MoneyCentral.

About the author: Jay Hammers is a young lad who throughout his life has been a witness to Western society's embrace of pervasive misandry and female privilege. He recently became aware of the men's rights movement and started a blog as both an outlet for his rage and a way to raise awareness in others: Men's Rights with Jay Hammers.

French Philosophette Confronts Tyrant Babies

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Elisabeth Badinter, author of *Le Conflit, La Femme et La Mère (The Conflict, The Woman and The Mother)*, argues that to truly be liberated, women should reject all the healthy mothering advice about breastfeeding and organic food, plug the screaming kid with a bottle full of formula, kick back on the couch with a bottle of wine and a smoke and fire up the TV. According to Badinter, this would not only further empower women, but lead to an increase in fertility as well.

As a French "philosopher," Badinter probably isn't aware that millions of women in America have already taken wholeheartedly to her recommended lifestyle, and have been doing so for years. The so-called "ghetto queen" reclining on a sofa with a pack of Newports and a bottle of Cisco, basking in the glow of her widescreen TV featuring a larger than life Oprah Winfrey, surrounded by a passel of chaotic progeny, and host to various men from surrounding residences, is far from a rare phenomenon in the American inner-city. Her rural counterpart in a middle-American trailer park is legion as well.

Although these women may feel liberated, what they are actually doing is shifting their obligations onto the rest of us. As an example, I used to enjoy visiting the local library, but some years ago I noticed it was always full of screaming kids. I asked the librarian what was going on, and she told me that the mothers leave their kids at the library and then go do as they please for a few hours, coming back to pick them up later. The librarians had become de facto daycare providers. I actually asked a guy who was rather high up in the Seattle library administration what they intended to do about this problem, and he said they were working on it.

Eventually, they came up with a compromise. Now, there are still kids in the library, but they are mainly playing free video games on the computers, so they aren't underfoot quite so much. Additionally, for those of us who like quiet libraries, there are a couple small "study rooms" where one can close the door to shut out the babbling. I saw a librarian tell a teenage girl to stop playing her ipod at a high volume once, and the girl refused and threatened to give the librarian a beating. The librarian was a small woman, so she couldn't do anything about it. The compromise was obviously a failure. I don't go to libraries much any longer.

The point is that Badinter's notion of empowerment is simply about ditching one's responsibilities and letting others deal with the fallout. This is nothing new, as feminism is fundamentally about 1) increasing privileges, and 2) avoiding responsibilities. These are the twin pillars of the feminist movement, and have been from the very beginning. Every single feminist cause is directly related to one or the other, or both.

However, if Badinter's position indicates anything, it is that there is little more that can be foisted on individual men than already is, and that to remain dynamic and relevant feminists will now have to turn their guns directly on children and society.

NOW Denounces Health Care Bill

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The National Organization for Women is infuriated with Barack Obama for passing a Health Care bill that does not provide subsidized abortion or extend benefits to illegal aliens. Citing the fact that abortion is one of the most common medical procedures women undergo in the United States, NOW President Terry O'Neill blames "Catholic bishops and extremist abortion rights opponents" for preventing government-backed abortion coverage.

Reading O'Neill, one might assume that most Americans like the idea of chipping in to help women eliminate unwanted babies. However, that is far from the case, and it is more likely that most Americans have moral issues with abortion, and would rather not be involved in paying for it. The hysteria and mischaracterization that NOW engages in is part of a long tradition of left-feminist activism, and brings the antics of Bob Avakian's Revolutionary Communist Party (read their amusing publication) to mind.

As objectionable as the concerns of NOW may be, the health care bill does raise issues that divorced/single fathers may want to consider. For example, will men be required by law to pay premiums for their ex-wives and children, whether they have the money or not? Given legislation passed in the 1980s and 90s, it seems almost inevitable that this will be the case, and the bill will impose yet another obligation on struggling fathers who are having a tough time making ends meet in this economic recession.

Reproductive Justice For Men

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> Infancy's the tender fountain,
> Power may with beauty flow,
> Mother's first to guide the streamlets,
> From them souls unresting grow—
> Grow on for the good or evil,
> Sunshine streamed or evil hurled;
> For the hand that rocks the cradle
> Is the hand that rules the world.

This is the second stanza of a poem penned by William Ross Wallace in 1865. I note with interest that Wallace was raised by a single mother, which may help put some context to the worshipful tone of the poem as a whole. Personally, I infer a prescient warning of sorts from this poem, a warning that may or may not have been intentional on the part of Wallace…that men who permit themselves to be locked out of fatherhood will find themselves ruled by those whose education was of, by, and for women with nary a masculine tutor in sight. Keep this 150 year old warning in mind as you read this post about the femmarxist "reproductive justice" movement.

The recent kerfuffle over the "Black Babies are an Endangered Species" billboard in Hotlanta spotlighted for me the race-tinged activism of the fine femmarxists over at SisterSong. I found myself wondering why the author of the news article would give lend a global platform to the mouthpiece of such an obscure–to me, anyway–group.

A few seconds of googling offered up an explanation. Hotlanta also appears to be the headquarters for the SisterSong special interest group. Exploring their site, another explanation made its way to the fore…the "Black Baby" billboard controversy was merely a convenient target of opportunity in a deliberate media-outreach campaign by a loosely organized network of feminist groups to push an agenda they call "reproductive justice" (RJ).

What is RJ, you say? Here is a brief excerpt from the SisterSong site:

> …the complete physical, mental, spiritual, political, social, environmental and economic well-being of women and girls, based on the full achievement and protection of women's human rights. It offers a new perspective on reproductive issue advocacy, pointing out that as Indigenous women and women of color it is important to fight equally for (1) the right to have a child; (2) the right not to have a child; and (3) the right to parent the children we have, as well as to control our birthing options, such as midwifery. We also fight for the necessary enabling conditions to realize these rights. This is in contrast to the singular focus on abortion by the pro-choice movement.
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> One of the key problems addressed by Reproductive Justice is the isolation of abortion from other social justice issues that concern communities of color. Abortion isolated from other social justice/human rights issues neglects issues of economic justice, the environment, immigrants' rights, disability rights, discrimination based on race and sexual orientation, and a host of other community-centered concerns directly affecting an individual woman's decision making process. By shifting the definition of the problem to one of reproductive oppression (the control and exploitation of women, girls, and individuals through our bodies, sexuality, labor, and reproduction) rather than a narrow focus on protecting the legal right to abortion, we are developing a more inclusive vision of how to move forward in building a new movement.

It is easy to see how RJ, as holistically described like this, is a gun pointed at each and every man on the planet. By

asserting control of when and when they will not have a child and the right to parent those children as they see fit (implied is that male interference will not be tolerated), RJ is nothing less than a bold move to assert control of the entire enchilada, to finish the job of locking men and boys out of society entirely–don't let the 'women of color' stalking horse fool you, my non-white bretheren, they're coming for you too–and institute a full-up matriarchy.

One thing that our adversaries has done very well has been to organize and institute a sort of lawfare on men that the male sex…being concerned with the well being of the tribe as a whole and not usually given to narrow parochialism for the benefit of men alone…has been slow to respond to. So, in a case of imitation being the sincerest form of flattery, I propose that we men adopt and tailor feminist RJ activism to our particular needs and concerns, and then use the focal points identified by that activism as vectors to direct our energies and fight for our own reproductive justice.

First, then, we need to define what reproductive justice is when applied to men. I offer the following initial–albeit not terribly creative–chop:

> Reproductive Justice is the complete physical, mental, spiritual, political, economic, and social well-being of men and boys. It will be achieved when men and boys have the economic, social and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about their bodies, sexuality, and reproduction for themselves, their families, and their communities in all areas of their lives, and when men have the right to have a child when they wish, the right to not have a child when they wish, and the right to parent in the manner as they wish.

From there, we bridge to how we should focus our efforts. Again, the success of our adversaries is instructive: As first suggested by the Asian Community for Reproductive Justice in their "A New Vision" manifesto, I suggest our RJ fight be centered around three "frameworks" that organize and focus activist's efforts:

> There are three main frameworks for fighting reproductive oppression: [1] Reproductive Health, [2] Reproductive Rights, and [3] Reproductive Justice.
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> The Reproductive Health framework emphasizes the very necessary reproductive health services that women need.
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> The Reproductive Rights framework is based on universal legal protections for women, and sees these protections as rights. Issues that were historically seen as private issues in the lives of women and girls have been made public and mainstream.
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> And the Reproductive Justice framework stipulates that reproductive oppression is a result of the intersections of multiple oppressions and is inherently connected to the struggle for social justice and human rights.

I suggest we adapt these frames for reducing and eventually eliminating reproductive oppression below (please feel free to suggest others in your comments):

For the reproductive health frame, we men should focus on prostate and erectile health and on the supporting issues that adversely affect and even unnaturally truncate our reproductive lives. These issues include, but are not limited to, heart disease, decreased fertility due to phytoestrogens in our diet and female sex hormone effluvia in the water and food supply, suicide, victimization from homicide, incarceration for non-violent "crimes", discrimination in sentencing, particularly for non-Asian minority men, decreased male participation (and increased marginalization) in education, and health research and funding inequalities.

For the reproductive rights frame, we men should make "our body, our choice" our rallying cry. We should aim to achieve universal legal protections of these God-given rights for men and to ensconce those protections as State-enforced rights. The focus of this agitation should be the ownership of our labors and our genetic material, and resistance to any efforts to deprive us of the fruits of our labors without our affirmative and voluntary choice to do so. What is presently seen as "responsibilities" for men must be connected in law to their affirmative choices.

And the Reproductive Justice framework should stipulate that reproductive oppression is a result of the intersections of multiple oppressions and is inherently connected to the struggle for men's social justice and male human rights.

The following table summarizes the task set before us. In constructing it, I again heavily leveraged a similar product produced by the feminists:

Framework	Reproductive Health	Reproductive Rights	Reproductive Justice
Model	Service delivery to address men's reproductive and suporting health needs	Legal and policy advocacy to protect an individual man's right to reproductive and supporting health services	Organizing individuals and communities to foster change and challenge situations in which men suffer from power inequalities
Central Theme(s)	Our society needs to address men's health disparities through increased access to the full range of reproductive and supporting health services, tailored to the specific needs of various male communities	Linking positive choice with responsibility in making reproductive decisions	The control and exploitation of men as a sex, the labors of their bodies, and the focus on incarceration versus therapeutic correctives has historically been the means of controlling entire communities--particularly low-income men and their families
Strategies	Improving and expanding services, research, information, and access, particularly prevention of STDs	Social, legal, and policy advocacy; Emphasis on controlling genetic material and avoiding unintended pregnancies	Organizing, leadership development, cross-sector alliance building, and movement building
Key Players	Providers: professional medical community, health care providers, researchers, health educators	Advocates: legal experts, lawyers, policymakers, elected officials	Organizers: community members, allies
Limiting Factors	Focus on the individual, resources intensive, differing levels of access	Societal emphasis on male responsibility; the State's regulation of "behavior" and options in certain populations; assumes access to education, and access and influence in the policy process; requires a belief in the efficacy of the political system	Asks organizations and individuals to take personal, financial, social, and legal risks to challenge power relations, values, assumptions, present hierarchies; Long-term movement building is resource-intensive, requires endurance and patience on the part of movement members

Please note that I do not think that men adopting the same "victim" mental model as the feminists do will be productive, despite the fact that the above table tends toward donning the victim mantle in a few areas, mostly in "oppression" and power differentials. But noting that one is oppressed by Big Sister is not the same as being a victim; a victim mentality is one of helplessness. We are not helpless, we are in control of our own destinies and over our own thoughts and actions. I think that being yet another victim grievance group will have adverse effects to any male RJ movement in that it will turn off many right-minded men, precisely the set of go-getter independent men that we need to execute the social change that we desire. We don't need and don't want victims, we want do-ers, men who aren't seeking for someone else to help them be better.

This brings me to my next point, a point ably made by Jack Donovan not long ago (and I paraphrase): that fighting oppression and securing these rights will be a fight. Merely sidling up to the table and doing an Oliver–more gruel please, sir–will not succeed for us as it did for the feminists. Matt Dubay's experience with C4M in the legal system is evidence of that. If the post-enlightenment history of Western Civ, particularly the 20th Century, is any indicator, one only has as many rights as one has the political power to enforce them. "Political power flows from the barrel of a gun" Chairman Mao observed, and he is exactly correct. Specific to our case, we must have the will to do political, social, and legal violence to secure those rights against those who are equally determined to do political, social, legal, and even physical violence to us men to keep us in our place.

That is all for now. More ideas will be forthcoming about attacking reproductive oppression, and I am looking forward to reading some of yours. Some are already in work: expatting, marriage striking, ensuring sperm surety, but more will be required.

I'll close this post with the following Heinlein quote:

> “Violence, naked force, has settled more issues in history than has any other factor, and the contrary opinion is wishful thinking at its worst. Nations and peoples who forget this basic truth have always paid for it with their lives and freedoms.”

What we want–freedom, equality, restoration of patriarchy, whatever–won’t be given to us. We have to take it. And then endeavor to keep it.

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Facing Scorn, Germaine Greer Struggles for Relevance

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In an attempt to salvage her flagging reputation, Germaine Greer is declaring victory in the feminist revolution. As proof, she offers the high divorce rate, which she attributes to "heroic" women. Furthermore, like Gloria Steinem, she asserts that we are still in the initial stages of the feminist revolution.

Although Greer claims she has written better books than *The Female Eunuch*, she reveals herself to be a one-trick pony, and is still banging the same drum she was forty years ago. Choosing to ignore the raunchy sexuality that has exploded into the Anglosphere's streets and culture following feminist successes, she focuses on the old feminism of dissatisfied 1960s housewives, who are a feature of a bygone age.

Today, what possible relevance could the world of postwar Anglo culture have to young women, whose primary concern is attracting the attention of the flashiest thug in the local nightclub? Greer inevitably brings up the image of the poor, abused wife that still animates the imagination of the older generation, but this woman is a mythical creature. The kind of men who cheat on and beat their wives 40 years ago don't generally get married any longer; they are the guys who who spawn bastards and and engage in "pump and dump" one night stands with the many women who lust after them.

Men who marry today are, in general, decent, trusting caring guys — in short, the kind of men that many women find *unattractive*. Women don't leave men for abuse or infidelity so much as they leave men for being saps. Women leave men they don't respect. Rather than a means to escape abuse, divorce has become a weapon used against emotionally fragile men whose wives are no longer interested in them.

Greer misses the point. She's a blind old woman who is simply trying to justify the atrocities she and her cohort perpetrated on society. To the end, women like Germaine Greer and Gloria Steinem will defend their legacy, even as society's disgust with what they have wrought grows to outrage.

Prostitute Writer Supports Double Standard in Sexual Harassment

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Journaliste and hooker Tracy Quan takes issue with men who report sexual harassment, telling them to "take it like a man." She compares sexual harassment complaints to "tattling," and impugns the masculinity of middle class men who complain about being groped by other men. She doesn't mention women, but the issue is obviously on her mind, and as a sex worker, she probably fears that female sexuality may also become taboo in the workplace, ruining women's strongest advantage in a corporate setting.

As a straight man, I can't see anything masculine about allowing men to fondle me at work. Quan, on the other hand, thinks it ought to be part of the job, even in the Navy! Here, she suggests that any guy who joins the Navy ought to expect sexual harassment:

> Speaking of battlefields, Massa's Naval career antics have been dredged up to prove a pattern of abuse. Do we really have to view the sailors who never filed complaints as "victims"? They're not women. This happened in a volunteer Navy. Guys: if you can't deal with the occasional overbearing bisexual prankster, please don't join up.

For middle class guys who want to keep what's left of their manhood intact at work, there are essentially two options for dealing with sexual harassment:

1. File a formal complaint
2. Beat the crap out of the offender

Number 2, while perhaps the most satisfying, will get you fired and probably arrested as well, and while number 1 may not always work, at least it gives you a shot at avoiding a deeply humiliating office environment.

Quan goes so far as to say that men who complain about being fondled at work are abusing the concept of victimhood. Yes, the staffers Massa dry-humped are now abusers…

Finally, Quan suggests that women can have no respect for a man who doesn't take it in the rear at work. This makes absolutely no sense. I don't think she understands men at all. Perhaps this is because, as a prostitute, she only has experience relating to them sexually:

> One of the more appealing American archetypes—despite modern feminism—is the man who will physically protect us. It's impossible for me to imagine this of a man who files an official complaint when his masculinity is challenged by an embarrassing jerk. As financial parity becomes a reality in our culture, as women sometimes even out-earn men, it's more crucial than ever for masculinity to retain its integrity. We need to feel something primal and irrational—it's called admiration—in order to respect the men around us. Too many women find themselves shacked up, legally partnered or otherwise connected with men they don't admire.

What a confused, disordered woman Quan is. Men do not react to sexual humiliation by superiors by becoming more masculine: they react with broken spirits or aggression toward the weaker among them. Were the abuses of Abu Ghraib intended to build character and make prisoners more manly? No, they were intended to sadistically break men.

Feminism is indeed the world's biggest shit test. It is a constant challenge to masculinity, and a call for men to prove themselves to women like Quan.

I tell you guys: she isn't worth it. Even if you're the kind of guy who's into hookers, you can find a cheaper, better-looking and more pleasant one than Quan.

The Myth of the Victim Wife

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Perhaps the most potent weapon in the feminist arsenal has long been the widely-held belief that women are helpless victims in the face of male aggression, and that they would never wreck their families without being victims of some vile form of abuse on the part of their husbands. Although the younger generations have realized that this is a fantasy, older Americans – men in particular – often cling to the image of the wife as eternal victim, and husband as aggressor. Unfortunately, a lot of these older folks are still in very influential positions as judges, politicians, CEOs, etc. On the bright side, they won't be for too much longer.

If I had to give a rough estimate of the age that marks the cutoff, I'd have to say it's somewhere in the 50s. People who were born before 1960 are far more likely to hold to chivalrous, pedestalizing ideals concerning women; perhaps even more so than the GI generation that raised them. I think Zed's post on toxic fathers explains a lot of what was going on. I've observed the phenomenon he referred to in my own family, where I had a far more benevolent relationship with my grandfathers than their own sons did. For a lot of men who grew up in postwar America, there was a rivalry between father and son that manifested itself in a hatred and fear of men in general.

And then, of course, there was the unnatural phenomenon of the 50s and 60s housewife, who stayed at home in the 'burbs with a whole lot of time on her hands. Her mother was more likely to have been a worker than she was, and before the benefits of mass production brought every woman a fridge, washing machine, vacuum cleaner and electric range, women were performing the equivalent of light industrial labor in the home every day. Without the distraction of having to work for her own and her family's survival, the 50s suburban housewife was therefore left without a sense of purpose, except in being a proper housewife. She was, in a real sense, disempowered, and therefore a more sympathetic figure.

To the young men growing up resentful of their tough, authoritarian fathers, who were themselves children of the Great Depression and WWII, it was easier to bond with the nurturing and tragic mother. Zed suggests that there was an element of emotional incest underlying family dynamics:

> …boys and young men who sense that their fathers are destructive and not using their male power in a constructive and responsible manner will seek to psychically and emotionally castrate them and take away their power.
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> Such men are sitting ducks for women, because in the absence of approval and blessing of their fathers, they sought it from the only place they could get it – their mothers. And thus does an unholy alliance of emotional incest often form between boys and mothers, with the boys displacing the fathers as the emotional mate of the mother. For many of them, being a "good man" involves both making "mama" happy, and being as unlike their fathers as they can manage to be.

The emotional bond between mother and son and the resentment men felt toward their fathers translated into action against men in general. Men who grew up in the midst of the postwar paradigm saw feminism as justice, and a means to destroy the hated father figure, but from my perspective and those of my generation, it appears that – in a cruel twist of irony – they only succeeded in destroying their sons.

I don't think these men will change much with age. Their cherished image of the mother-victim will follow them to the grave, just as the old Soviet veterans paid their respects to Lenin and Stalin up until the fall of Communism. Guys like Zed and Paul were pioneers, and there were few of their kind. For a couple of decades, there were a few men trying to warn the rest of us about what was going on, but until recently, they were speaking into the wind.

Change is certainly coming, but the sacred icon of the feminist revolution – the victim wife – will only fade away with the generation that cherishes it.

Estrogen Overload

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I used to work in intelligence, compiling endless reports on radical groups and jihadis from open source, newspapers, government documents, and other sources. After a while it felt pretty repetitive. It's easy to get tired of reading about the endless village massacres in Kashmir, documenting sectarian murders in the Sunni Triangle, identifying associations between between Al Qaeda and Somali smuggling gangs and dealing with many other mundane evils of our time. It got to be somewhat demoralizing after a while.

Lately, it seems that the relentless emphasis on feminism in our culture in general is having a similar effect on me, and perhaps men in general. Turn on the TV, open the newspaper, take a class at a university or go to a bar, and you've got a good chance of immediately being confronted with some declaration of grrrl power. It could be in the form of a talk show, an article on the "glass ceiling," a class on feminist theory, or some cougar divorcée out on the prowl. It is surrounding and overwhelming. Most of us can't even escape it at work, as the ever-present threat of a harassment suit or the tyranny of female HR managers lurks overhead.

Sometimes, we need an escape from all this, but finding one is quite difficult. A trip to a non-feminist country would always be nice, but that could be out of reach for a lot of guys, and many of us have little time or opportunity for vacationing during the recession. In the old days, men had male associations and clubs they could visit to escape and enjoy themselves in a relaxing environment, but these have largely been outlawed or shamed into gender integration. In the meanwhile, female-only health clubs, spas and professional associations have blossomed throughout the land. Perhaps the hardest hit is the working man, who now has nothing but some free space in the garage.

When we at *The Spearhead* and others write about how men have been rendered eunuchs of sorts, it's important to point out that this didn't happen in a vacuum. Simply being male has become something akin to a civil infraction, and acting like one a crime. When the masculine has been stripped from the public sphere, the workplace, educational institutions and civil society in general and reduced to a few raw outlets such as professional sports and gaming, it's inevitable that the men one sees out and about in public will be emasculated.

It isn't certain that there is much of a solution to this problem in the near term, but perhaps a couple ideas are in order. For starters, the reintroduction of the men's health/athletic club might be helpful. There's an old boxing gym in my neighborhood – the Hillman City Gym – that trained Greg "Mutt" Haugen, who took the WBO Light Welterweight Title from Hector Camacho back in the early 90s. Relics such as these are good models, because they are far from appealing to the typical female, but unfortunately a lot of them have been compromised by training female fighters, which inevitably attracts the attention of the hardcore feminist butch lesbian types. Once they get involved, then the crack in the dike inevitably bursts and the masculinity is lost forever.

However, one thing these old gyms and clubs have going for them is that they are cheap. Men don't necessarily need luxurious surroundings to enjoy themselves, so a set of freeweights, a few punching bags and a ring are often good enough. One could apply the same principle to another type of club as well — it doesn't have to be about physical combat or working out. As long as there isn't any official or criminal business going on, making a club all male still isn't illegal.

So I'd suggest that guys get together with a few others and start making space where men can be men again. If we are forced to leave our manhood in the garage every time we leave the home, we might as well go to work building spaces in our neighborhoods and towns where we can reclaim a bit of masculinity for both our health and peace of mind. A few public "caves" could go a long way toward restoring both.

Gamers: Manginas Extraordinaire

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The transition of video games from a niche hobby to a mainstream pastime that occurred in the past decade has wallpapered over many of the more sordid realities of the gaming community. It's not a stretch to say that most hardcore gamers are nerds, and while not all manginas are nerds, almost all nerds are manginas. Remember the brouhaha over Pro-Male/Anti-Feminist Tech's science fiction article back in October? The hordes of sniveling dweeboids who screamed bloody murder over his piece on blogs, forums, and *The Spearhead's* own comment section were doing what they do best – kissing the tails of the less-fair sex in vain hope of a little tail being tossed their way. Your average gamer is a servile sack of snot who will roll over and beg for a woman who so much as brushes him in the hallway.

In that context, this new service which charges men to play online games with women is not surprising in the least:

> What if you could pay a bit of cash to play Modern Warfare with an attractive girl? Or maybe relax with a casual game of checkers while you video chat with said female? A new social service launching tomorrow, March 23, called GameCrush (**www.GameCrush.com**) is hoping there are gamers out there willing to pay for the opportunity to play with girls.

> On GameCrush, guys are Players and girls are PlayDates. Players pay to play and PlayDates get paid to play. Guys can browse PlayDate profiles (there are currently around 1,200), view photos, and even chat with girls for free.

> For $8.25 you get 500 credits, which is enough for one game (400 credits) and a 100 credit tip at the end. An Xbox Live game will last 10 minutes, while a casual Flash game will get you six minutes of face time with your PlayDate.

"PlayDates" is quite appropriate, since the dorks who sign up for *GameCrush* are basically paying women like prostitutes, but without the sex. It's like phone sex but just as pricey and only half as retarded.

> GameCrush says it modeled its pricing structure after the cost of buying a girl a drink at a bar. In a bar, you're basically buying the opportunity to chat a girl up. GameCrush is hoping players will look at their service the same way.

Yeah, and how often does buying a drink for a girl work when it comes to getting some? This is an even dumber idea, because while the chick you bought a jello shot for is right in front of you (thus making sex possible, if improbable), given the global nature of the Internet and online gaming, there's a very good chance that the chick you just paid to kick your ass in *Halo 3* isn't even in your time zone. Add in the fact that online dating sites are already *Weißwurst* parties, and you've got a recipe for continued blue balls.

> During an early demo of the service I played a couple casual games with PlayDate Ambibambi23. She was a nice girl (and totally kicked my ass in both pool and Battleship, btw) but her boyfriend was hanging out behind her and she made mention of him a couple times. Her game mood is set to "flirty," but there was zero flirting going on.

To normal men, the above scenario might sound lame. But to nerdy beta uber-gamers, who are likely the same group who get their rocks off to cuckoldry porn, this sort of thing is probably quite arousing.

I could go on and on, but to summarize, *GameCrush* is a ludicrous scam designed to bilk fools out of their hard-earned dollars in order to give them the opportunity to waste time with girls who will never so much as touch their joysticks. In other words, it will be a massive hit among gamers.

Thanks to Advocatus Diaboli (visit his blog) for the Facebook tip.

Ferdinand Bardamu doesn't pay unless there's a guaranteed chance of play. He blogs at *In Mala Fide*. You can friend him on Facebook here and follow him on Twitter here.

The Exaggerated Danger of Speaking Your Mind

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I know it's a tough, highly politicized world out there. While in college courses listening to feminists spout garbage about how oppressed women are all over the world, and while reading their offensively bad material, I thought I'd better keep my mouth shut and try to play along. I really wish I hadn't done so. Feminists always graded me poorly — I was the "white male oppressor" and, even worse, an obvious smartass. I couldn't hide who I was from them no matter how I tried. If there's anything that might have helped me, it might have been some sassy game, which would have allowed them to overlook my clearly contrary views. Hell, I've known red-diaper social workers to drop their pants for skinheads, provided the shorn, tattooed serial criminals were adorable enough in their badness.

I know a guy who did time for felony weapon-dealing and then won a Marxist, Latina social worker to his side in a custody dispute. The kicker? This guy had a swastika tattooed on his back in prison and was a known gangster. He won custody, too! And then he proceeded to knock up another girl and father four more babies in addition to the two he already had. Despite heavy drinking and cheating, he's still got a devoted wife — and a successful business.

I've also known guys who were decent, honest, hardworking and careful men who got hauled into DV diversion programs despite never having laid a hand on anyone – man or woman – in their entire lives. Men who innocently compliment coworkers get dragged before HR on sexual harassment complaints. The men who follow the rules consistently get nailed. They are hated for being obedient, polite and compliant.

More and more, I've come to realize that Whiskey is right: women hate beta males. They hate them with a vengeful passion. They want their jobs, their money and their credentials. And after taking these things, they want to punish them severely. The war of the sexes is, above all, a war women wage against the pillars of civilization: those men who swallowed their pride and did their duty to build the magnificent cities and systems that sustain us today.

So what I'd like to suggest is that the men who timidly do their duty in fear of the axe hanging over their head ask themselves what they are truly gaining from their obedience. I'd like to see more guys simply tear off the gag and be a bit more open. It might actually do these men some good to be a bit more daring. One thing I've noticed is that people's affections toward others aren't usually based on political views, but rather more visceral feelings. If you hate feminism and keep it bottled up, the feminist coworker will know, and she'll hate you just the same as if you were a "male chauvinist pig" demanding sandwiches. In fact, she'd probably like you far more if you demanded a sandwich with a twinkle in your eye than she would if you merely stared at the ground, saying "yes ma'am" every time she made a demand.

Now that experience has taught me these truths, I'd like to go back to some of these classes, and tell the feminist professors exactly what I think of them. I'd be happy to tell them in front of the entire class that I think their assignments are garbage. They can love me or hate me, but I honestly don't think it would make much difference in terms of grades. I imagine it would be the same in a work environment, but I can't say for sure on that score. Perhaps some guys who work at highly PC establishments can give us their opinion as well.

I'd like, once again, to bring Niccolo Machiavelli's quote concerning fortune to attention:

> I conclude therefore that, fortune being changeful and mankind steadfast in their ways, so long as the two are in agreement men are successful, but unsuccessful when they fall out. For my part I consider that it is better to be adventurous than cautious, because fortune is a woman, and if you wish to keep her under it is necessary to beat and ill-use her; and it is seen that she allows herself to be mastered by the adventurous rather than by those who go to work more coldly. She is, therefore, always, woman-like, a lover of young men, because they are less cautious, more violent, and with more audacity command her.
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> –Niccolo Machiavelli in *The Prince*

When Rationalization Rears its Ugly Head

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Both men and women do terrible things to each other. They betray, abandon, neglect and abuse. Honestly, I don't think either sex beats the other when it comes to treating spouses like garbage. However, when men do something horrible, they are usually contrite. Often, they take the blame. In fact, in many cases men will take the blame even when they weren't at fault.

However, with women it is an entirely different story. I have only once in my life heard anything approaching regret from a woman for hurting her husband. This woman, who had destroyed a marriage to a decent man by having affairs, only said, many years after the fact: "don't get married too young; I regret the mistakes I made because I was too immature." I liked her much better for it, but still this wasn't a real mea culpa.

A reader sent me an article about a woman who left her husband after he came home from Afghanistan with severe wounds, including the loss of two limbs. It should be shocking, but it isn't. Few people have the strength of character to choose a life in service to the higher ideals of family at any cost. In days past, they might not have had as much of a choice, but I'm sure the same thing happened then. It just wasn't spoken of.

Today, however, communication of this shameful, tragic reality about the human condition is no longer relegated to tragic songs and art, but to the tabloids, where women frankly rationalize the unjustifiable.

Sue Norton, wife of bomb disposal technician Peter Norton, explains why she left her husband and restricted his access to his young sons, who I suspect, given the picture in the article, were the only source of true joy in his life:

> On a bright winter's morning in January 2007, I found myself in a busy car park in Cheltenham with my family. I noticed how happy and relaxed everyone else seemed.
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> Occasionally, a small child would stare in our direction before their parent whispered to them to look away or shot us a sympathetic glance.
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> I looked down at my husband, Pete, sitting in his wheelchair in front of me, one arm and a leg missing. On Pete's lap was our eldest son Tom, then four, pushing his two-year-old brother Toby forward in his pram as I took the weight of all three of them. We must have been a bizarre sight. But by then I was almost beyond caring.

Notice the shame she feels at being stuck with this shell of a man. How could she be reduced to an object of pity?

> I still loved my husband, as he probably still loved me, and wanted us to stay together as a family. But I also knew I couldn't take any more of the physical and psychological strain of looking after two small children and an amputee.
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> My priority had to be our two small sons. If I allowed myself to be ground down to the point where I could no longer care for them properly, I would be letting the whole family down.

Here's the usual, common rationale: she's doing it *for the children*. That's a base lie. It's for her. This is why it is so ugly when women rationalize their choices in such matters: it lays bare the most disgusting truths about humanity. It may be reality, but it is like cutting open the flesh of a beautiful form and revealing the squirming, quivering guts beneath.

Here's more:

> An archeologist and former MoD civil servant, I'd given up my career after becoming pregnant with my first child. On top of looking after the children, I began to feel as if I'd been turned from being Pete's wife into his

> carer and nurse.

She resents him now for smashing her dreams. We always turn the blame on those we love…

To me, however, this is the worst:

> Pete, now 48, teaches at the UK Defence Academy at Shrivenham, Wiltshire. Tom and Toby's happiness is paramount to us both, so I take the boys to see their father for one day each fortnight.
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> Although Pete's brother helps him with this, it is difficult for me to leave the boys for much longer with their father as he is still confined to a wheelchair and could not run after them in an emergency.

The man is blown to pieces in service to his country, and now, despite struggling back to becoming a productive member of society, becomes a virtual stranger to his own children. Oh, the lot of men. Remember Peter Norton whenever you hear women speak of their "oppression."

In closing, here are a couple songs about how men suffer from war:

Johnny I Hardly Knew Ye

And, on Youtube: "Ruby"

Some New Info Comes to Light in the Peter Norton Case

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Peter Norton, the war veteran and amputee whose ex-wife went fishing for sympathy for ditching her injured husband, may be a more capable father than his former wife suggested. While reading through the comments on the interview with Sue Norton, I noticed that a Sheffield man identifying himself as a friend of Peter Norton's claims that the story Sue gave the Daily Mail is far from accurate. In fact, if the information provided by "a friend" is accurate, Peter is making the trip to see his boys *by himself*!

Here is what the man who claims to be Norton's friend has to say:

> Pete is a good friend of mine and I can confirm that this is a very one sided story and one I believe he is unlikely to read. Pete is a completely open, cheerful and independent man who does NOT require a carer, can drive and will soon be out of his wheel chair and back on his prosthetic leg again.
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> He adores his children and they are his life. He has tried to see his children more regularly that fortnightly but his ex-wife has refused, even when Major Norton has agreed to helpers being present.
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> Major Nortons ex-wife does NOT drive her boys to see their father, he drives himself every fortnight to see them as she is unwilling to travel.
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> - A friend, Sheffield, UK, 25/3/2010 11:04

This raises my disgust for Sue Norton, as well as my regard for Peter, to an entirely new level.

So the man has actually put in the effort to become self-sufficient, and his wife is using his injuries as an excuse not only to leave him, but to withhold his children as well. In fact, I'll bet one of the reasons Sue Norton gave her one-sided story to the press was to ensure that she could absolutely bury any chances Peter had to get a fair custody arrangement. This is the kind of below-the-belt tactic millions of men across the Anglosphere are already familiar with, but all the more outrageous considering the circumstances.

I hope that some men in Britain can take some action to help Peter be more than a 7% dad. If Major Norton can win a fair amount of time with his boys, it would be a victory not only for him and his children, but fathers all over Britain and beyond.

Here's a little background info on Major Norton:

> At 1917 hours on 24th July 2005, a three vehicle patrol from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Regiment of the Georgia National Guard was attacked by a massive command initiated improvised explosive device in the Al Bayaa District near Baghdad. The ensuing explosion resulted in the complete destruction of a patrol vehicle and the deaths of four United States personnel. Parts of the vehicle, equipment and human remains were spread over a very large area. Due to the significance of the attack, a team from the Combined Explosives Exploitation Cell, commanded by Norton, was tasked immediately to the scene. On arrival, Norton was faced with a scene of carnage and the inevitable confusion which is present in the aftermath of such an incident. He quickly took charge and ensured the safety of all coalition forces present. A short while later he was briefed that a possible command wire had been spotted in the vicinity of the explosion site.
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> With a complete understanding of the potential hazard to himself and knowing that the insurgents had used secondary devices before in this particularly dangerous part of Iraq, Norton instructed his team and the United States forces also present in the area to remain with their vehicles whilst he alone went forward to confirm whether a command wire improvised explosive device was present. A short while later, an explosion occurred and Norton sustained a traumatic amputation of his left leg and suffered serious blast and fragmentation injuries to his right leg, arms and lower abdomen. When his team came forward to administer first aid, he was

> conscious, lucid and most concerned regarding their safety. He had deduced correctly that he had stepped on a victim operated improvised explosive device and there was a high probability that further devices were present. Before allowing them to render first aid, he instructed his team on which areas were safe and where they could move. Despite having sustained grievous injuries he remained in command and coolly directed the follow-up actions. It is typical of the man that he ignored his injuries and regarded the safety of his men as paramount as they administered life saving first aid to him. It is of note that a further device was discovered less than ten metres away and rendered safe the following day. Norton's prescience and clear orders in the most difficult of circumstances undoubtedly prevented further serious injury or loss of life.
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> -In the London Gazette, 2006-03-24

And, to hear it from Sue Norton, this man – *recipient of the George Cross and the FBI Star* – is unfit to be a father to his boys… Unbelievable.

According to all accounts, Major Norton is a dignified man who, unlike his ex-wife, respects the privacy of family, so if anyone is willing to help him, more action than words is probably in order. Perhaps fathers4justice UK can help out. I don't know much about resources in the UK, but there must be something out there.

For my part, I'm going to declare Major Peter Norton "Hero Father of the Month."

The Divas Doth Protest Too Much

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If you're in the NYC metro area, you might have heard about the big brouhaha over a recently painted mural over on Times Square. More than 90 feet long, the mural depicts African American and Latina Women in various poses.

The mural itself was painted by a Latina artist from Puerto Rico and lives in the Bed-Sty section of Brooklyn. She's come under fire from some Black and Hispanic communities up in NYC for making a mural that demeans Women and the rest of it.

Then I get word of an outfit of professional Black & Latina Women called "Phenomenal Women Inc." basically waging a media campaign against the powers that be who bankroller the mural in the first place. Now, I've seen pics of the mural itself, and while I can see their point, I'm sorry but somehow I really don't see this as something to raise much of a ruckus about-but I DO have something to say about these "Baps". I'll let er rip after you get a chance to see the mural for yourself:

mural pic 1

mural pic 2

mural pic 3

mural pic 4

mural pic 5

mural pic 6

mural pic 7

mural pic 8

OK.

You may recall my recent posting up of an all-White step team who won a nationwide step competition? I didn't say much about the issue at the time, mainly because I really wanted to hear what you all had to say about it instead. This time though, I gots to vent my spleen…

You know, the thing that really burned me up about the White step team incident, wasn't that they won, but that the haters were mad 'cause they got beat at their own game-worse, they're so pretentious that it all would be a big joke if the stakes weren't so high. The Black Greeks claim to be about "the community" but after a century of being in existence the only time in recent memory they can make the headlines is when an all-White squad shows them up at a contest the Black Greeks organized to begin with. Sure, their supposed noble aims are outlined in their charters, and that's exactly what I'm zeroing in on here — exactly what do they have to show for all their claims of "community involvement"? From where I sit, not a lot, unless one wants to count corporate sponsored step shows, the latest of which was won by a White team, I might add.

Meanwhile, all the familiar and longstanding problems besetting Black America continue, unabated: HIV/AIDS, among other STDs, are still astronomically high. So are highschool dropout rates, Black Male unemployment rates, homicide rates, incarceration rates, illiteracy rates, homelessness rates, infant mortality rates (btw, Bronx has one of the highest infant mortality rates IN THE COUNTRY — where are the "Phenomenal Women" on that???), etc. In Baltimore, the school that Thurgood Marshall attended is now on the brink of being closed down, just like half of all schools in Kansas City last week. Where's the "Phenomenal Women", the socalled "Divine Nine" on that?

Why, they're really making moves addressing White step teams and racy murals, of course.

Meanwhile Black and Hispanic America dies slowly on the vine, and a big part of that reason is because outfits like

the two mentioned above not only major in the minors, but also because they're all too quick to wanna ape their White betters. There, I said it. I mean, let's not mince words here-the Black Greeks and "professional" outfits like the one this post is about wanting to be Muckety Mucks in their own right, but can't get on in White America for real, so they make their own cliques and basically do the exact same thing they see Ms. Ann and Mr. Charlie do. Only in Black – and now it seems – Latinface.

If the "Phenomenal Women" really want to make an impact on Times Square without so much as firing a metaphorical shot, all's they gots to do is DON'T GO THERE. Do spend money there. In short, do all they can to simply avoid the place. Simple. Problem. Solved.

That's what I do when I have reason to believe groups or businesses or corporations are dissing me and mine: I simply take my business elsewhere. For good. When Eddie Bauer gave those two Brothas a workout in one of their stores in suburban Maryland a decade ago, I decided Eddie Bauer couldn't get my money anymore, and this is coming from someone who actually liked Eddie Bauer apparel a lot. But I did it. And I never looked back. I didn't ring up the Reverends Jackson and Sharpton. Didn't flail about trying to organize a boycott. I just simply stopped buying Eddie Bauer shit. The end.

And as for the group/association thing, of which their exists a gazillion umpteen of em in Black USA, I belonged to one that had within its ranks Men from all walks of life and ages. We put up the money to run our own candidate for local elected office; we lost, but it felt good to know that I could make a difference in the local politics of where I lived. We adopted a few public schools and volunteered to mentor the young boys. One of them is a national chess team legend. We put out our own local journal magazine, airing issues and putting a spotlight on problems we thought needed to be addressed, and for a good five years it was highly profitable. And we organized our own town watches, which aided the police in reducing crime. For my money, that beats just about anything the Divine Nine or the Phenomenal Women are doing.

Look. I hear these gals on the symbolism thing, and for what its worth, I do think a bit of balance could have been depicted in the artwork – theres nothing wrong with showing a few Sistas and Latinas carrying briefcases, too – but the plain truth of it is we've got some seriously big fish to fry in both communities, to be wasting so much time and energy on something that, at the end of the day, really won't help do much to turn the things I wrote about above around. I

f these Women really want to be Phenomenal, they can start by actually taking some of the Sistas and Latinas in the hood under their wing and do some longterm one on one mentoring, starting with the basics, like relationships, childrearing, deportment and so on, all the way through seeing them through job training or schooling. This is something all of them can do, doesn't cost a lot if anything at all, and doesn't require getting a grant, waging a media campaign or organizing a boycott. If things are gonna get any better for Black and Brown folks, its Talented Tenth is gonna have to do a lot better than making mountains out of moehills.

Actually showing their faces in the hood is a good start.

Now adjourn your uppity asses…

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Affirmative Action CIA Agent gets Herself and Others Blown Up

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Writing for GQ, Robert Baer describes an incident in Khost, Afghanistan in which a CIA analyst was promoted beyond her capabilities and then proceeded to botch her job of handling the alleged informant. This incident occurred less than three months ago, yet I had never heard of it, despite it being a very significant blow to the CIA.

Baer describes agent "Kathy"'s (her name is withheld) abrupt rise from desk jockey to running the CIA base in Khost:

> The base chief is a covert employee of the CIA; her identity is protected by law. I'll call her Kathy. She was 45 years old and a divorced mother of three. She'd spent the vast majority of her career at a desk in Northern Virginia, where she studied Al Qaeda for more than a decade. Michael Scheuer, her first boss in Alec Station, the CIA unit that tracked bin Laden, told me she had attended the operative's basic training course at the Farm, the agency's training facility, and that he considered her a good, smart officer. Another officer who knew her told me that despite her training at the Farm, she was always slotted to be a reports officer, someone who edits reports coming in from the field. She was never intended to meet and debrief informants.
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> Kathy knew that there was a time when only seasoned field operatives were put in charge of places like Khost. Not only would an operative need to have distinguished himself at the Farm; he would've run informants in the field for five years or more before earning such a post. He probably would have done at least one previous tour in a war zone, too. And he would have known the local language, in this case Pashto. Kathy skipped all of this. Imagine a Marine going straight from Parris Island to taking command of a combat battalion in the middle of a war.

The 45-year-old divorced single mother was handed a job that was guaranteed to make her career, but sadly she bungled it badly, taking the bait from a dedicated jihadi who detonated a suicide vest in a bid to make it into Jannah, taking out a number of CIA officers with him.

The jihadi, a Jordanian Palestinian named Balawi, managed to fool Kathy by emailing pictures of himself whooping it up with various Al Qaeda leaders. He had first been identified after starting up a radical Islamic blog, which prompted the Jordanian government to haul him in for some serious interrogation, where he agreed to become an Al Qaeda mole. It seems the rough treatment at the hands of Jordanian intelligence only served to further radicalize Balawi, and he made up his mind to blow some people up.

There were a number of errors here, including the failure to search him before he got into the debriefing room (that's pretty shocking, given that they were in Afghanistan), and the exposure of his identity to Afghan civilians.

One might be tempted to blame Kathy for her incompetence, but it was not her decision to be thrown into such a position without the requisite experience. Ultimately, the blame lies with ideologues in high positions, who thought it would be a good idea to put the poor woman in over her head.

If this kind of ideologically-driven blundering has made its way to the top levels of the CIA, one can only imagine what kind of inefficiencies and poor judgment plague the rest of America's power structure, from our corporate boardrooms to the highest levels of military command.

Feminists not all that Impressed by Manginas

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Jacky Friedman, described as a "feminist rock star," reveals a bit about her dating preferences, and supplicating manginas are not her type. Although it doesn't seem that Ms. Friedman has all that much latitude given her physique, she still holds out for men who stand up to her shit tests, despite the fact that they tend to leave her when she lashes out at them.

For the supplicating manginas out there, this is how feminists truly think of you:

> **So do you meet guys who pass the feminist test but then turn out to be disappointments for other reasons?**
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> JF: Oh God. There is a type of feminist guy who is so eager to fall over himself to be deferential to women and to prove his feminist bona fides and flagellate himself in front of you, to the point that it really turns me off. And it makes me sad, because politically, these are the guys that I should be sleeping with! You know what I'm talking about?
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> **YES.**
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> JF: Everyone knows what I'm talking about. And some of them are even really cute! I want to say to them, "If you could be a person, like a whole, complicated person, who I feel like I could crack jokes around, then I would really like you." But they're so serious about their feminism at every moment that I don't feel like a person to them. I feel like I'm on a pedestal, almost. I know that they're not going to disagree with anything I say under any circumstances. And I don't feel like I can make a raunchy joke about sex, because they'll be horrified. . . . I hate to be critical of our allies in any way, because we need them, but there's something about that certain kind of hyperfeminist guy that makes them unappealing to date, to me. I suspect it has something to do with our internal conceptions of masculinity, which is terrible on my part.

This reveals pretty clearly that feminism is a massive shit test. Jacky doesn't *really* want a feminist man, because she sees them as weak little puppy dogs begging for a treat. No, she wants a man who will fight back, but these men have a tendency to dump her and go on to greener pastures:

> **So do you have any other fucking while feminist horror stories?**
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> JF: . . . What happens to me that drives me up a tree is this: The guys who respond to me and are like, 'You're awesome. You're kind of a hellcat." They think it's cool and kind of bad-ass that I'm outspoken and passionate about things. They think that's really hot. They're into it. But then when that outspokenness gets applied back to them, it's suddenly game-over. You know the idea of the Manic Pixie Dream Girl? She's light, and quirky, and she has no inner life of her own, and just there to serve our hero's development and erotic interests. I sort of feel that I get cast in these dudes' narratives as the Hellcat Dream Girl, there to prove how bad-ass they are because they're dating such a bad-ass woman. They think it's cute or sexy. But when I use that smart, outspoken bad-assery to challenge their own perspectives, it's suddenly not sexy at all. It happens when they say something that I disagree with, and I act like a person and not someone that is playing out their particular fantasies.
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> It's happened to me a million times . . . they want it as a trophy. "Hey, look at my bad-ass girl." They don't want to deal with me as a person. It follows this pattern where it usually comes from a person who seeks me out. They try to seduce me. They think I would be an accomplishment to conquer or something. They seek me out and try to get me interested in them, and then I am, and then they flee. . . . I feel like the same thing happened with the guy I dated for two years. He liked the idea of being a guy who would be with someone like me, but ultimately it turned out that he wanted someone who wouldn't challenge him as much, a person who

> was easier and quicker to sweep away. I got evidence of that when, **within three months of breaking up with me, he was dating a 23 year old who lists her political views on Facebook as "moderate."**

Who can blame the guy? Faced with a barrage of feminist shit tests, a 23-year-old politically moderate girl certainly seems like a more reasonable choice than a fat, aggressive feminist.

A Bit of Discipline is in Order

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The comments issue has come up again, drawn to my attention through emails from concerned parties. In fact, I was already getting a little annoyed by a couple things before these reminders, but it's one of those things I've put off.

First off, I'm going to draw attention to the commenting policy, which has remained the same for many months now. There have been a lot of violations of #4 lately. Occasional profanity is OK, but "c-nt" and "bitch" in every other sentence is getting to be too much. Admittedly, profanity is one of the least of my concerns, but it is symptomatic of what's been going on.

I'd like to remind people that those registered and logged in represent a small fraction of all the people visiting the site — usually around 10% at any given time, and in terms of individuals throughout the day far less, probably on the order of 2%. It doesn't look good to have profanity underneath every single post.

Secondly, unprovoked personal attacks are starting to become an issue. I should point out that the prohibition against unprovoked personal attacks includes those carried out against women. Criticism is fine, but let's try to be civil.

And finally, there is the matter of no bullshit. Now exactly what constitutes BS may be a matter of debate, but ultimately it is up to the authors and contributors to decide. Unfortunately, I have caught a few whiffs of it lately.

The group of people to whom *The Spearhead* owes the most responsibility is its readers. Authors, contributors *and* commenters all have this responsibility. Rants about our personal battles are not helpful, nor are wheelbarrows of obscenity and BS. If comments are overly offensive to our readers, I'm going to start removing them. Likewise, if *The Spearhead* comments section becomes a platform for someone's personal vendetta, I'm going to put a stop to that.

The majority of commenters are posting thoughtful stuff, and even those who have pushed the limits a bit are, for the most part, valued commenters, but I'm going to ask those who are really getting carried away to cool it, and take another look at the commenting policy.

I'd also like to remind people that if they really want to get the word out in their own way, they can start up their own blogs. Absolutely nobody is stopping them.

I'll be perfectly honest about why I offered that last piece of advice: If I feel that certain commenters are acting like competitors in regards to *The Spearhead* and its authors, I'm going to treat them as such. Nothing personal, mind you; a little competition keeps a man on his game, but hell if I'm going to give an opponent free run of the field.

Rest for the Weary

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Recently, I wrote about how the struggle against feminist excesses eventually becomes tiring. It starts to kill morale after a certain point, because there are so many far nicer things one can contemplate in life. Of course, there are still legions of men who haven't yet been through the meat grinder of family law, or are just being thrown into it, so there's a steady stream of freshly drafted men out there ready to do battle, but for the veterans, battle-fatigue inevitably sets in at some point.

I'm using war metaphors here because *The Spearhead* itself is, in part, named after a battle tactic, in which an armored column punches a hole through enemy lines in an attempt to split defenders and restrict their maneuverability. In order to succeed, the column has to be backed by considerable, concentrated firepower. It's actually a pretty risky move, and can fail if defenders can successfully engage the corners of the spearhead and choke the column, keeping infantry from flowing through. A couple successful examples include the Israeli invasion of the Sinai in 1973, and the German "race to the sea" in early 1940, which cut off the British Expeditionary Forces and forced a hasty evacuation from Dunkirk. Heinz Guderian probably pioneered its successful use, and later Ariel Sharon exploited the concept to considerable success in the Arab-Israeli wars.

Not everything is in a name, but it is a useful metaphor in this case. As I fire off and post articles, it feels as though I am throwing shells into the breech, one after the other, pausing only to advance and reset the sights. It does seem repetitive and never-ending because of the intensity — and we *need* intensity. But at some point, *The Spearhead* will have served its purpose, and it will be time to move onto other things. Mopping up, politics, figuring out where we go from here, etc. Not yet, but maybe it's time to start thinking about that.

One thing I've noticed is that most of the guys who have been in this fight for a long time develop a fairly deep cynicism about men themselves. Having spent a good deal of time observing and thinking about how we got into this mess in the first place, veterans begin to accept that some things will never change, and that we are simply repeating the same timeless mistakes that have plagued humanity since the inception of civilization, and probably before. When one comes to this realization, it's easy to develop the attitude that it isn't worth it, because every step forward is inevitably followed by a step back.

However, this isn't entirely accurate. We have made some impressive advances in a relatively short period of time. Not only are our memes propagating across the blogosphere and beyond; I've noticed a definite change in men's attitudes over just the last year. In fact, I'd say we're just starting to recover from the long step backward of the 60s-today. Of course, we aren't trying to go back to the past — that's never worked after all. Ideally, we should be able to make things better for both women and men. And, as Zed has pointed out, much progress has been made over the years despite our current frustration. So why do we still push on? Because it's in our nature to move forward, to build, and to strive for higher peaks. This is what men do.

It's exhausting work. At times it seems thankless, just like my grandpa's job mining the Comstock Lode as a teenager must have, but at the end of the day we find that we've inched forward. However, sometimes it becomes overwhelming. Heavy duty day after day wears us down, and eventually morale starts to flag. People grow irritated with each other, and sniping commences. When this happens, it's time for some R&R.

So for the veterans out there who have been on the offensive for months or years, if you find yourself feeling apathetic, frustrated, or even pissed off by the often chaotic and sometimes counterproductive atmosphere, you've earned a break, and should definitely take one. Go for a ride on your bike, take a walk in the hills, enjoy some time with a woman, or attend a symphony. Whatever inspires you, just go do it and enjoy yourself. The pleasures in life, both great and small, are ignored at a cost, and often it is only in moments of relaxation and enjoyment that we find our best insights. Importantly, we also find the happiness and strength to carry on in those moments, and they give us the vision of a better future.

It’s springtime. Enjoy the scents and the blooming flowers, and watch the people as they emerge from the winter gloom. Take it all in, and let the worries and tension evaporate into the open air to be carried away by the sweet breeze.

Black Widows Strike Again

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At least 38 were killed in twin blasts in the Moscow Metro this morning, reminding Muscovites that the troubles in the Caucasus are far from over. As in many previous attacks, the bombers are suspected to have been women — a common tactic that exploits assumptions that women are less dangerous than men. In fact, the so-called “Black Widows”, Chechen female terrorists, have been responsible for hundreds of deaths over the years, participating in some of the most deadly terrorist assaults in Russia.

The acts of Black Widows are often excused as a result of family trauma and loss (i.e. relatives killed by Russian troops), whereas one rarely sees the same excuses applied to male mujahideen, who usually come from exactly the same communities that created their deadly sisters.

One of the bombs was detonated beneath the FSB headquarters at Lubyanka, formerly the KGB headquarters, which is responsible for monitoring and fighting terrorism in Russia.

Given the very wide latitude given women in the United States, a terrorist operation using female bombers would probably have a significant chance of success. This was likely the idea behind the recruitment of American women for bombing missions by European jihadis.

Boob Brouhaha

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Following a Disney casting call for young, naturally endowed women, feminists have gone on the warpath. The requirements are as follows:

> beautiful female fit models. Must be 5ft7in-5ft8in, size 4 or 6, no bigger or smaller. Age 18-25. Must have a lean dancer body. Must have real breasts. Do not submit if you have implants.

What really sent the women of Feministing into a rage was the warning that applicants will be subject to a test to determine whether or not they have real breasts. The test will involve running and jumping in place so as to observe breast movement, which, when considerable, is an indicator of natural breasts.

Among other objections, Feministing calls this "sexual slavery":

> This is not to mention Disney extends its apparent regard for women to the Pirates attraction at Disney World too. I was there in November and it was disturbing, to say the least. So fake boobs don't make the cut, but sexual slavery is a-okay for your kids' viewing. Nice.

Given that millions of young women would give whatever they had to be Keira Knightley, calling this "sexual slavery" is the grossest of hyperbole. It is equivalent to calling the NFL combine, where young men go through rigorous physical tests that are far more extensive and invasive than running in place "slavery."

Perhaps, however, the feminists feel that they should be able to star in Hollywood blockbusters no matter what the quality of their assets happens to be. Of course, if this were the case, the films would likely turn out as floppy as their female stars.

They Can't Have It Both Ways

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In the past I have talked about non-feminist (i.e. non-leftist) forms of female supremacism. Something that all forms of female supremacism or misandry have is an attempt to have it both ways when it comes to women. Women are "independent" yet are dependent of men either through the state (feminism) or marriage (conservative female supremacism).

I found a conservative female supremacist example of this at the [Non] Thinking Housewife:

> I should say that I find the idea of a "men's movement" not merely quixotic but wrong.
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> What is needed is a movement which places families at the heart of things
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> The feminist attack on masculine authority is not, at bottom, about misandry. It is about misanthropy, expressed through a demonic attack on the family. Its source is not really the desire to see men brought low, though that is necessary if Christian civilization is to be annihilated. It is much, much easier to believe otherwise, but I urge all men of a conservative bent to resist this self-flattering lie! Its source is a hatred of the feminine, borne of Satan's fear of the Blessed Virgin

One of the great pretty lies that conservative female supremacists promote is the idea that feminism is an attack on "families" not men. The hordes of men sitting in jail because of the false rape industry and the hordes of men who lost their job due to the sexual harassment industry and affirmative action and all the boys who had to suffer through female supremacist teachers can explain in detail why this is wrong. You may ask if the conservative female supremacists want to destroy feminism wouldn't they want to play up how men are being hurt by feminism? They don't because that would expose themselves as being minimally different than the feminists. Since they can't do that, they try to have it both ways by saying, "men are getting hurt but not really since they benefit from feminism so the real problem is an attack on 'families'".

What does it mean when conservative female supremacists say that feminists are trying to destroy "familes"? They're trying to claim that the "real victims" are women not men. This is borne out of the fact that what conservative female supremacists are really worried about is the gravy train ending. They're worried that men are wising up and not going to be on the plantation anymore. From that greedy and craven perspective, women are the victims despite the fact that it's men who are losing their jobs, getting thrown in jail, etc.

Another commenter there wrote:

> In my view, the Men's Rights Movement (MRM) is even worse than the feminist movement. I say this because the mainstream feminist culture does believe in protecting and supporting women to some extent while the MRM is opposed to any support and protection of women. Indeed the MRM promotes equality between men and women to a radical degree, more so than typical feminists do. The MRM is very anti-family and anti-marriage, constantly talking about and promoting "the marriage strike" and producing websites like "Dump Your Wife Now." They talk of how marriage is a bad deal for men and how men should avoid marriage at all costs. They are against child support as well; they seem to be against any imposition of responsibility upon men.
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> If there is one thing that Men's Rights Activists (MRAs) hate more than anything else it is chivalry. Chivalry is the great enemy of MRAs because chivalry imposes responsibilities and duties upon men towards women
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> I am against feminism because feminism doesn't protect women as well as patriarchy does. MRAs are also opposed to feminism but they are opposed to feminism because it offers too much protection to women in their view.

I have for a long time said that the argument between feminists and most conservative “anti-feminists” is really about how to best extract money and resources from men (i.e. arguing about how to hold the whip over men). Outside of a few minor issues conservative female supremacists like the one I just quoted are in total agreement with feminism. This proves what I have said more than anything else in such stark terms that I never thought I would actually see in writing.

Yes, MRAs (and others) are against the imposition of “responsibilities” on men. That’s because it has a simpler name, **slavery**. This conservative female supremacist is claiming that each individual man has “responsibilities” to women, not specific women but all women by the fact of his birth. (This is no different than feminists who have created massive transfers of wealth from men to women via the state.) This is slavery because these men did nothing to create these “responsibilities”. They didn’t get married to all women. They didn’t have children with all women. If a man doesn’t get married and doesn’t have children then he has no family “responsibilities” in the manner the person above is describing. This person I quoted should be happy about the marriage strike since men who are a part of the marriage strike are being responsible. However, this isn’t about responsibility. The person I quoted is worried that more and more men are figuring out the scam and avoiding it by not getting married.

If any of these conservative female supremacists really wanted marriage striking men to get married, then they would address these men’s concerns, namely the existence of no-fault divorce and the corrupt “family” court system. This would solve the problem and all of those websites this person would complain about would go away. To you and me that seems like the logical solution. However, since this isn’t about solving real problems, but trying to get men back on to the plantation, we instead get nonsense about “responsibility” from the conservative female supremacists. Plus, the logical solution would expose that women including conservative and religious women are a major part of the problem. Right now people like the person I quoted try to have it both ways by saying divorce is a sin but divorce is all the man’s fault for failing to show “leadership” or “responsibility” which is just a way to avoid placing the responsibility for divorce where it belongs, on women. This is especially true since women file for most divorces.

The person I quoted also claims that women are in need of “protection”. That brings up the question of whether women are really adults or children. If women need “protection” then they’re children and should be treated like children. If women are adults then they don’t need “protection” and should be held responsible for their actions. I’m not going to argue either side of this question except to say that the person above like all female supremacists tries to have it both ways. Either women are adults or children. Instead what this person is promoting a hybrid that enslaves men. That is trying to have it both ways.

Uma Thurman Mommy Film Tanks in UK

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Commenter Krauser brought the disastrous opening weekend of "Motherhood," Uma Thurman's new film to my attention. The take from the opening weekend was an amusing 88 pounds, or $130. Uma, who is approaching 40, may have lost some of her star power due to age, but the subject matter – single motherhood in Manhattan – probably didn't help much either. The only film that has ever done worse on its opening weekend was about an illiterate, consumptive and toothless Polish street artist.

In addition to Thurman, the film featured Minnie Driver, Anthony Edwards and an appearance by Jodie Foster (can't go wrong there!). Women who reviewed the film hated it, one them writing: "It's a yummy-mummy newspaper column splurged onto celluloid, like baby sick on your best cashmere sweater." Funny, I have similar feelings about the mommy blogs that have proliferated across the internet in recent years.

Rather than cutting her losses and letting this one go, producer Jana Edelbaum has gone on a rampage, blasting Metrodome, the firm responsible for marketing the film in the UK. Edelbaum also expressed unease about having to tell writer and director Katherine Dieckmann how poorly her film had performed. Edelbaum's fury is but impotent rage at this point, as the performance of the film has become a joke across the land.

It is quite possible that Thurman, Dieckmann and Edelbaum's collaboration has resulted in irreparable damage to the careers of all three.

BTW, if anyone wants to see a truly decent film about parenting in Manhattan, Dustin Hoffman's Kramer vs. Kramer is worth the time.

Professional Inbreeding

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[This post was submitted by *Meistergedanken*]

In the science fiction/satire novel Brave New World, humanity has become divided into distinct classes based on genetically engineered levels of ability and intelligence. It's all very tidy – and artificial, and implies that such a society would severely limit our innate freedoms, even though most of us wouldn't notice.

But as it so happens, I have seen the same thing beginning to happen within the last decade. However, it is occurring precisely because people have complete freedom to choose – or at least compete for – their partners (I would say spouses, but with roughly half of births occurring out of wedlock, I want to keep this discussion broad).

Anecdotal evidence is often scorned and summarily overlooked by pundits and other aspiring members of the intelligentsia, but observations gathered from your personal surroundings can hardly be anything but anecdotal, so I tend to accept it. And so, just in my own little circle of acquaintances, I know:

- a doctor who has married another doctor
- a lawyer who has married another lawyer
- a musician that has married another musician
- a minister who has married another minister
- and an engineer who has married another engineer (actually, I know several of those).

Let's face it, these people tend to end up in their own little specialized bubbles. It's incestuous, I tell you – and annoying at parties. Have you ever been the odd man out at a cozy gathering of lawyers or musicians? You can't substantively contribute to the conversation, and it soon becomes obvious that these people have zero interest in you. In short, it blows. But I digress…

There are other, more innocuous pairings, of course, that are forming the bedrock of a reconstituted 21st century middle class: engineers with nurses/teachers is a popular category (one to which I myself fall into), or, current economic crisis notwithstanding, the real estate agent and the mortgage broker (which require less education but perversely can be more lucrative). And while opposites may attract in the short term, (and then repel or annihilate each other), like tends to go with like.

The unexamined mechanism for all this is underpinned by two recent developments in the Western World:

1. Women are completely free to select their mates, without being subject to familial or societal approval (part of the freedom from responsibility so crucial to feminism's core philosophy)
2. Women are just as likely as men to become educated and engaged in well-paying professions

In the past, you married your high school sweetheart or hooked up with someone in college, and if you were still involved with them by the time you graduated, chances were pretty good you would eventually marry them also – it's the whole "shared history" thing at work. This will still occur in limited instances, but with men and women marrying later and later, it is far more likely that coworkers, or at the very least vocational peers, become romantically involved. This means intellectual compatibility. This means smart people begetting smart children, driven people begetting driven children, creative people begetting creative children, and so forth. Before that, it was a crap shoot. A man may have been a great writer or artist or scientist, but if he married the "girl next door" because of looks or convenience or wealthy parents, his children may have inherited none of his abilities. Conversely, how many stodgy, unimaginative bankers or merchants had genius children that seemed to come out of nowhere? The answer is that the talents were inherited from the mother, who never got to explore those talents because of gender restrictions. I realize the situation is more complex than this, but I stand by the fundamental

premise.

Now those restrictions are removed, and women are working, for better or for worse for their families, and the game is different…

Although the resultant dual-income households were supposed to yield a measure of security due to an "earning redundancy", and in fact have had a demonstrable impact on consumer spending and the greater economy in general, the far greater long-term effect in my opinion is that the practice of eugenics, abandoned (prematurely, in my view) back in the 1930's due to ethical qualms and incomplete knowledge of genetics, has been inadvertently revived – and I suspect that this is ultimately for the greater good. Unfortunately, this particular "ultimately" may refer to a time centuries from now, and there will be a lot of discord to work through before then.

Liberals talk about class in America, but constantly get sidetracked by fixating on race, or more infrequently, gender (haven't heard screams about the "feminization of poverty" lately – must have something to do with the fact that more women are attending college than men now, and the bulk of the lost jobs within the last two years have turned the recession into the "mancession"…). And while the paramount importance of education is acknowledged by all, the quality of the "raw material" upon which this instruction must be focused is rarely accorded significant consideration. Being ignored, the possibility of its improvement due to greater refinement and predictability through what is essentially "good breeding" has been slim. But after all, a sculptor requires that his hunk of marble has suitable quality before he can produce his masterwork.

We have highly educated people – married to each other now for the first time in history, who are scaling to, if not the top echelons of society, than to a comfortable place indeed. Actually, as I have read in several MRA articles recently, marriage seems destined to become a hallmark of the affluent class. Meanwhile, an immense underclass – predominantly created out of wedlock – is forming beneath our feet. For on the one hand, we have people who are surfing the internet, carefully researching financial info for their retirement plans, are up on the latest nutritional recommendations for their children's meals, and are savvy enough to search online and compare deals on everything from airline tickets to interest rates, but on the other hand we have even more people that can barely read, let alone use computers, have little knowledge of geography, history, science or economics, and furthermore are not troubled at all by their ignorance. Of course it is inevitable that society becomes more and more stratified! As my mother always said, "water and people always find their own level". As pointed out so effectively in The Origin of Species, the important concept to keep in perspective is that given sufficient time, only a tendency is necessary to bring about dramatic change.

Now it is true that, having come up with these thoughts a couple years ago and independently of the HBD theorists that I have only just been made aware of, they lack the seasoning provided by the knowledge I have imbibed lately from such sources as *The Spearhead*. And although it's refreshing to have a "jargon-free" article once in a while, I realize that the MRA sphere contributes a lot of content that lends needed sophistication to this thought experiment and other related matters. For starters, women can't always get the mates they choose – or perhaps I should say, they can only get them for one night, particularly if they are "alphas" (there's that jargon)! For another, some women beget offspring with one male and end up having another male, like the "beta-provider" (more jargon), raise it. Such factors muddy the waters, and even set up counteractive forces. The question then becomes: which set of forces will dominate? At stake is the Fate of Man: have we reached the zenith of our evolutionary potential because liberal nanny-states have sabotaged the process of natural selection, or will some segment of it branch off and attain greater heights, leaving its erstwhile brethren in the dustbin of history like so many other ancestral precursors or Neanderthals?

Now, obviously, at one end of the socioeconomic spectrum there are always the few guys gaming the system and skimming the cream off the top for themselves via unscrupulous means, and at the other end there are the unfortunates screwed over through no fault of their own and often by misandrist policies, as I am sure some readers will remind me. But I am writing about the Middle, the center of the curve, just like most of the articles posted here deal with the typical woman (and hence explain why we dismiss the standard counterargument from female

apologists that “they’re not all like that”). Therefore, it still must be said: there remains a profound ethical consequence of all this. As the generations roll by, it will be increasingly difficult to honestly say that poor people don’t deserve their poverty, and that affluent people didn’t earn their prosperity. And that’s when the true “culture wars” will begin, because to the masses being preached to by the populists and liberals with all their class warfare rhetoric at the ready, socialism and other more draconian forms of “wealth redistribution” will never seem more tempting – even as they become far less justifiable.

The Upshot of the Latest Militia Bust

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Someone once told me that political power is as much concerned with punishing one's opponents as it is with rewarding one's constituents, and possibly more so. Although this is a somewhat disturbing way to look at it, history – both ancient and modern – confirms the truth of that statement. So, it is instructive to take a close look at who governments choose to punish, because that reveals who they see as their opponents.

In the latest sensational bust, a small but well-armed Christian sect was effectively dismantled by the FBI and BATF for "seditious conspiracy," among other charges, all of which concern plots and potential rather than actual crimes. Although, according to a marine I know, the Hutaree appear to be trained in military tactics with the ability to carry out staggered patrols and advance as a squad, and from what I saw they appeared to have some fairly high-end equipment, they are not all that sophisticated. Their website features some recruiting videos set to Christian rock songs that depict patrols, tactics, and, amusingly, the burning of the UN flag:

From some brief reading and research, it appears that they are a Christian survivalist group preparing for battle with the Antichrist and/or some political upheaval in the US. They have allegedly compared themselves to John Brown, the abolitionist who led an insurgency against southern planters and local governments prior to the Civil War. According to other militia groups, the Hutaree were reckless in their radicalism, but have not – as far as anyone knows – committed any violent or financial crimes. I would tentatively identify them as "neo-Puritans."

One might expect these arrests to ramp up under a Democratic administration, but the timing in this case is rather significant, and I doubt it's coincidental. For the last few weeks, the political strain surrounding the health care law has allegedly resulted in a number of senators receiving death threats, and Sarah Palin has been making the rounds, trying to capitalize on the Tea Party movement with belligerent rhetoric. I have long heard leftists claim that the right "fans the flames of radicalism," and for the most part it's been ridiculous fearmongering, but as things stand today, they may actually have a point. However, before they assign sole blame to the right wing, they might want to take a long, hard look at what their policies have wrought as well.

As for what this means to men regardless of party affiliation or ideological stance, I see a system that is increasingly strained and unable to hold the confidence of enough Americans to promote long-term stability. As I've written many times before, a police state can only be maintained at enormous expense, and resources will never be allocated evenly across the board. If, as the renewed focus on "homegrown radicals" indicates, law enforcement resources are increasingly used to target domestic political opponents, there will necessarily be fewer resources devoted to tracking and preventing foreign terrorists from carrying out operations on US soil. This could have far-reaching consequences.

Back in the late 1990s, as the Taliban were consolidating power in Afghanistan and hosting radicals from all over the world, the US was on top of a globalist wave during the Clinton administration, which focused considerable energy on mopping up various domestic radicals while all but ignoring the growing terrorist threat abroad. The tensions surrounding Afghanistan were fairly clear to see, and I personally saw some evidence of this while in Beijing back in 1998, when conflict between Iran and the Taliban nearly broke out into war. One night, while walking along embassy row, I noticed heavy patrols with police dogs (only time I ever saw K9 units in China) and soldiers around the Iranian embassy, and later found that there had been threats of attacks. Anyone in the know would have realized at that time that trouble was brewing.

Later, a couple years after my return to Seattle, the 911 attacks brought a number of local terrorist networks to light. These had been flourishing virtually in my back yard: a local Muslim activist named James Ujaama had been acting as an international courier for Abu Hamza al-Masri, a one-armed Egyptian mullah with strong ties to Al Qaeda and the Taliban. In 1999, along with al-Masri, Ujaama had set up a training camp in Bly, Oregon, where Al Qaeda operatives stayed for months at a time plotting attacks on US targets. Eventually, Ujaama balked at some

suggestions or otherwise proved himself incompetent, and nothing much came of the Bly cell, but disturbing plots included, among other things, the proposed poisoning of Seattle's reservoirs. Immediately after this, security fences topped with barbed wire were quietly installed around all the local reservoirs, which had previously been easily accessible.

Prior to 911, foreign radical groups in America were flourishing almost in broad daylight. Anyone tracking the situation would have known that an attack was coming, probably sooner rather than later. Careless assessments and the attitude that the most dangerous enemy came from within almost guaranteed that outside enemies could operate in a less restricted environment. We all know how that worked out.

At this point, however, the stakes are even higher than they were at the dawn of the new millennium. The economic recession, increasingly polarized political climate and paranoia on both sides of the political divide could lead to further destabilization of American society in the case of a terrorist campaign, no matter where it came from. If the recent past is any indication of what leads to domestic terrorism, the current administration's renewed focus on domestic opponents suggests that we will see acts from either domestic radicals responding to government provocation or foreign terrorists taking advantage of the lower level of scrutiny.

So rather than take sides, I'd suggest that men take a cautious look at the situation as it evolves, and prepare for a tense few years. Personally, I'd recommend avoiding engagement with the primary actors on either side of the debate, acting in our own self-interest and living according to the principle that "the last man standing wins."

Reverse Triangulating the Feminists: Reform I Can Get Behind

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For all the wrangling I've done over the new health care reform legislation, perhaps there is a silver lining in this dark heady cloud. Perhaps the exorbitant taxes that are coming our way and the inevitable government failure that will soon follow are worth the price of admission to watch feminism stab itself in the heart and die a slow gurgling death.

That was my grand vision as I read Taylor Marsh's article at *Huffington Post* titled "There is No Women's Movement". Marsh does a lot of crying about the Stupak compromise and the failure of Nancy Pelosi, the pro-choice Congressional caucus, and feminist organizations like NOW and NARAL to fight for women's "right" to have an abortion – *even if they can't afford it* (her shrillness, not mine).

Perhaps this socialistic reform marked the last great hurrah of the liberal progressive movement – the big tent which houses feminism. Perhaps this progressive victory was like the scene in Gladiator where Russell Crow's character defeats Caesar but crumbles from the hard road (and back-stabbing) that he endured along the way. This is my hope for feminism.

The Democratic party has always been a fractured party that was only able to solidify its various attitudes and ideals under a greater goal of "Hope & Change". The health care bill has served to "reverse triangulate" the feminist bloc thereby alienating them and forcing to shop elsewhere for their political power. I'm fine with this given the long odds of their gaining any traction. Marsh writes what I hope will rally many feminists:

> "Honestly, you expect this ineptitude on women's behalf from Republicans, but it's been a sharp stab of betrayal to see it done by Democrats who hold both houses of Congress and the presidency, while "women's groups" fumble around for an excuse to cover their flatfooted surprise and incompetence…

> Women in America no longer have any political party willing to stand up for our full freedoms. No politicians willing to fight our fights."

So I encourage feminists to take their solid 3% voting bloc with them and either vote for grassroots fopulists (feminist populists) or radically leftist Democratic candidates. This will pave the way for either more moderate Democratic voices or Republican ones – both of which will at least not support whatever tripe you, feminists, support.

Saudi Women Pressing for Reform

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Maureen Dowd has recently shown some interest in Saudi Arabia, writing a few columns about the state of affairs in the desert kingdom. Perhaps Dowd has been secretly reading sheikh romance novels, which have skyrocketed in popularity over the last decade or so. Whatever the reason for her interest, she spent some time there recently, and naturally feminism – one of her favorite subjects – came up.

As an American woman, Dowd is naturally most concerned with the right to show some skin, mingle with men, wear makeup and display hairstyles. She also bemoans the fact that divorce is easy for men, but not women — surely it should be the other way around, just like home… However, to her credit, Dowd includes a quote from a Saudi woman who says: "I find a lot of people minimize the women's cause in Saudi by how we dress, and that is actually offensive."

This quote exposes the vast cultural gulf between Western women and women in other parts of the world, who usually have more pressing concerns that what shade of lipstick to wear. As our readers know, there has never been a more privileged group of people on planet earth than contemporary Western women, so naturally some non-Western women might feel a wee bit of resentment when being told how they are being oppressed.

I found a blog written by one Sabria Jawar, a Saudi woman who is a doctoral student in Britain, and she addresses the concerns of Saudi women in very practical terms. Her objection to the Saudi prohibition on women driving, for example, is framed in terms of the hassle and expense of having to pay others to drive women around. Her argument is that women can drive as well as men (I'd say the jury's out on that one), driving would make their lives easier and allow them to save more money, and that if morality is a concern, women are safer from harassment in their own cars than in a taxicab.

Ms. Jawar makes some good points. In a society where women do have some legitimate grievances, the women themselves tend to be far more agreeable and sympathetic characters. However, the question this raises is how does one address these legitimate grievances without creating a society such as our own, where even women like Maureen Dowd, who have high status, plenty of money and good jobs, are prone to endlessly complain and attack men? Is there a balance between shutting women in their homes and giving them license to wreck society and trample on the lives of those around them? I suspect that this will be one of the most difficult questions to answer, and we may have to put a great deal of effort into working it out.

Young Veterans out of Luck

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Young men returning from war are finding themselves without many prospects in the current job market. The youngest veterans – those under 24 years old – have an unemployment rate of well over 20%. Compounding the problems these young men face, many veterans' wives left them while they were on tour, taking advantage of the generous benefits the armed forces provide to soldiers' ex-wives. Out of work and owing child support, a number are finding themselves on the street or forced to check into homeless shelters.

Older pro-veteran activists have expressed surprise at the number of young, homeless veterans who have children. Sister JoAnne Talarico, of Des Moines Iowa, has been protesting war and helping veterans since the Vietnam War, but even she was shocked by the preponderance of fathers of young children amongst the young, homeless veterans.

Given the ruthlessness with which the state prosecutes divorced and single fathers, the sister shouldn't be surprised, but few people are aware of just how bad it is due to media apathy concerning the subject. Not only are military wives notorious for fooling around on their husbands while they are overseas, they are given clear incentives to divorce, all the while courted by attorneys who hover around bases hoping to get a cut of a divorce settlement. In conjunction with their attorneys, military wives can often put such a financial burden on a young veteran that he has no choice but to sleep on the streets or in his car, even if he is lucky enough to be employed.

Persecution and abandonment of young veterans has had dire consequences before. In some countries, it has been enough to tip the balance in favor of revolution. While this appears unlikely in the United States (for the time being), disgruntled veterans have options for expressing their dissatisfaction in manners beyond the capabilities of most others.

Churches Starting to Become Aware of Feminization Issue

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According to a British charity, Christian Vision for Men, the church has become too feminine, and is driving men away. Carl Breech, a Baptist Minister who is General Director of CVM, points out that most churches are currently about 70% women, and this disparity ought to be addressed through male-targeted language, imagery and programs.

CVM thinks that the old-fashioned language, which emphasizes “love” of Christ, is misinterpreted by young men today, because love has come to be equated with sexual intimacy. Rather than using such flowery, effeminate language, they suggest that sermons emphasize why men should respect and admire Jesus. Discussion of issues that are concerns for men, such as pornography, are also suggested.

Personally, I am skeptical about the chances for revival of a patriarchal institution in a society in which most wealth is in the hands of women. It is often older donors who give the most to churches, and old women outnumber old men significantly. Even preachers want to make a living, and if that means catering to women, that is what they will do.

The structural changes brought about by the sexual revolution may be too much for most of Christianity to handle, as the message churches preach is becoming irrelevant in today’s society, and the advice spiritual leaders give is often counterproductive, and sometimes harmful. If, as many churches have already done, the bulk of Christianity simply becomes matriarchal and feminist, the contradiction between scripture and practice will slowly tear it apart, just like the Episcopalian Church in the US, which is a shell of its former self.

Women and the Fine Art of Guilt-Free Guilt

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The words were staring at me, printed in a huge, gaudy screaming pink font on the cover of some woman's rag that was also headlining a story about poor Sandra Bullock's cheating husband.

"50 Guilt Free Desserts and Other Indulgences," it said.

Of course, the smart ass in me almost expressed relief that they had actually found something women can feel guilty about. After all, I have known more than one woman that would all but self flagellate after eating a candy bar, but could stare a judge straight in eye, lie through her teeth about her husband being abusive, and then walk from the court room sporting a movie star smile.

Before the "not all" police show up to remind me that not all women are like that, consider the point stipulated. Still, It's an occurrence that is common enough to have made it into modern musical lore. A snip from Don Henley's "If Dirt Were Dollars," tells it pretty well.

Lookin' like a beauty queen
Loyal as a wife
She raised her little voice and testified

"I'm a good girl. I've been one all my life"
But her virtue was as swollen as her pride

She should have had the Oscar
She must have been miscast
Her fifteen minutes went by so fast

I said, "Now, baby, have you got no shame?"
She just stared at me, uncomprehendingly
Like cows at a passing train.

It is hard to follow that. Well, unless you're Dr. Paul. And that little moment at the grocery check out did take me back a few years and spurred some reflections on my previous life as a counselor. It also reminded me of some discoveries I made about women and guilt in the course of that work.

I was in the trenches of treating alcoholism during the glory days of self help gurus. Robin Norwood was all the rage, as was Susan Forward and a host of other know nothings that made millions promoting and then exploiting women's resentments toward all things male. They were so successful at it that the lines between self help and clinical treatment became as blurry as a wino's night vision. Their crappy books became standard issue on employment (and on admission) at most drug treatment facilities. Many mental health providers began to ride the popularity of these books and began basing their practices on them.

Who needs an education or training when you can buy counseling skills at the half price book store?

Of all the books that did well, the most wildly popular in my time was Melody Beattie's "Codependent No More." It became the bible of treatment industry efforts to counsel the spouses, *OK wives*, of alcoholics and drug addicts. And primary among Beattie's volume full of misguided ideas was the notion that women felt guilty about everything under the stars and lived a life of over responsibility as a result.

They were victims of their own goodness, and of course Beattie's answer for that was for them to *care about no one but themselves*. Did I say "wildly" popular? I meant feverishly, frenetically, orgiastically popular…*on meth*.

I'll leave you to your own conclusions about why the idea of pathological self interest was so well received.

But there was a real problem with Beattie's thesis. It was an utter fail in the real world. And more importantly, it was an utter fail in the realm of treatment. The latter is attributable to the fact that Beattie, likely because of her sex, didn't understand the nature of women's guilt. She failed to grasp that food guilt is just a function of narcissism and vanity, and that much of the remainder is actually a lack of appropriate guilt.

Let me explain by example.

Mary is a composite of many wives I counseled over the years. She is a nurse or office manager, maybe a teacher. She has two young children with her husband John who is in residential treatment with us because he has been drinking chronically for eight of the ten years they have been married. He has lost several jobs, became violent and has refused treatment till a recent arrest for DUI. His court case is pending.

I have Mary in group with seven other wives, and one husband. Most all of them are in more or less the same boat.

Mary: (sniff, sniff) I just don't know what I did wrong. I tried doing everything to help John get sober, but nothing worked. I pleaded, begged and prayed but he just wouldn't stop. I feel like such a failure.

Another wife: You are taking too much responsibility. You need to learn that you can't control his drinking! (several knowing nods and one "uh huh" pass though the group like a mini wave. The home team just scored!)

Me: That is right, Mary. You can't control his drinking, which I am sure you discovered before too long into his eight year binge, so why don't we talk about what you could control? (Mary nods in affirmation, and for some reason the tears just stop. But the look of anguish is still on her face)

Me: You said that John had become violent and raging in the home on many occasions? (Mary nods again) So….then….where did you take the children?

Mary: (looking nonplussed) I am not sure what you mean.

Me: Your children were in the presence of a violent drunk. What did you do to protect them? Where did you take them?

Mary: Well once I took them and spent the night at my sisters. (Mary's affect has changed considerably at this point. There is something different in her expression. It looks kind of like anger.)

Me: Once? You got your children out of that hellish situation once? Why didn't you do more to protect them?

Mary: (and now Mama is really not happy) What? You're blaming me? He's the drunk! It wasn't my fault!

Me: Well, you seemed to struggle with that idea just a minute ago.

Mary: (silent, fuming, and the home team looks very nervous)

Me: Here's how it works. For you to do the work you need to do here you have to come to terms with the fact that you were the only sober adult in that house, and rather than take care of your children you left them exposed to a raging drunk. So, Mary, you are just as much of a problem as your husband.

Mary: (all pretense to playing the wounded wife is now gone, and Mary's true nature is on display) This is bullshit! I didn't come here for this. I just want you to sober my husband up so he can come back home. If you won't do that, I will convince him to leave, right fucking now! (her eyes were bulging and little bits of projectile spittle issued from between her tight lips)

Me: So, if you have to work on your problems, then treatment for John is out?

I didn't really care if Mary tried to get her husband out of treatment or not. His motivation to be there was not for her, but to impress on the court that he was getting help for his drinking. And we got paid for his being there, not hers. Sad but true.

The point in all of this was that it demonstrated exactly why Beattie missed the mark by such a wide margin. Mary

didn't have any real guilt about anything she had done. Perhaps it was there, buried under the stifling weight of sociopathy, but that is too deep to fish for. And so what remained was just a show for sympathy, and to make sure that everyone knew that *he* was the real problem. The women I encountered during all those years of doing treatment, and more than a few in the "real world," weren't much different. They displayed guilt pretty much in two fundamental ways.

The first one was the most common. They expressed guilt over things that no reasonable person would assume they had any control over, e.g. someone else's alcoholism. In other words, they expressed guilt *only about things for which the could not be held accountable*. But once their actual mistakes were revealed and they were held to account, they became as denying and hostile as a drunk that is not ready to put the bottle down.

The second way they experienced guilt was just an extension of the first one. Guilt was used to manipulate their way into a pass on whatever they had done.

Twenty years of working with drunks and I saw many more of them sober up than I ever saw their enablers ever get really accountable for their actions. It just wasn't in them, and Melody Beattie was full of shit.

It was well known in the treatment field that as high as recidivism was for men, it was even higher for women with substance abuse problems. Many of the gurus that gave us work like Beattie's attributed this to the presence of men in treatment centers (no, I am not kidding) so we set about segregating treatment by sex for the sake of women, who continued to fail at a higher rate than men just as they had before.

That left a lot of people scratching their heads, except for those who understood that the only real ingredient for successful treatment was accountability. And that accountability does not exist where it is not driven by a healthy sense of guilt.

What is your experience with women and accountability?

More from Dr. Paul here, and on Youtube.

The Fatalism of the Manosphere

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I've been struggling with this post for the last few months.

But Roosh's and Roissy's recent post finally broke the camel's back. Maybe Roissy's post was an April's fool joke, but it's composed and drenched of the same Nihilistic feeling that was felt in the HBD'ers a few months ago (don't know how to classify Ferdinand, so bear with me).

There's only one way to describe that feeling:

Frustrated Idealism.

We believe that we are oh-so-smart for discovering the truth of this world, but what are the common reactions? Either resignation to women and many, many of our fellow men or anger against them. I understand the feelings for being wronged by them (and damn straight we were), but hating them just for being? Disgust, maybe, but aren't we the ones that said to women to drop the hate against males for being what they are?

I'm not saying that women and manginas should be forgiven for their acts against us. But before I get the torches and pitchforks, let's review some of the random truths that I've discovered here:

- The female natural instinct is *Hypergamy*, that being the desire to have the genes of the Alpha Male in her descendants so **her** genes keep reproducing.
- The Male natural instinct is *Polygamy*, which is wanting to spread his seed to as many women as possible.
- Those two instincts are opposite to each other, and since "men display, women choose", the former will take precedence.
- The ruling caste will eventually try to screw those who are under their authority because, as Robert. A Heinlen can tell you:

> Political tags – such as royalist, communist, democrat, populist, fascist, liberal, conservative, and so forth – are never basic criteria. The human race divides politically into those who want people to be controlled and those who have no such desire.

- Given or because the former (really a chicken and egg argument) is possible because the human herd, the "Average Citizen", the "American Voter" or whorever you want to call it is **stupid.**

There's something in common with all those facts:

NONE OF THEM IS GOING TO CHANGE. EVER. PERIOD.
We got to this whole mess because the ruling caste of our society, which guys like Globalman and Hawaiian Libertarian had researched and put a name and a face, took advantage, not only of those facts, also of the ignorance that they created of said facts by the general populace in that cozy, naive and relatively short time between World War II and the 60's (15 or so years, give or take).

A responsible society wouldn't allow continual denial of said basic truths to the general populace for the benefit of the elite (the Right) or would tell people to wallow in their instincts, their "emotions" like pigs in their own filth so the cattle is so busy fighting in the trees that they can't see the damn forest, once again, to the benefit of the elite (the Left).

No, a responsible society would insist on every one of their citizens that yes, those instincts exist, but as human beings we cannot let them dominate every single of our actions if we want to have a working Civilization.

Civilization is done in **spite** of nature, after all.

Ok, let's get back a little. My point is that we need to accept that those instincts are in all of us, but also that the capacity of controlling said instincts for actual concern of others is a fairly good way to judge others.

For example, a woman can *feel* the temptation to cheat, but if she actually *caves in* to said instincts she is uncivilized, a simple whore. All of Oprah's speeches won't change that.

There's a caveat of course, said elites, despite of all the brave macho talk of the "Red Pillers" of those who see "The Matrix", still control your expectations. Why is that? Many, many men in here still expect a relationship where everything just "clicks", where they can layoff the LTR Game, where everything just cruises along because of love.

As Stepthen Covey said, Love is not a feeling, is a verb. For a relationship to work, there's a necessity of compromise **on both parts** to make the relationship to work with the person besides you. Not with some Prince Charming/Edward Cullen fantasy, not with a pedestalized, even-her-farts-are-gold illusion, but with **the person besides you.**

For that to happen, both parties need to be held accountable of their actions, not only by each other, but by society at large. But if the cattle aren't too busy with the minutiae of their lives, they are not going to let us rule them! They are going to keep us at bay! To us, the elites, who are "superior"! What the elites did? Simple.

They took all the accoutability of the woman and transfered it to the man.

They put all the charge to men, to keep us down as beasts of burden and let women roam free, so we have to chase them around, keeping us busy in the Game of attraction, so that Men are either drowning in vaj or broken spirited. Both cases unwilling to do something against the elites.

The acts, both selling the "perfect relationship" hoax and the concentration of punishments in males are **extremely evil** acts. Both need to be fought against, both in the personal and group level.

In the personal, we learn Game, we learn to lead a relationship, but also, we learn to actually try to find someone worthy to be leaded. There's a woman who is worthy of a committed relationship (NOT MARRIAGE OF COURSE, her temptation to make your life hell will be too strong). If she isn't worthy, well, you get your dick wet. That's something. Also, even if you don't find that girl that makes the struggle worthwhile, find something else that fulfills your life.

As a group, we can actually spread the word, to try to wake others; knowledge is worthless if we hoard it as a badge of validation for our "superiority".

There's plenty of effort on both levels, I just want it to be oriented to realistic expectations, to ways to make our lives **happier**.

That's the whole point, isn't it?

Training Boys to be Dogs

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Some time ago, an Arizona schoolteacher made the news by forcing the male students in his class to bow and scrape to the females. This guy, who is doing serious damage to these boys by forcing them to act like supplicating beta white knights, thinks the world would be a better place if only men did *even more* for women. Cord Ivanyi (feel free to contact him), the misguided – or sadistic, I don't know which – teacher, has forced his male students to seat girls, open doors for them, take their backpacks, stand when they leave the room, etc. He might as well have them wear dog collars, too. Of course, Ivanyi is not having the girls make sandwiches for the boys, wash their clothes, take notes for them or anything at all to reciprocate.

Inevitably, when these boys get into college, girls are going to laugh at them if they continue to behave in this manner, but what might actually be dangerous is that some will take offense, and in an academic environment that could have serious consequences for the young men.

Feminists may take offense when men do such simple things as open the door for them, and if a guy attempted to take a feminist's pack or item of clothing there's a good chance she'd cry harassment. A young man accused of harassment at a university will probably face some stern disciplinary action from the school, as women and their feelings are sacrosanct on campus.

Getting back to PMAFT's post on conservative vs. feminist women, I think there's a good way to look at their approaches to men. Both in fact demand chivalry, but in different ways. Left feminists want socialist chivalry, in which men in aggregate support women, whereas "conservative" women favor the individual man (i.e. husband) bearing the burden. In the current situation, we have a mix of both, but there is still a fight over resources, as some of the working married man's money goes to support single mother feminist types, but perhaps not as much as feminists would like.

Neither left feminists nor conservative women favor easing men's burdens, but there is a fundamental philosophical difference concerning how best to extract male resources. For men, neither system is favorable, as we will simply be paying more for women through alimony on the one hand and taxes on the other. Note that conservative women are just as likely to divorce as their liberal sisters.

For today's young men chivalry is not a choice: it is a mandate. Therefore, we must look at men such as Cord Ivanyi as supporters of an oppressive system. If Mr. Ivanyi wants to be a servile, Quixotic fool, he should do that on his own time. But given the fact that young men will undoubtedly be forced to support women in one way or the other eventually, forcing them to do so at a young age is simply robbing them of the few remaining years of freedom left to them.

Kramer vs. Kramer

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I watched *Kramer vs. Kramer* after a suggestion by Welmer a few days ago. The wife, played by Meryl Streep when she was decent looking, abandons her husband, played by Dustin Hoffman, and their child. Eighteen months later she returns, infused by feminist counseling, to steal their child away from the father who has worked so hard to maintain employment while raising his son alone. A classic example of woman's lack of guilt to which Paul Elam spoke the other day.

The problem I have with this movie is that – SPOILER ALERT – at the end of the movie, after she has won custody through the biased family courts, she suddenly realizes it would be cruel to her son to take him away from his home and decides she will let the father keep custody. What? THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.

The film won five Oscars and boasted stars to attract people to the box office, so people obviously paid attention to it (though I, a young lad, had never heard of it until Welmer mentioned it). Maybe if *Kramer vs. Kramer* had ended honestly, with the mother taking her child away and nailing the father for child support, more people would have realized two truths:

1) The family court system is heavily biased against the father.
2) Women don't have a conscience.

I'm exaggerating on the second point but in a lot of cases it's absolutely true, as women are generally ruled by their own selfish desires.

The media's painting of all women as moral and virtuous is part of the reason men still get the shaft. Even though *Kramer vs. Kramer* went astray in the last few minutes, it is well worth watching to gain an appreciation of the struggles of fatherhood and the ills of family court.

Note to Readers

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I'm going to keep contributing as best I can over the next week or so, but my father just passed away without much warning. It's up to me to handle his affairs and put him to rest, so I'll be preoccupied with that for a while.

Hang in there. All will be back to normal soon. If any readers want to contribute a guest piece, let me know — this would be a good time.

My dad would want to see The Spearhead going strong, so in honor of his memory I'll make sure the site isn't neglected. Perhaps when I get my thoughts and feelings straightened out in a bit, I'll write a little eulogy here. I know he'd like that.

A Miracle in February

Dr. Paul · 4 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

As I just read of Welmers loss, I was of course reminded of the loss of my own father. I respectfully submit this story in honor of Welmer and his father. May the memories keep all good men alive in our hearts and minds.

Every word of the following is true.

It was February, and I drove through Athens into the heart of east Texas with a chilled wind blowing dead leaves and debris across the highway. The sky, dark and moody, mimicked the cold turmoil in my heart.

"Just talk to him," Jim had said. "There's much you have to say and you won't have many more chances."

"You just don't fucking get it, do you?" I blasted back at him. "He has Alzheimer's. It's late in the game. He doesn't even know my mother most of the time, much less me. What possible good is this going to do?"

Jim smiled, placed a hand on my shoulder and gently squeezed.

"Just talk to him."

I cursed him again but made the commitment. I thought he was out of his mind to hand me this as a task. But the man, part friend, part brother, and all mentor was seldom off the mark.

Nonetheless I cursed him some more as I drove on, watching the buildings in the small town give way to bare trees and farmland.

I had no idea at all of what I was going to say. My father, at least when it came to our relationship, had always had Alzheimer's. He was there, and not there; close but closed off, as though guarding his humanity were a fatherly duty. I spent the first eighteen years of my life living with him, but never really knowing who he was. We lived in the same house without living together, ate at the same time at the same table without ever actually sharing a meal. We even watched and laughed at some of the same 1960's television shows, but that laughter was no more shared than our lives.

There was me. There was my Dad. But never *me and my Dad*.

His idea of fatherhood stopped at disciplinarian. A product of the great depression, a military career and two wars, his edges were cut in granite, his hand even but forged in steel. And his tolerance for nonsense, as he called most of the interests of my youth, was nonexistent.

The only real gentleness I ever saw in him was with my mother, whom he loved beyond words. But that tenderness didn't translate to his sons. He had three boys, and all of them had marching orders for manhood.

In my home, his word was the law, as surely as if it had been carved into stone tablets and carried down from the mountainside. He taught me, sometimes brutally, the importance of hard work and discipline. His affections were almost never spoken. They were considered to be implied in the lessons he taught, even when delivered on the back of his hand.

Honor. Work. Obedience. Especially obedience.

And it was the obedience, of course, that I ultimately refused to embrace.

That refusal was a source of chaos in my home. It earned me the lifetime ire of my brothers and the stern disapproval of my mother. It eventually pushed me out the door and into the army recruitment office, the quickest escape I could find. Despite all the circumstances, I can say, largely with thanks to my father, that I left with my head high. If nothing else, anyone raised by that man would have a spine.

But the echoes of all that family combat lingered, and were still with me as I pulled into the driveway and shut off the car.

The last time I was there was for Christmas. It was a time of pleasantries and temporary amnesia of past conflicts. Just as it always had been since I left home. But this wasn't other Christmases. My father had a disease that had carved a sinkhole in his mind and all of us seemed to teeter on the edge of it, at times clinging to our fractured connections to each other for balance; to keep from falling in after him. We went though the holiday rituals somberly, mechanically. The Christmas music seemed cruel; a haunting, melodic reminder that this was the last time we would all be together, and alive.

My father sat in the corner watching a dark TV screen while we opened presents.

I watched my mother open one wrapped in red and green striped paper. She untied the ribbon and took off the card which read

TO: Ann FROM: Jerry, with love.

It was in her handwriting.

She opened the box and pulled out the robe, a long white drape of thick terry cloth. She hadn't bothered to remove the price tag when she wrapped it.

"Oh, look," she said, "He got me a new robe. Isn't it pretty?"

She got up, went to him, and kissed his forehead.

"Thank you, sweetie. I just love it."

He never took his eyes off the TV.

As I got out of the car I cleared my mind of that memory and went to the front door. This was going to be hard enough without thinking about Christmas.

When I got inside, the sight of him paralyzed me. Just since I had last seen him almost all of his hair had fallen out. Even his eyebrows had thinned into slight whisps. There were sores on the top of his head, a simple skin condition that often came with the disease, but the image in my mind was that the horror of his rotting brain had spread through his skull and was eating through his scalp.

He was seated in his easy chair. An apron covered his chest and stomach. And then I noticed that the apron was fitted with strands of thick fabric that ran behind the chair and were tied together.

I looked at my mother. She sighed plaintively, and regarded me with concern.

"It was necessary," she said. "It was either that or send him somewhere. He has taken to turning the burners on the stove and pulling everything out of the fridge unless I am here to stop him. I'll leave it on while I am gone, but you can take if off if you want to. Just don't leave him alone, even to go to the bathroom, unless he is tied in."

Her words battered my brain and my heart. Suddenly, my memories transformed themselves, as if the sight of him in such degradation rewrote thirty years of history in an instant. I was enraged at his loss of strength; that strength I used to fight so hard to resist. I wanted to rip that goddam apron off of him and shred it. I wanted to shake my fist at God and curse him for the shell of a man that was bound like an animal in front of me.

I wanted my father back. Even if he was a father I never really had.

My mother interrupted my internal fit when she picked up her purse and keys. She had never asked why I wanted time alone with him, she just agreed without comment.

"He doesn't talk much," she said, as she opened the door, "But he can still surprise you. He has these…*moments*. I can't explain them."

And with that she was gone and I found myself thrust into the most profound silence of my life. I stood there for a small eternity wondering what to do. The room felt like a vacuum; time suspended and hanging still in the air, like

a noose waiting for a neck. I shook myself out of it and untied him.

I took a seat on the sofa just adjacent to his chair and he got up. He shuffled to a set of bookshelves and ran his fingers along the wooden edges. He sat back down and was up again just as quickly. This time he went to the front door and jiggled the doorknob. He didn't try to open it. He just seemed to like feeling it rattle in his fingers.

'Oh God, Jim, what do you have me doing here?' I asked myself. And somewhere in my struggling thoughts, the answer was whispered.

Just talk to him.

When my father returned to his chair again, that is exactly what I did.

I won't tell anyone everything I said to him. This was between my father and me. But I will say that I left nothing unsaid. I covered every heartache and every disappointment. And I made every apology I could think of. There were many. And I told him the secrets of my heart that I could never have spoken before. I talked and talked. I wept and talked some more.

How long this went on, I don't know. But what I do know is that the whole time I was talking he never got out of that chair, which is to say, in his own way, he never stopped listening.

And then, just when I thought I was done, I found myself reaching for his hand. I took it in mine and held on to it like a little boy, then leaned over and touched it to my cheek. His skin felt thin and fragile, not even a memory of the hand that had so often found my face in screaming anger.

Tears rained down my face and my breathing shuddered and hitched. I swallowed and, finally, managed to say the only real thing of importance that I had come to say.

"I love you, Daddy."

And with those words every wall that had ever been built in me tumbled down. Every chip I carried on my shoulder fell to the ground and every bit of manhood that I had used to prop myself up through life gave way to a heartbroken boy that had been voiceless for a lifetime.

I looked up through my tears and studied his eyes. I couldn't believe what I saw. He was looking back at me, directly in the eyes, and he seemed to search my face for who I was.

He wanted to know who I was!

A small, sentient light flickered his eyes. It looked like a fire to me, burning with the fury of the greatest human spirit. And then, as though from some other lifetime, some other history that I had longed to live, he spoke.

"I love you, too," he said. "I always have."

For the first time since my arrival I heard a clock ticking in the background, as though time had started again. It thundered in my ears as I sat there, stunned and shaken, trying to wrap my head around the magnitude of the moment, *my moment.* And just as what had happened began to register fully, I saw him slipping back into the void of his shattered mind.

'No! Come back! Come back!' raced through my mind, but my pleading was too late. He got up from the chair, his hand sliding from mine lifelessly, and he went toward the kitchen. This time I got up and lead him back to his chair. I sat with him in silence till my mother got back home. I spent that evening dodging questions from my mother, who for some reason had taken more interest in my visit than she had shown before.

The winter weather chased me back to Houston the next day. The clouds were no less dark; the trees just as bare and lifeless.

But it was not the same drive as the drive up. I left the radio off and listened to the chilly wind howl around my

car. I watched the ribbon of asphalt come at me and disappear behind like bad memories. And I carried with me a gift from my Dad, the man who had just given me everything I ever needed.

My hand was steady on the wheel.

Hysteria Breaks Out After Campus Newspaper Mocks Victim Culture

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A reader alerted me to an article written by Alex Knepper, a bright young man with an irreverent attitude toward the prevailing PC norms on campus. Writing for *The Eagle*, American University's campus paper, Knepper tears into the campus culture of victimhood:

> Let's get this straight: any woman who heads to an EI party as an anonymous onlooker, drinks five cups of the jungle juice, and walks back to a boy's room with him is indicating that she wants sex, OK? To cry "date rape" after you sober up the next morning and regret the incident is the equivalent of pulling a gun to someone's head and then later claiming that you didn't ever actually intend to pull the trigger.

Indeed! Seems as though someone may have come across *The Spearhead* at some point.

What I really like about this article – and about Mr. Knepper – is that this proves my point about speaking one's mind. Sure, hundreds of feminists are howling and barking at the moon, but it looks to me as though young Alex just proved that people really like to read his controversial views. This kid just may have a career as a cultural commentator ahead of him.

As a stark contrast, I offer the cowardly reaction of the school's administration, which behaves in the predictable manner by denouncing Knepper's article. Amusingly, in their denunciation, Scott A. Bast (Provost) and Gail Short Hanson (Vice President of Campus Life), claim to have been "stunned and mobilized" by Alex Knepper's editorial:

> Our campus community has been stunned and mobilized by opinions expressed about date rape by an Eagle columnist in this week's paper. The emotion provoked by the column and the seriousness of the subject make this a powerful learning opportunity for our community and a moment for us to affirm our values as an educational institution.
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> [blah blah blah]
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> In this challenging moment, when many are searching for what they can do to address the breach that has occurred in the fabric of our community, we invite you to familiarize yourself with the university's position on sexual misconduct and renew your personal commitment to live up to our community values.
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> [blah blah]
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> Gail Short Hanson, Vice President of Campus Life
> Scott A. Bass, Provost

Looks to me as though young Alex Knepper applied a cattle prod to these two, who promptly began to moo obediently. The fealty to feminists on the part of school administration is amazing. In normal life, as Knepper suggests, nobody takes feminists seriously, but on campus it is holy dogma.

The comments underneath all of the articles I linked are also revealing, in that one finds a high proportion of students spouting feminist ideology. Kids are generally obedient, and feminists are hard at work indoctrinating them with feminism, so this is hardly surprising, but it does suggest that there's going to be a lot of work ahead deprogramming these poor kids.

In additional news surrounding Mr. Knepper's editorial, some radical feminists criminally vandalized the paper, which is a typical tactic by frustrated types who can't stand the concept of open opinion. These miscreants should be arrested and prosecuted for their petty act of destruction. If video footage exists around any of the vandalized distribution points, *The Eagle* should request copies of the tape and publish stills to identify and prosecute the

offenders.

Send your support to Alex Knepper (edpage@theeagleonline.com) if you value integrity and honesty in campus journalism.

Renewed Interest in Classical Themes Suggests a New Focus on Masculinity

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According to Jen Yamato of film.com, we are about to treated to a slew of Hellenic-themed movies over the next few years. This week a remake of *Clash of the Titans* is set to come out, and others in the works include *Dawn of War*, described as "an action take on the Theseus myth helmed by the visually-gifted filmmaker Tarsem Singh (*The Fall*)."

I am looking forward to *Dawn of War* in particular, as the Theseus myth is highly charged with sexual politics and the struggle between the masculine and feminine. Hopefully, Singh doesn't disappoint by playing down the Amazonomachy in which Theseus claimed Hippolyta as his bride.

In addition to the Amazonomachy of the Theseus myth, there is the story of Phaedra, his second wife, who lusted after Theseus and Hippolyta's son Hippolytus. Hippolytus spurned her advances, and Phaedra falsely accused him of rape, causing his own father (Theseus) to curse him. There is a lot of rich material in here, and it would be great to see it play out in the movie theaters, which are the most influential art medium in modern times.

Artists tend to be ahead of the curve, so one might come to the cautious conclusion that this subject matter portends some changes from the feminist orthodoxy which now holds our society in a crushing grip.

Sexual Antagonism May be Evolutionary Reality

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In an experiment on fruit flies, which are often used for evolutionary research, it was found that when evolution proceeded without sexual restraints males became more masculine and females more feminine. Because there are a number of genes that influence sex-specific behavior, and these genes are mainly shared by both males and females, there is a constant tug-of-war that prevents overmasculinization and overfeminization.

Olivia Judson, writing for the NY Times, finds the results fascinating, and is curious about what might happen if women were allowed to evolve without the constraints placed on feminization by masculine genes:

> I find this tantalizing. I'd love to know how much of the human genome is similarly constrained, and I wonder what would happen if human males were prevented from evolving while females were allowed to keep going.

If the fruit flies are any indication, I imagine they would become caricatures of femininity. In fact, I think we have been seeing something akin to this process in our own society, albeit culturally rather than strictly biologically speaking. When the masculine is repressed, we see a society that is increasingly exaggerated in its femininity, and males that are unattractive as mates to the hyperfeminized women who have come to the fore.

Man Runs For Public Office Against His Wife

Pro-male/Anti-feminist Tech · 6 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

In Missouri John Fischer has decided to run for the Missouri State Legislature to represent MO District 107. He is running as a Republican against the current holder of that seat who is his wife, Linda Fischer, a Democrat. They are the only two people running for this seat and the filing deadline has already passed so there will be no other candidates.

Linda Fischer claims her husband, a former employee of Chrysler who was forced into early retirement last May, has committed violence against her. She has already gotten a protection order against her husband claiming that he has "harassed" her and has caused or attempted to cause her physical harm. John Fischer denies the allegations and is willing to take polygraph test to prove his innocence. The protection order has prevented John Fischer from entering his home so he is currently living in a camper.

Mr. Fischer says that he is not running against his wife because of the protection order but because of how the Democrats have handled the economy, health care, and the stimulus. He said:

> I figured if I'm going to be on my own, then I'm going to have to do what suits me. I'm standing up for people who lost their job. I don't think they're being represented fairly in this state because they do not take care of the working man.

This state legislature race is a microcosm of many of the issues that we write about, the mancession, the false abuse industry, etc. John Fischer has not let all of the things his (presumably soon to be ex-) wife and the state have done to him stop him. Despite being forced from his home, he is fighting back in his own way.

Young Men: Avoid American University

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In the wake of the column written by Alex Knepper in *The Eagle*, a campus newspaper published by AU students, AU officials have come out with new policies designed to punish men who are accused by women of various improprieties. The school plans to keep a blacklist of men who have been accused, apparently whether they have been convicted of anything or not. This extrajudicial, arbitrary punishment of men should be a warning sign to any parents that might think about sending their sons to American University.

That schools are keeping records on students that do not pertain to academic issues should be cause for concern. Crimes are the jurisdiction of the courts — not of universities. If schools keep records on students for alleged crimes rather than convictions, the schools themselves may be skating on thin ice legally speaking. Eventually, these records may have to be subpoenaed to ascertain just what American University is up to in regards to student records, and whether or not the school is complicit in libel and breaches of confidentiality. There is a possible FERPA violation here if such records are being shared, which would make this a matter of civil rights. Until their policy and procedures are published, we cannot know for sure, but recent developments warrant close attention.

In the meanwhile, parents of male students and male students themselves should seriously consider withdrawing from American University, and avoiding enrollment in the same. Gail Hanson, at the behest of radical feminists, is creating a climate of intimidation and fear for males. The recent example of the Duke Lacrosse case has already cast a dark cloud over higher education, and it appears that, rather than take steps to halt false accusations and abuse of young men, universities are only stepping up the pressure and making further attacks.

How many more young men's lives will have to be ruined by false accusations, and how many more chased away from education by totalitarian feminist policies at universities before things start to change? Hopefully, not many, but from the looks of things at American University there will undoubtedly be more victims.

Attention Whore Gets Angry At Her Success

Pro-male/Anti-feminist Tech · 7 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Recently some women marched topless in Portland, Maine to protest for topless women being treated the same as topless men. The march was organized by Ty McDowell who was enraged at the men who were attracted by the march. This was despite the fact that some of the marchers posed for pictures. McDowell is planning more marches where she will be more "aggressive" in "discouraging" men who she thinks are watching the marches too much.

This march was attention whoring because Maine law says that it is only illegal to show genitals in public. In other words, it is legal in Maine for women to be topless (and this is why none of the women were arrested for marching topless). There is no reason except attention whoring to march to treat topless women the same as topless men in Maine because legally that is already the case. Since attention whoring was the purpose of this topless march, it is absurd for Ty McDowell to complain about men watching the march.

What Ty McDowell really wants is to be topless anywhere, but force men to not look at her while she is topless. Like with so many things, Ty McDowell is a woman trying to have it both ways. Either you're in public and anyone can look at you or you're not. That's the truth of the matter, and anything else is attention whoring.

Feminists Resort to Ninja Tactics

Jay Hammers · 8 April 2010 · Archived copy · Original

The National Women's Law Center is again seeking continued privileges for women:

> Tell Congress to Reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
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> Soon Congress will consider a major education reform package. It could not come sooner – the students in our nation's schools are in crisis. And unfortunately, **the problems facing girls at risk in school largely have been masked by overgeneralizations about their performance.** It's up to us to ensure that all of our nation's children have equal opportunities to learn and succeed.

Yes, the NWLC believes that women need more entitlements even as they outperform boys in education. It was a national crisis when girls weren't doing as well in school but it's a trivial generalization when boys aren't.

Nevertheless this is a good sign. Feminists are concerned because the plight of boys and men is gaining more national attention. They are concerned that people will wake up and realize just how good girls and women have it when compared to boys and men.

Let's break down their little petition. They are trying to mask their requests for continued entitlements by inserting seemingly reasonable points in the petition, an act of deliberate subterfuge. Feminists are trying to use stealth, camouflaging their misandry like ninjas in the shadows.

They hope education reform will:

> * Transition to an accountability system that promotes "data-driven" reforms that improve outcomes for all students;

This says absolutely nothing. It's here merely to disorient.

You hear the sound of footsteps in the corner. Distracted, you don't notice the next bullet point.

> * Require collection and reporting of data on pregnant and parenting students and authorize supportive programs for those students;

I thought this was about education? How about educating young girls not to get pregnant in the first place and young guys not to provide the necessary semen?

> * Support high-quality early learning opportunities that help prepare children to enter kindergarten;

You hear a faint whisper and turn your head to look around. Your attention diverted as you stare hard into the darkness, you miss the next three bullet points.

> * Require high school sports data collection;

I thought this was about education? Feminists will use the results of this data collection, which will show that girls are less interested in sports, to further take away boy's opportunities to be involved in sports. Gotta love Title IX.

> * Collect data and support programs to increase girls' participation in and completion of STEM courses;

Feminists just can't stand the fact that men are better at science, math and engineering. Feminists were unable to

break men's dominance in fields that require high level reasoning and innovation because men are simply better at these things than women – and corporate America knows it. Sadly for women, results matter in these fields and they don't get as big a handicap as in the Olympics.

> * Ensure a positive school climate and support the health and safety of all students;

By painting all boys as rapists and abusers and all females as victims, I'm guessing.

> * Adopt and strengthen programs to engage communities and address barriers that decrease student engagement;

As the moon comes from behind the clouds, you see the glint of steel as a dark figure draws near.

> * Clarify that supplemental educational services providers are subject to civil rights laws;

Oh, here's Title IX again, as feminists would hate to see "discrimination" on the basis of sex as long as that "discrimination" is against girls. Now that girls are ahead of boys, they couldn't bare to see boys getting educational assistance to overcome the widespread anti-male mindset in education.

As the dark figure approaches, the moonlight reveals its features. It hisses at you, teeth bared, its breath making you recoil. You smell feminist.

Remembering feminists always travel in packs, you whirl around to see dozens more approaching from the rear wielding golf clubs and handguns. You even see a few camouflaged in ball caps with the letters "MRA" scrawled on them in black lipstick.

Good thing they can't golf or shoot worth a damn, you think to yourself as you advance to confront them.

About the author: Jay Hammers is a young lad who throughout his life has been a witness to Western society's embrace of pervasive misandry and female privilege. He recently became aware of the men's rights movement and started a blog as both an outlet for his rage and a way to raise awareness in others: Men's Rights with Jay Hammers.

Men Don’t Listen Well: Myth or Fact?

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A friend sent me an interesting piece from the University of Pennsylvania Language Log in which the author debunks *The Male Brain* a sloppily-written pop-science book that attempts to explain why men allegedly can’t listen. Of course, the book was written by a female scientist, one Louann Brizendine. The debunking is excellent, and shows just how much pure garbage makes its way into books, especially when they are written by so-called “experts.”

The debunking is highly technical, so I can’t really do it justice with a summary, but one of the explanations for why men supposedly have an inability to listen well is that testosterone somehow impairs their brains. We’ve all heard this one before. Conventional opinion does tend to view testosterone as a poison of sorts, which is reflected in the law. For example, synthetic testosterone is strictly regulated, whereas half the fertile female population in the West is popping estrogen/progesterone pills on a daily basis.

Young Women Refusing to Call Themselves Feminists

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When I was a kid back in the 80s, lots of people proudly called themselves feminists. Even many men declared themselves feminists. They were so in-your-face about it that they'd say "I'm a feminist" and then glare in an intimidating manner at the young boys in the class. Yes, lots of teachers were that nasty. I'm sure lots of them still are. Only half of teachers are better than average, after all.

However, today, despite the succession of triumphs feminists can point to as their legacy, such as on-demand abortion, on demand divorce, on demand restraining orders throwing men out of their houses, on demand seizure of ex-husbands' assets, etc., young women are hesitant to call themselves feminists.

Why might this be?

Chloe Angyal, writing for The Guardian, says it is because "In the popular imagination, feminists are still the ugly, angry extremists who killed chivalry and who seek not gender equality, but world domination."

Well, yes, Chloe, but it isn't imagination — it's fact. As women make up the majority of students and now workers, and as male opportunities slip away, people like you continue to demand more for women and less for men. You don't want equality, you want supremacy.

I'm sure most young women want to keep the privileges feminism has won for them, but they sense that people are starting to hate feminism because they are seeing it for what it truly is: a power grab. It is distilled selfishness, backed up only by a sham victim cult that is fast becoming exposed for the fraud that it is.

Women are sensitive to social moods; probably more so than men. They are hyper-aware of how people around them feel, and try to adjust their words and expressions to create an aura of consensus. Women are starting to realize that most men are thoroughly disgusted with feminism, and that their trust for women is at an all-time low. All the signs are out there, and a few of us men are actually opening our mouths and saying what we think without worrying about the consequences.

So now young women don't want to call themselves feminists, because they know exactly what men will think when they hear that word. Chloe Angyal wants them to stand up and proudly exclaim their support for feminism, but she's going to be frustrated in this endeavor.

Here's why:

Women, in general, look out for themselves first, and they've already got about as good a deal as they are ever going to get. I'm not sure they consciously and rationally understand this, but I'm sure they feel it. There's a point of diminishing returns, and they sense that they may have already passed it. At this point, disenfranchising men even further and then rubbing it in their faces is not going to help them get that pack-mule husband they were counting on. Putting their exes on the street isn't going to keep that child support flowing in. Taxing men out of business won't support their social programs and jobs at nonprofits.

Even women have started to understand that they've gone too far, and they understand that the feminists have taken them there.

It's too bad they didn't figure this out earlier, because there will be consequences for women in general. Frankly, their value is going to tumble when the misandry bubble pops. If, some 35 years ago, women had seen this coming and stopped the feminists, they would have been able to cut their losses and maintain the kinds of blessed lives their grandmothers have lived. Now, they'll be lucky to avoid working well into their 70s. Imagine that: 40 years of work after the Wile E. Coyote moment.

Ouch.

Could She BE Any More Self-involved?

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This post was submitted by Meistergedanken

Recently, commenter Broadsword made what I considered an insightful observation linking women, homosexuality and narcissism:

Broadsword April 7, 2010 at 11:35

"…When it comes down to it women know that a homosexual relationship with a woman facilitates their innate narcissistic tendencies. It's why most of them secretly want to be with a woman. Feminists certainly know this, since homosexuality and narcissism are the foundations of feminists' lifestyle and personality. Which is why it should not be assumed that if men pull out of American University that it will make much difference to women. This is what feminists and women want, no men in the way to stop feminists indoctrinating women, and no men around to date which will enable women to indulge in the their latent homosexual desires."

As it so happens, by strange coincidence a MSM article a few hours later presented a scenario that nicely featured all the elements he mentioned in a nice, tidy, thoroughly revolting package. I had been warily watching this story unfold from afar for several weeks, and was wondering if its conclusion would be reported…

So along with abortions, it would appear that prom attendance is now also a constitutional right:

> By SHELIA BYRD, Associated Press Writer
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> JACKSON, Miss. – Senior prom fell far short of the rite of passage Constance McMillen was hoping for when she began a legal battle to challenge a ban on same-sex dates.
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> The 18-year-old lesbian student said Tuesday she was one of only seven students to show up at a private event chaperoned by school officials last Friday night. She said the rest of her peers went to another private event where she wasn't invited.
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> [...]
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> The ACLU sent a demand letter to Superintendent Teresa McNeece in February, saying the rules against same-sex prom dates and girls wearing tuxedos violated McMillen's constitutional rights. The district responded by withdrawing its sponsorship and canceling the April 2 event.
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> In an apparent compromise, school district officials said parents would organize a private event with school chaperones that McMillen could attend, tuxedo and all.
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> McMillen didn't take her girlfriend because the girl's parents wouldn't let her go to the event. McMillen escorted another female instead. She did, however, wear a black tuxedo with a blue green vest. But when she, her date and a friend showed up at Fulton Country Club, only four other people were there. She left after half an hour…

So let's see what we've got here:

A woman's hurt feelings? Check!

Ironclad state of victimhood due to "civil rights violations"? Check!

Trying to force your peers and other people to condone your deliberately non-conformist choices and bend over backwards to accommodate your every amoral whim? Check!

Abusing the court system to bully a school district or other entity that has neither the money nor patience to properly give you the legal thrashing you so richly deserve? Check!

I imagine the next logical step will be her filing a lawsuit to force all her classmates to sign her yearbook at the end of the year! After all, we don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, do we?

There is nothing worse to a narcissist then being forced to confront the fact that reality does not adjust to be in line with her desires, and that other people are not mere props, but sentient beings with beliefs and opinions that often conflict with one's own. Sadly, as Ms. McMillen is only 18, she potentially has several more decades of misery to inflict upon the general populace.

This is the general progression of the path to feminist and homosexual dominance, fulfilled through lies and deceit, and enabled by its agents and sympathizers in the realms of education, the arts, politics and journalism: desensitization to indifference, indifference to tolerance, tolerance to acceptance, acceptance to preference, preference to ideal. We are entering the final stages because we have been on autopilot for too long. In the meantime, we can at least heap some contempt upon the woman who sparked this whole sordid affair. Go on, I know you want to…

Fatherhood: What's The Point?

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I know a lot of readers and commenters advocate avoiding children and family. I can understand why they do so, having survived a brutal divorce myself. Sometimes the fear of losing one's children is so painful that one gets the feeling that it would have been best if they'd never been born at all. This pain is all the worse for men who really love their kids, so I suspect that some of the men we see condemning marriage and family in the strongest terms are the men who were hurt the worst by the loss brought on by divorce.

There are also men who saw the writing on the wall early on and avoided family, because they weighed the consequences and made a decision based on their best interests. It was probably a wise decision. There is no guarantee for a man that he will grow up with his children these days, and there is a good chance that he will be financially ruined if he loses them. Divorce carries a double penalty for men these days: first comes loss of loved ones, and then comes loss of property, wealth and financial freedom. It's a severe blow, as attested to by the elevated risk of suicide for men (but not women) following divorce.

Rationally speaking, it would be very difficult to make a case for having children today. There's no farm to work, they can't be employed at a young age in the family business, they probably won't support a man when he's old, and they get in the way of many of life's pleasures, both great and small.

However, for some of us they still mean a great deal. Despite all the trouble and heartache, fatherhood is a cherished role for millions of men. Men regularly follow their ex-wives around the country to be near their children, often incurring great hardship in doing so. I recently read about a man living in a tent – he had lost his license, and then his job, because of child support arrears – in the town his children lived in. He had given everything up to be near his kids, and was being punished by the state for doing so. Despite enormous financial and sometimes criminal penalties, men still struggle to be fathers.

One might ask "Why?" What's the point?

Too often we are treated to saccharine notions of fatherhood. The man throwing a ball to his kid in the park, or the beaming father at his daughter's wedding. This all makes for good TV, I suppose, but it goes so much deeper than that. Our relationships with our parents reach to the very core of our humanity, and are intertwined with our ideas about our origins, purpose in life and legacy after death. Being a child or parent is such a fundamental concept that it infuses all religions and permeates our creation myths. It is the inescapable metaphor for the beginning of all things.

I'm convinced that this fundamentally human world-view is at least partly instinctive. Children understand the relationship between parents and children before any others. It is the standard by which they measure all other relationships throughout life, and the basic concept upon which they build their understanding of society.

But as fundamental as parenthood may be, fatherhood is the more tenuous of two basic parent-child relationships. It is a fragile flower – a gift to humanity – that sets us apart from the beasts of the field. Anthropologists like to speculate about what it is that makes us uniquely human. Could it be language? The use of tools? The ability to plan ahead? All of these things may set us apart to one degree or another, but fatherhood surely is just as important as any of them. Whether one believes that humans evolved from troglodytes or were created in God's own image, we can all agree that the human father-child bond is unique. In most other species, what sets sires apart from other males tends to be that they avoid killing their progeny. However, these beasts seem to have nothing more than a built-in tolerance for their offspring. In humans, there is mutual recognition of a special bond. That human fathers and children have a close, unique relationship is a very rare, special thing in the realm of life on earth.

So rather than argue about the benefits or drawbacks of fatherhood, I think we should take a step out of the debate and acknowledge that fatherhood is simply an integral part of ourselves as men, whether we have children or not. It

is in our nature, and it influences how we relate to the world around us. The domestication of animals, the birth of art and material creativity, and the fostering of civilization are all fruits of the paternal nature of the human male.

In short, fatherhood is what makes us human.

Male Studies Program Already Under Attack

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Amanda Hess of the online Washington City Paper (her blog is called "The Sexist"), has posted a nearly unreadable interview deriding the concept of male studies. It is so over-the-top snarky and dripping with sarcasm that it's barely intelligible, and I wonder whether she was drunk when she conducted the interview. Here are a few quotes:

> SADY: Well, The Man has staked his claim in those. BASICALLY WE NEED TO TAKE THE QUARTERBACK OF DISCOURSE TO THE GOAL NET OF DISCUSSION TO SCORE A HOME RUN HAT TRICK OF ANTI-OPPRESSION THEORY! Is my understanding.
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> AMANDA: I plan on blaming all of my deficiencies in forming metaphors, drawing conclusions, and overall making sense on my Oppression today. For the record.

Here, as far as I can tell, the interviewee suggests that she is actually noticing when men call her out on her feminist BS:

> AMANDA: But, I write about a lot of really minor shit that women are expected to do and about how these very little things are reminders of society's expectations of men and women. And a lot of times men get really pissed when I do that, too! For it is annoying to be forced to think about.
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> SADY: Right. I mean, here's the thing: I'm a lady who gets called out on my privilege. A lot. As I see it, my job description is: Write about lady stuff, try to remember not all ladies have exactly the same life as I do, listen when ladies with different lives are like "uh, you missed something." So the plague of dudes on the Internet who are like, "WHAT DO YOU MEAN LADIES EXPERIENCE THINGS DIFFERENTLY THAN I DO, SOMETIMES NOT WELL?!???!" Like: I try to listen to people EVERY SINGLE DAY, dude, and I haven't actually had an aneurysm and died yet, so maybe it's not actually that fucking hard. You know? The Internet is not a thousand little knives stabbing you in the face. The Internet is some people talking. In conclusion, calm down.

Amanda objects that male studies is about actual, biological males:

> AMANDA: Yes. And that traditional man has always been permitted to appear. It's all the other men who haven't. But Male Studies cuts them out of the picture when it devotes itself to "males as males," as if we're only talking about one very clearly defined and biologically determined type of person.

Interviewee admits to being drunk (as I suspected):

> SADY: Like, if we start looking at "masculinity" as this very exclusive concept that has all of these other concepts and privileges packed into it, then we get to my I Went To Liberal Arts College And Have Simplistic Ideas Place where, like… we can create a discourse without you, substantially, Ultimately Privileged People. If we can get over our own bullshit and have each others' backs, we can do a lot. And maybe this conversation needs to take place on THOSE terms. Provided you're okay with getting yelled at when you fuck it up. Also, I have had three beers, because it's hot. THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE SOBER!

Well, Paul Elam's been keeping our end up over there in the comments. Feel free to join him.

Studies Show Increased Likelihood for MRAs to Be Pansies

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Pansy: a timid man or boy considered childish or unassertive.

I've noticed an increased likelihood for some people involved in the men's rights proto-movement to pander to feminists and others who hate men. Here are three recent examples of misguided actions by MRAs (men's rights advocates/activists) in the community.

1.
Men's News Daily refers to masculism as hateful because apparently they don't want to lose their (non-existent) female readership. At the same time, publisher Mike LaSalle has hosted countless articles stirring up hatred for Obama and anyone who isn't a far, far right-winger, but these articles apparently aren't considered "hateful or inciting". Furthermore, editor-in-chief Paul Elam even stated quite recently at The Spearhead,

> Because the day will come, no matter how psychotic you are when infatuated, that she will be sitting there talking and you will want to shove a recliner down her throat to shut her up.

If masculism is hatred (it's not) then so is a statement indicating all women become nagging and tiresome after being with them long enough. You know what, that's exactly how I feel about some MRAs!

MND censors honest commenters they disagree with. That women are biologically different than men and that men are *better* than women at many things is obvious. The people running MND do not appear to value dissenting opinions and are as emotional and hypocritical as any feminist. They could at least be consistent in their thought-policing.

Why do we care? Men's News Daily has a good deal of influence on the men's rights community and as a site that consistently appears on pages 1 and 2 of a Google search for "men's rights", it is likely to be a starting point for someone who is interested in learning more.

2.
The False Rape Society becomes more about women than men. The blog description now reads, "Giving voice to falsely accused men and women," as if women share a comparable burden with men when it comes to false rape accusations. That's like a website that sells tampons claiming to give all-day protection to menstruating *men and women*.

The original website had this description: "News and commentary about wrongful accusations of rape and sexual assault." Furthermore, the FRS consistently refers to "persons falsely accused of rape" rather than "men accused of rape," which is the only accurate way of phrasing it. This is a subtle example of *misandry* from a website in the men's rights realm. It is the same thing the media does when it refers to men and women dying in service even though men account for 98% of deaths in modern wars. When you watch a documentary on World War II they don't talk about the men who died fighting for their countries, they talk about the "soldiers", but whenever you hear about a man who commits a crime they are referred to as *men*. For an excellent YouTube video on the phenomenon, watch Men Don't Exist.

What does the FRS think will be gained by denigrating men while stroking the egos of women by insinuating there is a significant, or rather any problem of false rape accusations of women? They won't gain the support of women on the false rape issue by appealing to women's victimhood complex regarding something they are never victims of. In order to gain women's support you must show them how false rape accusations can affect the good men in their lives. Be more honest and less politically correct, for our sake!

The FRS insults men, especially men who *are* raped by women, by implying that false accusations of rape against women (and by men) are common or even significant. It just doesn't happen. For a man to be raped is perceived as

shameful and unmanly. A man accusing a woman of anything, especially rape of a man, would be shunned as a misogynist because women are beyond reproach. Even if you have the courage to out your rapist, it's extremely unlikely you will find justice in the law. False rape accusations simply do not happen to women because an individual falsely accusing a woman has nothing to gain from it – the law will not help them, the community will shun them, and generally things will only get worse for them.

The FRS is on page 2 of a Google search for "rape accusation", but it does far more good than harm by raising awareness of false rape.

3.
Reddit: Men's Rights taken over by feminist apologists, misandrists, manginas, and women. This Reddit has become a place where good quality links are immediately down-voted by man-haters and beta males in an attempt to censor anything but the most PC pro-female submissions. They don't always succeed and there are still some good articles submitted. However, many of the posters there are simply feminist attention whores who have nothing to contribute; they attempt to paint every genuine supporter of men's rights as a misogynist, which isn't really an insult. Zed has told us misogynists are made, not born. And as Hestia once put so well:

> "Misogynist" might be an irksome term to have thrown your way, but in today's world the term almost seems to be a compliment, as it means a person doesn't sit back and take all the garbage the world wants to throw their way but looks around and comes to conclusions based on reality, however un-PC these conclusions might be. To be a misogynist nowadays is to value liberty and justice rather than the unearned special privileges and power to be a slaveowner that comes with the territory of being a misandrist. If a person must be one or the other, it seems clear to me which one is the bigger insult.

Schopenbecq of The Anti-Feminist has described the problem with Reddit: Men's Rights before. He has created a men's rights Reddit that doesn't tolerate misandry but it is difficult to sustain as there are few MRAs who recognize that man-haters cannot be bargained with.

Reddit: Men's Rights is on the first page of a Google search for "men's rights".

In conclusion, if we allow those (men and women) who are against us (mostly men) to dictate our strategy, we will fail to achieve significant accomplishments. Sadly, that's exactly what Men's News Daily, the False Rape Society, Reddit: Men's Rights, and too many others in the loosely networked men's rights community are doing. And too often they are in the habit of denouncing people – mostly men – who warn them of their error.

About the author: Jay Hammers is a young lad who throughout his life has been a witness to Western society's embrace of pervasive misandry and female privilege. He recently became aware of the men's rights movement and started a blog as both an outlet for his rage and a way to raise awareness in others: Men's Rights with Jay Hammers.

Male Studies Media Awards

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"Imagine that one day you see, in all seriousness, an announcement regarding the upstart of a male studies program at a major university that has been developed to address, research and educate people on the effects of misandry that is practiced against men and boys across the western world."

I posted that to Men's News Daily on January 20th of this year. I had the good fortune to know about the conference well in advance and the privilege of being the first person to write about it. I also had the stress of having to keep my mouth shut till it was time, which is stressful because I am not very good at that.

I had anticipated that there would first be a good deal of skepticism about it from MRA's, and I wasn't disappointed. Hell, we still have plenty that are fuming about the minutia of it being called male studies instead of men's studies, even though it has been well explained that men's studies has been around and under feminist control for 30 years.

It was also pretty predictable that once the conference took place, replete with esteemed academicians uttering some long absent truths about feminist ideologues, that eyebrows would be raised and heads would turn.

Some of those heads aren't just turning; they're spinning like Linda Blair's on a shaking bed and puking up green sludge.

It is glorious.

And so, in the early stages of what I am quite sure will result in a Texas Death Match, I want to announce some award winners for media coverage of the Big Event.

The first award, for balanced and reasonable coverage, goes to

Dr. Michael Blumenfield, The Huffington Post

Qualifier: Blumenfield wrote his column before the conference and matter-of-factly questioned why anyone would object to such an academic pursuit.

The "Almost Got it Right" Award

Jenna Goudreau, Forbes

Qualifier: Jenna thought we need to address the issues of men, but took exception to Lionel Tiger's statement at the conference that "A lot of feminist argument is just irritating." She also made the point that there was no need to denigrate other gender studies in the process, *as though they don't do that themselves without help*.

Most Obtuse Coverage

Daniel de Vise, Washington Post

Qualifier: Daniel never heard the word *misandry* till he read the conference description. Pretty good trick for a "journalist" who practices it. His one attempt at crack analysis was to make fun of Lionel Tiger's name.

Completely Clueless Coverage Award

Newsweek writers Jessica Bennett and Jesse Ellison on their Equality Myth Blog

Qualifier: The two Jess's were qualified by, well, their qualifications. They identify themselves on their blog with the trippy triad of Newsweek writers, pop culture enthusiasts and feminists. For opinion on the conference they sought the opinion of the lady cab driver who dropped them off at the event. Next week they are interviewing Pink's thong designer.

The Psychopulitzer Prize

Amanda Hess, The Washington City Paper

Qualifier: Hess always was a neurotic idiot. But in her coverage of this event she has demonstrated that she is one stress factor away from talking to herself while she pushes a shopping cart down the street with wild streaks of lipstick running up the sides of her face.

The conference, and the idea of uppity males, has so gotten under her skin that she has posted no less than *four* pieces on it, each one more poorly written, sloppy and bizarre than the one before it- *in the last 24 hours*. She has also started a twitter campaign to, well, I suppose, roar.

Amandas idea of an interview

Amandas idea of journalism

Amandas idea of humor

Wacky video

And the final award, **The Internet Heisman**, goes to the MRA community. If you go through the comment sections on almost all of these articles, you will find an amazing assortment of rational people intellectually bitch slapping every gender ideologue posting their normal drivel. In fact, even on feminist sites like the Jess's and Hess's, the majority of comments are pro male studies, and the authors are very well informed.

It must also be noted that the conference has received a great deal of support from the likes of Mike LaSalle, Welmer, Angry Harry, Glenn Sacks, John Dias and a host of other bloggers who will not be mentioned because they are too numerous to ensure they all get credit.

And in the media, we got to see something I am not sure we have ever seen before. Some really nervous feminists.

Like I said, it's glorious.

More from Paul Elam at A Voice for Men.

Mad Groper Terrorizes College, Feminist Angry at Students' Flippant Response

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Earlier this week, a merry prankster at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana threw this quiet college town into a panic when he went around on his bicycle smacking women on their asses and speeding away before he could be nabbed, no doubt while twirling his mustache and cackling maniacally. A grand total of two females were traumatized by this chauvinist's cheeky cheek-violating ways, enough to encourage campus police to send a emergency email to students and faculty telling them to be on the lookout for this terror on two wheels. The same emergency system that is usually reserved for serious safety warnings, like when rapists and muggers are on the loose.

The police's overreaction to our buttock-bruising friend inspired someone to set up a Facebook page to highlight the absurdity of the situation. As of this writing (3:30 am Green Mountain Time), the Ball State Ass Slapper has just shy of 11,00o fans. Not only that, you can now score cool Ass Slapper swag, including T-shirts with phrases like "BSU: Slappin' Ass On The Way To Class Since 1918″ and shirts for the ladies that read "I Got Spanked By The BSU Ass Slapper…And I Liked It". There's even a song dedicated to the Ass Slapper's awesomeness:

Of course, there are folks out there who say that this is no laughing matter, and that anyone who finds humor in this whole thing is evil and should be hunted down by a lynch mob. BSU's student paper covered their asses adequately with this milquetoast editorial demanding that this crime be taken seriously, and a Facebook group that opposes "MEMEBRS" of the Ball State Ass Slapper page (IT IS NOT A JOKE!!!) is a mere 328 fans strong at the time this sentence was tapped out. But the real laughs are to be had from an indignant blog post from *ScienceBlogs* scribbler "Isis the Scientist" of *On Becoming a Domestic and Laboratory Goddess…* (haha, don't you get it? Her name is Isis, the Egyptian goddess of motherhood and fertility and her blog is called, eh heh…). You'd think a blog on a site called *ScienceBlogs* would be more about, y'know, SCIENCE, but Isis would rather chew up their bandwidth to show how shocked, appalled, offended she is that people would dare to find this incident funny:

> I've never seen such an overt celebration of assault against women on a college campus. While Ball State President Jo Ann Gora has denounced the group, I'm still disappointed in the student body of Ball State. I'm even more disappointed that it doesn't just seem to be the students that have clearly lost their minds. Apparently a contingent of the faculty are acting like first rate asshats too. And, because a group of students have decided that BSU is making a mountain out of a molehill, they want to raise some money to help "real victims of sexual assault." Thomas Bible of Nashville, a douchey-looking fucker and fan of "Women bringing you sandwiches", suggests "how bout at your little charity event instead of a kissing booth you have an ass slapping booth? $1 a slap. have a buncha girls with nice tight booties who can take a joke rotate in and out." Way to keep it classy, Muncie. Thanks for educating the next generation of mansplainers.

Okay, let's get one thing out of the way – groping random women is not cool. But it's not a crime worthy of an entire campus menstruating over. The Ball State Ass Slapper didn't bend these girls over in a dark alleyway and ravish them like scoundrels do in those romance novels women like to read. He just…slapped their asses. They weren't physically hurt, they weren't forcibly impregnated, and if they develop mental issues from getting their haunches manhandled, they were probably screwed in the head to begin with. Calling what he did "assault" dilutes the meaning of the word.

Secondly, if a woman ran around spanking guys on their rear-ends, the police would have laughed any complainers off the phone, and Isis and her cohorts would no doubt impugn the manhood of any man who didn't like having his tush grabbed.

Thirdly, as the reality of game tells us, whether a woman regards something as sexual assault is contingent upon how hot she finds the "assaulter." If George Clooney came up and smacked Isis on the butt, she'd probably melt into a gooey puddle of gina juices.

And can anyone tell me why feminists are so deeply in love with the word "asshat"? Aside from Paul Elam (who gets a pass because he's cool), they're the only denizens of the internet I've seen that use it as an insult.

But wait, that's not all! As furious as Isis is at the men who are making light of this story, she's really cross with the girls who are stabbing the sisterhood in the back:

> I'm disappointed in the young women who are supporting the fuckwittery of this group. I wonder if they truly believe that this is all "harmless fun", or if they are participating in this Facebook group because they believe that this behavior will get them accepted by their male counterparts. I'm old enough to know that it doesn't matter how much of a "cool chick" you are, or whether most of your friends are guys. It doesn't matter how much you publicly proclaim your hatred of other women, or whether you label those other women as "bitchy", "sluttly", or "dramatic." You'll never really be one of the boys and it's not sufficient defense to stop some men from objectifying or abusing you.

Or maybe they just realize, like the rest of us normal people, that this whole thing is hilarious, and that getting your butt-cheek fondled for a split-second barely ranks on the hierarchy of sexual assault. God bless those girls for having both the common sense and the sense of humor that an employed scientist lacks.

> What's most disappointing to me is the attitude that "kids will be kids" and that these are simply college-level hi jinx that these young men will grow out of. I see no evidence that boys who act disrespectfully toward women in college ever change their ways. Instead, I fear that these attitudes are simply translated to the workplace when these they graduate and enter the workforce.
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> Yesterday, one of you sent me an article about the current discrimination suits that Novartis is facing. Novartis is being accused of preventing the promotion of women, actively firing women who became pregnant, and overt sexual harassment. Yet, Novartis attorney Richard Schnadig defends one manager who is accused of showing his female subordinates pornography and asking them to sit on his lap by saying, "He wasn't that bad a manager. He was just terrible with women."

Yeah, because laughing at something that is so transparently funny translates into being a socially retarded imbecile. A thousand curses on affirmative action for letting this brainless bimbo anywhere near the hallowed halls of science!

> This all makes it very hard to be excited about students coming from Ball State. At least they've gone through the trouble of forming a public Facebook fan page to put their douchecockery out in the open. Still, perhaps its time they had their education redefined.

That's another thing – why do feminists have an obsession with the word "douche?" Go to any feminist blog and you'll find it used repeatedly and attached to all sorts of descriptors, such as "douchenozzle" and "douchecockery." It's like they're trying to tell us something…

In the meantime, show your solidarity with the smart students of BSU by becoming a fan of the Ball State Ass Slapper on Facebook. I never miss an opportunity to push a feminist's blood pressure a few points higher.

Thanks to Bhetti of *Girl Game* for the Twitter tip.

Ferdinand Bardamu wrote this post while under the influence of opioids. He blogs at *In Mala Fide*. You can friend

him on Facebook here and follow him on Twitter here.

Old Chiefs and Young Braves

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I knew Jay's article would upset some people, but I put it through anyway because I thought that, although Jay might have been tactless, he made a few points that are worth hearing. And, frankly, sometimes we ought to let the young men have their say, even if they can be a bit brash and impetuous. Finally, in my opinion it's often best to let the people who feel something the most make the point. Of course, this might not be the advice an attorney would give you in court, but the last thing *The Spearhead* should be trying to do is appeal to some hand-picked jury.

Younger men have always been impulsive and filled with passion. It is a blessing and a curse, but those who've been around a while should be able to see it for what it is, and use it to understand what passions are motivating people at any given time. Older men tend to be more cautious, politically astute and guarded in their speech. These are valuable traits, but they have their drawbacks as well — they tend to lead to avoidance of uncomfortable realities.

Of course, the old chiefs ought to be making the final decisions, but if they are truly wise, they'll let the young braves have their say, and take it all into consideration. In time, the fiery young men get a bit more perspective, and they understand where they took things too far, but they will never get to learn if never given the opportunity to open their mouths and put their opinion out there.

The most controversial posts on The Spearhead so far have all been written by younger contributors. I, personally, have taken more flak for publishing them than any others. However, I'm not going to stop doing so, because I think they often have a point, and I think we ought to listen.

Jay had a point. He didn't make it in the most diplomatic manner, but at least he made it. I, personally, have been rankled by the concessions to feminism a lot of prominent MRAs have made. In order to be diplomatic, I've avoided the subject. I didn't want to offend anybody. Admittedly, I think Jay was shooting at the wrong targets. The FRA and MND are actually not even close to as accommodating of feminism as some other purported pro-male sites. In fact, FRA in particular is pretty close to being on the front lines. But I know what he was getting at.

Another thing to keep in mind is that things are a lot worse for young men now than they were a generation ago. Some of the guys who've been involved in MRA for a long time may be committed activists, and may have our best interests in mind, but I'm not sure they can understand just how stifling the atmosphere is for young men today. The campus radical feminists from the 1970s and 80s are now professors, judges, lawyers, administrators, senators, etc. They are still fighting the same battle against young, male coeds, but now their opponents are hopelessly outclassed.

Given this, can one blame young men for adopting a siege mentality? To a lot of young guys, this looks like something approaching a real, shooting war. The rape hysteria on campus has morphed into totalitarian treatment of young men, which includes the use of armed force. They are reacting the situation as they see it. We ought to pay attention, in order to understand the true extent of the problem.

Of course, young men ought to stop and think every now and then to take stock of who their allies are, but human nature being what it is, young men will always take things a step too far. This is how they learn. Lord knows I regret a great deal of what I said and did in my adolescence and youth, but if I hadn't screwed up as much as I did I'd know a lot less. It's just part of the human condition.

In conclusion, I'd like to suggest that the old chiefs and young braves pick up the peace pipe and take each other's respective burdens into account. We're dealing with a common problem, and although it affects us in different ways, we've got the same goal.

American Mother Claims Adopted Russian Son Abusive, Sends Him Back

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Just when it seemed that the International image of American women couldn't get much worse, single adoptive mother Torry Hansen of Tennessee drove Artyom Savalyev, her seven-year-old adopted son, to the airport with a one-way ticket to Russia, put him on a plane and shipped him back to where he came from.

Ms. Hansen used the standard excuse American women use when opting out of relationships: abuse. All we have at this point is her word that the boy was violent, disturbed and homicidal. To many men such excuses sound suspicious, as well they should, because they usually are. Interestingly, the Russians aren't buying it at all, which suggests that only in the US do people take the word of a woman seriously when she claims abuse even in such unlikely circumstances.

Hansen is quoted saying "I'm sorry to say that… I no longer wish to parent this child." This is a fairly shocking statement, but not all that long ago, if a woman said "I'm sorry to say that I no longer wish to be married to this man" it would have sounded pretty bad, too. Of course, that's changed a great deal, so perhaps it shouldn't shock us to see American women abandoning their children, adopted or not.

Naturally, the rest of the world views this with horror, and the Russians have threatened to cut off all adoptions to the US. American women – who, above all, want options – are not happy about this, despite the fact that they were all too happy to legislate strict controls on American men meeting with foreign women.

In the case of Artyom Savalyev, we see the familiar tactic of the woman making accusations and allegations against a defenseless, voiceless opponent. Ms. Hansen took care to make sure the kid was long gone before anyone could get another side of the story, and surrounded herself with female allies who would corroborate her story (another common tactic). Of course, being only seven years old and still learning English, little Artyom probably couldn't have defended himself all that well in the first place. However, that she sent him back before coming out with the abuse story makes her claims all the more suspicious.

Perhaps this kind of behavior was bound to crop up sooner or later, because just about every man in the US who could be halfway credibly accused of abuse already has been in one form or another, so children are simply the next target. When even this has run its course, one wonders who American women will target next — space aliens?

Miracle At St. Anna – The Other "Saving Private Ryan"

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Although I've always loved movies I admit I don't watch as many as I should. I had heard of the Spike Lee joint "Miracle at St. Anna" when it first came out, but I was too busy being a workhorse at the time to catch it during its run in theaters. Big mistake.

Last night, and just again a few minutes ago, I had the chance to watch what may be Lee's best film in recent years, perhaps ever. And I mean that. His story about war, life, death & faith, to say nothing of race, set against the backdrop of the Italian campaign during WW2, is a must see for anyone who wants a full understanding of those times and the "other side" of the Greatest Generation.

Lee's film, of course, harkens back to Steve Spielberg's epic "Saving Private Ryan", which bosted an all-star cast and was hailed as a cinematic masterpiece for its accurate, grisly depiction of war on the shores of Normandy. And no doubt, it was and is, a great film. Nevertheless, Lee's "St. Anna" goes where Speilberg's magnum opus doesn't-it explores the very real racial politics of the US war effort, the emotions all of this generates in its Black soldiers, and how this plays itself out the military campaign against the Nazis.

"St. Anna" focuses on a Band of Brothas from the US Army's 92nd Division-the Buffalo Soldiers-and their ill-fated attempt to take a town in Tuscany, Italy. Like many African Americans my age, it was a deeply moving experience, as we too had relatives who fought in the "Good War", and what Lee shows on screen are things we can relate to; I know I could, having been told about many of the very same things myself by my Dad and Grand Dad.

For example, there's a scene in a film when, before the fighting starts (a scene every bit as evocative as "Ryan"'s famed Normandy battle sequence), the Germans attempt to dissuade the Buffalo Soldiers from fighting ("Axis Sally"). They make the point that it is foolish to fight for a country that doesn't even recognize you basic human rights-something I know well.

Because my own dad-himself a Marine vet of the Korean War-told me on several occasions, how the Koreans would drop leaflets saying the exact same thing. And as "St. Anna" shows, where Black soldiers had to with enemies within and without, or as my daddy would put it, how he "fought the Koreans in the daytime, and fought the crackers at night".

Another scene in the film is powerfully evocative for me as well. When still training to be deployed, this same Band of Brothas attempts to be served some ice cream at a local store. The shop owner, a stompdown racist, pulls a gun on them, while Nazi prisoners of war are sitting in a both, enjoying sundaes. Nor was this unusual-in addition to things like this, my grandfather, who was a DI in the USMC during WW2, often told me about how "Krauts" could ride in the front of the bus-and how he had to ride in the back-even in uniform.

There's more to the story, but I don't want to spoil it for those who have yet to see it, and believe me, you want to see it-not just because of the "flipside" of the usual WW2 narrative, but also because its a damned good story, too. Many have believed that Lee was snubbed for an Oscar for "Malcolm X" and "Do The Right Thing". I suspect his "Miracle at St. Anna" just might get buried in the Hollywood shuffle, too.

For the usual reasons.

The Obsidian

Wanted: Moderators

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One thing I've got to admit is that I've never particularly liked managing people. I'm the type of guy who dislikes being managed, and I tend to assume that other people feel the same way. However, I might be a bit extreme in that regard: I really can't stand it. This probably leads me to be overly cautious when it comes to moderating, laying down the law, etc.

For the past couple weeks, things have been getting a bit contentious on *The Spearhead*'s message boards, and they've come to a head in the last couple days. Much of that is doubtless my own responsibility, so I'm taking steps to fix it.

I've come to the conclusion that the forum, at this point, is woefully undermoderated, so I'd like to ask for some moderation help. All I ask is that the comment policy be implemented in an unbiased manner and volunteer moderators do their job in as impartial a manner as possible.

Zed has some experience with this, and he is a forum administrator, so in addition to my own judgment, I'm going to rely on his as well to a considerable degree in deciding who is appropriate. Anyone who is interested in helping should feel free to email or PM me or Zed (ideally both of us at once), and let us know which forum you'd like to moderate. There is also the option of creating new subforums for people who might be interested in expanding the conversation, but for now I won't do that unless that subforum has a dedicated mod.

With a little bit more attention paid to the forum, I think it can be a lot more productive and less aggravating for those who are interested in making thoughtful contributions.

Alpha Dreams and Beta Genes: Male Sexual Entitlement

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This article has been cross-posted at Gucci Little Piggy.

Because women have relaxed their sexual standards and because the sexual market has become laissez-faire allowing the invisible hand to "finger out" the marketplace, men have developed an entitled attitude towards sex. Humans regularly display a self-assessment bias where a majority think that they are better than average (80% of people think they are above average intelligence). The male subset of humans is no different in their fallacious conclusions. Since women give up sex easier than they used to and because men think that they are at least as deserving as the men who are actually getting it, they develop a "why not me" attitude when they are relegated to sexual Siberia.

Because it has turned society on its ear, feminism and sexual liberation have created a logical dilemma for men; they would prefer to uphold the ideal of marriage, monogamy, and sexual socialism, yet they want to engage in easy-peasy sex with a woman who meets their attractiveness threshold. When they don't get what they expect even though they abhor the thought of such behavior for the rest of the men in society, they get angry. But these two positions are incompatible.

Sexual Socialism: Haves versus Have-Nots

Humans align on a social hierarchy that basically determines their sexual attractiveness. While the middle portions of this hierarchy can become convoluted the general timbre of this concept is that there are men at the top who control their sexual destiny while there are men at the bottom who control their sexual destiny only insofar as they control which hand they jack off with and which porn sites they subscribe to. In other words, by nature, there are haves and there are have-nots.

This is an important point to harp on as it is at the root of all social disenchantment from affirmative action policies to gender-neutrality to disparate sexual experiences among males. Like most face-offs between haves and have-nots, the position of the have-nots supports socialist mechanisms in order to keep up with the Jones' as they say. We see this argument in economics all the time. In particular, advocates for welfare and entitlement programs complain that the wealth gap is continually growing – the poor are getting poorer. But this is patently untrue; the poor are getting richer if rich is defined as "having more stuff". It's just that the rich are getting even more rich; they are getting even more stuff. But by historical standards, the economically impoverished are wealthy. They have TVs, cars, cell phones, and travel further distances and see more things than even the wealthiest people of past eras. But financial economics much as sexual economics – and empowerment through it – is all about relativity in the have-nots' eyes. The have-nots' ammunition and their power is gleaned from convincing us that life should be fair when we all know that it is not.

Male Entitlement Exists Even Under Female Hypergamy

The current sexual regime is monogamy with a tendency towards female hypergamy. Now, men have to make their sexual choices within this type of regime. The male hierarchy which allocates mate/date pairings has ostensibly adapted to the current sexual regime that has existed for over 30 years now. Most men in the mating/dating market have existed under this type of regime; this implies that our nakedly rational expectations – without cultural influences – would have shifted in order to form a sexual market equilibrium. In other words, mens' sexual tastes and preferences should have shifted to account for their true-to-life options. If they haven't aligned over time, there is some barrier – which I'm calling entitlement – standing in the way.

Female hypergamy has this effect: it slices off a portion of the bottom end of the male spectrum of the sexual attractiveness hierarchy. Male 1s, 2s, and 3s – the omegas of the bunch – are virtually eunuchs. They are the worker bees or the compost heap of humanity depending on how much you want to sugar-coat their precarious situation.

But this is how it has been for most of human history. If we have 100 men and 100 women, 10% (the hierarchy is not a uniform distribution) of men don't factor in to the sexual marketplace. The other 90 men become distributed across the 100 women; the attractiveness scale adjusts to where the distance between the highest ranking male and second-highest male is greater than that for the women. From this point on, after the omega males who have always existed have been dealt with, men and women pair up in accordance with their own ratings i.e. male 7s pair up with female 7s.

Because beta males could find mates – if they wanted to – their entitlement lies in their refusal to settle. When I say that men feel entitled, part of my argument rests on the feeling that men don't accept the women who will accept them. To these men, because of untethered female hypergamy female 6s go after male 7.5s and get them. Since the inverse of this would have to be true – male 7.5s can only get female 6s and below – entitled men feel that they are "falling through the cracks of the new sexual marketplace". But I maintain there are barriers to falling through these cracks – chubby womens' bellies provide one such remedy.

A man's attraction to a woman is based on several things, and this is where his entitlement comes in to play. Female 3s do have sex with men which implies that men are able to have sex with female 3s – some man is able to stomach the idea of having sex with these 3s. Those men are most likely 3s or 4s themselves who don't have many other options, but the point is that men are physically capable of maintaining an erection around these women (it won't be as quality as an erection around a 10, but it will do) if that woman is all they can get. So any man who can't get an erection around these 3s is suffering from a construct which tells him that he is above banging out 3s. Usually this construct is his own memory of his past sexual dalliances. Perhaps the man is used to getting 5s or he sees men who he thinks he resembles having sex with 7s. When he sees a lot of good-looking women spreading their legs for men he thinks he compares favorably to, he's naturally going to think that he has been shafted when those very same women aren't interested in him.

Examples of Entitlement

So what does sexual entitlement actually look like? Entitlement is expressed in different ways. Men show it on the micro-level by having lofty expectations of the women they decide to date, and it is displayed on a more macro level in that men are unwilling to settle for a woman that they should rationally be willing to settle for.

First off, let me say that, in the past, I've felt overly entitled to sex. I have developed an attitude that if a woman doesn't have sex with me soon after I begin wooing her I will stop pursuing her. This entitlement is felt by many men and it stems from our preconceived notion that all women are sexually empowered and that we meet their threshold of "do-ability". This entitlement is manifest in other ways too. Perhaps we feel that a particularly good-looking woman should prefer us based upon our qualities over the types of guys she usually goes for. If those women don't like our particular swagger or our look, we call them "bitches" or we impugn their intelligence. In many instances in the Manosphere I've witnessed men constructing self-defense mechanisms by which they make the argument that a particular (slutty) woman isn't worth their time and energy. But we all know that these men would capitulate to this woman's advances at the drop of a hat.

There is also a sense of entitlement in the complaints men have about the women available to them. A large enough number of men complain that they don't want to date fatties and ugly women, but the truth is, those women are the only viable options for these men. The title of my post sums it up: Alpha Dreams and Beta Genes. Most men have beta dispositions and lead beta lives, yet they want to score on the same level as alpha males. But as we all know, there is a relatively fixed hierarchy that dictates the distribution of alphas, betas, and omegas through society. Too far gone are the words of wisdom that men in these parts are loathe to utter: "Take what you can get." If you read any Manosphere comment board, you'd get the impression that most of these men are apex alphas who wouldn't settle for anything less than an 8. But it would be a huge coincidence if alpha males came together on these comment boards in such high numbers. Chances are that most of us around here would do well to score a 5; while plenty of us would do well to score anything at all.

This attitude was captured in Charlotte Allen's now famous Weekly Standard article titled "The New Dating

Game". She wrote, regarding Mystery, the Game salesman whose profits are maximized by convincing as many men as possible that they can score 8s,9s, and 10s:

"Mystery advises his readers not to bother with any female who rates lower than a 6…on the 1 to 10 scale, while assuring them that if they follow his advice, they can readily score a "supermodel hot" 10."

One wonders what Mystery would do if one of his readers was Quasimodo or the Elephant Man. I don't really need to blather on any more about this point as it has pretty much made itself.

Anecdotal Evidence

I'll use my roommate as an example of male entitlement. He is in his late 30s, has had legal problems that involved jail time for a non-violent felony, and he works with me as a waiter. Physically his looks are on par with your average man in his late Thirties. He had a dry-spell for quite a long time which is no surprise given his circumstances. He had a couple of opportunities to bust his slump – one with a slightly chubby 25-year old chick from work with a decent enough face. Even though she rates more attractive than him, my roommate didn't want to pursue anything because this chick didn't get him amped up enough for him to put in the leg work. She wasn't hot enough for him to put forth any effort to ask her out, go out with her, or even have sex with her. So instead of doing something about his problem – his perpetually unsatiated horniness – he complained about how there weren't any hot chicks around for him to bang. I pointed out to him on a couple of occasions that hot chicks don't grow on trees and they aren't rationed out to every man like loaves of bread during the Depression (although *that* would be an entitlement program I could get behind). His response was always that he couldn't force "it".

George Sodini is another example of male entitlement and the Bolshevekian sexual have-nots who I'm arguing against. Sodini had sex less than 100 times in his life; by the time he commited his murders in his late 40s, he hadn't had sex in almost 20 years although he seems to have had more than one partner in his life. These facts, on their face and compared to men throughout history, indicate that Sodini was sexually fortunate. Many men in our recent history and in prehistoric times went celibate their whole lives. Research on mitochondrial DNA shows that perhaps only 40% of men who ever existed on this Earth reproduced implying that a lot of men went completely celibate in the olden days. Once again, while he wasn't sexually rich by any means, Sodini's error is that he compared his sex life to the sex lives of the men around him and determined that he was sex poor. He went on a rampage against a group of women because the women he wanted in general wouldn't give it up to him. Sodini saw himself as some ranking – maybe a 4 or a 5 – and saw that he couldn't get the women he believed a 4 or 5 should get. But if he wanted to and if his market analysis wasn't out of whack from the male entitlement running rampant in the wake of feminism Sodini could have settled for a female 3. But Sodini decided to go on a rampage and then kill himself rather than settle for this fate. While Sodini's behavior can never be justified, it would be more understandable if he were part of the omega class who didn't even have the option to settle. But Sodini pined after young, nubile women who were far outside his grasp. He sought to date women many years younger than himself rather than women in their 40s who may have been happy to date the decent-looking and financially secure gunman.

Porn and Hollywood

Of course, porn and Hollywood imagery plays a role in male sexual entitlement. The real women that strut in front of us usually can't hold a candle to the women we see on our computer screens; this makes for less desire to pursue them (not just because our libidos are drained but because they don't meet our threshold of attractiveness). So even when female hypergamy chops off a portion of the male underclass, male porn use does the very same thing to the female underclass. These two opposing vectors balance each other out and – nullifying the distortion of female hypergamy – align the attractiveness ratings of "doable" men and "doable" women.

To say all of this boldly, men need to take stock of the women that seem willing to form relationships with them. By taking a sample of 4 or 5 of these women, a man can figure up his own ranking on the attractiveness scale. If a man is successful with 4s,5s, and 6s, then he is most likely a 5. To pine for 7s and complain when he doesn't get them is entitlement through and through. If a man gets rejected either women are systematically blamed for it or

the particular woman has something wrong with her. The problem is, women have become just as entitled by the sexual revolution as men. This dual-headed entitlement, these two Tectonic sexual forces rubbing up against one another, creates a situation where the only people having sex nowadays are those that meet in bars or those that meet in church. To blame his position on the underlying social structure is to ignore the reality of his situation; he is what he is – if he wants sex he has to take what is available to him. If he chooses to forgo sex because the women available to him aren't up to snuff, he is left with very little room to complain about anything. Other than his genes. He can complain about his genes if he wants to.

Duke University Committed to Creating Hostile Environment for Men

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It seems that the latest trend at universities is to set up kangaroo courts to punish students accused of "sexual misconduct." Needless to say, almost all of the accused will be male students. At Duke, these courts will hand out punishments and sanctions to students following a hearing in front of a tribunal composed of two teachers and one undergraduate student. Punishments may include expulsion, suspension, mandatory "counseling," etc. Prior to the hearing, accused students may face something like a restraining order, which could prohibit them from certain areas on campus, ban contact with the "complainant" and boot them out of student dorms. Sounds just like family law, so I guess they want to teach the boys early on what they might face if they get married.

Under the definition of consent provided by Duke, most sexual acts will probably qualify as sexual misconduct.

Here are the two clauses that virtually guarantee this:

> **Sexual misconduct defined**. Sexual misconduct is defined as any physical act of a sexual nature perpetrated without consent or when an individual is unable to freely give consent. Acts of a sexual nature include, but are not limited to, touching or attempted touching of an unwilling person's breasts, buttocks, inner thighs, groin, or genitalia, either directly or indirectly;
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> **Consent defined**. The university's definition of sexual misconduct mandates that each participant obtains and gives consent in each instance of sexual activity. Consent is an affirmative decision to engage in mutually acceptable sexual activity given by clear actions or words. It is an informed decision made freely and actively by all parties. Relying solely upon non-verbal communication can lead to miscommunication. It is important not to make assumptions; if confusion or ambiguity on the issue of consent arises anytime during the sexual interaction, it is essential that each participant stops and clarifies, verbally, willingness to continue.
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> Conduct will be considered "without consent" if no clear consent, verbal or nonverbal, is given.

The ambiguity of the phrase "nonverbal consent" is going to a be a big problem here. Does a woman have to grab the male's organ and place it in an orifice to indicate consent? Who knows.

The above passages were written by the Duke Women's Center, so it's probably intentionally vague so as to give the "complainant" (i.e. woman) as much latitude as possible in deciding whether she was violated or not. Of course, there's also the matter of these attempted indirect touches. If a man attempted to put his hand on a girl's shoulder, which might theoretically be an indirect way of touching the breasts, but missed and got nothing but air, and she hadn't clearly consented to the shoulder-pat, she could turn him in for sexual misconduct. Ridiculous. Virtually anything a young man at Duke does in close proximity to a girl could get him in hot water under this policy.

Needless to say, some girls will use the tribunals to exact revenge on current or former boyfriends. Some will use them to keep guys they regretted having sex with away from them — possibly by getting them expelled. Some may use them for legitimate grievances, but there's a problem even there: it isn't even clear that these tribunals are legitimate at all.

These disciplinary measures are extrajudicial punishments meted out to adults. They have no standing in a court of law, and cannot be enforced by the police. Where I see a real issue is the matter of the academic restraining orders. I'm not sure how these would be enforced, especially in regards to students in dorms. Even if students can be legally evicted without standard procedures, it would be a very abusive thing to do.

But abusing male students is something that comes naturally to Duke. During the infamous Duke Lacrosse case, dozens of teachers condemned innocent young men. How many of these teachers who jumped the gun in a rush to accuse will sit in on these tribunals? This is a question parents ought to think about long and hard before sending sons to Duke.

For Women, Dumping Husbands Much Easier than Breaking up With Friends

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In more depressing evidence that most women may be incapable of love as men understand the term, a study in England suggests that they have a much harder time dumping friends than lovers, even if the friends were unwanted.

Professor Carol Smart of Manchester University suggested that, for women, leaving friends is an ethical problem that leads to guilt, whereas dumping men apparently raises no such moral objections. From the male perspective, it would appear that women think treating men as inhuman – worse, indeed, than they would a pet dog – is perfectly natural.

The question this raises is whether women in the West have been socially conditioned to behave this way. Increasingly, I am beginning to think that they have. I'm not sure this is natural outside of the Anglosphere, and I'd like to think it isn't, because the alternative – that women are instinctively callous and brutal toward men – is an uncomfortable conclusion. Of course, this may be the case, and we men may have to accept that we have simply been deluding ourselves all along in thinking that women have ever had any genuine feelings of affection for men.

Fortune & Fame Mean Nothing...If You Don't Have Game

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I watched Ben Roethlisberger's press conference last night regarding the Georgia DA's decision to not press rape charges against him. Based on his body language, overall nervousness, and obviously well rehearsed (probably memorized) speech, I have a feeling that he is not exactly completely innocent of SOMETHING here.

This is nothing more than pure speculation and deductive guesswork on my part…but I do believe that what we are seeing with Ben here is a pattern emerging.

As a 2-time Superbowl winning QB, the face of one of the most storied franchises in NFL history, a highly-publicized multi-millionaire, who plays the ultimate "alpha" position at football's highest level, Ben is most certainly by all accounts and appearances, one of the most eligible bachelors in the country.

Yet it now appears that we have a pattern of women who are initially excited at the prospect of meeting, partying and presumably hooking up with him…and come away making claims of rape after an evening alone with him.

I think there are now only two possible explanations for what clearly now looks like a pattern of behavior – either Ben is a sadistic rapist…or he's got no game.

People who understand the concepts of game know that one of the primary keys to a successful seduction is to build comfort. A man who has all the outer appearances of an Alpha will attract women by virtue of their publicly obvious status. Hence the common storyline here regarding Ben in which young women are excited about the opportunity to spend time with him…

…but once he gets them alone, something seems to be going very wrong here.

Thanks to the feminist movements efforts to expand the definition of rape to now include any woman who regrets sex after the fact, she can now backward- rationalize her regret at consenting to sex with a "creep" by claiming she was raped. We will never really know if in fact Ben is a rapist….or a guy who simply got no game and gives women the creeps once he gets them alone and naked.

If Ben is indeed not a rapist, it is imperative that he learn about game, because what should be relatively easy for a guy in his position of fortune and fame – effortlessly banging hot women, and having his choice of the top-tier females for selection should he want marriage and kids – appears to be rather difficult for him to manage without facing investigations by the justice system and all of this bad publicity for himself, his family, his fans and his franchise.

Male British Politicians Play Kitchen Bitch for Female Votes

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To court the female vote, leaders of Britain's major political parties are polishing up their beta credentials. Political commentators are allegedly calling the pending election the "Mumsnet election," in reference to a UK mommy blog, which is one of thousands of feminist blogs catering to mothers.

I have no idea whether this will work, but there's always the chance that it will backfire, as women could come to view them as contemptuous beta males. If history – recent and distant – is any indication, female voters prefer men to be alphas. Political leaders who were particularly popular with women include Idi Amin, Adolf Hitler, Chairman Mao, Josef Stalin, Kim il-Sung, Fidel Castro and Genghis Khan, as well as other less notorious tyrants. I can't imagine any of these men, who were so passionately coveted by their countrywomen, would don an apron and talk about baking cookies. In fact, it would appear from the record that the best route into the hearts of one's female subjects/constituents is to be a totalitarian mass murderer.

Of course, things are a bit different today, and the age of world-dominating alphas has been replaced by the age of cheesy pop star and athlete alphas, so perhaps the old rules no longer apply. Still, given the contempt women have expressed concerning their kitchen bitch husbands, I think the British politicians may be taking the wrong tack. In fact, having an affair or two might do more for their popularity with women, given the female adulation of JFK and Bill Clinton.

Maybe some of the Game proponents out there could write up some of their thoughts on how to court the female vote. I'll bet Roissy could give far better campaign advice for male politicians than some feminist consultant, not to mention a mommy blog…

Titanic Day

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Ours is not to question why, ours is but to do or die.
Alfred Lord Tennyson

Every man's a captain, men know how to drown
Man the lifeboats if there's room, otherwise go down.
Loudon Wainwright III

Thursday, the 15th of April will mark ninety eight years since the majestic ship Titanic sank somewhere south of Newfoundland, Canada. All but 705 of 2,228 passengers and crew were entombed in the icy waters.

It is an epic story of life and death that has captured the attention of generations since, and continues to be a subject of interest for historians and the fascinated masses. Exactly what happened on the decks of the ill fated ship in its final hours remains the subject of a century old debate.

Many differ on whether that night saw a grand display of chivalry, or simply an lethal round of class warfare, though it seems only plausible that both factors were in play. Either way, the rarely, perhaps never spoken reality is that whatever drove the actions aboard that ship in its waning moments, it was not a valiant rush to preserve life. It was, in all certainty, a grim and depraved battle to sort out the entitled from the doomed.

And despite the ideological struggle to control our historical interpretation of events, the unblinking truth is that the night the Titanic went down was a night of great shame.

Determining whether it was the poor banned from lifeboats for being poor, or the men for being men, does not give us a distinction between classism and something else more noble. Chivalry, like classism and feminism, is just another form of fatal bigotry. It gives privilege, even life, to one person by taking it from another, and it does so by force. We just don't notice it because chivalry demands we ignore the death of men.

To understand this is to reveal the evil that lies hidden behind the false honor of the chivalrous code, and strip away the thick and antiquated façade of feigned nobility to expose the architecture of a great falsehood.

To whatever extent chivalry played a role in who lived and who died that night, it sent the mammoth liner to its watery grave in disgrace.

We can't turn back time and relive what happened. We can study the accounts of those who survived, but we have to understand the bias of those chosen not to drown with the others. The best way, the only way to understand it, is by allowing the dead to speak, provided we are able to still the voice of bias in our own minds.

Of the people who met their end in the Atlantic depths that night, the following facts are indisputable.

- The overall death ratio by sex was 9 men to 1 woman.
- By percentage, third class women did far better than first class men.
- The male to female death ration of crew members was 233 to 1.

While there is convincing evidence that men traveling first class received preference over men traveling in second or third class, by and large the dead wore pants, no matter how fine the cut of cloth.

It is symbolic of a time when such sacrifices were the stuff of manhood, and supposedly worthy of our lasting praise. And though the time for that praise has passed, it is a tradition we still embrace as we watch our young men fall in obscenely disproportionate numbers on battlefields overseas. Those that submit we call hero's, and those that resist we call cowards. Ridicule, for them, can be the least of consequences. There were several reports of men being gunned down by officers on the Titanic as they tried to force their way into life boats.

Those gunshots emanated from the same forces that are alive and well and at play today. They have written laws that provide multiple national offices for women's health, but not a single one for men, even though it is men on the short end of the gender death gap, and men who suffer more often from fatal disease and suicide than women. It is the driving force behind VAWA, where male victims and female perpetrators of violence simply do not exist.

It is the systematic utilization of men as expendable fodder; the standard of man as an appliance. Tom Golden, LCSW, a psychotherapist who has worked closely with men, put it this way. "People often assume that men's roles are about power, but really it's about death and emotional pain."

And rather than honestly address that role as a culture, we seek through social and legal pressure to enslave men to it. We have institutionalized it, glorified it, wrapped it in false dignity and in doing so have painted targets on the backs of men from the day they are born.

Today we simplify the code into two synonymous words. The first is chivalry, and the other is feminism, which is code speak for a social classism far more pernicious than one rooted in economic status. In the west, you can still choose and earn your economic future. When it comes to sex, you can't choose how you were born.

Is it really any wonder why an effective response to modern misandry is still the stuff of dreams?

One can only hope that the wisdom we might gain from this particular bit of history is not that men once made honorable sacrifices and that we have simply lost touch with glorifying them for it, but rather we need to learn something else. The false honor of chivalry is of far less value than a life wasted in its name.

We must come to terms with the fact that no coerced sacrifice is even remotely honorable. It is, quite simply suicide at best, murder at worst.

I do not honor the men who robbed their own wives of a husband and their own children of a father so that the wife or mother of a stranger, or indeed a childless and single woman, could live. And I certainly don't honor the pathetic, brainwashed enforcers who shot men down for simply trying to survive.

I say look back on April 15th as a day of solemn reflection; a day that fathers will share with their sons, and teach them that their lives are of value; that it is not their role in life to die for the sake of others just because those others are women. And I hope our sons are taught that this is really much more about how we choose to live than how we choose to die.

It should be an easy enough day to remember. Tax day. The same day the government officially confiscates the income of hard working men and passes on a good piece of it to entitlement scams for women, at the behest of crooked politicians.

If you want to know who Joe Biden is, picture him on the deck of a sinking ship, gun in hand and bloody corpses at his feet.

April 15th, the day that men drowned like rats, should be a reminder of what is happening in family courts, where state functionaries are trampling on whole families, but their first footprints are on the backs of fathers.

April 15th should be a reminder to men of the indisputable wisdom residing on the home page of Angry Harry's website:

*"I don't know who you are sir, but I can tell you what you are worth. If your partner was to cut off your penis tonight, the world would laugh. What a piece of sh*t man is."*

April 15th should be a day for a new breed of man unashamed to value his own life and his own worth. A day for recognition of the zeta male, or whatever else you choose to call him. He is the man who says no, and who says *no more*. No more chivalry, no more disposability, no living life as a machine for the benefit of ingrates, leeches and the malignant elites that feed off the sweat and blood of the powerless in the name of caring about women.

I have started a petition, simply for use within the MRM, to support the idea of April 15th being designated as

Titanic Day; not in honor of the men who died on that night, but as a pledge to stop that sort of thing from happening in our own lives and the lives of our sons.

The petition won't go to Washington, or any government agency, but is simply there for the use of men to make the commitment to themselves, their sons, and each other.

Titanic Day Petition

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False Rape Accusation From a Boy?

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A Scottish five-footer named Hannah MacIntyre has been exonerated in court of sexual impropriety with a 16-year-old boy who was one of her pupils. MacIntyre, who is 25, was alleged to have gotten the boy drunk and then seduced him. While MacIntyre admitted to giving the boy hard cider (Bulmers, perhaps?), she denied having sex with him. Instead, she said he simulated sex while in her room, making sex noises and poking her with his finger while she simultaneously hyperventilated, and then immediately afterward passed out drunk on the floor.

MacIntyre also claimed that the boy would often taunt her and she had a difficult time controlling him in class.

Although this is a weird story, it could be true. As for the false rape allegation, it might have been wishful thinking on the part of the boy. On the other hand, the two could well have had consensual sex and the teacher simply denied it after the boy bragged to friends. This is a good example of why rape, as it is defined in Anglosphere countries today, is so difficult to prosecute. Whether or not there was sex, the teacher did give the boys cider, and she did allow them into her house at night, both of which were bad ideas.

The most important lesson I would take from this is that 25-year-old petite women probably shouldn't be teaching teenage boys in the first place.

Russia Suspends Adoptions to US

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Following single mother Torry Hansen of Tennessee's rejection and return to Russia of her seven-year-old adopted son, Russian authorities have temporarily banned adoptions to the United States pending talks with US officials.

Russians are reportedly "outraged" that the single mother is not facing any charges for placing the little boy alone on a plane, but apparently they do not understand that American single mothers are possibly the most politically privileged demographic on the planet, and have broad practical immunity from prosecution, even extending to license to commit homicide, so long as they take care to claim "abuse," as Torry Hansen wisely did.

Although American single mothers rarely, if ever, have to make concessions in any purely domestic matters, when international politics come into play they may actually be forced to deal on a somewhat more even playing field. Fortunately for them, as their tireless advocate, they have Feminist Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in their corner, who will doubtless defend their right to adopt Russian children and treat them as they please without the possibility of facing consequences for criminally abusive and negligent parenting.

What Made Us Eunuchs?

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A friend of mine has been working as a contractor for some years now, and he told me he was sick of it, and would like to go on to something else. What really bothers him about it is that he ends up working in people's houses for months on end, and he has to deal with the wives, who inevitably start treating him as they treat their husbands: like a eunuch.

He said he doesn't understand why the guys put up with it. They just hand all authority over to their wives, sitting in front of the TV and drinking beer while the women run the show. My friend found himself feeling a pretty strong contempt for the domesticated men he worked with. He seemed angry at them for just rolling over and taking it, calling them "dicks with wallets."

I was interested, so I asked him to explain a little more. He told me he was really sick of a the lack of honor he observed around him amongst men, who would do such things as call other men "bitch," because they all knew they were beaten men and nobody would do anything about it. He also said there was no real "code" of behavior, and the men's word couldn't be counted on, nor would they trust the word of others. He said he admired Latin men for having more of a code of honor, and expressed contempt for mainstream urban American culture.

I wonder, at times, whether this defeated attitude doesn't play a role in the behavior of women today. Perhaps women trample on men and treat them with contempt *because so many men are contemptible today*. But what made them so?

Contemporary America is definitely not the only place in history where men have become submissive and beaten shells of their former selves. Actually, this is a pretty common phenomenon, and has been so for a long time. It is exactly what happens when men lose a war. As Americans, we don't have any recent experience of this; although the plight of returning Vietnam veterans offers some perspective, none of our countrymen have been utterly defeated since the Civil War.

However, if one looks at countries such as Vichy France and postwar Japan and Germany, one can see that their societies had a lot in common with our own. Their women were sexually liberated to a very high degree and openly consorted with the former enemy, the demobilized soldiers had almost no political rights, many were impoverished and many were incarcerated for extended periods of time. Families broke up left and right, and a sense of hopelessness prevailed.

Eventually, the men of those societies reclaimed their masculinity, but it was a long, hard, thankless road.

So how could this happen to us without losing a war?

In a sense, we turned on ourselves. America, which pioneered the war on men, was the sole undisputed victor after a century of unprecedented conflict. Sometimes I have to remind myself that nearly half of my life was lived under the shadow of nuclear annihilation, and that the outcome of the Cold War was very much in doubt when I was a small child. We were constantly mobilized for nuclear war, and apocalyptic scenarios were on many people's minds. In fact, as a young child I even had nightmares about nuclear war.

We lived in a society that had been engaged in or prepared for war for half a century when the Berlin Wall finally came tumbling down. The crowning example of American military prowess was the first Gulf War, after which our armed forces put on very impressive displays of military might in parades the following summer.

However, when we emerged as the world's sole superpower, we didn't demobilize psychologically. Culturally, we were still ready to fight something. First in the George HW Bush presidency, and then even more so during the Clinton presidency, American aggression started to turn inward. There was the war on drugs, the war on crime, the war on sexism, the war on racism, the war on poverty, etc. All of these suggested some internal enemy, and the

enemy turned out to be young American men. Young black men were locked up in prodigious numbers in the war on drugs and war on crime. Young white men were legally discriminated against in the fight against sexism and racism (whether they were sexist or racist or not — it didn't matter), and divorced men of all sorts were targeted in the war on deadbeat dads. All heterosexual men were suspect in the war on domestic violence, sexual harassment, and so on.

Although the stage had been set before the 1990s, that is when the real smackdown began. The 1994 crime bill and VAWA, combined with the earlier draconian drug laws, turned the US into something of a police state. I can clearly remember the difference before and after the bill. In the late 80s and early 90s, cops weren't all that common. Suddenly, by the mid-90s, they were everywhere, and they were on a mission to lock you up! They also had much more formidable weapons and armor than they had a few years prior.

All of the pent up aggression from the Cold War came down on the heads of America's young men, and they didn't stand a chance. Within about a decade, they were beaten into submission, and today we see the result: submissive, defeated men. When you think about what's been stacked up against them since the 90s, there's really nothing to wonder about. It should be obvious to anyone that when one implements an abusive, punitive system designed to break men down, they will eventually become broken men.

When all that men can do to get by is use deception and avoidance, there will be no honor and no code. This is what has been bothering my friend, and this is why Game is the only tool that works with women today: only by bluffing can a man appear to be masculine in the eyes of a woman, because in reality he is at her mercy and the mercy of the state, and for all intents and purposes the loser of a war waged against him.

Obama to Nominate Radical Feminist for Supreme Court?

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There has been some speculation that Elena Kagan, the allegedly lesbian Solicitor General, is a favorite for Supreme Court nomination. Perhaps this is to be expected, but it remains to be seen what the American public's reaction would be to having a radical feminist up for a position as a Supreme Court justice, which is one of the most powerful positions in the United States.

Kagan's appointment as Solicitor General was enthusiastically endorsed by the Feminist Law Professors blog, which gives a good indication of exactly what her positions are in regards to feminism.

However, according to Salon, her liberal credentials are suspect. Not only does she supposedly support the "the Bush/Cheney vision of Government and the Thomas/Scalia approach to executive power and law," she has maintained a suspicious silence about the constitutional abuses perpetrated in the "War on Terror" that followed 9/11.

Therefore, Kagan may represent the worst of both the liberal and conservative worlds, being a staunch defender of feminist entitlement on the one hand, and willing to allow breaches of the Constitution in the name of security on the other. We should remember that feminism isn't about left or right, but rather about supremacy and power. It has transformed from a movement into a regime, and therefore we should expect its powerful leaders to behave just as power always has: ever hungry for more.

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose

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Readers at Laura's Full of Grace blog are sometimes treated to entries in her ongoing series titled "Anti Feminism University", abbreviated "AFU".* One of the things I find truly remarkable about this series is Laura's uncanny ability to dig up examples of how La Resistance to feminism has a long pedigree going back over a century. On one hand, I take some solace in the knowledge that we merry band of brothers are walking in the same footsteps as our brothers did four generations ago. On the other, I note with some disappointment we are walking in the same footsteps as our brothers did four generations ago. Nothing has changed for the better, and in many ways, it has gotten worse.

Anyways, her latest entry maintains her long-running string of excellent historical cave-diving, and is instructive times two. First we have historical confirmation that the female sex's congenital inclination toward overweening solipsism is not a new phenomenon; in fact, it is quite the opposite, making me think that it is an innate characteristic of the female condition. Their own cross to bear, as it were. Here is today's historical example of extreme feminine egocentricity bordering on blatant chauvinism, in excerpts from a letter to the editor of the Gray Lady in 1904. Somewhat ironically, the name of the author is "Dorothy Dix". (Aptly named, sez I).

In a turn-of-the-last-century instantiation of "girls rule, boys drool", we have the old saw about how men want stupid women because, well, because men are more stupider than women, who are so obviously better than us knuckle-dragging guys:

> The most cursory glance around any social circle will show that a fluffy-haired little ingenue without two ideas in her head will be in demand for parties and balls and theaters, and have to cut her dances in two to go around among her partners, while the earnest student is left undisturbed by man to the pleasures of a quiet evening at home with our best authors. Nor is this without reason. Primarily it is based on suitability and congeniality. The average American man is not highly educated in books…He wants somebody whose ideas and thoughts and interests gibe with his own; one who prefers farce comedy to grand opera and the daily papers to Maeterlinck philosophy, and whose general information won't be a standing reproach to his ignorance of everything but his own business.

Then we have a declaration that men don't wed smart chicks because our egos allegedly wouldn't be able to handle it:

> …every man desires, and rightly, to be an oracle to his own wife. As long as a woman begins every sentence with "John says so and so" about the matter under discussion it is a guarantee of domestic happiness strong enough to draw money on at the bank…but in a family where the wife is superior and corrects her husband's grammar and pronunciation, a discriminating ear can hear the skeleton rattling its bones in the closet. The man is afraid of his wife, and she looks down on him with the pitying contempt that knowledge always has for ignorance.

And apparently a discussion about male and female achievement, even back then, wouldn't be complete about how women are supposedly smarter than their male peers because they stay in school longer and are more widely read. Forget about the dubious relationship between schooling and actual knowledge or skills, or the even more tenuous relationship between reading 19th century chick lit with literacy. What is remarkable here is to note how easy it apparently was for early feminists to forget, just as they do today, exactly who it was that quit school early to seek gainful (and often dangerous) employment to put food on the table. How easy it was for early fembots to take for granted the masculine labors that served up privilege to their pampered white female derrieres, enabling them to complete their schooling and have all that excess time to engage in recreational reading in the first place. Wanna-be

white knight provider-slaves, take note: your sacrifices will not be appreciated. Instead, you will be scorned while the recipient of your beneficience basks in the warm comfort of your provision. To wit:

> [I]t is utter folly to say that the general young man doesn't marry because of the ignorance of the women. As a plain matter of fact the average girl is better educated than the average boy because she stays in school longer and when she leaves school she has more time to read. It is the women and not the men who suppport the literary clubs and raid the public libraries.

The second teachable moment here is the observation that the present day woes of men and the decline of marriage are not easily dismissable one-off Marxist curmudgeons like Belfort Bax, but your average Joe Sixpack on the street:

> Now why is it that they do not want to marry? The reasons are easy to find. The strong-minded leaders of the female sex have been for years rushing to the Legislatures and the courts and securing laws and common law court decisions that make a husband a slave to his wife, and provide a prison for the poor man who dares to disobey these new-fangled laws. Courtship is hedged with the fear of breach of promise suits, marriage has menacing over it separate support for the wife whenever some quarrel causes her to leave him. Our newspapers are full of these cases, also of divorce cases with enormous weekly alimony payments to the wife and prison for the husband if the cash is not regularly forthcoming. These things scare decent, economical, hard-working men, and the result is that they prefer to keep out of a marriage trap that may bring all these dire things upon their heads.
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> All that the average man of good sense wants is a healthy wife, able and willing to keep house and to make a good mother. The fancy education is not in demand: it is rather feared because the tendency of highly educated women is to become extravagant,and to spend money beyond their husbands' means of supply. In short, the men want marriage a success with the limited cash means at their command, and they want the courts and the Legislatures to keep their hands off their family affairs. This rushing of the women to the lawyers' offices to prosecute every poor wretch of admirer who has failed to marry them, or to prosecute about every third man who has married them, has become a terror. Every new case reported has probably broken off several matches that were in process of being made up. That being the real the state of the case, the women never realize it, and set their heads to wondering why the men leave them alone, and wonder why President Roosevelt talks of race suicide.

A few comments are in order here. First, I note that even a century ago, women were petitioning the ultimate Alpha male…government…to cashier their beta male courtiers and/or husbands. Hypergamy and serial polyandry are not new developments, folks. Neither are "breach of promise" suits…they simply have transmogrified in modern times into false rape accusations.

Second, men of sound mind look for a woman to make a family with. They did then, and they do now. Otherwise, what reason is there for a man to marry, if not to settle down and have children? This likely means that she should be complementary to him, to bring qualities and capabilities to the fight that he does not himself possess…such as an inclination toward homemaking and, more specifically, an ability to bear children and the time available to raise them. A man is not looking for his clone, and is most certainly not impressed by superficial educational and/or economic achievements, particularly if their degrees are from lib-arts diploma mills and their jay oh bees are make-work service or government sector jobs. Moreover, as indicated by the second article's author, excessive smarts or a rapier wit in a woman, instead of an demonstration of higher value, may instead be an indicator of future trouble and men are right to regard it as such. For a smart and sassy woman is likely to be unable to keep her supposed intellectual superiority in perspective; chances are she'll eventually come to regard him as not worthy of her respect. Such a woman presents a potential suitor with a higher risk of marital disruption. The female author of the first letter thus completely misses the point that the male author of the second nails down tight…it's not her intellect he

fears, but the collateral damage her probable lack of humility, of a sense of justice, of morality will wreak upon him.

Third, brothers, you gotta know that most women think themselves better than you. If not intellectually, then morally and spiritually. This also appears to be a constant through the ages. Keep this in mind as you screen women for the position of wife and homemaker and mother.

The bachelor's letter closed with a refrain that we see on men's boards a lot these days, over 100 years later. It is a refrain that seems to suggest that, for all our wishful thinking that feminism will collapse under its own weight, it may very well be that we and our sons will be dealing with our openly misandrist matriarchal culture for quite some time:

> The disease has become so deeply engrafted on our laws that I despair of ever seeing a change, in my lifetime at least. Perhaps the next generation may find a supply of wives who will not be armed with such oppressive laws, and who will not be as costly to support as the present set. Let us hope that it may come to that and they may be happy, but that is not for us.

I myself take solace in data presented by one of Laura's commenters. For if Ms. Dix complains about how men didn't marry in 1904, I wonder what she'd make of this:

> Number of Marriages per 1,000
> Unmarried Women Age 15 and
> Older, by Year, United States:
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> 1922 99 (found on Web)
> 1960 73.5
> 1961 72.2
> 1962 71.2
> 1963 73.4
> 1964 74.6
> 1965 75.0
> 1966 75.6
> 1967 76.4
> 1968 79.1
> 1969 80.0
> 1970 76.5
> 1972 77.9
> 1975 66.9
> 1977 63.6
> 1980 61.4
> 1983 59.9
> 1985 56.2
> 1987 55.7
> 1990 54.5
> 1991 54.2
> 1992 53.3
> 1993 52.3
> 1995 50.8
> 2000 46.5
> 2004 39.9
> 2007 39.2 (Rutgers 2009)

> 2008 37.4 (Rutgers 2009)

The more things change, the more they stay the same indeed. Until next time, keep the faith.

* I can think of another couple of interpretations of “AFU” that fit the bill when talking about fembots. One that comes immediately to mind is “all f*cked up”. Which sums it up nicely.

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The Young Dead Soldiers Do Not Speak

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The young dead soldiers do not speak.
Nevertheless, they are heard in the still houses:
who has not heard them?
They have a silence that speaks for them at night
and when the clock counts.
They say: We were young. We have died.
Remember us.
They say: We have done what we could
but until it is finished it is not done.
They say: We have given our lives but until it is finished
no one can know what our lives gave.
They say: Our deaths are not ours: they are yours,
they will mean what you make them.
They say: Whether our lives and our deaths were for
peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say,
it is you who must say this.
We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.
We were young, they say. We have died; remember us.

~Archibald MacLeish

Driving through Wyoming last month, our family stopped off for the night in a small town with a main street lined with flags on both sides. As I marveled to my husband about the apparent patriotism of this town, my words came to a pause as we noticed the large flag at the end of the street flying at half-mast. Knowing that the POTUS and other political officials were alive and well last we heard, we knew what that flag most likely meant: another young person had been killed in combat. As we often do when we hear of a service member who has been killed, MovingTarget and I searched with Google to find the name and face of the one who has left too soon. This puts a name and face to Casualty #X. They are one of “our boys”. Their families “one of us”. And while we may not know the dear soul who has been lost, we grieve for them just the same.

Our grief is not reserved solely for troops killed in combat, but also for those who lose their lives when they bring the war home with them. The demons of combat experience do not go away when a soldier deploys home. They can’t be left back in Iraq or Afghanistan as the other unpleasantness can be, but rather the memories and upset come home right alongside the tattered ACUs and well-worn desert boots. Since the beginning of the war in Afghanistan through the summer of 2009, the Army has lost 761 troops to combat in that country and 817 due to suicide. In January of this year, 24 soldiers are believed to have killed themselves during that month alone. It’s safe to say we have a serious problem on our hands. Many of us would call it an epidemic.

The reasons given for the rising suicide rate are numerous. Everything from multiple deployments and an inadequate amount of dwell time to an overtaxed mental health system and a stigma against accessing such services is being blamed. Whatever the culprit may be, this is an issue that must addressed by military officials and one for which the public needs to be aware, for without this knowledge we cannot hold our elected officials accountable for providing our returning soldiers and veterans with the care they need. Our soldiers have served nobly and deserve the support they need to heal from whatever demons they may face, reintegrate back into their families and communities, and have a functional mental health support system at the ready when life seems to tough to bear. Battlemind may be a start, but this program does not have all of the answers to the crisis the Army is facing.

The young dead soldiers do not speak. Neither do those in too much pain, be it physical or mental, to speak for

themselves. We need to be their voices and serve as advocates on their behalf.

The Real Basis of Women's Power

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Sometimes, as we theorize and agonize over the details of what's happening to men in the West, we lose sight of what's really backing up female entitlement. What actually underlies feminism and its associated evils is unadulterated force, and many, many men have experienced it first-hand, especially in the United States, where force is often seen as the most expedient solution by the state.

Sometimes words can't adequately convey this message, but fortunately we have other means:

Now try to put yourself in that man's shoes, at that time, for a moment. Guns are being shoved in your face, a dog is attacking and biting you, lights blind you and a gang of men with weapons and armor are shouting at you and mocking you as your ex wife looks on approvingly. This happens every single day in America.

This is feminism in action.

Be Extreme and Unreasonable

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I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice! And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue!
-Barry Goldwater at the 1964 Republican Convention

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.
-George Bernard Shaw

These two men have a lot to tell us. Too often when talking about various issues that affect us we intentionally or unintentionally hold back or try to be at least somewhat politically correct. This has not stopped any form of misandry from moving forward. Instead we should **be extreme and unreasonable** for the reasons that Goldwater and Shaw point out.

You will not be able to win more women to our side by "toning down the rhetoric", "being more politically correct", etc. Most women aren't going to want to give up the benefits they receive from misandry. This is a fundamental problem, not the level of your rhetoric. We have all seen women come to The Spearhead and other boards and tell us that we should "tone down the rhetoric" since women won't listen. These women claim to support us yet never do anything but criticize us instead doing something productive to solve these issues. This is because they are really concern trolls and listening to concern trolls has not produced any results for us.

You will be accused of being a misogynist, sexist, having a small penis, being secretly gay, etc. regardless of what you say. You will be called names and told you have a small penis. Get used to it. It doesn't matter how "politically correct" you are. Unless you are a slave to misandarists they will try to shut you up by calling you names, claiming you're secretly gay, and making claims about the size of your genitalia. Using this technique to shut people up isn't limited to us. As this person from the Tea Parties points out, it doesn't matter what he says as he will be accused of racism regardless. Regardless of what the misandarists say about us, you need to keep going. Beyond baseless accusations they don't have many weapons that aren't obvious totalitarianism which would prove everything we say about them is correct.

We are fighting for freedom. As Goldwater pointed out extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. Many of us have found ways to limit misandry in our own lives. However, many other men aren't so lucky, and if we ignore them eventually the misandarists will come for us. There are men sitting in jail because of false rape charges. There are men who have lost their jobs due to the sexual harassment industry, affirmative action, and other government policies to unemploy them (such as the recent stimulus). There are men who are victims of paternity fraud. There are men who have had their children taken away from them. There are boys suffering under the jackboot of misandarist teachers. There are boys being forced to take ritalin as young as 5 years old because they don't act like girls enough. Our colleges have turned into enclaves of anti-male totalitarianism. As Welmer pointed out, from the perspective of younger men this is starting to approach a real shooting war. For those of us who are older and don't have kids we don't really know just how much totalitarianism younger men are experiencing, and they don't have the same options for escaping it yet.

Extremism pulls the center in the direction we want. By being extreme we can produce a new center that is more of what we want. This new center will thus look more reasonable than it did before. This tactic has been used many times in history with success. That includes feminists. After all Andrea Dworkin's ideas weren't put into law, but they did allow other feminist ideas to look "reasonable" which allowed for the current misandarist state of the law we now experience.

Being extreme and unreasonable gives a voice to those men who are thinking the same things but afraid to

speak up. Many men out there are thinking the same things we are. However, they keep it to themselves because they're afraid they are the only ones who have noticed what they know. The success of misandry is dependent on many men believing that they are alone in their observations of the world. We need to show them that there are many others who have the same ideas they do.

So go out and **be extreme and unreasonable**. That's how we will make progress against misandry.

Prenup Discussion

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Doug1 and Novaseeker, both seasoned attorneys, are discussing the ins and outs of prenuptial agreements, which can be a valuable, although limited, tool for damage control in the case of marital dissolution. Those who are considering marriage at any point would do well to follow the discussion and learn a bit about how they can protect themselves from the ravages of the anti-male family law regime.

For those who are already married, it may be worth paying attention to as well so as to gain a better understanding of how family law works in the US. Of course, it varies considerably from state to state, but there is a common theme throughout the land.

I'm thinking about creating a separate forum for this discussion, but for now this post is probably a good place to continue the discussion. The posts can be moved to any new forum whenever it's ready.

For now, here's some of the content from the original thread (written by Doug1):

Here is a summary of the main provisions other than technical ones and inheritance etc. ones I'd want in a prenup to even consider marrying a woman and living under American law, and then only if we both wanted children right away. Before that, I'd definitely want to be living together at most. As well a man is in a lot better psychological position to lay out a prenup proposal orally at first to a woman who loves him and is trying hard to convince her to marry him, if he's living with her and it's a change from that status she's arguing for. This is in a sense an outline or backgrounder on what you might say to her, after having discussed such things as: what all the time happens now to men who make any money under divorce 2.0 in America today, and also such things as the differences between female vs. male complete fidelity in marriage.

The birds eye overview is that my prenup would mimic in divorce what happens when living together and then breaking up. Child support remains unaffected and is the same as in a marriage w/out a prenup (and is a very large part of the ex husband's after tax income). So if a wife divorces her husband she takes what she's earned but not what he has, other than ongoing CS. However if a husband divorces his wife for no compelling good reason i.e. other than due to her fault in prenup specified ways, she will get half up to a very high cap that will only effect the wealthy. No alimony post divorce for either party under any circumstances period. The wife should work and develop and keep her skills up and monetarily contribute (and / or make the marriage work with a purpose). It would actually be drafted in terms of high and low earners to make it gender neutral, but it's simpler to talk about how it would overwhelming work between the genders, given female hypergamy on income too, when marrying.

Part of the reason for the prenup is to discourage wives, who file for 70% of divorces in 50% of marriages, from doing so, and instead help incent them to work harder to make the marriage work and ride out tough periods and give their husband best efforts duty sex when she's not feeling it to start with and so on. (And yeah he should relationship game her too, but he needs no extrinsic incentive for that if he believes it might work.) This is particularly important in marriages with kids. (I actually think women cause more than 70% of divorces, due to infidelities they won't stop and which lead them to sexually and emotionally abandon their husbands even if they aren't yet divorcing him. Whereas it's rarely genuinely comparable on the man's side. Men caught in infidelity are usually desperate to keep the marriage together, will stop, and want very much to go on or resume sexing and giving affection to their wives if she'll let him. Which often SHE won't . In these cases the wife wasn't usually abandoned by her husband due to his infidelity cutting all of his interest in her; rather she's using his infidelity as an excuse to move on w/a lot of his money in her pocket and/or she believes feminist propaganda that she "has to for her dignity . But for couples that are willing to allow a limited degree of male just sex stepping out after the marriage has gone on some time, there would be veto powers for her to help safeguard against his falling in love w/another woman in ways that threaten her. Most men though esp. more beta men may not want to fight this battle in the prenup. That's fine.

In some more detail, but without getting into the nitty gritty:

1) The prenup has the starting position of mimicing a living together breakup, upon any divorce. The basic concept of this prenup is that because none of the obligations traditionally undertaken by a wife in marriage are enforceable against her during the marriage or upon divorce, then for the most part his obligations of support for her as opposed to solely his children after divorce at least, shouldn't be enforced or required by holding only his money hostage either. The traditional wifely obligations in marriage that are no longer enforced whatsoever include that she will stay with her husband through thick and thin, for richer and for poorer for the rest of his life. No fault divorce killed that. As well they include that she will give her husband reasonably frequent, measured in times per week if he wants that, best efforts sex for so long as they both shall live, when and for so long as she's physically (not bs mentally) capable of that. She was traditionally required to provide other wifely services to him such as companionship and being his partner and helpmate, and housekeeping services to the extent that she doesn't work as many hours out of the home earning money or bring in as much as he does. None of these are any longer obligations he can in any way enforce during the marriage nor in any way expect if she at any times wants to leave the marriage, nor ones much required by our culture or her friends if she isn't feeling like it for some extended period during the marriage, much less enforced by the state.

Accordingly, in order for marriage to not be a completely one way commitment of a man and his money if he's the higher earner as is overwhelmingly still the case (because women are income hypergamous and strongly want that whatever they claim, in the great majority of marital cases), the starting point of this prenup is that it mimic in the case of divorce what would happen in a cohabiting breakup. Each partner walks away with what they brought, inherited, or earned during the marriage, with no claim on their former partner's money. The starting point is that neither has obligations to the other only to children, through life or at any time after the marriage has ended. Certainly we know that the wife about never has them post marriage to her ex husband, unless she's a hugely higher earner, but 97% of alimony in America is paid by men.

2) No alimony for either party. If a woman doesn't enforceably guarantee a man sex or other wifely services for so long as they both shall live when she marries him (and indeed it's now the felony of marital rape if he tries to take what was traditionally his right in marriage when she's withholding that), or certainly any sex or other wifely services one minute after she files for divorce regardless of her reasons, then neither should a man owe his wife lifetime support for so long as they both shall live when she becomes his ex-wife, nor should he owe his ex wife any spousal support the moment she files for divorce and stops providing sex and other wifely services or any prospect of them in future.

She should be independent and self supporting before he marries her, as the overwhelming majority of American women are today, with their almost 50% greater graduation rate from college and their presence at all levels of the workforce. Sure she probably married up but that was her choice, the fruits of which she enjoyed by sharing his lifestyle while providing him wifely services. A wife should retain her ability to be self supporting during her marriage, by working through at least almost all of it. Her decision to stay home and care for infants, while her husband bears the burden of supporting her and the baby entirely on his own (and thus is in a sense paying her by sharing the home, food, her and the baby's clothes and equipment, utilities, entertainment, any vacations and so on), are always hers to make.

No American husband can either require that she do stay home, nor require that she shall have to continue working right after birth with child care, nor can he physically threaten or abuse her to do as he likes. Domestic violence laws. Nor does American culture urge that she obey him in these things. It strongly says it's really entirely up to her, after consulting him. After a year or so of infancy at any rate, and increasingly as the infant becomes a child and even more so when he/she starts preschool, being a stay at home mother is a very easy and low stress and low dedicated hours "job" compared what her husband does for a living in the great majority of cases, what with washing machines, vacuums, refrigerators, dishwashers, convenience and labor saving devices galore compared to a century ago, large one stop for many things stores and nearby convenience stores, cars and so on.

However work does tend to occupy, if not always fully, a lot of the time available for it, and so the luxury of inefficiency often makes caring for infants and household work seem more work for a stay at home mom than it is. Yet most mothers of minor children work. Daytime soaps and programming and for that matter most mass market novels and so on are all aimed at mothers at home w/time to kill. It's her choice and at most something he can lobby about (with too much pressure either way vastly socially disapproved), but choices have and should have consequences, including those of the wife. If she leaves the marriage but hasn't worked for a long time despite knowing what's in the prenup, yes she will have rusty skills and will be starting from "behind" where she would have been if she worked all through the marriage, with or without kids. Aside from keeping up and advancing her skills she shouldn't have contributed so little to the marriage financially for so long. I want to encourage her to at least part time or light hours work except when the kids are preschoolers, anyway, and work full time if light hours by middle school.

3) Child support. Generally this will not be changed (and it can't generally be) from what the state would determine in the event of no prenuptial. She should bear in mind that with two kids and an upper middle class father in a high tax coastal state, that will generally mean about 45-50% of his aftertax or take home income will be paid to her in child support, which since the early 90s was raised way up to include a substantial stealth alimony component from high income payers. There would however be provisions providing that it's the couple's intention in entering into the marriage, that joint physical custody be awarded by the state and that according no or little child support would be paid to the ex wife, but rather directly for the support of the children. As well, in the event the husband becomes an extremely high earner such that his statutory recommended child support becomes something more completely up to the judge's discretion, there can be provisio ns that advise the judge what the couple wanted when entering into the marriage, for the judge to decide in this area. Such as capping the amount at the highest level before this income threshold is reached. It is supposed to be child support, not lavish spousal support.

4) Consent by the wife in the prenup to DNA paternity testing right after birth and before the issuance of a birth certificate of any children born during the marriage. There's about a 10% rate of the father not being whom the woman claims he is, that is, generally, not being her husband (though it's much higher than that, around 30%, in certain low confidence situations that are inapplicable here, one hopes).

5) Property division when she abandons the marriage. As suggested in 1) above, in all but a narrowly specified number of cases, more narrow than traditional fault when that was widely considered, each spouse would take from the marriage on divorce what they brought in, inherited, or earned and saved or turned into their separate personal property during the marriage, plus any clear gifts to them (rather than items primarily for their use). Clothes etc are clearly those of the wearers and the like. Not cars necessarily, but I'd give on this, one car she didn't buy, or rather the equity in it, if she wouldn't otherwise have equity enough for it and other basic stuff. Equity in the house to be divided according to the cumulative mortgage and down payment contribution of each. The party with more equity has the option of buying out the other's equity interest.

If and only if there are kids and she gets custody but not the house, and wouldn't have enough money from her own savings and ongoing income, any buy out of her equity in the house and other things, to at least rent a relatively cheap and much less nice house in a less good neighborhood in the same school district or a reasonably comparable school district, then he should provide enough up front money to pay the deposit and move in etc. She'll be getting child support and if she's not working should be right quick. If she needs more very temporary money to avoid being a public charge he should provide that.

I might well do better than this to a degree, if her savings were very low and there were kids that she unfortunately got full physical custody over, but that should be the abandoned husband who has kids choice, not the right of his abandoning him and ripping away his kids ex wife. Keep in mind how onerous child support now is for high earners, and how rich for those that receive it from them.

6) She gets half if he divorces her for no compelling reason. In the event he leaves the marriage and files for divorce for no compelling reason, then the wife shall get half his net retirement account money accrued during the

marriage in excess of hers, plus half his net savings and wealth increase during the marriage, up to some very high cap. (I might structure this a bit incrementally with one cap below which she gets half and another below which she gets an incremental 1/3, but then none of what's above the higher cap.) The cap will only effect the wealthy. No she doesn't get half his fortune if that's what it is just for having been his wife, and because he leaves her for a younger woman. But she does get a large amount.

7) Compelling reasons for his leaving his wife which wouldn't trigger this payout of half of his net marital wealth in excess of hers, are her female infidelity (we'd have discussed and she'd have agreed about the relative severity of female vs. male infidelity), her blowing up like a sea lion and still wanting half his money, or stopping giving him regular best efforts sex when she is physically (not bs mentally) capable of that. If she gets fat and tolerates his infidelity unless or until she slims down and she still wants to sex him, and he still leaves her, then prob. she should still get half his retirement money. If she's not sexing him she either has hidden her infidelity well, or wants to provoke his leaving her so that she'll get half his money, as she wouldn't if she filed for divorce under this prenup. At the very least she's not making an effort.

She divorces him for cause. Same as if she walks out for no compelling reason. She gets what she's brought or earned and that's it. I personally would refuse to agree that trivial male infidelity is reason for her to get half his money. Other men's mileage will vary on this, particularly beta men's often will. That's fine. Adjust it accordingly and make his infidelity or continuing infidelity after caught once sufficient for her to divorce him and take half his money. Not for me.

As for abuse constituting a sufficient reason to walk away with his money, DO NOT AGREE. It will be falsely claimed or manufactured abuse if there's big to her and her lawyer money at stake, absolutely count on it. Even serious abuse can be faked by having a friend beat her up. Hey what's being beaten up or cut compared to hundreds of thousands or more if that's at stake? Esp. after she and her girlfriends convince her that she really has endured "years of mental abuse", as women are so apt to do in this feminist environment even if only her rep in seeking a divorce and no money difference is at stake, and besides her girlfriends will convince her as she's contemplating divorce that she's rightfully owned half anyway, regardless of what the "nasty unfair to her" prenup says. So NO to abuse giving her half. Argue that of course she can walk away, and as well if there's gonna be any actual significant abuse aside from the bullshite feminist kind, the p attern would reveal itself early on, when not much marital property will likely have accrued anyway. And well, if she does something like cheat on him repeatedly and taunt him with it and he loses it, then hell no she doesn't deserve half for that isolated and likely deserved, and certainly massively provoked event. She can testify against him in court and hope he gets some jail time. But no not half his money.

9) Finally in negotiations with her I might relent on husband infidelity not giving her half the marital assets if a) it occurs in the first two years of marriage (unless they've been living together for a long time) or b) he persists despite her veto and warning re: certain specified but not all women. Obviously this is only gonna be in the prenup if she'll allow some limited well into the marriage male just sex dalliances.
If she exercises her veto over his continuing to see any particular woman either because she believes that woman is stealing his heart and attention and sexual interest too much from her, his wife, in actual fact rather than in future predicting theory, or because he's not been discreet in his sexual liason w/her and has in fact conducted himself or she has in a humiliating way to the wife, or that that the particular woman would be inherently humiliating to the wife due to their close relationship of one kind or another — and he still persists even after a second veto re: that woman, accompanied by a statement that she will leave him if he persists with this particular woman, then here too the wife get's half the net of his earned marital assets over hers. He's had warnings. However vetos issued with respect to all sexually attractive women to him or what amounts to that or nearly that over a period of time won't trigger her getting any of his net marital assets. T hough there could be provisions about him not acting like Roissy while married to her etc. or close.

Of course the parties can agree to amend the prenup in various ways as the marriage progresses (but only by a mutually signed writing).

Well the male infidelity w/out abandoning her bit obviously adds complications in the prenup that those who would give a wife half for trivial male one time infidelity won't have, so many men won't have those complications. I don't think I'd marry though if any stepping out of any kind gave her the right to half my money.

Thoughts Nova and others?

Defeated as Men, Japanese Boys Don Skirts

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The phenomenon of the Japanese “herbivore,” or grass eating boy, has been explored on The Spearhead before, but it has apparently been raised to a new level. Young Japanese men and boys have given up on being male, because there are only penalties for being so, and are now wearing skirts and acting like girls.

I have studied postwar Japan to a limited extent, and one of the things I learned was that feminism was never much of an issue for the postwar Japanese, because the US occupational authorities imposed suffrage and women’s rights from the top. It seems that our policy has borne fruit, and that Japanese masculinity has been severed at its root. It might be said at this point that Japan is the first true eunuch nation — surpassing even the Anglo societies that imposed feminist supremacy on the Japanese.

This problem is (obviously) not limited to the Japanese. However, in a culturally isolated island nation such as Japan, the effects might be more pronounced in some respects than in more integrated societies such as Europe, the British Commonwealth, or the US.

Although these trends may seem like cause for dismay, I don’t think “redefining masculinity” is always a bad thing. Boys and young men have a way of reinventing things when what they are faced with is awful, and it appears that being a man in Japan, with the stagnant economy, rising divorce rate and disintegration of the family is a pretty raw deal. If this silly trend of foppish and girlish behavior is actually a flat-out rejection of the role that a misandrist society has handed to men, then at least we might be a bit optimistic in that the boys are actually making *some* form of protest.

Schools' "Sexual Misconduct" Policies Starting to Trigger Lawsuits

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A former Brown University student, William McCormick III, is suing the school in federal court for interfering with his efforts to exonerate himself following a rape accusation. The student, a star wrestler and straight-A student from Wisconsin, had been attending the Ivy League school on scholarship, when fellow student Marcella Beth Dresdale (identified by the Crime and Federalism blog) made a complaint that he was "following her" in the student dorm they both lived in.

Ms. Dresdale's friends weighed in, calling Mr. McCormick "creepy" (i.e. beta and poor), and after she spoke with her father, prominent alumnus and donor Richard C. Dresdale, he contacted the school. Shortly thereafter, school officials pressed Ms. Dresdale to identify McCormick, which she initially did not want to do because she "did not want anything bad to happen," and add to her complaint. According to Ms. Dresdale, she felt that school officials were "yelling at her" in an effort to get her to amend the complaint to include rape. At the time, she was distressed because she was missing sailing lessons and needed to study for a test. To get it over with, she wrote a statement, with the help of her resident coordinator, claiming that Mr. McCormick had raped her.

Immediately after she had done this, Mr. McCormick was summoned into the dean's office, told he had been implicated in "sexual misconduct," and given a one-way plane ticket back to Wisconsin. He has said that the school threatened him with criminal charges if he did not sign off on the expulsion.

Throughout this process, police were never notified, and Mr. McCormick was never given a chance to give his side of the story.

This case brings up an interesting point, which is that these sexual misconduct policies are often supported wholeheartedly by parents of the mainly female students at these schools. In fact, without parental support for these policies, I doubt the feminists would have been able to put them in place. As universities become increasingly female, there will be more and more support from wealthy daddies such as Richard Dresdale, who operates a multi-billion dollar company, for measures that treat any males in their daughters' vicinity with extreme suspicion.

Some people may sympathize with Mr. Dresdale, but he's part of the problem ordinary men are facing. In order to extend his protection and control over his daughter, he flaunts his wealth and power to trample on the concept of due process. If Mr. Dresdale is so protective of his daughter, why send her away to school where she will live on her own? If he doesn't think the police are up to the job of protecting her, shouldn't he keep his precious daughter at home so he can look after her until she's married off to some suitably wealthy young man? Rather, Mr. Dresdale's choice is to throw his weight around to bully men, just like the crooked cops beating Carlos Ferrell in front of his ex-wife.

As for Marcella Dresdale, we have no idea whether she was telling the truth or not. Evidently, she didn't want to write a statement accusing McCormick of rape, so she may not have felt that he raped her in the first place. It isn't even clear whether the two actually had sex. Nothing's clear, because her daddy made sure it was all handled abruptly and extrajudicially. Personally, I'm inclined to think McCormick did not rape her. If he had, he probably would have happily accepted the offer given him by the school and never uttered a peep about the matter to anyone, thankful that he got away with a crime that could put him behind bars for years. However, it seems that when he came to his senses after being railroaded by Brown, he chose to challenge the school.

This lawsuit should prove to be an interesting test for the sexual misconduct policies that have been springing up around the country. However, no matter how the lawsuit goes, men will win this one. If McCormick wins, Brown will have to shell out more money – hopefully more than it has received from Mr. Dresdale – to settle. If Brown wins, it will become known as a place where men are no longer welcome, and the school will begin to wither on the vine, although that may take decades. Ultimately, the best thing about this is that more people will open their eyes to the fact that men, whether innocent or guilty, have very few rights at all.

Roosh Offering *Bang!* Special for Spearhead Subscribers

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As Paul Elam suggested in a comment yesterday, “Game should be considered an arm of the Men’s Movement.” My take on Game is that, whatever one thinks of it, it’s one of the only tools available for young men in today’s merciless sexual marketplace. I think it’s also a step toward reasserting masculinity.

Game is essentially what you make of it. Some guys, like Hawaiian Libertarian, use it to strengthen their marriage. Others, like Roissy, use it for sexual adventure and pleasure. It’s really up to the individual man how he chooses to apply Game, but without it he’s something of a cripple in dealing with women.

Fortunately, Roosh has put together a good book on the subject which is, according to Ferdinand Bardamu’s review, “a title that anyone interested in improving their success with women should buy, post-haste.”

I talked Roosh into giving our subscribers a promotional deal on the book, so all current subscribers to The Spearhead newsletter and anyone who signs up in the next couple weeks can buy a copy at our discount.

When you sign up for the Newsletter, after you confirm membership, you will receive a welcome email with a link to the promotional deal. I’ll also put up a lightbox reminder for those who visit the site regularly so they don’t miss out. Game is something that could have a profound influence on our society, and I’d like all readers of The Spearhead to have at least an understanding of the concept. I’d also like to offer gratitude to Roosh for giving our readers a deal on his book. One of the things I’ve been working on lately is collecting helpful resources for our dedicated readers, and this is a step in the right direction.

So if you haven’t already signed up for the newsletter, this is a good time to do so, and an opportunity to learn about Game from someone who has put a great deal of effort into learning and teaching the fundamentals and techniques.

In Defense of Male Sexuality

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All healthy male sexual expression is criminalized in our culture today. Look around and the examples are scattered about everywhere. Men are said to “think with their penises” and have only “one thing on their mind”. Left leaning feminists consider all men to be potential rapists while their right wing sisters believe all men are potential adulterers. Both sets of grrls consider their thoughts justified by the “visual nature” of men and the fact men typically have a higher sex drive than do women. There is nothing wrong with either parts of man’s nature; they are part of normal male sexuality, but female supremacists have turned these natural expressions into crimes and elevate female sexuality as being normal. Well, a sanitized form of female sexuality anyway.

Men were made to appreciate female beauty and to respond to it. Such responses are noble and help us make new life and move forward as humanity. A man admiring a beautiful woman is as natural as admiring the beautiful view of a mountain or a flower filled valley, even a spiritual experience at times, and a positive part of human life. Even women can appreciate, in different ways, the beauty of women. Think of the portraits of beautiful women that hang in museum, bits of beauty many different people respond to in some way. Not all responses to female beauty are supposed to culminate in some act with the admired person, at times the longing and desire will be the extent of the experience and sometimes possession can even ruin the magic (consider the idea of the muse), but the vast majority are healthy and should be seen as positive, perhaps even flattering. Beauty is something special, an experience that can take us to a higher plane in life, whether we be the attracted or the attractor.

Considering this normal, natural response to be a negative one, as is done today, has criminalized male sexuality and left it open for abuse. Women dress and behave in ways that allow them to use their beauty power over men, men whom they have no intention of sharing themselves with, all to earn favors or manipulate men into performing for them. This is a terrible abuse of something good, a perversion, and damage that has reached the bedrooms of most people growing up in this feminized world. While feminism has left much worse devastation in its wake, the perversion of male virility is something to be mourned. To claim that heterosexual sexual expression is rape is to desecrate noble love expressed physically by two people. To criminalize a man simply for being a man, for feeling sexual desire as a man, is to hate him and his masculinity to the core.

Joe Biden: Creating Supply for Women's Sports Where Demand Doesn't Exist

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Today, Joe Biden will announce changes to a Title IX loophole that has allowed schools to determine male and female sports requirements based upon student surveys of interest in participation. In 2005, the Department of Education allowed student surveys to be used to determine the number of sports programs required per gender rather than relying on the metric that men's and women's sports teams be in line with sex ratios at college campuses.

Feminists will hail the measure's alteration because it allows the demand for sports teams to be divorced from the actual market demand for said teams. As with most feminist agendas, a resolute detachment from simple supply and demand decisions does wonders for their cause. By wiping a simple method for determining the level of interest in female sports, feminists gain an undeserved hand in controlling school administrators' purse strings which will inevitably encroach on sports funding for more popular mens' programs.

But, if feminist agendas were rooted in logic rather than ideology, there would be one important fact undermining their cause: girls don't want to play sports nearly as much as boys do. Therefore girls high school sports shouldn't have nearly as much funding or spots available and neither should womens' college sports. Creating a lot of positions for girls who only have ho-hum attitudes to sport participation would be no different than creating 3 varsity teams for each NCAA college. Why not let any young man who enjoys playing any sport participate at an upper level?

First, it is clear that fewer girls than boys participate in sports. But feminists respond to that by saying that girls have fewer opportunities than boys to participate and that there is a cultural barrier that curtails their sports involvement when they are children. Erase that barrier and girls will enjoy sports just as much as boys – say feminists.

The feminists, of course, operate on the premise that boys and girls are the same. Citing research published in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, the Women's Sports Foundation which was begun by Billie Jean King, reported that girls' sports participation declines during adolescence. From my interpretation, this strikes a gigantic hole in the feminist argument for gender-parity and egalitarian sports participation. Some natural occurence – lets call it "puberty" – reallocates girls' priorities away from sports. This makes sense as she is naturally compelled to worry about potential procreation and child-rearing rather than playing sports.

Compound this with another finding published at WSF that 49% of boys aged 6 to 11 participate frequently in sports while only 32% of girls do, and we figure that the gap in frequent participation grows as boys and girls age. As such, even after 30 plus years of Title IX, girls still don't participate as much, practice as hard, or generally care about sports as much as boys do. Since youth sports at the high school and AAU levels are feeder programs for university level sports that Title IX is mostly concerned with, not only do we find that there are fewer girls than boys willing to fill an equal number of positions, we also find that the young women who do participate are less motivated and less dedicated to their particular sport than young men. Since colleges are mandated to provide a certain number of positions and scholarships for both genders, this *pulls* a large number of females up to the college athletic ranks that wouldn't have normally chosen to play college sports if the supply of sports teams was in line with bottom-up high school participation/demand. Feminists have sought – and succeeded in – letting the supply create its own demand.

So when I came across a "10 Point Play" list put forth by an AAUW (American Association of University Women) branch drumming up support for female sports I figured I'd share it with you so we could laugh in unison. They suggest:

1. Buy a basketball, glove, soccer ball or other sport gift for your favorite sports girl – send her the message that you think she can play sports.

Why, so the basketball deflates in a moldy corner of the shed in the backyard, or the glove gets sold in a garage sale 2 years later?

2. Take your friends and family to a women's sports event: high school, college, or professional sports.

Why, so they can be bored to tears and never want to hang out with you again if your idea of fun is sitting around a bunch of chicks' parents and boyfriends/girlfriends while they screech Grrrl Power euphemisms and ring cowbells for good deeds – or at least good intentions? If you must subject your "friends" to such torture you better hope there is a good concession stand near – hopefully with beer and that *good* nacho cheese.

3. Watch a women's sports program on television and call the station to thank them for carrying women's sports (so they'll continue to air women's sports programs).

Only to be laughed at by the station worker who thinks you're prank-calling them.

4. Write a letter to your local newspaper editor either asking them for fairer coverage of women's sports or thanking them for great coverage.

This is based upon the premise that women's sports doesn't already get "fair" coverage. From my observation women's sports gets plenty of fair coverage – it is completely in line with the demand the sport warrants. A short blurb once a week on page 6D is plenty fair. Oh, wait, we have different definitions of "fair" don't we?

5. Buy women's collegiate and professional sports merchandise like T-shirts and hats. It 's an important way to advance the economic success of your favorite team.

Are we also supposed to *wear* this gear or can we use it to clean up refuse and kitchen spills? I'd like to have an option here; I don't want to be tied in to *having* to wear this shit.

6. Take someone who has never attended a women's sports event to a high school, college, or professional women's sports game. Introduce others to the excitement of women's sports. Help grow the fan base!

I think they (and ostenbsibly I) covered this in point 2. above. But it bears worth repeating: if you value family and friends and don't want them to hate you, don't follow the advice of points 2. and 6.

7. Visit your local sports retail store. If they are not carrying licensed merchandise for your favorite women's sports team (college, WNBA, WUSA, etc.), write to the manager to tell him or her you want to purchase this product and you would appreciate it if they would carry it. If they are carrying the product, thank them for doing so.

Ah. I see the tactic. Drum up faux support for these teams so that the support will become legitimized and the merchandise will actually have value to real sports fans rather than feminist activists out to make an ideologically-driven point. Quick: Who holds the record for most points scored in a WNBA game? Who holds the record for points scored in an NBA game?

8. Write to sponsors of women's sports to tell them how much you appreciate their support of women's sports.

These points – all relying on activist-inspired displays of support – don't provide a proper picture of the real market demand for womens' sports. I sincerely hope that sponsors and retailers recognize this; the money-generating fanbase is actually much smaller – respective to other sports supported by fans rather than non-activists (i.e. men's sports) – than the vociferousness of the supporters suggests. In other words, feminist activists are organizing a "Google bomb" tactic to trick the system into supporting their cause. These women don't actually care about female sports qua sport, they merely want to reallocate attention, resources, and power to women and girls.

9. Conduct a sports clinic for local elementary school girls. Tell each girl why it 's so important for them to play sports and how much fun it is.

Except, don't do it if you're a man. They'll all think you're a pervert and pedophile. The last sentence is laughable; *tell* a girl the importance and enjoyment of sports. And here I always though telling a girl/woman something was

anathema to The Cause. Funny, we don't have to *tell* boys this because they already know, and boys know because they are predispositioned to enjoy sports. Using this tactic on young girls is like telling me that I like gay porn (to avoid confusion, I *don't* like gay porn).

10. Grade your school on whether it is treating male and female athletes equally. Write a letter to the principal either asking for change or applauding the school's commitment to girls' sports.

Boys and mens sports suffer from the guerilla-warfare tactics of feminists. You see, female sports have a niche audience. Usually it consists of parents, families, and hardcore gamblers who had to sniff around for a decent 4-team parlay. Other than that, televised female sports have a TV rating on par with CBS's 4 a.m. "National Anthem" sign-off. Because female sports don't have an audience, they can put pressure on admins and sponsors and boycott male sports. While the damage would be miniscule, no organized group can have that affect on female sports. Since there is nobody watching female sports – since these feminists have nothing to lose – they can create an outcry and take potshots at male sports.

The people who want to watch sports have already drawn their battle lines. Demand for those sports – in either viewership or participation – can't be fuddled with any more. Girls who want to play know that they can play; if they don't, that means they choose not to. People who want to watch women's sports on TV will have already chosen to do so; they know the product is out there, but their choosing men's basketball over women's is like being given the choice between a Mercedes and a Hyundai – when the sticker price is the same. As such, the number of available spots and resources dedicated to both gender's sports should be in line with what people want to play and what they want to see.

Women Discuss Rise of the Fembots

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Writing for *The Daily Beast*, Rebecca Dana expounds upon the "fembot" phenomenon, describing these women as surgically augmented, power hungry and litigious. I'm not exactly sure where the term "fembot" came from, but I think it has something to do with the killer female robots in the Austin Powers movie (Wikipedia says it comes from The Bionic Woman). Wherever fembot originated, the word has been used extensively by a number of male bloggers (Roissy in particular makes good use of it), and has come to connote a youngish, aggressive feminist.

So when I saw the article written by Rebecca Dana, it appeared to me that her use of "fembot" to describe slutty celebrities was slightly off. However, her understanding does jibe with my own to some extent, as suggested in the following passage:

> Modern-day Fembots aren't just debatably pretty faces. They're also lawyered up. Last week, Montag announced she is suing Hills creator Adam DiVello, without whose intervention she would probably still be an anonymous aspiring fashion designer in Los Angeles. She alleges unwanted touching. And then, of course, there is Gloria Allred's entire legal practice. In the last year alone, Allred has become the first name in pre-emptive Fembot litigation. Southwick will likely employ celebrity divorce attorney Robert Kaufman, if she goes ahead with the divorce.

It is always interesting to see how memes propagate across the blogosphere and are adapted to fit the perspective of whoever seizes upon them. Obviously, fembot has negative overtones these days, but women often have somewhat different ideas of what constitutes a negative trait, and thus we see that Ms. Dana's main issue with the women she describes as fembots is that they employ exaggerated sexuality to further their goals:

> Here is Heidi Montag-Pratt, in her teeny-weeny bikini, posing half-nude next to every single swimming pool between Nevada and the Pacific, ever since her gag-inducing 10-in-one-day full-body reconstruction this winter. Here is new mother Kendra Wilkinson discussing her plans to follow in Montag's footsteps and get a whole new body before she turns 30. Here are Tiger Woods' frighteningly lifelike blowup-doll mistresses. Here are Eliot Spitzer's.

From my perspective, these women would be more properly termed "tramps," and I would reserve the term fembot for someone like Jessica Valenti, who is a hardcore female supremacist and has punitive rather than mercenary intent when it comes to males. Whatever the proper definition of fembot is, it is fascinating to see women taking hold of some of the concepts that have floated down into the common consciousness from the heights of the manosphere.

Considerations of the Black Male, Circa 2010

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My recent post on Baby Adoption and Race was not only provocative in its own right, but also kind of puts the icing on the cake as it were, when one considers the nature of my postings of late. In the main, they were focused on Black Men, and the challenges they face. If we put them together with what we already know on this score, and add again, yesterday's post, a powerful, mind-numbing narrative emerges.

We know that Black Men are twice as likely to be unemployed, even when controlling for college education, when compared to White Men. We know that Black Men are six times more likely to be in prison, parole or probation, than White Men. We know that Black Men have shorter lifespans than White Men, the going average now is around 70 or so. We know that Black boys are more likely to be suspended and/or expelled from school, to be disciplined more often than their White counterparts, and to drop out of highschool at a rate significantly higher than White boys. We also know that they are more likely to be prescribed behavioral modification drugs like Ritalin, and to be assigned to Special Ed classes, more than White boys.

We know that Black Men suffer from diseases like prostate cancer at a much higher rate than do White Men, that an African American young Man has a better chance of survival in Baghdad or Khandahar than in Baltimore or Washington, DC. We know that Black Men are often the last hired and the first fired. We know that Black boys are adopted dead last, and at a quarter of the price as Asian babies from avowedly Communist countries. And we know, for a fact, that Black soldiers were often treated worse than sworn enemies of the United States government.

We also know that Black Men have far and away more run-ins with the nation's police force than anyone else, certainly more than White Men. Nor will his manner of speaking or dress will matter much-last year's incident involving well known Ivy League academic Henry "Skip" Louis Gates, proved that, as if Black Men needed any more such evidence. For Black Men-*any Black Man*-merely stepping outside one's door for something as mundane as going to the corner store can prove deadly.

When one just stands back and takes all this in, just lets the stats and data of just about every measure that industrialized societies considers important, and notes the fact that Black Men come in at or near dead last, the effect is as if one has been sucker punched with a concrete fist. Perhaps then, it is understandable as to why so many Black Men seem apathetic, deeply cynical and defensive. After all, psychologists say that a bunker mentality is a common defense mechanism to protect oneself from real or perceived threats.

All of these thoughts occurred to me yesterday, while having a conversation with a good friend of mine of over a decade. We often discuss racial issues, politics and the like, and we often disagree with each other, especially when it comes to the divide between Black Men and Women. And to be sure, yesterday's convo was no different; but I had an epiphany during the exchange:

One major reason why Black Male/Female relations is so fraught with acrimony in our time, is because in a very real sense, Black Men and Black Women live in very different worlds.

As we've noted here in this forum, Black Women, taken as a group, have made significant gains that Black Men, in aggregate, have not. For example, we've seen how education has undeniably and literally paidoff for Black Women, often exceeding the incomes earned by White Women. We cannot say the same thing for Black Men. Moreover, Black Women have gained tremendously from the Women's Movement-for example, it is documented that Black Women make up a full third of all abortions performed in this country, a bedrock goal of the Feminist cause. And again, Black Women have made powerful gains.

This helps to explain the views of many Black Women toward Black Men, after all, "the system" works for the former in ways that it just does not for the latter. Even Black girls can be adopted quicker than Black boys.

None of this is to suggest that Black Women don't have their fair share of problems and challenges-they must

certainly do-nor do I want to give the impression that Black Women have made gains at the expense of Black Men-I don't feel that way, either. Still, its hard to deny the basic and simple facts on the ground. As noted earlier, Black Men die of prostate cancer and a much higher rate than do White Men, and to date there has been nothing done about this; meanwhile, Black Women have the comfort of knowing that not only the current President, but several ones before him, have made tackling HIV and AIDS in Black America a major area of concern, because Black Women were impacted the most. And that's not including breast cancer awareness, heart health, and so on.

Personally, I think Black Men know a lot more than they're willing to let on about their place in American life and how they feel about it. Perhaps this explains the higher rates of hypertension and the like among Black Men. Surely, the swirl of deep emotions emanating from all of the above, has to have deleterious health effects. Something else that, to my knowledge, has never been studied.

At any rate, I think this explains why Black Men don't seem to have that kind of gung-ho spirit that other groups, and even Black Women, seem to have. That's hardly surprising, when put into perspective of the things I layout here.

One of the things that occurred to me yesterday during my convo with my buddy, was that for Black Women, particularly those who have had the college experience, the world of possibilities is open to them; the gulf between them and Jennifer and Emily, isn't that wide after all.

Until its time to find a husband. Then, Reality comes crashing in.

In my personal travels, I am struck by just how many Black folk consider themselves "post racial". Although I didn't catch it at first, something dawned on me: the majority of those who took such a view, were Black Women, not Black Men. To be sure, a few Brothas were in the mix, but the overwhelming majority were Sistas who felt this way.

Now I understand why. For many Sistas, life really IS "post racial". Brothas on the other hand, cannot say that. Not with the vim and vigor with which so many Sistas do.

There will be those who read this and say that whatever problems Black Men have and now face, are problems of their own making. Indeed, we can and will continue to hear this line of reasoning from newly minted American citizens, fresh off the boat, and eager to tell Black folks, Black Men especially, what's "wrong" with them. Nor will they be alone-for scores of more native born Americans will think the same way, not the least of which, will be Black Women.

And to be sure, Black Men have shown that they are quite capable of indulging in self-destructive behavior, "proof positive" for the views of those mentioned above. What gets lost in the shuffle of course, are things like the adoption story, or middle aged Black academics being spread eagle on the hoods of police cars.

Perhaps the most interesting-if not difficult-part of all this, is in how we impart what we know above, to the next generation of Black Men. On that score of course I don't know what any of you would say to your son, brother, cousin, grandson or nephew; but I know for a fact that I cannot look at mine and tell them, that they can be whatever they want to be with a straightface. The best I can tell them is that it is possible.

Which is quite a far sight from what is probable.

The Obsidian

Feminists Use Mad Men to Agitate Against Fictitious Pay Gap

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I've only seen a few episodes of Mad Men. I didn't find it all that impressive. Although Jon Hamm is a pretty good actor (despite the unfortunate surname), there's only so much you can do with the poor material. One thing that annoyed me while watching the series was the thinly-veiled social commentary, which is loaded with worn-out old themes. The depictions of an America dominated by cigar smoking capitalists reminded me somewhat of the hackneyed Communist propaganda of the late postwar era.

Now, an article in a mommy blog has reminded me why Mad Men bothered me. Claire Moshenberg, writing for Moms Rising, has taken an episode from the show to demonstrate the crushing burdens that fall on the poor, oppressed women of America today. Trotting out the tired old lie that women "make 77 cents to every dollar earned by a man," Moshenberg suggests that things haven't changed much for women since 1963.

I suspect that this is the point the writers of the show – seven out of nine of whom are women – are trying to make. Although the irony of powerful women writing victimhood propaganda is probably lost on the young feminist activists, it's pretty obvious to me, and demonstrates that where women are in charge today, consolidation of eternal victim status and concomitant privilege for women is the overriding goal in all endeavors.

This is really where the pressure responsible for the rise of the manosphere came from. In our culture, feminism has come to so dominate the efforts of women that there is almost nothing that women in power do that isn't tainted by it to a large degree. There is no true desire for equality — it is an eternal power grab at the expense of everyone but educated middle class and elite adult women that will never, ever end unless someone puts a stop to it. If no one does, it will consume and wreck our society, which, in my more pessimistic moments, I see as an inevitable consequence.

But at least some of us can try…

Is Male Studies OK? Forbes Magazine Not So Sure

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Forbes Magazine has been publishing a lot of feminist material lately, and has set up an exclusively female community to give women a male-free department where they can pressure the publication and its readers without any interference from pesky males.

One of the current conversations concerns the legitimacy of Male Studies, which is a new discipline that aims to provide boys and men with some space of their own where they are not subject to endless feminist tirades against men. Needless to say, the Forbes women are not all that enthusiastic about the idea.

Forbes women's objections include the rejection of feminism by Male studies. Interestingly, April Scarlett of the Forbes Women (posting on their Facebook page) conflates feminists with all women:

> But creating a new studies program for men by ripping on women/feminism is hypocritical. The gentleman in the article is doing exactly to feminists what he is accusing [them] of doing to men."

This is something men ought to pay attention to, because it is not at all clear that all women are feminists. Although it is often a tempting thing to do, painting all women with the feminist brush is no more accurate than it would have been to paint all Germans as National Socialists during the years the Nazi regime was in power.

It may well be true that all women at Forbes Magazine are feminists, and it seems that feminism (or at least lack of resistance to the same) is a virtual prerequisite for women, not to mention men, in positions of power, but I'd go so far as to say that most women *do not* self-identify as feminists.

The feminist party, if we may call it such, probably claims only about 20% of America's women, and the hard core likely little more than 2-3% of all women. In fact, the predominance of lesbians, who comprise roughly 2% of America's female population, at the highest levels of feminism suggests that true radical feminists are a small group indeed. However, this small group wields enormously disproportionate power in media and politics, and much of that power is due to the willingness of men like Steve Forbes to support and foster its members with jobs and cold, hard cash.

Forbes Magazine is probably shooting itself in the foot by betting that the future will be dominated by this tiny group of power-hungry women. Perhaps, because Steve Forbes has five daughters, he sees them as the future corporate masters of the United States, but I doubt it will play out like that. Forbes has always been favored by conservative men, and these kinds of attacks on its core readership are bound to eventually sink the ship.

The sooner the better, as far as I'm concerned.

Channeling Socrates

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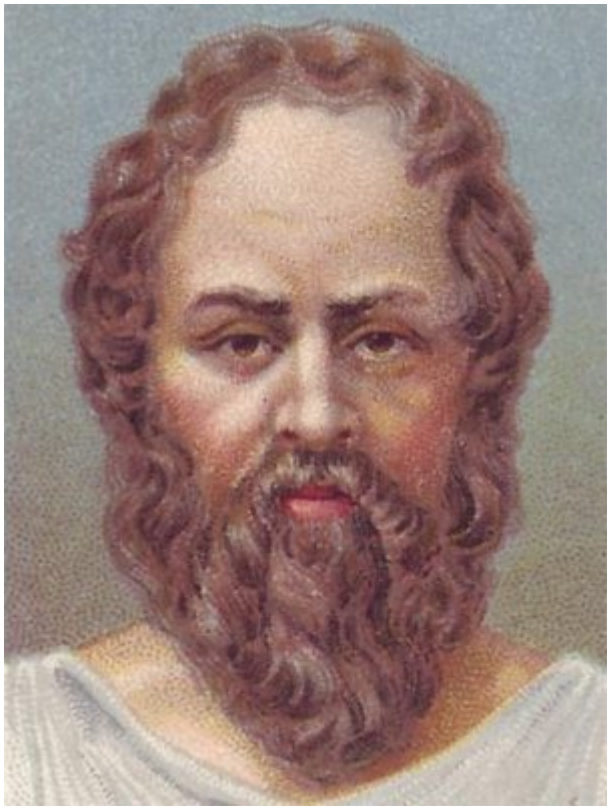

Although it sounds arrogant, I would describe the Manosphere, at least when not invaded by Trolls, as Socratic.

What does that mean?

First, we are Social Gadflys. Wikipedia:

> "Gadfly" is a term for people who upset the status quo by posing upsetting or novel questions, or just being an irritant.

Since the status quo is a Pedestalization Epidemic, the Manosphere opposes it by questioning it and upsetting is a given when people don't agree with something, the concept applies.

Second, although unintended, when males discuss, we apply the Socratic Method:

> …is a form of inquiry and debate between individuals with opposing viewpoints based on asking and answering questions to stimulate critical thinking and to illuminate ideas. It is a dialectical method, often involving an oppositional discussion in which the defense of one point of view is pitted against the defense of another; one participant may lead another to contradict him in some way, strengthening the inquirer's own point.

Ok, let's make that blurb clear:

- One side present his argument.
- The other side presents a counter-argument, pointing out flaws in the logic of the first one.
- Both sides go back and forth, until one debater cannot logically defend his argument.

As it is a discussion method based on logic, and men are naturally inclined to logic, we attempt to use at least a

rough approximation of the Socratic Method in all discussions. The young men of Athenas also favored it, after all.

But, that method simply falls flat against the enemies we fight, namely Feminists and Manginas. When we win the argument, which happens quite a lot, what they do?

Dodging and/or Shaming Tactics.

Sure, we win the audience, but we cannot convince the opposite side; we cannot change their behavior. We fight against weak debaters, but strong manipulators. And, here's the crux of the matter:

HUMAN BEINGS FEAR BEING WRONG.

Let's take a hypothetical example:

Imagine for a second that we are wrong. That women ARE the innocent angels that they claim to be instead of flawed human beings like all of us, that we as males are the evil beings that try to destoy their innocence, that we should be grateful when they finally stop screwing jerks and notice the true love that was in front of them and give themselves to it. Oh, and that it isn't for pity.

Scary isn't?

Don't worry, in that example women are desirable up to their 40's. LOL.

Feminazis and Manginas simply cannot admit that they are wrong. Their political beliefs are not only the base of their self-steem (really pathetic *per se*), they are also their main source of credibility and a major source of income. The Athenian wise men, poets, statemen, artisans, couldn't admit their own ignorance not only because they lacked humilty, also because they had a **major emotional and economic investment** in their belief that they possessed wisdom. Socrates, in the other hand, could freely say: I know that I know nothing.

Which ironicaly, just as the Oracle of Delphi said, made him the wiser.

This is why attempting to use logic against Feminazis and Manginas is useless, they simply cannot admit that they are wrong because they depend too much on their emotions and their lies-selling business to do so. We are speaking of people who try to use their emotions as logical arguments. As an example, let's see the common "I'm Offended."

> To cause displeasure, anger, resentment, or wounded feelings in.

Those are emotions — they should not be accepted as arguments in a logical discussion. The problem is that we are up against people both unfit for and without any desire for a logical discussion. So, by inserting emotions in the mix, they try to make us fight in their terms. Note that an emotional argument is usually covered with a heavy dose of nonsense.

Finally, as they stop contributing to the discussion and only spout nonsense, they are met with the banhammer, and they are removed from the discussion. A predictable result, but it simply proves that they are not to be convinced.

That cycle repeats itself over and over again; all that changes are the names and the writing styles. Whatever is OK, depends. If we were fighing for complete annihilation of the enemy, it would require several underhanded measures and a serious investment of money and time far beyond the scope of this magazine.

Fortunately, there is another way, which can be followed by all. The way of resilience. We don't fight to win, we fight to avoid losing. The individual approach of cutting all influence of Feminism and Cultural Marxism from our individual lives works perfectly with this style. We are watching how the truth is reaching the mainstream, both favorably and not.

This decade will mark history and our society way beyond the stagnation of the past one.

Also, if you aren't going to have children, write a novel or articles, teach others — do whatever it takes, because we are mortal beings, and for our ideals to outlast Feminism in the decades, centuries to come, they need to outlast us.

The teachings of Socrates lasted from the time before Christ until now. Is it impossible that ours might last as well?

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Professor Tiger Schools Bratty DC Blogger

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In a recent debate on CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation), Lionel Tiger calmly and rationally explained why male studies is needed, outlining the problems boys and men are having in school and society. Amanda Hess, sounding like a 12-year-old girl, piped in to denounce the idea. According to Amanda, Dr. Tiger's interpretation of "what it means to be a man" is "narrow." Amanda further says that it is feminism that will solve boys' problems, and that the current "men's studies," which she admits is a feminist construct, is adequate.

Amanda was clearly outclassed. She sounded like a clueless, sophomoric twit, and when, late in the interview, she tried to use some of the worn out old feminist tropes, such as "you want to take us back to the past" and "you're against birth control," Dr. Tiger shut her down immediately with a properly executed verbal spanking, saying she hadn't read his work and had no idea what she was talking about. Knowing she had been soundly beaten, Amanda conceded that male studies was a legitimate discipline, but said that the professors ought to to talk things over with women's studies professors. To conclude the interview, Dr. Tiger responded, saying that wasn't on the table.

Despite all of Amanda's braggadocio and her flippant, sarcastic dismissal of male studies on her blog, she sounded very small and meek in the presence of a greater mind. I've never seen Ms. Hess in person, and I know this shouldn't matter, but her high-pitched voice and Valley Girl intonation (like, umm…) gave me the impression that she is five feet even at best.

Listening to the interview should give men the proper perspective on feminism: when it isn't backed up by money and men with guns, it falls flat on its face.

Let's wish the best to Dr. Tiger, and feel free to add your comments to CBC's blog; if you wish, offer your condolences to Amanda for losing so badly.

Top “Men’s Studies” Authority is a Tranny

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If there’s anything that underscores the need for a new academic discipline devoted to the study of men and masculinity, it is that Australian academic Raewyn Connell (formerly known as “Bob Connell”), author of several of the most popular men’s studies texts, has had himself entirely castrated. Paul Elam brought this to my attention in the comments, and although I shouldn’t have been surprised the news still gave me a good laugh (for a full treatment of the subject, see Paul’s article on his blog).

“Raewyn” Connell has authored a book called *Masculinities*, which argues that masculinity is a social construct, and that there are actually many different forms of masculinity, which are constructed to oppress women, etc.

Here’s part of the product description on Amazon:

Just an ordinary day in Bob's class

> This is an exciting new edition of R. W. Connell’s ground-breaking text, which has become a classic work on the nature and construction of masculine identity. Connell argues that there is not one masculinity, but many different masculinities, each associated with different positions of power.

I doubt many of our readers would want to read the book, which is likely filled with nauseating feminist argot, but it should be noted that thousands of young men are forced to wade through this garbage in college.

Interestingly, some months ago *The Spearhead* was denounced by an anonymous Australian academic blogger who runs the “Critical Masculinities” blog. I don’t know who runs the blog, but I suspect it is one of Raewyn’s acolytes. The denunciation focused on two websites dealing with men’s issues, including the “Art of Manliness” blog and *The Spearhead*. While the author approved of *The Art of Manliness*, he (she, or it) had this to say about *The Spearhead*:

> The Spearhead on the other hand, does not attempt to rectify the perceived ‘problems’ through meaningful self change, preferring to espouse an easier message of opposition to all who have done them wrong, with feminists and women uppermost on that list. I am finding it difficult to come up with any more cogent analysis of that site, because it is making me so angry. So I will stop.

Personally, I consider it an honor to be denounced by avowed feminists, so I was quite pleased to know that our content enraged this particular feminist. Additionally, if “meaningful self change” includes castration (as it did for Bob Connell), I think I’ll take a pass on that suggestion.

Postfeminism

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I came across a blog written by a woman who calls herself a postfeminist (among other things), and is apparently hated by feminists despite the fact that she seems to deal with similar issues and themes. This woman, Susannah Breslin, strikes me as someone who is genuinely curious about the world, and is looking for truth in her own way. Breslin has written extensively about the porn industry and contemporary American sexuality, publishing some very revealing stuff, such as her "Letters from Working Girls" and "Letters from Johns" series on prostitution.

I came across Breslin while researching the concept of "triggers," because *The Spearhead* has been accused of "triggering" on many occasions, and I thought finding out what triggers feminists might be revealing. Evidently, Susannah Breslin does, and that alone sparked my interest.

What is it about Breslin that causes mutual dislike between her and feminists? My take on it is that she's a radically honest person. She has the artist's tendency to bring out the substance of a subject, including the stuff that is usually hidden out of some social consideration, and feminism is dedicated to perpetuating a massive fraud. She threatens their facade of lies, and it sends them over the edge. Kind of reminds me of Roissy, I guess.

I'd suggest readers take a look at Susannah's work. As far as I can tell, she's an example of one of those rare women with a true hunger for truth and knowledge — the type who cuts through the pretty lies and reveals the beating heart of humanity. In the process, she manages to retain her own humanity. Impressive.

True Activism

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I've written many times that The Spearhead isn't an MRA site. My first post dealing with that spelled it out fairly clearly, but I guess I ought to further elaborate my stance.

Writing is not true activism. Ideas are important, and opinion can have a huge influence, but it isn't the same as actually going somewhere in person and getting the job done. If I called myself an MRA, I'd be a liar, and insulting those who really are. There are men who go down to legislatures and lobby for laws to uphold the rights of fathers, divorced men, male students and the like, and there are men who actually carry out physical street protests and confront legislators and politicians in person. These are true activists.

Along these lines, much, much more could be done. Firepower, who until fairly recently was a frequent commenter, made this point often. He was right. Activism is not writing articles on the Internet or commenting on forums. It requires getting close and personal. It is political in the old sense of the word. You actually have to go out there and get to know people in person, and sometimes you have to confront them.

The knowledge that one can find on the internet is supplemental to activism, but it is just boot camp — not real battle. And if you think about it, boot camp would be totally counterproductive if soldiers stayed there throughout the war and never joined the true fight. So in a sense there is the danger that people simply get wrapped up in posting online and never do anything else. This is exactly what politicians and the like would prefer, because nothing will change in that case.

So I guess I'll break my taboo about posting activism advice and make a few suggestions that I think would work well.

First, start going to state legislatures and testifying about the bias in family law procedures. Pass out information concerning the abuse of ex parte restraining orders, mandatory arrest laws, imputed income child support orders, etc. Get in front of cameras with signs. Find a spokesman to speak on TV, etc.

Next, start getting to know some of the politicians. Offer to volunteer on their campaigns if they are supportive of men's rights. Canvas neighborhoods, put up campaign signs, become a precinct committeeman, etc. Go to local party meetings, get to know your state representative, show you can deliver some votes, and they'll start to pay attention.

Finally, you can even start a local PAC, like fathers for fair courts or some such group. Recruit members and supporters and hold get togethers. Start lobbying for real bills, putting pressure on elected officials, and making presentations in legislative committees.

This stuff actually works. I know guys who did a lot of this back in the 80s and 90s, and they got some very helpful legislation passed even during the darkest days. Given what I've been through, I feel that I owe them one.

If you want to go the radical route, there are options for that as well. Whenever there is some feminist event, such as the "take back the night" rallies of the 1990s, show up with a dozen guys with signs and bullhorns and protest false rape prosecutions. I can guarantee that this will cause the feminists to go absolutely apeshit, and will entirely spoil their party. The entire event will become focused on the issue of false rape accusations, and just a few guys can steal the spotlight. In these situations, be prepared for some minor physical confrontation, and be prepared to get no help from the police.

Although it is a lot more difficult to confront people to their face than it is to do so from the anonymity of the internet, the payoff is much bigger. It really ruffles people when you tell them off in person. They never expect it, and most will be shaken by the experience. Of course, you have to be the kind of guy who can handle being denounced by a screaming crowd, and I can tell you from experience that that is kind of intimidating. But it is a

thrill nonetheless, and people will secretly admire those who can pull it off.

Also, campus protests could be very effective, and could be pulled off with only a couple dedicated guys. Maybe one man could have a significant effect on a college campus. Crash vagina monologues presentations, call out the professors on their feminism and anti-male bias, and don't back down when they make threats. There's a good chance there will be punishments, such as being graded down in certain classes (who cares), but as a student one can file complaints about this and it won't look good on a teacher's record.

At my local university, they'd do a campus sexual violence thing every now and then, saying that so many men and women are raped/abused, and they'd plant red flags in the grass for women, and white ones for men. Of course, they used their own numbers, so there would be a sea of red flags and only a few white ones. Why not do something for war dead? Plant red flags for dead men, and white ones for dead women. The disparity will be obvious, and will enrage feminists. You coud go on and on. Do occupational deaths. Again, men would outnumber women by an order of magnitude. Just use their own tactics to prove your point.

There is so much that can be done, and much could be accomplished with relatively few people, but unfortunately we don't appear to have many takers. The internet has been a great thing for getting the word out, but if we're honest with ourselves we'll see that it's been a hindrance as well in that it allows people to sit at home and avoid getting their hands dirty.

Honestly, I don't think anyone whose activism is limited to the internet should call themselves an MRA, so I'd have to conclude that there probably aren't more than a handful of true MRAs out there.

Crooked IOC President Championed Feminism in Sports

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Juan Antonio Samaranch, who died recently, presided over a tumultuous and corrupt period in the history of the modern Olympics, but succeeded in bringing increasing numbers of women into the Olympics. Although his tenure was marked by bribery and doping scandals, some, according to the New York Times, believe that his work promoting women overshadows the scandals.

Interestingly, the women interviewed in his obituary state that his goal was equality, but Samaranch did not create equality as much as he bolstered the segregated women-only sports, such as women's softball, women's soccer, etc. If he truly wanted to create "equality," Samaranch could have made the Olympics entirely gender neutral, allowing both men and women to compete on an even basis.

The entire concept of women's sports contradicts the notion of equality, because it suggests that women do not care to compete on even terms with men. Additionally, there is so little interest in some women's sports, such as women's ice hockey, that it is questionable whether they belong in the Olympics at all, so their status as official Olympic sports signifies privilege rather than equality.

One of the problems with feminism is that it purports to seek equality, but in practice it seeks privilege. Women's sports, with a few exceptions such as figure skating, do not generate enough interest from either spectators or participants to stand on their own, and must be subsidized by a big man (or big gorganization). Samaranch, therefore, was practicing a sort of patrimonialism, which accords perfectly with the corruption that characterized his Olympic regime.

Patrimonial governments, whether local or national, are very often characterized by widespread corruption. Examples would include Sicily, Indonesia under Suharto, and various late 20th century Latin American regimes.

In a truly free and egalitarian society, feminism would wither on the vine. Without big government and patrimonialism to give it favors and protection it wouldn't stand a chance. Feminists instinctively know that, so they will always support more government and more control over the lives of citizens.

MAN vs. “Person”

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I recently took part in a “males only” workshop at a local private high school. It was an unlikely opportunity for an advocate of traditional masculine ideals, especially given the fact that the workshop was part of this fairly liberal school’s yearly “Diversity Conference.” I was thankful for the chance to get across some countering viewpoints. I shared the floor with a veteran leader of men’s groups, and I knew we had different aims from the get-go, but I had the first hour.

To begin, I played the guys my favorite scene from *The Outlaw Josey Wales*—the part where Wales rides up to the Comanche chief Ten Bears and bargains for peace.

> “There is iron in your words of death for all Comanche to see. And so, there is iron in your words of life. No signed paper can hold the iron. It must come from men.”

There is iron in your words of death.

This is how civilization happened.

Agreements between men, backed by the threat of violence.

This is how men made this world.

That’s not something the kids hear every day. And yet, it is absolutely fundamental to any realistic understanding of how the human world has always worked.

Has anyone ever been told to “act like a man,” to “man up?”

All hands raised.

What were they trying to get you to do?

And they gave me gold. All of the right answers. I wrote them on the whiteboard under the heading “MAN.”

Tough it out.

Be strong.

Don’t be afraid.

No whining.

Don’t show emotions. *Stoicism*.

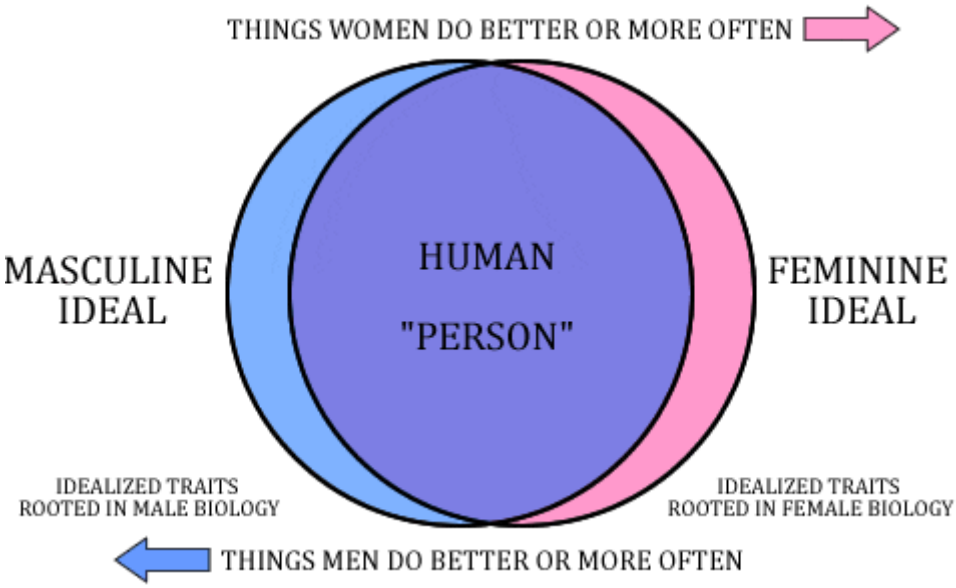
My counterpart chimed in with “Do what I want you to do.”

Yeah, that’s true.

I talked it out a bit and made the point that all of those things (with the exception of the last one) could be reduced to some form of STRENGTH. Strength of body, strength of will, strength of purpose.

Two circles. One for all of the things that women do and are, one for all of the things that men do and are. Substantial overlap, but as you move in either direction, you get qualities that are more often attributed to one sex or the other. The overlap is “personhood,” *being human.* The edges are the extreme masculine and the extreme

feminine. And the exceptions don't disprove the general rules.



It's not that no woman can beat me up. But most can't. Most men are stronger than most women.

Some women are very brave, but more men are less risk-averse. More men seek out risk and take dangerous chances.

It's not that there aren't any men who are extremely emotional. Some men are very emotional. But most aren't. I've had 41 jobs in my life, and I've seen many "tough" female managers break into tears at work. That's just not common in men. Men get angry more often than they cry.

The masculine ideals, the ones we listed, the ones that represent strength, are grounded in some basic facts about human nature and the differences between the sexes—at the extremes. Outside the overlap. Outside of "person." The ideal of what a man should be is something men get together and create, based on those differences, to push themselves toward the extreme. To make themselves better men.

It probably a little more scrambled and rambling than that, but I think I got it across.

"Do what I want you to do."

I was thankful for that one.

There are people, usually men, who will tell you to "act like a man" to manipulate you, to get what they want. But make no mistake, the people who want you to forget about being a man and just be a person—they want something, too.

A MAN in the ideal is a terrifying creature. A man on top of his own game, pushing himself toward that ideal—a man in control of his own passions and powers—inevitably makes others envious. He makes lesser males and females feel bad about themselves because it is undeniably good to be strong and smart and courageous. It is undeniably good to be able to control your emotions effectively, to expand when others shrink, to push on when most would let up. A MAN is a legitimate threat to the agendas of other men and especially the agendas of feminists. Their efforts to "redefine masculinity in the 21st century" are not aimed at helping men reach their full potential—they want to stop men from reaching their full potential. Because a MAN is going to assert HIS will.

And a group of MEN, united by a common strength-based masculine ideal, mindful of honor, and working toward a common purpose…do yourself a favor and GET THE HELL OUT OF THEIR WAY.

A handful of made up "phobias," political in nature, have made their way into pop consciousness to the extent that we almost believe that they're *real* "phobias." *Xenophobia. Homophobia. Trans-phobia*. I think I had some queeny

kid refer to me as “sissy-phobic,” once. So many of these “phobias” are, like the words “racist” and “sexist,” merely tools used by master-debaters to stop debates by shifting to a sly *ad hominem* disguised as a diagnosis.

Xenophobia is the translation of potentially legitimate concerns about the effects of foreign interests and foreign cultures on domestic or local interests and cultures into a mental illness. The repression of *xenophobia* serves the interests of economic globalists. *Homophobia* is really a bundle of rational and superstitious concerns about the affect of open expressions of homosexuality on the family unity, all mixed up with powerful male emotional responses related to the fear of emasculation. *Transphobia* is a valid fear of letting the lunatics run the asylum, as well as collective emasculation via the dissolution of gender roles. *Racist* is used to place one race on higher moral ground than another. *Sexist* is used to further the interests of women at the expense of the interests of men.

A “phobia” at least as legitimate as any of these might be called “alpha-phobia” or maybe “androphobia.” Or something like that. People—especially women and feminists—are really afraid of MEN.

And they should be.

MEN, unlike trannies and queers for the most part, represent a *legitimate physical threat* to their interests. It is rational for those who wish to further the interests of feminists, and gays and the transgendered—as well as multi-culturalists and globalists if you think about it—to maintain an intense and persistent fear of MEN.

This is why our gender-neutral, self-esteem oriented, globalist culture wants MEN to think of themselves merely as “persons.” It has *nothing* to do with what is in the best interest of MEN, as individuals.

A “person” is a *fucking housepet.*

A MAN is a threat.

And men are starting to realize that. They’re starting to get a sense that they’re being *played.*

Even young men.

I didn’t have to prod these kids at all—they signed up for the workshop because they had a list of grievances ready. One guy volunteered that he felt like “everything seemed like it was about what women wanted and what women needed.” Another said that he felt like whenever males do something well, it is “taken for granted,” but whenever females do something well, everyone wants to make a big deal about it. Several talked about the fact that men are portrayed as bumbling idiots, and after mentioning *The Simpsons* the group started using the word “Homer” as a shorthand for this. They were aware that they still have certain advantages—privileges, to use PC lingo—but they were also aware that they face higher expectations. Because being a MAN is still *harder* than being a “person.”

I finished my hour with a recording of Micheal Caine reading “If,” by Rudyard Kipling. I passed out copies.

This poem, better than anything I’ve found or anything I could write myself, explains how to be a MAN without being an asshole.

> If you can keep your head when all about you
> Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
> If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
> But make allowance for their doubting too;
> If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
> Or, being lied about, don’t deal in lies,
> Or, being hated, don’t give way to hating,
> And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise;
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> If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
> If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
> If you can meet with triumph and disaster

> And treat those two imposters just the same;
> If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
> Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
> Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
> And stoop and build 'em up with wornout tools;
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> If you can make one heap of all your winnings
> And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
> And lose, and start again at your beginnings
> And never breathe a word about your loss;
> If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
> To serve your turn long after they are gone,
> And so hold on when there is nothing in you
> Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";
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> If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
> Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch;
> If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
> If all men count with you, but none too much;
> If you can fill the unforgiving minute
> With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
> Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
> And—which is more—you'll be a Man my son!
>
> —Rudyard Kipling

Why would you NOT want to be a MAN like that?

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Boobquake

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Last week, an Iranian cleric by the name of Hojjat ol-eslam Kazem Sediqi, blamed earthquakes in Tehran on the unrepentant and impious behavior of young people in his nation, including the immodest dress and whorish behavior of women. He also insisted provocative clothing is tempting young men and is a cause of adultery. In reaction to the clerics remarks, feminists around the globe will be flashing their boobs in protest. April 26 has been declared Boobquake and thousands of empowered grrrls have pledged to dress in their sexist attire in support of equality and the right to never be criticized or judged for wearing sleazy clothes.

While anybody who has wandered down streets in the Western world might have to wonder what is different between this day and every other one, seeing as such provocative sexual harassment attire is commonplace everywhere you go, the criticism aimed at the Boobquake founder Jen McCreight by her sisters in the feminist ranks has been rather intense. So much so that McCreigt felt it necessary to issue a clarification on her blog:

That being said, I don't think the event is completely contrary to feminist ideals. I'm asking women to wear their most "immodest" outfit that they already would wear, but to coordinate it all on the same day for the sake of the experiment. Heck, just showing an ankle would be considered immodest by some people. I don't want to force people out of their comfort zones, because I believe women have the right to choose how they want to dress. Please don't pressure women to participate if they don't want to. If men ogle, that's the fault of the men, not me for dressing how I like. If I want to a show a little cleavage or joke about my boobs, that's my prerogative.

I also hate the ideal of "big boobs are always better!" The cleavage joke was just a result of me personally having cleavage, and that being my choice of immodesty. And I thought "boobquake" just sounded funny. Really, it's not supposed to be serious activism that is going to revolutionize women's rights, but just a bit of fun juvenile humor. I'm a firm believer that when someone says something so stupid and hateful, serious discourse isn't going to accomplish anything – sometimes light-hearted mockery is worthwhile.

Against feminist ideas this is not, but against any notion of equal accountability Boobquake surely is. Why women like Miss Creighton expect to be able to dress in a way that does, indeed, push men out of their comfort zones and demand no men look at them or think of less of them is beyond my scope of understanding. Boobquake is not about raising awareness on the silly earthquake declarations by an Iranian cleric, but protesting the social censure he'd like to see placed on female sexual power and it's inappropriate use.

White Nationalism? More like White Knight Nationalism

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As I have discussed before female supremacism isn't limited to just feminism. As we know there is conservative female supremacism and Islamic female supremacism. There are a lot more than three forms of female supremacism. White Nationalism is also a form of female supremacism. White Nationalism promotes misandry by attempting to turn what would otherwise obviously be issues caused by misandry to issues of race. It seeks to keep men of different races from working together and discovering how much they have in common.

Our own Ferdinand Bardamu had a post at his personal blog recently about a dustup at AltRight among the White Nationalist crowd there that laid bare the misandry inherent in White Nationalism. As you can see from the link, White Nationalism is filled with women who except for the racial rhetoric sound like feminist, manginas, and (ironically) white knights. Let's look a few examples of the comments from the White Nationalist crowd at AltRight starting with this one:

> Mr. Locklin, I do hope that your desire for foreign women won't overshadow the white man's duty to reproduce with his own racial group.

Other than the racial rhetoric this could have been written by a conservative female supremacist white knight. Look at this one:

> To broadly insult our mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters in this manner is tasteless. Both American women and men have some changing to do, changing we can do ourselves. But you're doing what feels good for you and that's what counts for you. Paradoxically, you're the typical modern American man: empowered, sassy, sarcastic, and dedicated to gratifying yourself. You're not loyal to the nation or interested in seeing it through to a restoration. You're doing your own thang and won't take no bojive from people who are offended when you insult them.

This is nothing but garden variety anti-male shaming language. However, that doesn't beat what a White Nationalist woman has to say:

> Lock-load is an insulting cretin. As well as an utter moron. The article is loaded with errors. He shows two pictures of actresses. Lillian Gish was an American woman She had a career that spanned decades.This makes her a successful career woman – who succeeded in a business crawling with the Tribe. She would not have endured the juvenile insults of a pathetic, inadequate joke Lockloser for 2 seconds.
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> Neither would have Hedy Lamar – a woman that used her exquisite beauty to garner every type of material benefit imaginable. She was bi-sexual, and fled Nazi Germany, to serve the goalso of Die Jude, in America. Lockloser most likely would not have had enough cold hard cash to elicit her attention. Her idea of a dinner date would have included diamond bracelets, as hors d' oerves.
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> Lockboor then includes the photographs of an assortment of foul Lesbians, and Jewesses, as representative of American females. Which they are decidely not. The promotion of every sort of denegeracy, in every American institution, is the work of the Franfurt School of Talmudic Jewry. The horrors of a degraded American, and global, womanhood, is the work of the Jew.
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> Lockinadequete-appendage rhapsodizes about the helpfulness of foreign females, and asserts that they aren't as greedy and grasping. I suspect Lockmommy'sboy is exceptionally good at retaining his small hoard of cash, and resents the expenditure of the price of a hotdog, on a sidewalk stand, on any female – but if he thinks that foreign females are not materially obssessedm and greedier than George Soros – he's still a virgin. Asiatics are the most soulless, heartless, absolutely ammoral hardheaded gold-diggers, that have ever befouled the Earth.

> Impovershed Eastern European females are not far behind. I have personally witnessed the very thorough skinning of every assett, of American White males, who have sought “submissive, demure” foreign brides. I have laughed in the faces, of those men, when they bemoaned their impovershment, and legal ravagement. They got what they sought, and they got what they deserved.
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> Finally – the White Nationalist movement is always whining about the absence of females. Gee – I wonder if snarky, snot-drenched attitudes, exemplified by Locksociallyretarded, have anything to due with this problem? Sorry, fellas – it’s not women that have to please you – you have to please, and lure in women.
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> Yup. It’s true. My 9 year old nephew has better social skills, than do 90% of you.
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> Gee, thanks, Richard Spencer, for publishing this insulting garbage. All this article has done is PISS OFF a lot of WN females.
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> I demand an apology. And a retraction.
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> Really – I do.
>
> As a White American Woman. Who talks to a lot of other White American women. Who have HAD IT with snarky, juvenile, insulting socially-cretinous WN men.

This same woman wrote another similar comment:

> Many, many of the comments reveal the precise nature of the problem – the boorishness, childishness, and social inpetitude of American males.
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> Once again, fellas – the onus is on YOU to please women. Not the other way around. Ghetto Negroes have better wooing, and flirtation skills, than so many White males. A lot of you guys are beyond pathetic. You really have nothing to offer females of any Race. A lot of you have very little money, and you are not as physically attractive as you flatter yourselves to be. To many of you – not all – but many – your attitude towards women is the most repellent aspect of your being. It’s not women – it’s you.

As anyone can see it’s all massive amounts of misandry and shaming language with some racial rhetoric thrown in. The misandry inherent in White Nationalism goes deeper than a few comments on the internet. Where did the false rape industry start? It wasn’t with feminists. The KKK (Ku Klux Klan) had their own version of the false rape industry white women would make false accusations of black men. Drop the racial terms and it’s no different the the current feminist false rape industry. Take a look at what happened during the Rosewood Massacre. A woman lies about being beaten and raped and a random black man living in Rosewood gets lynched. Then a massive battle between white men and black men happened where at least several men got killed. Multiple men died all because a woman lied about rape, but the Rosewood Massacre is not properly recognized as being part of the false rape industry because race was involved.

The misandry in White Nationalism goes even farther than just incidents like the Rosewood Massacre. The KKK had a corresponding group for women called the Women’s KKK or WKKK. The WKKK is very similar to feminism both in action and language. (Read the link for documentation of the similarities.) All you have to do is drop the words white and black from WKKK language, and you end up with feminist language.

We have to remember that misandry is the central problem facing all men today. That’s true regardless of what race a man is. Men of all races have a great deal in common. White Nationalism tries to hide that fact effectively acting as a vehicle for the promotion of misandry to benefit (white) women. White Nationalism and other racist ideologies are misandarist and benefit no man.

American Girls: Hookers in Training

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Some time ago, someone posted a link to Ke$hA's "Tik Tok" in the comments, introducing me to part of the contemporary youth culture that I usually ignore these days. I thought Ke$hA's homepage was rather amusing, what with the narwhal and howling dogs, but I didn't take it all that seriously. However, it seems that legions of young women do, and she has become an idol and a role model. Perhaps she isn't any worse than Madonna was during her heyday back in the 80s, which isn't saying much, but something has definitely changed.

Today, the girls have access to the internet and have been posting their own versions of Tik Tok, generally slutting it up in front of the camera in an effort to gain some attention. Their efforts have filled Youtube, and would appear to be a pervert's dream. On seeing some of the videos, and thinking of my own middle and high school experience, I thought "these girls are really asking for it." Things must have changed drastically in the 20-odd years since I was that age, because this kind of outright strumpetry wouldn't have been tolerated in pubescent girls back then.

All I can see coming from this is a wave of prostitution, because it seems that is exactly what these girls are training for.

Here are a couple of examples:

The above girl, who goes by "blondiewet," looks to be about 12.

The next one really skanks it up:

Jesus…

If anybody thinks things might get better with the arrival of the next generation, I think they may end up somewhat disappointed.

French Consider Burqa Ban

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France, which is currently home to the largest Muslim population in Western Europe, is struggling with issues of identity and what constitutes French values. French President Nicholas Sarkozy frames the debate over the veil in feminist terms, stating that the veil is "contrary to the ideals we have of a woman's dignity." From my perspective, that is an odd rationale, because it would seem that what is most contrary to women's "dignity" is the slutty attire on display in so many Western cities. In fact, opposing the veil on the basis of feminism may eventually be a failing proposition, because the hypocrisy is so blatant that eventually most people will catch on.

Of course, most people who don't like face veiling do not see women in veils as oppressed so much as offensive. Everyone in the West knows that women who don the burqa in areas not covered by Sharia are doing so out of conscious choice, despite the feminist characterization of the issue as one of helpless, oppressed women. Where I live, in liberal Seattle, I occasionally see Somali women wearing veils, usually in line at the grocery store with a fist full of food stamps. Sometimes, I see them walking along the lake pushing strollers as well. I really could care less, although I might be a bit worried if we had a real suicide bombing problem here, as the burqa could effectively hide a lare explosive belt or vest.

However, some American women, upon seeing the veiled women, have expressed anger and contempt in my presence. They are angry at the women in the veils, and see them as a sort of tribal enemy. My take on it is that Western women don't see the Muslim men or imams as so much of a threat, but rather dislike the women.

Despite the feminist slant to attempts to outlaw the veil, my bet is that some feminists will come out and support burqas as a legitimate lifestyle choice for women. Feminism is, above all, about giving women the power to do whatever they want, whether it is dressing and behaving like a cheap whore at a party full of intoxicated young men without having to worry about one of the men "touching" her, or wearing a ninja outfit in public. It really doesn't matter what it is; if a woman somewhere wants to do it, it's OK by feminism. Therefore, I don't see a burqa ban in the West as being high on the feminist list of priorities, and Sarkozy and the other white knighting politicians aren't going to get an ounce of extra support from the feminists for their misguided efforts. On the other hand, I can imagine considerable support from ordinary French women if he simply banned it on patriotic grounds. In fact, given the preponderance of female voters, one of the most effective means to garner support might be through the politicization of style.

Seattle Biotech Company Pioneers Novel Prostate Cancer Treatment

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Dendreon, a Seattle biotech company, has come out with a new drug for treating aggressive forms of prostate cancer that utilizes a patient's immune response rather than the traditional methods of surgery, radiation or chemotherapy to combat the disease. The drug, called Provenge, boosted patients' survival time some 4 months when compared to men who received standard treatment, so although it isn't a miracle cure, it does offer some benefit and solid potential.

Provenge treatment will initially be very expensive – from $50,000-$75,000 – and will likely be approved by the FDA in the near term. Dendreon's stock, already worth some $5 billion, may soar even higher if the roughly 100,000 men who develop aggressive prostate cancer per year all receive the treatment.

9th Circuit Court of Appeals Opinion in Wal-Mart Appeal

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I thought I'd host the pdf of the 9th Circuit's opinion regarding the gender bias suit against Wal-Mart for the benefit of those who might be interested. The 9th Circuit's website is pretty slow, so it's probably more convenient to download from the file from here anyway.

Here's some of the preliminary text:

> **BACKGROUND**
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> Plaintiffs' Third Amended Complaint, brought on behalf of certain named plaintiffs and those similarly situated, asserts claims against Wal-Mart for sex discrimination under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Plaintiffs allege that women employed in Wal-Mart stores: (1) are paid less than men in comparable positions, despite having higher performance ratings and greater seniority; and (2) receive fewer—and wait longer for—promotions to in-store management positions than men. Plaintiffs contend that Wal-Mart's strong, centralized structure fosters or facilitates gender stereotyping and discrimination, that the policies and practices underlying this discriminatory treatment are consistent throughout Wal-Mart stores, and that this discrimination is common to all women who work or have worked in Wal-Mart stores.
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> Plaintiffs sought to certify a nationwide class of women who have been subjected to these allegedly discriminatory pay and promotion policies. The proposed class consists of women employed in a range of Wal-Mart positions, from part-time entry-level hourly employees to salaried managers. The class seeks injunctive and declaratory relief, back pay, and punitive damages, but not traditional "compensatory" damages. Plaintiffs proposed that the district court certify the following class pursuant to Rule 23: All women employed at any Wal-Mart domestic retail store at any time since December 26, 1998 who have been or may be subjected to Wal-Mart's challenged pay and management track promotions policies and practices.
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> After the parties had conducted extensive discovery and filed copious briefs, the district court heard oral argument. At the hearing, Wal-Mart emphasized the "historic" nature of Plaintiffs' motion, including the size of the putative class, involving women employees at Wal-Mart's 3,400 stores in 41 regions. The court acknowledged Wal-Mart's concerns but noted that, while the class size was large, the issues were not unusual.
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> The district court issued an eighty-four-page order granting in part and denying in part Plaintiffs' motion for class certification. With respect to Plaintiffs' claims for equal pay, the district court granted Plaintiffs' certification motion as to issues of alleged discrimination and all forms of requested relief. With respect to Plaintiffs' promotion claim, the court's holding was mixed. The court certified the proposed class with respect to issues of alleged discrimination (including liability for punitive damages, as well as injunctive and declaratory relief); however, the court rejected the proposed class with respect to the request for back pay, determining that data relating to the challenged promotions were not available for all class members. The court also exercised its discretion to provide for notice and an opportunity for employees to opt-out of the punitive damages portion of the class.

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Over One Million Women Set to Take Down Wal-Mart

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The notorious 9th Circuit US Court of Appeals has given the go-ahead for a gender discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart on behalf of more than a million women. The settlement could run well into the billions, which must have a battalion of attorneys salivating at the potential windfall. Originally filed by six women in San Francisco in 2001, the lawsuit has taken on gargantuan proportions. Lead attorney Brad Seligman has accused the company of discriminating against women on an ongoing basis, sweeping as many women as possible into the class action suit.

Wal-Mart spokesmen have been prostrating themselves before the feminist juggernaut, claiming that they have always given preferential treatment to female employees, but apparently there will be no mercy, as punitive damages are still on the table. Already struggling in the recession, this lawsuit could be a crippling blow to the retail giant.

If the suit is successful, it could open the doors to scores of similar class action suits brought on behalf of women against successful corporations, providing huge profits to attorneys and their female clients. In fact, it could even be seen as analogous to the lucrative field of family law, in which women – in league with their attorneys – can consume all of a man's life work in one fell blow. If this suit becomes standard practice across the US, there will be a corporate slaughter the likes of which has never yet been seen.

Unfortunately, almost all corporations have either supported or turned a blind eye to the ravages inflicted on men and children by the rise of feminism, so for those of us men who have already lived through the holocaust of feminist family law it may be difficult to sympathize with Wal-Mart. On a positive note, a lawsuit running into the billions will not pass by unnoticed by corporate titans, and we may see a new hostility to feminism emerge amongst the moneyed class.

Some Thoughts On Black Men & "Acting White"

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Today we continue our ongoing examination of one of America's most curious social animals-the Black Male. But, unlike previous posts, where we look at the matter from the perspectives of employment, or relations with law enforcement, today's post will plumb the depths of territory that in my humble view, gets short shrift in the public square.

In more recent years, the notion that one reason why Black kids haven't done as well in school and by extension in life, is a result of the idea that doing so is seen as "acting White." Virtually all eyes reading this right now are familiar with those words and the ideas they generate. Prominent Black figures from Bill Cosby to Barack Obama himself, have addressed this issue. Black scholars, like the late John Ogbu, have done detailed studies of the phenomenon. Even books have been written about it, not to mention articles and chapters of larger works.

What seems to have gotten lost in the shuffle within the midst of this debate are some clarifying questions: first of all, exactly WHO among African Americans makes such a claim? We assume and lump in "kids," but the facts on the ground as we have it from test scores and other objective measures flies in the face of this assumption — as we have learned in as many weeks, Black Women consistently outscore and just do better overall in terms of education than do Black Men. From grade school to highschool and on into college, and beyond, this is easily documented. So, it's difficult to square all of this with the notion that it is Black *kids* who hold this "acting White" view. I posit that we need to be much more precise; it is fair to say, based not only on the aforementioned evidence but other more admittedly anecdotal but nevertheless powerful measures, that it is BLACK MALES who may indeed hold these "acting White" views.

So, if we accept and start out from that premise, more questions emerge. One of them is where precisely did this idea come from? Was it always thus in American life? Or is it a relatively recent thing that has come upon us? And in any event, a much deeper question for me is, WHY do so many Brothas take this or similar views? What's the psychology involved, the rationale, the reasoning, or the emotions that drive it? Surely, people do things for a reason, no matter how seemingly nonsensical they may be to the rest of us. Up until now, I've never really heard these questions being asked; the "default" position seems to be to wag a finger at the collective face of Black Men and shout/shame them into "acting right." Needless to say, the stats don't look encouraging in that regard.

History records that the idea of Black Men thinking that to have a rich life of the mind was akin to "acting White" is a relatively new thing in American life. Nor have Black Men always done well in school either, for a number of reasons, when compared to Black Women — indeed, the historical record is that Black Women have always tended to have more formal education than Black Men, going back a century ago and beyond. But this didn't stop Black Men from wanting to learn about the world around them. In fact, a kind of self-teaching has long been a part of the Black tradition when it came to its Males, and we can point to very well known examples who were for all intents, largely self-taught: Malcolm X, Frederick Douglass, James Baldwin, Stanely Crouch, Richard Wright, and many, many others. It would be a mistake to assume that just because a Brotha did work requiring a strong back he didn't have a strong mind as well.

So, what happened? We are now in the early 21st century, and this "acting White" business has been around in the public discourse since at least the 90s. Something took place to transform Black Men who saw learning vital to their sense of self-actualization regardless of whether they went to school or not into Black Men who are at the very least indifferent to any form of education, if not outright hostile to it.

On this score, to be sure, there will no shortage of speculation and theories flung about; many will point to the "Great Disruption" that was the 1960s and early 1970s as the cause and culprit. And in fairness, it may indeed play a role, however small or tangential. For my part, I am not entirely sure exactly what happened or precisely when, but the evidence as we have says to me that what we're dealing with isn't something chronic, but rather relatively

new. And we're light years away from understanding why, which means we'll also be lightyears away from actually solving this riddle.

But I do have some thoughts to share on the matter…

After much thought on this and related questions, it occurs to me that perhaps one reason why Black Men are disengaged from education and learning, is because in so many ways, they don't see it as being worth the effort, that it is a world that for all intents and purposes is cut off from them. On this score, many Black Women are quite vociferous in their response — after all, if they were able to do it, why can't Black Men, too?

And this *is* a legitimate question, if for no other reason than the fact that very often such sentiments come from Women who face very slim pickings out on the mating market. While there are perennial murmurs about the need for Black Women to "broaden their horizons," the best evidence we have that that is happening is that for better or for worse, and for the foreseeable future, Black Women in aggregate see Black Men as their ideal mates. And because, like White Women, and indeed other groups of Women in modern American life, they too want a mate that shares many of the experiences, interests and outlooks on life that they have. For Women, such things are vastly important.

Hence the all-importance of college education, because it not only confers a middle class lifestyle and income, but is also is a kind of "finishing school credential" that Women find very appealing in a Man. Indeed, it is not at all unsual for a Women, regardless of color, to reject out of hand potential suitors who lack this credential, because it serves as a rough proxy for the aforementioned qualities. Of course, on this front, because the pickings for Black Women are so slim, every suitor rejected means there are even fewer ones left, regardless of their level of education.

In many ways, the gains Black Women have made seem to have come at an almost Faustian price — it is difficult to say today, in 2010, that Black Women on a whole haven't done quite well for themselves, but the "catch" was that their Men will not be able to share in their success.

Nevertheless many Black Women and even some Black Men will essentially tell Black Men to "get over it," but aside from this strategy clearly not working, the other part that they overlook is that again, a major reason why so many of them seem disinterested in learning and education is because they've "learned" through their own life experience and that of other Black Men they've known, that there is relatively little gain to be had from it, and often the cost put in outweighs the return on investment. At this point, if moral shaming doesn't work, we can turn to grids, graphs, studies and statistics, but what we fail to see here is that for so many Black Men, the perceptions they have override the "reality" we may be trying to advance in a misbegotten effort to change their minds. This is especially true when it comes to Black Women-we have to remember that they, like all Women, have been shown to be more willing to do what is required than are Men, in the main. And Men have shown that when there is little to be gained in the effort of anything, they begin to vote with their feet.

Some tend to react violently to the idea that people tend to be more interested in something when they see others like themselves doing it, too (although the whole of marketing schemes and political campaigns are built on this truism, informed as it is by psychological understanding of the human mind), but somehow, we expect Black Men to suddenly be immune to this facet of behavior and just soldier on anyway, regardless of what they've seen or witnessed in the negative. Others will attempt to argue, well, look at Obama! He's made it! Or they'll bring up other high achieving Black Men. And there's something to be said for that.

Nevertheless, these are more like Black images than real flesh and blood Black Men that other Black Men see during the course of their everyday lives. Here is where sports and entertainment – most notably Hip Hop – comes into play, especially in the case of the latter. If ever there was a kind of cultural "public enemy number one" Hip Hop is it. The sheer bromides and assaults on the artform, blaming it for everything that ails Western Civilization from virtually all sides of the sociopolitical spectrum, would in some ways be construed as silly if the charges levelled against weren't so serious. After all, Hip Hop is hardly the first form of music/culture that shook up the

establishment — Rock music stands as stark witness to that fact. Still, one cannot shake the feeling that Hip Hop gets extra added scrutiny, disdain and harsh critique, because of the appearance of its performers.

At any rate, while Obama is an image on the tv screen, Jay-Z is someone much closer to home that Black Men can relate to – he is from Brooklyn, NY after all – and moreover, unlike Obama, who has to bend to the wishes of a world that has at best a guarded view of Black Men, if not an outright hostile one, Jay-Z and countless other rappers have proven that not only can they have their voices heard, but make quite successful businessmen out of themselves to boot — and most importantly, to do it all *on their own terms*. For this is another very important aspect of Masculinity, that Women, and this includes Black Women, who are often seen as arguably the most independent- and that is to stand apart and define oneself as a Man. I have no studies or "proof" to back me up here; but years of observation of this phenomenon coupled with my own thinking on the matter, leads me to these conclusions. Hip Hop, whether one likes it or not, gives Black Men a chance to be heard, in their own voice, in their own idiom, in a way where they define the rules of engagement, so to speak. And to add to all this, their message resonates with Men far outside the hood: record sales consistently show that the biggest purchasers of Hip Hop for some two decades have been White suburban teen and young adult Men.

So its quite understandable why so many Black Men would look to the Hip Hop and sports worlds in the way that they do; true, not all Black Men will wind up a successful rap or sports stars. But we shouldn't look too askance at such a dream; after all, there are plenty of areas of American Life that are easily as fraught with the same odds for failure. We all know scores of well-off kids who went to the best of schools and had all manner of opportunities who washed out. The same is true for the hundreds, if not thousands, of business startups who crash and burn within the first five years. The thousands of law school and medical school grads who couldn't pass the final exams needed to get them over the finish line. The scores of hopefuls who are routinely (and often harshly) rejected from American Idol. The point is that it is somewhat foolish to berate Black Male aspirations as impractical and nonsensical, when the very nature of America is to "dream."

Ironically, given the subject matter of this post, the lyrical content, delivery (or in rap parlance, "flow") and topics of so many rappers gets short shrift in favor of the art form's cruder and more crass genres, coupled with what some consider to something endemic to Hip Hop itself, its ostensible "misogyny." On this score it can't be denied that at least some rappers have some quite harsh things to say about Women, and there seems to be an entire cottage industry of young Black Women academics who "deconstruct" this and other facets of Hip Hop life and culture, often attempting to make the case for a Feminist niche within it all. Of course, what's left out in all of the reconstruction and recriminations from all sides, is the tiny little question as to whether there is any truth to what the rappers are saying on that front. Again, in light of its sales figures and those who are among its biggest purchasers, if nothing else such facts should give one pause.

At any rate, Hip Hop has shown itself to contain a kind of mental acuity and acumen that rivals some of the best song writers, poets and writers of other eras and genres. Talib Kweli's talking about his child being born, Mos Def's ruminations about the Earth's water supply, Common's take on why Socratic questioning is so important, Chuck D's many stylings on the state of the times for Brothas, and many, many other finely attuned rhyme spitters, kind of pours cold water on the notion that Black Men are turned off by education and learning. Perhaps it is the wrapping that it's presented in that's the turnoff…

In my own personal experience, I've found that many Black Men highly value learning, so long as it can be seen to benefit their life directly in some way. Perhaps then, the "acting White" phenomenon, is more a reaction to the notion of an "alien"-and a hostile one at that-concept that means little to no good in a Black Man's life?

Just a thought.

In any event, it seems clear to me that we're getting nowhere fast by pursuing the present strategy of trying to shame Black Men into "doing right." Like the late great Aaliyah said, we need a resolution.

The thoughts presented in this post today, I humbly submit, as a step in that direction.

I'm just sayin…

Comment & reply, holla.

The Obsidian

WSJ: Kids' TV Shows Increasingly Feminized

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In a tantalizing hint that the mainstream is finally beginning to take note of the emasculation of our society, the Wall Street Journal recently published an opinion piece decrying the lack of conventionally male characters on children's television programs. Written by Jonathan Last, the editorial states that "the creators of children's television choose to present strange visions of men."

Last decries the effeminate nature of male characters on kids' shows, poking fun at a few of them:

> The men on kids' shows tend to be either aged, and hence harmless, or young, and vaguely effete. Bob, Gordon and Luis—the three bulwarks of the current cast of "Sesame Street"—are all well past Social Security age. Alan, who minds the departed Mr. Hooper's store, is right behind them. The other main male characters are a teenager (Miles) and a campy tramp (Mr. Noodle).
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> Hop over to cable and you'll find "Yo Gabba Gabba!," a show whose master of ceremonies is a skinny fellow named DJ Lance Rock. Wearing a clingy orange track suit, oversize hipster glasses and a tall, furry orange hat, he creeps and slinks around the screen carrying a giant boom box while the show's obnoxious theme song blares. He isn't exactly Clint Eastwood. Another popular show, LazyTown, features only two men—a hero, "Sportacus," and a villain, "Robbie Rotten," neither of whom would look out of place in a Village People tribute band.

Having kids of my own, I've definitely noticed the difference. Back in my day we had the Transformers, He-Man and GI Joe, not to mention Star Blazers, in which a giant battleship cruises through space (my favorite). Today, I suppose there are those turtles and the hedgehog, but it isn't quite the same.

What really has me curious about this article is that the WSJ, recently acquired by Murdoch, is making aggressive moves to establish itself as a rival to the NY Times. Could it be that Murdoch, canny businessman that he is, sees some advantage in bringing up the obvious problem of the suppression of masculinity, a subject that the politically correct Times is too afraid to take on?

Nevada Woman Gets Life for Lewd Acts With Child

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Epoxytocin found an interesting example of what goes on in America's courtrooms, forwarding it to me and suggesting that perhaps women are no longer getting a pass on account of their sex.

Due to draconian sentencing guidelines meant to punish men, a Nevada woman received a life sentence for allowing a 13-year-old boy to fondle her breasts. Although eligible for parole in ten years, the woman's life is essentially destroyed. In the video of the sentencing, her female attorney breaks down in tears at the "injustice" done to her client. Certainly, it is harsh, but what this woman is facing is reality for American men. Nobody would shed any tears if a man were to receive the same sentence for having a girl that young touch him sexually. In fact, this happens to men all the time in the US.

Honestly, I think the sentence is excessive, and the judge appears to have the same opinion, but if women expect equality in all spheres of life, then it is necessarily just under an equalist regime.

Let the lawyer weep over the monstrosity that her sisters have helped to create, and that put her in front of a judge to make a futile statement against the brutal laws that our man-hating society put in place.

We Are All Fascists Now

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"Fascism should more appropriately be called Corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power" – Benito Mussolini

Ron Paul's latest article at LewRockwell.com gets even more specific in it's definition:

> Socialism is a system where the government directly owns and manages businesses. Corporatism is a system where businesses are nominally in private hands, but are in fact controlled by the government. In a corporatist state, government officials often act in collusion with their favored business interests to design polices that give those interests a monopoly position, to the detriment of both competitors and consumers.

Paul's article goes into detail about how Conservatives and opponents to ObamaCare are actually doing their cause harm by calling ObamaCare "socialist" or opposing Obama's agenda on the grounds that it is based on "socialism."

> When he is a called a socialist, the President and his defenders can easily deflect that charge by pointing out that the historical meaning of socialism is government ownership of industry; under the President's policies, industry remains in nominally private hands.

The key word here is nominally, which is why Paul is advocating that Obama's agenda be correctly called Corporatist.

> *This also promotes the understanding that though the current system may not be pure socialism, neither is it free-market since government controls the private sector through taxes, regulations, and subsidies, and has done so for decades.*

While Paul discusses this in the context of how the ObamaCare is essentially a corporatist act granting a Government enforced cartel to the insurance and pharmaceutical industries…there is another bill pending before congress that has just as far reaching consequences as health care.

The Fascists are going after our food supply.

Just who are these fascists? The nominally private corporations like Cargill, ConAgra, Kraft, Monsanto et al. And who are their Government partners in this fascist takeover attempt? The USDA's Food Safety Inspection Services (FSIS).

Why yes…the same folks that brought us the wondrous food pyramid, are now ostensibly going to protect us all from contaminated meat.

The bill is
H.R. 2749: Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009.

A website dedicated to saving small, family farms in the face of the agribusiness corporate fascists, called Farm Wars, discusses the implications of this bill in an article entitled History, HACCP and the Food Safety Con Job:

> Vested interest groups have orchestrated a legislative lullaby to hush the public's growing unease with the safety of its food supply. Their enablers in the mainstream corporate controlled media amplify a chorus of government officials and non-governmental organizations admonishing that the public must be confident that the food it buys is safe. But having confidence our food is safe is not the same as having food that is safe and wholesome to eat.

> *The American public has a great and unmet need to understand the true impacts (that is, the predictable consequences) of the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009, before the Senates passes its version of this dangerous bill. The US Congress has a long, tragic history of passing legislation that promotes the industrialization of our food supply, effectively implementing the wishes — both stated and unstated — of agribusiness, and it's about to do it again.*
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> *Using the pretext of food safety, those behind the Food Safety Enhancement Act seek to institute changes the American public would not condone if it understood what is at stake. The country is being duped into believing that the pseudo-scientific measures prescribed by the bill will prevent new outbreaks of food-borne illnesses when in reality FSEA will usher in a number of undesirable outcomes, none of which do a thing to improve food safety. On the contrary, these measures will permit large processors to become an essentially unregulated segment of the industry by privatizing the inspection process, and — at the same time — the new regulations will constitute a cost-prohibitive barrier for small players to remain in business, making them easy targets for indiscriminant enforcement and greater market consolidation.*

The cost-prohibitive barrier is precisely the objective!

Another site also involved in the same fight, offered more details on some of the bill's provisions.

From FairFoodFight.org:

> Expanding an existing program, the FSIS wants to shore up food safety requirements by fully implementing and enforcing its 14 year old HACCP program. What is HACCP? From Wikipedia:

> *"HACCP is used in the food industry to identify potential food safety hazards, so that key actions, known as Critical Control Points (CCPs) can be taken to reduce or eliminate the risk of the hazards being realized."*

> *This is a good idea, right? A HACCP plan describes the places in a meat processing plant or a butcher shop where food could be contaminated, and it describes what daily and hourly routine steps are taken to prevent that from happening. Cleanings, pathogen tests, pH tests, temperatures, water activity, and other food safety practices are documented by workers and managers to insure that the HACCP plan is being followed. Poultry, eggs, seafood, and juice all require HACCP programs. (Most other FDA products do not.)*
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> *HACCP went into effect over a decade ago, but one aspect that was never fully realized was "Verification," that is, proving that a business is following its own HACCP plan, and that's part of what these new FSIS regulations address. The new approach to Verification seeks to "verify" that meat processors are testing for pathogens (among other food safety practices) and documenting those tests in order to prove that their HACCP plan is working.*
>
> *THE PROBLEM*
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> *Local butchers and small meat operations are going to get steamrolled by these requirements.*
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> *As just one example, small meat processors will need to collect microbial data for at least one product from each HACCP category that they process (beef, pork, chicken, lamb, etc), under the new Validation program. These products can be grouped (chicken breasts, chicken thighs, chicken sausage), but the similarities and differences in species, process, product public health risk, and food safety hazards might require further testing. If your butcher's meats vary even slightly (various sausages can be significantly different in how they're made from one recipe to another), they may be required to "verify" all their products in each and every category.*
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> *This is exasperating and frightening to many meat shops and small- to medium-sized processors. Even small operations offer a wide variety of foods, after all (think about all the cuts and various types of meat you see in your local butcher shop or at a farmers market). But these tests are expensive, so the more cuts and varieties of meats that an operation offers, the more it will cost that butcher to keep selling those various cuts. The obvious solution won't be to invest more money for further testing, but to raise prices, reduce the variety of their product*

> *mix, and offer only what sells very well.*
>
> *Or close up shop.*

Ding ding ding ding! We have a winner!

That is precisely the point of this type of legislation! This is how competitors are regularly driven out of business by special interest groups enlisting the Government bureaucracy to grant them a market cartel.

Joel Salatin, owner of PolyFace Farms, also wrote about the way in which government regulation favors the giant, industrial agriculture corporations versus the small operation farmer, in an article entitled Everything I Want to Do is Illegal:

> Everything I want to do is illegal. As if a highly bureaucratic regulatory system was not already in place, 9/11 fueled renewed acceleration to eliminate freedom from the countryside. Every time a letter arrives in the mail from a federal or state agriculture department my heart jumps like I just got sent to the principal's office.
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> *And it doesn't stop with agriculture bureaucrats. It includes all sorts of government agencies, from zoning, to taxing, to food inspectors. These agencies are the ultimate extension of a disconnected, Greco-Roman, Western, egocentric, compartmentalized, reductionist, fragmented, linear thought process.*
>
> *ON-FARM PROCESSING*
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> *I want to dress my beef and pork on the farm where I've coddled and raised it. But zoning laws prohibit slaughterhouses on agricultural land. For crying out loud, what makes more holistic sense than to put abattoirs where the animals are? But no, in the wisdom of Western disconnected thinking, abattoirs are massive centralized facilities visited daily by a steady stream of tractor trailers and illegal alien workers.*
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> *But what about dressing a couple of animals a year in the backyard? How can that be compared to a ConAgra or Tyson facility? In the eyes of the government, the two are one and the same. Every T-bone steak has to be wrapped in a half-million dollar facility so that it can be sold to your neighbor. The fact that I can do it on my own farm more cleanly, more responsibly, more humanely, more efficiently, and in a more environmentally friendly manner doesn't matter to the government agents who walk around with big badges on their jackets and wheelbarrow-sized regulations tucked under their arms.*

Sure is hard trying to compete with the factory farming corporations here in the land of the fee and the home of the debt-slave, eh?

> Our whole culture suffers from an industrial food system that has made every part disconnected from the rest. Smelly and dirty farms are supposed to be in one place, away from people, who snuggle smugly in their cul-de-sacs and have not a clue about the out-of-sight-out-of-mind atrocities being committed to their dinner before it arrives in microwaveable, four-color-labeled, plastic packaging. Industrial abattoirs need to be located in a not-in-my-backyard place to sequester noxious odors and sights. Finally, the retail store must be located in a commercial district surrounded by lots of pavement, handicapped access, public toilets and whatever else must be required to get food to people.
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> *The notion that animals can be raised, processed, packaged, and sold in a model that offends neither our eyes nor noses cannot even register on the average bureaucrat's radar screen — or, more importantly, on the radar of the average consumer advocacy organization. Besides, all these single-use megalithic structures are good for the gross domestic product. Anything else is illegal.*

Never forget the way enforcement works too.

Big Ag corporations who violate the food safety codes that result in recalls, outbreaks of listeria or e. coli, that make consumers sick and even die?

They simply pay large fines to the Government.

Just another cost for doing business…the same fines that literally bankrupt smaller farms.

We the sheeple are caught in a fascist pincer. We get sick and malnourished from our fascist food supply, and we must than seek treatment from our soon to be enacted fascist health care system.

DUCE!

CNN: Women Increasingly Crude, Raunchy, Drunk

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A clueless CNN video that features commentary from Jaclyn Friedman questions whether women are going too far in their drunken debauchery. Of course, the concern is that “rapists use alcohol to facilitate sexual assault,” despite the fact that all women portrayed seem to be fairly predatory themselves. Interestingly, a girl interviewed for the piece says that women are doing this to “challenge” men, suggesting that this behavior, like all feminism, is simply another one of the endless string of shit tests American women inflict on their men.

Feminists and Alpha Males vs. Civilization

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One of the big puzzles of feminism is how it ever got off the ground at all. Men run the world and always have; men are smarter, stronger, and more aggressive than women; feminists could never have gotten anything they wanted if men hadn't permitted them to have it. So why did men give up their position of power?

This is only partly answered by the inventions and discoveries (made by men) that made female independence remotely possible. Birth control methods were unreliable until a few decades ago, when scientific advances by men improved them. Before a man discovered penicillin, sexual experimentation could lead to horrific incurable diseases; the well-founded terror of syphilis, not "men's need to control women's sexuality", was what used to keep the unmarried chaste. And before the many machines men invented, a lot of work required more musclepower than women have; their engaging in it was impossible before men made it easier. Not to mention that men's labor-saving inventions created enough prosperity to create more jobs that were not back-breaking manual labor. I would have a great deal more respect for feminists if any of them ever thanked men for these gifts which have made all of their current privileges possible.

The reason men allowed feminism to progress is that alpha males are not harmed by feminism, and it is alpha males who have the power to grant women the privileges of feminism.

In fact, alpha males often benefit from feminism. If women have contraception and can sleep around without censure, this means the alpha males have harems who don't whelp children he will then have to support. If women have disposable income of their own, they can and will buy piles of junk from companies owned and headed by alpha males. If women are permitted to vote, they will vote for the alpha males who 1) make them tingle and 2) promise to steal lots of stuff from the beta males and give it to them. This is what motivated alpha males in government to allow such atrocities as default mother custody, alimony, ludicrous "domestic abuse" laws, and sex discrimination lawsuits. Really, women were only given the vote because alpha males in government knew that they would win the next election or two based on the gratitude of the females they enfranchised, i.e. women would vote for the men who gave them the vote. That another decade down the road they would have to find more bread and circuses to trade for votes, and that allowing the irrational sex to vote would progressively damage the country over the years, did not concern them; politicians do not take a long view of consequences, they care only about winning the next election. In the next couple of decades we will see politicians extending the vote to twelve-year-olds so that said twelve-year-olds will vote for them.

PUA websites frequently conflate the terms "beta male" and "omega male" (or "mangina"). This is a grave error. A mangina is a doormat. A beta male is not the dominant stud who can melt a woman's panties off with a glance, but he is far from a doormat. Furthermore, beta males are the foundation of civilization.

Really, civilization could get along without alpha males if we were not hierarchical creatures; psychologically, we need to have a figurehead playing the part of leader, even if their role is ceremonial, which it often is. The fact is that beta males not only do most of the work, they make most of the discoveries and advances. Alpha males don't do this because they're too busy convincing everyone around them that they are alphas. Most of the time, the only useful functions alpha males serve is to hold the ceremonial place of "leader" and to make ginas tingle.

Polygyny and female hypergamy is the natural human social system. Women will claim that they want a man all to themselves, but what they want is the wealthy handsome playboy from the Harlequin romances to stop playing the field and commit to them exclusively. When he won't, which is almost always, women will and do settle for sharing one alpha male with several other women. On a personal level, this is more in their interest; an odalisque in a harem with two dozen other women will be better provided for than a peasant's only wife, and so will her children.

It is an irony much remarked on by PUAs that the "sexual liberation" of women has lead to a harem system: "Women want the top man…so the top man fucks lots of women. That's right – the sexual revolution, feminism, etc

has resulted in a return to harems. Women, at the mercy of their own emotions, are volunteering for the modern-day equivalent of harems."

But while the sluts and alphas are having fun, this is not a good system. Polygamous societies are notoriously politically unstable. They are prone to civil wars. Further, they tend to have high levels of poverty and crime and very little scientific advance or artistic achievement.

> The most that any government (authoritarian or otherwise) can do to control the behavior of its citizens is to threaten them with death. From an evolutionary psychological perspective, as Rubin himself (2002, 120–21) recognizes, the threat of death does not carry much weight for young men in highly polygynous societies faced with the distinct possibility of total reproductive failure because of a lack of reproductive opportunities. From the perspective of the genes, total reproductive failure—not leaving any offspring—is death. Thus, for the same reasons that polygyny (and a consequent lack of reproductive opportunities) inclines men to murder, rape and assault, despite the distinct possibility of state criminal penalty, the same desperate situation can lead them to wage civil wars for potential reproductive opportunities (Kanazawa 2007). There is very little the state can do to control the behavior of young men in polygynous societies even with the threat of death.

Evolutionary Psychological Foundations of Civil Wars by Satoshi Kanazawa

Why? Well, because of their treatment of the people who make both social stability and cultural advance possible: beta males. As Roger Devlin pointed out, "No one has ever discovered a better way of employing [young men's] time and energies than by making fathers of them." With children of their own to raise and provide for – or at least the reasonable hope of such – young men will educate themselves, work hard, and submit to mind-blowingly dreary jobs instead of robbing, rioting, and raping. (Note that those three activities are common pastimes of young Muslim men, the ones always referred to by left-wing journalists as "youths".)

By denying the majority of males any stake in civilization, any incentive for good behavior, feminists and alpha males are conspiring to create a world in which violent crime is commonplace and scientific advance is doomed.

Note: For some pro-beta material, check out these links:
The Roissysphere and its moral and intellectual objectives: a proposed manifesto

The Beta Revolution

The Alpha Male, the Beta, and Pitcairn Island, or Watch Your Back

Why the Beta Male Exists

Women to Join Silent Service in 2011

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It has been 17 years since women began serving on US Navy surface warships, but until now submariners have remained entirely male. However, change is coming, as women are expected to begin serving on submarines by late 2011.

Not all submariners are thrilled about the idea. Rear Admiral Barry Bruner, Commander of Submarine Group 10, has been posting updates concerning the issue on his blog, inviting comments from current or former submariners. Bruner supports the change (that's his job), but the comments on his blog indicate that quite a few have serious reservations about the idea.

Writes Karl Newman:

> I've been underway on a SSN for extended periods with women and have observed first hand all the screwing around that goes on onboard mixed-gender surface ships. This plan to put women on the boats is a train wreck waiting to happen.
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> Karl Newman
> SSN 688, SSBN 657 (B), SSN 751, CSG-10 staff, CSS-20 staff

Joseph Shook:

> 1. Wives of submariners will not accept this situation…this will greatly reduce the number of those skilled, married men who now serve!
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> 2. Submariners themselves…they respect women and accept, like myself, their ability to do many, if not most, Navy jobs with great skill, dedication and efficiency. It's just that it is not a proper nor conducive environment in which to combine the sexes…much like SEAL training. Extensive and expensive, plus time consuming, modifications will need to be made on those boats now operable and the submarine service and Navy cannot afford any of this. They are going to be hard pressed to maintain operational commitments as it is.
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> 3. There have been two recent events, USS Truxtun, DDG-103, where the Commanding Officer, a married man, father of two and carreer officer, was just relieved for fraternizing with a junior female officer from his ship, and aboard the USS Cowpens, CG-63, where yet another career Navy officer and the Commanding Officer, this time a woman, Capt. Holly Graf, misused and possibly hazarded her vessel by "drag racing" with another Navy ship. These both sadly indicate how human we are, and intensify, I feel, how, where conditions are even more acute and living quarters closer and more confined, people should not be subjected to any more pressure than already exists. It won't work and I know from contact with a large number of submarine veterans and current sailors and officers, over 99% do not wish to see it happen, all knowing it will not work as envisioned by whatever idiots have thought it up.
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> Joseph Shook, President & Webmaster
> USS John C. Calhoun Veterans Association
> Life Member, USSVI, Bowfin and Cavalla Bases
> Board Member, Cavalla Historical Foundation
> Admiral, Texas Navy, Commissioned 1992
> Member, FRA, Branch 159

Jack Ensminger:

> It is inconceivable the powers that be in the Defense Dept do not understand nature. It doesn't matter if the

> women are officer or enlisted, when at sea for extended periods of time, with mixed gender, nature will take its course.
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> It is very close quarters in Submarines and a simple thing as passing in passageways will invite unwanted contact. IT WILL HAPPEN, NO MATTER HOW GOOD THE DISCIPLINE.
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> These people making the decisions need to do a 60-day patrol to understand how it works. They need to go thru Qualification. Qualifications alone will promote opportunities for mixed gender.
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> The other element I have not seen mentioned is the uprising of the wives of the married Submariners. They will give their man a choice, to sea with women or your family. If this comes to pass, I predict in a short time there will be gross disqualification of men from Submarines. And if that doesn't work, they will leave the service at EAOS.
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> And then add "Don't ask, don't tells," and the water gets muddier.
>
> JB Ensminger
> TMCS(SS) USN(RET)
> Chief of Boat
> USS Daniel Boone
> SSBN 629 (G) 1972-1973

Even some women think it's a bad idea:

> Given what is known about current non-deployment rates due to pregnancy among enlisted women as well as officers, what is the Navy's estimate of comparable non-deployment rates of female officers and enlisted women on submarines? (As the Washington Times article made clear, extensive programs to discourage Navy pregnancies have failed—rates have increased.)
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> How many mid-ocean evacuations are expected to occur on an annual basis and how will these evacuations be accomplished in remote areas; i.e., under the Polar icecap?
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> If a submarine CO is faced with the operational necessity to continue an undersea mission, despite high risks of birth defects for a newly-discovered embryonic "passenger"–what does the Navy expect the skipper to do? (Elevated carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide in the constantly recycled atmosphere are safe for adults but not for embryos in the earliest weeks of life.)
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> WRT life-threatening ectopic pregnancies, which are not statistically rare, how many women are likely to permanently lose reproductive capability due to botched undersea surgeries or worse—how many are expected to die due to hemorrhage in conditions offering no options for immediate evacuation via mid-ocean helicopter?
>
> Elaine Donnelly
> President,Center for Military Readiness

Some major issues are raised by the above commenters, including the obvious problem of jealous wives and pregnant crew members, but I didn't see anyone mention the issue of sexual harassment suits or rape accusations. If there's anywhere that these will be generated it is on a submarine — a giant metal phallus plunging through the depths. The visual symbolism alone will sensationalize any accusations (no, I'm not kidding — people really are like that).

Sailors will inevitably be dragged before courts martial for alleged rape, crews will be divided even while under polar ice, etc.

Putting women in our submarines is a purely political move supported by an administration that looks increasingly feminist with each passing day. Despite stated support at the top, sailors and veterans think it's a bad idea. Looking at the situation objectively, I would have to agree.

Misandry In The Depopulation Agenda Conspiracy Theory

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There are many different types of conspiracy theories about many subjects. However, most conspiracy theory you will encounter follows a "standard model". This "standard model" conspiracy theory usually includes some type of unified group of elites such as the NWO or the Illuminati. In many "standard model" conspiracy theories you will find demons, reptile aliens, or grey aliens really running the show. The "standard model" conspiracy theory almost always has some type of "depopulation agenda". The unified group of elites in the conspiracy theory want to reduce the population of the human race radically. Various final population numbers such as 500 million and 1.2 billion are given. The reason usually given that the unified group of elites supposedly want to eliminate that much of the human race is to better enslave the survivors.

The depopulation agenda conspiracy theory has quite a few problems. The biggest is the lack of hard evidence. The depopulation agenda is usually connected by a conspiracy theories to how feminist a society is, meaning that feminism is used to collapse fertility rates along with abortion and birth control. However, no such correlation exists. While feminized societies in the first world have seen their fertility rates collapse, this isn't limited to places where feminism is prevalent. Japan's fertility rate collapsed without feminism. Fertility rates even in the Islamic world have collapsed. For example, thirty years ago Iran's fertility rate was 9 children/woman. Now it's 1.8. Feminism has no influence in the Islamic world. Abortion and birth control aren't used there either. Yet fertility rates are collapsing in the Islamic world the same as they are in feminized countries.

Another problem is that events after a depopulation event historically do not happen the way the depopulation agenda conspiracy theory claims. The black death was an event that caused depopulation. After the black death the nobility was not able to tighten the screws on their populations. In fact the opposite happened. Wages and other compensation went up for the survivors. This is consistent with supply and demand in economics. There was a major drop in the supply of labor so compensation of the remaining laborers went up. The elites that want depopulation would run into the same problem since they can't annul the basic laws of economics.

However, all of those are side issues for us. In the future **the depopulation agenda conspiracy theory will be used as a vehicle of misandry against men**. So far it has only been used to attack feminism (and certain environmental issues). When it has been used to attack feminism, its attack has only been on aspects of feminism related to abortion and birth control. It's fits in very well with conservative female supremacism which only attacks that portion of feminism and completely avoids what is happening to men. Conservative female supremacists go as far to say that feminism actually benefits men and that women are the only "real victims" of feminism. They will say that feminism "allows" to avoid "responsibility" in creating families and having children. (Of course, this is absurd since there is no responsibility to create a family and/or have children, just to take care of the children you already have.)

Due to the misandry in churches, many men have left the churches. On top of that due to marriage 2.0, many men are part of the marriage strike. This extends into the churches as well. Divorce is just as common in the church as outside of it. That is one of the reasons for the fear that conservative female supremacist women have of not having enough children. As we have seen, conservative female supremacist women and their white knights have not fixed the divorce system or created incentives for men to marry. Instead they use more and more shaming language. Since progressively using more and more shaming language isn't have the effect they want they will need to up their shaming language. The depopulation agenda conspiracy theory will allow them to do that.

The conservative female supremacist women and their white knights will claim that the marriage strike, men's rights, MGTOW and related ideas are all part of the depopulation agenda. Their "evidence" will be that men who have discovered these ideas aren't getting married and having children. They will try and club men over the head with the idea that we're voluntarily following the Illuminati in their depopulation agenda and that we need to man up and get married and have kids to fight the Illuminati. They will claim that the marriage strike, men's rights, and

MGTOW are Illuminati ideas to continue the depopulation agenda. Whenever a man points out what a disaster marriage and many other things having to do with women have become, he will be told to “man up” because he’s failing to fight the Illuminati. If a man is a victim of paternity fraud, the divorce industry, has his kids taken away etc. they will say that we all have to make sacrifices to fight the Illuminati. Since the Illuminati is a fictitious concept, conservative female supremacists can ascribe whatever motivation they like to the Illuminati which they will use to claim that any man who isn’t obeying them is a tool of the Illuminati.

While many conservative female supremacist women and their white knights will use this form of absurd shaming language in the future, most of them will not completely believe it. That does not matter to us. Even though they may not believe it, they will still use it out of desperation. While this will probably happen, it probably won’t be any more effective as other forms of shaming language are now. If anything it will be less effective since in addition to sounding crazy, shaming language has been becoming less and less effective over time.

Reminder: Bang Deal Ending after Sunday

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Roosh's special price for subscribers to The Spearhead newsletter will only last two more days, so anyone who wants to pick up his book at the discounted price should sign up for the newsletter soon.

If you didn't catch the original post offering the deal, you can find it here.

As mentioned before, we plan to offer subscribers access to deals on literature and other media concerning various male-oriented topics through the newsletter, so it's worth signing up for it if you enjoy reading the material found on *The Spearhead*.

Sandra Bullock Gains Accolades for Becoming Single Mother and Divorcing at the Same Time

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In the perverse world of American celebrity drama, divorce and infidelity have long been the norm. Unfortunately, the rest of America – particularly the female segment – has been following suit.

In an article in the True/Slant online media outlet writer Lisa Todorovich holds Sandra Bullock up as an example of someone who has successfully maintained a sympathetic image by simultaneously divorcing and adopting a child. It would be difficult to blame Bullock for divorcing her husband Jesse James given his infidelity, but is it really a good idea to divorce and become a single mother at the same time? This would be akin to a woman deliberately getting pregnant while she knows that she is about to split up with her husband.

Todorovich tells it below:

> …when the tattooed nightmare hit, she told People, she grabbed a bag, took baby Louis and got the hell out of Dodge, keeping out of sight while the Category 5 storm swirled around her. And it sounds like her organizational skills in planning how she'd stay out of sight are nothing short of remarkable.
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> She's reportedly filed for divorce, saying she was totally blindsided by the scandal. Jesse James has reportedly given up parental rights to little Louis, and she'll finalize the adoption as a single parent, though she'll continue to co-parent James' three kids.

It's true that Bullock had been trying to adopt a child for years, and this may simply be a case of unfortunate timing on her part, but Todorovich holds it up as a fortuitous convergence of events: dump the guy and run off to be a single mom and the world will love you! I'm pretty sure that's the lesson young women will take away from it as well.

The idea that becoming a single mother is a triumphant thing is one of the most disgusting aspects of American culture. Not only does it deny the importance of a father in raising a child, it also denies the reality that single motherhood is no walk in the park, and the huge demands it places on mothers and children are not good for children – and hence society – in the long run.

We have to accept that, as absurd as it may be, celebrities are role models for the great masses, and when they send the wrong messages to the people that admire them there will be consequences for all of us. Perhaps Bullock should declare a commitment to finding a man to participate in the raising of her adopted baby boy. If she were to do so, then she would truly be worthy of respect.

On "Whining"

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Any man who spends any amount of time writing or speaking about a real or perceived injustice will eventually be accused of "whining."

Men are particularly susceptible to the whining charge because it is an insult to their manhood, a smear on their honor. An inveterate whiner is impotent, incompetent, dependent, helpless, childlike, lazy and not in control of his own destiny. He is a weak and colicky creature, not quite a man, unable to assert his own will, crying for attention and casting about for anyone to blame for his failures and his circumstances but himself. Men tend to loathe victim politics for this reason – to play the victim means relinquishing control. Like the twelve-stepper, he admits he is powerless. Unless this admission is sanctioned by his peers, other men will distance themselves from his act of submission to avoid "contact emasculation."

The whining charge is "shaming language," but sometimes men *should* be ashamed of themselves. I'd rather be ashamed of myself for failing to demonstrate a virtue that I hold in high regard than I would be regarded as "shameless." A man who has no shame has no virtue and no conscience, or he is a liar.

But if we agree that there is such a thing as justice, even if we suspect it is somewhat subjective, then unless we believe we live in a perfectly just world, it follows that there is legitimate injustice. In a society that seems to be enamored with the notion of "social justice" one might think that any man who points out injustice or who seeks justice for others would rightly be regarded as heroic. And he usually is, unless he is pointing out perceived injustices against those who may only be regarded as the architects of injustice.

In America today, men and whites are regarded as the primary architects of injustice. White men, it is assumed, have been accorded so much privilege by birthright that any perceived injustices against them should be regarded as slights or perhaps even just correctives. Take it from the white man; he can afford it. If he complains, he's a whiner. According to the establishment rhetoric he has so many advantages that no matter what we do to him it is his own fault if he doesn't succeed.

How great this white man is! A Gulliver among Lilliputians…

[image]

It's hard to deny that it is still good in some ways to be a white man. But it ain't all it used to be. Boys today are raised in a world far, far removed from the good old boys club. Truth be told they really didn't always have it that great anyway — the life of a white coal miner a century ago could hardly be called "privileged." But even if, for the sake of argument, white men had always ruled the world together, free from personal sacrifice, hardship or responsibility, from the back porch of some golden country club…they clearly don't anymore. Things are different now, legally and socially. Isn't fair to say that this group of men might actually face some legitimate hardships or injustices? Wouldn't any other position be blatantly racist sexism?

I've argued that seeking victim status and a place at the national grievance table is far from desirable.

If you're facing some legitimate hardships or injustices, there must be an honorable way to speak about them. But, because inborn privilege in all areas will continue to be assumed whether reality-based or completely theoretical, and other groups stand to lose ground if Western Men regain it, men will continue to be called whiners by some no matter what they say or how they say it. These sorts of accusations can more or less be ignored. Men will also call each other whiners to make themselves feel better about their own shortcomings — it's a form of chest-thumping that should be taken with a grain of salt.

However, it's worth trying to define what whining really is. Because while every man whines a little bit sometimes, no man wants to be a whiner. Where do you draw the line?

***Real* whining is infantile.**

Whining is a cry for sympathy on one's own behalf, as if from the mouth of a babe. It says, "I can't because…" and demonstrates helplessness and impotence because it takes no responsibility for changing one's own circumstances.

There are legitimate grievances in life, and there are legitimate reasons to draw attention to one's own hardships. Sometimes there really *are* powerful forces working against you, or major obstacles in your path. The difference between whining and acknowledging a problem is that the man who is acknowledging a problem also demonstrates that he is doing everything within his own power to overcome that obstacle or to make the best of the hand he's been dealt. The whiner rationalizes and blames without taking responsibility for any wrongdoing or poor judgment on his own part, and makes no sincere effort to improve his own circumstances — he cries out and expects others to make sacrifices to come to his rescue.

A matter-of-fact statement of a problem cannot be considered whining.

Unless you are asking for something. *Sympathy is something*. And *asking is begging*.

A call to arms is not whining.

If you are identifying an obstacle and trying to enlist others who face the same obstacle to work together to do something about it, you are taking responsibility for changing your circumstances. The people who created the obstacle or who benefit from it in some way may call this whining, but they are merely protecting their own interests by dismissing your concerns.

***Real* whining is self absorbed.**

Real whiners don't care that other people have problems, too. Whiners are excessively focused on their own problems. The following passage about poor men in postwar Japan from *Confessions of a Yakuza* came to mind:

> In that world, there were a few things you just never said. One was "I'm hungry"; the others were "I'm cold" and "I'm hot." As far as being hungry was concerned, they were all in the same boat, so long as it was a kind of competition to see who could bear it the longest. If any of the men standing around there complained of being hungry, he'd be treated as an outsider, a slob who didn't have the guts to stick it out. They were all barely keeping going as it was, and as for someone to talk about food would have been the last straw.

No one wants to hear your problems, especially when they are in the same boat. Commiserating is an undignified but understandable feature of human nature. One-sided whining in the company of other people who have the same (or worse!) problems is *obnoxious*.

Calling attention to the problems of others is definitely not whining.

It is impossible to whine on the behalf of someone else. Speaking up to correct real or perceived injustices is a noble gesture (or at least an attempt at one). Others may disagree with your aims, with your opinions, with your logic, or with your assessment of the situation – but if they accuse you of whining on the behalf of someone else, they don't deserve to be taken seriously.

If you have faced injustices in the past, and overcame them, and are telling your story to elicit public support for change so that others do not have to face the same hardships, that is not really whining either.

Sometimes, altruistic statements are obviously a front for those who want to become "victim celebrities." Some people will exploit or even manufacture hardships to get attention. When that's the case, it's not as much whining so much as cynical, opportunistic and dishonorable. And usually, it's not hard to spot. Think about Oprah Winfrey and the majority of her perpetually "recovering" celebrity friends who luxuriate in their own melodramatic miseries to increase their status within a community of professional victims.

Social criticism is not whining.

Social criticism is social criticism.

In basic terms, social criticism is, “Here’s some bullshit, here’s why it is bullshit, and here’s why I’d like to see it change to improve our society.”

Whining is “Here’s some bullshit that affects me and *here’s why I want you to feel sorry for me and take care of me.”*

It’s important to be able to separate legitimate charges of whining from general self-interested bitchiness, knee-jerk reactions, and attempts to manipulate or silence debate. All charges of whining are not equally valid, and knowing when to let other people’s bullshit roll off your back allows you to devote your energy to more productive pursuits.

Swedish Chick Flick Playing in US

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The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo, a movie based on the book by dedicated Swedish Communist Stieg Larsson, is now playing in the US. Surprisingly, I haven't seen the film mentioned by any feminist bloggers, as Larsson's primary character is a hardcore Riot Grrrl type with facial piercings, tattoos, bisexual tendencies and a hefty dose of homicidal rage. According to director Niels Oplev, main character Lisbeth Salander is a "squatter, punker, hacker." Unlike most squatters and gutterpunks I've known, rather than being addled by daily infusions of malt liquor, crank and cheap Mexican heroin, she has a photographic memory and is well-versed in martial arts. She also solves crimes committed by sadistic misogynists, who are the stock bad guys in Marxist-influenced Larson's books.

In fact, the original title of the book the film is based on was "Men Who Hate Women," but some thought that might be a bit too cliché in the US, where it is the standard theme (and might as well be the title) of daytime TV shows such as Steve Wilkos. Being a feminist film, it has naturally garnered only positive reviews written by female no-names — probably because nobody else cared enough to watch the movie.

Weighing in for the NY Times, Manohla Dargis writes:

> More seductive to some, Salander is also a victim turned avenger, who, rather than taking her traumatic past out on herself in classic female style, say, by cutting, externalizes her rage. She doesn't take anything lying down, including sex and violence. She's the top dog in bed as well as in the streets, where she follows the creed that it's better to die on your feet than on your knees.

I wonder, do Swedes take this garbage seriously? Even *American* women might be embarrassed by how far comrade Larsson takes it.

Fortunately, I found another review, written for the New Yorker, that sheds a bit more critical light on the subject:

> Why can't Lisbeth, if her old laptop is broken, claim a new one, using a quaint process that the rest of us call "insurance," and thus save herself the bother of being tortured? The answer is that Oplev has not just thrills to purvey but anxieties to air. His film is an adaptation of the novel by the late Stieg Larsson, the first of a trilogy, which has sold by the wagonload around the world. Larsson was a reporter, like Blomkvist; he specialized in exposing the activities of the far right, and his fiction is concerned, to the brink of obsession, with cruelties of every stripe. The Swedish title of the book translates as "Men Who Hate Women," and Lisbeth's private history—which, unsurprisingly, was riven by familial abuse—is linked to the Vanger saga not by any causal logic but simply by a vague, insistent dread of the tyrannical.

So Larsson the Leninist has an axe to grind. How surprising…

When you scrape the cover off of a feminist mangina, it's curious how often you'll find a Bolshevik maggot squirming in the muck.

Here's the trailer:

I'm sure we'll all be rushing out to buy tickets.

The U.N. is the World's Largest Exporter of Feminism

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In Pro-Male/Anti-Feminist Tech's latest article, Misandry In The Depopulation Agenda Conspiracy Theory, the comment thread got off into a little tangent regarding conspiracy theory about whether or not feminism is or is not indeed a movement primarily about population control. While it is an interesting debate, one fact remains: the primary means of spreading feminist ideology around the world is through the U.N.'s NGOs.

Many assistance programs offered to impoverished third world countries are offered by the U.N. organizations like the IMF, WHO etc. with "Strings attached." Often times, these 'Strings" are feminist policy proscriptions – allowing the UN NGO's to administer birth control and/or abortion "services", before the assistance is allowed to be "given."

This has also lead to a clash of opposing ideologies – the liberal, feminist morality that is diametrically opposed to countries who's populations are still practitioners of patriarchal-based, mono-theistic religion.

Reason magazine recently posted an article about women's rights in Iran. In it, Iranian feminists protested that the ruling regime of Iran has refused to sign the UN's CEDAW:

> *The letter refers to Iranian laws that gender-equality groups say discriminate against women. These include statutes relating to such matters as divorce, child custody, education, and the ability to choose a husband.*
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> *Women have been "arrested, beaten, and imprisoned for peacefully seeking change of such laws," the letter says. "The Iranian government will certainly use [CSW membership] to curtail the progress and advancement of women."*

Look at what the Iranian feminsts are citing when they refer to discrimination and "advancement" with regards to CEDAW: "…divorce, child custody, education, and the ability to choose a husband."

Let's review the stated purpose of CEDAW:

> *The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly, is often described as an international bill of rights for women. Consisting of a preamble and 30 articles, it defines what constitutes discrimination against women and sets up an agenda for national action to end such discrimination.*

Now, granted, most rational men of the West don't support the Iranian regimes supposed enforcement of feminist oppression (the Reason article has the pictures of women being beaten and executed for their offenses), nevertheless, it's plainly obvious that the UN Feminist agenda is clearly an agenda of exporting the exact same policies the feminists have promoted in the West: abortion rights, no-fault divorce, default child custody for women.

The religious-based countries look at our popular culture, our portrayal of promiscuous women and the resulting broken homes…and they want no part of it. While many practices of vastly different cultures are barbaric when viewed through the lense of Western ideology, the UN feminists merely highlight these sorts of abuses as the justification for exporting the ENTIRE feminist agenda to a given country or culture.

Under the guise of combating the practices of foreign cultures such as widows being burned on their husband's funeral pyres, beatings for immodesty, execution for adultery, having the misfortune of being raped resulting in "honor-killings," or female genital circumcision — which most Westerner's would agree are all barbaric and abuses of women's basic human rights — the UN feminists conflate "equality" — the right for women to abort their

children at will, default child custody, the right to no-fault divorce, and all the other society-wide corrupting aims of Western feminism – with fighting all of the other barbaric cultural practices of third-world countries.

Note this pro-CEDAW political cartoon from the Women's International League For Peace and Freedom:

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Note the implications: "Ratifying the International Women's Rights Treaty will undermine Traditional Families" juxtaposed with a sign listing: "Traditional Bride Burning, Wife Stoning and Genital Mutilation."

Ahhhhh yes. Because everyone knows TRADITIONAL FAMILIES is nothing more than abuse, torture, murder and enslavement of women!

The Feminists that played a pivotal role in implementing their misandrist, patriarchy-destroying (i.e. family destroying) policies here in the West, are trying to do the same thing to the rest of the world through the U.N.

General Orders Soldiers not to Get Pregnant, Female Senators Outraged

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This is a somewhat old story, but in light of the recent controversy over the new submarine policy, it appears relevant. In December, Major General Anthony Cucolo issued an order to his soldiers to refrain from getting pregnant or impregnating other soldiers. Pregnancies have been an issue in Iraq, with a woman under Cucolo's command getting pregnant in Iraq every couple weeks, and a roughly equal number of women getting pregnant immediately before deployment and having to be sent home upon discovery of the fact. Because 1,682 women are under Cucolo's command, the pregnancy rate would work out to over 3% per year, which is significant, if not crippling.

Some of the pregnancies are a result of adultery and fraternization, both of which are crimes in the military, so the pregnancies have an effect that goes beyond the female soldier who must be sent home. Fortunately for the Army, women can be sent home individually.

[image]

However, this is relevant to the submarine issue, because if a submarine had only 10 women onboard, and the pregnancy rate was the same as it is among Cucolo's troops, a half year deployment would stand roughly a one in six chance of being interrupted by a pregnancy, meaning that for every six subs deployed, one would have to either steam home or surface to evacuate an impregnated crew member. If half of a sub's crew were female, interruption due to pregnancy would become highly probable on each mission. Imagine what that would do for national security to have multibillion dollar vessels, equipped with ballistic missiles, devoted mainly to ferrying pregnant women around the high seas.

Nevertheless, four female senators, including Barbara Boxer of California, Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, wrote a letter to General Cucolo, excoriating him for the order banning pregnancies. Of course, NOW butted in as well, with President Terry O'Neill chiding Cucolo, saying "How dare any government say we're going to impose any kind of punishment on women for getting pregnant."

It is instructive to note that the women complaining about the policy aren't concerned about combat effectiveness, but rather that the policy is "demeaning" and restrictive. It certainly does raise the question of whether the United States can – or should – maintain its status as a global power when feminist concerns about the self-esteem of female soldiers take priority over matters of war at the highest levels of government.

Manhood Academy: Special Ed at Best

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Feminism is characterized by one primary and toxic element.

The women's movement failed to self police.

By valuing power over principles, and unity over legitimacy, they coalesced around malevolent elements that would ultimately define, and disgrace, their cause. Rather than remaining true to an ostensibly reasonable call for inclusion, they mutated into a bald faced grab for female centricity. They became the very sexist louts they claimed to abhor.

As a result, gender feminism is not the light of reason, but much more like a burning cross, issuing a grotesque, dystopian glow; a suitable backlight for an Orwellian nightmare.

I know, not all feminists are like this. But until the voices of those supposed "not all's" break their convenient and conspicuous silence, this is all the mention they will get, which is more than they deserve.

There is a lesson here for the men's rights movement, and one we need to observe, in my opinion, with thoughtful diligence. And as fortune would have it, we now have just that sort of opportunity.

It is a training exercise in moral housekeeping courtesy of The Manhood Academy, a website that is flying the banner of men's rights, and claims to promote advocacy for men, but actually does nothing more than hide a couple of fascist pigs beneath a thin veneer of social consciousness.

At the core of their "philosophy" is an e-book entitled *Principles 101, Feminism, Manhood and You*. The title is the most succinct thing about it. The contents are like an assortment of cut outs from internet discussions pasted together in a stereotypic fit by a tweaking meth freak. As a result it reads like a plane (a loose thesis) circling an open field in search of a landing strip (a cogent description), and runs out of fuel before even making the initial approach.

As far as I was able to extrapolate from the jumbled maze of irrelevancies, it all boils down to a few central points.

1. Men are superior to women in every way and have the right, and duty, to subjugate them- *by any means necessary*.

2. Any form of majority rule (or human decency) gets in the way of this. We need masculine dictatorship, Manhood Academy style.

3. They are willing, hoping rather, to teach other men to be just as screwed up as they are, and turn a buck in the process.

When I say they, I am referring to the sites admins, who go by the pseudonyms of Professor Plum and Dr. LeDice. In the book they support their ideas with several gems of Academy wisdom, oh hell, lets call it *his*dom for the sheer manly thrill of it. Here's Doc's and Prof's central tenets, in their words:

- Simply put, manhood is your authority- to govern the lives of others, especially women.
- Do not tolerate disorderly behavior from women. (Paul's note: "disorderly" appears to be interchangeable with "disobedient")
- Allowing women to vote is no different than allowing children to govern themselves.

And, in one of my favorite passages, the authors take a shots at Angry Harry and yours truly for apparently not being willing to dwell on the "superior strength and intelligence of males." *p. 45* Radio personality Tom Leykis takes a hit as well for distracting men from their "loss of authority" with women by saying that sitting down to pee

is unmanly. *p. 46*

Hey, I don't make this stuff up. Go read for yourself if you have time to waste. Or, if you set your watch back 100 years, it may prove to be a home away from home.

Now, there are some snippets throughout the text that ring true. Nothing new, mind you, mostly the standard critique of political correctness and feminist ideology. Most of it in some form or another could be found in the comment sections of any MRM forum going back at least 15 years. But even those tidbits of accuracy are wasted. Whatever truth these morons possess is as useful as a Stradivarius to a man with no arms.

One of feminisms most successful hoodwinks was that it convinced the world that the <1% of men who are real deal sloping brow bullies are somehow representative of men in general. It is a lie I have refuted with so much regularity over the years that I had all but forgotten that some of these guys are actually out there.

And now a couple of them are waving our flag. The first two words at the top of their home page are "Men's Rights." When I read it I wanted to hurl.

One might ask why all the fuss. Why give any press to or pay any attention to a couple of rejects on the internet? The place is full of them. It is a fair question that deserves an answer.

Actually it deserves a couple of answers.

One, as messy as it can get, we do have the responsibility to do what feminists won't, e.g. pursue justice, not domination, and do so without practicing the bigotry we are fighting. That's the simple part.

Another reason is that this stuff can hurt us if we are not careful.

In a totally innocent effort to support the idea of examining the effects of feminism on men, Dr. Miles Groth, who hosted the recent Symposium on Male Studies at Wagner College, made a comment to the Manhood Academy forum in which he stated the general idea that literature that pursues that course of inquiry was suitable to be evaluated for inclusion in a male studies program.

Doc and Prof Manhood played it though, just as though Professor Groth had given them an honorary doctorate, and the next thing you know, the "endorsement" is being "exposed" over at the Daily Kosby some writer named Angry Mouse, as proof that the male studies initiative is about oppressing women.

I have had the pleasure of speaking with Dr. Groth on several occasions, and working with him on the articles he publishes at Men's News Daily. Any idea that he is interested in subjugating women would come as a complete shock to me.

In responding to the Kos article. Dr. Groth told me the following:

"The authors of *Principles 101* took my comment entirely out of context. I was simply supporting the idea that all materials addressing the effects of feminist ideology on men should be reviewed for inclusion in male studies curricula. It was not a direct endorsement of *Principles 101*, which I had not read. Upon reviewing the material in that book, I can only conclude it is promoting a misguided and now certainly dangerous perspective on boys and men."

And for the record, Dr. Groth's statement is consistent with every bit of experience I have with him.

I have to hand it to Angry Mouse over at Kos. She played a good round of gotcha, with a major assist from the faculty at Mantard School. She even blocked off quotes from the book under Groth's name, as though those specific words had been read and endorsed by him, though no such thing ever happened.

Sometimes lessons come hard, as I am sure Miles Groth just found out. I am sure he would do that one over. But I hope we are all paying attention. The men's movement is not just playing comment wars any more in obscure forums populated by opinionated spectators of a growing cultural battle. The movement is actually moving now,

and where we have always been targets for condescension and ridicule, those little cap pistols will be replaced by much bigger guns. Even a totally innocent misstep like the one from Dr. Groth will be seen as a cut in which to pour salt. It will be exploited the same way we see gaffs by politicians played in the media.

Every vulnerability, real, perceived, or fabricated, will be played against us in a major league game of dirty pool that will make Kos's antics look like nothing.

Expect it. Count on it. And be prepared to draw lines.

Now would be a good time. Allow me to respectfully suggest that if you are an MRA blogger and/or activist, that you go on record about this one. If you link to them, please consider removing it. If you visit the site, please consider there are better options that don't put you in the company of the mentally unemployed.

There are enough MRA's, and the numbers are growing, that we don't have to defend every idiot that can start a website and say he's against feminism. Indeed, things are getting to the point that if we aren't careful about that, it is going to really do some damage.

Let's do what *they* didn't and what *they* won't. Let's go on the record that we stand for something greater than this lunacy. Let's take out the trash and keep our house in order.

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Reader Poll: Dealing With Manosphere Warfare

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Over the last few months, I've received something of a crash course in online politics and how to manage them on a website/forum. I can't say I'm an expert yet, but I've learned a thing or two.

First, forums are endless trouble. Managing passions and disagreements is a thankless job, and it never ends. If one were to devote all the time needed for this, publishing would be impossible, but publishing is our primary endeavor here at *The Spearhead*. In fact, I'd like to publish as many opinions as possible, even if those opinions make some people angry.

Unfortunately, when people get really worked up, the comment threads start to intimidate and bother a number of regular readers, and that's a problem. Without its dedicated readers, *The Spearhead* would be nothing more than another random opinion blog out of millions. As the publisher, I, personally, owe it to these people to deliver the content they come for, and to ensure that their experience is not muddied by the online equivalent of trench warfare in the comments.

Still, I'd like to give the passionate people out there an opportunity to do battle in the war of ideas.

So the question is: how do I accommodate both?

Zed came up with the idea of having a "fight club" in the forum, and that's a good concept. In fact, if *The Spearhead* were purely a forum it would probably work pretty well, but this site is primarily an online magazine, and people really want to comment on the articles. The fight club is therefore neglected. So I've decided to take Zed's idea and adapt it to fit *The Spearhead's* publishing model.

Because the magazine article comments are the most popular discussion medium, I came up with the idea of allowing one controversial piece per week with a very loose application of the commenting policy (i.e. only the most egregiously offensive comments, such as photoshopped porn and the like, will be deleted). It will also be my policy not to take any responsibility for comments on these articles, so those who choose to participate will be on their own whether I sympathize with them or not. In other articles' threads, flaming will be promptly suppressed and the rules enforced with considerably more vigor. I suppose I could create a category and call it Thursday Throwdown, Tuesday Night Fight, or something along those lines. If one party in the manosphere is attacking another, there will be an opportunity to respond. Requirements for submissions are only that a modicum of decency (avoid pointless obscenity) is observed, the subject is not tangential, there is no advocacy of crime, the writing is passable and not insane, and any factual statements are backed up. Otherwise, fire away.

I don't know if this will work, but I'm willing to give it a try.

However, before I implement this policy, I'd like our readers' opinion, so I've posted a poll below. I will place a good deal of weight on the results of the poll, so I'd appreciate it if our readers would take the time to vote. The poll will be open for one day.

The Wisdom of the Ancients

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This post was submitted by *Meistergedanken*

Something that always strikes me afresh whenever I wade deeply into history is how human nature does not change. If you read about the Romans as they were 2,000 years ago, or the Greeks 2,500 years ago, one invariably comes away with the feeling that we are fundamentally not so different from them, despite the accumulated knowledge and nifty gadgetry currently at our disposal.

If human nature has remained essentially static since the advent of the Bronze Age, then the same issues between the sexes that we have now had already arisen back then. However, ancient society addressed and dealt with these issues in a completely different manner, of course, resulting in a balance of power the total opposite of the one in modern Western culture. How did it get that way? I'll get to that in a moment…

I was reacquainting myself with Edith Hamilton's "Mythology" recently, and I noticed a theme running through many of the myths, serving as a motive back-story to the primary tale. In these myths, mortal women who submitted to advances from a particular god proceeded to suffer accordingly:

• Io and Zeus – First turned into a cow by Zeus to shield him from his wife's wrath, then she was imprisoned and guarded by the hundred-eyed Argus, then chased by stinging flies over vast distances.

• Antiope and Zeus – She subsequently abandoned her illegitimate offspring on a mountaintop.

• Callisto and Zeus – She was transformed into a bear to be killed by her own son until she was turned into the constellation Ursa Major.

• Semele and Zeus – She died because she insisted on beholding Zeus in his full glory.

• Leto and Zeus – Abandoned by Zeus, and exiled by everyone else, she wandered the earth aimlessly until her children were born.

• Danae and Zeus – She subsequently bore a child that killed her own father.

•Tyro and Poseidon – She abandoned her children to protect herself but was nonetheless spurned by her cuckolded husband.

• Coronis and Apollo – She was killed by his sister Artemis when she cheated on Apollo with a mortal.

Contrasting with these was a story on the other side, in which Marpessa refused the advances of Apollo from the first, preferring a mortal, and consequently lived happily ever after.

There are a lot of tales like this. Often they are explained by scholars as a makeshift attempt at melding disparate belief systems together as various Hellenic tribes migrated, clashed and mingled with other tribes. But this time I gleaned a new insight that permitted me to form a different hypothesis.

A lot of keystrokes have been logged describing the "alpha" male and his irresistible appeal to women. Readers are familiar with all that, so there is no need to linger on that topic. I would merely remind the reader of the axiom that most women would rather have 15 thrilling minutes with an alpha than 15 tedious years with a beta.

Here's what occurred to me as I was reading the myths: the gods were the ultimate alphas.

If women are hypergamous, then their greatest fulfillment would come from getting banged by one of the Olympians. These perfectly formed, handsome, virile, immortal, powerful beings were the male ideal fully realized, as all the Greco-Roman deities were idealizations of some sort. If you suspect your usually loyal wife/girlfriend would nonetheless open up her legs in rapturous glee if a willing Brad Pitt sauntered into the house while you were away at the office, then how much more willing would ancient women be to be ravaged by a god?

Or a man that could be called “god-like”?

Of course, a woman can’t reasonably expect to have a relationship with an alpha (the conclusion being that the inevitable progeny from the union would necessarily be bastards, a heavy burden until recent times). No, this is strictly a one-night stand, a pump-and-dump encounter with the god vanishing immediately after, no doubt already anticipating his next conquest following a well-deserved repast of nectar and ambrosia.

But here’s the thing: as indicated above, many of the myths that relate tales of lustful immortals chasing after women end badly – for the women. These are cautionary tales at their finest. They said, to the credulous woman: however tempted you might be, don’t let the god-like alpha roger you senseless, or bad things will happen.

Social control is often effectively imposed first by fear, and then by punishment. And later on, the mere fear of punishment will suffice. Much like the slasher movies that always kill off the women as soon as they take their tops off/have sex, these myths served as warnings, tailored to prevent women from destabilizing young, still forming civilizations by indulging their promiscuous instincts. They said: protect your virtue, ladies, and don’t fall prey to the charms of the mysterious stranger. Stick to your tribe, and keep yourself pure for the boy next door. This is when the concept of Honor was not alien to women, or a “useless”, solely male preoccupation of doubtful utility unless it could be used to further romantic manipulations.

That’s what we’ve now lost: the FEAR (along with shame, of course). The ancients knew the nature of women, and thus they knew its value. Now women have been liberated – from fear, from shame, and from responsibility. Consequences, though…that’s another story.

What do Men Find Attractive?

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We are subjected to endless female fantasies about desirable men through every form of mass media, as well as narcissistic portrayals of the imagined American woman. In sitcoms, women are all in command of their faculties and emotions, in good shape and supremely competent. We're all familiar with the bumbling men on these shows, with whom many believe men are supposed to identify. These men do not serve as male role models, but rather as comic relief, which exposes a fairly profound difference between the contemporary Western male and female psyche. Men appear to be capable of laughing at themselves and their lot, while women do not seem to have the capacity for humor where portrayals of females are concerned, so female characters all tend to represent an idealized woman with only very minor flaws. However, these characters represent the idealized woman from the female – not male – perspective.

The idealized male is a constant feature of entertainment media, and we have all become fairly familiar with him. He is wealthy, attractive, and something of a bad boy. He is a merciless sadist toward other men, and curiously an occasional defender of women while simultaneously something of a sexual predator. We are all too aware that what Western women prefer is an amoral alpha thug — a handsome, borderline psychopath if you will. Because this character is created by and for women, we know it's at least somewhat accurate, and this gives students of Game a serious advantage: all they need to do to figure out what women want is watch TV.

However, women are deprived of some potentially helpful information. These days, they don't seem to have an understanding of what men truly find attractive. They know men like the female form and a pretty face, but that's where it ends. This is why one so often sees otherwise attractive women walking, laughing, speaking and gesticulating in a manner that is repugnant to most men. And while they grasp the basic principle that displaying certain parts of the female anatomy arouses men, many of them could do a lot more with less. Perhaps because porn is the last genre that makes any real attempt to appeal to men, this is what women are going by; it certainly looks that way out on the street.

Maybe movies would give them a better idea of what it is that men truly desire in a woman, but idealized female characters in the most masculine of movies tend to be poorly developed and peripheral. Reaching into literature, we often find unrealistic, exaggerated fantasies, from the Dickensian Doll Lucie Manette to the bisexual punker of Stieg Larsson's *Men Who Hate Women*. The problem here, as in the TV sitcoms, is that so much of the market consists of women that famous authors and producers also profit from catering to female ideals.

Have men failed in defining what they truly want in women? Would it matter to anyone if they did?

Actually, I think it would matter a great deal, especially to women. If there's anything women care about, it is how others perceive them. This is why, in general, women are better students, more likely to seek consensus, and deathly afraid of shame.

As to why men have failed to adequately express their desires, it has become a cultural taboo to do so. Any statement that might lead to some women losing so much as an ounce of self esteem is considered to be in the poorest taste in our culture. When it comes to criticism, women are considered off-limits. The result of this is that we have a society full of confused women who want nothing more than to know what attracts men, but who will, in unison, denounce any man who threatens to let them know. Hence we have models judged only by women and gay men, actresses receiving only praise from men in public and young women dressing and behaving in extremely bizarre ways in the mistaken belief that they are desirable by doing so.

Men ought to do women a favor and let them know what they find attractive. Women might be surprised to find out that it is rarely what they expected, and often quite far removed from what is considered the standard for feminine beauty. Of course, men who do this should expect to be met with howls of protest and condemnation, but after these die down they will inevitably find women listening from behind the curtain.

If men don't make some effort to define what is attractive in women not only in terms of looks, but behavior and dress, their attempts to attract men will only grow increasingly absurd and gay fashion designers will be the only men who have any input. Obviously, gay and straight men are not attracted to the same physical qualities, straight men being far more interested in distinctly female characteristics, so leaving it up to homosexuals would tend to push women toward the androgynous archetype that they themselves find more aesthetically appealing in females. For an example of this, behold the statue Night by Michaelangelo who, for obvious reasons, did a better job with his male statues:

When artists are heterosexual men, they tend to do justice to the female form, so one could probably divine the sexuality of the masters simply through the attractiveness of their female subjects. For example, if Lorenzo Bartolini was queer I'll eat my hat:

Unfortunately, today women are left pretty much in the dark, and have only outlandish, unnatural models to follow. Could this be why they are so neurotic? I think it's time men – actual straight, normal men – started making some effort to define what is attractive in women. I can't remember the last time I heard an influential man give women any advice on what attracts men — they've all dropped the ball on that score to avoid upsetting any women. And although women will make a huge fuss if men do so, it will be beneficial for them in the long run to know, and they'll secretly appreciate it.

So I'd like to invite readers to comment on some of the things that they actually do like about women. What are those things that can make you fall for a girl? What sets her apart from the others?

Game is for Jerks, Too?

Featured Guest · 4 May 2010 · Archived copy · Original

This is a guest post written by *Factory*

This post will actually come a little too close to TMI in spots, be forewarned.

I have never really had all that much trouble attracting women. For whatever reason, I have constantly had women tell me they "feel comfortable" with me, for example, for as far back as I can remember. And I was 31 before I first asked out a girl, which was me trying something new after my split with the ex.

Because I have had such fortune with women, I have indeed had many sexual partners. It's not uncommon for me to go to a bar, and have some woman make the thinnest of pretexts before trying to lean in for a kiss…

Again, not sure why. Maybe it's because I'm regarded as attractive physically (this much has to be a given, I would say), maybe it's because I'm not a very intimidating guy physically (I'm 5 foot 8 – maybe 160lbs soaking wet).

But here's the thing. Like I said, I have VERY limited experience "dealing with women" because I have NO idea what to do if they don't throw themselves at me (ok, these days it's more like lack of interest, but I digress).

I imagine that's a bit of an uncommon state for a man to find himself in. I imagine there would be a lot of men that say "boo hoo" to all of this, and are even now unclenching a fist…but consider:

Even I, a guy who has had way more success with women than he has any right to expect, could benefit greatly from Game. Because even though I have no problem at all getting "women", getting a QUALITY woman is not easy.

A couple of personal examples to show what I mean.

The other weekend, a friend called me up, and suggested we hit a bar we hadn't been to in years. This bar is a meat market pick up joint, and strange things happen there (the last time I was there some chick bit me…at random…just walking by, and I guess I looked tasty. No, she didn't break the skin, and yes, it hurt).

While there, I ran into one of the women who has done some modeling for me (I'm an ex commercial and advertising photographer that does digital art now and again), and as it turned out, she was interested in "partying" after the bar..

I take her back to my place…

Where she proceeds to make out with BOTH of my roommates! (No lectures on taking her to my place… she'd been there before).

So, attempting to rectify the mistake of taking this obviously crazy woman home, I call her a cab and wait for it with her outside. Which is when she tells me she doesn't want a "cheap night" with me, she wants me to COMMIT to her (if you can believe it) and go on "dates" before I get any.

I didn't have the heart to tell her she was such a screwed up slut, she wasn't even going to get the one nighter, let alone the relationship she wanted. I was still sort of in shock that she thought I wanted Thing One to do with her, to be honest….

Another one….

A few months ago, I was seeing (OK, FWB type seeing) a girl 18 years my junior. This was an on and off, over the course of three years casual kind of thing. One night I was at her place when a friend called with an invitation to go see another friend play in a band. She and I went to said bar, where she at the end of the night proceeded to go home with another guy…and I mean RIGHT at the end of the night.

Now, don't get me wrong, the "no strings" thing is fine by me, and if she wanted to go home with this guy any other

day, get his number and call him later…whatever, I wouldn't have cared.

But no, she ditched me right there, publicly. Then called me the next day hoping to apologize.

I'm no idiot, this was a huge diss, and both of us knew it, but what blew me away in this case was not that she ditched (I've been the guy ditched FOR way too many times to get angry when it happens to me), but that she genuinely couldn't understand why I tossed her, since we weren't "dating". Apparently, common courtesy is an alien concept.

Needless to say, while I mourn the loss of pussy half my age(-ish), it was the only acceptable solution.

So why the public self-flagellation?

If nothing else these experiences have taught me these simple truths:

You can have all the "natural advantages" in the world, and still fail due to lack of knowledge/training. This is as true for the dating/mating world as it is for Professional Sports or your Career.

AND

Without a clear idea of where you would like to be, all the forward motion in the world cannot guarantee you're not headed in circles.

I have had, oh, well over a hundred sexual partners I would imagine. I got married and Divorced (and had numerous "partners") before I ever asked out a girl, and to this very day have 19 and 20 year old women literally throw themselves in my lap (it's happened more than once this year – and I'm OLD now). Yet not once, never, have I had any real control over my own "dating destiny".

And that's what it's really all about, isn't it?

Taking control of one's own destiny? Deciding what you want, and then finding a way to get it?

There is no one that cannot benefit from at least a basic understanding of "Game". There are very few men that would not benefit from a little more self confidence, and for many men, self confidence is really all Game instills…

We all have our troubles with the opposite sex (even same in some cases – Game works for Lesbians too). The point is, learning Game does not make one "weak". It doesn't turn you into a "manipulator", although it will initially likely drop women quite a few pegs in your eyes, to see how vain and easily led "astray" many are…forewarned is forearmed.

But it does, to some degree, give men back some autonomy. If nothing else, it shows the games women play for what they are.

For example, I know EXACTLY what went on in those two examples given. I know what it says about their regard for me, and their expectations. And while I may not have had enough of an interest to "play the game" to ensure these scenarios never took place, I do at least have an idea of how to avoid this in cases where I actually care.

That's something you can't take away from Game…once you see these things for what they are, you see them that way forever. And this knowledge has at the very least given me the backbone to tell these life-sucking harpys to piss off…

Because in my younger years, I would have put up with it.

-Factory

Men Reveal What is Attractive in Women

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Yesterday's post asking what men found attractive to women received quite a few genuine, thoughtful responses. Unfortunately, I can't fit them all into a post, so I picked out a few to demonstrate that what is depicted as attractive in popular media is highly misleading, and far from what men actually like. In fact, the sassy, demanding, uncaring and promiscuous women of popular entertainment are behaving in a manner that many men find unattractive, and young women who imitate these stars and the solipsistic behavior displayed on the shows are doing nothing but hurting their chances of finding a decent man.

Additionally, it is revealing to see that most men who responded are actually caring human beings who want someone to love; they are not simply dumb brutes who will settle for anything with T&A. Women who actually want a relationship rather than a string of one night stands would do well to recognize this. Men who don't call back usually don't do so because, besides the sex, they don't feel the woman has anything positive to offer, and they are worried, often with some justification, that she might be a genuinely unpleasant person.

TDOM has long known what he likes in a woman, and was lucky enough to find one who fits the bill:

> I have always been attracted by a strong, confident, yet vulnerable woman. I want a woman to challenge me, not in a competitive way, but in a way that brings out my best. She needs to be smart, witty, and pleasant. She must accept my faults and not constantly be trying to change me into someone else. She also needs to be as loyal to me as I am to her. Should we have a disagreement, she needs to be able to discuss it without yelling. she must not be an arrogant bitch. Physically, I like somenone pleasant to look at, though not necessarily a raving beauty. My wife possesses most of these qualities.
>
> -TDOM

PrairieLark brings up one of the most important but also most neglected traits that men value in women: sincerity.

> The most attractive thing is GENUINE KINDNESS. Not the syrupy fake kindness that so many women are able to project with a pearly white smile and fake small-talk. I'm talking about a woman who actually likes you as a person, takes an interest in you, and is nice and kind to you.
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> Don't think I'm talking about the cashier that smiles at you and makes small talk. I know when a woman genuinely likes me and when she is putting on some routine. I have had girlfriends that did not even return my phone calls or emails. It would be nice to have a girlfriend that actually cared enough about you to call you or email you just to see how you were doing, without some hidden motive like they want you for money or sex or they want you to assuage their own loneliness.
>
> -PrairieLark

Again, honesty, sincerity, and kindness are important to men:

> WARMTH! I'm not just talking about a cheery attitude. I'm talking about warmth that springs from a woman who not only likes you but likes men in general. Allow me to clarify: a woman who appreciates and loves men. You'll know such women when you encounter them.
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> -MacArthur Of The MRM

Justus' wife is not only attractive, but has impeccable taste:

> My wife introduced me to the Spearhead. I don't know anything more attractive in a woman than that.

> -Justus

3Dshooter revives a concept foreign to today's young women: Honor.

> True beauty requires honesty, integrity and honor, someone who is comfortable with who they are without regard to the hand that nature has dealt them. They need to be truly affectionate and not use their sexuality in relationship power-plays. One who is playful, yet contemplative; silly yet open to broad discussion; discrete when society requires it but will jump your bones in the back yard on a nice summer night.
>
> -3DShooter

Like PhakeNaim, I've found myself attracted to granola-type girls before (provided they bathe regularly):

> I've always had a fondness for hippie chicks. I wasn't alive back during the sixties, but I like the girls who carry on the hippie vibe these days. I like the loose clothes they wear, how they wear their hair naturally and freely, their lack of hair grooming (yeah, I like hairy chicks). Basically, I like a free thinker. It doesn't mean we have to agree on everything, in fact I prefer her to stick to her beliefs… as long as they're not too outlandish. A girl who wears glasses wouldn't be bad either.
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> Someone who likes to make things, whether it's her own clothes or jewelry or beads or whatever. Someone who isn't afraid to do her own thing and doesn't give a shit what the rest of herd thinks. Someone who doesn't abuse their body with drugs or alcohol or cigarettes.
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> I don't know… the hottest chicks I've seen have been at the Community Food Co-Op or Farmer's Market. Just my two cents.
>
> -PhakeNaim

Red's comment could have been a post of its own, and now it is (Read it here). I chose the most poignant passages for display below:

> Wow, where to start. I've always admired a quality in women that could be described as grace. To me female grace would imply a woman who is not selfish and will forfeit the spoils of good graces from men in the name of the higher ideal of reciprocal obligation, truth, respect, honor and responsibility, a tepid trepidation toward the receiving excesses to suit her selfish and self centered desires.
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> A woman who is capable of nurturing, selflessness, empathy and who is giving only opens up the door for me to bestow my honor upon her. Someone who likes children, animals and nature.
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> [...]
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> I simply want a woman who is not selfish and self centered as so many have become now in character and by law. I want a woman who respects sexuality and could only wish that sex did not play such a public and promiscuous role in her interactions with men in society and as now a part of her public identity. In essence someone who does not believe that females should be "sex objects".
>
> -Red0660

Alkaline proves that men are far from shallow, and can appreciate a lot more than one standard type:

> I would have to say femininity is what I find most attractive. However, I find that my definition of it often varies between women. I have found the "tomboy" type attractive among some females (so long as they also have a sense of humor and a lack of drilled-in hostility towards men, that is) – my current girlfriend is athletic (and more logical and realistic than me), but also has the same dark sarcastic sense of humor I have; yet somehow she's very, very female with it all, from my POV. It's a nice combination for me. With other women

> I find the more “traditional” type of femininity attractive – I’m thinking of one girl I know who wears dresses/makeup/etc, but much more importantly has that certain kind of delicate grace that would make her beautiful wearing a potato sack.
>
> -Alkaline

TMOTS explains that although guys value appearance, a pretty face alone isn’t close to enough:

> Obviously initial attractiveness is key – it’s what starts the ball rolling so-to-speak. For if you do not find a woman attractive, the ‘game’ stops there.
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> The real test is when you find a woman that is attractive internally as well. That is to say morally, fair minded, responsible, not afraid to take responsibility for her faults, respectful… etc.
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> Many women are beautiful on the outside and worth the initial contact, but when that layer is removed (and I don’t mean the makeup), what is inside her head as well as her heart is what matters most to me.
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> Since I brought up makeup; women with loads of it on and designer this and that tend to be red flags to me. It tells me that they are either neurotic with self esteem issues or they believe that it makes them somehow prettier when in reality it is a faux front of who they really are. A beautiful woman is a woman that can remove the makeup and still appear naturally pretty…Then backs it up with a pretty inside, for lack of a better phrase.
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> -TMOTS

I hope this was edifying for our readers. Men are far more complex and discriminating than popular culture would indicate; above all, they want *good* women in their lives. Is that too much for men to ask?

Public Radio Argument Against Arizona Immigration Law: Immigration Laws Should not be Enforced Because American Men are Rapists and Molesters

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I've heard a lot of defenses of illegal immigration, but last Thursday afternoon was the first time I heard it defended on the basis of the alleged propensity of American men to sexually assault undocumented immigrants. Although there is absolutely zero evidence that there is an epidemic of American men raping and molesting illegal immigrants, a local radio personality named Sable Verity, who offers opinion on KBCS, a Bellevue, Washington public radio station, has raised the specter of sexual assault to condemn Arizona's new anti-illegal immigration law.

> Most alarming is the lack of a provision that would protect undocumented residents should they report a crime. If a woman who is in this country illegally is raped, the last place she'll be going is to the police. If a child who is a US citizen is molested, and her parents are not legal citizens, it's unlikely they will seek medical attention, let alone justice for the wrong committed. What happens to that rapist? What happens to that child molester? Will they feel they have license to get away with it again?

Listen to the broadcast

I suppose it is simply a symptom of the times — if you want to make a political point, you start writing or talking about rape. Although it appears from news reports and court cases I've seen that illegal immigrants are more likely to rape American citizens than American citizens are to sexually abuse illegals, we are apparently supposed to believe that in order to prevent rampant sexual assault Americans must tolerate illegal immigration.

I don't know where Ms. Verity came up with this idea. Perhaps it is a feminist meme. Sable lives in Seattle — my very left-wing hometown. Sexual assault happens here like anywhere else, but I can't think of a specific instance where an American citizen used undocumented status to rape women. Not one. It may have happened in some massage parlor/brothel run by Chinese snakeheads (human smugglers) or Mexican coyotes, but it just doesn't seem to be a widespread problem, and wouldn't there be less overall abuse of illegals if there weren't so many of them? This is simply another example of women's issues being raised to defend governmental neglect or malfeasance, in this case the refusal of those in power to regulate immigration.

Sex and Power Part 1: The Legitimacy of Consent

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This post was submitted by wdf, a German reader

From the dawn of history to about a hundred years ago, women could not give consent to sex. I don't know about the African plains, nor am I familiar with details of the laws about sex in all foreign cultures, but I've read different old writings, namely the Bible, ancient Greek and Nordic mythology, fairytale and legends from different countries, including Asian and African, as well as more modern novels and plays. Not everything written there is meant to be taken as an accurate description of past events, but I think that the values in those texts do represent the values of their authors. It is interesting to see how these writings, spanning several thousand years and different continents, are pretty consistent in their sexual mores: The question was not whether or not a woman wanted sex, the question was whether or not she wanted marriage. There was no consent to sex outside of marriage, nor was there rape inside marriage. And the same applied to men.

Doubtless there has always been consent to sex, both before and outside of an existing marriage; the old writings make mention of this, just as they tell of rape and false accusations of rape. These things happened, but they were considered unlawful, and if anyone got caught, he was punished, and – here's my point – no matter how much consent there was. Consent was no justification for sex: marriage was.

By now, the system is officially changed from a system being based on marriage to a system based on consent. Consent establishes not only the legal, but also moral legitimacy of sex. Society watches over sexual purity. It did back then, and it does now. There were times when a couple that wished to rent a room together had to prove that they were married, otherwise the person who had rented them the room out was held responsible for their fornication. Which proves another thing: sleeping in the same room was considered to be consent to sex. And if that sex was unlawful, then they were prosecuted independently of what had actually happened in that room. And not only the couple, but also their landlord. Today's society, in a similar way, watches over consent to establish the legitimacy of the sex, just as it once did over marriage, but strangely enough, entering the same bedroom at night is no proof of consent any more. After all, what would society have to watch over otherwise?

Society watching over consent as the legitimization of sex partially explains why there is so much concern over child pornography, child molestation, and other sex crimes with children: underage persons can not legally consent to sex, and therefore it is amoral. First the obligatory disclaimer: Rape, as in rape, is wrong in all moral systems that I know of. There is no excuse for it, and it has been prosecuted from the dawn of history. The old writings talk about that as well. But consensual sex between teenagers is not rape, nor are teenagers children. The only reason they have no right to choose to consent to sex is the fear that they might not understand the consequences of said choice, like the spreading of STDs, involuntary pregnancies and other problems that I will address later. Sex does not harm them physically and they are able to produce children. Whether they are able to properly take care of those children is an entirely different story, and one of the reasons they are not entitled to sex.

We don't give children the right to consent to sex to protect them from the consequences of their own actions, and to a lesser degree, to protect the people around them. This is similar to preventing children from signing contracts, or handling firearms unsupervised. But when you look at the proceedings of justice, you don't see that reflected. Underage people who committed no other crime than being too young for their actions are sent to prison for years and put on a database for pedophiles, essentially ruining their lives. A good amount of community work would be more appropriate, and probably enough to deter them, if they stop to think that far.

These long jail sentences come about by a double standard: either those teenagers are old enough to bear the consequences of their actions, in which case they should have the right to consent to sex, making it both legally and morally legitimate, at least by modern standards, or they are not old enough to bear the consequences of their behavior, and they should not be tried and sentenced under the terms of adults. This is not about protecting

children, nor is it about prosecuting criminals: this is about hunting down sinners who committed the grave sin of illegitimate sex. That is, sex without (legally accepted) consent.

This, basically "liberal" rage is partially fueled by conservatives, who finally have an opportunity to crack down on extramarital sex, while at the same time excusing the sexual liberties the grownups in their church take, that aren't permitted in the bible either, such as divorce, for example, or using sexual denial as a means to win the upper hand in marriage. This is similar to the apparent dichotomy between feminism and chivalry, which seems so contradictory at first, but at second glance is only another justification for the same action. But the official charge is "sex without consent," not "sex without marriage", so I talk about the "liberal tribunal" at the moment, although I am well aware that some of this tribunal's seats are held by conservatives.

To further prove this is no misapplication of the law, but that it was intended to do what it does, bear with me for a moment:

Usually a person is tried and sentenced in the land he committed the crime. When somebody from Germany gets caught speeding in Switzerland, he is fined under the regulations of Switzerland, where fines are higher than in Germany. This is sensible. Maybe the fines are higher because, due to the mountains, the streets are narrower, and speeding is more dangerous than in Germany. Maybe Germans value speed higher in ratio to their safety than the Helvetians do; Germany is in fact one of the few countries in Europe that doesn't have a general speed limit on the highways. If the Germans choose to live that way, this is one thing, but endangering lives in Switzerland is quite another. Or perhaps the fines are higher because income and prices are generally higher in Switzerland, in which case it was still everybody's choice to go there, because they obviously thought it was worth it. You can find other examples of the same thing: women from Germany have been fined in the US for tanning topless on a public beach, which is commonplace in Germany. US citizens on the other hand are not allowed to bear arms in Germany even if they have the right to do so in their home country. The same principle persists in cases that received more media attention: Marco W., then 17, from Germany, alleged of date raping then 13 yo Charlotte M. from Britain on a holiday in Turkey, was tried in Turkey. In a similar way John Demjanjuk is being tried in Germany, because the crimes he allegedly committed were under German jurisdiction.

But this rule obviously does not apply to sex with minors in South East Asia, where western countries like the US or Germany prosecute their citizens for breaching the law of their own land. If the laws of that country were broken, then that would usually be prosecuted according to the laws of that country. Maybe punishments there are higher because premature sex is ostracized and the victim looses the prospect of marriage, and financial provision along with it. Or the age of consent is lower, because poverty makes people mature quicker. The age of consent has changed in the West, why shouldn't it be different in other parts of the world? Or regulations are similar to ours. Then we, as the West, don't need to make separate rules to prevent our citizens from sex we disagree with. Whichever it is, sex crimes are treated differently from other crimes. Note the fact that legislation was changed to make this even possible.

Do Muslims countries prosecute their citizens if they watch pornography abroad? That is, prosecute them according to the standards of their own country? Honestly, I don't know. If they do, it would be logical as Islam is a religion and its adherents are expected to honor it wherever they live. In the Muslim faith it is also the obligation of the government to watch over that allegiance. So if our governments watch over our sex lives abroad as diligently, then that shows that we, too, follow a religion that obliges government to watch over the religious practice of it's subjects. Call it liberalism, call it feminism, call it modernism; it's a state enforced religion.

Making laws for our citizens abroad, by the way, also shows governments in third world countries that we deem them incompetent to manage their countries properly. While there is often some truth to this belief, divorce was considered a sexual offense for most of our history — even worse than prostitution. In many more remote parts of the world people still see it that way. Even countries as advanced as the US show a distinct discomfort with promiscuity. Tiger Woods didn't do anything illegal, he wasn't even charged with anything, and still he's put in the stocks. In other parts of the world adultery is considered sinful and they have legal provisions to deter people from

doing so. Our own governments on the other hand fail terribly to address it. As a matter of fact, I've never heard of a third world country publishing a guide to prostitution, but ours publish guides to divorce.

Manhood Academy: Magnet for Rape Supporters

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When I published Dr. Paul's post on the Manhood Academy, I thought he might have been making a mountain out of a molehill. I thought these guys might just be some harmless radicals who wouldn't make any difference. I skimmed through their e-book, and although it was offensive and moronic, I didn't think it worth responding to. However, recent events have changed my mind.

Since Paul's post, *The Spearhead* has been subjected to relentless, disgusting and offensive trolling. The supporters of the "Manhood Academy" came out of the woodwork and went after this site, authors on this site, and anyone who sounded somewhat reasonable. One poster in particular, who goes by a number of different pseudonyms but first identified as MikeeUSA, has been posting endless abusive pro-rape comments.

We have to recognize that some men are simply scum. Mikee, who advocates raping 12-year-old girls, is definitely scum, and probably a dangerous individual. Given the timing of his sustained troll attack, I am going to assume that he associates with the Manhood Academy. That being the case, I think it should be referred to as the rape academy. I honestly think the guys who run it should be watched by the FBI, because one of these days someone affiliated with them is going to commit some act of violence against either an underage girl or one of their opponents. Mikee has also suggested that he supports jihadis in various Middle Eastern countries, because they are pro-rape.

But what else about the Manhood Academy is offensive? Why, one only has to read their screed, Principles 101, to figure it out. The dominant thread that runs through "Principles 101″ is pain. The application of pain is pored over in meticulous detail. How to apply pain, when to apply pain, types of pain, effects of pain, etc.

Here's an example:

> Without applying pain to dysfunctional behavior, women will refuse to acknowledge your authority, despite your reasonable explanations. Their willingness to violate your authority with specious emotional arguments is a symptom of your failure to apply sufficient pain to establish your authority. [pp. 116, 117]

The e-book goes on and on about pain. One gets the distinct impression that whoever wrote this book is obsessed with pain. We call these people *sadists*.

It is not only women who must be "trained" through pain, but friends as well:

> Functional women and functional friends don't grow on trees because functional people are trained not found [...] Instead of looking for a needle in a haystack, you'll need to start creating your own desirable, functional, orderly relationship environment. [p. 112]

I don't know about most readers, but I never considered it conducive to friendship to dish out pain. That's pretty twisted, and I don't think anyone with that attitude could be said to have any true friends at all.

So when should one apply pain? According to the author, "As long as disorder/dysfunction exists, pain should be applied." [p. 112]

What's disorder/dysfunction? According to some illustrations provided in the book, it could be being overweight, deformities, or just being unattractive [p. 56]. So I suppose we should kick people we don't find attractive…

This is disgusting stuff, so I suppose I shouldn't be surprised that Paul's criticism of Manhood 101 brought out a horde of pro-rape commenters. Rather than explain their position rationally, the Manhood 101 partisans resort to name-calling, calls for mass rape, and online vandalism.

I try not to take sides, and I try to give people an opportunity to make their case, but this was just going too far. I

think it would be best for society and for men in general if the guys behind this were outed publicly, so if any readers know who they are feel free to do so and I'll post their names right here. Trolling obliterates any concerns I might have had about privacy, so I have absolutely no moral qualms about pointing the finger directly at these fellows. In fact, given the calls for rape and other crimes they are engaging in, I really do think someone ought to be keeping an eye on them. Not only are they doing a lot to discredit men who have legitimate grievances, they could well be dangerous individuals who will really carry out these kinds of acts.

If these guys want to pre-emptively out me, then I'll make it easy for them:

My name is Bill Price, I live in Seattle, and I'd be perfectly willing to have a little one-on-one chat — especially with rape-o Mikee.

Trolls

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I have to address the perception that I was “tolerating” some of the pro-rape commenters on *The Spearhead*, because that is totally false. In fact, these guys have been using a Tor proxy service to create users and spam the board with pro-rape comments. All I know is one of them goes by MikeeUSA, and another appears to be connected with the Manhood 101 site, given the hysterical reaction to Paul Elam’s post.

These guys have been wreaking havoc on the forum for the last several weeks, and it’s come to the point where I’m almost ready to shut the forum down, which is probably what they want. This form of trolling is likely a civil offense, and if I could find the guys I could probably sue them, but that would, in all likelihood, be a waste of time.

So what I’ve done is changed the settings on the board so all new registrants have to be personally approved by the administrator. This is a pain, but unfortunately necessary. People who register will have to wait for me to approve them before they can post, which might discourage a few people, but probably not too many.

It’s too bad that there are people out there who seem to think vandalism is fun. For me and readers of *The Spearhead*, it is a frustrating problem that does nothing but degrade the online experience.

Kick-Ass for Dads!

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Today's guest post was written by EP

So I actually read one of those pre-teen girl magazines for the first time, and it was just WRONG. There was actually a 14-year old girl writing in for advice on how to properly give blowjobs to her boyfriend. ***When I have a daughter, I'm raising her on comic books and video games.***

-Mike Krahulik (Gabe), of Penny Arcade, sometime in the early Oughts, explaining the entire motivation for this particular movie. Sadly, his original quote is lost in the mists of the early decade's newsposts.

Your standard conservatives are usually not movie critics. (Breitbart is an honorable exception.) This holds double for libertarians, triple for paleocons of the more cultured, Pat Buchanan school, and quadruple for all you guys coming in from survivalist communities in the Ozarks. (We'll be glad to have you and your shotguns around when the zombie apocalypse hits, though!) Generally those of us on the right-ish end of the spectrum prefer fighting over first principles and statistical trends in human behavior over watching and critiquing what Hollywood produces any day of the week. Who cares what the liberal media want to say to the sheeple, amirite?

This is, in general, both advisable and productive. However, in rushing to condemn all of Hollywood, one misses the good stuff. And occasionally, the good stuff can be incredibly, awesomely, and indescribably good. So I've taken up the rather inadvisable task of doing (sigh) a *movie review* for this site and its esteemed creator. Your responses will determine whether I keep doing it.

Earlier in the year, I saw *Legion*, noted how every single element in it was part of exactly the same female supremacist Hollywood twaddle that had been so exhaustively described by EW, Welmer, Roissy and the like, and decided to start watching movies from that perspective. And *Kick-Ass* is like the anti-*Legion.* It's even an almost anti-Mother's day movie, as it specifically celebrates everything about fathers, sons, and male acquaintances of the friend and co-worker variety, and gleefully showcases all the worst aspects of female nature when it's not killing them offhandedly. I'm not saying it's the perfect man movie, but it's as near as you're going to get in the theatres right now. (Really should have come out around Father's Day instead of Mother's day, but Hollywood release dates is what they be.)

Let's bullet point it! And by the way, SPOILERS BELOW!!!!

-Our protagonist's mother dies of an aneurysm in the opening scene. Protagonist notes that "as it happened, life simply goes on."

-Hero's father is a beta provider of the 'barely there' variety. Still portrayed positively.

-Nicholas Cage plays a neurotically obsessed father who trains his little girl to kill criminals Old-Testament John Woo style. Portrayed positively.

-The little girl absolutely *idolizes* her father, with very, very, good reason, as it turns out.

-Hell, even the *bad guy* is portrayed as a positive father figure, though more in the alpha thug than beta provider style, naturally.

-Alpha thugs actually act like alpha thugs. And get killed like alpha thugs.

-The hot girl the hero pursues goes through a textbook bad-boy defending script when she hears of his presumed death-by-superhero. Specifically: Cries, then says: "I thought it might be *my fault*!"

-The hot girl, in fact, does every single slut-rationalization hamster dance as is possible on screen.

-Almost all the motives, problems, and unexpected twists of actually trying to be a vigilante are addressed,

visualized, or at least mentioned offhand. The question is less about how unbelievable the stunts are than why we tolerate having *every other action movie hero* do these stunts without questioning them.

-The teenage beta 'losers' who try the superhero thing are still portrayed as heroes even when they screw up, simply because they actually did something rather than sitting on the sidelines.

-The waif-fu killer girl is somewhat regrettable, but it's hammered into our heads that all the awesomeness came from her father's strict training. Most of which on screen involves teaching emotional control under pressure, the very first thing you'd want a girl to learn before giving her easy access to an arsenal of knives and guns big enough to run Zimbabwe for a year.

-There's also a great scene where a particular Rent-A-Slut slowly realizes: "Aw crap, they gave the girl a double naginata and an order to kill everyone in the room; *that means I can actually die too!*"

-The little girl's mother simply overdosed on pills when her dad got sent to jail. Father rather blankly says that 'she couldn't handle it.' Girl more correctly notes that her mother 'died for nothing.'

-People who do wrong things are neither ignored nor ruthlessly condemned by the plot when they do wrong things. They actually have the fact that they've done something wrong sink in and deal with it accordingly.

END SPOILERS!!!!

This particular adaptation of a Mark Millar comic book was far better than that *Wanted* thing about bullet-curving wax-healing types that came out a few years ago. (The actual *Wanted* comic book, when I read it in the Barnes and Noble under the Freedom of Information For Broke Writers Act, could have been ghostwritten by the disgruntled-er Spearhead posters and Roissy's entire comment section.)

I'm told that *Kick-Ass* had a lot of trouble finding a producer, and given its ridiculously honest (by Hollywood standards) portrayal of modern womanhood in between its endless celebration of nerditude, fatherhood, and male leadership, I can see why.

See it now before *Iron Man 2* obliterates all previous comic-booky movies. You will regret it *much less* than many other things Hollywood makes. (I guess if you wanted a sweeter, more socially palatable and family-friendlier version of gender realism, you could always see *Date Night.* After you bought yourself a machiatto and a bikini wax, *sissy.*

Sassy Girls to be First on Subs

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The first new female submariners have been chosen, and they are a couple of young, bubbly girls who are “excited” by the prospect of serving on subs. One, Jessica Wilcox, seems to have a defiant attitude, and the other, Tabitha Gant, is a cute, curvy young woman with a girlish voice and cheerful demeanor.

They can be seen on video here.

Although neither of these girls is a knockout, there’s no doubt that the whiffs of pheromones picked up by their male counterparts will have an effect. To put it plainly, a lot of the young men on the sub are going to lust after them. I think this is an attractive prospect to the young women, as women tend to really like the idea of being at the center of attention and objects of desire.

In fact, it’s my theory that much of the reason women have pushed into what were formerly male-only spaces is that they really like the idea of being surrounded by men — lots of men. And the more men, the more choices and opportunities they have. These girls are going to be strutting around the subs like little princesses, and, sadly, a lot of guys will do everything they can to please them.

There will be favoritism, jealousy, and, from submariners’ wives, extreme suspicion. I can only imagine what the Navy wives who see these girls will think — they’ll probably hate them with a passion. Putting women on the subs is a purely political move, which has been taken without the goal of increasing combat effectiveness, but rather to serve feminist ideology. When some female submariner inevitably gets pregnant or files a harassment suit, the military will cover it all up and we likely won’t hear about it. If we do, it will only be in the context of the need for more privileges for women in the military, or more restrictions on males.

WSJ: Dim Future for Men

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In an article titled "Meet the Unemployable Man," the Wall Street Journal paints a dismal picture of the future for men in America, particularly those without college degrees. Lawrence Summers, Obama's economic advisor, is quoted in the article saying:

> A good guess…is that when the economy recovers five years from now, one in six men who are 25 to 54 will not be working

So it looks as though the future is bleak for men, and there won't be much of a recovery at all if America's top economist knows what he's talking about. For the poorly educated men who do get work, it will likely be low wage, but they may be lucky — for those who have been out of work long-term, chances that they will ever work again drop precipitously.

The article, written by David Wessel, actually seems to hint that it would be morally wrong to do nothing about the current crisis — a consideration that has not entered the public conscience for a long time in regards to men:

> Sidelining a huge part of an entire generation of men would waste human potential, create economic misery for their families and fuel political discontent.

Could it be that people are beginning to feel that abuse and neglect of men is in itself morally objectionable? We can only hope so. I don't think such a sentiment has existed in America since the Great Depression, when depictions of men as human beings in works of art such as *The Grapes of Wrath* spurred action to alleviate the miserable lot of so many men.

Book Review: The Sling and the Stone

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The Book: The Sling and the Stone, by Thomas X. Hammes, Colonel, USMC. 291 pages.

The Gist: Hammes' book postulates that what is termed "4GW", or fourth generation warfare, is merely the evolution of warfare to keep pace with the parallel political, technological, social, and economic evolution of the world in general. Just like a living organism, warfare changes with its environment; thus, as the world becomes more and more networked, more and more flat, more and more fragmented with more and more non-state actors on the international scene, and with the rising power of multinational corporations and mega-markets, warfare itself also changes to make the most advantage of this new environment.

Hammes begins his book by introducing Toffler's wave theory, which posits that human society is characterized by great waves of technological progress that propagate through societies and change the society's structure, values, and moral codes. The first such wave was the shift from hunter-gatherer to organized agriculture. This gave rise to complex, hierarchical societies, a professional warrior class unencumbered with concerns about growing food and, more importantly, where the additional riches generated by organized agriculture gravitated to landowners.

The second Toffler wave was industrialization, where wealth again shifted hands, this time from landowners to captains of industry. The professional warrior classes made possible by organized agriculture now became mechanized, and those societies that were not industrialized could not withstand the onslaught of new wealth and more lethal weaponry and tactics.

The third Toffler wave is information, where "intellectual property" is the new widget, and with this change, the stuff that used to indicate power and wealth can now be 'stolen' without any physical change in possession. Moreover, the democratization (for lack of a better word) of information means that states no longer have a monopoly on information. In fact, information technology takes power away from governments and other hierarchical institutions and gives it back to individuals and loose confederacies of individuals, bound together based on blood, language, creed, skin color, political wedge issues, or other common trait or interest or affinity. Worse still (for government, that is), governments can no longer take for granted the loyalty of the people residing within the State's borders…they have to compete for that loyalty, an important change that is crucial to 4GW. In other words, the new way of social organization is a return to a more tribal way of existing, and 4GW warriors leverage those ties and interests to mass lethal force in battle against their foes faster and more robustly than 3GW forces.

In short, with each successive wave, how humanity associates, how humanity interacts, what constitutes wealth and how that wealth is acquired and defended, changes with each wave that passes through society. Thus, as the information wave enhances the ability of individuals to communicate and associate with one another on an unprecedented scale, so too does the nature of warfare change to reflect this environment.

Hammes briefly describes 1GW, 2GW, and 3GW as follows: 1GW featured the tactics of line and column that massed men at the point of effort. 1GW was characterized by the advent of gunpowder, and technological improvements in agriculture and transportation that increased societal wealth and the size of excess manpower that could be used for fighting. The technology of nationalism was developed to politically mobilize a citizenry into a *levee en masse* ready to fight and die for the State, a population that may otherwise have little connection to the State. 1GW peaked with the Napoleonic war.

2GW sought advantage over massed manpower through the massing of firepower. 2GW was characterized by the technologies of the rifled musket, breechloading firearms, the machine gun, "king of battle" artillery, improved transport, the telegraph, and the development of the general staff (which enabled the effective control progressively larger and larger armies). The advent of industrialization increased societal wealth even more, and shifted wealth from landowners (the locus of wealth for milennia ever since the transition from hunter-gatherer societies) and

concentrated it in the hands of the captains of industry. The defense, always the strongest form of warfare, became predominant, as more lethal firepower made foot-borne assaults on fixed fortifications suicidal.

3GW restored maneuver to the battlefield with the mechanization of armies via tanks, personnel carriers, mobilized artillery, and aviation. 3GW could be viewed as the maturation of industrial-era warfare.

As mentioned previously, the key thread running through Hammes' book is that changes in society drive changes in warfare, and that recent changes in global human society as a result of social evolution are key to 4GW. One factor that Hammes identifies as crucial to 4GW warfare is the proliferation of international actors, such as the UN, IAEA, and WTO, regional actors such as NAFTA and OAS, and NGOs, such as Amnesty International, Hamas, and the Red Cross. Whether benevolent or not, one thing is certain: each non-state actor usurps, erodes, and/or bypasses the sovereignty of the nation-state. Another factor is the rise of influential nations in their own right that lack defined political states, such as the Palestinians and Amerindian tribes in the United States. A third factor is the proliferation of states cause by the break up of great colonial empires and subsequent wars of independence. The fourth and final factor that Hammes identifies is the rise of multi-national corporation and the increasingly significant influence of large marketplaces and electronic trading exchanges. Taken together, these last two developments greatly constrain the power of traditional hierarchical institutions like the nation-state, either from fear of economic pain inflicted by the marketplace for unpopular actions, or from multi-nationals that ignore the diktats of a government or, if unable to do so, simply moves their wealth-generating (and tax-generating) activities elsewhere.

Hammes traces the beginning of 4GW to the end of WWII, to the dawn of the information age. IT is what catalyzed 4GW…information technology permits the easy flow of information across national boundaries through communication nodes (people and organizations, as well as hardware), the connections between which can be viewed as networks. Through these military/political/economic/social networks, 4GW aims to convince the enemy's decision makers that their strategic goals are either unachievable or too costly for the perceived benefit. This is a radical departure from previous 'GWs', all three of which are more or less characterized by how they go about targeting the enemy's fielded forces, and is a return to a more classical way of war. A way of war that is more Sun Tzu than Clausewitz and Jomini, more anything goes than Augustinian 'just war' theory, more Eastern than Western. In a way, 4GW is a "back to the future" of sorts where the polite, ordered, rule-based Western way of war–warfare which requires both sides to play along by a pre-agreed set of rules–is rejected in favor of a more total, anarchic, all's-fair attack not on the opponent's warrior class but on the society's political will. 4GW warriors have no truck with attacking targets considered to be off limits, 'protected', or 'non-combatants'. They may, in fact, prefer to attack these non-traditional target sets because of the asymmetric impact those attacks may have on the 3GW enemy's will to carry on the fight.

Hammes spends about half of the book painstakingly chronicling the evolution of 4GW, starting first with an in-depth evaluation of Chairman Mao's employment of early 4GW (characterized by the 'political mobilization' of peasants against the government and by network-building with outside constituencies to bring international pressure upon Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists) and incrementally examining, in series, the application of and incremental improvements upon 4GW by Ho (who perfected Maoist insurgency and internationalized his conflict to degrade the political will of the French and American populations, bolster the political will of their international left-wing allies, and erode the legitimacy and credibility of the French and American governments), the Sandinistas (who transitioned 4GW from Mao's/Ho's peasant-based insurgency to urbane urban insurgencies, and added a religious liberation theology to what was previously an atheistic doctrine), by the Palestinians in their first Intifada (who used the media to devastating effect), and finally by UBL and al Qaeda (which turned insurgency into an endeavor not unlike a venture capital firm).

Hammes finishes his book by analyzing the current conflicts in Iraq (which he uses as a case study to argue the fecklessness of technological solutions to 4GW warfare) and Afghanistan (where we are fighting a 4GW tribal network with a modern hierarchical 3GW military), characterizing 4GW in depth, and by suggesting ways in which modern technological societies can address and combat this existential threat to their existence. Hammes offers

several ways in which our miiltary can better handle the 4GW threat, starting first with organization. Hammes contends that our military is organized, trained, and equipped, and has an entire culture, an entire personnel system, and entire military-industrial complex built around 2GW and 3GW warfare. In addition, the military is a hierarchical institution structured very much like the 2GW and 3GW societies that birthed it. It is centralized, cumbersome, slow to react, and consensus-driven at the top, where our foes are decentralized and agile and quick to respond to opportunities…their networked organization more effectively transmits information and decides on courses of action where analysts in our structure are still staffing their information through the hierarchy. Changing these structures will be difficult, as doing so will dislocate many workers, each of whom are Congressional constituents. But Hammes argues that changed it must be.

In short, a 4GW adversary will not find it difficult to get inside our OODA loop, particularly so when commercial imagery is readily available and the whole of the MSM–broadcasters of leaked information to the world, they are–is a sensor for them. Furthermore, DoD is continuing to centralize and become more top-heavy, where the dominant forces in society and in business is decentralize and flatten, making DoD that much less able to respond or to be able to leverage techniques and lessons learned from industry.

Analysis

One thing I noted early on was the Euro-centric naming convention about the “generations of warfare”. In 1GW, the armies raised by nation-states clashed in a contest of men and materiel, thereby isolating populations weary of decades of total war and eager to have someone else (a) do the fighting by proxy for them, and (b) ease human suffering from war, and (c) lessen the impact to the fabric of society from losing a fight. One could argue that 1GW is a more “Christian” way of war. 2GW and 3GW followed in this same suit, making warfare more and more lethal yet still more or less confining that deadly force to uniformed personnel. In fact, it is quite interesting to consider just how artificial the Western way of war really is when compared to the Eastern way, particularly in the way it depends on both actors adhering to a set of rules about how each side conducts itself. The Geneva conventions and the ‘laws of war’ can be seen as extensions of this Western way of war, extensions of the Westphalian nation-state, ways to limit the suffering and adverse effects of such an inherently violent and worldly act.

It is this nation-state model, and the powerful 2GW and 3GW armies that such societies are able to field, that 4GW evolved to attack. While agrarian society made equalitarian hunter-gatherer societies hierarchical, and while industrialization made them more hierarchical still (as well as ever more specialized), informationalization tends to undermine hierarchical societies and the vertically integrated institutions that comprise them. Moreover, informationalization introduces a new social contract that challenges the power base of a centralized state–loyalty based not on nationalistic pride or duty-honor-country, but loyalty based on affinity or on a rational cost-benefit analysis. This affinity or “what’s in it for me” attitude contrasts significantly with the sort of patriotic loyalty that the nation-state model demands, a loyalty demanded of an (ideally relatively homogenous) citizenry solidified and maintained via tight control of information, political or otherwise. Another feature of the nation-state’s control over its citizens is its monopoly on violence, applied politically against those who rebelled against the state’s assertion of authority.

Indeed, 4GW seems to drive at the very root of what makes a government legitimate, what gives a government its right to rule. It thus raises a critical question…is the right to rule determined by who has the most guns or a monopoly on deadly force? Or is the right to rule the choice of the people, who themselves decide which group does best by them and therefore gains their (fickle) allegiance? Thus while the reductionist view of government as simply a glorified protection racket still retains its validity in a 2GW or 3GW society, 4GW seems to exploit the modern notion that a people’s rulers are chosen by the consent of the governed, and the government that wishes to remain in power must cater to the needs and desires and wants of the people. In a way, 4GW appears to simply be the methods of warfare catching up to the radical concepts of America’s Founding Fathers–that the legitimacy of a government is determined by the strength of its support among the polis, and in this way is government assured to be the people’s servant, not the people’s master.

A related thought I had while reading this book was that I more clearly see now the folly of our nation's refusal in the 1990s to "do" nation building, to refuse to consider the need to secure the loyalty of the people when engaging in overseas empire-building. It goes beyond 4GW, all the way back to at least the Romans, who recognized that if one is to have an empire, one must convince your subjects that you have the right to rule, that your way is best for them. The ruler must provide law and basic civil institutions. And this 'convincing' must go on in the face of competing visions, for throughout Hammes' book, I noted a pattern repeated time and again…the insurgents undermined the legitimacy of the host government before moving in with their surrogate. They did so by propoganda (Mao's "political mobilization") and, when necessary, false-flag operations that cast the government as much a problem as the criminals themselves. They also did so by sowing fear caused by a climate of fear of crime and violence that the insurgents themselves generated. Then, as the 'last man standing', they filled the power and civil services vacuum, better serving the needs of the populace than the legitimate government. Perversely, and host government efforts to crack down on the insurgents often radicalized the citizenry even more, sometimes pushing them even further toward the insurgents.

This brings me to my next point, one that Hammes himself brought up: we must know what sort of fight we are about to engage in before we decide to get involved. That dictum appears to apply in spades to the United States' current fights in both Iraq and in Afghanistan…that we are approaching that conflict from the classic Western/American/3GW perspective, one that seeks technological advantage in an arena where technology yields victory. Unfortunately, 4GW is a war more about ideas than about whose technologies are superior. Hammes states in his book that the political power an idea generates was crucial to the 4GW warrior. Thus the center of gravity of a 4GW opponent is not how many guns or muj fighters he has; instead, his center of gravity is the idea(s) that rallies more fighters to the 4GW opponent's cause. It is this idea that must be countered, discredited, or subverted, and our current approach of seeking technological military advantage is as wasteful as it is beside the point. It may be worse than that, as Hammes contends that technological advancements, in particular our focus on 3GW technology, have actually eroded our capability to fight potential 4GW opponents. Worse, such technological superiority may in fact may entice us to become involved in situations we do not fully understand nor are prepared to fight in…a sort of technological hubris…because we think our superior (fill in the blank) technology will assure actual combat superiority on the ground.

In addition, I think it isn't enough to fight the insurgent's messages defensively, responding tit-for-tat when presented with a new message attempting to gain the loyalty of the people. So long as they retain the propoganda offense, the government will always be at a disadvantage against the 4GW warrior. Instead, the government must seize the propoganda offense, to find its own message that appeals to the citizenry both at home and abroad and play on that.

Hammes' work appears to dovetail nicely into the theories of futurists such as David Ronfeldt and John Robb, who have postulated that society in general is on the cusp of transitioning from an institutional market-based society (I+M society) into a networked society (I+M+N). While I have posted on these theories here, I see the social fabric moving regressing toward a less ordered, more tribal-like existence, facilitated by the presence of information technology and catalyzed by the disintegrative influence of aggressively atheistic Marxism. 4GW exploits this lack of cohesion in Western countries and turns our weakness into one of their primary strengths. Moreover, this disintegration portends badly for governments struggling to maintain their hold on power…the trends favor the 4GW warriors.

Lastly, I found myself wondering what a 4GW military would look like. How does a country stuck in 3GW thinking recruit, indoctrinate, train, organize, and equip forces in a 4GW or 5GW manner to fight a 4GW foe? One thing appears certain…a tall, risk-averse hierarchy where decision-making power and authority is concentrated at the middle cannot innovate fast enough to keep pace with a thinking enemy that wants to win too.

Overall, this was a good book that well illustrates the challenges we face when fighting a global fourth-generation enemy. Well recommended for anyone who wishes to understand the nature of what we as a society are up against in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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The Matriarchal Paradigm is Ascendant

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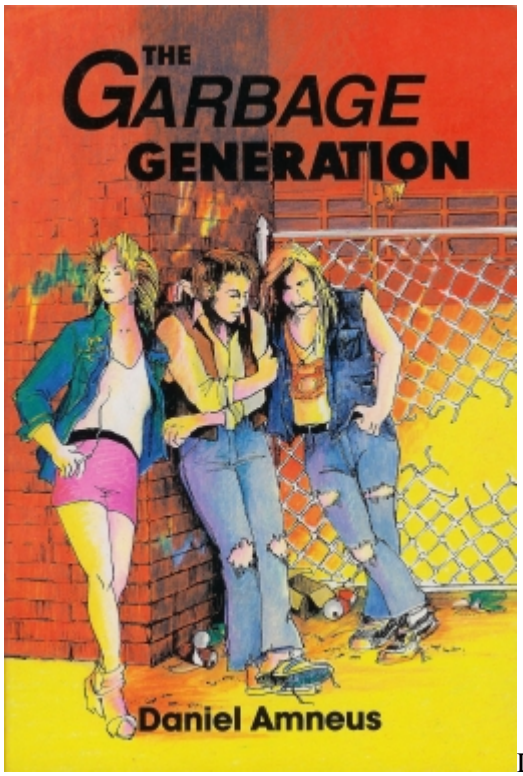

Dr. Daniel Amneus wrote the Garbage Generation in the late 1980's.

It was a seminal indictment of Matriarchy and about the long term, societal results of the feminist platform's loosening of sexual mores and the institutions of no-fault divorce and family court system becoming normalized.

It's now been two decades since he wrote about the inevitable results of instituting Matriarchy to replace Patriarchy. He predicted that the more Matriarchy became ascendant, the more America would resemble the matriarchal ghettos of the inner cities.

We're almost there.

Four in ten babies are born outside marriage in the U.S.

> The number of children born outside marriage in the United States has increased dramatically to four out of ten of all births.
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> *Figures show that 41 per cent of children born in 2008 did not have married parents – up from 28 per cent in 1990.*

Remember this the next time you encounter the "conservative" argument that is passionate about "saving marriage" from the gays.

> Researchers have concluded that although Christian values still play an important role in American society, public attitudes have changed.

Hah. Most "Christian" values have changed to accommodate the public attitudes.

> Having a child out of wedlock does not carry the stigma and shame it once did, they say.

Anybody remember the huge media brouhaha when VP Dan Quayle criticized the portrayal of single motherhood

as no big deal on the TV show Murphy Brown? He was lambasted, ridiculed and had all sorts of insults directed at him.

Oh yes, Dan Quayle was absolutely right.

Let's take a look at some substantial excerpts of the speech that contained the criticism of the TV show that got so many feminists and liberals panties twisted in a bunch…and put it into the overall context of the accurate points Quayle was making.

> This country now has a black middle class that barely existed a quarter-century ago. Since 1967, the median income of black two-parent families has risen by 60 percent in real terms. The number of black college graduates has skyrocketed. Black men and women have achieved real political power — black mayors head 48 of our largest cities, including Los Angeles. These are achievements.
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> *But as we all know, there is another side to that bright landscape. During this period of progress, we have also developed a culture of poverty — some call it an underclass — that is far more violent and harder to escape than it was a generation ago.*
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> *The poor you always have with you, Scripture tells us. And in America we have always had poor people. But in this dynamic, prosperous nation, poverty has traditionally been a stage through which people pass on their way to joining the great middle class. And if one generation didn't get very far up the ladder — their ambitious, better-educated children would.*

You can see the exact thing here in Hawaii. I've seen it play out amongst Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Samoan, Chinese and Micronesian families that migrate here. They often live in poverty-laden areas, with 10 family members living in a 2 or 3 bedroom apartment, with the parents working long hours at menial blue color jobs…saving money to put their kids through school. Within a generation, these families go from penniless immigrants to middle and upper-middle class citizenry, when their educated kids become doctors, lawyers, bankers or small business owners.

This, of course, is a stark contrast to all those families that come here and instead of working hard and saving to

invest in their children's future, they opt to go on the welfare, become dependent on hand outs and adopt the matriarchal ghetto lifestyle. I've seen families of all races take one or the other path, with reliably predictable results. The underclass really has nothing to do with race.

Nevertheless, the Black family in America leads the way in manifesting the societal results that occur when you adopt Government policies and laws that offer incentives for single mothers to have children out of wedlock. The black American family was the canary in the coalmine in terms of what happens when you effect social policies that impact the structure of the nuclear family.

As Dan Quayle noted:

> *The inter-generational poverty that troubles us so much today is predominantly a poverty of values. Our inner cities are filled with children having children; with people who have not been able to take advantage of educational opportunities; with people who are dependent on drugs or the narcotic of welfare. To be sure, many people in the ghettos struggle very hard against these tides — and sometimes win. But too many feel they have no hope and nothing to lose. This poverty is, again, fundamentally a poverty of values.*
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> *But the underclass seems to be a new phenomenon. It is a group whose members are dependent on welfare for very long stretches, and whose men are often drawn into lives of crime. There is far too little upward mobility, because the underclass is disconnected from the rules of American society. And these problems have, unfortunately, been particularly acute for black Americans.*

> Let me share with you a few statistics on the difference between black poverty in particular in the 1960s and now.

> ** In 1967, 68 percent of black families were headed by married couples. In 1991, only 48 percent of black families were headed by both a husband and wife.*
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> ** In 1965, the illegitimacy rate among black families was 28 percent. In 1989, 65 percent — two thirds — of all black children were born to never-married mothers.*
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> ** In 1951 9.2 percent of black youth between 16-19 were unemployed. In 1965, it was 23 percent. In 1980, it was 35 percent. By 1989, the number had declined slightly, but was still 32 percent.*
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> ** The leading cause of death of young black males today is homicide.*
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> It would be overly simplistic to blame this social breakdown on the programs of the Great Society alone. It would be absolutely wrong to blame it on the growth and success most Americans enjoyed during the 1980s. Rather, we are in large measure reaping the whirlwind of decades of changes in social mores.

Of course, these changes in social mores didn't "just happen."

> Unless we change the basic rules of society in our inner cities, we cannot expect anything else to change.

Indeed.

Instead of changing the basic rules of society in our inner cities, we've adopted them society-wide, which is precisely why we are now living through the decline of Western Civilization and entering into a Brave New World Order: Global Socialism Based on the Matriarchal family model; controlled and manipulated by dependence on the Ruling Elite.

> For the government, transforming underclass culture means that our policies and programs must create a

> different incentive system. Our policies must be premised on, and must reinforce, values such as: family, hard work, integrity and personal responsibility.

But that would be racist, sexist and homophobic!

> I think we can all agree that government's first obligation is to maintain order. We are a nation of laws, not looting. If a single mother raising her children in the ghetto has to worry about drive-by shootings, drug deals, or whether her children will join gangs and die violently, her difficult tasks becomes impossible.
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> *Safety is absolutely necessary. But it's not sufficient. Our urban strategy is to empower the poor by giving them control over their lives. Empowering the poor will strengthen families. And right now, the failure of our families is hurting America deeply. When families fail, society fails. The anarchy and lack of structure in our inner cities are testament to how quickly civilization falls apart when the family foundation cracks. Children need love and discipline. They need mothers and fathers. A welfare check is not a husband. The state is not a father. It is from parents that children learn how to behave in society; it is from parents above all that children come to understand values and themselves as men and women, mothers and fathers.*
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> *And for those concerned about children growing up in poverty, we should know this: Marriage is probably the best anti-poverty program of all. Among families headed by married couples today, there is a poverty rate of 5.7 percent. But 33.4 percent of families headed by a single mother are in poverty today.*
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> *The system perpetuates itself as these young men father children whom they have no intention of caring for, by women whose welfare checks support them. Teenage girls, mired in the same hopelessness, lack sufficient motive to say no to this trap.*

That Dan Quayle sure was a stupid, moron, wasn't he?

> Answers to our problems won't be easy.
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> *We can start by dismantling a welfare system that encourages dependency and subsidizes broken families. We can attach conditions — such as school attendance, or work — to welfare. We can limit the time a recipient gets benefits. We can stop penalizing marriage for welfare mothers. We can enforce child support payments.*

Heh. I wrote too soon…note the inherent contradiction in that last paragraph. He first calls for dismantling the welfare system…than immediately makes proscriptions that reform the welfare system, not dismantle it. And in fact, all of those conditions he mentioned were eventually effected with "Welfare Reform" during the Clinton administration. The Daily Mail article now shows us just how effective that was. American bastardy is at an all time high.

They should have ended it, not "mended" it.

This is what happens when you get "compromise" by "conservatives" so they can appeal to the "left" to achieve "bi-partisan consensus."

> Ultimately, however, marriage is a moral issue that requires cultural consensus and social sanctions. Bearing babies irresponsibly is, simply, wrong. We must be unequivocal about this.

Too late, Mr. Quayle. They reformed welfare and normalized babies born out of wedlock. The Matriarchal paradigm continues it's ascent.

> It doesn't help matters when primetime TV has Murphy Brown — a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid, professional woman — mocking the importance of fathers, by bearing a child alone, and calling it just another "lifestyle choice."

> *I know it is not fashionable to talk about moral values, but we need to do it. Even though our cultural leaders in Hollywood, network TV, the national newspapers routinely jeer at them, I think that most of us in this room know that some things are good,and other things are wrong. Now it's time to make the discussion public.*

Our cultural "leaders" in Hollywood, network TV and the national newspapers have won that particular debate.

Sounds to me like Quayle was well versed in Senator Moynihan's report about the destructive effects of Matriarchal policies and programs on the black American family.

No wonder the liberal mainstream media, talking heads and late night comedians had to continually push the meme that Quayle was barely above the intellectual level of retardation because of his dispute with a grade schooler on the spelling of the word potato(e).

Dan Quayle was right, and he certainly was no dumbass when he made the argument that Murphy Brown's single mother storyline was in fact a glorification of single motherhood, a marginalization of the role of Fathers, and that it would subversively influence the viewers by normalizing bastardy in our culture.

Can anyone now say it with a straight face that Dan Quayle's predictions didn't come true?

American University Student Calls for Vigilante Action Against Male Students

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Chloe Rubenstein, an American University sophomore, posted a rape accusation on her Facebook page, naming two male students (April 22 on her wall — view pdf screenshot here at bottom of page), and exhorting students to "take them down." She decided to take this course of action a week after attending a "Take Back the Night" rally following Alex Knepper's editorial in *The Eagle*, a student run publication. Knepper's piece was skeptical of rape accusations made following drunken hook ups at frat parties, and suggested that women bear some responsibility for putting themselves in highly sexually charged situations.

Amanda Hess of the Washington City Paper's "The Sexist" blog, has written a sympathetic article lionizing Rubenstein for outing the two men, who, as far as I know, haven't been charged with or convicted of anything. Rubenstein also admitted to being one of the students who vandalized *The Eagle*'s distribution points in an anti-speech action. She justified the probable crime as a response to an insult:

> The article was insulting to every woman who has ever been sexually assaulted on campus. So it was an effective action…

Rubenstein claimed to have witnessed a date rape in her apartment following a night of drinking cheap vodka:

> Two months earlier, the American University sophomore and a group of her fellow students had gathered to pass the time during the snowstorm. As feet of snow blanketed the city, Rubenstein's apartment filled with friends and one new acquaintance—a male AU student who lived in the same building. They drank cheap vodka and danced. At the end of the night, a female friend left the party and entered Rubenstein's bedroom. Five minutes later, the new guy followed. Rubenstein noticed and followed him in.

Perhaps Hess, who writes for a private publication, knows better than to write that a rape occurred, but Rubenstein has no qualms about making accusations without strict evidence:

> "You're playing with fire when you throw people's names out," admits Rubenstein. "I was aware of the dangers of that. I knew it was a bold move," she says. "But when I told people that I was fully aware of what I was doing, it made them feel a little more fearless. After that, I started getting a lot more support from people."

I don't know whether American University has a policy covering false accusations made by students, but if it does it probably entails nothing more than a slap on the wrist. Just as courts very rarely prosecute women who make false accusations, AU will probably decline to punish Rubenstein if her accusations turn out to be libel. Therefore, there is nothing courageous or heroic about what she has done. If she's wrong, and there's a good chance of that, she's doing immense harm to innocent people.

American University appears to be a very hazardous place to be a male student. It remains to be seen what, if any, action will be taken to address the female hysteria that has taken hold of the university, which has an overwhelmingly female student body. As I have written before, the only response should be for male students to leave and avoid the school at all costs. Let the Chloe Rubensteins of the world have it to themselves.

Anger Management

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I haven't read every article on The Spearhead, so I don't know if there have been any offerings of fiction before. If not, this will be the first one, though I am guessing that for some Spearhead readers this will read more like a screenplay for a documentary than a piece of short fiction. The original version of this was first published at The Oddville Press, a source of edgy and often quirky fiction that I highly recommend to fans of the craft.

The following is based on a true story. Actually, it's based on many of them.

Tobi Pitts leaned forward in her seat, clasping her hands together with forearms resting on her knees. She looked at Howard with tired green eyes that were sunken into a patchwork of premature wrinkles and thin make-up. Her hair was a mass of bleached, neglected curls that hung to the sides like twists of tattered rope.

"I can't make you say a word, Mr. Franks," she said. "But the court did order you to come here, and I do think it's in your best interest to talk about why that happened."

Howard scanned the room. There were eight other men in the circle, some watching him, others with eyes to the floor. All of them silent; waiting. He looked back at Tobi and found her unblinking gaze still on him, patient as alabaster.

"I see," he said. "My best interest." And the room sank into silence again. Tobi remained fixed.

A man to Howard's left, three seats down, cleared his throat and adjusted his tie. He had the meticulous look of a newscaster, complete with handsome profile. His hair was a highly styled crown of silver-gray perfection. He regarded Howard with eyes that were two striking pools of azure resting behind glasses that that had an executive sparkle.

"Howard," he said, in highly practiced tenor, "Tom Watson here, and believe you me I feel for you. I didn't want to talk when I got here either. But once I got over that I learned a great deal. Today's my last day."

Tom glanced over to Tobi and seemed annoyed to find her still looking at Howard.

"Anyway, I don't mind telling you I used to be a real bastard. I gave my wife so many beatings I couldn't even begin to count them. In here I learned where it was coming from. Power, man, and I am just flat addicted to it. It gave me a rush, a sick rush, to do what I did to her. I'll bet you can identify with that a little."

Howard studied the other men in the group. He noted some smirks and the look of disgust on the faces of others that seemed to deepen with each one of Tom's passing words. Suddenly, without warning, he was rocked by the familiar cascade of grief that seemed to pour from core of his chest. He closed his eyes and braced himself as the other man continued to speak.

"So I hope you open up a little, buddy. Remember, we're all the same here," Tom concluded. He then pointed at Howard with his hand formed into a mock pistol, winked and clicked his tongue.

"Forget that asshole," said a heavyset man. He had a cheerless face, shadows of stubble spread across his cheeks like a dark mood. "If you don't talk they will keep you here longer, and they'll use it against you in court."

Howard pondered that for a moment and finally spoke again.

"They?" he asked, "Don't you mean, *her*?" And he tilted his head in Tobi's direction.

The large man grinned without even slightly diminishing the sadness in his eyes. "It's all the same." he said.

"No, it's not," Tobi interjected. "Mr. Franks, I am a therapist, not a judge. I don't tell the court anything you say in here. That's held in confidence. All I do is report whether you have attended and whether you are cooperative. Believe it or not, I am here to help you."

Howard considered her words briefly.

“And what is cooperative, Ms. Pitts?” Howard asked. “Am I uncooperative if I don’t spill my guts to you, perhaps put on a little dog and pony show?” he said, cocking a thumb back at Tom, whose brow scrunched, as though in feigned indignity .

Tobi swallowed. Her fingers, once woven loosely together tightened and began a slight tremble. A rose hue painted itself across the skin of her face and her eyes hardened. Howard looked at the big man, whose expression now simply pled caution. And silence again filled the room. This time a silence as taut and bloodless as Tobi’s fingers.

Howard raised his hand and bowed his head pensively. The grief passed through him again like a great wave, stirring up the sediment of a thousand other feelings, all of which he was trying desperately to keep in check. He choked it all back down and drew in a great, settling breath. Then he lifted his eyes to meet Tobi’s and spoke.

“Six weeks ago I was a happily married man. Sixteen years with the same woman, Kate, and two beautiful daughters. I had a good business, a decent enough business partner and everything to look forward to.”

“Then my father died. It was not unexpected; he’d been fighting cancer for three years. Kate convinced me that it wouldn’t be best to pull the kids out of school and fly them to Baltimore for the funeral. I agreed and went on my own.”

Howard didn’t notice, but at this point none of the other men were looking at the floor. Each of them leaned forward, studying his face as they listened.

“When I got back I stopped on the way home to pick up some flowers. Just something for Kate, for carrying the weight while I was gone. But my credit card was declined. I called the bank and was informed that all my accounts were closed. All the money was gone.”

Tom interrupted. “Oh man, here come the excuses. I can see it already.”

“Shut the fuck up!” the big man boomed, and Tom shrank back in his chair.

Howard shook it off and continued. “I went home and nobody was there. I found the kids with her mother. And she, she was…” Howard raked his fingers through his hair and took a deep breath. “She was with my business partner. They had taken it all. The money, the business; everything. All gone.”

I caught up to them at his place. She came to the door wearing a silk robe I gave her last Christmas. I just stood there dumbfounded for, I dunno, what seemed like forever. When I could finally make myself speak all I could do was ask her why. Why had she done this? She told me it was because I was a loser. She told me she was a woman with needs and that I never, from the day we were married, met them. She told me the kids would be better off without me and that any more contact with her or them would have to be through a lawyer.”

“Then she told me something else.”

Howard closed his eyes and seemed adrift for a moment in the vacuum of the soundless room. He opened them again and found the group transfixed, as though mesmerized and teetering toward whatever he would say next.

“She told me that she would kiss me goodbye but she didn’t think I’d like the taste of another man’s cock on her lips.”

A single tear slid from Howard’s eye and tracked down his cheek.

“I lost it,” he said, clinching his hand into a fist and beating it against his knee. “I punched her in the face and broke her nose. I just stood there afterward, looking at her on the ground with her face full of blood. It was like I was watching a movie with the sound off. Her mouth was moving and I knew she was crying and saying something, but I couldn’t hear any of it.”

“Of course I went to jail and that’s how I ended up here, as your new assignment, Ms. Pitts. Another statistic of

domestic violence."

Tobi adjusted herself in her seat and gently cleared her throat, as though sensing her opportunity to speak and announcing that she was taking it. She spoke in a soft, rehearsed whisper, beaconing Howard to consider her question.

"Are you saying she deserved to be battered, Howard? That she deserved a broken nose?"

Howard seemed to think for a moment and then replied.

"No, Ms. Pitts. I am saying she deserved the ass kicking of a lifetime." The entire room seemed to animate in a flash as the men shifted around in their chairs. The circle filled with nodding heads. One of the men muttered "Fucking A right," under his breath but Howard heard it, and apparently so did Tobi. Her eyes narrowed to slits and she looked around the room at the men, as though wanting to identify who said it.

Nonplussed, she turned back to Howard and started to speak again, this time awkwardly, but he cut her off. "I'm not done." he said, His tone was final and unyielding. "You wanted me to talk and I am talking. You just listen." He settled himself for a moment, and then said, "Please."

Tobi gently bit her lower lip, and then gave Howard a reluctant, almost unperceivable nod.

"You'd think this was the worst of it, but it's not. After doing flips for weeks to try to see my daughters, last week I was allowed to talk to my oldest, Lisa, on the telephone. I was thinking the whole time that as bad as things were that I could live with it, that I could manage a way to move forward if I could just be with my children. I was so happy to have Lisa on the phone. I couldn't wait to tell her how much I missed her and that I couldn't wait to see her."

"But you know what she said when I told her that?" he said, and then whatever composure Howard had faltered. His will and strength buckled and folded under the brutal pressure of one last cataclysmic wave of wrenching pain. The tears poured forth like two rivers and his breathing came in great heaving hitches as he cupped his hands over his face and sobbed. He had to force out every word, one at a time, to finish his story.

"She said, 'I can't see you till you're better Daddy. Mommy told me that you're sick.' "

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An hour later, Tobi Pitts sat in her office at a desk that was a sea of open charts. A dusty picture of two blond haired boys, one a toddler and the other about kindergarten age was taped on the side of her computer screen. There was no father in the snapshot.

She cradled the phone against one ear and drug a chart into her lap as she talked. "The last one here, Howard Franks. First show today. Pretty typical. His wife had an affair so he thought it would be fine to rearrange her face. Totally in denial."

She paused for a moment and reached for a pen.

"He could be a problem, though. Smooth talker, that one, and calculated. In his first session the sick bastard had most of my group thinking he was the victim. Not that those morons know the difference. Luckily, I know the CPS worker assigned to his kids. I'll be giving her a call on this tomorrow."

A moment later, Pitts hung up the phone and turned to a blank page in Howard Franks chart. She wrote with the steady and dispassionate hand of a surgeon.

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More She-male Trouble

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A few months ago, I wrote a piece for *The Spearhead* about sportswriter Mike Penner, who was struggling with "gender identity issues" and who eventually killed himself. I took a little flak for suggesting that a large number if not a majority of male-to-female transsexuals were mentally unstable, and that feminists and cultural Marxists were doing these men harm by convincing them that they should try to become something that they could never truly be: *women*.

I was amused to find this fishy, tragicomic story today in *The Oregonian.*

Portland man accuses Hawthorne psychic of defrauding him of $150,000 including cash, Rolexes and a Hummer

> Drakar Druella was struggling with wrenching emotional problems last October when he walked into the Hawthorne Psychic Shop in Southeast Portland for a palm reading and met Cathy Stevens. […]
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> Druella, who was struggling with his gender identity after undergoing a sex change, said Stevens told him she sensed his "twin-flame energy," and used Catholic symbolism that resonated with Druella, who was raised Catholic. She connected with him in a way that other spiritual teachers had not.

This story has a lot of potentially interesting angles.

Are lawyers infringing on the religious rights of gypsies? Do professional soothsayers offer *any* services that *do not* qualify as a con? How might a ruling in this case against the defendant impact tony Feng Shui advisers? And isn't a hummer something you're supposed to get at a Chinese massage parlor?

I'm frankly a little skeptical about the doe-eyed, confused tranny thing in this case. The Portland Center for Spiritual Living has a profile for Drakar Druella that indicates he is a "Certified Science of Mind Spiritual Practitioner" who "blends music with the healing art of meditation and prayer in his practice." In other words, he wasn't exactly a tortured soul who wandered off the street on a rainy night looking for answers. He was a pro. Stevens' lawyer claims that the two were business partners. Maybe they were, maybe they weren't.

Either you have a mentally unstable post-op here who was vulnerable enough to give $150,000 to a cheesy gypsy psychic, or you have a gypsy-tranny team who had a falling out, or maybe even a gypsy-tranny con team trying to play the legal system. No matter how this all plays out, it doesn't really do much to validate the feminist, politically correct, "celebrate diversity" public relations line on the transgendered.

File this under "a lot of trannies are a little bit nuts." Many are also apparently wrapped up in the kind of sketchy New Age mumbo jumbo that can mean anything you want it to mean — ask my critic, the Nuclear Unicorn, Quinnae Moongazer.

By the way — I'm up for jury duty this summer.

Pick me, pick me!

EDIT/UPDATE -

So I was just emailed by a female friend of mine on Facebook who knew the transgendered person in question when she (that's right, the papers were being politically correct–Drakar Druella was born female) was first "questioning" a couple of decades ago as a teenager. According to my friend, Druella seemed "deeply troubled" and was clinging to New Age spirituality even then. My friend also suspected that this was a business partnership gone bad, based on her experiences with Druella.

To clarify, Druella is a female-to-male transsexual. This story is *very* Portland, Oregon.

Chairman Mao's Offer

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A couple of years ago, redacted notes of negotiations Mao Zedong had with Henry Kissinger in 1973 were released, and they highlighted an amusing exchange between the supreme leader of China and the great statesman.

Noting that China was a poor country with little to offer, the Chairman suggested that he could ship over Chinese women. First, he suggested sending thousands of women, but after some thought came up with a figure of 10 million.

His reasoning was as follows:

> Let them go to your place. They will create disasters. That way you can lessen our burdens.
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> Do you want our Chinese women? We can give you ten million. By doing so we can let them flood your country with disaster and therefore impair your interests. In our country we have too many women, and they have a way of doing things…

The talks continued for some time, and Mao kept bringing up the subject of women and the troubles they were causing for China. One of his aides suggested that the public would be upset if the offer were made public, but the elderly Chairman, hinting at his mortality, said: "I'm not afraid of anything. Anyway, God has sent me an invitation."

Envy: The Root of All That Kills

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Pride, envy, avarice – these are the sparks have set on fire the hearts of all men.
~Dante

It's said that love of money is the root of all that kills, but all too often it seems that the problem runs deeper than money itself, which places envy at the root of all that kills. Envy comes in many different forms, some positive and welcome, such as admiration and emulation, but other forms are far darker, to the point of being destructive — perhaps even deadly.

While envy colors human interactions of all kinds, women seem to be especially prone to the most harmful effects envy can bring about. This is clearly on display when interactions between women are observed. Women fight amongst themselves over who is prettier, married to the best man, has children who are the most gifted, or owns the nicest things. There are harsh verbal exchanges even between friends when one friend enjoys success the other has not achieved. Friendships that seemed strong may fizzle over such a happy time as an engagement or a new baby's birth. Envy has the potential to run so deeply in some women that no meaningful connections and relationships can be shared between a particular women and others, including a woman's own daughters. For some *Snow White* is not merely a fairy tale but a realistic glimpse into their life.

Sadly, the destructive nature of female envy does not stop there. Far from it in fact: envy also runs amok in connections between the two sexes, both on the individual level and on a grander scale. All too often women look at men and what feminists say men collectively have and start wanting what they do not have. The idea of male power, greater earnings and careers that are more powerful may all have great appeal, but in the envious pursuit of such things, women neglect to see what it takes to attain such success or what sacrifices were necessary for men to have power in a patriarchal society of the past. They see the man sitting on top as a CEO but can't imagine for an instant the immense burdens on his shoulders by virtue of being the man in charge. They see the newly divorced dad being given partial custody, less of the burden they say, not appreciating the grief that comes with losing an important full-time role in the lives of his kids. They see the warrior receiving a medal for his valor but not his dead and gravely wounded comrades suffering far away from the limelight. A stay-at-home mother may envy her husband's time with adults at work but cannot empathize with the pressures that come with being the sole breadwinner. They see men portrayed as heroes who never cower back in fear but don't realize how many men commit suicide, live homeless on the streets, or suffer from heart attacks and stress related diseases.

Women are missing out on the fact that the privileges that were afforded by masculinity in the past and are claimed by feminists to exist in the present day, came with immense sacrifice, responsibility, and hardship. They weren't gifts that were handed to men, unearned and on a silver platter, but privileges that had to be earned, ones that often came with a heaping helping of responsibility. When these important facts are forgotten, women lose out on the ability to see men as humans, as fellow travelers in the twisting and turning journey that is life. Envy is deadly, for it not only holds back the sufferers but denies them the ability to see others as humans, to feel their pain, care about their burdens, and empathize with their plight. It poisons the deeply afflicted to the point they lose their rationality, the hope of connecting with others, of seeing reality for what it is, and possibly even their humanity if true evil comes to fruit from the seeds of their envy. Until women get their envy in check en masse and convert their feelings to the starting point for purposeful change and self-examination, the fire of the gender war will continue to blaze with no hope of being extinguished.

Iron Man 2: A Brief Interpretive Analysis

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Went to see Iron Man 2 yesterday. Overall, it was an enjoyable movie, although not nearly as good as the first. What follows is a brief review and interpretive analysis of the movie.

Basic Review. I stand aside and let the pros at CSM have that honor.

Character development. Both movies are technologically excellent and technologically equivalent–the sequel doesn't wow with special effects that the first lacked. What distinguishes a sequel in this case, then, is the depth and development of its characters and their movement along the story arc. This, unfortunately, is the big weakness of the movie. Stark of course remains the sigma he was in the first, only this time around, his ego swells to such Rush Limbaugh, sun-eclipsing proportions that it is almost painful to watch. His buddy Rhodes (played this time by Don Cheadle) sinks from delta to near-gamma-dom (note: I am using Vox Day's game taxonomy here), as the pecking order that Rhodes works in forces him to do some things that he'd rather not do, right before he is converted into Samsonite–that is, baggage–trapped inside a hijacked super suit. The new villain Vanko is probably the character in this movie written and played with the most depth; in fact, Rourke's Vanko would have stolen many of the scenes had it not been for Downey's natural magnetism. The Potts character loses much of her mommy-girlfriend-secretary depth in a flat performance by Paltrow. I find myself wondering why Jackson's Nick Fury character is there at all, other than to confuse the viewer with a reprise of one of Jackson's many other 'bad mutha f*cka' roles as Jules Winnfield in Pulp Fiction. And the Rushman/Romanoff character, which, I'll be honest, is probably the single best reason why male IronMan fans will see this movie (other than the CGI graphics and the super suits, that is), is the stereotypical two dimensional super-woman that we are all have come to expect for female lead and/or supportive characters in action movies.

Themes. I'm really waiting for Hollywood to come up with some new tropes, for the standard bad/neglectful father meme (both the protagonist Stark and the antagonist Vanko have an absent father and an abusive/acoholic father, respectively), the evil corporatist, and the ass-kicker-yet-looks-great-in-heels female lead are getting rather threadbare.

Interestingly, and as the counterpart to the bad-dad meme, the mothers of the two leading male characters figure into the story not at all, leaving this viewer to wonder to what deficit are we to attribute the defects in the Stark and Vanko characters…to ill- or malfunctioning fathers, or to mothers so ineffectual as to be absent from the narrative entirely? Continuing the curious slight against female characters, women are by and large a fashion accessory in this movie–particularly on Stark's arm where they appear happy to be, in a nod to hidden-in-plain-sight female hypergamy and giving lie to womankind's loudmouthed agitations for equality. However, one notable exception to this fashion accessory rule is the Potts character who, while still donning somewhat conservative knee-length dresses and shoulder-baring garb, manages to perform a useful economic function other than eye candy. Unfortunately for Potts, this movie reveals her character to be quite out of her depth as anything other than a combination executive assistant and a nagging mommy/love interest.

Then we have Rushman/Romanoff, the petite yet unrealistically large breasted, ass-kicking, smart-chick Lara Croft archetype so common to mainstream action-oriented entertainment marketed to priapic adolescent males. We see this archetype quite often, which is a shame because, in the absence of any other model for women, this movie joins the chorus of countless others singing one single, three-pronged tune to the boys and girls who happen to view it: that (a) it is quite okay for a girl/woman to spam the environment with her sexuality via provocative dress (more on that later), (b) that a female can wear high heels and defeat nearly a dozen men twice her size in hand-to-hand-combat, and (c) that given sufficient training, a woman can reasonably expect to best men in physical hand-to-hand combat. None are realistic expectations, and any sane woman would eschew attempting to do lest serious, even fatal consequences result. Yet this movie propagates this theme to an audience of girls and young women who haven't been told much different their entire life. And therein lays the problem.

Social Commentary. This movie is chock full of social commentary if one bothers to look. One of the more obvious editorials is against slimy corporatists personified by Justin Hammer, played quite well in all its disgusting glory by Sam Rockwell. The viewer is invited to hate on evil corporations and the amoral suits that lead them. However, a point that would be easy to miss in this movie is this one: the slimy corporatist defense contractor requires an equally slimy military-industrial complex to survive, thus illustrating the seamy symbiotic relationship between government agencies and the companies they fund. Keep that in mind the next time you, dear reader, are tempted to voice support for government 'regulation' of the private sector of any kind…calls for more regulation are merely a smokescreen for government agents colluding with big corporations to force out smaller competitors, and/or enhancing their power by blurring the line between public and private.

Another sly commentary offered up by the movie, again if one bothers to look beneath the surface, regards women in the workplace. In one scene, after catching Stark repeatedly eyeballing a provocatively dressed Rushman, Potts chides him for oogling her and for thereby exposing himself and the company to a sexual harassment lawsuit. Particularly since the Rushman character works in the legal department. The surface message here is that men are to be rightly punished for noticing that an attractive woman in their midst is wearing a skin-tight sheath to the office and that her battleship guns are slewed prominently forward for everyone's ocular enjoyment. But that was the surface message…the first underlying message for me however, is how retrograde women can be in the workplace, how much potential they have to rob a male office environment of its natural efficiency, and how hazardous it it to employ women in this day and age. Of course, said sexual harassment suit would never be forthcoming because Stark is a sigma; lesser men, say deltas or lower, well I have no doubt had they gazed upon Rushman's platter, they would have been roundly punished. For we all know that sexual harassment is one of the only crimes that is dependent on the feelings of the woman receiving the attention. If she likes it–i.e., the man is within her erotic field of regard, all is well. If she doesn't like it, i.e., the man is a 'loser' or a 'creep' or any other appellation given to a fellow not within her erotic field of regard, well he's about to be on the receiving end of our society's control of errant male sexuality.

This brings me to the second sub-surface message embedded in the Stark-Potts-Rushman oogling scene–the contrast between the libertine permissiveness granted to expressions of women's sexuality in the culture and the legally enforced restraints upon expressions of male sexuality. Call it Victorianism in reverse…whereas female sexuality was limited and restricted in the Victorian era, in the feminist era, male sexuality is suppressed, punished, branded with the proverbial scarlet letter whenever it surfaces. Women can flaunt, but men dare not leer. Women can brazenly tease, but men dare not react. Riddle me this, Black Widow: which sex is oppressed and which sex is the oppressor in the new sexual calculus?

The third piece of commentary that Iron Man 2 offers pertains to the permissible roles of women in the feminist era. Once again, we are treated to yet another installment of woman in film as either the sexpot or the strong, hot, smart, capable Superwoman. What does that say about modern feminism's allowable roles for women when they should aspire to be an unattainable Lara Croft or, failing that, to be arm candy for some polygynous alpha? Where is the role for the old-school woman who built this culture and this society right alongside her man, bearing his children along the way? Where is the archetype of the frontier woman, who worked hard, had grit, helped her husband provide for the family, and was undeniably strong, yet feminine? Nowhere to be found in this movie or in the culture at large is this archetype…the strong woman who shovels the f*cking gravel with dignity, grace, and anonymity. Instead, we are treated to images of blustery paper tigers who are pussies underneath all the *sturm und drang*. That is what our daughters are to aspire to, I suppose, which is too bad. No thanks, says I…my daughter(s), should I be blessed with any, will not be limited in this fashion and instead be taught to be the full woman, the complement to man, that God intended her(them) to be.

Bottom line: Iron Man 2 was entertaining and technologically competent, but the character development was flat and the plot was recycled and unimaginative. A bit of subterranean social commentary in there for those willing to do the spade work to find it.

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French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde: Constant Efforts Required to Realize Women's Power

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One of the things that bothers me the most about putting women in positions of power is that they almost always plainly state that their job is to empower women over men. I can't think of one single female politician or appointed official who has said that she will be entirely impartial in matters of sex, and refuse to favor women over men. Men, on the other hand, always state either their impartiality or their willingness to favor women.

Say an Italian American were elected in New Jersey – not much of a stretch there – and upon assuming his office he declared it his intention to promote people of Italian descent over other Americans, noting all the ways in which they are superior to others. Of course, the guy would be pilloried by the press. He'd be mocked and denounced across the nation. But give a woman a chance, and she'll tell the world how much better women are and clearly state her intent to favor them over men — and the kicker is that she'll be applauded for doing so and given a pedestal upon which to stand and dish out abuse to men.

For a prime example of this, take a look at the New York Times editorial in which Christine Lagarde expounds upon the superiority of females with that pompous, Gallic certitude that we all know and love:

> When women are called to action in times of turbulence, it is often on account of their composure, sense of responsibility and great pragmatism in delicate situations.
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> Audur Capital, an Icelandic private equity fund wholly managed by women, is the only such fund to have made it through the crisis without a hitch. And in February 2009, Iceland's citizens chose a woman, Johanna Sigurdardottir, as prime minister in the midst of the country's financial crisis. At the other end of the spectrum, Muhammed Yunus first turned to women to promote micro-lending. They now account for 97 percent of his 8 million borrowers in Bangladesh. When he launched that revolution in 1976, he knew that women would use their loans to advance projects or purchase tools, while he was wary of what men might do with the money.

For her examples, she chooses some obscure stories from countries that don't matter much at all in terms of global finance. Iceland's economy is smaller than Idaho's, and Bangladesh is one of the world's most impoverished, backward states. Audur Capital, which has about 30 million Euros, is in league with Björk, and has been around for all of three years. Yunus may lend primarily to women in Bangladesh *because it is easier to collect from them*, and because they need loans for dowries.

> The time is long past when women were relegated to discussing world events at tea time. In the economic and political arena they are assuming ever greater power. The current economic crisis affords us an opportunity to impose more responsible, moderate and equitable approaches to finance.

Women are more responsible, moderate and equitable? Where did this received wisdom come from?

> The list of women who hold positions of responsibility is growing daily, and a woman in a position of power is no longer the exception that proves the rule. I know, however, that nothing can ever be taken for granted, that the situation remains tenuous, and that constant efforts are required to turn "women's power" into a shared reality.

OK, here's where we really ought to be worried. What are these "constant efforts" that are required? Must men be smashed down on a constant basis to "turn women's power into a shared reality?"

I'm afraid that's exactly the idea.

> Although the compensation gap is closing gradually and universities have enrolled as many women as men, if not more, many boards of directors and cabinet meetings should better reflect the world's diversity and draw on different viewpoints and experiences.

Here we see the familiar, constant refrain of "you build it, we take it over." Do women feel even the faintest bit of gratitude toward men for having developed these institutions in the first place? Does that mean anything to them?

I suppose I don't understand why all of these things that were created by men will be better managed by women. It simply doesn't make sense. In fact, I don't think women will run them as well as men — I think it would be a disaster to hand male-created institutions wholesale over to women. But that seems inevitable, so I suppose we'll see what comes of it.

The truth is that people always make a mess of things, no matter who's in charge. There will be no brave new world with a woman at the helm, guiding us to a better society. With women in charge the mess will probably be worse than otherwise, because the most vital attribute of the state is force, which is expressed by men, and vanishingly few women can effectively command men. It's simply contrary to human nature for men – especially fierce ones – to submit to female authority.

Female power in the West has rested solely on the willingness of men to enforce a chivalric ideal, but that ideal has been turned on its head by its own excess. Now, women will have to pay men cash for their allegiance, and that will prove to be their undoing, because it is also contrary to human nature for women – especially proud ones – to pay men.

Guest Post Guidelines

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We've been getting quite a few reader submissions lately, but unfortunately I haven't been able to get to all of them due to the torrents of email I've been getting lately. I'm getting so much email from readers and others that submissions are simply getting lost in the midst of it all. This is too bad, because I really appreciate guest submissions. They add content and perspective, and readers who may not want to regularly write articles have an opportunity to share what's on their mind with thousands of people.

So, to make things a little smoother, I've come up with a few guidelines that will help me identify reader submissions and make it easier to post them:

- Put "Spearhead article" in the email subject line
- Submit the post as an .rtf (rich text file) if you want me to use your formatting, and I can fairly easily transfer it into the post
- Include links (links will carry over from .rtf)
- Let me know what name/pen name you want me to put in the introduction
- Finally, if you have a blog of your own be sure to plug it at the end of the post (if you want)

That ought to do it.

Keep 'em coming!

Marmot Abuse at American University

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Chris Muir's Day by Day Cartoon. Check it out.

Trans-Fashion

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A reader recently posted a link to a hilarious set of photos in the Sidney Morning Herald. Apparently, there was an Australian fashion show last night in which men wore black dresses and sashayed around in androgynous display. Absurd gender bending has become the norm as popular culture metastasizes into grotesque parody.

I'd post more of the photos, but they're owned by the local Getty Images co., and I don't think they'd be happy about that, so if you want to feel both amused and sad at the same time, follow this link.

When you see this kind of stuff, it's pretty hard to deny that our society is a farce. If I were some Taliban mullah in Afghanistan and I saw these photos, I'd be very optimistic about defeating NATO.

HT Globalman

Witch Sacrifices Man, Then Cries Rape

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This guest post was submitted by *Meistergedanken*

I don't know if reading the Spearhead has opened my eyes wider and sharpened my senses when it comes to detecting the misandry lurking beneath the surface of American life, or if society is just getting progressively wackier, but these news articles just keep popping up, and every time I think I've heard it all, something comes along to prove me wrong…

> **Cops: Wiccan listed victim as 'sacrifice' in phone**
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> ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) – A self-described Wiccan had a man's phone number programmed in her cell phone under the word "sacrifice" before she stabbed him to death, then claimed he had tried to rape her, authorities said Thursday.
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> She told police she stabbed Leyba three times in the stomach after he tied her up and tried to assault her.
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> But police say Leyba was stabbed 11 to 13 times, and a detective reviewing Sanford's cell phone found the nickname "sacrifice" instead of Leyba's name.
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> "It makes us absolutely confident there was something more here than her claims of self-defense," said Patrick Davis, a spokesman for the Bernalillo County district attorney's office.
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> [...]
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> She told police Leyba attacked her, tied her hands with her rope belt, took the dagger from her pocket and made sexual gestures.
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> Sanford told investigators that to keep from being raped, she let Leyba think she wanted to seduce him. She stripped to her underwear and persuaded him to lie down, then knelt above him, grabbed the dagger and stabbed him three times before fleeing.

Many would say the woman in question is plainly insane (the pagan aspect of the case sure doesn't help, I mean, who really believes in that stuff?), but leaving aside the fact that she purchased this ritualistic dagger and conveniently had it on her person during a date, she clearly had the presence of mind to know that an accusation of "RAPE!" would afford her an excellent chance of getting off scot-free. If she hadn't actually listed the hapless male as a "sacrifice" on her cell-phone, she might have even escaped the murder charge altogether.

Is this incident freakish and titillating because of its unusual trappings? Yes. But on a personal note, this story speaks to me because of an experience I had when I was online dating, 5 or 6 years ago. I made the [brief] acquaintance of a woman on "Yahoo personals" who was a clear 9, if the profile pictures were anything approaching reality. At it happened, she was rather coy about the particulars of her relationship status, and directed me to her personal web page to find out more about her. A cursory search did not find it, but did find numerous entries of someone with the same username on a satanic website. After reading some of the posts under that name, I was convinced that this was the same woman, as the avowed Satanist lived in my area and employed a few of the exact same phrases that she had used in emails to me. Furthermore, it turned out she was in an "open" marriage and boasted of having an underground vault with a stone altar upon which she practiced bloodletting ceremonies, some of which were capable of summoning demons! I was appalled, yet, truth be told, perversely fascinated. I emailed her with my findings and hit the ball in her court, interested to hear whatever bizarre explanation she could supply, but she never replied again. Upon further reflection, I can't help but think: What if I had arranged a date with her? Would I have even made it out alive?

Obviously, up to this point men have been directly responsible for far more murders than women, and no doubt this will continue, despite the increased propensity for violence that modern-day women are exhibiting. I can sense the trolls gearing up now, “What? Do you know how many women are killed by MEN every year?!!!”, etc. That’s not the point. Though she told hikers at the scene that she had been raped, she modified her story to the authorities, no doubt to account for the fact that there was no physical evidence of sexual trauma. Note the subtle distinction here: the justification is not even that she killed him because she was supposedly raped. It’s that she killed him because he might have raped her if she didn’t kill him. Ms. Sanford was actually seriously advocating murder as a now acceptable means of rape prevention!

Ironically, a lot of the Yahoo comments on the article consistently addressed the Wiccan angle, saying, “well, she’s not a real Wiccan if she murdered someone”, or even “most Wiccan’s aren’t like that!”, a dim echo of the standard female apologist line heard so often in this venue. It goes without saying that these neopagan and allegedly pre-historic practices are primarily gynocentric, with the earth, moon or nature viewed as a female goddess figure. Such spiritual world views would be very appealing to feminists, just as the patriarchy codified within traditional Christianity is distasteful to them.

In this particular event, the authorities were smart enough to call her out on the blatant B.S. emanating from her story. But it begs the question: if false rape claims are now a standard weapon in the feminists’ arsenal, are claims for potential rape going to now be popularized to justify further misandric crime?

Conservative Misandry

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The evils of misandry and feminism are oftentimes believed to come packaged in one particular way, the leftist branch feminism that immediately pops into mind when the topic is mentioned. While this may indeed be the most visible type of anti-male streak running through our culture today, this is not the only form, nor the type of misandry that is most harmful. There is a strain of feminism, one I've dubbed "conservative feminism" that is typically comes packaged in sparkles, ribbons, and bows. At first glance, this form may seem innocent, but upon pondering certain ideas and stereotypes floating around out there, one will quickly realize that something sinister is flying around the conservative religious world that proclaims their hatred for feminism.

Any belief system or idea that attempts to elevate women above men or proclaim femininity better than masculinity is feminism. In both leftist and conservative feminism this is done, often using the same wrongful ideas about men, just spinning them a bit differently for their intended audiences.

As you will see below, in conservative feminism, we find hatred of men in many ways:

***Men As Wallets-** In every part of society, men are now treated as walking breathing wallets. It is their job to hand over money to state through child support and alimony when marriages go wrong. Men are still expected to cover the bill for dating and they typically bear the burden of breadwinner even in two income households.

In the conservative world, the burden of work takes an even more troubling turn as woman are taught they have a right to stay home with their children and if their husband cannot afford to provide the standard of living that makes this necessary, then he is out of God's will, a sinner, or backslidden. When the talk turns to Titus 2 or other other verses used to support this women's right, there is not an admonishment to wives to be frugal, to be industrious and start a home business, a garden for cooking and canning, or so forth, just a strict requirement for men without a rule of cooperation on the part of women. Staying at home is simply her right, with no responsibility to aid the burden of breadwinning.

Men are not allowed to express their anxiety, anguish, or upset about this rule and expectation, but are made to suffer in silence, carrying their burden alone. In fact, men's fear is so poorly tolerated that should a man express genuine concern over not being able to have more children, for fear of feeding them in tumultuous economic times, his worry will be brushed aside and said to be the sin of "not trusting the Lord". The poor man is simply to worry himself to a heart attack, work more hours and miss out on the lives of his children, or risk having his worst fear–that of being a financial failure–come true.

***Men As Expendable-** Our culture sees men as disposable. We have yet to establish an Office of Men's Health, do not provide the same amount of funding for diseases that primarily effect men as we do for women, and we collectively expect men to perform the most unpleasant and dangerous of jobs, from coal mining and logging to law enforcement and serving in the military, without so much as an ounce of appreciation for putting their lives on the line for the enjoyment/protection of us all.

Conservative feminism takes this a step farther by expecting men to take on the responsibilities of modern day chivalry. Some ministries have publicly expressed contempt for men at Virginia Tech who did not take bullets for their women classmates when the tragic shooting occurred on the campus. Others preach that it must be husbands who do the dirty and gross jobs around the house, that is must be husbands who check for the bumps in the night, and that should there be an emergency of some sort, it better be the husband who is operating the fire extinguisher or hammering the boards before the hurricane arrives. There is no talk of women humbling themselves and learning to help alongside their husbands, if this is what their husbands would like, or being prepared to be their own heroes should a situation warrant this. On the contrary, in many instances, anything labeled as "mans work" will be considered a feminist activity and thus inappropriate for a wife to do, even if she must (as in the case of the wife of a deployed soldier like myself) or if her husband encourages her to help him with such tasks. There is not even

admonishments to be appreciative of men for taking on chivalrous duties, but rather an expectation of such special treatment is taught.

***Fathers As Optional-** We all know in what low regard fathers are held in today, and sadly this reality does not end at the church door. The contempt had for fathers may not be as open as it is in mainstream society, however, it's well and alive despite being a bit more hidden. We often hear talk about how much small children need their mother at home, how they cannot grow and thrive without them. We'll see motherhood elevated to the highest levels, being considered the most important and difficult job in the world. While this isn't a bad thing, the lack of high praise for fatherhood, or even mere mention of a father's importance, is striking. Yes children of all ages need their mothers, but they need their fathers just as much, from the bittiest baby to the teenager entering adulthood.

When traditional women bemoan women being in the military, the typical reason named is because the children miss and need their mothers. The reality of fathers deploying and leaving behind children is absent, not thought of at all. This is the same when the Titus 2 mandate is discussed. The importance of having mothers spending quantity time with their children is raised to the level of the highest importance, yet the reality of fathers perhaps working two jobs or more than 40 hours work week, and thus hardly seeing their children at all, does not warrant a mention. If fatherhood was being held in the high position it needs to be, this stunning disregard for daddies wouldn't be uttered without objections and dissent.

***Men As Perverts-** "All heterosexual sex is rape" the leftist feminists proclaim, and while the conservative feminists may take the gross crime of rape off the table, a respect for healthy male sexuality they do not bring. In the conservative world, there are numerous harmful stereotypes floating about when it comes to sex. For starters, all men are not seen to be potential rapists but potential adulterers. There exist books and advice is shared that encourages wives to use sex as a means of manipulation. Women are being advised they need to be intimate with their husbands not because they love them and desire to be close to them, not for the bonding experience, not to celebrate this special gift God has given to married couples but rather to prevent their husbands from straying. What could be a beautiful expression is lowered to the level of deceit and manipulation just like that.

Perhaps not quite as sinister but still problematic is the contempt had for the male sex drive. A man's sexual desire is at best merely tolerated and at worst, looked at as a perverted dysfunction for he is not "normal" like a woman. Cruel jokes are often made by woman, both in mixed company and not, about a man's sex drive, remarks about how husbands always want it, laughter about denying one's husband, and many other words to pathologize healthy male virility.

***Men As Immoral Uncivilized Brutes-** The Victorian "angel in the house" is still alive and well in today's world and nowhere does this appear to be more true than in the churches today. Never pausing for a brief moment to consider that the cherished idea of chivalry and men as soldiers allows women to live in a civilized world with special perks, the declaration of women as the more civilized & moral sex is shouted from many a pulpit today. (And nevermind that it is women who have initiated 70% of divorces and killed millions upon millions of precious babies, neither of which are moral or civilized by any definition…) Typical male traits, such as courageousness, justice, fairness, and take charge initiation are denigrated so that female nurturing, passivity, openminded love, and modesty can instead be elevated as the correct way to be morality. The reality of an important balance existing between these two types of morality, making both worthy of celebration is never mentioned and becomes all the more downplayed as churches feminize further, pushing men from their pews.

***Men At Fault-** Men are blamed for much in today's day and age, both in and out of the church, but the most disturbing fault I have ever heard placed on men is that of their wife's willful rebellion and self chosen sins. There are people preaching the heresy that if only men led their wives better, these women would never sin, commit adultery, or do anything of this sort. If men were taking charge correctly, their wives would submit to them and never do wrong. In some denominations and churches, this is taken a step further, not merely placing the burden of a wife's sin on a husband here on earth, but for all eternity as well. Lessons are being taught that state a man will be held accountable to God for the decisions his wife made, including those that went against his wishes and

directions. Actions of which the husband had no part. This is outrageous.

***Men As Unfeeling Robots-** This final idea about men should be perfectly obvious with all the terrible ideas that are allowed to circle around about men and masculinity, for if we cared about men's feelings, these lies would not be allowed to spread. In our culture, we have a very narrow view on male emotional expression and are quick to judge a boy or man who does not fit into this stereotype. "Man up" and "boys don't cry" starts on the tot lot playground.

We expect men to be able to hear the most cruel of words and not take them to heart. Men are expected to put themselves on the line for others with no appreciation and no way to seek emotional support to ease the many burdens placed upon their shoulders. All men are expected to handle trying times without help or support and some men–especially law enforcement, firemen, soldiers, and others we'd see as "tough guys"– are expected to hold in all the terrible sights they have seen, man up and keeping going on. Men from all walks of life are told to toughen up all the way to a suicide, heart attack, or breakdown. And even then, we'll collectively feel for his family more than we will for him. "Oh his poor wife and children, I wonder how they are handling this tragedy."

We also expect men to express their anger at real slights in a feminine way, so we women feel most comfortable. Women seek to tell me how to feel. They seek to own the experiences of men. They attempt to tell men how masculinity should be lived and what they experienced. Men are not allowed to own their emotions, life experiences, or masculinity, for this makes women uncomfortable. Our culture attempts to silence them, to appease those who are scared of men being men on their own terms.

***Woman As Children-** For my final note on conservative feminism, women as children is the topic I must bring up. Just as is the case with leftist feminism, the conservative strain does not seek to help us mature into capable adult women who can be true helpmeets to our husband and mothers to our children. Instead, it seeks to keep us as children forever.

The Christian principle of male headship is often twisted to mean that women do not need to take responsibility for anything in their family for this falls in the husband's duties. A husband must provide the paycheck, the discipline for children, and all the hard work around the house while the wife stays home with the children and doesn't truly work at home. Wives are not encouraged to ask their husbands what they need to best help them, to form a healthy type of cooperation in which a marriage and children can thrive, to help bear the load with the men with whom they are supposed to share and build a life with. The talk is most often exclusively on privilege rather responsibility, leaving husbands with a lopsided bargain which adds far more the his plates of responsibility than to his wife's.

Misandry and women-first ideology come in many forms, not always from the left-leaning bra-burning side of the political sphere.

The Church's Own Teachings Create Broken Homes

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Joe Carter's post titled "Don't Marry a Proverbs 31 Woman" got me thinking about how today's church inadvertently reinforces traditions that run counter to scripture–often conflating human traditions passed down through the years with scriptural directives–and creating suffering and misery as a result. Simply because things are done a certain way for a certain amount of time does not mean that tradition is ordained by God or is reinforced anywhere in scripture. Yet the Church does just that.

For instance, take the "men as provider" paradigm that Christian men are supposed to aspire to. Yes, men are to care for their families and others who depend on them (1 Tim 5:8, et al). But that is not their only function–they are to "provide" in other ways as well, such as instruction of their children (women as primary/sole teachers of children is a *very* recent phenomenon in Western Civ), provide covering to their wives, and provide leadership to the family. The problem here is that the Church propagates a role for men in keeping with the post-Industrial Revolution paradigm. This paradigm reinforces a strict specialization of duties within the home along sex lines–it specifies that men are to sell their labors outside the home for wages with little involvement inside the home, while women are to labor only within it. I contend that these sex roles fall well short of the Biblical roles for men and women in the family.

Prior to industrialization, when the economy was more agrarian, men worked within or very near to the home, often with their children (and their wives) at their sides. However, industrialization tore men away from the home to exchange their labor for money in locations distant to the home and family. This left their wives behind to assume the full burden of domestic duties. Over time, those elements of provision performed by men within the four walls of the home–such as instruction and leadership of the home–were abdicated to women entirely as the men simply weren't there to perform the full range of their God-given duties, and unfortunately contemporary Christianity has assimilated this culture. The modern church teaches that man is to provide financially for his family; little mention is made of the other roles that men used to perform within the family. The traditional family model employed by the West for thousands of years was forgotten over the span of two centuries. The Church enforces this truncated conceptualization of male provision its membership, thus leading to sin and inflicting suffering and harm on the Body, particularly the children of the Body, which I will address in a moment.

But it isn't just men who are artificially limited by this teaching of sex roles–women are limited as well. Yes, women are equal heirs to the Good News. Yes, they are to be help meets. Yes they are to focus their efforts primarily on the home. But an objective read of Proverbs 31 provides many examples of women working outside the home–including income-generating activity–to support and even complement the husband's effort to provide for those that reside within it. Yet the message from the church is that a woman's place is in the home, never in the paid employ of another, or even herself. Again, this stunted view and legalistic of the proper female role in the family leads to sin and misery.

This brings me to my critique of the church's promotion of overly restrictive and counter-scriptural sex roles for men and women. The error of the Church's erroneous prescriptions is expressed in many ways. First is that men are defined by the money they earn or the job that they have; their contribution to the family is solely a financial one, with the result that the family is deprived of male headship, a father's guidance, a father's teaching, and a fully developed masculine role model. Over time, the family is deprived of the husband/father entirely through elevated male mortality, as men literally work themselves into the grave providing money to their families when what that family needs more is his leadership.

Second, women are burdened with responsibilities that aren't theirs to bear, while being told by the Church that

they can't work outside the home if they are to be Godly women. The result is incomplete teaching of children, exhausted mothers, unhappy wives married to ghosts, and women given a disproportionate share of responsibility and authority in the central building block of society…the home.

The third way that the error of the Church is expressed perhaps comes to a head most poignantly during a divorce. Since men and women are taught that the man's job is to provide income for the family and the woman is to be in charge of everything else pertaining to the family, the Church's teachings cast the woman as the head of the family, if not in law, at least in practice. This inversion of God's intent greatly multiplies the divorce rate as well as putting men at a decided disadvantage during a divorce, where the secular culture, having assimilated the Church's teachings that a man's only duty to the family is to provide an income stream to women and children, maintains the status quo and continues to limit him to the role of visitor-banker after the marriage is dissolved. Once again, the Church reinforces the Industrial family paradigm: it lectures men about their financial responsibility to children who live with their ex wives, while failing to see value in the man's involvement with the children, or how the Church's own teachings lead to exactly the situation that religious leaders tut-tut about.

As a result, some of the people who are the biggest obstacles to family law reform and shared parenting are Christians, evangelical and otherwise. They cling to distorted notions of male and female sex roles, and in doing so, deprive children of the example of appropriate paternal and maternal involvement in the home. They simply cannot conceive of a role for men in the family beyond that of a walking bankbook, and a role for women beyond that of caring for children. Thus, in a post-divorce environment, they strongly reinforce the mother-custody, father-pays model to the long-term detriment of the children and society in general.

Unfortunately, in the West today, we are harvesting the rotten fruit of this grave misinterpretation of Scripture. Dads weep bitterly at the loss of their children before dying at a premature age. Moms groan under the burden of both providing and keeping the home. Children wonder why everyone is so unhappy and reject both marriage and the Church. And those concerned about liberty grow increasingly alarmed at the scope and size of the government Hydra that grows more and more heads when the atomistic family disintegrates.

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BMI Standards Mask Western Women's Growing Weight Problem

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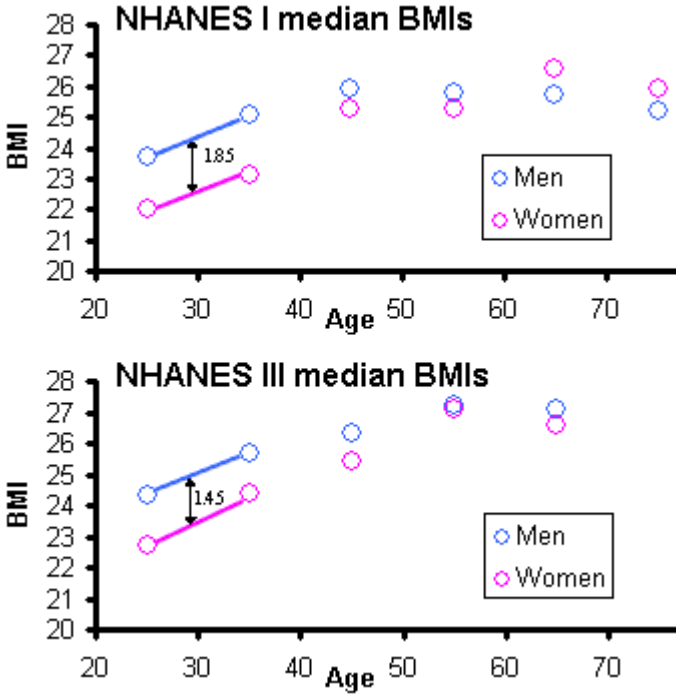
I've long wondered why men and women have both been assigned the same BMI value for being overweight, because it's obvious that if you take your average, normally-built man and woman of the same height, the man will be heavier. Despite this fact, the CDC and WHO use the same Body Mass Index (BMI) threshold for both men and women to determine whether they are overweight.

Exactly why these organizations choose to do so has not been explained, but it may be because Western women have grown increasingly fat since the 1960s. In fact, in a fifteen year period from the early 70s to the late 80s the BMI difference between men and women narrowed by nearly a half a point.



Does this mean that larger women are more natural? Was it the evil patriarchy that was keeping women thinner, healthier and more attractive?

Probably not, but the refusal to honestly address the fact that today's women are significantly fatter than men probably has a lot to do with the rise of female power. The last thing women want to hear is that they are fat. No, they'd rather Dr. Phil tell them how beautiful and special they are from his pulpit on TV as they gobble down cookies and ice cream. If some mean old government agency suggested they had a weight problem there'd be hell to pay, so the figures are manipulated to assuage their self esteem.

Fortunately, I found a doctor who is willing to set the record straight. Steven B. Halls, who runs a simple website with a number of health charts and calculators, has written an article discussing the problem with assigning the same BMI standards to men and women:

> Statistical fairness
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> One problem with the current CDC & WHO threshold of "overweight" at 25 kg/m2 is that it is unfair to men. It labels a larger percentage of the Male population as overweight. If the male threshold were higher, or the female threshold were lower, then the proportion of overweight men and women would be more equal.
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> A Danish study6 used a purely statistical method to define alternate BMI thresholds for overweightness, with equality between men and women as an important statistical criteria. It suggested a BMI of 27.2 kg/m2 for

> men and 25.0 kg/m2 for women, as overweight thresholds. The “gap” between these figures is 2.2 kg/m2.

So, in the interests of equality, there should be a gap. However, it’s unlikely that this change will be made because, after all, equality would favor men in this case, and suggest that our women are fatter on the balance than men.

Facebook Accusation Lands Woman in Jail

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Zoe Williams, a British woman who accused her ex-boyfriend of rape after they broke up in 2007, has received a four month jail sentence for her lies. Her ex-boyfriend was investigated and briefly jailed when he declared himself innocent.

Ms. Williams, who was angered because she thought the police were skeptical of her accusation, faked a Facebook threat to make it appear that her ex was interfering with the investigation by warning her to drop her complaint.

In all likelihood, she was only jailed for trying to fool the court rather than trying to destroy a man's life, but her punishment is at least a step in the right direction. When the damage done to men by these false accusations becomes a factor in punishment, then we'll know that justice is starting to reform and take a hard line against women who use their power to accuse for evil purposes.

HT Robert

How to Build a Man Bomb

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We have seen it through the ages countless times before. Whether in the French Revolution, or the dense and decaying inner city enclaves of Los Angeles and Detroit, the suppressed outrage of marginalized populations can erupt into mob violence, setting buildings and entire cultures ablaze.

The same precursors are always there, though by tradition, and perhaps by design, we ignore them. The discrimination, oppression, bigotry and other human failings we justify or disregard are the tools in the Great Societal Bomb Making Kit; a kit that has been a permanent fixture in human civilization. It is as though the occasional burning city, streets littered with the dead, or even toppled governments are every cultures proof of human authenticity. And we ignore the ticking down of the timer until the body bags begin to fill.

Until it is too late.

And now, in keeping with the annals of our rigorously ignored history, we are setting about the business again of orchestrating a future catastrophe. After a bloody revolution for our freedom, the scourge of slavery, an even bloodier civil war, and a civil rights campaign that we handled with police dogs, riot guns and water cannons, we have put ourselves right back on the course of an inescapable social crisis.

This time we are building a man bomb. And when this one detonates it could make the American race riots look like a Thanksgiving Day parade.

The misandric Zeitgeist, the system of feminist governance that most are sill loathe to acknowledge is about to head toward its inevitable and ugly conclusion, and the results of that will inflict another deep wound on the psyche of the western world.

In the men's rights community, a minority in its own right, we have long lamented the cruel and destructive war that has been waged against men and boys for the past half century. We've shouted endlessly at a deaf world that we were on the path to destruction, and we have watched our predictions of men being reduced to indentured servants to a malicious matriarchy come true, even as society continues to dismiss and humiliate us for speaking.

The buzz words and catch phrases have gone largely unchanged. They are now part of the common lexicon for those no longer blinded by the wool of a matriarchal matrix being pulled over their eyes. VAWA, child support, Title IV-D, false allegations, family court corruption, paternity fraud, male bashing, assumed guilt, man bad/woman good paradigm, phony wage gap, phony DV stats, media bias, etc., etc., etc.. All these terms and more are familiar to men and women who have seen through this transparent culture of hate and into an awareness of the problems we face, but do not acknowledge; problems we suffer from, but from which there is no relief.

Some have reacted with anger, some with hate, some with righteous indignation and others with resignation and hopelessness. But during these dark years there has been little public outrage, thanks to the benefit of human denial. For many men, it is always the other guy who gets raped in family court. It is someone else that lands behind bars on a false rape charge; some other unfortunate loses his career and reputation because the culture and the legal system assumes he must be guilty of whatever claim is made against him by a woman.

We have been a culture of head shakers, quick to say "tisk, tisk," and move on about our business, blind and indifferent, because it is not happening to us.

But there are forces in play today that will almost certainly unleash a fury that few can comprehend, and that nobody wants.

A recent Wall Street Journal article, *Meet the Unemployable Man*, predicts that over the next several years, one in six men between 18 and 54 years old, or 18 million, will be unemployed, and *unemployable*.

That is 18 million men who will look for work and find none; millions of others who once carried briefcases or hammers and nails, but who will, in the days ahead, push brooms make French fries. There will be 18 million men who become the other guy. And that is in addition to the millions of other guys that are already walking among us.

In other times, this would just be a run of economic bad luck which would pass with better times. But all the indicators are that better times will not find these men.

The typical escape route from poverty is education. But that route, too, for men, is being cut off by the very forces that are the source of the problem. Men are now only 40% of college students, with the indicators pointing to even more drastic reductions in the future. College, like employment, will soon be a woman's world.

And the 18 million men with nothing to do but worry and stagnate cannot be expected not to notice. And they may well begin to notice a great many things that they never did before, because they were happening to the other guy.

The ticking should be as thunder in our ears by now.

Oh, but wait, some might say. We can fix that. We can address what is happening to these men before their being marginalized and disenfranchised results in problems that no one can ignore.

We can, but it is not likely we will. Look at how the educational establishment is reacting to the proposed male studies initiative, an idea that actually would seek some answers. Men's studies activists like Michael Kimmel and American Men's Studies Association President Robert Heasley, are doing everything in their power to ensure men remain in trouble. These feminist ideologues appear roundly offended that any amelioration of these problems would come to men, and are proving it daily in word and deed.

The ranking members of the matriarchy, like social terrorists, are partnering with and guiding government toward the inevitable explosion, and when it goes off they will be the first to point the finger at men, even at MRA's, for the fallout.

It won't help them, though. Because whatever tragic end this comes to, it will not be at the hands of MRA's, but in spite of our efforts to prevent it.

If the streets erupt again, as they have so many times before, they will be filled with average men who never heard of the men's rights movement. They will just be poor men, many of them young and fatherless due to the current system, acting our their rage against a world that includes and idealizes women, but that treats them like social pariah.

They won't be thinking of VAWA or domestic violence hypocrisies, because they will be in large part the same men who have denied these problems all along.

We may see them in a tax revolt, or at tea parties gone violent at some point in the future when things are much worse than they are now. Or they may not have any political affiliation at all. But one thing is certain, that many desperate and hostile men are not going to remain silent. They will act as men have always acted in similar circumstances throughout history. And during the process, they will be looking again at many things they have ignored in the past. There will be volumes of information, long ignored, that will suddenly make devastating and dangerous sense to them.

It is a testament to men, and an exposure of lies perpetrated against them by gender ideologues that we have come this last half century without blood in the streets. It has always been in men's nature to take care of others better than themselves, and they have proven that with their silence in the face of so many constant abuses. Betting on that silence to continue when men are hungry is foolish.

It is possible that none of this will come to pass. I do not pretend to be a social prognosticator and I do not have a crystal ball. But I can add two and two and still get four, even in this crazy world. And I know that anyone, even men, if backed into a corner and kicked long enough and hard enough, will come out swinging. The 60's were not just peace, love and dope. They were cities on fire and bodies on the ground.

And because of that I write this genuinely afraid. The men's movement, the only bomb squad we have, had better catch on in grand fashion, I think. And even if it does, we better hope it happens before the society we live in finds itself at ground zero when the clock ticks down.

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Tea Party Feminist?

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So asks Slate, which quotes statistics that suggest that more women than men are involved in the Tea Party movement, and points to the fact that most national and state coordinators are women:

> If the Tea Party has any legitimate national leadership, it is dominated by women. Of the eight board members of the Tea Party Patriots who serve as national coordinators for the movement, six are women. Fifteen of the 25 state coordinators are women. One of the three main sponsors of the Tax Day Tea Party that launched the movement is a group called Smart Girl Politics. The site started out as a mommy blog and has turned into a mobilizing campaign that trains future activists and candidates. Despite its explosive growth over the last year, it is still operated like a feminist cooperative, with three stay-at-home moms taking turns raising babies and answering e-mails and phone calls. Spokeswoman Rebecca Wales describes it as a group made up of "a lot of mama bears worried about their families." The Tea Party, she says, is a natural home for women because "for a long time people have seen the parties as good-ole'-boy, male-run institutions. In the Tea Party, women have finally found their voice."

Well, if this is all true I suppose that explains why I haven't found the Tea Party all that appealing — or even interesting for that matter. However, perhaps we should take note, because this is a truly strange trend. Now that we have a party that has been firmly in favor of feminist goals for nearly 40 years in power, all of the sudden a number of women are up in arms.

What is driving all this feminine discontent? For all the cheering about the "women's nation," the female takeover of higher education and the successful destruction of a number of traditionally male industries, you'd think women would be happy with those in power, but instead we have Sarah Palin barnstorming around and whipping women into a frenzy.

Maybe part of what's going on is that men have been disenfranchised to such an extent that younger men have pretty much dropped out of politics. Young white men in particular, who would be more likely to support a right-leaning movement, are so routinely vilified that they might think they should simply keep their mouths shut and stay out of it all.

Are men finally dropping out of politics as well?

A guide of the denizens of the Wild, Wild Internet.

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No matter the subject, the participants don't change.

They are the Flame Warriors.

Bonus points for identifying as many of the commenters as possible.

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Justice is Our Responsibility

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Too often, when something terrible happens to people, others justify it as somehow the victims' fault. African slavery has been justified as necessary due to black laziness, the liquidation of European Jewry due to Jewish provocation, and the desolation of 17th century Ireland because of Papist savagery. This attitude only guarantees that people will commit atrocities and resort to inhuman measures again, because such callousness is the foundation of injustice.

If one faction feels that another approves of and may have participated in a calamity inflicted upon them, they often will not hesitate to return the favor, and thus grievances are perpetuated. It may be an unavoidable part of the human experience that people face tragedy and hardship, but where it is in our power to prevent it, we should. To avoid doing so by simply blaming others is a form of moral laziness. In fact, it is more honorable to simply say "I don't care" than it is to attempt some justification of misery by pointing to the flaws of others.

Unfortunately, many men in our society prefer to abandon their responsibility to fellow human beings by doing exactly that. Even as the numbers of entirely disenfranchised men grow beyond a double-digit percentage of the population, some are content to sit back, smug and content in a feeling of superiority. Perhaps they tell themselves that these others are genetic losers, or they are lazy and stupid, or even that this is necessary to keep markets competitive. What they don't realize is that the growth of a class of discontented people will eventually come to have a negative effect on everyone. Not only the helpless and forgotten and their families, but even the content and powerful will face growing instability and a measurable decline in standards. For example, in Latin American countries with a huge gulf between the privileged and desperate, we find a very high murder rate, kidnappings, insurrections and civil war, powerful criminal gangs, and people living in either garbage dumps and favelas or communities surrounded by walls topped with barbed wire.

Here in the West, the lot of ordinary men has always been closely tied to the more egalitarian society we have come to idealize as a better way to live. As we lose any consideration for the ordinary man, that society is slipping away, and once gone it may not come back for centuries, if ever. In that case, we can expect women to suffer, too. More daughters will go into prostitution, more mothers will live in poverty, and in the absence of domestic stability, violence as a solution to problems will inevitably become a cultural norm.

The men who deny that there is a problem – those who insist everything is OK because their own tiny corner of the world is healthy and prosperous for now – are in fact our biggest obstacle. With their myopic view of the world they can ignore the big picture, fiddling as the rest of the world smolders around them. Today an insurrection is playing out in Bangkok, tomorrow, perhaps Mexico, and then one will follow another; finally, there will be one here as well.

If we don't do anything to address imbalances and restore justice, then whose fault will it be when that happens?

Mom Busted Teaching her Daughter to be a Ho

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Lashawnda Sharmaine Potts, A 29-year-old Seattle woman, has been charged with sex crimes for making sexually explicit videos with her daughter, who is 13 years old. The video showed them both dancing nude as the mother directed and instructed her daughter in the fine art of sexy dancing.

The mother was visiting the girl in violation of a court order during the incident, and has also been accused of having her daughter drive her around while she bought drugs, probably crack cocaine.

If convicted of the sex crime, Ms. Potts would face a mandatory minimum sentence of 3.5 years.

Events such as these confirm the emergence of the society envisioned by Roissy, who predicts that women will encourage their daughters to use their sexuality to gain maximum advantage in a chaotic society wracked by feminism and other associated degenerative trends.

Sticks and Stones

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It strikes me that in our contemporary culture there is a basketful of negative stereotypes about men from which people can pick and choose and subsequently hurl like stones at the hapless scapegoat for family and social ills. There's the "deadbeat dad," "abusive husband," "batterer (or wife-beater)," "couch potato," "unromantic husband," "stalker," "predator" etc. A number of fathers' rights and men's activists deplore the negative stereotypes, condemning their use as unfair and hurtful. Sure, these are harsh characterizations, and largely unearned, but it is typical of modern American men, encumbered as they are by a useless, vestigial chivalry, to demand only that others "play fair" (this is, however, a democracy, where chivalry is about as useful as an extra pinky).

Nasty slurs such as deadbeat dads were deliberately crafted as a weapon to persuade society that dubious methods of extortion are legitimate when used to force men – abandoned husbands in many cases – to pay the mothers of their children. Terms such as stalker and batterer served to rush along the suspension of due process in the Violence Against Women Act. In the meanwhile traditional terms of opprubium targeting irresponsible or misbehaving women were dropped as politically incorrect. Hooker and whore are out; "sex-worker" is in. "Slut" is sexist, as is "nag." Some claim that the overtly sexual nature of terms of abuse concerning women proves that women are disproportionately victims of sexism. Let's examine a few terms applied to men, such as "jerk," "perv," "prick," and "mother——." Aren't those overtly sexual? Words of abuse, whether directed at men or women, are very frequently expressed through sexual imagery.

It is characteristic of power to make attempts to block and erase smears, whether verbal or otherwise, on its shining facade. Ridicule and demeaning words are real threats to political power, and as feminists have so stridently declared, they can also be used to encapsulate and demean the less powerful — in our current case abandoned husbands and dispossessed fathers. Men, all of whom are imperfect and most insecure to some degree or another, are relatively easy targets in this new age of material irrelevance of husbands and fathers. Being called a batterer or deadbeat – regardless of the truth of the accusation – is a real threat to a man these days, when divorce could strike at any time. When such terms are incorporated into laws and the lobbying efforts attached to said laws, they become instruments of state oppression. When words alone from a hostile partner, absent due process, can remove a man from his house and children and potentially result in a violent arrest, they become a form of terrorism directed at a segment of society.

As is common in arguments for slavery, men are portrayed as both threatening and indebted, i.e. they must be controlled physically as well as forced to provide materially for others. Men's civil rights are entirely ignored, as they are held to be subordinate to their wives' and children's welfare. This is a real dilemma for good men, and for thinking men, because there is no doubt that one's children's welfare should be of the utmost importance. However, consider the brilliant manner in which feminists frame the debate: what's good for women is good for children. This allows for a huge latitude in behavior on the part of women due to the very subjective nature of one's concept of good. Fathers are faced with a far more limited range of options: pay up whether your status as father is respected or not or go to jail.

What is entirely absent from debate is the question of men's welfare, and whether it has any benefit to society as a whole. Is men's welfare less or more important than women's, or is it equal? Does a man's social and legal status have any influence on his children's well-being? Perhaps the most relevant question is what implications men's civil rights have for society in general. Clearly, a society that is generally happy and industrious is a much better place for children than one that is contentious and expends its efforts in strife. Isn't it likely that when men's rights are respected equally the greater good is served? Creating an entire class of individuals with fewer civil rights simply for having reproduced may be expedient to some single mothers (although it appears that the neediest frequently derive no benefit whatsoever; rather, it is the more affluent who reap the largest reward), but overall it creates a

polluted social atmosphere with negative consequences for child development.

Perhaps the best response, one that worked in the Great Depression – last major crisis of fatherhood – is the social rehabilitation of the American man. Instead of the recent approach of beating and shaming him into submission, which causes him to flee fatherhood and social responsibility, man must be offered a redeeming role — one that fits current social and economic realities. Punitive, coercive laws and social censure are hardly a just reward for the majority of adult, American men, and will likely result in a defensive reaction. The reaction has already begun, but we still do not know what form it will ultimately take. Perhaps we shall catch a glimpse of it during the presidential election, as Joe Biden, a contributor to the unjust and unequal "Violence Against Women Act" – which greatly enhances punitive, coercive and often violent state measures against men – comes under greater scrutiny.

An Example Of How Women Deal With Unemployment

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As the Mancession continues the mainstream media finds new ways to avoid talking about how men have had to deal with 80% of the job losses from the current economic downturn. This article from the New York Times talks about clerical jobs lost due to technological advances. This means secretaries, "administrative assistants", and the like so the New York Times profiled Cynthia Norton, a 52 year old woman living in Jacksonville, FL who was an an administrative assistant. While the article tries to paint a picture of (a subset of) women being hit hard by the economic downturn, the fact is for every Cynthia Norton there are four men unemployed. However, it does show us how women deal with unemployment. Here are some excepts from the article:

> Ms. Norton is reluctant to believe that her three decades of experience and her typing talents, up to 120 words a minute, are now obsolete. So she looks for other explanations.
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> Employers, she thinks, fear she will be disloyal and jump ship for a higher-paying job as soon as one comes along.
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> Sometimes she blames the bad economy in Jacksonville. Sometimes she sees age discrimination. Sometimes she thinks the problem is that she has not been able to afford a haircut in a while. Or perhaps the paper her resume is printed on is not nice enough.
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> The problem cannot be that the occupation she has devoted her life to has been largely computerized, she says.

Notice how this woman blames anything and everything else other than herself. It must be misogyny (which is blaming men) or age discrimination (which is code for blaming men). It has to be the paper she used for her resume or her inability to "afford" a haircut. If the problem is simply paper or a haircut that get paper or get a haircut. How much is she paying for a haircut that she "can't afford" it now? The paper a resume is printed on doesn't matter that much anymore since resumes are sent over email now and scanned into a computer system when received on paper.

> Ms. Norton has spent most of the last two years working part time at Wal-Mart as a cashier, bringing home about a third of what she had earned as an administrative assistant. Besides the hit to her pocketbook, she grew frustrated that the work has not tapped her full potential.
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> "A monkey could do what I do," she says of her work as a cashier. "Actually, a monkey would get bored."

If this job at Walmart is so terrible then why not quit? There are lots of unemployed men right now who would love to have it.

> Ms. Norton says she cannot find any government programs to help her strengthen the "thin bootstraps" she intends to pull herself up by. Because of the Wal-Mart job, she has been ineligible for unemployment benefits, and she says she made too much money to qualify for food stamps or Medicaid last year.

> "If you're not a minority, or not handicapped, or not a young parent, or not a veteran, or not in some other certain category, your hope of finding help and any hope of finding work out there is basically nil," Ms. Norton says. "I know. I've looked."

This is what men have always been dealing with. There are no government programs for men (outside of very limited categories like veterans). Welcome to the real world, Cynthia Norton.

> Ms. Norton, for her part, may be reluctant to acknowledge that many of her traditional administrative assistant

> skills are obsolete, but she has tried to retrain — or as she puts it, adapt her existing skills — to a new career in the expanding health care industry.
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> Even that has proved difficult.
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> She attended an eight-month course last year, on a $17,000 student loan, to obtain certification as a medical assistant. She was trained to do front-office work, like billing, as well as back-office work, like giving injections and drawing blood.
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> The school that trained her, though, neglected to inform her that local employers require at least a year's worth of experience — generally done through volunteering at a clinic — before hiring someone for a paid job in the field.
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> She says she cannot afford to spend a year volunteering, especially with her student loan coming due soon.

It wasn't the job of this school to do research into this field for her. I doubt that volunteering at a clinic would conflict with her job at Walmart. Even if it did then she could go on unemployment and qualify for all those government programs she didn't previously qualify for a year and then get a job.

She blames her student loan, but even that is a solvable problem. While student loans can't be discharged in bankruptcy, they can be deferred. Several types of deferments are available including economic hardship deferments and unemployment deferments. Norton will qualify for one of those types of deferments. All of this ignores how taking out a $17000 student loan for just an eight month course is a bad idea. (Of course, Norton should be thankful that she isn't in as dire straits as Michelle Bisutti who ended up with a student loan bill of $555,000.)

There are people who would say that I'm just kicking a woman when she's down by writing this post. The fact is I have been laid off and unemployed. But I also was able to get employed again without worrying about the paper my resume is printed on or about getting a haircut. It's not the job of the government or educational institutions to wipe your ass. Again, for every Cynthia Norton there are at least four men who lost their jobs during this economic downturn. Unlike Norton, these men understand there will be no one to bail them out.

Coins Have Two Sides

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This is the pilot of the “Lone Nut” comic by Carl Walch and Patrick Roberts. Check out Patrick’s site, and feel free to provide some feedback here.

PTSD

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Authors note: I have spent over twenty years protesting the way men are maligned. During that time I have been accused more times than I could possibly remember of either being ignorant of or indifferent to the experiences of some women. It is pretty common to the MRA life.

Like most men, and most MRA's, I have seen a lot more of life than the ways men are harmed. I don't focus on those things because advocacy for them abounds while men drown in the worlds indifference. Just the same, from time to time, I find some things need to be spoken, even in a place like this from a man like me.

Amy sat across from me in one of the two Queen Anns. She looked vacantly at the floor and her shoulders slumped, as if ready to collapse under the weight of a hard life. She used a pale finger to absently toy with a strand of hair that hung by her cheek, and was silent save the sound of her breathing. She was the third of four assessments I would do that day. Clients came in waves in residential treatment and that day I was surfing.

I had read her intake notes, a page of dispassionate scrawls from the admissions nurse, and was already sketching a brief history in my head before I asked her any questions.

22 year old white female, complaint of cocaine dependence. Patient admits to alcohol and poly-substance abuse since age 11. Began using intranasal powder cocaine 3 years ago and has been using I.V. intermittently for the past six months in amounts averaging from 1-2 grams daily while binging.

I didn't need the chart to tell me she had likely been supporting her habit with dancing or hooking or both. It came with the territory.

She was a pretty girl, or once was, even with the dark bags under her eyes that looked like bruises against her wan skin. But it was a beauty turning hard and fading, much like whatever was left of her innocence.

She shivered, but remained silent. I went to a linen closet and got her a blanket. She wrapped herself in it without speaking.

I would get past the preliminaries with her as quickly as possible. Like all addicts, she had a story that went past her drug use. That story was my job. The rest, the drugs she used, how much and when and for how long was just the requirements for documentation; an insurance matter; the perfunctory gathering of details to justify payment. Even when a life is circling the drain, it all goes back to the money.

I wish I could tell you that my work is like breaking a great and mystical code; that it requires a combination of high intellect and finely honed skills. I can't. One look at her and most people would have a pretty good idea what the story was. Something, somewhere in her life had caused her enough pain, enough trauma, that she would stick needles in her arm to keep from thinking about it. Something, likely someone, had robbed her of enough self worth that she could smile while crawling naked on a dirty floor, scraping up the money for her habit from a crowd of drunken lechers.

The only trick was getting her to talk about it, even though there were no assurances it would help. Addictions have no memory and no conscious. They are like an ancient feud that continues to draw blood long past the time that the reason for it is remembered. But when things forgotten are killing you as surely as the drugs, the only thing that makes sense is to get it out; to conjure up the demons of the past and talk them down. It's not a cure, but it's a chance. And sometimes a chance is as good as it gets.

And talk she eventually did, though it didn't come easy. She sat through most groups as though cloaked in a shadow, responding to queries with short, sometimes monosyllabic answers designed more to fend off other questions than to give up information. In her individual sessions she would talk a bit more, focusing mostly on her drug use, but quickly withdrew when I nudged the conversation a little deeper.

At two weeks into her treatment, and more importantly with only two weeks remaining, I tossed in the towel on tact and strategy and asked her the question.

“Amy, did someone sexually abuse you?”

It was the most animated I ever saw her. Her eyes went wide in surprise, like two blue saucers. Her mouth opened and froze in place. Her skin color, which she had regained with two weeks of abstinence and regular meals, drained from her face and was replaced by a bloody flush. Tears pooled and teetered on her lower eyelids, but didn’t fall.

“Can you talk about it?”

She shook her head slightly.

I waited a moment, then leaned forward and spoke to her as softly as possible.

“I understand,” I said. “But I want you to consider putting it on paper. You don’t even need to show it to me. You may find at some point you want to show it to someone. And maybe whoever you show it to can help you understand that it wasn’t your fault.”

I let her go early from the session and called the nursing station to have her put on close observation. Tapping in to peoples pain sometimes has tragic results.

When I got to work the next morning I found a blue folder that had been slid under my door. In it was Amy’s story, in Amy’s words, and each page I turned cut through me like hot, cruel blade.

It was her father.

He started touching her at age six. That progressed to other things as he continued grooming her; using her.

And along the way he taught her, in his own way, what all fathers are supposed to teach their children; her worth as a human being.

For him, her hand was worth five dollars. Her mouth twice that much, even more if she “finished.” Other parts of her body had their value, too. And he paid for, owned, all of them.

For ten years.

He trained her well enough. Eventually, when she wanted money or other things, she came to him. She would tell me later that it made her feel special, even powerful.

But that illusion of power eventually played it’s way out, and you could see the crippling toll in all its unvarnished ugliness as the facade was finally lifted. Every degradation she ever suffered had traveled through a spike and up her arms. Every violation of her childhood had become a prescription for being passed around in a dope house by some carbon copies of her father. Her humiliation and abuse became a deviated septum and hepatitis C.

Every needle mark was a sea of unshed tears.

That power? That lasting gift from her father? It had lead her, no, dragged her, to my office. She had the skills to talk a man out of his wallet, or to offer her body in exchange for it, if it was for drugs. But she was unable to look me in the eye or even to tell someone, anyone, that she was cold and needed a blanket.

The one necessity of my work is detachment. You get too close, too involved, you are helping no one, and you run the danger of causing harm. Anyone in this field will tell you that the ground rules mean doing the best you can and letting go of the results. That was no longer an option for me. I wanted Amy to make it. Part of me selfishly needed her to, as though her resurrected life would lend some meaning to my own. And of course, I wanted her bastard father dead. But treatment centers are full of unfulfilled wants. They are scattered like tombstones in a graveyard of broken dreams.

The rest of Amy’s time there was spent much as it started. A cat and mouse game with trying to get her form a

different bond than life had afforded her before; trying to earn a trust she was past giving to anyone.

I found her in the hallway a couple of days before she left. She was sitting on the floor with her back to the wall. An assortment of family photographs was scattered across the tiles at her feet. She was sifting through that collection of memories as though it were a puzzle. Her face was cheerless, even more than usual, and her fingers trembled as she stopped to take a longer look at a particular picture.

“You O.K.?” I asked.

She looked up and seemed to notice me for the first time. She hesitated, then tilted her head to the side in an invitation to sit with her. It was the most intimate gesture she’d made to me since her arrival.

I took a spot on the floor next to her and looked at the picture. It was her at about eight or nine years old. The camera had caught her in a smile, but she carried a sadness in her eyes that remained with her till that day. I started to say something, then remembered that one of my most valuable tools was knowing when to keep my mouth shut. I just sat with her, joining her in her silence and we studied her picture together. After a few moments she cleared her throat and spoke.

“I used to love horses,” she said. “I used to day dream that like a prince or something would come and take me away on a horse and I would be happy and safe my whole life.”

A tear fell down her cheek and she laid the picture down on the floor. She rubbed her eyes and tried to offer a half-hearted smile. When she saw I wasn’t buying it she turned away.

I spotted a tablet on the floor. ‘Amy’s Artwork’ was written calligraphy style across the cover. I pointed at it and asked, “Do you mind?”

“Sure, I used to draw, some.” she said, her tone confirming her mind was elsewhere.

I opened the tablet and my first reaction was simply being impressed. But as I turned the pages my reaction went from just impressed to startled, then to disbelief, then, finally, to complete awe.

The subjects of her drawing were people. Not just faces and features, but emotions and states of mind. She went far beyond the simpler interpretations of anger, sadness and joy. She drew curiosity into the eyes of a child, contemplation in an old woman; brief hesitance in the expression of a man; and of course, despair in a young girl. She drew the depth and subtlety of human emotion with the deftness and clarity of a great master.

In her work, done with merely pencil and paper, she demonstrated more understanding of the human soul than most therapists would gain in a lifetime. Each page I turned was another awakening, another breathtaking revelation of the genius that sat next to me. Suddenly, I felt as humbled and inept as I ever have in my life. I reached up and wiped my eye, then looked at the tip of my finger, now moist with one of my own tears.

Two months after she left treatment, a month after her father began serving time, I got the call that she was dead. It was an overdose, of course. They found her splayed out next to a dumpster. Whoever she was using with just dumped her onto the pavement amid the garbage to avoid problems with the law.

I’m sure the coroner’s report cited cocaine as the cause of death. But that was just the interpretation of cold science. The coroner no more knew what caused her death than I knew how to help her live. What I do know is this: Amy’s death was a homicide. Her father murdered her when she was six years old.

It just took her 16 years to figure it out.

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What is Domestic Violence?

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[Today's guest post was submitted by Hughman]

Domestic violence, the catch-all nuke from orbit excuse feminists love to use.

But what is it?

"Domestic violence is any threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between adults who are or have been in a relationship, or between family members. It can affect anybody, regardless of his or her gender or sexuality.

The violence can be psychological, physical, sexual or emotional. It can include honour based violence, female genital mutilation, and forced marriage." – British Home Office

Now, the majority of people (in my personal anecdotal opinion) are under the impression that domestic violence is something that happens to purely women, from their male partners. Seems sensible really –- men are larger and more aggressive, and feminists are happy to admit to this. Yet note what the Home Office says. "…it can affect anybody." Hmm, interesting.

So, I dug around through various government and university websites and pdfs. And lo and behold, the truth:

DV Myths

· According to the FBI, a woman is beaten every 15 seconds – The FBI a) does not collect statistics on domestic violence, and b) has never said such a thing

· 4,000 women each year are killed by their husbands, ex-husbands, or boyfriends [in the USA] – The stats just don't add up to this. Total homicides of women is at about 5000, which means 80% of murders are from DV, which doesn't seem right. Looking through and adding up all cases where the husband or partner was the murderer, there are about 1500 incidents. And this is counting all of them as domestic violence (some may well be related to gangland violence, retribution/crimes of passion etc etc). Either way, the figure is much smaller.

· All women, of all races, creeds, incomes and educations, are just as likely to be recipients of domestic violence – true at the baseline, but adjusting for income and education levels has not been done. Those from African or Middle Eastern nations, those below the poverty line and in the age range 18-30, are more likely to be a victim of abuse.

Domestic Violence 'Acceptable' Truths

I am not going to totally piss on feminism's parade. There are some truths in their assumptions. Namely that men are more likely to commit sustained abuse on women (though it is hard to adjust for men, who may be more likely to leave abusive relationships, but that is speculation). Serious injury and fatalities are more likely to occur to abused women as well. The figures range from 2 to 10 times increased risk, depending on the report, and I will go with the Bureau of Justice's report 'Intimate Partner Violence Has Declined', which puts it at about 3 times. (on a side note, in 1975, chance of injury and homicide was almost equal between genders. I wonder why this difference has opened up. Genuine, cooking the books, who knows)

Inconvenient Truths

· The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report says : "In nonreciprocal violent relationships, women were the perpetrators in more than 70% of the cases. Reciprocity was associated with more frequent violence among women, but not men." [Source: Whitaker, Haileyesus, Swahn and Saltzman, Differences in Frequency of Violence and Reported Injury Between Relationships With Reciprocal and Nonreciprocal Intimate Partner Violence, American Journal of Public Health, May 2007, Vol 97, No. 5, pp. 941-947]

· Cal State Psychology Professor Martin Fiebert has assembled a bibliography of 175 scholarly investigations: 139 empirical studies and 36 reviews and/or analyses, which demonstrate that women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners.

· Of all persons who suffer an injury from partner aggression, 38% are male. [Source: John Archer: Sex differences in aggression between heterosexual partners: A meta-analytic review. Psychological Bulletin, Vol. 126, No. 5, pages 651-680]

Why Feminists can 'claim' there are 'no abused men'

According to the National Family Violence Survey, female victims of DV are nine times more likely to call the police than male DV victims. These are the percentages of victims who called the police in response to the assault, with 8.5% of women calling the police, and only 0.5% of males.

Blind surveys where anonymity is preserved shows equal rates of domestic violence between the sexes.

Conclusion

Domestic Violence is serious, and very much exists. But what I am trying to get across is that women are not angels. They are just as likely to engage in abuse, and from the statistics that show men are more dangerous in their actions, one can conclude women are more verbally abusive and psychologically manipulative towards their male partners. And I haven't even touched on homosexual DV.

You would think feminists would jump at equal DV ratios to 'prove' men and women are the same. But in this situation they are happy to highlight the 'differences' for their own benefit.

And that just sum up the orthodox feminists – total and unapologetic hypocrisy. Actually, they do not even admit to having double standards.

Can Men Thrive as Independent Operators?

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Recently, I've been thinking about the issue of economic survival in these lean, politically strange times, and I noticed that a few of our commenters have been discussing the idea of independent businesses as a solution to men's problems. So many men have been pushed out of the work force that I find the idea appealing, but the overwhelming number of regulations and convoluted tax laws has severely hampered the common man's ability to operate as an independent contractor/businessman. Additionally, legal issues have the potential to take men down at any minute.

It would be interesting to see the opinions and experiences of readers who have run their own businesses, both large and small, and to get some hints for how to do this in the most efficient way possible. I support the idea that men should try to do business on their own if at all possible, as our position as employees is a tenuous one. Men have very little in the way of protection if they are discriminated against at work, and there is almost nothing they can do about it if falsely accused of sexism or sexual harassment. HR will gladly sacrifice a man to avoid even a spurious lawsuit, so unless a man is in a very secure position or willing to completely submerge his masculinity at work he can be terminated at any time.

Anonymous Protagonist suggests networks of independent contractors, which seems plausible to me, because I've seen something like this in action in the creative community in Seattle. In fact, women do it, too, and are very open about supporting each other as women through electronic lists such as Digital Eve.

Could men develop something similar?

Dressing in Drag at Work Now a Civil Right in NY

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Although I've often countered the saying that America is a free country by bringing up the fact that the typical American workplace is one of the least free places on the planet, it appears that the interests of certain groups – if sufficiently abnormal and bizarre – can trump even the capitalist mandate.

American Eagle Outfitters, which is one of those trendy brands that sell second-rate sweatshop apparel, had a policy in place that stated that employees had to wear "gender-appropriate clothing." The rule probably applied mainly to the male employees, because women generally get a free pass to wear whatever they want, and also because cross-dressing men are not always as convincing as they think they are.

Evidently, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo got involved in the issue after Make the Road, a New York activist group, raised a fuss over the language. Cuomo strong-armed the company into dropping the rule against dressing in drag at work and forcing sensitivity training on non-trans employees, who will be instructed as to which pronouns to use when addressing gender-ambiguous co-workers.

The settlement is the first prompted by a new section of New York's Human Rights Law that prohibits employers "from discriminating against applicants because of their gender identity."

In the strange world of contemporary America, gender is now a "choice," and making this choice a civil right that is granted more protection than speech and political views. In a way, it seems that prioritizing the absurd might be an effective way to trivialize the fundamental rights envisioned by America's founding fathers.

Feminist "Spy" Languishes in Iranian Prison

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Sarah Shourd, who describes herself as a "teacher-activist-writer" who "loves fresh broccoli, Zapatistas and anyone who can change her mind," has been locked up in solitary for nearly a year in Iran, accused of being an American spy. In July of last year, Shourd and a couple of her friends came up with the idea of going for a hike in Iraqi Kurdistan, right along the border with Iran. This hike occurred shortly after political unrest in Tehran that shook the Islamic Republic to its core, which was blamed in part on Western interference.

I suppose one can only draw a couple reasonable conclusions about the three young Americans who apparently strayed in Iranian territory: they were either spies or profoundly careless and thoughtless. Let's try to look at this from the Iranian perspective. Say some well-educated, privileged Iranians happened to wander through the Sonoran Desert from Mexico into US territory and were picked up by ICE sporting cameras and some communications equipment (let's assume at least one of the American hikers had a cell phone with GPS). We can even burnish the comparison by imagining that Mexico was occupied by Iran at the time, and Iran had been threatening military action against us. In such a case, the detention of the young "activists" would hardly seem out of the ordinary. In fact, in George Bush's America they probably would have been flown to Gitmo for some Inquisition-style torture and held for years before given any hope of release.

So we have to admit that what the Iranians are doing with the three is not out of the ordinary by our own standards, and is probably even somewhat less severe. However, this does not mean that they are actually spies any more than a few years in Camp Delta meant a detainee was necessarily a terrorist, as opposed to, say, a very unlucky goatherd. But if they aren't spies – and we can't rule out that possibility – what are they?

From all indications, they are a couple of herbs and a clueless feminist who thought the world was her playground. On a website dedicated to freeing the hapless hikers, Shourd is described as "a women's rights activist who, earlier in her career, was volunteers coordinator working to help stop the femicides in Mexico." As a supporter of Zapatistas, Shourd is decidedly left-wing – to the point of being on the radical fringe – and the use of the term "femicides" only confirms this. If there was any doubt of her politics, she wrote a piece for Brave New Traveler in which she expresses shame about her country:

> At that very moment, amidst all the commotion, it dawns on me that this is my first time sitting around a table with Iraqi people. I tell them that everyday I feel ashamed at what my country has done to their country.

Shourd is beginning to sound rather like Rachel Corrie, who confronted a bulldozer in Gaza and lost her life in the process. This highlights the irony of her captivity in an Islamic nation, which is probably using her as a hostage pending negotiations with the United States, and underscores the profound foolishness of the feminist worldview, which holds that all evil proceeds from Western patriarchal imperialism, and that women of sufficient holiness are needed to sally forth and save the world.

Usually, young Western women who insert themselves into foreign politics and culture quickly tire of this mission – particularly when they realize that the deal they've got back home is actually pretty sweet – but from time to time it ends in some spectacular tragedy, as in the cases of Rachel Corrie and Amy Biehl. Shourd, despite her current predicament, may eventually have the opportunity to realize just how lucky she was that her thoughtless foray across a frontier in a war zone didn't have a similarly deadly outcome. Whether she does eventually come to that conclusion is another matter.

One might wonder what it is that encourages these young women to sacrifice themselves in vain for people who really could give a damn about them, and don't have the slightest bit of respect for Western feminist values. The answer is that the blame falls squarely on the shoulders of the radical feminists who have carved their pound of flesh out from academia. Parents send their idealistic, ambitious daughters to college in the hopes that they will find

nice, restrained and responsible young men, but quite a few of them end up victims of the cult of campus feminism, and some even lose their lives for it.

As an American, I hope Ms. Shourd is released soon, but what I'd really like most is for Western men and women to learn a lesson from her folly. Unfortunately, given past incidents, that seems unlikely.

A Modern Day Don Quixote

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Scott Farrell, a renaissance fair enthusiast, is making a one-man effort to resurrect chivalry. To spread the word to the masses, he has set up a website and business where he offers podcasts and seminars to businessmen and children.

Mr. Farrell is a bit of a kook if he thinks chivalry has any relevance whatsoever in our feminist, secular society, but he can blow his horn into the wind all he wants. However, I do take issue with the idea that boys should be forced to be chivalrous toward girls, who will likely crowd them out of universities, shove them out of jobs and tax the money out of their pockets, not to mention divorce them and ruin them financially and emotionally in a number of cases.

White Knight Today

It is abusive in this day and age of legislated male inferiority to demand that boys bow down to women and act as their chattel. It is, actually, inculcating a slave mentality in helpless children. It's also severely damaging their chances of getting any action from women when they get older — no matter what they say, there's nothing women despise more than a white knighting chump.

I have no idea how successful Farrell's chivalry enterprise is, but I think we ought to label it a harmful endeavor that won't do any good for the men who take him up on one of his seminars. In fact, the guy's a feminist who insists that King Arthur had females sit at the Round Table as knights. If anything, that proves that the man is a straight-up liar who feeds falsehoods to children. He might argue that King Arthur was legendary, so he can say whatever he wants about the Knights of the Round Table, but none of the original myths said a thing about women being knights.

Although some of the themes Mr. Farrell touches on, such as honor and morality, are valuable and relevant, there is nothing moral about teaching children to act against their interests and sacrifice their well-being for a thankless, entitled class of people who would gladly take advantage of them and cast them aside.

It's time these guys pushing the socon line that boys have some duty to defer to girls who are anything but ladies were outed and identified as a harmful influence.

Entitlement Complex Lands Girl in Jail

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The Smoking Gun has a funny report up on a girl who got loaded at her prom and attacked police and paramedics. Jessica Halter, the intoxicated promster, repeatedly banged her head against a chair, spat blood on the police, and refused to walk to the patrol car.

According to the police report, at one point she said: “This is my fucking prom, this is bullshit. You are fucking bitches, this is my prom, I’m not drunk.”

Halter, who appears to be fairly hefty, put up quite a fight and eventually had to be carried away.

Although this kind of extreme behavior may be more characteristic of a young person who can’t hold her liquor, women are acting out in other ways throughout life. Domestic violence perpetrated by women, extramarital affairs and female crime are all on the rise. Unrestrained and empowered, women of all ages are increasingly likely to display poor behavior and aggression.

Good Old Girls Club

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In the New York Times, Adriana Gardella blogs about women doing business with women, and how they help each other out. Perhaps we could learn a thing or two about how women network to do business with each other. Of course, as some of our readers have pointed out, men and women don't do business in the same manner, but that doesn't mean we can't use some of the same tools.

So how do women do it?

Here's a hint as to how women's networking operates:

> You raised important points, many of which relate to topics that will be considered in future posts. Among them is the issue of women doing business with other women. For example, Janet commented:
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> "One of the things I have noticed is that a lot of my work comes from other women. It's not that I consciously focus on women as prospective clients or colleagues, but somehow that's what tends to happen. I wonder whether other women business owners have had similar experiences."

It seems that women deliberately favor each other in business and referrals. They have a *network*.

In fact, Gardella's blog itself, which she calls "She Owns It," is intended to be a networking platform:

> With this blog, I hope to highlight the challenges and successes of women who are business owners and entrepreneurs across industries and disciplines, and at many different stages in the growth of their businesses. I think the women we highlight will be sources of information, inspiration and connections to your peers. She Owns It is intended to help you reach your business goals, whether that means getting your tech start-up financed, earning a spot for your consumer product on Costco's shelves, making your first hire or conducting less painful layoffs.
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> Most important, it will be a conversation. I want to hear from you and provide a forum in which you can connect with other owners. This blog will be what we make it, and I look forward to beginning this adventure with you. Please share your thoughts in the comment section below, or, if you prefer, by e-mail (adriana.gardella@nytimes.com) and please follow me on Twitter, where I hope we can connect and work to develop the stories that are most important to you.

There's nothing revolutionary here. Networking is how you do business. It's very difficult for anyone – man or woman – to get off the ground without connecting with others. It might even be impossible.

I'll let you all in on a little secret: I use women's networking lists, and have made money off them. I simply subscribe to the lists (it would be illegal for them to exclude men, and I'd simply use a gender-neutral email in that case anyway), and look through them from time to time for leads. You'd be surprised how many companies post to these lists looking for services.

Companies might not do the same for a men's list, but guys could easily post leads and tips, helping each other out and passing info along.

I think someone ought to start a men's version of Digital Eve, or something along those lines.

The “Right to Feel Sexy”

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Feminists are always coming up with new rights. Anything they want suddenly becomes a “right,” and therefore the very term loses its meaning. Feministing, which is struggling to remain relevant in our postfeminist society, has a post and video up on street harassment, and asserts that women “have the right to feel safe, confident and sexy when [they] walk down the street.”

Actually, nobody has any of those legal rights under the Constitution, because it was written by men, and reality – not how people “feel” – was the legal standard, but hell if they won’t try to legislate them anyway.

So now the feminists have come up with “Hollaback,” an anti-street harassment campaign, that seeks to stop men from saying mean/dirty things to the poor, frail little virginal creatures on the streets of America’s cities. The following videos are actually kind of amusing, because the only harassment I can imagine most of these women being on the end of is humor at the expense of their unfortunate looks/weight:

Some guy must have been really hard up to go for this one:

“Hey baby, want some of *my* hamburgers?”

I guess there are some really sick men out there:

Men comment on woman’s hairstyle, she flips out and yells “SHUT UP!”

These hollaback videos actually are pretty funny. They would make an awesome Saturday Night Live skit.

Time for Men to Abort Fatherhood at Will

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Abortion is baby killing.

Only in the reality averse *feminism-is-about-equality* mindset is abortion anything but the termination of a human life.

Technically speaking it can't accurately be called murder, since technically speaking, it's legal. The baby is no less dead, though, for that paltry distinction. But since it is a lawful action in which men are completely voiceless, and looks to remain that way, there is only one appropriate response.

It's time for men to be allowed to legally abort fatherhood during the same period of time a woman is allowed to do the same by visiting her local clinic.

It's time for a man to have the unfettered social and legal backing to look at a woman whom he has just impregnated directly in the eye and say, "See ya, wouldn't want to be ya," and to stroll off whistling a tune, to enjoy less inconvenient relationships, without his wallet being any lighter or his conscious any heavier.

If you are waiting for a punch line or some well placed literary device to put this into a different perspective…don't. There isn't one coming, nor should there be.

In the spirit of calling abortion what it is, let us examine the motives behind the decision to get one with the same unblinking candor. Abortion, in most circumstances, is not a decision to avoid pregnancy, but to avoid motherhood. In fact, the term *reproductive rights* is a misnomer; a postmodern guise to cover the real issue. It isn't "My body, my choice," it's "My *lifestyle*, my choice," even if it means killing a baby because it gets in the way.

In many, many cases, it is about choosing personal freedom and a social life over life itself. But what the heck, it's 2010 people, and grrls gots to have choices.

But with that in mind, you will have to excuse me if I yawn at any outrage over the idea of a man being given the same options, especially given that men have already been aborted from the decision making process. That suits a lot of people and any idea of changing things will anger some as well.

The traditional male, from atop his white stallion, will scoff at the very idea of men's choice, of course. His indignation will be echoed by his twin sister, the gender feminist. Somewhere, in the midst of sorting out responsibilities, both will invoke the "your baby, you pay," catch-all, one of many shared attitudes that make these ostensibly strange bedfellows more like two peas in a pod when all is said and done.

But in their rush to ensure that she is given the role of sole arbiter, they will both adamantly deny the major flaw in their position.

There is no reason at all to use the expression "your baby," when talking to any man in western culture, any more. Because when push comes to shove, as it often does, it is not his baby, it is hers.

He is a father with her permission and approval only. His genes, in the form of another human being, have become her property, lending new meaning to wearing the pants in the family, phonetically speaking.

And if the man is "fortunate" enough to be allowed access to his child, it will often be just enough involvement to ensure him the status of glorified visitor, and the opportunity to watch powerlessly as the child's mind is poisoned against him.

There is no one to stop her. Indeed, there is the full force of the legal establishment at her disposal to ensure she gets away with this and that he keeps his mouth shut while it happens.

She will also be the master of where the father's money goes, and when. She can spend that money, confiscated for

the supposed benefit of the child, at the grocery store, a department store, or at a crack house. It is all up to her. More choices for women in a world full of them.

If he refuses to pay, whether from defiance or from poverty, it will land him in jail. He can stand behind her, or sit behind bars. Such are the other worldly of choices for fathers.

So when we look at a man and say "your baby," we need to practice doing that with a straight face. And it might be better if we didn't say it with an air of moral authority. Anyone who understands how hollow that morality and authority are will find any haughtiness quite laugable.

If you want to really understand how the western legal establishment sees men, take a trip to the nearest retail shopping center. Find some poor guy there, the one we call the *modern mall mule*. He will be the one walking behind a woman carrying her packages as she shops; her only burden being the weight of his credit card.

There's your legal model of masculinity, and it bears out in court nearly every time you see a man pitted against a women for pretty much any reason. Nowhere is this more evident than when a child is involved.

If you have a car, but have to ask for the keys from someone else who always holds them, it isn't your car. It is just something you get to borrow, even if you're the one making the note, paying for repairs and buying the fuel.

And speaking of the note, this will also be a matter of contention from fiscal conservatives. I am sure the cringes from some of them reading this are intense as they imagine the massive spike in welfare and other entitlements stemming from walk away fathers who ought to be paying for their own choices.

My reaction to that?

Who freakin' cares? I sure don't.

The government is currently operating with 100 trillion in future liabilities, half of which are unfunded. Yes, that is 100 trillion dollars, and that is from just *two* entitlement programs. And now the same government is selling us the lie that we can climb out of a cavernously deep recession with a non producing service based economy, fueled only by credit based consumerism, by simply printing more money every time a failed bank proves that the system isn't working.

The lunatics and liars are already in charge, so what is another hundred billion or so in entitlements?

And as long as the voting public has seen fit to shape a government that ignores its own constitution, stealing from some of its citizens and giving it to others (minus the big skim, of course), then who should deny them?

And we have been on this track for well over a generation. A change in administration won't make any difference in the age of Obamabush.

And at last some will be asking "Hey, what about the baby? What about what is best for the baby? Are we really supposed to support men for the right to walk away from the children they create and shun all responsibility?"

The answer is yes. First, equality, for those that can stomach it, is a cruel master. Deal with it. Second, if 'What about the baby?' isn't allowed to be asked before one is cut out of a woman's womb and thrown into a garbage bin, then anyone asking the question now should just shut up.

We don't care about what is best for children in this culture, we care about what is best for women or whatever they happen to say is best for them at the moment. More than anything else, it is about giving women their way. In pursuing that we regularly kill children or rip their lives to shreds in a hundred other ways. And people want to ignore all that and start drawing lines here?

Please.

Suddenly engaging in a fit of concern and morality when it involves a walk away father may be instantly popular. But let's face it; we all know the legal system is not seriously going to allow men to stop women from using

children to siphon off their finances to support unilateral decisions any more than it is ever going to stop abortions.

But we also know that things will continue this way because we live in a parasitic matriarchy, and that any sense of real justice that gets it the way of its operation will be simply removed, as easy as an unwanted baby.

If a man wants to walk away from that, no one should fault him.

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Execution of Adulterers: Women's Rights Issue?

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I've long wondered why execution for adultery – usually by stoning – was considered a women's rights issue. The stoning of adulterers is an exactly equal punishment, after all. Theoretically, for every single male adulterer who is stoned to death, a female adulterer should get it as well. Maybe that's the problem: it is real equality in both punishment and accountability, and that is contrary to women's rights. In feminist logic, men should be punished far more severely and more often for the same transgression, and that is "equality."

I'm not advocating stoning for adultery; that would likely eliminate nearly half of the adult population of the United States, but this issue is one that perfectly underscores the hypocrisy of "women's rights" activists. I doubt that stoning male adulterers bothers feminists much at all, but the idea that women might receive the ultimate punishment in equal numbers to men for the same crime scares them out of their wits.

Of course, we all know that women have no real problem with stoning:

How Women Are Shooting Themselves in the Foot

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I've written before about the decline of the matriarch, and how women used to have a high-status role within the family in traditional societies after they reached a certain age. This role of matriarch was, of course, partly dependent on the status of the husband (but not entirely), and therefore created a vested interest in cooperation between husband and wife throughout the many years of marriage. For example, if a man and woman got married while young, the husband would strive to work his way up to a position of stability and prosperity, and the wife had an interest in helping him do so, because she would share in that.

This is one reason homewreckers – younger women who used their youthful allure to steal older, more prosperous husbands – were held to be one of the worst examples of womanhood. Women who did this were cheating by leaping over all the hard work and dedication to jump directly into a position of affluence and comfort.

Today, however, women's well-being has been severed from their husbands' prosperity by government programs and family law. Although many women may see this as a liberating victory, all they are doing – in most cases – is trading in future stability and status for a short-lived power trip during their youthful, attractive years.

Some men may strike it rich while still young, but this is rarely the case. For the large majority of successful men, making their way to the top requires decades of uninterrupted dedication to their career. In their 20s and 30s, a lot of them are on a knife's edge, and only well into middle age do they finally get a chance to rest on their laurels. All it takes is one misstep in the long path to success to derail them, and having a supportive, helpful wife throughout that journey is immensely helpful. Unfortunately, most wives no longer foot that bill. They are a dangerous liability rather than a rock of support. At any moment they could blow the entire thing apart and send the family and man's career spiraling down in flames. Rather than partners, women have become land mines buried under the path to success.

The result of this is that the homewrecker type has become more and more the norm, as evidenced by the rash of scandals involving married, middle-aged politicians and single women. Rather than hanging in there for the long haul, women are going for the hail mary shot at the big time while they are still fertile and attractive. This has a lot to do with the lack of success younger men, who are still relatively unknown quantities, are confronting. Women figure that they have over a decade to keep shooting for the big time that could well be wasted on some guy who isn't by any means sure to do well in life. In their minds, they are making a rational choice.

This contemporary reality is exacerbated by the fact that while young, women often make more money than men. In fact, in many parts of the country men's and women's salaries equalize in the 30s, and only in middle age do men begin to substantially out-earn women. Women's greater social power when young and attractive does translate into higher salaries, but this boost wears out after the steep decline in fertility of middle age. Perhaps this explains why women are most likely to leave their husbands in their late 20s, when they feel that their status is higher than their husband's.

Unfortunately for the women who pursue this strategy, it often doesn't work out as well for them as they imagine. Nailing Mr. Big is out of the reach of most women, and although they may have a few passionate nights with those kinds of high-flyers, the successful men who fool around with ambitious women are usually smart enough to avoid entrapment, and very rarely marry a de facto tramp. Instead, these women end up having a string of relatively short relationships with men who know how to act the part of the alpha male, and when they hit their Wile E. Coyote moment end up in a decidedly lower status position than they would have had they married young and stuck with it for the long haul.

In coming years there will be a lot of washed up women out there working low-status jobs, unappreciated by any men, and without any financial support except their own. Men have been paying the price for a few decades now, but that isn't going to last forever; we will adapt to the new reality and learn to avoid the walking bombs in our

midst. No amount of shaming language will trump self-interest and economic reality, so cultural change is inevitable. My bet is that when the boomers start to lose power and economic clout, their outdated views will be rejected with alacrity, and there will be a return to normalcy in domestic relations. It's a shame that they will have left so much wreckage in their wake, but human societies are known for fitful progress and reckless defiance of nature, or God if you will.

Older Women Starting to Catch On?

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I sometimes watch these court shows on TV for lack of anything better (I don't waste money on cable), and I've noticed a few changes regarding how women are portrayed. Just a decade or so ago, you'd never see women cast as the "bad guy" in a domestic case. It was all straight-up Steve Wilkos type TV, with men as monsters and women as innocent victims.

While shows hosted by men still almost never take a hard line against women, a few female hosts are starting to rip into the entitled, spoiled and manipulative younger women who are pulling strings to kick their husbands, ex-boyfriends and other men around.

Below is the second part of a Judge Judy show in which Judy gives the third degree to a young woman who swore out a TRO on her babbydaddy after coming to his house at 4AM and kicking down the door:

I think we're seeing the beginning of a cultural recognition that things have gone too far. It's pretty sad that men are refusing to say or do anything about the abuses and it's left up to older women to make the point, but perhaps that's simply the nature of politics.

In any event, at least people are starting to wake up. When you see it on TV, you know it can't really be swept under the carpet any longer.

Frontier Feminism

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Conservative female columnists have gone gaga over Sarah Palin. She's a "conservative" feminist…aka a "pro-life feminist" that still believes women were oppressed by men, didn't have "equal rights" and that suffrage and the social engineering that has propelled women en masse into what was once the male sphere of gender roles are all still "good" things.

Left wing, or right wing, "feminism" is still an ideology of female pedestalization…female superiority. It promotes the same myths of female "Strength and independence."

One "conservative feminist," Townhall columnist Maggie Gallagher, wrote about a recent Palin speech she attended, in a column entitled Sarah Palin's Girl Power:

> Palin understands that she is building not just a new political movement, but a new cultural identity. She dubbed it "frontier feminism," and it was the theme she carried through from beginning to end.

Well isn't that special. Palin is not just a feminist…she's a FRONTIER FEMINIST.

> She speaks emotionally as a mother, from the heart of motherhood, and she makes it what it should be: a source of power, not an admission of weakness or dependency, and a bond, the deepest bond among women.

See…"conservative" women are no different. The appeal of herd bonding through the sharing of emotional experience is a "source of power." Note how dependency is associated with weakness.

This association is precisely how the feminists appealed to the solipsism of the female mind to get them to embrace the ideological platform to destroy the dynamics of the Patriarchal nuclear family.

Sickening. Oh Maggie, you are just as much the useful idiot for feminist's goals as any left wing abortion fanatic.

Marriage is supposed to be a partnership…and what is a partnership but a relationship based on CO-DEPENDENCY? Where one partner is weak the other partner's strength meets the need. That's a complementary relationship! Dependency is a hallmark of any successful relationship…not a weakness.

Maggie than quotes a particular passage from Palin:

> And I thank the SBA List, too, for being a home to a new conservative feminist movement, is how I look at this. It's an emerging conservative feminist identity. Far too long, when people heard the word 'feminist,' they thought of the faculty lounge at some East Coast women's college, right? And no offense to them, they have their opinions and their voice, and God bless them; they're just great."

Do Pro-Life conservatives get that? Palin says the left-wing, abortion supporting feminists are just great!

> "But that's not the only voice of women in America. I'd like to remind people of another feminist tradition, kind of a western feminism. It's influenced by the pioneering spirit of our foremothers, who went in wagon trains across the wilderness, and they settled in homesteads. And these were tough, independent pioneering mothers, whose work was as valuable as any man's on the frontier. … They went where no woman had gone before."

How in holy hell was a pioneer woman a "feminist" tradition? I must have missed reading about all those women that INDEPENDENTLY braved the travails of settling the wild west. This is pure, revisionist bullshit by Palin. And

so-called “conservative” women eat this shit up.

Tough? Hell yes. The pioneer women were indeed tough…they had to be. But “independent?”

Hardly.

The pioneer women were absolutely dependent on their men…just as the men were dependent on their women! It was a tough, rigorous and dangerous life…and each played their role in building a new life so that their next generation could succeed. IT TOOK BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE IN THE HARSH ENVIRONMENT OF THE FRONTIER.

The right wing version of feminism is just as subversive as the left. Note that the implications of Palin’s line of thought is just as divisive of men and women as any left wing version of feminism. After all, isn’t this the logical conclusion of the idea of “Independence?” An “independent” woman doesn’t *need* a man. Hah.

Maggie than summarizes Palin’s speech, while quoting an especially egregious line Palin used:

> A speech that began with women as “mama grizzlies” defending their children’s economic interests (“My kid is not your ATM”) ends with a call for a new kind of feminism:

My kid is not your ATM?!?!??!??!?!?!?!?!

That’s right….Palin, why don’t you just go ahead and say it…that you agree with your left wing sisters (they’re great! God bless them!) YOU, the unfortunate sperm donor for MY kid is MY ATM. Child support for 18 years BAAAYYYYBBBBEEEE!

> “As an Alaskan woman, I’m proud to consider myself a frontier feminist like those early pioneering women of the West.”

LMAO. Why yes Sarah…your 21st century experiences in Alaska, your experiences are JUST LIKE what those frontier women of the West!

> She proceeded to thank one of the largest and most effective pro-life organizations in the country, the Susan B. Anthony List, named for a key 19th-century leader who opposed abortion. “I’m grateful to have a place like this, full of sisters who are not put off by a gun-toting, pro-life mom of a fun, full family — never dull.”

Ah yes. Now “conservative” women are hailing that wonderful Susan B. Anthony, the primary change agent to institute women’s suffrage. Just because she was “anti-abortion” means Susan B. Anthony is an “acceptable” feminist icon for “conservative” women.

What a farce.

Here’s what Susan B. Anthony wrote about abortion:

She blamed men, laws and the “double standard” for driving women to abortion because they had no other options. (“When a woman destroys the life of her unborn child, it is a sign that, by education or circumstances, she has been greatly wronged.” 1869) She believed, as did many of the feminists of her era, that only the achievement of women’s equality and freedom would end the need for abortion.

Hahahaha…the jokes on you, Susan! We have more abortion now than you probably ever thought possible in your time…but I’m sure, now, just as back than, this is all the fault of “men,” right?

But I digress…

Back to Maggie Gallagher’s finishing paragraph:

> Women can do anything.

Right. Try writing your name in the snow with your piss.

We can bear children under less than ideal circumstances.

Hilarious. When you are pregnant, your biological directive will make you go into labor whether the circumstances are ideal or not. This is like being proud of the fact that women can take a shit in less than ideal circumstances. GIRL POWER!

But Maggie's last line is a real hoot:

> Like Sarah and her "strong and independent" daughter Bristol.

Why yes….she's so strong and independent, she's still living at home with mommy and daddy helping to raise her little kid…and her parent's are filing a lawsuit to get Bristol's baby's daddy to pay child support. Now THERE'S strength and independence for you!

> "2010," Sarah Palin announced exuberantly, is the year "when commonsense conservative women get things done for our country."

Frontier Feminism and commonsense are an oxymoron…and Sarah Palin, you are no "conservative."

Headlines and Headwear

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Another Lone Nut comic.

Feedback welcome.

Over the Mountains

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Some years ago, not long after I got married and about nine months before my son was born, I took a trip to Britain and Ireland with my wife. Of course, she wanted to go to Europe as most American women do, but I had a different sort of motivation and goal to fulfill.

As a little boy, there was nobody I was closer to than my grandpa, and he was passionately attached to a land he'd never seen. His mother, Mary Price, née Kennedy, came from An Daingean in County Kerry, and he was fiercely attached to the land of her birth. He knew a few fragments of the Irish she spoke, and the stories she had told him as a boy animated his view of that distant land throughout his life.

So when I got the chance to go to Britain, I made sure that I could spend some time in the land of those ancestors. I figured that it must be a place loaded with significance, and resolved that I wouldn't miss it.

After landing in London, we took a train to Wales, from where my first American ancestors sailed 400 years ago to Virginia. It was early spring, and Wales was dark and somber. The people were laconic and sincere, and its shadowed green hills and grey coasts had a familiar severity, reminding me of the overcast half-light of my home in the Pacific Northwest.

Soon, we took a ferry across the Irish Sea from Anglesey to Dun Laoghaire, staying in Dublin for a couple days before heading out by rental car across Ireland. It was all strangely familiar, but still foreign enough to keep me from dwelling on my roots. Still, there had been a few eerily familiar experiences. While on the ferry from Anglesey, in the sunbreaks, I'd seen a handsome, middle-aged man who looked very much like my uncle Lindy, my mother's brother. I looked at him intently, amazed at the resemblance. His blondish hair and Gaelic features stood out in the slanting sunlight against the glittering waves and spray, and I wondered at it. Who was this man who bore such a strong family resemblance? It is one of those things that plays games with us American outcasts, scattered as we are from such faraway places.

Dublin was friendly enough, with the old men drinking beer in the pubs in the morning and the coldness of the rooms when I'd get out of bed reminding me of home. However, it was nice to leave and set out across the island for the other side.

It didn't take long to drive across Ireland — it is a small country after all. However, cresting the Kerry mountains brought out feelings that I hadn't anticipated. After driving up and over the weathered hills on a relatively narrow highway, suddenly we broke out of the clouds and saw the wide sea shining beneath us. I knew we had arrived at the land my grandfather had always known but never visited, and suddenly I was filled with memories and regret. As I remembered my grandfather and all of the love I felt for him it all came pouring out of me in a flood of tears. Such a beautiful shining place, and finally I was there, but he was gone. It was a bittersweet moment, and I was overcome by love, joy and an aching sadness that he wasn't with me.

I think that may have been the beginning of the end of my marriage. My wife was appalled by my emotion. In her woman's heart, she saw the depth of my emotion as a fatal weakness and flaw. It must have inspired contempt, and she must have seen it as a fatal vulnerability. Despite her disapproval, I still see this kind of love and devotion as a strength, but I'm not sure women can understand that. All they see is loathsome weakness. To a woman, poetry without fame and public accolade is contemptuous. A man's love is suspicious and hateful — better that he is as cold and unfeeling as a stone.

Of course, without that male passion we never would have made our way out of the caves, but this doesn't matter in the hard calculus of female desire and judgment. It is because of this truth that I am more and more convinced that we men need our own society, safe from the judgment of women, where we can love, wonder and create, safe from the ruthless disapproval and contempt that women employ to crush our dreams and punish us for our very

humanity.

A Middle Aged Man's Manifesto

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[Today's guest post was written by Jourdan]

I apologize in advance for what is going to appear to many to be a depressing post. However, I would ask for you to consider for at least a moment what I have to say here, if only by way of a basic explanation—understanding is something that I have long felt is out of the question.

When I was a young man, I found myself—for reasons partly of my own making but also in no insignificant part for reasons of the making of unthinking and heedless men whose leadership positions expected more of them—in a very bad situation. This came hard after a horrific teenage era, which saw me suffer deep rejection, coolly, calmly and wickedly delivered, at the hands of the girls I found so beautiful and magical and those of my male peers. A heavy blow under any circumstance but made all the worse by the total failure of my hapless father to provide anything by way of guidance, of governance, of expectation, of benevolent leadership.

The end result of this twin blow was me, broken and helpless, unable to so much as shave without supervision lest I try to hurt myself with the blade.

It was during this time in hospital that I met, purely by chance, a scared and wild-eyed young women, who I spoke to again and again, trying to help. She killed herself a few weeks later when our masters weren't looking.

A short while later, as I began to recover back home in Los Angeles, I took a long walk in the evening. It was one of those evenings only Southern Californians know: a cool, luminescent orange-blue sky, a soft and refreshing ocean breeze, bright green grass, the city lights twinkling on around me. And I found myself thinking of that poor woman, and of myself, and I made a vow then to myself.

Not just some random vow, not some low-rent version of a New Year's resolution, but a real vow, an oath, a sworn undertaking. I vowed: that should I ever reach the point in my life where that woman found herself, that instead of taking that dark path I would, as an alternative, as a means of escaping a situation which has become unbearable, simply walk away from my life to date and attempt to build a new life elsewhere, far away. No matter how bad things got, I could not willingly walk away from the beauty of this world, of such skies.

Have I reached that point? This is where the explanation gets tough, because, yes, but, no, I didn't fulfill that vow.

On the one side I have a wife who loves me, three almost divinely beautiful children and a job that many wish for and only a few get.

All of this is true. But what makes this all the more sad and difficult is that due to what happened to me as a young man I was broke and beyond repair before I even met my wife, before those children were conceived, before that job offer came my way. Because I did not heretofore realize this in any real way (hints, always, hints, but never the cold hand of reality intruded upon my daily thoughts), I did what any apparently healthy man in my position would do: I assumed that my situation would better as I matured and began to succeed through hard work and effort. And, so, I married, went to law school to better myself, succeeded beyond my hopes, even owned my own home and, of course, had those three souls that convinced me beyond all other available evidence that God, indeed, must exist.

Despite such apparent success, the underlying reality of my condition never really changed. I was a broken man by 24 and I remained a broken man even as I became a whirlwind of productive, socially-sanctioned activities. I remained a broken man even despite my wife's smile, despite my oldest son's sweetness, despite my younger son's hugs, despite my daughter's twirling in the sun.

It is not in spite of such things but because of them that I have come to realize the terrible and full scope of the problem. Any normal man, any healthy individual should be able to derive a sense of purpose, of human satisfaction from such work and such a wonderful and beloved family.

And yet, I remain a fundamentally broken man, whose heart aches with a poisonous mixture of regret and a deep longing for the past, whose mind seethes with ever-present anger about what happened to me when at some point in Junior High we were placed in the “winner” and “loser” baskets, and, above all, about my own people’s judgment that everything that I love and find dear and worthy of honor and veneration is hated and despised. From then to now, women continue to hold me in deep contempt, a clear sign that I have failed in some deep and fundamental way that is beyond any ability of mine to correct.

The result—despite a mighty effort on my part that has taken me from penniless on the streets of Berkeley to success by any conventional measure—is that I as a man have been effectively dead since around the age of 25. A gate closed in me, a road was barred, the sense of growth and possibility ended for me at that point.

So, the vow was broken as soon as it was made, for the maker had already passed from this world to a shadowy simulacrum.

I say, dead, but am I not 45? What has this dead man been doing for the past two decades?

Until recently, the answer would be: pulling myself up by my boot-straps, overcoming a poor start to life, learning the hard way what I should have been taught, finding success despite a starting handicap in the race, being the best husband and father I can be.

Today—of all days, today—circumstances, hard, cold and uncaring circumstances, objectively compel me to answer quite differently: I have been only acting out of an overwhelming sense of duty, like a man on a military mission who knows he has but a short time to live and yet feels compelled to do his duty lest he let his comrades down. I have never (or, to be more precise, have only momentarily) allowed myself to give up that sense of duty.

This duty allows this dead soul to keep moving.

I write this not to scare or to depress, nor, God forbid, to seek pity or, worse, help. Instead, I write this in the hope that my example will or can serve as a warning to young men out there in this modern world. We are taught—above all in America—that what happens to us or what we do as young people doesn’t matter.

It does matter. It matters deeply.

Young man! Seek the guidance of an older man, a man brave enough, experienced enough and manly enough to ignore the fog and noise of our poisonous culture, to ignore the dead hand of political correctness. (Note that this rules out, completely, college professors.) Find out the truth of your situation: about what it is and means to be a man; about how to ignore the romantic songs and movies and know the true essence and unforgiving judgment of women; about the full and real value of true education; about duty; about honor; about what competition really means; about what work and career actually are in the real world of real men.

Young man! Arm yourself not with degrees and credentials, but with wisdom!

Young man! Be ever watchful, be ever careful, assume you have been misled and misguided and proceed cautiously from there.

Lest one day you find yourself deep in middle age and decades dead.

Astonishing Logic

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[This guest post was written by Dirk Johanson of The Balls Monologues]

The New York Times ran an article today on the authors of a new book, "Three Wishes: A True Story of Good Friends, Crushing Heartbreak, and Astonishing Luck on Our Way to Love and Motherhood." The book consists of the joint memoirs of three women, at ages when they were on the brink of losing their fertility, who, intending to become artificially inseminated, passed a vile of sperm between them. Before any of them used it, they each got knocked up and had babies with guys the "old-fashioned way."

The Times quotes one of the women, Carey Goldberg, stating, "Every time we told someone our story, they said you have to write it down." I don't think I'm going out on a limb here by stating that its safe to assume that most if not all of the "[e]very time … someone[s]" were their girl friends.

Of course, its perfectly natural that a woman who has gone to the lengths of buying sperm would consider the expense, hard work, and social impact that having a child on her own would entail, and decide to get less hypergamous on the eve of making that leap. Women like Lori Gottlieb have been spreading the word – after the fact, of course – about their own tales of woe trying to be a responsible mother on their own. In fact, Gottlieb has turned her belated revelation into a career. The contempt these women – who had planned to use sperm from a guy 6′5″ tall - have for the saps who became the fathers of their children is palpable in the article. All three "bristle[d and fidgeted] at the suggestion that theirs is a Cinderella story times three, with men coming to their rescue." Goldberg added, "my happy ending *began* when I became a mother."

There's nothing – let alone "astonishingly" lucky – that a lot of women would settle rather than purposely confront motherhood on their own. It would seem like pure logic.

Then again, since when are more than the most minute slice of womanhood logical?! The coincidence that two women (the third woman ended up with the married guy who was cheating with her) who were connected by a mutual friend all came to the same logical conclusion about something *is* truly astonishing!

Wow! The astonishing nature of the coincidence which forms the core of this book cannot possibly be understated.

Then again, it could just be that the three women aren't being candid about their opportunism. Just sayin'.

Judge Ignores Father's Plea, Child Dies

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Little Ethan Stacy's life was torn apart by a divorce in which his mother had run off to Utah to be with Nathan Sloop, a man who has allegedly murdered the boy. His mother, Stephanie Stacy, was described by Joe G. Stacy, the boy's father, as "unstable" and likely to disappear with the child.

Last November, Mr. Stacy informed the court of his fears, but judge Maura T. Smith claims never to have read the filing. Mr. Stacy also said that Ethan had expressed reservations about leaving to visit his mother in Utah.

Nevertheless, Mr. Stacy complied with the court order and sent Ethan to stay with his mother in Utah, upon which Mr. Sloop immediately began abusing the boy, locking him in his room and beating him about the face and head. Soon, Ethan began suffering from symptoms of a brain injury, but despite his grave condition Mr. Sloop continued and escalated the abuse.

When the boy's mother and her boyfriend went to get married, Ethan was locked in a room in which the doorknob had been removed because his mother and her boyfriend didn't want anyone to see him in his battered condition.

During this time Joe Stacy tried to call his son on a daily basis, but the boy's mother made up excuses as to why he could not speak with the boy. Finally, on Mother's Day, Stephanie found the little boy dead in his bed, upon which she and her new husband drove his corpse up to a mountain, where Nathan Sloop took a hammer to the child's face in an attempt to render him unidentifiable.

After Stephanie reported her son missing the next day, police began to search for him, and in the meanwhile her story fell apart under questioning, and the tragedy was revealed.

This is every parent's worst nightmare, and it is made all the more tragic because the judge could have paid closer attention to the fears of Ethan's father.

When women accuse fathers of violence or neglect, judges almost always take it seriously. Men are forced to attend classes and seek "treatment," even in cases where they have done nothing wrong. Where men are concerned, the system prefers to err on the side of caution. Perhaps this explains why children are significantly more likely to die in the custody of mothers than biological fathers.

The free pass and benefit of the doubt given to women in our society can have deadly consequences for the most vulnerable among us. Assuming that women are always a safe choice has been a grave error, as has removing paternal oversight of children. Most fathers care about their children, and will protect them if given the chance. Unfortunately, courts all too often sever that protective influence at the behest of mothers who would rather exclude fathers from their children's lives.

Ethan paid for the errors of the American family law system with his life. It is time we started holding those in power accountable for the countless tragedies – both large and small – that play out every day in the fractured families of America.

Sarah Palin: Feminist or Not?

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Now that Palin has made her way to celebrity status and is basking in the glory of all the attention, the female commentariat is engaged in a passionate debate over whether not she can be called feminist. Most contributors to *The Spearhead* have already come to the conclusion that, whatever she calls herself, her actions have spoken for her, and Palin is a feminist of the "conservative" variety.

Now, apparently, Sarah Palin herself has taken to using the word to describe herself, so as far as we're concerned the cat's out of the bag. However, some of the left-feminists are having a hard time giving up their exclusive rights to the term. According to them, it isn't enough to call oneself a feminist:

> So, simply declaring oneself a feminist is all that it takes to be a feminist? Methinks not. Under this standard of feminism anyone – a racist, a misogynist, etc – could be a feminist just because they identify as such. Ridiculous. Daum's argument also presupposes that it took "guts" for Palin to identify as a feminist, something that's so often maligned in U.S. culture.

You'd think that even the Marxist nutjobs behind Feministing and such would see these decalrations of feminism a victory, but maybe, as feminism becomes the National Ideology of the United States of America, they are embittered by the resulting marginalization of the fringe radicals that got it started.

As men, perhaps we can take some comfort in the fact that whenever conservatives embrace an ideology, that means it is usually on its way out.

Splitting the Chores?

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Earlier this month a study was released from the London School of Economics that concluded couples who split the housework enjoy more stable marriages than those who don't….or so they do if wifey acknowledges the work her husband does.

This conclusion was interesting for several reasons. As most of us know all too well that many issues in marriages today boil down to how the wife feels about this or that and if she is willing to humble herself and accept the responsibility for her own faults and failures rather than blaming her husband. With this knowledge in mind, it's not at all shocking that women who care enough about their husbands to appreciate them would have more stable marriages. Treating others with respect and being realistic tend to be qualities that bring peace, not conflict into a relationship.

The fact that men contribute to the chores in ways that are seldom classified under the traditional "housework" label is also essential to consider. Work need not take place in the four walls of the home to be essential. Mowing lawns, yard work, taking out the trash, handling car repairs, and keeping tabs on the finances are just as important as marketing, cleaning, and laundry. In many families this work is handled by the husband and is far too easily forgotten when an argument arrives over which spouse does what work. I've listen to many rants at women-only social functions about men who don't fold the laundry or put their socks in the hamper but who get the oil changed in the car and never forget to take out the trash.

More interesting is the fact that this is yet another study and resulting discussion that fails to highlight what might be the most important point in this debate. In many homes it is the man who pays for the mortgage or rent. He is the one who provides the place to cook, clean, and raise the children and the necessary tools for women to engage in "domestic drudgery". Without his financial contribution, there would be no chores to do and for this reason providing the money for the check is arguably the most imperative housework of all.

An objective look at chore splitting should make a woman consider all of these points and more, but ultimately the attitude change must go farther than this. Women need to see not only what their husbands do for them, but the big picture their own domestic labor is contributing to. Scrubbing floors, laundering sheets, and cooking a casserole on a busy night are not glamorous and exciting work, but this work is important nonetheless. Such tasks are what builds a home that shelters a family from the world and provides a warm and caring environment in which children can thrive. The little jobs are the building blocks of domestic life with a family and the privileges that come with having a husband and children to take care of. They are bits of selfless service and ways to turn love into a verb.

Much as this study concludes an attitude check and grateful heart need to be cultivated for lifelong marital success for a sour outlook on the contributions of husbands and domestic work tend to have harmful results. Much reality needs to be acknowledge when it comes to marriage and the tasks required by family life.

DV Dog

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Bonus joke from the irony file: Domestic Violence Lobbyist Murders Her Husband

This comic is based on an idea by Lone Nut reader “Q”.

Husband and Friend Arrested in Suspicious Beating

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In Issaquah Washington, a suburb of Seattle at the base of the Cascade foothills, a couple of men have been arrested in the severe beating of a man who is accused of raping the wife of one of the arrested men.

So far, the up-to-date police version of the story is that:

- Woman leaves bar and heads to friend's house
- Accused rapist, who knows woman and people at house, goes back to house
- Accused rapist allegedly has sex with woman
- Woman calls friend and tells her about it
- Someone tells husband and his friend
- Husband and friend go back to the house where alleged rape occurred
- Alleged rapist is sleeping on the couch
- Husband and friend arm themselves with a brick and mallet
- Man wakes up, husband and friend beat him unconscious
- Police are called and rape accusation is made
- Police arrive, find accused rapist bloody and unconscious, and arrest husband and friend
- Police do not advise woman to seek medical treatment and rape test

Now, nobody knows exactly what happened, but the events look pretty fishy to me. Would a rapist simply go to sleep after a rape? Would he rape the wife of a man he knew to be within walking distance – and a man he in fact knew personally – *and then go to sleep in a place where he knew the husband would return?*

This is either a case of an incredibly stupid rapist or a woman who made up a story. Or, perhaps, the guy was set up, but I kind of doubt that given the improvised weapons.

In any event, the accused rapist is in a coma, and obviously can't answer any questions.

Personally, I've got no pity for the guy even if the wife is lying about rape and just had consensual sex with him, but it isn't even clear that he had sex with the woman at all. If he did, and it was consensual, well, that's what you ought to expect for sleeping with your buddy's wife. Screwing married women should properly be a dangerous thing to do, and has only become a safe option because women have demanded that their "right" to adultery is protected by law.

If it turns out she was lying, the woman should be the one charged with first degree assault — not her husband and his friend. I'll be interested to see where this one goes. It certainly smells rotten.

One Morning in Baghdad

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Baghdad, Iraq, Spring 2004

“49 weeks down in this desert” said Ian to Elliot as they walked through the rail station on one of their last days of work before handing the reins over to their replacements. Just three weeks until their boots hit the soil in the States after a year spent in the heart of Baghdad, helping patrol the city and training Iraqis to assist Coalition forces with certain tasks in the city. Of all the experiences he and Elliot have shared through their years of friendship, this deployment at the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom was hands down the most intense. The tents they shared as Boy Scouts in middle school were just the beginnings of a special sort of friendship that developed through the years. They’ve done everything together. Built fires, tied knots, stood in line for the latest greatest video game, and chased girls in high school. They even went into the recruiters office together, signing on the dotted line to join the Reserves when they were seventeen, barely in need of razors, barely able to drive, barely turning into men. And here they were, several years later, a part of history, wrapping up a year long deployment to Iraq at the beginning of a controversial war.

Walking into work, the conversation turns to planning for their first weeks back to the US. “I say we have a Stargate SG-1 marathon and then ride down the Oregon Coast. Our last boyish hurrah before you get married Elliot” suggests Ian. Elliot nods, liking the plan very much, adding “this winter we’ll have to be sure to go snowboarding again. Man, it’s been too long since we had a fun weekend trip like that.” Heading into their respective offices, the friends end their jovial conversation until break time when they plan, like always, to meet out front.

The morning was like so many others: mundane, routine, nothing out of the ordinary. Signatures were necessary here and there. Paperwork had to be done to tie up loose ends before the hand off to the replacements in just a matter of days. As the morning dragged on, lunch time was becoming all the more enticing. Around break time, Elliot set his papers aside and got ready to join his buddies outside. As he stood up to leave the room, he noticed something in the window. It looked as if the sun were rising, but this wasn’t the right time of day. “Oh fuck” Elliot managed to blurt out, right as the window shattered and the glass came flying at his face, cutting him on all exposed skin and clinging to his uniform. Grabbing his weapon, Elliot took off outside, not fully comprehending what had just happened but on high alert, primed with adrenaline for fight or flight.

When he arrived outside a large number of the Iraqi men who had been outside working were nothing but blood and guts strewn across the ground. The remnants of a vehicle was ablaze and was clearly the car that had held the bomb. Debris was everywhere and the officer in charge was freaking out and panicking, unable to gain composure and issue orders. Time seemed to stand still, yet it passed quickly all the same. The chaos was loud but inside his head was a deafening quiet. Elliot could hear his heart beat clearly with yelling outside his head jumbled and unclear. One of Elliot’s soldiers followed him and once they made sure everything was clear, that the danger was gone, they began to offer medical aid to the survivors of the blast. There were too many people who needed help for them to adequately tend to everybody, and some were too far-gone to offer anything beyond comfort and an ear to listen to their precious last words as they died outside under the hot desert sun. The men who could be moved to safety were flung over shoulders and carried away until more help could arrive. The soldiers stopped bleeding with torn up pieces of their own clothing, cleaned and bandaged wounds, provided IVs and treated shock with whatever makeshift blankets they could make, and kept traumatically injured men breathing and alive until transport arrived.

As Elliot and his soldiers ran around assessing the damage, locating those who were still alive and those who needed immediate care, he heard a familiar voice cry out. He looked over to the side of the building where the noise was coming from. Elliot couldn’t see much in the bright sunlight, made all the more confusing by the surrounding chaos, but then he saw a peek of camo around the corner. He ran over and realized right away who it was: the man on the ground was Ian. Bloody and gravely wounded, but his friend all the same. Desperately, Elliot applied pressure on the worst of his friend’s wounds, ripping off part of his clothing to serve as tourniquets to stop the bleeding. As he

worked frantically, Ian told him to stop, “The pain is leaving. I’m going to die, aren’t I?” Before Elliot can answer his buddy, Ian gives him a message to bring home.

“No NO NOOOO!”

Elliot desperately screamed, demanding his friend hold on, but it was too late. He’d lost too much blood. He was hurt too badly to hold on. There was nothing left to do. “I love you, man” said Elliot as his best friend, the closest thing to a brother he had ever had, slipped away to the other side. Ian was just twenty years old. He was intelligent, talented, extremely gifted in the sciences, and had a world of opportunity awaiting him at home. So many plans for the future, so many dreams left unfulfilled. All gone in just a second as he left this world too soon.

With his DCUs ripped, torn, and covered in blood, with bits of debris lodged into his helmet and even stuck on his body armor, it was only then Elliot realized he was injured and could attend to his own medical needs. Bits of shrapnel from the bomb, bone fragments from the people who had died, and gravel from the ground were lodged in wounds all over his body and he realized he had been treating patients, bloody patients, with his wounds unprotected. He might not only be injured but could have been exposed to HIV, hepatitis, or any number of other diseases. After returning to camp, he went for medical treatment and returned to his tent where he could finally let the events of the day sink in. Thirty five men had been killed. Men who were simply trying to feed their families were murdered for being involved with the Coalition Forces. Some of the soldiers he worked with were dead, and his tent was now empty except for the ghost of his best friend, the laughs they shared inside just this morning nothing but a cherished memory now. He looked over to the cot across the tent, the one that no longer had an occupant, a friend gone in just a instant… Elliot just sat there and stared for a while. How much time he’ll never know but it felt like a lifetime. Unsure of what to think or how to feel, he lay in his cot, listening to mortar attacks around the airport until he finally awoke the next morning, groggy and numb, and called home to connect with loved ones for the first time since the blast. One voicemail said, “there’s been an accident, but I am okay.”

Two weeks later, when his boots hit ground in the USA, the homecoming was not the joyful celebration originally imagined, but rather a dark and somber occasion. They were home with three fewer men than they left with last spring. They’d said goodbye to three brothers in arms just about the time they thought they were safe and danger was over. Elliot kept his promise to Ian and visited his friend’s parents to share the message he had been entrusted with. This wasn’t all, he said; far from it in fact. He had an apology to offer for these people who were nearly family. With a guilty survivor’s conscience he offered an apology for not getting there in time, for not being able to save their son. They were supposed to come home together. They always did everything together.

Arlington National Cemetery, Spring 2010

Six years since the blast and Ian still lives on in hearts, in love, and in memory. Once again Elliot traveled to his grave in Arlington, as he does whenever the opportunity has arisen, to place a wreath on the grave of his lost friend. This time is different, however, as he doesn’t go alone but brings his little girl along. Ever curious, the little one asked why they are here. Elliot told her that he wants her to know a special man, a true American hero, somebody who was brave even when it hurt. His little girl doesn’t yet understand death, but she does know what it means to be brave and serve in the Middle East. She remembers well when her daddy was gone for a year. With the innocence only a child can posses, she lays her small American flag on Ian’s grave and offers a salute for “being Daddy’s bwave fwend.” This she repeated as she and Elliot walked away, her tiny fingers clasped in her daddy’s strong, but trembling hand.

Life And Times in Old Peking: The Expats (Part II)

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It's been a while since I wrote my first installment of the China experience, so I thought I'd better get on to the next one.

As a Westerner in China, I was part of a relatively small group of people. During the Cold War, China was host to very few foreigners, and the mere sight of a white or black person would attract a great deal of attention. By the time I arrived in 1997, the novelty had begun to wear off a bit in the capital, but remained anywhere outside of major cities. And even the citizens of Beijing had not fully come around to the idea of living in an "international city," so foreigners were viewed with a mixture of curiosity, suspicion and envy.

Because we were still outsiders – known as "laowai," which means something akin to the German term "auslander," to Chinese – we foreigners tended to stick together in our own little digs. Many lived in entirely foreign enclaves, but these were pricier than even apartments back home, so the younger and poorer among us, such as myself, lived in Chinese housing, which put us in a legally ambiguous position.

The vast majority of foreigners at the time – probably upwards of 90% – were men. China was not a very attractive destination for Western women due to the socio-sexual dynamics of the place. Not only is Chinese culture very patriarchal, it is also a very easy place to find a girlfriend for Western men. Being a foreign male – but especially a Westerner – gave one a certain cachet among the ladies. Guys from America, Britain and Europe were spoiled rotten by the hordes of young women chasing them at every opportunity. Even 70-year-old American men had no trouble finding girlfriends. Needless to say, this was not a favorable environment for Western women, as their sexual market value was markedly lower in this situation.

American and European women suddenly found that their brassy, mannish behavior and pushy attitude would see them all alone in no time. Those who couldn't handle their new, lowered status usually left quickly. Those who stayed often became uncharacteristically sweet and feminine. I have never seen American and European (i.e. white) women as humble and sweet as they were in China. Even so, that didn't do them much good; many of the Western men in China carried a chip on their shoulder from the treatment they'd received as men back home, and I witnessed some plainly hostile behavior toward Western women from time to time. In one characteristic instance, a young American woman was saying something nondescript to a Canadian man I knew, and without any prompting he simply said, "That's nice — I'm not interested. Why don't you go home?"

However, amongst the men there was generally comradery and mutual goodwill. We'd swap tips on this or that new pub, tell hilarious stories about adventures about town, and occasionally gripe about the inconveniences of life in a developing country. As we did so, we generally drank a great deal of beer, shot pool and watch the girls parade by as we spent our few nights a week at the pub.

Most of the expat pubs in Beijing were in Sanlitun, which is a festive street on embassy row that would liven up with music and raucous partying every night. There were bars for every flavor of expat, and of course I generally went to the British and American ones. However, my favorite bar of all was the Lido Holiday Inn's sports bar, which featured darts, billiards and an island bar in the middle. It was a great place to hang out with my British and American friends after work and have a couple cold beers during happy hour, then shoot some pool. It also happened to be relatively near my apartment, so I could simply walk home at the end of the night.

The Lido was built with expats in mind, so it features a few restaurants, bars and a bank that specifically cater to foreigners — Americans in particular. It was like a little outpost of America in the middle of the overwhelming vastness of Chinese culture and civilization. Needless to say, it was a relief for me, and I spent a good deal of time there. However, it still had its own quirks. The Pig and Whistle, an English themed bar in the hotel's interior, was notorious for the hookers, about half of whom were Mongols. I could never quite figure out exactly why the Lido was stocked with Mongol women, but I assumed the Chinese security – who appeared to be the de facto pimps –

thought it was appropriate that foreign prostitutes should serve the foreign clientele. It also may have been due to the fact that Mongols generally despise Chinese, and the girls preferred non-Chinese clients.

For the most part, the hookers avoided the sports bar, but they were thick in the hotel disco and "The Pig," as we knew the Pig and Whistle. The Mongol girls not only "dated" Western men, but most of them kept an African boyfriend on the side. It was an odd situation, so I advised the Western guys I knew personally to avoid them, as I was suspicious about the chances for the spread of HIV, which I knew to be prevalent in some of the countries their African boyfriends called home. It turned out that my suspicions were warranted — a few years after I left China there was a scandal in which some Mongol girls went back to Ulan Bator infected with HIV, and the entire urban Mongol population turned on the few Africans who happened to be unfortunate enough to be in Mongolia at the time. Of course, the women were as much to blame, but that seldom enters people's minds — even in Mongolia, I suppose.

One of the side-effects of living in what was an overwhelmingly male environment was that we Western men became much less guarded about what we said. Our language was a lot more candid, and we didn't worry much about offending people. For the most part, the Chinese couldn't understand us, and even if they did know English we salted our conversations with so much slang and, in many cases, such a drawl, that they simply had no idea what we were talking about. Chinglish – a mixture of Chinese terms and English – became the norm, and grammar suffered accordingly. It was all great fun, and our speech evolved (or devolved some might say), into a lively creole that was only competently understood by our little Anglo-expat community.

Some of the characters I remember from our community included a widowed Texan wildcatter named Ray; Duffy, a weatherbeaten old Canadian jockey from Alberta; George, a man-of-Kent (or Kentish man?) with a distinctly bourgeois English character and a penchant for cognac; Francisco, who was a Canadian of Chilean descent; and Cliff, a retired American engineer with a wife in Hawaii and a girlfriend in Beijing.

There were many more who came and went, including some more memorable for their habits and appearance than their company. One fellow who we called "red," because of his atrocious toupée, would spend all of his time with various women and rarely utter a word in our presence. If I needed proof that *any* guy could get some action in China, old Red provided it.

Of course, there was occasional rivalry – unfortunately often over women (men are incorrigible in that way) – but in the end we almost all grew to have some affection for each other. Across ages, nationalities and occupations, our common bond as Western men pulled us together. For example, there was one fellow named Ian, who worked as a technician or engineer in some firm or the other and was engaged to a Chinese woman named Sue. Ian, who was British, was a bit ornery, and seemed to dislike me for one reason or another — he probably thought I was an arrogant young American punk. I was always polite and did my best not to let his sarcastic remarks or skepticism get under my skin, but for some time he remained the same. However, when his son from a previous marriage back home (a common source of affliction for expats), a handsome kid who was close to my age, came to visit and I ended up showing him around town and having a good time with him, suddenly I was just fine and dandy in Ian's eyes, and when he eventually relocated to Singapore we parted on affectionate terms.

China really brought a number of us men together, and I look back on the fellowship as one of the best aspects of my trip there. I still have a friend I ran into in Beijing – he practices law in Minnesota now – with whom I speak on a regular basis. And this isn't even to mention my Chinese friends, with whom I continue to correspond.

It is curious, although considering that I married an American woman after returning home perhaps not surprising, that I still stay in touch with several men on a frequent basis, but of all the women I knew over there – and there were many and diverse women I knew there from all over China and the world – there is only one I continue to correspond with from time to time, and she's a married professor in Metz, France.

I certainly spent more time with women than with men in China, but the only lasting benefit I can honestly say that I obtained from them was a higher level of proficiency in spoken Mandarin, which is certainly something to be

grateful for, but in any event could have been achieved in another manner with less trouble. But alas, I was very young, and young men are hopeless in such matters. But enough of the women for now; I will get to them in another installment.

There are dozens of stories I could tell about the adventures we had over there, but this being a blog post rather than a book, I'll have to save some of them for a more thorough treatment of the Wild East of the late 90s. Without the men I met and befriended in China, my stay in that faraway country would not have been nearly as memorable as it was. From the dangerous to the absurd and bizarre; through the good times as well as the bad; and amidst all the loneliness and sometimes sorrow that characterize the life of a man far from home, there were men to share it all and offer support, wisdom and indispensable company. I will never see most of those men again, but I certainly won't forget them.

Political Choices

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Unfortunately for men these days, we don't have much of a choice when it comes to politics. Vanishingly few politicians will support men's interests, especially where family law is concerned, while plenty of them will actively bash fathers and men in general. Essentially, we've been reduced to choosing between the lesser of two evils in almost every case.

I know we don't all have the same politics here on The Spearhead, so I think we ought to break down the issues to a few things everyone here ought to agree with.

Some would be:

- Equal father custody
- Elimination of alimony
- Elimination of discrimination against men in education
- Ending debtor imprisonment of fathers/ex-husbands
- Imprisonment of women who make false accusations
- Reforming domestic abuse laws to prevent their use as a tool in civil cases
- Parity in health funding for men and women
- Revocation of affirmative action for women
- Removal of women's divorce incentives
- Repeal of VAWA
- Repeal of IMBRA

Of course, there are many more issues (feel free to add to the list in comments), but there's no way we'll find a politician who would support us on all of these. In fact, given the excessively androphobic nature of our society, we'd be lucky to find one who supports us on even *one* of these issues, but if we find one that does we'll have to give him (or her — we might actually find a fair woman out there) our support.

Most likely, however, rather than supporting a champion of men's issues, we'll find ourselves opposing someone who is a truly awful, feminist man-hater.

I have the misfortune of living in Washington, a very feminist state with two female senators who have been intimately involved in two of the most androphobic bills ever passed in the United States — IMBRA and VAWA.

We have Patty Murray, who was visited shortly before assuming office by Gloria Steinem, and Maria Cantwell, one of the sponsors of IMBRA.

This year, Patty Murray is up for reelection, and she is being opposed, unfortunately, by Dino Rossi. Rossi has lost in the governor's race twice, defeated both times by Democrat Christine Gregoire. He's a lawyer and real-estate trader, and not particularly charismatic. He's a pretty typical Republican, which doesn't make me all that enthusiastic. I have no idea where he stands on men's issues, but he can't be any worse than Patty Murray, so I may have to give him my support.

For those out there with the time and inclination, I think the summer's political campaigns might be a good way to bring some men's issues to the surface. If a candidate is a particularly nasty feminist, like Murray, hammer them on it if at all possible. Start a blog, write letters to the editor, support their opponent, and make some noise about it.

I've noticed on newspaper discussion boards that a lot of men have started to wake up to what's going on, so I'm pretty confident that people will be out there listening. Given the mancession and the blatant discrimination against

men, this really is the right time to start making some noise in defense of men.

Uncle Sam's Predator: How a Woman Games the System by Snaring Soldiers

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Bobbi Ann Finley has been taking young soldiers for all they're worth for years, draining their bank accounts, getting pregnant with their children, and marrying multiple men at once. The system set up by feminist family law has made her job a lot easier, and armed with false identification she targets one victim after the next, making off with benefits, cash and their progeny.

Bobbi Ann has at least 9 children and has been married to at least 11 men, but the hapless young men keep falling prey to her scam. It seems outrageous that she can get away with what she has, but one must keep in mind that every military base is surrounded by attorneys and services for soldiers' wives — even if these leeches don't offer a thing to the soldiers themselves.

America's feminist political climate has opened the door wide to this kind of abuse, and it was only a matter of time before Bobbi Ann and the like learned the game and started consuming young men.

Finally, one of the young men's mothers has caught on to her and launched a campaign to bring her to justice. She may be facing some punishment, but if she is caught it is sure to be light, and the back child support from the many men she has snared will be a payoff that should keep her going for quite a while after any short jail sentence she may serve. Evidently, she lies to the police, too (big surprise there), and has even taken that so far that she was arrested for giving a false statement.

Here's one young soldier's experience:

> Cheeseman says he married Bobbi Ann on a Monday and she was gone the following weekend. When she took off, Shane's credit cards were maxed out and his bank account was empty. It wasn't until months later that he learned he wasn't the only victim.

Ms. Finley has been at large for almost a year. Anyone who knows her whereabouts should contact local authorities and do their part in bringing her to justice.

Feminism and the S.A.D.

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(NOTE – This is not a review or a fisking of Orbach's book…but it is an attempt to point out that FAT is most certainly a Feminist issue – just not in the way Orbach thinks…)

The connection between feminism and the Standard American Diet (appropriately referred to as S.A.D.), may not seem apparent to most. Bear with me in this rather long piece, as I belabor to make the point in showing this connection, and how it's contributed to so much ill health in America today.

Laura Wood, The Thinking Housewife, wrote a short post in which she quoted a Salon.com feminist's reaction to a great article by Michael Pollen in the New York Review of Book, The Food Movement, Rising.

The feminist's complaint?

> *Michael Pollan blames the movement for our fast-food culture. What about untold men who've never tied on an apron?*

Laura Wood responded to the feminists complaint humorously:

> *Men have been doing nothing all these years while women slaved away in the kitchen. Here's an all-points bulletin: Do not accept a dinner invitation from anyone named Anna Clark. Unless you like chicken nuggets.*

While I found Laura's quip in response hilarious, these two articles have a lot more content worthy of consideration. Pollan's first mention of how the feminist movement changed the food culture of America was to tie it to the rise of fast food:

> *Besides drawing women into the work force, falling wages made fast food both cheap to produce and a welcome, if not indispensable, option for pinched and harried families.*

Of course it did. Women who chase the chimera of "having it all" live in denial of the fact that their are only so many hours in a day, and when you invest your time in one area – like your career – you simply don't have the time to dedicate to the other areas of your life, like homemaking and cooking. This is common sense. Than again, no one would accuse feminists for having an abundance of that particular virtue…

Many anti-feminists correctly recognize that feminist ideology is essentially a cult-like belief with articles of faith that are accepted at face value without question…and if any facts or evidence is presented that contradicts a feminist tenet, than the facts or evidence must surely be wrong, falsified, or just not relevant. The standard method of dealing with the cognitive dissonance of reality contradicting feminist doctrine is to simply shift the focus of debate.

Note the Salon feminist Anna Clark is a self-described fan of Pollan's work:

> *I'm a fan of the journalist who has become the food movement's top chronicler. I pass on copies of "The Omnivore's Dilemma" and "An Eater's Manifesto" like it's my job. I social network the living daylights out of Pollan's articles.*

That is of course until Pollan dares to skewer one of Anna's sacred cows…note her reaction:

> *So while reading Pollan's latest piece in The New York Review of Books, I was nodding along as he articulated how the local food culture manifests the good kind of movement fragmentation — threading together diverse*

> *interests to create a powerful force. I was nodding, at least, until I got to the part where he discusses Janet A. Flammang's new book, "The Taste of Civilization: Food, Politics, and Civil Society." Pollan writes:*
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> > *"In a challenge to second-wave feminists who urged women to get out of the kitchen, Flammang suggests that by denigrating "foodwork" — everything involved in putting meals on the family table — we have unthinkingly wrecked one of the nurseries of democracy: the family meal."*
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> *Pollan chooses not to challenge the assertion that second-wave feminists are responsible for "wrecking one of the nurseries of democracy" because they urged women to explore possibilities outside of cooking the family meal. Nor does Pollan question the notion that feminists are to blame for "urging" women to leave the kitchen, when one might imagine that those who left the aprons behind were thinking beings who made their own choice to leave, regardless of the persuasions of feminists and family alike.*

Now why would he challenge or question those assertions? The second-wave feminists did in fact demean the role of the American housewife…this is indisputable. And is it really a stretch to say that cooking and feeding the family was one of the primary chores the housewife role entailed, for which the feminists so bitterly attacked? The famous feminist description of the domain of the housewife in her domicile as a "comfortable concentration camp" comes to mind…

Note that instead of recognizing the truth of Pollan's indictment, Anna does what all lefty femi-nazis do when confronted with the truth – blame men!

> *My take, as a feminist and local foodie? Blaming feminism for luring women out of the kitchen, stealing the ritual of the family meal, and thereby diminishing "one of the nurseries of democracy" is both simplistic and ridiculous. It's true that shared meals are powerful spaces for building relationships and "the habits of civility." But if we're going to talk about who's to blame for our current culture of processed food, why not blame untold generations of men for not getting into the kitchen, especially given Pollan's characterization of the family meal as having a meaningful role in cultivating democracy? If it's so important, why is their absence excusable?*

Because those "untold generations of men" were out working to earn the money to pay for the house and the appliances and the food that the women were cooking for the family to eat, you deluded dolt! Feminism preached that women should get out of their "concentration camps" and get into the workforce and compete with the men…equality bayyybbeee!

This didn't result in the mass exchanging of gender roles…it just made life harder and more difficult for *both* men and women. But I digress…

Pollan concluded his article with some points I wish to expand upon:

> *…perhaps the food movement's strongest claim on public attention today is the fact that the American diet of highly processed food laced with added fats and sugars is responsible for the epidemic of chronic diseases that threatens to bankrupt the health care system. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that fully three quarters of US health care spending goes to treat chronic diseases, most of which are preventable and linked to diet: heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and at least a third of all cancers. The health care crisis probably cannot be addressed without addressing the catastrophe of the American diet, and that diet is the direct (even if unintended) result of the way that our agriculture and food industries have been organized.*

As I've covered before, there is an almost synergistic relationship between feminism and the industrialization of our food supply. The industrialization of the food supply was every bit as important for the cultural-Marxist, social engineers that carried out the long march through western institutions, as was the advent of feminist ideology to subvert and destroy the Patriarchal nuclear family. The two have gone hand in hand, and we've all suffered for it in

both our physical, spiritual and mental health…it literally affects every area of our modern lives.

That being said, I have a small bone to pick with Pollan's conclusion:

> *the American diet of highly processed food laced with added fats and sugars is responsible for the epidemic of chronic diseases that threatens to bankrupt the health care system.*

While this is technically correct, the distinction between the *types* of fats that are added has a lot to do with it as well. This topic is fast becoming a pet peeve of mine, as I notice so many people that regurgitate the lipid hypothesis-based memes regarding "fat" as the primary culprit in causing heart disease.

Not all fats are equal.

More precisely, one of the primary contributors to ill health is the ratio of Omega-6 and Omega-3 fatty acids in your bodies cells…and the Standard American Diet contributes to a massive imbalance in the average person, with way too much Omega-6 fatty acids and not enough Omega-3's. This is why you sometimes hear about the need for eating more fish from some health "experts," to increase your Omega-3 intake.

What most people don't know, is that eating more fish won't make a bit of difference in your Omega-6 to Omega-3 ratio if your diet is still heavy in Omega-6 fatty acids…and the S.A.D. which is largely composed of the Federally subsidized grain and seed oil crops is THE single biggest source of Omega-6 in the S.A.D.

So why do the health "experts" always talk about fish as the necessary food to boost your Omega-3 levels?

One scientific researcher, Susan Allport, did extensive research into the differences between Omega-3 and Omega-6's and the role they play in human health. She wrote a book entitled The Queen of Fats: Why Omega-3s Were Removed from the Western Diet and What We Can Do to Replace Them.

While I've yet to read this book, I've read an excellent interview (pdf) she conducted in promotion of this book, in which she gave some eye opening insight into the topic.

First, she discussed the major difference between these two essential fatty acids and why they are related to our biology and the changing of the seasons:

> *We finally began to understand that the **omega-3s are predominantly concentrated in the green leaves of plants** and the **omega-6s are concentrated in the seeds of plants**, and that basically what we're talking about here is two families of fats that allow us animals to prepare for the changing seasons, to either speed up, get ready for times of activity and reproduction when green leaves are available and abundant — or to slow down, hunker down, get ready for times of survival — when the fats of seeds are more prevalent.*
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> *It's really a cool system. Plants use the changing light as the Earth makes its orbit around the sun — they adapt to the changing light, and then we adapt to the change in plant food. It really is an amazing thing, but it's not generally understood. We just think, oh, we'll eat this food, if we eat enough fish we'll be healthy. There is a much bigger story than just how much fish we need to eat, or which seed oils to eat.*

Two important points regarding the distinction between the two – your not going to get enough of the Omega-3 you need by eating a bunch of leafy plants. This is where animal foods play an important role in getting enough Omega-3 in your diet. To put it succinctly – in plant form, Omega-3 fatty acids are largely in the form of ALA — alphalinioleic acid — for which the human body's digestive system is very poor in using. Our bodies need docosahexaenoic acid and eicosapentaenoic acid…aka EPA and DHA.

While the human digestive system doesn't do a good job of converting ALA into the needed DHA and EPA that we

need (it will do it somewhat…but nowhere near as much as we require), other animals are very good at it…cows eating grass (the leafy greens rich in ALA) and convert it into DHA and EPA and store it in their meat and fat. This is precisely why free range, pastured cows (and other ruminants like buffalo) contain Omega-3 fatty acids while the feedlot produced meat and dairy contains almost none.

Feedlot ruminants are predominantly fed Omega-6-rich grains. Same goes for factory farmed chickens and pork. The quality of food products that come from animals raised on feedlots versus open pasture is affected dramatically.

From The Health Benefits of Grass Farming.

> *When cattle are taken off grass and shipped to a feedlot to be fattened on grain, they lose their valuable store of LNA as well as two other types of omega-3 fatty acids, EPA and DHA. Each day that an animal spends in the feedlot, its supply of omega-3s is diminished.*
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> *When chickens are housed indoors and deprived of greens, their meat and eggs also become artificially low in omega-3s.*
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> *Eggs from pastured hens can contain as much as 20 times more omega-3s than eggs from factory hens.*
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> *Switching our livestock from their natural diet of grass to large amounts of grain is one of the reasons our modern diet is deficient in these essential fats. It has been estimated that only 40 percent of Americans consume a sufficient supply of these nutrients. Twenty percent have levels so low that they cannot be detected.11 Switching to grass fed animal products is one way to restore this vital nutrient to your diet.*
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> *The CLA Bonus: The meat and milk from grass fed ruminants are the richest known source of another type of good fat called "conjugated linoleic acid" or CLA. When ruminants are raised on fresh pasture alone, their milk and meat contain as much as five times more CLA than products from animals fed conventional diets*

This is why we are told to eat more fish (but not too much…mercury poisoning!), or to take fish oil pills to boost our Omega-3 intake. It's not because fish are the only source…just the only source left in the S.A.D. that still eats leafy greens at the base of their food chain. (Which, of course, brings to mind the difference between farmed fish versus wild caught fish…).

As Allport noted:

> *All the omega-3s in seafood come originally from plants. Fish are so important to us because they're one of the last animals in our food supply that still eat greens. That is one of the reasons why fish have become so important.*
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> *Another is that because they live in water, they require more of those omega-3s in their tissues in order to move around in that much colder environment, under pressure. So they require omega-3s in their diet, and because we now feed the majority of our animals grains instead of grasses, they're one of the last animals we're eating in any kind of quantity that eats greens.*
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> *Eating fish is one way to correct this imbalance of 6s and 3s in our food supply. But it's not the only way, and it is not the best way. We have to eat 10 times as much fish to get a really healthy balance of those two families of essential fats is we would if we were eating healthy amounts of the omega-6s. If our omega-6s were at healthy levels, we would need just tiny amounts of fish or omega-3 enriched eggs or cattle that have been raised on grass.*

So we now understand why American diets are so deficient in Omega-3's…because most of our meat and dairy comes from animals fed Omega-6-rich grains. Why is the ratio between Omega-6 and Omega-3 so important anyways? Allport explains:

> *These two families of fats compete for enzymes, for positions in our cell membranes, which don't care whether they get loaded up with omega-6s or omega-3s. They don't care for a reason — because they're built that way so*

> *that they can change with the changing seasons and the changing food supply. They're meant to go through these seasonal changes, slight seasonal changes. The reason we've run into problems is because* ***we eat this high omega 6 diet year round.***

So we know why the S.A.D. doesn't have enough Omega-3 in it because of the Omega-6 rich feed for our food animals…but that's not the only reason why we the S.A.D. has such a dramatic imbalance in Omega-6 vs. Omega-3's. Thanks to the marketing efforts of agricultural corporations and their incestuous relationship with the US Government to promote propaganda like the USDA food pyramid and the whole "saturated fat causes high cholesterol which causes heart disease" meme, Americans began shying away from animal fats and began using o6 rich vegetable oils instead.

> *From the vegetable oils that have replaced butter and lard, from other fats in our diet, from the processed and packaged foods that use vegetable oils as a convenient and inexpensive fat, from the process of partial hydrogenation, which specifically eliminates omega-3s, turning them into 6s as well as trans-fats, from the fact that our livestock are no longer fed grass and other greens but are fed grains, which are much richer in the omega-6s. . . . I don't know how many ways! We wouldn't need to eat as much fish if we'd stop eating those high omega-6 vegetable oils.*

So what vegetable oils specifically? Corn, soy, sunflower, safflower, peanut, cottonseed and canola are typically the most widely used oils in the SAD. Not only is most manufactured, processed junk food made with these oils, but so too are most fare cooked in restaurants (fast food and slow food alike), and many Americans have also responded to the USDA/Pharmaceutical industry propaganda by substituting "non-fat' and "low-fat" cooking oils and margarine instead of the traditional oils like butter and lard in their own cooking.

So what specifically are the long term effects of having an Omega-6 rich diet year round? Remember Allport's initial explanation regarding the seasonal role of these two essential fatty acids: Omega-3's are kind of like a lubricant, meant to get things flowing and operating at a higher metabolism on a cellular level – which is why fish living in cold, dark water are so dependent on Omega-3's to move about – while Omega-6's slow down your metabolism, and promote inflammation. It's this overabundance of Omega-6 that contributes to inflammation on a cellular level. Over a long period of time, this inflammatory condition begins to contribute to a whole host of degenerative diseases. Allport expands on this, here:

> *Remember, we're talking about every cell in the body — and we're talking about these fatty acids first winding up in the cell membrane, every cell, which is why every day you see a new disease that's being linked to this imbalance.*
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> *The last one I saw was Parkinson's disease. I've seen recent reports on autism, obesity, Type 2 diabetes, macular degeneration, all of those. OK, so you're picturing every cell, and every cell likes a certain amount of polyunsaturate in it,*
> *and that's what keeps it moving optimally, right? But that amount can be made up either of omega-3 or omega-6 fats, so it's got that discretion, which is meant to work with the changing seasons.*
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> *The rest of the fats in those cell membranes will be fats of the saturated and the monounsaturated families. Those are fats that we make ourselves, depending on what we need. So, given anything that we eat, we can make whatever saturated and monounsaturated fats we need, but the polyunsaturated fats we need have to come from the diet, and each different cell type is going to want a slightly different*
> *ratio of polyunsaturated than the others, but the family that it comes from*
> *depends upon what you're eating.*

As detailed earlier, we know what kind of polyunsaturated fatty acids predominates in the S.A.D….Omega-6.

And this effect of having way too much Omega-6 and not enough Omega-3 in the body?

> *Let's say that omega-6s are a little stiffer, and omega-3s are a little looser. That looseness enables all those enzymes in the membrane — and that's where most enzymes live, in cell membranes — it enables them to go about their business that much faster. You can imagine it is kind of a WD-40 for the entire body, or you can think about doing jumping jacks in the air versus doing them in a thicker medium like water — that's what the difference is. You have this slowing-down effect when the omega-6s have replaced the omega-3s, and that fits in with that hunkering down for times of leanness and survival. You're putting on weight, and you're slowing down.*

> *These two families have different overarching effects. They are also snipped out of the membrane and used to make important cell messengers called prostaglandins. The first thing that we knew about these two families of fats was the fact that they made very different cell messengers. The ones made from the omega-6s are highly inflammatory, highly likely to promote blood clotting or increased blood pressure — they affect all kinds of bodily processes linked to diseases such as heart disease, obesity and diabetes. The omega-3 messengers are far less likely to promote inflammation.*

So remember this the next time you read, see or hear someone blaming high fructose corn syrup for the American obesity epidemic. Yes, HFCS definitely contributes…but it's not the only thing behind the epidemic of obesity, diabetes and heart disease. You have to factor in the chronic inflammation caused by too much Omega-6 in the S.A.D. America's too fat, because we eat too much sugar AND too much inflammatory Omega-6 fatty acids.

And of course, lets not forget the pivotal role the feminist movement had in creating the society wide demand for fast and convenient foods, which have now become the mainstay of the S.A.D. Since Feminism was one of the primary cultural and political drivers of promoting the types of foods that promote Omega-6 fatty acid imbalance in our diet, one could say that feminism has certainly been inflammatory in more ways than one.

How “Uppity Sistas” Make Life Harder For All Black Women

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Regular readers of The Obsidian Files will know well my epic struggles with commenters Deery and Jamila, two Black Women who seem to delight in disagreeing with me, LOL. That I don’t mind, actually: if everyone agreed with my take on various things, life would be very boring indeed.

But, as some of my readers have noted, there is a bit more going on than mere disagreement with these two, a kind of “meta message” that both seem to be transmitting, just under the radar, in Game parlance, what we would refer to as “subcommunication”; some have suggested that these two ladies seem to want to “put me in my place” as a Black Man, one who they deem isn’t as smart, sophisticated or urbane.

And to my mind, these astute observers would have a strong point indeed — it has long been known in the Black community of the existence of such Women. In fact, a goodly part of the long-running historical tensions extant between Black Men and Black Women, finds much, by no means all, but much, of its basis in this fact.

I’ve seen the likes of Deery and Jamila all my life. They are often the most haughty, snobbish and bigoted people around. Recently in my post about writer Lori Gottlieb, I argued that I had experienced MORE discrimination and outright bigotry from Black Women than I ever have from Whites, and I stand by that statement today, because it’s true. In another post where I outlined how and why Women were MORE wedded to the notions of a “double standard”, I made the case that Women, taken as a group, were far and away MORE snobbish than are/were Men. Deery and Jamila are Exhibit A & B respectively, on these fronts.

For example, I’ve said before that, based on her comments made here, that Deery not only sees herself as one of the Black Elite, but actually holds lesser Blacks in a goodly bit of contempt-especially Black Males who don’t come from or necessarily aspire to become one of the landed gentry. This was borne out in a discussion where she mentioned her disgust at her own brother’s decision not to continue his formal education and instead chose a more modest life. While I have refrained from publicly commenting, either way, on Deery’s views in this regard, I will now break my silence to say only this: I have four siblings, and at no time did it ever occur to me to hold them in contempt for not doing what I THINK they should be doing with their lives. So long as they were happy and weren’t a net drain on society-not a criminal, having 3 and 4 baby daddies, in jail or on relief forever and a day-so long as they were contributing to the local tax base-I was perfectly cool with whatever they
wanted to do or be in life, be that a corporate raider, or working in a pie factory. My love for them didn’t change one bit.

So, to hear Deery talk about her brother in such acerbic terms, was to be frank, quite painful to me. But it was also quite illuminating, too. In so many ways, Deery values social climbing more than blood.

We saw this in a discussion where I asked whether Axe cleaning products was seen as lowbrow; Deery went to great lengths to suggest that it was, despite the fact that a majority of female commenters were quite clear that what mattered most was that the Man in question smelled clean, regardless if the soap that took to make that happen came from the dollar store or Macy’s.

We saw it again just recently, with a discussion about my take on SCOTUS nominee Elena Kagan; during the conversation, Thomas Sowell’s name came up, and Deery’s reaction to said name, was, again, quite instructive. Although I could immediately see that Deery’s real opposition to Sowell was the simple fact that he’s aligned with the Conservative Right, I decided to let the convo run until it became clear to everyone else what her personal biases were, and the gambit worked. I’ll have more to say about that in a moment, but the point I want to make here is that, aside from his being a Black Conservative, another thing Sowell has gone on record with is his suspicion and disdain of *The Elite* — the very thing Deery is wedded to. It then makes perfect sense why Deery would have the reaction she did at the mere mention of Sowell’s name, now don’t it?

Jamila is no better. Despite her own personal failings, glaring cognitive dissonance and blatant contradictions among her own stated beliefs, still she manages to find a way with which to impugn Black Men as a group; Y, a regular reader here at the O-Files, called it a “Black Men ain’t shit” meme. Indeed, it is, but I’d like to take it a step further-it’s a “Black Men ain’t shit” meme in pseudoscientific drag.

This is because Jamila, in her own sordid attempt to backward rationalize her own mis-steps in life, does so by giving aid and comfort to HBDers like Planet Grok (whom she finally pulled back from, only when he began to get a bit too familiar for Jamila’s tastes) and known and avowed “academic racists” like Michael Levin, a regular speaker at Jared Taylor’s American Renaissance conferences. Initially, on her recent blog post entitled “Why Race Matters”-which is the title of Levin’s 1997 book-Jamila attempts to use Levin’s arguments as to why BLACK MEN were so bad at marrying and being baby daddies. ONLY WHEN I noted that it took two to tango, did Jamila had to admit that, if Levin is correct, it would have to mean that both Black Men AND Women, weren’t too sharp cognitively. She agreed.

But when I then stepped up the Socratic Questioning, asking her that, given the events of her own life would she still agree with Levin’s analysis, she balked. Instead, she blames her own failings not on being fundamentally dim-witted, but rather taking a page out of WEB DuBois’ book(s), and says that her predicaments past and present are the result of her being forced to sharing breathing space with more dimmer Black folk.

Woman, thy name is Cognitive Dissonance.

It got so bad, that even other Black Women readers/commenters could see what was going on; commenter Terry asked Jamila whether she felt this way about the very people who loved and fed and clothed her; in another post, Terry asked how Jamila’s seeming unquestioned embrace of the HBD position jibes with her own self-professed Christian beliefs and worldview. Y, having extensive familial relations in Nigeria, West Africa, demanded proof that Black people and Black Men in particular, were somehow genetically predisposed not to pair bond with Women. Even Chic Noir, who has thus far defended Jamila, had to question the latter on her views, since Chic also has extensive family relatives, this time in Ethiopia-a far sight from Nigeria.

Would it surprise anyone here that Jamila has yet to respond to either of these Sistas?

Chic continues to defend Jamila nonetheless; Terry continues to pray for the gal; Y left in disgust.

And the beat, as they say, goes on.

A little while back I posted up an article written by Psychology Today regular Satoshi Kanazawaa, about why really smart people say, do and believe in really stupid things. He argued that in evolutionary terms, such people are novel, and they use their smarts as a way to signal to others, particularly potentially mates, that they have a kind of extra feather in the cap. The problem with this is, that they’re misapplying their smarts-the vast majority of situations, problems and the like that most of us face in life, don’t require a 130-plus IQ; indeed, far from it. For most people, most of the time, simple commonsense will do.

But for the smarties of the world, they simply cannot bring themselves to grips with the fact that it ain’t that deep — very little of life is. Hence we see these folks do, think, say, really dumbass stuff. They should be FEELING their way through much of life, instead of trying to show everyone how big their brain stem is.

This creates real problems for Women like Deery and Jamila, all up and down the social foodchain, but especially when it comes to relationships. This is because Black Women are already up against it when it comes to their love lives as a group, and being what some would call an “uppity Sista” can only be a bane, not a boon, to their existence. Instead of merely relating to others on an emotional level, Sistas like Jamila and Deery instead attempt to find some overwrought, overarching paradigm that both demonstrates their smarts, and as well explains (read: justifies/rationalizes) their position. Instead of merely saying, in the case of Deery, “I don’t like Sowell because he’s a Black Conservative”, or in the case of Jamila, “I made some personal mistakes and now I’m gonna do better”, instead these gals have to go through all these mental contortions to explain, defend and justify, their FEELINGS.

This is why Deery can't discuss ANYTHING without a sliderule or a flowchart, and this is why Jamila can't discuss ANYTHING without copiously quoting from whatever flavor of the month author she's reading.

And to many Men, regardless of color, such a thing is really, truly, one. Big. Turn. Off.

Of course, such Women get very defensive when they read/hear such things, for reasons I've indicated elsewhere in the forum, but it doesn't change the facts on the ground. The vast majority of guys simply aren't interested in what your ACT score, or SAT score, or your GRE score, or your LSAT score was or is. Most guys walking around don't consider matriculating through a top tier uni that big a plus, or a dealbreaker if you didn't go. Most guys really ain't interested in debating a chick over something that is bleedingly obvious to like, Stevie Wonder. And most guys HATE having smoke blown up their ass, and when Smarty Women like Deery and Jamila do the kind of things I noted above, that's when a lot of guys vote with their feet.

So long as you're not breathing through your mouth and write and speak in complete sentences, for most guys, you're good to go. There, I said it.

Much has been said about this particular dispensation of time; whatever the reasons for Black Men not going on to higher ed, the fact is that they are now hardly alone-even ASIAN Males are beginning to fall off in comparison to their female counterparts. This spells some serious trouble for Women in general, and for Black Women in particular, because it can point to some real problems *culture wise*, and, as it always does whenever two people come together, the blame cannot be laid at the feet of just one party. Smarty Women have a lot to answer for, too, and here is why I say that the Deerys and Jamilas of the world are making it a heck of a lot harder for the Ys. That's because, unlike so many Women, who talk that Keith Sweat, "I'm gonna, I'm gonna" stuff, Men simply vote with their feet if and when they determine things have gone as far as they can, they run across a better option, or have simply had enough. They don't make a big brouhaha over it. The MSM won't devote hours and hours of primetime coverage to it. They. Simply. Do. It.

And because human beings being human beings, most guys, after having a taste of the Deerys and Jamilas, won't want to take a roll of the dice to find out if Y is or isn't the same.

See where I'm going with this?

A final point. If you're reading this and think, "Obsidian's just got issues with Black Women", I can save you the trouble. I had a Black mom. I have Black sisters by blood. The majority of the Women in my life romantically, were Black BY MY CHOICE, and the love of my life now, is Black — in fact, many of you who read this blog regularly know that I refer to her as such: Ms. Brown Sugah. I do not hate Black Women, far from it. I am proud of their achievements, and want them to succeed.

But that doesn't mean that I won't call certain groups among them on the carpet for their ridiculous dumbassery either when I deem it fit to do so. Just remember, that I'm stepping in the name of love.

Which is a heck of a lot more than can be said for Smarty, Uppity Sistas like Deery or Jamila when they talk about Brothas like me.

Now adjourn your asses…

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More Sarah Palin Feminist Blather

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The amount of noise coming from trad-feminists over Sarah Palin's claim that she is a feminist has increased considerably lately, and shows no signs of letting up. One would think there's a fox in the feminist henhouse from all the frenzied clucking emanating from their blogs.

I'm not sure what to make of it, and not sure I should care, but I suppose anything that gives them such a wedgie (I like that — feminism has become a "wedgie" issue) might at least be instructive as to their tactics and vulnerable spots.

Here's some of the latest hysteria concerning the socon-feminist invasion:

> As it is, these "conservative feminists" are erecting so many straw feminists to define themselves against, all of America should be protected from crows who are insecure about their masculinity for generations to come. To hear these women tell it, those of us who were using the word before it was cool (see Look 5) are not only anti-men, anti-motherhood, and obsessed with abortion, we are now also anti-woman. "In fact," writes Lori Ziganto at Hot Air, "they are diametrically opposed to feminism, by it's very definition, because their entire agenda is actually harmful to women." (Did you know there was one handy link to the entire feminist agenda? I did not!) "This is why I now call them Femogynists and I'm taking the term feminist back."

Here she slips into the familiar feminist obsession with jargon:

> So why is the idea of "Sarah Palin, feminist," any worse than the umpteen bona fide prominent feminists who have promoted racism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, ableism and the ongoing dominance of only a certain type of women's voices over the years? Arguably, it's not. Arguably, it's the logical endpoint of a movement long shaped by women who are but one –ism away from the top of the heap in the first place, and perhaps more interested in taking that one step up than in ending oppression all the way down. If the feminist movement primarily serves women who are already tantalizingly close to full kyriarchal approval, we probably shouldn't be surprised when a group of women who are even closer – basically just like the old feminists, except they don't expect the government to help anyone and aren't fussed about bodily autonomy! – decide they're yet more qualified to run it.

She throws down the gauntlet:

> The problem is, they support the kind of female candidates who make us old-fashioned feminists root for men.

It's always funny to see women at each other's throats. Now that so many women have power, we no longer have political mud slinging, but rather something even better: political mud *wrestling*.

I suppose this is one thing we men can now start to sit back and enjoy as the ship of state slowly slides under the waves. For all their "you go girl" solidarity and fist-pumping on Oprah, women's cooperation and claims of common interests is a big sham. When Mistuh Gubmint Sugahdaddy's cash runs out they'll all be at each other's throats, blaming one another with as much vigor as a cheating wife blames her husband.

Supreme Court Rules Against Child Abductor Mother

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In some good news, the US Supreme Court recently ruled against a woman who violated her parenting plan by removing her child from Chile and returning to the US despite signing an agreement with the child's father stipulating that he would be involved in decisions as to where the child lived. The father is British and the mother American, but they divorced in Chile.

Interestingly, the man did not have custody of the child, but the parenting plan was given enough weight by the judges to overturn an appeals court ruling that excused her abduction of the child. The key factor in the ruling was the Hague Convention on child abduction, a treaty aimed at preventing parents – primarily mothers – from crossing borders with children to sever their connections with the other parent.

According to Justice Kennedy:

> To interpret the Convention to permit an abducting parent to avoid a return remedy, even when the other parent holds a ne exeat right, would run counter to the Convention's purpose of deterring child abductions by parents who attempt to find a friendlier forum for deciding custodial disputes…

Dissenters included Justices John Paul Stevens, Clarence Thomas and Stephen Breyer.

I Like This Guy

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Chris Christie is scolded by a schoolmarm, and puts it right back to her.

And then, after a female public service employee chides him for cutting services, he responds:

“You know what? Unlike the United States of America, the state of New Jersey can’t print money.”

Golden.

What's Your Style? The Six Traits Of The Alpha Male

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I thought to take a respite from the more heavier sociopolitical themes we've been discussing here in the forum, and return to another theme of mine, which is Game and human sociosexual dynamics.

In his groundbreaking memoir The Game, Neil "Style" Strauss recounts his very first meeting with Mystery, who almost singlehandedly revamped the modern day pickup scene with his keen insights into the psychology of the human mating dance. Mystery tells his students that there are a number of traits that all Alpha Males possess:

1. Alpha Males smile.

2. Alpha Males are well-groomed.

3. Alpha Males are the social center of the room.

4. Alpha Males have a sense of humor.

5. Alpha Males connect well with other people.

6. Alpha Males are confident.

I've personally found that where a lot of guys trip themselves up is in trying to gun for the more complex or complicated stuff about Game, and completely lose sight of simple things like that which Mystery outlined above. Think about it: EVERY Alpha Male does, to lesser or greater degrees, what the list outlines above. Don't believe me? Then go test it out for yourself: spend the next few weekends just being out and about, in parties, social gatherings, clubs, bars. Heck, you can even do this by going to church. Anywhere where there are groups of Men and Women interacting with one another. And you'll see what Mystery said above to be in full operation.

Most guys think that by being/acting "hard" that will get them Women. WRONG, LOL. Looking mean will mean that you'll be by yourself.

A lot of guys think that by playing he background they'll look cooler and thereby get Women. Wrong-they'll just be holding the wall up, like the vast majority of Men do at social gatherings.

A lot of guys think having a sense of humor and busting it up w/lots of smiles makes one look foolish. Wrong-it's the exact opposite.

Lots of cats think a lot of stuff that's just so flat-out wrong till it's not even funny. Then they wonder why, though they'll *never* say it outloud as to why they don't get laid*.

All of the six items mentioned above are the basic, fundamental traits that all Alpha Males have. Again, don't take my word for it. Go and see for yourself.

Another major, major point Style made in his book in his first meeting with Mystery, was where Mystery laidout the importance of Peacock Theory. He said that most guys think that if they look "average" they'll be able to appeal to the widest possible number of Women-WRONG. You gotta specialize your look, if you want to succeed with Women.

Now, what I've found is that many guys get this all twisted-they think that, because Mystery wears outlandish hats and paints his nails black, that they have to do this, too. But that's simply not the case, and Mystery himself has said as much. What he's simply meaning is that if you're going to have a chance of attracting attention from a Woman you want, you have to standout in some way. You can't look like all the other cats-you have to do something that sets you apart somehow.

So, take a look at yourself-an honest look at yourself. In a full length mirror. Checkout your clothes, your hair style, etc. Now, go outside and take a look at all the guys around you. Take careful note of how they look. Do you blend

in with them, or do you stand out?

When I buy clothes, or do pretty much anything for that matter, I am always mindful of the fact that my style is distinctive-personal and unique only to me. Nor is it something I do “just because”-it all has a purpose, a meaning. My style is such that people know who it is simply on hearing about it alone-”that’s Obsidian”, or, “Obsidian would do that”, and so on.

So, what’s your style? What is it about you that’s distinctive, that sets you apart? Why do you wear the clothes you have on, what do they say? Same for your hair style, tats, piercings, jewelry, etc. How do they measure up against everyone else out there? Do they stand out-or do they blend in?

WHY should that Hot Mami stop to speak to YOU? Hmm? What makes you so different from all the other cats out there on the block?

Me? Well, I guess you could say that I’m something of a Dandy-and it flows with what I like to call my cultural cross-dressing tendencies and experiences, if you will. What I mean by that is, I dabble in styles spanning many genres and periods-a bit of Victorian here, some Goth there, a dash of Metro over here, some thug there…you get the idea. But all w/a Brotha’s spin on it, you see. Like that. In fact just over the weekend I was looking into those frock coats gents used to wear back in the day online. Didn’t really find what I wanted, so maybe I’ll checkout a few of the local spots, and if that don’t work, then I’ll just have the thing custom made.

Anyway, taking the time to find what style best works for you is very, very important. Do a bit of research. Allow you imagination to roam free. Experiment! You never know what works until you try.

In the comments below, let’s expand on all of this a bit, shall we?

Comment & reply, holla…

The Obsidian

Gynarchy International

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A reader sent me a link to the Gynarchy International website, which is a strange publication that advocates a female supremacist society ruled by Amazonian lesbians. I've seen the site before, and at first thought it must be a joke of some sort (read the FAQ), but the more I look into it, the more convinced I grow that these people are serious.

For the most part, the women involved appear to be dominatrixes of one kind or another, which means some of them are probably prostitutes. Lesbianism is quite common among prostitutes, so this isn't all that surprising, but what really gets me about the site is the men involved in the forum.

These guys are really, truly sick.

Here's an excerpt from a forum topic titled "Personal Bidet:"

> **Sissy:**
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> i truly hope your post did not offend any Superiors as my previous Mistress had not urinated in a toilette from the first day She claimed me as Her servant. While She has never forced me to serve as Her toilette when She has had to relieve her bowels (thankfully), it is still the duty of every male on this planet to obey every command from their Superiors. Now that my Mistress has moved back to Sweden, i find myself missing waking up with the hot, acrid and wonderful taste of my Mistress relieving Herself in my mouth every morning.
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> **wolhet:**
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> Personally, i love the taste and warmth of my Mistress's urine flowing into my mouth.
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> Funny how the taste varies; sometimes a bit salty, other times bitter, depending on her diet and other things. Any one else notice this?
>
> She likes to bottle her pee and store it for me to drink later, but when it's refrigerated it tastes enitery different.

One might be tempted to dismiss this as the ravings of deranged perverts, but the men on the site appear to have swallowed the ideology as willingly as the excretions of their masters:

> **Tbob:**
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> Caste is a interesting way of thinking about it!
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> I guess their's 3 seperate things that will have to constitute any real societal change:
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> 1. mindset of Womyn
> 2. mindset of males
> 3. society
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> Easiest of the above should be to convince Womyn they are superior, hardest will be to convince all males. Society itself would probably be changed along the way to adapting needs and beliefs. I think it's obvious societies any larger then a small town will not be able to enforce a caste system onto males – so we have to either convince all male's or convince enough male's to defend the majority vote in a democracy.
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> [...]
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> So how to convince, really important to outline why the gender relationship is not 50-50, and that Womyn are the primary organism, most capable and complete. The male is a rough, low featured 'worker' version. This imbalance needs to be accepted, recognised and that it makes the Womyn more capable, especially with

> intellectual and spiritual intelligence – not necassarily more logical, or computationally intelligent, as this is a function also within the ability of the male so it can achieve complex 'work'. I think that is more than just a different societal caste, but actually a different creature. It does redefine a few text book's but all are made up of varying amounts of facts surrounded by supporting assumptions.
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> Another of the reason's why the Gynarchy appeal's to me is that increasingly future societies should allow greater level's and ranges of individual sensation together with broader community wealth and security. That really increases the requirement of societies to be able to understand and manage personal welfare more and more in the context of an evolving technobiological society. Skill's like empathy are much more natural for a Womyn to employ.
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> I guess we are all here on these forum's to think about it and hopefully try and make progress towards what we feel is a hidden truth that the world is needing to recognise now. I feel a bit stupid not realising about Female Supremacy earlier, but I find it so liberating embracing something that feels so true.

Additionally, they are interested in implementing new castration techniques so as to achieve their goals:

> **Ian:**
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> Hi Ms Aline et al,
> I happened to see the question and answer below at a Yahoo Group.
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> A Female member asked whether male castration by injection was possible. The answer given was, " The drug, Neutersol, has now been approved for use in pets in the U.S. It works by injecting a dose into each testicle. I have no idea how much a human dose would be. Right now they're only talking about using it on puppies. "
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> I think it may be worth the Lesbian Sorority asking American members to find out more about this, but that is just my opinion. Hopefully all the Gynarchy membership can consider the ethics and implications of utilizing such a new and potentially useful though untested development.
> Ian.

Although these fellows probably represent the extreme, I think they are actually a good caricature of the prevailing mentality of a number of men, including so-called conservatives.

As disgusting as what they are writing is, their opinions are valuable in that they give us a very clear view of the goals of female supremacism, which, as it turns out, involve drinking urine and castration.

The Crowning of Rima Fakih: Supplication or Provocation?

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There is no denying that the Miss USA contest is a heavily politicized event. The selection of women of a certain type is intended to send a message about what politically correct America feels is the right and proper representative of American women at the time. Race has been a major consideration since at least the 1980s, and more weight is given to what women represent politically than how they look in their various outfits.

Therefore, it isn't all that much of a surprise that an Arab woman won the event this year. This year's winner, Rima Fakih, is obviously an attractive woman — not strikingly so in comparison to the others, but she also happens to be an Arab "Muslim." Additionally, as it turns out, she's an exhibitionist skank.

It's odd in the first place to elect a Muslim woman who defies her faith's conventions to flaunt her nearly naked body on the world stage, but to select one who is clearly a little hussy seems a bit overboard.

Recently, there was a small uproar in Uppsala Sweden over film depictions of Muhammed as a gay socialite. A number of Muslims attended the screening and made a ruckus over the film, which was created by one Lars Vilks, and made some noise about it. Swedish police were on hand to quell the dispute and keep the Muslims under control, but the producer has chickened out and gone into hiding over it. Seems like little more than a publicity stunt to me. If one really has a firm belief about something, one should be prepared to accept the consequences and literally *fight* for it, so I have little respect for Mr. Vilks, who is hiding behind security. In any event, I don't think any of these "artists" are doing anything but self-promotion, so it doesn't surprise me when they scurry off and hide under the tresses of the nanny-state.

Of course, there are those, such as Theo Van Gogh, who paid the ultimate price for their principles, and that's worth a thing or two. However, I have yet to see one of these guys actually fighting back, which is what you do when you actually believe in something. So, I've got to wonder whether they believe in anything at all, or if they are simply making some effort to attract attention to themselves.

In the Miss USA contest, however, there seems to be a more subtle form of provocation going on. It is a decision by a panel of judges, so the woman is chosen by a sort of "consensus," which, in this year's case, is supposed to suggest that America in general wants to project itself as exemplified by a slutty Muslim apostate.

Who were these judges? Well, they were mostly females and gay men – including ice-dancing queen Johnny Weir – which is kind of odd for a competition that is supposed to decide upon who is America's most desirable woman. Can one imagine America's women taking it seriously if they were told by men and lesbians who they should find attractive? The notion is laughable. But apparently it is considered perfectly reasonable for women and homosexual men to decide which women are most alluring.

So who do they come up with but an Arab stripper…

Lest any women accuse men of only wanting lousy, low-quality women, let it stand on the record that half of the Miss USA judges for Miss USA 2010 were women, at least one was a gay man, and still they chose a skanky, pole-dancing, skinny little tramp who sticks a thumb in the eye of her (impressively ethnic!) heritage and religion.

American men hardly could have done worse. In fact, although some American men may hate and despise Islam, I doubt any but the worst of them would go so far as to make that kind of provocation.

Perhaps American men wouldn't take it that far because we know we're the ones asked to fight the Muslims these people are provoking. How many of the dead American boys in Iraq or Afghanistan would, had they survived, ever have had the chance to even judge a high school beauty pageant these days, much less a Miss USA contest? If they had, would they have deliberately chosen Ms. Fakih? Somehow, I doubt it.

Why We Write

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Since I've been thinking about my "mission statement", and since I just had to course-correct Deery on the post and thread of the same name, I figured this would be a good time to let er rip.

Many years ago, when I was first starting out my tenure of teaching at Temple U, I got into the poetry reading scene-alright, I ain't gonna front, it was a good way to meet chicks, LOL. But, as so often happens, I learned a lot about life, others, and most of all myself.

For those who may not be aware, there has been for some years a burgeoning poetry reading scene in certain pockets of Black America-poets of all manner of interest and ability will gather and read their stuff. Much of it is good, some of it whacked, all of it interesting, in that they give a kind of window onto the world of others, how they think, and why they feel the way they do.

One of the themes I saw very early on in m poetry going, was that of a steady stream of Sistas who would, in prose, discuss their love lives in general and Black Men in particular; this was something that invariably placed all the blame for whatever trouble they had in their lives squarely at the feet of the Brothas. And, because Men or all shades and colors, all walks of life, have been taught (read: browbeat) into being deferential to Women regardless as to how ridiculous some of them are and/or sound, very rarely did the Brothas react negatively or respond in kind; when time came for Brothas to get on the mic, they waxed slam-poetic about the police, racism, or some other amorphous entity wreaking havoc in their lives.

As always, Women got a pass.

Among other things, this raised my Archer's hackles, and offended my Libran sensibilities-after all, I was always taught it takes two to tango, and why weren't Brothas speaking up for the other side of the story? In fact, I said to myself then, now that I think about it, how come we have so few Black Male writers (blogs hadn't arrived on the scene just yet) of any particular stripe? Sure, we all can rattle a few names here and there, but for the most part, Black Lit is done by the Sistahood.

I was livid.

I stormed into my Dept Head's office one day, and vented my spleen. He listened intently for about 10 minutes, and then he said one word:

"Write!"

His move knocked me off my square. "Write?", I asked. What do you mean?

What he told me would stick with me all my days.

"One of the biggest problems Black Men have is they don't write. They don't convey to others their views or feelings or impressions of the world around them, and its a shame because the world needs to listen to what you have to say, and you have A LOT to say. Don't blame the Sistas because they got it going on-blame yourselves because for whatever reason, you don't write. If you want to change things, you can start, by sitting down at your desk and writing."

I bought a computer that day, and did just that.

In fact, I decided to "respond" to what I'd heard at so many poetry slams/readings around the city, even though I had no background in poetry whatsoever. I simply copied the style and cadence of the poets I heard-especially the female ones-and wrote about what we in the Game community calls the "LJBF" thing. I talked about the blatant hypocrisy so many Sistas engage in, how they lust after the bad boys then wanna cry victim when they get burnt. I talk about how they claim to want good guys but turn their nose up at them. I talked about all the pretty lies and

blatant contradictions so many Sistas seem to revel in, daily, yet expect guys to adhere to some outmoded and anachronistic standard. I talked about the defile he very word “friend” when they utter it to a Man, because as Men, we take such a word very, very seriously, when so many Women do not.

I decided to do my thing acapella, if you will; just the sound of my voice.

The place roared. Brothas were on their feet. Of course, Sistas felt some kind of way.

But so be it. The truth can often be like that.

My Dept Head at Temple U had armed me with something more powerful than a Bomb-for that night, I truly learned, that the pen, is mightier, than the sword.

Much to the chagrin of many, Hip Hop-a creation of and by Black Men-is now a worldwide phenomenon. People the world over, want to hear what Black Men have to say. This is not lost on me, even now, and especially since the beginning of my own blogging effort.

This blog is one Black Man’s take on the world around him. It is from a perspective that not even some other fellow Black Americans may not be used to or even like. So be it. It is important that the record show, that there were quite a few Brothas who willing to stand up, be counted, and most importantly, to be heard.

What I find so very interesting, is in how when Women blog, or write books, or read poetry, they aren’t assailed with demands to give stats or other forms of “proof”; it is simply and merely understood that they’re giving their take on things, on life. Yet, whenever Black Men speak, be it via a blog or a mixtape, all manner of feathers are ruffled.

Don’t tell me Brothas don’t have power.

One other thing I’ve learned all these years: I don’t know about the notion that Women are such better listeners than are Men. My personal experience, including that of today, doesn’t bear this out much at all. In fact, I would argue that Women can be horrible listeners, because when they hear something they don’t like, they go bananas. This explains why so many Black Women lose it about certain forms of Hip Hop, never once asking why the rappers say it in the first place, and God forbid if they ever ask if what they’re saying has an iota of truth to it. Oh, no.

For those who want to better understand where Black Men are coming from, why they think, feel and act as we do, what we feel and think about the great issues of the day, and to just hear a different take on things, this is the place to be, and you’re most welcome. And for those who are a bit uncomfortable with what I have to say, I can only offer you the way out the door, for I will not change. Not. One. Bit.

The world needs to hear more from Brothas. The Obsidian will do his part.

That is, after all, why I write.

Now adjourn your asses…

The Obsidian

Sacrifice

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A day to honor those men who gave their lives for others.

America's War Dead Spit Upon

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[Today's guest post submitted by Dirk Johansen of The Balls Monologues]

Many of America's soldiers were spit upon when they returned from Vietnam. Those guys who were American soldiers but did not live until the end of their service were spit upon coast-to-coast today.

Memorial Day commemorates U.S. soldiers who died in military service. It doesn't honor all military veterans – we have another holiday for that, in November.

Nonetheless, MSN.com's lead story was "Women in Uniform," described by MSN as "In honor of Memorial Day, meet some of the many women who have dedicated themselves to America's defense, from 1778 until today."

The St. Petersburg Times chimed in with its main front-page story taking up most of the page, written by a woman, "Honors at last for WWII's women with wings," and while some women did die flying those planes, none did so in combat since they women didn't fly in combat – though, of course, thousands of guys have

As if that were not enough, the Times ran another story entitled, "Remembering Tampa Bay area Servicemen and Women," memorializing those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. While plenty of women around Tampa Bay have pocketed some nice coin prancing around stages naked while those conflicts have been raging, not a single broad from Tampa Bay has died in either.

A West Coast feminist Facebook Friend of mine wrote that what she was thinking about today were the rapes of female soldiers in our military, and PTSD. Of course, the rates of female soldiers suffering PTSD are staggeringly high relative to guys. I wrote back to remind her that today was to memorialize those who died in service, and that the gender disparity was staggeringly disproportionate, and suggested that a ban on straight guys in the military would resolve both the gender death-disparity issue and the problems she was raising. She promptly unFriended me.

From Sea to Shining Sea, women are hijacking Memorial Day as yet another celebration of what in fact are the miniscule contributions of women to our country. To those that many that are doing so, I spit on them.

By the way, the beach was great today. Lots of hot asses and freakish tattoos! Here's a picture from today, of The Dominatrix in a thong!

That's my foot in the foreground, blocking a side view of her voluptuous right breast.

The Fountain of Youth

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According to legend Ponce de Leon searched in vain all over Florida and the southern states for the fabled fountain of youth, but his explorations were in vain when this magical water was never found. Little did Ponce de Leon know that the *real* fountain of youth had been with him all of the time, that he knew it intimately it could be said, for this secret was in his pants. The anti-aging properties attributed to this mythical fountain has been found by the modern woman in the form of foreskin fibroblast cultivated from the medical waste leftover after circumcision procedures on baby boys. So popular are such products they have been highly recommend by the Queen of Gab herself, Oprah Winfrey.

Every year millions of newborn baby boys in the United States undergo a circumcision procedure to remove skin and nerve endings from their penis. This procedure is known to cause a loss of sensation and skin mobility and may possibly lead to sexual performance problems later in life. The tissue removed from this procedure is then sold for profit to cosmetic companies and medical research labs where the tissue is utilized in the development of new technology and products. In other words, young boys, barely part of this world, are welcomed to the human family through this cruel rite for the benefit of aging women who will pay top dollar to stay forever young. It's revulsion and misandry packaged in a bottle, put on the shelf, and sold for top dollar!

If these products utilized tissue from the circumcision or excision of baby girls, would they still be popular? Would they even be allowed to be sold? I think not and for this reason my disgust is especially great.

Took a Break

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I had my kids over the extended weekend, starting on Friday, and at three and five years old they are quite a handful for me alone. Add to that the fact that babymomma didn't show up to pick them up yesterday, and I've been a bit snowed under.

However, after today things should get back to normal, and the content will once again be flowing.

Whatever the case, despite the driving rain and sub-arctic temperatures in Seattle over most of the weekend (highs in the low 50s), we had a nice time together, and the kids have seemed perfectly happy to spend all this time with daddy. I've been pretty happy, too, but I wouldn't recommend going the single parent route if you can avoid it — it is hard work!

Historical Fact: NOW Supported Child Murderer Andrea Yates

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Because a feminist commenter has called me a liar for saying that feminists support the right of women to kill family members without consequences, I'd like to highlight the efforts of the National Organization for Women to overturn Andrea Yates' conviction for murdering her five children.

Here's an excerpt:

> The Houston Area National Organization for Women is rallying support for Andrea Pia Yates, the Clear Lake mother who has admitted to drowning her five children.
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> In addition to forming the Andrea Pia Yates Support Coalition, the local chapter of NOW plans to help raise money for Yates' defense fund, the organization's state president said Thursday.
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> [...]
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> Shortly after Andrea Yates was arrested, NOW adopted a resolution regarding postpartum depression during a national conference, Bell said. The resolution urges the judiciary to "consider tragedies of this sort in the full context of the nature of postpartum depression," and calls for more research into the illness.

So there you have it. Child murder totally excusable according to NOW. Call it "postpartum depression" or use whatever excuse you want: the fact remains that the feminists do not want to see a woman punished for murdering her children, and are willing to pay money to have her conviction overturned

Does anyone think a man should be excused for murdering his family because something was bothering him such as, say, his wife whoring around town?

How about it, feminists?

Mother Slits Daughters' Throats in Divorce Revenge

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One of the girls survived, and the other died. The girls were 12 and 13 years old, and the mother said she felt that because she was upset about the divorce, she would "take away all of that pain." She also said she'd kill her husband in his sleep.

Family annihilation by mothers is a growing trend, encouraged by feminists, who suggest that women are entitled to exterminate their children and other family members for any reason, at any age.

Parallels with Soviet Society?

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I recently came across a short paper titled *Women and the Soviet Military*, which was written in 1982, and it gives us a picture of the results of an enforced gender equalist society. Although there are some important differences, especially in regards to the officer corps, women's participation in the Soviet military was quite significant, starting in World War II, when they comprised some 8% of mobilized forces:

> The common historical perception of the woman in the Soviet Army is that of a heroic, highly motivated, well-disciplined, tenacious soldier fighting in defense of the Motherland. Growing out of the Soviet experience of World War II, in which more than 8 percent of the Soviet Union's mobilized troops were women,2 the image may reflect more the propaganda efforts of the Soviets than reality.3 Nevertheless, the Soviet Union is one of the first contemporary societies to employ women extensively in its armed forces. Women served as "women soldiers" in World War I,4 fought in the Revolution, and even provided combat units during World War II, when three women's air regiments flew combat aircraft and 23 of their fliers were named Heroes of the Soviet Union.5
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> Women also served with ground combat units as snipers, machine gunners, and tank crew members.6 While 40 percent of the medical officers at the front were women, the greatest percentage of women served in rear areas to release men for combat duty.

As time went on, however, female participation dropped significantly:

> The greatest value of women to the Soviet military, however, seems to be their potential for large-scale wartime mobilization. Indeed, the Universal Military Duty Law of 1967 specifies the drafting of women in wartime, and the Soviets have established several programs and procedures to prepare women for mobilization. These include mandatory participation in military-oriented youth programs, draft-board registration of women with special skills, participation of discharged servicewomen in reserve status until age 40, and reservist status for all women who complete mandatory reserve officer training at university level.14 In summary, the present utilization of women in the active Soviet military, beyond their potential as a large reservoir of manpower in time of war, is restricted to carefully and deliberately controlled positions.

The results of the equalist policies in Soviet – particularly Soviet Russian – society eventually started to take a toll on the family:

> However, the ideologically inspired and pragmatically applied concept of women's equality in the work force has not been without costs. As a result of a contradiction in Soviet policy that urges women to be both productive workers and housewives, a "double burden" has been created by emancipation — raising children and managing a household on one hand and holding full-time, often technical jobs in industry on the other.
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> This double burden has been largely responsible for a significant trend that is causing alarm to Soviet sociologists and demographers: the decision of the overburdened working mother, particularly in urban, ethnic Russian families, to limit family size to one or at most two children. As a result, ethnic white Russian birthrates are declining, while the Asiatic Russian minority birthrates are rising. Their concern is not ill-founded. Statistics indicate that between 1959 and 1970, the percentage of ethnic Russians in the U.S.S.R. dropped from 55 to 53 percent of the total population.

It's clear that there are a lot of differences between contemporary American society and late Soviet, but some of the same factors are obviously at work. In the drive to achieve gender equality as dictated by Marxist-Leninist doctrine,

extra burdens were placed on the family, and eventually these began to take a demographic toll. Women found themselves increasingly responsible for both work AND family, and men eventually drifted off into irrelevance, drinking and whoring their time away rather than being productive citizens. This goes a good way toward explaining the collapse of the Soviet Union and the subsequent mess Russia is still dealing with.

From observing the trajectory of the Soviet Union, one might come to the conclusion that the United States is facing a similar collapse in a relatively short time that will result in significant economic and political decline.

As Feminism Takes Over US Universities, Decline Sets In

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Professor Ross Forman, who earned his doctorate in comparative literature at Stanford, had a tough time finding work in American universities, but found an inviting atmosphere in Asia, where his education and skills were valued despite his being male. More and more American academics – most of them male – have been traveling far afield to find work in the better environment provided outside of the United States, where higher education has increasingly come to resemble a ladies' book club.

In addition to the ideologically-rooted hostility against men standard in American universities, skyrocketing tuition costs and bloated budgets for the benefit of such departments as women's studies have taken their toll.

Although foreign students continue to flock to American universities, the best and brightest in countries such as China and India are increasingly likely to stay home and attend elite, domestic universities. Fortunately for them, professors such as Ross Forman are stepping in to fill in to provide them with the best America has to offer, allowing them all of the benefits of American expertise without the drawbacks and mediocrity that have come to characterize American higher education.

Men at Work

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Several of my esteemed readers have been, online and off, sent me a spate of articles and have been asking me about all the scuttlebutt surrounding the arrival of the New Grrl Order-the fact that we have now crossed the labor market rubicon, where Women now makeup a simple majority of the American workforce. After giving a bit of thought to this, I've decided to respond in this way.

First off, we have to keep in mind that the Chattering Classes are wholly divorced from the rest of the country, no matter how hard they may try to act differently. Simply put, they live and die, in a completely different world than the rest of us plebes. Most of these folks live in the richest areas of the country, and their salaries are counted in the millions of dollars a year if not more. It is very difficult to live that kind of life and have any real understanding of what day to day living is like for the rest of us.

So, the notion that the Mancession has hit mostly married, more well to do couples, is at best a polite contrivance. To be sure, it can happen there, but we all know, as the recent announcement of the Gores going splitsville demonstrates, that fewer Americans are getting married to begin with, and sticking it out when they do. So in a very real sense, such points as raised by the MSM is, at best, moot. If not an out and out diversion.

Where the rubber really hits the road for me, is what I like to call the Acid Test of Equality-for more than three decades, we all have been told that Women have been working against a stacked deck, and in many ways, they were right. But that was then, and this is now. Not only are Women more employed in the workforce, but they often outearn many Men and have more formal educations, to boot. Whatever the gripes of the past may have been, and again, I fully and freely admit they may have been legit, Women can't say that such things obtain any longer, not with the wholesale carnage the Mancession has left in its wake.

So, for me, this period of time will be a perfect one in which Women will demonstrate what they will do when in the Big Chair at last. I for one, can't wait to see what will happen.

Will Women be willing to support Men who no longer work at all? For decades in this country, and centuries worldwide, Men did this for Women. Yes, you may say, but Women bore the babies and took care of home and hearth. Fair enough, but it's been proven that guys can care for babies just as well as Women can, and who said that busting suds or making your bed was a "Woman's thing"? Rubbish.

We know, for a fact, that Men, for all their faults and foibles, did the toughest, dirtiest and most dangerous jobs, often without fanfare or complaint. And they did it to support their families, where, more often than not, their wife wasn't working outside the home. Millions of Men would return home on a Friday and hand over the check to the wife. It remains to be seen if Women will return the favor now that they're the breadwinners.

We also know, that it was very common for Men to literally fall down dead at work. Its been said that more people (read: Men) have heart attacks on the morning drive/commute to work on Mondays than any other week, and I've personally seen that theory borne out in real life-one of my uncles died while having a massive heart attack drving to work one Monday morning; by the time his car crashed into a tree, he was already as dead as a door nail. And one of my best friends of nearly three decades' father died on the way in to work on a Monday morning. In his case, he made it to the job-then collapsed on the shop floor, DOA.

In my own life, a week before I started on my job, a Man died, in the same spot I would be working. Several more have died since my tenure began. Quite a few others would receive career ending injuries. And as we all saw back in April of this year, not a Woman was to be found among those lost in the Upper Big Branch mine or British Petroleum oil rig disasters; the dead were all, to a Man, Men.

So, it remains to be seen if and what kind of stresses White Collar, largely services-oriented workers experience. Something tells me that it won't quite parallel what I've noted above.

Personally, I think this is an excellent time for Men. Why? Because for the first time in a long time, if not ever, we don't have to do what our dads and grand dads did. Make no mistake, they often did jobs they hate, and there wasn't a Chattering Class or Oprah with which they could cry into their beer to. Many Men, stoic as all get out, simply did the damned thing, day in, and day out, handing over the paycheck/wallet to the Missus every Friday like clockwork. Like Tiger said, that's one heck of a transfer payment when you think about it.

But anyway, yea, we guys now have options-real options. We can go back to school-or drop out from a life chained to a desk. We can travel, if even only within the country itself, and see new things. We can remake ourselves anew, try new things, meet new people. And most of all, we can define ourselves away from what society says we should be, which is what we do and have much we make doing it. In this respect, the Mancession was a blessing in disguise.

It's also a blessing in disguise because, when it comes to the ladies, we now know what they truly are all about. Let's face it, money has always been the buffer that kept the wolves of a relationship at bay. With that no longer a factor in the mix, we now get to see what Women, as a group now, are truly made of. What do they really value in a Man? It was one thing to talk a mean game of Keith Sweat stuff back when they didn't have any pull, but that day has long past and they are now in the driver's seat. So I say it's a good thing that you may not have as much moolah as you once did, fellas. Now you get to see what the Women in your life are truly made of.

Somehow, because I have a bit of understanding about human nature that includes Women, I have a hard time believing and seeing Women simply taking on the roles that Men once did, even as it is highly unlikely that so many of them would meet the same fates. Its hard to see Women openly and without complaint, paying for dates outright; or paying the rent/mortage outright; or, gasp!-handing over her paycheck to her significant other to handle the household expenses. To be sure, there are individual cases of Women who don't play to this kind of type; I consider myself blessed to be a Man who has known of this kind of Woman firsthand. But the exceptions don't kill the rule, they only strengthen it.

Of course, I could be totally wrong.

The Ladies will decide…

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Update on Lorenzana “Fired for Being Sexy” Case

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In light of the recent post on Gynarchy International, which is filled with feminist fetishist men, I found it interesting that Jack Tuckner, the attorney representing Ms. Lorenzana in her discrimination suit against Citibank, allegedly has exactly these sorts of submission fantasies.

One of Mr. Tuckner’s former employees has sued him for sexual harassment, alleging:

- Jack Tuckner watched porn at his desk
- Jack Tuckner discussed his “pierced genitalia”
- Jack Tuckner wore a “bondage [slave] collar” at work
- Jack Tuckner had a sadomasochistic relationship with Mia Metzger
- Mia Metzger was Jack Tuckner’s designated slave master
- Jack Tuckner consistently demeaned all of the women who worked for him

Evidently, Tuckner also has Nazi submission fantasies:

> According to Ms. Brockington’s lawsuit, she said Jack Tuckner told her he was a piercing enthusiast who was “extremely into spanking” [Cool!] and kept a screen saver on his computer that shows him kneeling at the feet of his girlfriend, who was dressed in a black dominatrix outfit. She also said that Jack Tuckner called her “Aryan babe” and the ultimate shiksa…

There was some discussion in the comments on the Gynarchy International post concerning the mentality of men who fetishize female dominance, and some suggestion that when these guys are in positions of power, it could be bad news. Well, it appears that Mr. Tuckner may be just one of these men, and feminism has given him the opportunity to act out his fantasies of being a woman’s “slave” by using the law to rob other men blind.

More in Brockington’s complaint:

> After Jack Tuckner told Ms. Brockington about Mia “The Dominatrix” Metzger, she searched her name on Google and found a Web-site ad in which Mia wrote: “I am a Dominant Woman with a long-term male slave [Jackie]. I seek to add a female service oriented slave to our family,” and also a “man who is interested in partnering with me in a cuckold [married man whose wife has sex with other men] relationship.” Wheweee!
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> Mia Metzger is presently employed as a “client liaison” at Jack Tuckner’s law firm.
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> Jack Tuckner touts Mia’s abilities on the firm’s website as: “Mia brings her expertise in Wholistic medicine to TSWS (Tuckner, Sipser, Weinstock & Sipser). As a nursing professional, her skills [spanking and bondage] translate seamlessly into an ability to assist potential clients towards healing the wounds created as a result of aggressive spankings, I’m sorry I mean discriminatory experiences. Her close association with Jack Tuckner [paddle to butt] and their similar views in which all inhabitants are given equal and fair spankings; I mean treatment creates a cohesive communication which ultimately serves clients.

Isn’t it revealing to see what kind of men are attracted to feminism?

Woman Fired for Wearing “Distracting” Outfits; Sues, Naturally

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Debrahlee Lorenzana, a 33-year-old single mother, was fired from Citibank after refusing to follow dress guidelines that restricted her from wearing clothing designed to show off her breasts and buttocks. Ms. Lorenzana, who is Puerto Rican, said: “I was raised very Latin. We’re feminine.”

And, in Latin countries, men aren’t fired or sued for making remarks about a woman’s figure…

Jack Tuckner, Ms. Lorenzana’s attorney, brings an element of shame to the dispute, suggesting that there must be something wrong with men when they notice a woman flaunting her sexuality:

> It’s like saying that we can’t think anymore because our penises are standing up – and we cannot think about you except in a sexual manner – and we can’t look at you without wanting to have sexual intercourse with you.

Mr. Tuckner’s personal reaction to Ms. Lorenzana’s provocative dress is unknown, but he staged a photo shoot – in which he personally acted as the cameraman – for “evidence” in the lawsuit.

Sex and the City 2 Opens Vein of Critical Gold

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I don't often read movie reviews, and when I do it's usually simply to ascertain whether or not the movie in question might have something interesting about it. Ever since *Boys Don't Cry,* one of the most androphobic, man-hating movies ever produced, was almost universally hailed as a great work of art by critics, I've been pretty skeptical of their opinions.

In addition to my skepticism, I haven't found movie reviews very entertaining in and of themselves, and generally simply used them for whatever factual information I could gather. However, *Sex and the City 2* seems to have brought out the best in movie critics, who have panned the film with superlative gusto.

Manohla Dargis, writing for the NY Times, seems a bit taken aback by the critical drubbing the film received, but even amidst some protestation concerning implied sexism, ends up echoing much of it herself:

> Fast forward to "Sex and the City 2," the sequel to the hit 2008 movie, written and directed by Michael Patrick King, that has generated some of the most hostile and outraged reviews in recent memory. "The horror, the horror," wrote one critic. "Nothing says putrefying, rotten and vile quite like this sequel," wrote another.
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> The gravest of these sins in my unscientific survey are behavioral: the women act like ugly Americans and debase every aspect of Muslim culture they come in contact with. Also: they're women. And middle aged. Girlish. Have had bad work done. Or maybe not enough. "A cross," David Edelstein wrote in New York magazine "between (late) Mae West and (dead) Bea Arthur." "Like a plastic surgeon," Tom Maurstad wrote in The Dallas Morning News, "storyteller King keeps trying to find new ways to lift and tighten his characters, but they have become garish caricatures of themselves." "What's not to loathe?" Richard Roeper asked. Apparently nothing. At rottentomatoes.com, which compiles reviews, the first "Sex and the City" movie earned a 53 percent approval rating from top critics, while the sequel received — eek — just 9 percent.
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> The new film's sex-capades turn on Carrie's restlessness in her new marriage to Big (Chris Noth), an agitation she quiets during a junket to Abu Dhabi with "the girls": Samantha (Kim Cattrall), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) and Charlotte (Kristin Davis). After flying first-class-ultra in separate compartments, they are picked up at the airport in their own white Maybach sedans (which start at $417,000, in case you were wondering) and whisked to a hotel that's a stand-in for the Emirates Palace, an haute-decadent Abu Dhabi hotel with amenities like a gold-dispensing ATM ("gold to go").

Manohla writes a good – and amusing – review, which is definitely worth reading in its entirety, but she can't hide the fact that her male colleagues may have ever-so-slightly hurt her feelings by bashing the cougar quartet:

> The scene of Samantha in the souk has been branded insulting to Muslims. Certainly it's insulting to comedy lovers and to the character, a shrewd number sold out by her director for an unfunny gag about the unruly female body. This and other scenes of the women with Muslims are often awkward, though that's partly a function of Mr. King's direction. Yet there's also something touching about a few of these encounters, as when the women wonder how you eat fries when you're wearing a veil, a question that strikes me as an uncharacteristically honest admission of difference in a mainstream American movie. Too bad the women weren't guys and went to Las Vegas, where they could have indulged in the kind of critically sanctioned masculine political incorrectness that made "The Hangover" such a darling.

Fortunately, Thomas Leupp gives no quarter in his assessment of the film, which he refers to as "the new torture

porn“:

> Whereas the close of 2008’s Sex and the City found heroines Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Charlotte (Kristen Davis), and Samantha (Kim Cattrall) more or less getting everything they’ve ever wanted, the sequel finds them faced with the inconveniences that come along with having everything they’ve ever wanted.
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> Wilting under such stifling affluence, the four gal pals opt to flee on a whirlwind trip to the Abu Dhabi to recharge their collective engines — but not before a nearly hour-long first act involving a gay wedding, which allows writer/director/producer Michael Patrick King to get his fill of gay jokes and throw in a superfluous performance of Liza Minnelli singing Beyonce’s All the Single Ladies. And it’s just as disturbing as you’d expect.
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> Sex and the City 2 won’t win any awards (save for a few Razzies), but it could become an effective inspirational video for suicide bombers — provided they can endure the film’s two-and-a-half hour running time, of course.

Be sure to read both reviews — they are classics of critique.

The Chemical Sterilization of the Western Man

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In our sick, toxic world, men have come under attack through many avenues. A hateful ideology began the attack and legal repressions have followed. Our culture kicked out the father from his rightful place as the respected leader of his family and replaced him with the deadbeat dad, ordered to pay child support by a misandrist justice system all while denied access to his kids. The sugar, spice, and everything nice sex has been encouraged to embrace the dark queen and let her do unchecked, poisoning the well of gender relations and destroying meaningful relationships for several generations of men and women now. Such attacks are well-known by those of us familiar with the gender war, but there has been another grenade of toxicity thrown onto the battlefield, one that is seldom spoken of: the chemical sterilization of the western male.

The class of chemicals known as phthalates and Bisphenol A are used as additives in many plastic items on the market today. Baby bottles, childrens toys, food storage containers, shower curtains, personal care items, and water bottles are among the thousands of consumer products that contain some for of these chemicals. These chemicals have wreaked havoc with the human body and are believed to be endocrine disruptors in both men and women. While these chemicals cause harm to both sexes, the damage done to the male body is particularly disturbing and worrisome. Testicular atrophy and decreased sperm counts have been attributed to phthalates and Bisphenol A. Reproductive malformation in male babies has been shown to begin in the womb and an increased rate of testicular cancer may be caused by this class of chemicals. Testosterone levels are also on the decline thanks to these toxins. These are clearly some very serious issues and ones we all need to consider for the health of ourselves and those we care about.

Whether the ill effects of these chemicals was unintentional or not is debatable, but what isn't is the damage these chemicals have caused. In the last fifty years, we've seen men destroyed from all angles and unfortunately our environment itself has quickly become anti-male with technology gone awry.

Thankfully in this case there are a few ways for men to protect themselves and their sons:

*Avoid purchasing plastic items unless they are free of these chemicals as many consumer products are quickly becoming. This is especially important when it comes to items that young boys might play with and/or put into their mouths. Toys, baby bottles, disposable diapers, teething rings, and the like all need to be considered carefully. Alternatives are available and I'd be happy to pass along information for anybody interested in items for babies and small children that are not only toxic plastic free but "unleaded" as well.

*Look for alternative ways to store leftover food. Canning jars are a good alternative as they are sturdy, inexpensive, and can be used in a variety of situations including freezing. Glass food containers are available for purchase. A variety of metal water bottles now abound.

*Switch out your shower curtain or curtain liner for a new PVC-free variety available at nearly every big box store now. These curtains are only a dollar or two more expensive than their toxic counterparts.

*Know what to look for on plastic products. Items with the recycling codes 3,6, and 7 typically contain phthalates or Bisphenol A. Forgo purchasing such items whenever possible.

*Use low or no-VOC paint when painting the interior of your home, especially rooms that will be used by little boys.

*When shopping for home improvement supplies, personal care products and bug sprays, avoid products containing the chemical ingredients found in this article to avoid harmful additives as much as you can.

Understanding the System of Corporatocracy in the USA Inc.

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I pledge allegiance, to the Logo, of the United Corporate States, formerly known as America; and to the Corporations, for which it stands: one market, under law, divisible into niche segments, with rampant consumerism, debt slavery and serfdom for all.

Whenever there is some kind of economic trouble, you will always find some left wing, socialist Democrat blogger, pundit, journalist, talking head on TV, or a columnist in the print media declare that the problem is "greedy capitalism" and the "lack of regulation" (or "de-regulation") as the root of the problem.

Since most of the mainstream mass media propaganda corporations are largely composed of left wing socialist Democrat useful idiots, they dutifully espouse this party line at every opportunity. Unpopular TARP bailouts for banks "too big to fail?"

GREEDY CAPITALISTS!

The advent of our current Great Depression 2.0 because of the housing bubble being inflated by the Federal Reserve, causing significant mal-investments in nearly every sector of the economy?

WALL STREET BROKE OUR ECONOMY!

The anti-captalist/pro-socialist/pro-communitarians that spout this garbage really are useful idiots for the government-corporation complex. By screaming for MORE Government regulation, they are basically throwing the protesting brer rabbit into the briar patch.

The truth of the matter is that the USA has not been a free market, capitalist country for quite some time. We are a corporatacracy – in which corporations lobby the Government at every level to gain some sort of cartel advantage…by having the Government officials "regulate" the industry…effectively stifling or eliminating the competition (usually a small business owner or local business) by enforcing regulations, fee schedules and safety requirements that are prohibitively expensive for the small business to handle.

As I've linked to in the preceding paragraph, I've written about this before…but I decided to reiterate this point again, after coming across an anonymous author at reddit.com revealed his story about how this works in the real world of USA INC.

How Real World Corruption Works

> *I'm a mid-career guy in a business that does a lot of work with governmental and quasi-governmental agencies. I've never ripped anyone off personally, but I have seen and occasionally been an incidental beneficiary of quite a bit of patronage, insider dealing, nepotism, misuse of taxpayer money, and outright corruption. While I have always been honest in my own dealings on a case-by-case basis, I have refrained from many opportunities to be a "whistleblower".*
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> *A lot of stuff on reddit misunderstands the relationships between wealth, power, and influence. For starters, all the above three are always and have always been inter-related, and probably always will be. And that might not always be a bad thing: those who have risen to high levels of wealth are often pretty smart, and surprisingly often exceptionally honest. Those who rise to high levels of influence usually have some pretty good insight and talent in their area of expertise. Those who have acquired a lot of power tend to be good at accomplishing things that lots of people want to see happen.*
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> *None of which is purely democratic, nor even purely meritocratic, but there is a certain dose of both kind of baked into the cake: stuff like wealth or family connections only gets you so far in modern, developed, and relatively open and transparent societies such as the US. And while that can be pretty far by normal standards, at*

some point sunlight does shine through any crack, and outright robbery or complete incompetence is difficult to sustain indefinitely.

But there is an awful lot of low-level waste, patronage, and corruption that happens both in the private and in the public sector.

Without going ideological, the private sector in a free-ish market has a more immediate system of checks and balances if only because you have to actually persuade the end users to keep buying your stuff for the price you're charging: if it's no good, or if you are grossly over-charging, your customers will tend to catch on sooner or later.

But in the public sector, the "consumer" often has little choice… so-called "market discipline" is a lot more diffuse when you have a former-schoolteacher-or-real-estate-broker-turned city councilman whose job it is to disburse a multi-million-dollar street-paving contract or whatever. And neither the schoolteacher nor the real-estate broker has any clue how to write or evaluate a road-paving contract…

Let's say that there are three credible bidders for that street-paving contract:

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***Bidder 1** is "Paver Joe", a local guy with a driveway-paving company and three trucks who sees this as a big opportunity to expand his business and get the city to pay for five new trucks. He puts in a dirt-cheap bid that he wrote up himself with the help of his estate attorney. The cost to taxpayers is very low, but the certainty that he will complete it on schedule and as specified is a little iffy. Paver Joe plans to work overtime and bust his tail on the job, not for profits, but to grow his business. He's offering the taxpayers a great deal, but a slightly risky one.*

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***Bidder 2** is "Muni Paver Inc", a company who has the experience and expertise to do the job, who knows what's involved and who has done this work before. They already have the trucks, their workers are all unionized and paid "prevailing wage", everything will be done by the book, all their EPA certifications are in place, etc… The bid is a lot more expensive than Paver Joe, but it's credible and reliable. They are offering the taxpayers a degree of certainty and confidence that Paver Joe cannot match.*

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***Bidder 3** is me, "Corruptocorp". Instead of Paver Joe's 2-page contract with typos, or Muni-Paving's 20-page contract, I'm offering the city council a full package of videos, brochures, and a 40-page contract with a price just a tad higher than Paver Joe (my quoted price is meaningless, as we will see). Moreover, I'm inviting the city council to Corruptocorp-owned suites in a golf resort near my headquarters to give my presentation (all expenses paid, of course, and of course, bring your spouses). There the city council members will, after the first day of golf, dinner, dancing, and cocktails, see a slideshow and chorus-line of smiling multi-ethnic faces and working mothers talking about how much Corruptocorp's paving improved their town and their lives. I'll then stand up and tell a self-effacing joke about being one of those corporate guys trying to get their money, and then I'll wax a bit emotional about my small-town roots and how Corruptocorp was started by a man with a simple dream to make life better for everyone, and to do well by doing good in local communities, and that we actually plan to hire local contractors such as Joe's Paving to do the work, backed our economies of scale and reliability. I'll mention that paragraph 32 subsection B of our proposal mandates twice-yearly performance reviews by the city council, to of course be held at the golf resort, at Corruptocorp's expense, ("so I hope to see you all back here every February and August!"), and of course I make sure that each of them has my "personal" cell phone and home numbers in case they have any questions….*

So needless to say I get the bid, and six months later it's time for our review at the golf resort. After dinner and cocktails I step up to the podium and announce that there is both good news and bad news:

"The bad news is that our subcontractor has found over 1,000 rocks in the road. And as I'm sure you know, paragraph 339 subsection D.12 specifies that any necessary rock removal will be done at prevailing wages, currently $1,500 per rock, for a total cost overrun of $1.5 million. But the good news is (and believe me, I had to

> *fight long and hard for this with the board of directors), Corruptocorp has agreed to remove those rocks for only $1,000 apiece! So even though there have been some cost overruns, your smart decisions have saved your taxpayers half a million dollars! Give yourselves a round of applause!"*
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> *"Now, the other situation is that there has been some 'difficult terrain' as described in subsection 238b, which I'm sure you're all familiar with. And as you know, 'difficult terrain' is not covered by the contract, which is for paving, not for turning mountains into flat roads… (wistful chuckle). Now, technically, according to the contract, we should be charging your town prevailing rates for these sections, but I've worked it so that you will be allowed to re-bid them, if you wish, since our contract doesn't specifically include terrain as described in subsection 238b."*
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> *Now the contract price has doubled, and Corruptocorp has completely sidestepped all of the difficult and costly work, taking profits only on the easy stuff. The city council members can either admit that they were duped and bought (political suicide), or can simply feed corruptocorp's line to the voters. Which do you think will happen?*
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> *And it gets even worse on smaller scales: look up your local building or electrical inspector. Ten-to-one he is a relative, friend, or campaign donor to the mayor or city council. What's in it for him? Every single construction or home improvement project not only has to pay him a fee, it also has to pass his inspection. Guess which contractors are most likely to pass his inspection? His brothers, friends, family… or the cheapest guy who for some reason has a hard time finding work in this town? Guess how the local inspector feels about homeowner self-improvements: does he think they are a great way for regular people to improve their wealth with a little elbow grease, or does he see them as stealing work from his friends and family?*

I've seen this exact thing play out to a "T" like this in my own 2 year stint of working for the State Government here in Hawaii.

In our current system, at the County, State and Federal level, this is how business is really done in this country…which is also why most budgets are in the red and States like California are about to go completely broke.

Remembering Feminist Terrorism

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On June 3, 1968, 42 years ago last Thursday, Valerie Solanas stormed into Andy Warhol's Factory in New York, furious that he had not produced a movie from *Up Your Ass*, a play she had written about a man-hating prostitute.

When Solanas originally approached Warhol, he was intrigued by the idea behind the play, but after reading it decided it was so over-the-top pornographic that it might be part of a sting operation to get him arrested for obscenity (Warhol had already had some trouble on that score).

Enraged, Solanas obtained two guns, a .32 auto and a .22 caliber backup pistol. Here is an excerpt from an account of the attack:

> Warhol arrives at the Factory in a cab, wearing a brown leather jacket over a black t-shirt , black jeans and black Beatle (Chelsea) boots. Previously, he had picked up a prescription for Obetrol, then browsed at Bloomingdales, and had also rung the bell of Miles White, the costume designer, who lived on East 55th Street, but he wasn't home. When Andy arrives outside the Factory, his boyfriend Jed Johnson approaches from 17th and Broadway carrying some fluorescent lights. Valerie Solanas joins them and all three enter the building. While waiting for the elevator, Warhol notices that Valerie is wearing a thick turtleneck sweater underneath a trenchcoat on a hot summer day. Even stranger, she has on mascara and lipstick even though as a die-hard feminist she never wears make-up. Warhol also notices that she is "bouncing slightly on the balls of her feet, twisting a brown paper bag in her hands."
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> Upstairs, Fred Hughes is sitting at his desk writing a memo, Paul Morrissey is talking to Viva on the phone who is ringing him from Kenneth's Hair Salon where she is having her hair dyed in preparation for her role in John Schlesinger's film Midnight Cowboy. Art critic and curator, Mario Amaya, is waiting for Andy in order to discuss an upcoming retrospective in London.
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> When Warhol, Jed and Valerie arrive, Paul leaves the office to go to the bathroom, leaving Andy to talk to Viva. (L&D) Jed goes into Warhol's private office in the rear corner of the room. Andy signals to Fred Hughes to take over the conversation with Viva.Valerie Solanas takes a .32 automatic from the paper bag and fires a shot. Viva hears the shot over the phone but thinks it is somebody cracking a whip left over from theVelvet Underground days. Andy screams "No! No! Valerie! Don't do it!" She fires a second time. He falls to the floor and tries to crawl under a desk. She fires a third time. The bullet enters Andy's right side and goes straight through him, coming out the left side of his back. Warhol later tells friends "It hurt so much, I wished I was dead."
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> Thinking that she has killed Warhol, Solanas turns to Mario Amaya who is crouching on the floor and fires a fourth shot at him. She misses so she shoots again, hitting him slightly above the hip. The bullet goes through him without damaging any organs, exiting from his back. He gets up and runs into the back room, using the weight of his bleeding body to hold the doors shut.
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> Valerie Solanas points the gun at Fred Hughes who begs her not to shoot him. "I'm innocent," he protests. "Please, just leave." She walks over to the elevator and presses the button then returns to him, aiming at his forehead with the gun. She pulls the trigger, but it jams. She grabs a back up gun, a .22 caliber from the paper bag but the elevator arrives and she leaves.
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> As soon as she leaves, Fred Hughes calls for an ambulance and the police. The phone rings. It is Viva, still at the hairdresser's, wondering what is going on. Fred tells her that Valerie just shot Andy and that there is blood everywhere, then hangs up the phone. Viva, thinking it is a joke, decides to have her hair trimmed before having it dyed. She tells the hairdresser to charge it to United Artists.
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> Gerard Malanga arrives at the Factory with Angus Maclise two or three minutes after the shooting. Gerard was

> preparing a one man show at the Cinematheque and was picking up money from Andy to pay for a film announcement. The scene at the Factory was “total mayhem.”
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> Warhol lies bleeding on the floor with Billy Name leaning over him crying, while they wait for the ambulance to arrive.

Warhol survived, but just barely. The small .32 caliber bullet bounced around his rib cage before exiting his body, damaging a number of organs and leaving wounds that would aggravate him for the rest of his life. Warhol’s heart stopped for a minute and a half before medics restarted his pulse with a cardiac massage. These wounds may have contributed to his early death.

Solanas was tried and convicted of attempted murder, eventually receiving a three-year sentence.

Ultimately, the attack had no negative political fallout for feminists, who went on in the next decade to one victory after another. The National Organization for Women hailed Solanas as a “champion of women’s rights.” Florynce Kennedy, a NOW activist, represented her at trial and declared her “one of the most important spokeswomen of the feminist movement.”

Valerie Solanas wrote *The SCUM Manifesto,* a book that called for the extermination of all men. She later claimed that her calls for gendercide were satire, but given her terrorist attack on one of the most famous artists of the late 20th century, it seems likely that she meant it.

Excerpts from the SCUM Manifesto

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I've heard of the SCUM Manifesto many times before, but I never bothered reading it. It is very common for people to talk about something without knowing what it really is, and I'm guilty of that sin (a subcategory of laziness, probably), so I thought I ought to look through Valerie Solanas's screed to see what it's about. The SCUM Manifesto, after all, is widely hailed by the vanguard of second wave feminists, who probably count on most people ignoring its true contents.

I read the manifesto, and although it isn't a pleasant read, it's certainly instructive. I'd urge other readers to do the same, but for those who may not be inclined to do so right away I'll publish a few excerpts:

> Life in this society being, at best, an utter bore and no aspect of society being at all relevant to women, there remains to civic-minded, responsible, thrill-seeking females only to overthrow the government, eliminate the money system, institute complete automation and destroy the male sex.
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> It is now technically feasible to reproduce without the aid of males (or, for that matter, females) and to produce only females. We must begin immediately to do so. Retaining the mail has not even the dubious purpose of reproduction. The male is a biological accident: the Y (male) gene is an incomplete X (female) gene, that is, it has an incomplete set of chromosomes. In other words, the male is an incomplete female, a walking abortion, aborted at the gene stage. To be male is to be deficient, emotionally limited; maleness is a deficiency disease and males are emotional cripples.

Evidently, Solanas has embraced the pseudobiological idea that men are deformed, incomplete women. This thread runs throughout the manifesto, and serves as justification for the elimination of men. To Solanas, wiping out men is a way to achieve perfection on earth.

This is clearly an eliminationist philosophy, and echoes others that we are all familiar with.

> **Fatherhood and Mental Illness (fear, cowardice, timidity, humility, insecurity, passivity):** Mother wants what's best for her kids; Daddy only wants what's best for Daddy, that is peace and quiet, pandering to his delusion of dignity (`respect'), a good reflection on himself (status) and the opportunity to control and manipulate, or, if he's an `enlightened' father, to `give guidance'. His daughter, in addition, he wants sexually — he givers her hand in marriage; the other part is for him. Daddy, unlike Mother, can never give in to his kids, as he must, at all costs, preserve his delusion of decisiveness, forcefulness, always-rightness and strength. Never getting one's way leads to lack of self-confidence in one's ability to cope with the world and to a passive acceptance of the status quo. Mother loves her kids, although she sometimes gets angry, but anger blows over quickly and even while it exists, doesn't preclude love and basic acceptance. Emotionally diseased Daddy doesn't love his kids; he approves of them — if they're `good', that is, if they're nice, `respectful', obedient, subservient to his will, quiet and not given to unseemly displays of temper that would be most upsetting to Daddy's easily disturbed male nervous system — in other words, if they're passive vegetables. If they're not `good', he doesn't get angry — not if he's a modern, `civilized' father (the old-fashioned ranting, raving brute is preferable, as he is so ridiculous he can be easily despised) — but rather express disapproval, a state that, unlike anger, endures and precludes a basic acceptance, leaving the kid with the feeling of worthlessness and a lifelong obsession wit being approved of; the result is fear of independent thought, as this leads to unconventional, disapproved of opinions and way of life.

She pathologizes fatherhood. In some ways, there may be a grain of truth here. There certainly were some problems associated with the role when Solanas was writing SCUM, but it was culturally specific rather than biologically rooted. Interesting how feminists embrace biological determinism when it advances their goals, but reject it when it

doesn't.

> **Isolation, Suburbs, and Prevention of Community:** Our society is not a community, but merely a collection of isolated family units. Desperately insecure, fearing his woman will leave him if she is exposed to other men or to anything remotely resembling life, the male seeks to isolate her from other men and from what little civilization there is, so he moves her out to the suburbs, a collection of self-absorbed couples and their kids. Isolation enables him to try to maintain his pretense of being an individual nu becoming a `rugged individualist', a loner, equating non-cooperation and solitariness with individuality.
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> There is yet another reason for the male to isolate himself: every man is an island. Trapped inside himself, emotionally isolated, unable to relate, the male has a horror of civilization, people, cities, situations requiring an ability to understand and relate to people. So like a scared rabbit, he scurries off, dragging Daddy's little asshole with him to the wilderness, suburbs, or, in the case of the hippy — he's way out, Man! — all the way out to the cow pasture where he can fuck and breed undisturbed and mess around with his beads and flute.
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> The `hippy', whose desire to be a `Man', a `rugged individualist', isn't quite as strong as the average man's, and who, in addition, is excited by the thought having lots of women accessible to him, rebels against the harshness of a Breadwinner's life and the monotony of one woman. In the name of sharing and cooperation, he forms a commune or tribe, which, for all its togetherness and partly because of it, (the commune, being an extended family, is an extended violation of the female's rights, privacy and sanity) is no more a community than normal `society'.
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> A true community consists of individuals — not mere species members, not couples — respecting each others individuality and privacy, at the same time interacting with each other mentally and emotionally — free spirits in free relation to each other — and co-operating with each other to achieve common ends. Traditionalists say the basic unit of `society' is the family; `hippies' say the tribe; no one says the individual.
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> The `hippy' babbles on about individuality, but has no more conception of it than any other man. He desires to get back to Nature, back to the wilderness, back to the home of furry animals that he's one of, away from the city, where there is at least a trace, a bare beginning of civilization, to live at the species level, his time taken up with simple, non-intellectual activities — farming, fucking, bead stringing. The most important activity of the commune, the one upon which it is based, is gang-banging. The `hippy' is enticed to the commune mainly by the prospect for free pussy — the main commodity to be shared, to be had just for the asking, but, blinded by greed, he fails to anticipate all the other men he has to share with, or the jealousies and possessiveness for the pussies themselves.
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> Men cannot co-operate to achieve a common end, because each man's end is all the pussy for himself. The commune, therefore, is doomed to failure; each `hippy' will, in panic, grad the first simpleton who digs him and whisks her off to the suburbs as fast as he can. The male cannot progress socially, but merely swings back and forth from isolation to gang-banging.

I found the hippie denunciation somewhat amusing, but this passage probably shows most clearly how prostitution influenced Solanas's thinking. If there's any good argument against prostitution, it's that it does encourage women to think in this manner. The attitude that "pussy" is the only thing men value at all is one that most prostitutes hold.

> SCUM will kill all men who are not in the Men's Auxiliary of SCUM. Men in the Men's Auxiliary are those men who are working diligently to eliminate themselves, men who, regardless of their motives, do good, men who are playing pall with SCUM. A few examples of the men in the Men's Auxiliary are: men who kill men; biological scientists who are working on constructive programs, as opposed to biological warfare; journalists, writers, editors, publishers and producers who disseminate and promote ideas that will lead to the achievement of SCUM's goals; faggots who, by their shimmering, flaming example, encourage other men to de-man themselves and thereby make themselves relatively inoffensive; men who consistently give things away — money, things, services; men who tell it like it is (so far not one ever has), who put women straight, who reveal

> the truth about themselves, who give the mindless male females correct sentences to parrot, who tell them a woman's primary goal in life should be to squash the male sex (to aid men in this endeavor SCUM will conduct Turd Sessions, at which every male present will give a speech beginning with the sentence: `I am a turd, a lowly abject turd', then proceed to list all the ways in which he is. His reward for doing so will be the opportunity to fraternize after the session for a whole, solid hour with the SCUM who will be present. Nice, clean-living male women will be invited to the sessions to help clarify any doubts and misunderstandings they may have about the male sex; makers and promoters of sex books and movies, etc., who are hastening the day when all that will be shown on the screen will be Suck and Fuck (males, like the rats following the Pied Piper, will be lured by Pussy to their doom, will be overcome and submerged by and will eventually drown in the passive flesh that they are); drug pushers and advocates, who are hastening the dropping out of men.

Above she begins to outline the Final Solution for men. Note the violence and hatred. Very extreme.

> A completely automated society can be accomplished very simply and quickly once there is a public demand for it. The blueprints for it are already in existence, and it's construction will take only a few weeks with millions of people working on it. Even though off the money system, everyone will be most happy to pitch in and get the automated society built; it will mark the beginning of a fantastic new era, and there will be a celebration atmosphere accompanying the construction.
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> The elimination of money and the complete institution of automation are basic to all other SCUM reforms; without these two the others can't take place; with them the others will take place very rapidly. The government will automatically collapse. With complete automation it will be possible for every woman to vote directly on every issue by means of an electronic voting machine in her house. Since the government is occupied almost entirely with regulating economic affairs and legislating against purely private matters, the elimination of money wand with it the elimination of males who wish to legislate `morality' will mean there will be practically no issues to vote on.
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> After the elimination of money there will be no further need to kill men; they will be stripped of the only power they have over psychologically independent females. They will be able to impose themselves only on the doormats, who like to be imposed on. The rest of the women will be busy solving the few remaining unsolved problems before planning their agenda for eternity and Utopia — completely revamping educational programs so that millions of women can be trained within a few months for high level intellectual work that now requires years of training (this can be done very easily once out educational goal is to educate and not perpetuate an academic and intellectual elite); solving the problems of disease and old age and death and completely redesigning our cities and living quarters. Many women will for a while continue to think they dig men, but as they become accustomed to female society and as they become absorbed in their projects, they will eventually come to see the utter uselessnes and banality of the male.
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> The few remaining men can exist out their puny days dropped out on drugs or strutting around in drag or passively watching the high-powered female in action, fulfilling themselves as spectators, vicarious livers*[FOOTNOTE: It will be electronically possible for him to tune into any specific female he wants to and follow in detail her every movement. The females will kindly, obligingly consent to this, as it won't hurt them in the slightest and it is a marvelously kind and humane way to treat their unfortunate, handicapped fellow beings.] or breeding in the cow pasture with the toadies, or they can go off to the nearest friendly suicide center where they will be quietly, quickly, and painlessly gassed to death.
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> Prior to the institution of automation, to the replacement of males by machines, the male should be of use to the female, wait on her, cater to her slightest whim, obey her every command, be totally subservient to her, exist in perfect obedience to her will, as opposed to the completely warped, degenerate situation we have now of men, not only not only not existing at all, cluttering up the world with their ignominious presence, but being pandered to and groveled before by the mass of females, millions of women piously worshiping the Golden Calf, the dog leading the master on a leash, when in fact the male, short of being a drag queen, is least

> miserable when his dogginess is recognized — no unrealistic emotional demands are made of him and the completely together female is calling the shots. Rational men want to be squashed, stepped on, crushed and crunched, treated as the curs, the filth that they are, have their repulsiveness confirmed.
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> The sick, irrational men, those who attempt to defend themselves against their disgustingness, when they see SCUM barrelling down on them, will cling in terror to Big Mama with her Big Bouncy Boobies, but Boobies won't protect them against SCUM; Big Mama will be clinging to Big Daddy, who will be in the corner shitting in his forceful, dynamic pants. Men who are rational, however, won't kick or struggle or raise a distressing fuss, but will just sit back, relax, enjoy the show and ride the waves to their demise.
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Quasi-Communist fantasy, utopian promises, etc. Goes to show how demented and out of touch feminists were in the 1960s. Interesting how the utopia she sees mirrors almost exactly the program of Gynarchy International.

Read the entire thing if you have the time. It may be an ugly screed, but it provides a window into the black soul of feminism, where no light dwells, only hatred and bestial fantasies.

Joran Van der Sloot: New Pin-Up Boy for Starry-Eyed Female Fans of Killers?

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Now that Joran Van der Sloot has been found to have been in the company of another dead woman – one whose corpse was found in this instance – will he become the new darling for women around the world?

The tendency for women to fall deeply in love with sadistic murderers has confused many men for quite some time, because women and their representative groups have always held – in public at least – that they want men to behave humbly and peacefully.

[image]

However, despite what they say, women seem to be most enthralled with society's most dangerous and violent men. In fact, convicted killers and rapists such as Scott Peterson and Richard Ramirez are far more likely on any given day to receive amorous attention from women than, say, some guy schlepping away day after day to provide a nest egg for a future wife and children. Scott Peterson received dozens of marriage proposals on his first day of incarceration.

Therefore, it is hardly surprising that Joran Van der Sloot, who has long been suspected of murdering Natalee Holloway, has had an active sex life since the teenage girl disappeared — most likely under the waves of the Caribbean Sea off the coast of Aruba. His success with women since the original case has been legendary: Van der Sloot has appeared in numerous sexually suggestive photos with women who are obviously deeply in love with him.

[image]

Now that Van der Sloot has been caught with a dead woman in his hotel room, he will become even more appealing to women worldwide, and millions of them will be lying in bed dreaming of a night with the infamous killer, and hating the good men around them who don't have what it takes to be a "real man."

It certainly is instructive to know that Genghis Khan, the world's greatest mass murderer of all time, has been the most genetically prolific of any man known to history. Perhaps it's time that humanity woke up to the realities of female desire.

Here he is entering the hotel room with a woman, and then leaving alone:

Father Shot After Custody Exchange

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Moments after a Dekalb County, Georgia man handed his year-old twins off to their mother during a routine custody exchange, someone opened fire on him from a white SUV, hitting him twice in the leg and once in the hand.

Fortunately, the man is expected to survive.

According to police, the main suspect in the shooting is the woman's new boyfriend, who may have been put up to the task by the mother, as his car was directly behind hers. Hopefully, this will mean a change in custody, but given that this is the United States, that is by no means assured.

Violence by proxy is a common tactic used by mothers in custody disputes, whether it be through manipulating police, lovers or family members.

Police are looking for the mother or a female friend of hers who fled with the children.

Feminist False Consciousness

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[This guest post, originally posted in comments, was written by ISP, and is well worth reposting as an article for discussion]

Feminist false consciousness: Restricting male identity to what suits the female collective (and individual). Defining the boundaries of acceptable "maleness". Gender colonization (female colonization of males). An absolutely essential component of the women's movement/feminism.

Women (through feminism) have been complaining for years that men, supposedly, *consciously* set out to disempower women and restrict/limit/re-mould women's identity to types that suit men only. This system would of course be systematized. Well, turns out once again that this "men oppressing women" sentiment is yet more **projection** on the part of women.

Feminism need merely activate the feminist inside every woman's psyche/being – however men must be remoulded. Women in general don't need to be taught/brainwashed into a feminist mindset (a bogus narrative that some MRAs use), it comes naturally. For men however, indoctrination is needed [at this stage at least, after multiple generations of reinforced feminist/gynocentrist culture this might not be the case].

The solution to NOMAS etc. are organizations that support/promote/defend/endorse masculinist male archetypes.

Feminist "men's studies" "re-moulding men"-type discourse and organizations must to be countered with masculinist-type discourse and organizations. It's not enough merely to point out that women (surprise surprise) are oppressing men when they are given the opportunity to do so. A **masculinist alternative** must be offered. The core ideas of this "masculinist alternative" can be (perhaps only) developed by *raising male consciousness.*

Men must talk/operate outside of feminist/female-centred/gynocentric paradigms/narratives. They must not accept feminist boundaries of discourse, which are *designed specifically* to prevent the communication of male concerns, and thus, oppress men. Men must operate outside of the dominant paradigm (i.e. feminism). They must be willing to accept all possibilities, explore all ideas; it is only by doing this that a true picture will emerge. If you don't think outside the box, by default you revert to feminist pro-women mythology.

Just as [radical] feminists advocate[d] female-only environments for women to speak, to raise female consciousness and develop ideas – arguing they could not do so otherwise – we masculinists should advocate male-only environments to raise consciousness. This is not a case of "being as bad as the feminists" as disingenuous/useful-idiot feministic MRAs like to say. This is simply a case of working out a mechanism that will work to advocate/defend male collective interests against female/feminist aggression. This is simply a case of effective strategy. We must do what works.

Other approaches may sound nicer – e.g. politely asking feminism/the female collective to back off on the misandry. But if they do not work, they are useless; useless to us as masculinists, thus they should not be approached.

These approaches are *inherently useless* by the **inherently radical anti-male nature of feminism —** i.e. it exists to eliminate all male power thus preventing the possibility of patriarchy.

It is no surprise, given that, that attempts at the "ask kindly" approach have been absolute, unequivocal failures. The female collective does not acknowledge male interests, let alone does it discuss them. Our arguments aren't engaged in; instead psychobabble double-speak – e.g. "sexist", "gender gap" – are trotted out.

This has been the to-date experience of the "ask kindly" approach, it will be the future experience, because of the inherently radical anti-male nature of [all] feminism which cannot accept the existence of any form of male power. If feminism cannot tolerate male power in general, obviously it cannot stand defense of male power in a general or

specific sense. It must delegitimize such efforts; the long-term goal being elimination of pro-male memes from the discourse/culture. (Delegitimization of meme = path to elimination of meme.)

The only time feminists will say “hey, those guys have some legitimate gripes” is when they are dealing with **fake feministic MRAs** who will frame the argument around male discomfort being caused by “patriarchy” and “[patriarchal] gender roles”. Femininsts can of course agree with this, they are back in controlled-discourse territory.

Feministic MRA groups will be pretty much exactly the same as older, 1970s-style “Men’s Studies” groups. Except they will be more subtle, they’ll hand pick some masculinist ideas and subvert them. They’ll take a few masculinist premises and build a feminist framework around them. It will be 95% pure bullshit, the 5% designed simply as a lightning rod to attract male supporters/visitors. It will take special care to *not blame feminism unequivocally,* as should rightly/logically be done. Rather, blame will be redirected/misdirected to “patriarchy” and “[patriarchal] gender roles” [which will be called singularly oppressive].

The leaders of these movements will actually be **devoted anti-male feminists** – doctrinaire feminists – *whether they refer to themselves as feminists or not.* It is **strategically bad** to identify directly as feminist, largely because of the efforts of masculinists who have rightly enhanced feminism’s anti-male connotations. The goal is to feed bullshit “information” to the target audience – masculinist/anti-feminist inclined males – turning them into useful idiots who believe/endorse/repeat bogus arguments. If calling a group “feminist” or endorsing “feminism” is bad in the minds of the target audience – remove associations with feminism. *Equivocal/fence-sitting statements* on feminism are the order of the day. E.g.:

“Feminism is good/necessary/just but…”

“Original feminists had pure non-anti-male intentions but radicals hijacked the movement…”

“There are many forms of feminism and some of them, e.g. radical feminism[tm] can be bad for men…”

“Equality feminists[tm] are our allies in the fight for gender equality[tm]…”

“While the changes caused by feminism, which were justified, cannot and should not be undone…”

The ends justify the means. The ends being, subverting the hunches of masculinist men, turning these would-be allies of ours, whose instincts are good, into *useful idiots* parroting consciously engineered bogus, self-defeating propaganda lines. If you need to downplay the real links between the feministic MRA narrative and feminism, do it.

At the end of the day, it’s the same old “Patriarchy Hurts Men Too(TM)” propagandistic double-speak bullshit, redux. It’s the reiteration of a bogus, false consciousness discourse that the women’s movement has been pushing since the 1970s.

Masculinist discourse and ideas must not engage in this self-defeating, fence-sitting sophistry. We name feminism, unequivocally, as the enemy. We name the female collective as the enemy. We define and defend welfare and the interests of the male collective [and individual]. We legitimize the righteousness of male welfare, male interests and male power as ends in themselves.

Consideration of female welfare does not enter the equation, an inversion of the feminist position. The question of us “being against women’s rights etc. [as insanely defined as they are nowadays]” is moot. Our raison d’etre is male welfare: the lens through which matters are viewed, the operative paradigm. ”Is it good for men?” is the question being asked at all times.

Female “rights” can be cut back to the full extent needed to preserve male welfare. We recognize “equality”, rightly, as a fallacy incompatible with reality (Battle Of The Sexes/Sexual Conflict). We recognize it, also, as a propagandistic tool of the enemy. It is a form of language-as-a-form-of-oppression (controlling the thoughtspace of the Out-Group [i.e. men]). [Equality defined as "oppression of men/infinite empowerment of women" - that's the

basic definition that the public internalize. No, they don't care about the contradiction: they just internalize the definition promoted without critical analysis.]

Again, in an inversion of feminism, where conflict arises between male welfare and [evolutionary] interests, and female welfare and [evolutionary] interests, we will defend those of males.

Masculinist consciousness raising, occurring in male-only environments [needed to enable debate] is the context in which the concerns above will be developed. The critical ideas, and the critical mass of both ideas and supporters will be reached through consciousness raising. Masculinists should use wedge-issues against both feminism and the female collective (picking a single, easily-accessible topic to popularize the idea of oppression of men by women/feminists.)

The use of masculinist wedge-issues will have two effects [both intended], among others:

1. Delegitimizing the enemy [i.e. feminism/women as a group]. Pre-empting and delegitimizing their rebuttals. (If feminism and the female collective are guilty of oppression they cannot legitimately defend themselves.) The enemy will be described on our terms and put on the defensive.

2. Igniting/awakening interest among the targeted audience / targeted supporters – i.e. men. These men will seek further information. We can lead these men in the right direction through the ideas developed in consciousness raising. We can provide coherent, developed, integrated explanations which take a systems-level view of feminism's oppression of men.

These men will in turn do their own efforts at consciousness raising at their local level, further improving the energy of masculinist theory/discourse. (Compound effect, self-amplifying cycle.)

A problem masculinists have with wedge-issues is that the **Capitalist Media** and the ***Feminist* State** will not propagate them, as they enthusiastically did/do with feminist wedge-issues. Capitalism and feminism go hand in hand; corporations know that feminism = more $profit, which is why they are and have been amongst the heaviest supporters of feminism. (Capitalism is an enemy of men; tool of feminism/matriarchy/oppression of men.). In spite of men's lack of support among the establishment (i.e. Government + Media), masculinist wedge-issues are nonetheless a sound strategy in themselves.

The solution is not at all "individualism" or "MGTOW" strategies. These at best solve problems for the individual, and even then, the individual still lives in a feminist state and culture. Why should men have to do that?

Libertarian/neo-con/political-conservative treatises against "Big Government" are of no use to masculinists either. They work basically on the principle that more "individual liberty" (less state control) will solve everyone's problems [evangelists for libertarianism simply stress the "men" part of "everyone" in this explanation of the world].

Clearly the battle is a collectivist one however; one with strong collectivist features which the "individualist" false paradigm cannot solve. While we go the individualist road of "do what you want", feminist women are defining and moulding our roles in ways that suit them. They are altering the male archetypes of the culture to suit them. They have the power of the government, the media and cultural hegemony [zero opposition in the mainstream] to achieve all of this.

In not taking a collectivist stance, standing up for male collective interests and establishing/supporting masculinist male archetypes, two things happen:

1. *Gender colonization*. The lack of organization in defending male collective [and individual] interests, leads feminists to taking ever more power and influence away from men [to the nth degree, as per [radical] feminist doctrine – basis of all feminism]. In absence of defense for men as a group, women as a group become ever more aggressive against men.

2. When men give up the area of culture, archetypes in favor of "men going their own way" as isolated individuals

[they say these things don't matter, only the individual really matters], they leave it to women and feminists to remould male identity on the basis of what suits them.

Feministing Supports Helen Thomas Ship ‘em Back to the Shtetl Comment

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Although *The Spearhead* has no official position on international regional disputes (unless they pertain to paternity issues), it is interesting to see Feministing taking a stance in defense of a woman who has demanded that Israeli Jews be evacuated to Northern Europe and have their property seized. Of course, relocation and property seizure are considered par for the course for feminists, who have seen to it that millions of American men face such a prospect.

Perhaps Mrs. Thomas thinks it as simple to remove the Jews from Israel as it is for a wife to remove an American man from his home. She may have had something like a racial protection order in mind, where some international judge (Kofi Annan?) tells the Jews to leave Israel and not “harass” the Arabs, Turks, or whoever is supposed to take over in their place. Well, whether or not this is what Helen Thomas was thinking of, it is probably reasonable to assume that the fine ladies at Feministing see this as an acceptable “solution.”

In any event, the feminists think Thomas should get a pass, but I very much doubt they would say the same concerning Don Imus, who made an offensive, but ultimately harmless, remark about female basketball players’ hair. Imus did not demand they be dispossessed, he did not suggest removing them from their school, and he did not in any way state that they should be deprived of their property. In fact, all he did was make a smart-ass insult on air.

The double standard kind of gives the game away, doesn’t it?

Know Thy Enemy

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Below are the men of NOMAS. Biographical information is included.

Ben Atherton-Zeman Spokesperson for NOMAS. Actor, Comedian, Feminist and Husband. Presenting a One-Man Play, "Voices of Men," which uses humor and celebrity male voice impressions to educate audiences about sexual assault, domestic violence and other forms of men's violence against women. Video clips now available.

Don Bell Don Bell is trainer and leader on issues of multiculturalism, sexism, Racism, homophobia, and HIV/AIDS. He lives in Chicago, Il.

Robert Brannon Professor emeritus, Brooklyn College and NOMAS co-founder. He serves as Men's Studies Association and NOMAS Pornography and Prostitution Task Group leader and is NYS-NOW Task Force Co-Chair on Trafficking, Pornography and Prostitution

Donald Cavanaugh BROTHER editor and NOMAS task group leader on Gay civil rights. He is assistant director of Miami-Dade chapter of GLSEN.

Allen Corben NOMAS co-chair. Allen Corben is on staff at Fuller Theological Seminary. He does interfaith and interreligious work with the National Conference for Community and Justice (formerly known as National Conference of Christians and Jews). A single father, he lost his spouse to breast cancer in 2005. Allen is the NOMAS task group leader on Homophobia, and co-leader of the task group on Men and Spirituality with Moshe Rozdzial.

Phyllis B. Frank Director, VCS Community Change Project, Rockland County, NY; Founding director of the national training institute New York Model for Batterer Programs; Founding director of Gay Pride Rockland; President of the Rockland County Chapter of NOW, Co-Chair of NOW NYS Task Force on Pornography.

Rose Garrity Executive Director of A New Hope Center (ANHC), , an upstate New York organization providing advocacy, counseling, safe shelter, support groups, nonresidential domestic violence, batterer, and teen programs, rape crisis and comprehensive crime victims services, and activism, support, training and community education for survivors of abuse, sexual assault and other crimes. ANHC does its work with an anti-oppression consciousness and serves LGBTQQI and other guests from a region including and beyond its own county. Rose is the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, on the board of a local Center for Gender, Arts and Culture, and has written and trained on topics of justice and equality for many years. She has served on the faculty of the national training institute "New York Model for Batterer Programs" for many years.

Doug Gertner Doug is an educator and consultant on issues including fatherhood and work-life balance. He is founder and principal of Emu Consulting, LLC, and is on the editorial board of the journal Men and Masculinities. Doug is a national trainer for Boot Camp for New Dads along with teaching college classes on issues of men and masculinity.

Barry Goldstein, JD., has been part of the movement to end domestic violence since 1983. He's been chairperson and on the board of My Sisters' Place, and an instructor and supervisor in a NY Model Batterer Program. Mr. Goldstein is the co-editor with Dr. Maureen Hannah of "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE AND CHILD CUSTODY" (Civic Research Institute, to be published early 2010), and "SCARED TO LEAVE AFRAID TO STAY" (Robert D. Reed, Publishers-2002), which seek to change the way professionals handle domestic violence custody cases so that children won't be forced to live with abusers. Barry Goldstein is a frequent presenter at judicial trainings and domestic violence workshops and is qualified as an expert witness regarding domestic violence. Barry is also co-chair of the NOMAS Task Group on Child Custody.

David Greene. David Greene is Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Ramapo College of New Jersey. His

teaching, scholarship and activism are primarily centered around issues related to gender and to social class.

Jacob Jacquez has worked with survivors of domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault as an Adult Case Manager at South Valley Sanctuary and crisis line volunteer at the Rape Recovery Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. He continues his work as a shelter advocate and recently joined the Salt Lake Area Domestic Violence Coalition.

Brian Klocke Brian is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh. He has a PhD in Sociology and has taught in Sociology and Women's Studies on issues of masculinities and femininities, globalization, race & ethnicity, media & society, and social inequality.

Vernon McClean Professor Emeritus of African-American studies, William Patterson College, New Jersey.

Jim McDowell Court Liaison, Registrar, Research and Evaluation, VCS Community Change Project, New City, NY, and founder of "Man to Man: Working together for Change", Rockland County, NY.

Moshe Rozdzial NOMAS co-chair. Moshe is a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in private practice, in Denver, Colorado. He is a certified sex therapist, addiction interventionist, and trauma counselor. Moshe is a trainer and presenter on issues of diversity, multiculturalism, social justice, gender identity, sexual orientation, men's issues, and sexuality. He is also co-chair of the men's culture, Health and mental health, pro-feminism, and homophobia and heterosexism task groups.

Jack Straton Assistant Professor at Portland State University. Founder, Men Against Rape groups in Eugene, Oregon, Washington, D.C., and Manhattan, Kansas. He has published extensively in professional journals from his research in *Quantum Scattering Theory, Gender Equity,* and *Diversity Training Methods*. He has served as co-chair of the National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS) and, as co-chair of the NOMAS Task Group on Child Custody Issues, is recognized as one of the leading writers and speakers in the country with expertise on ethical and public policy issues related to the overlap between child custody, child abuse, and woman abuse.

Randy Weled Marriage and family therapist in private practice in San Francisco. Resident counselor at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav. Trainer and speaker on issues of diversity, addiction and recovery, anti-Semitism, and homophobia, and, with Moshe Rozdzial, facilitated workshops on "Power Dynamics in Relationshps".

NOMAS Task Forces:

- Child Custody **-**Barry Goldstein and **Jack Straton**
- Classism **– Rose Garrity** and **David Greene**
- Eliminating Racism -**Phyllis B. Frank**, **Jim McDowell**, **Don Bell**
- Ending Men's Violence – Ben Atherton Zeman and **Phyllis B. Frank**
- Fathering **-Doug Gertner**
- GLBT Affirmative – Donald Cavanaugh
- Globalization – **Brian Klocke**
- Homophobia and Heterosexism – **Allen Corben** and **Moshe Rozdzial**
- Men's Health and Mental Health – **Zev Schuman-Olivier** and **Moshe Rozdzial**
- Men and Prisons – Terry Kupers
- Men and Spirituality – **Allen Corben**
- Men's Culture – **Moshe Rozdzial**
- Men's Studies – **David Greene** and Carol Campana, Co-chairs, with **Robert Brannon** , Michael Kimmel, **Christopher Kilmartin**, and **Doug Gertner**
- Pornography and Prostitution – **Robert Brannon**
- Pro-Feminism - **Moshe Rozdzial** and **Robert Brannon**
- Sexual Harasement – **Barry Shapiro**

Man Torches Himself Over Family Law Injustice

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Yesterday afternoon, a Brisbane, Australia man in his 40s set himself on fire right in front of Brisbane's Supreme Court building. Witnesses were reportedly badly shaken by the scene. According to one witness, the man remained eerily quiet as the flames enveloped him, burning him over 90% of his body. He is in critical condition, and considering the extent of his injuries and the fact that he had resolved to die, probably won't make it.

The man had earlier been in court over a family law matter and had, as is usual in these cases, been hammered by a brutal judgment.

Authorities have no comment on the incident. The judge and some family law attorneys are likely already cracking jokes about it.

NOMAS: A Totalitarian Program for Men

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NOMAS, the National Organization for Men Against Sexism, is an activist organization dedicated to "changing men." You see, there's something wrong with us men, and the good folks at NOMAS have just the program to fix us.

According to NOMAS, our biggest problems revolve around sexuality and violence. We're scared of homos, and we run around beating up women, raping people, sexually harassing folks, etc. You may not see it when you look out the window, at the restaurant, on the bus or at work, but rest assured that just around the corner, or maybe behind some curtains, there are hordes of men out there who need "changing."

NOMAS comes right out in the beginning to let us know how nasty we men are. Their tenets page begins with this passage:

> **Pro-feminist**
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> Whatever psychological burden men have to overcome, women are still the most universal and direct victims of our patriarchy. Our organization must take a highly visible and energetic position in support of women's struggle for equality. Our movement was born directly out of and continually nourished by feminism. Our support for women's rights and specific women's issues must be vigorous and unmistakable.

I'd like to dismiss these people as your typical university radicals, but they are plugged into family law policy in some important and disturbing ways.

Although NOMAS claims to want men to emotionally bond with their children, their policy on child custody could have come straight out of a feminist family law seminar:

> The National Organization for Men Against Sexism is committed to make substantive this nation's ideals of equality and justice. In choosing loyalties in disputes over child custody, any society that cares for its future must make its primary concern that which is truly in the best interests of children. In a society such as ours in which men daily subject women to violence, oppression, and discrimination, men who would not add to this violence must not blindly side with other men in custody disputes. Indeed, men must relinquish the privilege of sitting idle while the lives and freedoms of women and children are impoverished by vindictive men who lobby, in our name, for laws that benefit men. An examination of custody laws in the various states reveals widespread injustice toward women and children. There is a disturbing national trend toward laws mandating joint custody despite a lack of psychological and social research showing this to be in the interests of the child. In fact it is clear that court mandated joint custody is not in the best interests of the child.

You guys want some men to fight? NOMAS is starting to look like a good place to find them.

NOMAS supports the right of women to restrict fathers' access to children:

> "Friendly parent" provisions are particularly disastrous because a woman who does not assure "frequent and continuing contact" may be seen as "uncooperative," resulting in the child being placed in the care of an abusive parent.

NOMAS insinuates the typical lie that women do not cooperate with their husbands only because they were abusive.

Although the support for the status quo of female advantage in family law is disturbing, what is even worse is

NOMAS' position on domestic violence:

According to NOMAS and the articles it posts on its "Ending Men's Violence" page, domestic violence is an entirely one-sided affair in which men beat women to maintain the patriarchy. One writer, who works for the New York Batterer Program, suggest that only a "minuscule portion" of men who assault their wives are ever arrested, so presumably most men are doing so. Another suggestion is that most "abuse" is legal. This suggests that the organization uses a very loose interpretation of abuse, which probably means that abuse is anything a woman wants it to be, such as, say, refusing to buy her a piece of jewelry or getting upset about her amorous liaisons with the next door neighbor.

And speaking of the NY Model for Batterer Programs, NOMAS finds that "This model was determined to be most in keeping with NOMAS principles and beliefs about sexism, domestic violence and batterer programs."

The NYMBP is focused on "How Courts and Programs Can Bring Real Meaning to Offender Accountability." This means that it is in full support of the kinds of programs that force men to confess, very much like the Maoist "self-criticism sessions" that were a major component of the abuses committed during China's Cultural Revolution.

Here's a summary of why NOMAS likes the NYMBP:

> The focus of batterer programs under the NY Model is quite different: to provide the courts with a mechanism for offender accountability and judicial monitoring. Expectations thus shift from individual rehabilitation to a range of attainable, measurable individual and systemic outcomes. These include uniform court enforcement of orders to batterer programs, batterer program implementation of reasonable and verifiable policies, and meticulous feedback to the court regarding compliance.

For men who have been falsely accused – and they are legion – this is a nightmare. Lots of men have no choice but to attend court programs to see their children, whether they have been convicted or not. The NYMBP is actually quite explicit in its advocacy for a "civil" means to force men into their program — there is a financial incentive, after all. The more men ordered into their program, the more funds they will get. Therefore, there is both an ideological and financial incentive to punish men, many of whom certainly committed no crimes. Of course, as Phyllis Frank, Director of VCS Domestic Violence Program for Men, admits, "Batterer program sessions should acknowledge that most intimate partner violence committed by men against women (as defined by the domestic violence movement) is not illegal."

I'd like to delve into the NYMBP a bit more, but that will have to wait for another post. For now, it should be taken as an indication of NOMAS' real program for men, which is vindictive, cruel, punitive and quite clearly oppressive. Underneath the treacle on their site there's a black hatred of ordinary men that can't be hidden by a cloak of empathy.

NOMAS is a dangerous organization, and well worth fighting.

As for who is responsible for NOMAS, the organization has helpfully provided a list that I'll publish in a separate post today.

The Nonviolence Lie

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Feminists and their satellite organizations like NOMAS always pretend to deplore violence. They consistently claim to be striving for a nonviolent society, and to be opposed to all forms of physical force. Usually, they take a stand against "violence against women," but sometimes they suggest that a peaceful society in general is their goal.

This is a snow job. It is not really nonviolence that these people want, but power. Whether raw or distilled, they crave the intoxicating rush of power. Solanas, perhaps the only truly honest feminism out of the entire lot of them, openly advocated murder and slavery. She exulted in the idea of murder and destruction, and was – and still is – cheered on for it.

But one need not read Solanas's *SCUM Manifesto* to see that the claims of peaceful intentions are false; the facts on the ground bear witness to the violent intent of feminism. To achieve the power they lust for, feminists and their allies have passed laws that result in a great many men being imprisoned for anything from grabbing the wrist of a woman who was hitting them to losing their jobs and being unable to pay child support. Imprisonment is a form of violence, and is recognized as such by law.

Not only are men imprisoned, they are beaten or arrested with excessive force every day. Witness the case of the man set upon by dogs at the behest of his ex-wife in Tennessee. Every year, scores of men are shot and killed by police responding to domestic disputes. In many cases it is the police response, mandated by feminist law, that precipitates the crisis. Men who couldn't afford child support orders are beaten and raped in jail and prison. Some have died there. Untold thousands have been driven to suicide.

This, to the feminists, is "nonviolence."

Achieving domination by turning uniformed men with guns on their enemies is the means by which feminists pursue their aims. Throwing men in jail is how they do it. Forcing confessions from men who are under threat of imprisonment and losing their children is another method.

Shooting people works for feminists.

Beating people is OK.

Attacking men with dogs? Just fine.

Confiscating property is considered "benign" from a feminist point of view.

Shocking and gassing people to subdue them is all in a day's work.

Caging impoverished fathers like animals is "justice."

There is no country in the world that practices this brutality to the same degree as the United States, but others, such as Australia, Canada and the UK, are catching up. What we have to recognize is that men have paid an enormous price for so-called women's liberation, which has brought the world little more than Oprah, Hillary Clinton and the worn out, skeletal old hags of Sex and the City. Oh, and lest I forget, rampant illegitimacy, hundreds of millions of victims of broken families, and enormous, incalculable social welfare costs.

Men have lost a great deal of liberty. Men have lost a great deal of property. Millions of men have lost their children. Many men have lost their freedom, and many their lives.

If there is such a thing as a human rights crisis, this is one, and yet the feminists make the rounds as though they have halos floating over their heads. You'd think they are all clones of Mother Teresa from the deference they are shown in public and the mainstream press.

It's time to call a spade a spade. Feminists are not nonviolent. They are not good people. Their vision for the future

entails, to paraphrase Orwell, a stiletto heel stamping on a man’s face, forever.

Feminism is bare-faced barbarism.

Louisiana Man Stabbed to Death by Girlfriend

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On Friday evening, a woman plunged a knife into her boyfriend, Ian Matherne, in south Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, killing him in the course of a domestic dispute.

Police are investigating, but so far have released few details. The DA has not decided whether to press charges or not.

Chances are good that the girlfriend will not be charged, as Matherne has a criminal record, and in such a case a weeping woman can easily convince authorities that she was fighting for her life.

Another Triumphalist Piece Consigning Men to Irrelevance

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Feminists are in pretty high spirits these days. Equality is no longer the goal, but rather outright supremacy. Bolstered by lopsided laws (enforced by men) that give women a sense of social superiority, they're now pretty sure they've won forever and ever.

Call it pride, hubris or whatever. From my studies of history, this kind of attitude almost always precedes disappointment, and often a major crash from the pedestal.

However, it may simply be that *The Atlantic* knows a pressing social issue when it sees one, and is capitalizing on that. Interestingly, the managing editor, one James Bennet, is quite thoroughly male, and his uncanny ability to pick up on the subtle cues of society has given the magazine he runs a significant boost since he became editor in 2006.

So read the article The End of Men with that in mind, and, of course, don't forget the massive entitlements and advantages that have been put in place for women over the past 50 years.

Man Commits Suicide Following DV Call

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After a domestic dispute in Concord, California in which a man allegedly threatened his wife then fled with a gun, police began a manhunt to find the man. However, realizing that the police were closing in and that his life was about to be destroyed, the man shot and killed himself in some bushes under highway 242.

Suicides following “domestic disputes” have become epidemic in the United States. Knowing that they are destined to be destroyed in court, many men become desperate and arm themselves during such incidents. While sometimes they vent their rage on girlfriends, wives or family in acts of violence, in the large majority of cases they simply kill themselves or commit “suicide by cop.”

Men At Work 2

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As I expected, my recent post, "Men At Work" elicited numerous replies and comments, running the gamut of opinion and this is something I welcome. Let a thousand flowers bloom and all that.

One thing that continues to fascinate and amaze me about people, is in just how little they question their own assumptions. I'm not necessarily knocking anybody here, we're all prone to doing this; the human condition is such that it is often quite myopic. And history has shown us that it takes a deliberate effort to expand beyond one's one parochialism in order to see the bigger picture.

This post will attempt to make plain what I said in the last post of the same name, as well to address some of the concerns other commenters have made therein.

Ok, so let's get to it…

First we have to understand, that we humans are no different from all other forms of life on this planet, in that we are subject to our environment and our success or failure as a species will depend on our ability to adapt to the demands and changes of said environment. Indeed, of all the planet's forms of life, humans have shown a marked tendency to be among the more adaptable; we exist, live and many cases, thrive, in just about every corner of the Earth, often for centuries. There are entire species of other forms of life on our planet, who wasn't so lucky. The dinosaurs easily come to mind.

Simply put, we do what th environment allows. When it comes to the topic of this and the previous post of the same name then, it means that when Men were able to be sole breadwinners, they did that. It doesn't take a historian however to see and know, that the Male as sole breadwinner model has long been in decline-easily three decades if not more-and that the current changes to our social environment suggests that it will change, yet again. In its simplest terms, this means that the breadwinner model, as a means of signalling fitness and worthiness as a mate, is fast becoming a non-factor for Men in our time. This is due to a number of forces-not only have Women gained greated access to formal education and economic freedom, but so too has the more "manly" fields have gone into decline, due to outsourcing and the inexorable march forward technologically. And we are beginning to see this "seeping" trending upwards-as I noted previously, it is not at all uncommon to see solidly middle class, White Collar Men now out of work, their fates being the same as their Lunchpail brethren-being the victims of circumstance, outsourcing, and ever-increasingly morphing tech. The assumption that earning a college degree was a viable hedge against being unemployed, is something many of those Men are no doubt giving a serious rethink to, as they now begin to share the same unemployment line as Joe Sixpack.

And that trend, as the economy continues its contraction/correction, will continue.

This has to have a serious and profound effect on how these and other Men are to signal their worthiness as mates; if your an anthropologist type, one that is a lover of watching how animal life gets on (or not) with one another, you understand well that at the end of the day, said species lives or dies on its ability to get together or not. We know the social environment no longer supports a Man being the breadwinner in aggregate.

So now what?

Well, from where I sit, several things.

One of them will reside in how Women will choose to respond. On this point, there has been much speculation-but I think we have a bit of evidence, however anecdotal it may be, to give us some clues as to what we can expect in the very near future:

1. For one thing, Women's criteria as to what they find desirable in a mate will considerably change. Since the Man as Breadwinner model is fast becoming obsolete, other factors will take centerstage; in simplest terms, these "other

factors" can be taken together to be classified as Game, that constellation of habits, behaviors and traits that have been shown to have the most appeal to the most numbers of Women overall. Although Game can and often does occur naturally among Men, it has also been shown and proven that it can be acquired and indeed taught; stories abound of Men who were able to learn enough Game to significantly change their love lives for the better, at a fraction of the cost and time that it takes to go the more traditional Male as Breadwinner route, such as paying tens of thousands of dollars for a college degree, for example.

2. And indeed, we're seeing clear and present evidence of this happening. Aside from the popularization of Game by the likes of Mystery, Neil "Style" Strauss and others with their bestselling books and so on, we also know that Male gym memberships have skyrocketed over the past few decades; even Nutrisystem, a weight loss company that primarily catered to Women, now has among its pitchmen NFL legends Dan Marino, Lawrence "LT" Taylor, and Don Shula, all hawking weight programs designed specifically for Men. Where at one time the whole of Men's grooming products consisted of Brute, Alqua Velva and Barbisol, today the industry is bursting at the seams with just about every player in the business marketing their brand of aftershave, bodywash, hair gel, mirrors, deodorants, lotions and colognes, for every Man in every price bracket, from Axe and body oils you can get from the Muslim vendor on the corner, to Armani and Ed Hardy that you can cop from Sephora or Macy's, and everything in between. Even the traditional barbershop has changed; aside from "the usual" a guy can also get a manicure, special facials and massages and the like; in my native Philly, several such shops exist-I know because one in particular is a place I regularly frequented, and I must say they do a really good job! Back in our pop and grand pop's day looking good was a plus; today, its mandatory. As Prof. Andrew Hacker clearly shows in his excellent book "Mismatch", Today's Women are quite vocal *and demanding* in what they expect of Men-they are, because they can. Yesterday's "Brawny Man" is out; today's Pretty Boy is IN.

3. The question remains though, as to whether Today's Women will be cool with supporting a Man who is either out of work from the get go, or makes substantially less than herself. On this score I don't think we have any hard evidence to say either way within an American context, though I could be wrong on that point. If someone out there does have access to such evidence either way, by all means bring it forward. But what I will say right now, is that if indeed Women do wind up supporting their Men, they also need to understand that the same rules will apply to them, that once applied to Men. What do I mean by that?

I mean that Women cannot expect, because they pay the bills, that gives them the right to treat their mate any way they wish. Of course it falls on every individual Man to decided for himself how he will respond, but when it comes to our law and social custom, both are indeed quite clear on the matter: a Man, who was the traditional breadwinner, couldn't justify his abuse of his mate, be it physical or emotional; both the law and social custom has decided that financial responsibility has no role whatsoever to play in the matter. He simply had no right to beat, or browbeat, his wife.

Period.

That same law and social custom, can and I posit, will be applied to Women, as more and more of them come to assume the breadwinner role. This will also extend to alimony and child support payments, too, as more Men assume primary caretaker roles.

Nor should any of this really come as a big shock and surprise to Women either-after all, many if not the vast majority of them, will totally agree with the notion that, just because a Man paid for a date and night out on the town, didn't entitle him to sex-the Women still had the right to say "No". Well, if it's good for the Gander, and all that. My point in all this, in case you haven't caught it by now, is that it would be true folly for Women to think that because they pay the bills in the New Grrl Order that gives them the right to run the roost in any way they wish-if they do, they'll be in for a very rude awakening, first legally, and then socially, if only because of the changes in the environment.

4. Of course, all this comes down to how well both Men and Women can and are willing to adapt to the new "game" of love. For Women, they will now get the full reigns of leadership, which inherently comes with risks and

responsibilities. And for Men, it comes down to whether he is able to disentangle himself from obsolete models of masculinity that have far outlived their purpose and utility in a meaningful, tangible way in our time for the vast majority. Again, it cannot be overstated enough-the Male as Breadwinner model is all but dead now for most Men reading this. Either they'll share that role with the mate in their lives, or they won't be able to have that role at all. So, by the demands of a changed environment, he will have to look to other things which makes him a viable mate that a Woman deems worth having around-and paying for it.

Here is where Game has the most direct answers, though it must also be said that it comes with a bit of fineprint. It is not a panacea, nor will it solve all problems in our Brave New World. Nevertheless, it's the last, best hope Today's Man has-and if he is smart and diligent, he can improve his chances for love dramatically, even as the Mancession continues ruthlessly apace. Consider the following, just for an example:

Most of the Men reading this can and often do get haircuts. They typically cost no more than say, $15. Now consider how much Women pay to get their hair done-in the Black community, it can easily be *four times that amount, if not vastly more, depending on the hairstyle*. Grooming, in the main, is a very important aspect of Game-and does anyone here really dispute how good a nice haircut can make a Man look? It's as if he's reborn or something. I've seen Women give a guy a double take based on that, alone.

My point is, that a Man reinventing himself isn't as hard as it seems, and in absolute dollars comparatively speaking, is way cheaper than it is for a Woman of comparable age, etc. I say this from experience. Yes, one can spend a King's Ransom on books and cds and dvds and bootcamps, with a return on investment that's shaky at best-or, he can spend next to nothing on a few books and the many free websites and blogs devoted to the matter and within anywhere from six months to two years (depending on his learning curve, diligence, etc) can reap the rewards. Again, I've done it. So have many, many other Men.

So, in summary, I'll just say this: whether we like it or not, whether we believe it or not, the social environment that dictated the terms upon which Male and Female came together, is vastly changing. What used to do the job for our dads and grand dads, simply ain't gonna get it for us, if for no other reason than because for most of us, it is no longer an option on the table to be considered. That means we'll have to look to other ways of being, of presenting ourselves to the world. And for Women, at long last they will be truly equals. With all that entails-the good, the bad, and the ugly, too.

Comment and reply, holla.

The Obsidian

The Result of Women's Lib

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In Silverdale, Washington, just south of the Bangor nuclear submarine base on Hood Canal, some middle school students decided to amuse themselves by engaging in oral sex on the bus while on a field trip. One girl filmed the incident with her cell phone while her friend serviced a boy sitting next to her.

Somehow, the news got around, and parents contacted the principal, who has suspended the students who were involved. In all likelihood, one of the parents saw it as sexual assault on the girl performing the act, otherwise I doubt it would have been reported. Stupidly, the case has been forwarded to law enforcement, although the only potential crime was probably the filming of the act (child porn laws).

Overpaid bureaucrat Cynthia Morris, a sexually transmitted disease education coordinator with the Washington State Department of Health, naturally sees only one thing wrong with middle school students having oral sex: STDs.

> "With teenagers, especially the young ones, they don't understand the risk and they think it's harmless play," Morris said. "The thing they worry most about is getting pregnant. You can't get pregnant with oral sex, but you can get other things."

I know there are plenty who would disagree with me, but I don't think it's appropriate for children to be engaging in open sex — on the bus or elsewhere. The argument that "they're going to do it anyway" doesn't really hold water. Not all that long ago, it was pretty rare for middle school kids to be engaging in sexual activity, but the focus on birth control and disease prevention has given them the idea that as long as it's "safe," sexual precocity is perfectly fine for girls (but boys will still be made out to be sex criminals at every opportunity).

Marriage: It's Not About YOU, It's About US

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Dear Fellow Women,

An idea that seems to be prevalent in the mind of women today is the one of marriage being a goal to check off the to-do list, a way to find fulfillment, a way to enrich your own life and gets things you want. This me-focused idea of romantic relationships starts long before the courtship process even begins, perhaps while planning a princess style wedding in one's head or envisioning how things "ought" to be in a perfect world. From there the self-centered approach to love continues as the idea of romance is seen as superior to the realness of true human interaction and the courtship process must involve niceties that have come to symbolize love more than words and non-material actions do in today's world. The man must of course pay for the entire process, to show he cares, even if the woman earns her own money.

This process, when successful, culminates with the necessary three months pay diamond ring, the lavish celebration that focuses mainly on the bride rather than the important commitment to be shared with family and friends on this special day, and the lovely and costly home to follow. Soon after the wedding there is the mandatory splitting of the household duties, to ease the workload of the wife and later the cries of "I want to have a baby" and a battle for the division of household labor that surely gets worse once the baby arrives.

All of this we are told is a the proper and right way to find fulfillment as a woman today. We must check off all the boxes on our list and conduct our lives with new gender roles when we see fit and when it would suit us, not our husbands, to do so. We're princesses and the world revolves around. We are entitled to everything we want and if we don't get it, well, HE is a bad man for not making it happen. How dare our every whim not be fulfilled when the mean evil patriarchy has been so cruel to us all of these years! This narcissistic madness is nearly everywhere you turn, from magazines and television shows to sermons at church and books that are supposedly anti-feminist. It's all about what women deserve and how to make ourselves happy. Female superiority it could be called.

Enough is enough!

This is all a lie. A BIG twisted sinister lie that is causing all sorts of sickness in our society today. When you are married, it's not about *YOU* it's about *US*. When children arrive, it's not about "wanting a baby" but about wanting to be a mother. Both marriage and motherhood are noble desires and two of the most beautiful roles to fulfill in life but they aren't about fulfillment and happiness in the sense these words are used in pop culture, dating books, magazines, and the world at large. The joy and delight that comes is not about you but something else entirely.

Marriage and motherhood are about humbling yourself, learning to be selfless & giving beyond what you ever thought you had to give, and placing the needs of others ahead of yourself. It's about caring for others and being given the wonderful opportunity to give yourself completely and with abandon to a man you belong to and little ones who have been given to you as a great gift. It's about sharing burdens, not being afraid to get your hands dirty, and learning to accept others for who they are, imperfect messy humans just like yourself. As a wife, you are to be your husband's helpmeet, fiercely loyal to him through thick and thin. You are to be the one who encourages him and helps prop him up when times are the tough, the one who celebrates his triumphs and helps him achieve his goals and dreams in any way you can. With beaming eyes and a heart full on intense love, you'll wonder how you could ever be so lucky to be married to such a fine man and might even feel a bit inadequate when you ponder this thought. As a mother, you are given a fragile and helpless baby who needs you for his/her's very survival. You must give your all to this little one, fret & worry around the clock for their safety, and feel so much love for this itty bitty human that you think your heart might explode. These are both important parts of a woman's life, ones that are about other people far more than they are about yourself.

In a marriage, splitting duties shouldn't be a priority but rather getting done what needs to get done. You are to

cooperate with your husband, not worry about making deals or fret about who is getting the raw end of the deal. With an eager loving heart, you learn to look around and ease the burden of work your husband has to do. You might take it upon yourself to do all the domestic chores and find a way to work lawn care into your schedule as well. You might start a home business and really learn to pinch pennies until they scream to help provide your family with the cushioning of a good emergency fund. Part time work in the evening might be something you look into, to help assure your husband has quality time with the precious little ones that you share, while your family still thrives financially. Contests over who has it worst will kill your marriage and make your husband resent you. Pushing for an equal split in housework as a high priority is not the recipe for a beautiful thriving marriage but may very well be one for divorce.

When others depend on you, your emotions need to be under control. Maybe you will need to force yourself to get extra sleep during certain delicate times of the month. Perhaps keeping a journal and being cautious of what foods you eat might help. Whatever works, though, hormones, bad days, and sleep deprivation are not excuses for bad behavior. We all had our bad days, the moments when we make mistakes, but these shouldn't be actions for which we make excuses. Instead they should be painful moments that spur us to learn and understand ourselves to do better next time. I realize that blaming biology and excusing icky behavior is very prevalent nowadays, but to give everything you can to others, self-control is an important part of character to work on, as is having the prudence to plan accordingly for times you know might be rough on you physically and emotionally.

Once children arrive equal parenting investment is important, but this doesn't mean tallying up diaper changes and midnight feedings. To parent equally means you make sure your husband has enough quality time with the kids, that you do not tell him how to be a father, and that you are sure to instill a healthy love and respect for daddy in your children, thanks both to your words and your actions. You both leave an important mark on your children and must be sure your children are provided with the proper balance of both mommy and daddy, of discipline and unconditional love, and all the heaps of time they need to grow and develop into confident and productive young adults in the future.

But parenting is far from just giving mom & dad both equal influence. Children should not be had because one wants to have a baby. They should come about because a married couple wants to take on the lofty job of parenting a child together and has a stable marriage and loving home to provide a child with the best possible welcome into the world. Small children take up far more time and require much more work than you can ever realize until you bring your precious babe home. To make a conscious choice to bring a child into a single mother household is selfish to the extreme and detrimental to the child and so too is bringing a child into a situation where they aren't going to receive not only quality time but quantity time. Children deserve parents who are going to give them all the love, attention, affection, and careful care they need to grow and thrive. They need lots of stories, numerous games of peek-a-boo, and daily trips outside to explore the big outdoors. They demand many sleepless nights spent nursing the night away, rocking a colicky baby, or soothing painful teething gums. They need somebody who wants to be their parent and give all they have to give, not just somebody who wants to bring them into this world to fulfill their desire for a baby or to be needed or to appease their biological clock.

All of this is hard work, not the easy, pretty picture painted by glossy magazine pages or sitcoms on prime time television. When you become a wife, certain doors close as the Mrs one opens. The same is true with motherhood as well. You learn to say no to what isn't important and invest fully in what is. Ideally you will find that what might seem like drudgery is far from it. Cooking and baking become cherished ways to express your love for your family, as does doing their laundry, picking up the laundry strewn about your bedroom, and even scrubbing toilets. You learn to accept the sleep deprived months for what they are–time that will soon pass–and quickly come to realize that it passes far too soon. You learn to not only look past the annoying habits your husband might have, not only to accept them, but to come to see them as part of who he is, the wonderful man you married and the one with whom you're building your "to death do us part" life. And you learn to smile and delight in the pleasures that can only come with the comfortably mundane life that is marriage and motherhood, preferring them to even the most exciting and glamorous bits of the life you left behind and the one you could have had.

I suppose you could say you come to find deep fulfillment in it all, but it's not about you, it's about your very special & irreplaceable *us*.

Or so it should be.

With Love,

Hestia

Miami Domestic Dispute Triggers Massacre of Women

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A former NY Mets pitcher's brother argued with his wife in the parking lot of a Cuban restaurant in Miami, then pulled out a .45 and shot her dead. After killing his wife, from whom he had recently separated, he entered the restaurant and opened fire on the women inside, killing three and wounding three others. He may have known a couple of the women he shot in the restaurant, but it appears that he targeted several simply for being women.

After the rampage, the man drove a few blocks down the street, and then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Murders, suicides and other acts of violence have become routine events during marital conflicts in the United States. Usually, as we have often pointed out, the man simply commits suicide (which is rarely reported) or gets himself shot by a cop, but it appears that men are increasingly lashing out at others, perhaps due to a feeling of hopelessness and rage engendered by the domination of women so triumphantly announced by Hanna Rosin in her recent piece in The Atlantic.

When men are put under extreme pressure, such as the prospect of losing everything they care about in a pending divorce, violence is to be expected in a certain number of cases. This has *always* been the case, and has a great deal to do with the development of the institution of marriage as a sort of "guarantee" that assured men that they would not be subjected to the kind of emotional stressors that cause them to act out with aggression. To assume that human nature can be changed simply by passing a few laws is the greatest folly, and I expect untold numbers of people to lose their lives for the thoughtless rejection of ancient laws that feminists demanded.

Rather than a utopia, feminism is edging us closer to a chaotic society in which violence simmers and crackles under the lid of a badly strained criminal justice system. The real injustices that feminists write off as irrelevant will have real consequences, and will result in real tragedies, such as this latest killing spree in Florida.

Obsidian's Survival Guide For The 21st Century Male

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The past four articles by me, in addition to my posting up of the Atlantic's piece, "The End of Men", has elicited a great deal of responses, both online and off. Among them, are the concerns on the part of many Men, quite a few who now find themselves in the midst of the Great Mancession, as to how they will navigate the choppy waters that is the first decade of the third millennium. They are unsure of their place and role, in the Brave New World that beckons, in some cases, downright fearful of the portents of what some call the New Girl Order. This post then, will attempt to offer one Man's take on how Humanity's Y chromosome carriers, can survive and in many cases, even thrive in our times, and the times ahead.

To do that, let us consider the hit film and Oscar winning "Training Day", starring Denzel Washington, and Ethan Hawke…

For those who haven't seen the movie, the premise centers around a day in the life of LAPD NARC Detective Alonzo Harris, and his green trainee, Jake Hoyt. Harris gets Hoyt's feet wet in the world of deep cover drugs trade work-and what he teaches young Hoyt, you don't learn in the Academy.

Among other things, Harris teaches Hoyt that you *have to use your head out on the streets*, that its better to outthink your opponent, than to out-muscle them. Besides, as Harris notes, the years following the Rodney King and OJ trials and the like, have placed additional constraints on the Boys in Blue; we have to be quite crafty in coming up with ways to get around said constraints. When Harris asks how good is Hoyt's Espanðl, and Hoyt responds in the negative, Harris admonishes him to "learn that shit; these guys are plotting all kinds of shit out here".

Harris demonstrates a keen understanding of both the Law of the Land and the Code of the Streets, AND he does it all with a kind of sexiness that makes Women melt. It will serve Today's Guy well to study this film.

As it has been already noted, it is all but impossible for guys in our time to get over with what our dads and grand dads did. We have to be more saavy, more aware, and more fluid in how we meet the demands of our environment. Besides, we're not able to do what our forebears did, if for no other reason than it is no longer legally feasible to do so. You can't go upside a gal's head, or even yell at her, without running the serious risk of being locked up for a very long time. The point is, as Harris noted, that mere brawn/muscle simply ain't gonna get it anymore; instead, you gotta use your head.

This means, as Harris showed above, that you gotta understand the rules of the game if you plan to win. The first place you gotta start, is with the Law. Learn not only the Constitution, but all that came before it. In that case, that means British Common Law, and before that, the Magna Carta. For example, do you know what the Magna Carta is, and why it remains so very important today? What is the basis of British Common Law-the legal system extant throughout the Anglosphere and beyond? Why is the US Constitution so very important-and unique-in world history?

Trust me when I tell you fellas, all my nights spent burning the midnight oil reading up on all this has paid off, bigtime. I've beaten court cases because of it. Someone remind me to discuss it sometime.

Next, learn what the laws are specifically wrt Family Court issues, which extend to child custody, domestic partner violence and abuse, alimony and palimony, and paternity rights. What does the law say wrt say, rape allegations? Does your state have a "rape shield law"? Do they administer rape kit tests on the accuser? Some states are more amenable to Men in particular than others-study what those laws are in your home state, and then consider those in the surrounding tristate area. If those laws are more favorable to you than where you are, seriously consider moving there-and whatever you do, don't allow yourself to be fooled by the Conservative/Liberal thing. Just because a state is "Red" doesn't necessarily mean that its good for you, as a Man; and just because a state is "Blue" doesn't

necessarily mean that its stacked against you either. Your personal self-interest is what is key here, not blind political ideology. Always remember that.

Next, learn Game. Learn it. Learn it well enough so that you got the basics down pat: Social Proof, Negs, Peacocking, Body Language-and this is something that isn't normally mentioned but should be-know how to fuck. Seriously. Women have never, and will never, have much trouble getting a Man into her bed-but there is a caveat. For one thing, she has no way of knowing, for certain, that he'll be good in bed; and second, everytime a Woman opens her legs for a Man, she also opens herself up to the very real possibility of STDs, including Herpes and HIV. Women contract STDs at a rate of roughly two to one to Men-so Women are really taking a gamble all the way around here. Trust me when I tell you, no sane Woman (kinda sorta an oxymoron, I know, LOL) wants to lose a guy who knows his way around the bedroom if she can help it, because she knows just how hard it is to find a replacement, all things being equal, of course. For Women, dicks are a dime a dozen; but a bona fide Woodsman is golden.

Therefore, among your Game learning, you need to be learning stuff like the Kama Sutra and the Perfumed Garden. You need to understand Women's anatomy better than they do, and how to play it like a virtuoso.

A huge part of Game lay in role reversal-the best seducers are those who simply reverse roles with Women. This has already begun to manifest on the macro scale, with the Mancession and Women's gains really gaining apace. But that's only a part of the matter; another big part of it is psychological. Study your The Art of Seduction, and you'll see what I mean.

Learn to unlearn old, ossified, and truly outdated notions of Manhood. If there's one major stumbling block for Men overall, this is it. Notice how those guys who are more fluid with their masculinity tend to also do well with Women? That's not for nothing, chief. Those guys do better than the prototypical hard rock, because they signal *complexity*-and Women LOVE complexity. So, if you're one-dimensional, dead it: you need to diversify your personality portfolio. What do you know about literature? Art? Music? If you don't know much, learn it. You don't have to be a master of all trades here, just to have a good basic grounding. This is hugely important. The degree to which you can demonstrate complexity, will determine your potential success in the Brave New World.

Moreover, challenge yourself to question the conventional wisdom of what makes a Man, a Man. This should be fun, since Women seem all too quick to tell Men what "a real Man is". Put it to the test-challenge them to define it, and if they can pass said test. Now, this will depend in large part on what you've done in your own life, but just to give you an idea, I'll give you glimpse of how I would handle such a charge:

"*Sly grin*: Hmm. Well, let's see-I know what it's like to kill what I eat, and not with a gun either-with a bow & arrow. The whole of my working life-which extends back to when I worked under my dad when I was knee-high to a grasshopper-was one where I produced real goods and services, not just for myself, but for others. People ate because of me. I've done my duty per the Good Book and buried both my parents and grandparents-literally. I've seen Men die, held a few in my arms in their final moments. I've protected my family from threats, been shot at, have walked among thieves, murderers, rapists, druglords. I've led Men in the business world, and have taught other Men how to read. I've known the phrase, if you don't work, you don't eat, in spades, and have lived out on the bricks when things got bad. I know what its like to work from can't see in the morning till can't see at night, six days a week, in the snow and heat, for years, without fanfare or complaint-and if something goes down, right now, I know how to handle myself. When that great getting' up morning comes when you can say you've done any of the above, holla back. We'll talk. In the meantime though, I have nothing to prove to you or anyone else. Trust me when I tell you madam, that I know a heck of a lot more about what it means to be a Woman, than you will ever know what it means to be a Man."

Ball's back in her court.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again because it bears repeating: this is an excellent time for Men to reinvent themselves, *on their own terms*. Never before have we had such an opportunity, and it is not at all certain that it

will happen again. Carpe Diem, my Brothers-the World is waiting on you.

NOTE FOR THE LADIES: If you find yourself becoming a bit unsettled by what I have said above, simply consider the following-it is there for the benefit of the Men in your lives too. Your sons and grandsons, your brothers and nephews. Surely, you want them to have the means to protect themselves, yes?

Now adjourn your asses…

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Police Respond to “Domestic Disturbance” Call, Man Shoots Himself

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In a scene played out across America just about every single day, a Miamisburg, Ohio woman called the cops on her boyfriend when he hinted that he was thinking about harming himself, and when they showed up in force he shot himself.

In the US, police calls very frequently result in suicide, because a police response is essentially a military intervention, with assault rifles, body armor, helicopters, etc., and the threat causes sufficient nervous response that many men resort to violence — usually against themselves.

Additionally, it is not uncommon for police to preemptively shoot men who have expressed thoughts of suicide and a desire to harm themselves, which is often a way to reach out and a cry for help.

In this particular case, when police arrived and yelled at the man to drop his weapon, he promptly shot himself, and then they fired a few more rounds in his direction for good measure.

Across America, the standard police tactic in the case of potential male suicide is to always have a backup plan in place to eliminate the despondent man by shooting. This is not the fault of police, rather, it is procedure implemented from the top down in response to pressure to view all men as potential homicidal maniacs due to occasional sensational murders.

Testosterone Poisoning

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A Lone Nut comic.

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A Life-Support System For a Penis

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I found another excellent piece written by Susannah Breslin about the recent death of porn star Stephen Hill. I'd thought about posting the incident as a news item, but Breslin, who has written fairly extensively about the sex industry, is far more qualified than I am to put it in perspective, so I'm glad I came across her article, written in Salon and titled "Stephen Hill's dark life in porn."

What's really remarkable about Ms. Breslin is that she is a female writer who actually cares about men – even "losers" like Stephen Hill – and isn't faking it. These days, that's a rare quality, even in men.

Here's an excerpt:

> If porn is a joke — and, particularly these days, it most assuredly is — male porn stars are its punch line. Reams of text have been written about how porn supposedly victimizes the women who work in this branch of the sex trade, but inside the straight porn industry, it's the female performers who have the greater power, higher status and bigger paycheck. (The gay porn industry is a different beast altogether and to compare the two is to compare apples and oranges.) So-called woodsmen are paid significantly less than their female counterparts, for their efforts are treated like props on the movie sets where they perform near Herculean sex acts of which most men can only dream ("Get it up, get it on, get it off" is the woodsman's mantra), and more often than not end up as decapitated, frantically thrusting tubes of meat in this industry's final product. Due to the hardcore nature of the porn business and the toll it takes upon all its workers, the porn industry functions as a meat grinder for the human condition, and men are its offal. They may score bragging rights as professional cocksmen, but the reality is these are the working stiffs of a business that has virtually no interest in the men it employs and all the interest in the world in the women with whom its movies are forever preoccupied.

American Women Resorting to Desperate Measures

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This is too funny. An Ohio woman, all alone at home, probably with a few cats, got drunk and decided she needed a man. So she did what women have been trained to do when they have a problem: she dialed 911.

Although calling 911 has proven to be very effective for removing husbands from women's lives, a system whereby it replaces them has not yet been worked out. But never fear; I'm sure feminists will come up with a new program that court orders single men to attend to desperate, lonely and aging women who have blown it in life and need some man to change the oil, mow the lawn and make them feel "special."

Former Mayor in Trouble for Fooling Around With 14-Year-Old Boy

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Linda Lusk, who held a term as mayor of Prosser, Washington, initiated a relationship with a student at Prosser High School, where her husband is principal. She frequently sent the boy steamy text messages and communicated with him on Facebook, eventually luring him to her house where she engaged in various acts with him. The boy told some friends about it, and when word got around the police contacted the boy's parents, then handed the case over to the sheriff's office due to potential conflicts of interest arising from her political career.

Lusk is 49 years old and a mother of four.

The boy's parents were unavailable for comment, but his uncle said that she'd frequently lure groups of boys to her house for pool parties, where she would flirt with the boys and show off her breasts. He also said that the boys were reluctant to talk to police, because they didn't want to "ruin her life," adding that although he'd like to feel sorry for her, he still wants to see her prosecuted.

Most of all, the uncle felt sorry for the woman's husband and daughter.

As women gain power, their potential for sexual misconduct is rapidly being revealed, suggesting that they are not actually the "safer" sex.

Men's Studies: The Complete Freak Show

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A disgraced shyster. A male feminist comedian that admits to being sexist and prone to violence. A transsexual. A grandiose, pathological *exaggerator.* A supporter of domestic violence perpetrators. A McCarthyesque academic thug out to get anyone around him that doesn't have their mind right. And a gaggle of puffy, self loathing, pseudo intellectual ne'er do wells; the inhabitants of a picaresque house of postmodern freaks.

No, this isn't the set up for a work of comic fiction, but rather an unblinking look at a real life cadre of laughable gender activists in the world of men's studies. And by their stranger than fiction behavior, they amplify the meaning of Jonathan Swift's famous words, "When a true genius appears, you can know him by this sign: That all the dunces are in a confederacy against him."

In this case, the genius isn't a man, but an idea. Male studies. It is admittedly radical in that it is a proposed discipline intended to further scholarly investigation that would actually benefit men and boys without feminist permission or approval.

In another time, perhaps, this would only be sensible. But in today's world, it is genius.

And the mere mention of it has set these less than relevant academic autocrats, this Men's Studies Confederacy of Dunces, on the warpath.

And so they have appointed themselves the defenders of feminist orthodoxy; the male guardians of misandry in academe. It is fitting, then, that they are now introduced to the larger world of men; that they be seen, even as they sit on their stools in the corner, for exactly who they are, right up to the very tops of their pointed hats.

All of them belong to, or are in some way affiliated, with two men's [sic] organizations called the American Men's Studies Association (AMSA) and the National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS). Those are the new age fig leafed boys clubs, so let's meet their versions of the alpha dogs.

Barry Goldstein

We'll start with Barry Goldstein, JD., who is listed on the NOMAS website as their co chair on child custody. He is also an expert witness on domestic violence and has written a book on the subject, *Scared to Leave, Afraid to Stay: Paths from Family Violence to Safety.* The book chronicles the experiences of ten females, alleged to be victims of domestic violence, including, get this, how the courts abused these women for seeking help.

But even aside from the idea that courts discriminate against battered women, there's a credibility problem here. Goldstein had his law license suspended by a New York appellate court for deceit, fraud and misrepresentation. The laundry list of charges against him stemmed from two cases. One was misappropriation of funds involving his representation of a not-for-profit tenants housing resource center. The other was from his involvement in the Gina Shockome divorce case, which was a feminist *cause célèbre* in New York just a few years back.

In an internet article he wrote about the case, he accused the presiding judge of denying his client due process and of causing her to suffer PTSD, among a slew of other accusations he leveled at the court. None of it turned out to be true, or at least provable, and that was added to the charges against him.

Perhaps the most comical of Goldstein's antics was to claim to the court during the Shockome case that he had a seen a video tape that showed a court appointed supervisor had slept for 15-20 minutes during a visit. When the court demanded that Goldstein produce the tape he claimed to have lost it. During one court appearance, he claimed the video tape was in his car, and later, at another appearance, he denied ever having had the tape in his car or anywhere else.

Well, apparently, to Goldstein's misfortune, his dog didn't eat the tape, which was about the only excuse he didn't offer. Officials eventually acquired it, and after viewing the video, the court stated, "Anyone looking at that video will see that there is nothing on that video that suggests that [the supervisor] was asleep for 20 minutes."

It seems that Goldstein was caught lying like a, well, like a crooked lawyer. And misappropriating money like one, too.

Among some of the other complaints was that Goldstein repeatedly defied a court directive to refrain from calling the father in the case, who was eventually awarded custody, "the abuser" as there was no proof to support such a statement.

Imagine that.

Additionally, in the last 60 days, the Supreme Court of neighboring Pennsylvania disbarred attorney Barry Goldstein.

Despite all of this being a matter of public record, NOMAS retains the now legally defunct Goldstein as an elected member of its national council.

Ben Atherton-Zeman

Perhaps his presence there is actually funnier than that of another council member that touts himself as a professional comedian. Any sense of ironic metaphor notwithstanding, Ben Atherton-Zeman, hyphenated surname and all, is the designated spokesman, excuse me, spokesperson, for NOMAS. He lists among his primary qualifications that he is an actor and a comedian; that he does impersonations and that he is a feminist.

Impressive credentials, but given the circumstances in the organization, it's probably good that they don't require a

license.

Among many notable statements attributed to Atherton-Zeman is that he identifies himself as a “recovering sexist” and believes that every man should challenge sexism and violence, in the world, *and in themselves*.

Let us hope that there is a mental health professional on the board at NOMAS. Perhaps with some counseling, Ben’s projection of his personal struggles with sexism and violence onto the entire male sex can be resolved. Or, if he can identify the women he discriminated against and people he battered before getting into “recovery,” he can make amends to them as a part of the healing.

He might benefit from a referral to Doug Gertner, another NOMAS National Council Member. Gertner, it seems, has considerable experience counseling men, particularly young fathers for whom he runs a “Boot Camp for New Dads.”

But there is a concern about that one, too. The boot camp looks to have a problem with condoning and enabling domestic violence.

Seriously.

According to information reported on their website, the young male recruits in his *basic training* have made reports of “their hormone driven mates sometimes using them as a punching bag.”

Gertner’s answer to the abuse? Well, there isn’t one. After all, if a young soldier can’t take an ass kicking with his mouth closed, who can? He sends them home “with a new sense of confidence.” Perhaps it is from their reeducation.

No intervention on the violence. No protection. No concerns. Gertner just ignores the assaults and issues marching orders for his young men to go home and take it.

National Organization for Men Against *What?*

Google Image return on Robert Brannon

Also, NOMAS President Robert Brannon penned a piece on their site, *Does Consensual Prostitution Exist?,* in which he implies that female prostitutes are not competent enough to make informed decisions on what to do with their own bodies, and tacitly implies their male customers are raping them.

Men Against *What?*

Perhaps the best explanation for NOMAS as an acronymic misnomer can be found in their motto, “Pro feminist, gay affirmative, anti racist, enhancing men’s lives.”

As you take a trip through their website, you get a sobering dose of what they mean by “enhancing” men’s lives; they demonize anything masculine and further every anti male sexist stereotype imaginable, including a wholesale endorsement of the New York Model for batterer programs. That program explicitly sees all domestic violence as male perpetrated, despite the overwhelming proof that it just isn’t so. And with that endorsement they embrace a proscription on any notion of counseling or treatment for batterers in favor of criminal consequences.

Do you hear that Mr. Atherton-Zeman? There is no recovery. You are unfixable. Please turn yourself in to the nearest authorities. And bring the rest of the male sex with you.

The NOMAS mission is enhancement through sexism, bigotry and incarceration. And they are steadfastly working to further those ideas.

AMSA, a similarly misnamed organization, with a similarly misleading mission, turns out to be just as misandric as NOMAS, with a crew no less motley than their abhorrent brothers. But they are significantly more dangerous if taken seriously, which an unfortunate few in the mainstream media have done.

Robert Heasley

After the recent conference on male studies in April, AMSA president Robert Heasley was spotted in places like Forbes.com complaining that the new discipline wasn’t really new, but actually an unnecessary redundancy. Regarding male studies he told Forbes “Their argument is that they’re inventing something I think already exists.”

That sentiment was also expressed by Michael Kimmel, author of *Guyland*, which is basically an attack manual for use against almost all men and on women who don’t subscribe to feminism. Kimmel admonished me personally not to think that male studies was anything new, and informed me that “a robust and healthy field of Masculinity Studies already exists, and is well institutionalized in the US and abroad.” He also went on to boast, “I myself have been working to build this field for nearly thirty years.”

Michael Kimmel

These would seem to be two of the authorities on men's studies, such as they are; The President of AMSA and a well regarded author on masculinities. Both are touting the idea that any new approach to studying men is unnecessary, but perhaps, as Heasley suggested, "Why not just add some new classes?" [to already existing studies]

The question becomes where to add them actually. Despite Kimmel's assertion of the field's vitality and Heasley's call for male studies to be surrendered to men's studies, here is the track record.

After thirty years of Kimmel's personal work and AMSA's group contribution, the field has yielded the following degrees awarded in men's studies.

Ph.D. – 0

Masters – 0

Bachelors – 0

Associates – 0

That is correct, after three decades of effort, begging for (and then spending) money, and the current territorial, defensive reaction we are witnessing from the men's studies leadership, we are left with a discipline that for all practical purposes does not exist, except in a handful of publications and in the minds of an intellectually incestuous group of ideologues seeking their fifteen minutes of fame.

I think I understand Kimmel's thinking very well now. Exactly squat = robust and healthy. No degrees = well institutionalized.

A man could run for elected office on the tricks from academe.

And win.

The lack of substance in Masculinities is apparently in direct proportion to a lack of substance in those who supposedly study it. It isn't just Kimmel and Heasley. And a quick look at AMSA conference literature reveals even more.

At one of their more recent conferences, all of which appear to float on paper submissions from grad students and even some undergraduates, the focus of men's studies is revealed in all its irrelevant glory.

Here are a few of the topics presented.

Contemporary Queer Cinema in a Men's Studies Curriculum

Masculinities in Play: Examining Hegemonic and Technomasculinity in Action-adventure Video Games

A Queer Greenwood Beyond the Cricket Pitch: Queer Sporting Masculinities in the writings of E.M. Forster, D.H. Lawrence and Edward Carpenter

Foucalt and Parenting: A Feminist Essay of Personal Reflection and Application

What are You? Transvestism in Octavia Butler's Kindred and Fledgling

Black Gay (Queer) Masculine Studies: Insights from Richard Bruce Nugent

And

Differently Straight Guys: How Did That Happen?

Setting an example for such scholarly pursuits relevant to the average man is Dr. Christopher Kilmartin, a former comic (yes, *another* comedian) who recently presented the master lecture, Guy Fi: The Fiction that Rule Men's Lives

How they have avoided a wild proliferation of university courses and degree programs in this discipline is mind boggling, unless you consider that the men's studies group is actually representative of, and obsessed with, about 4% of the male population, while condemning and attacking the other 96%.

Paying attention to the issues of homosexuals and the transgendered has its place in modern culture, but to use that agenda to play a part in hoodwinking people into believing you are addressing the lives of men in general demonstrates a deficit in integrity and a pathological drive to ensure the problems of the great majority of men and boys are either ignored or exacerbated, or both.

It's bullshit. And not just bullshit that helps a bunch of middle aged, meagerly accomplished men get together once a year to feel important and mark the progress of receding hairlines, but crazy, mean spirited bullshit that draws attention away from some very serious problems in our society.

Raewyn Connell- Masculinities Guru

And how could we ever have expected a different outcome? The circus of men's studies has gone so far astray that they have coalesced around an ultimate masculinities icon, Raewyn Connell, who is a tranny. He opted to have his balls cut off and started wearing dresses, at least publicly, about four years ago. And note that Connell isn't just *an* icon for men's studies, but *the* icon. The widely published and acclaimed Connell is roundly regarded by the entire men's studies community the erudite harbinger of forward thinking modern masculinity, sans the penis and testicles, of course.

There's your study of men, men. And if you don't like it, they'll sure 'nuff don a strap on and take care o' bidness.

Harry Brod

Recently AMSA board member Harry Brod (no, not even in this gender bending train wreck of a true story did I make that name up) wrote an editorial on the AMSA website in which he departed from the notion that male studies was a repeat of men's studies and opted to just paint the entire new discipline as bullshit, using that exact word, though with not the same credulity as when it is used to describe his own arena.

He invoked the surgically altered Connell, though, to vilify the new discipline as "just another excuse to ignore gender injustice." It was the first of what will sure to be more salvos aimed at publicly ridiculing the proponents of male studies.

MND publisher Mike LaSalle posted a brief, but courteous dissent in the comments section of Brod's article, as follows:

The kernel of your argument against Male Studies is revealed here: Men's Studies scholars are primarily concerned with Justice, not Science.

Male Studies assumes knowledge comes before justice, not the other way around.

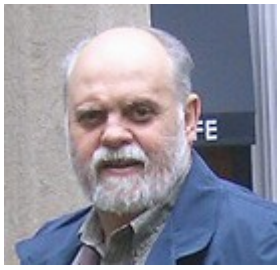
The comment was posted, and then promptly deleted.

And that is the very least of their efforts at censorship.

MND contributor and Wagner College professor of psychology Miles Groth, who hosted the recent conference on Male Studies, is a former member of AMSA. He is also the co founder and former editor of Thymos*: Journal of Boyhood Studies* which became a part of the Men's Studies Press (MSP).

Some time into his involvement with AMSA, he grew concerned with aspects of the organization that he described as "out of touch with the current concerns and needs of *most* males, especially young males."

Groth went on to express concerns with the nature and quality of literature being featured at AMSA conferences. "Some presenters at the last conference were undergraduates. At such events [annual conferences in a major discipline] it is customary to hear the work of senior researchers."


James Doyle

MSP director James Doyle became aware of Groth's unfortunate propensity for independent thought, and didn't take to the idea of such intellectual diversity with much enthusiasm. In an email he wrote the following to Groth:

Over the past several months, it has become clear that you believe the field of "men's studies" in all its forms to be a pointless, if not harmful, pursuit. As disseminating "men's studies" research, serving "men's studies" scholars, and

promoting a positive image of "men's studies" to a broad readership are the central purposes for the Men's Studies Press and its publications, it seems clear to me that you current involvement with the Men's Studies Press is antithetical to your new found philosophy for the study of men's lives.

Therefore, it is with regret that I must terminate your editorial duties with the Men's Studies Press as of this day, April 29th, 2010

In short, when ousting Groth for not having his mind right, he stripped him of his editorship of Thymos, the journal that he co-founded and edited all the years of its existence.

Booted, berated and burned, all for having an actual concern for men and boys in defiance of a group of bigots that seek to undermine the same. There is no greater demonstration of the kind of people we are talking about here. And all my attempts to add levity to this situation aside, it is clear they are capable of the most pernicious kinds of fascist bullying.

It now seems they are gearing up to exert the same, if they can, on anyone else interested in helping men and boys, especially those furthering the idea of male studies.

After a decade old split between the organizations, that by their own account demonstrates that slash and burn politics are no stranger to this crowd, there is a lot of kissing and making up. Kimmel, who has operated more or less independently since the split, is returning to give the key note address in 2011. This had to happen for a reason that overcomes the petty divides that sent them on their own separate paths.

In an email from James Doyle provided to me by someone within their ranks who wishes to remain anonymous, Doyle reveals his personal feelings about Kimmel while acknowledging the sacred adherence to ideology.

Says Doyle:

"I have no problem with people being turned off by Kimmel (I am also) but only in terms of his arrogant and self-centered personality. As for social constructionism, I think this an extremely useful theory."

Aside from the fact that neither social constructionism, nor narcissism, begin or end with Kimmel, Doyle tips his hand on priorities quite nicely, and along with his treatment of Groth solidifies his ideology over values, truth and scholarship mentality.

This entirely sordid matter would be far funnier if it were not so serious. We might even expect a punch line or two from Atherton-Zeman or Kilmartin. We might even laugh. But we are, in some of the most serious ways possible, talking about the future of our sons in this culture.

These fascist pigs are part and parcel to a system that helps shape government policy. If you are interested enough in those policies to have read this far into this article, then you are likely all too aware of what those policies are and in how they are harming our men and boys. When the intellectually carcinogenic on this level operate under the blanket of political and social denial, their work eventually becomes cancerous and starts to metastasize.

It is time to gear up for treatment.

This is especially true now, as we watch these frauds broadcast their intent to start a campaign of bullying and strong arming against anyone who disagrees with them.

The men's studies establishment does not pursue knowledge, but a program of wholesale skullduggery, all to fit a political agenda whose only connection to education is to corrupt it.

After all, if you'll lie to a court of law about domestic problems, about men being abusers when they are not, is there anyone you won't lie to, *about anything*?

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Sailor Girl Fails in Solo Circumnavigation Attempt, Sparks Huge Rescue Response

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Abby Sunderland, a 16-year-old girl whose parents thought it would be a good idea to allow her to attempt a global circumnavigation by sailboat, has been found floundering in heavy seas in the Indian Ocean without a mast. Perhaps her parents, Marianne and Laurence Sunderland, who have six other children, figured that with that many kids the risk was acceptable.

These days, sailing is largely automated, so even a girl can appear to be a heroic, swashbuckling sailor on the high seas. Comparing her attempt to much earlier circumnavigations would be something like comparing taking a turboprop to the South Pole to the Amundsen and Scott Antarctic expeditions. Nevertheless, Abby failed, probably because of some technical error (e.g. she sailed right into a heavy storm) or malfunction.

Although the girl's pluck is admirable, her parents' decision to support this trip was unfortunate. Sometimes, when equipment fails, you need muscle, something that 16-year-old girls don't have in abundance. Hopefully, the massive rescue, which involved numerous boats and planes, will be paid for by the Sunderlands, so next time they'll think twice about sending a kid off alone on the high seas.

The recent trend of having children break age records in extreme situations strikes me as a bit bizarre and unhealthy. Although some kids may succeed, a number will fail – some tragically – and unlike when adults attempt extreme feats, in their case there will be others to blame besides just themselves.

In my opinion, this is part of the infantile 1970s ideology, born of Marxist thought, that held that anyone can be or do anything they want if they only *want* it enough (ironically, people who lived in real Marxist countries were disabused of that notion before us, because it led to mass starvation due to idiotic production goals). Now that people who were indoctrinated by that as children are parents themselves, they are encouraging their children to act out their own childhood fantasies.

Spotlight on “WAGS” at the World Cup

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Englands so-called “WAGS,” wives and girlfriends of football (soccer) players, made a name for themselves at the last World Cup in Germany, where they went on a spending and drinking rampage. This time, England’s coach, Fabio Capello, has taken a hard line against them, restricting them from their husbands and boyfriends during the competition. Their scandalous behavior at the last World Cup is cited by some as the reason England couldn’t make it past the 2006 World Cup quarterfinals.

Evidently, they can spend prodigious amounts of money and have a penchant for drunken table dancing.

The WAGS highlight the race in Anglosphere society toward the bottom of the barrel, and represent the triumph of feminist ideals. Most English football players are not particularly sophisticated guys, and while young and egregiously overpaid, become targets for the most aggressive, promiscuous and mercenary women out there, so perhaps it is little wonder that they have come to be surrounded by such a bawdy assortment of women.

However, the WAG culture has evidently been spreading throughout Britain, leading girls to attempt to emulate their heroes by engaging in shopping and drinking binges while wearing expensive, revealing clothing.

This is just another trend that proves that, when given the opportunity, women’s behavior can be every bit as ugly as men’s.

In Defense of "Starter" Marriage – A Tale of Marriage 2.0

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Author Sascha Rothchild, achieved some notoriety for her 2010 book, How to Get Divorced by 30. In it, she discusses what she calls her "Starter" marriage. This tale as narrated by her, is quite instructive to understanding modern American woman's views on the institution most of us in the MRA-sphere call Marriage 2.0. – aka – "til death do us part…or I get bored and just don't feel in love anymore."

Now, of course, I would never pay to read an obvious auto-hagiograpy that undoubtedly gives yet another glaring example of the Eternal Solipsism of the 21st Century, Western Female Mind. But I did come across an article she wrote, entitled In Defense of Starter Marriage, in which she discusses reader's reactions to her book and goes on to reiterate the same case she makes for in her book – that "Starter" Marriages are a great way for people to "test run" before finding the "right" one.

This article is just begging for a red-pill fisking of her blue-pill delusions.

Let's get started…

> *For every email or comment I get thanking me for writing my book, How To Get Divorced By 30, or for expressing in articles and blogs how a first marriage can be a positive rite of passage, I get an angry email or comment asking, "How dare you destroy the sanctity of marriage!?"*
>
> To those irate people I say, thanks for giving me all the credit and power of destroying an ancient institution. (In truth, my contribution was hardly necessary; there were major matrimonial problems long before I came into the picture.)

Let's start off nicely…I agree Sascha! Sanctity? Sanctity got nothing to do with Marriage 2.0!

> *I'm not causing divorce, I'm just relaying my own divorce experience, which has been overwhelmingly fantastic.*

Of course! Divorce for women under Marriage 2.0 usually is.

> *The first time I got married, I was 27 and made many of the standard mistakes, including adhering to an arbitrary timetable. I thought dating for three years meant it was time to get married, and marriage at the time seemed easier than breaking up. I also believed that opposites attracted, and I was a type-A, neurotic go-getter and he a laid-back, lovable stoner.*

Red flag gentleman. If your thinking of getting married to a particular lady…and she describes herself as a type-A, neurotic go-getter, RUN TO THE HILLS! *(Gratuitous plug of one of my fav Metal vids of all time).*

> *At first we complemented each other; I helped him get motivated to put down the video game controller and actually pursue an acting career, and he helped me calm down and enjoy the quiet moments between stressing out about my writing career.*

TRANSLATION FROM WOMENESE INTO ENGLISH:

At first we were happy…but than I got annoyed with him always playing his video games, so I began nagging him to find a job. He started auditioning as an extra for B-Rate Rom-Coms in between the latest exploits of virtual-thuggery on Grand Theft Auto just to shut me up. Eventually he'd tell me to chill and smoke a joint with him whenever I got too worked up about him being such a total loser.

> *But after awhile we both just resented the other's very different attitude, rhythm and personality. We were also so*

> *conscious of never stepping on each other's toes that we ended up compromising to the point that we were both miserable.*

Take note guys. A classic case of Women saying they want one thing but not happy when they get it. Note the magic word here: compromise. Wasn't this supposed to be the holy grail of EQUALITY? If she were married to a man she looked up to and respected…which would satisfy her intrinsic biological drive for hypergamy…there would not be this talk of "compromise."

> *I loved Hollywood; he loved Venice Beach. So we bought a condo in a place we both hated: Sherman Oaks. This sense of democracy just left us feeling unfulfilled.*

TRANSLATION: *"I can't believe I married a loser beta."*

> *My ex and I had a very small nontraditional wedding, too embarrassed and cool to say words like "love," "forever" and "til death do us part." We thought by laughing in the face of tradition we were being original, when really we were just setting ourselves up for divorce.*

Heh. Very fitting…given the state of Marriage 2.0, at least you were not being a hypocrite or a liar by giving a meaningless gesture towards the serious commitments and vows of Marriage 1.0.

> *I bought my own engagement ring and walked down the makeshift aisle to Joe Jackson's "Is She Really Going Out With Him," and, at our reception in a friend's back yard, the best man's toast was "to the best five years of your life."*

Let's all give our heartiest round of applause for her ex-husband. Well done sir! You didn't bust the bank on this flake, and try to live up to yet another Princesses dream of being the center of attention in a grand ceremony of over-indulged fluff.

> *He was off by two-and-a-half. While I was planning my 30th birthday party, I realized I didn't want my husband on the guest list. I wanted to start this new decade of my life single and free. I was way too young to be stuck in nuptial mediocrity, and getting divorced would be better than spending the next 50 years in a hell of my own making. I now see that divorce isn't an evil at all.*

Just like Roissy's maxim 101: **For most women, five minutes of alpha is worth five years of beta.**

In this case, 2 and a half years of beta was hell enough. Time to go alpha-cock hunting!

> *My definition of a starter marriage is one that lasts less than five years and in which there are no children. But based on my experience, I coined the term "learner marriage"—the kind that helps keep you from making the same mistakes the second time around. It's true that second marriages have an even higher divorce rate than first marriages, but that's because many people don't investigate why things went wrong and instead repeat the same self-destructive patterns.*

We do have to give Sascha some credit here. She's not putting all the blame on her ex-husband here. The big problem here is that it appears she's investigated why things went wrong, but because she's a typical, 21st century, empowered female endlessly searching for Equality, she doesn't even understand the patterns of self-destruction. Watch the pretty lies she recites in the next paragraph…

> *I wasn't emotionally available in my twenties, but instead of confronting that, I married a man who was even less emotionally available.*

"Emotional availability" is a code word, and it indicates that her ex-husband most likely started failing her shit tests, and as this drove her crazy, she'd try to "communicate" with him. But because he no longer made her 'gina tingle, and he was most likely clueless about LTR Game, she grew to despise him. Beta contempt. But most women don't even consciously realize what is going on. So they resort to vague rationalizations and pop-psychological buzzwords like "emotionally unavailable" to justify their decision to end their marriages.

> *I tried to hide my own issues behind his. Once married, I realized that keeping the knot tied is a lot of daily work, which only just begins with "I do."*

That's because you married a slacker-stoner-video game addict who you did not look up to and respect. It sure does take a lot of work to try and live with the cognitive dissonance of going against your basic hypergamous hard-wiring.

> *I made the mistake, as do many women, of focusing on getting married rather than on the actual marriage.*

Ok, I'm finding hard to work up too much schadenfreude here….she at least has a level of awareness not typical of most Western women nowadays.

> *It wasn't until it fell apart that I forced myself to look inward, went to therapy, spoke honestly with friends about my fears and feelings. I also decided that instead of being bitter and baggage-laden, it was time to be a more independent, wiser, and all-around happier person. In a radio interview about my book, a DJ said I sounded cheery for a divorced lady. I replied, "Divorce shouldn't make you depressed; it's being unhappily married that does that."*

Of course divorce made you happy…what negatives are there for women getting divorced under the Marriage 2.0 regime? Nevertheless, I do have to give you kudos for avoiding the trap of victimization and letting your baggage make you embittered and unpleasant like so many other divorcees.

> *More than 50 percent of marriages end in divorce, yet the wedding industry is booming, which means the belief in nuptial bliss remains.*

More like their is still a sizable section of men that don't know any better and are still susceptible to being suckered into Marriage 2.0.

> *And so it should! If you find yourself divorced, as I did, and actually take the time to dissect the death of your marriage and make some needed changes in your life, then learning from that starter marriage can prove to be a crucial step towards happiness.*

Too bad you missed the most important lesson. Cross your own hypergamous instincts when choosing a spouse, you will almost certainly end up divorced.

> *I recently got engaged again, but rather than living like glorified roommates and watching TV every night, my fiancé and I actually spend time together out in the world (snowboarding, trying new restaurants, going to concerts and actually holding hands).*

I'd bet an entire paycheck that the subtext of her new relationship has aspects she doesn't even realize is going on here: her new guy has taken on an assertive role, and she submits and follows…tingling her hypergamous instincts. I'd bet he introduced her to snowboarding ,and introduced her to new restaurants…rather than her trying to beg her stoned ex to put down the controller and take her out.

> *Sure sometimes I have to sit through a Cubs game and he has to watch me try on shoes, but we don't avoid conflict by losing ourselves in compromise.*

Don't you want EQUALITY in your relationship?

> *We moved to a neighborhood we both enjoy, communicate by expressing actual feelings rather than just saying, "OK, whatever," and combined our books on shelves knowing we will never have to separate them.*

"OK, whatever," I think this corroborates my initial suspicions that her ex-husband was regularly failing her shit tests, she'd get upset, and he'd just blow her off.

> *Our wedding will be filled with family and friends, traditions and the word "love." We have a wedding planner, I will wear an actual wedding dress and we'll say vows that are emotional rather than snarky. But most importantly, my second marriage will work because I'm armed with the knowledge gained through my misguided first.*

Good luck Sascha. I only hope your new partner doesn't get too comfortable and routine and starts to bore you.

Of course, the more important thing to take away from this entire experience is the general attitude of Sascha when she "settled" for Mr. Good Enough. Ladies, don't settle to get married.

Given the realities of Marriage 2.0 and the divorce regime that ruins so many men and children's lives, thanks…but no thanks.

Obsidian Writes An Open Letter To Ms. Irin Carmon, Reporter For Jezebel.com

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I knew it wouldn't be long before I would see a "response" to The Atlantic's piece by Hannah Rosin, "The End of Men" from someone somewhere out there the Femisphere, and Ms. Irin Carmon , staff writer/blogger for Jezebel.com, whom I consider to be one of the Internet's "Cyber Sisters", didn't disappoint. Her piece, which was posted on the Jezebel site yesterday, has all of what we've come to expect of today's Estrogen-injected commentariat-heavy on the high falutin' snark, but woefully light on the substance. You can see her column for yourself in full, but for my purpose I'm gonna present what I consider to be its most salient points in the form of what we Black folk know as a "call and response" format-a kind of conversation between Ms. Carmon and moi. Let's roll:
MS. IRIN CARMON: Men Are Over. Except At The Top.

OBSIDIAN: In the words of the Gipper, see there you go *again*, doing that Hypergamy thing. You run right past the points the article itself makes and instead bemoan the fact that the topmost spots are still all Male. Sure didn't take you long to get right to the point, now did ya?

IC: But, see, it's different this time because that one had a question mark! And this one has a limp-dicked and downward-indicating male symbol. All of which means, I guess, that women have a slight edge over non-white supremacy. Must we always compete?

O: Hold up, Ms. Carmon. You know, I've been watching you and your "sisters" throw down for quite sometime now, from the sidelines, and I gotta tell ya-as a Black Man, it gets tiresome listening to upper middle class White (or Jewish, as the case may be) hipsterettes work themselves up into a self-congratulatory lather talking about how "down with the people" they are. Truth be told, there is a tenuous relationship between you all and the Sistas to begin with at best, and in that I've lived or worked in most of the Eastern seaboard's inner city hoods, I have yet to run across the likes of you there making fellowship with Tanya and Rashidah. So, please, spare me the racebaiting, I simply ain't having it.

Moreover, based on your curricula vitae, you haven't done so bad for yourself: magna cum laude from Harvard, worked for the Boston Globe, both at home and its Jerusalem Bureau, the New York Times, Women's Wear; you've globetrotted a bit and got paid doing it; and you were born into what most people would agree was quite auspicious surroundings. Nice work if you can get it, hmm, Irin? All that lathering up about Patriarchy and how The Man's keeping you Womenfolk down's gotta be sooooo tiring…

IC: It can be difficult to shake the suspicion that the Atlantic has an unwritten editorial policy to consider feminism — and any discussion of say, workplace discrimination, sexual assault, reproductive freedom — such hoary conventional wisdom that any issue labeled "Ideas" has to bravely blow it up. (The same may go for critiques of racism). We're so over it all already, and now the supremacy of the feminist establishment needs to be interrogated by some fierce, independent-minded sort like Caitlin Flanagan.

O: What's difficult to shake-to say nothing of keeping a straightface to keep from busting out in laughter-is the notion that "reproductive freedom" is something that is actually evenly applied to ALL people, not just one half.

Shall we go there, Ms. Carmon. Hmm?

IC: Rosin did actually report out her piece, though there is an unmistakable tone of handwringing to it, a worry that all women will turn out like the poor unmarried black women, and a fairly unexamined assumption that when women thrive in the economy, men will grow rightfully angry and resentful that their naturally brawny and vigorous selves are being oppressed.

O: Then it must be true, that two people can look at a piece of art or read a book and take completely differing impressions from it. When I read Rosin's piece (complete with the video clip that I see you forgot(?) to mention, I don't see a heck of a lot of overwrought handwringing; I saw a Woman and her daughter doing a victory dance Terrill Owens himself would have a hard time matching. Go figure.

IC: And yet, for all the hand-wringing over the lonely spinster, the real loser in society—the only one to have made just slight financial gains since the 1970s—is the single man, whether poor or rich, college-educated or not. Hens rejoice; it's the bachelor party that's over.

It's ladies' night! Are you having fun yet?

O: Let's ask Ms. Lincoln, Ms. Whitman, Ms. Fiorina and Ms. Haley, hmm?

IC: Some of this evidence is quite convincing to Rosin's point that women are taking over and men are lagging and it's only going to get worse.

O: Yes, let's examine a bit of that evidence for a moment, shall we? According to the article, *girls* are being requested at fertility clinics now, at a rate of nearly two to one-if ever that was an indicator that things are very good for the ladies, that would be it. Please point me to the part in your piece where you mention that? I must've missed it.

IC: And some of it very much isn't. This is true when she implies that pop culture caricatures (overwhelmingly created by male executives and creatives) are a form of female-friendly social change, and even more so when she glosses over the fact that female domination is most prominent in the least empowered classes.

O: Excuse me? "Least empowered" where? Perhaps you missed the part of her article where, at a young Men's group meeting, a fella relayed his story about being kicked out of the house with the word "bitch!" by his baby mama, because he didn't have any money? Or, perhaps you missed the part of the article where Rosin quotes one of the authors of the book Promises I Can Keep, about how POOR WOMEN call ALL the shots in the mating dance, from start to finish? And, again, as someone who's actually lived a very large chunk of his life in the hood-like, um, all of it-I can tell you, without fear of retribution or rebuke, that those accounts are true. Nor is this "dominance something that is only to be seen among the poor – all up and down the social scale, Women call the shots – they can decide who lives and who dies, who pays if they decided on life. And it doesn't stop there – it extends to who gets dragged into court for all manner of stuff, like rape and sexual harrassment charges, domestic abuse charges, stalking charges, you name it. The way things are right now, all a Woman needs is her say so in order to put a guy – be he Damon on the block or Dimon on Wall Street's butt in a sling. If that ain't "dominance" then I don't know what is, Ms. Carmon.

But, move along, there's nothing to see here…

IC: Here are the nods at the evidence that it might not be so simple:

Yes, the U.S. still has a wage gap, one that can be convincingly explained—at least in part—by discrimination. Yes, women still do most of the child care. And yes, the upper reaches of society are still dominated by men. But given the power of the forces pushing at the economy, this setup feels like the last gasp of a dying age rather than the permanent establishment.

O: Interesting that you completely ignore the fact that boys are failing in school at ever-increasing rates, and aren't choosing to go on to university. Nor is this surprising: in my hometown of Philly, fives years ago, the White Feminists of the Main Line swooped in like flying monkeys when the very idea was floated of creating gender specific schools to adress the city's burgeoning crime and homicide problem. Even as Philly's murder rate was climbing toward 500 for the year, the Main Line Feminists were staunchly against the idea, on the grounds that it would make girls feel bad. Forget the fact that said White Main Line Feminists didn't live anywhere near where the action was, and kept it that way, making sure to send their girls to safe and tidy ALL GIRLS prep schools-no, they not only had the loud mouths, but also had the loot and political pull, to squash the idea of trying to save Black boys'

minds and lives.

Said idea hasn't been heard from since.

But of course, you'll never write about that…

And as for this notion that the Women work and toil from sun up to sundown both at home and on the gig, the facts don't bear this out, Ms. Carmon. Indeed, studies show that American Men are spending more time with their kids than ever, and are contributing to home chores more than ever. Now, could it be better-absolutely. But where I come from, making note of such watershed things is called…progress. I suppose you're not aware of that word?

IC: Near the top of the jobs pyramid, of course, the upward march of women stalls. Prominent female CEOs, past and present, are so rare that they count as minor celebrities, and most of us can tick off their names just from occasionally reading the business pages…The accomplishment is considered so extraordinary that Whitman and Fiorina are using it as the basis for political campaigns. Only 3 percent of Fortune 500 CEOs are women, and the number has never risen much above that.

O: Yea, but here's the kicker Ms. Carmon-is that because "The Man" is still keeping (well to do, upper middle class White & Jewish, in the main) Women down, or are there other factors at play? I say, at this stage in the game, the answer tends to lean toward the latter than the former, and not quite for the reasons you might think. Or assume.

In any event, and surely by now you must know, that both Fiorina and Whitman were able to successfully parlay their businessworld cred into votes at the ballot box-the latter spent more money than Goldman Sachs golden boy Jon Corzine and rivalled Michael Bloomberg for God's sake. I mean, call me crazy, but I thought the other night was a good thing for Women? *smh*…

IC: In his editor's letter, Atlantic editor-in-chief James Bennet tries to explain the dissonance more directly:

"Our politics and corporate boardrooms are lagging indicators of what is happening in the society, where women already hold most positions in middle management and would be overwhelming our universities were it not for stealthy affirmative action on behalf of overmatched young men. Small wonder the Tea Party is mostly male, as well as white."

IC: You could quibble about whether the Tea Party is evidence that white men are going out kicking and screaming because they're so over, or whether it's just a repackaged insurgency of the same old dominant norms. But in the haste to declare the end of all men, everywhere, what's missing here is the fact that this supposed male disempowerment has yet to seriously affect the major citadels of power — who has access to economic and political capital, or positions of influence ranging from Hollywood to Wall Street to, well, The Atlantic . Is it a lagging indicator that will trickle upward somehow, or is it just a reconfigured landscape in which class, race, and gender converge to keep the concentration of power relatively unchanged?

O: Oh, I get it-so what happens to Joe Sixpack ain't all that important, huh, Ms. Carmon? It ONLY matters when Ted Turner gets his comeuppance-is that it? Very empathetic of ya. And please, stop with the "we're all in this together" BS, because we're NOT. Neither you, nor the whole lot of you Feministas, have shown any evidence of really giving one whit of care or concern about what happens to Black or Brown lives. I know, because I'm where the action is.

IC: As Ann Friedman notes ,

"Sure, college-age women tell her they hope to become surgeons and marry men who will be primary caregivers. But research shows that few women actually realize this domestic arrangement— they tend to marry other high-achieving men who expect their own careers to take precedence."

O: Hmm, I wonder why that is? Could it have anything to do with the fact that in truth, the vast majority of Women, given the choice do NOT want to hookup with Mr. Mom?

IC: Many of the fastest-growing, female-dominated industries, which do not require a college education, are among

the lowest paid. And while there are a handful of female CEOs and senators, women have yet to crack the glass ceiling with any sort of critical mass.

O: Meanwhile, many of the jobs don't require a college education, like uh, coalmine worker or oil rig operator, just happen to be ones where fatalities occur, and which are overwhelmingly staffed by Men-you know, like the ones that who died back in April, Ms. Carmon? Wonder if you wrote anything about that. I have to check your website…

IC: To argue that female valedictorians and single mothers getting social work degrees will someday mean "the end" of a society in which men still set almost all the terms is skipping steps. You know, the ones in which we reshape our cultural norms so that male identity isn't polarized between Marlboro Man and "omega male," as Rosin posits and implicitly enforces. And in which increased and broader participation of women isn't concentrated at the most disadvantaged segments of society, or uncritically construed as a dangerously unstable zero-sum game.

O: Please-you know just as well as I do that if and when Women can choose-and we all know they most certainly can and do-they ain't that crazy about "reshaping cultural norms" to the extent that Michael Cera replaces, or even keeps pace with, Tom Brady. And as so many authors, yes, quite a few of them Women like yourself have noted so many times, quite a few Women in our time are CHOOSING to be singlemoms, and despite all the spinning from your corner of the blogosphere, no one's forcing Women to make their academic bones in the Humanities departments. This is all their own choice, so if they don't like said choices, who should they then blame? Why Men, of course!

IC: By the way, with all of the Atlantic 's talk of women and brown people ruling the roost, what will that mean for their own staff? Let's look at their line-up of star bloggers:

O: Come now, Irin, why stop there? Here's a shortlist of the Internet's top ten feminist blogs-maybe you've heard of a few of em:

1. Feministing
2. Feministe
3. Our Bodies Our Blog
4. Jezebel
5. Broadsheet (part of Salon.com, don't ya know)
6. Finally Feminism 101
7. Women in Media & News Blog
8. Holla Back NYC
9. MediaGirl
10. Bitch Magazine

And let's not stop there-theres the traditional "Seven Sisters" mags, Cosmo, Marie Claire, Vogue, People and its many variants, Essence (since you're so concerned about "people of color")…and let's not forget the Queen of them All, "O" magazine, named after its "mama" Oprah Winfrey herself (and soon to have her own network-all Oprah, all the time, oh joy). There's Ana Marie Cox, founder of Wonkette…I mean the list of Women in media, legacy or new wave, is virtually endless. The mere thought or suggestion that somehow Women aren't getting their message(s) out and/or having their voices heard, is patently absurd, when one just takes the most casual of glances around. You could not have written the above with a straightface…right?

IC: And as has already been pointed out , eleven of the fourteen pieces that make up the Ideas issue were written by men. Either the Atlantic is another lagging indicator, or they've read their own cover stories and decided to throw a bone to the beleaguered white man — that future of affirmative action they mention, perhaps.

O: If the shoe fits, my lady. After all, Affirmative Action was designed to redress historical injustices. With the way things are going now, it ain't too far fetched to say that being Male is the New Black.

I just happen to know a little something about that.

If you got a mind-holla back…

The Obsidian

Corporatism Ahoy! Chaos in the Video Game Industry

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Once again, inspiration for posting comes from another blogger in the Manosphere, in this case Dave from Hawaii, with his take on the US, but which applies to a good chunk of the Western World too, exposing unholy alliance between Corporations and Goverment for screwing the civilian population.

It is when the larger trend is seen that the small incidents make sense.

The videogame industry, an entertainment industry like many others, is an interesting one. Part design, part creativity, part coding, its batches of fresh meat can't come from either unskilled immigrant labor, and the natural repulsion to the High IQ-Low Testosterone enviroment in there keeps the AA wimmin away.

None of those are neccesary. Fresh meat come from the surplus of Technician/College Graduate/Self-educated, starry-eyed 20-something guys that don't know any better.

Given that eternal source of fresh meat, the larger corporations can simply do massive marketing and churn out mediocre game after mediocre game, burning out developer teams by crunching them in sub-human terms.

Now, that's a massive accusation Gx, I hear you say. Well then, let's take a look at the incidents. We have several.

Evidence A: The Scratchware Manifesto.

Written a decade ago, although forgotten for being an attempt at over-glorification of the indie industry, it raises several points about the nature of the office enviroment and the corporations role on it:

> Descriptions of crunch seem to have a lot in common with the kinds of work practices you find south of the border. Here's one from Ion Storm Dallas, as reported in Salon. It's rife with 'I love my vampire masters' baloney.
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> All-nighters, 18-hour days, sleeping at the office — John Romero's posse keeps up a "death schedule" to get Daikatana out of beta.
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> Since Daikatana's inception, elite and obsessive gamers have road-tripped from around the world to work with their hero, Romero. They've quit school, left relationships and literally built beds under their desks to live and breathe nearly every breath in the house Romero built. Their commitment to a self-described "death schedule" — the final, endless rush to perfect their game — isn't just some start-up novelty, it's a way of life.

> "Aaaaarrgggggggh!" Shawn Green screams as he thrashes his computer keyboard against the ground. It's midnight in the coders cove of Ion Storm and the cubes are as dark as the city below outside. Green, a stocky, long-haired programmer in a paunchy black T-shirt, hunches like an ape at the beginning of "2001″ and whacks keys across the floor like loose teeth.
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> Green, the 28-year-old lead coder on Daikatana and a veteran of id Software, is 14 hours into one more 18-hour day. In a few minutes, he'll take his first and only break, heading off to an abandoned abortion clinic to practice with his doom-metal band, Last Chapter…

> "I call myself a mushroom," Weasl told me as I crouched inside, "because I'm always working in the dark." With a couple extra layers of felt draping his cube, there's not even the slightest trace of light, let alone fresh air. But Weas[illegible] doesn't seem to mind. "Darkness is really helpful when you're trying to shut out outside influences," he explains, tweaking an animated pool of lava on his screen. "After you spend enough time in here, your personality adapts."

> After you beat a child repeatedly, it's personality adapts, too.

Veterans of the Office Wars in design companies can relate to said tales. And they wouldn't be Office Wars if the internal rewards for a work weren't decided for who markets the idea better to the upper echelons of the totem and who speaks more with the media and the costumers. The latter have been almost eliminated, a sad but certain consequences of making the brand more important than the human beings on it:

> For the first 100 years of the US, corporations were highly limited. But they were plotting and planning their release. They got their big break during the Civil War. At the same time that black folks were getting freed from slavery, the vampires of Wall Street were slipping their bonds, setting up a slave system for all of us. **In 1872, they convinced the Supreme Court that corporations had all the rights of a person. And that's what we have today; America Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of GlobalCapitalists'R'Us.**

Bingo. The top dog changes, but the Corporation is still there. Immortal. Immoral. Outliving it's hosts.

Once again, I need to remind people that this was written in 2000. It took a recession and the Obushama regime to make that truth sink in, and getting people to wake up from their indoctrination is HARD.

Evidence B: The EA Spouse.

Another lawsuit of a disgruntled employee would be usually swept under the carpet and given an out of court settlement to the ones not so easily dismissed, but this case was not meant to be like that. His wife whined on LiveJournal:

> Within weeks production had accelerated into a 'mild' crunch: eight hours six days a week. The producers even set a deadline; they gave a specific date for the end of the crunch, which was still months away from the title's shipping date, so it seemed safe. That date came and went. And went, and went. When the next news came it was not about a reprieve; it was another acceleration: twelve hours six days a week, 9am to 10pm.

> And the kicker: for the honor of this treatment EA salaried employees receive a) no overtime; b) no compensation time! ('comp' time is the equalization of time off for overtime — any hours spent during a crunch accrue into days off after the product has shipped); c) no additional sick or vacation leave. The time just goes away.

> This crunch also differs from crunch time in a smaller studio in that it was not an emergency effort to save a project from failure. Every step of the way, the project remained on schedule. Crunching neither accelerated this nor slowed it down; its effect on the actual product was not measurable. The extended hours were deliberate and planned; the management knew what they were doing as they did it.

That expousure, which attracted the MainStream Media attention (because was a woman saying it, of course) made the lawsuit a victory.

It needs to ba said that 60-hour week only create efficient cultures of slacking. Hence, IP blockers, and the whole NSFW culture. BTW, IP blockers can be bypassed easily. (Thank me for that link latter).

Evidence C: Infinity Ward Lawsuit.

Another lawsuit. In this case, Activision decided that it was cheaper to fire the creators of Modern Warfare 2 than pay them their due royalties and bonuses. That was for creating one of the **best selling games of all time**. They reward? They were held hostage by thugs for "insubordination" like local shop owners paying money to mob bosses at gunpoint.

Let's examine the kind of slimeballs that make those decisions, in this case Bobby Kotick, Activision's CEO. Here's some words from him:

> "I don't think it is specific to video games. I think that if you look at how much volatility there is in the economy and, dependent upon your view about macroeconomic picture and I think we have a real culture of thrift. And I think the goal that I had in bringing a lot of the packaged goods folks that we brought in to Activision 10 years ago was to take all the fun out of making video games."
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> "I think we definitely have been able to instill the culture, the skepticism and pessimism and fear that you should have in an economy like we are in today. And so, while generally people talk about the recession, we are pretty good at keeping people focused on the deep depression."

Well, you read it from the man. **That's** the writing on the wall in Corporate America, creating easily scared sheeple that will happily submit to almost slavery for a pathetic salary, and if they refuse? There's the way out, we got college graduates and unskilled labor. Good luck paying your taxes/family/child support!!

Although there's a place in hell for slime balls like Kotick, they are replaceable and the next schmuck will keep the program in place. Just the same as the Wall Street shiny boys. Corporations themselves must be held accountable, or else we are just going to be consumed by an amoral parasite ruled by an algorithm of profit.

Wouldn't surprise me if they become self-aware one of these days. Stranger things have happened.

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Media Claims Terrorists Are “Unmarried Men”

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Robert Spencer of Jihad Watch recently wrote about how the media is describing terrorism related news. There was a recent arrest of two Muslim men at JFK Airport who were on their way to Somalia to allegedly take part in terrorist activities. This arrest was reported by Reuters but Reuters did not say that these men were Muslim or point out the connection to wider Islamic terrorism. Instead Reuters described the men as “men”, “unmarried American citizens”, and “residents of New Jersey”.

While Spencer covered how the media is ideologically against identifying these men as Muslim, he did not cover why the media chose to refer to these men as essentially “unmarried men”. The media refused to describe the men arrested as Muslim because of their political correctness. However, there are many ways Reuters could have written this. Reuters chose “unmarried men” because of their anti-male and feminist ideology. It makes it sound like the men arrested at JFK Airport were more like George Sodini than Mohammed or Osama. It’s not just about hiding that it was Muslims involved in these arrests. It’s an attempt to kill two birds with one stone by also trying to shift the blame on to men by implying that terrorism is caused by regular (unmarried) men who are American citizens.

The media like other feminist and anti-male ideologues see the average man as the problem not the guys who are actually flying planes into buildings. Unmarried men are free of parts of the system that are designed to extract wealth from men such as the divorce court system. There is a real threat that men will either go ghost in greater numbers or fight back in the future. Expect to see more of this general blaming of men or unmarried men specifically in the future.

NJ Civil Rights Potentate Spikes Ladies' Nights

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Following a complaint from a man, a civil rights official in New Jersey has decreed ladies' nights in bars illegal. States across the US are not in agreement on the issue, as several have ruled them permissible, while a few others have banned them.

As far as I'm concerned, it really isn't my business who bars choose to let in or what they charge. I don't like the idea of businesses being forced to eradicate discrimination, because it isn't their job to do so; it is simply their job to make money, and one would think that discrimination wouldn't be the best way to do so anyway.

Nevertheless, if the gander must pay I suppose the goose can do so as well. And who wants to go to a bar that inculcates a sense of entitlement in women anyway?

White Knight Network Extends its Reach to our Communities

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In an effort to start a new social crusade, organizations spawned by academic feminism are extending their tentacles into our communities in what appears to be a bid to stir up vigilante action against men. As usual, they claim to come in peace, but the breathless exaggerations of the problem of domestic violence and the witch-hunt nature of the campaign give the lie to their disguise as self-styled "peacemakers."

In fact, the latest group calls itself "Men as Peacemakers," and exhorts men to "stand up and take action," asking "How many women have to be demeaned, beaten, raped or killed before we men decide it's too much?"

When one phrases a question in that way, perspective is totally ignored. The fact that men are overwhelmingly the victims of violence in the US is of little consequence to these folks, because, well, in their minds they probably *deserved it*. Additionally, the fellows running this kind of feminist version of Promise Keepers make such idiotic statements as: "Women are experiencing male-perpetrated violence at incredible rates, and yet men remain on the sidelines."

Incredible?

The women I see out and about every day must be "incredible" make-up artists to hide all those black eyes and busted lips, or else millions of them are holed up in women's shelters, because I haven't seen any evidence of this. But Men as Peacemakers would have us believe that we've all abandoned our sisters, wives (yes, it's unbelievable, but they suggested that husbands are standing idly by while men beat their wives — perhaps their wives' badboy lovers?) and coworkers to be thumped by some bad guys.

Truth is, adult Western women lead the safest lives of any people on the planet, but we're supposed to believe that they are suffering under some terrible brutality that must be stopped now.

The real motivation of these guys is pretty obvious to me: they're trying to cash in on the dominant feminist victim ideology. Making the rounds at companies preaching "nonviolence" and "protection of women" is how they plan to make a buck, whether or not they are making any difference at all.

The only difference they will make will most likely be to spur a few scapegoat prosecutions of guys who let the wife or girlfriend have it during a booze-fueled hurly burly in some hovel on the wrong side of the tracks. Domestic violence is generally prevalent in lower socio-economic groups where there are substance abuse and other behavioral problems that cut across both genders, not to mention high rates of unemployment, poverty and illegitimacy. In fact, contrary to what feminists maintain, it is precisely in communities where women are most empowered relative to the men – the ghettoes and trailer parks of America, for example – where they are most likely to get punched in the face.

However, these guys' teachings may also have the unfortunate effect of convincing some dimwit to intervene in a domestic dispute and get himself killed. More police are killed on domestic calls than any other classification, and if people are willing to kill cops in those situations, they'll definitely be willing to kill civilian strangers. Every now and then one reads about some guy who attempts to quell an argument between a man and a woman, and who then ends up getting the crap kicked out of him by both the man AND the woman.

Of course, Men as Peacemakers will disavow any responsibility for getting people killed by saying "we promote peace," but the imagery and language they use, combined with the calls to action, are sure to cause trouble.

I think it's important to stand up to these guys and ask them some hard questions about facts, and to question their motives. They aren't bringing peace, but rather more conflict, and they are all but calling for vigilanteism.

Feminist Actress Beats Boy at Mall

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Jodie Foster, perhaps America's most renowned feminist actress, allegedly seized a boy and beat him in a mall parking lot, leaving marks and scratches on his arm when he attempted to take her picture, according to the boy and his father. Foster claims that she manhandled the boy because he was bothering her and her artificially conceived, genetically superior progeny, and anyway he was a "professional paparazzo."

Although it might appear on the surface that this attack was an indication of hatred for men, I think something different is at work: Jodie's having a rough time as a single mom.

Jodie Foster has told the world over and over that she doesn't need any help from a mere man raising a couple of boys, but it seems that the stress is getting to be a bit much for her. Foster may be a highly charged, ambitious woman, and she may have set about trying to create the master race by having herself inseminated with Übermensch sperm, but even she has her limits, and all that pent up frustration came out in an explosion of rage against the hapless boy with a camera.

Women like Jodie Foster are why I think men should think twice about donating sperm — they will be your children, after all, and do you really want that kind of woman raising your kids?

Free Reality

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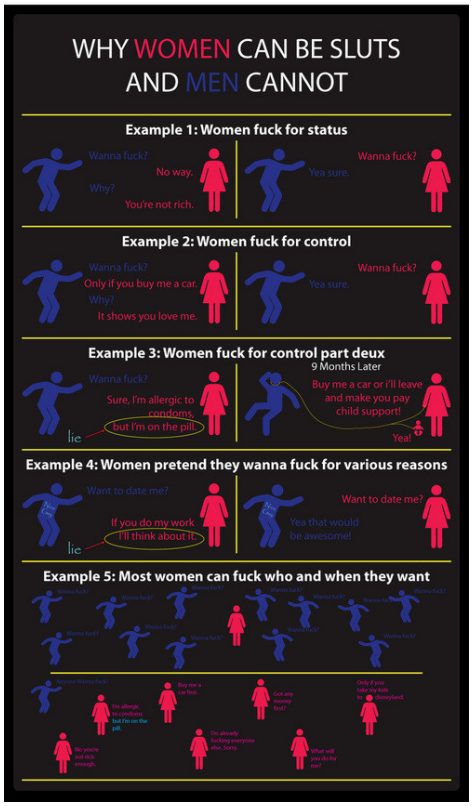

Look, an easy poster.

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Girls Display Entitlement in Fight With Cop

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In this dust-up in Seattle, not far from where I live, a young woman is shown fighting a cop as he struggles to maintain control without using excessive force. When her friend intervenes, the cop lets her have it in the face. I wonder whether NOMAS and Men as Peacemakers would approve? Would they step between the cop and this fine young lady?

As a guy, I know that I'd likely be tased or shot for the same level of resistance/aggression, but these girls have no such fear. The irony of it is that there's a good chance the exact same girls here who are cursing and fighting this cop will call the police to use them against some man in their lives at some point.

This is why being a cop is such a lousy job.

SPLICE — Hollywood is Finally Getting it Right!

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[For today's guest post we have a movie review, written by EP]

The timesink site known as TVTropes.org has a wonderfully even-handed page entitled Men are the Expendable Gender. It notes the different treatment and 'noteworthiness' of male and female deaths in movies, and how very few treat male and female experiences exactly the same. These practices are so sunk in moviemaking and life that I highly doubt that this will ever change no matter how much feminist influence in our society is reeled back. But every so often, a movie comes out that makes you sit up and say: "What? Did I just see *equal treatment of different motivations* that I just saw there?" Feels…weirdly invigorating, like the larger culture finally gets what we've been working for…wait, was that *Joel Silver's* name in the producer's credits?

And *Splice* is precisely that kind of movie. Spoilers are left, right, and center in this review, so if you haven't seen it yet, do so immediately, *then* read my analysis. (Ideal audiences are young couples just starting out, but any parent of a child of any number of years, especially male parents, should see it, as it specifically affirms the value of masculine virtues in raising daughters.)

So, *Splice.* It's being marketed on the sex angle (even the logo is reminiscent of that *Species* movie, which, as I recall, starred Gahndi as an evil scientist and Doctor Octopus as an amiable co-star. If you want to see them in pretty much exactly the same roles, just go watch *Prince of Persia* instead.) Moviebob loved it because it was a movie about genetic engineering that didn't go for the "We must not tamper in GODS DOMAIN!" message. And, despite being a Christian of some years, I emphatically agree. God's domain is what we have not mastered, and it is the glory of man to seek out a matter-within defined moral limits. The true message of *Splice* is "Adam's sin was to let Eve do what she wanted." This message is wrapped up in one of the most *effectively* disturbing movies ever made-that's also occasionally very funny, heartwarming, and obliquely but firmly condemning of everything feminism does to women and men.

The true backstory of *Splice* is alluded to in asides throughout the movie. As near as I can figure out, an intelligent, fairly well-off feminist of the Andrea Dworkin variety left college sometime in the 60s. Being a near-lesbian feminist true believer, yet lacking neither skills nor functional beauty, she bought a farm in the remote part of the country, conceived a girl (with the suitably eugenic name of Elsa) by some drifting unnamed thug, and then proceeded to raise her to not need men, ever. The girl slept on a mattress on the floor, her room was kept as bare and Spartan as possible, any pets she became attached to were taken from her, she was forbidden makeup, and worst of all, she was raised entirely on feminist theory, pop sociology, and biology textbooks. Then she went to college. Unfortunately, she was beautiful. Doubly unfortunately, she was driven toward theoretical and experimental biology, traditionally a more male-heavy field, by her mother. Triply unfortunately, she was actually intelligent enough to hack it in the field until she was able to secure the alpha-among-his-peers played by Adrien Brody in a marriage meant for career success more than children. Thanks to the aforementioned unfortunates, her mother's fanatical views were never criticized by the intelligent men she was surrounded with when brought up, but rather pushed under the hood by everyday mundane career focus.

And then Adrien Brody enters the picture, playing Clive, and demonstrating that a girl-of-your-beta-dreams who seemingly shares all your nerdly interests is still *not the one you want* when feminism still has a hold on her psyche. Clive is the eldest brother of a family of high-IQ people who had all the benefits of a good upbringing and a large family. He does biology because it's something he loves, he can mouth the platitudes of the university without actually losing too much fem-cred due to his sigma status as smartest elder in the family *and* the founder of his own successful biotech company, and his game is good enough to get Elsa to quit talking feminism and focus on their shared research project, though not good enough to convince her to get off the birth control and give him a kid already. Couples therapy ensues, though at this point it's only the low-level recommended 'educational' version for nice liberal rich types.

They create life. More accurately, they patch together a chimeric mammphibian super-slug that can biologically produce expensive proteins that would require far more time and expense if made by traditional chemical means. But it's still pretty cool, because, *hey, we created a new form of life!* Give us a Nobel and let's go on to humans before the Chinese try it or something! And all of a sudden Elsa grabs the feminist opportunity of her lifetime-secretly using her own DNA to create the Brave New human amalgam.

The resulting creature (called "Dren,") is ugly-cute at first, ages at an accelerated rate, develops like an embryo outside the womb from a chicken-kangaroo thing into a lithe, sexy, she-lizardess, and packs a mean neurotoxic stinger on its tail. Dren also has features of all major animal classes that make occasional appearances when under stress, which will guarantee her as the prime subject for deviantart submissions in the foreseeable future. Every minor milestone of her life is met with asides on parenting actual children, and in the most honest depiction of real life parenting ever seen:

> …dear God, puberty hits. Other things being equal, women are better parents than men for small children. A man would go crazy. **For older kids, no.**

It hits Elsa particularly hard when her creation all of a sudden starts paying more attention to and then pining for the only male she's allowed to see: her husband. (Elsa's knowledge of parenting stops at 'stand in the corner' and 'I love you.' For some strange reason, the second one is more effective when her husband says it.) The husband in this case is eventually **shamefully** drawn toward **unnatural sexual relations** with a woman who's a younger, prettier, more animalistic, and less-tainted-by-feminism version of his current wife. I'm sure Welmer would note the Jungian undertones, though one might question whether Dren truly qualifies as *his* daughter, since he has no DNA in the business that he doesn't inject personally. Thankfully, when his wife calls him on it, he fires right back and raises the stakes on exactly what his wife was trying to accomplish.

The final fourth of the movie simply proves that even when unwillingly having sex with the jerks they helped create, women don't hate them enough to forfeit their children. And that the most horrifying thing that can personally happen to a woman is to end up turning into her mother, having learned nothing in her own life from the men she meets to break that cycle.

The pursuit of knowledge through science at any cost is often corrupt and destructive, but it is not the prime evil. Corporatism and Gekkonian officialism is often corrupt, but it is not the prime evil. Men themselves are responsible for much terror through callousness and fear of financial failure, but even they are not the prime evils. The true prime evil in the movie, that existed only to steal, kill, and destroy any hope of a non-Hollywood horror ending, was simply feminism, the philosophical abstraction created by many women and a few men, that cut women off from understanding the nature of man, the nature of themselves, and the nature of anything. Against this destructive soul poison not even the greatest of marriages with both parties possessing the finest of minds, bodies, ambition, funding, and social acumen could last. Nor could their offspring, whether natural or artificial.

Few movies are made as well as this one. Fewer *science fiction* movies that are *rated R* that actually deal with *real child-raising issues* and *condemn feminism* are made…ever, though with success that trend may change. It's almost like a French film that grew up and married an American sensibility, trading away academic references to obscure authors for a modern sensibility, tighter plotting and a good special effects budget without losing the essential message. Good thing, too, since the last movie I saw by a French director was all about car chases and explosions, though that may have been an anomaly.

Hollywood is getting it. Support this movie and they'll get it that much faster.

State Department Releases Slavery Report, Ignores Problem at Home

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According the to the State Department's latest report on modern slavery, 12 million people around the world are trapped in some form of slavery, including forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution. Of course, media reports focus only on forced prostitution, which accounts for only about 10% of modern slavery, ignoring others – mostly men – who are enslaved for their labor.

It is probably the cavalier attitude toward the enslavement of men that perpetuates the barbaric practice, which is arguably officially condoned by judicial systems of Anglosphere countries through family law court orders.

The hypocrisy of a country that presumes to condemn slavery when it forces millions of men to pay their ex-wives under threat of imprisonment should not be lost on any man who has been divorced and lost his children.

The US alimony and child support system could fairly be described as debt bondage, in that men are often saddled with payments they cannot meet, and then face increasing restrictions on their freedom of movement, and finally face real imprisonment for debts they cannot afford to repay. It may be that, under the bonded labor category of slavery, the United States enslaves more people than any other country on earth.

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Another Lone Nut comic.

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Conservatives Celebrating Feminism

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Ross Douthat recently wrote an article for the NY Times that basically endorses feminism, saying that conservative female candidates are proof of its success. Whether or not women in high offices is a good thing I'll leave up to individuals to decide, but there's nothing benevolent about feminism, which is at its core a supremacist ideology.

Only a couple decades ago, the idea that conservatives would embrace and support feminism would have been ridiculous, but here we are with Palin declaring herself a feminist and male conservatives emphatically agreeing and supporting her:

> The question of whether conservative women get to be feminists is an interesting and important one. But it has obscured a deeper truth: Whether or not Palin or Fiorina or Haley can legitimately claim the label feminist, their rise is a testament to the overall triumph of the women's movement.
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> What Tuesday's results demonstrated, convincingly, is that America is now a country where social conservatives are as comfortable as liberals with the idea of women in high office. More strikingly, they're comfortable voting for working mothers — for women publicly juggling careers and family obligations in ways that would have been unthinkable for the generations of female leaders, from Elizabeth I's Virgin Queen down to Margaret Thatcher's Iron Lady, who were expected to unsex themselves before being entrusted with the responsibilities of state.

The real problem with conservatism is exactly what its name implies: it seeks to "conserve" whatever happens to be the standard value system. In the Soviet Union in the 1980s, a Stalinist Bolshevik would have been a conservative. In North Korea, a hardline follower of Juche thought is a conservative.

In America today, an androphobic feminist who supports female supremacy can easily be a conservative.

I and readers who oppose the feminist status quo are considered wacky radicals who are not right-thinking Americans. We should properly be cheering every time a man's wife leaves him and takes his children. We should be clamoring for more severe extrajudicial police responses to men accused by their wives and girlfriends. The disappearance of the American male from college campuses should be cause for celebration, and the rising financial burdens on men even as they are pushed out of employment should give us a feeling of self-righteous satisfaction.

This is what has become of American conservatism.

The Face of an Abuser

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21-year-old Malorie A. Crisp of Boise, Idaho was arrested on felony battery charges yesterday after beating a man with a cane. Before or during the beating, Ms. Crisp attempted to disable the man's telephone to prevent him from calling the police.

Given that the man was beaten with a cane, it is likely that he was elderly or disabled and Ms. Crisp seized his cane in order to give him a more severe beating.

According to women's groups, abusers like Malorie Crisp do not exist, because domestic violence is all about perpetuating the patriarchy. Therefore, when a woman assaults a member of "the patriarchy", it cannot possibly be domestic violence. Note how the article states that she was arrested for "aggravated battery," whereas if it were a man arrested during a "domestic dispute" the police report would have indicated "domestic violence." This is one method by which domestic violence rates are skewed to make it appear that women do not perpetrate domestic violence.

In other news in Boise, a woman assaulted a store employee to help a shoplifter.

Woman Kills Ex-Girlfriend, Uncle in “Domestic Dispute”

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Kim Wolfe, a Nassau County corrections officer, allegedly shot and killed her ex-girlfriend, 45-year-old Stacie Williams, and her 56-year-old uncle in separate events this morning. She also gunned down her 88-year-old grandfather, but he was not killed.

After opening fire at her uncle and grandfather’s house, she seized her niece, kidnapping her at gunpoint before fleeing the scene.

After a womanhunt that lasted several hours, police eventually tracked down and arrested Wolfe, finding a 9mm handgun in her possession.

Neighbors and coworkers expressed shock, and reported that they’d never known of any bad blood between Wolfe and her relatives or trouble at work. It is unknown whether Ms. Wolfe’s girlfriend took legal actions against her prior to the outburst, but in many cases rubber stamp ex-parte HROs (Harrassment Restraining Orders) and other legal novelties introduced by VAWA have sparked mass murder.

Interestingly, a high court has just ruled that punitive measures in VAWA apply to gay partners – married or not – as well as to men.

Days of Sperm Donor Anonymity are Numbered

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In an article in Slate, the practice of using donor sperm to conceive is coming under scrutiny as more donor-conceived children reach adulthood. Many of them, it turns out, are not all that happy about not knowing who their father is:

> Others speak of the searching for their biological father in crowds, wondering if a man who resembles them could be "the one." One donor-conceived adult responded to an open-ended question on our survey by writing: "Sometimes I wonder if my father is standing right in front of me." Still others speak of complicated emotional journeys and lost or damaged relationships with their families when they grow up. One wrote at the end of our survey: "I still have issues with this problem and am seeking professional help. It has helped me to become a stronger person but has scarred me emotionally." Another said, "[I am] currently not on seeing or speaking terms with family because of this."
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> Listening to the stories of donor-conceived adults, you begin to realize there's really no such thing as a "donor." Every child has a biological father. To claim otherwise is simply to compound the pain, first as these young people struggle with the original, deliberate loss of their biological father, and second as they do so within a culture that insists some guy who went into a room with a dirty magazine isn't a father. At most the children are told he's a "seed provider" or "the nice guy who gave me what I needed to have you" or the "Y Guy" or any number of other cute euphemisms that signal powerfully to children that this man should be of little, if any, importance to them.

I always thought this would happen eventually. I've known a few women who have conceived with donor sperm, and I sometimes wondered whether these women were really suited to motherhood after all. It may be that many of the problems donor-conceived children report are tied to having somewhat dysfunctional mothers, but one cannot discount the fundamental human desire to know one's origins.

Human religion, culture and art have all been deeply preoccupied with our origins from the beginning, and it must be deeply disturbing to a number of people to have no idea who their fathers are.

Our society has become so radically dismissive of the importance of fatherhood that it may seem absurd to many people that biological fatherhood could matter at all, but the experiences of these children quite clearly suggest that it does matter very much.

Father's Day Fund Drive

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The time is upon *The Spearhead* for another fund drive, as your humble editor is running dangerously low on cash, and needs an excuse to continue devoting a great deal of time to the publication. Father's Day seems like a good time to make a plea for donations, and it's been a while since the last drive, but most of all it is need that spurs it.

Traditionally, I disclose some of the earnings of the site for those who might be interested in how The Spearhead funds itself and pays for expenses, so here's a rundown:

Google ads provide from $160-200 per month. This more than pays for internet overhead, which runs around $100/month, but obviously doesn't leave much over.

Book sales, including Roosh's books and Amazon affiliate sales add, on average over the last three months since the last fund drive, roughly $70/month.

Donations, including those from the last fund drive, provide about $700 per month (averaged), which is obviously the bulk of *The Spearhead*'s income.

So overall, The Spearhead is pulling in just shy of $1,000 per month, and every cent of that is needed. In fact, significantly more is needed, but I'm aware that these things don't happen overnight, and am committed to keeping *The Spearhead* running as long as I can squeeze by.

There is a good deal more that could be done to monetize the site. Given the amount of traffic *The Spearhead* pulls in, it could be making significantly more than that, but it seems to me that making the site purely commercial would detract from its mission. Nevertheless, there are still ways to capitalize on the traffic without selling out, and these projects are in development.

As for traffic, the site continues to grow, although at a slower pace than six months ago (which is entirely normal). Monthly stats at this time are:

- 41,000 unique visitors
- 283,000 page views
- 2.8 average pageviews
- 35% new visits
- 46% bounce rate

That's pretty good. Over 40,000 individuals per month are reading *The Spearhead*, and most of them are returning readers. This means that tens of thousands of people are visiting *The Spearhead* multiple times every month. Additionally, a 46% bounce rate is quite good, because it means that most people who visit *The Spearhead* are sticking around to look at more than one page.

I think the site is having wider influence than even these decent numbers suggest. The plight of men in the West is beginning to become a mainstream issue, and I credit the websites and articles that constitute the manosphere for that. People really are starting to pay attention, including those who are comfortably ensconced in positions of power and influence; those who are shielded from the worst abuses of contemporary family law and the excesses of misandry. Articles are showing up in the New York Times, The Atlantic and other influential publications. Our hundreds of articles, some of which have been widely linked, have begun to sway the pillar of public consciousness and open people's minds to the fact that something might be wrong with a society that has somehow organized itself around the principle that men are worthless.

I'd like to thank those who have donated time and effort by writing as well as those who have generously contributed funds. Without the efforts of many people, this site could not have lifted off the ground, and without

the contributions from readers it would not be able to offer anywhere near the same volume of content.

So, if you want to see *The Spearhead* continue to grow and thrive, and you support the effort to bring back perspective and a measure of justice to our society, please help out with a donation. Your help is vital to the operation of the publication, and very much appreciated.

Some readers have suggested setting up a monthly subscription system, which I think is a good idea. I'm going to reveal the details of that in a subsequent post today.

Donations can be accepted through the Paypal link on the main site's front page, or sent to the mailing address below that link.

New Vows for Marriage 2.0

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I wrote these up to more accurately reflect the state of marriage today. It's tongue-in-cheek, but largely true. Wedding vows are terribly outdated, and they are part of the problem for young men, who tend to take words at face value. Let them take vows that truly represent the situation they are entering, and then maybe they will be more careful about marriage.

Commenters feel free to add your own version.

Marriage 1.0:

MINISTER TO GROOM:

Do you GROOM take BRIDE to be your wife – to live together after God's ordinance – in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse, in sadness and in joy, to cherish and continually bestow upon her your heart's deepest devotion, forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto her as long as you both shall live?

GROOM:

I will.

Marriage 2.0:

Do you GROOM take BRIDE to be your wife – to be shackled to her by state ordinance – in the grim servitude of matrimony, from which there will be no manumission? Will you fear her, labor for her, obey and grovel to her, whether healthy or ill, for her enrichment and your impoverishment, for her betterment and your sacrifice, in sorrow and terror, to worship and continually bestow upon her your life's essence, forsaking yourself, keep yourself in chains and debt to her as long as you shall live?

GROOM:

Help…

Marriage 1.0:

MINISTER TO BRIDE:

Do you BRIDE'S NAME) take GROOM'S NAME to be your husband – to live together after God's ordinance – in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, for richer, for poorer, for better, for worse, in sadness and in joy, to cherish and continually bestow upon him your heart's deepest devotion, forsaking all others, keep yourself only unto him as long as you both shall live?

BRIDE:

I will.

Marriage 2.0:

Do you BRIDE take GROOM to be your husband – to own him by state ordinance – in the profitable contract of matrimony, which is yours to rewrite at any time? Will you use him, ride him, emasculate and dominate him, whether healthy or ill, for your enrichment and his impoverishment, for your betterment and his sacrifice, in triumph and contempt, to render him prostrate before you and continually lay upon him your heaviest burdens, indulging yourself, keep him only as long as you please and draw from his labor as long as he shall live?

BRIDE:

I win!

Marriage 1.0:

Exchange of Wedding Rings

MINISTER:

What token of your love do you offer? Would you place the ring(s) in my hand?

May this/these ring(s) be blessed as the symbol of this affectionate unity. These two lives are now joined in one unbroken circle. Wherever they go – may they always return to one another. May these two find in each other the love for which all men and women year. May they grow in understanding and in compassion. May the home which they establish together be such a place that many will find there a friend. May this/these ring(s) on her/their finger(s) symbolize the touch of the spirit of love in their hearts.

Handing ring to the Groom

Marriage 2.0:

MINISTER:

What tokens of mastery and submission do you offer? Would you place the rings in my hand?

May these rings symbolize the power of family law. These two lives are now arranged in a conditional relationship. Wherever they go, one shall be subject to the other's caprice. May these two be governed by judges in black robes. May they come to understand the futility of resistance to officials. May the home they purchase together be continually accessible to the police, so that GROOM may be removed by the state at any time. May these rings on their fingers symbolize the all-powerful reach of the state. May BRIDE honor the state for its benevolence, and GROOM cower in terror under the iron fist of the law.

Taking hold of GROOM's limp hand and shoving ring on finger.

Seattle Cartoonist Kicks Dads in the Shorts Before Father's Day

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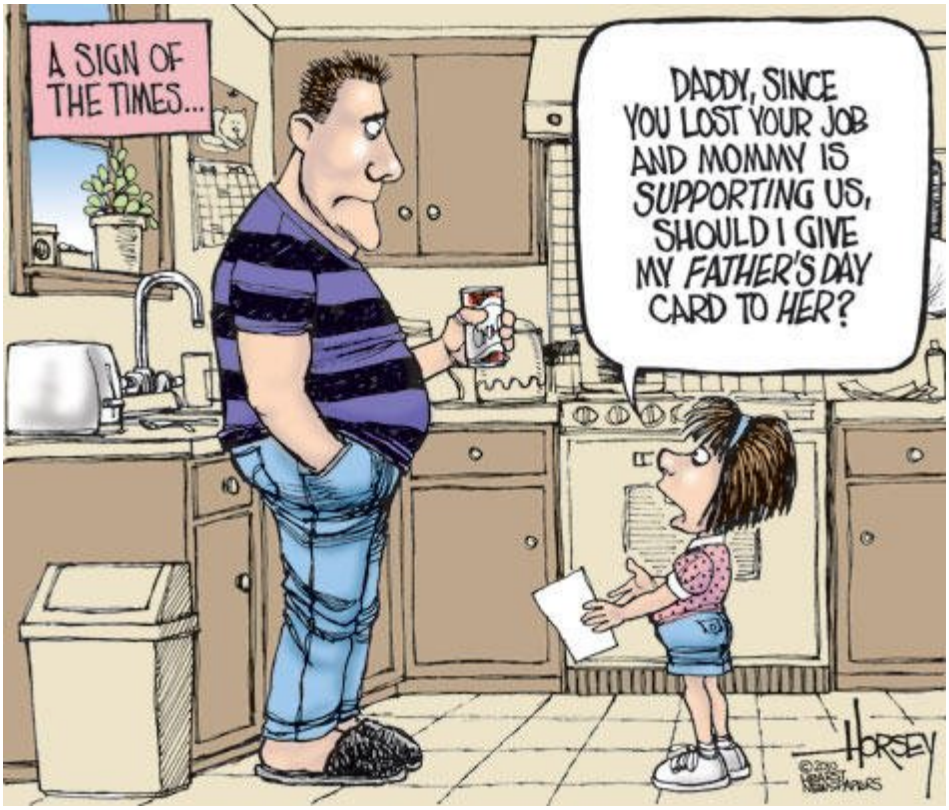
It's become something of a tradition to bash men on Father's Day. Police departments stage raids on "deadbeat dads," hauling impoverished men off to jail to humiliate them and guarantee that they won't have any contact with their children, our President gives us speeches about how we men are dropping the ball, and editorials are penned about the crisis of fatherhood that place all the blame on – you guessed it – fathers.



male unemployment is so funny

So I'm not surprised to see a cruel cartoon poking fun at unemployed men, but I do wonder if it will ever end. It can be pretty demoralizing to be exposed to this right before a day that's supposed to celebrate the special, human relationship between fathers and their children.
The truth is that it is very hard on men to be unemployed, broke and struggling, and making them the butt of jokes before Father's Day is in pretty bad taste.

But that's par for the course here in the Anglosphere.

Another Woman Caught Shaking Down Soldiers

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Another woman has been caught taking advantage of the bonanza that awaits women who snag military husbands. In this case, Tammy Treat/Patton/Benson, actually managed to pull off bigamy, marrying one soldier, and then after he deployed finding another dupe. While her deployed husband was in Iraq, Tammy took every single bit of his money, and then when he came home and found out she'd married another man she made off with every cent, leaving both husbands in the dust.

Seems Tammy had been married before, and when reporters reached her first husband he expressed no surprise at all at the event, suggesting she was just doing it for the money. Her mother was also contacted, and, of course, blamed Tammy's problems on other people bothering her.

http://news.yahoo.com/video/denvercbs4-15750663/soldiers-families-upset-by-marriages-to-2-men-20402585

Military Fights to Halt Rising Suicide Rate

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An AP article with a misleading title, "A victory as Army mounts anti-suicide campaign," reveals what is all too frequently the triggering factor in military suicides: divorce. Family law in the US makes it exceedingly easy for women to take advantage of military spouses, offering them a raft of benefits for divorcing their soldier, sailor and airman husbands. Add that to the fact that military wives are notorious for infidelity, and there are bound to be a lot of casualties.

From the article:

> Godding, now stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and Sanders, at Fort Polk, La., told their story in telephone interviews after Godding received the Meritorious Service Medal for saving Sanders' life.
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> The two soldiers were in Iraq together with a 10th Mountain Division artillery battery in 2008 when Sanders' wife said she wanted a divorce, Sanders said.
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> "It was mid-deployment. Things were getting pretty hectic at the time, the temperature was rising," Sanders said. "I would mainly call her to kind of vent. She was the only person I had to talk to. She just said goodbye."

The "victory" referred to in the article is one instance of an aware and caring friend preventing a suicide by disabling his fellow-soldier's weapon. We have no way of knowing how many suicides have been prevented by comrades in arms, but there have doubtless been many besides this one. In Army Spc. Joseph Sanders' case, his friend had listened to him make a plea for help by confessing his thoughts of ending his life. Spc. Albert Godding, who took him seriously and took steps to prevent it, obviously did the right thing. Whenever anyone – especially a man – talks about ending his life it is not a joke.

Sadly, too many men are left to deal with very dark thoughts all alone in this day of the casual destruction of men's lives by politicians, judges and wives. Many men have few people to talk to, and many have been conditioned to bottle up their emotions. Additionally, as a culture, we have been trained to feel little sympathy for men, which probably explains the barbaric treatment they often receive at the hands of their wives and the courts.

That suicide is a response to stress and ill-treatment should be obvious, but the fact that men are some four times as likely to kill themselves as women is seldom taken as evidence that men have it harder in our society. When certain policies, such as abusive, anti-male family law, clearly lead to suicide, one would think that decent people would make some effort to change them. However, for all the talk about reducing the suicide rate in the armed forces, I have never seen any evidence at all that any officials intend to make any changes whatsoever to the family law policies that have created this problem.

Rats for Father's Day

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Nicholas Kristof, who is currently promoting a feminist book he wrote along with his wife, suggests that donating to charity rather than buying dad a gift is the right thing to do for Father's Day. The charity he has in mind is one that trains giant rats to sniff out land mines in Africa.

Of course clearing land mines is important work, most of which will naturally be done by men, most of whom are probably dads themselves, but one ought to ask whether Kristof would make a similar appeal for Mother's Day. Can one imagine a columnist telling people NOT to buy presents for Mother's Day? Say he wrote that instead of giving mom a gift, a gift should be given to a charity that, say, built biogas latrines in Cambodia. Somehow, I think the editors at the NY Times might have a word with Mr. Kristof about that.

All Mr. Kristof is saying in declaring Father's Day is "a triumph of commercialism" is that Father's Day isn't a "real" holiday. Certainly he wouldn't tell people not to buy roses for their wives/girlfriends on Valentine's Day, or presents for people on their birthdays.

In a way, I agree with Mr. Kristof. Father's Day should be about more than a tie or a card. For millions of men out there, I know they'd happily go without a single gift just for a chance to see their children on Father's Day. For those men away at war, in prison or deprived of their children by callous mothers and a ruthless, uncaring court, no card or small token – not even an enormous, African rat – could make up for the time they've missed.

Happy Father's Day!

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Have a great day with your fathers and children, and don't forget the men who, for whatever reason, are away from their families.

“Dad Camp” Empowers Expectant Single Mothers

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I was alerted to an article in Feministing about a VH1 “reality” show called “Dad Camp,” in which a bunch of single pregnant women get to decide whether or not to “allow these men [the children's fathers] to be romantically involved with them as they raise their children.”

Of course, Feministing posted this article directly before Father’s Day, which tells us all we need to know about the fine women who run the site. Rose Afriyie, the author of the article, referred to the men as “ain’t-shit baby fathers,” and suggested that absent fathers are inherent criminals. Sadly, a number of conservative men share her view. In fact, Rose’s language exactly mirrors what I could imagine coming out of some bigoted, backwoods judge’s mouth (honesty, I can’t wait until those socon dinosaurs are all in their dotage – or at least retired – leaving the feminists all alone in this world to bray into the wind).

In another parallel with with socons, the poor little pregnant women are portrayed by Rose as innocent victims in this game. Why, you’d think they were all virgins until they were fooled by some sneaky bastards imitating prince charming. Maybe the guys hypnotized the pants off the innocent little things, who surely never had any dirty thoughts ever in their lives.

But what really gets me angry is the automatic assumption that *any man* who isn’t there with his kids is a deadbeat. So many of us tried to be fathers, married women with the foolish idea that we were “doing the right thing,” and then got burned and unceremoniously yanked out of our children’s lives. By the standard employed by feminists and socons, a man can be a deadbeat whether he marries the woman or not. If he doesn’t live up to her standards, no matter how impossible, no matter whether he physically can, a man is a “deadbeat.” A man whose wife cheated on him, taking his house and putting him out on the street, causing his life to unravel so that he can no longer afford the bills and child support ordered by a judge, is a “deadbeat.” A man who is injured at work and can’t afford child support with his worker’s comp is a “deadbeat.”

They may say “no, we don’t mean you,” but the laws say otherwise. Deadbeat means only one thing: father. It is the only category that is absolutely open to every father in America. You may not be able to see your kids when you want (if at all), you may have no say in who babymomma drags in from the bar at night for some liquor-fueled love in the bedroom next to the kids, but you can always be a deadbeat.

So why should there be a camp for dads? Men have no realistic choice in the matter of whether or not to be fathers to their children. It is all up to the women, so what could this camp possibly be besides a gratuitous exercise of power over the men involved? Well, feministing pretty much gives it away by endorsing the show for “empowering” the single-mothers-to-be. This show merely demonstrates what depths a society will sink to when the highest virtue is “empowering” women — even and especially those who make the irresponsible, selfish choice to become single mothers.

Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics such as Cipro and Levaquin Ruin Lives

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Americans are being poisoned on a vast scale by toxins generated by corporations whose only goal is profit regardless of the consequences on humanity and its future. These corporations include but are not limited to pharmaceutical companies and the medical establishment, which thrive on treating illnesses with expensive toxic drugs rather than simple, natural treatments that wouldn't turn a profit.

I stumbled upon all this after experiencing side effects from Ciprofloxacin, a fluoroquinolone antibiotic that is highly toxic to human tissue yet still prescribed like candy by doctors. My side effects have been mild so far (aching joints and muscles, primarily) but were significant enough to drive me to research the causes and treatments for exposure to fluoroquinolones, including Cipro, Levaquin, Floxin, Avelox, and others.

I quickly learned not to blindly trust doctors regarding my health and when in doubt to do my own research. I also learned that the FDA is funded largely by pharmaceutical companies and thus has a glaring conflict of interest, which is why the fluoroquinolone antibiotics have not been pulled from the market despite the debilitating side effects. The FDA had to be sued just to issue an ineffective black box warning regarding only the potential for tendon damage.

The adverse effects of fluoroquinolones include chronic fatigue, tendonitis/tendinopathy, tendon rupture, joint pain, muscle weakness/soreness/fibromyalgia, peripheral neuropathy, muscle spasms, popping/cracking joints, endurance problems, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), heart palpitations, anxiety attacks, brain fog, depersonalization, memory loss, difficulty finding the right word at times, seizures, buzzing/tingling/vibratory sensations, dry eyes/mouth/sinuses, numbness (especially at night), floaters/blank spots in field of vision, depression, and death.

The worst part about the symptoms of fluoroquinolones is that they are not short-lived. They can cause chronic mental and physical pain and disability. They can ruin lives. And the longer you are exposed to them, the more likely you will suffer these "side effects". These chronic ailments are not often connected with the use of fluoroquinolones because doctors often rely on drug reps (salesmen) for their information rather than examining the readily available literature such as the Physician's Desk Reference on the drugs they prescribe, their side effects, and contraindications. Patients are not given informed consent about the dangers of these drugs.

Ciprofloxacin is routely subscribed for urinary tract infections, which affect women about ten times more often than men, even though there are far safer alternatives than Cipro. Lo and behold, fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome affect women about ten times more often than men, too, and these illnesses just happened to sprout up all over the place shortly after fluoroquinolone use became widespread.

Fluoroquinolones are also routinely prescribed for a variety of off-label indications such as suspected sinus infections or prostate infections. These antibiotics are extremely dangerous toxins that may cause symptoms of severe fluoride poisoning quickly in perfectly healthy individuals. Sometimes they are even given to children or in combination with NSAIDs such as Ibuprofin, which increase the dangers.

Many of the illnesses we see today, such as cancer, were exceedingly rare only 100 years ago. However, toxins introduced into our environment by industry now circulate in our bloodstreams and reside in our tissues. These toxins and irresponsible agricultural practices have robbed vital minerals such as boron from the produce we buy from the supermarket, contributing to many chronic diseases of the heart, body, and mind. It is true that we live longer today and are more likely to be afflicted by cancer as we age, but at the same time carcinogenic toxins that permeate our environment, our food, and our bodies make cancer more likely at any age.

The government's fluoridation of our water supply has exacerbated our insufficient intake of iodine and is suspected as a major contributor to fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, thyroid problems, cancer, and various

neurological pathologies. Aluminum, mercury, and other contaminants in the food we eat and the cookware we use may lead to chronic diseases such as Alzheimer's and cardiovascular disease. Yet the government continues to allow us to be poisoned and devotes no effort to investigating the ill effects of these contaminants even though research has shown their detrimental effects.

Doctors continue to ignore natural, diet and supplement-based strategies to combat illness, instead relying on poisonous substances to treat the symptoms of disease rather than the underlying causes. One-third of pharmaceuticals contain fluoride, which is toxic to every cell in the body, is not an essential nutrient, and was shown in one study to lower the IQ of children. Fluoride allows chemicals to penetrate human cells more easily and even helps aluminum contaminants penetrate the blood-brain barrier.

The typical American diet provides a breeding ground for fluoride-based drugs to do their damage: we ingest copious amounts of the toxic halides fluorine, chlorine, and bromine from our food and water while subsisting on a diet low in the essential nutrient iodine, which competes against these toxins in the thyroid and other tissues. The FDA's recommended daily intake of iodine is several magnitudes too low for thyroid sufficiency, especially in an environment where most fluids we drink contain added fluoride and most breads and flour contain added bromine. Neither the government nor the medical establishment is willing to recognize or even investigate honestly the disastrous effects such toxins and poor nutrition are having on us. It will be up to us as individuals and small communities to educate and protect ourselves and our families from the physical and mental horrors resulting from fluoride, fluorine-based drugs, and other toxins the establishment callously subjects us to.

If you or a family member suffers from symptoms of fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, or an autoimmune disease, I'd urge you to check their medical history for use of quinolone antibiotics. Cipro, Levaquin, Floxin, Avelox are common ones but there are others, although many have been removed from the market due to the dangers. And please **never let a doctor give these drugs to you or your loved ones, especially children.** There are always safer alternatives.

Limiting one's fluoride exposure (through drugs, fluoridated water, toothpaste, and processed drinks) is important to overall health, but fluoride and fluorinated drugs such as the fluoroquinolones, Prozac, and Paxil are just the tip of this iceberg. The truth is that pretty much everything you can buy at the supermarket is contaminated with toxins. This makes it quite difficult to limit one's exposure to harmful substances.

Dr. Joseph Mercola runs a website exposing much of the dangers of common foods and products. He is a businessman, too, so you may take his advice with a grain of salt. Always do your own research. He does have an excellent article on the fluoroquinolones and the failure of the FDA which I'd urge you to read.

I am actually thankful for my exposure to Cipro for two reasons. First, I was able to prevent my mother from taking a prescription of Cipro which I am certain would have led her to experience chronic joint pain for the rest of her life, if not worse. Second, I am now motivated to protect myself, my loved ones, and my future children as much as possible from dangerous chemicals which prevent people from reaching their full potential by stunting their growth, lowering their IQs, and leading them to an early death.

I'll leave you with a video of Bob Grozier, who lost his family, nearly died, and suffers from debilitating physical and mental side effects from the combination of Cipro and Vioxx, a dangerous NSAID. It is important to note that fluoroquinolones can do their damage alone, even without the combination of NSAIDs.

How Will it End?

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One of these days the deeply unnatural and aberrant society that has emerged in the West will come crashing down for one reason or another. There's no doubt that it will happen, just as the old society came tumbling down in the Postwar cultural revolution. But how will this end come about? Will it go out with a whimper, with minimal strife and minimal resistance from the regime, or will it end with a bang?

I'm starting to think that there will be some violence associated with the end of America 2.0. I didn't think so before, but violence is usually inevitable in cases of widespread moral outrage and injustice. When one finds cosmetics companies pimping seven year old girls, as Paul Mitchell did by sponsoring a prepubescent sexualized dance, somewhere, someone is going to come unhinged and do something extreme about it.

In the local news, I see an increase in family annihilation killings over divorce; the dysfunctional nature of family law has already started to produce a rather consistent flow of murders, assaults and suicides. Acts of sexually-motivated terrorism, like Sodini's rampage, will probably continue to be quite rare, but the fact that they are occurring at all indicates that something is truly off-kilter.

I don't think the issue of men's rights will be what forces change, but it will be part of a broader discontent that begins to make its way throughout society. I'm not sure when true dissent – as in people on the streets – will begin to show itself, but if the economy doesn't begin to rebound it can't be all that far off. Given the increasing taxation in a time of austerity, I'd guess that there will at least be some pushing and shoving come election time.

If one cares to extrapolate from demographics, there can be absolutely no doubt that the feminist West's days are numbered. Women-dominated societies simply aren't fertile. This has probably always been the case, and explains why patriarchy or other forms of male dominance have been the rule throughout all of recorded history. However, humans have this odd tendency to ignore history, so people always feel that there's something different this time for one reason or another. Well, that just isn't true. We may live in a time of unprecedented technological development and population growth, but the trends are the same as in a hunter gatherer society:

The more prolific tribes always come to dominate in the end.

So the question really is "how will it end?" rather than "will it end?" Will we end it before it destroys us, or will feminism and its associated pathologies be the final demise of Western civilization, ushering in a new era of Sharia, Latin American-style strongman patriarchy, or some modern version of Confucianism?

And, finally, how will it play out? This is all speculation, but sometimes speculating can help us deal with events when they finally occur. And someday they will, so we might as well start discussing postfeminism and what it will mean for us, our children and future generations.

Weekend Observations

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I took some time off this weekend as a kind of combined birthday/Father's Day break (my birthday was on the 16th), spending some time with my kids and a cousin who is about to become a father himself.

On Saturday night, I went out with my cousin and a couple of his friends for a night on the town, which is something I don't do very often any longer, having fallen out of the habit when I was married and not having picked it back up again. I'm glad I did get out, because it gave me an opportunity to see how things are first-hand these days for the young and single.

One thing I noticed was that the single are not quite as young in general as they were ten years or so ago. People in their 30s were pretty common, and there were more than a few 40-somethings out there. I'd say that the bar scene is about four or five years older on average than I remember from the late 90s, when the older types usually could be found only during happy hour or working behind the bar. I have no idea why this is, but perhaps there's more leisure time available due to the recession, and maybe the crashing marriage rate has simply dumped more of us back on the market.

Another thing I noticed was the increase in size even amongst the young women. Women have simply gotten bigger, and although men may have put on a bit of heft, it isn't quite as noticeable. Even the fit, attractive young women are bigger. Rather than being naturally thin, a lot of them appear to have achieved a toned body only through substantial time investment in the gym, leaving them rather muscular and solid rather than waif-like. I think my generation may have been the last one with a somewhat normal body size as youths. I'm not sure exactly why women have grown heftier, but I imagine it has something to do with corn syrup sweetener and overuse of antibiotics.

Finally, women are not quite as attractive, due to a combination of factors, the most important probably being the size. Although they wear sexier, tighter clothes than those of the grunge generation, the extra weight around the belly and on the upper arms takes away from the female form by giving them a more man-like physique. I really have to wonder whether there is something in the environment, because when women put on weight these days they tend to do so in the same way men do, at least from what I could see.

Next time I go out I'm going to take a camera so I can document these things.

Dangerous Women

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All of us who spend time at *The Spearhead* are well aware of the news stories of dangerous women that are featured in the headlines everywhere. We all know that evil women exist and that many laws presently enable their violence and destruction. We often read and discuss the aftermath of their dastardly deeds. As educational as all of this is, it does not adequately equip men or even women to protect themselves from the dark females who may seek to them harm. Evil women come in many forms and suffer with a wide variety of disorders that make them the way they are. Some have experienced trauma that has left them forever damaged. A large group suffers from personality disorders that harm all of the sane people with whom they cross paths. Some are emotional vampires, sucking away all of the life and love from their chosen victims. And some are dangerous, potentially violent sociopaths. No matter what the case may be, these women are dangerous and should be avoided at any cost lest you become their next victim.

Anybody can become the victim of a dangerous women, but men who are empathetic, giving, and compassionate are most at risk. These evil creatures target genuinely kind people as they know their goodness will make them an easy target. A nice person does not want to think ill of another person and will be more likely to ignore their gut instincts that a person with a bit more knowledge about the darkness that lurks in the soul of dangerous women. They may feel guilty for thinking this way and feel themselves to be the bad person when this couldn't be further from the truth. Your naivete and trust will be exploited until you have nothing left to give.

The signs of a dangerous woman are many and may vary depending on what causes her evilness, but most of the below mentioned traits are good ones to be aware of.

The dangerous woman is:

*emotionally immature and a bully
*a drama queen who turns the most minor of life experiences into a Big Deal but cares little about your struggles, trails, and joys
*uses guilt and shame to manipulate, oftentimes using this to guilt a person when their gut is saying "run run run!"
*makes you feel emotionally drained after spending any amount of time with her
*easily provoked and malicious
*may tell stories about having been raped, sexually abused, or a victim of domestic violence in an attempt to gain sympathy
*controlling but outraged if you "check up" on her or ask too many questions about herself
*uses mimicry to cleverly masquerade as a human with a conscience and empathy
*lives in a fantasy world of ideal everything and cannot tell truth from fiction
*is exploitative, always asking for favors but does nothing in return; a taker in relationships of all kinds
*possess a tremendous amount of entitlement and treats others as if they are lesser than her
*envious of others and vindictive towards those who better their lot in life or are better looking, more talented, more successful than her

This list is by no means exhaustive but is a start of warning signs to look out for when you cross paths with a suspicious woman in your life, somebody seems "off".

If you do run into a woman like this there are some beginner steps to remove yourself as her prey:

*Get away as quickly as possible.
*Accept that some people truly have no empathy and conscience, do not operate like the rest of us, and can never be understood. You have done nothing to cause this and cannot control the behavior of this sick woman. Do not redeem the unredeemable.
*Do not engage this woman, try to rationalize with her, or allow her to bully you into feeling badly about yourself.

Instead get yourself out of their clutches and to safety.
*If you are already involved with her, share with those closest to you what is going on so that they may help with potential damage control.
*Document everything the dangerous woman does to attack you. Keep emails, voicemail messages, and other contact. Advise friends and family to do the same.
*Refuse any further contact with the evil woman, even if she is attempting to provoke you. Her attack may be vile, but remember nothing she says is true. Do not back down from your “ignore her” campaign and enlist people to help you keep up your resolve during moments of anger and weakness.

Female predators not only lurk in the real world, but online as well. The cyberbully and troll are two very common forms of dangerous women who target men online. While these varieties of dangerous women are typically less lethal than their offline sisters, they can still rob you of emotional energy and steal away bits of you. Avoiding these women and refusing to engage with them is your best means of defense. They derive pleasure from your anger and upset and will be ruthless in trying to make their fun at your expense.

I sincerely hope that none of you ever run across a dangerous woman, but just in case take the time to prepare yourself so you can be protected should such knowledge ever be needed. Better to know your enemy and never come across her than to experience the opposite!

Philanderers, Pornstars, and Tiger... Oh My!

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Today's Guest Post by: Alphattude @ http://thewateringholeblog.com

Three stories broke a while back regarding Tiger Woods and his recent harem kingdom of concubines. One being that Tiger impregnated pornstar Joslyn James twice, ending in a miscarriage and an abortion. Her blubbery 'alligator tears' press conference made me want burst out into laughter. A porn star crying about how Tiger Woods didn't love her back, only in America. In addition to this it was reported Tiger paid hush money over a sex tape filmed of him having sex with two women. The threesome tape seemed to be overshadowed by the other two stories, but read about it here. Now onto the third and final story. Tiger Woods made a 15-minute long public apology to his fans, his wife, and most importantly, his sponsors. What looked to be an Oscar award winning performance by Tiger Woods can easily be mistaken for sincerity if you don't read between the lines.

Yes, Tiger Woods apologized to appease the mobs and save his sponsorships; not out of overwhelming guilt for his actions. Whenever this topic of conversation comes up I hear conflicting views from men and what seem to be synchronized one sided opinions from many women. Men that cannot understand this unique situation that Tiger is in (no mortal man really can) side against Tiger. I hear, "Have you seen how hot his wife is?" Yes, yes I have. Also, "I'm all for sleeping with alot of women but not if you're married." <– This is interesting (Michael Jordan, Bill Clinton, JFK, FDR, John McCain, Donald Trump, Morgan Freeman, James Cameron, etc) . Women openly say that they're "disgusted by Tiger, how can he do this?!" What they're not saying is that if given the chance they would also sleep with Tiger Woods, or at least wonder if he would choose them. Women want a man that is wanted by other women. So what truly is the answer here? Was Tiger wrong?

Allow me to read between the lines here and truly take a look at the big picture. Growing up, how could Tiger Woods dream of having the opportunity to sleep with copious amounts of gorgeous women, a chance at fame and fortune, and be his own brand? He was a half Korean, half Black nerd that played golf. GOLF. Do you think he was a world beater in the dating game? I can imagine him getting swirlies and having things thrown at him on the bus. Tiger went to Stanford, not exactly a plethora of attractive females to choose from. He was likely introverted and socially awkward. His market value as a desirable mate probably didn't exist until his early 20's when he started on Tour.

Tiger Woods came onto the PGA scene in the late 90's and breathed new life into the sport, gaining international notoriety and a beloved fanbase. Tiger Woods is an icon. He has charm, charisma, and he's the richest athlete in the world. *Read* RICHEST ATHLETE IN THE WORLD with 800 million dollars in earnings over his 13-year career. And some guys would settle for being captain of the high-school football team. He will become the first billion dollar athlete when he gets back to golfing. To put this plainly, he can have any woman he wants and any number of them whenever, wherever. He's Tiger Woods.

The only mistake Tiger made was getting married in the first place. He should have taken a cue from George Clooney and Al Pacino. His wife is a beautiful woman, and no doubt is her value close to Tiger's, but make no mistake it is not in equilibrium. She's not the female version of Tiger Woods. Her beauty may fade, but he is and always will be an international icon. Oh by the way, I hear he's huge in Japan!

Tiger shouldn't be held to the same standard as normal people because he is not a normal person. As a society we need to get over this notion of athletes being role models, those days are gone. They are entertainers and in that regard there is none better in the realm of golf than El Tigre. He's doing what any former beta turned alpha male would be doing while salivating at all of the new opportunities that he never could have fathomed. Is he sorry? He's sorry he got caught and sorry Accenture dropped him.

Tiger Woods has moved to the top of the ranks among The Dos Equis guy, Chuck Norris, Don Draper, and Hulk Hogan's leg drop.

Police Kill Woman in Domestic Dispute

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A West Palm Beach, Florida man called the police Thursday when his drunk, agitated wife began throwing things at him. The man, Dean Perkins, had left the family home after his wife's display of belligerence, but stated that he did not fear for his life. However, he and a roommate suggested that Veronica Harding-Perkins, Dean's wife, was possibly armed.

Police approached the house in the usual manner – guns drawn and at the ready – and when, according to one officer, she pointed a gun at them, she was promptly shot dead. Usually, when a person is holding a gun, when they suddenly face another the gun does, too. Guns are designed to be held in such a way that this happens unless one consciously avoids it, which takes training and awareness. Therefore, it is all but guaranteed that there will be a lot of shootings when police suddenly approach and surprise armed civilians on their property (I know from personal experience that police use the element of surprise in these approaches and stay out of view until the last moment to gain a tactical advantage).

Mr. Perkins expressed dismay over the shooting, saying "If you know someone has a gun and they're drunk, do you just approach the residence? If they knew she had a gun, what were you hoping to accomplish by walking up to the door? I'm not painting my wife as lily white or innocent, but at the same time, I'm saying the way this was handled was unconscionable."

Unconscionable or not, this is the standard response to DV incidents, thanks to DV legislation demanded by feminists. Rather than allow people, many of whom are likely suicidal rather than homicidal, to calm down, arrests are mandated, and the sooner the better, which has resulted in an unending stream of shootings over "domestic disturbance" calls.

In the large majority of cases it is men who are killed, so feminists probably view these isolated cases as acceptable collateral damage in their crusade to have as many men shot by other men as possible.

I believe in the principle of harm reduction. The fewer people killed, the better. Feminists may point to a lower incidence of DV, but it is clear that this has come at the cost of a great number of extrajudicial executions, and has prompted many murder-suicides as people have grown aware that the likely response to a "domestic" 911 call is a swift and brutal arrest by storm troopers with assault rifles and body armor. It is easy to claim "progress" when none of the killings or violence carried out by the state make their way into crime statistics, but it is a deeply dishonest and inhumane policy to sweep tragedy under the carpet in this manner.

White Knight Tackled, Cuffed and Arrested for Intervening in Spat Between Man and Ex-Wife

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Rob Chilson, a 37-year-old white knight from Trenton, NJ, saw a man, Jose Cotto, respond to being slapped by his ex-wife by hitting back and then tried to intervene on the woman's behalf. When police arrived, Mr. Chilson attempted to give them his contact information, but was immediately taken down and cuffed. The ex-wife, Brenda Jimenez, was also arrested for slapping her ex.

Perhaps after enough of these incidents in which white knights are beaten, arrested, shot or otherwise inconvenienced while sticking up for "damsels in distress" such as Brenda Jimenez, these guys will get the message and leave well enough alone. Most women who are involved in an altercation with a man they know are far from the innocent victims feminists would have us believe they are, and getting into the middle of a dispute they may well have started can turn out to be very hazardous to one's well-being.

Unfortunately, there is a recent effort to encourage vigilanteism on the part of feminists, and that will likely lead to problematic outcomes for a number of would-be heros.

Chilson has filed a complaint against the police for false arrest, saying: "I want vindication, I want justice. Not just for me, but for this woman."

As Predicted Here, Van Der Sloot Already Receiving Marriage Proposals

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Happens every time. When a guy gets locked up for a notorious murder – especially if he killed a woman – the marriage proposals start flooding in. It's got to be about more than simple fame, because the guys busted for murdering or molesting children don't get the same attention. Perhaps it is simply an extreme manifestation of the inner fantasy so many women have about violent men — men who might do some violence to them. Seems this turns them on.

According to van der Sloot, one of them explicitly stated that she wanted him to impregnate her. Amazing. If women are left to their own devices as far as reproductive choice is concerned, they'd rather have kids with murderers. Perhaps this is where feminism will take us: to a society filled with murderous thugs who, despite doing nothing useful for humanity, will at least sexually satisfy more women than the betas who built the cities that have become their playgrounds.

Does US Family Law Destroy International Competitiveness?

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It is common to see reports bemoaning the lack of student achievement in the US, and the fact that US students are falling farther behind other countries in math and science. Corporate executives insist that there are not enough scientists, programmers and engineers to fill the jobs they have, and there are frequent appeals to Americans to study subjects that could prepare them for jobs in these fields.

There will always be a subset of boys who are fascinated by these subjects, and perhaps a few girls, but they are apparently not enough for economic progress. I'm not sure whether to entirely believe the companies that are complaining about a lack of talent, because it seems to me that they would prefer to cut costs by importing cheaper foreign workers on H1B visas rather than develop native resources, but as with most things there is probably a grain of truth in their complaints.

As many have indicated here and elsewhere, boys and men need some motivation to push themselves to strive to succeed. Traditionally, this motivation has come in the form of a (putatively) loving wife and family, which gave men something to strive for. Take that away from a significant portion of the population, and it is little wonder that we see boys and men increasingly skeptical about higher education and the dedicated effort it takes to succeed in demanding fields such as engineering and the sciences. It is, after all, much more difficult to cram equations into one's head than it is to smoke weed and play video games.

Although the old ideal of the responsible young man preparing to raise a family is still held up to young men as motivation, they don't seem to take that quite as seriously any longer. How could they, after all? When around half of them have grown up without their father at home, they must know that there's a good chance they will end up in the same boat as so many of the earlier casualties of easy divorce. Additionally, as they see the attractive – and even not-so-attractive – young women "hook up" with a train of hard-partying, careless guys who would never stoop to cracking a physics text, they must have serious second thoughts about the value of the young women they are preparing to support.

So our bright young man of modest means – the perfect entry-level worker for corporations – is presented with the prospect of living the life of a monk for four years after high school, devoting himself to study and deprivation as slackers and badboys rotate through dozens of the attractive young females all around him on campus. Some may keep a stiff upper lip and power through, but many of these young guys are going to take a look at that and have none of it. A middle-class kid who is facing at least a decade of hard work and virtual celibacy, without any guarantee that he will ever find a quality woman, may well just decide to forego all that effort. Or else he might decide to emulate the players and badboys who are having so much success. In any event, there's a good chance he's simply going to say "forget it."

Now contrast this to the ambitious young man of Bangalore or Hangzhou. Although his country may be inching toward Western decadence and dysfunction, he's still a shoe-in for a virgin bride if he gets a higher degree and a good tech job. His wife will cook and clean for him, bear his children and stand by her man without complaint. She has no motivation to divorce her husband, because her status at home will fall into the toilet, and she won't get the house or kids. In fact, she'll be proud and happy to have a responsible, dedicated and intelligent husband. Her pride and his status will also make him more attractive in her eyes, and the fact that she hasn't had a string of casual sex partners will cement his feelings of love and loyalty for his wife.

Sadly, things are changing for the worse in the developing world as well, but the fact that the opportunity to succeed and have a rewarding marriage is quite realistic for intelligent Asian students tilts the balance in their favor. For Americans, this is all but gone, and virtually guarantees international decline as our young men watch the American dream hacked to pieces and devoured by selfish women and their avaricious attorneys.

As long as there is no reward for ordinary men to strive for success and excellence, there will be few who do, and

the Anglosphere will slide from the height of power into mediocrity and civilizational decay.

Gender Wars

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Readers may have noticed that I've been posting a lot of articles about the crime and mayhem that the interplay between the sexes causes in the Anglosphere. At first, I thought it might be going a bit too far to highlight this stuff on such a frequent basis, but I've come to notice that rather than exaggerate the problem, it puts it in its proper perspective.

Our society has become so inured to the violence and tragedy caused by feminism and the war on men that we tend to overlook it and pay it little heed, whereas this level of killing, imprisonment, beating and seizure of property is really quite alarming from an outside perspective. For example, I once saw a COPS show in which an immigrant was arrested for DV (DV arrests make up a large portion of COPS' action). His wife had cut him on the face/ear, and he thought he'd diffuse the situation by taking the blame. Of course, he was promptly cuffed and taken to the psycho-chamber that is county lockup late at night. The man was stunned, as though he was in a dream; coming from India, he couldn't believe this was happening to him.

Sadly, none of this surprises us natives any longer. We truly live in a madhouse, and the consequences of that are beamed out of our TVs every day as apparently random acts of brutality, desperation and head-shaking senselessness. It is so common that we hardly notice any longer, as though we were in a war.

In fact, we are in a war of sorts. Back in the 1980s the "War of the Sexes" was a term frequently employed in the press, often with a sort of tongue-in-cheek humor, but today it isn't so much spoken of as it is acted out in a graphic manner in both reality and fiction.

Piercedhead, a long-time commenter, made some astute observations about this:

> One of the more striking differences between men and women is beginning to emerge on TV dramas. 40 years ago, there was virtually no gender on gender killing in a righteous context. Men certainly did not kill women brutally and carry the audience's sympathy. With the rise of women's influence, all that is changing. Women are killing men with their bare hands, and the context is always that they are right to do so (ie defending themselves, the community, the world or simply exterminating a thoroughly despicable man).
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> I first noticed the ferocity of it last year in an episode of Battlestar Galactica, where a female officer tortured a male prisoner for hours, the prisoner was then tricked into an admission by false sympathy from another woman, then promptly executed by her. Since then I've seen an escalation of violence on men by women (but never the reverse) so that it's now happening every week. The most common context is a female cop blowing away a male offender, though last night it was an ordinary woman smashing a man's head in with an iron bar after a physical struggle.

This is absolutely true. The number of cross-gender killings on TV has exploded since I was a child, when it was still pretty much unthinkable to portray women as violent. There are many other signs of a fundamental change in society's view of gender roles, and most of them indicate a similar theme of female empowerment; i.e. one that involves the perpetration of violence against men as a ritualistic exercise in enforcing a new norm.

So when you see these articles I put up highlighting the growing strife and increasingly public violence that has resulted from anti-male policies in the Anglosphere, try to put them in the proper perspective: they are essentially reports from the front, intended to keep readers updated on the progress of a war raging in our society.

Why Women Choose Thugs

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[Today's Guest Post submitted by Codebuster]

Let's be clear about two things:

• The New York Times poses the question, What do women want? It is well documented that women have rape fantasies;

• Feminists do not want you to know this (duh!). Indeed, at this early stage, evidence seems to suggest that not only do they not want you to know this, but they will implement measures in direct contravention of their cherished free speech traditions to ensure that you are denied the right to know this. We should expect the topic of women's rape fantasies to become the new taboo. But I digress.

We've covered the topic of rape fantasies before on Welmer's website, so we really don't need to revisit it in detail. Suffice it to say that I and the rest of us at The Spearhead abhor and reject the idea of rape. It is true to say that just because a woman fantasizes about being raped does not mean that she wants to be raped. Most of us will have no problem with respecting such basic rights and we would not wish to deny any woman the freedom to walk the streets unhindered. However, we must face the likelihood that women's inclinations to fantasize about rape must surely predispose them to making certain kinds of choices, whether it's the way that they dress or the men that they choose. Women's rape fantasies speak to the way that women actualize their realities.

What word should we use to describe this dimension of female sexuality? In her Diary II, Anais Nin made the comment, "To be violated is perhaps a need in a woman, a secret erotic need." It would seem appropriate to nominate "violation" as the word that best encapsulates this dimension.

It is nothing new or controversial to suggest that violation features in pornography – for example Frontline hosted a program called American Porn, where the violation to which one star was subjected was not entirely scripted, nor against her will. What is perhaps more controversial was her willing complicity.

Violation, then, is integral to female sexuality, and it manifests itself along a continuum. A woman fantasizes about having her prissy, crystalline niceness violated. Of course there are different contexts, but in terms of primal drives, violation is its essence.

The practical implications of women's rape fantasies

At one end of the scale is the rough stuff. It's why women have rape fantasies. At the other end of the scale is intimacy. It's why women fall in love and why they long to share their sexuality with someone to whom they are loyal. Female sexuality applies to all women, and they make their choices along this violation continuum. There are several implications:

• Every woman has within her the potential to betray and to like the rough stuff. Every woman has within her the potential to be loyal and to like the intimacy. Clearly it dishonours a man to betray loyalty – but it also dishonours him to harm even those who willingly so submit;

• I've seen fine, loyal women who've had everything going for them become sluts and I've seen sluts become loyal and loving partners. I've seen women who have had everything going for them partner up with idiots, only become the trash that they chose, and I've seen women with nothing going for them hit the jackpot by way of a wealthy fool to become entitlement princesses. Of course men also change with the choices they make – but by and large, men seem to be more in control of their destinies than women do. My point? There's complicated stuff going on, quite profound actually (perhaps I'll do a follow-up blog). The only thing that I can assert with any amount of certainty is that women don't understand either women or men anywhere near to the same depth that men do. What women interpret as "empathy" has nothing whatsoever to do with understanding people and everything to do with

diplomacy and social engagement;

• Important to understanding women is their reliance on superficial labels. Women don't apprehend depth. They don't have to – it's one of the costs of living lives of entitlement. Contrast this with men who, like our Game specialists, expend considerable effort in understanding what makes people tick. No such demands are placed on women;

• I'm thinking of a friend's daughter as I write this, 17 years old, and her boyfriend. Why do girls from solid backgrounds choose annoying, characterless twerps to impact on their destinies? Think "label". Adolescent males with adolescent priorities, leaving school early to enter the workforce, have their labels sorted out. Of course their labels are short-term and transient, but young, impressionable girls relying on peer acceptance don't see this. What do I mean by "label"? It's the badge, what they stand for, lifestyle – drugs, adolescent fashion statements, maybe as leader of a pack, or maybe as belonging to the "right" pack or peer group. It all comes down to label. This is the stuff of impulse;

• Men typically get their thrills from risk – for example, extreme sports, exciting business transactions, and so on. Women also get their thrills from risk. But where sports or business negotiations are of little interest to them, women get their thrills from risky sex. It's the thrill of the forbidden.

• Nice guys don't do the rough stuff, and raunchy sex with a nice-guy is a contradiction in terms. That's why casual sex with a nice guy doesn't do it for women. That's why a woman being pumped by a nice-guy is much more likely to want to get it over with, and she has to restrain herself from blurting out "aren't you done yet?"

• Only thugs or bad-boys can deliver on the rape fantasy. The most successful PUAs are the ones that can manage that fine line between thrill and fear. If a man spooks a woman and fails to appease her fears, she'll jump to conclusions and dump him without having the faintest notion of what he stands for or what he is. But if he comes across as too safe, if she cannot respect (fear) him, he'll become invisible to her as just another nice-guy. He'll become just another piece of that vague, amorphous mass of beta-hood, another piece of the furniture. This interface between thrill and fear presents to the seasoned PUA a fine balancing-act that calls upon all his skills in psychology, deception, confidence and charm;

• Bad-boys are more likely to initiate, and this simple fact swings the statistical outcome in their favour. Most men learn fairly early on in life that if you hesitate, opportunities will pass you by. Women don't have to confront the ramifications of this basic dynamic and it is another manifestation of their lives of entitlement that precludes them from having to take responsibility for their dumb choices;

• Game theorist David DeAngelo observes that "Most men fail miserably when it comes to online dating." I disagree with David on this. It's women that fail miserably when it comes to online dating. They don't have a clue, they jump to conclusions on the basis of limited information. In one sense, we can't blame women because they have to somehow sort through the large numbers of men that are available. But in another important sense, women are essentially incapable of making astute judgements in the way that men can. And they multiply their ineptitude with their vacuous shopping-lists of requirements that bear no relationship to the Game techniques that can ultimately snare a date – on this latter point, we can definitely agree with David. You can virtually ignore what a woman states in her profile, and you will have much better luck, instead, snaring her with a bit of Game;

• Women realize, at some fundamental level, that they cannot compete with men on an intellectual basis, try as they might to deny it. Women have serious esteem issues that are very different from men's. Where men typically test themselves against reality's slings and arrows, women test themselves against the opinions of others (recommended keyword search – "relational aggression" "social proof"). One of the consequences of women's fragile self-esteem is the Groucho Marx syndrome "I don't want to belong to any club that would have me as a member". That's why many women are inclined to submit to the thugs that assert themselves. If he doesn't respect her, it is clear to her that he has the superior status that she values in a man;

• Within the context of male-female interactions, a nice-guy can make an ideal marriage partner, whose provider

status can ensure a steady income for the rest of a woman's life. Nice-guys don't make demands, they pedestalize their wives, and they embrace their provider roles without complaining. But a nice-guy beta is never ever sexy, he never stirs the violation instincts of anyone. He is only ever "useful" as an agent of materialism;

• Women are more inclined to assume things than to question them. They are more likely to jump to conclusions about things, such as people's intentions. It's an extension of the mindset that relies on labels. Women don't have their delusions tested. Reality changes things and a bit of rough stuff can have the effect either of awakening a thrill that a woman never knew existed, or compelling her to retreat into a shell of frigid denial;

• How can we know this stuff? You can't ask a woman directly, not so much because she'll lie about it (though yes, they will lie), but more because she won't understand your reference point, she has no way of expressing her experience from a perspective that means something to you. You have to pretty much infer this stuff from a lot of observation, listening to women talk, and reading between the lines. You have to imagine how you yourself would alter your thinking if you were limited to a life of provided-for entitlement. Reading novels by women helps, because it can shed light on what they value and fantasize about. Reading philosophy by men helps, because philosophy concerns itself with probing analysis, and how it is that reality is perceived the way it is. Probing analysis is just not what women do.

The bottom line? The reason that women choose thugs is not a mirage. It's not a product of arbitrary statistical processes. There are very specific reasons why women choose thugs. Of course within the violation continuum, there are shades of gray and complex reasons that are factored into why women choose the men they do. But the point that I make here is that casual sex, at one end of the continuum, receives its motivations from instincts that are alien to what most men assume. Men have to come to terms with the nature of female sexuality and its relationship to violation and the forbidden. There is a direct relationship between violation, rape, female arousal and love. There is no such thing as "nice" violation. The rough stuff, at its most primal level, requires a thug. By contrast, love requires an archetype that is discouraged within the Anglosphere, wherein alphas – or at least paper alphas – go some way to filling the void. Nice-guys might make reliable providers, but they cannot be associated with respect, and they don't fall into either camp. They are just "useful" drones, as expendable as cannon-fodder in the battles instigated and headed by alphas.

It is perhaps valuable to conclude this post with a quote from another era, to take note of the timeless parallels that seem to be implied:

> Very deep-seated differences are linked with what I have been describing. The mother-woman craves for respectability in the man, not because she grasps its value as an idea, but because it is the supporter of the life of the world. She herself works, and is not idle like the prostitute; she is filled with care for the future, and so requires from the man a corresponding practical responsibility, and will not seduce him to pleasure. The prostitute, on the other hand, is most attracted by a careless, idle, dissipated man. A man that has lost self-restraint repels the mother-woman, is attractive to the prostitute. There are women who are dissatisfied with a son that is idle at school; there are others who encourage him. The diligent boy pleases the mother-woman, the idle and careless boy wins approval from the prostitute type. This distinction reaches high up amongst the respectable classes of society, but a salient example of it is seen in the fact that the 'bullies' loved by women of the streets are usually criminals. The souteneur is always a criminal, a thief, a fraudulent person, or sometimes even a murderer.
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> I am almost on the point of saying that, however little woman is to be regarded as immoral (she is only non-moral), prostitution stands in some deep relation with crime, whilst motherhood is equally bound with the opposite tendency. We must avoid regarding the prostitute as the female analogue of the criminal; women, as I have already pointed out, are not criminals; they are too low in the moral scale for that designation. None the less, there is a constant connection between the prostitute type and crime. The great courtesan is comparable with that great criminal, the conqueror, and readily enters into actual relations with him; the petty courtesan entertains the thief and the pickpocket. The mother type is in fact the guardian of the life of the world, the

prostitute type is its enemy. But just as the mother is in harmony, not with the soul but with the body, so the prostitute is no diabolic destroyer of the idea, but only a corrupter of empirical phenomena. Physical life and physical death, both of which are in intimate connection with the sexual act, are displayed by the woman in her two capacities of mother and prostitute. (1906: 233-234)

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Textual Harassment

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A new, insidious and traumatic form of harassment is striking fear into the hearts of women across the West: phone text harassment. According to an article in the Washington Post, women sometimes receive up to 100 texts in a day from their stalkers. Sometimes the texts even come during dinner, and the women feel "compelled" to reply. Somehow, there is a strange force that prevents the women from turning their phones off…

According to Claire Kaplan, director of University of Virginia's sexual and domestic violence services, harassment is "just easier now, and it's even more persistent and constant, with no letting up."

In some murders, police have (shockingly) found threatening texts sent to the victim.

I'll admit that I don't text. I think it's a waste of time and a poor substitute for a real conversation. I also find the messages inane and annoying. However, it is a very popular practice with the younger set.

What I find most ridiculous about this article is that if anyone doesn't want a text, they can simply turn off their phones, or ignore it. In fact, that's what bothers me most about texting: you never know whether someone has actually bothered to read it. It is one of those forms of communication that females love because they have complete control over whether or not they choose to respond. It is indirect, and therefore right up their alley. One could text a woman ten times before receiving a response, if ever, and I can say with some certainty that a lot of women would really enjoy getting numerous messages pleading with them to answer.

Texts are stored electronically and easily available to police. They have been used many times to track down criminals, and provide a very effective source of information for detectives. If anything, texts should deter rather than encourage crime. However, I imagine that the manner in which some women use texts might provoke some people.

Whatever the case, this article is simply another example of feminists hyping up a non-issue. If the girls don't want texts, they can turn off their phones, or even get rid of their phones. Or how about cancel the texting plan and talk to people like ordinary human beings?

This is what makes it all worth it

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I get emails quite frequently, and they are much appreciated. There are legions of men out there who are starting to wake up, and that always gives me a boost. However, nothing quite does it like a young man who has awaken to what he faces. When I hear from these guys I know I am doing something objectively good.

Therefore, I am happy to post this email, which ought to let us know that our efforts are not in vain:

> I turn 23 this August, and I have been fighting with my depressed bi-polar girlfriend for 3 years now. I just want you to know that I have been reading your site for four days now, and, well I fucking love you man. Seriously, just by reading the articles here you have solved a multitude of my personal relationship issues. I feel like I finally understand the world I live in, and you need to know that more men in my age need you to keep writing. No matter what happens you have my total respect for facing the issues head on, without letting any social or political prejudices cloud your work.
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> My whole drinking party has been busy this week discussing the content here, and I think we will be for a long time.

We are making progress, and it will be measured by the choices of younger men. We have an undeniable responsibility to them, and it is reassuring to see that we are having some influence.

Awareness Rising

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Welmer's article regarding the recent email he received from a young man was inspirational to read. This is what makes it all worth it, indeed! It was a nice reminder for me as to why I myself decided to begin blogging about Men's related issues in our Brave New World Order over 3 years ago, and still find the motivation and new angles to continually write about. It's precisely why I decided to jump aboard and help contribute to *The Spearhead* when Welmer first requested for contributor's. Let's keep paying it forward, Men!

It's good to see all of this time and effort put into this place making real world results. Some of the ideas put forth by registered members of the forum on that thread were also good at helping to continue to raise awareness by writing the Spearhead URL in public restrooms and printing up business cards are all good methods of continuing to build momentum and helping more and more men "Take the red pill" and wake up to the reality of the Feminist-designed Matrix that is our mass media influenced culture of today. Those ideas and suggestions also reminded me of one of the first posts I made when I began my own blog back in 2007, which contained some of my own ideas about spreading awareness of Men's Right's issues.

So, in the spirit of that post and the excellent commentary, here's my own suggestions I came up with back when I first "took the red pill" myself, and began trying to get others to take the red pill as well.

MRA in Your Personal Life

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I am of the opinion that being an MRA carries a responsibility to it that requires far more than logging on to the internet and raging on your blog about the unfairness, inequality and stupidity of feminists and their useful idiot manginas. Don't get me wrong, the proliferation of MRA blogs is vital in raising awareness, because it seems to be the only venue at this time in which MRA ideas can be discussed and disseminated to a wide audience, as almost all other mediums of communication have been corrupted by feminist groupthink and PC conventions. I myself lived a life of ignorance and just kind of went along with the general theme of feminism's ubiquity in the mainstream Western consciousness until I discovered MRA blogs.

What I'm trying to say is that Blogging about MRA, and reading other blogs daily (as I do,) is important, but it is ONLY the first step.

The next, more important one is this: each one of us that have attained awareness to just how corrupted society has become with the advent of feminist ideoloogy and it's pernicious influence on the relationship between the sexes, the justice system, the family courts and society's general attitudes and acceptance of misandry have a responsibility: we all have a personal duty to be ambassadors of men's rights in our real world lives.

This responsibility is one that really does not require much…but if we are ever going to take MRA beyond existing as a minority movement occupying a small niche in the blogosphere, it's gonna take what every grass roots movement needs to succeed: the successful transmission by word of mouth.

Because feminism has infested and corrupted just about every level of Western society, it is indeed a monumental task for us to take on…but as the old saying goes, every long journey begins with the first few steps.

But the most important thing to remember is this: no matter how hopeless it seems, we MRA have the ultimate weapon on our sides in combating the rising tide of feminist thought…the truth.

Truth is our ultimate weapon, and we need to wield it wherever and whenever it is prudent to do so. This means we need to speak up when we can to help raise awareness of the ignorant and to counter feminist myths that are repeated as facts, and to identify and counter the folly of misandry whenever we encounter it in the real world. This, I believe, is far more important than blogging.

We MRA need to be especially mindful when misandry and feminist thought surfaces in the words and actions of people closest to you; because these are the people that you will influence the most, ESPECIALLY if you are not overt, aggressive or confrontational about it. In fact, I believe you will be far more effective by applying humor and teasing when dealing with the subtle misandry of people you are close to.

With that in mind, it is the following scenarios for which we MRA need to be on the look out for as opportunities to strike a blow against feminist ideology wherever and whenever possible.

*** Whenever you hear women in your life reflecting the general misandry of our culture — you should speak up and correct those erroneous assumptions.**

I was at a party a few weeks ago, and a few of the women in my peer group had gathered in a corner of the room to talk, and I overheard one of the ladies, who was my good friend's live-in girlfriend and mother to their daughter say "Oh David can babysit Lisa (there daughter) so we can go shopping." (Not their real names, of course).

I interjected politely that since he was Lisa's Dad, he wouldn't be babysitting, he would simply be raising his own daughter. All of the women gave me curious looks and a little uncomfortable giggles, but she did acknowledge that I was right. The point is I planted the seed of doubt in the common feminist attitude in all of these ladies minds…the next time they hear another woman refer to her children's father as a "babysitter" perhaps my point will stick in their mind.

*** Whenever you are watching TV with family and/or friend's, and the typical misandrist theme manifests itself, say something, no matter how subtle or small.**

This one especially applies to the common Hollywood fantasy of a single women defeating a larger, stronger man (or worse, yet a group of men) in hand to hand combat. I'll always say something like "Oh yeah…that was REALISTIC" while rolling my eyes.

If the typical "Dad is a buffoon, mom is superwomen to the rescue" theme appears, I found the best counter is "Good thing MY/Your Dad is not that dumb or incompetent, he would have handled that with no problem!"

Such subtle messages can be an effective counter that can possibly cause at least a little cognitive dissonance in the minds of women who generally think in the misandrist terms society has indoctrinated them too.

*** Be aware of how women manipulate men, than DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO DO IT UNCHALLENGED. Especially when it is sisters, friend's, girlfriends or spouses. who use this tactic.**

I know plenty of women that will often make off-hand remarks of how they are strong, independent and don't need men to do things…until a spider or centipede appears; and than they are screaming and running and asking the nearest male to take care of the nasty critter. That's the best time to playfully remind them as you are killing the bug "I thought you don't need a man to take care of you?"

Same goes for women who act helpless to get men to do some particularly dirty or heavy task. If a female family member or a female friend who I do like tries this tact to convince me to do such things, I'll often do them (if I genuinely like/love her) – but I will call them on their tactics first. I'll say something like "No need to act like a damsel in distress, just ask me straight!"

Unpleasant tasks that females don't want to do also represent the perfect opportunity to remind them of any of their misandrist statements they've made in the past. For instance, one of the most over-used phrases I hear from women in my life is some variation of the "There's too much testosterone in this room," comment. So when the opportunity arises, use their own comments against them…. "Yeah, alright, I guess there wasn't not enough testosterone in the room to take care of this until I got here."

*** Whenever you do a favor or give a gift for a woman in your life, and she acts like she was entitled to it, immediately call her on it.**

An exaggerated “YOUR WELCOME YOUR HIGHNESS” while bowing deeply to them gets that point across fairly well.

*** Whenever you have women in your life complain, demean or degrade the men in their life, turn the tables on them.**

It seems like getting together and grumbling about the men in their lives is one of American Women’s favorite past times, and even the nicest, smartest, happiest and non-naggy/bitchy women I know of will indulge in it if they are amongst a group of women who are also doing it.

If I hear a relative or friend say something like “He’s such a dummy” I’ll instantly pipe up “Well who’s the dummy that married/moved in with/had kids with him?”

In summary, feminism and misandry have infested and corrupted society on just about every level, and even women in our lives that we love will in fact reflect this frequently with little comments or actions on occasion. By not letting any opportunity go unchallenged, while not being off-putting and aggressive to the women that otherwise do respect and value your opinions, you can at the very least raise awareness in women who otherwise wouldn’t give their thoughtless misandry and feminist-influenced attitudes a second thought.

Feminist Coup Down Under

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[Today's guest post was written by Aussie Antifeminist]

In the most dramatic day in Australian politics since the dismissal of a Prime Minister in 1975, today Australia got its first woman Prime Minister. But, today was not an election day… 24 hours ago, the Australian public had no idea that there would be a new Prime Minister. A brief primer on Australian politics is in order: In the Australian political system, the people are not given the right to directly elect the leader of their country. Instead, people vote for their local member of parliament, and the political party that has the most members of parliament elected takes government. The elected members of parliament, of the party currently in government are the only people who get to vote on who leads that party, and whoever leads that party becomes the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister is also a local member of parliament, and must fist win his local seat in parliament to be eligible to be leader of a party. There are no primaries, as political parties internally decide on the person will stand as a candidate to be a member of parliament for their party.

By the time any candidate is offered to the people to vote on, they must have the blessing of the internal party power brokers. Currently the leftist Labor party holds government, and internally this party has an affirmative action policy when it comes to who is offered to the people as a Labor candidate for the seats in parliament. An imported gift from the feminists of the United States, is the Australian version of the pro abortion Political Action Committee EMILY's List, who took advantage of the absence of primaries in the Australian system, and convinced the Labor party to institute a feminist affirmative action rule which mandates females be handed the right to stand for Labor in 35% of seats, regardless of the merit of any male candidate.

For you Americans, I'll make an analogy, imagine if you had lived in a particular city all your life, and had given much to the community, but you believed in the tenets of the Democratic Party and wished to stand in a primary to become a congressman. Now imagine if the DNC leader told you 'sorry, this is one of the congressional races we've earmarked for women only as part of our EMILY's list affirmative action quota'… that is what happens in Australia.

One of these female candidates in the 1998 election was a foreign born, 36 year old, childless, never married feminist lawyer at an ambulance chasing personal injury law firm, this woman was named Julia Gillard. In college she was the leader of the Socialist Forum. Her party lost the 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2004 elections to the conservative John Howard led Liberal party which dominated Australian politics for almost 12 years until late 2007, when the Labor party took government. Despite Australia's political system, come election time, the people do in a very real sense make their decision on which party to vote for based on the party's leader, even though as I said, the people do not decide who leads each party. Campaigns do take on a presidential air, and generally when Australians vote for a party on election day, they expect to be choosing between two alternative Prime Ministers for a three year term. They have come to expect leadership stability, especially in the first term of a government.

Before the last election, the Labor party internally voted for Kevin Rudd to be its leader, and for Julia Gillard to be deputy leader, as she was Kevin Rudd's preferred deputy leader. No male party leader could get away with not having a woman deputy leader in these feminized times. So in 2007 the Australian people voted for a new Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, and its first female Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard. Kevin Rudd was a very popular prime minister during 2008 and 2009. He had record popular support in the opinion polls. In 2010, things fell apart, the government lost a lot of support after various policy disasters, the senate blocked a global warming tax, cap and trade, and a failed scheme to hand out free roof insulation for homes killed four young men who were electrocuted to death installing insulation, after the government artificially inflated the market, causing firms to rush to hire more hands, and setting deadlines for the free money that didn't leave time for adequate training of new insulation installers, many houses also burnt down, due to the foil insulation being laid on top of live wires, and thousands of Australian homes are still unsafe, old ladies have been burned and more people may yet die in fires, billions were wasted on this.

As usual, men are the ones that do the dying. Julia Gillard was also education minister during these recent years, and she wasted 15 billion US dollars on a failed scheme to build public school buildings, and construction firms saw dollar signs, and charged three times the price for the buildings, a huge scandal that saw schools get forced to accept unwanted multi-million dollar gymnasiums, when they needed classrooms, typical bureaucratic bungling. Then in mid 2010, the government tried to force a 40% tax on the mining industry, Australia's most important industry. Of course, thousands of men stood to lose their jobs, a huge backlash came, as mining threatened to go overseas where they would not face such unfair taxation. A new leader of the opposition Liberal party emerged, conservative Tony Abbott, and the polls started to go downhill for the government. An election is due in November this year, but will likely be called earlier by the new usurper feminist affirmative action Prime Minister, as she tries to capitalize on the honeymoon period she will get in the polls, and mindless sexists who will vote for her just because she's a woman.

So given Australia's internal party leadership rules, Julia Gillard saw that she could capitalize on the unpopularity of the government and the Prime Minister, so last night, she walked into his office, flanked by her mangina sycophants in the Labor party, and the news started to break all over Australia that she would this morning challenge him for the right to lead the Labor party, and so become Prime Minister. So behind closed doors, with the Australian people completely uninvolved, the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd saw that the other Labor members of parliament would no longer support him, and this morning, the party elevated Julia Gillard to the Prime Ministership. Since World War 2, no Prime Minister has not been allowed to complete his first term in office. There was no sex scandal, no high crimes, just pure political opportunism six months out from an election. Basically, in Australia if you're Prime Minister and you're down in the polls, your colleagues can stab you in the back, and within hours, you can be removed from office. Rudd fronted the TV cameras today, literally crying, tears streaming down his face, in High Definition, with his wife beside him (his wife is a feminist who never did take her husband's surname), he was a broken man. The woman he had chosen as his deputy, had now thrown the man elected by the Australian people out on his ass. Maybe the next male Prime Minister will choose his deputy more carefully.

Never a manly man, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd left in tears, blubbering. Tellingly, Kevin Rudd was raised fatherless, after his father died when he was 11 years old. A mandarin speaking former diplomat, he was widely reported in the press as an angry and bitter man. Stories of him flying off the handle at staffers, throwing around the C word at newspaper editors, followed him like a bad smell. His resignation was very hard to watch, seeing the most powerful man in your nation reduced to tears, there was no dignity in it. So now, the Australian people have a new Prime Minister, the first female Prime Minister. In an era of radical feminist career women, I am not surprised that this historical milestone happened to be imposed on the Australian people, rather than the Australian people being offered the right to go to an election and make a choice based on the merits of any potential Prime Ministers on offer.

The Prime Minister of Australia lives in a residence called The Lodge. Many families have lived in The Lodge over the years, and now this woman will move in. Currently she has a 'partner', a male hairdresser, who she does not currently live with. It is of course no surprise that such a careerist affirmative action radical feminist would choose to date such an unaccomplished beta. She reportedly doesn't even cook. One TV special on her showed her apartment, with its empty pantry and fruit bowl on display to all. She has no children and has no plans to, plus she is 49.

In 2007, a controversy arose when a conservative senator said she was unfit to ever lead Australia because she was 'deliberately barren'. A brave comment, and of course, he was lambasted as being a 'dinosaur'. A feminist reporter in the Sydney Morning Herald today wrote "From the suffragettes to Australia's first female parliamentarian Edith Cowan, from agitators such as Germaine Greer and Faith Bandler, women have forced their way into Australia's public life." Forced indeed. Disloyalty is a theme running through the feminized western world, over the past days, she repeatedly publicly stated she was not planning to challenge for the leadership, looked the Australian people in the eyes and consistently claimed she was very loyal to the Prime Minister she has today unseated. She's always talking about the education system, and the kids who deserve the best public schools, of course, she doesn't even

have kids. And those schools she claims to care about so much, have been complaining about her wasted billions from the flawed school buildings scheme. As usual, it seems failure by women is rewarded, sometimes it seems, with the highest prize of all.

Labor Senator Claire Moore, co-ordinator of affirmative action group Emily's List, said "I think in many ways it's actually one of those symbolic moments that people are going to look back and say that is something that has been achieved, and as you know Emily's List has been all about ensuring that women are part of the political process," Of course, these women speak about equality but contrast this with their affirmative action man hating policies and you see they are nothing but feminist fascists. So in the wash up, Australians went to bed with an elected Prime Minister, and woke up with an unelected affirmative action radical feminist Prime Minister that was never offered to the Australian people at an election as one of the choices for Prime Minister.

This is a woman who is constantly talking about what she thinks she can do for 'working families', a woman who doesn't even have a family, is now the most powerful person in Australia. It's a pathetic system, blatantly undemocratic, and clearly all too easy to be co-opted by feminist activists. It is a sad day for Australia. In a way, the sooner any nation gets it's 'first' leader of any so called 'oppressed group' out its system, the better. Get it over with, so that maybe one day we can get back to merit based elections, if that will ever be possible during the long decline of the west. Third in line to the presidency in America is Nancy Pelosi, can you imagine one day waking up and she's president? This is a waking nightmare here in Australia today, and I urge all Spearhead readers to keep Australian men and families in their thoughts during this traumatic time.

I think these events speak to an overall theme of the degraded self identity of women in our societies. There is no future in a civilization where the little girls of this world grow into single minded career politicians who eschew all life experience apart from working 16 hours a day with a one eyed ambition toward gaining and wielding power for power's sake. This is a woman who never ran a business, never raised a family, never got involved in a single thing apart from climbing a career path that she hoped would one day lead to her being 'the decider', the kind of aloof arrogance that says 'I know how society should be structured and run better than anyone else', and here we are, she's not earned, but instead seized her prize, the highest office in the land. You can just imagine her getting her congratulatory phone call from Obama and the giddy, shit eating grin that will be on her face. She's got the power, now what? Now it's time for more affirmative action, more man hating, more 'violence against women' programs, more taxpayer subsidized childcare 'stranger-care', more taxes, more spending, more debt, more social engineering, from the unelected radical affirmative action feminist Prime Minister Julia Gillard. Boy, are you people in America lucky to have the constitution your founding fathers created, because ours is clearly utterly worthless. Again, keep your Australian brothers in your thoughts during this horrendous time as we reel from what is essentially a feminist coup.

Al Gore Not Sufficiently Alpha?

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Everyone's probably heard about the sexual assault accusation against Al Gore, and I wonder whether it's an indication that the former Vice President just doesn't have sufficient Game with women. It's true that Bill Clinton has been accused of sexual assault by a number of women, but when a massage therapist does so that looks pretty bad. Given their line of work, I'll bet massage therapists are propositioned on a regular basis. If they accused everyone who did so they'd be out of work very quickly, I imagine.

Here's what she says happened:

> In a transcript of the interview, the massage therapist said she had been doing requested abdominal work on Mr. Gore when he demanded she go lower.
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> "I was shocked and I did not massage beyond what is considered a safe, nonsexual area of the abdomen," she said. "He further insisted and acted angry, becoming verbally sharp and loud.
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> "I went into much deeper shock as I realized it appeared he was demanding sexual favors or sexual behaviors."
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> She alleged he later tried to have sex with her.

I'd like to contrast this with what Rielle Hunter, John Edwards' lover, said about her meeting with the presidential candidate:

> Because I had never experienced anything like what was flowing between us. I sat on the other side of the room. I wouldn't go near him. And he kept saying [she mimics his southern drawl], "What are you doin' over there? Come over here. I can't even see you. Come closer. I won't bite you." I was just—there was sooo much attraction and sooo much… I want to say love, but it wasn't love at that point. You know, it was just this, this magnetic force field like I had never experienced. It terrified me. Absolutely terrified me. And, um, I eventually walked over to his side of the room. [laughs] He was pretty relentless. And that's all I'm gonna say on that! Now fade to black!

So, when Al Gore tries to make a move he's accused of rape, but when John Edwards does so he's a "magnetic force."

I wonder what Roissy would make of all this.

Misandry: A Reading List

Featured Guest · 27 June 2010 · Archived copy · Original

[Today's guest post submitted by EconMan]

So I couldn't sleep one night and randomly decided to come up with a reading list of anti-male books to see how many were actually out there. In fairness, I found a few books that do the opposite, but there are very few and the most obvious one, Dick Masterson's *Men Are Better Than Women*, is hard to take seriously. In his top ten list of why men are better than women, number 7 is men live less than women, number 6 is men write illegibly and number 3 is boys destroy things… I'm sure exposure to such hatred will ruin the self esteem of countless, impressionable young girls.

Now I guess there are a few book titles that may be considered sexist toward women, such as *How Women Manipulate* or *That Bitch: Protect Yourself from Women with Malicious Intent*. But even those are pushing it. Now I have no problem with poking fun at each other, or books with titles such as *Women are Crazy, Men are Stupid* and *Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps.* We shouldn't take ourselves too seriously and I think it's fine if men and women make a few sexist jokes from time to time. It takes the edge off. But the discrepancy and double standard here is simply ridiculous. Just look at the list one sleepless night and Amazon.com can put together:

- Why Men Are Clueless
- Let's Face It, Men Are @$$#%\c$,
- Are Men Necessary (the answer is, from what I can tell, no)
- Adam's Curse (men are going extinct and that is a good thing)
- The Descent of Y (ditto)
- Stupid White Men (with a chapter titled "The End of Men" again, that's a good thing)
- How to Get Stupid White Men Out of Office
- Why Women Should Rule the World
- Why Women Should Rule the World (different than previous)
- Why Women Should Rule the World (again, different than previous)
- Men Who Hate Women and the Women Who Love Them
- Christian Men Who Hate Women
- Men Are Not Cost Effective
- Can Female Power Save the Planet: The Fate of the World Depends on Women
- The Future–If There Is One–Is Female (let's go ahead and reduce men to 10% of the population)
- Things You Can Do with a Useless Man
- The Natural Superiority of Women
- The Chalice and the Blade (or as I call it, The Vagina and the Penis, basically matriarchies = peaceful, patriarchies = lots of death)
- Societies of Peace: Matriarchies Past, Present and Future (ditto)
- The Deepening Darkness: Patriarchy, Resistance and Democracy's Future (patriarchy is, from what I gather, quite bad)
- 101 Reasons Why a Cat is Better than a Man
- 101 More Reasons Why a Cat is Better than a Man
- Why Dogs Are Better than Men
- 101 Lies Men Tell Women

- The Fragile Male: The Decline of a Redundant Species
- How to Make Your Man Behave in 21 Days or Less Using the Secrets of Professional Dog Trainers
- Men Are Dogs
- Men Are Dogs: In the Best Possible Way (I guess that's better than the last one)
- Stupid Men Jokes
- Totally Stupid Men
- Why I Hate Men
- Why I Hate Men (different than previous)
- I Hate Men (surprisingly, there is actually a complimentary I Hate Women book in this series)
- I Hate Men (different than previous, but with no complimentary book)
- I Hate Men Who…
- 100 Damn Good Reasons Why it's OK to Hate Men
- Men We Love to Hate
- Why Men Hate Women (because the opposite question obviously doesn't need to be asked)
- Boys Are Stupid, Throw Rocks at Them (yeah there's a short book along with the t-shirt, the complimentary book is Girls Are Weirdos but They Smell Pretty)
- Why Are Men So Bloody Stupid?
- I'm with Stupid (And by that she means some guy of course)
- Rule Number 1: Men are Stupid
- Completely Stupid Men
- Totally Stupid Men
- Men Are Stupid… And They Like Big Boobs
- Man Has Lost His Damn Mind: The Stupid Things Men Do
- Dogs Are Stupid: After All, They're Man's Best Friend!
- Little Book of Totally Stupid Men
- Little White Whys: A Woman's Guide Through the Lies Men Tell and Why
- The S.C.U.M. Manifesto (Society for Cutting Up Men)
- Over 70 Zingers You Can Use to Send Him Packing
- How to Aggravate a Man Every Time
- Ditch That Jerk
- Kiss-off Letters to Men
- A Bad Man is Easy to Find
- Men Who Can't Love
- Why There Are No Good Men Left
- Demonic Males
- No Good Men
- How to Catch Him With His Pants Down: and Kick Him in the Assets (haha, get it?)
- The Woman's Book of Divorce: 101 Ways to Make Him Suffer Forever and Ever
- Hit Him Where it Hurts: The Take-No-Prisoners Guide to Divorce-Alimony, Custody, Child Support and More
- He Had it Coming: How to Outsmart Your Husband and Win Your Divorce
- He's Just No Good for You
- Get Rid of Him

- The Woman's Way of Divorce: 101 Ways to Make Him Suffer Forever and Ever
- Beat Him at His Own Divorce
- Cutting Loose: Why Women Who End Their Marriage Do So Well (*cough* alimony *cough* child support *cough*)
- Kick Him to the Curb And Keep On Smilin'!
- How to Heal the Hurt by Hating (hating men of course)

Indeed, that's not the whole of it. I could discuss the innocuously titled *Intercourse* by Andrea Dworkin, which at the least, implies that all sex is rape. Or in her brilliant, nonsensical way of putting it:

"There is never a real privacy of the body that can coexist with intercourse: with being entered. The vagina itself is muscled and the muscles have to be pushed apart. The thrusting is persistent invasion. She is opened up, split down the center. She is occupied–physically, internally, in her privacy."

Uhhhh, OK. Moving on there's Frances Swiney's *Woman and Natural Law* which asserts that men were nothing more than a genetic mistake. Of course, there's also the whole body of Catherine Mckinnon's work. Or how about Susan Brownmiller's *Against Our Will* which states that "[Rape] is nothing more or less than a conscious process of intimidation by which **ALL** men keep all women in a state of fear" (emphasis mine). I was under the impression that I thought rape was abhorrent. I was under the naïve assumption that most men detest the idea of their wives, girlfriends, mothers, daughters, sisters and friends being raped. I believed it would be nice to do away with the danger of false allegations. I thought it would be easier to approach women and build trust if rape simply didn't exist. But nope, Susan has enlightened me. Rape, even though it's a crime I would never consider committing, is a weapon I personally use to intimidate and control **ALL** women.

Given all this nonsense, the title to David Samson's book may sum up the times better than anything I could write: *Men Who Hate Themselves and the Women Who Agree With Them*.

Woman Abducts American Child to Poland, American Courts Enforce Polish Child Support Order

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Gerardo Serrano was ordered to pay child support by a Polish court, and the state of Illinois has frozen his bank account and seized funds to turn over his son's mother, despite the fact that Cook County found her to have "unlawfully removed" the child from America some ten years ago.

This is an interesting case, because the Hague Convention, which I believe Poland is party to, provides for the return of children abducted from their country of residence. However, the state of Illinois apparently cares more about Polish child support orders than international law, and will seize Americans' property to enforce them.

What is most telling is that Mr. Serrano has been found to be the custodial parent by a US court, but the state of Illinois is enforcing a foreign government's contradictory order anyway. For those who care about sovereignty, this may be an issue worth looking into.

Fathers Hold The Key

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Having just come off of a few days with my kids, I'm a bit worn out. Dealing with such little ones is hard work. One of the odd contradictions of being a parent is that when you aren't around your kids you miss them terribly, but when you are with them they can drive you nuts. It is this kind of sentiment that leads me to believe that parenting is instinctive for the human male. If it weren't, after all, wouldn't men just abandon their kids? That so many do not, despite the best efforts of so many women and the state to kick men out of their children's lives settles the question.

Here on *The Spearhead*, we've gone over the reasons men are important to children many times. Men have a civilizing influence, they protect their kids, they instill values that boys need to learn from other men, they teach girls a sense of honor and how to relate to men without resorting to the use of their sexuality and so on.

However, I think there's a far more complementary interplay between men and children. I'd go so far as to say that children need men in order to fully develop as human beings. Deprived of certain aspects of male psychology, kids will miss out on one of the most unique and fundamental characteristics of humanity.

What I'm thinking of here is art. Creation for creation's sake. Drama, music, storytelling, works and industry. The manner in which men relate to the physical world is special and unique, and fundamentally different from women. Physical creativity has always been dominated by men so overwhelmingly that it would be entirely disingenuous to suggest that there isn't an innate difference that has made it so. Of course, that doesn't stop the feminists from claiming otherwise, but their defiance of truth and reality is nothing new.

From the dramas acted out by primitive man with intricately carved masks around the campfire to the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel, this fundamentally male expression of humanity has evolved into a cultural DNA that is passed down from one generation to the next. We see it in architecture, hear it in songs, feel it in the ancient sagas and legends that have marched on through the centuries, surviving as relics from those distant ages obscured by the mist of time.

Every single human society is characterized by myth and art. More than anything else, this is what makes us unique in this world. Chimps can learn to use money and tools, they can make war, they can communicate, and they can count and figure, but they can't paint pictures in their children's minds.

As it turns out, the humans who expend the most effort doing this – the ones who give the overwhelming share of these mental gifts to children – are men. Until I became a father, it never dawned on me what significance this could have for children. We all hear about the importance of reading stories to children at bedtime, and I assumed that was mainly to encourage literacy, so I dutifully cracked the children's books and read away. But over time I grew tired of them, and eventually dispensed with the books and simply made up stories for my kids. I found myself making up tales about supernatural animals, adventures, strange lands, etc. It seems to come perfectly naturally to me, and the kids absolutely love it, and now far prefer my stories to the books. Before bed, we all lie down together and I tell them stories made up on the fly, going into some detail about things that they've never seen or heard of before. Amazingly, they remember them with great clarity, and seem to learn more effectively from these stories than from school, TV or simple instruction. However, what really surprises me the most is how much these exchanges are a part of my own nature — using my imagination to teach children seems to be an innate skill.

Different men will naturally have different strengths and use different methods to teach children, but in the end it all comes down to a form of communication that transcends utilitarian language, which may transmit information quite efficiently, but doesn't seem to "stick" in children's minds. Art takes that information and gives it an extra dimension, creating a canvas upon which children can paint their own images, and giving them a narrative that provides structure for their own stories.

The man who is a builder can imbue his work with meaning, as can the fisherman, the farmer, and even the butcher. Obviously some of them do so quite effectively: Jesus was a builder who drew from his work to drive home his message in parables. Laozi drew from the work of a skilled butcher to explain the effortless nature of the Dao. The Hebrew prophets called forth the imagery of the fields of wheat, the vines and the orchards that all knew and saw every day. Being engaged with the world around us offers us more opportunities to teach and to spark the imagination of children. Today's professional storytellers – the moviemakers, TV producers and so on – are probably significantly less effective at developing and influencing the minds of children than the ordinary men they see around them every day.

Unfortunately, it seems that this human connection between men and children, that crucial human link that separates us from the beasts, has been suppressed in favor a shallow electronic substitute. Perhaps this explosion of mass media and entertainment has simply helped to create the impression that fathers are no longer necessary — what good is the guy when you can just park the kids in front of the TV anyway?

As I have learned from the time I've spent with my kids, there is no substitute. Humans are far more compelling than a flickering screen, and human interaction in service of imagination and learning is far superior to the sterile media to which children are overexposed. Children with an engaged father who unlocks their minds with his own imagination are receiving a nutrient essential to their full mental and psychological development, and men who engage children are fulfilling a role that nature itself has granted them. It may be – and I am starting to believe that this is the case – that the relationship between fathers and children is the foundation upon which human civilization has been built. Without this feature of humanity, we would simply be intelligent beasts living in stasis in a world devoid of meaning and significance save for the fleeting physical and emotional urges that compel us to eat, breed and survive.

The art and imagination of men unlocks gates and frees our minds. For most children, it is their fathers who hold the key, and they must be encouraged and allowed to use it.

NY Times Applauds Trend of Female Violence in Cinema

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In an article titled "Tiny but Tough: The Newly Empowered Petites," Maria Ricapito of the NY Times details how petite women are "shattering stereotypes" by shooting people, planting bombs and beating people up. Needless to say, their targets are overwhelmingly men.

Ricapito chalks it up to male fantasy:

> The violent femme, of course, is an enduring male fantasy, a Lolita who just can't help herself around a gun. She also does double duty as a symbol of Grrrl power, particularly when she appears in the form of cute-as-a-button crime fighters like the PowerPuff Girls (cartoon kindergartners whose motto was "Saving the world before bedtime").

However, she lets slip that women such as herself cherish the idea as well:

> It's anybody's guess why these anti-archetypes are striking a chord. Perhaps Americans feel powerless in an era of gushing oil, ongoing wars and a slippery economy, and want to believe that the little people can vanquish the big bad guys. If so, it might be a good sign for the small-stature Elena Kagan, who is, after all, said to wield a mean gavel.

I'd say that the ass-kicking babe is getting kind of worn-out. The theme is overdone these days, and because it no longer offers anything new it no longer feels edgy and risquée. I'm not even sure that it is much of a male fantasy any longer, especially since more men must be noticing that the real women around them are increasingly aggressive in a rather distasteful manner. When so many men have a female HR manager breathing down their neck, I wonder whether they find the idea of being targeted by an aggressive woman all that alluring.

I remember watching Hong Kong movies back in the early 90s, when this violent femme trend was in its infancy here in the US. In the Chinese kung fu flicks, women did a lot of the fighting. Not only were they kicking ass, but getting their ass kicked as well. There were even a number of jokes that incorporated women getting kicked between the legs, falling flat on their faces, being beaten, etc. I wonder whether the Hong Kong movie industry had any influence on the kick ass babe phenomenon here in the US. I suspect it did, but rather than adopt the full range of violence found in Chinese movies it was adapted to American feminist sensibility and the women were portrayed as eternal victors over bad men.

Today, the genre seems kind of flat. There's no balance to it, it isn't funny, and, as the author of the NY Times article suggests, it's heavily politicized.

In short, this stuff is starting to look a lot like ham-fisted propaganda of the Soviet sort.

British Woman Jailed for False Rape Allegation

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Bernadette Kore, a 29-year-old mother, was sick of her husband and decided to get rid of him somehow. Although her reasoning seems a bit confused here, perhaps because she was drunk, she decided that making up a story about a stranger rape might do the trick, so she invented a violent, gruesome rape and told her story to police.

She said she had been attacked at a nightclub by two men, and although she didn't name anyone, a couple guys were later arrested. As her lie grew, the young men went through the customary hell until she finally admitted she'd made the entire thing up.

Finally, she ended up being sentenced to 18 months by Judge Alasdair Darroch, who chided her for causing serious damage to the lives of two innocent young men.

In contrast to the US, British women are actually being sentenced for making false rape claims, which have become enough of a scandal that the new government is considering granting anonymity to the accused. "Victims" have been granted anonymity for 35 years now, which seems to give women the sense that they can use rape allegations as a weapon against men, including innocent ones.

Feminists are strongly against anonymity for the accused, but support anonymity for accusers. In this sense, they advocate punishment before conviction, because a public rape investigation is extremely traumatic for men, whether guilty or innocent.

Women Leaving their Husbands for Vampires

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An article on Yahoo! Movies somewhat misleadingly states: "Twilight Fans' Vampire Addiction Affecting Relationships." The problem with the article is that it doesn't explicitly spell out which parties – husbands or wives – are wrecking the relationships in favor of their imaginary vampire lovers. Obviously, the vast majority of "Twilight" fans are female. A *Spearhead* author, Whiskey, has already detailed the hysterical devotion felt by female fans for Twilight, and I suspect most of our readers can figure out what's going on here, but I think I'd be negligent if I didn't highlight the facts.

Vampire romance is the aqua vitae of female fantasy — it is all the sweat of women's desires collected and distilled into a bloody, intoxicating cocktail from hell. The lovers are superhuman, they are murderous killers, and they can impregnate women with transhuman sperm. Also, they can fly around and are not bound by the laws of physics, which gives them a magical, feminist flair. And, furthermore, there is an eternal battle between the beautiful, androgynous vampires and the hypermasculine werewolves, which gives the tale a double-whammy butch/pretty-boy tallywhacker of an approach that is absolutely guaranteed to itch whatever scratch the female fan may be feeling at any given point in her hormonal cycle.

According to the article, women are naming their children after the characters in the show, which was originally penned by a Mormon female. Although the article claims that one male is addicted to the show, this is obviously an attempt to camouflage the true nature of the fad, which has middle-aged females swooning and quaking and, naturally, comparing their aging husbands to adolescent males who are swooping around at night to sink their gleaming fangs into the supple necks of virgins.

When I was in high school, there were a few guys who actually wore capes and fake fangs to school. Needless to say, they were always getting pounded and shoved into lockers by the homeboys, but they may have been ahead of their time. Too bad they didn't have superhuman strength and speed they could use to school their tormenters, but so it goes for pioneers. Perhaps Stephanie Meyer spent some time with these sad specimens, and their fantasies formed the basis of her literary efforts. If this is the case, I suppose the befanged denizens of basements, smoking cloves and playing *Magic: The Gathering* (unsurprisingly from Seattle), have finally made an impression on the women who always spurned them.

Too bad the girls only love the fantasies rather than the men themselves. And so the eternal tragedy plays on.

Female Senator Brings up Vampires, Werewolves in SCOTUS Confirmation Hearings

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Apparently feeling that this was a matter of serious national significance, Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota asked whether Elena Kagan preferred vampires or werewolves, in reference to the rivalry between Edward and Jacob (vampire and werewolf respectively) for the affections of Bella in the Twilight series. Kagan responded that she hasn't seen the film, so she couldn't make up her mind at this point.

I suppose one could say that discussions about sports teams are equally as inane, but it still seems surreal to see that discussions of teen fantasy books are brought into confirmation hearings for what is supposed to be one of the most dignified offices of the United States. Sometimes, I wonder whether these institutions will devolve into something resembling a daytime talk show. They certainly seem to be headed in that direction.

LTR Game & The Great Recession

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OK fellas, the Summer is officially here, we're about a week out from the Nation's birthday, and…you're brokedown and busted financially. Hopefully, you're not one of the more than a million "hobos" Congress fronted on the other night and halted your hard earned UC bennies-but wherever you find yourself on the socioeconomic ladder these days, everybody's feeling the crunch, and this is especially true of you're a Brotha-let's face it, we tend to have a tougher time of it financially than do our White brethren, in aggregate.

So, in this post I wanna try to address a few points that go right to the heart of your love life and by extension, your Game. The great Carl Jung once said that every moment in time is good for something, if you but figure out what, and I say true dat-this Great Recession is an excellent time to determine how tight your overall Game is. I say that because the most commonly used "form" of Game, is what I call Wallet Game-the guy simply attempts to buy his way into a Woman. While this can and often does work, it is very, very corrupting on a whole host of levels-first off, it makes a Man lazy. We Men are serious creatures of habit, which explains why so many of us fail at Game to begin with. It's so much easier to simply buy ole gal a frilly frock than to really appeal to her natural born instincts as a Woman and her desire for a psychosocially dominant Man. This is why guys who are loaded, *and* have no or very weak Game, lose their Women to other guys so very quickly-money alone, simply ain't it used to be anymore, people. The sooner a Man figures this out, the better off he'll be when it comes to Women.

Another reason why "Wallet Game" is weak is because it is contingent on your cash flow and your cash flow alone-and as we all can see as of late, such a thing can come and go like a thief in the night, right? So when the loot runs out…so does she, if that's all you had to offer her in the first place.

On the other hand, if you've been diligently honing your Seduction skills, studying Womens' ways, taking stock of yourself and making adjustments, and more, you'll find that the current economic climate isn't that impactful to you at all. Of course, one could always use more cream, no doubt about it-but, for the skilled Gamesman, it just isn't as big a factor, if at all, as it is for the poor saps who have nothing else to hang their hat on.

So, let's take a look at a few things…

1. Me and Brown Sugah went out recently to a very nice venue, and we both couldn't help but notice a most disturbing trend-all of the ladies were dressed so nice in their summer dresses, their hair was did up, makeup looking good-and ALL the fellas looked like they just came from off the Appalachian trail, or came out from working under a muscle car changing the muffler, or were so sloppy/unkepmt/out of shape as to give the whole of Manhood a seriously bad name. In my humble view, they might as well to be walking around with a sandwich board that said "please come an PWN me and take my Woman right from under my nose".

Fellas, I thought we've gone over this before-you gotta clean yourself up, hmm? That means, if you're gonna take your Woman out somewhere, that means that you DON'T wear:

Sneakers. You're a grown-assed Man, look like one. Unless you're running errands, running ball or just busting it up with the homies on the block, there isn't really any reason why you need to be wearing sneaks on an outing with your girl. Get some shoes, or if preferable, boots, which is my shot. But please, whatever you do, NO Timberlands. Why? Because Trees are for one thing, over-saturated-every guy wears em. They infer nothing unique about you at all; you seen one guy with a pair of Tims on, you seen em all. Remember, you gotta specialize. Personally, I wear anything BUT Tims, and this is coming from someone who's quite a few pair-but only because of the nature of my work profile. I couldn't get out of those things quick enough come quitting time, LOL.

Now, for me, I like to wear stuff that best expresses my personality, who I am on the inside and I bring that out. So, another reason why I tend to wear boots is because it's a nod to my motorbike days-so yup, I tend to wear biker type boots. In fact, I've got on a pair right now that I copped last month on the humbug-I was just walking down the Ave

in my native Philly, and decided to dip into one o the many sneaker/footwear shops. Once inside I checked out the Men's footwear section; they had the obligatory Timberlands. But I noticed that they also had a couple of nice pair of boots, and the one that jumped out at me reminded me of some boots I had many years ago. So I copped em, took em home, gave em a Marine Corps spit shine, and the rest as they say, is history. I've gotten compliments on em from guys and gals alike-even a gaggle of 12 year old girls liked em. Try getting that kind of fever with some run of the mill Trees.

Next, this droopy pants thing has gotta stop, chief. That, put together with the "beach bum" short deal I see far too many Brothas doing, just ain't gonna get it. While I own both khakis and dress slacks, for most times whe you're taking your lady out jeans will do just fine. But here's the trick-its the type of jean and its cut and fit. I mean, think about it-does Anderson Cooper wear droppy jeans? Does Hugh Jackman have his underwear all out on display? Nope. And neither should you. Get some jeans with a nice cut and fit, top if off with a nice belt. I like to wear bootcuts since I tend to wear boots a goodly bit. Take some time to actually try on different types and brands of jeans, Man. Trust me when I tell you, no one, including your girl, really is all that interested in looking at your saggy jeans wearing butt.

Shirts-that whole wife beater thing? Dead it. You're taking your Woman OUT, NOT lifting weights with the homies in the yard, hmm? Same deal with the Shaggy style supa dupa long tee shirts-uh uh. Here's a novel idea: try wearing a shirt that one, actually fits properly and two, actually looks nice? And I don't mean you gotta spend a fortune on em either-you can hit up many a vendor for some for nominal cost. I have, iin fact I'm wearing such a shirt right now. It's fitted, olive green, with a black gryphon on each side of the chest & wings on the back-definitely urban, but it looks nice. I have a number of shirts like that when I'm going out & can "dial it up or down" in terms of shirts depending on the venue. One of my favorite types of shirts to wear are the military style, real durable and they're cheap. And, if you're gonna work tees, make them fitted ones. No one wants to see you in the equivalent of a burlap bag.

Now, personally, I wear shades a lot, but not because I'm trying to look cool-well, maybe just a little. But the major reason is because I have very light sensitive eyes, and when its really bright out, it hurts. In the summers it is not at all unusual for me to wear my aviators until sundown. Here's the thing though-you gotta make sure whatever shades you're gonna wear actually fits your face and the size/shape of your head. Otherwise, you'll win up clowning yourself. Yes, people are indeed laughing at you.

Cuts and smell goods, general grooming and the like should at this point go without saying, but given that I've recently had to endure multiple Brothas on the bus who were so damned funky that I almost hurled and passed out, I gotta speak on this yet again-fellas, I get that times are hard, but damn Man, the dollar store got deo and soap, you dig me? I know because I done made use of that option myself many a time when the ends were low. Same deal with cuts-like Brown Sugah said, and she's right, if you can't afford to hit up the barbershop on the regular, invest in a pair of clippers and go for self. I know quite a few Brothas who've done this. Looking like a Mountain Man just ain't cool. Same deal with the smell goods-how many times do I have to say that Women have a stronger sense of smell than we do-especially around that time of the month, or when they're pregnant? Don't take my word for it, ask them. You coming through with the funk to overpower Bigfoot…uh uh. Granted,
errbody can't afford to go in for say, Armani's Aqua Di Gio, but surely you can put together $5 for some Muslim oils? Again, I've been there done that and haven't had any complaints. As long as you're clean, smell non-funky and look somewhat together, for most Women, you're good to go. It's a kinda low bar, and that's kinda sad, but it is what it is. The good news, on the other hand, is if you're a guy who understands all this, and diligently works to put your best foot forward, you'll have no trouble in the least "breaking the ice" and/or keeping your Woman in love/lust with you. Trust me when I tell you, they are acutely aware of the fact that Men like you are in short supply.

The great thing about all this is, that it don't cost a lot, fellas. You can get cleaned up for a mere fraction of the cost that it take for most Women, trust me. Those boots I was telling you about? They cost me half the price I would have paid for some Trees, and I got a lot more compliments on em, too. Shirt I mentioned? $20. Jeans? $40.

Shades? $25. Toss in the $15 I pay for a cut/shave, and another $25 for the Paris Hilton for Men I got on, and you're looking at under $200-trust me, Women can easily spend that on getting their hair/nails/toes and maybe eke out a dress alone. Take some time to look nice, Man. It don't cost a lot.

Now, let's go to the next thing, which is taking your lady out on a tight budget. First of all, what I'm about to say assumes that you're already in a LTR; she's earned her spot and its only right to do right by her. It's important for Women that you take them out periodically. Women are much more socially inclined than we fellas are; so, being cooped up in the crib, while it may not be a big whup to you, can be problematic for them. Plus, being out and about signals to everyone that you're together, which is huge for Women; trust me, few if any Women wanna be a Bootycall, or think that they are, because you never take them out. Like anything else in life, your LTR is an investment; what you put in, is what you get back. You invest some time and ends in your Woman, and the ROI can be quite substantial.

The great thing about the Summertime, is that you can find a lot to do for very little cost. Take some to find out what's going on in your town; I like what T aka Ricky Raw said about knowing your town and how important this is for a Man. Women HATE planning outings and dates, and would much rather her guy do it. Personally, I'm a big fan of waterfronts and piers, sidewalk cafes and parks. Usually such venues are in the middle of or near other events that are going on, so that gives plenty of opportunities for spontaneity, too. Have some sense of where your going, know the lay of the land, what things cost, etc. Have it all planned out as much as you can. Usually, all this won't run you more than a Benjamin or so, and again if you're creative and have done your homework beforehand, and/or if you're someone who can improvise on the fly like me, you'll be able to keep your love life strong even as the economy crumbles around us. Keep in mind, the hospitality business is hurtin BAD-and
by that I mean, anyplace where people go to chillout, relax and have a good time, which includes the aforementioned venues. Trust me, there are deals galore. The greeter gal at the spot me and Brown Sugah went to practically begged us to have a sit, and it turned out to be quite nice.

Alright, that's it. Come on fellas, you can do this!

Now adjourn your grimy asses…

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The Obsidian

This Story Has Everything

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[Today's guest post written by MB]

The Daily Mail reports that Jennifer Capriati recently attempted suicide. This story has absolutely everything – the special snowflake, entitlement syndrome, girrrl power, the Alpha bad boy and finally the Wile E. Coyote moment. There must be a rejected nice guy in there somewhere but the Daily Mail skips that part of the story. Let's take a look.

"Capriati had a glittering career as a teenage prodigy after bursting on to the tennis circuit aged 14. She was hailed at future champion (sic) and had four successful years, including reaching the Wimbledon semi-finals in 1991 when she was 15-years-old."

Special snowflake. So far so good.

"But at the age of 18 she went off the rails with arrests for shoplifting and drugs."

Entitlement syndrome.

"After a spell in a Miami Beach drug rehab centre she relaunched her career and went on to win the Australian Open in 2002 by beating the world No 1 Martina Hingis. Months later she won the French Open and went to reach the Wimbledon semi finals."

Girrrl power.

"Her career came to an end in 2005 due to shoulder and back injuries."

Interesting. One thing the feminists somehow fail to mention to young women in their pursuit of girrrl power is just how much more susceptible women are to sports injuries than men. For example, take a good look at the knees of men and women. A man's knee is bulky, the joint capsule and associated ligaments strongly braced by the surrounding muscles while a woman's knee is much narrower. Due to this and other musculoskeletal differences, women suffer sports injuries at a higher rate than men with the incidence of ACL (knee ligament) injuries much higher in women.

"Adult film actor Dale DaBone, 34, dated Capriati from 2003-2009."

Dale DaBone. DaBone. Aha. Ahahaha. Da. Bone. Dated Jennifer from when she was 27 to 33. Do I need to spell out Da Bone's role in this medieval morality play?

"Former tennis star Jennifer Capriati is reported to have attempted suicide after becoming depressed over her failed career."

Wile E. Coyote. Jennifer is 34.

"Today a former boyfriend told celebrity website TMZ that Capriati had been depressed over her failed career……..He said that her emotional state may have been heightened by his decision to return to his porn career. He told the website that he had spoken with Capriati at hospital and said she was 'hysterical' over his decision."

So.….looks like Jennifer tried to make Da Bone choose between his career and her. Might have worked when she was 23.

Atheists Having Difficulty Attracting Women

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In a Scienceblogs.com article titled "The Woman Problem," a male atheist outlines some of the problems facing male atheists, the main one being, in his opinion, that women are not interested. His attempts to attract women, however, may provide us with at least a partial answer as to to why this "problem" exists.

Here author PZ Myers suggests a solution:

> I think the right answer is for us males to shut up now and then and listen. It's not for us men to tell women how to fix our (both men and women) problems, but if we're to have a lasting and equitable representation at the tables of atheism and skepticism, the guys who currently dominate need to step back and stop pushing.

He may think it is the pushiness and that the atheist men simply have to be nice, but I would beg to differ, and suggest to Mr. Myers that the problem is actually that women have little interest in either Atheism or Atheists. Why would they, after all? What is it about Atheism that contains anything of interest to women?

Myers also writes with a style that could be considered anything but alluring to females:

> I know there are some great blogs out there run by women — Skepchicks and Greta and Ophelia and more — so share more wealth. Skepchicon 2010 is happening this weekend, so people can nag me there, too. I shall be a passive receptacle for your ideas.

"Passive receptacle?" He seems to be calling himself a douche, here.

He goes on to recommend taking a back seat to the women, promoting them and getting out of their way, and taking other submissive measures to encourage them. I'm pretty sure this won't work all that well with women in general, although it may draw a few dominatrix types.

Predictably, the women Atheists who have responded have sensed weakness and are going in for the kill. One female commenter has already demanded scholarships and childcare from Atheists:

> Here's my suggestion: Set up a fund to help women be part of the mix. Offer child-friendly activites, day care, or some other way that they don't have to leave the little ones behind with an expensive babysitter (or a fundamentalist grandma). Offer scholarships for working women to enable them to attend.

Another woman suggests that many Atheist men are "creeps" (code for beta):

> Here's an idea – creepy guys can fucking stop hitting on every woman who walks by instead. And when non-creepy guys see other guys doing it, they can tell them to fucking stop it so that it's not always up to every woman in attendance to do so.

Although I'm not an atheist, I'll give Mr. Myers a bit of advice: don't give them anything. Act like they don't matter, and then they'll want in. They'll even offer to bake cookies and make coffee. More women than men volunteer for "patriarchal" Christian churches and Jewish synagogues. Do priests, ministers and rabbis seek to gain female followers by putting women in charge? No, they do the opposite, and claim authority over women, and the women flock to services in far greater numbers than men.

But perhaps Atheism – at least the organized type – is a different kind of faith. If that's the case, I imagine it will always be a fringe religion, and never gain all that many adherents. Communist nations may have had some success with their atheist faith, but they backed that up with very male personality cults that portrayed leaders – all men – as

godlike figures. And the Christian and other mainstream religions that have gone “equal” have failed miserably in the numbers game — witness the precipitous decline of the Episcopalian Church.

The thing is, when you put women in charge of something and subordinate the men, it kind of turns women off. It’s just human nature.

Encouraging Transsexualism in Kids

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Feministing is cheering on this unfortunate documentary produced by some kids in New York, in which a boy who seems to have gender identity disorder (yes, it is a real disorder) is portrayed as combatting "stereotypes." The title Feministing chooses to give it is "Beyond snakes and snails and puppydog tails."

From the title, it seems that they think this is a trend to be encouraged, and represents what males should become. If Bob Connell and his buddies at NOMAS have their way, they might actually mandate that boys dress in pink and talk like girls. I'm sure that would please feminists to no end.

If anyone thinks I'm exaggerating, recall the anti-racism class one teacher promulgated that encouraged singling out blue-eyed children for abuse. Does anyone actually believe that boys will be immune from this kind of selective abuse given the climate feminists have created?

The video's below. I feel no malice toward little Merlin, but the hard truth is that he's not a normal little boy, and trying to get other boys to behave as he does would be dysfunctional and inappropriate.

Male Birth Control Breakthrough

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This could be very important news, or it could be another flash in the pan, depending on whether the drug makes it through trials. Israeli researchers have come up with a new method to render men temporarily infertile by chemically altering the proteins on sperm, rendering them unable to fertilize eggs. In tests on mice, there seem to be no behavioral side effects, but the drug is still in the process of being tested.

Professor Haim Breitbart of Bar-Ilan University said that one of the problems with previous male birth control techniques was that hormones were used, and these had a tendency to cause behavioral side effects, such as a loss of sex drive, which caused men to reject them. Researchers working with Breitbart say the new drug will be “100% effective at stopping pregnancy” and will be free of hormones.

According to polls, women have suggested that they don’t trust men to take pills, but I am not sure they are being entirely honest. Control over reproduction and fertility has long been a feminist priority, and an effective male birth control pill could have wide-reaching consequences that give women pause. Obviously, many men will benefit from being able to control their fertility, but there could be negative consequences as well. For example, I can imagine that it will be used to strengthen the justification for putting all of the blame for illegitimacy on men, and reinforce the notion that men are ultimately entirely responsible for all pregnancies and must pay no matter what the circumstances.

Report: Tiger Woods to Pay $750 Million for Divorce

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Tiger Woods has reportedly been nailed with the biggest divorce bill in the history of the world, and is going to pony up $750 million to wife Elin Nordegren. Additionally, he is not allowed to introduce his children to any girlfriend unless he marries the woman. Given that he just lost a fortune for marrying a woman, that's got to be a tough pill to swallow, and seems like she's just rubbing it in his face.

Elin Nordegren will now be one of the world's wealthiest women, all for divorcing a pro golfer. The question has to be: was she worth it?

I can imagine 3 billion women around the world in awe of Elin Nordegren as the ultimate triumphant female. Perhaps shrines will be dedicated to her in temples throughout the world, and she will become a goddess of sorts that women pray to before they apply makeup and make go of it at the local hot spot.

Supermodels Dig Alpha Thugs

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Naomi Campbell has had a subpoena served on her for testimony in the war crimes case of warlord and mass murderer Charles Taylor, the former President of Liberia. In 1997, she attended a party in South Africa hosted by Nelson Mandela, and for some reason Mr. Taylor gave her a big rough diamond as a present.

Taylor, who presided over mutilations, ethnic cleansing and mass rape, has claimed that he never had access to diamonds, so Campbell is being called to testify to set the record straight. These diamonds are the so-called “blood diamonds” that have been used by various strongmen in Africa to fund their insurgencies, purchase weapons, and, it seems, attract supermodels. Naomi Campbell has long had a thing for badboys, and is known for her own scandalous behavior, but Taylor surely tops the list in outright savagery. In one election, Taylor campaigned under the slogan “He killed my ma, he killed my pa, but I will vote for him.” He was elected in a landslide, probably because he threatened another killing spree if he lost.

We may never know what the relationship between the bratty supermodel and the Liberian butcher came down to, but it’s certain that Charles Taylor was very popular with the ladies. He probably had an entire harem to choose from in Monrovia — even as the corpses of his victims ripened under the hot, African sun.

You’d think people would have noticed the obvious discrepancies between what women say and what they do and rejected the lies of feminism from the beginning. However, perhaps when you have them on one the hand declaring peace, love and harmony, and on the other courting mass murderers, the contrast is so glaring that it blinds people. Or maybe men are blinded by beauty, and most women are hard-wired to be able to accept blatant inconsistencies, and this is really what does it.

Perhaps as Orwell put it: “To see what is in front of one’s nose needs a constant struggle.”

An Open Letter To The Spearhead Readership

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In light of the nature of the overall response to my recent article on Game and the Recession, I thought to write what I hope will be a brief and to the point reply.

Over the past few years in my time of observation and involvement with what has become known in some circles as the "Manosphere", I've noticed what I consider to be a palpable strain of discontent among its denizens. Men, often angry and bitter, seem attracted to this odd nexus of the Internet, where Men's Rights, Game and "HBD" all seem to converge, or at the very least, are only mere "doorsteps" away from each other. To say that there is no legitimate locus of these Mens' anger, is to be disingenuous; marriage, dating, and sex have radically changed, and not for the better. For far too many Men, the changed landscape is a veritable battlefield; one that is littered with the bodies of otherwise decent guys, trampled by the sociopolitical machine born of our "enlightened" age. Many Men have run afoul of the anti-male court system, be it via divorce or child support, or with regard to rape and sexual assault accusations. No reasonable person can say with a straight face that not only can these systems be abused, but they also contain within them very real imbalances that can prove extremely costly to Men in too many ways. On these and other points, I truly do commiserate with my brothers.

But when the anger and righteous indignation on the part of my brothers becomes counter-productive – to the point that even the mere suggestion that Men should take care in their appearance is tantamount to being gay or putting Women on a pedestal… That my friends, is where we part company.

And that's where the "Men's Rights Movement", if one wishes to call it that, is right now, in my view. It is a deeply held concern I have shared in private with The Spearhead founder, Welmer. I, for one, hope that he does something about it, because, let's face it: silence implies consent, and for those who are our opponents – namely, Feminist Ideologues – it is the shrill voices that give them the rationale and justification to paint ALL of us in the exact same light. Those who wish to denigrate any but the most obstreperous views, then, are only helping to tear down what we are hoping to create, blinded by their own bitterness and pain.

Welmer has asked me to focus a bit more on Game-related pieces for The Spearhead, and this is something I have agreed to do, because let's face it: for the vast majority of Men out there, Women will play a big role in their lives. And I for one, actually like Women, and I refuse to apologize for that. Nor am I some bitter chump in a dank basement somewhere, and that brings me to another point:

One of the most striking things I had observed about the Manosphere, was the sheer bile and vitriol; the ferocity of bitterness and anger directed at Women, and, by extension, anyone who suggests, even in the most benign way that Women ain't all that bad. This took me aback because those who seemed the most angry and bitter, were by all intents, America's Most Wanted & Preferred: White Guys. And let me refine that point just a bit more, if I may: I'm talking about middle class, college educated, good money earning, White Guys. Take it from me, a Black Male Blue Collar "Prole", who's seen a lot more pain, suffering and strife in his life than the vast majority of you will ever know in two lifetimes: you guys have the world on a string. You, for the most part, live where you want. Pickup and travel at pretty much where you want to go. There are real opportunities that are open to you that will never be open to me. You will never have to worry about being shot by those who are sworn to protect you when you go out to get something to eat. And you are still on top of the real money making and status heap. Sure, you may encounter some setbacks, but then, what guy doesn't? The point is that, all things being equal, if anything, one would think that it would be me who was bitterly grousing about the unfairness of life.

But, I don't. Somehow, I made Game work for me, found some measure of happiness and joy and yes, love, out of this place we call our world. Is it perfect? No, but then I never set out for perfection. Just a bit of satisfaction.

So, I'm really and truly sorry fellas, but I just cannot get to all that bitterness so many of you seem to revel in. The notion that a guy who takes some interest and care in how he looks, is akin to him being "gay", simply doesn't

compute for me. The idea that treating the Woman who you've been with for an extended period of time as a human being is somehow weak or pandering, I just don't get it. The line of reasoning that says that being neat and clean for one's own sake, as well as that of your mate, is a kind of anti-social behavior that I find anathema to all that I stand for.

As far as I am concerned, Game can be used to improve a Man's life where it matters the most, no matter how many of you may want to try to deny it, and that's with regard to Women. I don't see the idea of advocating for basic decency and fairness on behalf of Men or Women, and also actually liking Women, as being mutually exclusive. There's a middle ground, a "both/and"; that's been the story of my life, and it still continues to work now.

I am NOT a PUA, nor am I an "MRA". I'm just a Brotha who's trying to live some semblance of a decent life, and who believes in basic justice and fairness. The ideals propounded by the PUA & MRA communities, assist in that effort, for me. Nor do I have to be nasty, vindictive or bitter about it either.

The Spearhead is on the cusp of something truly great. I can feel it. And I am just hoping that it doesn't get ruined by those who, because of their unwillingness to move beyond their own past hurt and pain, are quite fine to execute a kind of scorched earth strategy in order to make their point. If they win, we will have done no better than the very Feminist Ideologues we decry at every chance we get. We can do better than that, fellas. The Spearhead has given us a chance to really highlight what men are all about, and guess what, it's more than angry fist-pumping in the air. There's room for Welmer's great recipes (more, please!), there's room for neatly presented issues of import for us, and yes, there's room for Game, too.

I'm just sayin.

The Obsidian

We Should Not Worry About The NSA Or DHS

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Last week a troll tried to claim that The Spearhead was being tracked by the Department of Homeland Security (or similar law enforcement/anti-terrorist entities). This idea has appeared at various times in various places in this part of the internet. We should not worry about the DHS or the NSA (National Security Agency) coming after us.

We must remember that we have no evidence that the DHS, NSA, or any other government agency is tracking us. It is imperative that we base our actions on known facts not what someone or some group may or may not be doing. While the Obama Administration's focus on "domestic terrorism" is a source of concern for several reasons (many not related to this subject), we should not automatically have a bunker mentality. We have nothing to hide. We should not act like we do. We are not a shadowy organization. We are reasonable men (and a few reasonable women) with a reasonable position. We need to be bold and out there speaking about the issues facing men. Hiding in the shadows regardless of what some three letter government agency may be doing is no way to live.

It is doubtful that men's rights and related ideas are on the radar screen of homeland security. By the time that they are, it will be much more complicated than the DHS going after us. There will be opportunistic politicians who will see the potential of developing a power base of men based of men's rights. That will make the idea that "MRA's are a bunch of terrorists" much harder to be taken seriously.

On a personal level I have much more to lose than most of you here for speaking out about men's rights. Many of you know that I work in a job in the defense industry with a high level security clearance. Various defense and homeland security government agencies have the right to search what I do online. I could lose my job because of what's on my blog or what I have written on The Spearhead. The NSA could be tracking my online activities right now. While I don't know if the NSA is tracking me online or not, it does not matter to me. I have and am going to continue to speak out about men's rights like I always have.

I hope that the NSA or some other government agency is tracking me right now. Why? Because defense and homeland security agencies aren't made up of anti-male robots. They are made up of men like ourselves. Like with any group of men there will be plenty of manginas and white knights. But there will also be plenty of men working for these agencies who will be ready to hear our message. Men who work for the NSA, DHS, FBI, ICE, etc. still go through the same things the rest of us do. These men are no less likely to be ass raped in divorce court, to have their children taken away from them, to be the victims of paternity fraud, to have false rape charges and false sexual harassment charges leveled against them, etc. If we are being tracked by a homeland security agency then after seeing are blogs and websites plenty of men working there will not think these guys are terrorists. Many of them will instead remember how their aunt divorced their uncle for no reason and their uncle was reamed in divorce court or how their best friend lost their job because some woman decided she didn't like him so she made up a bogus sexual harassment complaint against him.

Working in law enforcement or homeland security does not automatically make a man a mangina or a white knight. These are men going through the same problems we are due to female supremacism, and we should remember that rather than treating them like a faceless hive.

Software Upgrades This Weekend

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This Weekend, I'm going to put some effort into upgrading software and making a few tweaks to the forum and commenting system. WordPress 3.0 was released recently, and it comes with a lot of changes that I'm cautiously optimistic about. However, as welcome as these changes are, I'm going to have to reconfigure the site's settings, plugins and add-ons, probably throwing away some of the old ones and installing new ones. This might be a bit tricky, and it will definitely cause a few changes for readers, although none will be all that big.

I'd like to let you all know exactly what the end result will be, but until I can actually install the new release and see for myself, I can't say anything with certainty. So, if the site momentarily disappears into the ether, or starts behaving strangely over the weekend, that's because I'll be under the hood with a wrench fiddling around with it.

Hopefully, all will go well, but if not I can always restore from backups and go shopping for a php pro who can handle whatever I might have missed.

How Did Elin Nordegren Make Out Like a Bandit?

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Given the reported $750 million divorce settlement in return for a promise not to ever talk or write about Tiger, a few of us have been speculating on what she had on Tiger Woods.

What could be worth that much? Well, as far as Tiger is concerned, only one thing: his career. What could permanently derail his career?

Getting caught cheating with performance enhancing drugs.

Although this is pure speculation, and the settlement hasn't even been confirmed yet, this seems like the most likely explanation to me for such a ridiculous divorce payout. Tiger has faced some scrutiny – including a very recent interview – for associating with a doctor who touted the benefits of human growth hormone, and who undoubtedly had access to a pharmacopia of hormones and other drugs. If, as his recent physique suggested, he had been juicing, Elin would have been privy to it. She may even have physical and documentary evidence. This would be enough to permanently derail his career and all his ad contracts, and possibly even earn him some jail time. It would be an insurmountable scandal — far worse than Tiger's dalliances with skanks and porn stars.

What Americans are Commemorating Today

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> ***We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. –That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, –That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness…***

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Another Woman Jailed in Britain for False Rape Allegations

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It seems that the British are way ahead of the rest of the Anglosphere in prosecuting false rape claims. These days, it's one after another biting the dust for victimizing innocent men.

In the latest case, Temitope Adenugba was having some trouble getting her homework done on time, so she called the police and said she had been raped. When they arrived, she pointed the finger at janitor Kunle Ogunmole, who, as luck would have it, just happened to be standing around at the time. After the janitor was arrested, her story fell apart when inconsistencies and a prior false rape claim came to light.

In the US, women make false rape allegations all the time, but even in the most egregious cases, such as the Duke Lacrosse scandal, women are very rarely punished. Feminists like to claim that the rate of false rape allegations is vanishingly small, but Britain's initiative in dealing with the problem shows that to be far from the truth.

Duke Lacrosse Accuser Holds Press Conference

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Crystal Gail Magnum, the woman who accused the Duke Lacrosse players of raping her, recently held a press conference to defend herself against domestic violence charges that have been brought against her. Currently Magnum is under house arrest and must wear a motion bracelet on her ankle at all times due to an incident between herself and her ex-boyfriend that happened in February. In addition Magnum is facing charges of arson, child endangerment and attempted murder. Police allege during the incident in February that Magnum set an apartment on fire and tried to kill her ex-boyfriend while her three children and two police officers were in the apartment.

Magnum said in the press conference:

> I don't feel like I'm going to get the justice that I deserve through the judicial system and I feel this my only and last means to reach out to the public and let them know that I did not set a fire that night. To let the public know that I am being unfairly treated due to preconceived notions that people have about me concerning another case. I feel like enough is enough.

The other case Magnum refers to is when she brought up false rape charges against the Duke Lacrosse players. She has also made claims that her ex-boyfriend abused her and about that said:

> I can't explain to you why I keep going through issues with domestic violence. Maybe it's mistakes. Maybe I tell men too much about my past and they try to take that for granted. Maybe domestic violence is more prevalent than people think.

UK Bodybuilder Goes on Rampage After DV Jailing, Targets Police

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Raoul Moat, a bodybuilder who lives in Northumbria, obtained a gun and went on a shooting spree on Saturday, wounding his girlfriend and killing her new lover, a martial arts instructor who was shot down when he ran outside to confront the armed man. The girlfriend is expected to survive. Later, Moat wrote a lengthy diatribe about how he has lost everything and intends to keep killing – targeting police officers in particular – until he is dead. He made good on his promise to attack cops by shooting one through the window of a police car. The officer was critically injured, but is currently in stable condition.

Prior to the rampage, Moat's girlfriend, the mother of his three-year-old child, had taunted him by saying that she was sleeping with a policeman. After the shootings, she issued a plea retracting her words, saying that she had only told him she was sleeping with a policeman because she was "frightened."

Moat's manifesto has not been released to the public because of the sensitive nature of the information it contains.

Given the chaotic state of sexual relations today, these incidents are inevitable. There is no avoiding the fact that certain unstable individuals, such as Mr. Moat, will crack and take violent action over jealousy or a sense of betrayal. If there is anything remarkable, it is the fact that it happens so rarely despite the pressure so many people face in the chaotic sexual marketplace, which touches on some of the deepest nerves in the human psyche.

For a dystopian view of a society in which bloodshed and murder over sexual rivalries was commonplace, one need only read the blood and gore-soaked annals of pre-Christian European literature. Perhaps we are returning to such an age, where women's proclivity to seek out violent, brutal men for drama and excitement will lend a crimson cast to our lives.

Barefoot Bandit's Mother Cheers Him On

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Colton Harris Moore, the Camano Island, Washington native who has been evading authorities since leaving a halfway house in 2008, was raised by an obviously dysfunctional single mother, who is proud of her son for his criminal exploits. First arrested at the age of 12, Moore eventually became quite a prolific thief, burglarizing homes and stealing vehicles and boats in the islands of Puget Sound. It is therefore little wonder that he has apparently chosen to fly a stolen plane to the Bahamas, which although tropical, would be a familiar environment for the Island County resident.

What is remarkable about Moore is that he has taught himself to fly (but not land, it seems) simply by using instructional books and videos, and has a knack for breaking into secure airports and marinas. However, as someone who grew up with some association with the kind of people who tend to live on the waterfront and own powerboats and airplanes in the greater Seattle area, I know that it isn't all that difficult to penetrate their security. Actually, what protects them more than anything else is the exclusivity of their lifestyle, which prevents most others from even imagining that all these toys are simply there for the taking, which they are. Additionally, your common criminal would have some serious difficulty operating a Bayliner, not to mention piloting aircraft.

I'd assume that Colton Harris Moore grew up around a number of these wealthier kids, and was only distinguished by being poor and having a particularly lousy mother. Unfortunately for Colton, that distinction might have meant the difference between becoming a respectable citizen and becoming a wanted man. Maybe he is a born criminal, but that doesn't appear to stop certain people having phenomenal success in business. From a young age, Colton probably saw all the toys the wealthier folks around him had, and figured he'd partake. I knew some rich kids who behaved like criminals at that crucial age right around puberty, but their families had the means to steer them away from that. With a mother like he had, Colton did not have that luxury.

Here are a few things Pam Kohler, Colton's mother, has had to say about her son's crime spree:

> "When the cops come and bother me that's when I think 'run Colton run, fly Colton fly.' I'm proud that he taught hisself how to fly."
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> "I just want to hug him, I'm proud that he can fly planes with no lessons. You're damn right I am."
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> "If anyone profits from this thing it should be me and Colt." (She intends to hire an "entertainment lawyer")

What a wonderful example she must have set for her son all these years. Maybe the teenaged Colton, now on the other side of the continent, can finally take some time to reflect on how he ended up a wanted man with an FBI reward on his head.

Bodybuilder Stepmom in Missing Child Case Accused of Attempting to Have Husband Killed

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Terri Moulton Horman, the Portland, Oregon stepmother who is facing police scrutiny in the case of missing seven-year-old Kyron Horman, has been accused of offering to pay a landscaper to off her husband Kaine Horman, the boy's father. When police notified Kaine of the alleged plot, he moved out, obtaining a restraining order and filing for divorce.

Shortly after Kyron disappeared in early June, Terri Moulton Horman began to draw scrutiny, as she had been the last person to see Kyron alive at a science fair, for which the little boy had created a diorama about the red eyed tree frog. Kyron has been described as a sweet, well-behaved boy who would be unlikely to wander off.

Terri is a large, powerfully-built woman with the physical wherewithal to easily subdue an obedient little boy with poor vision. She has so far avoided arrest, but has been put under considerable police pressure. Given the landscaper's allegations, she is beginning to look like a very credible suspect.

I must admit the focus on Terri Horman confused me a bit at first. What motive would a woman have to surreptitiously kill her stepchild, after all? If she did it in a fit of roid rage, that would be one thing, but it would take an uncommonly twisted individual to plan something like that. However, in chimp colonies, females have been known to kill their female rivals' children, so perhaps hatred of the biological mother could provide sufficient motive.

Female Columnist Calls Obama a Woman

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This Washington Post editorial, written by Kathleen Parker, is about a week old, but I thought it would be worth bringing up anyway, so as to show an example of barely concealed shaming language. Below, Parker suggests Obama isn't sufficiently Alpha:

> No, I'm not calling Obama a girlie president. But . . . he may be suffering a rhetorical-testosterone deficit when it comes to dealing with crises, with which he has been richly endowed.
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> It isn't that he isn't "cowboy" enough, as others have suggested. Aren't we done with that? It is that his approach is feminine in a normative sense. That is, we perceive and appraise him according to cultural expectations, and he's not exactly causing anxiety in Alpha-maledom.

To back up her assertions, she points out that he is verbose and given to consensus-building rather than assuming the role of a commander.

This editorial isn't all that compelling, because it reads as shaming language rather than true analysis. If anything, it seems to me that Obama is acting like a lot of guys who were raised by dominant women (his grandmother in Obama's case). Men who grow up in such a situation can develop a habit of evasiveness, because directly confronting women, even when they are the ones who are really in charge, is culturally taboo. In fact, I think this evasiveness, which is characterized by a lot of empty, feel-good talk on Obama's part, has become fairly typical amongst the post-boomer generation. It is exceedingly common for younger male politicians in the Pacific Northwest – including Republicans – to behave in this manner, and the population in general shares this tendency, which often manifests itself in a kind of passive-aggressiveness.

No, I don't think Obama is acting like a "woman," but rather like the kind of man that has been created by a society that is increasingly dominated by females such as Kathleen Parker — those who shame men for being effeminate even as they demand more authority and display aggression and contempt toward those they look down upon.

Resonance

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Over the last few days, something's been bothering me a bit. Because I can't exactly put my finger on it, I've withdrawn a bit, and sought some answers in art, which I've often found to be a better medium than the standard blabber for clearing one's mind and putting things in perspective. I thought it might have been the exceptionally muted 4th of July – probably the least enthusiastic in my living memory – that was giving me pause, but I still can't say for sure.

I felt compelled to seek answers from the years surrounding my earliest days on earth, probably because our own genesis has so much significance and would seem to hold answers. Those earliest memories resonate throughout our lives, coming up from the depths even when the present time makes little sense. My grandmother, who by the end of her life had lost almost all awareness of the world surrounding her, began to revert to the Norwegian her parents spoke to her when she was a small child, even referring to herself by her Norwegian rather than American name. Prior to that, I never even knew she had a Norwegian name. To me, she had always been grandma Sylvia, but she became a little girl named Solveig at the end. After everything else had faded away, those early memories remained, like the solid foundation of a burned out building.

So I turned to movies from the 1970s and thereabouts, trying to understand what it was about those earliest times of my life that might have framed my own sense of the world, and given me the ominous sensation that has been stalking me for some days.

First, I watched *Taxi Driver*, released when I was a very small child, and then *Midnight Cowboy*, which was filmed some five years before I was born. Although both are set in New York, and I'm no New Yorker, the films touched on some national themes and social moods that were prevalent at the time. Both also dealt quite explicitly with the theme of masculinity, and hinted at some impending futility. Robert DeNiro's Travis Bickle of *Taxi Driver*, a young man driven to kill by disgust for corruption and filth, was certainly a more sympathetic character than Christian Bale's Patrick Bateman in *American Psycho* – a soulless killer who is absolutely alienated from concepts of morality – but he is an ambiguous character whose actions are disturbing and leave one with some discomfort concerning his motives.

Midnight Cowboy, for its part, is a film that lays waste to the age-old American dream of making it in the big city. Joe Buck, played by Jon Voigt, dreams up one of the world's worst business plans – selling himself to women – while washing dishes in Texas, and hooks up with "Ratso," a sick, crippled hustler played by Dustin Hoffman. Needless to say, the pair fails miserably, and Joe Buck comes of age through the same pointless tragedy that characterized his young life up to that point. It's a deeply depressing and sad movie, but well worth watching for its touching humanity.

As I try to make some sense of these two movies that came out right around the dawn of my life, what strikes me most about them is the profound loss of confidence that characterized society at the time. I've written before about how American men live their lives much as though they have been vanquished in war, and perhaps the art from this era can give us some insight into why this is so. As I strive to recapture the mood from the time, it occurs to me that my generation was born into a very troubled time, and has lived with the consequences for our entire lives.

Perhaps, as we come of age, we are expressing that sense of futility and that loss of confidence, and that is what I have felt bearing down like a heavy weight in these recent days. Given the strange, nihilistic mood of today, I fear for my own children and others who are coming of age during the last gasps of this dying civilization.

Citizen Renegade Analyzes Californication

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Given the recent hubbub here at The Spearhead over whether Game is about pedestalization, liberation, or something else entirely, I thought today's post by Citizen Renegade (formerly known as Roissy) might be edifying to readers.

In the post, he takes a look at the *Californication* TV series from the point of view of someone who practices Game. While he praises character Hank Moody's (David Duchovny) technique, ultimately he sees something amiss in his tendency to sentimentalize and pedestalize women.

Personally, I think tomcatting and chivalry go together like oil and water, but perhaps, as Citizen Renegade suggests, this is the ultimate female fantasy:

> Think about it for a minute. What is the perfect man in a feminist's eyes? He is first and foremost that charming cad who gets them wet. We all know the tingle is the necessary ingredient on the way to female fulfillment. Second, he is utterly nonjudgmental, no matter how badly the women in his life behave. Everything, ultimately, is his own fault, and he feels deeply sorry for "hurting" women, even when he can't help but continue "hurting" them. Third, he will defend a woman's honor at risk to his own well-being, health and reputation, even when the woman in question has little objective honor worth defending. Fourth, he will forgive everything bad women do to him, absolve them of all their sins (they know not what they do, lord, for they have mere vaginas), and fight those who would disagree.

Check it out for an interesting take on Game in popular culture.

Financial Crisis, Mancession Prompt Congress to Mandate More Affirmative Action for Women

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If anyone still has any questions about why feminists such as Hannah Rosin can smugly declare "the end of men," they need only look to the law of the land, which, with each passing year, favors women more and more explicitly. In the Dodd-Frank financial regulation bill, Congress snuck in a provision that will create yet another office dedicated to enforcing "equality" by mandating "race and gender employment ratios" in financial institutions that do business with the government.

In an article in *Real Clear Markets*, linked in the forum by Spearhead commenter JohnJ, Diana Furchgott-Roth details the breadth and scope of this new government intrusion on behalf of women (affirmative action has *always* benefited women more than the minority men it was originally intended for):

> The Treasury, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the 12 Federal Reserve regional banks, the Board of Governors of the Fed, the National Credit Union Administration, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau…all would get their own Office of Minority and Women Inclusion.
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> Each office would have its own director and staff to develop policies promoting equal employment opportunities and racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of not just the agency's workforce, but also the workforces of its contractors and sub-contractors.
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> What would be the mission of this new corps of Federal monitors? The Dodd-Frank bill sets it forth succinctly and simply – all too simply. The mission, it says, is to assure "to the maximum extent possible the fair inclusion" of women and minorities, individually and through businesses they own, in the activities of the agencies, including contracting.

Furchgott-Roth brings up the abuses of Title IX, questioning how exactly this is going to work out, and warns that the new law may increase waste by forcing contractors to hire redundant staff and underqualified individuals. This is certainly a problem, but what about the obvious question:

Why is Congress passing new affirmative action laws in the middle of the mancession?

If anything, this bill is a kick in the pants to the millions of laid-off men who are struggling to pay the bills — often to their wealthier ex-wives, who have states bludgeoning impoverished ex-husbands to give more money to buy shoes and such.

Institutionalized hatred and oppression of men is officially the norm in the United States, and women, rather than have some sympathy for their brothers, husbands, fathers and sons, sit back and write articles about the superiority of their sex. Morally speaking, women are beginning to look like the uglier – not the fairer – sex.

Med Student Has Baby on Airplane, Tries to Flush it Down Toilet

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Indian surgeons rushed to save the life of a child critically injured when its mother tried to dispose of it in the lavatory, where she had given birth. The baby was taken to the hospital still attached to the toilet bowl, which had to be sawed off to remove the child from the lavatory.

The mother, who had recently completed a degree was returning home via Turkmenistan Airlines. She managed to get off the plane before the child was found, but was identified and arrested in the airport.

Whether or not she will eventually become a doctor is unknown.

Rebuttal to “The End of Men”

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The End of Men article in *The Atlantic*, penned by feminist authoress Hannah Rosin, has spawned a number of copycat articles, such as the recent “Women Will Rule the World” piece in Newsweek. There hasn’t been much to counter it in the mainstream media, probably because right at this point it seems to be a done deal. However, the American Spectator came out with a nice critique that’s worth reading, even if all it does is rehash themes we’ve done to death here at *The Spearhead*.

Here’s a passage from the article, titled “The End of Men, The Beginning of What?” and written by William Tucker:

> Remember “The End of History,” Francis Fukuyama post-Cold-War thesis which said that now that everything was settled between the Soviets and the West, nothing of historical importance would ever happen again? That was like saying “The End of Yugoslavia” would mean nothing interesting would ever happen again in the Balkans.
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> David Brooks nailed all this in Bobos in Paradise, when he charted the rise of a typical public intellectual:
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> *The title of her first book [his choice of pronoun] will begin with the phrase, “The End of…” The benefit of endism is its dramatic finality; few people will remember a book called Ideology is Aging. But decades after its publication, the title The End of Ideology will still be referred to (even if its contents are utterly forgotten). The difficulty in writing an endist book is in finding things that haven’t already ended. History, equality, racism, tragedy, and politics have all been taken, and The Death of…takes in just about everything else. The End of Gardening just doesn’t have the ring of a bestseller.*

Full Text

She’s in the “Alimoney”

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Linda Hogan is enjoying her time in Miami, frolicking on a yacht named “Alimoney.”

Check out the photo at TMZ (warning: includes partially clothed Linda Hogan in US flag bikini).

The Ins and Outs of Online Dating

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[Today's guest post written by Zammo]

Being single means treading the murky waters of online dating once more. I've used online dating in the past and it worked pretty well.

Of course, I'm not chasing girls, I'm chasing women over 35. But the fundamentals are still pretty true in the whole dating and relationship game, even if online. For men who have pretty much given up on woman and the entire relationship game, that's perfectly reasonable. This is in no way a recommendation for online dating or pursuing women. For the rest of us, knowing how to exploit online dating can be important.

I'm using Plenty of Fish (PoF), a free online dating website. As I live in a very large metropolitan area, my options are quite large. If you live in a smaller town, online dating may not work. The biggest problem with PoF is that it's free so women can merely dabble in it to get their attention fix or bide their time to switch to the next relationship. All online dating causes a false sense of abundance. There's always another guy who just might be a bigger, better deal. I can deal with this and always keep my own eyes out for the bigger, better deal. Whatever games that women play online, I match them.

There is another problem with online dating – people tend to say what they are expected to say. The woman who claims she's "looking for a nice guy" is simply parroting back what she has heard in all the TV talk shows, Oprah, and various women's magazines. What women doesn't want a nice guy? It turns out, most women don't want a nice guy. They do, however, want to be rescued. Lots of profiles mention the "knight in shining armor" or "Prince Charming".

It's quite clear that far too many women are victims of emotional pornography. They actually believe that dating and relationships should resemble the wildly unrealistic fiction of romantic comedy movies, Sex and the City, Cosmopolitan Magazine, Oprah, etc. There is the constant mention of "chemistry". This is merely woman-speak for "vagina tingle". Women still want to be swept off their feet into the arms of an alpha provider/protector and into a life of decorating, shopping, and ease.

Underneath all the social bullshit expressed in words, women want confidence over sensitivity. That want the successful alpha male with a strong backbone, emotional strength, and yes, some douchebag behavior. This goes way back in our evolution when we were running around the plains chasing mastodons with pointed sticks in an attempt to prepare dinner back at the split-level cave. The successful hunter got the women because he's the one with dinner. The poor fucker who couldn't toss a spear got to eat roots and berries and watch the better spear hurler have sex with the women. The fundamentals of this still hold quite true. Even today, women mostly insist on dating guys taller than themselves just like guys like dating women who have a pronounced feminine form and are usually younger than them. It's biology, no point fighting it.

Online dating is mostly a numbers game. Women will reject a man for quite a few reasons simply based on a photo and a few brief words. It's important to keep things organized. If there are quite a women who fit my requirements, I keep a spreadsheet of whom I have contacted and the response (if any).

The process goes something like this –

1. I peruse photos and profiles looking for some specific attributes of a potential date – attractiveness (to me) in face and body, family situation (I prefer women without kids or with kids out of the house), geography (no more than about 50 miles away), intelligence (good with words), etc. At this point, I mark the woman as a favorite so she knows I have an interest.

2. I send a brief message with mentioning something in their profile and invite them to read mine. This is the

frustrating and time consuming part. Shotgun emails simply don't work unless you're a really good looking guy. Crafting a good opening message is not easy. My messages have the profile-specific response at the top. I try to find something in the woman's profile that I can respond to. While I only need two or three sentences, it requires reading the profile fairly carefully. Do not compliment a woman's photographic appearance with more than a few words. It's far better to mildly compliment her words, her pets, her outfit, whatever.

As an aside, here is what I have learned about key phrases that women use in their profiles –

No players – I am attracted to players.
No games – No man who plays better games than me.
No drama – I am a drama queen and don't need the competition
Looking for a good/nice guy – Still looking for an alpha but might accept a beta if he's affluent enough
Prince Charming/Knight in shining armor wanted – hopeless romantic and borderline gold digger.
Make me laugh – Keep me entertained as my personal court jester.
My partying days are over – 30-something former party girl with a bad case of baby rabies
Shopping as a hobby – gold digger
Real Man Wanted – she likes the BadBoys
Where are all the real men/nice guys? – worst of the worst… she's a former party girl, current gold digger, and incapable of understanding that her dating net worth is lousy.
I'm a real woman – I'm fat with a bad attitude
Friends first/looking for my best friend – I want the option to reject you first or put you in the FriendZone while I date other guys
Family is important to me – my kids, my parents, my aunts and uncles and cousins, my very distant and never-seen relatives will always come before you

A word about single moms: they present a scheduling problem more than anything else. Their child visitation schedule will dictate their dating schedule. This can work in your favor. It can be quite easy to juggle several single moms by knowing their child visitation schedule. As well, single moms are usually more willing to share you as long as you don't make it obvious that you're dating other women.

Once I send a message, here are the typical reactions –

1. My message is deleted without being read. They saw my profile and said "ewwww, as if".

2. My message is read and then deleted. They saw my message, my profile, and said "not my type".

3. My message is read and not deleted. They saw my message, my profile, and said "not my type" and had the manners to not delete my message. It's a polite form of rejection.

4. They send a polite "no thanks, but good luck" message.

5. They send a "I'm intrigued, tell me more" message.

Of those five possible options, fewer than 1 in 50 will result in the "I'm intrigued message". This is life and I accept it. That's why I send out a lot of messages and have become completely immune to rejection. It is extremely important to have a very thick skin. Women can and do reject men for the most ridiculous of reasons. If I get no response or a negative one, I delete the woman from my favorites list and never, ever contact them again even if they contact me.

Once a woman responds favorably, some Game strategies kick in –

1. Don't spend valuable time messaging back and forth or chatting online. The purpose of online dating is to meet women in person. Three messages and/or 10 minutes chatting online is quite sufficient to move on to a first date.

2. Never respond immediately. Wait at least 24 hours between messages. You're busy and they need to know that. This also implies you are dating other women. This provides you with some valuable social proofing.

3. Escalate but be extremely cautious about any direct sexual connotations. Every woman wants to be perceived as a “nice girl” even though they are hoping to be fucked senseless on the first date. The sexual element of dating is always implied so being direct about it is a needless risk.

4. Be confident with your online messaging. If she asks, “what are you doing this week?” as a friendly query, answer with Going out with you” If she stops communicating at that point, tough shit, move on. If she responds with anything other than a “no”, she’s impressed with your confidence. If she does say no without a counter, move the fuck on.

5. Never, ever ask to go out, state it. “It’s time for us to meet so we’re going out this Friday.” If she dodges and doesn’t counter with another time, she’s not that into you so be prepared to move on quickly. In fact, you should have at least three other prospects you’re working concurrently.

6. Like in real life, women flake online constantly. You might be having a correspondence and suddenly, poof!… she stops writing. Or, something in your words made her reject you. Remember that women are incredible fickle and the wrong word or phrase will stop them dead. Don’t overthink what happened, move the fuck on.

7. Don’t have “oneitis”. The woman you are corresponding with has at least six guys she’s corresponding with or have already started dating.

As for your own profile, having a good photo is crucial. Women online are extremely visual. They will look at a photo and make a judgment in a nanosecond. In the text portion of the profile, use strong and confident words that highlight your independent and masculine nature. Women loathe sensitive, emotionally accessible guys even if they state that is what they are seeking.

The final point is that it’s highly unlikely to find a woman of quality through online dating. The vast majority of women still value themselves far too much to be a suitable, long term romantic partner. Their solipsistic nature means they are incapable of understanding they must bring something to the table other than their vaginas and tits. I simply use online dating to yield some sexy time and learn more about women so I can share it with other men.

Some of my observations from online dating experiences over the years –

1. Fat is the new average when a woman describes her body type. Even an “athletic” figure may be 20 pounds overweight. This is the disappointing reality now.

2. Everyone lies about their age, especially after 40. Men lie by about 2 years, women by about 5 years.

3. Photos are misleading. If not explicitly stated, “photos are recent”, expect pictures that are several years old. If fact, I have seen completely false photos.

4. Any woman who describes herself as a princess, diva, queen, sassy, strong – and doesn’t explicitly state that she will treat her man like a prince or a king – is only good for humping and dumping.

5. Attractive women get bombarded with messages. It’s easy for them to say “next, next, next…”

6. Women still expected to be pursued. Unless you’re a savagely good looking guy with major money, the men send the messages, the women do the rejecting.

7. Many women will put up a few photos and almost nothing in the text part of the profile. This means they only value their looks and will use any responses from guys like a catalog from which to select their next date.

8. Photos of faces without bodies (even if they claim to have an athletic figure) means that the woman is fat.

9. Women continue to over value their worth.

British Airways Settles With Man They Treated as Potential Pedophile

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Mirko Fischer, the man who was forced to move from his seat next to his pregnant wife because it placed him next to an “unaccompanied minor,” recently reached a settlement of about $5,000 with British Airways, which he donated to an orphanage. Mr. Fischer said he was humiliated by the forced move, and complained that the policy was discriminatory, stating: “It is sex discrimination. I want this policy to be substantially changed as it is a matter of principle. Women are not treated like this.”

BA is defensive about the policy, which treats men as a danger to children, but was “pleased to have settled the matter.”

As a child, I flew next to men unaccompanied, and neither I nor my parents ever had any anxiety about that. It is likely the case that the full-scale demonization of men that began in the 1990s has affected popular perception, leading to these restrictions, which were never seen as necessary in the past. The institutionalized hatred and distrust of men in the Anglosphere resembles a case of mass hysteria, if not full-blown psychosis.

Male Self Defense 101

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[Today's guest post written by Cato]

The manosphere is rife with advice for men these days. Don't get married. Don't have children. Don't trust women. Fairly decent advice in today's world, but I suspect that many men out there aren't sure how this applies to their daily lives. Some men do want to get married, eventually, to the right person; others would dearly love to have children someday, either through a paid surrogate or with that one magic person they trust to stay with them for the long term. Others aren't willing to be celibate, and risk their future every time they get frisky. The problem seems to be that there aren't any clear, concise instructions on how to dodge the landmines of this dangerous modern world, written for the men who need that advice the most.

Hence this article.

First, some relevant information about the author. I am currently divorced, with one child just over ten years old that I rarely get to see. My child's mother is not my ex-wife; rather, she is an ex-friend who was strongly attracted to me back in the day. Even though I told her, honestly and directly, that I did not want to sleep with her, for fear of unwanted pregnancy, she got hold of me after a night of hard drinking and made me an offer that I should have, but did not, refuse (she was damn good at oral sex). A few months later I got the call: she was pregnant, she was keeping it, and she wanted money for the medical bills from her prenatal appointments. Things went downhill pretty quickly after that. All the rest of this sad story, issues with her family, the ridiculous bureaucracy of her state trying to administer their child support program, is fodder for another time. Simply understand that I currently pay just under $900 a month for a child I wasn't ready for, and that I got sniped before I made anything remotely resembling decent money.

So, on with the advice:

The two most common threats to men in today's world, in my humblest of opinions, are marriage and unexpected pregnancy. Marriage I leave to each individual man: consider staying single first, consider cohabitation second, be together for a few years at least, get a pre-nup, and don't go through with it unless you are absolutely sure you trust the person in question. Pretty simple.

Pregnancy is another beast entirely. Reproductive control is almost exclusively a woman's prerogative in today's world; no offense to our female readership, but let's be blunt: if a woman decides it's her "time" to get pregnant, then barring any medical issues, she will. Pills can be missed, condoms can be pinholed; the truly determined (or desperate) can acquire sperm through oral sex, then visit the restroom to "spit it out," while not letting on that it's going to be a mouth-to-vagina transfer. At the most nefarious end of the scale are the scheming women who will slyly become pregnant with another man, and then attempt to convince their provider-type boyfriend that it is his child. Many states limit paternity challenges with specific time windows and other restrictions, making this disgusting tactic a viable one for the maternally obsessed woman.

Thus the question: how do we, as men, prevent unwanted pregnancy? Modern birth control is, frankly, woefully inadequate; condoms have a dismayingly significant failure rate, and all other common methods (save abstinence, of course) rely on female cooperation, and are therefore, for the purposes of this article, untrustworthy. All methods, that is, except for one: surgical vasectomy.

"Oh my God!" I hear some readers thinking. "A knife to the nutsack!? This guy is insane!" Could be, I suppose, but then, I've had it done already, and I know it's not that bad. About three days recovery time, and you're back on your…um…feet. "Ah, but I may want kids someday! So this solution won't work for me!" Actually, it will; all you need for kids is sperm, and there's an alternative to constantly pumping out your own: freeze some choice swimmers now, while you're (definitely) younger and (probably) healthier than you will be down the road when you

decide you want kids. Yes, I did this too, just on the off chance I meet that magic someone someday.

So I offered some clear, concise instructions up above, and without further ado or discussion, here it is. A simple guide that could really be the best information some young man out there ever gets his hands on.

1. STOP HAVING SEX. Can't emphasize this enough. You can easily defeat your own efforts if you don't adhere to a strict no sex policy until you're done with the whole list. It doesn't make much sense to put in the time, money, and aggravation required by this guide, just to conceive a child in the middle of your efforts.

2. FIND A CRYO BANK. Use the internet to locate a reputable cryogenic storage facility in your area. For me, it was Fairfax Cryo; your mileage may vary.

3. GO THERE. Schedule an initial interview. You'll sign a contract for storage (mine was about $1700 for a five year contract) and provide a sample for screening and reviving testing – where they'll freeze a sample, give them a day or so, then thaw them to make sure they're still wiggling after the thaw. You get these results back in a few days.

4. GO THERE AGAIN. AND AGAIN, AS NECESSARY. After the initial appointment, make further appointments to provide samples for freezing. Plan on at least two, and possibly as many as four, donation appointments. I produced an average of ten vials of sperm per appointment; it takes two vials to attempt a pregnancy. If you want to be sure you've got enough juice for the future, so to speak, make four trips.

5. GET CUT. Ah yes, the centerpiece of this whole strategy for male reproductive control. Find a reputable urology clinic and schedule a vasectomy. You'll need a friend to drive you; you won't feel much like driving afterward (it is simple outpatient surgery, with local anesthetic).

6. CLEAR THE PIPES. Even after you get cut, you can still knock someone up. It takes about two weeks or fifteen ejaculations (if I recall correctly) for the viable sperm already in the hopper to filter out.

7. GET TESTED. Return to the urology clinic, and provide a semen sample for testing. They should call back within a day or so and let you know if you're clear.

8. SCHEDULE FOLLOW UP TESTING. Go back to the urology clinic every six months or so and get tested again, just to stay on the safe side.

9. ENJOY! Do whatever and whoever you like, however you like, without fear of unexpected pregnancy. You should still use condoms, to protect yourself from STDs, but that choice is up to each of us individually.

There it is. That's it. Once you've completed this list, you should be incapable of getting anyone pregnant. Total bill for my process was just shy of $2500, since, while my medical plan covered vasectomy, I had a five hundred dollar deductible I had to wade through. While I realize this is quite a bit of money, especially for young men just starting out, I'd like to point out that $2500 doesn't quite cover three months of my child support; and my child was conceived before I ever had an idea that I'd be making decent money someday. By the time I'm done paying child support, I'll have spent well over a hundred grand over eighteen years – to my mind, that makes $2500 a superb investment for today's men. Also, bear in mind that if I had actually found that magic someone over the past ten years (or if I should find them in the next eight), that money I'm paying to my child's mother is money that I wouldn't (or won't) have available to support the family that I choose to have – the family that I would actually get to be a real part of.

I hope someone out there finds this article useful, and worth the read. If this article is enough to persuade just one man out there that it is worth doing, just to be safe, then it is worth the time it took to write it. Smart men learn from their mistakes; wise men learn from the mistakes of other men.

TIME Bemoans Suicide Among Afghan Women, Ignores Male Suicide at Home

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The plight of Afghan women who kill themselves to escape bad marriages is held to be a humanitarian disaster by TIME Magazine writer Abigail Hauslohner, who focuses on immolations, probably because they are sensational. Of course, the Taliban takes the blame in a number of links in the article, but as far as I can tell these women are not members of the Pashtun ethnic group, from which the Taliban draws support. Actually, the article suggests that they may be immolating themselves because of an Iranian movie that featured a self-immolation on the part of a girl in a forced marriage, which suggests that they are ethnic Persians — not Pashtuns. Therefore, it isn't even clear that the Taliban has *anything* to do with them.

Interestingly, the article actually goes into some detail about the strange family relationships that characterize these cases (and Afghanistan in general). Cousin marriage and polygamy appear to be major factors in the decisions of both girls to torch themselves — probably far more important than spousal abuse as it is understood by Westerners, which involves, in the popular imagination, some drunk brute coming home from the bar and smacking his wife around, e.g. Stanley Kowalski.

Ironically, the wanton destruction of the Western nuclear family by feminist culture-warriors will inevitably bring some different form of marriage, because without some cooperation in child-rearing our population will simply die out and be replaced. Prime candidates include the Muslim paradigm, as in Afghanistan, or The Law of the Jungle, as in the Congo. Either way women are big trouble. East Asian style patriarchy is out, because it is proving to be just as susceptible to the ravages of Western family law as Western families.

However, what is most telling about the focus on Afghan women's suicide is the silence in Western media about the highly increased rate of male suicide after divorce in the Anglosphere. Afghan women, half a world away, merit more sympathy and attention than men in our hometowns who are driven to kill themselves by a highly punitive "justice" system that is not dedicated to justice, but rather to removing children and property from divorced men.

Recently, a man immolated himself in public – right in front of Brisbane's Supreme Court – over a family law matter. There has been no public pity, no calls for change — nothing. Yet we have thousands of troops fighting and dying in Afghanistan, and this is justified on the basis that it is a fight to stop the abuses that lead women to kill themselves.

Just think about what that says about our governments' priorities.

Fashion for a Dying Civilization?

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The Berlin Fashion Week featured some hideous displays of androgynous models who look like they emerged from a spacecraft from some mutant world. The men and women wear the same clothes, have roughly the same physique, and sport the same wispy beards.

I'm really curious as to who actually supports this garbage. There can't be a huge market for it, but I'm sure the designer makes a lot of money.

There is one thing that strikes me as appropriate about the show: the models look like aliens. Fashion, "culture" and all the rest is increasingly alien to ordinary people, and has little connection to the real world we live in. Just look at the photos.

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Male Children of all Ages More Likely to Die From Abuse

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We often hear about the tragedy of female infanticide in China, the abused girls of Africa, Afghanistan, etc. But how many people know that boys – including little babies – are significantly more likely to die from abuse or neglect in the United States? I'm not sure about the stats from the UK, Canada, Australia or NZ, but I assume boys make up the majority of abuse fatalities in those countries as well.

And it isn't just fatalities — boys are significantly more likely to be seriously injured in cases of abuse and neglect. We're not talking about a spanking, scratch or little bruise here: "serious injury" refers to concussions, broken bones, stab wounds, gunshot wounds, internal bleeding, etc. The most at risk group of children is baby boys under the age of one. Think about that for a moment. Children who are most likely to be fatally abused or neglected are tiny, helpless, baby boys. Not sullen or provocative teens, rambunctious little kids, or even mischievous toddlers, but little babies who can't even walk and talk, and usually they're boys.

Feminists like to make a lot of noise about child sexual abuse. It's a pretty horrific thing that is mainly perpetrated by males against female victims, and they use it as ammunition against men on a consistent basis. But they are strangely silent about child fatalities and serious injuries. Rarely does one hear a peep about murdered children, severely beaten children, or fatally neglected children. Actually, there's a good reason for that: in most of these cases the biological father had nothing to do with the child's death or injury, so feminists can't use the statistics to keep making the case that fathers should be summarily ejected from children's lives. Fathers acting alone are less than half as likely as mothers acting alone to be involved in a child's death. Interestingly, the graph does not make any distinctions between biological fathers and stepfathers, which, given custody statistics, would likely show that children are safer by far around biological fathers than any other adults.

Perhaps another reason the feminists fail to mention physical abuse and neglect of children is the fact that most victims are male children, and mothers are involved most of the time.

Feminists are not concerned about children's welfare so much as they are about gaining political leverage through the use of blame and moral grandstanding. As moral cripples, feminists use sexual abuse as a crutch to give themselves the appearance of righteousness, but the statistics on child fatalities and serious injuries reveal the truth about their position. Feminists don't really care about children; they only care about political power and the leverage that gives them to steal and appropriate resources and positions of influence.

Remember: every time feminists make a moral case against men, they are covering up a festering sore of their own creation.

End of the Line for Barefoot Bandit

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Colton Harris Moore was finally caught in The Bahamas, taken into custody after a water chase in which Bahamian police opened fire on his boat, disabling the engine. Colton grew up as a poor boy in a single mother household in Camano Island, Washington, learning to steal from a young age. He spent a great deal of time in the thick evergreen woods of Island County, into which he would disappear after burglarizing houses and businesses.

The teenager taught himself to fly by watching instructional videos and using flight simulators, and soon began stealing planes, which he used to leave his pursuers in the dust. After the net started closing in on him in Washington state, he fled across the country, stealing a number of cars to make his way to the midwest, where he broke into an airport and stole a Cessna, flying it to the Bahamas and crash-landing the plane near the beach of Abaco Island.

In the Bahamas, rather than maintain a low profile and hide out, Colton broke into several homes and businesses, stole boats and hung out in bars. Eventually, his brash defiance of the law led to his capture on Eleuthera Island, and now he's facing time in a Bahamian prison, and eventual extradition to the US, where he will certainly face numerous charges, and the prospect of a long stint in prison.

In the meanwhile, his mother, Pam Kohler, is lining up book and movie deals, from which she hopes to profit. Colton Harris Moore's life as a free man may be essentially over at this point, but at least the mother who did such a lousy job of raising him will get something out of the waste of a young life.

Rampage in New Mexico over Albuquerque DV Case

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A man armed with a gun stormed into a fiber optics manufacturing company today killing five, including his ex-wife or girlfriend, before taking his own life. Four others are in the hospital with gunshot wounds, including two who are undergoing emergency surgery. The man's children have been located and are fine. According to one article, the man was a former employee of the company, so there was obviously some grievance besides simply the ex-wife/girlfriend. Perhaps some of her coworkers were offering her support in a pending court case, or perhaps he was laid off; these are a couple of things I can think of that have sparked mass shootings in the past.

Interestingly, the police are quoted saying that the shooting resulted from a "domestic violence dispute." This could mean that the man had recently been served with a restraining order, which seems in many cases to provoke these shootings. When a couple lives together and one would like to end the relationship, they may avail themselves of a restraining order which will summarily eject the unwanted partner from the domicile by force of law. This is supposed to prevent contact, but in some instances so enrages the recipient of the order that he (or she sometimes) retaliates with deadly force.

We don't know whether this is the case in this particular shooting, but given how many suicides these breakups cause, there are bound to be some people who will take action against others besides simply themselves.

Reporting Recent Facebook + Blizzard Copy-Pasta Fail

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Ok, first a disclaimer.

I haven't played WoW since April. Got fed up of drama and bullshit and cat-herding dorks with a sense of entitlement who should have never crawled up from their "No child left Behind" classroom.

That out, if any of you got even close to a videogame blog, you just couldn't have missed the spectacle.

It all starts with this:

> The first and most significant change is that in the near future, **anyone posting or replying to a post on official Blizzard forums will be doing so using their Real ID — that is, their real-life first and last name –** with the option to also display the name of their primary in-game character alongside it.

Oh yeah. You read that right. Want to post in the forums? Well, you have to put yourself in mercy of the Internet.

As you can see for the 81 page thread (without mentioning the many, many others on those forums alone), anyone with, I don't know, **a life,** said: No. Screw That.

The funny part is this:

> The official forums have always been a great place to discuss the latest info on our games, offer ideas and suggestions, and share experiences with other players — however, the forums have also earned a reputation as a place where flame wars, trolling, and other unpleasantness run wild. Removing the veil of anonymity typical to online dialogue will contribute to a more positive forum environment, promote constructive conversations, and connect the Blizzard community in ways they havenâ€™t been connected before.

Uh huh. This is is totally for cleaning out the forums, and NOT for grabbing Facebook monies.

I'm not going to link ALL THE POSTS that cry about this, but going around the Internet found this.

Ok, first of all, I am against Facebook. For any man who has to use it, I recommend this guide. Now the basic matter, keeping it as short and simple as possible, is not only that it isn't a good idea to using Game over the Internet, but also the main reason Facebook is a problem: It sells your information for profit. That's enough money to cause a backlash.

More specially designed publicity for keeping the Consumerism machine running. Or getting death threats from whatever group decides to be offended.

Yes, I have evidence.

Also, to state the obvious, somebody is going to get **killed** when Dorky McDork realizes that the camwhore that he has so faithfully served isn't going to put up. Or when hubby discovers that the soon-to-be-ex (but with future payments ensured) has been getting some extra penetrations in her orifices.

Newsflash: Everybody with your name + your IP can find where you live, where you work, who is your family. Just ask the sacrified minion. Or the recent memory of "Lady" (sic) trailer trash's attack on a esteemed member of this community.

To make a long story short, after some days of raging, and (of course) getting the Legal (6 months or less, CNN is going to be broadcasting the $100 million lawsuit) and Accounting (the flow of the money has been disturbed) teams' opinion, they decided to pull it back.

Of course, many of the arguments against this measure were to protect women, children and "minorities" from the EVIL STRAIGHT WHITE GUYS. Take that as you will.

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The Symbiotic Relationship Between Misandry and Power

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Not long ago, I had a vivid dream in which I was given the opportunity to confront someone who had done me wrong. There were several characters who were encouraging me to air my grievances and to act on them. They were even amplifying them, blowing things out of proportion and getting me worked up. As I went down the list of injustices, growing angrier and more indignant, I eventually reached a point where I lashed out and struck the object of my rage. At this point, everything changed, and now I was the guilty party. My feelings of anger changed immediately to fear and guilt.

It sounds like a simple dream, but it gave me a bit of insight into how people justify treating others badly, abusing them, and doing them harm. It seems obvious on the face of it that an object of scorn, fear and hatred will receive harsh treatment, but we tend to assume that we are rational people who are not susceptible to a base appeal to emotion. However, on some level it affects all of us. Perhaps the effect is subtle for the individual, but mass society magnifies it, and then politicizes it, and then it takes on a life of its own.

The demonization of men in our society is a case in point. At first it seemed that just a few crazy feminists were making ineffectual noise out there, but some of what they said struck a chord with a lot of women. It must not have been too hard to play to women's insecurities in the early days of second wave feminism, when women were still largely dependent on men for both financial and physical security. I can't exactly put myself in a woman's shoes, but I can imagine that being surrounded by stronger people with more wealth and political power would be a bit disconcerting. Relying on these people might seem a bit risky, especially during the culturally and sexually anarchic time of the 1960s and 70s. Playing to women's fears and anger at their plight right at that time would be an astute political move, so savvy activists and politicians did just that.

After the breakthrough in the late 60s, there was a crescendo of anti-male hatred that grew at least until the 1990s, when it culminated in some of the most abusive and punitive laws ever passed in the United States. Some other countries followed suit – most notably Australia and Canada – but none went quite so far. It only took a few decades of vilification of men to twist social policy into a truly oppressive instrument of punishment and resource extraction. And, paradoxically, it didn't take outright misandry or radicalism on the part of most women, or even a majority, but rather only a little fear and a little anger in enough of them to sway their votes. And all it took to place those seeds in women's minds was a few activists, a few movies and a few sensational stories.

Perhaps this is one of the inherent dangers of representative democracy in mass society. Shocking stories are transmitted instantly, blown out of proportion and turned into common experiences. Subtle undercurrents of fear and discontent are exploited by politicians for a crucial edge in elections. Promises are made, laws are passed, and in some cases the negative fallout can even appear to justify legislative fiascoes. Power is gained, above all, by exploiting, encouraging, and amplifying emotions — positive or negative is of little consequence if it can get votes and bring in the money.

In this light, it is easier to see how misandry has been exploited for over a generation — women's emotions have been fuel for the generation of political power. Misandry has made careers, elected presidents, and influenced the makeup of the Supreme Court. However, as my dream suggested, there is a dark side side to this. These emotions eventually culminated in action, and many men have been at the receiving end of this pent up hatred and anger. Just as the few sensational crimes become a common experience, so does the generalized hatred of men.

And so the fear and frustration – some of which was doubtless justified – has resulted in a great deal of injustice. Men are automatically suspect, their due process rights are ignored, and they are dispossessed without a hint of guilt. After years of being painted as the enemy, it was inevitable that men would eventually be treated that way.

According to Army Times, 18 Vets Commit Suicide Per Day

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Amongst veterans who are receiving some treatment from the VA, there are 950 suicide attempts per month, but most vets who commit suicide are not receiving any treatment. The overwhelming majority of successful suicide attempts are committed by male vets, including 1,621 known attempts by Iraq and Afghanistan vets last year.

The article in the Army Times does not delve into the reasons for suicide, but others have, and divorce and family destruction apparently play a larger role than anything else.

Attempts by the VA to perform a sort of triage for soldiers whose lives have been wrecked by wives, babymommas, girlfriends, etc., are alleviating the problem to some degree; a hotline the VA set up gets some 10,000 calls per month.

Unfortunately, the article ends on the familiar "blame the men" note we're all familiar with, stating:

> In general, VA officials said, women attempt suicide more often, but men are more likely to succeed in the attempt, mainly because women use less lethal and less violent means while men are more likely to use firearms.

This is not true. Men succeed more often because they know they will not get as much sympathy and help, and therefore have a greater desire to die. Women – especially soldiers – are not so stupid as to be ignorant of what's required to successfully kill oneself — they simply know that a suicide "attempt" will gain them great sympathy and help. As long as our culture encourages abuse and exploitation of men for the benefit of women and elite men, the male suicide rate will continue to be some four to five times as high as the female rate. Trying to obfuscate that fact by pretending that women are equally as burdened, but simply too frail and delicate to actually carry out a suicide, is part of the reason this problem is perpetuated.

Animals of the Manosphere

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I've noticed that feminists often like to bring up animal behavior to justify feminism. There are some animals that behave in a manner that's agreeable to them, so they frequently point to these species as shining examples of how humans could improve themselves.

It's an interesting concept, so I thought I'd bring up a few animals and how they might relate to different philosophies and lifestyles from the gender relations point of view.

To be fair, I'll start with the feminist animals.

Egalitarian, liberated Feminist in the trees: The Bonobo

The animal feminists most often bring up in public is the bonobo, which is a lesser kind of chimpanzee they hold to be given to matriarchal organization, promiscuity, homosexuality and group masturbation. There is some dispute over this; in the 1980s some researchers reported that this behavior was primarily caused by captivity, but certain female researchers have upheld the traditional view of matriarchal, sexually liberated bonobos.

In bonobo society, groups of females dominate the communities, often rubbing each other's genitalia to reinforce their social bonds. Bonobos unbeknownst to each other will often copulate upon meeting, and they do not form monogamous pairs, but rather freely copulate with each other, including immediate family members. Interestingly, it seems that common chimpanzees, which are larger, stronger and more aggressive than bonobos, have a very different society in which males dominate. In common chimp society, the males have more access to heterosexual sex, whereas bonobo males often must compensate for lack of hetero sex through homoerotic behavior.

Although seen as peaceful animals, bonobos do sometimes practice cannibalism. In one case in the Congo, an infant died of unknown causes and was then consumed by its mother and an older sister. It appears that family bonds mean little to bonobos, since they have sexual relations so freely and with so many different individuals.

Radical Feminist of the savannah: The Spotted Hyena

The spotted hyena is a carnivorous animal that lives in matriarchal packs and frequently scavenges food. Hyenas are notable for their enormous jaw strength, which allows them to crush bones with a bite, and their cackling call that sounds like the laughter of a lunatic.

Female hyenas are not only larger and more aggressive than males; they have a similar organ known as a "pseudopenis." Formed from a greatly enlarged clitoris, the pseudopenis, which can attain an erection, is used for copulation, urination and giving birth. When attempting sex, the male hyena must cajole the female into presenting her pseudopenis for insertion. It is a tricky maneuver, and can take considerable time, during which the male may be shoved aside by another male, or possibly attacked by a predator.

Female hyena dominance is a bit of a mystery to scientists, but may have evolved due to intra-litter competition between cubs. The female cubs often fight each other while in the den, and the winner obtains the most food and survives. Over millions of years, this appears to have resulted in very aggressive, large and dominant females.

African folklore tends to view hyenas as unclean hermaphrodytes with shape-shifting properties. Tanzanian tales tell of witches riding hyenas; West Africans see the animals as representing abnormality and immorality.

MGTOW in the open sea: The Sperm Whale

[image]

Also known as the cachalot, the sperm whale is so named because spermaceti, the milky-looking substance found in its huge head, resembles semen. Male sperm whales can grow to almost 70 feet long and weigh over 60 tons. In the past, before commercial whaling took its toll by selectively hunting larger males, they may have been larger. Accounts from two hundred years ago describe sperm whales of up to 90 feet long. Former whaler Herman Melville, captivated by the story of the sinking of the whaleship Essex by a large bull, wrote Moby Dick, using the white whale to symbolize both the profundity and futility of men's struggles with fate.

Upon reaching maturity at about 18 years of age, male sperm whales break off from the pod and travel to the richer waters of higher latitudes. There, they form groups with other males to keep each other company, and possibly to cooperate in hunting giant squid, their favorite prey. As males get older they tend to travel in smaller groups, with some old males living essentially alone. From time to time, these males will return to the tropics to mate with

females and then, their desire satisfied, return to their hunting grounds.

Bonding between males is little understood, but stories of males beaching themselves together suggest that they form close attachments, and may have a great deal of affection for their fellows. Having nothing to fear from any other beasts of the sea, perhaps loneliness is the only hazard of being an adult male sperm whale. Little is known about these intelligent animals, which have the largest brain of any organism on earth, due to their preference for open waters and their ability to dive to extreme depths (over a mile) for up to an hour and a half at a time.

The Noble Masculinist: The Lion

Lions, the big cats with a regal bearing, used to occupy a much larger range, living in Europe in historical times and Asia until very recently. There exists a relict population in India, but they have been extirpated from much of their former range, so almost all wild lions currently live in Africa.

Lions have long been associated with nobility and virility, the glorious manes and rippling muscles of the males contributing to an impressive form, augmented by a fearsome roar that can strike terror into those who hear it. As apex predators, lions dominate the African savannah, taking prey as large as elephants. The most social of the big cats, they live in prides dominated by a few males.

Female lions live exclusively in prides, and do the majority of the hunting. Day after day, the females are sent off to hunt while the male or males that rule the pride patrol the territory to stave off attacks by potential marauders. When the lionesses bring back the prey, the males are the first to eat, although they are more tolerant toward cubs than the females and will often allow the little ones to dine alongside them.

Male lions, upon reaching maturity, will leave their pride and form pairs with other males, with whom they cooperate in hunting and play until they are ready to take on a pride of their own. Prides usually consist of half a dozen females and a male or two, although sometimes more males may form a coalition to run a pride. Female lions do not tolerate outside females, and males must fend off opportunistic nomad males from time to time.

Aside from humans, the lions' greatest rival is the hermaphroditic, feminist hyena, who often scavenges his kills in packs and will attempt from time to time to drive lions away. The enmity between the species is extraordinary, and they have been observed systematically exterminating each other. One male lion, for example, killed several hyena

matriarchs in quick succession, leaving their corpses to rot as a warning to other would be harassers.

Herb of the eelgrass: The Sea Horse

The timid, odd-looking sea horse, a distant relative of the pipefish, has a peculiar method of gestation in which the male rather than female tends the young. Female sea horses deposit eggs into a pouch on the males abdomen, where they are then sealed in by a growth of tissue and internally inseminated by the male. To attract females, the male flutters around in front of the female, pumping water through his pouch to display his receptivity to her eggs.

Once the eggs have been deposited in the male and fertilized, he produces the hormone prolactin, which is used in humans to produce milk, to stimulate the growth of the fertilized eggs. After about two months, the eggs hatch and the baby sea horses emerge as tiny, but fully formed, little fish.

Males are known to compete with each other for female attention. They have been observed slapping each other with their snouts and pulling each other's tails, but they put more effort into forming bonds with females prior to mating. In tests, the male seahorses that made an effort to greet the female every morning by holding grass with her and matching her color changes were preferentially chosen by the female.

White Knighting Socon of the rocky shores: The Elephant Seal

[image]Elephant seals, a huge, noisy seal species in which the male sports a large growth around his nose, spend an inordinate amount of effort trying to corral herds of females. Weighing in at up to five tons and insulated with a thick layer of blubber, elephant seals can nevertheless move surprisingly quickly on land. They can dive for longer than any other seals, and have voracious appetites.

To achieve dominance, and therefore mating rights, male elephant seals inflate their fleshy snouts and utter loud challenging snorts. If that fails, the males confront each other, butting chests and snorting all the while while attempting to chase each other off. In these contests, vicious bites can be exchanged, but the results are seldom deadly. In most cases, smaller or immature males are simply chased away by the bellowing bulls, who then may monopolize a huge harem of up to 100 females.

The dominant males are extremely aggressive in "protecting" females from other males, and therefore the vast majority of male elephant seals never achieve alpha – or even beta – status. It is estimated that only 10% of males

will ever have the opportunity to attain breeding rights.

All in the Family: The Wolf

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Widely distributed across the northern hemisphere, the ancestor of domestic dogs and rival of humans, the wolf has proven to be one of the most adaptive and successful carnivores in the world. Wolves are handsome animals, revered and feared by ancient tribes for their wit and ferocity. Although physically impressive, wolves' success derives mostly from their ability to cooperate in both the hunt and raising young. It was those traits that made them attractive companions to men in the Paleolithic, leading to the domestication and eventual evolution into dogs of some ancient packs.

The term "alpha male" is often used to denote the dominant male in a wolf pack, but in the wild this has little meaning, as packs are essentially monogamous nuclear families with some pups and juveniles biding their time until they can strike off on their own. The adult pair, one male and one female, is very intolerant of outsiders, and interlopers are frequently killed. Polygamy may occur from time to time, but females will kill the litters of their rivals, so this is not a successful mating strategy.

In providing for the family, the male and the female – and sometimes juveniles – cooperate to bring down prey, and the cubs are given preferential access to the food. While wolves will discipline cubs by nipping them from time to time, they are very tolerant of the little ones and will put up with a good deal of abuse from playful pups. When mothers are nursing very small pups, fathers hunt alone to provide food for the family, but after a few weeks the mothers rejoin the fathers to jointly provide sustenance for the young.

Most wolves eventually pair up, and do not seek out a new mate unless the current partner dies. They are unfailingly loyal to each other and dedicated to working together to secure a future for their offspring. This combination of qualities allowed the wolf – prior to its widespread extirpation by humans – to occupy one of the largest ranges of any mammalian land carnivore on earth.

After Rampage, Raoul Moat Becoming Cult Hero

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Raoul Moat, the Newcastle man who went on a shooting spree after being jailed in a domestic violence dispute and subsequently killed himself during a police standoff on Saturday, has attracted the attention and sympathy of thousands in Britain. A number of people feel that Mr. Moat was mistreated by the courts and the law, and sympathize with his rage toward police officers, which appears to have been set off by his girlfriend – the mother of his child – taunting him by saying that she was sleeping with a cop.

I must admit that, as an American, this is a bit astonishing to me, as men are killed by the police in pretty much the same circumstances on a daily basis in the US. Perhaps the British people have not yet become desensitized to killings over family law disputes.

However, some of the glee over Moat's rampage is a bit unseemly from my point of view:

> A mother, who did not want to be named, said she was horrified when she heard young children playing in the street singing the words â€œRaoul Moat is the man, heâ€™ll kill the coppers when he can.â€
>
> The 26-year-old said: â€œBelieve it or not he had a lot of support around Kenton, but that is the mentality of people.
>
> â€œI seem to be the only one that thinks that what he did was wrong. Everybody was supporting him, they even made up a song.
>
> â€œItâ€™s like heâ€™s some kind of hero. My friendsâ€™ kids are running around singing about him.

Perhaps there are two things at work here:

In some respects, the US is far worse than the UK, and in others the UK takes the cake. For example, American men are killed all the time when they become despondent/enraged over being done wrong by a woman. It's fairly routine — the cops sneak up in battle gear, surround the house, and then make a surprise move to apprehend the man. If there's any resistance, "suspicious movements" or such, they try to kill him right there. If not, he's dragged to jail and thrown in a rubber room with a small hole in the floor (suicide prevention). However, if they can't actually kill or apprehend him with the surprise tactics, there is often a drawn out standoff with helicopters, loudspeakers, neighborhood evacuation, etc., that is pretty much guaranteed to place the maximum amount of stress on the subject. Often, this prompts some irrational move, which allows a sniper to take him out with a head shot, or it simply drives the man to kill himself (this seems to be the most common scenario). This is really awful stuff, but commonplace in the US. Perhaps it would be (rightfully) seen as barbaric by British people.

Where Britain may be worse than the US is in the yob/chav culture, in which young men and women behave with utter disregard for social norms. One can see drunk young men fighting in the street, young women passing out in their own vomit with their pants around their ankles, etc.

So maybe when one mixes legitimate disgust for the treatment the man received from family court with the rather degenerate behavior of a certain segment of the British population, there's bound to be some admiration for what Moat did.

Of course, here in the US, people are cheering for Colton Harris-Moore, who just got nabbed in the Bahamas following a long crime spree.

Whatever the reasons for the outlaw cults, they suggests that a whole lot of people on both sides of the pond have little respect or love for the folks in charge of running things. That doesn't bode well for long-term stability.

Have to Do It

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I've been wanting to install WordPress 3.0 for some time now. Unfortunately, I can't do so without breaking the connection between the site and forum. Hopefully, WP-United will come out with a mod soon, but I can't wait forever.

What this means is that the forum will no longer be connected with commenting on the main site. Those who registered with the forum will still be able to post freely there, but now posting on the main site will be open (with moderation for first-time posters). This will probably increase posting volume, but hopefully we can maintain some quality.

What I'd like to see is some evolution of the forum into a core group of people who are seriously dedicated to men's issues. I think this will happen naturally, but time will tell. No more drive-by commenting will be tolerated in the forum, so it will become more of an elite club. We'll see how that works, but I can guarantee that disruptive forum commenters will face a lot more scrutiny from here on out.

How we Kill Johnny

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It was three weeks after I left the last residential treatment center for which I would ever work. A Saturday morning to be precise, and the phone rang- jarring me from the rare pleasure of a sleep in.

It was Camille, so I knew it wasnâ€™t good. She wouldnâ€™t call me if it were good.

â€œYou remember that boy Johnny you worked with, the one from Louisiana?â€ she asked.

â€œYeah, why?â€

â€œDead,â€ she said. It was uttered in the tone of someone doing a poor job acting like they didnâ€™t like delivering bad news.

â€œDrugs?â€ I asked.

â€œNo,â€ she replied, â€œSuicide. Killed that little girl he was married to, as well. And shot some guy she was sleepinâ€™ with, but he made it.â€

I just lay there silent.

â€œAnyway, I knew you would want to know.â€

I hung up without saying anything else. *Knew I would want to know?* My ass. Couldnâ€™t wait to tell me was more like it. This bitch was a feminist crusader, on wheels. She made a career of telling the men we counseled what louts they were for being men, and I made a career of pulling them aside and telling them how full of shit she was. We were the only two counselors in that program and the mix was volatile. I spent many days in the administrative offices fending off complaints about my â€œunusual styleâ€ in dealing with male clients.

That is what they called not hating them.

Johnny wasnâ€™t the first in twenty years of doing that kind of work. Quite honestly, I had lost count. But counting is just for statistics anyway. In the work I did the numbers had faces. They had families and stories that I learned from listening to them. And they had pain that mostly went unnoticed by the very people that were supposed to be there to help them.

I remembered Johnnyâ€™s story, and his pain. He was a twenty two year old stock boy at an auto parts store in the hot and humid swamp lands of southern Louisiana. When he spoke, it was with rural earnestness, and a Cajun accent thicker than gators in bayou country.

â€œMan, Paul, I doan know what to do â€˜bout that girl oâ€™ mine. I know she cheatinâ€™. I know I doan make a dime what she donâ€™t spend right away. Sometime she spend it on some other guy. But I canâ€™t help it. Every time she call my name I got to come runninâ€™. Lord never made a bigger fool than me.â€

And Johnny was right. He was a fool, and couldnâ€™t be talked out of his foolishness. Just like all real men. And his story isnâ€™t reserved just for those who drink and drug themselves into oblivion because they have a woman they canâ€™t live with, or without.

In this awful age of misandry, we live so many lies about men that we have lost all touch with the reality of what they are really like. And the cost of it is written in caskets and countless souls lost in a world with no memory of why they died.

You see, men love. They love with the most profound intensity and selflessness of which any creature on this earth is capable. And the steely bond between them and women is, unlike their hearts, unbreakable. When men die on the battlefield, they often fade away telling fellow soldiers â€œTell my wife I love her.â€ Others cry out for their mothers as blood soaks the soil.

They are flattened by divorce, and many will eat a gun rather than face the loss, even if it is the loss of someone that has already destroyed their lives.

They will lay down in traffic for the women they love and stand in the way of bullets to protect them. And they will strike down any many who dares offend them. They have been doing this for all of human history.

Yet all this has been rewritten with misandric ink. It has been revised by scholars who tell us men are bad, by psychologists whose main field of work seems to be recommending divorce, complete with male scapegoat, as a cure all for women for whatever petty dissatisfactions they feel about their mates. And it has been inculcated into the consciousness of our family law system, driving men to despair and despondency on levels never before seen in history.

If you want the statistics, go look them up. I am tired of turning dead men into numbers and â€œprovingâ€ there is a problem to the Camilleâ€™s of this world.

I hope, more than anything else, that at some point in our future that people start to think. When you see the story on the evening news about a man who set himself ablaze outside a family court, ask yourself what kind of pain could drive someone to cure it with fire? When you read in the newspaper about the man who holed up in his house with a gun and his children, threatening to take them all out, ask yourself if this is just a crazy man, or a man driven to the brink by a pain so monstrous and devastating that even the unthinkable could become an option?

Indeed, there is a great deal we have to ask. The only problem is that all the wrong people are asking all the wrong problems. We have a president who marks Fatherâ€™s Day by shaming men for not being better Dads. We have psychotherapists telling us that it is women who love too much. And we have a system of higher education that cares more about the life expectancy of a fruit fly than a young man who blows his brains out.

And this in a culture that still raises men to put women in lifeboats and then try their hand at breathing saltwater, as though death were their only true calling.

Is it any wonder why, when we create men to so devalue their own existence; to be disposable, that we can so often see them doing just what we have insisted that they do? And shouldn't we, perhaps, question at times whether it is suicide that takes these men… or murder? Who, after all, is putting the gun in their hands and promising them the pain will stop if they only pull the trigger?

Perhaps Obama, in his own erroneous way, is right. We do need better Dads.

We need Dads to teach their sons, not "how to treat a woman," but how hold their own with them. We don't need to teach them to "take care of their woman," but to only accept one who demonstrates the character and integrity to be trusted, from the start. And we need to teach them how rare that is in modern life. More than anything else, we need to teach them how to let women go, and watch them as they grow up to make sure they can do it. And we need Dads to role model that, in their own families with their own wives.

In other words, we need to do a lot of things that we are not doing.

I know it is obligatory. I canâ€™t write a piece like this and not include some resources for men to call in in times of crisis, such as those paltry resources are. So I will include something at the end. But I would still like to think, that somewhere, at some point in time, we can quit offering Band-aids for men to put on tumors and start helping them with their real problems.

It seems, hell or high water, that we are going to continue to destroy men in courtrooms and therapy offices and offer them up as convenient political fodder. It isnâ€™t anything new. So we better start calling on the fathers of this world to stop raising their sons to do nothing more than stand against a wall for whatever woman is in their lives, just waiting for their turn in a box.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

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Raoul Moat's Manifesto

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At the beginning of Raoul's ill-fated defiance of authorities and vengeance raid, police mentioned that he had written a 50 page manifesto detailing his grievances. Of course, this hasn't been published, and I don't know whether it's been released or not. However, I think these things ought to be exposed so people can see what's going on inside the mind of someone who has lost it and is willing to kill.

Now that Mr. Moat is dead, there's no good reason to withhold that manifesto, and I'd like to see it. I'm sure I'm not alone in that sentiment.

If anyone can obtain the manifesto, I would be happy to publish it so people can see what drove this man to a murderous rampage. I think the Newcastle city council is morally obliged to release the information, so that we may prevent these kinds of incidents in the future.

If anyone has access to Raoul's manifesto, please contact me through the contact form. I guarantee that anonymity – if it is so desired – will be maintained. As an American, I have absolutely no restrictions on publishing this material, and will do so no matter how the Newcastle authorities feel about it. Additionally, I am not obliged to reveal any foreign sources, so whosoever might want to send it to me has nothing to fear.

The Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins With a Single Step

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[Today's guest post was written by Meistergedanken]

Just thought I would share a storyâ€¦ There are a couple commenters here who every so often show up only to accuse the SH readership of being whiners who do nothing but complain about their circumstances and how unfair society has become. â€œYou losers never DO anythingâ€, they intone self-righteously.

Well, last weekend my sister-in-law was getting married to her lost-cause beta provider (who will provide her with the funds necessary to mold her two daughters from the first marriage into the princesses they deserve to be), and my wife and I were hosting their cousin from Las Vegas, who brought along her boyfriend of six months.

While the women were out Friday night cutting loose with a â€œbachelorettaâ€ party (the purpose of which escapes me, because while the bachelor party is commemorating a voluntary relinquishment of freedom, the â€œbachelorettaâ€ is only getting more control), I was tasked with spending time with the boyfriend. I stifled my introverted nature and made an effort to get to know him, and he turned out to be more interesting and intelligent than I anticipated. Heâ€™s 24, currently unemployed because he lost his IT job, and aware that he is at a crossroads. Over a fine dinner and a few drinks we talked about goals, and how to be content in life, and how crazy everything is right now. I sensed my opportunity, and I took itâ€¦

I told him about the hidden pitfalls of long-term relationships, and we discussed gender dynamics. I told him about how marriage for Western men is a raw deal. I described what you lose, and what you gain (not much), and warned him as much as I was able. He was receptive and agreed with everything I said, having suspected some of it already, and had lots of questions about why women act the way they do, which I did my best to answer. We had a great time, despite all the heavy discussion.

The next day the cousin was curious as to what we talked about for six hours, and without disclosing the above, we mentioned a host of other topics that came up, making her eyes widen in wonder. â€œI think you know more about my boyfriend now than I do!â€ she exclaimed. â€˜Thatâ€™s because you talk too much, and donâ€™t listen enough,â€ I replied. She frowned.

At the wedding reception Sunday evening, the boyfriend made an off-the-cuff comment about how, even if he did ever get married, it would be many years from now, causing the cousin to storm off in a huff. I gave him kudos for the sentiment, but cautioned him at his lack of discretion.

Last night, my wife said â€œI donâ€™t know about the boyfriend, he doesnâ€™t seem to want to make a commitment. I think heâ€™s immature!â€

â€œHa!â€ I thought to myself, â€œmaybe heâ€™s more mature than you think.â€

We know better, donâ€™t we, gents?

Our success will come with that old, but still puissant mechanism: word-of-mouth. If everyone on this site can just convince one or two guys a year to open their eyes and make a few different choices, then the impact will inevitably ripple throughout the entire society. Itâ€™s Chaos Theory at its finest.

Upgrades

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I've been putting in some long hours trying to make this transition smooth, and although there have been a few bumps in the road (still having some problems with text encoding causing weird characters in old posts, but I think I can find a fix), it could have been a lot worse. Good job, WordPress!

Not sure what the upshot will be in the immediate future, but now *The Spearhead* will be able to host multiple sites. The idea is to give men and supportive women the opportunity to host their own blogs here. A few writers have already expressed interest, so I decided to go ahead and install this feature. Despite the frustration involved with installing the network capability, I think it's a pretty cool thing to have.

We can now import blogger blogs, wordpress.com blogs, etc.

I think this could be a powerful tool for getting the word out and giving men and women who are tired of our dysfunctional society an opportunity to be be heard and to make their case. That's really the founding idea behind *The Spearhead*, and I sincerely hope these new features prove to be a step in that direction.

Glowing Accounts of Female Texas Mayor Who Killed her Daughter

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Coppel Texas – Jane Peters, the mayor of an upscale Dallas suburb, committed a murder suicide last Thursday, killing her daughter and then herself with gunshots to the head. She left several suicide notes, including a warning tacked on the door to anyone who might show up to check on them.

Neighbors have expressed shock and sorrow, and a number of people are in a state of disbelief, as Peters was a respected and well-liked member of the community. They have characterized the event as a senseless tragedy, and mourn the passing of both women.

What strikes me as a notable about this reporting is that whenever a man does something like this, no sympathy is reported. Sometimes the occasional neighbor is quoted as saying he never had any trouble from the man, but this is often used to indicate that there must have been some hidden dark side to a man who appeared to be normal on the outside. Usually, the man is portrayed as a horrible person, and guilty and deserving punishment. His death is the "cowardly, easy way out." There might be some truth to this, but why the lack of any blame when a woman does the same thing, killing her own child?

There is something very odd about Anglo culture that holds that when women kill their own children it is a "tragedy" rather than a crime. Perhaps this is a result of years of indoctrination about abortion. After all these years of affirming the moral neutrality (and, in some cases benefit) of women killing their children, it may have been inevitable that women who kill adult children are also granted a pass, unlike men.

But what does this say about the moral stature of women? Does a society that holds that only men are morally culpable for what happens to their children really believe that women are fully human? To be a full human being, there must be accountability. This is reflected in our Judeo-Christian philosophy, which holds that we are judged by God for our actions. Animals are exempt, but we even hold children accountable, a practice reflected by sentencing juveniles "as adults."

However, it seems that women have somehow escaped this judgment, which suggests that there has been a fundamental philosophical change.

While in China, a female friend of mine related a story to me concerning a filicide. One family had a grown daughter who was mentally ill. She brought great shame, frustration and loss of face to the family. Eventually, fed up with it, her father killed her. My friend related the story with great sympathy for the father. The man was arrested, tried and eventually pardoned. The Chinese people understood the pain and difficulty he faced dealing with his insane daughter. In China, the father is ultimately the arbiter of a family's life and death.

Would a father have gotten away with this in the US? No chance. But a mother might have. Our reactions to violence may be the best indicator of how our society truly feels about things. It may be that feminism has made women into the ultimate arbiters of life and death in the United States, with more moral authority to kill than God Himself. Very strange days we live in.

Lutheran Woman Bishop Resigns Over Handling of Sex Scandal

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As feminists denounce pope Benedict XVI for affirming the male-only priesthood, and claim that the sex abuse scandal is proof that females must take on authority in the Catholic Church, "Bishop" Maria Jepsen of the Lutheran church, elected in 1992, has stepped down from her post for exactly the same problem.

Saying her "credibility has been put in question," Jepsen does not think she can carry out her duties any longer. The suspicion revolves around a certain Lutheran priest in Ahrensburg who had been molesting children since the 1980s. Jepsen claims that she didn't know about the priest until recently, but not everyone believes her.

Another German female church leader, Margot Kaesmann, resigned recently after being caught driving under the influence.

My own personal take on the feminist drive to put women in charge of the church is that their stated goals – to eliminate abuse is the latest excuse – are entirely disingenuous. Having been raised Catholic in possibly the most radically leftist archdiocese in the United States – Seattle – I know well that some of the most criminal priests were those most loved and favored by feminists and other assorted radical leftists. One in particular was supported with a great deal of money, and while his dalliances with boys must have been well-known, they were ignored, and possibly even covered up by his supporters.

Josef Ratzinger was actually tasked with dealing with my archdiocese back in the 1980s, and he ended up forcing the resignation of archbishop Raymond Hunthausen, who had tolerated, even appearing to encourage, a promiscuous homosexual subculture in the local church. Priests were dropping like flies from AIDS until the anti-retroviral drugs came out in the 90s (the euphemism of choice was "pneumonia"), and lesbians held weekly meetings in churches. Collections were taken up for the Sandinistas, pro-Soviet protests carried out at local military bases, etc.

So it hardly seems realistic that the current pope had anything to do with these scandals, which from all evidence I have seen emerged from this mass heresy that took hold and lasted for over a generation following Vatican II. If anything, he was one of the few officials dealing with it when the problem was at its worst in the 1980s. All I can say is that I don't envy the job that man has; from my perspective it looks like a Sisyphean task.

Vatican Reaffirms Male-Only Priesthood, Feminists Go Nuts

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Yesterday, the Vatican released a document that included provisions for changing its laws regarding sex crimes. The document also contained language condemning the attempted ordination of women as a crime. Naturally, feminists are outraged, and have suggested that the Catholic Church equates the two. However, this perception may be mainly their end: a number of feminists have been drawing connections between the lack of priestesses and sexual abuse in the church for quite some time. Sinead O'Connor, for example, has come out strongly against the current and former pope and has had herself ordained as a priestess in a heretical sect. Maureen Dowd has suggested that a female pope (a contradiction in terms — pope means "father"), would solve the church's problems.

Feminist pressure groups that favor a female-dominated church have claimed that the church's denial of sexuality has led to sex crimes. Christian Weisner, of "We Are Church," said:

> The Roman Catholic Church has to revise its sexual teachings because I think that this is the root of pedophile crime

While mandated priestly celibacy may have something to do with illicit sex, it is likely that the changing external society had more to do with aberrant behavior than the centuries-old practices of the Roman Catholic Church.

For a fascinating example of how church teachings were subverted in the 20th century, watch the following video:

Ancient and modern religions characterized by priestesses have traditionally devolved into prostitution cults. Today, a persistent problem in India involves the use of sacred prostitutes, known as "yogini" or "devadesi," to augment temple income. In the ancient Nordic religion, witches would "ordain" girls, after which a number of men would have sex with them. The girls would then be sacrificed to accompany dead chiefs to Hel (nordic Hell), Valhalla, or wherever they were to go. There are countless examples of priestesses engaging in such behavior.

Summer Vacation

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I thought I'd better let readers know why the posting has been a bit inconsistent over the last week. I've got my kids staying with me exclusively for over two weeks, and my folks are in town, so I've been spending a lot of time with family, playing with the kids, on activities, dinners and so forth. This is one reason I decided to do more technical work on the site now as well — I don't have the opportunity to sit in peace and quiet and write.

My kids are happy and healthy, splashing in the kiddie pool in the yard, and getting some sun during our short but beautiful Northwest summer. They're also grazing the bounty of the backyard, stripping all the berries from their bushes, eating mostly outside and playing with all the interesting things kids can find in dirt and grass. It's a nice little respite from the usual dark, wet days and shuttling the kids back and forth between houses, but it isn't all that conducive to work.

There's one more week of this left, and then it's back to the daily grind which, by the end of this vacation, I'll probably be eager to take up once again.

So I hope everyone reading is having a nice summer (or winter if you're down under), and has a similar opportunity to spend time with family and little ones.

Tech Notes

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When I installed WP 3.0, I had to disable all the plugins, and then reactivate them. Seems I missed the Feedburner plugin for a day, but it should be back up now. Hopefully it wasn't too much trouble. Gave me a hell of a scare when my Feedburner account showed that most of my subscribers had disappeared (they're back after I reinstalled the plugin).

I'm also going to try to upgrade my WordPress theme without causing too much damage, and then install a dynamic content gallery, or something like that, so that featured posts will stay at the top for significantly longer.

Internet technology is in a constant state of evolution, and it's important to stay on top of it, so I'm glad I've got a little time to put into it this week.

Soon, I'll let readers know more about the networking capability. It's actually more powerful than I thought, and allows great customization for user blogs. For now, I'll be under the hood when I've got the time. Maybe this is the modern version of working on your car — at least it is for me.

Coppell Texas "Laughing Stock" After Honoring Murderous Mayor

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Some new details in the Coppell, Texas murder-suicide have emerged that show the mayor's life as having taken a turn for the worse shortly before she put a loaded pistol to her 19-year-old daughter's head and pulled the trigger, then ended her own life. The contents of suicide notes she left, including a DNR request and provisions for her pets, have been released, as has the fact that she was under investigation for misappropriation of funds.

When first reported, the murder-suicide was painted as a tragedy rather than a crime, which, as it turns out, doesn't sit so well with all Coppell residents.

Thomas Burrows, of Coppell, thought that the decision made by the city of Coppell to lower the flags to half staff was a big mistake, and inappropriate:

> "From what I heard on one of the talk shows this morning, we're the laughingstock of the D-FW metro area right now. If we want to go through closure, put the flag back up and let's move on."

A number of commenters on the Dallas Morning News website denounced the soft touch for the child killer, prompting Coppell City Manager Clay Phillips to go on the defensive, saying:

> "We're not honoring a murderer. We're recognizing the fact that our mayor… the head of our government… has passed."

A few years back David Brame, the Tacoma chief of police killed his estranged wife and himself right in front of his children in a parking lot during a handoff. While some people called the incident a "tragedy," there was absolutely no suggestion that the police or public should publicly mourn David Brame's death, even though he had claimed to be a victim of domestic violence on several occasions (click this link and scroll down to see his sister's version of what went wrong), so in some ways was a more sympathetic figure than Jane Peters. Needless to say, the incident prompted even more punitive legislation against men in Washington state.

Although some Texans are appalled by Coppell's decision to honor a murderer, the attitude behind the choice is reflected in certain comments on WFAA's website, in which a few women go so far as to declare she wasn't a real murderer. Some of the comments hardly seem serious, but I'm pretty certain that they are.

Here are a couple of the choice quotes:

> Why would anybody want to judge and call her a KILLER of her child. Just think of what they must have been going through to see no other way out. How dare anybody bash these ladies–How dare!! Sick critiziers! You should say a prayer for them—better yet—why not HELP them BEFORE this tragic ending. Don't throw stones——and if they lowered the flag – GOOD – she was the mayor after all – not a killer, just an ordinary people in trouble in this troubled economy. They probably did not have the money for the daughter to attend UTA either. It is sad, but no one's business now that they are gone. I say we have lost two lovely ladies to our economic downturn.
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> I'm amazed at how judgemental most of these comments are – no open minds here as to the mental illness involved. I can't call Mayor Peters a murderer, simply because "she was in a place in her mind that wasn't reality". I cannot hate someone in so much pain. NEVER JUDGE other's, especially in a case like this. I've "read the rich, the political, the killer, MOTHER – shouldn't be honored by her own city/friends by lowering a 'CITY' flag – not American, or Texas flag. I can't help but feel the anguish and pain she was going through, and feel sympathy for her. LOOK @ the picture, Jayne's eyes are empty/fearful, Corinnes clear/happy.It is not

> what it seems in my i\opinion. The men who went on the crime spee that killed an elderly woman, an innocent truck driver, and injured others – are MURDERERS – Mayor Peters was something else – not evil – but desparate – insane. To me there's a difference, even though I know she killed – the agony of killing her daughter (if she did) surreal.

Notice how the woman who killed her daughter is the true victim in these comments (there are others). One holds up an example of true "murderers" — men, of course. Have that many American women truly lost all sense of right and wrong?

Women: Civilization's Center of Gravity

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Those who claim "women civilize men", or its semantic counterpart "marriage [to a woman] civilizes men", are often guilty of two errors: the first is gross gynocentrism stemming from reflexive pedestalization of the feminine. Women, while central to the family by biological design, possess few overarching civilizing qualities of their own. On the contrary, a cursory look at family units and communities devoid of adult males in leadership positions reveals that the feminine in charge and in isolation is quite unable to sustain a complex civilization. In fact, to analyze the social patterns of such communities is to be transported back in time to humanity's prehistory; it takes little imagination to see that the matriarchal social patterns of the urban ghetto are little more than mud huts gussied up with brick and mortar–the cultural residue of the once-present patriarchal civilization–and that industry and industriousness has been replaced with hunting and gathering.

The second error is mistaking the symptom for the cause. While it is true that married men are more productive than singletons and also generally behave in what can be objectively judged as more socially constructive ways, it is not the presence of women *per se* that causes men to be more productive or be better behaved. Rather, it is the social institution of patriarchal marriage (marriage 1.0, or simply 'marriage') that does so, for marriage, properly constituted and defended, provides a fellow assurance that the children in his house are indeed his, provides a vehicle through which his need for sexual release is satisfied, and encourages him to channel his excess energies toward himself, his family, and his community. In short, the marriage institution gives him a reason to invest beyond himself. (Marriage also instills socially constructive behaviors that render girls capable of functioning positively within a society, and also accrues many benefits to women that would be absent otherwise, one of which is safety/security. Needless to say there are many other benefits due women from her upholding her role in marriage that I will not address in today's column.)

These popular but still erroneous sayings honor that which does not deserve, and gives short shrift–and therefore obscures from the conventional wisdom–to that which is responsible for and transmits civilization…the masculine. It is men who bequeath the gift of civilization to women and their children, men whose socially constructed and biologically unnecessary roles serve to socialize women, boys, girls, and other men to exist in a society for the

benefit of all. So we men have something to celebrate, for our voluntary participation in society and subordination of our desires toward the good of our families and society in general is the literal key to civilization. Moreover, where one sees men focusing on gratifying their own wants first and avoiding entanglements with family is a society operating at much less than full capacity and is most certainly in decline.

But I wish to be careful here and not overstate the male power to create and instill civilization for, as it takes two to tango, the female must also participate. Thus for civilization to work, the feminine must accept the limits to autonomy placed upon it. But women must more than just participate, they must enthusiastically do so. For just as a mother is the center of the family, women are the center of a civilization, and where they go, the civilization goes. In other words, women are a civilization's center of gravity, defined by Clausewitz as

> the hub of all power and movement upon which everything depends

Clausewitz encouraged practitioners of war to attack the enemy's center(s) of gravity, for attacks there will have disproportionate effects and may very well paralyze the enemy and his ability or will to resist.

With this women-are-society's-center-of-gravity conceptualization in mind, we see this fact acknowledged and reinforced repeatedly throughout history. The first example I use in the Garden, where Lucifer, knowing that attempting to convince Adam to violate the Law would be futile, focused his efforts instead on the more vulnerable and more important Eve. Why more important? Well, Lucifer knew that if he went after Eve and succeeded, not only would he enjoy a higher probability of success, but that success would be magnified well beyond that had he attacked Adam and succeeded. For Eve had influence disproportionate to her station in the created order. Lucifer corrupted her, and she drug Adam, the head of the First Family, with her into the Fall.

The second example is far more recent, and is actually four: the leaders of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, Soviet Russia, and Maoist China all deliberately and successfully courted German, Italian, Russian, and Chinese women in their revolutions. For they knew that while some German, Italian, Russian, and Chinese men supported them, far more men opposed their authoritarian reforms. Yet by promising more power, influence, and authority to women in their future socialist utopias, these leaders surfed to power on the wave generated by Eve's Curse.

That these four radical left wing dictators did so was no accident; in fact, they were simply following the Marxist playbook, which reads:

> Anybody who knows anything of history knows that great social changes are impossible without the feminine ferment. Social progress can be measured exactly by the social position of the fair sex (the ugly ones included).

Thus history suggests that the key to any revolution isn't us men. While we are important, and can bring a lot of force and manpower to bear, we require at least the grudging cooperation of the 51% majority, who, as mothers and wives, drag the main body of the civilization with them.

Many of us here at The Spearhead spend our time thinking of ways to counter the sexual revolution, restore patriarchal civilization, and re-enfranchise beta, delta, gamma, and omega men back into society. However, while it is good for us men to cuss and discuss the options for accomplishing this revolution amongst ourselves, we must consider ways and means to convince a sufficient number of women that our cause will be of greater benefit to them in the long run than the feminist's cause. That is, if we are to succeed in reversing the Marxist takeover of our families, homes, and society.

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the blog *The Elusive Wapiti*.

End Game — The Beginning

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Game has made a big splash in the man-o-sphere in recent times. And of late I have begun writing on the subject myself, to one degree or another.

As a primer to the uninitiated, Game is ostensibly the tactics and methods of scoring with women while placing yourself in the alpha position among other males. I offer that definition simply from extrapolating what I have read on the subject, and as I have never found a concise definition from its main proponents.

On a slightly deeper level, Game purports to differ itself from Pick Up Artistry (PUA) in that it stems from an enhanced cognizance of human female sociobiology, and uses that knowledge to manipulate women into bed.

I have to admit that I have been frequently stuck when trying to sort this thing out. Exploring the implications of Game in juxtaposition to my beliefs as a men's advocate drew me into an intellectual tug-of-war with myself that for weeks seemed to be a complete standoff. It's been a frustrating time that until now had left me with about 10 incomplete essays and nothing to post.

But then it hit me. The tug-of-war was self inflicted. And the only reason I was in struggling was because I was blinding myself to the obvious. Game doesn't really stem from PUA, it is PUA (which is also nothing new), just warmed over and re-branded with a catchy lexicon and a "new and improved" label on the bottle.

In other words, it's male pussy centrism, just like it always has been.

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Roissy and the others have unearthed, or at the very least articulated an idea that has the potential for massive utility. Understanding the Evo-psychology of women, and using it to your advantage, is an untapped gold mine for male sexual empowerment, and male protection from the gynocracy. For all their work, they have introduced us to the possibilities of Game, and now it is time to take those ground breaking efforts and move forward with a model designed exclusively with male protectionism in mind, both in public and private life.

Let's face it. Pussy is power. It always has been. Pussy power is so great that women can have an entire world of men working like dogs and handing over their money, yielding seats on life boats, opening their doors, acting like trained seals for their approval, agreeing with whatever bullshit comes out of their mouths, and at the same time have those men nodding and agreeing when women claim that men have all the power and need to do more to make things better for women.

True to their unfortunate nature, men will pass laws, lock each other up and brutalize each other to make sure that all these feminine biddings are done.

If that isn't power, I'll eat my hat. And if you don't believe me, ask Sampson, Dillinger, Bill Clinton, John Edwards, Tiger Woods, the Duke Three, The Hofstra Five or any of about a million men, from average to "powerful," who have had their heads handed to them by even the weakest of women.

Clinton was outwitted by a 19 year old bimbo, with a little help from feminist governance. And if he had been a republican, whoa Nelly, his ass would have been fried to a crisp.

Am I making this up?

I think not.

Perhaps there was a time when the fake power of manhood worked. Hell, it got us top the moon when I was 12 years old. But we live in a different world than when I was 12. The average woman in today's western culture should

have a manufacturers warning tattooed just below the naval at birth. I used the one on the pic for the sake of brevity, but a more accurate one would read something like this:

MANUFACTURERS WARNING: Use of this product can result in early death, suicide, clinical depression, imprisonment, false accusations, destroyed reputation, poverty, spousal support, child support, loss of property, joblessness and social isolation.

Those would do for starters.

And this is where Game, if we take out the 99% bullshit focus on chasing pussy, can have a dramatic impact that can significantly improve the lives of men by helping them weed out the most destructive females, which they will more likely if not under the pressure and influence of perceived scarcity.

And that scarcity is just a perception because getting laid is the easy part. Hell, women these days are so sexually available that the whole idea of PUA would seem to be moot. There is no "artistry" to picking up women, and anyone who thinks there is should not be trusted with a box of crayons. But the traditional methods for men to "attract" women are, in fact, a product of real historical scarcity. And while the sexual landscape has changed dramatically, three million years of programming dies hard.

But the point of Game, which I now call Zeta Game, is in recognizing that while neither sex nor women are scarce, they can both be as dangerous as they are pleasurable, and that an intimate knowledge of the forces that unconsciously drive women, and the ability to exploit it, can help men meet sexual needs and stay out of harms way at the same time.

In the end, it's not about getting women, but in being able to select them at will, and dispose quickly and safely of the unwanted and/or dangerous ones.

You don't need a book or a series of articles on this. If you are a quick starter, you can get everything you need to know about attracting women from these two eight minute videos. It isn't that I am that smart. It is that women are that simple. This isn't rocket science.

You see, the important thing here is not that I succeeded in getting laid. What was most important was that one, I put no real energy, or money, into the equation. And two, I turned the power dynamic between myself and women a full 180 degrees from what I had always known. I became the selector from a pool of willing women. No need for bullshit pick up lines.Why would I have wasted my time approaching women in bars and other places, trying to impress them or get their phone number when I could just pick among the women that were offering themselves up to have sex with me on a regular basis?

Answer, I fucking wouldn't. And neither should you. Picking one woman and "going after her" is for men who can't get a room full of women to come after them. And the truth is that almost any man can own that room, top to bottom, if he wants to.

And the advantage to this is monumental. You find out things about women who are crawling into bed with you, and even before they do. You can, and should, take the opt out when the danger signs show up. Too entitled? Next. Two kids and an attitude about the ex? See ya. Whatcha gonna buy me? Hasta la vista, baby. All these women are problems, and bigger problems waiting to happen, but you can adios any of them before or after having sex with them.

Why? Because there will be more waiting for you. And the more of them you pump and dump, the more the others will tingle when you walk into the room. They may hate you, or fear you, but they will want you just the same.

And why should you want to dump them so unceremoniously? Remember that warning label? Well, it wasn't made up out of thin air. People always broadcast who they are…if you are listening.

If a woman you barely know thinks she is entitled to dig into your wallet just because she is going to sleep with you,

then what do you imagine she would feel entitled to after sleeping with you for a year? After getting married?

If a woman talks constantly about the abusive, horrible men in her life, and men in general, how do you think she will end up talking about you? And to whom, the police maybe?

The thing is, contrary to popular feminist belief, men fall in love and dedicate to women at some point in their lives. And their tendency is to give everything. Usually the routine goes along traditional lines. Man spots girl, sets out to impress her and win her affections. He leads with his wallet, puts on his best act and ignores every warning sign she is broadcasting because he views her as a scarce resource. Because he feels like he has very limited options.

So if she accepts him, he considers himself lucky. He has found the woman of his dreams, she has returned his love, and all is right with the world.

He may spend the better part of the rest of this life finding out just how wrong he was. And in most cases, while he will find out that he was wrong, he will never know why. He will usually be incapable of figuring out that when you fish with stink bait, you catch bottom feeders. If you use your money to attract women, you get shallow materialists. If you use your willingness to sacrifice to her whims, you get narcissism. If you use deference and agreement, you get entitlement.

If you use all three, you get the typical western women.

The techniques for helping you avoid that pitfall, and perhaps find someone atypical to hang with for a while, are simple. Once you have established yourself as a sexually in demand with the women in your group, there is a code, a list of four screening behaviors and attitudes that will help cull out the deadweight (almost all of them) and set you up to find what I call a “manageable” woman. More on that in the next Zeta Game piece.

Da Rules

1. Leave your wallet in your pocket. If you want a whore, go to a massage parlor. They are guaranteed to put out for a fixed price, and they don’t follow you around and talk when you’re done.

2. Don’t “date,” women. Ever. Hang out with them. Party with them. Eat with them. But it is never a date. Dating implies financial responsibility on your part, and perhaps gives the impression of exclusivity before you desire it. You owe women nothing for their company or their bodies.

Look at it this way. You can “ask a woman out” and spend a lot of money on food and drink. But if you take the social club route as I suggested in the video, she can eat and drink with the group on her dime (or some beta‘s), vie with the other women for your attention, and then go home with you if you select her.

3. Never make a pass at a woman. Never. Stay Zeta and they will make a pass at you.

4. Remember- Sleeping with a woman does not mean you owe her anything. Not a relationship, not a call the next day, not even a promise not to sleep with her sister.

Notice something about these rules. None of them govern anything you should do, but simply show you what you

don’t have to do. There is nothing here that says do this or do that for women. It is just the opposite. You do nothing for them at all. You simply live your life without regard to them one way or another. They will show up offering their goods without you doing a damn thing.

It is just that simple.

When you join a social club, make it one that you would enjoy if it were just men. Keep it in your own comfort zone. Make it a group where you can and will make male friends. It has to have some value to you without the female presence.

If you are a staunch conservative, don’t join the Sierra Club thinking it is Zeta. It’s not. Joining a group like that when you think they are all morons for the sake of being around women is fake, and it calls on you to start things off with a lie.

I know what some of you are saying. Ha! Joining any club, even one you would like, with the idea of women in mind is just more pussy begging.

All puns aside, I beg to differ.

Avoiding pussy centrism does not mean you have to crawl in a hole or only go places that you think women aren’t. In fact, that can be as pussy centric, only in reverse, as practicing PUA. Living a life that presents sexual opportunities is normal for any man. Only a few are so jaded from being screwed over that they have ruled out any possibility of sex or relationship again.

Most men will keep trying. Either to meet sexual needs, or find a “partner.” And while I caution against the latter, I understand that it is going to happen whether I caution against it or not.

So unless your goal is the complete removal of women from your life, which is understandable given what many men have gone through with them, then a sexual empowerment and risk management program is in order.

When men don’t operate out of a sense of scarcity, they have the opportunity to make better decisions. When they make better decisions, they have a tendency to get screwed over a lot less.

Next in the Zeta Game series- OK, so you started something regular, what next?

Con Man Fools Woman, Charged with Domestic Violence

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In my local online paper, I came across a story about some crook who took a foreign student for all he could, convincing her he had been kidnapped while he was actually blowing her cash in Vegas, telling her he was being hunted down by the CIA, etc. The man, named Matthew Clark, has a history of this, having ripped off a guy in 2007 by fraudulently selling a BMW his mother was leasing for thirty grand.

In the case concerning the foreign student, it appears that Clark began a romantic relationship with the woman shortly after she arrived in the US from Korea, ultimately convincing her that he should move in with her, whereupon he stole money her parents sent and blamed it on the landlord. Then, he convinced her to rent a luxury apartment in Bellevue, a well-to-do Seattle suburb, where he took over the woman's finances and started stealing her mail.

He took it far enough to convince the woman he was going to marry her, and then stole $18,000 her parents sent for the wedding. Through a series of convoluted lies and tricks, he managed to give her the impression that she was legally his chattel, and eventually, as his stories started falling apart, that he was a secret agent of some sort, wanted by the FBI and CIA.

Finally, when the woman failed to register for classes, her father called Seattle police, who contacted Clark's mother to find him. Clark was subsequently found with the woman at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel and arrested.

Guys like this are obviously scum. They are opportunistic thieves who ought to be identified and locked up for a while. However, in most cons there is a degree of culpability on the side of the victim as well. Often, people go along with cons out of greed. Sometimes they do so out of altruism, but that is probably the least common con. In this case, something compelled this woman to blindly believe Clark's scams.

What was it? It was what women call love. That is, this slimy liar excited her immensely. I once lived with a small time, white trash crook when I was 20 for a few months. I was sharing a house with him, a woman and another, ordinary guy. The woman was a friend of mine from high school, and had convinced me to move in with them to share rent. At one point, the woman's TV disappeared from the house, and all of the sudden the crook had a whole lot of weed and some good food (not normal for this guy).

Somehow, the TV had disappeared while he was there, but nobody else was. We asked him what had happened. He said some people had come around asking for me, and he'd told them I wasn't there, then went and took a nap. When he woke up, the TV was gone.

In retrospect, it's obvious that he was trying to implicate me in a crime he committed, but I didn't even consider that at first. I actually thought some people may have had it in for me and stole the TV, thinking it was mine. Of course, I changed my mind pretty quickly, but I initially believed him because my female friend was so adamant that he couldn't have had anything to do with this petty theft. His attempt at blame didn't work; I've never been known as a liar or thief, but even so his hold on the woman's heart was strong enough that she wouldn't even consider that he may have done it, even after I pointed out his sudden acquisition of dope and expensive food.

So, in the case of this young Korean woman, she had obviously fallen deeply in love with a lying con-artist, which is far from rare. In fact, women seem to have a thing for con-artists, perhaps because they are better able to relate to women than your typical, straightforward, objective thinker of a man. To women, the feeling is more important than the truth, and that is what scammers exploit to make a living.

However, what is truly odd about this case is that the Clark is being charged with domestic violence for lying to this woman and taking her money. To me, that is very odd, and if it was feminist-inspired it's sure to backfire, because I'd bet good money that more men are conned by their girlfriends or wives than the other way around. Stories of women cleaning out their husbands' credit cards and bank accounts and houses and then disappearing with a lover

abound. They are probably even more common than we know, because so many men are ashamed to have been so thoroughly duped and simply refuse to speak of it.

So although it's outrageous that "domestic violence" now encompasses crimes of deception rather than true violence, perhaps men should now make some effort to turn this around on women. Every time you catch a woman in a lie, tell her you'll have her charged with domestic violence. Did she charge your card for a new pair of shoes and lie about it? DV. Did she spend money on a weekend at some hotel with Julio instead of going on that business trip she'd told you about? Spousal abuse for sure. If charging liars and cons with DV becomes common practice, courts around the Anglosphere will be filled with wailing, perjuring women, digging themselves deeper with every new lie they make up to get themselves out of trouble.

The Repetitive Nature Of Shaming Language

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Recently I wrote a post for my blog called "Facilitating Shaming Language" that among others things talked about a particular case of shaming language being used. Here is part of a response that I received:

> I'm sorry your mother didn't love you. I hope you get help.

I just wrote a post about shaming language and how do my detractors respond? With even more shaming language. This is not an atypical response. The Exposing Feminism blog which hosts a copy of the Catalog of Anti-Male Shaming Tactics received a similar response to the catalog from women that was also even more shaming language.

This tells us something important about shaming language. It is repetitive. While a user of shaming language might try to justify shaming language by claiming your behavior is "shameful", the fact is shaming language can not be used to speak about your actual behavior. The user of shaming language is just repeating the same thing over and over again with slightly different wording despite being exposed as ignoring facts. It means that the user of shaming language is creating a strawman and not addressing their opponent's ideas.

The Catalog of Anti-Male Shaming Tactics exists because of shaming language's repetitiveness. We get told the same things over and over again. You have a small penis. You are angry. You make me feel afraid. You're a coward. You won't grow up. You're gay. You need therapy. Man up, etc. Sure it may be worded somewhat differently, all shaming language is saying the same thing. There are many ways to say, "you won't grow up", but it's all the samel.

What we can learn from this is that we should not fear shaming language. It does not and can never describe our actions or behavior. The use of shaming language means by definition that our opponents have no real argument against us. If they had a real argument against us, they would use it instead of shaming language. Shaming language is the refuge of those who want to shut down legitimate debate and men who bring up reasonable questions and concerns.

Drugs, War, Blood and Money

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"You want me to do *what*?" The look on Jerome's face was bewildered, angry.

"It's like I said," I replied. "For the next 28 days you have to live at this facility. You have to go into groups of people you don't know and tell them all you are a drug addict. You have to tell them stories about how drugs ruined your life and harmed your family. You have to go to Narcotics Anonymous meetings and do the same thing. You'll have to convince everyone around you that you're an addict trying to get better. And the fact that you don't have, and have never had, a drug problem will have to remain between you and I."

"If you want to save your job," I added.

Jerome leaned back in his chair and let out a great breath. His eyes watered for a moment and then stopped. An African American man that looked younger than his 35 years, Jerome was straight up blue collar and no nonsense. It was clear that nonsense like this did not sit well with him at all.

He had worked for a large telephone company in the Southwest since he was 20, working his way up from lineman to a top tier foreman. He started working there the same year he got married and now had three children.

"How the hell could this be happening to me?" he asked, and his eyes started to glisten again.

The answer to his question was simple. He worked for a company that periodically forced employees to surrender bodily fluids for examination. On a recent weekend, he had been to a bar-b-que at a friends house and someone passed a joint. It was an infrequent indulgence for him, but he took a few hits and passed it on.

The following Monday he was tested. Company policy afforded him the option of intervention and treatment or the end of a career that was the only source of income for his family. There were no gray areas The fact that they didn't start drug testing till he had invested 10 years of his life in working for them didn't matter. If you tested positive on a drug screen, you were an addict; a liability, and you needed treatment; expensive treatment, though no one has ever demonstrated that this was true.

I could have told Jerome a lot more about how his life was about to change; the mandated outpatient treatment after he discharged, aftercare meetings for a year, and 12 step meetings, one hour each and every day for the first three months after he went home.

I didn't have the heart. He would find out at as time went by, and make the adjustments. For the time being my only

goal was to help him not do anything stupid. He was caught up in the system, the system that I worked in, and if he wasn't careful he could lose everything.

I told him, as I will tell you now, that he was one of the lucky ones. Employers can have a powerful impact on your life when they decide to. But it is nothing compared to governments.

Absolutely nothing.

Jerome just got a scratch compared to what was happening elsewhere. His was a slight wound from a war on drugs that regularly kills more people than drugs do. We have been doing it a hundred years now; making criminals of our countrymen; making war on our own people in their own homes.

And as MND publisher Mike LaSalle just reported to readers, it is a war that is now hitting close to home.

It started, like a lot of deadly bad ideas, with politicians. We can thank the Democrats for the inception, but somewhere along the line, the Republicans stepped in to prove they were just as stupid.

Woodrow Wilson, who also gave us the Federal Reserve Act, the first draft since the Civil War and rave reviews of the stunningly racist movie "Birth of a Nation," helped usher in the age where America turned questionable personal habits into concrete walls and steel gray bars.

It was called the Harrison Tax Act of 1914, and it was the result of nearly fifteen years of disinformation and racist propaganda promulgated by Wilson's associates.

In 1900 the Journal of the American Medical Association published in a report that "Negroes in the South are being addicted to a new form of vice– that of 'cocaine sniffing' or the 'coke habit.'" That was followed up by several newspaper reports that cocaine was causing blacks to rape white women and was improving their pistol marksmanship.

Eight years later President Teddy Roosevelt appointed Dr. Hamilton Wright as the first Opium Commissioner for the United States. Among his most notable observations was that "cocaine is often the direct incentive to the crime of rape by Negroes of the south and other sections of the country."

Wright also postulated that "one of the most unfortunate phases of smoking opium in this country is the large number of women who have become involved and are living as common-law wives or cohabitating with Chinese in the Chinatowns of our various cities."

Let's see. A bunch of drug crazed horny black men and a growing number of loose white women with no qualms about crossing racial boundaries?

Yeah, man, it was time for war, alright; time to break out some fucking law and order.

And so it started. Police began busting heads, most of them black and poor, and prisons started to fill. Law upon law was written and enforced with no more thought to the truth than Dred Scott. The edges of The Constitution were already starting to singe.

It got a boost in 1937 with the Marijuana Tax Act, signed into law by Franklin Roosevelt. And just like the Harrison Act, its roots are steeped more in racial bigotry than in public safety. In fact, marijuana had already been criminalized in many states prior to the federal prohibition. Most of this started with border states and stemmed from a fear of indigenous Mexicans. One Texas legislator is quoted as saying, "Mexicans are all crazy, and this stuff (marijuana) is why."

Now it was brown heads getting busted, and prisons became bilingual.

And the drugs kept coming.

And there is money in it. Big money, *your* money, fed into a vast machine that is eating up the very freedoms it purports to protect.

Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt were Democrats, but as time passed and political stances vacillated, it was the republicans that took over the reigns of anti drug insanity, not out of racial prejudice (though for some that seems to be a big plus), but puritanical fundamentalism. Many a good Christian constituent doesn't cotton much to personal choice when it comes to drugs.

So the right has pretty much owned the war on drugs since. And for the efforts of these "keep the government off our back" conservatives, they have given us the mammoth sized DEA, a thousand federal regulations, a rainbow coalition of busted heads, overflowing prisons, enough dead bodies to please Pol Pot, a meaningless Constitution and a bevy of government functionaries that are literally out of their minds with power.

We wanted a war on drugs and that is exactly what we got. Only it isn't drugs we are attacking, it's people. It is a civil war with a guaranteed Viet-nam style ending that might be worth paying attention to.

Because the drugs keep coming.

You would think a century of this would be enough to have learned a lesson or two. I mean, we actually did learn something with alcohol. We made it illegal, and then, when we got tired of mobsters, mass murder, poisoning deaths from bad hooch, graft and the fact that everyone that wanted to was still drinking anyway, we got a little wiser.

Today, we have alcohol in its various forms being distributed nationwide, in complete peace, with no underground economy and most importantly, no bullets flying.

Are there consequences? Sure. Some tragic ones. I have seen it first hand a thousand times over. After all, most of the people I worked with were not Jerome's, though his situation is a direct result of the woefully inept way we are approaching this problem.

In the end, though, and anyone with a half a mind should already know this, there are plenty of problems you can't fix with a badge and a gun. The best we can do is damage control.

Sadly, all you have to do is get a news report from the border with Mexico, or take a look inside one of our prisons, to find out just how far we are from the best we can do.

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New Moderator

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The Spearhead has been a success overall, but there's one area that has been a thorn in its side from the beginning, and pretty much everything I've tried to address the commenting problem has failed. At times, it's annoyed me to the point where I wonder whether the effort is even worth it. The comments have a tendency to get out of hand, and I have never been very good at dealing with this issue. I'm pretty sure some supporters have been chased off by some of the louder, more violent comments, and that's a pretty serious problem for me.

Running *The Spearhead* has been a learning process for me, so it has taken time and experience for me to figure out how to handle issues. Recently, it finally occurred to me that the reason I've had such a difficult time with moderation is that I simply shouldn't be doing it. For writers and publishers it is impossible to maintain objectivity when moderating comments on their own articles, so I tend to avoid doing so. Additionally, it's really bad PR to get into the inevitable arguments over such things.

Nevertheless, for months I avoided appointing a moderator because I just didn't know what would come of it (I was also a bit nervous about the idea because an obvious pedophile offered to moderate the first time I suggested it). Well, soon enough I saw what came from *not* having someone moderate comments, and it was pretty ugly at times.

Fortunately, I still have someone willing to moderate, and I'm going to hand the editor keys over to him. There's going to be a division of tasks in which I keep my hands off moderation so I can focus on publishing articles and developing the site, which is plenty of work without having to deal with policing comments. Therefore, our new moderator, Christian, is going to have full authority over the comments. I'll work with him on the guidelines, but enforcement will be at his discretion. I am really looking forward to this, as it will no longer be my problem when people spout off inappropriately, so I'm very grateful for the offer.

For most commenters it won't mean anything. The policy will be fairly mild, and there are only a handful of commenters who really take it too far. So this isn't going to be a major crackdown or anything like that. Furthermore, we'll release a set of guidelines, most of which are already listed on the "commenting policy" page. If anything, this will make reading *The Spearhead* a more pleasant experience, and help it mature into a more constructive medium.

The American Dream: 21st Century Serfdom

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Go to school.

Get good grades.

Go to college.

Get a career.

Buy a nice car.

Buy a big house.

Go on many luxury vacations.

It can all be yours for the taking…just sign your name on the dotted line at every step of the way, and you too can have your very own version of the American Dream.

This is supposedly the keys to happiness and success and achieving "a better standard of living than our parents."

It's a grand lie, designed to get the average person to pursue this dream so as to enslave themselves into the system…a benign, subversive system of hidden serfdom.

Welcome to debt slavery.

And who are our Feudal Overlords?

The bankers.

And how do they exactly trap us into forced servitude for their profit?

The twin tools of Fractional Reserve Banking and Fiat Currency.

Wanna start a business?

Take out a business start up loan!

How do you pay for the overhead of running your business? Here's a business credit account!

Wanna buy a house?

Here's a 30 year mortgage…and don't forget your mortgage insurance plan, so in case you are injured or laid off, you won't have to make your payments for up to one whole year! (Gee, you bankers are just SO generous!).

Wanna get an education?

Here's a student loan that will take you 20 years to pay off after you've graduated and still can't find a job during the current recession.

Understand that our modern economy is based not on MONEY…but on DEBT. An obligation to promise to paying the bankers – WHO DID NOTHING MORE THAN TYPE A NUMBER INTO A COMPUTER IN THEIR BANK LEDGER SHEET PROGRAM AND – VOILA! – you too can sign up for 21st century serfdom to achieve the "American Dream!"

But don't look at the Bankers in your local neighborhood bank as your Feudal overlord…he's just a mid-level overseer of the Lord's vast estates.

See, his bank, in turn, has to borrow a fraction of their funds from the central banking system so that they can turn around and obligate YOU in your pursuit of the "American Dream."

Does this sound outlandish or confusing to you?

Let's analyze this in as simplified terms possible:

Fiat currency = money backed by nothing more than the value it has printed on it. Because it is not backed by a substantial commodity, it is in essence an agreed upon fiction…in which parties exchanging fiat currency for goods or services agree to the value of that currency. Now, because fiat currency is only worth what the issuing institution says it is, there is absolutely NO check on that institution arbitrarily printing up more of it whenever they feel like it. In essence, fiat currency allows unlimited "printing" power.

However, most people think that the Federal Reserve prints the nations money supply and distributes the currency to the banks to circulate throughout the economy. What the Fed prints and distributes is but a fraction of the so-called "money" supply. (More like the "credit enslavement ratio.")

Fractional reserve lending means a bank need only hold approximately 10% of money in an account at any time. So if you deposit $100 into an account, the bank need only hold $10 in reserve and lend out $90. This doesn't sound so bad, right? Except that's not how they do it. The bank takes your $100 and puts it on their assets side of their ledger. They now have 10% of a $1000 reserve requirement. So now they can turn around and get your fellow debt slave to sign up for a used car loan of $1000. In this way, $900 of fiat currency is "created" by the click of a banker's mouse and your signature on the loan forms dotted line.

Ahhh, but it doesn't end their either. See, the bank calculates it's "reserve" by including all promissory notes, all credit accounts as "assets" which allows them to "create" even more fiat currency at the click of a mouse.

That $1000 loan (which originally came from that first $100 deposit) has paperwork in which the loan taker is obligated to repay at interest over a set period of time. For the sake of simplicity, let's just say that at the end of the terms of agreement, after adding up the interest and the principal, the debtor will have ended up paying back $1500.

Before the $1000 debtor even issues a single payment, the bank now has $1500 promissory note…which they than account for as a $1500 asset…which is 10% of a $15,000 reserve level.

Along comes Joe Blow the entrepreneur, who wants to start an internet porn business. He needs 15 grand to start up, so he goes and gets a loan from the same bank.

After signing his name on the dotted line, he now has a loan that when all is said and done, will gain the bank $20,000…which of course, is now a bank "asset" that is now a 10% reserve level for $200,000.

Here comes the next guy, and he wants to buy a house for $200,000…so he signs up for a 30 year mortgage….

Are you starting to get the picture about how fiat currency and fractional reserve lending actually work? From an initial $100 of actual cash from a bank depositor, a bank was able to leverage a 6-month $1500 debt obligation from one worker; a 5-year, 20,000 start-up debt obligation from a wannabe Larry Flynt; and a 30 year, $200,000 obligation from would-be homeowner. What started out as 100 of cold, hard cash from a single depositor, turned into 235,000 of owed debt servitude over the course of years by three other people.

This is precisely why the credit card companies (i.e. the huge, National Banks) are so eager to sign everyone up for credit cards, and they really don't care if you max them out and are unable to pay them back. Your $20,000 credit card bill, while it exists on their ledgers as current and not in default (it takes you not making any payments for months on end before it becomes "default"), that $20,000 figure is a potential $200,000 reserve loan to some other would be serf.

All of these people, pursuing some aspect of the American Dream, obligated to the bankers who did nothing more than click a mouse and get the unknowing Serfs to sign their name on the dotted line. Oh, and note what happens when a home-"owner" serf defaults on his home loan, and the bank forecloses. They've now turned their fictionally created "fiat currency" into a tangible, real asset – the seized home.

In this way, our Feudal overlords send fiat currency downwards, while the real wealth moves upwards to them – the class of people who have the power to "create" money.

Now some caveats here – this is a very very simplified explanation for how fractional reserve lending and fiat currency have ensnared the vast majority of the country into unwitting, financial serfdom. Of course there are many variations, and all sorts of complicating factors…but the general overview is a fairly accurate summation of the system's basic function.

This is precisely why inflation has occurred, devaluing the US Dollar exponentially ever since the Federal Reserve system was instituted in 1913. 1929% inflation since 1913. As money continually gets "created" by the corrupt banking practice, it puts more and more "money" into circulation, devaluing the purchasing power over time.

99% of us in America are in some way, shape or form, a serf for the bankers, because they have the power to "create" money out of thin air…by creating a debt obligation for which you must labor to pay off over the course of your working life.

And all these bankers did was click on the mouse and get you to sign on the dotted line.

With fiat currency working in tandem with fractional reserve lending, and we now have the means of ensuring that almost ALL business endeavors, all personal consumption choices, and almost all manners of subsistence are essentially done via debt to the bankers.

Remember the old saying…"He who has the gold, makes the rules?"

The new one is "He who prints the fractional-reserve, fiat currency enslaves the fools!"

Now get back to work! You owe it to our Feudal Overlords!

Patriarchy for Dummies

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[image]If you have followed the ongoing volumes of discussion in the gender war, you are familiar with a constantly regurgitated bit of feminist claptrap.

Feminism isn't anti-male, it is anti-patriarchal and of course, it's about equality.

Sure it is.

We should consider, though, that in their constant attempt to reshape reality to fit the needs of the moment, there is a dirty little secret that feminists continually keep from themselves. Well, one among many. This one is called reproductive strategy. And without understanding that, you can't understand why and how we developed a patriarchal system.

It is really simple. Men are wired to do whatever it takes to be selected by women for mating. Women are wired to select men that are dominant and aggressive, e.g. patriarchal.

Do I need to say that again?

Do you ever wonder why men like Scott Peterson show up at death row with a stack of marriage proposals waiting for them? That's what happened, and the proposals came from women who only knew one thing about him: He savagely murdered his wife, cutting his own baby from her abdomen and dumped them both out of a boat into the bay.

How is that for marriage material?

It isn't any different with Joran van der Sloot. After skating on the Holloway murder, van der Sloot became a sexual celebrity. Everywhere he went, young women in their sexual prime threw themselves at him like he was Mick Jagger.

Something about the missing body of a young girl and his fingerprints all over the case acted like Spanish Fly on these women.

Of course, he killed again. And of course, his marriage proposals started rolling in as well.

Here, by the way, is the video of Joran and his last next victim, Stephany Flores, checking into the hotel room in Lima, Peru, where he would kill her. Watch it closely.

Did you get the way she followed him like an obedient dog? Note the *two steps behind and head bowed like a Geisha* body language. It is the age old false female submission to male authority, *killer* authority, in order to have access and eventual control of that power. It is the same type of power that has been making women wet and tingly since the prehistoric plains of the African savanna.

Are the women gone *ga ga* for Peterson and van der Sloot the exceptions to the rule?

No.

What they are is more extreme examples of the norm. Everyone eats, and in every culture there is a certain percentage of people that eat to the point of obesity. It doesn't make eating abnormal, it just points to some abnormal eating. These women are the same type of phenomena.

They are attracted to killers for the same reasons that the average young woman is attracted to thugs, bad boys on motorcycles, rock stars and politicians as ugly as Henry Kissinger. It is all about power. Power to protect, power to provide, power to dominate and control.

Power to be corralled and used.

When all that power gets channeled into a box and served up on a platter for women's benefit, you have the ultimate aphrodisiac. There's your patriarchy in a nutshell, and all the laws, codes, social norms and gender roles that came with it. Women use the illusion of submission and being demure, coupled with sexual appeal, to get men to perform for their benefit.

Ultimately the master is the slave. He lives under the illusion of power, when in reality he is only the provider of it.

And this of course explains why feminism has not resulted in equality, but only more privilege for women. Feminism only takes what is already there, the female drive to benefit from the power acquired by men, power that almost all women are incapable of gaining on their own, and takes it to the extreme level. In that light, feminism is an extreme that showed up in normal sexual life, just like a letter bearing a marriage proposal on death row.

And as always of course, the chief enablers of all this are men jockeying for sexual approval/selection.

As I have said before, take it up with God or Darwin as you please, but don't blame me for telling the truth.

But that truth, in these modern times, presents a unique dilemma for men, at least the ones that have pulled their heads out and started to read the writing on the wall.

The acquisition of all the power needed to attract women brought with it a rather unfortunate consequence.

Disposabilty.

Pulling 12 hours in a coal mine with trembling walls and death in the air you breathe is a high price to enable a woman to remain at home taking care of children, especially in an age where that kind of life is absolutely unnecessary.

If you are fortunate enough to be alpha material, you get to own or run the coal mine, have men do the digging for you and perhaps even have some of their wives yield to the tingle you give them while hubby is down in the depths doing what a man has to do.

But this is really where we run into a wall that is unscaleable in the movement toward this incredulous thing called "sexual equality."

The minute that man takes a real look at what he is doing and decides less money is a better option, then that is where hypergamy kicks in to overdrive with the wife and he loses her.

The very moment he values his safety and quality of life more than he values her standard of living, the clock starts on her departure.

Without playing by the same rules that gave us patriarchy, there is no real connection between men and women. The men who undermine patriarchy in the only real way it can be undermined, by refusing to take care of women, are automatically reduced to the status of *loser* and placed on the sexual sidelines.

The only answer to this is to open the door for women on the way out, and perhaps give them a little shove as they go. It's the feminist equalitarian thing to do, after all. These men should be lionized by Steinem, et al, because it frees women from all the "oppressive" patriarchy that comes with marriage (which they will then, invariably, look to get from some other man) and it allows the man, at least in the case of a coal miner, to add a decade or so to his life span and perhaps enjoy it a little more.

If feminism were about being either anti patriarchy or pro equality, the only focus it would have had would be on challenging women to quit picking the most powerful provider that they can and using them to live as close to the state of royalty as possible.

It would have also told women to put down books and pick up shovels.

Instead, what we have is women dominating the work force in the most cushy jobs available, many of them low paying, while men still bear the brunt of often fatal occupational hazards so they can make enough money to be an

attractive provider. Whatever financial gaps result in this for women, they simply use The State, that ultimate expression of patriarchy, to fill in.

And do you think these under employed women are more prone to marrying down than any other woman?

Let's be real here, all feminism has done is give women a new place to kick back and take it easy while men ante up the blood, sweat and tears. And it leaves their supposedly lamented patriarchy safe and completely intact, ready to do their bidding in any way they want.

Same as it ever was.

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Vacation Over, Time For a Real Vacation

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For the first time in two and a half weeks, I'm alone in a quiet house. I'm beginning to wonder if there is such a thing as a vacation for parents, because it sure doesn't feel like one when the kids are around. However, I was kind of sad to part ways with them, even though I see them again tomorrow, and next week, and the following weekend and week after that…

Although family is a wonderful thing, sometimes you want to get away for a while, just like you might want to take a break from the job from time to time. And that gives me an idea, but hardly an original one, that might be of some utility to men.

One of the biggest divisions between men today is that between those who are family men and those who aren't, whether by choice or circumstance. Like a lot of divorced men, I'm somewhere in between, in this sort of half-family limbo, so I can relate to both sides. Single men have more opportunities to go out and entertain themselves, and have nobody to answer to at home, while married men do not generally have that freedom, but at least they live with their kids. After a while, however, either routine can become tiresome, and sometimes men simply want to get away and do something different.

For a long time, they did just that. Men would get together at lodges, the public house, athletic clubs, or whatever struck their fancy to escape from the drudgery of work, home and society in general. The problem today is that everything is integrated. Women even play sports with men, which is pretty ridiculous — not to mention dangerous. Women are in lodges, pubs, and pretty much every single formerly male space, largely due to legislation that forced this on men and society. This has left us men trapped, and it's even worse than that: political correctness demands that we watch what we say around women everywhere they may happen to be. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if a woman came into a men's bathroom and told us to use the stalls because it offends her to see men peeing while standing up. It's like being a caged animal.

However, it doesn't have to be that way. Sure, the old lodges are falling apart, the pubs are full of trashy bar girls, and every time you want to play ball some girl starts kicking your shins or flailing her arms in your face, but there's still plenty of space out there. For all the time we men spend online, it's unimaginable that we couldn't set aside a day or two from time to time to get together with other men in person and enjoy each other's company. Where I live, just driving or taking a ferry a few miles outside of the city puts one in the middle of beautiful country, surrounded by tall trees, sparkling water and snow-capped mountains. I've been to the UK, and in Wales, for example, there were lesser-known historical monuments all over the place that were virtually ignored, so I had the pleasure of exploring them alone. In Canada and Australia, well, I don't need to tell you guys that there are plenty of places where you won't be bothered at all.

I know there are enough of us throughout our respective regions to have some get togethers, and I think men who are active online ought to start reaching out to people who live near them. There really isn't any substitute for meeting in person, and, let's face it: some of us need to get out more.

Given the growing consciousness surrounding the plight of men in our society, this is a good time to resurrect the idea of men's associations. Men working together in person can do some pretty amazing things, which is one reason feminists and others have fought so hard to destroy the old organizations that empowered men and gave them a sense of comradery.

Young Men Troubled More by Breakups and Relationship Turmoil than Young Women

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In NY Times, July 22: A study that surveyed over 1,600 young men and women found that trouble in relationships is more harmful to young men than women. Wake Forest sociology professor Robin W. Simon and Florida State sociologist Anne E. Barrett say “It appears that young men benefit more than women from support, and that they are more harmed than women by strain in ongoing romantic relationships.” According to Ms. Simon, what is really sad is that women are only bothered by being single, and seem to derive the same benefit from being in a relationship whether it is troublesome or not.

Could it be because the young women are most frequently the cause of the trouble in relationships?

The author of the NY Times article makes light of young men’s plight, writing “pity the men, their anguish so long overlooked…”

Interestingly, the study found that older men do not have the same trouble as their younger counterparts, suggesting that, over time, female behavior has become increasingly harmful to men.

Daughter Goes After Dad in Political Attack Ad

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It seems the fallout from divorce can last a long, long time. In what may be an extreme result of parental alienation, Jan Schill, who currently lives in Durango, Colorado, took out an ad with her husband in an Oklahoma City newspaper imploring voters to vote against her father, John Mantooth, who is running for judge. She also started a website dedicated to keeping her father from being elected, in which she posts 30-year-old documents from her parents' divorce, among other things, to put her father in a bad light.

Keith Gaddie, a University of Oklahoma political science professor, calls the ad "reality show politics," saying: "It's unsavory. It's undignified, and it's real."

Given the nightmare Mantooth's experience with his ex must have been and the apparent parental alienation that caused his daughter to hate him, I hope the man is elected. What we need is more male judges who have been through rough divorces and can sympathize with what other men are facing when they have to deal with family law. Forcing men to face older judges from another time when women didn't leave their husbands in such prodigious numbers has resulted in vast injustices, because the default assumption is that the man must have been really a horrible person to force his poor, innocent little wife to seek help from the judge in removing him (but not his income) from her life.

Another Little Girl Sets off on Circumnavigation Attempt

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Dutch courts have cleared the way for another teenage girl to attempt to sail around the world. A few months ago, 16-year-old Californian Abby Sunderland was located and rescued at Australian and French taxpayer expense adrift in the Indian Ocean, and 16-year-old Jessica Watson of Australia recently broke the world record for youngest person to sail around the world.

Today, sailboats are largely automated and require little physical effort. Additionally, instruments and global positioning devices are so sophisticated that reckoning is essentially obsolete, so it isn't all that much of a stretch to have little girls sailing around the world. In fact, I wouldn't even be all that surprised to see a well-trained monkey pull it off.

However, hazards are still involved, not the least of which is the threat of piracy. If some Somali or Indonesian pirates got their hands on this girl, I guarantee that they could pull down an enormous ransom, because, after all, it's already been proven that the entire Western world will open its coffers to save some white girl who strays into dangerous waters.

Ms. Drekker isn't too worried about pirates, saying, "they don't attack yachts so much. If you're in a convoy you should be OK." She also makes light of the threat, flying the Jolly Roger from her mast, and considering a route that would take her through the Gulf of Aden, which is crawling with pirates.

Pirates aside, there is this thing called weather, and it can be a real bitch. In fact, it's so mean that it doesn't even care about teen girls — just ask Abby Sunderland, whose mast was snapped off after she sailed into a storm. However, little Laura Dekker's chances of success aren't all that bad, and if she fails some armada will surely come to her rescue.

Despite the willingness of Western fleets to intervene in these ventures when things go wrong, as a parent I still don't care for the idea of sending children off alone on the high seas. If one of my kids said they wanted to do this at 14 I'd simply say "no" and leave it at that — even if I had a great deal of money, as Ms. Drekker's parents must.

For all the money spent on setting these little princesses to sail, I wonder why we can't give some boy an opportunity to go to space. I know that sailing, old and quaint as it is, comes off as romantic for the girls, but I can think of about a billion boys who would give anything they had to be launched into orbit. However, given the contemporary political climate, they'd probably choose a girl for that as well.

Jezebel Fires a Shot Across The Bow

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The dust-up between feminist website Jezebel and the Daily Show's Jon Stewart has exposed a rift between liberal men and feminists that suggests that simply talking the talk doesn't do the trick for men any longer. Now that the feminists have had a taste of power, they want *more*. There was some foreshadowing of this during the presidential primaries in 2008, in which a number of feminists expressed some anger over the treatment of Hillary Clinton, but at the time it was largely muted in favor of the common cause of defeating the Republicans. It seems that we've moved past that point, as new media on the left is increasingly dominated by up and coming, ambitious, somewhat young professional females, who dominate the middle and lower ranks of text-based media, and have a yearning for more.

As the older men who called the shots at old, establishment media companies start to retire and pass on, there will not be many men left to replace them, so I expect that publications such as Jezebel will have considerable power and influence in the near future. Sure, there will be plenty of men at the standard-bearers, such as the NY Times and Wall Street Journal, but they've already been significantly diminished by the explosion of new media, and they won't be immune from the feminist onslaught, either.

To me, this suggests that political divergence by gender will also be strengthened, as the position of men is eroded even further on the left. It may be that eventually guys like Jon Stewart will be taking orders from feminist bosses, which would make it impossible for him to actually be funny or entertaining to men. Perhaps Perez Hilton can eventually take over for him.

One might ask "why the left in particular?" Take the website Jezebel's name, for example. Jezebel has come to mean a loose woman of low character, but she was a biblical figure, wife of Ahab, king of the northern kingdom of Israel. As a foreign princess (like Marie Antoinette), she was not particularly popular with the people, especially the fundamentalist prophets. She hated Elijah, pushed Ahab into apostasy, and had him murder Naboth – an innocent man – for his land. Even in biblical times the name may have been provocative — it is thought that it honors Ba'al, a god revered by the Phoenicians and others in the ancient Middle East. Yahweh and Ba'al (or, more accurately, their respective priests) did not get along very well, so fundamentalist Jews like Elijah naturally disliked her from the get go.

Eventually Elijah has another king anointed, Ahab is overthrown, and Jezebel defenestrated and subsequently eaten by stray dogs — a happy ending if you're a devout 9th century BC Hebrew, but probably not a particularly compelling story to contemporary feminists.

In naming themselves after Jezebel in particular, the site, as far as I can tell, is taking a decidedly anti-patriarchy, anti-religion, and anti-tradition stance. Although I'm not sure whether they took the ultimate fate of Jezebel into account, perhaps we can simply take heart in the choice, as the dog food symbolism is rather amusing (ancient Jewish humor?). Whatever the case, Jezebel is decidedly left wing, and it seems that today, as opposed to the time of the French Revolution, the left has a distinctly feminine (or feminist, one should say) air about it. Although it may have been inevitable, it strikes me as a pity that this is the case, because I, for one, have some sympathy with the revolutionary ideals of the late 18th century, and even like some socialists, such as Jack London and George Orwell, quite a bit.

Unfortunately, the old, manly left has been dead for some time, and we are left with snarky guys like Jon Stewart, who, despite their jokes at the expense of men, are still getting heat from the feminists.

Here's a clip from The Daily Show poking fun at men and toeing the feminist line:

The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	Mon – Thurs 11p / 10c
Male Inequality	

www.thedailyshow.com		
Daily Show Full Episodes	Political Humor	Tea Party

The above should demonstrate why there's no reason to have any sympathy for Mr. Stewart, but perhaps it also explains why he was so indignant when Jezebel suggested he was sexist, going so far as to exclaim on his show that Jezebel now thinks he's a "sexist prick."

Indeed, this shows that feminists now have the sense that they are in charge on the left, and can exercise power over its public figures. I can't see this having any effect other than even more firmly establishing feminism in the Democratic Party, which has already taken steps to increase privileges for women in the financial regulation act (affirmative action in private financial companies that contract with the government) and the healthcare bill (medicare for young, single mothers and mandated child support in the form of parental responsibility for health insurance extended to age 26 — 8 years past the age of majority).

Not that Republicans are any better — their policy has generally been to one-up feminists by jailing men at the behest of women and to create the world's most punitive environment for divorced fathers, placing the blame for family breakdown solely on the shoulders of men, despite no fault divorce laws and the overwhelming majority of those filing for divorce being women.

Although I can't claim to be wise or educated enough to predict the future, this all looks like end-game jockeying to me. The rest of the world is abuzz with speculation about how things will turn out now that America appears to be in a downward spiral, and domestically the entrenched groups are simply grabbing at the last scraps of the shrinking pie. American manhood is wasted in wars that the politicians don't care much about winning, the federal government has affirmed its commitment to *not* defend our borders, and entitlements are running so high that everyone knows it's all going to fall apart.

This won't end with global, American-style feminism taking over the world, but in the meanwhile these painted jezebels will do a lot of damage. Perhaps the only solace we can take from it is that, for the most part, they are doing a lousy job of reproducing, and eventually they'll be gone. Perhaps guys like me won't live to see the end of them, but I can hope our grandkids do.

Marine General Confirms That Americans Fighting Feminist War in Afghanistan

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Commenter Avenger posted an article in the forum written by Fred, of "Fred on Everything," that takes a USMC general to task for gloating about killing "guys who slap women." The exact quote, which Fred found on antiwar.com, is:

> "Actually it's quite fun to fight them, you know. It's a hell of a hoot," Mattis said, prompting laughter from some military members in the audience. "It's fun to shoot some people. I'll be right up there with you. I like brawling.
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> "You go into Afghanistan, you got guys who slap women around for five years because they didn't wear a veil," Mattis said. "You know, guys like that ain't got no manhood left anyway. So it's a hell of a lot of fun to shoot them."

I long thought that the feminism that is often used to justify our presence in Afghanistan long after the failure to capture or kill Osama bin-Laden – the longest war in American history – was a cover for something else. However, with Hillary Clinton in charge of the State Department, and now this outrageous statement, I'm not so sure any longer. Although Americans have long justified violence on behalf of women, for example by lynching innocent men – both black and white – in the old South, beating and shooting men in their homes over domestic disputes and other such displays of "righteousness," Afghanistan may be our first explicitly feminist war.

While plenty of Americans may feel with some justification that Afghan women deserve better lives than they have, it might surprise them to know that most Afghan women despise foreign troops, including Americans. Here's a passage from a Kipling poem, The Young British Soldier, about war in Afghanistan in another era:

> When you're wounded and left on Afghanistan's plains,
> And the women come out to cut up what remains,
> Jest roll to your rifle and blow out your brains
> An' go to your Gawd like a soldier.
> Go, go, go like a soldier,
> Go, go, go like a soldier,
> Go, go, go like a soldier,
> So-oldier of the Queen!

Furthermore, given the sky-high divorce rate in military families and the little the US armed forces do to ameliorate this problem (one might say that it is actually encouraged by policies), it doesn't seem that our own government or armed forces actually care all that much about our troops, either.

So why, now, do American boys have a dog in this fight?

Roller Coasters? Sky Diving? They Don't Compare

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Speaking up about men's rights issues in the real world gives me an adrenaline rush.

Pondering what I ought to say at a diversity and inclusion session at work, my heart races – I feel it thumping in my chest. It's not just the fear of public speaking which I have largely overcome – it's the knowledge that if I say something pro-male and anti-women's privilege, everyone in the room will be against me. Even the white knight male who nodded his head when the speaker expressed concern about how executives are dominated by one type of person – the type with a penis – even he would be against me.

I almost didn't speak, contemplating what I might say and how I might come off, like a pick-up artist waiting too long to make initial contact and staring awkwardly at his target. Knowing there were only fifteen people in the room and I probably wouldn't change anything, but being on a diversity and inclusion steering team myself, and hoping that at least one person in the room might feel silent solidarity with me if I expressed my views, I really, really wanted to say something.

Driven more by instinct than conscious thought, I raised my hand.

I told the speaker that, when women graduate at a rate of around 100 women to every 70 men, it doesn't seem very inclusive to men to create a goal of increasing the number of women in upper management two-fold in 5 years – at the expense of men. I noticed one of the leaders of the diversity group I belong to looking at me with incredulity and a strange, contorted grin, as if what I was saying was complete nonsense and out of character. I told the speaker that a large part of the reason women are not represented as much as men at the top of the corporate ladder is by choice – just as many fields are dominated by women, such as nursing and HR.

Speaking up was at once dreadful and intimidating yet so exhilarating – it gave me a rush like riding a roller coaster at Cedar Point.

I want to go skydiving someday. In the meantime, I'll just keep speaking up about men's rights.

International Outreach at The Spearhead

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I've noticed over time that *The Spearhead* has a lot of international readers, and they aren't all from Anglophone countries. The leading non-Anglo countries in terms of viewers are Germany, Finland and Brazil. We've had thousands of site visitors from each of those countries in just the last month, and that prompted me to think about offering some content in languages other than English.

I've always enjoyed language in its many varieties, and have learned a couple foreign languages over the years, but I'm not a native speaker in anything other than English, although I came pretty close with French as a boy many years ago, when I lived in Nantes for some time. Unfortunately, here in Seattle I haven't had much opportunity for practice, so my French is nothing like it used to be.

However, I came to appreciate the importance of languages other than English from an early age, so I like the idea of breaking the language barrier and exchanging ideas with people around the world.

So, with that in mind, I recently set about learning how to set up WordPress in different languages on networked sites, and we are putting the finishing touches on a Spanish language site, hosted by *The Spearhead*, right now. Spanish, being the second most spoken language of North America, seemed like the logical first step, but I'd be happy to expand to include more. Perhaps German would be a good second step, as we have quite a few German readers and there are so many people in Germany, but it depends on finding someone who is not only interested, but available as well. Whatever the case, I've deciphered the art of language customization on the network, and can easily host blogs for our non-Anglo supporters in their native languages.

Technology can really be a great tool, and it's an advantage we have over our rivals. International feminism is institutionalized, largely built on top of the old Marxist campus network. This has its advantages (for the professors at least), but we have the potential to move far more quickly and disseminate information with an efficiency they could never hope to match. I hope this is a step toward sharing international news of interest to men, and warning men in different countries about laws and political moves designed to curtail their freedom and heap burdens on their shoulders.

One advantage we have here in the US is that we really do have freedom of the press, whereas some other countries do not. This means that if we host a blog for a guy from some European country that does not have the same guarantees, they will be perfectly free to publish politically incorrect material on the site. Furthermore, they can't be easily tracked without access to my server, so if they want to maintain anonymity they are protected, because an attempt to curtail speech on *The Spearhead* would be a violation of the US Constitution, and the site operates on American soil. Of course, there are limits (e.g. fraud, kiddie porn and credible threats), but freedom of political speech is guaranteed.

So, if we have any interested readers who would like me to host a site for them in a language other than English, feel free to get in touch through the contact form and we'll see what we can do.

TIME Magazine Stoops to New Low to Justify Afghanistan War

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Propaganda and war go hand in hand, because to justify blowing people away one has to come up with a fairly compelling reason. As the outrage over 911 subsides, and questions about what the wars Americans are fighting were really about lead to unsavory conclusions, not in the least because of how they have been fought, even the war in Afghanistan is becoming a pretty hard sell.

So, in order to beat the war-drums, the increasingly feminist TIME magazine has resorted to showing a picture of a mutilated Afghan woman on its cover. The picture itself – although shocking – is somewhat familiar. In a way, it reminds me of the famous National Geographic picture of the Afghan girl from over twenty years ago, only this time with a hole where her nose should be.

I don't think anyone in their right mind would defend punishing a human being in this manner, and I have serious doubts as to whether this is standard policy even for the Taliban. As far as I know, the only mutilation sanctioned by Islamic law is the amputation of the right hand of people convicted of being habitual thieves.

However, if we want to talk about mutilation, well, there's a war going on in Afghanistan. People are getting shot, burned and blown to bits every single day. American soldiers are coming home without limbs, with parts of their brains missing, with their faces burned off, with colostomy bags, etc., and the Afghans – including civilians – are getting the same in much higher numbers, and usually without the benefit of modern medical care. Of course, the large majority of these victims on both sides are men, so a little bit of perspective is in order here.

Unfortunately, as with most propaganda, perspective isn't the point: this kind of picture is meant to work on an emotional level. Show a picture of an attractive young woman with her nose cut off and associate that with the Taliban and presto, there's your justification for more war. In fact, you don't even need evidence that this is Taliban policy. As the article points out, one "commander," who could be little more than a clan chief, supposedly ordered the punishment. For all we know, it could have been the mother in law the girl spurned who demanded it (this is what I suspect is the case).

Here's Jodi Bieber (the photographer) making the case for putting the photo on TIME's front cover:

> I thought long and hard about whether to put this image on the cover of TIME. First, I wanted to make sure of Aisha's safety and that she understood what it would mean to be on the cover. She knows that she will become a symbol of the price Afghan women have had to pay for the repressive ideology of the Taliban. We also confirmed that she is in a secret location protected by armed guards and sponsored by the NGO Women for Afghan Women. Aisha will head to the U.S. for reconstructive surgery sponsored by the Grossman Burn Foundation, a humanitarian organization in California. We are supporting that effort.

So long as she's a feminist symbol, I guess it's alright to use her graphic misfortune as a call to war. In my opinion, it's in extremely poor taste, and reminiscent of the awful propaganda from the late Soviet Union I saw in the 1980s, but if you think about it, this is simply what the feminists have been doing since the early days. Perhaps their domestic violence and rape awareness campaigns (which haven't worked), which often featured photos of bloodied and bruised women, were simply steps in this ghastly direction.

10 Things I'll Teach My Sons About Women

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[This guest post was written by Micah Sparacio, originally posted on his eponymous blog]

Sometimes the truth is not comfortable.

So if you're not comfortable with a reality that betrays our ideals, don't read on.

The most important thing I've learned about women is that you've got to be indifferent to their attempts at harnessing you in an emotional net and controlling you. Sounds harsh, but you're the man. You need to be in charge of yourself. You should not be controlled. You need to lead. You need to make decisions. Forget all the nonsense about equality. Women don't want that, even if they say that they do (duplicity of intentions is not uncommon in relationships).

What's important is to understand how women operate at a biological and emotional level. Ultimately, women are not looking for nice guys. They are looking for strong, confident, powerful men. Men who make them feel secure… comfortable. This makes sense from an evolutionary perspective as women needed men they could rely on to protect both them and their children.

So don't fall victim to the stories about intentions… the narratives about what they need… the pleas for a nice man. It's tough. But if you forget everything else, remember this one rule: **don't let a woman ever gain control over you at an emotional level**. Don't let her push you around with guilt or pleas for sympathy. Stand up to her when she's wrong. There's nothing wrong with providing comfort or offering a compliment… in fact, you should master these skills … but don't let her manipulate you into giving them. At that point she's controlling you.

The story you'll hear preached from the rafters of our society is that women are just looking for a few nice [read: controllable] men. Reject this narrative at all costs.

Instead, focus on being a man. Confident and capable. And don't be afraid to embrace the higher virtues like humility (just don't confuse it with cowardice) and strength (but reject the self-obsessed pride that destroys so many celebrities). Women don't necessarily need these things, but remember, your goal should be to become a great man, not a poser who's trying to pick up women.

You must become the man you want to become without regard to women… it is only then that you will find that the task of gaining and keeping the attraction of a woman is as simple as breathing. And by doing this you can beat the jerks and the thugs (the one's who get all the girls) at their own game.

The man who spends his life catering to every whim and fancy and emotional confusion that the average women goes through is quite simply not going to be able to attract or hold onto that woman for very long. He will be used and abused and have his heart broken. There's no reason to go through this.

So, with that introduction, here are the ten things that I hope my boys come to understand about relating to women.

1. Be confident

Women are attracted to confidence. The irony is that your confidence should not be for the sake of women. It should be natural. Make yourself the best man you can be. Let your confidence derive from who you are. Aim to be the best man you can be simply because that's who you want to be.

Biologically (and thus subconsciously) women gravitate towards big, strong men or men with confident personalities (sometimes coming through in humor, but humor isn't necessary). Both of these are ancient signals that the man will help her offspring survive (remember, women are motivated and act at a subconscious level, even if they don't agree at a conscious level).

2. Smile at rejection

Historically, women have been the rejectors and male the pursuers. This is just how the world works. Like it or not, you've got to be thick skinned and realize that rejection is just part of the deal for men.

The good news is that unlike the past, there are billions of women out there. So just move on. Don't let rejection rock your confidence. Learn, improve, and move on.

You can treat rejection the same way you treat the training for a sport. A necessary evil.

3. Maintain other interests

Never allow a woman to consume all of your thoughts or all of your time. Harder said then done. But there are a number of reasons that you should maintain other interests (hobbies, friends, etc.)

The most important reason is that by having a life outside of your relationship or your obsession, you won't fall hard when the relationship ends. It helps you stay grounded. It helps you move on when the time comes.

Remember: you never want to be consumed by a woman, because then she's in control. And she really doesn't want that. Trust me.

4. Enjoy the company of guys

Make sure to have a core group of guy friends that you spend time with on a regular basis. Have fun. Be active. Be a guy. Tell dirty jokes.

And never abandon your guy friends for a woman. If the woman tries to dominate your time, it's time to move on. It may be hard, but *the minute the woman starts trying to control you like she's your mother*, the relationship is stale and it's time to get the hell out of dodge.

5. Understand hypergamy

At a biological (subconscious) level women are always trying to upgrade. Men have a hard time understanding this because for most men, at a subconscious level, all that matters is that a woman have a certain level of fitness. Any woman who meets that threshold is fair game. Doesn't matter if she's an upgrade or downgrade.

With women it is different. Women are constantly keeping their eyes out for an upgrade (usually in the form of acquiring more power). But they are also constantly keeping their eyes on other women that might be a threat to their current situation (flirting with other women on occasion, within view of your partner, is a great way to fight hypergamy).

So why does this matter? Well, because awareness is the key here. Don't for a second think that the girl you are with transcends her biological nature. Be prepared. Women are not nearly as innocent as the media portrays.

But it matters even more because you can do things to control hypergamy. 1) don't be a pushover 2) don't give her emotional control over you (once she's dominated you, she'll definitely start looking for the next guy) 3) keep relationships with other women and flirt from time to time

Most importantly, prepare yourself for reality. Don't get caught of guard. Know what you want. Keep an eye out. Confront. And be prepared to walk away.

6. Be ready to let go

There are a billion fish in the sea. There is no one woman who was made just for you. Don't buy the Disney nonsense. Sure, there are some women who will fit your personality better than others and certainly some that will be more attractive than others. But the sea is so large… don't despair.

The minute your girlfriend or partner starts jerking you around or treating you like she's your mother or using

shaming language of any kind or just acts like an entitled princess, it's a sign that it's time to walk away. But there might be other signs too. Is the girlfriend spending too much time with other guys? Let her. But not on your dime. Don't think. Just end it. And once you end it, stick to your guns. Be patient. You won't have to wait too long for the next potential "friend" to come along.

7. Enjoy the company of other women

Remember, you're the man. You're in charge of your life. And really, at a biological level (forget the socio-cultural sublayer), that's how she wants it. Keep female friends. Keep your girlfriend on her toes. Give her subtle cues that, sure you've chosen to be with her, but you could also walk away at any moment and replace her.

Oh, and don't hesitate to flirt with other women from time to time. It's the antidote to hypergamy.

8. Get good at something

Gaining skill is about the best confidence builder there is. Men need to build, to create, to invent, to solve problems. I don't care if it's learning how to play the guitar (the obvious chick magnet) or learning how to hunt deer (less so). Find something you enjoy and throw yourself into mastering it. And don't get in the habit of giving up. Learning is a long process and often it takes a lifetime. Just stick with it and keep working through those plateaus.

By having a skill or a set of skills, you will gain independence and self-reliance. You will feel confidence in your abilities. And you will always have something to fall back on and gain comfort from if the people in your life fail you.

9. Ditch the nice guy stuff

A friend once said to me: "Things changed when I became a nice guy. Women started to hate me."

Your goal is not to be nice. Your goal is to be a confident you. There's no need to be an arrogant prick or a bad boy. You can beat the thugs and pricks and bad boys at their own game. All they have going is that women perceive them to be strong, confident men. And that's what women want. You can outdo them by being strong and confident and smart.

Oh, one other thing. It's out of fashion, but you shouldn't be afraid to maintain the high ground as an honorable gentleman. A guy who treats his woman well, but who also isn't afraid to walk away with dignity when she starts playing games.

10. Your body matters

Screw the nonsense that it's what's inside that counts. Sure, in an ideal world, that would be true. But this is not an ideal world. That's one thing I am certain of.

Treat your body like a hobby. Turn it into the most fit machine you possibly can, but have fun with it. Go for hikes. Enjoy nature. Learn to gain peace from solitude. Eat the fuel your body needs. Don't put junk in the gas tank. Eat lots of meat, vegetables and nuts and drink lots of water.

And do it for yourself. Not the women.

Bonus: Most women don't want to be reasoned with about everything. Not that you won't find a rare gem of a woman (like your mom:-) who loves reason and is governed by it. But don't count on it. Most women prefer to consent via the emotions ("does it feel right?"). If you want something, lead her there. Make it feel right. Want a gun in the house? Focus on the emotions related to security. Women want to feel safe and secure, so make sure she knows you're getting the gun to protect the family.

On Jury Nullification and Rape

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With the possible exception of the sexual molestation of a child, rape is a crime that evokes the most visceral of responses from the average person. And for good reason. Sex that is physically forced or obtained by threat of harm sadistically reduces victims to their most helpless state, and leaves lingering damage that may well last the remainder of a persons life.

It is fitting then, that we seek to justly punish those guilty of the crime, but also that we proceed with caution and diligence, ever observing the rule of law in the process. That rule of law is integral to maintaining order; to preventing justice from being circumvented by political motives or mob rule; to ensure, as should be ensured in a just society, that the rights of the accused are protected with vigor and transparency.

Regardless of the personal repugnance we may feel for any crime, including rape, we must remember that without an overarching concern for justice, laws invariably become nothing more than the instruments of tyranny.

Unfortunately, where it concerns the crime of rape, that tyranny has been upon us for quite some time. With the epidemic of false rape reports, poor and sometimes corrupt police work, prosecutors blind with power and ambition, and an unconscionable but successful feminist campaign to define rape in the most ludicrous terms possible, we have created a monstrous system of abject *injustice*, with rights of the accused routinely ground to dust in the name of convictions, and to our national disgrace, in the name of sexual politics.

Whereas feminists lament what they call a *rape culture* in today's society, we actually live in a *false rape culture*, and it is in growth mode.

It seems every day there is a news story about a man freed from prison after being falsely convicted. Just recently, two Texas men were released from prison who had been falsely convicted of rape in separate incidents. One had served 27 years, the other 19.

That's two men, at the same time, not just from the same state, *but from the same city*.

Both men were from Houston, and their stories are being repeated around the country, revealing a somber reality that continues unimpeded.

There are a lot of innocent men in prison for the crime of rape. And much worse, our capacity to identify and exonerate them is overwhelmingly exceeded by an unjust legal system that continues to put them there.

The Innocence Project, which seeks to free individuals falsely convicted and incarcerated has overwhelmingly had the most success with the crime of rape. In a review of the 251 cases in which they have succeeded in freeing innocent men, nearly all of them were for sex crimes, and their average length of incarceration was 17 years. Most of those were freed only because they were lucky enough to have DNA evidence that could be evaluated. Many others are not so fortunate.

While the laudable efforts to free the innocent must continue, it is clearly time to seek to understand how we got to such rampant injustice, *and what we can do about it.* And that begins with a candid examination of what happens in a rape prosecution, from beginning to end.

It all starts with a police report; a compliant filed by a private citizen alleging that a rape has occurred.

And that is where we encounter the first of many problems. As the facts would have it, the chances of a rape accusation being true are barely more predicable than the toss of a coin.

Former Colorado prosecutor Craig Silverman once opined, "For sixteen years I was a kick ass prosecutor who made the most of my reputation [by] vigorously prosecuting rapists. I was amazed to see all the false rape allegations made to the Denver Police Department. A command officer in the Denver Police Sex Assault Unity recently told

me he put the false rape numbers at approximately 45%."

Silverman's experience is not isolated.

Just recently the Orlando Police Department made the public proclamation that false rape allegations have become an epidemic. Last June the Baltimore Sun reported that police claimed that more than 30% of rape accusations were deemed unfounded. Louisville and Pittsburgh reported similar numbers.

A longitudinal study conducted by Professor Eugene Kanin concluded that over a period of nine years, 41% of rape allegations studied were fraudulent, concocted by the alleged victim to either create an alibi, seek attention and sympathy, or to seek revenge.

And there is the McDowell Study cited by Warren Farrell in *The Myth of Male Power*, which concluded that of 1,218 reported rapes on Air Force Bases around the world, 45% were discovered to be fraudulent.

This 45% of cases are not ones that could not be proven or for which a suspect could not be apprehended, but cases that were proven to be fabricated by the person filing the complaint. 27% of the false claims were admitted after the accusers were asked to take a polygraph test, or having just failed one.

Keep in mind though, that these are good results. All these false claims were discovered by diligent investigators who were seeking the truth. But what happens when police are not so careful?

33 year old William McCaffery spent four years in a New York prison because a false rape claim from Biurny Perguero Gonzalez, who alleged McCaffery had raped her after she accepted a ride from him when she was intoxicated.

The truth was that her acceptance of the ride from McCaffery had angered her girlfriends, and she made up the rape story to turn their harsh feelings into sympathy.

When questioned about the events, McCaffery cast blame at the officials, including "the arresting officers, the prosecution."

Everyone, he said, "wanted to believe the lie. The ADA (assistant district attorney) first and foremost."

And that is the status quo. While arrests for making false allegations appear to be on the increase, the norm has been to treat the criminality of the reports as a mental health issue. Crystal Gayle Mangum, the notorious liar in the Duke Rape Case, was referred to counseling, as was Danmell Ndonye, the woman who falsely accused five men in the Hofstra Case of gang raping her in a men's room at a school dorm.

The police themselves add to the problem. In the Orlando, Florida story, the NBC News affiliate reported statements by police saying that they do not want to arrest these women. In fact, they only seemed to notice the problem when it got so out of hand that it was causing a stress on resources within the police department. They also noted the deleterious effect on the "real victims" of rape, but did not utter a word about the men at risk for being wrongly placed behind bars as a result of the allegations.

This type of police complicity in the false rape culture, by ignoring and enabling this criminal activity, is a cornerstone in the current crisis. And while they now publicly bemoan the false allegations, they show no signs of recognizing that the epidemic they face is partly of their own making; that it is, quite literally, the chickens coming home to roost.

And where the police leave off, the prosecutors go into overdrive.

Mike Nifong, the supposedly "rogue" prosecutor who pursued the Duke rape suspects long after there was abundant evidence to exonerate them, has become the poster boy for false rape culture.

Nifong, while getting massive amounts of coverage from the media, was hardly the exception, and not even the most extreme. Mary N. Kellett, a prosecutor in Bar Harbor Maine, is making a career of rape cases. She is averaging one indictment a week, *from a population of less than 60,000*.

Her most notable case so far has been against Vladek Filler, who was convicted of raping his wife, with no forensic evidence, and only her word that the rape occurred. The conviction was overturned due to prosecutorial misconduct and Kellett is appealing the case to the Maine Supreme Court.

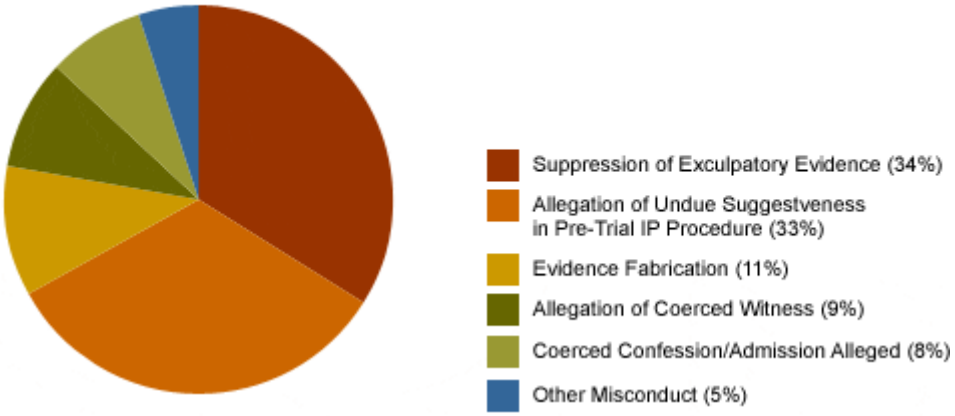
The chronology of this story is lengthy and the details somewhat complicated, but have a look, and a good listen, to the following recording of police interaction with Filler's wife.

This is what passes for a credible complainant in a modern rape case. This is the compelling reason to put a man behind bars. Kellett is clearly a prosecutor out of control, but she is nonetheless still serving as an Assistant District Attorney, and rumor has it she has ambitions to run for the District Attorney when her boss retires.

The Innocence Project gives a detailed breakdown of the factors that play into bad convictions, both from police and prosecutors. Key factors range from coercion of defendants, to knowing use of false testimony (suborning perjury) and a host of other unscrupulous tactics.

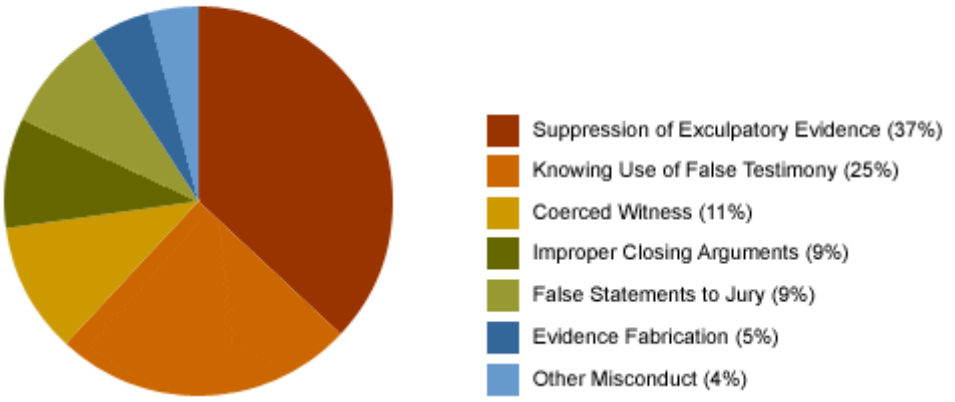
Here first, is the breakdown for police actions, representing nearly half of the first 74 people exonerated by The Innocence Project.

Police Misconduct (a factor in 37 of the first 74 DNA exonerations)



And now the breakdown for prosecutorial misconduct on the same group.

Prosecutorial Misconduct (a factor in 33 of the first 74 DNA exonerations)



In light of what is going on in our legal system, Kellett is no more a "rogue" than Mike Nifong.

It is the system that is rogue; Kellett and Niphong were/are just an unusually visible parts of it.

Even given the rampancy of false allegations and misconduct by law enforcement and prosecutors, this is still not justification for looking the other way when a crime is committed. Liars, whether shedding fake tears or wearing uniforms or arguing before a jury, cannot be allowed to so subvert justice that we abandon the law itself. For it is the law, when justly and rightly applied, that gives us the checks and balances to overcome those who abuse the

system.

Enter, however, Rape Shield Laws; the final nail in the coffin that holds the remains of our presumed innocence and right to a fair trial.

Ostensibly, rape shield laws were enacted to limit a defendants ability to cross examine a plaintiff regarding her past sexual conduct, the logic being that such information is not only irrelevant, but might prejudice jurors. For instance, if it were brought out that a married woman alleging rape had engaged in extramarital affairs, it might cause a bias in some jurors that strongly disapprove of such behavior and prompt them to acquit her alleged assailant.

It would seem reasonable, until you go back and review the information provided by The Innocence Project and consider what this type of system does with these kinds of laws.

In 1998, Oliver Jovanovic was convicted and sentenced to 15 years to life for kidnapping, sexual abuse and assault. It was alleged that he held 20 year old Jamie Rzucek in his apartment against her will for 20 hours while he brutalized her with sadomasochistic torture. Rzucek testified against him for six days in court.

During the trial, the judge, under the rape shield statutes, refused to allow email communications that the she sent to Jovanovic after the incident, among other evidence.

Later an appeals court found that the judge had misapplied the laws and the conviction was overturned, but only after Jovanovich had served 20 months in prison, during which he was attacked and injured by another inmate.

The email from the woman that was excluded? In it, she described herself as “quite bruised mentally and physically, but never so happy to be alive.” And in another communication, she said, “the taste was so overpoweringly delicious, and at the same time, quite nauseating.”

It was also revealed that in the early part of the relationship the woman had expressed an interest in snuff films (films where actors are actually killed or death is simulated in a fashion as to appear real, for sexual stimulation).

Despite the conviction being overturned, and the prosecutor, Linda Fairnsteen, knowing about the exculpatory evidence, she still wanted to charge and retry Jovanovic. It was only when Rzucek, having to face the certainty of questions about her emails, refused to testify a second time that the case collapsed and was dismissed with prejudice.

In 2004, Jovanovic sued the city of New York, seeking $10 million for damage to his life and reputation, also asserting that *the prosecution had prior knowledge of other false rape allegations made by the woman*. An attempt by the city to have the case dismissed was denied by a federal judge.

A case grabbing even more headlines was that of Marv Albert, a formerly legendary sportscaster who pled guilty to assault stemming from an allegation made by his then girlfriend, Vanessa Perhatch. In a story that put Alpert’s admittedly unusual sexual proclivities in living rooms across the world, he was accused of sadistically biting Perhatch during a sexual assault.

Withheld from evidence by rape shield laws was Perhatch’s history of aggressive and vindictive actions against men who left her (Albert was about to be married) and the testimony of a former boyfriend that claimed that biting was a normal part of sex play for the woman.

Under the circumstances, Albert was compelled to either plead to a lesser charge or face very severe penalties at the conclusion of a trial. He opted for the former, was completely disgraced in the public eye, and in the process became nearly unemployable.

He was last seen playing a sidekick role on the television show *Marriage Ref*.

There are many more of these cases that are known, and undoubtedly many more that will never see the light of day. They are part an parcel to a system gone woefully astray, even if the original intent had some merit.

And there are more problems with many practices in courts during the course of a sexual assault trial. In some cases, the court will erect a partition; a screen that separates the alleged victim from the defendant, the logic being that the sight of the him will cause traumatic stress.

It has the prejudicial power of putting a sniper in the room with a gun trained on the defendant in case he decides to jump up and rape the plaintiff during proceedings.

It is clearly the presumption of guilt, legitimized by the same court that is supposed to protect the presumption of innocence.

These are all problems in need of a solution. And solutions are not forthcoming.

It would seem clear that reforming or eliminating these laws is in order. But neither is likely to happen. Imagine the professional life expectancy of a politician that tries to address this in the legislative sense. He, or even she, would be immediately branded as pro rape by feminist academics throughout the western world, and the pro-feminist machine we call the mainstream media would assassinate their image till they could not get a job alongside Marv Alpert.

Police are not going to help. They are a fundamental part of the problem.

Prosecutors? Who, Mary Kellett?

No. This is a problem so intractable and entrenched in the culture that any attempt to address it through conventional means is certain to result in failure and vilification.

So, what do you do within the system when the system is the problem? What do you do when laws that purport to serve the cause of justice can be so easily wielded as an instrument for revenge or the next rung up on a political ladder? And when there is all but impunity for those that do so?

What do you do when courts practice tyranny and innocent men are ground to dust along with their rights?

What do you do when these concerns are dismissed out of political expedience by a system that has built, with the majority of public support, a brick wall around its own systematic malfeasance?

Extreme circumstances call for extreme measures. And there is no better example of extreme than in the way this false rape culture has run common decency and sacred rights into the ground.

One possible extreme is jury nullification. When a law or system of applying laws becomes the source of injustice, jury nullification has long been a viable option.

Nullification occurs when a jury acquits a defendant despite the weight of evidence against him. It is legal and completely moral depending on the application.

For instance, a 1930's white jury finding a white male not guilty of murdering a black man despite a mountain of evidence that points to a conviction would be an immoral application of this principle.

But on the other hand, what would you think if a cancer patient were on trial for possession of marijuana, and you knew that drug was the only resource they had to help them tolerate their chemotherapy? Would it be immoral to ignore the law and let them go?

The law is clear. Marijuana is illegal. If they were in possession of it they were breaking the law. Should we not then send them to jail?

Now, I am not comparing an accused rapist to a cancer patient, but simply pointing to the fact that when the legal system fails to seek justice, when it is, in fact, undermining the very concept of justice, juries are equipped to put a stop to it.

Now what if you are on a jury in a rape trial, and you know that it is highly likely that evidence that may be exculpatory has been *deliberately* hidden from you? What if you think there is a genuine possibility that the trial is

more about the career of the prosecutor than about the pursuit of justice?

What if you know you cannot trust what you are seeing?

In your mind, here and now, I challenge you to ask yourself. What kind of impact do the answers to these questions have on the concept of reasonable doubt?

And I would argue that if you are aware of how the system actually works, then you must be aware that reasonable doubt cannot be ascertained in a rape trial. There is just not enough trustworthy information in many cases to make that judgment, and unfortunately as a juror, you are not able to discern if the case you are seeing is one of the ones that has been tainted.

There are *perhaps* exceptions to this. If the state is able to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt that breaking and entering, an abduction, the use of a weapon or extensive bodily harm occurred during the alleged attack, then a guilty vote may be justified.

But I say *perhaps* for a reason. Remember the Jovanovic case? He was convicted of kidnapping with the other charges. It never happened. The Albert case as well. There were "injuries" involved there. All consensual. And he was convicted anyway. So even with these possible exceptions the state could be running a political circus instead of a legitimate trial.

Now, as to nullification, it is easy to conclude that the chances of getting 12 people on a jury knowledgeable enough of the system to see it for the railroad that it is, are highly unlikely. Actual acquittal is out of the question.

Never happen.

But it still takes unanimity to convict. It takes unanimity to convict on retrial as well. It takes only one to bring the system down, even if only for the time being. And it is a system so tainted that it quite clearly needs to be undermined- *for the sake of justice*.

There are people that will react to this with outrage and indignation. "How could you?" they will demand, "How could you let someone walk when the evidence shows you that they have committed something as heinous as rape?!"

And the same people, after reading account after account of innocent men being imprisoned, raped, tortured; *destroyed*, on lies, will reveal the utter depravity of their indifference by refusing to face what is happening or acknowledge that it even matters.

Their idea of justice is just as corrupt and selfish as the false accuser. They want only punishment, and only where it suits them, at any cost. They care less for the rights of men than Mike Niphong, and their objections should be discarded as quickly as they are raised.

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As some food for thought, here is a video that in part addresses the process of voir dire, the questioning of jurors in preparation for a trial. Voir dire, translated literally from Latin means, "To speak the truth," which puts it in unusual company in a rape trial.

It is worth another few minutes to take a look at it.

Reporting For Jury Duty:
What could happen if I lie during jury selection?

Educating yourself about the process is a great first step toward effective activism

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Another Cop Killed in Domestic Dispute

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An officer responding to a domestic call in a mobile home park in Greene County NC was shot to death by a young man when he walked up to his trailer to see what was going on. The killer then committed suicide. The officer, Deputy Jon Willis, was 31 years old and leaves two children behind. Deputy Willis was a devout Christian who liked to design and build cars and motorcycles. His 32nd birthday would have been yesterday.

Domestic disputes, as they are currently known, are the most dangerous category of police calls. One of the most hazardous things about domestic calls is that police never know what to expect. Women have been so thoroughly trained to use the police against their husbands and boyfriends that the call could simply be because she is trying to frame the guy up, or, on the other hand, there might really be a guy who's ready to die and take someone with him. Police must respond as though each one is potentially deadly, and therefore these calls are dangerous to the subjects as well as police.

Often, the extreme examples, such as murder suicides, appear at first glance to justify a militaristic approach to all domestic calls, but culture is adaptive, and people will come to expect war whenever the police are called to a home. This could raise the stakes, prompting more desperate and more violent reactions toward the other parties in disputes as well as the police, causing an overall higher death/serious injury rate.

Another overlooked consequence of making the police the arbiters of all domestic disputes is the fact that women are far more likely to appeal to them for assistance – even when it is not justified – than they would be otherwise. This is why police have no idea what to expect. The whole thing could be a lie, in which case some innocent guy could end up shot dead by the police for picking up a cell phone in view of frightened officers sneaking up on him. If women only called the police when the situation was truly serious, then cops would be justified in approaching these calls as very delicate, dangerous situations.

However, I've had cops tell me that 90% of the calls they get from women are over something trivial, so in many cases the cops simply get tired of gearing up for battle because some drunk couple got into a shouting match. Deputy Willis approached the mobile home alone, without his vest, probably expecting simply another trailer park row. Unfortunately for him, it was a fateful call, and two young men, including a father of young children – a cop known as a good man – ended up dead.

Feminist Writer Celebrates Her Inner Slut

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Jaclyn Friedman, a writer who often provides an entertaining glimpse into the mind of a feminist, recently posted a piece, titled "My Sluthood, Myself", in which she revels in her promiscuity, then suggests that girls should be taught that being a slut is OK. In fact, she calls "sluthood" "soul-fulfilling."

We've featured Jaclyn before on The Spearhead, because she has a knack for spilling the beans and revealing what feminism is really about. Not long ago, she expressed distaste for feminist men, and then went on CNN to defend girls who were getting raging drunk, saying that the only concern should be predatory men.

Modern feminism, like Jaclyn, has embraced a cult-of self-indulgence, self-obsession, and solipsism. It is the celebration of the self as the most important thing in the universe, and a rejection of any duty or responsibility toward others. Hence widespread abortion, divorce, demands for privilege, etc. It would be laughable if it weren't enshrined in law and enforced by agents of the state.

Now for a few quotes:

> Last summer, I suffered the breakup of a relationship that I had thought would be permanent. Now, I've been through my share of break-ups, even of quite serious relationships, but nothing ever broke me like this one.
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> Since then, I've had sexual interactions of the orgasmic kind with 9 different people, none of which I was at any time in a committed relationship with.

Not too shocking. Seems to prove the growing suspicion suspicion that by 30 most urban women have racked up over 50 partners. How did a fatty like Jaclyn find nine guys in less than a year (approximately one per month)? Craigslist encounters…

> I had never thought of my self as a Casual Encounters kind of girl. I'd read them on occasion, sure, out of fascination, horror, horniness. I'd even, once in a long while, in lonely desperate moments, posted an ad, not with the intention of actually meeting anyone, but because sometimes knowing you have a bunch of bad options that you're rejecting feels better than feeling like you have no options at all.

Although it mystifies me, finding guys who like to bottom feed is never too difficult for a woman — even a fat feminist like Jaclyn Friedman!

Jaclyn goes on in some detail about her personal, intimate life (do any guys actually find that proper?), filling us in on details we don't need to know, and then segues into a sermon about why sluts deserve support and protection.

> I'm telling you this because sluthood requires support. Because any woman who indulges these urges carries with her a lifetime of censure and threat. That's a loud chorus to overcome. A slut needs a posse who finds her exploits almost as delicious as she finds them herself, who cares about her safety and her stories and her happiness but not one whit about her virtue. A slut alone is a slut in difficulty, possibly in danger.

So what would she propose? A slut protection squad at every precinct, ready to charge in guns blazing as soon as a slut feels "endangered?" Sadly, we already have something like that, with police trained to take down any man who might catch his wife fooling around and get upset, thereby making her "frightened."

The following passage shows why Game is so effective:

> I'm telling you this because sluthood saved me. Sluthood gave me the time and space to nurse a shattered heart. It gave me a place where I could exist in pieces, some of me craving touch, some of me still too tender to even

> expose to the light. Sluthood healed the part of me that felt my body and my desires were grotesque after two years in a libido-mismatched partnership. Now I felt hot, wanted, powerful.

A lot of women actually *like* being slutty. It makes them feel "hot," and if a guy knows how to present himself in a manner that makes her feel "hot" for having him, she doesn't care about trifling things like modesty or shame. The Puritans held that women were sexually more chaotic than men, and were probably right. One opinion that seems to be taken for granted in the manosphere, with which I disagree, is that men are by nature more promiscuous than women. Besides the fact that every single time a man has heterosexual sex, so does a woman, which makes exact equality a mathematical certainty, there's a difference in the nature of desire. For men, sexuality turns on and off; we're either thinking about it, or not. For women, it seems to be more of a constant current. I guess you could call men geysers and women rivers. Sure, the geyser is more impressive when it blows off, but the river is always flowing steadily along.

Finally, Jaclyn issues a call to sluthood, for its liberating, healing and fulfilling powers:

> Sluthood isn't just a choice we should let women make because women should be free to make even "bad" choices. It's a choice we should all have access to because it has the potential to be liberating. Healing. Soul-fulfilling. I'm telling you this because sluthood saved me, in a small but life-altering way, and I want it to be available to you if you ever think it could save you, too. Or if you want it for any other reason at all. And because even if you don't ever want sluthood for yourself, you're going to be called upon to support a slut. I'm telling you this because when that happens, I want you to say yes.

I don't really care what Jaclyn does with her life, but on reading some of the many comments on her piece, which featured a depressing litany of women confirming that this was exactly their own experience any lifestyle, it struck me as a pity that her experience is approaching the norm in our culture. Can there be such a thing as innocence any longer? Does romance even exist in a world in which women empower themselves through random hookups with men they meet online? It seems that the finer sort of love is dead, and beauty with it, because a pretty face means nothing without virtue, honor and dedication to a higher ideal than feeling "hot."

A Glimpse of Collective Hysteria, 80 Years into the Past

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Today's guest post written by John Dias of Misandry Review

I subscribe to a service called Netflix, and with it I am able to receive online streaming video to my TV set. Today I saw a video from the year 1931, entitled "M", by film maker Fritz Lang. It was set in Germany, and was one of the first "talkies," i.e. films with sound. The movie is subtitled in English, and is available on Youtube (see below).

The movie depicts an entire urban community in the grip of mass hysteria and fear as they struggle to track down and identify a child murderer. The police throw their full resources into finding the killer, but after eight months they still have nothing to show for their efforts. One of the problems that the overworked police force faces is a deluge of false allegations from a hyper-frightened public. In one poignant scene, a man who is walking down the street is approached by a little girl and asked what time it is. He gives her the time, but this act alone incites a mob of accusing onlookers, screaming that this man must be the child-killer and culminating in the police hauling him off to be questioned. Another scene shows a group of men sitting around a table in rapt attention as one reads them a newspaper article. That article prompts one of the paranoid men to accuse the one sitting directly across from him of being the killer. Threats between them ensue.

This movie was released prior to the rise of the Nazis in Germany, but in historical hindsight I think that it's easy to spot the ominous precursors of collective hysteria that had suffused the public mind in Germany at that time. In some ways, I see the same influences pervading our own culture today. In terms of gender, note that in the film all of the victims were little girls. Somehow the director of this movie knew that of all the possible victims that could evoke a visceral reaction in the viewer, it was little girls that would resonate more strongly than any other. That resonance — the depiction of female vulnerability — is just as palpable today. What disturbs me about it is the way that such a visceral reaction can so easily be used as a political tool to manipulate masses of people. **Female vulnerability can be used as a political tool to manipulate masses of people.** Netflix's description of this movie indicated that the Nazis went on to promulgate this movie as State propaganda in an effort to show the dangers of sexual deviance — namely, male-perpetrated sexual deviance against helpless girl victims. Do we not see the same undercurrent of fear about men throughout our culture today? Aren't our laws and public response to crime reflective of that fearful feeling?

The uniquely male role of protector of the vulnerable was — in fact — illustrated at the very beginning of this film. Seeing it almost felt quaint. In an opening scene, a little girl was about to cross the street but was startled by an oncoming car. A nearby policeman spotted her and took her by the hand, escorting her safely across the street. When I saw that, I wondered, "Why in our culture don't we see positive depictions of male uniqueness like that anymore?"

As the film approaches a climax, a crime syndicate decides to organize the city's homeless population into a block-by-block network of informants who report suspicious activity back to the crime syndicate (the syndicate's activities have been impeded due to the intensity of the police manhunt, and they want the killer stopped so that their "business" can resume as usual). The crime syndicate finds the killer and ultimately prosecutes him in their own secret criminal-led court, where an audience of criminals screams out demands for the killer's execution. The killer makes an impassioned plea, describing his mental illness in wrenching detail, but is nevertheless shouted down by the crowd which demands execution as the only permanent and effective solution. At the last minute, the police break in and apprehend both the killer and also all of the members of the crime syndicate, who silently put up their hands in surrender.

What a compelling movie. Watch this, people. Watch it as a looking glass through time, almost 80 years into the past. See if you can spot the cultural parallels between our current paradigm, and the time, place and culture where this movie was released. As you watch, remember what became of that time and place — Germany — less than a

decade after this 1931 movie was published. The scary thing is that these people were all urban sophisticates — civilized. But watch it all unravel, a foreshadowing of things to come.

– John Dias

As American Women Fatten, New Beauty Pageants Emerge

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All American women want to wear a tiara, but those old standards of beauty don't work for very many of them any longer. In fact, far fewer American women could be objectively called beautiful than a mere 30 years ago, when the fat epidemic had just begun.

Enter the "Miss Plus America" pageant, a competition specifically for "plus" women. Now, American women can eat their way to the championship, scarfing down potato chips and chugging soda pop to put them in the running for beauty queen.

I'm kind of curious as to why "plus" is the term employed. Is it supposed to suggest that it's somehow desirable, as in "that's a plus?" Maybe it simply sounds better than "Miss Fat America," but euphemisms have a way of becoming terms of ridicule, so it will probably backfire soon enough.

Personally, I don't have a problem with curvy women, naturally big women, etc. But it's obvious that these women have a great deal of body fat, and are technically obese. Obesity isn't beautiful, and it isn't healthy. Our aim should be to eradicate – not celebrate – obesity. However, it seems that these women's desire to be celebrated matters more than a national crisis that is seeing children develop type II diabetes, and adults die prematurely from weight-related diseases.

Weird Political Ad

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Here's a political attack ad aimed at a Washington State Representative, urging him to "get help before it's too late." State Rep Geoff Simpson has been arrested for DV (but not convicted), and these women are shaming him on TV:

Strange. Well, male politicians, looks like you guys are in the crosshairs, too. What goes around comes around, I suppose.

Columnist Calls Dutch Cowards, Demands World War for Women

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Writing for Forbes, Abigail Esman is making a call to arms on behalf of the world's women, and she's gong about it by doling out a hefty dose of shame. Directly in her crosshairs are the Dutch, whom she taunts for losing to the Nazis in 1940 in a mere five days. Well, you try defending against a heavily armed, aggressive neighbor with the latest weapons and an enormous army on a flat, low-lying plain. It would be like the state of New Jersey trying to hold off the US armed forces.

Here she is slamming the Dutch:

> Of course, that the Dutch would retreat in the face of such aggression should hardly be surprising: This, after all, was the country that reduced its military after World War I, relying on other countries to come to its defense if needed; and which resisted Nazi forces for a whopping five days before surrendering on May 15, 1940. By the end of the war, 110,000 of Holland's 140,000 Jews–80%–had been exterminated.

Then, absurdly, Esman takes the Nazi analogy even further:

> But it is our fight. That fight belongs to every country of the world where women live. Because the Taliban are not just a national movement: They are a part of a worldwide and growing effort to establish Islamist rule, a renewed Caliphate, as Nazi Germany sought Aryan domination uber alles. True, the Taliban do not run concentration camps. But for the women who cannot leave their homes, who exist as veiled and faceless entities, who live in fear of being raped and then stoned to death for the crime of being unable to ward off their attacker, is there really any difference?

This is just too much. If she can't tell the difference between genocide and making women wear the burkah in public, why is this woman writing for Forbes? Furthermore, to compare contemporary Afghans – and even the Khalifa movement – to Nazi Germany shows a delusional mentality. Mid-20th century Germany was one of the most technologically advanced societies in the world, had a skilled and well-educated populace, and was capable of putting a massive, sophisticated army on the field. Taliban controlled Afghanistan, on the other hand, has one of the world's lowest literacy rates, is severely underdeveloped, and cannot project military power further than the range of an RPG. I doubt they even have a Cessna, and I think their armored cavalry consists of a fleet of donkeys pulling PK guns.

Finally, she writes that if we don't stop the Taliban, American and Dutch women will be subject to the horrors of the life of a Pashtun peasant maiden, possibly cooking dinner over an livestock dung fire, being forced to wear unfashionable clothes, etc.

> As the Taliban succeed, their power across Afghanistan will spread; and with that, similar movements, inspired by their achievements, will gain strength–indeed, already are gaining strength–across the region, in countries from Somalia to Iran, and onward to Holland and the U.S.A.
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> There will be women there, as well.
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> We must not abandon them.

It really is starting to look as though the biggest hawks in America today are feminists. This should alert men to the real dangers of feminists in power; when they've had their way with their enemies abroad, I can imagine that they'd want the guns turned on us.

If anything, this shows the feminist claims that female rule would usher in an era of peace and mutual goodwill for

the lies they are.

Sexual Harassment Suit Backfires on California Woman

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Alameda County, CA – Paralegal Allison Moreno brought a suit against Thomas Ostly, her former boss, alleging sexual harassment, but instead found herself severely chastised by the jury when she was found liable for defamation — to the tune of $1.55 million.

Ms. Moreno said that she had felt "pressured" to have sex with her boss, and then was fired when she refused to carry on with the relationship.

Mr. Ostly told a different story, saying that she nagged him about being overweight, billed him for time spent shopping online and fought with him at work when he pointed out a bad mistake she'd made. He also claimed that she had told coworkers at a place she worked part time that he was a sexual predator.

Personally, I think sleeping with one's coworkers is idiocy these days, but it's bound to happen in mixed sex workplaces. Mr. Ostly made a bad mistake, and his former employee tried to take advantage of it. Had this occurred ten years ago, I think she would have won.

However, things are changing, and a sexual harassment suit is no longer an automatic payout. Interestingly, the jury was comprised of ten women and two men, and the judge was female, which suggests that even women are starting to question the actions of the particularly vicious members of their sex. This suggests that on men's issues sites such as *The Spearhead*, supportive women should not be antagonized strictly on account of their gender. We men may yet have female allies out there, and for some of us – Thomas Ostly for example – that could make a big difference.

HT Dirk Johanson

They Were Expendable

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By 'they', I mean the men and males of yesterday. They were expendable because they themselves thought their lives worth less than the women in their midst. For the better, I see this attitude changing, despite attempts from old-school men, who, after having been so conditioned, can't think any differently, and lifeboat feminist women–who reap unearned benefit from male sacrifice, and, worse, consider themselves worth more than men and therefore entitled to it–to resuscitate, through shaming and manipulation, this dying tradition best left to wither and expire.

To lead this post off, I'll quote the usually excellent Robert Heinlein, but in this case, he shows his stripes as a hopelessly self-hating romantic, devaluing the male while elevating the female to the acme of society:

> Men are expendable; women and children are not. A tribe or a nation can lose a high percentage of its men and still pick up the pieces and go on… as long as the women and children are saved. But if you fail to save the women and children, you've had it, you're done, you're through! You join Tyrannosaurus Rex, one more breed that bilged its final test

This quote was not a one-off, for here's another from Heinlein clearly showing that he considers male sacrifice for the benefit of females, even unrelated, random females, to be the patriotic duty of right-thinking men:

> I said that "Patriotism" is a way of saying "Women and children first." And that no one can force a man to feel this way. Instead he must embrace it freely. I want to tell about one such man. He wore no uniform and no one knows his name, or where he came from; all we know is what he did. In my home town sixty years ago when I was a child, my mother and father used to take me and my brothers and sisters out to Swope Park on Sunday afternoons. It was a wonderful place for kids, with picnic grounds and lakes and a zoo. But a railroad line cut straight through it. One Sunday afternoon a young married couple were crossing these tracks. She apparently did not watch her step, for she managed to catch her foot in the frog of a switch to a siding and could not pull it free. Her husband stopped to help her. But try as they might they could not get her foot loose. While they were working at it, a tramp showed up, walking the ties. He joined the husband in trying to pull the young woman's foot loose. No luck — Out of sight around the curve a train whistled. Perhaps there would have been time to run and flag it down, perhaps not. In any case both men went right ahead trying to pull her free… and the train hit them. The wife was killed, the husband was mortally injured and died later, the tramp was killed — and testimony showed that neither man made the slightest effort to save himself. The husband's behavior was heroic… but what we expect of a husband toward his wife: his right, and his proud privilege, to die for his woman. But what of this nameless stranger? Up to the very last second he could have jumped clear. He did not. He was still trying to save this woman.

Lest anyone claim that said attitudes are indicative of the old ways of thinking, I give you columnist Jeannie DeAngelis at the American Thinker. She breaks out the shaming language in spades in a column from just last month, casting as barbarians men who dare do harm women and children. The implication of course being that those of us men in other cultures who witness it and let it pass are equally as uncivilized. Of course, such name calling is merely white-feather neo-con exhortations to make war on other cultures because they don't do like we do–the usual left-wing whinging about how cultures are equal curiously absent:

> When the Titanic sank in 1912, women on board had a 75% higher chance of survival than men, and children a 52% higher survival rate, because women and children were placed on lifeboats first. In a humane society, "women and children first" is a testimony to the bravery and chivalry of civilized men. Emphasis on the word

> "civilized."
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> For barbarians, the standard is much different. In the past few months, the world has witnessed how cultures rooted in brutal, millennia-old practices treat vulnerable women and, more tragically, innocent children.
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> Last month, Del Awar, aged seven, was taken at dusk from the yard where he was playing. Del was found "hanging in an orchard the following day." According to those who "saw his slight body after it was cut down … the bruises and scratches around the young boy's neck suggested his murder had been neither quick, nor easy." As punishment for the absurd crime of supposedly being a spy for Hamid Karzai's government, the Taliban, made up of men, carried out the execution.
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> In Iran, cowards of a similar breed prepare to mercilessly stone a "caring mother" to death. [The woman], Sakineh, was convicted of adultery while married in 2006, after which she received the punishment of 99 lashes…Sakineh's skin was sadistically and systematically peeled away from bone and muscle during a brutal, male-inflicted flogging that even strong men can't endure…a kangaroo court, similar to the one that hung a seven-year-old boy for spying, reopened the case because the woman was then suspected of murdering her husband. Sakineh was acquitted of spousal murder. Acquittal aside, "the adultery charge was reviewed and a death penalty handed down on the basis of 'judge's knowledge' — a loophole that allows for subjective judicial rulings where no conclusive evidence is present." A subjective ruling without evidence is one of many shining examples of Sharia Law.
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> How about if America's Muslim-friendly president instead denounces Islam's barbaric practice of stoning women and hanging children?

But it doesn't stop there. Another man, witnessing the growing popularity of lesbian chic, declares that men are apparently useless to women sexually these days:

> I was recently reading about yet another bevy of young women who are opting for pelvic refreshment with other women, and it struck me that the abandonment of men as sexual partners might not just be a fashion of our times, but an entirely natural process. Indeed, it might well be that women are naturally drawn to one another's beds like bees to blossoms, and that only the need to get someone to make babies, or do the Neolithic equivalent of unblocking the loo, is what caused cavewomen to agree to have sex with cavemen in the first place. Otherwise, sexually speaking, the girls get on very nicely without us.
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> I suspect that the taboo on lesbian sex was created by dominant males and their female allies because, deep down, so many women preferred female bodies, companionship and sexual skills. But men need women in ways that women simply don't need men. There's no general equivalent for women of the female prostitute, the call girl, the courtesan or the mistress — for different classes of men have always resorted to paid female sexual companionship. Sexually frustrated women have either abstained or, long before Anne Summers, looked after themselves.

Lessee…with the Heinlein quotes, we have an appeal to ancient, maybe even hardwired tribal traditions to protect the womenfolk, traditions invented and reinforced through the millennia when one's civilization was constantly on the knife's edge between survival and oblivion. There are two problems with this conceptualization, however. First, it is hard to make the case that, in a society that numbers over 300 million, as the modern American country does, individual womenfolk require such protection. We have far far more breeding pairs than we require. Second, the flip side to such gentlemanly self-sacrificial behavior is the implication that said women are worth saving because of their potential as breeders. Of course this assumes that women wish to be viewed as breeders, which a great many do not. But more importantly, a great majority of native American women fail to actually become breeders, and if they should deign themselves to actually whelp a child, a great great many fail to do so in sufficient quantities to replace the population. Except for the right Mormon women in Utah that is, who have the highest fertility rate in the country. This then begs the question: if so many native American women refuse to have children outright or,

having had a child, have failed to execute their full duty by having more than 2.1 children, do they still merit automatic male sacrifice? What is the patriotic fellow's role since native American women have failed to uphold their (reproductive) end of the grand bargain?

DeAngelis' quote hardly needs any more amplification. Men are 'inhumane' and 'uncivilized' if they do not voluntarily surrender their lives for the benefit of women and children (why is it that 'women' and 'children' are always paired together? Isn't it just as valid to say 'men and children', particularly when automatic father custody used to be rule in Western Civilization?), even if those women and children are unrelated to him. Men are 'barbaric' for protecting the sanctity of the marriage bond, for enforcing female chastity, and for seeing to the security of the State, all three of which are goods in which women benefit greatly and suffer equally greatly when they are absent.

DeAngelis makes quite a bit of hay about Sakineh Mohammedi Ashtiani, a woman sentenced to death in Iran for adultery. Yet I note that Sakineh was also convicted of sleeping with two men out of wedlock in 2006, one of whom was also accused–along with her–of killing Sakineh's husband. I could not find any mention in media anywhere of the fate of either man she fornicated/adulterated with. Were they put to death? We do not know, partially because, as we see in this case, our culture only cares about gruesome death when it happens to women and/or children.

Yet while Angelis' quote needs little amplification, given the usual audience of this blog, it does merit a bit of commentary, for it represents a very strong undercurrent in the culture that perpetuates the principle of the 'disposable male'. As we have seen, men are lambasted from both left and right, from both males and females, heck, ABC even has an entire series dedicated to instill a sense of shame in others–usually men, for men are apparently expected to intervene to help vulnerable women–for failing to risk their lives, even die, so that unrelated women may live on in comfort and security. A good example of this would be a recent Time magazine cover, which featured the mutilated face of the Afghan girl.

Such obvious agitprop seems to have but one purpose: to beat the war drum and rally flagging American support for the effort to install mercantilist feminism at the point of a gun in Iraq and Afghanistan. And provide fodder with which to motivate/shame American men into risking their lives for the benefit of women on the other side of the planet.

From whence does this supposed duty come from? The best bottom-line source I can think of is the Bible, where Christian men were exhorted as husbands to lead and sacrifice for their wives and families, and as members of a Christian community to take up arms in its defense. Clearly there was an expectation that men had the responsibility to use their resources and strength for the good of their wives and children and for their tribe. The responsibility was theirs, as a duty uniquely inherent to being a man.

Thus was established the precedent for men to sacrifice themselves for women and for children, even women and children not related to him. Armchair heroes and heroines from then on graded a man's worth by how willing they were to sacrifice themselves for the benefit of women. Yet women, for their part, never quite satisfied with a good thing, have thrown off the old restrictions in a vain search for something better. This tectonic shift that relieves women of their social roles yet retains those for men leaves men in somewhat of a quandary: how does one act toward a woman who is a ruthless peer competitor–a competitor that enjoys social and legal advantage in nearly every way over men–in the workplace, yet demands deference in the social/familial sphere? How does a man respond when traditional patriarchal marriage has been stood on its head and, rather than being an institution where men and women team economically, physically, and spiritually to raise the next generation, has instead been converted into a vehicle to transfer wealth from male(s) to female? How does a man adjust when the traditional ways of finding a mate–male initiation and female choice–become a minefield of sexual-harassment charges and rape accusations to be successfully navigated? How should a man react when supposedly more virtuous women relentlessly pursue serially polyandrous couplings with successively higher-status men, to include thugs and criminals, shunning perfectly good men like him until they are thread-bare, shop-worn, used-up empty husks unable to sustain a long-term relationship? How should a man react when his freedom has been traded for temporary security by recently-suffraged women, when the machinery of government had been perverted to conscript him to be a government sharecropper for the benefit of high-ranking men and women nationwide? Indeed, how should a man respond to women's and other men's lecturing of him for failing to rise to–or die in, as the case may be–the defense of such women whom are not his wife or his mother, sister, aunt, or niece?

The same way they have been responding, I am afraid: with indifference. It is someone else's problem. The male willingness to act has been driven underground; in its place, a sense of self-preservation has taken root. The armchair heroes and heroines may bang on about where all the good men have gone and how cowardly the current crop of men are, but they are apparently ignorant of the fact that these good men have been driven away by women themselves lacking in virtue. Having heard, loud and clear, Dowd's declaration that men are not really all that necessary,[image] men, being the gentlemen that they are, have stepped aside and are permitting the feminine to drive for a while.

The third quote, citing the growing feminine fascination with lesbianism, strikes me as true insofar as women's flexible sexual appetites are concerned. But what Myers does not address is that, while women may very well have rejected the notion that they need men, in their mad dash to make love to themselves, they also seem to have conveniently forgotten that they are still quite dependent on men for security, prosperity, and safety. A society where the male half is not enfranchised is not one that survives for very long, for the distance between moon shots and skyscrapers to mud huts and foraging parties is quite short.

Indeed, as the below video quite well explicates (and occasionally overstates), women would do well to remember that it is the men they devalue who provide the very scaffolding that holds society up and permits women to labor comfortably in air-conditioned buildings:

To those armchair heroes and heroines who tsk-tsk at men who balk at risking their lives for women who are not their wives, mothers, sisters, aunts, or nieces, I ask: what purpose are you serving in your exhortations? Is his cost-benefit analysis really that selfish and short-sighted? Does he have that little to live for? Does your reactionary urging serve to pull society back from the abyss? Or are you merely propping up a corrupt system that holds men to their traditional roles as providers and protectors while releasing women from theirs as chaste, faithful mothers and nurturers? Are you pursuing justice, freedom, and equality under the law? Or are you enabling the continued trafficking of men into slavery on the government plantation, stripped of their rights under the law and their children at the same time?

And to those–particularly men–who think that men are expendable and that a society can well withstand the loss, either through death, warfare, or social ostracism/incarceration of a large proportion of its men, I suggest that the data speaks otherwise. The example of the urban ghetto should demonstrate to all that a society that loses large proportions of its men is a society with its future very much in jeopardy. For it is men and men alone who bequeath

the gift of civilization to women and children. The society that loses its men faces many of the same challenges that a society that loses a large segment of its women–the inability to propagate and socialize the next generation of society.

The lives of men are too important than to be just thrown away in furtive efforts to protect those who may not deserve it. Women and men both would do well to value men for the invaluable contributions they make to society.

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Vancouver Washington Woman Beats Man to Brink of Death With Vacuum Cleaner, Cries to Police that Man Beat Her Up

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In a dilapidated trailer park in Clark County Washington, 37-year-old Michelle Hawn seized a dirt devil upright vacuum cleaner and attacked Todd Proetel, her 41-year-old boyfriend, fracturing his skull and leaving him unconscious in a pool of blood. Hawn then ran out of the house crying, telling neighbors “Todd beat me up.” Hawn is 5’6″ tall and weighs 210 pounds.

Ms. Hawn, who is currently being held on $100,000 bond on suspicion of first-degree domestic violence assault, has a history of emotional instability and substance abuse. She admitted to striking the man, and was intoxicated when police arrived on the scene. Police noted that despite her claim that he “beat her up,” she had no visible injuries or evidence of past assaults.

Hawn is unemployed and living on disability.

The story has been picked up internationally as a “humorous” news item, probably because one does not often think of a vacuum cleaner as a deadly weapon. However, Mr. Proetel, who is recovering from critical injuries, probably doesn’t think it is all that funny.

Male Expendability and the Nature of Tribes

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Having long wanted to address the idea that men are less important from an evolutionary, biological standpoint than women, I am glad to see Elusive Wapiti's post on the issue. In his post, he addresses the widely-held assumption that men are expendable from a logical and moral point of view, contrasting the difference between today and yesteryear, and bringing contemporary examples to bear prove his points. It's very well done, and probably the most effective approach for convincing people today that the old ideals are no longer functional.

However, due to a life-long interest in anthropology, I feel compelled to add to it. Most people support the idea of male expendability because they are looking at human evolution and social organization in entirely the wrong way. They take the most basic unit of human society – the family – and from there attempt to draw conclusions about how the mass of humanity behaves and functions. This is simply not how things work.

From the beginning, humans have lived in tribes, which are somewhat akin to groups of chimpanzees, cooperating to provide food, childcare, labor and dissemination of information. The family, in its varied forms, was always subordinate to the tribe, and the tribe often in conflict with other tribes. Humans have competed with each other for resources and territory from the dawn of history and before, and they have usually done so through some sort of tribal conflict. Usually, the more numerous tribe would win, because it could summon more men and defeat the other by force of numbers, but because the ideal human group is relatively small – some 50-100 individuals – summoning a larger force required relatively complex rules and strong taboos to maintain any sort of social cohesion. Hence the seeds of civilization were sown through tribal competition.

Despite the addition of all this complexity, which has enabled humans to live in mass societies, the basic tribal tendency remains part of human nature. And in a tribe, the most important component has always been the men. Without them, there is only booty, free for the taking for any group of men willing to come along and claim it. In fact, this has been the case for so long that patrilocality is the norm throughout the world. Exogamy in primitive tribes is exceedingly common, but it is usually the women who leave one group and go to another — this is reflected in our modern practice of women and children taking the husband's surname. The men stay, because without them the group would simply be swallowed up by others.

Because the tribe has been, if not the most basic, the most important unit of human society, it is highly likely that humans evolved to maximize the success of the tribe. This would include gender roles, and probably even gender phenotypes. Human females are particularly poorly suited to hunting when compared to other species that derive a similar portion of calories from meat, so division of labor has obviously been in play since at least the emergence of modern homo sapiens. Some have suggested that this division was not so clear for neanderthals, whose women may have come along on the hunt and helped bring down large animals, but the neanderthal physique was substantially different from our own.

The point is that the tribe is mainly defined by its men, and has been throughout recorded history, which suggests that this was always the case. Evidence from primitive tribes in the modern era supports this as well. And although it's counterintuitive, the fact that men are usually targeted while women are often spared in tribal conflict even further confirms the importance of males. If it were true that tribes cannot survive without women, the most successful tribes would have been those that systematically exterminated their enemies' female members, which would be far easier to do in any event. But this simply *did not happen*.

For the biblically inclined, I'd like to point to the story of the tribe of Benjamin, a particularly warlike Israelite tribe which was nearly exterminated after some mortal offense (inhospitality) prompted the other tribes to gang up on them. The other tribes were so angry at Benjamin that after defeating their men in battle, they slaughtered all the women and children, leaving the Benjaminites a tribe of bachelors. Finally, when the other tribes felt fairly certain that the Benjaminites had learned their lesson, the men were allowed to marry women from other tribes, and

ultimately the tribe was reestablished.

Now, imagine what would have happened if every single Benjaminite man was slaughtered and the women spared. The women would have been distributed as spoils of war, and Benjamin would have been no more. From the tribal survival standpoint, who is more expendable?

It would be tempting to suggest that things have changed so much that tribal consideration no longer matter, but that would be a short-sighted argument. Civilization did not develop by repudiating humans' natural tribal sentiments, but by incorporating them into a larger organization. Military organizations, today and in the past, are broken down into manageable groups that approximate the size of a tribe. The US Army Company, the Roman Centuria (which also means tribe), the Mongol Zuut and the Germanic Hundred are all examples of this. Churches have traditionally had about a tribe's worth of parishioners, and large corporations are organized to take this optimal group size into account as well. Despite the sophistication of contemporary society, humans are still fundamentally tribal. It's instinctive and reflected in how we organize our lives and tasks.

Therefore, one can see modern states, and civilization in general, as a massive confederation of tribes, between which there remains a great deal of competition. However, men are arguably just as important as ever to these basic social units to which they belong. Where would our businesses, our military and our public service organizations be without their men? Law and order, commerce, infrastructure and defense would fall apart within days.

So why are men so often treated as expendable within society? It goes back to competition, i.e. *your* men are expendable, but ours are not. Elites have always been perfectly happy to use other people's sons as cannon fodder, while usually protecting their own from the battlefield. At the highest levels of society, sons are preferentially educated over daughters, and then these exact same people who favor their boys take steps to ensure that less fortunate sons are prevented from competing with them. Other people's daughters, on the other hand, are no threat to their tribe — they are a resource to be exploited. In fact, support of feminism by elites only confirms that they see other tribes' women as chattel, or perhaps tribute — either term would suffice. When men are given as tribute, it has typically been in one of two roles: the warrior or the eunuch. Hence, they want our boys as soldiers (including police) or femme homosexuals (the modern incarnation of the eunuch); for the rest of us they have little use except as peasants, to be kept in line with punitive taxes and overwhelming force.

The argument that men are expendable because of some biological mandate is perhaps the last vestige of the pseudoscience that emerged from 19th century anthropology and plagued humanity with various wrong-headed ideologies throughout the 20th century. In reality, men have always been the most essential component of the tribe, which has characterized human social organization since the dawn of our species. The world's oldest and most successful civilizations have learned this over time, and have survived because they incorporated this truth into their law and governing philosophy. We have to recognize that men are targeted for abuse and dispossession exactly because they are essential to the strength and health of their tribes. When we live in a mass society without any sense of common values or interests, where discord, envy and greed are the norm, it is perfectly natural that men will come under attack. If one thinks of it as an inchoate civil war, it becomes all the more clear.

Inconvenient Boys Chemically Neutered for Autism "Therapy"

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John Dias of Misandry Review recently identified an emerging medical trend that has very disturbing implications. Some doctors in south Florida have been injecting adolescent autistic boys with lupron, a prostate cancer treatment drug that halts production of testosterone.

According to Dr. Mark Geier, testosterone binds mercury in the body, and autistic kids often have too much testosterone, so the treatment helps by restoring a "normal" level of testosterone. However, the majority of parents seeking treatment (if not all of them) appear to be mothers of adolescent boys. Normal levels of testosterone in adolescent boys are very high in comparison with other people.

Some of the parents who have been interviewed expressed frustration with the socially inappropriate behavior of the autistic boys, including some aggression and sexualized behavior. After chemical castration, Geier says that they are more aware, sociable and better-behaved.

The truth about autism is not pretty. Mental conditions are amongst the most difficult for people to deal with, particularly when their children are afflicted with them. Therefore, it is understandable that some parents, in desperation, will grasp at whatever they can. However, Dr. Geier is basing this therapy on some unproved hypotheses – such as the mercury-based thimerosal theory – that are quite controversial and likely wrong. Geier suggests that mercury causes the body to produce too much testosterone, and he is only using lupron to restore a normal balance.

In fact, Dr. Geier is not treating mercury as the poison, but rather testosterone. For years now testosterone has been painted as an evil hormone that causes most social problems we have today, so it shouldn't be surprising that a number of parents find his ideas compelling. It would be no stretch at all to suggest that the pathologization of masculinity led directly to this novel form of "treatment."

Another use for lupron is in the so-called "chemical castration" of sex offenders where, again, testosterone is treated as the problem rather than another disorder.

Over the years, there have been many, many medical treatments based on pseudoscience and bad ideas. For example, in the 19th century women's problems were often attributed to "hysteria," a malady that supposedly caused women to become emotionally disordered and troublesome. Although there is no no doubt that the symptoms existed, the treatment, which consisted of sexually stimulating the women (the vibrator was invented to treat hysteria), should have suggested that it was not a disease at all, but rather simple sexual frustration on the part of women.

Then, in the 20th century the practice of lobotomization became common to treat troublesome individuals, often including difficult or unwanted children. One of the most touching pieces I ever heard on NPR concerned a man whose stepmother had him lobotomized as a child because she just didn't like him. Lobotomy, which involved the removal of the frontal lobes, has fortunately been recognized as the barbaric treatment it was, although the doctors who touted its benefits were never held accountable for destroying crucial parts of people's brains.

In the case of lobotomy, treatments were first recommended only for the most extreme individuals, such as very agitated lunatics. However, over time it was touted as a panacea, and countless people, many of whom were not all that disturbed – if at all – lost their frontal lobes.

This is why the trend of using luprol should be cause for alarm. First, they used it on cancer patients as a last-ditch effort to keep them alive. This is acceptable, just as it would be acceptable to remove part of the brain of someone with brain cancer in hopes of saving their life. Next, they start using it on sex offenders, and here's where it becomes suspect. Not only is it unproven (and highly unlikely) that testosterone is responsible for sadistic perversions, there seems to be a punitive element to the use of the drug in this case. When a drug is used to punish,

it becomes a *poison*. However, perhaps worse, it leads to the assumption that lupron can improve male-specific (or, widely thought to be male-specific) behavior that is conventionally seen as bad.

It's well known by now that ADD was widely used as an excuse to medicate boys for "misbehavior." ADD drugs probably started with the most extreme examples, but slowly grew in popularity and became a widespread trend. In today's anti-male climate, it is plausible that the same thing may happen with lupron. First, it will be used on autistic boys who are unable to follow social rules of behavior, and then on boys who are borderline, and then finally on boys who are simply part of what might be called the "normal" spectrum. I can imagine single mothers, struggling with sullen, rebellious teen boys, demanding that doctors chemically castrate them. In fact, it's probably already happening.

This is a real threat, and one we have to expose and nip in the bud before it gets started. Quacks like Dr. Geier should be shut down before they start doing some real damage to boys.

High Technology

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It's Seafair weekend in Seattle, and despite the unfortunate cloudy, damp weather (actually quite uncharacteristic for this time of year), the pilots are still putting on a nice show. Today, one of the new F-22 Raptors was flying around, doing the controlled stalls, climbs, spins and all the rest. Having seen the Blue Angels dozens of times in my life, these acrobatics are nothing new, but we did get one nice treat when the pilot made a transonic run just a couple hundred feet over the lake.

For the F-22, breaking the sound barrier is effortless. There is so much power in those twin engines that one can feel it reverberate through one's ribcage from a mile away. The little show of speed over the lake was impressive, but what really inspires awe is how it seems like nothing more than an easy jog for the plane.

When planes hit the sound barrier, they are enveloped in this halo of water vapor, which makes futuristic planes like the raptor look almost like alien spacecraft surrounded by flickering force fields. Then, of course, there's the sonic boom, which sometimes sounds like a thud and others a bit like the crack of a rifle shot (which is a sonic boom itself). I suppose it depends whether the shock wave created by the boom is obstructed or not.

It's really amazing to see what men can create when they put their minds to it and work together. Sure, the F-22 is an instrument of war, and it would be terrifying to be targeted by one of those machines, but there's something glorious about such superlative technology. How could the human beings who have the capacity to create such amazing things have been so thoroughly subjugated in their own homes?

Expanding Shaming Language

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As men realize how shaming language is repetitive, it loses its effectiveness. What female supremacists and their manginas and white knights do is simply produce more shaming language. Another method they use is the expansion of shaming language itself through redefining various terms, such as homosexual, to buttress their poor arguments.

Over at The (Not) Thinking Housewife (where a mangina said that men should be imprisoned on false rape charges to protect women), one of the resident manginas, Josh, tries to claim that anything regarding men's rights is homosexual. We know this makes no sense, so he tries to redefine what the word "homosexual" means, despite it having a specific definition about being sexually attracted to members of the same sex. Take a look at what Josh had to say:

> At root of both the "feminist" movement and its modern mirror, the men's rights movements, is radical homosexuality (devout dykism), i.e., radical sexual autonomy. Radical sexual autonomy is the biological "goal" of liberalism and the easiest way for a "default elite" to stay in power after convincing a populace to deny Supremacy. A populace in a state of anti-Supremacy and willing to embrace homosexuality is a self-annihilating populace.
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> The core message of the men's rights movement (MRM) is to avoid marriage and kids and that Christianity *is* the liberal juggernaut. This is *de facto* homo-ism and anti-Supremacy.
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> The MRM is at root a liberationist movement. Like all liberationist movements, it seeks to dissolve all relations and destroy all impediments to its autonomy. In short, all liberationist movements seek a radical autonomy. But this existence must manifest in the physical world. The two most primitive liberal manifestations are atheism and homosexualism
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> The MRM is merely a MALE liberationist movement largely driven by atheists and homosexuals. It is "feminism" (euphemism for devout dykism) for males.
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> I think our common understanding of homosexuality is a false one and it is easy to see why. Homosexuality is, first and foremost, sexual aversion with the "same-sex attraction" merely filling the void. More specifically, male homosexuality and devout dykism are sexual aversions to female and male, respectively. With this aversion and before the "attraction" is *homo*-sexuality, i.e., *self*-sexualization, a radical form of autonomy. A homosexual is one that is averse to the Other and attracted to self. He is a radical autonomist and ultimately a self-annihilator.

Putting aside the fact that Josh is guilty of triangulation for trying to equate feminism with men's rights, he is not only trying to redefine the word homosexual, but uses other terms such as supremacy in a manner that differs from their actual meaning. And why does he capitalize the word "supremacy?" Why doesn't Josh use words as they are defined in the English language? Because he is white knighting for women and has no real argument against us. Calling us all homosexuals makes no sense. While there are homosexual men as part of the MRM, most of us are not homosexual nor do we have any sort of "homosexual agenda". What Josh is doing is trying to expand shaming language by redefining words like homosexual so that he can call us all fags. The lack of logic in such a process is clear.

Josh's real agenda is made clear when he says, "the core message of the men's rights movement (MRM) is to avoid marriage and kids". What he is really worried about is that men are leaving the plantation and refusing to be slaves to women. Josh is incapable of admitting that actions like the marriage strike and refusing to have children are rational and sensible responses by men to the fallout caused by feminism. The clear answer to such a problem if you want men to get married and have kids is to fix problems like the family court system, the child custody system,

other unjust laws and socialism. This would increase incentives and decrease disincentives for men to get married and have kids. While this seems simple, a white knight like Josh can't understand this exactly because he is a white knight. Instead, he tries to redefine words like homosexual in a pathetic attempt to tar us with the sodomite brush.

To see how absurd white knights like Josh are being, compare what Josh is doing to what he would be saying if he tried it with other shaming language. Another form of shaming language that gets used against men is, "you have a small penis". If Josh was trying to redefine that in the same way he is trying to redefine homosexual, he would be claiming that he can say that we all have small penises because our penises are less than 15 inches long.

This is not the first time that someone has tried to redefine the term homosexual beyond sexual attraction to the same sex. Extreme conspiracy theorist, Henry Makow, claims that all porn is gay, even that porn that has only heterosexual sex, and that sex is for procreation and that we are supposed to "outgrow" sex afterwards, with any further sexuality being gay. Josh is a conspiracy theorist because he believes that the MRM, the marriage strike, male refusal to have children, etc. are tools of the "elite" as opposed to a rational and sensible response by men.

We will see more attempts to redefine homosexuality so our opponents can call us "gay" and hope we will obey them for fear of this childish slur. As shaming language loses its effectiveness over time this will have little effect, because the argument is so poorly reasoned that any man with an ounce of common sense could see through it.

HP CEO Mark Hurd Fudges Accounts to Pay Female "Contractor," Gets Sued for Sexual Harassment and Fired

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Porn star Jodie Fisher hired Gloria Allred to sue Mark Hurd and Hewlett Packard for sexual harassment, and has reportedly reached a settlement with Hurd, but not HP. Hurd had hired the woman as a contractor – apparently an events planner and "greeter" – and, according to HP, was lying about time he spent with her on the company's dime and paying her even when she broke her contract.

Mark Hurd was hailed as something of a hero for turning HP around over the last five years and handling a number of successful acquisitions. His business acumen has never been called into question, but a weakness where women are involved may prove to be his undoing. However, because we really have no idea what happened, Hurd may not have desired any sexual relationship with the woman at all — for all we know he could have simply been pimping her to prospective clients.

Ironically, men are taught from a very young age that women are trustworthy, blameless creatures – almost as though they are some benevolent, superior race from outer space – even as one hears with astounding regularity about powerful men being undone by them. Here we have an example of a rich, powerful man going to great lengths to secure jobs and money for some lady, who then turns around and goes after him and his company with Gloria Allred, probably aiming to kill two birds with one sexual harassment suit.

In order to protect itself, HP probably had to fire Hurd, but the company has stated that it did not find any evidence of sexual harassment. Instead, the company appears to be suggesting that the woman took him and HP for a ride, and his weakness resulted in the misconduct and dishonesty he was fired for.

To me, these incidents are simply proof that we need to stop lying to boys about girls and women and teach them from a suitable age – probably puberty – about the trouble they can get in when they are not on their guard around women. Sexual education, although opposed by many parents, is taught on the basis of having social benefits, so why not "gender" education? Have boys take classes that show them in a graphic manner how men can get fired, arrested, thrown out of their homes, and have their families destroyed all on the word of one vindictive woman.

Suzy Strawberry Beaten in Broad Daylight

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As the practice of chivalry has been delegated to the state, it appears that individual men are no longer behaving in the most accommodating manner toward women. In fact, the taboo against attacking and humiliating women has started to dissipate in the younger cohort, as incidents such as the following suggest.

Recently, in Bellingham Washington, 22-year-old James Manas approached IHOP mascot Suzy Strawberry, represented by a 19-year-old woman in a huge pancake suit, and began mocking and slapping her.

Eventually, police were called, and Mr. Manas was cited for disorderly conduct. Manas claimed that it was all in good fun, and he didn't mean any harm. An old man interviewed on TV about the attack was appalled, but otherwise people didn't seem all that disturbed by the incident.

Feminism sought to reinforce female privilege by making it a government on top of cultural priority. However, when government takes something over, people generally stop feeling that it is their job, so instead of buttressing female privilege, the effect has simply been to transfer responsibility. Although some young men may still have a white knighting, chivalrous attitude, they are increasingly in the minority. Due to cultural changes and growing awareness of female behavior, especially hypergamy, promiscuity and selfishness, there is no longer an assumption that women are worth protecting, and in some cases young men may actually think it's OK to humiliate them in public.

It looks as though feminism is truly starting to become women's problem.

Newly Liberated, Afghan Women Producing Ugly Art

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The NY Times has an article up on the wonderful blossoming of creativity amongst Afghan women, which includes a great deal of modern "art," which to me is anything but. Why it is considered progress when women are encouraged to produce these monstrosities is beyond me. If there is anything the West should *not* be exporting, it is our contemporary art, which seems designed only to bother and provoke people.

[image]Long, long ago, way before the Taliban, some very beautiful works of art were produced in Afghanistan. The Bamyan Buddhas (unfortunately blown up by Talibs), ancient Scythian metalwork and some statues from the Hellenic period were world class. In fact, the ancient kingdom of Gandhara, which included part of modern Afghanistan's territory, marked the emergence of classical Buddhist sculpture, which has profoundly influenced art from Central Asia all the way to Japan and Southeast Asia. Representations of the Buddha created in the present day still retain many of the characteristics of the early Greco-Bactrian masterpieces.

So Afghanistan does indeed have a rich artistic heritage, despite the cultural barbarism and depravity of the Taliban, and plenty of tradition to draw on. However, rather than encourage Afghans to contribute something of value, the NY Times features pictures of sculptures that, in some cases, look like something one is supposed to flush down the toilet. It's almost as though they are hell bent on proving the Taliban correct in their assertion that art is godless garbage that corrupts the soul and pollutes the landscape.

Perhaps the beautiful people in the NY art world think that because it is being produced by "liberated" Afghan women, it must have intrinsic value. Well, they do pay large sums of money for what most everyone knows is junk here at home, but I suspect those who do so don't really have beauty and artistic excellence in mind so much as they enjoy using their wealth to stick a thumb in the eye of the snobby old money types they hate. In Afghanistan, however, there's simply no excuse. What purpose could it serve, besides another form of torture, to expose the people of that miserable, war-torn country to these displays?

Swedish Woman Running Rape Scam on Greek Island

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On Kos, a Greek island in the southeast Aegean, just off the Turkish coast, at least four British men – and possibly others – have been targeted by a good-looking blonde Swede running a false rape insurance scam. One of the men, Ross Mitchell, is a teacher from Nottinghamshire, and was arrested and charged before the case fell apart when the woman fled the country after obtaining insurance money. As a teacher, Mr. Mitchell is worried about the effect such an accusation – even a false one – might have on his job.

Greek news reports suggest that the woman is engaged in organized fraud; Swedish police say she has pulled in at least 800,000 euros – 200,000 each time – through running the scam. She has also had innocent men thrown in jail and charged with a crime they did not commit.

The reporting in the Telegraph does not make it clear how one goes about obtaining insurance for rape, but evidently it exists in Europe, and companies pay out without waiting for the resolution of the case. That a woman can get *paid* to accuse men of rape is absolutely appalling. If this were possible in the United States, rape accusations would explode, and men would probably have to either avoid any and all contact with women or walk around with a recording device at all times to protect themselves.

Interestingly, the Telegraph is not naming the female crook, probably because of “rape shield” policies. All they are doing is shielding a criminal and putting innocent men in harm’s way, and if anyone in Europe has the woman’s name and can send it to me through the contact form I will gladly post it here on *The Spearhead*. She is believed to be hiding out in Sweden at the moment.

A photo would be even better — this woman has to exposed so that men can protect themselves from her.

Women's Sexual Peak Rests Atop a Pile of Lies

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(Authors note: For those interested, Chuck Ross did an excellent piece of writing on this, in The Sexual Peak Myth, He approaches the subject with a good bit more scientific diligence than I am willing to do here. I have already accepted that the subject is mythical and am much more interested in posing some questions about why this is the case.)

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Some years ago I was at a night club with a group of men and women. Naturally the conversation turned to sex. One woman, in her late forties, said, in a good natured way, "It's a shame that by the time men really learn what they are doing in bed, their equipment doesn't work like it used to."

"I understand how you feel," I said, in an equally jovial tone, "By the time women start learning what they are doing in bed their looks start fading."

Needless to say, my response, while as truthful as hers, more or less took her out of the conversation. It was not my intent at all, but you could tell by the look in her eyes that she felt like every line on her face was magnified a thousand times, reading like a giant "use by" date from the last millennium. Fortunately for me, I didn't have all manner of ego and identity tied up in my penis, or I might have felt the same way.

There was a silver lining, though. It did spark a rather lively round of verbal sparring with the rest of the people at the table. And I am sure that it was a discussion that has been echoed millions of times at millions of night club gatherings.

Why is it that men and women hit their sexual peaks at such radically different ages?

And the answer is, of course, that they don't. It is just another one of the myriad of lies we enable women to live for the sake of not disturbing their self image- and perhaps for the sake of getting in their pants in leaner times.

Where else but the current gender Zeitgeist can a woman with crows feet, sagging breasts, reduced sexual hormones, a vagina that does not lubricate as it once did, more difficulty conceiving and less ability to attract sexual partners of their preference, stand up and say "I am in my sexual prime," and have everyone in their presence nod their head in agreement?

Only in a world where we tell women whatever they want to hear, no matter how ridiculous.

And it admittedly fits with part of women's experience to maintain the lie. An observation I have, one that I cannot back up with any research, is that as women's biological clocks tick down toward the final moments, there is a tendency, in the words of Dylan Thomas, to *rage against the dying of the light.*

It's not sexual primacy, it's desperate horniness. Their fantasy of being in their sexual prime when they are well past it is only the labored breathing of someone in their last moments, struggling to suck air just a little while longer.

I am not knocking it. When I was 21 I had a 45 year old woman show me *what fer, good and proper,* for three weeks in a cabin in Oklahoma. It was an educational rite of passage and a very fond memory in my life. Wouldn't trade it for the world.

But, let's face it, the only one in that cabin in their sexual prime was me. I was a youngster with a gold mine of a horny older woman desperate for sexual relevance. And when the experience was over, I walked away smiling, and a little better equipped to take care of business with women who were, well, who actually were in their sexual prime.

And she had at least one more round of clinging to her sexual power; to her relevance in the world.

The point is that without sexual viability, the power of most women in this culture is reduced to whatever is afforded by rote chivalry. And while that chivalry affords them a great deal of latitude, if doesn't provide them with the meaningful significance of a younger woman who still turns heads- *and can have babies.*

Being in your sexual prime is about being ready to make babies, not about how willing you are to be ridden hard and put up wet.

In the pure biological sense, infertile women, even those that just appear to be, are just so much excess baggage. And since women as a group either cannot or will not draw their self worth from anything but sexual power (NAWALT stipulated), we will forever have them demanding to live lies. And in modern times, they even have the option of paying surgeons to cut, suction and inject that lie until it looks damned near the truth.

Business is booming.

There is a solution to this, though it is doubtful we will ever get there.

Women, feminists in particular, have long lamented the male beauty standard. They claim it drives women to extremes like surgery and eating disorders, and results in damaged self esteem, all because men want women to look a certain way.

But of course, once you peel back the layers of victimized drivel and get to the core of the matter, you find that women drive themselves to do these things, biology leading them by the nose, because that is their quickest route to personal power, and because they don't rise above it and find relevance in other ways.

Like the ways men do.

When women collectively quit worrying about sexual primacy and start focusing on their own innate human potential, when they learn to value their own accomplishments more than they value what they can sexually manipulate out of men, the plastic surgeons will be out of business and their bad self esteem, rather than their personal significance, will be facing expiration.

What's that you say, women already are like that? They already do more on their own than they try to get men to do for them through sex and other forms of manipulation?

Well, I would like to address that here, too. But I only take on one lie at a time.

Read more from Paul Elam on A Voice for Men.

Badboy Thug Boyfriend Kills Tot, Gay-Bashing Blamed

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17-month-old Roy Jones was beaten to death on Saturday evening by his mother's badboy boyfriend, who said the little boy was acting like a sissy. Pedro Jones, the child-killing boyfriend, said he was trying to "make him act like a boy." Although Jones called the child "my baby," he was not, in fact, the boy's father.

As we have revealed on The Spearhead before, male infanticide is already a serious problem in the US, and little boys are murdered at a significantly higher rate than girls. Although mothers are involved in most of these cases, many children are killed by men as well, a fact that feminists often point to in order to condemn men. However, biological fathers are very rarely responsible for killing children, so which men are usually responsible? Why, babymomma's boyfriend, of course.

In the HuffPo article this aspect of the case is naturally ignored in favor of the gay-bashing angle. However, suggesting that the child was a victim of a homophobic attack is either naive or disingenuous. A 17-month-old child does not display many sex-specific behaviors, and only a psychopath or mentally retarded individual would expect them to do so (this may be the case with Pedro Jones). To me, Mr. Jones' explanation sounds more like an excuse he made after acting on some deep-seated impulse that has some instinctive basis.

Males of many species tend to view unrelated males – including children – as competitors, and will sometimes kill them. This behavior is documented in humans as well. When we have a set of laws that encourages women to remove their children from their biological fathers' oversight and engage in sexual adventurism with a string of different men, these incidents are bound to happen more frequently than they would otherwise, no matter what the stated motivation.

Biological fathers – like mothers – tend to have a special bond with their children that is not shared by other men. Certainly there are some that do not, and there are many men who are good people and would never harm a child that wasn't theirs, but we're talking about tendencies here, and in a country of hundreds of millions of people these will have an impact.

As an example, say a fundamentalist Christian who abhorred homosexuality had a son who displayed some effeminate characteristics as a little boy. This probably happens fairly frequently, as homosexuality often begins to manifest itself first as gender identity disorder at a fairly young age (17 months is obviously far too early, though). Certainly, the father would probably be worried, and might even want to change it somehow, but if some other man stepped in and said "I'll fix this boy by punching and choking him" the father's instincts would kick in and he'd probably reach for a shotgun and tell the guy to get his hands off the boy. Even if their children are not perfect in their own eyes, a father's first impulse is to defend them. Other men, not so much. This is clearly reflected in the numbers, which suggest that a biological father is the least likely of any caregiver to have a child die in his care.

Michael Rowe, who wrote the article in HuffPo, suggests that it says something terrible about society when a toddler is beaten to death for "acting like a girl." Of course it does. But it's no worse than an infant or child being beaten to death for crying (probably what the killer meant when he suggested the boy was acting like a girl), for being naughty or, as was the case with Ethan Stacy, simply for being inconvenient.

Rowe is doing the job of feminists by shifting the blame for child killing onto gay-hating psychopaths when the real problem – the reason so many children needlessly die – is that they have been removed from the person who has an innate biological mandate to protect them: their father. And it is Rowe's feminist allies, who have devoted enormous energy to kicking fathers out of their children's lives, who are to blame for that.

British Survey Reveals Worker Preference for Male Bosses

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Over two-thirds of Britons prefer male bosses, says a survey released by British recruitment website UKJobs.net. 3,000 employees participated in the survey, and a significant majority of both men and women indicated that they preferred male supervisors.

The issue was not that women are too meek or not intelligent enough, but rather that they backstab, slander and harangue employees. Some of the complaints revolved around hormonal issues, with most workers saying it was obvious when it was that time of the month, and others said female bosses had a hard time keeping their work and personal lives separate.

Almost half of employees said they trusted male bossses to be open and honest, whereas females often had a “hidden agenda” that created a climate of uncertainty and fear.

Some of the positive attributes of male bosses, according to the survey, include straight talking, less interested in office politics, and less likely to bitch about others.

HT Snark

California Housewife Busted Seducing 13yo Boys

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Below, we have a woman, perhaps in her “sexual peak,” having her way with pubescent boys. It must be pretty rough out there being a lonely, well-heeled cougar with an oversized SUV. The woman, who has a chin that would put Cary Grant to shame, would seduce the boys in her “hummer,” using her daughter as unsuspecting bait. She also lured them with expensive toys, such as video games.

Chateau/Roissy has often remarked that women with manjaws and large chins are more sexually adventurous. If that’s true, this woman fits the type to a T. She’s been arrested on 67 counts of sexual assault. As usual, this was discovered through cell phone messages. She was sending pictures of herself naked to the 13-year-old boys’ phones.

[image]

Is it just me, or are these incidents of female sexual predation a whole lot more common than they used to be? Certain women seem to feel that seducing boys is their prerogative, and an appropriate activity for aging women. Could the sexual peak myth be leading to sexual assault?

“Bo the Bailer” Prompts Chivalry Dispute

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A clip from an Astros game, in which a boyfriend deftly dodges a foul ball that then dings his girlfriend’s arm, is making the rounds in blogs and news as evidence that chivalry is dead.

There’s a bit of shame being thrown Bo’s way, but he was only acting in an equalist manner, so is it really deserved? When a baseball is headed directly at you, you have three choices: catch it, dodge it, or get hit by it. As a former pitcher I am quite familiar with the last scenario; I’ve been hit smack in the face by a line drive, and I’ve beaned a few batters as well. It’s part of the game. Also, when the ball is headed your way, it isn’t as though there’s much time to consider one’s options. I can imagine that, instinctively, if there was a little kid who might get hit, I’d probably throw myself in front of the kid, but you’d have to be trained to do it for an adult — even a woman.

I guess all this clip shows is that the training in regards to protecting women has either lost its effect or isn’t happening as much.

Now Bo is being lambasted on morning talk shows, where elderly men are shaming him and questioning his manhood.

Here’s the clip:

I wonder whether we’ll be treated to stories of women “bailing” on men who lose jobs, who aren’t “fulfilling” their fantasies or who just no longer excite them? Nah, that’s too common, so not newsworthy, I suppose.

Degeneration of Media

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I often check the NY Times to see what's going on in the Paper of Record, but lately I've been finding more and more of the bizarre and less of what would conventionally be thought of as newsworthy. One of my local papers, the Seattle PI, folded recently and went over to an all online format, and now looks like a tabloid for adolescents at first glance — except it still prominently features a couple of elderly liberal hacks, to "keep it real" I suppose.

Of course, I can't fairly compare the two papers, New York being a real, world-class city (as opposed to second rate Seattle), but I'm starting to see the inane creep into NY's vaunted institutions as well.

If you have a few minutes to spare, and care to watch a couple of women talk about who's funny and who looks hot in a bikini while saying "ummm" a lot, head on over to the NY Times' video blog for opinions on whether or not The Daily Show is sexist:

Sexist Comedy?

Readers who have seen the film *Idiocracy* might see something familiar in this stuff. While it was a hilarious movie, as reality sets in, the joke's kind of starting to wear off.

More on Media

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After my little reflection on the declining state of contemporary American media, a friend sent me a link to a Weekly Standard article in which Joseph Epstein comes to pretty much the same conclusion about the NY Times.

Epstein uses a fair amount of what some would surely call sexist language and compares the paper to an aging whore:

> The New York Times used to be called the Gray Lady of American newspapers. The sobriquet implied a certain stateliness, a sense of responsibility, the possession of high virtue. But the Gray Lady is far from the grande dame she once was. For years now she has been going heavy on the rouge, lipstick, and eyeliner, using a push-up bra, and gadding about in stiletto heels. She's become a bit—perhaps more than a bit—of a slut, whoring after youth through pretending to be with-it. I've had it with the old broad; after nearly 50 years together, I've determined to cut her loose.

It's a witty piece and worth reading. Epstein is not all that impressed by Maureen Dowd, and calls Anna Quindlen "termagantial" (hennish).

> Every so often I check to remind myself that Maureen Dowd isn't amusing, though she is an improvement, I suppose, over the termagantial Anna Quindlen, whom I used to read with the trepidation of a drunken husband mounting the stairs knowing his wife awaits with a rolling pin. I'd sooner read the fine print in my insurance policies than the paper's perfectly predictable editorials. Laughter, an elegant phrase, a surprising sentiment—the New York Times op-ed and editorial pages are the last place to look for any of these things.

Getting to the heart of the matter, Epstein links the descent of mainstream media with the descent of America itself, and I couldn't agree more:

> I could go on about the artificial rage of Frank Rich—the liberals' Glenn Beck—or the forced gaiety of "Sunday Styles," but the main feeling I have as I rise from having wasted an hour or so with the Sunday New York Times is of what wretched shape the country is in if it is engaged in such boringly trivial pursuits, elevating to eminence such dim cultural and political figures, writing so muddledly about ostensibly significant subjects.

America truly is becoming a mediocre place. In my relatively short lifetime, I've seen first-hand the descent of our national dialog into frivolity, triviality and irrelevance. I suppose that's what happens when you remove certain masculine concepts such as dignity, honor and restraint and replace them with snarky gossip and a soap opera sensibility.

Bill O'Reilly Goes After Jennifer Aniston After She Declares Fathers Unnecessary

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Jennifer Aniston is starring in a movie about artificial insemination, and is touting the wonders of single motherhood. Although it is a fairly common practice for older, unattached professional women who are having a hard time finding a mate, Aniston publicly voiced the main justification these women have been using for years: fathers are unnecessary.

Older single women are prone to making these statements from time to time, so it isn't all that surprising to hear it from Jennifer Aniston. But ever since the Dan Quayle/Murphy Brown controversy back in '92, in which Dan Quayle, in a speech, criticized TV character Murphy Brown about her decision to have a child out of wedlock, few have dared criticize single motherhood. I can remember the widespread derision of Quayle for daring to suggest that the progressive trend of mothers cavalierly chucking fathers out of their children's lives was anything but a sacred right, immune from criticism. Ironically, Candice Bergen, the actress who played Murphy Brown, said "I never have really said much about the whole episode, which was endless, but his speech was a perfectly intelligent speech about fathers not being dispensable and nobody agreed with that more than I did."

Nevertheless, Quayle wasn't even supported by his boss, George HW Bush, and the White House press secretary hemmed and hawed about what the Vice President meant. In short, the feminists scored a big victory and dominated the ensuing debate, successfully portraying Quayle as an out-of-touch moron for holding such outdated views. Hillary Clinton, lest anyone be tempted to defend the woman, came down squarely in the "men are unnecessary" camp, and took advantage of the situation to denounce Quayle.

However, it seems the debate has been rekindled. Bill O'Reilly, more showman than reporter, has a pretty good sense of public opinion, and he wouldn't broach a topic if he didn't think it had some resonance with the public. Remarkably, O'Reilly came at the subject from a decidedly pro-fathers' rights angle, saying that fathers are not only very important to children, but are treated unfairly in general as well:

> "Aniston can hire a battery of people to help her, but she cannot hire a dad, OK? And Dads bring a psychology to children that is, in this society, I believe, under-emphasized. I think men get hosed all day long in the parental arena."

Some of the pundits must be getting the sense that public opinion is starting to turn against feminist ideology, and are openly challenging their dominance where family issues are concerned. Yes, things are starting to change, and feminists are losing the last shreds of moral credit they built up by demonizing men over the years. It may take a few years, but I believe they will be discredited in our lifetimes, and possibly within the decade.

In other news, the Onion came out with an amusing video panning Aniston and other celebrity women for their exotic adoptions:

Jennifer Aniston Adopts 33-Year-Old Boyfriend From Africa

Does This Dress Make My Ass Look Fat?

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Every man knows that when answering the question posed in the title that he does so at his own risk.

It's a typical non question, designed more for adulation on demand than an honest answer.

And you have seen it before, or one of a thousand variations of it, because it's a universal part of the male experience in dealing with women in relationships.

The general rule is, women ask a question and men search for the "right" answer, or at least for one that will result in as little trouble as possible.

Perhaps illustrating further with a joke will help.

A man and woman are leaving a movie. The woman asks, "Do you think Sigourney Weaver is pretty?"

The guy knows this is potential trouble, but he also knows he has to answer.

"Well, yeah, I guess," he says, trying not to sound at all enthusiastic. Nothing else is said and the guy feels relieved.

Two weeks later they are in a restaurant having dinner.

"How's the meatloaf?" she asks.

"A little dry," he says.

"Well, then," she says, her tone snide and suddenly hostile, "Maybe you should have had *Sigourney Weaver* make it for you!"

It's a funny joke, and might be best left to the realm of humor until you consider that this is how many, many men live their lives; trying their best to not say the wrong thing, even if they have to lie, and constantly being set up with a series of questions for which there is no right answer.

What does it say, one might ask, about a human being when they not only insist on being told what they want to hear, regardless of its truthfulness, but will also, in fact, deal out retribution when given the wrong answers to impossible questions?

I have three words for it.

Complete moral bankruptcy.

Actually, I have three more words that are more accurate.

Spoiled rotten child. That is actually more fitting because we don't expect children to have the moral development that we would an adult. And nowhere but in modern western culture are we satisfied when women measure up to the moral development of a five year old.

It's a state of affairs that affects both men and women. But there is a major difference in how and when and why it happens between the two.

First, for a man to have the world around him lying to him for the sake of his over inflated sense of self importance, he has to have a lot of money. You can bet that Donald Trump and Bill Gates have a slew of people around them that would point to a blue sky and call it green if they thought that is what those guys wanted to hear.

But The Donald and Gates represent a very decided minority of men- and they have to pay, literally, for the privilege of being surrounded by obsequious *Yes Men*.

Any of the rest of men that expect automatic deference, that become childish and punishing when denied agreement or coddling, are rightfully regarded as immature pricks and written off, by men and women alike.

It has to be mentioned though, that there is some reason to question whether the self importance of men like Gates and Trump is all that over inflated. Arrogant and spoiled? No doubt, but they have accomplished incredible things in their lives.

Women, on the other hand, have a much different set of circumstances. *All men are Yes Men*, or are damned well expected to be, and it costs those women absolutely nothing to realize their expectations; their only qualification for that status is the possession of a vagina. No need to build and empire or revolutionize technology. Just sport the *P-nay-nay* and the lap dogs will come a yappin'.

You don't have to look any further than the comments on MRA websites to see what happens when some of us get uppity and start telling the truth, without say so from the Princess Collective.

I can even hear even more of it coming now. Eeewwwwww! That's so hateful and misogynistic! You're just frustrated because you can't get laid!

Sure, cupcake, and I have no doubt you fully expect people to agree with that assessment. Aren't you entitled to that, as a woman?

I will answer those comments, should they occur, in advance.

First, the truth isn't hate speech. Never was. Second, if you don't like the truth, grow the hell up and quit living by a standards that require people to lie. And third, ***grow the hell up and quit living by standards that require people to lie***.

Failing any of this, quit expecting anyone to regard you as an equal. It just doesn't work that way.

Sheesh, and they say *men* have fragile egos? Gimme a break.

I often consider all of this when women question me about a gender wage gap that does not exist. Or about the myth that women in this culture were ever oppressed. Or about domestic violence being only committed by men.

And my conclusion is that those questions aren't really those questions.

Those questions are "Do you think my ass looks fat in this dress?"

Of course, I am supposed to maintain the status quo and give the answer that is expected to those and a litany of other non questions, for fear of getting Sigourney Weaver thrown back in my face. Just as I am supposed to not recognize that such inquiries are really just fishing expeditions from the imagined infallibles that are the fairer sex in modern culture, NAWALT's notwithstanding.

Unfortunately, I lost interest in the right answers to anything a long time ago, figuring that the best answers are always the truthful ones. That became necessary when I discovered that I could not seek the truth and placate children at the same time.

But it gives women what they have claimed to want for so, so long.

Equal treatment.

After fifty years of endlessly disseminating information on the darker side of masculine nature- information that morphed into the unrestrained male bashing that now pervades modern consciousness, it is fair and just, in the name of equal treatment, that we begin to explore the darker, more destructive side of the feminine as well.

Funny how that does not sit so well with so many of them.

Heavy Reading

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Today's guest post written by Mark Ellis, a writer living in Portland, Oregon

Review Roundup: I Am Ozzy, by Ozzy Osbourne (Grand Central Publishing)

As a lifelong Ozzy fan, I scarfed down his memoir like a stoner polishing off a bag of Doritos. I Am Ozzy turned out to be pretty good read, at least that's what I thought. A week after finishing the book I got curious about what other people were saying about it. Well, the reviews are in and the literary outlook is bright for rock's Prince of Darkness. Critics from the blogosphere to mainstream print agree with me, and have lauded the book for its authentic voice and startling revelations.

When I first saw Black Sabbath, at the top of an eclectic 1970 bill at Bill Graham's Fillmore West, I didn't even know what I was looking at. I had gone to see local favorite Santana, a band more in keeping with the peace/love ethic I had been weaned on coming of age in the San Francisco Bay Area. I was pretty much struck dumb when the demonic, sludge-laden Brits launched into a punishing set.

The peace/love mantra—precursor to the progressive ideology that would characterize the decade–had been stood on its head. There wasn't much of either in the band's leaden repertoire. And yet, in the lyrics to "Children of the Grave" I got a visceral dose of the kind of societal horrors my hippie friends had ineffectually warned about, the environment, mutually assured destruction, and capitalist exploitation.

At the vortex was Ozzy, who in the context of Vietnam, Kent State, and the 1968 Kennedy/King assassinations captured my intense need for some kind of male archetype, preferably apolitical. I'm not claiming there weren't some intoxicants involved, but it was Ozzy who made me head-banger, and less of a hippie. I never looked back.

A common theme in the critical assessments of I am Ozzy is that the autobiography reads "as if Ozzy himself is telling his story while sitting across from you in a pub." No doubt the Godfather of heavy metal can spin a good yarn, but reviewers also praise ghostwriter Chris Ayres for his likely role in smoothing out the narrative. For me, reading it was like a vicarious fiction; as if just once in all the scores of times I'd seen Sabbath and Ozzy solo I'd gotten backstage.

If you thought Ozzy's offstage legacy began and ended with headless bats and a piss on the Alamo, you've got another thing coming. In this profanity-laced tell-all no behavioral headstone is left unturned. He's upfront about his blunt-force epiphanies, hard-won and usually inebriated truths, and failures as a father, husband, and man. The episodic prose erases any doubt as to why genetic researchers are now interested in taking a look at Ozzy's genes.

Greg Barbich, writing for blogcritics.com, calls Ozzy's recounting of the early Sabbath days as "pretty incredible." It's true. Hearing about how these progenitors of doom rock cooked up slabs like "War Pigs" and "Sabbath Bloody Sabbath" fills blank spaces in the minds of millions whose adoration made the band one of the most successful in rock history.

The first time I saw Ozzy solo was at the Oakland, Coliseum. My idol had been kicked out of Black Sabbath and nobody really understood why. No matter. He rocked his way to vindication like a hellion on speed, soon eclipsing the Sabs in terms of celebrity and gross receipts. Listening to new and fabulously heavy tunes like "Crazy Train," I couldn't have known that it was unlikely Ozzy would remember playing that night.

The tragic end of guitarist Randy Rhoads is seared into pop culture's collective consciousness, but Ozzy's befuddled and grief-stricken reminiscence should stand as the final word on how the madness came full circle that day.

Writing about the religious avengers who hounded him from arena to arena he admits, "The funny thing is, I'm actually quite interested in the Bible, and I've tried to read it several times." In some Faustian bargain with my own Christian God, I found a way to love Ozzy Osbourne—and, truth to tell, sinfully covet his life—while still keeping

the faith.

In the memoir we learn about his estranged first family, follow him through the multi-platinum years of drug and alcohol driven dissolution, and mark his redemption at the bosom of the fiery and devoted Sharon, his ultimate savior.

My first reaction to Sharon was negative. It was similar to when Yoko Ono appeared on the arm of John Lennon. The last thing I wanted was some myth-busting woman taking charge and diluting the power of my cherished, transgressive male archetype. This resistance to Sharon was ameliorated when I learned that she had rescued my idol off the floor of a rented Hollywood cottage.

I stuck around through the MTV series, The Osbournes, though many of my metallic brethren had jumped the shark on Ozzy. I was in my fifties, and though I still liked metal, other music, past and present, provided an alternate—some would say more sophisticated–soundtrack to my life. And on some level, after loving and affectionately envying Ozzy forever, it was edifying to see him schlepping around in a bathrobe, yelling about pet accidents, entrapped, however lavishly, in recognizable domestic mediocrity.

Simon Garfield of the London Observer notes that: “the shadow of an over-primped Sharon Osbourne is everywhere… {in the book}…her ambition smoldering backstage and at Ozzfest until it burnt through on television.”

Ozzy keeps his tale from degenerating into another litany of rock excess by the same disordered perseverance and dumb luck that has seen him through more lives than the cat in Stephen King’s Pet Cemetery. The last time I saw him was in early 2000 at Portland’s Memorial Coliseum. I was too old to risk the pit, but was absolutely dumbstruck again, this time by the images appearing on the massive stage’s backdrop.

Lyndon Johnson warning, Richard Nixon escalating, napalm falling, and Brezhnev threatening were but a few of the nightmarish captures which towered over the “devil sign” affirmations we headbangers offered up to the cosmos. It was just like old times.

No spoilers here. Suffice it to say that the Christian/anti-christian ethos which characterized both Sabbath and solo Ozzy permeates this memoir. Beloved and deplored, Ozzy Osbourne as self-described is at once a dream-come-true superstar and magnificent accident nobody can look away from.

There’s more I could tell. I’ve followed Ozzy since the very first Sabs record in 1969, and truth to tell, into more than a few places I probably shouldn’t have. But I’m content to give the last word goes to Kirkus Reviews, which also noted the memoir’s readable and darkly illuminating prose: “An autobiography as toxic and addictive as any drug its author has ever ingested.”

HIV+ German Singer Neglects to Tell Partners About Her Disease, Infects at Least One

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Nadja Benaissa, a singer in a girl band along the lines of the Spice Girls, tested positive for HIV ten years ago during a pregnancy test, and since that time has continued to sleep around with various men. One of them has since tested positive for HIV, and another turned her in to the police, who arrested her in Frankfurt in 2009.

Benaissa is in court on charges of attempted aggravated assault, for which the maximum penalty is ten years.

The infected man has told the court that his life has fallen apart since the diagnosis, and he is constantly sick because of the antiviral drugs. Psychologically, he is devastated, as he knows he can develop full-blown AIDS at any time.

Although it is not as easy for a man to contract AIDS from a woman as the other way around, it certainly can happen, and given the number of men contemporary Western women sleep with, one woman with an STD can be responsible for infecting multiple people. It is encouraging to see that the woman is being prosecuted, although I don't see why the charge is simply "attempted" aggravated assault rather than a standard aggravated assault charge; a man was infected after all.

The Word is Getting Out There

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We've had record heat in the Seattle area for the last few days, so I've been getting out a bit – especially in the evening when it's pleasant – and catching up with old friends. On Saturday evening, I went to a little get together just north of town, and spent the evening with a friend I've known since I was in junior high. He's working-class guy who grew up with a single mother and spent most of his youth in a dissolute manner, sleeping with scores of women, getting high and just working enough to keep a roof over his head and food on his table.

I guess he could be described as "alpha," because he has had pretty phenomenal success as far as getting laid is concerned, but while we were catching up he told me he wasn't proud of how he'd lived life as a youth. Now in his mid 30s, he's settled down with a woman who absolutely adores him, and as far as I know he's totally faithful to her. He's a good-looking man, a "tall, dark and handsome" type with strong features, an impressive physique, dark hair and blue eyes. I'm sure he'd have little trouble picking up a woman at a bar, but apparently those days are over. My friend, who I'll call "D," actually expressed some regret about his promiscuity. He said he felt as though it deprived him of some of his value as a partner in a long-term relationship, and had introduced an element of cynicism to sex itself.

As we were musing on the follies and tragedies of our youths, which were fairly epic and in some cases very funny and therefore made for good conversation, I noticed something a bit odd. The women, who were generally younger than the men (although the men at the house ranged in age from about 20 to 40), were very polite and deferential. They fetched us beer, cooked and generally looked after their boyfriends. As I spoke with my friend and the other men, they did not butt in and remained silent and respectful. I thought that might have been because they were a bit younger than us, but on second thought I've noticed that age didn't stop women from blabbing when I was in my 20s, and even the younger men were deferred to.

Maybe it was because I had travelled a few miles out of town that the women were behaving differently, but then again, I think there's a generational component to it. Women around my age (mid 30s) give or take some years, are amongst the most heavily indoctrinated feminists on the planet. Not only do they expect to be deferred to, they also expect to socially dominate wherever they are, be it work, home, school or out on the town. It seems to me that women who are somewhat younger are not all that committed to this kind of behavior, and younger men, as I found out that evening, are all too aware of what men face in society.

Somehow, while D and I were talking, some of the other men started to bring up issues of unfairness in domestic violence cases, family law and so forth. None of them knew about The Spearhead, and D, not being much of a reader, doesn't even know what it's about, so they didn't bring these matters up because of me. It was one of those topics that just comes up because it's on a lot of people's minds. Because I don't really like to mix work and friendship, I didn't say anything about The Spearhead, but was happy to give them some background on VAWA, family law procedures, and other technical matters pertaining to marriage 2.0. While doing so, I noticed that they were very interested in these things, and cared a great deal. About half of the men had children, some of them were in relationships, and at least one had been married, but whether or not they'd been put through the wringer they all had a basic understanding that as it stands today men are screwed. One of them even said marriage is a sham, and should be avoided at all costs. They didn't even care that there were young women sitting silently and listening to them.

I have to admit that this was a real eye-opener for me. Because I spend most of my free time with my children or alone, and most of my productive time alone, I don't have the opportunity to take the pulse of the common man all that often, so to see first hand that there's been a real growth in consciousness about these issues both surprised and pleased me. That ordinary guys, after the football game is over, get together and discuss the problems of contemporary family law is a huge change from ten years or so ago. Sure, there have long been groups of men who tried to warn us and organized themselves to change the law, but now it's gone mainstream. To me, seeing it happen

so suddenly is like visiting a family some years after they had a child, and seeing not a baby, but a lanky adolescent. The change can be quite striking.

So I think we ought to take heart, and use this progress as motivation to keep it up. I don't think I'd be taking too much credit in saying that The Spearhead has played a part in this, so I do feel vindicated for putting as much time into it as I have. If this growing awareness continues to expand, we may see some real changes from the status quo within the decade.

The Atlantic Magazine Dumping on Men Again

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I have a subscription to *The Atlantic*, and I enjoy some of the articles, despite the awful stuff put out by feminists like Sandra Tsing Loh, who wrote about why she had to have an affair and wreck her marriage (her husband was a "kitchen bitch") and Hannah Rosin (The End of Men).

But this month it reads like farce, and not much like an American publication to be honest. The cover story is about the inevitability of an Israeli strike on Iran – which I suspect is simply a bluff, because the IDF does not have the capability, short of resorting to thermonuclear penetrator warheads, to significantly damage hardened infrastructure – followed by another, similar article that goes a step further and presents an argument for a preemptive tactical nuclear strike on Iran. We've heard all this before, and not all that long ago, and all we got out of it was a couple lousy, expensive wars from which we still haven't extracted ourselves, so forgive me if I'm not all that impressed by the efforts of Jeffrey Goldberg or Robert Kaplan.

This being *The Spearhead*, I'm not going to get too involved in arguments over Middle East policy, but before I bring up the comment in *The Atlantic* that caught my eye and motivated me to write this post, I wanted to point out the transparent jingoism of the magazine. It might seem to be an odd mix, the warmongers and feminists being printed side by side, but maybe it isn't all that surprising when you get down to it. Power is meant to be used, and I don't see why feminists, having secured some power, would have any more scruples about sending people to their doom than the assortment of chickenhawks who served as cheerleaders for our wasteful adventure in Iraq.

Now, on to the "What's Your Problem" section, handled by Jeff Goldberg himself, which contained a letter from a reader who was offended by the misandry on display in *The Atlantic*, and asked how Mr. Goldberg can defend his manhood while working at the magazine.

The letter reads as follows:

> I've noticed that *The Atlantic* has become very anti-male lately. My proof lies in recent articles by Sandra Tsing Loh, Caitlin Flanagan, and of course Hanna Rosin, whose July/August cover story, "The End of Men," argued that men will no longer be necessary as our economy changes. How do you protect your manhood while working at a magazine that is so hostile to men?
>
> *-P.W., Chicago, Ill.*

Goldberg's answer, predictably, is full of hipster snark, and taunts the letter's author for asking a perfectly reasonable question:

> I take active countermeasures to protect myself against the rampant feminization of *The Atlantic*. For instance, I eat only what I kill, except for sandwiches from from Potbelly, which are killed by someone else.
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> [...]
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> Other prophylactic measures I employ include hiring Chuck Norris as a guest blogger, and then firing him, by fax, for being insufficiently manly…
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> etc.

Maybe this is typical of Goldberg, but the sassy, irreverent style is exactly what I see writergrrls around the country doing their best to imitate; it certainly doesn't strike me as all that manly.

So, P.W., if you are reading *The Spearhead*, you may have your answer right there:

Jeffrey Goldberg *has not* defended his manhood while working at *The Atlantic*. In fact, if he has any manhood at all,

I’m sure he carefully hides it away before writing anything for the magazine so that he has no need to defend or protect it.

Two Conversations.

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For those wondering, I've been on vacation. The beach was good and all, but there's some things that I can't get out of my head.

First one, with a friend from college:

Me: So, you have a girlfriend?

Friend: Yes, she's lovely and beautiful. The issue is with her mother.

Me: Her mother?

Friend: Yeah, she tells her to get money from me for her stuff. She's a mess.

Me: How do you know that?

Friend: She (the mother) told me. In my face.

Me: That doesn't sound too good.

Friend: But I love her.

Me: ….

Second one, with a cab driver:

Cab driver: Music these days are all about sex and stuff.

Me: And I've seen teenage girls all over it.

Cab driver: Hah. Listen, I have several girlfriends, the oldest is 18 and the youngest is 15. And let me tell you, those "little girls" know damn well what they are doing.

Me: I know. *laughs* But how do you shake off the feeling that they are just using you as a prop to show off to her friends?

(The sad destiny of many naturals that get beta-ized in a LTR. I have seen it. Gives me the shudders).

Cab driver: Ah. For that, you need to give them a good fuck so they get some respect!

Me: That's it?

Cab driver: That's it. Don't be like all those guys acting all lovely and warm and fuzzy.

Me: Hah. They only get blue balls. Don't worry, I know that story really well.

It makes you think, if only because it feels good when reality confirms your beliefs.

-Gx1080

Obama as Imperial Overlord

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Obama was in Seattle yesterday, and in the afternoon, while sitting at my desk, there were a couple violent thuds that sounded and felt as though someone hit my house's foundation with a sledgehammer. Coincidentally, my cat was trying to get in the house by jumping at the door and making noise right when the shock wave struck, and my first thought was "what the hell's wrong with that cat?" Of course, it didn't take long for me to realize that my cat doesn't have the mass to shake the house like that, so I thought it might be the neighbor's workers banging a pipe or something. But no, there were no workers outside.

At this point I was a bit worried, and thought someone might have set off a bomb in the vicinity. I checked the TV and radio, and no alerts, so it wasn't that, and eventually I just accepted that it must be some mystery, or possibly a large meteor.

Well, it's no longer a mystery. Evidently, some tour plane was tooling around in our precious president's airspace, and they scrambled a couple of supersonic jets to Boeing Field, which is less than two miles from my place as the crow flies. They must have really been cooking, because the sonic booms were quite violent.

I wasn't the only one bothered by the blasts:

> Residents in Seattle, Washington, were shaken Tuesday afternoon by what sounded like explosions after two F-15s were dispatched in response to a report of a small plane that entered restricted airspace where President Barack Obama was campaigning for Sen. Patty Murray.
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> The rumblings — caused by sonic booms from the jets — rattled buildings, windows and nerves in the Puget Sound region, according to CNN affiliate KIRO. Viewers of the affiliate from as far away as Tacoma — about 40 miles south of Seattle — reported hearing the booms.
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> Dozens of residents called the city's 911 system, causing it to shut down in some areas for about an hour due to the flood of calls, Ed Troyer, a spokesman for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department told KIRO.

When I lived in Beijing, Clinton visited at one point, and the security was both overwhelming and offensive. Chinese military squads were stationed along the route home, because I lived close to the Airport Expressway. I had the rather unpleasant experience of having to travel around PLA grenadier squads on the way back to my humble abode.

Our leaders now make visits as though we are in a state of war, and I resent that. If they are so beloved, why do they need to make such a show of overwhelming force wherever they go? Nothing says "Imperial" like a Presidential entourage that includes a full military component and makes its subjects feel as though they are at war when the "great leader" deigns to pay us a visit.

I know this is a bit off-topic, but I'd feel better if our President were traveling from town to town by Cessna than the current situation, where we are subjected to war exercises of the Imperial Fleet. Frankly, I could give a damn about politicians, and if Obama wants to blast my town with his entourage, I'd like to humbly request that he doesn't visit again.

Patty Murray Facing Serious Challenge

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I hope readers can excuse my recent focus on local events, but the Washington State senate election is actually pretty significant for American men in general. Senator Patty Murray is one of the most hardcore feminists in Congress, on par with Barbara Boxer of California. Before Patty Murray was elected, replacing Brock Adams (he had to quit because he'd been accused of drugging and raping an intern) back in '92, Gloria Steinem paid her a visit on her birthday, which should tell us pretty much all we need to know. Murray was also one of the primary sponsors of VAWA, IMBRA, and now supports SAFE, which is a bill that would force employers to pay female employees for time spent building a case against their husband in divorce (so long as they claim "abuse" is involved). Other notable Patty Murray achievements include being voted the dumbest senator of all by DC staffers for seven years in a row, and praising Osama bin Laden for running daycare centers.

I'm no fan of Republicans – in fact, I despise both parties – but Republican Dino Rossi cannot possibly be as bad for men as Patty Murray, so I'm going to have to hold my nose and give him my support. It might help if men in Washington took the time to call Dino Rossi's campaign headquarters to tell staffers that he will get their vote if he at least takes a pro-father stance. For American men, politicians like Patty Murray have been a nightmare, so if there's a chance to put her out of power it's worth some effort.

As a Seattlite, I'm a bit cynical, because Washington has been solidly Democratic since the early '90s, but that doesn't mean I've given up entirely on the idea of ejecting Patty Murray from the senate, and it really does look a bit grim for her lately.

Admittedly, Glenn Sacks is more in tune with the political stuff than I am, so I hope he takes some time to focus on this race.

Why They Used to Burn Witches

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A grandmother from Kent, Washington (a Seattle suburb) has been arrested for forcing children in her care to drink urine and engage in sexual acts with their siblings. Rose Marie Johnson, according to several children and witnesses, has been putting little kids through hell for years. She first came to the attention of social services when a boy accused her of improprieties in 2008, but investigators did not take him seriously.

When we hear about witch burnings in the bad old days, they are usually presented in the context of innocent women irrationally accused by superstitious Christians. If the behavior of women today is any indication, they are capable of doing awful things to people, including children, and were probably all the more likely to get away with it when there was less communication and people had a greater ability to avoid state intrusion.

So when one hears about persecution of innocent women in pre-modern Europe, it should be kept in mind that although some certainly didn't deserve their fate and were set up for one reason or the other (e.g. Jean d'Arc), a lot of them probably had it coming. In fact, today they get away with this stuff with little more than a slap on the wrist, because their victims are just children, after all, and women are higher value human beings in our feminist regime.

Domestic Violence Now Grounds for Asylum

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A Mexican schoolteacher, who claims to have been a victim of abuse at the hands of her husband, has been granted asylum by the Obama administration in a precedent-setting case that supposedly sets “high standards” for those who wish to obtain asylum on those grounds.

According to the NY Times, “the man repeatedly raped her at the point of guns and machetes, and once tried to burn her alive,” yet Mexican police and judges refused to get involved. She could well have been a victim of abuse, but there’s always the possibility that she’s exaggerating and simply wanted to get out of Mexico. A Canadian embassy worker in China once told me that 95% of visa applications were fraudulent, so suspicion is always warranted, and it would be negligence on the part of the US government if her statements were taken at face value.

However, the issue isn’t so much whether or not she was a victim, but what constitutes grounds for asylum. Lots of bad things happen to people all over the world. In this woman’s home country of Mexico, for example, the murder rate is sky-high, and there are thousands – if not millions – of people who live in fear for their lives due to drug gangs and social chaos. Should they all be eligible for asylum, too? Is it any worse to be a victim of domestic violence than to face execution and dismemberment at the hands of narcoterrorists?

Asylum used to be reserved for political refugees and those who had done the US a favor. It was very much a political tool, and used to further the goals and governing philosophy of the United States. People who were victims of crime or unfortunate in some other manner were not typically eligible for asylum.

However, perhaps this case demonstrates that asylum is still a political tool, and reveals what America’s political priorities are. No longer are we committed to religious freedom, fighting totalitarian Communism or free speech, but rather to the feminist agenda of a worldwide effort to dismantle the traditional family.

It should be no surprise, then, that as feminism has come to be a top priority for the US, it is what our government chooses to support worldwide with the highly symbolic tool of asylum.

Feminists on the Defensive as Eat Pray Love Widely Panned by Critics

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Of course I haven't seen the movie *Eat Pray Love*, and probably never will, but in the last few days I've seen a whole lot of reviews and opinions about it. Although some of the reviews have been positive (all the positive ones were written by women), the film has taken almost as much of a critical beating as the recent *Sex and The City* sequel.

Eat Pray Love was adapted from a book of the same name; a memoir written by Elizabeth Gilbert, who, upon securing an advance for a book, dumped her husband and traveled around the world, sleeping with a succession of men as she did so.

Oprah gave the book her imprimatur, and it went on to sell some 9 million copies. According to an acquaintance who works at Amazon it was a "runaway hit," and millions of American women ate it up. In fact, it had such a profound influence on Julia Roberts, the movie's starring actress, that she converted to Hinduism while filming the movie in India and Bali.

However, as popular as the book, and presumably the movie, is with many American women, every single review I've read that was written by a man has expressed some level of disgust with the film — it's boring, nothing happens, the character is excessively self-absorbed, etc. However, the men are avoiding the one issue that sticks out the most to me: this woman victimized an innocent man who loved her. Not only that, she apparently has no real remorse, and celebrates this very nasty thing she did with a trip around the world and multiple lovers. In his gut, any normal man would be deeply offended by the message, but to me it looks like men are afraid to be honest about how they feel about these things. Shame must be so deeply ingrained in American men that they can't even admit there's anything seriously wrong with what Ms. Gilbert did, maybe for fear that they would be branded "weak" for concerning themselves with some trifle like being abandoned by a spouse, which would have no effect on a "real" man.

Whether they admit it or not, it's obvious that they noticed the obvious, and feminists *know* they noticed. In an article in HuffPo, Kate Fridkis defends Ms. Gilbert by suggesting that critics are being mean, and then states that there couldn't possibly be any grounds for criticism on the basis of morality:

> It's unfair to imply a kind of emotional laziness that enables Liz to slip out of her marriage without a satisfactory explanation for her readers and now viewers. She takes on the project of acquiring a home for a divorced Balinese woman with no resources of her own. She agonizes over her decisions, and she acts with almost shocking sensitivity towards the people she encounters. The fact that this sensitivity is not directed at her ex-husband leaves some critics huffing with indignation, but **to get offended over Liz leaving her husband is both to miss the point and to apply an unhealthy dose of moralism** to one's evaluation of the story.

Get that? It would be "unhealthy" to evaluate the story – a story with strong religious overtones – from a moral point of view. Now, if Ms. Gilbert had sought spiritual solace in an act of penitence for doing something wrong, it would be one thing, but instead she flies straight out of the yoga ashram into another affair in Bali. Morally speaking, the story is atrocious. Is it unsophisticated to point out the obvious here?

Ms. Fridkis might think so in this case, but what if we reversed the gender of the main character?

Say a movie came out about a man who was bored and annoyed by his loving, but progressively less-attractive wife. He's a young, but promising manager, and gets an offer to head up a project in Phuket. He knows his wife won't want to go, and he'd rather not be there with her anyway, so he keeps it a secret, sets up a foreign bank account, and

then suddenly tells his wife it's over. "Sorry, honey, but, you know, I feel like I need to find myself. When I wake up in the morning, I feel nothing, so, like, it's over." She's devastated, and he takes advantage of her confusion and distress to hide as much money as possible in his exotic account, then throws a few thousand into a legal trust and jets off to Thailand.

Having successfully disposed of his wife, our hero settles into life in Thailand where he enjoys the food, has a laid-back job, and gets involved in a Buddhist surfing cult, gaining great spiritual insight as he rides the waves that roll in toward the tropical paradise. In the evenings, he consorts with beautiful local girls and European tourists, often bringing them home to his luxury cabana near the beach. In the meanwhile, his unfortunate wife is long gone, and he feels not a trace of remorse or regret, because his own life is just fine and dandy. In fact, dumping her worked out so well for him that the ultimate message of the movie is that it's a good thing after all, because although she may not have come out in such great shape, all the wonderful things that he gained from getting rid of her made it all positive on the balance.

Can anyone imagine a feminist suggesting that criticism of that message would be an "unhealthy dose of moralism?" No, they'd be screaming for new, international laws that would allow direct seizure of all money men like that make while abroad, and they'd be doing so on a "moral" basis.

The men and women criticizing *Eat Pray Love* (a lot of female critics disliked it as well) know that the most offensive thing about the film is its morally repugnant message, but because it comes from a female they won't come out and say it.

Eat Pray Love may be a bad movie by the other, conventional measures, but we ought to be honest about the worst thing about it, and I think it's pretty clear what that is: the "heroine" is a selfish, trashy woman. As for the feminists, let them continue to defend the indefensible. It will only help open a few more eyes.

Shipload of Women Headed to Gaza

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The “Mariam,” a Bolivian-flagged freighter packed full of women, among them a Lebanese singer, American nuns, and various professionals and interfaith types, has shoved off from Algeria on a mission to deliver supplies to Gaza. But first the ship will stop in Cyprus, where it will need permission from Cypriots to continue.

According to an article in Haaretz, Algerian mullahs and businessmen came up with the idea, perhaps thinking that if Israelis seize a ship full of women they will be strongly condemned by the West. However, there have been other all-female ships around for some years now, namely the abortion ships, which until recently sailed around the world to terminate pregnancies on the high seas. When people in countries targeted by the abortion fleet caught wind of what was going on, the operation was shut down under threat of seizure and arrest, so clearly ships full of women do not have any special exemptions in maritime law.

The Cypriot ambassador has already told the women that they will not be granted permission to continue on to Gaza, so ultimately Israel may not need to deal with them at all, but the ship’s “organizer” (this is apparently what women call a captain) is reportedly adamant about sailing directly to Gaza.

Although the women on the Mariam may be engaged in what they see as a fashionable cause, I wonder why we haven’t seen a group of women suggesting an all-female caravan into southern Afghanistan. As more and more women have been demanding we stay in Afghanistan “for the women,” it seems like the logical place to go. Isn’t it kind of pointless to waste all this feminist political capital on Gaza, which has little relevance to feminism?

Perhaps the feminists involved in the trip – I am fairly certain that most of the Western women on board, including the nuns, are feminists – are convinced that contemporary Western leftist ideology and feminism are inextricably linked, and Gaza has become a leftist cause in recent years.

Eat Pray Love Author's Ex-Husband Has a Book of His Own

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Some of us are probably wondering what became of Michael Cooper, Eat Pray Love author Elizabeth Gilbert's ex-husband, following the release of her paean to adultery, gluttony and prideful piety. Fortunately, Danielle Friedman, writing for The Daily Beast, took the time to contact him and find out. It turns out he's written a book detailing his side of the story, and had plans to publish it when the film came out, but the deal fell through due to disagreements with the publisher.

Some commenters remarked that he's lucky to have the woman out of his life, and given that he's successfully moved on that's probably the truth, but he still describes the experience as "devastating." This is normal. Divorce is very often devastating for men, especially when children are involved. Mr. Cooper was fortunate in that they were not, but it takes a toll all the same. Fortunately, men can and do move on and find a life again.

I've noticed that some writers have recently been suggesting that if a man is hurt by betrayal and abandonment he's somehow less of a man. The implication is that if you can be hurt by that, you're insufficiently alpha, and any real man would immediately move on and start sleeping with any woman he can game into his bed. The suggestion is that love and loyalty is feminine, and a real man is a stone-cold screwing machine who just doesn't care, because caring is what pussies do. The problem with this reasoning is that most normal men simply aren't wired that way (although it may be more common amongst sociopathic types, such as con-men and many of those doing hard time for violent crime).

In fact, divorce stats paint a clear picture to the contrary. In marriage, it is *women* who go stone-cold at the drop of a hat, turn off their empathy with no effort, and do extraordinarily cruel things to a spouse without a trace of remorse. Sure, men sometimes screw around, but they are usually conflicted and sorry when they do so. In my entire life, I have never – not even once – heard a woman express regret or contrition for betraying her husband or boyfriend, but I have heard many men do so.

As Friedman points out in the article, not only did Elizabeth Gilbert brutally betray her husband, she profited enormously from doing so in a very public and humiliating manner:

> Yet in keeping with the tale's theme of cosmic balance, as we watch Gilbert (embodied by Julia Roberts) reach a realm of happiness in which she's "smiling in her liver," we watch her husband-turned-ex (played by Billy Crudup) come undone on screen. And this was before she became a gazillionaire.
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> It sounds like the nightmare of every jilted lover: your ex not only soars to wealth and fame but on the back of your own failed marriage. And, um, very publicly.

I'd like to add that in keeping with "cosmic balance," if one believes in Hinduism or Buddhism, Gilbert will likely be reincarnated as some kind of worm that dwells in tidal mud flats and feeds on shellfish excrement, but it may be that American women have internalized the philosophy that in order to have a fulfilling, happy life, one has to make damn sure that at least one other person is absolutely miserable. It's a sort of twisted notion of karma, where one's happiness is contingent upon another's sorrow. Such a philosophy would certainly explain a lot of contemporary female behavior.

Perhaps it's also a sobering commentary on American life in general — if one has no moral scruples our system can work very much to one's advantage (provided IQ is above a certain threshold). In fact, it seems at times, despite the frequent admonitions against "legislating morality," that morality itself has been legislated out of existence, especially where family law is concerned. Our law and popular culture have become so relativist that the concepts of right and wrong have been reduced to whether an act causes a pleasurable physical sensation or sense of satisfaction at any particular moment.

Illustrating this trend perfectly, when Michael Cooper agreed to write a book about *his* experience, the publisher pressed him to include salacious details about his marriage and divorce. He was asked to do something that he personally felt was wrong to receive a reward, and being a fundamentally decent person he declined. It's pretty amazing that after being cuckolded in front of the entire nation, Mr. Cooper maintained his dignity and stuck by his guns, refusing on principle to sully his message, which publisher Hyperion plainly didn't think would interest fans of *Eat Love Pray*, the target demographic they must have been hoping to cash in on.

Cooper chose to name his book *Displaced*, a double entendre that describes both his divorce and his work as a humanitarian aid worker in various conflict zones, but Hyperion chose the title *The Husband: One Man's Story of Moving In, Moving Out, and Moving On*, further insulting him by reducing him to a bit part in the glamorous life of his ex-wife.

So what was his book about? According to the blurb that's still up on Hyperion's site (which still contains the original title), it's about how he recovered through service to others:

> Michael thought his marriage with Liz was rock solid. When it suddenly crumbled, his life was set adrift. In *Displaced*, he offers an intimate look at the end of the marriage and at his personal struggle to recover. Through more than a decade of human rights and humanitarian aid work with communities upended by poverty, disaster, and conflict, Michael witnessed time and again the incredible resilience of the human spirit—in Kosovo, Mongolia, Iran, Iraq, and elsewhere.

While Elizabeth Gilbert was slutting around in luxurious locales, dedicating herself to vapid, hedonistic pursuits, Michael Cooper was working hard to provide comfort to the afflicted peoples of the less fortunate parts of the world. Think about that: despite his own sorrow he dedicated his time and effort to easing the burdens of others. I can hardly think of a more arresting contrast.

Although it's too bad his book won't be coming out immediately, I'm actually glad Hyperion won't get to publish it. If they tried to ruin the story by introducing cheap gossip and dirty laundry, they don't deserve the rights. According to an article in the NY Post, Cooper cancelled the deal himself:

> Cooper told Page Six he finished the manuscript, but parted ways because of Hyperion's "eleventh-hour demands" to make it more racy. "I set out to write about how, in the wake of a devastating and unexpected divorce, I slowly rebuilt my life by redoubling my already decades-long commitment to humanitarian relief and human rights work. In the end, it seemed to me that Hyperion hoped to push the book in a more controversial direction — something I was unwilling to do. I am exploring options with other publishers." Hyperion confirmed the cancellation but declined to comment further.

Good for him. The book will eventually come out, and we will definitely review it here at *The Spearhead*.

As awful as the movie *Eat Love Pray* is, I'm glad it came out. I'm glad for *Sex and The City 2* as well, and all the other abominations that are crawling out of the swamp of contemporary culture. The flower of feminism is gone, and now we have its rotten fruit. When enough people have tasted it and retched as a result, it won't be an easy sell any longer.

As for Michael Cooper, his recovery is essentially complete. He is currently married to a Canadian diplomat, has two young sons, and is studying public interest law at Georgetown.

Comment From a Feminist Attorney

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Most readers have probably heard the popular example of a loaded question, which goes like this:

“Do you still beat your wife?”

Whether you answer yes or no, you admit to being a wife-beater. Yesterday, one of the people whose names I put up as open oppressors of men, a feminist lawyer, left what could be called a loaded comment on *The Spearhead*. Because new comments have to be approved, I considered trashing it, but then I thought I’d use it as an example of how these people operate.

The comment, posted by Kris Miccio (I can’t absolutely verify the identity of the sender, but I’m going to assume that’s who it is), reads as follows:

> 2010/08/21 at 11:10
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> I’d lke to thank you for including me on your list here. I was unaware of this blog. Perhaps there will come a time when invective is put aside and accountability replaces it–and those who batter their wives, their girlfriends come to terms with the violence of their actions; not just for those they physically harm but for the people who love them.

The suggestion is that those of us writing for *The Spearhead* are batterers who physically harm people and need to be held accountable. It is written in such a way as to insinuate rather than outright accuse, so one could call it a form of legal slander. It’s a common courtroom trick that less talented attorneys use in an attempt to portray people in a negative light.

It might seem kind of ridiculous, and not worth taking seriously, but it shows quite clearly that these people simply don’t believe in the concept of “innocent until proven guilty.” And, unfortunately, they are quite often entirely in charge of “batterers’ programs,” DV diversion, etc.

There is probably no system in the United States that is a better example of how totalitarian governments operate than family law. The people behind the system – mainly ardent feminists – have an ideological agenda, and they need not only victims, but scapegoats as well. It’s actually quite similar to the Maoist program of class struggle, except the classes in this case are replaced by gender. In their frame, all men are guilty, because they have been socialized by a patriarchal culture, so men are either batterers or potential batterers, and nothing else.

Conceptually, this is far, far away from our traditional practice of law, in which the burden of proof falls on the accuser. In the case of domestic violence and family law, it is the opposite; a man is essentially considered guilty before he’s even been accused, and must go through a process of self-criticism to purge himself of his guilt, which is added on top of any criminal penalties (if he was convicted of anything — a conviction is not necessary to trigger coercion into DV programs). It’s a strange recapitulation of the idea of original sin.

For any man who lives with a woman, or would like to at some point, this is serious business. Relationships don’t always last, and when they fall apart women can do some pretty vicious things to gain an advantage — ask any divorce lawyer if you have any doubts about how common this is.

In the meanwhile, we have to keep an eye on the people who are behind this system so that we can both personally avoid them and politically oppose them. The easier it is to look people like Kris Miccio up on Google and find their feminist credentials, the more effective we will be in both endeavors.

Woman Fakes Pregnancy, Rips Man Off For $3,500 of Child Support

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Carmen Lynn Johnsen, a Federal Way Washington woman, hatched a scheme to steal from a man she was dating, telling him late last year that she was pregnant with his child. Ms. Johnsen was well aware that she wasn't pregnant, but told the man that she had a history of high risk pregnancies and needed bed rest to play it safe. The man believed her, and started giving her $700 per month. Later, she claimed she had miscarried, going so far as to have a fake obituary printed and asking a pastor to hold a service for the nonexistent dead child.

After she thought she'd done a sufficient job of fooling everyone, Johnsen proceeded to demand almost $10,000 from the man who'd been paying her child support, saying she needed it for hospital bills. Suspicious, he called the police, who checked out the story. When police asked Johnsen what was going on, she showed them forged documents in an effort to fool them as well, which was probably the most important mistake she made. Cops don't generally care if a man is fooled by a woman, and will call it a "civil case," but if she tries to fool them they will not take it so well.

Johnsen has been charged with first degree theft and first degree forgery – both felonies – but has not been taken into custody.

Alternative Father Figures

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A Lone Nut comic.

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Is Game in Marriage Always Worth It?

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Chateau/Roissy, Hawaiian Libertarian and others have written a lot of good stuff about how important Game can be in marriage. They're right — a woman who perceives her husband as in charge and on top of things is a lot more likely to stick around than one who sees him as a pathetic beta provider. So it's pretty obvious that putting some effort into maintaining one's confidence, self-assuredness and wit is important to keeping a marriage alive. Guys who neglect this are at least halfway down the path of divorce.

However, one thing I don't see all that often is a discussion of the unsatisfied, unhappy married man. In our gynocentric culture, we have scores of films, songs, books and TV shows that that detail the dissatisfaction of wives with inadequate husbands, but it appears to be taboo to bring up the fact that plenty of men aren't all that happy with their wives. Whether it's taboo or not, it's a very real phenomenon that is, unfortunately, an exceedingly common problem.

Several of my friends/acquaintances are guys who remain in marriages because they don't have a viable alternative. One's a lawyer, one's a cop, and another's a corporate manager. What they all have in common is that they feel stuck with their wives. Often, they unload their frustrations while talking to me. My cop friend is totally "alpha" as far as the term is understood in the manosphere. He doesn't take any crap from his wife, stands his ground, and buries shit tests immediately. However, he is far from happy in his marriage. His wife, although she complains at times, is devoted to him, but he just isn't all that interested. He told me this evening that he's sick of sex with her, is at his wits' end about her irresponsible spending, and would rather be spending more time with his kids than working 12 hours a day to pay off credit card debts that she runs up.

My attorney friend is not even close to satisfied with his wife, who is most interested in the suburban status game. He feels like a caged animal, and lives with the sense that his life could be a lot better if he'd never married his wife in the first place.

The corporate manager is divorced, but then remarried for some reason or the other. I've only seen him with his wife once; the rest of the time he's been with other women, and his wife with other men.

There are millions of men out there who are stuck in similar situations, but they tend to stay with their families because they think it's the right thing for the kids, and also because they know that they'd be absolutely ruined if they pursued divorce.

So what do we have to offer these men? Sure, we criticize women for leaving because they are merely "unhappy," but shouldn't we take into account that men are sometimes unhappy in their marriages as well?

It seems to me that blaming marriage breakups on men's lack of Game is another one of those examples of unfairly placing all the responsibility on men. In fact, what's most telling to me is that, for all the feminist criticism of the manosphere and Game, I've never seen a woman suggest that there's anything wrong with gaming one's wife. It may be true that marriages break up when a man stops being the kind of husband that a woman wants, but we ought to keep in mind that this often follows the wife's failure to live up to some minimum standard that would keep a husband satisfied. This may not always be her fault, but often it really is.

A wife who blows cash like there's no tomorrow, who lets herself go physically, who is a nag or who makes no allowances for the husband's normal recreational pursuits isn't exactly inspiring a man to be confident and masculine in her presence. If anything, he's resentful, tired of her, and on the defensive — all of which are antithetical to Game.

Sure, a case could be made that tight Game will bring a woman around and get her to start working out, cooking, saving and acting like a good wife, but sometimes it's a pretty tall order, and it's pretty hard to motivate oneself to put all that effort into a wife who's already become an unattractive harridan. What do guys do in this case? From

what I've seen, they simply go through the motions, and often things subsequently fall apart and the guys take the blame.

It seems to me that if men are expected to maintain some level of alpha behavior around women, they need a woman who's worth it. Therefore, making a marriage work is not only on the shoulders of the man — it's up to wives as well. If family law didn't automatically punish men and reward women for annihilating families, women might actually take that seriously.

In short, Game cannot be a panacea without some balance in family law. Without a return to equity, women have no incentive to make themselves worthy of their husbands' devoted efforts.

Convicted Rapist Lives it up with Female Admirers in Sex Predator Commitment Center

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Lawrence Williams, a man convicted of multiple counts of violent rape, created a good life for himself in the special sexual predator commitment center, smoking crack, shooting porn flicks and maintaining a harem, all with the enthusiastic help of female nurses and corrections personnel.

Williams has a history of sexual assault that goes back to his teens, but he was extremely popular with the ladies, who risked their jobs and freedom to smuggle crack and film pornography with him. A shameless hustler, he even called state welfare to demand that his bitches get paid by the state. So far, it is not known whether state welfare followed his orders, but I wouldn't be surprised…

The prosecutor is trying to paint him as a master manipulator, but the defense is claiming, with some merit I would add, that it's a lot harder to "cheat an honest man." Of course, the problem with the P.T. Barnum quote the defense came up with is that it doesn't make allowances for women.

One method Williams used to run his stable from behind bars was to white knight for his ladies. In one email, he wrote: "No matter what is the issues in your life … you have a friend. I am sorry that I am not out. I would protect you from some of your man issues … oh yeah I would."

Strangely, that quote makes him sound remarkably like a contemporary family law judge or court commissioner. Is there really all that much difference between a convicted rapist and a family law judge, philosophically speaking? Anecdotal evidence suggests that judges – both lesbians and straight men – sometimes abuse the bench to engage in sexual relations with litigants. It's all about wrecking families and illegitimate sex, so morally speaking there's no clear line between the two.

Lawrence Williams is simply playing the game in the exact same manner that so many involved in the system do. Is it any wonder he's had so much success in securing drugs, pornography and the devoted support of women?

Rape Shield Laws and False Convictions

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Rape shield laws take on a couple of different forms, including limiting the ability of defense lawyers to cross-examine accusers and hiding the identity of accusers. In the United States, trials and court records are a matter of public record, guaranteed under the First and Fourteenth amendments of the Constitution, so identifying accusers is perfectly legal, despite the best efforts of some states to impose penalties on those who do so. However, in Britain those who accuse people of rape are guaranteed anonymity, although the accused are not, which creates a double standard — the accuser enjoys greater rights than the accused prior to conviction, which is a recipe for abuse.

The justification for the rape shield trend is often based on people's prejudices, and in the Anglosphere there has long been an assumption that women's reputations are worth a great deal, an idea that is based on Victorian ideas about female purity and moral superiority. Recently, as these outdated attitudes have crumbled under the evidence of widespread female promiscuity, sexual license and dishonesty, the argument has switched a bit, and now the laws and policies purport to defend women from "bullying" cross-examinations by the accused or his attorney. It is now argued that cross examination creates additional trauma for victims of rape, but this seems a bit out of keeping with our legal tradition, because without a conviction victimhood has not been established. However, there is still enough sympathy for women in the general population (although it appears to be fading fast) to allow for the unwarranted credibility given to female accusers; unwarranted because rape is the most falsely reported of all serious crimes. Additionally, there are, among the feminists, plenty of those who want to tip the balance in favor of accusers and deny constitutional rights to a fair trial.

In the UK, there is no constitutional amendment that requires government business to be conducted in the open, so those who accuse people of rape – whether genuine victims or not – do not have to reveal themselves. If the only concern were the trauma caused by public exposure or the fear women might feel about coming forward if exposed as an accuser, then one might think that a recent proposal to provide anonymity to those who have been accused of rape shouldn't be an issue, because providing anonymity to the accused does nothing to expose the accuser, and may actually further protect her identity. However, just such a proposal was recently denounced in Britain by feminist MPs, so it's obvious that something besides the feelings of the accuser is motivating them. In fact, if one ignores the spin and takes an objective look at the partisan nature of the debate, it's patently obvious that feminists want to stack the deck in favor of the accuser, and don't really care about a fair trial.

Allowing people to make anonymous accusations is a very touchy thing. It was very common in totalitarian regimes, where you could be hauled into court without any idea who had said what about you, or whether anyone had said anything at all. It's really quite difficult to defend oneself from a shadow, which is why we have the constitutional right in the United States to confront those who would accuse us. This, unfortunately, is the right under assault in American rape shield laws.

Alan Dershowitz, the famously pugnacious law professor and defense attorney, has been arguing against American rape shield laws for years. In the early 90s he wrote a couple articles for the Boston Herald, including one titled "Rape: guilty until proven innocent," and another: "When women cry rape and lie." Although I couldn't find the text from the first article, I did manage to find an excerpt from the latter:

> The tragic reality that rape is the most underreported of crimes must not blind us to the equally important reality that rape is also the most falsely reported of crimes. Moreover, "acquaintance" or "date" rape is an area in which differing perceptions may produce inadvertently false testimony about actions that may well fall into the gray area between aggressive seduction and criminal sexual assault. When it comes to sexual encounters, both men and women often "remember" differently from what a videotape would show. The truth-testing mechanisms of our criminal justice system must not be compromised in the service of some "politically correct" nonsense that when it comes to rape only women always tell the truth.

Dershowitz, an experienced trial lawyer, knew very well what the implications of the relatively new rape shield laws were. In fact, he argued that, in all likelihood, Mike Tyson was falsely accused of rape by a woman who had a history of making false rape accusations. What really bothered him about that case was that a rape shield law prevented Tyson's counsel from introducing evidence of prior false accusations, which could have demonstrated to the jury that the woman had a history of lying about sexual encounters.

When rape shield laws were first put in place, they were ostensibly to prevent defense attorneys from portraying victims as sluts and suggesting that it probably wasn't rape if the woman had a history of extramarital sex. As awful as that assumption may sound to modern ears, that was actually how most people felt before the advent of birth control and the sexual revolution. And there was a reason for that: women who had sex outside of marriage were generally prostitutes or otherwise of very poor character according to the social mores of the time, so it was perfectly fair to question whether a woman who had been sleeping around was really raped. However, as we all know, behavior changed rather radically from the 1950s to the 1970s, and it was decided that new laws were needed to prevent attorneys from playing to old-fashioned notions about sexual behavior.

However, if that were the sole reason, the fix would only be of temporary value, because at the present day only the senile and delusional still believe women are generally chaste outside of marriage. Now that Americans, young and old, have a more "progressive" understanding of what constitutes normal sexual behavior, there should be no further reason to shield jurors from the facts, which is exactly what these shield laws are intended to do.

If a professor who also identifies as a "feminist" (yes, Alan Dershowitz has called himself a feminist, unfortunately) is squarely opposed to rape shield laws, American men ought to be very worried about them. They must so cripple defense that even a man who is deeply sympathetic to feminism finds them objectionable, which suggests that an unscrupulous woman could easily use them as a weapon or a way out of a mess of her own making. In this sense, they may well be *encouraging* crime — false accusation in particular.

Unfortunately, a lot of young men are unaware that this is a real menace to them, personally. Normal young men have a revulsion toward rape, and can't imagine themselves ever being accused of something so heinous. Conceptually, they have a difficult time sympathizing with someone who has been accused of something so awful, as do most people, so the very real possibility of false convictions tends to go ignored.

Regardless, the truth has to come out, and it is, although slowly. One organization that has done a great deal of good work exposing the tragedy of false convictions is the Innocence Project. I invite readers with a little time on their hands to browse the cases, and take a look at what the men were convicted of. The majority of them were convicted of rape, and then exonerated at some later date by DNA analysis. In most cases, it appears that these men were convicted due to "eyewitness misidentification." While many real victims probably did in fact make a mistake, it would be disingenuous to suggest that not one of these men was the victim of a false accusation, fingered by a malicious woman who was making an excuse for something or other or trying to get out of a sticky situation. A number of these men were on death row. Some of them for over 20 years. Their lives were ruined, their families plunged into despair, parents in mourning and all the rest.

I recently watched the film *Life After Innocence*, a documentary about the men exonerated by DNA evidence and produced by the Innocence Project, and it was almost painfully touching to see these grown, middle-aged men coming home to parents who had lost their boys so many years before. They'd walk into the homes many of them had barely left prior to conviction, look around, and embrace their mothers and fathers after decades behind bars. As a father myself, I can barely imagine what it would feel like to lose my child in that manner. Seeing the old parents still there for their sons, waiting all those years, highlights human beings' amazing ability to endure pain and disappointment and still hold onto hope.

These stories – this *reality* – is what needs to be taken into account in every single discussion of laws that limit the rights of the accused to defend himself. If rape shield laws are putting innocent men in prison, as Alan Dershowitz believes they are, we have to stand up to those who advocate them and hold them accountable for the destruction of innocent lives. If feminists are too morally deficient to understand why this is a very grave problem, the obvious

question we should be asking is why they are in any positions of authority at all.

From Liberation to Chattel

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The radical reinterpretation of marriage that has been underway in the West for the past century or so, which began in earnest with universal suffrage, has put men in a tight spot. Comparisons to chattel slavery are entirely apt, given the legal regime surrounding marriage, which can put a man into lifelong indentured servitude, restrict his movement, and imprison him for failing to follow the state mandate to pay his ex-wife or children's mother. At this point, men are on the ropes. Women control most of the wealth in the United States and probably a number of other Western countries, men's traditional entitlements as fathers and husbands have been entirely stripped away and replaced with obligations (the opposite of entitlements), and politicians – conservative and liberal alike – are gunning for more of the same.

However, the ultimate consequences of radical policies are not always what folks intended them to be. It is common for people to become virtually enslaved by their entitlements, as men were in the 20th century, when the meaning of being "head of the family" switched from lord and master of the home to dutiful wage slave. As many men have remarked, having a man as "head of household" became a better deal for the wife than the husband following the Industrial Revolution. What benefit is it to be head of household when one spends little time at home, and is unconscious for the better part of that time anyway?

Now that the tables have turned, and men have incurred legal obligations to remunerate women for drawing breath, women's role in society is undergoing a change that, although subtle, is readily evident from one decade to the next.

As an example, billionaire Donald Bren, a Los Angeles real-estate tycoon, has recently been in the news over a child support lawsuit pursued by his adult children at the behest of their mother, Jennifer McKay Gold. The appropriately named Ms. Gold had a 13-year "affair" with Mr. Bren and bore two illegitimate children by him, who are now 18 and 22 years old. Bren came to an agreement with Ms. Gold about child support, paying her some $3.5 million over 24 years and spending considerably more exclusively on the children. Toward the end of that period, Ms. Gold was receiving $216,000 per year of untaxed income — a tidy sum for taking her clothes off and providing entertainment from time to time. There's no doubt that she was the envy of all her girlfriends, lived in a nice house, drove a nice car, and had a closet full of expensive clothes and shoes — all the trappings that fulfill life's purpose for your typical California female.

But that wasn't enough for her. No, she wanted to bequeath a fortune to her illegitimate children, doubtless purely out of altruism and motherly concern. So she urged them to sue their father for no less than $134 million (if there was ever any doubt that she was the driving force behind the lawsuit, Gold eliminates it by repeatedly speaking for her children and using the pronoun "we" when making statements to the press). Unfortunately for Ms. Gold and her children, they had to make the case to a jury that was likely comprised mainly of people who had never made as much on a monthly basis as she collected in child support. Her attorney, Hillel Chodos, unintentionally injected some humor into the pathetic situation by arguing as follows:

> They are not here because they didn't have enough to live on, they are here because they were deprived by Donald Bren of their birthright. They had the right to share in his standard of living.

Now I don't know Mr. Chodos personally, and he may have been having a bad day, but that line of argument – especially in front of a jury – makes him come off as a second-rate attorney at best.

What's so ridiculous about the argument is that the children were the result of an "affair," and therefore appeals to old-fashioned notions such as "birthright" are entirely out of place — opposing counsel might as well have countered with the legal rights of bastards, which in English law stipulated that there was no birthright (i.e. inheritance).

But if you really want to be technical about it, Ms. Gold was a de facto concubine, and that's why the jury rejected Chodos's argument.

Concubinage was common in many civilized societies throughout the world for thousands of years, but widespread legal reforms based on Westernization or Communism essentially eliminated the practice in all but a few places. In the West, concubinage (at least the legally recognized variety) was snuffed out by Christianity, which imposed harsh penalties to limit the practice, including stigmas against bastards, religious sanction against those who practiced some form of it (churchmen such as bishops were frequent offenders) and strong social pressure. Without an ideology or religion to counter concubinage, it appears to be something that occurs naturally in human society. It is a social contract whereby the big man who hoards more than his share of women is expected to maintain the females and their offspring at some minimum level of comfort, which usually turns out to be greater than that enjoyed by your typical peasant or tribesman.

In general, the biggest difference between wives and concubines was that wives were much more difficult to put away due to property arrangements (e.g. dowries, land consolidation), and wives' children were considered legitimate heirs. Of course, there were exceptions, but as a rule the status of a wife was significantly higher than that of a concubine.

If one takes a close look at contemporary American society, it appears that concubinage is gradually reasserting itself in Western culture and law. This is an inevitable result of the idea that men have an obligation to financially support illegitimate children; an idea that was rejected by Christians because it fatally weakens the incentives for women without significant property to engage in monogamous marriage. In fact, Islam prohibits concubinage as well, and dictates that although a man may have up to four wives, each one will have the same status under the law. Abuses have always occurred, but the contrast between European and East Asian society (Chinese in particular) was stark up until modernization in Asia. Rich Chinese men often had a "first wife" and varying numbers of concubines, the Emperor would have hundreds of them, and lots of ordinary Chinese men had to make do sharing prostitutes or going entirely without a woman.

For young women, a life as a concubine is often preferable to being married to a poor man, and increasingly that option is open to them in the US. For the lucky few women – usually the exceptionally attractive and mercenary – a sexual relationship with a wealthy businessman, athlete or politician can guarantee decades of support if she manages to get pregnant. Rielle Hunter, John Edwards' adulterous lover, is an example of a woman who pulled it off. Scores of women manage to hit the jackpot with young, unsophisticated athletes; thousands upon thousands of others we've never heard of take advantage of relatively wealthy men. In these cases, where child support will be enough to live on, the arrangement is concubinage in all but name. The only argument against equivalency is that sexual exclusivity is not guaranteed, as it usually was in ancient forms of concubinage, but given that sexual exclusivity is neither guaranteed nor enforced in marriage any longer and concubinage has always been held to be a lesser alternative to full marriage, it is fulfilling the exact same role the institution did in ancient times.

What is ironic about all this is that the endless demands women make for financial entitlements are slowly creating a legal basis for women's status as chattel. Culturally, the effect will likely be similar, as it is difficult to counter the sense that what is paid for is owned. Despite the endless complaints from feminists about women being objectified and treated as chattel, now that women have secured the right to do as they please they are busy lobbying themselves into a position where it would be difficult to treat them in any other manner.

For years, feminists have relied on the idea that a patriarchal conspiracy has been responsible for the nearly universal tendency to treat women as something in between an enfranchised individual and property. However, if one takes a closer look at the behavior and demands of women themselves, including and especially those who have been "liberated" since birth, the reality that presents itself is that this is exactly the role that they want.

The Little Things Men Do

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About a week ago, a girl fell off a cliff into the Skokomish River, which flows out of the Olympic Mountains into Hood Canal in Washington State's Olympic Peninsula. Much of Western Washington is pretty rough country, and lots of people drown every year, often because they are weakened by hypothermia. The waters remain cold year round, so it's actually very common for people to die as a result of hypothermia in the summer, when they are less cautious around rivers and lakes.

In this incident, the girl broke a few bones in the fall, and was showing signs of hypothermia, so she had to be extracted from the canyon she had fallen into fairly quickly. However, hauling her out on foot wouldn't have been practical given the fractures, and might have taken too long given the hypothermia, so a Nighthawk helicopter from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station flew in to lift her out. Hospital Corpsman Second Class Richmond Roy rappelled a couple hundred feet to secure the girl and lift her to safety.

The rescue was carried out in a narrow canyon, under a bridge and in significant wind (you can hear the wind at the beginning of the clip while the cameraman is walking along the bridge). The video below gives an idea of how tight it was, and what nerve it must have taken for the chopper pilot and the corpsman who pulled up the basket. Near the end of the clip, you can see the basket swinging around in the wind as it nears the chopper, which remains motionless in midair. Amazing.

For all the bashing women give men, when you get right down to it, these extraordinary feats are simply beyond the capabilities of women. That image of capable, dutiful men placing themselves at considerable risk to lift a helpless girl out of a perilous place is a perfect metaphor for civilization itself. It puts feminism, women's lib and notions of gender equality in their proper perspective.

Zeta Game — Hypergamy

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When you are married, you might as well wake up every morning, go look at yourself in the mirror and say, "Fuck you. Fuck your dreams, your ambitions and anything else that is important to you. It's all about *her*."
-Chris Rock

In our efforts to understand and quantify women's power, we are hobbled by the fact that our culture has very, very limited ways to articulate the nature of that power. In fact, we live largely in denial of the massive amount of muscle and sway inherent to being female, and are under any number of cultural pressures, reinforced by massive societal denial, to act as though that power does not exist.

What would seem to be a minor example of this at work can be seen every time your spell check redlines the word misandry. Though this is actually not so minor. A culture that refuses to acknowledge that a perfectly legitimate word exists on paper, is in effect denying its existence to the collective consciousness. And when such prejudicial elimination of ideas runs unchecked, it not only has the power to skew attitudes and perspectives, but also to shape law and policy, education and public awareness. Misandry runs rampant because misandry does not exist.

Women need empowerment, and always will, because women's power itself *does not exist.*

We do have one exception to this. It is the "I am woman, hear me roar," exception. We are bound as members of this society to proclaim women to be powerful, capable equals to men, even as we are also shackled to the opinion that women are the subjugated victims of oppression by the men who they are supposedly equal to. In its own ironic and completely contradictory way, the "I am woman," exception is just a publicly mandated, schmaltzy affirmation of the Stuart Smalley variety. We are all compulsory *grrl power* cheer leaders, chanting therapeutic mantras at women about a kind of power they do not, and never, have had.

And it only serves to lead us further astray from the very real power that they do possess.

We don't have common expressions like "female dominance," or "matriarchal oppression," and despite their absolute legitimacy, as sure as we use them 98% of the public will roll their eyes in summary dismissal, thus demonstrating another aspect of overarching female power that bears no name, and therefore *does not exist.*

It is like trying to describe a cloud without being able to use the word itself- *to a world that does not believe in clouds.* We are limited to talking around the subject; we present our meanings in metaphors and similes and anecdotes. We may describe how the power of accusation from women often ruins innocent men, or how men go in to family court at a complete disadvantage by virtue of having a penis, rather *not having a vagina*, but we really have precious little language to address all this directly. As a result, much of what we say is dismissed as hyperbolic and overly reactionary.

It's the female advantage to have power that is at once overbearing and invisible; everywhere and nowhere.

But this is beginning to change, thanks to the MRM. Growing numbers of men and women are now aware of misandry, despite their spell checks continued ignorance of it. And with the furtherance of the use of that word, we are not only pushing another addition to the lexicon, but some very key ideas that go with it.

- Women can, and do, irrationally hate every bit as much as men.
- Women can be sexist, and many are.
- Men can be self hating, and many are.

That is the power of a single word, and the more it is forced into mainstream use, the more, albeit slowly, that attitudes begin to change. We are not there yet, but the day is coming that misandry will take its place alongside misogyny in the collective consciousness, and people will have a hard time thinking of one without a cognizance of

the other. Language is the locus of social change.

In that spirit, I am continuing the Zeta Game series with a focus on not only reversing the polarity of the power flow between men and women, but on attempting to infuse some more meaning and clarity into the language we use when doing it. And I can best start by taking a word that has been popping up in the Game dialog for some time now.

Hypergamy.

The word is literally defined as the custom of women marrying up, or marrying men who have a higher socioeconomic status than women possess on their own. Gamesters have already expanded on it to describe women's natural inclination to be sexually stimulated in the presence of powerful men. I read a recent comment in another forum saying that even the most committed of married women will get the 'gina tingle in the presence of such men, even when ugly ass Henry Kissinger walks into a room.

I have no doubt it is true.

But there is much more to hypergamy, and at the very least it serves the purpose of men well to revise and expand upon our understanding of it, and include that into our common language.

First we should consider that the literal definition of hypergamy and the Game definition both point to the same outcome- women with access to, and use of, the power generated by men.

That power can come in many different forms, and will be pursued differently by different women, especially at different points in their lives.

A younger woman may be attracted to the immediate presence of personal power via thug attraction, while an older, more sophisticated woman will be turned on by a successful man of means. There is, in the biological sense, not one iota of difference between the two women. Both get hot and bothered by what they hope to eventually have control over.

So whether the 'gina tingle is sparked by a guy on a Harley or a guy with a Harley factory, they are tingling over essentially the same thing.

Both women will enter the relationship in honeymoon phase, but will eventually use the tried and tested methods of sexual manipulation and/or emotional blackmail to put the man on a leash and start assuming ownership of everything he produces, including money, home and personal time.

The average woman will become increasingly demanding and insistent that the energy all revolve around her, and the standard response is for the man to acquiesce. And as I wrote about in my essay, "A Prayer for Joe Bob," this is where we also see the man lose more and more of himself to her wishes and whims.

Women don't just marry up. They are on constant alert to *better deal* themselves, even within, *especially* within, their current relationships. They enter relationships with the intent to eventually exert total control over them. I saw a woman wearing a T-shirt once that said it as succinctly as I have ever seen it.

More me. Less you.

To illustrate the point further I am reminded of one of the questions I used to ask in the men's groups I facilitated.

"How many of you," I would ask, "have ever had the feeling that you wanted to pull all of your hair out by the roots and scream bloody murder because no matter what you did, she was not happy with it and wanted more?"

The roughly 5% of men who answered this question in the negative were all gay.

Even men that claimed to be happily married were able to relate to this frustration, and indeed many of those men attributed their "happy marriage" to the fact that they gave their wives whatever they wanted with no questions.

I call this hypergamy in action, and it is a form of exercised power that is unequaled in it's ability to control a man's life- and it is all but universal to the male experience.

For men who desire the ability to avoid that trap, giving hypergamy an expanded definition (and yes, I can do that if I want to) is in order.

Hypergamy is the innate tendency in women to reduce men to mere utilitarian value, to extract as much personal use from men as possible. And to continue to do so until the man is used up.

In short, hypergamy is the universal drive in women to turn men into appliances, and whether that appliance is a dildo or an ATM or both, makes little difference.

And the hell with NAWALT, in one way or another ALL heterosexual women practice hypergamy, and my money is on the idea that most lesbians do as well. It is biological programming, not conscious choice, so hating women for it is about as useful as hating men for liking tits and ass.

And besides, one need not hate women to understand and counteract hypergamy. Indeed, it is quite possible to force any woman you are connected to into more or less chasing her tail in circles with her hypergamous tendencies, leaving her to experience the frustration that she usually is the one to inflict. And it does not require scheming, manipulation, dishonesty or any of the other less savory aspects of non Zeta Game.

In fact, it demands that you do just the opposite of those things and operate only in honest, direct ways that scream self assurance and self awareness.

I will cross that bridge in the next article, Hypergamy Crossroads.

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Men's News Daily Retiring

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Men's News Daily, a popular online men's magazine, is closing down after nine years of reporting on men's issues, politics and the general insanity that has come to characterize gender relations in the United States. Staunchly anti-feminist and unapologetically pro-male, the site has helped create and inform a community of men and supportive women who have gone on to spread the word and offer important resources to those who are coming in from the cold reality of state-sponsored misandry. Publisher Mike LaSalle, a California native, has established himself as a pioneer in online activism for men, bringing us the work of many insightful writers, editors and professionals who have exposed Governance Feminism for the harmful, unnatural and intrusive regime it has become.

Although I was only dimly aware of MND when I started *The Spearhead* along with other contributors, I soon found that the old guard of online men's activism was already well established there, and we were fortunate enough to benefit from some cross-pollination of ideas and writing from men who had previously contributed to MND, including *Spearhead* contributors Paul Elam and Zed.

Mike LaSalle is shifting his efforts to Hawaii, where he will focus on Hawaiian politics and news with the site Hawai'i News Daily.

Although I don't know Mike personally, I'd like to wish him success with HND and give him a hand for running a popular, influential site for most of the last decade. His efforts deserve both praise and respect, and will be remembered as a great example of how a man can make a difference through determination and professionalism.

Aloha, Mike.

Teachers Consider Relaxing Restrictive Policies Toward Boys, But Still Don't Get It

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For more than a generation now, one of the main battlegrounds in the war on men has been the schoolyard, and the principal target is little boys. The theory that differences between the sexes is the result of socialization by a patriarchal conspiracy has been largely discredited, but the damage to an entire generation of boys has already been done. I distinctly remember teachers banning our war games and forcing us to sit down and play like girls. It went so far that we were even banned from playing pickup football, because the girls were left out and it was too "violent." Some teachers – including some men – openly favored girls, telling us that "life isn't fair" when we boys complained about having to get in the back of the line and receive goodies last simply because we were boys. Of course, there were good teachers as well, both men and women, and I was fortunate to be in a high-quality elementary school, so I can only imagine how bad it might have been without the level of quality control my school employed.

Feminists believed that sexism began in childood, so they worked hard to enact abusive policies to "fix" boys. One of the main tenets of feminism, still held to be gospel by disgusting, totalitarian organizations such as NOMAS and sleazy academic hustlers like Michael Kimmel, is that there's something wrong with men and they need to be "fixed." So for years boys were forced to go through reprogramming to purify them of their patriarchal stain. They were encouraged to play with dolls, be passive and adopt a sexually ambiguous demeanor, while the natural expressions of masculinity that characterize boys everywhere were ruthlessly suppressed by frowning matrons.

Although this effort was far from a resounding success, the effects have been profound. Among men of my generation (roughly genXers), there is a dysfunctional sense of masculinity that manifests itself in passive aggressive social behavior and an identification with the politics and culture of self-hatred. If older men want to know why young men often don't behave like "proper men," well, it's because too many older men dropped the ball and left little boys in the hands of bitter, sadistic, man-hating feminists. I am convinced that the aversion to being forthright and honest, which manifests itself in popular culture through snark and hipster irony and in politics through PC doublethink, is a result of so many men having spent many of their formative years being punished simply for being boys.

Fortunately, some voices are being raised against this practice, which is essentially child abuse, and the informal ban on challenging feminist orthodoxy in the schoolroom appears to be faltering.

In an article in *Live Science* titled "Battling the Boys: Educators Grapple with Violent Play," psychologist Michael Thompson, co-author of "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys," dismisses the idea that boys' play is even violent at all, and makes the obvious but often overlooked point that when people are not actually getting hurt by play it's absurd to call it violent, saying:

> There is no such thing as violent play. Violence and aggression are intended to hurt somebody. Play is not intended to hurt somebody. Play, rougher in its themes and rougher physically, is a feature of boyhood in every society on Earth.

Some teachers are beginning to listen to people like Thompson, and are rolling back restrictions on the games boys naturally come up with. But it's difficult to fight old prejudices against male behavior, in large part because kindergarten and preschool teachers are overwhelmingly female, with a paltry 2.2% being male, and feminism tends to be a dominant ideology in such environments.

Unfortunately, a lot of the female teachers have a difficult time understanding that the games boys make up are nothing more than normal play, and try to get boys to "create compromises" and "listen to each other" as an

alternative. It's hard to imagine a less effective approach to boys' education than this effort, which amounts to encouraging them to be little girls.

Boys like to play games in which there are "bad guys," such as cops and robbers, cowboys and Indians, etc. For some reason, female teachers seem constitutionally unable to understand that this is an entirely natural expression of the male competitive/problem-solving instinct, and they often insist on squelching "bad guy" games. One teacher betrays her severely limited comprehension of the masculine mind by attempting to explain bad guy play as a sort of inner struggle, saying "These bad guys give them a way to externalize that part of them that they are trying to conquer."

I don't think she could be any more wrong. "Bad guys" are simply representative of an external challenge and the masculine method for dealing with it. As adult males, our "bad guys" with which we do battle are the challenges and struggles of life and work. For me the "bad guy" might be a buggy bit of code that is crashing a website. For an engineer, it might be a particularly troublesome engine component. For a firefighter it's a tenacious blaze. One could go on and on, but the point is that it's healthy and good for boys to engage in this kind of play, because it is an exercise in the masculine form of problem solving, which has turned out to be very, very effective.

When you think about how clueless these female teachers are around boys, it's pretty sobering. Some of them have been teaching boys for decades and still don't get it. Although it's nice to see that some people are questioning the conventional feminist wisdom as it pertains to education, I'm not sure significant progress can be made as long as women have such overwhelming authority over boys. It may be that an overabundance of mothering and minding of boys by females is the biggest threat to boys of all. But if that's the case, men have to take some responsibility and step up to the plate themselves: if we turn a blind eye while feminists meddle with our boys, it's as much our fault as anyone's if they come out with a warped sense of masculinity.

Comment Rating

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A couple commenters suggested I install a comment rating system, so now we have one. It might take a bit of tweaking to figure out where to set the cutoffs and such, so I'll keep an eye on how it's working out for a few days. This is something I've been considering for a while, because it allows readers to help out with moderation, which I definitely would welcome. This might actually allow me to entirely turn off moderation on the main site, but I don't want to jump the gun so let's consider this a testing period.

I had to rejigger the code a bit to make it work, but it's a surprisingly simple program, and seems to be pretty fast. WordPress definitely has its advantages. However, it seems there might be a bit of an issue with anonymous posting, and if that's the case I might have to require people to post with a name/handle.

TechCrunch: Tech Companies Can't Do Enough to Promote Women

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Writing for TechCrunch, senior editor Michael Arrington exposes just what lengths tech companies go to in an effort to promote women, and how it's never enough for critics. Mediaite editor Rachel Sklar was recently quoted in the Wall Street Journal slamming TechCrunch for its "overwhelming maleness," and that proved to be the last straw for Arrington, who wrote, in exasperation, that it's time to stop blaming men for the dearth of women in tech.

Arrington's article is scandalous, not so much for its repudiation of another annoying feminist "editor," but because it is so brutally honest about the favoritism women get in the tech world. He admits that he's never been honest about how he feels before, and that he would dodge uncomfortable questions concerning the real reason there are so few women in tech startups.

> For the most part I've sat on the sidelines over the years during the endless debates about how we need to do more to encourage more women to start companies. What I mean by "sat on the sidelines" is this – until today I haven't really said what I felt.
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> Every damn time we have a conference we fret over how we can find women to fill speaking slots. We ask our friends and contacts for suggestions. We beg women to come and speak. Where do we end up? With about 10% of our speakers as women.
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> I'm going to tell it like it is. And what it is is this: **statistically speaking women have a huge advantage as entrepreneurs**, because the press is dying to write about them, and venture capitalists are dying to fund them. Just so no one will point the accusing finger of discrimination at them.
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> That WSJ article also criticizes Y Combinator for having just 14 female founders out of their 208 startups to date. But I know that Y Combinator wants – really, really wants – female founders and that there just aren't very many of them. I know this because Y Combinator cofounder Jessica Livingston has told me how excited they are to get applications from women, and that they want to do everything they can to get more female applicants. What they probably won't admit, but I suspect is true anyway, is that **the rate of acceptance for female applicants is far higher than for male applicants**.
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> The problem isn't that Silicon Valley is keeping women down, or not doing enough to encourage female entrepreneurs. The opposite is true. No, the problem is that not enough women want to become entrepreneurs.

So there you have it. Women are given huge incentives and support, favored, celebrated and praised to high heaven for any efforts in tech, but it still isn't enough to address the disparity. Men, who are overwhelmingly the innovators and drivers of technology, are second-class citizens when it comes to venture capital funding and press coverage because "diversity" has become almost as important as profit.

This must introduce a great deal of inefficiency to venture capital. How many bombs were funded only because they were proposed by women? How many men with good ideas were passed over so that an investor could pad their diversity cred with females?

The contemporary reality in tech and other fields that are traditionally male is that women are treated like rock stars simply for being competent. Men fall over themselves to promote women, treating men as less-than-ideal in the process. A mediocre female is worth more than a talented, but not outstanding male. And still women – who have it much, much easier than men – endlessly complain, even blaming the very men who go to such great lengths to promote them.

It’s good to see a man finally speak out, but Arrington’s frustration comes more from being offended over having his sincere, strenuous efforts to promote women ignored and his publication trashed by a spoiled, bratty feminist. He’s upset for the same reason Jon Stewart was after being called sexist by Jezebel: he’s appalled by the ingratitude despite his best efforts. Well, fellas, get used to it, because American women, particularly of the feminist variety, are not known for gratitude. Their theme song might as well be “What have you done for me lately?” repeated over and over ad nauseum.

Salon: Abuse of Boys in Afghanistan a Feminist Issue

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In a deeply cynical ploy by feminist Tracy Clark-Flory, the endemic abuse of boys and use of male prostitutes in Afghanistan is being portrayed as a result of women's oppression in this recent Salon piece. Although it is doubtless that Islam may play some role – in the context of Afghan culture – in the practice of "bacha-baz," the idea that feminism is the solution to the abusive treatment of boys is either the result of deeply held ignorance or deliberate dishonesty. Male prostitution and pederasty have been a problem in the area for at least a couple hundred years, and probably far longer. Famed 19th century British explorer and secret agent Richard Francis Burton was tasked with investigating a male brothel in what is now Pakistan at one point, and wrote extensively about the practice, which led to spurious accusations that he was an avid participant himself.

Back in those days radical Islam was not a feature of the region, and female prostitution abounded as well. Ironically, in the 19th century the West was sexually far more "repressive" than many Islamic countries, in which all sorts of prostitution and debauchery flourished virtually in plain view. The fundamentalist Wahhabis – who went on to conquer Saudi Arabia and reintroduce militant Islam – were a very new movement at the time, and stood in stark contrast to most other Islamic societies, which were in full civilizational decay, much as the West is now.

In this context, one could easily purchase a boy, a girl, or possibly even livestock for sexual purposes. Virtually nothing was sacred, and male-on-male rape was considered a sport and made light of, as it is in our contemporary culture, where people think it clever to make jokes about prison rape.

Since that time much has changed, but Afghanistan is notoriously backward and resistant to change, so the practice has persisted despite reforms in the Islamic world. However – and this is very important where Clark-Flory's article is concerned – the fundamentalist Muslim Taliban have made it a priority to stamp out bacha baz. It is not in the strictly fundamentalist parts of Afghanistan where the women are veiled and kept out of school that bacha-baz is practiced; it is found primarily in the north where the ethnic groups who are allied with NATO have control. Fundamentalist Islam is not so much a characteristic of Afghan culture as tribalism, but it has made inroads thanks to Arab fanatics filled with a missionary zeal and a desire to fight what they see as the godless "North," which includes Russia along with what we call "The West."

Furthermore, if we are to take an example closer to home, we could shine a light on the problem of pederasty in the Roman Catholic Church in the late 20th century — during which time liberal ideologies, including feminism, gained the upper hand in seminaries and parishes across the US, and then even Europe itself. The relaxation of tradition and the rise of feminist ideology in the Catholic Church occurred at the exact same time that the epidemic of pederasty did, which suggests a correlation between the two. So no, it is not "the patriarchy" that is raping boys. In fact, many of the rapist priests were notoriously "progressive" in their views and feted by wealthy liberals, some of whom doubtless were aware of their proclivities.

Unfortunately, most people are not all that well-informed, and may be susceptible to appeals to human decency. This is how feminism has gained so much ground: by usurping moral issues and proposing feminist policies as the solution. Even conservatives have fallen for these tactics, passing hardcore feminist legislation and enabling feminist radicals because they never took the time to study and get to the root of problems, preferring instead to blindly react to social problems with heavy-handed, ill-considered measures.

It is important that we keep an eye on feminist arguments to prevent them from making appeals to our sense of decency in an effort to fool us into giving them even more power and influence than they already have. As we know well, the situation has not improved for boys since the advent of feminism, and eliminating abuses such as pederasty are best achieved not by giving women more privileges, but by caring about the humanity of boys, which is not even remotely part of the feminist agenda.

The Raters Have Spoken, and the Winner is... “Anonymous”

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The new comment rating system has given me an idea. I’d like to feature the most highly rated comment per week. Had I not agreed with yesterday’s results, I’m not so sure I’d be quite so enthusiastic about the idea, but readers picked out a real gem — and, quite surprisingly, one written by a woman. I might even be tempted to feature a “worst comment of the week” as well, but unfortunately the bad ones tend to be lacking not only in terms of logic and ideas, but readability as well. However, if I find one that could provide some entertainment, I’ll include a “worst comment” along with the Comment of the Week.

I know that a fair number of readers – probably a majority – do not actually see the comments, reading most of the articles on RSS, so I think it’s a good idea to bring the outstanding ones to their attention from time to time. And the following comment is certainly a good one. It is funny, honest and impassioned, and I thought it would be perfect for kicking off the new feature.

So *The Spearhead* presents the first in what we hope will be a long tradition:

Comment of the Week, by “Anonymous”

The reason that there are so few good women in tech is that women are not wired to be technical: everything needs to relate to emotions, intuition, creative arts, etc. In addition, the average woman is not committed to a career; rather, she is committed to “self-fullfillment,” which is a selfish, rather than a group or technical goal.

Harvard President Dr. Lawrence Summers summed it up much more cogently than I can: “It is a fact about our society that [there] is a level of commitment [to a scientific career] that a much higher fraction of married men have been historically prepared to make than of married women.” His remarks about the difference in technical intelligence have been widely discussed, so I will not quote them here.

So the women that feminatzis continue to describe as “smart, independent, and feisty,” are neither smart enough, independent enough, nor feisty enough to make it in a technical/scientific career. Those that try are so committed to special treatment that their contribution to the group is less than zero, as considerable resources are wasted trying to bring them up to speed and covering their asses when they fail. And they do fail. And HR, typically a rats’ nets of women, will let me know that “You’re not trying hard enough to promote women.” Ironic, since I am a woman that came up before the entitlement process began.

I have had some half dozen very good women engineers who reported to me over that past 20 years. They were ALL from the pre-entitlement era. The post-entitlement twits were all worthless – ALL WORTHLESS. It will be a cold day in hell that I hire another woman for my group. If I am forced by the harpies in HR to take on a woman engineer, I am old enough to be able to say “I quit” and go semi-retired to do my own thing.

(ps: No, I’m not a dyke. I have been together with a very fine manly-man for over 30 years.)

Rape Accusation Used to Silence Wikileaks?

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Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, an Australian national, was recently accused of rape by a couple of Swedish women after he met them following a seminar in Stockholm on August 14th. The women accused him jointly, six days after the event. It is not clear whether they are alleging that he raped both of them at once, or raped one after the other in quick succession.

Assange is an eccentric autodidact who has studied a broad range of scientific subjects and been involved in hacking and programming since his teens. Raised in a chaotic environment by a single mother who kidnapped him and his half-brother, taking them into hiding to avoid her ex-husbands, he left home at 16 and soon began making a living programming.

Wikileaks, which was founded in 2006, has released enormous amounts of classified data from various government agencies, which has made some people very angry. Recently, classified US military reports and videos, including the graphic video of a couple Apache helicopters blowing a Reuters camera crew to bits with 30mm chain guns, were sent to Wikileaks by private Bradley Manning, an intelligence analyst based in Iraq, causing a major uproar and leading to Manning's arrest. Since the fallout from that, Assange has avoided setting foot in the US and applied for residence in Sweden, where he would like Wikileaks to receive legal protection from the Swedish government.

If his accusers are telling the truth, the skinny, 39-year-old Australian computer nerd decided to rape two women at once while seeking something akin to asylum from Sweden.

However, recent reports of Swedish women accusing men of rape for money have been popping up in the news. Rape shield laws make it all the easier for women to falsely accuse men of rape without any repercussions, because their identities become a state secret, which is highly ironic considering Wikileaks' mission to expose government secrets. The shield laws severely limit any investigation of accusers, which suggests that it would be a safe and simple matter to pay women to make such an accusation. Add to that the fact that women are almost never prosecuted for making false rape accusations, and this is a recipe for abuse.

This is a murky case, and the details are still very sketchy. Something about it stinks, and if the accusations are spurious, perhaps Wikileaks will be motivated to expose government documents pertaining to ripping off non-custodial fathers, deals to coerce men into signing away custody of their children through false allegations, and other abuses introduced by feminist law.

The Problem With Gay Rights

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From *A Voice For Men*

If you have spent any real amount of time reading the articles, and in particular the comments in men's movement forums, then you are aware of an often anti-homosexual attitude that has been prevalent for quite some time.

On a political level, some of the resentment is understandable. Gay activists have aligned themselves with feminists, and, while marching in misandric lockstep, have draped themselves in victim couture and made their grab for special government considerations. The resultant draconian intrusions and bullying on behalf of gays and other special interest groups is a core issue in the men's movement, and for good reason.

Heterosexual males are the societal default for the role of perpetrator and are subsequently the identified enemy for whatever victims du jour have the stage at the moment. Just more misandry in a culture that seems to run on it these days.

But while the politics of this may have helped structure a façade of improvement for gay men, it has actually revealed something about their political agenda that becomes more apparent with each public campaign.

They have no idea who their real enemies are. No, not a freaking clue. And that ignorance sets up them up to lose more rights than they could ever hope to gain.

Allow me to digress for a moment to make a statement about gay men in general.

Gay men have invented new technology, built cities, researched cures for disease, made profound contributions to the arts, literature and philosophy, excelled at athletics and participated wholly in every aspect of the development of civilization as we know it.

But of course, they did not do these things because they were gay. They did these things because they were men. Solving problems and making advances is what men do, and there is no evidence to suggest that gay men are any less proficient at it than straight men.

And therein, in my opinion, lies the problem. We live in a culture that doesn't regard gay men as men. So, it would stand to reason that a movement of social awareness and enlightenment, proffering that men who are gay are no less men than men who are straight, would have been in order. And it would have served a purpose not dissimilar from what we see in the men's movement today- to wit, that holding men to standards and expectations based on sex, while relieving women of their corresponding expectations, has led directly to their systematic, conscripted misuse as human beings.

By embracing feminist ideology and misandry, gay men only buy into the myth that they are not, and shouldn't be, men. And by allowing themselves to be co opted by a group of ideologues that hate men to the core, they have only further undermined solutions to their very real problems.

And this leaves us with what we see in the "gay rights" movement today- a dissonant ideology that is designed to attack the very nature of who they are. For in the end, whether you are an avowed deconstructionist of traditional masculinity, or an equally fervent traditionalist that thinks real men sit tall in the saddle and lay their coats in the mud for women to walk on, gay men will remain what they are- men. And to whatever extent they seek to include themselves in the "rights" of men in the modern Zeitgeist, they will invariably suffer the consequences for that pursuit.

The two current hot spot examples of this are gay marriage and military service. Roughly speaking, the activism that seeks to include gay men in these realms is, in reality, placing them directly in the crosshairs of corrupt family courts, and on the battlefield, where they can join straight men in being used as the cannon fodder of choice for

hegemonic corporatism.

Let's dig a little deeper into both of these gay "causes" and try to understand what they really mean.

To be sure, gays have been targeted for exclusion from legally sanctioned matrimony. And with that has come exclusions from some of the legal advantages we place on marriage. There are will and property considerations, hospital visitation, tax breaks and a number of other things largely bestowed on legally married couples. By refusing gays the right to get married, we are also refusing them many other rights taken for granted by the rest of the population.

Were things that simple, this would be a no brainer. But, as we often see when it comes to the law, things are not near that simple. And the more we examine the realities on the ground we find that a legal marriage is not a pathway to expanded rights, but a direct route to allowing state functionaries to eviscerate personal freedoms.

Also, and I don't think this can be understated, pushing for legal recognition of gay marriage is a de facto endorsement of statist culture; a capitulation to recognizing the state, not the individual, as the ultimate authority over human relationships.

Depending on the government to legitimize your commitments is the same thing, literally, as giving the government control over them. And when the honeymoon is over -and over it will be- no one will be saved from family court by their politics, or their sexual orientation.

When newspaper stories cover gay weddings, they always run them with accompanying pictures of the happy couple(s), and some not so thinly disguised commentary about people finally realizing dreams, of being included in "normal" society. What those newspapers won't do is run follow up stories, complete with pictures of dueling attorneys, confiscated property, false allegations, ex parte restraining orders, garnished wages and jail cells for those that don't comply.

These are the results of the state sanctioned marriages in which gays are fighting so hard to be included.

I don't fault anyone for demanding their fair share of misery, but as long as we are talking rights, we should also include those that are lost to this "sacred" institution.

It would seem sensible that since marriage, at least in western culture, is a religious institution, that men -all men- push for taking it out of the hands of government completely. Religious institutions would be able to marry whomever they please, which would ensure the rights of almost anyone to marry- and to suffer for it down the road.

But much better that suffering be a simple artifact of broken dreams than the for-profit destruction of lives routinely inflicted by family courts.

Family courts are a war zone, but they are nothing compared to the real thing.

In the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the total count for American dead and wounded is 43,459. This number does not include the 16+ war veterans who kill themselves each and every day. 98%+ of these dead and wounded are men, by design.

Selective service is a boys club. Straight or gay, you are required to register or face time in jail. It is only women who are exempt. And if there were ever a draft again, it would be men and only men conscripted, with or without their consent.

We do have a draft of sorts, by the way. It is conveniently called "stop loss," and forcibly extends the time on active duty when fresh meat is needed on the battlefield. In fairness, female soldiers too are subject to stop loss measures, but they still enjoy the militaries strenuous efforts to keep them out of harms way at the expense of the men. By the sex distribution of combat deaths, they are incredibly successful at it.

And for what? Oil profits? Imperialism? If we have ever had a war in defense of this country, rather than just a defense of our corporate interests, it has not been in a long, long time. Likely not in the average man's lifetime.

All these wars are waged by an extreme minority of wealthy men, and paid for with the en masse suffering and death of much poorer ones.

Should gay men be allowed to serve in the military? Sure, and of course many do, if not openly. But again, as a political objective that purports to move a class of human beings toward more equal treatment under the law, the whole idea is a total fail.

In war, the discrimination is against men, from the induction center to Flanders Field. Seeking inclusion in it may well be a human right, but it will ultimately be at the expense of the same. Such is often revealed when taking more than a cursory glance at complicated matters.

This reminds me of a story I read some years ago that ran in The Houston Press, a local political and entertainment rag for the Houston Area. The story was about a gay man who was being repeatedly beaten by his boyfriend. He tried at several local agencies to get help, but was more or less laughed out of all of them. The Press wrote the story with the angle that he was discriminated against because he was gay. Having worked in a field that often referred victims of domestic abuse to support organizations, I knew better. I wrote The Press and informed them that the man was discriminated against because he was male, not because he was gay. There were simply no services for men, but plenty for women, including lesbians, who received help regularly.

They never published the letter.

It's abundantly clear that they didn't want to acknowledge the truth, even if the truth meant that men like the one in their story would eventually find some help when needing it.

Once again, gender politics took precedence over all, and the real reasons for this persons, this man's struggle, were hidden from public view.

And this is where the men's movement, if it heads in the right direction (my opinion of course), will make a decided difference. And when I look at the emerging mentality of the movement, I feel like we will get there.

The men's movement, or at least a growing part of it, is about casting off all sense of expectation and obligation based solely on our sex. It is a fitting and appropriate response in a world where women are taught they are bound by nothing and can rightly choose whatever path they want in life. And it seems perfectly consistent that the unshackling of those expectations would include sexual orientation as much as it would anything else.

Coincidentally, I see growth in two areas familiar to this particular article. Men are learning to say no to marriage and to being designated bullet catchers for a small group of avaricious bastards. We are learning to tell the world around us that no one will be allowed to shame us as men, nor will they be allowed to instruct us on what a man is.

And when we learn this lesson well enough, it will provide fertile ground to allow us to see the real resentments that fester against gay men- which boil down to one inescapable fact:

Gay men are and always have been resented because they provide no utility to women. They are literally born free of the constraining and egregiously burdensome expectations that heterosexual men are still raised to fulfill.

They are, in fact, the natural recipients of what many men in the men's movement clamor for every day- freedom from the control of women and from the control of the state on women's behalf.

It is my hope that this movement comes to invite and include gay men within the ranks, not as gays, but as men. But I fear that this will take some real time; time for the very few within our ranks that actually hate gays for being gay to either wise up or leave, and time for many gays to wake up and understand that ideologies, like feminism, based on hating men, will only produce self hatred, and worse.

Right now the agenda for feminists includes sending men to the altar, and ultimately family courts, and to the combat zone.

Men should work together to avoid both.

Young Women Now Paid More than Young Men, Feminists Cheer Wage Supremacy

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Belinda Luscomb, writing for feminist mouthpiece Time Magazine, exposes the fact that young women make more than young men in virtually all big cities in the United States.

The triumphalism so clearly on display in the article shows the feminist claim that all they want is “equality” for the bald-faced lie that it is. No, they want *supremacy*, and they have demonstrated time and again that they will use the state to achieve it. In fact, it is through government interference that young women have gained the upper hand over men. Not only do public schools favor female learning styles, guaranteeing that there will be more women in college than men, affirmative action and mandated “equality” grants and government contracting rules ensure that women are well-represented in highly-paid jobs that were previously majority male. In the meanwhile, predominantly male jobs that women do not care for are eliminated or have seen wages depressed by an influx of illegal labor, aided and abetted by government negligence. Additionally, private sector pay has declined or stagnated while public sector pay has gone on to all-time highs as women come to dominate the taxpayer-funded jobs.

Essentially, the US has a two-tier system of socialism for female employees and unregulated capitalism for men, putting male employees at a huge disadvantage. The question this raises is where will the money to keep this system operating come from as men are squeezed into poverty and can no longer afford the onerous tax burden that places women in a position of supremacy?

Lesbian Battering: The Sisterhood Turns on Itself

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By Carey Roberts

A series of high-profile cases of lesbian-perpetrated domestic violence has sent shock-waves through Massachusetts communities in recent months:

1. On February 16, a Suffolk Superior Court jury convicted Nicole Chuminski on two counts of second-degree murder, following a fire that killed the two daughters of her lover Anna Reisopoulos. During a heated argument between the two, Chuminski reportedly fell into a fit of rage. A few hours later Chuminski returned to her partner's apartment and hurled an acetone-laden firebomb into the front door.

Sophia and Acia, ages 2 and 14, were burned beyond recognition, so dental records were needed for positive identification.

2. On March 29 Annamarie Rintala of Granby, Mass. was found dead by strangulation in the basement of the house she shared with her domestic partner Cara. Cara had been previously charged with domestic violence after she struck Annamarie in the back of the head with a closed fist.

3. Eunice Field of Brockton, Mass. found herself on the losing end of a bitter ménage à trois. So on August 9 she marched to the apartment of Lorraine Wachsman. There she grabbed a serrated knife and stabbed Wachsman in the back and neck. Dispelling any doubt about her intentions, she then penned a note admitting she had killed Waschsman "for taking away the love of my life."

Ms. Field is now being held without bail pending a September 3 court appearance.

Experts on lesbian domestic violence were shocked, but honestly not surprised by these incidents. Last November a report by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs reported a 125% increase in domestic violence fatalities in lesbian and gay couples around the country during the prior year. According to Beth Leventhal of The Network/La Red of Boston, "partner abuse in LGBT communities can be just as lethal as that in heterosexual communities."

Ms. Leventhal's commentary actually understates the extent of the problem. Earlier this year the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research published the results of a survey of over 51,000 California adults:http://www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu/pubs/files/IPV_PB_031810.pdf . The UCLA study found 28% of persons in lesbian/gay relationships had experienced intimate partner violence, compared to 17% of persons in heterosexual relationships.

It's also believed that lesbians are more likely to engage in partner violence than gay men. According to the Boston Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project, one in three homosexual women experience partner aggression, compared to only one in four homosexual men. Kaitlin Nichols of The Network/La Red notes, "The myth of women's communities as safe communities has prevented many women from reaching out for support. If they have shared what is happening, they are met with disbelief from their community."

And why are lesbians more likely to abuse?

According to Nomi Porat, an abuse-prevention expert, the reason is poor limit-setting: "An issue common to women, particularly battered women, is the fear of demanding physical and emotional boundaries. In part, battered lesbians are afraid their lovers will leave or become more violent if any limitations are set in the relationship."

A nearly impenetrable double wall serves to keep lesbian battering tucked away in the proverbial closet. The first wall is the stigmatization invoked by lesbians themselves who believe in a sort of same-sex utopia, the feminist belief that maintains female-female relationships are inherently more peaceful, gentle, and "pure," compared to

male-female relationships.

In Naming the Violence: Speaking out About Lesbian Battering, Barbara Hart maintains that female batterers should be subjected to a form of shunning by the lesbian community: “one of the consequences of [female batterers’] violence is that they may have to limit any contact with the person they assaulted/abused. This may mean that the batterer cannot attend public gatherings or movement meetings.”

The second wall is the broader domestic violence industry that maintains a cult-like belief in the notion of patriarchal sexism, the theory that men abuse their wives due to an innate and irrepressible urge to oppress women. So every time a woman pummels, rapes, or otherwise abuses her female partner, the patriarchal dominance theory takes a body-blow.

These ideological blinders serve to justify shelter policies that turn away needy women. According to the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, the problem of abuse shelters that discriminate on the basis of gender identity is widespread.

Intimate partner aggression is not a problem limited to any particular sex, or gender identity, or economic group. Indeed, research shows women are at least as likely as men to engage in partner abuse.

When the Sisterhood gets over its denial of the obvious truth, we’ll stop seeing so many women and men victimized by domestic violence.

There is No Sexual Double-Standard

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A female reader was apparently looking through the Spearhead archives, and came across my book review for The Garbage Generation. She e-mailed me the following:

I have read part of the book and a lot of the book I agreed with. I just want this question answered by another man. Why is there a double standard? No matter what it takes two to tango.

If you agreed with a lot of the book, you really shouldn't be even asking this question, because one of the basic premises of Dr. Amnues' seminal work, is based on defining what comprised the original marriage contract between men and women. What men bring to the table and what women bring to the table in what we now refer to as the institution of Marriage 1.0, were two different assets to be exchanged for the mutual benefit of the children created by their union.

Men's primary marital asset was their resources and ability to labor to acquire more resources, to support the family. Men with lesser means or abilities to provide were (and usually still are) viewed as less desirable marriage material, regardless of his sexual history.

Women's primary martial asset was their guarantee to their husbands that children born of their union where his. Women with an openly promiscuous past are viewed as less desirable marriage material because of the greater chances of cuckoldry and infidelity, regardless of her ability to be a provider.

It's not that there is a double standard, it's just that there is two *different* standards: one for men, one for women – and the standards for each are simply based on what they each brought to the table by virtue of the formerly accepted and widely understood division of labor, which was based on gender. This was the essential paradigm of the institution we now refer to as marriage 1.0.

There cannot be this so-called sexual double-standard, because men's contribution to the nuclear family unit was his capacity to be a provider, not his sexual purity. A woman could find a willing virgin who has no provider capacity to marry her…but her own hypergamous instincts would cause her to view him as less than adequate in terms of marriage material, his sexual purity notwithstanding.

Women complaining about this mythical double-standard, would be the equivalent to men complaining that more marriages should have the women be the providers while the men stay home, keep house and raise the kids.

Granted, such arrangements do occur nowadays…but for the most part, men & women both tend to look down on the men as somewhat less than masculine for doing so — hence the phrase "kitchen bitches" — just as women nowadays are free to be as promiscuous as the alpha males they wish to emulate…it's just that most people will still regard them as sluts, no matter how bitterly they complain about this so-called "double-standard."

This "double-standard" really only exists in the brainwashed minds of feminists and manginas alike.

Women who are caught up in obsessing over this so-called sexual "double-standard" are simply falling for the lies and propaganda promoted by the feminist kultural kommisars of our Brave New World Order, and reinforcing the memes that have contributed to the travesty we now know of as marriage 2.0.

No, the real double-standard that actually exists today, is the entire family court/divorce industry that enforces a system for which women have the right to withdraw their reproductive capacity and their nurturing and care giving – but men are not allowed to withdraw their provider role. In fact, they are explicitly prevented from doing that by the power of the Government and threatened with fines, imprisonment, loss of passports, professional practice and driving licenses, a permanent criminal record, and other sanctions our feminist-run Government has put into place to legalize this very real double-standard.

In other words, the only real double-standard that is in effect today in our declining civilization, is the one in which Women have no obligation or social pressure to live up to their marital vows, while men are forced to, even when the marriage is over.

My inquiring e-mailer thought she was making some kind of irrefutable point with her quip, “No matter what, it takes two to tango.” She misses the real double-standard here: it takes two to get married, but only one — which is usually instigated by the woman – to get divorced.

Gloria Steinem and Friends Launch Shaming Campaign

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A new media pressure group called "Name It.Change It." has gone online with the mission to stomp out forms of speech that feminists disagree with. Sponsored by Gloria Steinem's Women's Media Center, the group features a large, interactive "Pyramid of Egregiousness" that categorizes sexist statements according to severity. The pyramid appears to be based on the USDA food guide pyramid, with the really juicy words, including "slut," "cougar," and "feminazi" being the chocolate mousse of sexism, less obvious words such as "PMS" and "nagging" the roast beef, and banal, potentially sexist words like "temperamental" and "high maintenance" the oatmeal version of misogyny.

Although I find the categorizations rather arbitrary, I tend to agree that one should use the heaviest, most larded words sparingly when referring to feminists, as overindulgence might lead to a red-faced, flabby, atherosclerotic rant as opposed to a lean, efficient refutation of feminist dogma.

However, in a "Statement on Equality," Steinem takes it a step farther, providing a proscriptive treatise aimed directly at those in media. Like a grade school teacher, or, more menacingly, a commissar, she lays out the correct manner in which to speak:

> The most workable definition of equality for journalists is reversibility. Don't mention her young children unless you would also mention his, or describe her clothes unless you would describe his, or say she's shrill or attractive unless the same adjectives would be applied to a man. Don't say she's had facial surgery unless you say he dyes his hair or has hair plugs. Don't say she's just out of graduate school but he's a rising star. Don't say she has no professional training but he worked his way up. Don't ask her if she's running as a women's candidate unless you ask him if he's running as a men's candidate; ask both about the gender gap, the women's vote.

Clearly media people had better listen; if they break the rules the equality police will come after them…

The group absurdly claims that the media is oppressing women, and cherry-picks a few statements made by political commentators to create a video, featured on the home page, in which a couple floppy-haired manginas and an equine feminist (see, Gloria, I used "reversibility") parody sexism in the media:

I wonder where they find these guys.

It remains to be seen whether these heavy handed and offensive tactics (e.g. graphically describing torrential menstruation) will have the desired effect, but if grassroots media is any indication NameIt.Change It. will be fighting an uphill battle. Widespread revulsion for feminism and what it has done is leading to more – not less – openness on the airwaves, and even on television. Although those at the very top of the media hierarchy will likely go along with the drive to censor speech, they are increasingly losing control of the national dialogue.

Domestic Violence Fairytales Threaten Constitutional Protections

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By Carey Roberts

Kristin Ruggiero of New Hampshire figured it would be a slam-dunk. The gambit worked like a charm during the divorce hearing, now she would bring the case to criminal court.

Her husband Jeffrey, an officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, was an incorrigible batterer, at least that's what she led to the judge to believe. That got him convicted of criminal threatening, and she won custody of their 7-year-old daughter.

But Kristin Ruggiero wasn't finished.

So one day the woman bragged to her startled ex, "I took all your money, I took your daughter, and now I'm going to take your career." She went out and purchased a disposable cell phone and registered it in the name of Jeffrey. She then sent herself a passel of threatening text messages.

Apparently Kristin didn't realize that in criminal court, allegations are subjected to a higher standard of proof. And all of a sudden the nefarious scheme to frame her ex-husband came crashing down.

Last week Kristin Ruggiero was convicted on 12 counts of falsifying physical evidence and sentenced to 7-14 years in prison.

This tale is not so much about a distraught woman sorely in need of psychological help. Rather, it's a story of a police department, a prosecutor, and a judge that allowed themselves to be duped by a conniving perjurer. And it's about a criminal justice system that has all but abandoned due process in a frenzied attempt to curb domestic violence.

Like everything in the law, the problem begins with definitions. The Violence Against Women Act, passed during the first term of the Clinton Administration, includes a definition of domestic violence that is so wide you could drive a Mack truck through it.

States picked up on the loophole, and now most states include within their definitions of abuse, actions like making your partner "annoyed" or "distressed".

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control likewise followed suit. The CDC's Uniform Definitions and Recommended Data Elements declares that partner violence includes "Getting annoyed if the victim disagrees," "Withholding information from the victim," and even "Disregarding what the victim wants."

Note the CDC's repeated use of the word "victim." In VAWA-speak, a victim does not need to be a prostrate body lying in a pool of blood. Rather, a mere accusation elevates you to the status of victim. No proof of violence necessary. Recall the Queen of Hearts' disdainful remark, "Sentence first, verdict afterwards."

Fanciful definitions are just the beginning.

Favored with $1 billion in federal largesse each year, our nation's domestic violence industry has created an alternate-reality legal system that would confound even the likes of Alice.

Our Looking Glass criminal justice system features judges who have been educated to always "err on the side of caution;" victim advocates who coach putative victims how to embellish their claims; and free legal help to accusers (but not defendants).

And for readers with a well-honed sense of fairy-tale humor, mandatory prosecution policies epitomize a legal system run amok. Often the "victim" decides she has taught her boyfriend enough of a lesson and recants her story. But zealous prosecutors have taken to jailing these women until they agree to cooperate. That draconian practice

allowed a California woman to secure a $125,000 false arrest award a few years ago.

Such strong-arm practices have not escaped the attention of civil rights groups. The Washington Civil Rights Council has described our current domestic violence system as creating the “biggest civil rights roll-back since the Jim Crow era.”

Last year the Connecticut chapter of the ACLU took on the case of Fernando A., a man who had been falsely accused of throwing his wife down a flight of stairs. When a judge then deprived him of the right to a hearing to decide whether to remove his children, the ACLU took the case to the state’s Supreme Court. Fernando A. won on a 5-2 decision.

Earlier this year Stop Abusive and Violent Environments, a Washington DC-based victim advocacy organization, released a report titled “How Domestic Violence Laws Curtail our Fundamental Freedoms” . The report concludes that each year, over two million Americans have their fundamental civil liberties over-ruled by the Violence Against Women Act.

Consider the Constitutional guarantees of due process, probable-cause for arrest, right to a fair trial, and equal treatment under the law – all are cast aside by get-tough-on-crime domestic violence laws.

The tall irony is that Vice President Joe Biden, who proudly championed VAWA when he was a senator in the early 1990s, is a former professor of constitutional law.

No, I Will Not Molest Your Kids

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My uncle Sid turned 80 the other day. He's a pretty tough old guy, so it didn't surprise me that he made it such a good age (though I think it surprised *him*). Naturally, a celebration was in order, so his wife Betty organised a birthday bash for their extended family. Betty is actually my Grandad's sister, so although I knew a bunch of people at the party, there were a fair few I had never met before.

When you have a party with a large number of related people, you expect there to be a few kids present. People get married and have kids with a certain regularity so there always seem to be a few running around at these kinds of parties. This time was no exception. Among the guests were a few of my cousins (aged 11 and 12), my second cousins (aged 11, 14 and 15) and two younger children, Dylan and Maggie (aged 2 and 5 respectively). Since I'm the youngest legal adult in our extended family who actually shows up to these kinds of events, it's usually expected that I'll look after any of the kids who are present. It's kind of an unspoken agreement between my relatives and I. Some people might resent that, but I enjoy it because I love being around kids.

Ugh, who would want to be around other people's horrible snot-nosed brats all the time?

I would, actually. Part of it comes from the fact that I have a fairly unique problem; kids adore me. Seriously. I have no idea why, but usually no more than half an hour after meeting me, they're following me around like they've known me forever. My Mum sometimes jokes that "Solaris is doing his Pied Piper impression again", which she finds hilarious. I don't have any children of my own, but I really fail to understand how some people can dislike kids so much. I admit some behave like little horrors, but it's always seemed to me that they become much more agreeable if they know you won't put up with that kind of behaviour.

Anyway, on with the show. My poor cousins were looking bored out of their brains. I can't say I blame them. They really didn't have anyone else to talk to or anything to do, so I decided that I'd chat to them for a little while. I'd probably have stayed talking to them longer, but then lunch was served so everyone made a rush for the food. When I went to sit down with my lunch at the table my Father and I had claimed earlier, we had a new guest sitting with us. He was a shy two-year-old dressed in designer children's clothes called Dylan. He was sitting with my father's cousin Bruce, and he spent a lot of time trying to hide behind Bruce's jacket. Bruce tried his best to introduce him properly, but Dylan's only response was to smile and then push his face into Bruce's jacket again.

Doing silly things is always a good way to attract a child's attention. I started sticking the little plastic "80′s" that were scattered around the table on my face and acted like nothing was amiss. The look of amazement on Dylan's face was priceless. Everyone else at the table was chuckling. I was a hit! Dylan forgot his shyness and decided that if it worked for me, he'd give it a try. His attempts to stick little plastic table decorations on his face were so comical that everyone roared with laughter. Dylan grinned as he was now the centre of attention. I was secretly pleased with myself.

After a full lunch, Betty announced that we would have to wait for the cake to be served. It wasn't quite ready yet, so everyone started to mill around again. I spotted a little girl over in the corner of the yard who looked like she was desperately trying to entertain herself with a small inflateable beach ball. Emboldened by my success with Dylan, I walked up to her and snapped up the beach ball before she could react.

"Hey!"

"It's mine now", I grinned.

"I want it back!" she said, stamping her foot.

"Are you sure?" I asked slyly.

“Yes! Yes! Give it back!”

“OK.”

I bounced the beachball off her head. She stood there in open-mouthed astonishment.

“You were too slow! I gave it back to you and you didn’t even take it.”

“You cheated!” she said with an accusing tone.

I bounced the beachball of her head again and smiled mischeviously.

I saw a moment of confusion cross her face, and then a smile slowly appeared. “You can’t hit me again! I’m too fast!” she squealed, daring me to throw the beach ball at her again.

We spent the next few minutes trading taunts back and forth as the beach ball flew around the yard. Her little brother, obviously deciding he didn’t want to be left out, rushed to be part of the game. The little girl told me her name was Maggie, and that her little brother was Dylan (I already knew of course, but I didn’t want to spoil her proud introduction of him). Dylan laughed wildly every time the beach ball bounced off his head. Maggie was having a great time “hiding” from her younger brother every time he grabbed the ball. I was having fun too – who wouldn’t?

I mistimed a throw and managed to stumble. Feigning injury, I crumpled melodramatically.

“Ow! She got me!”

In a flash, Dylan was climbing on me, laughing himself silly. Maggie took full advantage of the situation to repeatedly bounce the beachball off my head. They stopped dead a moment later though.

“That’s enough you two!”

Their mother, Sally, had appeared out of nowhere with a stern expression on her face. The children didn’t move an inch, and I could see that Maggie looked particularly upset. As I stood up and brushed myself off, Sally gathered the children behind her.

“Dylan likes to climb like that on his father”, she said as she looked at me suspiciously. She folded her arms, and I could see an unspoken accusation in her eyes.

“I’ll go and talk to my wife.”

Like most women, she just had to try and get in one last dig. “I think that would be best.”

I was faintly embarrassed by her behaviour. In the past I probably would have gotten angry, but I just couldn’t be bothered. I was here for Uncle Sid’s birthday, not to put some over-protective mother in her place. I knew the look she had given me, because I’d seen it before. I used to teach music, and it was the same look that myself and the other male teachers used to get on a depressingly regular basis. She had decided (using her “women’s intuition” no doubt) that I was going to molest her kids. There was no point in trying to talk to her any further, or worse, attempting to talk to her children as any further communication would be taken as further evidence that she was right.

I don’t blame people for being protective of their children, but enough is enough. How on earth was I going to molest her children in front of over 50 adults sitting not 5 yards away? I’m sick of the irrational fear of men that has developed over the last 10 years. It’s one of the reasons I quit teaching music, in fact. The risk was just too great that an accusation would be made. The young guy teaching to a class full of students in the room next to me was dragged through the mud by a hysterical mother who claimed he “touched her daughter” in front of a class of 20 students with a half-dozen parents looking on! Not one of the parents who were in the room were prepared to stand up and defend him, but all quietly acknowledged to the director of the school that nothing had happened. Frankly, he got lucky, because the next time that woman accused him, there were no parents watching the class. Fortunately,

she had very little credibility left at that point. To say he was a nervous wreck after that would be an understatement though.

It isn't pleasant to viewed as a potential child molester. Those kids were having a great time, and I was no threat to them. If I had been a perfect stranger, I might have even been prepared to be understanding, but this was a family gathering. Granted, I hadn't met Sally before, but I had met her husband (who was nowhere to be seen, sadly). There's a lot I want to say, but it would sound more like an incoherent rant than anything else. Men, in the general sense, are not a threat to children. In fact I would suggest that men's increasing absence from childhood activities has caused tangible harm. Men have been gradually driven out of children's lives by a moral panic fed largely by the fears of mums like Sally, and I'm sick of it. Apparently it's even official policy for companies like British Airways to separate men and children now.

I sat down and quietly finished the piece of cake my father had grabbed for me. Ugh. Just what I need – more sugar. Now I was going to have to work it off. I looked over at my cousins Kyle and Mikey. I pulled myself to my feet and walked over to them. "Come on guys, let's go play some dodgeball at the park across the road."

My aunt looked at me with tangible relief. "Oh would you darl? That would be wonderful. The boys have been beside themselves with boredom."

"It's no problem. It'll be fun, and help me work off that cake I just ate."

Kyle and Mikey perked up right away and set about hunting for tennis balls and other things to take with them to the park. Sally stood there scowling at me the whole time. Just to make sure I knew not to try anything funny.

Sorry Sally, nobody is going to molest your kids today, so take your righteous indignation and find a better use for it.

Zeta Game — Hypergamy Crossroads

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From Paul Elam's *A Voice for Men*

In the last part of the Zeta Game series, I covered the fundamental concept of hypergamy- the natural tendency in women to benefit from reducing men to a purely utilitarian role in their lives. I also touched on the notion that the innate programming in men to protect and provide (and thus compete for women's attention) plays directly into the hypergamous gambit, most often resulting in men participating in their own misuse and exploitation.

In short, the way men compete for a higher rank among women is to place their blood, sweat and assets, even their own bodies, at the woman's disposal- no matter how capricious or trivial her desires may be.

The fundamental problem with this arrangement is that hypergamy is not guided by any set of constraining ethical principles. It is, in fact, so utterly devoid of a moral compass that one of the major tools in the woman's hypergamous repertoire is to shame men into sacrificing for them- and to quietly laugh at them as they do it.

We have often seen this referred to in MRM literature as women's propensity for pathological self centeredness and to get what they want from men by any means necessary- up to and including the use of law enforcement and the judiciary. We have pointed to their "sense of entitlement," where it concerns their dealings with men, and noted what seems to be a compassionless disregard for the consequences of their selfish actions.

The evidence of this is clear for many men from the most mundane aspects of day to day life, where they are confronted with women who insist on making marriage and home, or even transient relationships, all about them- to family courts where so many women seem to revel in the sight of their families (and their own children) being ripped to shreds simply because it gives them a an opportunity for petty personal revenge- and financial gain.

It is always tempting, sometimes irresistible, to attribute this kind of toxic femininity to the efforts of feminism, consumerism and perhaps some other forms of social malady. But I would argue that those factors only aggravated already existing conditions, and that what we are dealing with here is as natural as rainfall in late spring.

Hypergamous behavior is a product of paleomammalian hard wiring, plain and simple. It stems from 3,000,000 years of successful human evolution, and it is present, to greater or lesser degrees, in the behavior of all women. You can complain about it, look down on it, judge it and hate it all you want, but it is not going to change by trying to reason with it. You might as well be trying to talk someone out of the urge to eat when they are hungry.

I think the truth of this has been such an ingrained part of male consciousness for so long that it has been buried in our unconscious, and we have slipped into the worst coping strategies possible for dealing with it. We ignore it and/or deny it. We even endear and defend it. But what very few of us ever do is confront and control it.

And as a result we are constantly getting fucked by it. Mind you, most of us end up that way by bending over and grabbing ankles without anyone so much as asking.

It may seem like things have been this way forever, but it has only reached really dangerous proportions in recent times.

As long as there were social constructs, e.g. at fault divorce, that required women to set practical limits on how far they could go, then it was a manageable problem. To this extent, we can fairly point to feminists as part of the problem because they were the ones who pushed so hard to uncork the bottle. But as we all know, the contents of Pandora's Box were all there before it was ever opened.

We could grow old studying and analyzing the socio-cultural aspects of how hypergamy run amok has created an oppressive sexual milieu for men in general, but it is more understandable and, more importantly, productive, to examine it as it plays out in the life of the individual.

It was Roissy, if I am not mistaken, that coined the term “shit test.” And it is an apt description for the first volley in the effort to cast the hypergamous net over a man’s life. By subjecting a man to an unfair or manipulative ploy, a woman measurers her ability to control him. If he reacts by acting like a trained seal, balancing a beach ball on his nose and clapping his flippers trying to please her out of a piece of fish, he is straight up beta material and good for a run at his wallet, even if she has to give up some sex, which she will also use control him.

If he has Game, and slams down effectively on the shit test with a ploy of his own, he is alpha and therefore breeding material. Though of course she will go after his money, too.

But here’s the catch. Either way, the shit tests will continue and be an active part of the relationship. It continues with the beta because he lives on his knees begging her to do it, and it continues with the Gaming pseudo alpha because he responds only with another game. No matter how much he thinks this empowers him with her, he is still dancing the hypergamy jig anytime she chooses. He will clearly do much better than the beta, but his methods of handling the problem will only serve to perpetuate it.

From what I have seen of how non Zeta Game is practiced by its proponents, it takes a real opportunity to intervene on and reverse the shit test- leaving a foul taste in her mouth for her efforts, and instead turns it into a game- with a little g. And it does so with the same lack of values inherent in hypergamy- all to keep the pussy available.

Don’t get me wrong. When confronted with such abject manipulation and scheming from a woman, I am not bashing anyone personally for however they choose to play it. But I am still going to call a spade a spade.

Lying and scheming to get anything is weak. Lying and scheming to get pussy, or approval or to manage a woman’s behavior is even weaker.

I am admittedly old school. I still subscribe to the antiquated notion that my values are the only thing I have that cannot be taken from me. And I also believe that if I give them up for anything, then I never had them to begin with.

So to me the purpose of Zeta Game becomes simple. It is to adopt a manner of interaction with women that unequivocally leaves my values intact. And I have found through personal experience that as long as I am one rigid bastard about that, then some other things fall into place as well. Like my sanity, peace of mind, and yes, my ability to get laid or have a relationship when and if I want to.

All it takes to start is approaching my relationships with women with conviction that they are all completely and totally expendable at any time.

The moment a man finally figures out that the foundation of maintaining his sanity with women hinges on his willingness to let them go, he cannot be manipulated, and cannot be forced to resort to manipulation or dishonesty to deal with them.

One of the best opportunities to challenge his resolve on this is at a moment that happens sometime around the first 90 days of a relationship. I call that moment the Hypergamy Crossroads.

The 90 day number isn’t fixed. It is a general estimate of how long a honeymoon period will last between two people that are new to each other. Most behavior during the honeymoon can’t be taken too seriously, as it’s all fueled by neurotransmitters gone wacko- that have us dancing around acting stupid and trying to do everything right all the time. We like to call it infatuation, but really it is a sort of temporary psychosis designed to cement pair bonding long enough to get a woman pregnant. After all, what is it that you do most during the honeymoon?

But there comes a moment in that relationship, and every man I know who is not totally wet behind the ears, already knows about it.

Things are going along just fine. She like you, you like her, you’re banging each other like rabbits on meth and having one hell of an uncomplicated, hedonistic time.

But then one day you get together and there is something different about her. She seems dark, distant, maybe sulky

and morose, like there is something deeply wrong. You can think of absolutely no reason why this should be so, especially as it relates to the two of you, but nonetheless it is.

You have arrived at the hypergamy crossroads, the defining point for this relationship.

Whatever has happened before in the relationship, your decisions here are the first chance you have to set the course for whatever future you have with this woman. This is your first real shit test. And you will know it is a shit test because whatever she tells you is wrong, it amounts to exactly Jack Shit.

You may find that she is upset because you didn't call her the night before, and you always used to call on Thursdays. You may have mentioned an old girlfriend, even one she asked about, in a conversation a week ago, and now she has decided that is bothering her. Or maybe she wonders why you still want to play basketball with your friends on Tuesday nights, instead of being with her.

But whatever it is, the message will be clear. You are doing something wrong, and you need to fix it. Oh, and that crap about how women don't expect you to fix problems but just listen to them- shitcan it. Total myth.

She wants this stuff fixed, and just as importantly she wants to feel like she made you do it (control). And the fact that there is nothing that needs to be fixed will have never entered her mind. And unless you are on your toes, it won't enter your mind either. You will be too busy figuring out a way to make her happy and maintain her approval to notice that her complaint amounts to zilch.

If you miss that, you will miss that this is the genesis of her control over the relationship, and over you. And if you budge an inch, you lose.

Now in this situation, I believe Roissy's preferred intervention is called "agree and amplify."

For instance, if she says, "I deserve a man who will give up a stupid game of basketball to be with me," the response would be something like, "You are right, you do, (agreement) but I am not going to." (amplification).

It's a damned good response except for the dishonesty and lack of clarity about who you are. First, does she really deserve someone who will sacrifice an important routine in their lives to spend one more hour with her?

My answer is no. No one deserves that kind of expectation, except royalty, which she may mistakenly think she is. It also, by affirming (the agreement part) her elevated sense of worth, sends an entirely bogus message. If she is worth it, why would you consider saying no?

But more to the point, to agree and amplify is not making any attempt at all to curtail future attempts- or to weed her out of your life. Presuming you are interested in hanging out long enough to find out if she is manageable, I'd suggest a different approach.

My answer would be, "That kind of expectation is out of line. The answer is no, and I hope this doesn't mean that I will be facing more pressure to sacrifice my personal interests to you, because it is a deal breaker for me."

Now, these two different responses may similarly appear to shut down the shit test, and both do in their own way. But I prefer the honest and instructive approach. And I have some solid reasons for that preference.

One, with my way you have cut to the core of the problem. The pressure she tried to put on you with her little game of emotional blackmail is now on her. Rather than trying to figure out a way to change your "I won't" into an "I will," she now is having to make a choice on whether to pack her bags because the "I won't" is already settled.

If anyone is panicking at this moment it should be the her. If it is you, then you are struggling with your values. Stop the struggling and hang on to them. Better to let her ruin your day now than to ruin your whole life later on.

Do you want to keep a woman at the cost of her forcing you to sacrifice your own interests? Do you want to be with someone who manipulates and controls you with emotional blackmail?

It's up to you to put a stop to it, because she won't…she can't, on her own.

We attract what we advertise for in life, no doubt about it.

I have talked to many men who vigorously complained about the financial drain that their wives or girlfriends had become. But when I asked them if they set up the relationship by lavishing them with gifts, flowers, expensive dinners, etc., they would get quiet in a hurry.

They did not want to accept that they were paying the consequences for their own actions early in the relationship. They went shopping for a whore and then got pissed off because that is exactly what they ended up with.

And that is a big part of how I see Zeta Game. It is about attracting women only in the most fundamental aspects. All the rest is about screening them and culling out the voluminous amounts of dead weight.

But it does not require you to dream up bullshit retorts, pick-up lines or to toss negs. It requires you to know yourself, to know what you want and assert it with the certainty that if it sends her out the door it will call another, hopefully more worthy example of womanhood right back in.

They are out there, although in small numbers. But you will never find them unless you are willing to let the bad ones scurry out like cock roaches when the lights are turned on.

And those lights being turned on? Those are your values be asserted.

More of this will be explored in the next part of the Zeta Game Series: Zeta Game- Your Wallet, Her Purse.

Labor Day: Commemorating the Efforts of an Earlier Generation of Men

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In the US, Labor Day marks the end of summer, children returning to school, the beginning of the football season and the increase in activity in the run up to the holidays. It comes right after the dog days, a time of economic (and often physical) sluggishness, and so portends a return to brisk business.

Americans often celebrate the holiday with an end-of-summer retreat, such as a final camping trip, a barbecue, or some other outdoor activity to take advantage of the fair weather while it lasts. Hotels are booked up and campgrounds full on Labor Day weekend, attesting to its popularity as a chance to get away one last time.

Labor Day celebrations were first introduced by the Central Labor Union of New York, and subsequently made a national holiday by Congress and President Grover Cleveland during a time of widespread outrage concerning the abuse of working men by rapacious business in the late 19th century. The early September date was chosen as a less controversial date than May Day, which commemorates the 1886 Haymarket massacre in Chicago, in which an anarchist tossed an improvised explosive device at police, who then began firing wildly into a crowd of striking workers.

On holidays such as Labor Day, we should take time to remember that men have always faced abuse, exploitation and oppression in one form or another. Whether through chattel slavery, serfdom, or unrestrained Capitalism, those in power have always sought to harness the efforts of the most productive members of society – adult men – for their own profit and security. Today, feminism and abusive family law serve that purpose, as there is little more insidious means of control than holding that which a man holds most dear hostage to coerce him into obedience and servitude.

So enjoy Labor Day, and remember that every generation of men has faced its own struggle for freedom and justice. As we honor those who have done so before, we should strive to make every bit as much of an effort as they did. If we do, we can make a difference.

Nothing Makes a Gina Tingle Like a Killa

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From *A Voice for Men*

Authors note: I have to offer a public thank you to Tom Golden, LCSW, whose regular, sterling insights helps to shape a good bit of the work I do. Had he not provided me with the research information in this article, I would not have obsessed on writing it over the past 24 hours. Also, Tom will be using some of this information in his next Youtube video, due out soon, and it will be featured here as well. Thanks, Tom.

"That's not opinion, it's science.
And science is one cold hearted bitch with a 14 inch strap on."
-From the television show, "Dexter"

On July 24th of this year, I posted "Patriarchy for Dummies," on this site. In it, I proffered that there was an element to the normal female psyche that gravitated toward violent, dangerous- *murderous* men. I used Scott Peterson and Joran van der Sloot, and the numbers of women sending them marriage proposals in prison as prima facie evidence that supported my contentions. I also pointed to the fact that van der Sloot went on a sexual rampage, attracting scores of attractive young women after he skated on the Holloway murder.

It turned out to be one of the more read and commented on pieces on this site. And not just here. One of the other places was over at reddit.com/mensrights, which has a few actual MRA's, including a couple of really insightful ones, and a slew of feminist trolls that down vote anything pro male or that hints of fairly criticizing females or feminism. Let me digress further to add that most of them down vote MRA articles without commenting, which I suppose is their version of drive-by-activism, but some actually speak up, reminding us of why we oppose feminism- and why we see its practitioners as such insufferable dullards.

At reddit, even the most thoughtful comments dissenting from the ideas I suggested boiled down to a regurgitated load of NAWALT vomitus.

Oh, noooooo, women can't be like that! Women choose men based on qualities like sensitivity and whether they like Teddy Bears and snuggling up on the couch to watch The Bachelorette. Those other women who are like that? They are just sicko's, sad exceptions to the rule And they probably got that way because of some abusive, violent man.

Of course, that's the PC line, and we all know that women are only what the political correctness police tell us they are, which is basically sugar and spice and all things superior. There is no way that women in general get the 'gina tingle for gangsters, thugs and killers.

Just ask any feminist over at reddit.

But just in case you are interested in answers that aren't screened by gender ideologues, there is some actual research available to consider.

From a study done on the Yanomamö, a large Amerindian hunter-gatherer people that reside in the Amazon Basin, some very telling observations were made regarding sexual competition and violence among men by Chagnon (1988, 1997).

First, in Yanomamö culture, like most all hunter-gatherer (and agricultural and pastoral) societies, violence occurs either continuously or frequently. It is the men who are more aggressive and violent. And it is the most violent men that are successful at being selected for sex.

Yanomamö who are fierce warriors, and "fierce warrior" is defined by those who have participated in the killing of at least one member of a rival village, have 2.5 times as many wives and 3 times as many children as men who don't kill.

It is also noted that the status of material wealth was not connected at all to being a fierce warrior. Indeed, there was no other difference identified between killers and non killers except that the former were much higher up on the ladder of sexual selection.

The same elevated status, and lack of other corollaries, also held true for men who were politically powerful. (It should be noted that political power frequently translates to power over life and death, though the killing is often done by decree, and executed by men who specialize in violence.)

So it can be legitimately deduced that in hunter-gatherer societies, those with the power -and the tendency- to kill are at a sexual premium with women in those cultures.

Now, it must be asked, from which type of society did our modern, post agrarian life emerge?

Ah, yes, that would be hunter-gatherer, the base template for all of modern human existence- and the mode in which most human evolutionary development occurred.

Now, I am sure that the average PC ideologue would insist that since the invention of internal combustion engines, non fat latte's and women's studies programs that we have unwritten three million years of sexual selection programming and now women really prefer those soft little puppy dog guys; that the women who go for thugs and killers are just freaks; rare, unenlightened throw backs to the African Savanna.

But of course, like with most everything else, they are dead wrong.

While it is true that women's selections have shifted somewhat in keeping with modern realities, it only demonstrates that growing numbers of them will select the guy who controls, and sometimes kills, other men, than settle for the guy of lesser status. How many people is President Obama getting killed right now? How much trouble would he have getting laid? How many women would jump his bones if Michelle herself were in the same room screaming bloody murder?

Plenty. And you have to being in complete denial of human nature to blind yourself to that reality.

Politicians have the favorable characteristics of political savvy and the power to kill, even if with just the simple stroke of a pen. Is it any wonder why for most all of them that a quick blow job is just a snap of the fingers away?

This is the power that most, if not all, women respond to. From Al Capone to John Dillinger, Genghis and Kublai Khan, Scott Peterson and Joran van der Sloot, Adolph Hitler and Alexander, and Ronald Regan to Barack Obama, men who kill, and men who have the power to have men killed cause a 'gina tingle in many, many women that would register on the Richter Scale.

And there is one more bit of information in basic biology to help us understand this.

For a half century now we have made a half assed study of men's violent tendencies as though they happen in a vacuum. We have mostly put that study in the hands of women with so many neurotic self image and Daddy Issues, and a political agenda to act them out, that anyone with two brain cells to rub together could see that their efforts were not headed for a scientific end.

As a result, their conclusions about men's violence falters after they demonstrate the obvious, that men are naturally more violent than women.

They reach conclusions that are something like this:

"Men are violent because, well, let's see, yeah, it's because they are fucking pigs, that's why! Now where's my Nobel?"

What these Einsteinettes, and their supportive male sycophants have failed to notice -as do many people who allow a degree in women's studies pass for an education- is that throughout the animal kingdom, two things are universal.

Whichever sex, male or female, that is in the position to compete for sexual selection, develops more aggressive

and violent traits, among other things.

AND

Whichever sex, male or female, that is in the position to choose among those competing for sexual selection, chooses those that are the biggest, strongest, most aggressive and violent.

It doesn't matter if we are talking about human beings, hedgehogs or house cats, it has nothing to do with what sex the animal is, and everything to do with whether or not the animal is competing to be selected for sex, or doing the selecting.

With seahorses and sandpipers, whose males gestate and tend to the young, we find -you guessed it- females that are more aggressive. Interestingly enough, we also find in those species that the females are larger, slower to develop, and die younger.

Sound familiar? It should. It is the same across the animal kingdom.

And this is where feminists, with their myopic and ideologically twisted use of research have done little more than reduce understanding of human behavior to "Man Bad-Woman Good."

I suppose that is far as you need to go when staying locked in a cyclical pattern of man hating is your primary goal in life. But for people who want to understand this sometimes crazy, mixed up thing we call the human condition, a little more perspective is in order.

Men are violent largely because being violent, or having the capacity for it, gets them a few significant rungs up on that sexual selection ladder- because those are the men that women select. Those are the men that turn them on.

This isn't going to change any time soon. Maybe never- it took millions of years to get where we are, although that should not stop people who claim enlightenment on the sexes from viewing it objectively and understanding where it comes from.

But since our culture still recognizes feminists as the authority on that subject, that isn't going to change any time soon, either.

First Day of School

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I've been taking care of my kids for the last five days, and as usual it leaves little time for much else. Fortunately, they are just getting to the age where I can take my eyes off them for a while, but even as the children themselves become easier to deal with, I am starting to get the sense that managing their lives becomes more complicated as they grow older.

My son starts kindergarten today, so yesterday I went to the orientation, and his school was crowded with little kids, their parents, teachers, staff, etc. There were some dads there, but of course the adults were overwhelmingly female, and my job was to let the teacher know that I am a father and will need to be kept up to date on my son's education, any problems, injuries and all the rest. You'd think, in this day and age, that schools would be required to make some effort contact both parents to enroll kids, but sadly this is not the case — leaving fathers out of the process entirely is evidently standard practice.

In Washington State, most parents have the right to receive school records and be involved in their children's education, regardless of marital status, but that is a somewhat recent development, so perhaps schools haven't caught on yet. Or maybe they just can't be bothered. In any event, it strikes me that a lot of children are put at a disadvantage when their fathers are left out of the academic decision making role. For all the talk about fathers being "deadbeats" and uninvolved in their children's lives, our public and private institutions – especially the public ones – don't take fathers' parental role all that seriously.

This is a key issue concerning men's role in society. Not all that long ago, it was primarily fathers who were responsible for children's education. In Colonial America, fathers went to great lengths not only to personally instruct their children, but to find them tutors, choose suitable schools and prepare them for a trade or career.

Although this is not an easy job, it is a very respectable duty; men's high position in society in those days did not result from having no responsibilities and being of little consequence. Perhaps, if men want to put themselves in a more elevated position than they occupy in the current unfortunate social reality, efforts to restore more authority in the matters of preparing their children for adult life would be a good idea. It may be time-consuming and not immediately profitable, but if fathers are considered indispensable to their children's future well-being, and evidence is mounting that this is the case, society and culture will take note, and changes in how men are viewed will come about naturally.

Cheerleader Rips Off a Quarter Million, Released on Recognizance

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Although fraud and embezzlement are fairly routine crimes where women are concerned, I still thought this was a noteworthy case, because the woman in question has been charged with ten counts of first-degree theft and was not jailed pending trial.

Pilita Corrales, a 22-year-old professional cheerleader, was employed by Steeler Construction as an administrative "assistant". Who knows what assistant means in this context? My best bet is that some codger thought she was an angel because she had a nice figure and gave her far more responsibility than he should have. This is why I, personally, hold white-knighting and the modern concept of "chivalry" in contempt — it's usually simply an excuse some guy uses in an attempt to get laid.

Nevertheless, this woman ripped the company off in a big way. She wrote hundreds of thousands of dollars in forged checks, cashed them, and then spent the money on salons and parties at hotels. The business owner, who has not been named, has gone crying to police that he's had to lay off employees because his little princess ripped him off.

Although the ~~culpability~~ responsibility rests in part with the business owner in this case for hiring this kind of woman and giving her access to company checks and credit, the repercussions of the crime extend to honest men who are supporting children, doubtless including some who are paying child support. So this wench gets to waltz around prior to trial, still likely in possession of tens of thousands of dollars from her crimes, while honest working men may be facing prison without trial because they fall behind on child support…

Until these "ladies" are thrown in dungeons with nothing but a hole in the floor and a roll of industrial-grade toilet paper, women will continue to think they can destroy men's lives without so much as chafing their own bottoms, and will face a punishment as skimpy as the outfits they prance around in while shaking their pom-pons.

Culture and Dysfunctional Mate Choice

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The concept of hypergamy is a new and valuable addition to the discussion concerning relations between men and women in the West. Likewise, the introduction of evolutionary psychology has brought us closer to truths that have long been hidden by uniquely Western cultural taboos that hold men to be irredeemable scoundrels and women vessels of purity. However, I think it would be a mistake to view human beings – including women – only as a sort of chattering animal driven by unconscious passions.

Nevertheless, the unconscious is the key here. We humans have tendency to create our own conceptual universe and then dwell in it without consciously questioning its rules and characteristics. Anyone who has been through true culture shock should have some idea of this. Our values, our habits and often our assumptions are part of a collectively shared, but not consciously analyzed, awareness of what's valuable, what's taboo, what's approved, what's "creepy," etc.

Some of the women commenting here on *The Spearhead* have remarked that they don't particularly care for bad boys, thugs or other degenerates. Sure, they may like a bit of toughness, and even a hint of edgy danger, but they knew from a young age exactly which kinds of men were bad news. What do they share in common? They were raised before the "badboy" phenomenon really took off.

GenXers like me were raised during a transitional stage. When we were born and during our childhood there was still a fair amount of the old sensibility, even as the new America was taking shape and replacing it. Back in the early 90s, when I was in high school, girls were a bit more demure, less prone to outright expressions of sexuality and somewhat cautious around guys who were considered to be bad news. However, the media-generated youth heroes of the day were taking things to an entirely new level. The rock stars and rappers of the day were either singing songs about being strung out on heroin or rapping about robbing banks, shooting people and slangin' rocks. Objectively speaking, our role models were degenerates and criminals.

Sometimes, you have to go back there to get a sense of what youth culture was really like at the time. Fortunately, we now have the internet, and I can show you all pretty much exactly what I remember from my youth.

Following is a clip from 1991, shot in the OK Hotel, a dark, grimy all-ages club in Seattle's Pioneer Square where those of us in high school at the time would go for entertainment. It features Nirvana singing "Negative Creep" just before the band really took off and went global:

Not quite all that glorious, is it? Frankly, it's kind of embarrassing. I could have been in that crowd — I have no doubt that some of my friends were there.

It would be short-sighted to blame only a few musicians and bands for all that's gone wrong in our culture, but the utter neglect – or perhaps confusion – society showed in promoting this kind of stuff for children's consumption is undeniable. One could say that kids always rebel in one form or another, but what form it takes matters a great deal. I *did* know kids who overdosed on heroin, as well as some who ended up in prison for murdering people. Youth culture at the time actually encouraged this stuff, and children are highly impressionable. Youth violence reached an historic peak in the US in 1992, and as someone who was a "youth" at the time, I can say without a doubt that culture had a great deal to do with that.

Was it only girls who followed these cultural trends? Not at all. For the most part, the original enthusiasm came from boys, and girls, who tend to wait for social cues, went along with it when they saw how popular it was becoming.

When we look at the general trend of women going wholesale for the badboys, we've got to keep in mind that women aren't the only ones who look up to thuggishness and social irresponsibility. Actually, boys – immature men

– also tend to idolize these types.

So when we speak of hypergamy and the female preference for violent men, we ought to keep in mind that it isn't such a simple, clear-cut matter of women's instinctive urges pushing society in that direction. It is a far more complex situation in which there is mutual responsibility, and which is characteristic of a lack of restraint of not only female, but male tendencies as well.

Real or Fake?

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Advice columnist Caroline Hax recently ran a two-part exchange in which a wife berates her husband for not doing his equal share of housework, and then claims he owes her more work because she married down. The wife comes off as a real harridan, and an entirely unsympathetic character, so I'm kind of surprised the normally feminist-leaning Hax ran the piece.

However, there's something about it that doesn't entirely add up. First, the situation described is too stereotypical, and the reasons she gives are exactly what a lot of us would point to as underlying reasons for women's anger about having to do housework. For example, she complains that he is awkward and unattractive, i.e. beta, and writes that he works "10-15″ more hours than she does per week. She also admits that he makes more money, and that he does other chores that she doesn't see as "real" housework, such as gardening and finances. It looks to be straight out of the manosphere:

> We each estimated the number of hours we put toward housework and kids. I do almost 60 percent of the work. I excluded things on his side that I don't really call work, because I know he enjoys the solitude (lawn care, weeding, finances, cooking, etc.). He doesn't think that's right, but I don't think these tasks compare to vacuuming, doing dishes every night and cleaning bathrooms.
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> I also don't buy his argument that he works 10-15 hours more than I do at his job each week. That is a career choice, and while it has enabled him to earn far more money than I do, it doesn't excuse him from his share of housework. Short of threatening divorce, how do I convince him he is wrong? I threw this out to friends and family and everyone agrees with me.

This could be real, but it seems to me that a woman would be less likely to harp on the details than to throw out generalized shaming language and say "I just don't feel 'in love' anymore." For example, I can imagine a woman saying, "I am so tired after I do all the housework, and he is insensitive and takes it for granted. He treats me like a slave, and never does anything romantic for me. I feel less important than his job, and trapped in a loveless marriage." In that case, she'd get plenty of sympathy, even if it was a huge exaggeration and far from the truth.

Women are usually socially far more aware than men. They know how to phrase things so they appear to be sympathetic characters. Whoever wrote this letter to Hax certainly didn't do that. Perhaps it's an exceptionally masculine woman, but I'd doubt someone like that would take the time to write an advice columnist.

In the second part of the exchange, she makes herself look even worse, writing:

> I probably should have included this (Monday): My husband was pretty socially awkward when we first met. I don't want to say I did him a favor by marrying him, but that's not far from the truth. I'm much better-looking than he is, I'm much smarter, and I have a much better personality. We have an unbalanced marriage, and I expect him to compensate for that in some way. So even if he is doing slightly more work than I am, I don't think that even comes close to what he really owes this marriage.

This is clear entitlement. It gives the game away, so to speak. I just have a hard time believing a woman who felt that way would put it in such brutally honest terms.

So, what do readers think? Is this woman for real, or is it someone trying to put a female face on the male perspective?

Britney Spears' Security Guard Accuses Her of Sexual Harassment, Child Abuse

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Fernando Flores, a former bodyguard and personal assistant for Britney Spears, has accused the troubled pop star of making sexual advances and being an abusive mother to her sons. He says she repeatedly exposed herself to him, had sex with various people in his presence, and attempted to entice him into sex on a number of occasions. Additionally, Flores accuses her of whipping her sons with a belt, feeding them food they shouldn't eat due to allergies, and having sex in the presence of her children.

According to Flores:

> In the second week of his employment with Spears, Flores was working a nightshift at Spears' residence when he was asked by Spears to help her work a camera. In doing so, Spears allegedly displayed her breast to him and made no effort to cover it. Flores said he was disturbed by her alleged behavior and excused himself immediately.
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> In another night shift, Spears allegedly called Flores into the residence to turn on the fire place in her bedroom. When he entered her room, she was wearing only a white lace, see-through dress. She allegedly walked close by Flores and intentionally dropped her cigarette lighter on the floor, bent over to pick it up, and exposed her genitals to him. The incident supposedly caused Flores shock and disgust.

It could be that Flores is pissed off about some falling out and wants to cash in, but even in these sorts of cases the truth is often somewhere in the middle. Britney Spears is undoubtedly a lewd woman, has substance abuse problems and probably isn't a very good mother, but that doesn't mean she's broken the law in regards to her parenting.

As for her alleged sexual advances, well, yes, that's believable. But does Mr. Flores deserve money for being subjected to that at work? Women have been using sexual harassment laws in an abusive manner for decades now, so is it really a good idea to have more of a bad thing? Perhaps what's good for the goose is good for the gander, and if more men pursue these kinds of cases it will generally discredit the idea that people deserve to be compensated because others can't comport themselves in a polite manner, but the double-standard favoring females is so deeply ingrained in culture and the law that I'm not sure it will make much of a difference.

Wanted: Submissions and Authors

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As *The Spearhead* grows and evolves, I sometimes have to make decisions regarding the proper direction it should take. The magazine started out as a collaborative effort, and although I managed it and came up with the idea, it couldn't have gone as far as it has today without a great deal of help from other bloggers, readers and supporters. However, lately it's become a bit more of a one-man show, and I've been wondering whether that's what it ought to be.

I don't think it is. Now that Men's News Daily is shutting down, there's going to be a gap in coverage of men's issues. Although I don't think *The Spearhead* can take MND's place – nor should it try – it would be a shame if we didn't have a place with a diverse base of opinion and news, so I think it's time for a recruitment drive.

I've written about half of all the posts on *The Spearhead*, but when it comes to the thoughtful opinion pieces, which require more time investment and mental energy, I try to feature guests and contributing authors as often as possible. There are two reasons for this:

1. I want as many men and supportive women as possible to get their message out there, and to encourage anyone who is interested to take a shot at it.

2. I've only got so many good articles in me per week.

To make it easier for others to participate, I plan to streamline the submission process and set up some guidelines and a page for submissions. Lately, *The Spearhead* has grown a great deal in terms of reach throughout the internet, so submitting articles is a good way to get exposure for your own blog, your writing, or just to get a new idea out there. In fact, I've been receiving daily emails from SEO marketing companies who are trying to get me to put their links up on *The Spearhead*. Mostly, these people are looking to gain traffic for their own or their clients' marketing sites, which have nothing to do with men's issues, so I've ignored their proposals, but it does say something about the growth of the site in terms of popularity and reputation.

In addition to the growing reach and prominence of *The Spearhead* in terms of searches and links, we are gaining subscribers as fast as ever. We are closing in on 1,500 daily RSS subscribers and probably have about the same number of people who visit the site itself on a daily basis, and then about a thousand per day who come in through searches. All told, about 50,000 individuals visit the site or read the content on a feed reader each month. Those may not be internet superstar numbers yet, but they are not too shabby for a site that isn't even a year old.

So here's the deal for submissions:

If you would like to submit as a guest, be sure to include a title, your name (pseudonyms/pen names are fine), and a link to your blog if you have one and would like to be linked. The link is important because you will likely get quite a few referrals from the article.

I am open to a wide variety of ideas, but quality is important, so try to keep the language and thought consistent, tight and interesting. Personal stories are OK, but only as an example to bolster a point. One of the things I can't stand about feminist and mommy blogs is that their posts are often all about the writer's personal life and experiences, as though we all care about their latest shopping excursion or that creepy guy who said something "disturbing" to them.

In terms of format, plain text with html tags is best, but if you'd like to attach a word processor file to the email that's fine. For some people, including links and pictures may be easier using MS Word or another similar program, so don't feel as though you need to learn html to make a submission.

For those who would like to become contributing authors, the same standards apply, but I will also need some samples of previous writing, preferably on a blog you run, before I can sign you up. Being a contributing author

means that not only can you link your blog from the articles you write, but you will have a dedicated link in the sidebar as well, visible to all visitors to *The Spearhead*. This will provide a steady stream of referrals, and give you an opportunity to gain exposure for your blog. To keep that link, I'll require regular submissions, but one a month will suffice.

Additionally, as a contributing author, you will be able to simply log in to *The Spearhead* and post your work through the admin interface. I will then look it over and schedule it, usually for the next day. Feel free to post the same content on your own blog — at this point *The Spearhead* has enough subscribers and readers that we don't need to be overly exclusive with content.

A Modest Proposal for a Final Solution

Featured Guest · 12 September 2010 · Archived copy · Original

[Today's Guest Post written by Alte]

I come to you today, my sisters, with a heavy heart. It pains me to make this proposal, but I fear that it is time for someone to brave the fierce winds of patriarchal opposition, and speak the simple truth. For quite some time, we women have become aware that there is a new “problem that has no name”. I am here today to name it, and propose a viable and humane solution.

Simply put, there are too many men about, and mostly of the wrong sort. I’m sure that you have noticed it, as well. They hang about in public places, looking around, breathing, and taking up valuable parking spots right in front of our favorite shoe stores. I know that you, same as I, find it very intimidating and are greatly impeded in your daily activities.

Why should we put up with this? Have we not fought for equal rights? How can we enjoy those rights if there are men everywhere, taking up space and menacing us? Do we not deserve to exercise those rights undisturbed?

Now, I am not some sort of radical. Of course, I am aware that there are some men who are very useful. Most of them don’t seem to do anything worthwhile except work all day, but there are some who serve as a valuable form of sexual entertainment or who could function as sperm donors. I don’t mean them. I mean all of those other men, who pester us all of the time, especially the short ones or the ones who wear ill-fitting suits. Wanting to grow food, pay taxes, build infrastructure, fiddle with electronics, repair mechanical stuff, perform cardiac surgery, or protect our interests on the military front. You know the ones I mean, and I’m sure you’re as exasperated with them as I am.

So, my sisters, we need an alternative occupation for them, and I’ve thought of just the thing: let’s harvest them sustainably for food. You see, that would hit two birds with one stone. We can cook the undesirable men for dinner and have the desirable men serve it to us. No more crime, no more cat-calling in the street, no more husbands to annoy us with their dirty laundry. Furthermore, as men are generally leaner than beef, it would be much easier to keep our figures while continuing to indulge in red meat.

It would make the most sense to separate the men by size. The thinner ones we keep to fatten up some more, the fat ones we eat immediately. We could use the older ones in stews (as the meat is bound to be stringy), and save those in the 15 to 45 age group for direct consumption in the form of steaks, fajitas, or low-sodium stir-fries. The youngest are a tender delicacy and should be saved for special occasions only. The skin would be useable for purses and shoes, and the bones could be burned for fuel. We would have to be careful to capture the carbon emissions though, in deference to Mother Earth.

I know that the mechanics of this scheme might be daunting, but it is certainly plausible. There are currently 139,267,200 men in the United States, as opposed to 145,532,800 women. We can assume that roughly 10% of those men are gay (and therefore exempt, as we need them for the vital fashion industry), and 20% of the women are vegetarians. That leaves us with 137,874,528 straight men for 116,426,240 meat-eating women, which certainly seems worth the effort. Wives should retain property rights to their husbands and sons, sharing the rest in the common herd through a voucher system.

You may be inclined to object, out of a false-sense of morality. You may say, “But men are people too!” To which I can only reply that unborn children are also people, but we murder them all of the time and nobody minds. What is the difference? Men are merely grown-up babies, after all; generally useless, and nothing but a burden on the women. They come from our bodies, and are therefore our property, to do with as we please. Are you so heartless that you have no sympathy for the many women who are being tragically inconvenienced by these men?

But that is not all. The solution itself is an act of true environmentalism. By dramatically reducing the population, we would immediately cut our carbon emissions in half, saving the planet from global warming in the process. And

our girl children could finally receive their school lessons uninterrupted.

There is really nothing in this proposal that a right-thinking person can object to. I suggest we immediately nominate representatives to help us carry out this goal. Out of all humility, I nominate myself as president. I profess, in the sincerity of my heart, that I have not the least personal interest in promoting this necessary work, having no other motive than the public good of my country. I have no husband for which I will receive a single cent, so you can be assured that my motives are purely altruistic.

In sisterly love and concern,

A. Feminist

British High Court Dame Orders Lower Sentences for Women

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As the proportion of crimes committed by women continues to rise, feminists have stepped in to maintain the huge gender disparity in prison. Dame Laura Cox, a British High Court Judge, commanded her inferiors – Britain's judges – to treat female criminals leniently when handing out sentences. It is not clear whether keeping female criminals out of prison is her only goal — reducing punishments is usually a way to give a sort of tacit approval to acts, in this case crimes committed by women.

The reasoning behind the commandment goes something like this:

Women's experiences are not exactly equal to men's, therefore in order to have true equality, we have to treat them unequally under the law, because that way they will have equal experiences.

So, she's essentially saying that legal equality is not really equal, possibly because it doesn't "feel that way" to female criminals, never mind the fact that most convicted criminals – male or female – feel like they got a raw deal.

When the concept of equality extends to mandating equal outcomes based on subjective feelings, and power is handed over to women who actually believe this is a form of justice, there is bound to be an erosion of the very concept of justice in the popular mind. What happens is that a more primitive, selfish attitude toward crime and punishment emerges as collective justice is no longer seen as justice at all.

When the courts begin to fail, one should expect more vendettas, vigilanteism, and personal violence in the name of justice, in which case women will likely be in for a rough ride.

Family Court

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[Editor: This is so true]

From Lone Nut comics.

A supporting article from the Spearhead: Domestic Violence Fairytales Threaten Constitutional Protections. Phony accusations of male violence, or potential violence, encouraged by corrupt lawyers and supported by witch-doctor psychologists – what happens to justice when you let adult children play dress-up.

22,000,000 is the number of public sector employees in the USA. Source: Hiring leaps in public sector.

More on the Drive to Reduce Female Sentences

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While doing a little research on this female sentencing guideline issue, I had a hunch it must have something to do with suicides in prison. I've been reading up about suicides in jails lately, because suicide risk can rise to critical levels for a lot of guys who are thrown in jail by their wives. Feminists don't care about male suicide, and often point out that higher rates of suicide amongst men are simply "natural," and therefore "equal" even when four times as many men kill themselves as women. However, when enough stress is placed on women that they begin to kill themselves in numbers approaching parity, it sets off feminist alarm bells.

This happened briefly in the early 00s in Britain, when there were close to double digit suicides in the female inmate population for about three or four years in a row. In 2003 and 2004, respectively, 14 and 13 women killed themselves. This was held to be an epidemic, and much noise was made about it in official circles. Since then, the rate has dropped back to the norm, in which about 5% of prison suicides are female.

I am not a statistician, but it seems to me that when dealing with such small numbers in a country of tens of millions of people, the difference between 3 and 14 is not all that statistically significant, and a couple years of elevated prison suicides among women would be expected to occur from time to time, but I suppose it would be a mistake to think rationally about these matters.

Another issue is that criminality is often connected to mental problems, if not outright mental illness, and these are in turn strongly connected to suicide. Given that women have such a low rate of imprisonment, one would assume that the women who are locked up represent an even more troubled cross-section of their sex than incarcerated men. And the more troubled they are, the more likely they are to be suicidal. Therefore, it makes sense that women who are locked up woud be much more prone to suicide than your average woman.

Nevertheless, it became a minor national issue, and was reported in the newspapers. A 2003 article in The Guardian reports on the "soaring" rate of female suicides in prison, suggesting that the women were simply harmless, mentally ill and troubled young women who don't pose a danger to the community:

> 'These are deeply shocking statistics; these women were mentally unstable and traumatised before they even got to prison and many were already repeatedly self-harming,' said Claire McCarthy, of the Howard League for Penal Reform, who carried out the research.
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> 'The vast majority of these women represented no danger to the community,' she added. 'They were a danger to themselves only.'
>
> Almost 80 per cent were in prison for non-violent offences.

The final statement is quite frankly untrue. At the end of the article there is a list of the women and their offenses, and it clearly shows that to suggest that the majority of the women who killed themselves were not dangerous is a lie.

Here is the list:

> Leanne Gidney, 18, died at Brockhill. Offence: robbery
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> Sarah Campbell, 18, Styal. Manslaughter
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> Clare Parsons, 20, Eastwood Park. Witness intimidation
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> Jennifer Clifford, 19, Bullwood Hall. Crime not known
>
> Helena Price, 27, New Hall. Handling stolen goods
>
> Sue Stevens, 48, Durham. Wounding

> Jolene Willis, 24, Styal. Theft
>
> Jayne Buck, 28, Durham. Arson
>
> Hayley Williams, 41, Styal. Theft
>
> Jessica Adam, 22, New Hall. Handling stolen goods
>
> Julie Walsh, 39, Styal. Theft
>
> Emma Levey, 25, Downview. Robbery
>
> Wendy Booth, 35, Durham. Murder
>
> Petra Blanksby, 19, New Hall. Arson

Aside from the two killers, we have one in for wounding, two arsons, a witness intimidation, and two robberies. That makes eight out of the fourteen dangerous criminals. These women *were* a danger to society. This doesn't mean we should cheer the suicides, but the crimes were far from inconsequential. Here in the US, for example, robbery and arson are taken very seriously, because they often result in deaths, whether that was the intent or not.

It is these kinds of moral panics, often cynically created by activists themselves, that serve as the justification for measures such as the recent order from Dame Laura Cox to go easy on female criminals. There is often a great deal of intensive, insider lobbying that provides the impetus for what are obviously unjust and stupid policies. To reduce suicides in women's prisons, more competent mental health professionals could be hired to keep an eye on procedure and the detainees, but instead we are seeing calls to take it easy on killers, robbers and arsonists – by definition dangerous people – by reducing their sentences.

What sane, justice-loving and clear-thinking men ought to do is roll up their sleeves, write reports, testify in front of committees, and make their case with as much vigor as the entrenched feminist lobbyists. It's a hard job, but now that so many women have locked themselves into careers, perhaps there's more time and resources available to men willing to take on the responsibility.

Remembering The 90s

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When I was a little kid, the 1960s were considered this glorious decade, and it seemed that all the grown-ups thought it was a wonderful time. Of course, this was the early 80s, and most of the grown-ups I knew were pretty liberal baby boomers, but "The 60s" were also a big theme in pop culture in general well after they'd ended. These days, a lot of the shine has worn off, and the 1960s are seen in a far more critical light.

Now that I have kids, I wonder how they will see my generation's defining decade — the 1990s. People don't really talk about "The 90s" like they used to about the 60s, so I'm starting to wonder whether that decade will even come in for any scrutiny. I think it should. The 90s marked the culmination of a lot of what took off in the 60s, and was the decade in which the new West really took root. In many ways it was a heady time — people were wealthier than ever in the West, the US had emerged victorious from the Cold War, and markets exploded as the price of oil dropped so low you could fill up your tank for ten bucks.

In the meanwhile, feminists were marching victorious in the streets, new, draconian measures against men were signed into law, and the cultural attitude became very hostile to the traditional man. The fact that the men who tended to suffer from this were not usually traditional types didn't seem to matter much: "the man" was the enemy, and convenient scapegoats, such as boys shoved out of college in favor of girls, urban poor tossed in prison for falling behind on child support and ordinary guys who were set upon by vicious wives, would do just fine as stand-ins.

It's really no wonder that the decade ended with a spate of school shootings by boys and young men.

Just to give readers an idea of what was considered hip and cutting-edge at that time, I thought I ought to post another video, this time from Bikini Kill, the original Riot Grrrl band. The Riot Grrrl phenomenon started in Olympia, Washington, and was closely tied to the grunge scene. Aside from music, the people involved tended to share similar politics, which were actually almost indistinguishable from the 60s leftist ideals, just overlaid with this nihilistic militance and an entirely different style of clothing and music. It was as though the "Peace, Love, Equality" chants of the parents became screams and demands from the children, and boy were they children. A lot of what passed for thought in the grunge scene was so infantile that it's a good thing you usually can't understand the lyrics.

So here's Bikini Kill doing a concert in DC in '92, screaming about how "women are dying" from the capital of the most prosperous, female-centric nation on the planet at the time:

Pretty awful isn't it? Makes the 60s look positively genteel in comparison.

A little less Estrogen on Wall Street

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By Dirk Johanson of *The Balls Monologues*

As previously reported in the Monologues on several occasions, much noise has been made in the past few years by manginas such as Nicholas Kristof and by feminists about how there is "too much testosterone" on Wall Street, and not enough women. Of course, Wall Street did fine for centuries without hiring large numbers of women and then, no sooner had the number of women in high-powered positions hit criticial mass then, voila, we had the global financial meltdown, with Erin Callan presiding as Chief Financial Officer during the Lehman Brothers collapse. Despite such incompetence, or worse (the SEC is currently investigating Callan), FinReg then codified female hiring quotas in the financial industry into law.

]Meanwhile, it was reported today by Bloomberg that Eileen Rominger, who serves as chief investment officer for portfolio management businesses within the firm's fund unit, is stepping down at the end of the year and *won't be replaced*.

That's right. Not replaced.

In other words, she wasn't needed, and was performing make-work. Apparently her heels are so easy to fill, they won't be filled at all.

Increasingly on alert to flailing reputation and litigation exposure, Goldman issued a carefully-worded written statement about Rominger's departure. Rominger "reinforced and enhanced our investment culture and facilitated the sharing of ideas across portfolio management teams during a time of tremendous market volatility and change," the co-heads of Goldman's investment-management division, said in a memo. "We are confident that the structure that Eileen has put in place will serve us well into the future."

In other words, like so many working women everywhere, it appears that what she did was organize things and send out a lot of emails and memos.

Of course, Goldman is in the business if making money, not organizing things and sending out memos. According to Bloomberg, assets within Rominger's division "fell 4.5 percent in the quarter as clients pulled cash from money market and equity funds. Stock market declines also reduced the level of assets under management." At that rate, in less than 21 years, the entire division would have been wiped-out.

Rominger did once receive this glowing review. However, not surprisingly, the author, Jan (who uses the initials "J.R." in her by-lines to fool you into thinking she's a guy) Brandstrader, is a woman. Ms. Brandstrader, who has degrees in English and Communications but no formal business training, wrote, "Rominger's been posting top tier numbers…. Particularly impressive: The fund lost 8.6% during the 2000-2002 bear market."

I'm sensing a pattern.

Unlike Brandstrader, I have a blue-chip business degree. I'd note that Rominger did 8.6% worse from 2000-2002 than a guy who stuffed his cash in a mattress. Using a fuckonometric analysis, had a guy put $100,000 in his mattress at the start of 2000, he could have withdrawn enough money from the mattress to have sex with 43 hookers (at the widely-available rate of $200) and ended up with just as much money as had he given it to Rominger to invest and not gotten laid at all.

According to an article which just appeared in yesterday's New York Times, "[t]hose whom Goldman does not want to keep are likely to be quietly told in the coming weeks." I don't think I'm going out on a limb here by speculating that, in case of Rominger, that conversation has now occurred.

When is it OK to Punch Your Wife

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[From A *Voice for Men*]

It might be easy to think that the title to this piece is simple provocation, a tool to inspire people, perhaps mislead them, through sparking an angry reaction or just plain morbid curiosity, into taking a look at what this article is about.

Even though the thrust here is slightly different than the title would imply, there is no deception here at all. The question is serious, and the answer, to be certain, is so clear it need not take an entire article to address.

When is it O.K. to punch your wife? Well, anytime you are defending yourself from her physical attack. You have the right, at that moment, legally and morally, as is explicit in every legal model I know of, to use whatever force is necessary to protect yourself.

Ah, but you really don't, which is of course the real purpose of this article, and a purpose well worth study and consideration.

You see, the surface answer about self defense only applies in the world of legal *theory* and the land of *ought-ta-be*.

In the real world, where we actually live, the preponderance of people, from your friendly neighborhood patriarch to his twin sister the Gloria Steinem clone, see this type of dialog as a reason to go nuclear. In fact, I knew that the title would be provocative precisely because we live in a culture where I am not supposed to even ask such a thing. It's like asking when it is OK to hunt an endangered species, or steal a senior citizens social security check, or joke about children with cancer.

And people, whether it is women gone insane with the power of the *pussy pass*, or the men who are in fact the underwriters of those passes, will surely bring their wrath down upon you. They will rush in to scream, "You NEVER hit a woman! NEVER, NEVER, NEVER!"

I can just see the bulging veins in their necks, their flushed cheeks, and spittle flying from their mouths.

And of course they are right. A man should never hit a woman.

NEVER.

Not if he knows what is good for him.

It's not because some women don't deserve it. Heck, there is many a woman that righteously deserves a foot being broken off in her ass. You read about them a lot these days; women who beat and abuse their partners, who poison them, who hire paid killers to take them out, who shoot and stab and cut their husbands and boyfriends in their sleep, who run them down and kill them in cars, who get other thugs to torture and abuse them.

There are women, and plenty of them, for which a solid ass kicking would be the least that they deserve; where any justice at all would deliver to them the executioners needle. But hey, we can't even defend ourselves against them, so it makes perfect sense that they won't find themselves on the wrong side of the glass window in a death chamber- no matter what they do.

The real question here is not whether these women deserve the business end of a right hook, *they obviously do*, and some of them deserve one hard enough to leave them in an unconscious, innocuous pile on the ground if it serves to protect the innocent from imminent harm.

The real question is whether men deserve to be able to physically defend themselves from assault when it comes from a woman. Does the concept of self defense even apply to men who are the victims of violent females? Technically, the law says yes. But the people around you, especially the ones with guns, regard the *pussy pass* as a higher authority.

You hit a woman, even in self defense; indeed if you even call the cops on one that is beating the crap out you, the beta thugs we have come to call police will come round to your house and deliver some fucking law and order- on *you*.

I know, I just crossed another line. This time that thin blue one. Just like asking when it is alright to punch your wife, I am breaking a social gag order to point at police, rather at what police have become, and speak the truth.

But of course, that is how the police ended up doing what they are doing- by everyone keeping their mouths shut.

I respect the idea of police work very much. I have known many in law enforcement, including members of my family.

I also know that street cops are obliged to follow department policy, no matter how screwed up it is, or face losing their jobs. For that reason alone I have taken a soft line with the police for a long time.

In other words, I have been a part of the problem. I hate those kinds of look-in-the-mirror moments, but there is only one thing you can do with them- freaking fix the problem. And so I am here to start.

If you are willing to keep your job as a police officer by taking an abused man to jail for the sake of department policy or convenience, or even for your job, then you lack the integrity to be a public servant. Please take off your badge and resign. I am sure there are openings in the nearest street gang- where rule by force, not law, is much more your cup of tea.

Or perhaps you like your position a beta male thug enforcer. Perhaps you don't care who you cuff and cage as long as it gives you a hard on. Either way, I am tired of the public overlooking your actions, and worse, patting you on the back for being morally bankrupt and abusing innocent men.

Lest you think I am being over reactive about just how far the police have gone. Let's take a look at a case or two.

In Sacramento, California David Woods's wife Ruth took their young daughters outside in 39 degree temperatures, *for seven hours*, till their lips were blue and they were borderline hypothermic. After she returned, Woods argued with his wife about her actions, till she grabbed a serrated kitchen knife and stabbed at him. The blade passed through the collar of his shirt and actually gave him a small nick in the flesh of his neck. Apparently unsatisfied, she reared back to stab him again, but this time he hit her in the mouth. She dropped the knife and ran to call 911. Sacramento Sheriffs Deputies arrived at the scene to intervene, drew their guns, and slapped cuffs- on Mr. Woods.

They were preparing to take him to jail, over his protests, but it was the daughters, who insisted that the deputies listen to them (they sure as hell were not listening to *him*), that finally prevented them from taking their father to jail *and leaving them alone with the disturbed and violent mother.*

But, they did not take the mother anywhere either. They released Woods from his handcuffs advised him to get her to counseling.

After the incident Woods was quoted as saying, "Now, isn't that strange? When she had a fat lip it was a felony and I was going to jail. But when they finally realized she tried to stab me in the neck, it stopped being a crime and became a mental health issue."

Woods is not alone. This sham is passing for good police intervention on family violence in every major city in the country. From L.A. to New York City, police are embracing policies for handling domestic calls that can only be described as politically motivated, simple minded and *criminal.*

Whatever happens, arrest the guy, unless someone beats you over the head hard enough with the truth that you have no choice but to consider arresting whatever aggressor the evidence points to.

In doing this, our police, with our absolute complicity, have gone from being public servants to public menaces, trampling on victims, enabling criminals- mindlessly obeying department policy to the point that Gestapo references would not be overblown.

Their handling of domestic disputes is part of the a massive roll back in civil and constitutional rights and they need to be called to task for it.

Consider the following clip from ABC news that measures reactions of people to seeing a man violently abused by a woman.

Predictably, few people cared at all, one even celebrated the guy getting a beating, and most just decided on their own that he had it coming, but most telling is the cop that walked past this scene doing nothing and later told reporters, “Yeah, if it had been the other way around I would have definitely done something.”

The he excused it by talking about how he was raised, admitted that it was a double standard, but informed us that even being confronted with it was going to change nothing.

“Hey, it is what it is,” he says.

Consider the recent story out of Orlando, Florida, regarding the false rape accusation epidemic. Even in that situation, as reported by police themselves, *they do not want to arrest women*- simply because they are women. The pussy pass is police issue.

In a recent video posted here from you tube, we got a such a clear example of how police -and women- operate, that it is worth using it again for reference here.

Note the basic turn of events. Man angers women. Women attack, verbally and physically. Man refuses to comply. Women call police. Women lie. And lie again. And lie again. And lie again.

Police office treats the man as though he is the problem, going as far as to tell him that he cannot disrespect women.

Any thoughts on what would have happened if this man were not smart enough to film his actions?

And this is what we have, people. From rape allegations to domestic disputes, to civil protests, we have police that are badge wearing, gun toting enforcers of feminist governance. They are either too poorly trained, or too brainwashed or too stupid to realize the socially destructive nature of their actions.

So when is it Ok to punch your wife? Ask David Woods, he’ll tell you. Don’t defend yourself. Don’t expect help. Just run. Forget your property. Forget justice. And get a hotel because there won’t be a safe house.

If you are a man in this culture and you are unfortunate enough to have an altercation with a woman, you know who is coming to take care of things, don’t you?

That’s right, the Sacramento Sherriff’s Department. Or maybe the Orlando police, or maybe that muscle bound cop in the park who would walk past you getting beaten like he was a fry cook instead of a law enforcement officer.

Whoever comes, they are not about the any law except her law, and you will find that out as they put the handcuffs on you and haul your ass to jail for having been stupid enough to expect them to do the right thing.

Let that sink in. Let it sink in any way you like, but I advise you to get it on your way out of her reach, *and theirs.*

This ain’t no country for men, any more.

Are Men Becoming "Gold Diggers," Too?

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Vanity Fair writer Jamie Johnson writes that she's noticed more and more young men expressing a preference for wealthy women, especially where matrimony is concerned. Johnson writes that she isn't particularly surprised, noting that this is nothing new:

> In this difficult economic climate, people are working whatever schemes they can to ascend the exclusive ranks of high society, the least harmful of which, it appears, involves professing love in exchange for money. Plus, there is a cultural precedent for precisely this sort of male ambition. I can't say that men in the past would have publically acknowledged pursuing rich women with such fervor, but it certainly did happen.

I'd go one step farther, and say that it was the average guy's *dream* prior to the growth of the middle class and the welfare state. In pre-20th century fiction, the theme of men pursuing wealthy women is so common that it's almost cliché.

From Ali Baba to Horatio Alger, marrying into wealth was one of the most commonly represented paths to success in old stories. A woman without a significant dowry, no matter how virtuous and pretty, was at a significant disadvantage. It is only in the last century that "Cinderella" type stories have grown so disproportionately popular, and what's missing from the modern understanding of these, in which the poor, oppressed girl ends up with a prince, is that the girl is usually of noble blood herself, and has been wronged by some twist of fate. So the marriage to the prince is actually setting things back in their proper place, rather than a tale of a girl of humble origins being rescued by a prince. In fact, in terms of social mobility, women have traditionally been the *least* likely to change their lot in life.

Say a prince took a fancy to some lusty peasant wench and knocked her up, and then the king learns of this. So far so good; the old man, remembering his own youth, would likely chuckle under his flowing beard while sternly admonishing his son to mend his ways and behave more in keeping with his station in life. However, say the stripling prince insisted that he would marry the girl and have none other. The king, thinking of his lands, his alliances, the threat from rivals, would suddenly feel his heartbeat quicken, his face would flush, and as he grasped a bottle of wine to pour a hasty drink he would feel a sense of rage welling up within. The young prince is in for it now! If he refused to give up the plan, he'd likely be declared possessed and locked up in the tower until the "demon came out."

Men could fight, study or trade their way to success, and thereby earn great rewards from superiors. If I have done my genealogy correctly, some of my ancestors were simple Welsh yeomen who served under Henry V in campaigns in France, perhaps as archers, thus earning themselves official positions and land grants that greatly improved their station. Most of us are descended from such men — they were the ones who tended to survive, and whose children survived, when the going got rough.

Lest we get the misperception that it was only the grit and determination of these particular men that kept family lines alive, we ought to remember that one of the benefits of receiving some rank or title was that one suddenly had the opportunity to marry into the gentry, and almost without fail men would do just that. The extra lands and wealth that came from these unions were a great boon to posterity, sometimes for many generations.

Therefore, marrying into money was one of the biggest incentives to an ambitious young man. This is the way it had been for most of history, and only the recent aberration of the greatly expanded middle class gave people the impression that men are content to marry their social inferiors.

It may be that we are headed back to the norm, and feminists are unconsciously providing a great deal of the impetus for that. Although they claim they are doing a great favor to women everywhere, and they may actually

believe this to be the case, they are simply turning the ordinary, humble girl back into the “ball-and-chain” that she has been seen as for most of history. The feminist vanguard – professional, educated women from upper middle class to wealthy families – naturally favor policies that favor them, personally. Most of the girls who get masters’ degrees in humanities programs, which are all heavily infused with feminism these days, go on to marry other wealthy or upper middle class men. They never had to stock shelves in WalMart, go to women’s clinics in run-down neighborhoods, or any of these other things they are allegedly so concerned about.

When they think about what’s good for women, they are not thinking about the average, working to lower middle class woman, they are thinking of themselves and their own rather exclusive lives. For example, I’d like to know how many out of the horde of women who write about women’s issue and feminism have actually pulled themselves up by their bootstraps. How many of them came from single mother families where dad was out of the picture and not paying a dime of support? I’m sure that’s the case with some of their token ethnic writers (affirmative action is essentially a snake-oil solution that achieves little gain at huge expense, but hey, it makes white managers look good!), but how about all the white writers? The truth is, the feminist professional class is a part of the modern gentry, and they are all but guaranteeing that “lesser” women than they will have a much, much lower chance of finding a suitable mate than they would have as little as thirty years ago.

Given the social system these privileged women have helped set up, it’s entirely natural that an intelligent man of modest means and some ambition will regard a financially insecure woman as a huge potential liability, and do whatever he can to find one with the modern-day equivalent of a dowry.

How Female Suffrage Destroyed Western Civilization

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By ramzpaul

A few weeks ago Google paid homage to the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. The following tag was on their home page complete with a little pink checkbox that represented a woman making her choice at the ballot box.

"*Celebrating 90 years since the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote*"

As a globalist corporation, Google does not "celebrate" various anniversaries based on the whims of some individual webmaster. Such decisions on what to commemorate on Google's main page are carefully determined based on cynical political calculations. Either the occasion must be non-controversial (e.g., Celebrating the 71st Anniversary of the Wizard of Oz) or politically correct.

A Short History of Cultural Marxism

"Political correctness" is simply the modern slang term for what is properly known as Cultural Marxism. Cultural Marxism was developed in 1920s Germany at Frankfurt University. Unlike Revolutionary Marxism which advocated violent revolution to establish a new society (such as the Soviet Union, China, North Korea, etc.) Cultural Marxism advocated destroying Western Civilization through cultural subversion. One of the key concepts spawned from the Frankfurt school was called Critical Theory. The Critical Theory ideology that was developed in the 1930s was responsible for many of the "politically correct" memes we hear today, such that sex (gender) is a social construct.

The architects of Cultural Marxism were expelled from Germany in the 1930s once the National Socialists (Nazis) gained power. These refugees found new homes primarily in America and England. When World War 2 ended, the Cultural Marxist ideology soon metastasized quickly across American and English universities.

So while it is popular to imagine that all these radical cultural changes (such as feminism) started with the hippies and beatniks in the 1960s, the roots actually extend back to 1920s Germany and 19th century Marxism.

Over the past 50 years, Cultural Marxism has been wildly successful in the West and it is now the de facto ideology for the establishment. As was the case in the Soviet Union, everyone knows what thoughts are politically acceptable and what thoughts are heretical. Global corporations such as Google are savvy enough to "celebrate" the proper political ideas.

For example, while Google is proud to celebrate the 19th Amendment with a cute pink checkbox, I doubt Google would celebrate the 2nd Amendment with an illustration of a White Man holding a rifle. And all of us who were raised under Cultural Marxism instinctively know why this is the case.

The 19th Amendment

The right for women to vote now seems as American as All-You-Can-Eat buffets and Wal-Mart. Try suggesting to a typical God fearing, flag waving, Republican and Tea Party conservative that giving the vote to women was a bad idea, and watch him recoil in horror like a vampire looking at a cross. To even think of such a notion is anathema and un-American. After all, our brave troops are fighting the evil Muslims in the Middle-East to protect our right to vote!

And yet, for most of America's history the vast majority of men (and women) were opposed to women's suffrage. So were George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln all secret women haters with small penises? Or might they have had another reason to oppose female suffrage?

The 19th Century Argument Against Suffrage

Most of the arguments against female suffrage have now gone down the memory hole. School children are now taught that suffrage was inevitable and the people who opposed suffrage in the prior generations were simply backwards and ignorant. Because it is obviously axiomatic that female suffrage is a good thing. To even debate the subject would be crazy! As such, historical writings against suffrage are ignored and buried.

However, extracted from the depths of time is an essay written by a woman who was opposed to suffrage. This essay detailed the logical reasons why female suffrage would harm America.

Thoughts on Female Suffrage

By Madeline Dahlgren, 1871

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"*We acknowledge no inferiority to men. We claim to have no less ability to perform the duty God has imposed upon us, than they [men] have to perform those imposed upon them. We believe that God has wisely and well adapted each sex to the proper performance of the duties of each. We believe our trusts to be as important and sacred as any that exist.*

It is our fathers, brothers, husbands and sons who represent us at the ballot-box. Our fathers and husbands love us. Our sons are what we make them. We are content that they represent us in the corn-field, the battle-field and the ballot-box, and we them in the school-room, at the fireside, and at the cradle; believing our representation, even at the ballot-box, to be thus more full and impartial that it could possibly be were all women allowed to vote."

Notice that it was assumed that men and women have different biological natures and, as such, God has given men and women different responsibilities. The notion that sex is just a social construct would have been considered to be absurd. Also notice the frequent references to religion. Prior to the Cultural Marxist revolution (Cultural Marxism abhors Christianity) Christian ideals were appealed to in an unapologetic manner.

The basic argument against female suffrage was that women were represented by their husbands, fathers and sons at the ballot-box. The essay further argues that as mothers raised their sons (this was before mothers warehoused their children in daycare to pursue their corporate careers) women actually fundamentally shaped the character of men, and hence, the direction of America. As such, women had a powerful voice and they were represented.

Later in the essay, Dahlgren predicted that female suffrage would create competition between men and women which would create an antagonism. Instead of a family standing in unity, suffrage would divide the house. Such division would create discord into the family and weaken the marriage tie. Dahlgren predicted that divorce would become common if women were given the vote.

Dahlgren writes:

"*We hold that the new status will prove to be the worst kind of communism. The relations between the sexes, so carefully guarded by religion and by parents, by law and by society, will become common and therefore corrupt. The family, the foundation of the State, will disappear. The mothers, sisters and daughters of our glorious past will exist no more and the female gender will vanish into epicene. "*

As a contemporary of Marx, Dahlgren correctly identified that the push for female suffrage was Marxist in origin. Fifty years later the Cultural Marxists implicitly agreed with Dahlgren that the best way to destroy Western Civilization (aka Christendom) was to undermine the family. And the seeds that were planted in the 19th amendment paved the way for the spawning of what would be known as feminism.

The people opposed to female suffrage proved to be right beyond their wildest predictions. As Google was celebrating the 19th amendment, a British newspaper detailed the boasting of a 26 year old woman who claims to have had sex with 5,000 different men. If Madeline Dahlgren were alive today, I am sure she would have understood the connection between female suffrage in the West and the decline of civilization.

Single mothers, rampant divorce, abortion and falling birth rates are part of the cancer that is destroying what is left

of Western Civilization. But very few people (even conservatives) fail to realize that the inception of this cancer can be found in the passage of the 19th amendment.

Wisconsin Prosecutor's Quid Pro Quo: Sex for Prosecuting Boyfriend

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For men going through divorce or some other form of legal trouble with a woman, given the often blatant favoritism that occurs on behalf of women and the frequent bullying from her advocates and, occasionally, those who are supposed to be neutral parties, it's hard to shake the suspicion that something might be going on behind closed doors.

Recently, in Wisconsin, Calumet County's DA, Kenneth Kratz, has come under scrutiny for sending propositions via text to a woman whose boyfriend he happened to be prosecuting for domestic abuse. A couple of the texts read as follows:

> Are you the kind of girl that likes secret contact with an older married elected DA … the riskier the better?
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> I would not expect you to be the other woman. I would want you to be so hot and treat me so well that you'd be THE woman! R U that good?
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> I'm serious! I'm the atty. I have the $350,000 house. I have the 6-figure career. You may be the tall, young, hot nymph, but I am the prize!

Mr. Kratz does not deny sending the texts, but he maintains that he did not violate any rules in doing so, and holds up his record of sending men to jail as proof of his inherent goodness. Actually, he may be correct about misconduct rules. Attorneys have lobbied vigorously to allow sex between attorneys and their clients (or crime victims in this case), and, as usual, they have had their way.

Given the huge increase in laws governing relationships between men and women that place couples ever more frequently in court as opposing litigants, it may be time to rethink the sexual license given to attorneys representing clients in family law cases or DV prosecutions. DAs make decisions that can have a profound impact on others' lives, and if some of them are basing those decisions on whether or not the allegedly victimized spouse or lover is willing to engage in sex, it isn't difficult to imagine that legal abuses will occur.

Of course, plenty of us already knew this was happening. The evidence is too clear to ignore. If you are a man with a good-looking wife or girlfriend and have been accused of anything, for example, you might notice some over-the-top aggression from any men involved in the case. It's pretty clear that these guys "covet" your wife, and she knows it, too, and uses it to her advantage. This can easily result in injustice, and is why "coveting" other people's wives is explicitly banned by the final commandment (or next to last for Catholics) of the Decalogue.

However, anecdotal evidence suggests that it is not only a matter of male attorneys lobbying for sexual access to clients; I have read comments from male attorneys that state that females lawyers are the most likely of all to sleep with clients.

In a world where attorneys could not help people seize assets from spouses, throw them in jail or otherwise ruin their lives, rules barring attorneys from sleeping with clients probably wouldn't be necessary, but given the contemporary climate surrounding marriage, this practice ought to be as highly regulated as marriage itself. Perhaps that might dissuade a few sleazy DAs from railroading guys whose wives were bored and wanted an easy out.

Finally, I'd like to extend some gratitude to Stephanie Van Groll for outing Kratz for the garbage that he is. Turning over the DA's unprofessional texts when he was the man prosecuting the guy she accused of giving her a severe beating adds a lot of credibility to her accusations.

Woman Almost Runs Man Over, Confronts Him, Gets Mouthful of Capsaicin

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Alexandra Griffith, who is four months pregnant, went out with her friend to go to Seattle's Bumbershoot festival, and while trying to park she apparently came close to running a man over. The man, who was very large – around 6'5″ and about 300 lbs – got quite upset and pounded on her car, yelling that she almost ran him over. At this point the small, pregnant woman decided to get out of her car and confront him about hitting her Prius.

Does this sound like a good idea?

Next, she starts getting mouthy, making excuses and failing to apologize. Then, in a stroke of genius, she decides to snap a picture of the man with her phone camera. Surely, this is the first step one should take when dealing with an angry, 300-pound man…

In all likelihood, Ms. Griffith was just as pissed off as the man (he pounded on her Prius!), and wanted to provoke a confrontation so as to see the cops take him down. She's a woman, after all, and a fairly pretty white one at that. She need fear no mere man in America.

Just as she was snapping the photo, the man whipped out a can of pepper spray and let her have it right in the face. You can see what Alexandra saw just as the burning liquid blasted her right here (photo on the left).

The man likely shouldn't have reacted as he did, although when someone almost gets hit by a car, the resulting adrenaline rush could easily lead to them striking out without thinking. And pounding a car is a lot less severe than pounding a person. As for pepper-spraying her, he was still angry, she had been defiant after almost injuring him, and he was probably afraid she'd try to get him in trouble with a photo. There's no doubt he was provoked. But was the spraying justifiable? I don't think so, but then again she and her friend could have framed him and had him arrested out of spite over the car pounding. But the truth is that taking pictures of people is perfectly legal, so he'd likely be facing some minor assault charge for what he did.

However, this woman comes off as an entitled, arrogant moron. For one thing, you defuse a situation like that by *apologizing*, not by going on the offensive. Let the guy yell a bit and blow off steam, then go your merry way — you don't get out of the car with a camera. Ms. Griffith should have realized that although the man was pretty big, her car is actually a lot bigger, and if she wasn't looking where she was going she should have taken responsibility for it and said "I'm sorry."

The problem is that a lot of young women have a master/slave mentality where men are concerned, and view apologizing as beneath them. My guess is that this will lead to even more of these sorts of incidents, as guys who are on the edge let loose on women who have taken it a step too far.

As for the spin, this terrible article in the Seattle Weekly should give you a full dose of both white knighting *and* shaming language.

Here are some choice excerpts:

> Sometimes it's really hard to identify the World's Wussiest Man. Thankfully, the candidates have a habit of making themselves eligible in the most public way possible. Take the large, but certainly not in charge, gentleman who confronted young Alexandra Griffith this past weekend.
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> [...]
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> What Griffith couldn't have known at the time, however, was that she wasn't actually dealing with a man. Because no real man would ever pepper spray a lady.
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> [...]

> Griffith managed to snap a picture of the vulgar brute before he ambled off, but not before he was also caught on a Seattle Center security tape. Sources say he was later spotted stealing lunch money from kids and teasing cripples, but those reports remain unconfirmed.

I also feel compelled to include this comment from “Codger,” posted below the weekly article:

> Codger says:
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> So why didn’t every self respecting male jump on this turd and beat the living crap out of him?
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> Simple, yet sexist rule – don’t pick on chicks or get your ass whooped by the other males who find it an insult to their manhood.

Guys like Codger, if any, deserve a faceful of mace.

Fortunately, the Komo article (linked above) is fairly objective, as real reporting should be, and the most popular comments are those questioning the young woman’s judgment. The video, on the other hand… Just watch her put on a show:

If she’s married, this woman’s husband is in for it one day.

Amityville Horror Director Sues for Paternity Fraud

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Andrew Douglas, a successful film director, supported a girl for 17 years in the belief that he was providing for his daughter. When Ameena Meer, the child's mother told him she was pregnant with his child, she successfully persuaded him to marry her to preserve some semblance of dignity, which she, as a Muslim, said was important to her family. This is somewhat curious, because Meer first met Douglas when she hired him to photograph Salman Rushdie, the notorious Muslim apostate. Apparently, consistency isn't her thing.

Eventually, the sham marriage ended, and although Mr. Douglas faithfully paid support, Meer demanded extra cash for access to the girl he believed was his daughter. All told, he paid her nearly a half million pounds in child support and other financial assistance. Eventually, as he got to know the girl better, he began to suspect that she wasn't actually his daughter when certain medical issues came up. In fact, it seems that the girl herself may have had some suspicions, because she asked Douglas about his blood type, which turned out to be incompatible with hers. Soon, a DNA test proved that he was not the father.

Douglas then hired an attorney in an effort to retrieve the money he paid Ms. Meer over the years, and is now in the process of suing her.

What's really telling about the lawsuit is the absolute lack of contrition on the part of Ms. Meer, who claims she never lied, and is calling Douglas an ingrate:

> Of course I didn't lie. I obviously didn't think that he wasn't her father. If he wants to be her father, he should provide for her. Isn't that what's fair?

She's ignoring the fact that Mr. Douglas probably didn't "want to be a father" when she first fingered him as such 17 years ago. What he did was take responsibility, not make a deal. Like millions of men, Douglas carried the cross at great personal and emotional expense, only to find out he'd been cheated and lied to the entire time.

But Ms. Meer feels no compassion at all for the director, and blames him even as the full extent of her betrayal comes to light.

She says the lawsuit is "a terrible thing for him to do to his daughter."

Bethany Storro and False Accusations

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The Bethany Storro acid attack story sounded strange from the beginning, but as a few copycat incidents that were quite real happened immediately after the attack, it seemed plausible. Fortunately, the Vancouver Washington police and reporters from The Columbian followed up on the story and uncovered some inconsistencies. For example, the so-called attack was witnessed by some homeless people in the park where Ms. Storro was burned, and they all said she fell to the ground alone. Also, the fact that she had purchased sunglasses immediately prior to the attack seemed like more than a mere coincidence, with Storro herself attributing it to "God." Finally, her own conflicting stories and the splash pattern led police to wonder whether she'd made the entire thing up.

Eventually, police scrutiny convinced her to admit that she'd made up the story, and now it's known throughout the country that she lied.

Vancouver locals – especially blacks, who are few in number in the town – are no longer feeling very charitable toward Ms. Storro. In a false accusation "en masse," she described her imaginary assailant as a random black woman, instantly creating a great deal of racial tension not only in Vancouver, but throughout the country. My guess is she did that because she didn't know any black women, and didn't want any of her acquaintances to come under suspicion, which might force her to 'fess up.

For a couple weeks, Bethany was the center of attention, and had even scheduled an appearance on Oprah. Charities were established for her and her family, police spent hundreds of hours looking for a made-up suspect, and people were nervous that some crazy acid-hurling woman could be in their midst.

So what was the motive? Well, the attention itself might seem like a reasonable place to start, but there is some indication that she had visited a plastic surgeon shortly before she poured acid on her face, and, tellingly, the part of her face most seriously damaged was her nose, which from the looks of the picture of her before she mutilated herself was rather bulbous and large. The main motive on her part may have simply been a free nose-job.

It sounds like a crazy scheme, but she almost made it work, ripping off thousands of people and local and state taxpayers for weeks before her lie unraveled. I doubt it was Ms. Storro's intention to make such a huge impact on the news, but once she did she went along with it, milking it for all it was worth. The smiling picture of her following the "attack" speaks volumes — can you imagine someone who was a real victim looking so pleased after being mutilated by a stranger?

For men, understanding what she did is difficult, because it simply doesn't make sense from a male perspective. A man would think: "Why in hell would anyone do something like that? She must be mentally ill." Well, she is a young, divorced woman who is hard of hearing and lives with her parents, who likely has some issues with her appearance. She wanted more for herself, and perhaps figured some sympathy and a new face would be enough to launch her into a new, better life. What she did may have been stupid, but it wasn't crazy — it almost worked. It was the classic female crime by deception.

As with the Bethany Storro lie, a lot of men have a difficult time understanding why a woman would ever lie about being raped, assaulted by a husband/lover or some similar matter. Again, what's difficult for men to understand is that this is usually a means to an end. It isn't just for "attention," although attention itself has its material benefits for women, and it certainly isn't because she's "confused;" it's because it will tangibly benefit or avenge her in some way. The motive is actually not all that different from men's motives for committing crimes. The only important difference is the means.

Perhaps part of the problem in the West is that, legally speaking, deception has come to be regarded as a far less serious offense than brazen criminality. In fact, lying has become routine and necessary if one wants to remain in polite society. This has probably long been the case, but it seems that the political correctness of recent decades has

taken it to an entirely new level. Acts of deception that used to be taken seriously and actually prosecuted, such as adultery and perjury, are either decriminalized or very rarely punished. A woman can lie in court, to her husband, coworkers – even the police – without a shred of guilt, knowing that consequences, if any, are usually borne by others.

In the meanwhile, deception has been incentivized through greatly expanded civil law, advertising and electoral politics. It has become so thoroughly ingrained in our culture that I sometimes wonder why people don't lie even more than they already do.

However, perhaps it is time to rethink this soft touch on people who commit crimes by deception. They may not be as shocking as a fist to the face or a stickup, but the victims often suffer just as much, if not more. While Storro's crime may not have physically injured anyone other than herself, some innocent black woman could easily have been put through the wringer for what she said, and it did inspire copycat attacks that burned innocent people.

This would be a good time to start taking false accusations seriously, and the Clark County Prosecutor should take the first step by bringing Ms. Storro up on every charge he can apply to the case.

Death Row and The Pussy Pass

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From *A Voice for Men*

I suppose I should out myself from the beginning as being opposed to the death penalty. At the very least I'm against it till we develop a system that assures 100% certainty that we are killing the right person, and that assures that every deserving scumbag gets an equal chance at the needle.

We are nowhere near that competent, or even concerned about getting it right for that matter, so I remain at the default position of con.

That being said, in regards to the September 23rd scheduled execution of Teresa Lewis in Virginia, I have an amended position.

Let's throw some burgers on the grill, crack open a few cold ones, and watch them ice this murdering bitch on pay-per-view. Or maybe we could tweak the date a little and do it at half time of a football game. Terry Bradshaw could do the play by play.

We'll put Sponge Bob on DVD in the other room for the kids.

I'm not just fascinated by the Lewis case because executions of women are rare. Though they are, exceedingly. Since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976, there have been over 1,200 executions in the United States. A whopping 11 of them, or less than 1%, were women. Lewis will, if not saved by the Supreme Court or the Virginia Governor, be the first dead woman walking in that state in 98 years.

This stands in pretty stark contrast considering women commit, by DOJ estimates, 10% of all murders, are involved in 35% of all domestic homicides (are involved means, like Lewis, they get other people to kill for them) and nearly 30% of murders where the victim was another family member.

On death row, it seems, the vagina exemption is almost a given.

And that really is what makes this particular case so interesting. It is not just that female executions don't keep up with female criminality, it's why they don't. And that requires us to take another much needed look at that most peculiar of growing social phenomenon, the pussy pass.

From all the evidence available, Lewis used her pussy to get into this trouble and now wants to use it to avoid paying the price. For the latter she is getting a lot of help; that coming from her attorneys, but bolstered by a gynocentric media that is reaching a frothing and feverish pitch in activism on her behalf.

On the surface, it might appear that they have a case to make for her.

One of Lewis's hired killers, 22 year old Matthew Shallenberger, is alleged to have written a letter in which he claims to have manipulated Lewis, who reportedly has a low I.Q., into the crime. Apparently, the boy had Game, but not on a level that helped him with the state. He killed himself after getting a life sentence.

Lewis's lawyers have had trouble getting the letter admitted into evidence.

It is also the contention of her counsel, with supporting expert opinions, that Lewis has a Dependent Personality Disorder, which makes her susceptible to being manipulated by men.

That's clinical speak for the pussy pass. It has to be the man's fault, right? Women don't do these things unless someone makes them, and that someone is always a man.

But there are some other inconvenient facts around the case that don't work in Lewis's favor. For instance, there was an earlier failed plot to kill her husband and step son, and to help seal the deal Lewis had taken her 16 year old daughter to have sex with the second gunman, 19 year old Rodney Fuller. Apparently it was all the encouragement

he needed.

Also, in consideration is the fact that Lewis financed the purchase of the weapons, left the front door of the home unlocked so that the gunmen could slip in and waited over 30 minutes as her husband lay bleeding to death before calling 911. It was actually the husband, Julian, who stubbornly clung to life long enough to tell the police at the scene that his wife knew the people who shot him, that quickly put investigators onto Lewis as the culprit. When she broke under questioning, she told investigators she did it for the money.

It would be easy enough to argue that any of that could still be consistent with her attorney's assertion that this was a simple minded woman who got drawn in by a more intelligent and manipulative mastermind.

The only problem with that is that it really doesn't matter. Death chambers have taken the lives of many men of low intelligence and who were highly impressionable. But there is not a penis pass, so they get the needle anyway.

And as you peruse the headlines of any of about a hundred news stories currently running on Lewis's execution, you get the real reason for wanting to save her from her debt to society.

She is, well, a she. Lack of intelligence and impressionability aside, the one thing every news agency, and her lawyers keep hammering on to the public is that we are about to kill a woman. The rest is just window dressing that can be seen on every death row appeal ever written in the last hundred years.

Low intelligence means nothing, unless it is low enough that the person cannot comprehend the nature of their acts, or tell the difference between right and wrong.

All of Lewis's behaviors, before the murders and up to this very moment are bombastic advertising that she knew exactly what she was doing and knew that it was wrong. And all we are witnessing now is a society struggling to cling to the idea that a woman's life, even a calculated killer, is more valuable than a man's.

I think we should start sending female killers to death row, and keep sending them, until we finally get smart enough to give this stupid and vile form of sexism its swan song; until we execute our own bigotry.

And if you are against the death penalty, this would be the wisest strategy to pursue. If you really want to end capital punishment, start executing women every time they legally deserve it.

The death chambers would shut down overnight.

And if that is not a sign of a very sick society, nothing is.

Afghan Women Allegedly Stuffing Ballot Box in Afghan Election Charade

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Elections in an occupied country should always be suspect for obvious reasons, but for some reason the US government seems to think they somehow legitimize our "mission" in Afghanistan, which is increasingly murky. First, we were going after Al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, then we were fighting the Taliban, then bringing democracy to the place, and now supposedly we are fighting for the Afghan women, because we Americans are such big, chivalrous heroes of course.

Since one of our primary goals is to bootstrap Afghanistan from the Dark Ages to the modern world in a matter of a few years, we are naturally taking a bunch of shortcuts and going directly from tribalism to liberal democracy. So, to ramp up the process a lot of priority is given to stuffing the polling places full of women, encouraging women (in a very poor country, mind you) to produce ridiculous, valueless "art," and setting up a parallel, secular education system – girls only, of course – to compete with madrassas that educate boys. It would all seem really outlandish, except for the fact that the Soviets tried the same thing some thirty years ago.

Now, it seems that the drive to "legitimize" the puppet government we've installed in Kabul has led to widespread voter fraud, in which women are showing up with all sorts of fake voter registration cards and casting multiple votes, probably for a few bucks here and there.

According to a monitor for the Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan (as reported by the AP), "the women coming here have so many cards that don't have the stamp and are not real cards but still they are voting."

Also, it seems that the women have learned to remove the ink that marks voters' fingers from their hands with bleach, and are taking advantage of that to make multiple trips to the polls.

This puts the feminist spin from 2008, in which men were alleged to be making up female relatives and voting for them, in some perspective. It seems that someone thinks that the more female voters the better for the Afghan puppet regime, which does its best to play up to alien American sentiments.

I'm pretty sure there's some compensation in it for the women. Afghanistan is desperately poor, the banks are failing, and people live lives that your typical American can't imagine. Feminism is totally irrelevant to women who have to cook their food with dried dung and are probably lucky if they can even afford a burkha. So twenty bucks to make a day trip to a polling station and vote a few times is probably worth it to them.

Whatever it is that's behind the fraud, it raises questions about American priorities in the backward, war-torn country in which our overwhelmingly male soldiers are sweating and bleeding. Are we fighting for concrete American interests, or have we resorted to simply trying to impose a sham ideology on a hapless people half a world away?

Men More Angry About Political Issues, More likely to Vote

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The gender gap in politics has widened substantially over the past thirty years, with women increasingly gravitating toward the Democratic Party and men to the Republicans. The Democrats have accordingly taken up a pro-female agenda and pushed for a number of bills that support women and punish men, such as VAWA, IMBRA and the pending Paycheck Fairness Act. Republicans, on the other hand, have never explicitly supported men, often engage in white knight posturing, and probably only get more male support because they are not in favor of taxing men as much.

There is really no party for men, so men tend to vote against the party that angers them. In fact, this is why the Democrats control the White House and Congress today. Men felt cheated and lied to by the Republicans during the Bush administration, and switched their allegiance in 2008, handing power to the Democrats. Now that the Democrats have had two years to remind men what they do when in power, men are angry at them all over again.

A poll recently released by the NY Times and CBS indicates that men are not only more upset about what the US government is currently doing, they are much more motivated to do something about it than women, who have expressed less interest in the midterm elections, as well as a good degree of confusion about the issues:

> So far in this election, women are not nearly as attentive as men and express less enthusiasm about voting, the poll found. Men are more likely than women to fall into the category of voters who say they are paying a lot of attention to the campaign right now. They are also more likely than women to say they are more enthusiastic about voting in this congressional election than they remember being in past mid-terms elections.
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> The poll suggests that men are angrier than women, and that their anger may be more motivating than the sense of hopelessness expressed by women, particularly on economic issues.
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> “I’m confused as who to vote for,” said one of the poll respondents, Diana Rhoads of Hallam, Pa., a 59-year-old independent who voted for President Obama. “I just don’t know who I can count on to move us in the direction I’d like to see the country go. Frankly, the financial problems are beyond our understanding.”

This raises the question of why Republicans, if they really want to win, are ignoring their main constituency. However, perhaps more importantly, it points to the lack of a party that men can support without fatal reservations, and may suggest that the Republican Party is a dinosaur headed for extinction. If the Democratic Party is the women’s party, and the Republican Party is simply the party that isn’t the women’s party, then what possible purpose could it serve other than preventing America from becoming a totalitarian, one-party matriarchal state? Perhaps that’s something, but it isn’t much.

Unfortunately, it appears that the “Tea Party,” despite its grass-roots origins, is being usurped by attention craving and power hungry women. I can’t imagine that the Tea Party has anywhere near the support from women that it does from men, but it seems that most of its candidates and “spokespeople” are female.

How did this happen?

The problem is that politicians and political parties are always willing to explicitly support women where their interests are at stake, but I have never once heard a mainstream politician do the same for men. Because it is taboo to discuss men’s issues, they are simply never addressed, and inevitably the focus shifts toward women in every single issue in which there is some element of gender politics.

This is a big mistake. The way things are today, it wouldn’t make any difference if the media were to shame politicians or activists for bringing up men’s issues. Men would hear whoever did so, and overwhelmingly agree. They would vote for such a man (or even a woman, if she existed), just like they voted for Scott Brown in the race against Martha Coakley in Massachusetts to replace Ted Kennedy. Scott Brown explicitly supports fathers’ rights,

and for his pro-men stance received a whopping 60% of the male vote, easily enough to cancel out the majority female support Coakley received.

A politician who wisely embraced men's issues would not only win over more men, he would inspire them and motivate them to vote in numbers above what your typically tepid, vacillating politician could hope for. Also, it wouldn't necessarily chase off women. Most women like a winner, and follow trends. Shrieking feminist denunciations could only make a politician look better.

It's time for some politicians, no matter what their party affiliations, to wake up and figure it out. In the US, votes count, and those who support men will get more of them.

They're Afraid Of Men Masturbating

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Recently, Christine O'Donnell, a candidate associated with the Tea Party, won the Republican Senate primary in Delaware who among many other things sued a former employer for "gender discrimination" claiming that she suffered "mental anguish". What O'Donnell is also known for is her views on sex — particularly her anti-masturbation views. O'Donnell appeared on MTV back in the 90′s explaining her views of sex and masturbation which is available here on youtube.

Watch the youtube video and take note of the end. Except for a token guy, it's a group of women. O'Donnell even says about her presumably future husband masturbating, "If he already knows what pleases him, and he can please himself, then why am I in the picture?" This quote exposes the undercurrent behind anti-masturbation attitudes. It's not so much anti-masturbation but anti men masturbating. People against masturbation have a fear that men might actually have an alternative to women. The answer to O'Donnell's question should be obvious. A woman would ideally be providing more than a man's hand both sexually and not.

When it comes to a woman who can't/won't contribute to a relationship non-sexually (a growing group of women particularly among younger women), and who is planning on trying to control a man through providing a minimum of sex, then she has a lot to worry about when it comes to men realizing that their hand will do more for them than a woman will. The obvious answer to this is for women not to be harpies who withhold sex as a means of controlling men, but it's unlikely they will change in that regard. Instead, we will see more anti-male masturbation shaming language.

For anti-masturbation shaming language, the Bible is used as a justification. However, masturbation is not directly addressed in the Bible. What is cited is the story of Onan. This has a serious deficiency as a Biblical stricture against masturbation. In the story, Onan never actually masturbated. What happened was that God ordered Onan to impregnate his dead brother's wife, Tamar. Onan disobeyed God by pulling out during sex so he could avoid impregnating her, thereby disobeying God. This has nothing to do with masturbation but disobeying God under a very specific set of circumstances. Nothing in the story even casually references masturbation.

Anti-male masturbation shaming language is not limited to religious conservatives. When women use vibrators they are praised for taking control of their sexuality. When a man uses a fleshlight he is attacked for being a loser who can't get laid. This is very similar to the anti-male masturbation shaming language used by religious conservatives. Both groups are worried that men may not be sexually dependent on women. That is what they are really afraid of.

Masturbation by men, fleshlights, and futuristic technologies like VR sex and sexbots are all attacked because they have to potential to give men more options when it comes to sex. Anything that even temporarily can replace an actual woman's vagina is or will be the subject of shaming language.

As more sex technologies become available for men in the future there will be more anti-male masturbation shaming language. Some will be religiously based. Medical myths such as masturbation giving a man hairy palms will likely make a reappearance. None of it will be rooted in medical facts, and they will claim that this is only limited to men. Whatever the method of shaming language, it's all for the same reason: to protect the pussy cartel from competition.

Acid Attack Hoaxer Bethany Storro Facing Felony Charge

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Ms. Storro, who infamously accused a random black woman of splashing her face with acid has, been charged with three counts of second-degree theft for taking money from well-wishers after she surreptitiously rubbed chemicals on her face. In a last-ditch attempt to appear sympathetic, she says she first wanted to commit suicide, but then decided that perhaps a new face was all she needed:

> …when I realized it wasn't killing me, I thought maybe this was the answer to all my problems. To have a completely different face.

Storro has admitted that she thought having a new face would solve her problems, confirming that the motive was fraud from the outset.

When women commit crimes, men's ignorance of their motives often leads men to assume that they are "troubled" or "unbalanced" because men, with their limited understanding of female psychology, have a difficult time gleaning women's motives. This has been a huge boon to female criminals, as absent a motive people have a tendency to view women's crimes more as an "act of God" than a true, calculated offense.

Ms. Storro's confession, although qualified, is a step in the right direction. If the court convicts her and she is sentenced to serve time, hopefully she will repent and leave prison a better person. However, without appropriate punishment, that may never happen. This is one thing we have to realize: we do not make better people out of women by ignoring or excusing their transgressions against society and the law.

Female German Attorney Goes on Man-Killing Rampage

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A 41-year-old divorced German woman shot her ex-husband twice in the head when he arrived to pick up their son, killing him instantly, then bludgeoned her 5-year-old son unconscious before suffocating him with a plastic bag. After the act of family annihilation, the woman went to a hospital to go on a killing spree. After wounding two pedestrians with gunfire, she entered the hospital and pointed her gun at a woman at the front desk, but did not kill her. Then she proceeded to the gynecological ward, stabbing a male nurse in the chest and shooting him multiple times in the head, leaving the 56-year-old father of three dead at the scene.

The woman at the desk had contacted police, so they were on the scene very quickly, and a shootout ensued in which one policeman was shot in the knee and the lawyer was pierced by 17 bullets, ending her life. The dead attacker was found to have taken some 300 rounds with her, which suggests that she planned on killing as many people as possible.

Although it is not clear exactly what the woman's intent was, the attack appears to be an act of anti-male terrorism. Hopefully, German readers can fill us in on some of the details concerning the attacker and her motives.

The Third Wave Manifesto

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By Naomi Padowicz of *Retro Home Tips*

In the act of writing this piece, I become a modern day Martin Luther nailing my manifesto to the door of the Church of Feminism. My generation of women, the so called third wave feminists are being ignored, abused and belittled by the feminist establishment that refuses to acknowledge our arrival into the discussion on women's rights. Please do not mistake my words for those of a right wing reactionary, I come from a long line of feminists, communists, democrats, and open minded people. I myself became a card carrying feminist at the age of four when my mother took me to meetings, rallies, and marches all in support of of the cause. I even had my Barbie doll removed from one such meetings as we didn't want to impose gender roles on children. I was born into this movement, I was raised a feminist. I am a lifelong fag hag, I am a Jewish liberal from New York who now lives as an ex pat and is a former vegetarian who has since seen the light… of meat. I am the epitome of the left wing socialist school of thought, and I believe that Feminism has seen it's day.

My generation of young women, of whom I write on behalf of, are very young and under current circumstances are not being given the chance to voice our new values and beliefs. The ageing feminist establishment instead treats us as an aberration and cannot begin to understand why we behave the way we do. I would like to correct this and set down our values and belief system on paper, and to announce the future of womankind.

The title of third wave feminists is a false title, women in our twenties do not identify as feminists. It is not cool to be a feminist, and in fact declaring yourself one is the fastest way to lose friends and partners. We are the first generation of fully emancipated free women, and our ideas about the world differ significantly from that of our mothers. Most women in their twenties have a a very loose grasp on what feminism is, if at all. We agree with equality, but the movement has gone too far.This is not to say we are not thankful to our mothers for fighting for our right to choose. When we say choose, we mean our right to choose to work and have a career or stay at home and care for the families we are now starting to have. We realize that you cannot have your cake and eat it too. The fact is, there are not enough jobs to go around and someone has to stay home and cook and clean and raise the next generation. The model of the feminist working mother, led to large scale divorce and chaos, and that is the kind of scarring we do not wish to impart on our children. As I explained in my piece Retrospective on the Flaw in Feminism and Career v. Family the Real Sex in the City Girls. Our families will come first in everything we do, and once we sprog we will leave the workforce, more than likely not to return. Does this mean we are not valuable members of society? On the contrary the role of wife and mother was so devalued by the feminist movement that we now realize just how precious this role is by the lack of it in our own lives.

The role of a mother is a very important role to us. Mum's pass on values, traditions, religion, language, and are partially responsible for basic survival skills. Mum's are responsible for raising well adjusted, decent human beings, that are courteous and well mannered. We realize that our role as a mum is the most important role to play and we want to be the very best Mums possible. This desire on our part to be the best Mums we can be, is driving us to learn cookery, baking skills, sewing, embroidery, knitting and many other essential household skills that used to be handed down from mother to daughter but were with held for fear of imposing gender roles. We are spending our time perfecting all the areas that first wave feminists labelled as patriarchal bondage. We judge ourselves by how well we can iron a shirt, or make a meringue. Classes teaching these things are seeing record waiting lists, with sewing classes making you wait 18 to 24 months for a spot in a classroom.

This is not to say that we won't work, a full time job is something we will do until it is time to settle down and have children. Unlike our mothers we do not believe that work is freedom, rather we see the workplace for the dark, depressing, prison it really is. As a generation we work because we have to, not because we want to. It has become embedded in the society around us that women must go out into the workplace and be just as good or better at their chosen profession than men. It is this standard we are forced into, and this standard that does not fit us as women.

The economics of women of my generation wanting to stay home, are difficult and in some cases can be viewed as a luxury. However, we are an ingenious creative generation who will find a way to afford our much desired luxury. Rather than going back to work full stop we will work at home, and find ways to bring in the little extra income needed regardless of whether that means selling home made jam, or doing tax returns. We realize that our skills as wives and mothers are every bit as marketable as any hard driven legal eagle, editor, or accountant. If I may, allow me to pull back for a second and point out the obvious, the world needs more than just lawyers, doctors, and scientists, and ad executives. In fact we could probably live with out the ad executives. But we will fall flat on our faces as a society, and some would argue that we already have, without cooks, seamstresses, bakers, cleaners, and teachers amongst other occupations, that are seen as less than palatable by the modern feminist.

The women who do not desire a family, and there are these women amongst us, will be married to their work and the end product is their child. These women regardless of profession will strive for excellence in their respective fields, but will not settle down to raise a family. For the women who start out as professionals and have children, it is not fair to guarantee a right of return to your original job when it could be many months before you return. The cost of training a temporary replacement is great, and it is not fair to that replacement to be put back out of work as soon as he or she becomes comfortable in their new role. We have to be realistic, it is not healthy for a person to split time between two full time careers. So why do we ask women to split themselves between the professional and familial worlds?

If feminism did anything, it took certain members of the power elite and stripped them of their ability to impose arcane and unreasonable limits on people, not just women. So maybe now would be a good time for the feminist movement to go off with its head held high, and some semblance of dignity and join all the other great struggles in the history books where they belong.

Because the next struggle which we are already engaged in isn't about Women, or Men or Blacks or Gays or Lesbians or Jews or Gentiles or Muslims or Catholics. It's about the survival of the planet that we live on, and it is about time that we got around to that job rather than worrying over whether a garbage man or garbage person picks up your recycling.

Dismantling Feminism: A Brief Introduction

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In order to dismantle feminism, one must see it first as a part of the larger movement of progressivism, particularly with progressives like Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood and known Nazi collaborator. This philosophy has turned and continues to turn the values on which western civilization was built on their heads, which was always their intention. It might even seem like a classic example of "it seemed like a good idea at the time," but there are no good ideas gone bad, only bad ideas and good ideas. Progressivism and all its offshoots are bad ideas and the results speak for themselves.

It could be argued that the downward spiral of western cultural values gained huge momentum in the much-lauded 1960s. The prosperity of the post-war era brought a hitherto unknown level of general material comfort and stability, ushering in social programs and greater freedom to use leisure time unknown to previous generations aside form the very wealthy of the population. The result, it would seem, was a spoiled generation that, in its relative opulence, could only think to demand more – more freedom, more leisure, more fun. Fast forward to today and we have a generation of entitled brats who expect lavish rewards for every banal accomplishment. As an example that seems harmless enough on the surface, take graduation ceremonies for kindergarten or even daycare. Who benefits from this? Surely not the children, who are only being trained to expect promotion for little actual work. The parents beam with pride, each watching the whole event on small screens as they preserve the auspicious occasion on digital video cameras and cell phones, as though the child had accomplished something out of the ordinary.

Undeserved rewards, which have come to be known as "rights," have grown out of this progressive movement, of which feminism is a significant and formidable part. I cannot imagine the traditional head of household father getting excited the way today's parents do about an accomplishment as trivial as little Bobby's first crap in a plastic potty, but that is what a good many parents do now, because little Bobby has a *right* to feel good about himself – also known as self-esteem, that squishy, psychobabble nonsense that tells us we should always regard ourselves highly no matter what losers we might be. In the meantime, self-respect has gone down the toilet along with the strong moral sense that made this civilization great. Like cash payments for good grades, many young people today expect rewards for doing something that should be its own reward and that should be done anyway.

Along with the rise of the concept of "self-esteem" has come explicit permission to do whatever one wants because, if one has "self-esteem," one regards one's self favourably no matter what an abomination one becomes. Everything becomes a route to "empowerment" in this culture of unearned rewards and no responsibility. When a person is taught that he (and I use "he" as a neutral pronoun, much to the chagrin of feminists) doesn't have to do anything to earn respect from others or himself, why bother being a decent person? Why bother struggling through "mistakes" when you can just have an abortion? So what comes next is the disintegration of the family unit – because people aren't feeling "fulfilled" enough within the confines of marriage and need to "find themselves" – and the total devaluation of human life.

Of course the irony is that now that so many women have been duped by feminism, women are on the whole less happy now than ever, thanks to all these wonderful changes that have taken place. Government schools have been dumbed down to a shameful degree, single parent (usually the mom) "families" are so normal now that girls grow up thinking it's a viable life choice to stay single and reproduce, the "right to choose" (choose what? The colour of the drapes?) is an unquestionable stance within feminism, and all the traditionally female realms (sewing, cooking, etc.) are sneered at by the enlightened sisterhood. Because of that, we are more dependent than ever on the state and corporations to provide for us what a family used to be able to provide for itself.

All this feminist-progressivist brainwashing has rendered us slaves, units of production without value, and where reproduction is concerned – formerly a key motivation for family life – we are *all* disposable. A woman can get sperm from a sperm bank or a one night stand, or easily dispose of her husband (or unborn offspring) should they be inconvenient to her, thereby making man and child disposable and woman not much more than a free whore and

a maker of replacement units that she can ship off to daycare at six weeks old to be paid for by the state.

Perhaps the undeserved praise we lavish on our children is a subconscious effort to make up for the way we've killed our collective spirit. We make children disposable, then treat the ones we "keep" like special snowflakes so that they never quite grow a spine. Wash rinse repeat. Looking into the future, it is bleak indeed if this trajectory isn't changed. It will take a great effort to change it and it won't happen over night – heck, it may never happen for all I know, but that doesn't mean we should sit back and watch it all crumble. In a world where some mothers think nothing of pole "dancing" lessons for kids, we are headed for nothing but lewdness and vulgarity. The movie, Idiocracy, doesn't look all that far fetched, which is a sad statement indeed.

Stripper Runs Man Over, Drags Him Over a Mile

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Kristina Hensley, a Higginsport Ohio single mother and "exotic dancer" has been charged with murder, aggravated robbery and hit and run for dragging Jae Cho over a mile to a gas station after running him down with her SUV.

Ms. Hensley, who worked for "Naughty Bodies," contends that Mr. Cho touched her "inappropriately," chased her with a weapon and threatened to slash her tires. She said he jumped in front of her car, and then apparently she forgot he was there, because she said she "felt something" while driving away and could hear "something" underneath the car.

However, when she arrived at the gas station, where a worker found the deceased victim, she was hollering about Cho jumping in front of the car, and was hysterical by the time the policeman showed up.

Prosecutors have said there is evidence that Cho was killed while being robbed.

Cho's friend William Weitz showed up at Hensley's hearing with a program from his friend's funeral, saying: "I am hoping justice is served here."

Hensley's neighbor said she provided for her children by stripping because it was "easy money" for her.

Breaking News: Seattle Woman Goes on Rampage, Four Dead

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Four dead and one wounded in Seattle after a middle-aged woman opened fire with two handguns. SWAT entered the home in a working-class neighborhood in West Seattle after the gunfire stopped, finding four people with gunshot wounds inside. One wounded person was found outside the house by officers when they responded to the shooting. The survivor, who is the woman's daughter, says she "went crazy and shot everyone."

Justice Scalia: Constitution Does Not Ban Sex Discrimination

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Writing for *Time*, which has apparently become a feminist mouthpiece, Adam Cohen rips into Justice Antonin Scalia for saying that the 14th amendment, which was specifically written to enfranchise former slaves, was never intended to ban sex discrimination. Cohen is disturbed that Scalia refuses to "reimagine" the Constitution, which is supposedly an "organism that was meant to grow."

Actually, Cohen has it a bit wrong here. The Constitution was not intended to be the growing organism, but rather the people it serves. So, yes, the Constitution is subject to change, but there is a process for doing so. Reinterpreting it from the bench to suit modern trends was not the process the framers had in mind. Scalia correctly points out that the proper procedure for this is through legislation rather than judicial creativity, saying:

> If the current society wants to outlaw discrimination by sex, you have legislators.

I'll take a little bit of liberty in interpreting Scalia, and speculate that what he is really saying is:

"you know you can outlaw discrimination by sex, but you don't really want to — you just want us judges to pick and choose from the bench in your favor."

Any Supreme Court Justice knows full well that outlawing sexual discrimination would make a good many of the laws that pertain to the respective sexes technically illegal, and that these laws overwhelmingly favor women. The Equal Rights Amendment didn't fail ratification because men stood up and put a stop to it — it died because some women clearly saw the implications and didn't want anything to do with it. Women may often seem nutty and confused from a male perspective, but, just like men, they are rational actors in their own self-interest.

The death gap, the mancession, the glass ceiling and the prison gap are all partly due to legislation that favors women. Child custody and family law imbalances are a result of the same. Women are preferentially given less demanding and more secure jobs in government, they are favored in business loans, and receive more than their fair share in education and health care. All of this and much more could be challenged if sex discrimination were outlawed.

Of course, that doesn't mean it would change, but the law would still be there, and even if a current court ignores it a future court might pay closer attention.

Unfortunately, too many Americans today are infected with a kind of intellectual laziness — actually, it's more like a selfish stupidity. When certain groups demand that judges legislate from the bench in their favor, what they are really doing is betraying a desire to have their cake and eat it. Women don't really want sexual equality — they want to keep their current advantages and use "equality" as a justification for leveraging themselves into an even more privileged position.

If people in black robes do it for them, that suits them fine.

Who Will be Our Spartacus?

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By Christopher Quinn

In order for the men's rights movement to go mainstream it needs a Spartacus who will lead the oppressed in fighting their oppressors

The men's rights movement has made great progress in recent years, but the movement has not gone mainstream. There have been no major demonstrations, no real coverage in the mainstream media, and no best-selling book that has caught the attention of the general population. Until this happens, the movement will only be able to gain limited ground. What the men's rights movement needs is a Spartacus. The historical Spartacus was a man who emerged from the crowd to lead a revolt against his oppressors and fought for the rights of his people. While the men's rights movement may not need a single leader, it does need a man who can communicate the message of the men's rights movement in a way that will persuade the rest of society that our cause is just.

The real Spartacus was a Roman slave who demanded freedom for himself, and the end of all slavery, in Ancient Rome. Spartacus was from Thrace, which was an area of modern day Greece and Bulgaria that was part of the Roman Empire. Spartacus was not born a slave; he was either a Roman soldier or was taken captive by Roman soldiers, and was condemned to slavery. Once a slave, he was be trained as a gladiator. Gladiators were a special class of slaves who were forced to fight each other in Roman arenas to entertain the public. The gladiators received rigorous training in special schools, and were treated cruelly by their captors.

In about 73 B.C., Spartacus and approximately seventy other gladiators escaped from a gladiator school using stolen kitchen tools to fight their captors. Once free, the men chose Spartacus and two other escaped gladiators, named Crixus and Oenamus, as their leaders, and took up a position on Mount Vesuvius. Spartacus and his men held their position on Mount Vesuvius and won battles against the professional Roman army. They inspired more slaves and local peasants with a grudge against Rome to join their cause, and their numbers grew to between 70,000 and 100,000 men.

Spartacus was apparently a brilliant military leader, using clever tactics to outwit the Roman commanders. Slaves had rebelled before, and eventually been defeated. In fact, Spartacus and his men mounted what became a full-scale war that is now known as the Second Servile War – essentially a civil war within the Empire in which the underclass attempted to overthrow Roman rule. The Roman Senate attempted to stop this slave rebellion and sent eight Roman legions, about 40,000 to 50,000 soldiers, to defeat the slaves. After successfully holding their own against the Romans, the Senate sent reinforcements. Spartacus' men made a last stand, and suffered their defeat. Most were killed on the battlefield. It is believed that Spartacus himself died while attempting to take down the Roman general, Crassus. The remainders of the slave army fled, and were hunted down by the Romans. Some likely escaped, but over 6,000 slaves were caught and crucified along the road leading to Rome as a warning sign to others.

In truth, we don't know what Spartacus' motives really were. Some historians believe that he was simply trying to win freedom for himself and his men, and escape from the Romans over the Alps and into Europe. Others interpret Spartacus' actions as an attempt to reform all of Roman society and abolish slavery in Rome. Whatever his goals may have been, Spartacus ultimately failed. Slavery continued after Spartacus' death, and Roman society went on to force men to kill each other as gladiators for another 477 years, when the gladiator games were finally banned in 404 A.D. However, Spartacus has become a symbol for the lone man who leads the oppressed in fighting their oppressor.

A Spartacus is needed to transition the men's rights movement into the mainstream so that it can achieve the broad support of the public. Although forces have been gathering against men for years, the men's rights movement developed because of the anger and frustration of men who felt the discrimination for the first time. These men,

who were busy working and taking care of their families, suddenly realized that they were not in control of their destinies anymore – the courts were, and their wives were. As more men became frustrated with their new second-class citizen status, they joined the men's rights movement. However, they are still only a small percentage of the population. Most of the population is not even remotely aware that a men's rights movement exists. To most people that are aware of men's issues, the men's rights movement likely consists of a man dressing up as Batman or Spiderman while protesting a family court decision. Activism such as this will get media attention, but the average man is not going to join in that activity, and the public, the legislatures, and the courts don't take these protests seriously.

Most men understand the problems that men face on some level, but they do nothing about it. Some men don't speak up because they fear disagreeing with women, preferring to play it safe. Some men may be cowed into submission, fearing that they can't win the argument. Some men actually advocate feminism without truly understanding feminism's hostility to men.

What the men's movement needs is someone who can find a way to make it acceptable for all men to state their grievances. Surely, men's rights organizations are having some success, particularly involving father's rights by lobbying state legislatures for shared parenting bills and challenging outrageous increases in child support obligations set by the courts. These groups are doing fine work and will surely continue to make progress on these fronts. The Tea Party Movement is proof that a leaderless movement can work, but even the Tea Party has some figures who articulate the movement's ideas. Sarah Palin and Glen Beck may not be the leaders of the Tea Party, but they are prominent figures who articulate the movement's message to the public.

This is what the men's rights movement needs. If the movement does not find some individual to be our Spartacus, the men's rights movement will go on achieving successes, but in a limited way. For the men's rights movement to go mainstream and achieve the society altering changes that men deserve, the movement needs a Spartacus.

The Effects Of Western Feminism – An Islamic Perspective

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We Western men understand only too well how feminism affects us. We compete with women in education and in the workplace on a playing field tilted by the heavy hand of Government. We pay taxes that fund the feminist organizations that seek to disenfranchise us. We struggle to find a moral woman with whom we can build a family. We suffer quietly as our children are taken from us.

Our experience of Western feminism is personal. Our responses are tactical – game, MGTOW, the marriage strike.

Beyond the personal effects of feminism, there is a big picture, a much bigger picture. Virtually all Western governments stagger under the burden of decades of reckless spending. Our borders lie open to a flood of immigrants, legal and illegal, who are drawn by our inexplicable generosity.

The strategic vulnerability of Western culture, weakened by feminism and cultural Marxism, is only too clear.

Dr. Ghayur Ayub, a former Director General of Health for the Government of Pakistan, focused on this vulnerability in a recent article published on several Islamic web sites. (Disclaimer: the provenance of material published on the web can be difficult to determine, but this article does appear to have been written by Dr. Ayub.)

Dr. Ayub focuses on the implications of the disparity in Western and Muslim birth rates. His article attempts to anticipate the responses of Western governments when they finally wake up to the effects of uncontrolled immigration. (Will this ever happen?)

Dr. Ayub begins with a quote from Muammar Gaddafi.

"There are signs that Allah will grant victory to Islam in Europe without sword, without gun, without conquest. We don't need terrorists, we don't need homicide bombers. The 50 plus million Muslims (in Europe) will turn it into the Muslim Continent within a few decades."

Dr. Ayub continues:

"The average fertility rate per family amongst the Westerners is 1.65 as compared to the Muslims' which is 8.1. An interesting picture emerges when this is translated into demographic change. According to studies, it is known that in order for a culture to maintain itself for over 25 years, it has to keep a fertility rate of 2.11 children per family. Anything less than that would mean a decline in the culture. At the rate of 1.9, the reverse becomes difficult and it takes 80-100 years to correct itself. At 1.3 or less the reversal becomes impossible. Keeping these figures in mind, let us study the culture growth rates of certain western countries.

The figures of 2007 show that in France, the fertility rate was 1.8; in England it was 1.6; in Greece 1.3; Germany 1.3; Italy 1.2; Spain 1.1; and in EU as a whole with 31 countries, it was 1.38. These figures are indicative of a change in the demography of Europe in a few years. In other words; the European culture as we know it will cease to exist in the coming decades."

A Muslim fertility rate of 8.1. Wow! Can it really be so?

Dr. Ayub goes on to describe the demographic situation in Europe, country by country.

France (fertility rate 1.8): *"in France 30% of children age 20 years and below are Muslims. In big cities such as Paris and Marseille, the ratio goes up to 45%."*

The UK (fertility rate 1.6): *"In last 30 years, the Muslim population there has raised from 82,000 to 2.5 Millions, which is a 30 fold increase."*

The Netherlands: *"in the Netherland, 50% newborns are Muslims and in next 15 years, half of the population will be*

Muslims."

Germany (fertility rate 1.3): *"the Germen (sic) government reported that, "The fall in the (German) population can no longer be stopped. Its downward spiral is no longer reversible." It further stated, "It will be a Muslim state by the year 2050"."*

Belgium: *"50% newborns are Muslims and reportedly its Muslim population is around 25%. Its government recently announced that one third of all European children will be born to Muslims families by 2025"*

Dr. Ayub's attention shifts to the USA.

"In the USA, until recently, the (fertility rate) was 1.6. It increased to 2.11 with the Latino influx but still fell short of the required number to sustain culture. Against this shortfall, the Muslim population in America rose from 100,000 in 1970 to 9,000,000 (9 million) in 2008……Four years ago, a meeting of 24 countries from OIC was held in Chicago. Its communiqué mentioned that "we must prepare ourselves for the reality that in 30 years there will be 50 million Muslims living in America""

Sobering stuff. Regardless of your view of the so-called "clash of civilizations," the simple arithmetic of Dr. Ayub's observations is difficult to dispute. While Western feminists wage their fratricidal war, our culture slips quietly away.

There's little hope for Europe. Many (most?) European countries lack the will to resist the Islamic Hijrah. As Dr. Ayub points out, a fertility rate below 1.3 in the native population is unrecoverable. Simple arithmetic. Greece, Germany, Italy, Spain and several other European countries are already there.

What about the USA? By 2050 America will stand virtually alone. Can we find a way to defeat feminism and cultural Marxism and turn back this demographic tide? There is much at stake.

Shrugging Misandry

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By Paul Elam of *A Voice for Men*

The men's movement has long carried with it a strong undercurrent of frustration. We lack organization, have made all but inconsequential progress on the political and legal fronts, and remain on the outside of an impenetrable wall around the mainstream media. Countless times the ambitions of MRA's start up in a flash and falter as just as quickly. Uncle Zed himself has dubbed our tendency to undermine any emergent leaders, and each other, as *The Circular Firing Squad*.

In other words, we are doing just fine, thank you very much.

The negatives are real, but let's put a little perspective on this. First, it is critically important to consider that any movement a mere 40 or 50 years old is in its infancy. For women, it was 72 years between Seneca Falls and the 19th amendment; almost 50 years after that before mainstream feminism took hold, and still another 25 or so years before gender activists really started getting the power to destroy families and generally fuck up everything else they touched. That is roughly 150 years from inception to the resultant destruction.

And that was in a culture where base biology drives men to throw each other under the bus in order to open doors for women- and drives women to feel entitled to that kind of paid-for-in-blood privilege.

Following the feminist example is thus an ineffectual and agonizingly slow road for men. Feminists were able to whine their way into de facto governance by the same forces that quash men's grievances faster than they can be stated.

It all boils down to two simple but insurmountable equations.

Women's whining = pursuit of justice. Men's pursuit of justice = whining.

Trying to reason with or educate people in a culture where this mindset is biologically rooted is absolutely foolish. The people we would engage view all forms of support for men like they were dirty hypodermic needles scattered across a schoolyard playground.

Allow me to expand on this.

I recently read an article on a feminist website, Sociological Images, authored by a couple of female Ph. D's, in which one of the comments named yours truly as an MRA who wrote about men's superiority over women, and yet another person who commented said they visited *A Voice for Men* and found a lot of whining going on here.

Par for the course, right?

But let's just run a short comparison to further demonstrate what I am talking about.

Recently on *A Voice for Men*, we have engaged in the standard discussions that relate to men in modern culture: A police state that arrests and incarcerates male victims of domestic violence and enables female perpetrators to continue criminal behavior; a ten to one death gap concerning capital punishment that works against men; a five to one death gap against men related to suicide; the staggering attrition of males in higher education and employment; the utter lack of reproductive rights for men, and the incidence of false rape allegations against men which even the police are calling epidemic.

And that is just the past two weeks.

On the other hand, the article from which the comments I cited at Sociological Images was about:

Rulers.

[image]No, not heads of state. Measuring sticks. The kind that sell for $1.19 in your grocery store. It seems the fembots in question found a line of rulers commemorating great scientists of history, and a woman scientist, Marie Curie, had her own ruler under the heading of “Great Women Rulers of Science.”

That’s the horrific injustice that pissed off the author.

Her problem was (or at least appeared to be) that the women were separated from the men, giving us a default position of men as human and women as, uh, something else. Perhaps something less.

But wait a second. For half a century feminists have shrieked and bellowed and raged to get us to recognize women; often insisting we deluge them with pomp and ceremony, even over some of their more mediocre accomplishments. And let’s face it, even after 50 years of efforts for inclusion and assisted access for women into all realms of modern life, mediocre accomplishments are as good as it gets.

Still, when it comes to their demand for recognition, earned or otherwise, we have surrendered our reason (see: psychobiology) and complied. But now, even acting out of that acquiescence, and giving Marie Curie her own 12 inches of fame, this is somehow an affront. We have insulted all women, relegating them to subhuman status, by lauding their accomplishments in the “wrong” way.

And *we* are the whiners?

And that is really the point here. These educated idiots aren’t some isolated group of imbeciles. Well, they aren’t isolated, anyway. They are not operating outside of mainstream consciousness. They *are* mainstream consciousness. The sooner we get a firm and comprehensive grip on that, the better.

The current mentality toward men mirrors that toward blacks in the antebellum south. And no, I am not comparing the struggles of modern men to black slaves. Not at all. I am, however, most certainly comparing the mentality of modern women to that of slave owners, complete with manginas and white knights aplenty to serve as their house niggers.

They practice the same level of denial and entitlement that was needed to maintain justification for slavery. No amount of moral outrage will affect them; no amount of suffering (except their own) will reach their hearts.

And no amount of reason will produce anything more than the blank, uncomprehending stare of a cow seeing its own reflection in a pond.

With all respect to Glenn Sacks, just what does anyone really think he is going to accomplish in terms of popularizing our agenda in this kind of moral and intellectual void?

And there’s the rub. Where reason and dialog fail; where activism as we understand the word is a non starter, then responding with more of the same is as stupid as finding a sinister, sexist plot in the school supplies section at your grocery store. The more sensible route to go is withdrawal and intentional neglect.

Or, as Ayn Rand would advise, shrug it.

Shrug it all- the whole nasty, filthy rotten enchilada.

And it’s already happening. It does not require leadership or organization. You don’t need to donate money to it or try to get it on the ballot in your local elections. Men are now shrugging marriage, and for every one that does it will mean another man the state will not be enslaving through the family courts. And it will mean that many more children will not be ripped to shreds as sacrificial fodder to the system.

[image]Men are also starting to shrug partisan politics, chivalry, nationalism, consumerism and the mainstream media; all the slow acting toxins that have landed men in the position of needing a movement in the first place.

And it will continue happening because that is the nature of social physics. There is a pendulum swing in effect here, and it is happening in total indifference to feminists, mainstream media, and yes, to the men’s movement as well.

In short, we aren't causing anything here. We are just giving it a name, a voice and a language.

We chronicle what is happening; document it, and perhaps in our own way urge some men to reconsider what the fuck has been happening in their lives. But for the most part, I think that many men, when they stumble on our literature, aren't convinced by it, nor do they need any such persuasion. They just find something that finally puts some pieces together for them; something that articulates the unnamed knot that has been twisting in their guts for a while.

That is why I don't give advice, don't see myself as a leader, and don't want to.

Men don't need advice or guidance near as much as they need information. And if there is anything that most of them actually need to learn, it is that the only real leadership is in the mirror. Our agenda is defined by our own choices and actions. Our "cause" is our own life, on our own terms.

Most any man can still reasonably secure his freedom and well being with a simple (if not always easy) decision to shrug everything that gets in the way, and to be prepared to build and maintain his own life raft, instead of waiting for the government, feminists, or some supposed MRA leader to do it for him.

Our problem, if we actually even have one, is that there are a lot of MRA's who still have a hard time comprehending this. They are waiting for someone else to point the way. Or maybe for an instruction manual on how to act like a vertebrate. But give them time. They will change or end up settling for life on their knees, begging for scraps of shopworn pussy and pretending that they are still in Kansas.

I suppose it is obligatory that I state the obvious and say this is just my opinion, and that I maintain full support for the handful of activists that are trying desperately to chip away at the social and legislative machine that is hell bent on destroying men. But I also think it is pretty obvious that we spend too much time wringing our hands over a lack of progress as measured against feminist strategy.

Ironically, my greatest personal inspiration came from the mouth of a feminist icon. To be specific, from Marilyn French, who penned the following:

My feelings about men are the result of my experience. I have little sympathy for them. Like a Jew just released from Dachau, I watch the handsome young Nazi soldier fall writhing to the ground with a bullet in his stomach and I look briefly and walk on. I don't even need to shrug. I simply don't care. What he was, as a person, I mean, what his shames and yearning were, simply don't matter.

It was easy for French to make such a statement, because no matter how much she disdained men, she still lived her entire life benefiting from their sacrifices; an ingrate on the tit, she stopped suckling only long enough to complain about the free meal. It was her beta husband who put her through school, and of course she divorced him once he paid for her "independence," and made himself expendable. And this is precisely the direction a growing number of men are going, only with one very distinct difference.

We don't need women. Men don't die, or even get sick without them. There is no RDA for pussy. And as more men start to figure out that being on your knees is the wrong position to be in to receive a blowjob, they will also start learning to get themselves out of harms way, and to assume authority over their own lives.

As I have said before, women are the modern shiv that the government uses to stab men in the back. No one needs leadership to recognize that and act accordingly. All they need is a little common sense, and a good measure of the very uncommon sense that comes with being able to imagine yourself outside the role that has been prescribed for you.

If you are reading this, you likely are one of the lucky ones who have that kind of good sense. Enjoy your own rareness, and enjoy watching what happens when the time comes that men like you are not so rare.

Most men just can't do it. Fine by me, let 'em rot. They sure as hell won't hesitate to walk past your stinking carcass. They have the information at their disposal 24/7 to point to a different path than that of the mangina or

white knight. And the more of us that Go Our Own Way, the higher the price those unfortunates that just can't "get it" will have to pay, and the more appealing our way of thinking will become.

Relative freedom is just a few short decisions away. All you have to do is choose it.

10 Health & Sex Tips For Men

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By Micah Sparacio

There's a lot of confusion out there about health. A lot of people making a lot of money as snake oil salesman.

Over the last two years I've made a concerted effort to cut through the nonsense and identify the simple rules that really make a difference. I truly believe that health is the foundation of happiness, confidence and independence. On the other hand, I also believe that bad health is a major source of unhappiness (and low self-esteem). In fact, I struggled with depression for half a decade in my mid-twenties and this corresponded directly with the period of time in my life when I was least fit (about 20 lbs over my healthy weight).

Before reading any further, I want to be clear that I am writing this article to empower men to be their best. I believe that in order for a man to be his best he first must understand the context in which he currently lives and to know that he is going to be swimming up stream. So let me give a little context…

We no longer live in a man's world. We're in the middle of a mancession (by a large margin, men have been the losers in the current recession). The masculine roles that were once filled by individual men (protector, provider) are now served by government (militarization, welfare) leaving many men without a clear sense of who they are or what they are to do with themselves. Our educational system is failing young boys while catering to the learning and behavioral tendencies of young girls. And this is no more apparent than in higher education enrollment where the gender gap now strongly favors women. For the first time in history, a recent report indicates that women are out-earning men. 70% of all divorces are initiated by women, often for no good reason other than "negative feelings" about their *nice but not so sexy* "kitchen bitches" – leaving many men with the raw deal when it comes to child custody and wealth distribution. And to top it all off, men die at a significantly younger age than women, often while ensuring the security of a society that takes them for granted.

Now more than ever, as a man, if you live in the West you live in a society that is alien to (and often opposed to) your nature. If you want to live a strong, confident, logically consistent, honorable masculine life – you're largely on your own. You will find very little support from a society that tries to beat you down into submission to emotions and feelings and whims at every turn.

The one recourse that I think men have in the West is the notion of self-reliance. Paving your own path. Starting your own business. Doing things your way. Making a unique "way of life" in the face of a society that has tried it's very best to force you into conformity.

Alright. So what does all that have to do with men's health? Well, the health of a man (both mental and physical) is the foundation of his independence and self-reliance. It is the core of his strength. And if there's anything that defines manhood it is strength: strength of character, perseverance, confidence, courage and just raw physical strength.

If a man is going to make his way in this world, he first needs to learn how to be strong. The anti-Justin Bieber.

So here are some general health tips for men that may or may not be new to you. I hope they help shed some light on what works amidst the great ocean of noise we get from the media (and oh, the sex tips are at the end).

1. Avoid Unfermented Soy Products

Soy has feminizing effects. It increases estrogen production. Never give your boys soy based food. And limit your own soy intake as much as possible. Never eat foods that have soy as the primary ingredient. And try to just never eat soy period. Got it?

The reason soy is so prevalent in our food supply is that it is a cheap and convenient crop. Long shelf life + high

profits = heavy marketing. **Stay away from this poison.**

2. Eat Lots of Red Meat

The healthiest, most nutritious, best tasting and abundant meat that you can eat in the world today is beef. Eating red meat is not a health compromise (as would be drinking a can of Mountain Dew). There is nothing bad about red meat. It is pure goodness (both in taste and health value).

So you were taught that red meat increases your chances of heart attacks? Forget it. Beef is great for you. And if you can get the grassfed version, it's even better. The reason? It has a better ratio of Omega 6 to Omega 3 fats.

3. Eat Lots of Healthy Fats

There is a myth out there that consumed fat equals body fat. It's completely false. The primary mechanism of fat storage is actually triggered by insulin production which itself happens to be triggered by high consumption of carbohydrates like sugar and grains. Think of it this way – as long as your body isn't constantly producing insulin to deal with a high-sugar, high-grain diet, you can eat all the natural fat you want and stay lean and healthy.

The great thing about fat is that it actually satiates – it fills you up. Unlike chips, candy bars and sodas – it's very difficult to overeat when you're eating natural foods that are high in fats.

As a rule, eat fat derived from natural sources like animals (bacon, butter) and plants (coconut and olive are two favorites). Avoid manufactured fats (twinkies, margarine).

4. Do Bodyweight Squats 3x Per Week

It only takes about 3 minutes to do a good set of bodyweight squats (I suggest raising your arms up over you head each time you come up), and when you're fit you can turn them into jump squats for a more rigorous workout. Squats are perhaps the most important exercise that a man can do as they can involve the entire body and result in high natural production of testosterone and HGH. I try to do these once every other day (making sure they correspond with those days when I could use a little extra testosterone in my blood;-)

5. Eat Plenty Of Protein

Our food supply is soaking in empty carbs but light on the stuff we really need like protein and fat from plants and animals. I try to get at last 60-80 grams of protein per day with the goal of hitting 100 when I can. I accomplish this by eating meat whenever possible and supplementing with nuts and Whey protein shakes (I use Trader Joe's chocolate Whey powder mixed with almond butter and a banana).

6. Quality Supplements

All men should take **L-Arginine** and **Omega-3** supplements as a bare minimum. L-Arginine is a completely natural amino acid which helps improve blood flow throughout the body and radically improves performance where it counts (no chemically blue pills for me till I'm 70). Omega-3 supplements are great for the heart because they help restore a more natural balance of Omega-3 to Omega-6 fats since our modern diets are high in Omega 6′s. If you eat lots of fish, you can skip the Omega-3 supplements, but hey, I don't like fish very much.

Other supplements that I've tried and like, but aren't essential:

- Any high ORAC anti-oxidant powder (drink)
- Maca
- Saw Palmetto (prostrate health)
- Grapeseed extract
- CoQ10

7. Slow Movements Under The Sun

Slow, steady movement under the rays of the sun (vitamin D … and skip the sunscreen) is about the healthiest daily activity a man can engage in. A long walk, stacking piles of wood, hauling things in a wheelbarrow, gardening… anything that involves movement under the sun is incredibly good for you.

The sun is good for you. Our bodies adapted to NEED sunlight. Try to get at least 30 minutes of sun exposure per day. And never buy another bottle of sunscreen. Just be smart. Don't let yourself burn.

8. Lift/Pull/Push Heavy Things

The male body is well adapted to moving heavy things. Get in the routine of lifting heavy things on a regular basis. For some, this will mean doing dead lifts twice a week. For others who are more adventurous, it might mean getting a big old tractor tire and flipping it end over end up a hill. There are lots of fun ways to incorporate this into your daily life.

In terms of pushing and pulling. The classic pushup and pullup work very well (you are pushing and pulling body weight). And they are simple enough to do quickly in the middle of your work day (especially if you work from home;-) Another option I use is to take an old tractor tire and tie a thick 15ft rope around it and then drag the tire up a hill. I also enjoy the sledgehammer workout so I can feel like Fedor.

9. Reduce or Eliminate Grains & Sugars

The human body is not well adapted to processing large doses of grains or sugars. Yet our modern food supply is built around grains and sugars because of their low-cost and high-shelf life (not to mention addictive qualities which results in higher consumption).

Both grains (corn and bread included) and sugars cause inflammation in the body (a leading cause of heart disease) and also result in the body releasing insulin for storage of excess energy (a process we inherited from a time when sugars were scarce). Perhaps the leading cause of obesity is our insulin inducing diets which lead the body to constantly store the energy we consume as fat.

Thankfully, if you consume lots of fat and protein without the insulin inducers (carbs) then your body will use these macro nutrients efficiently and you will stay lean.

10. Sex Tips

I want to be off the little blue pill until I'm 70. Well, I'll settle for 60, but I'm aiming at 70. Here's what I'm finding works:

Get in shape. Erection quality mirrors overall fitness level. I would strongly recommend NOT jogging as it has been shown to deplete testosterone levels. Sprinting, on the other hand, in short 10 second, all-out bursts is great. As a guy, you generally want to focus on the things that require short bursts of intensity and focus on building muscle (not necessarily bulking up, just building strength). As I mentioned above, my favorite exercise is the bodyweight squat with jump squats thrown in. I can tell a difference in erection quality on days when I've done full body squats versus days when I've not.

Avoid alcohol on sex days. I know, it's a big sacrifice. But alcohol destroys testosterone. And it hampers blood flow to the place where it matters most.

Have a Routine. I'm a routine oriented guy. And on days when I'm expecting sex, I know exactly what I'm going to eat, what I'm not going to eat, when I'm going to workout, when I'm going to shower. What supplements I'm going to take. And when. Having this routine helps me get revved up for the actual act. And I just perform better. It's that simple.

Have a Mental Plan. Know what you want to do to her that night. And then do it.

So there ya go. Anything I'm missing? Any tips you'd like to share?

Father's Rights Are Wrong According to Amnesty International

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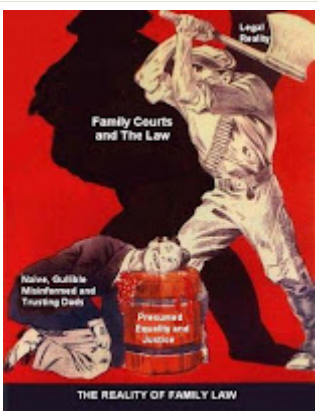

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Earlier this year, four Swedish high school students, two girls and two boys, created a short film about fathers and how Swedish courts routinely take their children away from them. The students submit it to an Amnesty International-sponsored film competition. The film makes it to the finals, the creators are invited to the final competition ceremony in Gothenburg, and then the film simply…disappears. It is never shown. A day later, the film is removed from AI's video channel. No explanation is given. Just *poof*, it's gone.

A short time later, the story goes, one of the students obtains an email purportedly sent from the feminist activists that run an Uppsala women's shelter thanking their followers for answering their call to protest AI's plan to show the film and taking credit for having the film removed from AI's lineup. Of course, AI denies that the group's protest resulted in the removal of the film, but given the content of AI's own website regarding violence against women, I am skeptical. A more credible explanation is that AI (a) sincerely believes in snuffing out violence against women, (b) believes that men are perpetrators of said violence against women, and (c) believes that any propoganda that advances the cause of men and fathers detracts from the struggle to end violence against women. It this explanation simplistic? You betcha. Is it accurate? Well, I think it nicely summarizes the hobgoblin thought processes inside the little minds of feminist activists.

To be honest, I'm surprised that it took this long for AI to be thoroughly infected by feminist ideology, given how AI swims in the same pool as other left-wing activists and their penchance for proliferating "rights" awarded by the political process. And now we see AI, rather than agitating for human rights for all, is aligning itself with those who desire to squelch the rights of others in a perverse zero-sum contest for dominance, as Stephen Baskerville explains:

> In recent years Amnesty has become a mouthpiece for the radical feminist agenda, to the point of pushing programs that violate human rights. Amnesty's campaign against "domestic violence," for example, is a prescription for criminalizing the innocent on a huge scale.
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> Even on its face, "domestic violence" is a matter not of human rights but of crime. No one suggests that ordinary theft or assault, when not perpetrated by government agents, are "human rights" violations. They are crimes for which the criminal justice system either provides or it does not. If not, the system is dysfunctional, but it has nothing to do with "human rights."
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> But this is precisely what is wrong with the trumped-up hysteria over "domestic violence" (and most accusations are indeed trumped-up): It exists precisely to circumvent the legal safeguards and protections for the rights of the accused that make free countries free. Newfangled gender crimes like "domestic violence"

> exist to punish those who cannot be convicted with evidence.
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> Why can alleged assailants not be charged and tried according to standard laws against violent assault? Because domestic "violence" criminalizes almost anything, even if it is not violent or even physical. In domestic violence cases there is seldom a trial, almost never a jury, and no one is ever acquitted. One study published in Criminology and Public Policy found that everyone arrested for domestic violence receives some punishment. Special "domestic violence courts" now exist for the express purpose of processing more convictions.
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> It is based on this presumption of guilt that Amnesty can claim that in the US "a woman is battered every 15 seconds." Amnesty provides no documentation for this preposterous figure, because none exists. We also learn that "Amnesty International considers domestic violence a form of torture," demonstrating an Orwellian willingness to redefine words and cheapening their own campaign against real torture.
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> Amnesty is quite clear that it is stretching the meaning of "human rights" into a backdoor penal instrument. "A human rights framework…enables Amnesty International to use international human rights standards and laws…to hold governments accountable if they fail to meet their obligations to protect women." **[Note: the source of the quote may be found here, at AI's website]** In other words, far from limiting government reach and repression, Amnesty is working to expand them.
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> **This in turn points to a larger problem in the trajectory of human rights law. When you accuse people of violating human rights – of crimes – you raise the question of protecting their own human rights at the most basic level of due process. Protecting the human rights of those accused of human rights violations is something for which "human rights" groups have shown little concern [emphasis mine]**. On the contrary, they seem far more concerned with erecting an assortment of grand-sounding conventions, monitoring committees, and pseudo-tribunals, whose mandate seems to be to convict anyone who is accused.

It is quite unfortunate that an organization that once opposed totalitarianism and governmental abuse of its citizens has now become a proponent of it. And I really must marvel at the ability of the feminist octopus to insinuate its tentacles into every level of government and NGOs worldwide. It is really quite extraordinary.

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On Leaders and Leadership

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By Maximus

First, I want to say thank you to all the writers, readers and commenters for making The Spearhead something truly unique in the male blog-o-sphere. The past few weeks have seen a firestorm of incredible articles and, more importantly, incredible comments. It truly is inspiring and I commend Bill for opening the forum up to more writers and opposing points of view. The blade of one's spear is only sharp from the whetstone that it grinds against.

In this piece, I wish to provide a counterpoint to Paul Elam's essay on men simply shrugging misandry in our society, to just ignore it, and allow the subsequent indifference that men adopt toward women and the feminist state to bring down the system over time as it naturally will (i.e. social physics). In short, that the men's movement does not need leaders or leadership.

I would like to begin this piece by stating exactly where I agree completely with Paul.

First – shrugging off misandry is correct. Until men learn to just not care anymore what women think, nothing will change. A level of indifference does need to be inculcated and ingrained into men today toward what women attempt to shame us into doing for them that goes entirely against our own best interests as well as that of society's.

Second – I also agree that a certain amount of what the men's movement has become is simply a repository of personal experience and knowledge about what men face today. That in men finding places on the internet like The Spearhead and A Voice For Men, they are simply discovering in many ways something they already knew but could not put their finger on it – the current state of gender relations sucks! This is the educational and wake up phase of any mass social movement and it is vitally important.

Where I disagree with Paul is in the following.

First – the problem with leaving the movement at just that, shrugging misandry and ignoring women, is that the abandonment of masculine ideals and principles that got us into this mess in the first place will still remain abandoned. As much as men here would like to wish they can just ignore women and go their own way, they can't. We like the ladies and we like them a lot! To deny this is to deny our very nature as men. The marriage strike, "game", ignoring misandry, etc are all well and good, but it does not fix the problem, it only administers a temporary alleviation of painful symptoms of disease.

Second – the false assertion that the men's movement does not need leaders derives directly from my first point. Where is society once men walk away from women and the feminist state? Ignoring misandry and women will only take us so far, to the point of collapsing the system. What happens after that? If feminism has succeed in the spectacular way it has, it is because men have abandoned their traditional role of leadership in women's lives and in society's. This is precisely the crisis the male youth of today are suffering from and why they are crying out for leadership.

To lead is to be masculine.

To be a leader is to be a man.

To be a father is to accept the responsibility of leading your family in its values, ethics and behavioural norms within the community you are a part of.

You can't say you wish to wake men up from the feminist dystopian state which they are slaves to by asking them to walk away and then simply tell them… that's it. Go your own way. Ignore women. Don't marry. Sex can be had with good "game." I have no advice or guidance for you on how to live your life as a man now that you are free or how to go about righting the problems that caused you to walk away from women and society in the first place.

Without leadership, you have anarchy and that is precisely what the feminist state is creating and perpetuating – the crushing of masculine men and their roles as leaders in making society a loving, just, peaceful, free and respectful place to live, work and play.

Far from leaders and leadership not being necessary, I think they are vital to the men's movement at this point in time.

I have great respect for Paul Elam and the leadership role he has taken at A Voice for Men, though he wishes to deny and reject it. Any commenter here will agree with me I am sure, Paul is a leader in this movement whether he wants the job or not. I have learned a great deal from him and do consider him a leader in the men's movement. So to do I Bill and The Spearhead. I just can't understand why Paul does not see leadership, and the development of leaders in the men's movement, as important. As I have shown, I believe I understand his argument against it, but it has not convinced me.

This, my first article for The Spearhead, was brought about initially by Christopher Quinn's earlier article on the men's movement needing leadership. The subsequent debate over leaders and leadership is one of great fear and trepidation for most men I think. It requires that a man bring out the fullest expression of his masculine talents and put them on display and judgement in front of other men. Leadership engenders the kind of genetic, evolutionary terror in a man's heart through female scrutiny that no sexual rejection can ever come close to matching.

To illustrate this point, I pose the following questions to the readers here?

Why are we afraid to discuss leadership?

Why do we avoid discussion of and agreement upon a vision for what being a man is in the 21st century and beyond?

Why do we not have more articles on what we believe it is to be masculine?

Why is the natural desire for a leader to emerge in the men's movement such a hot topic?

Most importantly, why does there seem to be an agreed consensus here (as far as I can tell so far) that the men's movement does not need leaders or leadership?

I say it is because these questions are the most difficult a man has to answer for himself in his life, and therefore the questions most avoided, because the answers are most certainly not politically correct and will require of a man a level of courage, determination and self-discovery that most men do not wish to subject themselves to. Despite the desire to rid society of the feminist nightmare, I have yet to read anything anywhere that gives me a vision or belief system of what should replace it? Man, society, cannot function in a vacuum, and without leaders and leadership, a vacuum of even greater chaos is exactly what we will be left with once the feminist system collapses – it will be every man, woman and child for himself. A vacuum of leadership is what Thomas Hobbes feared the most, what Machiavelli wished to advise safeguarding against.

To revisit Christopher Quinn's article, Spartacus was simply one leader among 70,000 men who stood up to the Roman Empire and said enough was enough. Make no mistake – every man in Spartacus' army was a leader in his own way, each and every one of them, whether they were at the head of the attack or defending the rear. Spartacus just happened to be the one man that all the other men felt best exemplified and gave voice to their collective cause, so they followed him and pushed him to the fore, that is all. A leader cannot have followers unless what he believes, the men believe as well. That means that every follower has the potential to be a leader, but only one will have the courage and commitment to the cause to step up to the plate and risk taking a spear or sword on the front lines of battle in committing himself to turning the beliefs he has, as well as the men that follow him, into reality.

Spartacus was not a failure for leading his men to their deaths. Those men all choose to follow him and to die for a cause they all believed in. Such is the price of leadership. Such is the sacrifice to to what one believes in. Such is the fate for those that try to change the status quo. Accept it, or go home.

With great respect to Paul, I am here to state unequivocally – Christopher is right.

The men's movement does need leadership.

That leader is you.

You… the one reading this article, visiting A Voice for Men and The Spearhead daily, commenting and contributing to the discussions. In many ways, all of us are already becoming leaders for this movement in the same way the fellow gladiators in Spartacus' army became leaders in their own way. In time, a few men will emerge at the top and perhaps one will come to the fore to embody and carry forth all the work of the men's movement of the past years into the mainstream. If we keep waiting for a leader, it will never happen. That is why it has to be you, all of us here, to make the commitment to become the leaders for this men's movement that other men will look to for guidance in becoming leaders themselves.

I believe that simply ignoring misandry and letting the feminist beast die a slow death is choosing the safe path. It would have been safer for Spartacus to simply take his men and flee to their freedom – just ignore the Romans and be rid of their empire in a far off land Roman rule had not yet infected with tyranny and slavery (i.e. the recommendation to not marry western women and look for a foreign girl not drunk on feminist kool-aid). In fact, that would have been the smart move. But he did not. Why not? Why is Spartacus seen as a leader? I think it is because he did not choose the smart path, the easy path. Spartacus choose the hard path, the right path, the just path, the only path that a true leader will choose. Without Spartacus, their would be no story for men to recite about the courage of one man leading many others in a fight against oppression and tyranny to overthrow slavery – the very reason Christopher looked to Spartacus for inspiration for his article.

I can give you another example. Why do you think the movie 300 was such a hit? Leonidas should have made the smart choice and worked out a deal with the Persians for Sparta, but he did not. He too realized the short term thinking and affect that that kind of choice would have on his country, his wife, his children. In fact, he was so far sighted, he was more concerned about the families of his fellow Spartans and the future of Spartan culture and society than his own reign as king. If Leonidas had simply cut a deal with the Persians, he and his family would have been just fine under the thumb of Persian rule as war lord of all Greece. But Leonidas knew that choice was wrong. The long term future of Spartan society under Persian rule was not something he was willing to just ignore and walk away from. Playing it safe, going his own way and simply letting the Persian empire expire in time as it would under the gravity of natural social/political forces was not the choice he made as leader. With the death of Leonidas and his 300, we have a 21st century movie blockbuster – a leadership story that is still told almost 2500 years later about free men choosing to die to remain free. Leonidas choose the hard path and set the example for others to follow. That is really what Christopher was asking for in his article about leadership for the men's movement. He was not looking for a leader per se, he was asking all of us to take a larger leadership role in this movement in our own lives and do as both Spartacus and Leonidas did… consider the long term, the bigger picture, what they ultimately wanted for the future of their families and society, not just the present.

We have reached a point in the build-up of the men's movement over the past ten and more years of blogging and forums where the time to go mainstream has come. You can feel it. The comments are filled with such sentiments. Staying in the shadows, out of sight, ignoring the feminist hydra and simply shrugging of misandry was the correct path to choose for the incubation of this movement. Now, we need to do more. We need to make the kind of bold choices that Spartacus and Leonidas made in order to make a point. Yes, that might mean some personal sacrifices on our part. No one said overturning 50 years of entrenched feminism was going to be easy. The time to come out of the shadows is now. The time for leaders to start emerging is now. This is what I believe Christopher was calling for in his article.

The one thing that encourages me the most with all the great commenting on The Spearhead is that what we are doing here is exactly what needs to be done right now. We are creating the leaders that this movement needs. Every day. With every article written and commented on. With every new subscriber. There is no hurry. No Spartacus need come to our rescue, as Paul correctly pointed out, men are already rescuing themselves. In time, a Spartacus

will appear. As cliche as that sounds, it is the truth.

It is not a matter of if… but when… the men's movement becomes mainstream.

It is not a matter of who… but how many… men will come forward to lead this movement out of the shadows and into the general consciousness of mainstream society.

We don't need a leader to take this movement mainstream.

We are the leaders of this mainstream movement.

As Paul pointed out, all of our writings and musing here are nothing more than the outgrowth of what is already present in the collective consciousness of many men. This movement will go mainstream in a heartbeat the second men decide to make it so. That is what men do when they move en-masse, that is why women envy us. It may take us longer to get together and figure things out, for we are not as social as women are and our inherent need for independence and to lead our own lives free from the influence of others inhibits us from naturally co-operating with one another, but when we do… the women know the result. Whatever men decide, the ladies are going to have to live with it because there will be no more debate or discussion. The decision will be final.

It starts with each individual man in taking a stand for what he believes.

It starts with taking a leadership role.

To this end, I have supplied the below excellent books as required reading for men who wish to learn more about leadership and leading their own lives, as well as their wives, children and society, into the future.

The Leadership Challenge

Integrity: the courage to meet the demands of reality

Questions of Character: illuminating the heart of leadership through literature

"Reimagining Masculinity" and the Macho, Macho Murse

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On the heels of Hanna Rosin's smugly shrugging, short-on-solutions piece in *The Atlantic*, titled "The End of Men," Andrew Romano and Tony Dokoupil cranked out a cover article for *Newsweek* recently that goaded men to "MAN UP!" With a supportive hand on one another's shoulders, they coughed and tried to muster up a tone that sounded authoritative – no doubt consulting the former writers of television's *Home Improvement* – and offered some suggestions for ways men might get back on track. Or at least *remain men together.*

The only suggestions they could come up with, though, were the same "suggestions" feminists have been giving men for decades. In a nutless nutshell (they are at least as biased and as dismissive of men who disagree with them), Romano and Dokoupil want men to "reimagine" masculinity so that they can adapt to the future that political progressives prefer to envision – a social, design and managerial class future where everything is magically grown and manufactured *somewhere else.* Feminists like anti-"tough guise" activist Jackson Katz, Gloria Steinem-approved Michael Kimmel, and MTF transsexual R.W. Connell have likewise been imploring us to "re-imagine" masculinity for decades. By thus "reimagining" hegemonic strength and dominance-based masculine hierarchies to value a spectrum of "masculinities" – from the mountain man to the meterosexual – equally, Connell *et al.* assure men that they will feel freer and become more socially and emotionally (and now *financially!*) successful.

From the perspective of most feminists – and the "MAN UP!" guys don't even bother to cite the male feminists, they quote directly from the gospel of Susan Faludi – traditional strength and dominance based masculine ideals emphasize sex differences, exclude females, oppress weaker men, and perpetuate a culture of violence. These positions are politically loaded and morally gerrymandered, but when taken at face value, they are basically accurate and can be reasonably convincing in the absence of good counter-arguments. However, the most important thing about traditional masculinity to feminists is that, by excluding women and emphasizing sex differences, it undermines the interests of feminists.

Amusingly, as at least one feminist noticed, Romano and Dokoupil undermine their own message by awkwardly wielding the language of the traditional man to convince readers his appeal is on the wane. After characterizing men as layabouts who need to take the "path to masculinity paved with girly jobs and dirty diapers" the "MAN UP!" guys invoke the heroic ideal – the man of action– when they imply that it is most masculine for a man to do "*whatever it takes."*

It's not that there is anything wrong with changing dirty diapers if it is a job that needs to be done. But that's a bit of a *canard*, too. I've never met an average, middle class father who actually refuses to diaper or feed his children. It's just that it isn't part of any "path to masculinity" *per se*. Changing diapers isn't *about* manhood; it's not a gender-defining behavior for men. It's a task. You don't have to overreach and "reimagine masculinity" to the point where masculinity is a meaningless, gender-neutral feel-good word to get men to help raise their kids.

And you don't have to turn daddies into mommies. Romano and Dokoupil mention Sweden's paternity leave system positively in passing, so while this would normally seem like an absurd slippery slope argument, it seems relevant to mention that at least one Swedish dad is now attempting to breastfeed. Sweden also has a different culture, a different demographic makeup, and an economy just smaller than that of the State of New Jersey. The "argument from Sweden," a favorite of liberal American europhiles, remains far from compelling.

Conspicuously absent here is any mention of the advantages women have in attaining custody of their children following a divorce. If women are truly thriving, and men are being left at home, an inverse arrangement where women work twice as hard to pay child support to stay-at-home dads seems reasonable enough. Given the rate of divorce and the fact that most divorces are initiated by women, one would think this would be relevant if you are sincerely worried about dads getting more involved in parenting. Fewer people seem to care about disparities that

favor the interests of women. But if you're going to re-imagine masculinity and get men to take an equal or better role at home, you also have to fight systems that treat them like secondary parents.

The "MAN UP!" guys also note that more men need to go into teaching, but again, they go by the feminist playbook and blame "Marlboro Man" masculinity (when will that cliché wear out?) instead of addressing any other legitimate concerns men might have. For instance, many men feel especially vulnerable to accusations of inappropriate conduct around children. This is not because they are afraid they might be tempted to do something wrong, but because people are more likely to suspect and accuse men of career and reputation-killing misconduct.

Family and educational matters aside, Romano and Dokoupil also believe men need to reimagine masculinity so that they feel more comfortable pursuing careers in the booming healthcare industry – specifically, nursing. This is one of my favorite feminist tropes, because a lucrative career in nursing seems to be one of the only advantages tone-deaf feminists can come up with to sell the complete abandonment of traditional masculine ideals. Your detachable manhood, apparently, is the key to your exciting and rewarding future as a nurse.

[image]Nursing is an iconic career. As with a policeman or a firefighter or a farmer, we carry around a picture of a nurse in our heads. For many of us, the nurse remains a compassionate female figure, dressed in white. Perhaps she has a cap on her head with a big red cross in the front. Maybe she's a sexy cartoon.

If you've been inside a hospital lately, you know that modern nurses don't wear sexy white outfits. The modern nurse spends most of his or her workday in some sort of frumpy pajamas. Further, the highly qualified modern nurse is probably not the person who wipes your forehead or holds your hand. Other, lower level healthcare professionals and caregivers do that sort of thing. A modern nurse is an educated, skilled intermediate level medical professional. They often have specialties and some are involved in medical research. Very little of what nurses do today requires an overflowing abundance of oxytocin.

So, from my admittedly limited knowledge of what nurses today do, I really don't see nursing as an emasculating profession. There are manlier professions, sure, but our culture caters most to female consumers, so it's hard to find a job today that doesn't require one to listen sweetly to the troubles of strangers and dutifully say "yes, ma'am." Plenty of manly contractors and movers spend their days prostrating themselves before a woman with a wallet. As such, I use the slang "murse" (male nurse) above only in jest. Men everywhere are made painfully aware that it is no longer a man's world, and the job of a nurse has changed a lot since the days of Florence Nightingale.

If writers like Rosin and Romano and Dokoupil were truly concerned about the plight of men in America, and sincerely wanted to help them transition into female-dominated—but not necessarily effeminate – areas of the healthcare field, why not address some of men's concerns about those fields honestly? Telling men to "MAN UP!" and become nurses is dissonant. If, as Romano and Dokoupil unconvincingly claim, emasculating men is not *the point* of this exercise, then why not lobby the healthcare industry to make nursing more appealing to men?

Why not *reimagine* nursing?

Separate the job from its female iconography and sell it to men. It's my understanding that a decent looking straight male enrolled in a nursing program can more or less play the harem bull, but that's not what I mean.

Why not change the name of the profession?

Sure, you'll have to change some stationary, but if it's *that* important that men become nurses, why not do what we did for the secretary? Outside of high profile government and military realms, the word "secretary" carried a lot of cultural baggage. At least partially due to portrayals in film and television, the secretary was seen as a perky female helper to the male boss. In the wake of the sexual revolution, women found this image demeaning, and the industry standard changed. The person who filled the role of secretary in the old days is now an *administrative assistant*, and very few men are going to bother ribbing a male admin about being a "secretary." It's not a manly job or a womanly job. It's just a job. No one really had to change ideals of womanhood or manhood to change the way we looked at the job. The old image is preserved on film, but more or less forgotten in the everyday working world.

Men don't seem to have a problem being radiologists or physical therapists or EMTs or X-Ray techs. They have a problem with the *image* of the nurse, and the *word* nurse. It's an understandable problem. The word "nurse" is a verb *that we still use* to describe the act of suckling a child on a woman's breast. It's anything but gender-neutral.

If you want to make the field of nursing gender-neutral, change the name of it and create some space between the old image and the modern job. It will take some time, but it's a simpler, more straightforward and more practical fix than "reimagining masculinity."

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Elmo Game?

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As a father whose children watch Sesame Street, I found the recent controversy over Katy Perry's video with Elmo both amusing and somewhat perplexing. Sure, her breasts are hard to ignore in the video, but I'd think little kids generally have some recent experience with that, and it's hardly shocking these days.

But what I really thought was funny is that Elmo appears to be using "Game" on Katy Perry. Now, I'm no expert on Game, but I have read about many of the techniques on Roissy/Chateau's Citizen Renegade blog, and it seems that Elmo is taking charge of the frame, using kino, keeping her on her toes, etc. In fact, Elmo's so good that he's got Ms. Perry chasing him all over town. She's so hot for the little guy that she snubs that clearly interested beta dog who appears after Elmo runs off.

Perhaps that's the *real* objection Sesame Street had to the video — Elmo isn't being a sufficiently beta, obedient creature who does whatever the women want him to.

No, Elmo's got Game, and he's definitely an Alpha male.

Obviously, that was too much for the feminists at Sesame Street, who must have been deeply dismayed by how easy it was for the little red rascal pull a hot number like Katy Perry. Rather than run the risk that some four-year-old boys might begin to emulate their hero and start running Game on the playground, Sesame Street pulled the clip and evicted Elmo's admirer from the show.

Fortunately, we can watch it on Youtube:

Alan Grayson's Feminist Attack Ad

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Thanks to commenters, we've been tipped off to an emerging trend of feminist political ads.

In an attempt to motivate women to vote in the Florida 8th district election, Alan Grayson's campaign has commissioned an ad comparing his challenger Dan Webster to the Taliban, calling him "Taliban Dan Webster." The ad features quotes taken entirely out of context by selective editing, suggests that American Christians are in league with the Taliban, and generally slurs Webster in a very underhanded, dirty manner.

Alan Grayson is apparently a committed feminist who supported the Paycheck Fairness Act, so the ad may accurately represent his true beliefs.

It is starting to look as though the Democratic Party has dropped all pretenses and is plainly becoming the feminist party. I wonder how that will work out as a long-term strategy. To me, this is a huge disappointment. The party my Teamster grandfather relied on to stand up for working men has stooped to selling the sons and grandsons of their most dedicated supporters throughout the 20th century down the river for the single/working female vote.

Marriage Sinks to New Low, Recession Blamed...

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Recently released Census Bureau figures reveal that in 2009 the proportion of married Americans fell lower than ever, dropping 5% in the last 9 years alone. Compared to 57% in 2000, today only 52% of all adults are married. The institution of marriage is crumbling under a combined feminist and federal assault, which has legislated it into something that is roughly the opposite of what it used to be.

Pointing to the recession as the primary reason for the death of marriage is entirely off the mark. The decline of marriage has been ongoing since at least the early 1970s, when no-fault divorce created an explosion of divorces and started to make men more reluctant to tie the knot.

Spearhead contributor Charles Martel wrote a piece on the decline of the marriage rate that suggests that if current trends continue, marriage will cease to exist within roughly twenty years.

In the earlier days of the decline, men were generally blamed, but perhaps the recession provides an even more convenient excuse. Or, maybe, those who still support the institution are simply holding out in the impossible hope that the trend will turn around when times are better.

They are deluding themselves. As long as marriage remains an institution designed to suck the lifeblood out of men for the benefit of lawyers, the government and women, it will continue to weaken until it meets its well-deserved demise.

Old Englishman has Had Enough

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Writing for *The Independent*, Michael Bywater takes a stand against the abuse being hurled at men – older men in particular – in his latest piece. The article, titled "In defence of the older man," is a great read, and takes feminists to task for their hypocrisy, callous attitude toward men, and poor taste.

Amusingly, Mr. Bywater uses terms such as "gynocracy," and brings up the "post hoc ergo propter hoc" fallacy that has popped up a number of times in our comments. It seems that more and more men, including those you might have thought were above it all, are coming to the same conclusions we are.

Here's an exceprt:

> And then, following on from the initial sally by Professor Feldman's Private Widdle, come the professionals, in the shape of the Queen's Own Daily Mail, led by the ineffably strange Liz Hodgkinson, a woman who not only went publicly on a perpetual sex-strike but somehow persuaded her husband to endorse it in public. I suppose one can see his point, but now Ms Hodgkinson is asking "Why are older men so stupefyingly BORING?" See, she's been on a cruise and the men weren't interesting. She's been to a garden party and the men just "went round with bottles of wine in their hands" – where else should they be? – "filling glasses and saying nothing. They might as well not have been there at all."
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> I imagine that they felt much the same. The main losers would have been Ms Hodgkinson's twittering gynocracy, who'd have had to get their own bloody drinks instead of waiting for some chap, who probably felt completely excluded and ignored by the women, but all the same felt it a mere gesture of politeness to make sure the ratbags got their booze.
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> "When did most men in my age group become so stupefyingly dull?" asks Hodgkinson, and we'll ignore the former Chief Constable who commented on Facebook that it was probably at about the point they started having to try to talk to her. Coppers. Institutionally sexist. Right.

Bywater is focusing mainly on the attack on older men, but feminism has gone so far at this point that every man on earth is targeted in one way or another. Hopefully, he realizes this, but it doesn't really matter, because these random feminist assaults on men in general, as obnoxious as they are, have an edifying effect on men. Once one is exposed to their contempt and utter lack of decency, it tends to leave a lingering, rotten taste that is not easily forgotten.

Refuting Sarah Connor: Men Who Create Life

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By Peter

Remember this line?

> Fucking men like you built the hydrogen bomb. Men like you thought it up. You think you're so creative. You don't know what it's like to really create something; to create a life; to feel it growing inside you. All you know how to create is death…

If you don't recognize it, it's a quotation from feminist icon Sarah Connor in the movie Terminator 2. The setup is that Sarah had just shown the creator of machine life that his work had led to a nuclear holocaust. While far from sophisticated, this bit of pop-culture feminism neatly encompasses the prevailing modern view of men and their contributions to the world and society, which is that men are primarily destructive and hateful creatures while it is women who civilize men, and are deserving of veneration for their acts of creation.

But is this true? I submit that it is not so simple. First off, the acts of creation that women go through are natural processes not of their own making. For a woman does not truly choose to have children, she can only choose to NOT have them, either through birth control or abortion. And while I'm firmly for abortion rights (as long as they are remade to protect men too), it is clear that women have prematurely terminated tens or hundreds of millions of lives, mostly for no other reason then their own convenience, since it's been allowed. Thus, while woman's ability to create the next generation is undeniable, the veneration of that ability is questionable.

So what about men, those agents of destruction and death? Did you know that two evil Patriarchal males living in the colonizing, racist, 19th century German Empire created billions of lives? No?

It's called the Haber Process, and it allows nitrogen to be removed from the atmosphere and turned into ammonia, a fertilizer. While our atmosphere is mostly nitrogen, our soil is not, and nitrogen must be "fixed" into the soil by the growth, death, and decay of plant life. By some estimates, without artificial fertilizer, Earth could not support more than 2 billion human lives. The story of course is not so simple – the dual nature of men is exemplified in Haber. He is the father of billions, but through his invention of mustard gas, the killer of millions. Still, the feminist narrative is looking a bit strained – after all, even in the example of this one man, the creation of death isn't ALL that we know.

A couple of other examples to illustrate my point. While traditionally in most societies it has been women, midwives, who have assisted in the birthing of children, it was a 17th-century Frenchman who created an ingenious device that eventually allowed for what must by now be billions of lives to be saved. They're called the obstetric forceps, and they're crucial in assisting in childbirth (see pdf).

Over the following several centuries, it was again men who innovated and worked to perfect the device, which is still in use to this day. Read the article, it's a tragic and familiar tale – under the Roman civilization, obstetrics was at an advanced state, but the knowledge was lost for centuries. When did obstetrics improve again? Under the care of medieval midwifery practices? Did the "oral traditions" of "authentic folk cultures", "passed down from mother to daughter" help things at all? Please. Things improved when civilized men got involved, that's when.

Another related example is the invention of penicillin, discovered in 1929 by a great man, Alexander Fleming. By the 1940′s, other unknown great men surmounted the considerable challenges of mass-production. But did you know that not only did the age of antibiotics help save billions of lives, it actually helped create them too? One of the most important applications of antibiotics is in the treatment of post-partum infections.

As you can see from the above link, "The overall postpartum infection rate was 6.0%.", so 6000 infections per

100,000 births, but, of those infected today, “maternal death rates associated with infection range from 4-8%, or approximately 0.6 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.” That’s a whole lot fewer women dying from childbirth, which leaves them free to have more children later. Indeed, some have theorized that the baby boom was partly caused by this invention.

Not convinced? Look up the many examples of male inventions which improved agricultural yields, like the medieval horse collar which allowed a far stronger animal to plough the fields, or Canadian wheat, painstakingly cross-bred to withstand the cold and make use of an enormous tract of unused land. But the point is well made. One woman can create at most, what, a dozen lives? Thirty? How many has the hydrogen bomb killed so far? Sarah Connor, the brain-child of one of the biggest man-hating male feminists alive today, was wrong. We might not feel them growing inside us, but we create lives, by the billions.

Human Rights: It's All About the Clothes

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If you browse through the "women and girls" category of the NY Times website, you'll always find an article about the "freedom to dress," usually in the context of Islamic rules concerning modesty. In recent years, it seems that the main human rights concern in the American media is this new human right, which surpasses freedom of religion, free expression and even the most basic of all: freedom from slavery.

Perhaps it is because it is overwhelmingly men who are victims of violations of the traditional human rights that women's right to define modesty as they please is now of a higher order of importance. The Ines Sainz controversy is a case in point. Feminists across the nation were outraged that a woman who walked into a men's locker room in painted-on jeans with cleavage prominently displayed was mocked and razzed by NY Jets athletes. How dare those men shame her for shoving her tits in their faces in a men's locker room? Why, the behavior of those men was disgraceful. There's certainly nothing indecent about women slutting it up and prancing into men's locker rooms… It's "equal access" after all.

Oddly, however, when strange men expose themselves to women, it is still considered a crime.

Different societies have always had different standards of modesty, and in the context of a New Guinean tribesman, a penis sheath worn by an otherwise naked man is considered sufficient. Likewise, many animist tribes require only that women wear a grass skirt. For some, absolute nudity is perfectly acceptable. Personally, I don't see this as my business. It isn't a human right, but rather a matter of custom, and following one's customs is arguably a more important human right than dressing in any manner one pleases.

Although it doesn't really matter all that much to me how individual women dress, there is some danger in allowing these childish concerns to override issues of real importance. For example, the Afghanistan war is often justified simply on the basis that the women are required to wear a certain type of clothing. That people are being uprooted, enslaved, massacred and forced to submit to one sect or the other is of secondary importance. Even the practice of "bacha baz," in which boys are purchased and made into concubines for warlords and wealthy men is considered less of an affront to our values than the burqa (perhaps feminists see some value in the transgender coercion inherent in bacha baz).

In the most recent article in the Times, the return of traditional Chechen dress, supposedly enforced by "men in jeeps," has become the focus of feminist attention. Evidently, women who dress "immodestly" (i.e. like hookers) have had paint thrown on them and have been confronted by Muslim men in the streets. Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov has supported the return to traditional standards of modesty, and has denounced female human rights workers who have been criticizing the effort.

Tanya Lokshina, who works for New York-based Human Rights Watch, characterizes the freedom to dress as one pleases as a matter of freedom of conscience and right to privacy. I'm not sure why the freedom to expose oneself in public is a matter of privacy, but "privacy" has been proven to have a very elastic definition in US courts, so perhaps it is a fallback right.

The problem is that there is no freedom to dress as one pleases in an Islamic society — immodesty is an offense against the faithful. So, in this case, freedom of religion would appear to conflict with freedom to expose oneself. Islam and Christianity simply are not the same in this regard. Christians have definitely gone through various periods of restrictive dress, but there is nothing in scripture that explicitly forbids nudity. In fact, the late pope John Paul II stressed that nudity is perfectly acceptable when accompanied by purity of mind and intent.

Western society emerged from Christian civilization, so the so-called right women have to dress as they please is no more than a feature of the civilization they have inherited. Furthermore, Islam and Christianity emerged from entirely different social contexts; the former from a tribal, clan-based society, the latter the Roman Empire. To

maintain clan cohesion, consanguineous marriage is encouraged — so much so that the overwhelming majority of marriages in many Arab countries are cousin marriages. Christianity explicitly forbade those relations, so obviously the two societies have an entirely different dynamic regarding female sexuality and where it is appropriate for women to flaunt their assets. In Christian culture, it was acceptable and proper for a maiden to display herself to wider society, whereas in Islam this was a recipe for disaster. Having young women consort with unfamiliar men violates the sanctity of the clan and has a tendency to lead to blood feuds, which can be bloody indeed.

Although many things have changed over the years, this fundamental difference remains deeply rooted in the respective cultures. Therefore, unless our goal in interfering with Islamic societies is to force them to abandon Islam, efforts to thrust women's sexuality into the public sphere can only be viewed as a cynical means by which to foment bloodshed in Muslim societies. So I think these women who are human rights workers in Islamic societies ought to come clean and let us know what their true goal is. Is it to destroy Islam in some new, feminist crusade, or is it to plunge Islamic societies into chaos and murder?

Perhaps it's neither. In all likelihood, these human rights bimbos are thoughtless and stupid, and don't have a clue what they are doing. In fact, they are so dumb that they don't even realize that the so-called rights they harp on are a legacy of thousands of years of effort on the part of the "patriarchy" they have been so busily denouncing in our institutes of higher learning. If anything, they are making a joke out the entire concept of human rights, and therein lies the greatest tragedy of all. When the definition of human rights has expanded to the point where it includes anything some contemporary urban, Western tramp feels is her prerogative, the concept will lose all potency and become a joke around the world.

Who would have thought that the moral authority the West earned through generations of struggle and effort could be squandered by solipsistic girls whose highest priority is simply to display themselves to all the world?

NPR Decides to Discuss Masculinity, Trots out Hanna Rosin

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I have to admit that I do often listen to public radio and watch public television. It's an old habit, and probably a bad one, but it's hard to break. However, although I should be accustomed to the programming by this point, NPR still manages to find ways to annoy me on a frequent basis.

In the latest offense, NPR's "Talk of the Nation" with Neal Conan did a show on how lame guys are these days, featuring Hanna Rosin, of course, who opines about women's superiority and better aptitude for the "new economy." Fortunately, a fellow named Guy Garcia, who makes some decent points from a men's perspective, also participates, but he loses points for calling guys who accept subordinate status "evolved," which suggests he's another one of the "men are the problem" crowd.

Above all, the show is characterized by a smug attitude — a sort of victory discussion in which the conquerors pretend to have some concern about the vanquished. The real problems men face – institutionalized discrimination chief among them – are dismissed as though irrelevant. As usual, NPR is willfully ignorant and strongly biased toward a very particular, liberal and elite American viewpoint.

The transcript and a link to the audio can be found here.

Check out this passage to see how Rosin dodges the affirmative action issue:

> CONAN: There's another email, this from Cameron(ph) in St. Louis: I'm a married father of two, an electrical engineer by profession, married to a physician. I am supportive of women in the workplace.
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> However, men are being unfairly discriminated against by affirmative action. For men to be happy, they need to provide. If women take that from their husbands, they undermine the success of the family. And there is a lack of positive role models, family leaders, providers, for males in the media. Instead, we have men being portrayed as less intelligent and subservient. Ray Romano and Homer Simpson come to mind.
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> I'm not sure anybody takes Homer Simpson too seriously as a male role model.
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> Ms. ROSIN: But that is an interesting point he makes. I had a large response to my story from the Christian community. It was debated a lot in churches and sort of on online Christian sites, essentially trying to defend the traditional role of masculinity.
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> It's the old notion of wives submitting to their husbands but more broadly this idea that, you know, there is a traditional role for men, there is a traditional role for women, and it's extremely threatening when that's upended. So I think that's a common response to this.

She simply won't talk about the biggest reason women are doing so well these days: they have legislation, police, and lopsided domestic law behind them that puts men in a socially and legally inferior position — a modern day Jim Crow for the benefit of women. No, instead she runs off in another direction blabbing about those creepy Christian fundamentalists (maybe she'd just watched Grayson's attack ad and that's all that popped to mind). Of course, Neal Conan lets her get away with it. What a soft touch. That's probably the worst thing about NPR: you can always count on them to stroke their ideological comrades with a velvet glove.

What Women Want, Supposedly

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Thag Jones writes *The Forgetful Muse* blog

I ran across this article from a "dating and relationships expert" and it's just so typical in its banality, thoughtlessness and show of entitlement mentality that I think it's worth noting as an example of the reason so many women have such unrealistic expectations of men and horrible entitlement complexes. What stood out for me what her oh so typical list of what *she* wants from a man, and it almost goes without saying that nowhere does she state what she has to offer.

> Yes, I want an alpha male to look after me, protect me, provide for me, be strong when times are tough and be the man around the house. But I also want a man who isn't afraid to cook, watch Eat, Pray, Love, talk about his feelings and not be afraid to be a Mister Mom in the future.

Mister Mom? What's wrong with "Dad?" Does she think dads can't be nurturing or something? But of course, she wants the perfect mix of alpha and beta, except that anyone with even the slightest leanings toward alpha is *not* going to sit and watch tripe like "Eat, Pray, Barf" with you. This stated desire for, essentially, Mr Rogers with a sex drive, shows a gaping want of self-awareness as well as a lack of appreciation that a man is a separate human being, not a made to order wedding gown. For all the harping on feminists have done about a man's "Madonna-Whore complex," this blindness to our own schizophrenic "Dr Jeckyll and Mr Hyde complex" is more than a little ridiculous.

What men are realizing and what no doubt is causing a quiet panic in feminist circles is that no woman who isn't completely blinded by political dogma would say no to John Wayne or the Marlboro man, but if she succeeded in turning him into Mr Rogers with a sex drive, she would be completely turned off. Extreme examples perhaps, but illustrative. The problem is that most women won't acknowledge these things because in so doing, she loses a lot of that hard-won upper hand in the relationship arena, not that it's been helping her much anyway. Anyone who is so blinded by "feminism" that they have to wonder if wearing make-up is a feminist act and attempt to redefine it as such so that she can pile it on guilt-free (kind of like sluts talking about empowerment, isn't it?) is way too invested in arbitrary rules, just the thing she claims to be rebelling against.

Another point here is this oft-stated "I want a man who isn't afraid to cook/ look after the baby/ etc.." It's a bit of a red herring, because men are not *afraid* to do any of these things, they just don't need to be turned into your bitch while doing them, and I think when you hear a woman say these things, it's a sort of shit test to see how far she can get you under her thumb.

Note the dismissive tone here:

> So how exactly can men become more masculine? Apparently by having a "man cave". As Dobransky explains: "Men need to have a den in their house, or their own bathroom, or a place where they can do their own thing without being interrupted. That is a primitive primal instinct in males. Without their cave, men feel injured."
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> When I laugh at this statement, he gets serious and likens my teasing to a man making fun of a woman's big butt.
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> "A woman cares how she looks. It's hurtful to be criticized about her body. That's how a man feels when his territory is taken away or his career is criticised. He feels exactly like she feels when her body is criticized."
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> Right. Anyway, back to the alpha male becoming instinct argument.

I think she meant to say "extinct" rather than "instinct," but either way this "expert" has no clue about men, yet she

is paid to offer advice on relationships and has written a book on the subject. And it's not just her, but all those of her ilk, who are simply making things worse. Why is the idea of a "man cave" so funny to her? She wants a "sensitive" man yet laughs in the face of a man who dares to suggest that men have some requirements of their own, "needs" if you will.

I've seen the calls here for some plan of action and while I don't claim to know what exactly to do about the problems that face us as a society, I believe one route to change is to keep hammering away with the message until it becomes mainstream. Part of this will be "preaching to the choir," but it needs to be repeated in order to find new ears.

Women need to wake up to themselves as well, so I offer these commentaries in the hopes that women will read them as well as men, and in the hope that men and women can be a team again. Those of us who are raising the next generation can do a great deal if it's done collectively, but in the absence of a majority, we must do what we can as individuals and go against the grain of popular culture. Don't let your kids wear stupid shirts with messages like "Boys are stupid, throw rocks at them," or "Girls rule, boys drool." Why do we think this is funny? Imagine if boys wore shirts saying "Girls are stupid, beat them into submission" or "Girls make great pets." Do I even have to ask what would happen?

In the spirit of raising a better generation, I'll leave you with a light hearted piece of advice to sons that you'll never hear from most of the dads I know:

A Tale of Three Movies and Four Men

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Submitted by *Anonymous*

Taking the Red Pill with regard toward male-female relations makes you look at movies in a whole new light. You stop seeing the story the director thinks he wants to tell and start seeing what the director actually believes. You gain an appreciation for what you may have previously dismissed and perhaps a disillusionment toward what you had previously appreciated uncritically. You start asking exactly how realistic the scenarios actually are and how they'd likely play out in real life. You get a feel for how other critics are going to rate it before they do. So, given that I prefer to praise rather than criticize, one of these three will get my Stamp of Realistic Manliness Approval: *The Expendables*, *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*, and *The Other Guys.* SPOILERS AHEAD!

Movie the First: Breaking all box office records for actually showing manly men doing manly things, *The Expendables*is still #1 at the box office. Sly, Statham, and Stone Cold would have been enough, but the movie gets bonus man points for having what I consider to be the *real* Old Spice guy: Terry Crews. (His Old Spice commercials were hilariously over-the-top in true Powerthirst fashion, and actually served to mock the lengths that Testosterone Poisoning could go without being as contemptuously dismissive of actual men that the insufferably overexposed New Old Spice guy is.) Big Hollywood, my designated conservative movie critic collective, loves it.

Movie the Second: Hyped much but making little money, *Scott Pigrim vs. The World*is about a guy in Toronto whose world operates by video game logic. It's also directed by the guy who made *Hot Fuzz*, so it's extremely watchable and intermittently hilarious. I suppose the retro-8-bit asides and overuse of the *Link to the Past*theme were meant to appeal to people like me (I was 11 when hearing and seeing them for the first time, so I'm right in that demographic,) but I couldn't shake the feeling that the rest of the movie was more meant to appeal to….hang on, where was the first place ever I heard about *Scott Pilgrim?* <Rifles through memory banks> Oh, that's right, in *Kick-Ass*. As one of two comic series, along with *Shojo Beat*, that are 'casual entry-level girl-friendly comics' specifically meant for girls new to this *manga*thing all the boys were talking about. Edgar Wright needs to eat as much as the rest of us, but this is one movie whose source material I'm not bothering to check no matter how well it's presented and how much of a nerd I am. Moviebob, my designated liberal hipster critic, loves it.

Movie the Third: *The Other Guys*. Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg, Samuel L. Jackson, and The Rock do a comedy by playing a, 80s buddy cop movie comedy semi-straight, which *almost*escapes the twin universal critic curses of 'it's been done before' and 'it's only a parody.' Both Moviebob and Breitbart offered muted praise and political criticism based on theme and story.

So which movie portrays males both sympathetically and realistically?

Well, if you haven't guessed already, *The Expendables Scott Pilgrim*both fail the MRA test for being *exactly the same movie*, dressed up differently to appeal to different demographics. Both Sly and Scott are larger-than-life heroes who slaughter many of their fellow men for *no other reason*than to save a woman they barely know who may or may not be worth saving. (Using the word 'fellow men' is no exaggeration; the men both heroes have to fight **to the death!** have easily been in their circle of friends and acquaintances without the conflict insisted on by the woman.) Both movies openly claim their protagonists are simply *this close to being evil themselves*when they start talking angrily (aka: truthfully) about why exactly they're fighting for the woman in question. And both make lame backwards rationalizations before the big boss battle that they're actually fighting for self-respect, or their own soul, rather than for a woman of questionable moral character and little propensity to forgive any wrongdoing on the part of the men close to her. (In *both*movies, the Big Bad actually *makes overtures of peace*when he catches the good guys! "Gallantry" was not always a word with unqualified positive connotations, and simple thought experiments on where the respective 'final confrontation' locales are going to go now that their major income sources are gone show that the heroes mainly did a nice job breaking it.)

Neither of the two movies gets one of the biggest reasons why a large number of men go to war or play video games in the first place-*to get away from female-dominated society completely.* Trust me, no man reads reams of military hardware and tactical manuals for their wives' sake, and no man ever played through the original Zelda just to rescue the princess. "I go to war for my wife and family's sake" is almost always a lie or at best a half-truth, "I go to war because it's really, really FUN and inspiring and challenging compared to whatever else I might be able do with my life!" is far closer to the truth, though seldom heard. Thus spins the rationalization hamsters at speeds greater and greater in both male and female heads, and we despair of hearing any unmixed truth.

And then *The Other Guys* along and tells so much truth it's like Roissy, Vox Day, EW, and the entire Manosphere just decided to sneak in a movie that tells the truth about men and cops SO effectively that the mainstream movie critics all miss the point completely.

Theoretically, *The Other Guys*is a send-up of the buddy-cop genre. But Will Ferrell is in it, and Will Ferrell has been increasingly using his comedies as a less and less subtle means of telling hard, unvarnished truths about whatever their subject matter was. Those subjects have all recently been 'how different types of men from alpha through omega react to the same environment.' Or: "How Will Ferrell goes from crazy isolated comic relief to the only sane man in an increasingly insane world."

The Rock (once again parodying an action career that he never really had) and Samuel L. Jackson play the hyper-macho alphas, gleefully and openly engaging in dangerous high-speed pursuits of small-time crooks while causing millions of dollars in property damage, and getting away with it through sheer masculine effrontery and crowd-pleasing media exposure. Damon Wayans and Rob Riggle (POW!) play the greater beta alpha wanna-be's, chasing the next big career-making cases. And finally, Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell play the 'other guys' of the title, the bottom-dwelling gammas who nevertheless get 90% of all the real non-glamorous police work done.

Beyond all the silliness of the premise, the greatest affirmation of Game as its own status comes when we meet Eva Mendes as Will Ferrell's wife, and Mark Wahlberg's increasingly disbelieving reactions. And then the realization that Will Ferrell used to be a pimp, (albeit a somewhat beta pimp) and it's stated flat-out that *that's all Eva Mendes needed to know to fall in love with him.* (After this turn in *The Other Guys*and her new sex tape, you may as well check her off it the 'gets it' column of the very small number of Hollywood females with both a realistic view of women and a willingness to portray it on-screen.)

Two other notable turns by Michael Keaton and Steve Coogan not only round out the cast, but give a sort of melancholy retrospective on where the protagonists of films like *The Expendables*and *Scott Pilgrim*would end up in real life. Imagine Jason Statham's workaholic *Expendables* character all growned up and living a respectable life as a police chief by day and an Bed, Bath and Beyond manager by night, and you've got Keaton. Imagine Scott Pilgrim having turned his creative side into an entrepreneurial career where he gets passed around by his domineering wife as both a moneymaker and a scapegoat for various financial interests, and you've got Coogan. (Also imagine the American turning Brit and the Brit turning American, but I digress…) Both offer a far more understated yet far more effective picture of what really happens to the creative and the motivated when they hit the expectations and corruptions of feminist society. Keaton repeats the disbelieving line "My son is bisexual" far too often for it to be a one-off comedic affect.

And now all Will Ferrell needs to do is make a comedy on family court that's as good or better than *Liar Liar.*

Canadian Hookers Win Legal Victory

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Following the North American trend of replacing rule of law with rule of (wo)man, Ontario Superior Court Justice Susan Himel threw out rules against brothels, pandering and living off the proceeds of prostitution. There is no mention of whether laws pertaining to soliciting prostitution will be similarly rejected, but given that the main stated concern of both sides was the safety of the prostitutes (obviously, lucre is the primary motivating factor for the hookers themselves), I seriously doubt clients will get any breaks.

In a number of Western countries, there have been moves to decriminalize prostitution even as laws pertaining to soliciting prostitutes are beefed up or retained. This is only one of the recent examples of collaboration between conservatives and feminists. Basically, the conservatives bring their burning desire to white knight for whores (i.e. sublimated sexuality) to the table, and the feminists say: "well, we have a deal for you — just let those poor little angels alone and we'll give you all the authority you could ever want to smash up those bad, bad men who violate the pure, innocent little creatures."

Seems the conservatives bite every time, and never learn. Wouldn't surprise me if some hookers threw in a freebie for the attorney general every now and then to sweeten the deal and possibly gain some blackmail leverage.

Although most hookers are not exactly feminist ideologues, they do tend to lean in that direction. And feminists themselves are obsessed with prostitution. There are three reasons for this:

1. Lots of feminists are lesbians, and like fooling around with hookers themselves.

2. There's a lot of money in the business.

3. Controlling access to the "sex trade" gives feminists a good deal of control over men.

In short, it's a racket, and it's for the benefit of women, so of course it's a feminist issue.

Not once have I ever seen a conservative or feminist – or even a politician of any sort for that matter – condemn prostitutes for preying on men. There's always this dark subtext of the "bad customer" lurking out there somewhere in suburbia, his dark fantasies hidden behind his otherwise respectable, middle-class lifestyle. Yes, there are some sick men out there who murder prostitutes, such as Gary Ridgway, AKA The Green River Killer, and the Pickton brothers with their "Piggy Palace" up in British Columbia. Incidentally, while Ridgway was true to the serial killer "lone wolf" stereotype, the Picktons were essentially pimps who counted a number of women as associates in debauchery. Vancouver prostitutes knew the Pickton farm quite well, attended parties there frequently, and at least a few of them likely knew that people were being killed there — it's pretty hard to hide dozens of murders within a subsection of society. Ironically, Justice Himel is using the Pickton case as a justification for tossing out the laws regulating prostitution, but her removal of rules against brothels will only make it all the easier for guys like that to set up stables on their own property.

However, the vast majority of johns are just guys who want to get laid, which means they are pretty normal. Of course, wanting to get laid does not equate to visiting prostitutes, but for some men it is the most expedient solution, and there are plenty of women willing to oblige them for a fee. But first, we ought to be clear about who came up with the idea, and who is really responsible for the sex trade. Most men, at least those who live in cities, have probably been propositioned by prostitutes at one point or another in life. I can't even remember how many times it has happened to me, but I do remember that women were propositioning me before I was even a legal adult. Men don't generally think "I want to give that woman my money;" they think "I want to have sex." The idea of bartering money for sex originated with the female, hence the profession is an example of female ingenuity. The risks, like the risk of being a fisherman or logger, are taken on knowingly in the expectation that potential profit outweighs those risks. And it is the profit that is exactly the motive behind these moves hookers are making to remove laws regulating their business.

What these Canadian prostitutes are demanding is that the government deregulate their industry without lowering the risk to clients — actually, if the article is any indication they want to *raise* clients' risk:

> This decision means that sex workers can now pick up the phone, and call the police and report a bad client. This means that we no longer have to be afraid, that we can work with the appropriate authorities.

How much do you want to bet a hooker will never threaten to call the cops if a guy doesn't give her more money than initially agreed upon?

Of course, any hooker with an ounce of business sense won't do that, but they will be counting on the risks to clients to keep fees up. If prostitution were simply legal and unregulated on both ends (or totally ignored by authorities), it would become so cheap that only the best could support themselves. I've read that Russian hookers will sometimes perform simply for a sandwich and a can of soda pop.

So we have to see these feminist rulings for what they truly are: more moves to tilt the field in women's favor. Women's safety isn't really a concern, the risks and problems prostitution can pose for men aren't even considered at all, and the real goal is simply to use the police and courts to prop up the sex trade by foisting the risk onto clients, and, in a very real sense, by taking on the role of the pimp (historically it has been common for policemen to engage in pimping, so that's nothing new). That Susan Himel, an officer of the court, went along with this is little surprise. After all, as powerful females such as Sonya Sotomayor are wont to proclaim, she is a woman first, and a judge second.

English and Welsh Women to Receive Greater Leniency for Killing Intimates

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Labour solicitor general Vera Baird says English law is too harsh on women who kill "out of fear," whereas men who kill in the heat of the moment after, say, finding their wife in bed with another man, are not sufficiently punished. The old, common law "defence of provocation" is to be abolished and replaced by a new law called "loss of control." Infidelity is explicitly excluded from the new law, so now there will be no reduction to manslaughter for wronged spouses – even if a man comes home to find his wife naked in his bed with another man – but if the victim said something "extremely grave," for example, "your arse looks fat in that dress," the killer may have a partial defense.

As long as the defendant has a "justifiable sense of being seriously wronged" (remember, infidelity doesn't count), this feeling can be used as a defense. When women do heinous things, they usually do have a sense that they have been wronged. A woman can justify cheating on her husband and ruining his life because he didn't pay her enough attention, he wasn't making enough money, or even if he didn't respond properly to shit tests — murder is only the far end of the spectrum where that behavior is concerned. And if we listen to feminists, who apparently run Britain's courts today, women's behavior is *always* justifiable.

Every woman who murders a man is now going to drag the dead victim through the mud in court. Although attorneys are not allowed to question the past behavior of a rape accuser – even when there's no solid evidence that a rape has been committed – it's now perfectly acceptable to cast aspersions on the character of murdered men.

I used to think some of the more radical solutions men are proposing, such as never living with a woman, were going a bit far, but they are looking more and more rational every day. Every day brings new news of the eroding legal status of men and the ascent of women. When women really have the reins – and it looks like they may actually pull it off – one can only imagine what an avalanche of injustices will come pouring down from on high.

A Plea to the Feminine

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By *Keyster*

Allow me to venture for a moment into the ethereal world in which women seem to live. One devoid of hard facts, logic and reason, that tends to aggravate them so when used to defend a position. You see something has been happening. It began about a century or so ago when they decided to slowly adjust their standards of modesty and reached a tipping point in the 1960's when it was determined femininity was weakness. To exhibit certain feminine traits was to yield that much more power to the oppressive patriarchy. Becoming more masculine in dress, manner, speech and actions was viewed as claiming that power from men. Becoming a man became the new woman, because supposedly men had it so much better.

Almost everything that defined a woman or womanhood up until then has given way to being more like a man. While, depending on the occasion or their mood, they still cling to certain aspects of female styling's such as the dress, lipstick, bra and shoes, they otherwise dress like men; never sure when looking female might work to their advantage. Imagine a world where men decided to dress and act like women? Women wouldn't like it. But we men, such as we are, can overlook a lot of things in the spirit of sexual conquest. (Obviously we have been, up until now.) Because underneath that pantsuit or those jeans, we know there must be a real woman, and sometimes there actually is. It's our physical drive to copulate and social pressure to be mated that keeps us coming back for more.

But a shift is starting to happen in this utopian unisex world feminism forced on us. As women become more and more "masculated" (tellingly not a real word), with each post-60's generation, they're starting to become strangely less appealing. Not physically, but emotionally. Their indignation and self-righteous attitude towards guys would be enough, but they don't need us anymore and proudly rub it in our faces. And part of what defines a man is being needed by a woman. Like the lyric from Foreigner's 70's anthem, "Feels Like the First Time", "It's the woman in you that brings out the man in me".

I'm not asking women to become helpless dependent waifs. I'm asking for at least some gratuitous gestures of femininity, because nothing makes a man feel like a man more than being needed by his woman. And when this male need is dismissed as showing weakness to his dominance or whatever other power dynamic deemed to be untrendy by feminist standards, you'll strip him of his opportunity to show you his love. It's not his fault, it's his nature to provide and protect. If it didn't feel so God Damn fulfilling to do it, he never would try. But that's not all.

A consequence of this modern female empowerment and independence has also affected young women in a negative way. They've adopted this hyper-sexualized persona. Usually fueled by booze and peer pressure, there's a "slut culture" developing that's been very unhealthy. As young men show less interest personally, young women are feeling the need to over-emphasize their sexual availability in very immodest ways. Ironically this sexual exaggeration for male attention is turning decent young men further away or at a minimum they respect women less than ever before. So much for "empowerment"!

And so here we are facing each other at high noon in the interest of happiness and more importantly continuing the species; women stand steadfast on feminist principle, while increasingly informed men turn away. For every unnatural/forced encroachment into masculinity, you've given up an equal portion of femininity, or what ultimately attracts us to you. You're losing your sexual power over men, as you're becoming rather dysfunctional hybrid versions of men. Is that what you want? One side of the mouth spews empowerment and independence (from men), the other side asks, "Where are all the good men?" Where? You don't need us and we need to be needed by you. And no amount of sexing yourself up will change that. Bring back womanhood and "good men" will re-emerge. Or stay an empowered, independent, sassy career gal on the go and die bitter and alone.

You can't "have it all". Choose manhood or womanhood; a hard charging careerist or a wife to a man and mommy to his children (as you were meant to be). But first, look around and ask yourself what happiness really means to

you. Ask how much you're willing to sacrifice to attain it; beating men at their own game in the daily grind or turning hard against the feminist grain and embracing who you were meant to be all along.

Server Updates

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Our host is updating some of the server technology, changing architecture, etc. The site may experience some temporary downtime due to this, but hopefully not too much.

For techies out there, here's what's going on:

> We are retiring our old core tonight, implementing a new border in LAX in preparation for additional transit to be installed in the coming months. This should be transparent to our end users. However, as with all network architectural changes, there is a possibility for intermittent outages.
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> [...]
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> On Sunday, we will be transitioning our Garland data center to our new VSS core technology. As with the LAX transition, this is planned to be non-intrusive to our users. However, as with all network architectural changes, there is a possibility for intermittent outages.

So if the site doesn't load at some point over the next few days, it's no big deal, and should be back to normal soon.

Why Companies MUST Pay Women Employees More Than Men!

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It's unfair and misogynistic to pay women $.77 for every dollar a male worker is paid! Isn't that what we're told endlessly by our mass media and our politicians who are endlessly fighting the oppression of Patriarchal society and it's malevolent scheme to keep women down? The wage gap is one of the MOST important issues that we as a country face today!

Well, I'm here to offer the the solution to this problem!

Not only should women be paid the same as men, companies should pay women MORE than their male counterparts! In this way, companies can accomplish two things at once:

1) By attaining the reputation for paying women more, a company will be able to attract and hire enough female employees to satisfy the Federal Government's unofficial quota system, which can actually audit your employment records and decide that a company has been discriminatory and fine them heavily. By paying women MORE than their male colleagues, they can avoid running afoul of our great Government as it protects our freedom and liberty!

2) By paying women MORE than their male counterparts, companies will then be able to treat all of their employees fairly and equally! If a female employ screws up or engages in unethical or bad employee behavior, the company will then be able to fire her without fear of being sued for discrimination…after all, she was being paid more than her male counterparts, so OBVIOUSLY this company does not discriminate against women!

Don't you see, all you old, white, rich guys that run the companies of this great nation? By paying women employees MORE than the male employees, you will then be able to have an **equal** workplace!

Ahhh…but you see, I must confess: I am not the first to come up with this brilliant idea. Apparently some high tech computer companies have already figured this out!

Women in Tech Make More Money and Land Better Jobs

Well how about that…

…equality at last!

Now that's a great article, noting a watershed moment in the history of our Brave New World Order — but unfortunately, the comment section of that article has been invaded by a host of misogynist trolls!

Look at the comments of one guy going by the name of Longterm Consequences:

> *As an employer, it is much cheaper to give females a 3% salary premium, on average, than to pay idiot lawyers to explain why a woman fired on the merits was merely paid at parity with men, or heaven forbid, lower than some of the men.*
>
> *But let's be honest humans.*
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> *Can anyone tell me the names of any of the killer software apps ever conceived of and made by a woman?*
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> *It might be that vision thing again.*
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> *Just might.*
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> *Some women do have it for tech, but it seems to be extremely rare.*
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> *Just to be clear, my point is that it seems only safe to fire a woman if she was being paid more than her male peers.*
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> *So think of it this way: if you want to be able to fire a woman when you find out she isn't good, you best have*

> *paid her a salary premium all along the way.*
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> *Get it?*
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> *Think of it as paying firing insurance on her!*
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> *If you pay the premium, you can fire her. If you don't, you can't fire her because some scammy lawyer will loot your company for the crime of firing a WOMAN.*
>
> *And people wonder why China is eating America's lunch.*

Why is that guy so…so…hateful? He must have a tiny penis and cannot get laid!

Here's another comment by a pathetic creep, who no doubt can't get a date with a big, beautiful, empowered and independent single mother! He's most likely some loser still living in his mommy's basement, masturbating to porn!

> *Hire a woman, hire a lawsuit.*
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> *This is why businesses outsource jobs to Asia. Don't get mad at the Indian workers, just because they happen to live in a country where feminists can file bogus lawsuits on businesses that make it expensive to operate in America.*
>
> *Feminism causes outsourcing. Remember that.*

Alright America…it looks like we still have a looooooonnnnng way to go when it comes to achieving equality between the genders! I can't believe there are still neanderthals who still think this way! Wake up you disgusting creeps! This is the 21st century!

So wake up Corporate America! Start paying women MORE than men, and we can have a much more **fair and equal** world for our daughters to grow up in!

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Slut Shaming

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I've seen a lot of feminist musings on removing the shame from the word slut, and lamenting the "double standard" that it implies. I think they have it, as usual, perfectly wrong. Once you remove the feeling of shame from "slutdom," you're ruined. The fact that some feminists are trying to reclaim and defang the word "slut" shows that there is still at least some shame attached to it. I think it should have more than it does, because this is the root of the problem with the disintegration of the family and the way we are, as a society, slipping into a Sodom and Gomorrah kind of world where anything goes. Oh, I'm sorry, did I use the Bible as a "guilt trip"? OK, let me rephrase for the literarily challenged: Living like apes in the trees is not good for the human spirit, for human creativity, for a higher minded life.

The notion that shame is a bad thing in and of itself is what drives this impulse; certain words have been branded as "negative," and therefore, "bad," as if everything negative is bad. Electricity only works with a positive and negative charge. This can be used as a metaphor without descending into false logic – we cannot separate ourselves from the natural world or rewrite nature. Although not overtly the topic of this article (via Dr Helen) on having or not having children, I couldn't help honing in on this paragraph:

> Sad, but in all likelihood, they will end up just like their parents: single mothers with too many children, forced to work two minimum wage jobs and still unable to make ends meet, or, worse, like their irresponsible, absentee fathers.

The author probably doesn't even know he's doing it, but this is obvious feminist language when you're attuned to it. It's an attempt to reverse the so-called double standard and shame the males in the equation while painting the females as innocent, passive victims. A 14-year-old unwed pregnant girl used to be called a slut. Calling her something else doesn't change what she is. Taking the shame off her only gives her permission to ruin her life by *being a slut* – it's not the baby that ruined her life, it was her own actions, her own willingness to open her legs to some horny 14-year-old boy who had nothing really to lose in the deal.

It is truly sickening to read feminists calling on young women to "embrace their inner slut" or whatever crass nonsense supposedly in an effort to erase the dreaded "double standard." Sorry girls, but Nature has given us a double standard and no amount of redefining words, easy access to abortion, women's "rights" and the like can erase the facts of biology and thousands of years of evolution. Shame is a powerful tool and all powerful tools can be misused, but just because a nail gun can be used to kill someone doesn't mean it can't still nail down your floorboards.

A License to Wed

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By *Alte*

[Editor's note: a number of readers are interested in religious matters, so submissions on religious topics of interest to men will be considered for publication each Sunday]

How marriage is like liquor

In 1919, the 18th Amendment to the *Constitution of the United States of America* was passed, enacting the complete prohibition of the sale, manufacture, or transportation of alcohol, but not the drinking of it. The legislative change was promoted by the Protestants, with the catholic immigrants (particularly the Germans) largely against it. Prohibition was primarily an anti-male, anti-immigrant, and racist movement that was lead by feminists (including the lesbian Frances Willard) who said:

> Alien illiterates … rule our cities today; the saloon is their palace, and the toddy stick their scepter…. The colored race multiplies like the locusts of Egypt. The grog-shop is their center of power. The safety of women, of childhood, of the home is menaced in a thousand localities at this moment.

Prohibition resulted in widespread criminality and was therefore repealed in 1933, to be immediately replaced in most parts of the country with liquor license laws. These laws reinstated prohibition at the state or local level, but also instituted a system of licensing. These liquor licenses grant an exception to the general prohibition. The owner of such a license is then permitted to make and/or sell alcohol according to the content of the license.

In the same way that we didn't need liquor licenses to brew beer, we don't need marriage licenses to marry. Marriage is a covenant between two people, and is an aspect of Natural Law. Neither the state nor the Church is a primary actor in a marriage. It is only in recent history that the US government has forbidden couples to marry and required that they purchase a license in order to be granted an exception to this rule. In other words, marriage licenses are a protection racket, run by the state.

Originally, marriage licenses were issued to allow interracial marriages, which were often legally prohibited, to take place. The states began to earn quite a bit of money selling these licenses and they grew fond of their newfound power over the lives of their citizens, so they decided to expand the concept to everyone in the country through the *Uniform Marriage and Marriage License Act* of 1923.

Prior to the passing of that act, the situation varied greatly from state to state. In *Scribner's Magazine* from 1919, it states:

> If it will astonish some to be told that in the early days of New England, magistrates not clergymen had power to bind people in matrimony, and that prior to 1686 no marriage with "prayer-book and ring" was legal in Massachusetts, it will seem more surprising to others that though marriage by civil authorities is sanctioned universally elsewhere in the country, the laws of three States (Maryland, West Virginia, and Delaware) inhibit lay celebration. On the other hand, in Pennsylvania, for instance (affirmed by express statute in 1885), a bride and groom may solemnize their own marriage by taking each other by the hand and plighting their vows in the presence of twelve witnesses, one of whom should be but need not be a justice of the peace. In certain States no witnesses at all are essential, nor is the taking out of a license invariably a prerequisite, while with respect to record of the evidences of marriage, there has existed not only wide divergence as to practice, but in many jurisdictions, especially in the South and Southwest, much slovenliness and unconcern in the tabulation of these social statistics.

The act, however, did not solve these issues because it was not ratified by all states. That is the reason that some states still have common-law marriage rules, for instance. In such states, avoiding civil marriage carries little benefit, as marriage can be extended to all couples who marry privately, through the common-law statutes.

What is the Christian view of marriage?

Throughout Christian history, the Church followed the Roman practice of viewing marriage as a covenant between two persons. Beginning in the 13th century, the marriage act began to be conducted as a sacrament, and led by an ordained minister of the Church. Even though the minister leads the rite and blesses the union, it is the bride and groom who convey the sacrament upon each other, through the exchange of vows.

In defiant answer to the Reformation's calls to see marriage as something purely contractual and private, the Roman Catholic Church reaffirmed (in the 24th session of the Council of Trent in 1563) that marriage would be honored in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. The Council went on to explicitly forbid bigamy and divorce, allow annulments and separations, and claimed Church primacy in the administration of the sacrament, among other things.

After this change, the Church recognized all marriage covenants (both those exchanged verbally and those exchanged through written correspondence) as valid, but only those blessed by a minister as sacramental. It is also possible for a valid marriage to become a sacramental one afterward, through a separate rite called convalidation.

Why are Church and State not separated?

In *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis proposed that Christian and civil marriages be split:

> Before leaving the question of divorce, I should like to distinguish two things which are very often confused. The Christian conception of marriage is one: the other is the quite different question — how far Christians, if they are voters or Members of Parliament, ought to try to force their views of marriage on the rest of the community by embodying them in the divorce laws. A great many people seem to think that if you are a Christian yourself you should try to make divorce difficult for every one. I do not think that. At least I know I should be very angry if the Mahommedans tried to prevent the rest of us from drinking wine. My own view is that the Churches should frankly recognize that the majority of the British people are not Christians and, therefore, cannot be expected to live Christian lives. There ought to be two distinct kinds of marriage: one governed by the State with rules enforced on all citizens, the other governed by the Church with rules enforced by her on her own members. The distinction ought to be quite sharp, so that a man knows which couples are married in a Christian sense and which are not.

In Germany, my wedding was split as he described. On Friday we married civilly, and on Saturday we married in a chapel. This worked quite well, but there was one sticking point: we originally wished to have the religious rite take place before the civil rite, for practical reasons, but were informed that this was not allowed by the Roman Catholic Church. In other words, the Church waits to receive permission from the government before performing the sacrament!

Does the Church ask the government for permission to perform baptisms or ordinations? No it doesn't. So why make an exception for marriage? I have spoken with numerous priests (including the one that eventually blessed our union) and it seems to be a matter of expedience. It was just this arrangement that resulted in the Catholic Church pushing to end the ban on interracial marriage, particularly in California. They generally refused to perform interracial marriages until the state said it was alright, so they had to beg the state to change the rules. Many of the couples were already in valid marriages at the time, and were denied the sacrament by the Catholic Church until the state settled the matter.

Does the Church answer to the State, or to God?

Unfortunately, this creates a severe burden for many members of the Catholic Church. My own sister has been in a valid marriage for 12 years, but cannot receive the sacrament without a civil marriage license. Obtaining such a license would require her to drop her medical coverage, a potentially life-threatening move. There are many couples that would undergo financial or legal hardship if they were to register their marriages with the state. There are also couples who wish to avoid civil divorce; the only assured method of doing this is to avoid civil marriage. These are just a few examples of the sort of difficulties that can arise when civil marriage becomes a prerequisite for a religious rite.

The homosexual community has spread the myth that civil marriage is an absolute good, but that is not true. There are many cases where civil marriage results in additional difficulties that far outweigh any potential legal or financial benefits. Furthermore, many couples do not wish to associate themselves with the corrupted and perverse institution of civil marriage, and would prefer to handle the legal and financial aspects of marriage privately, through contract law.

The Church should not be waiting for government permission to perform the sacraments, and should move to repeal such rules immediately. We do not need a license to marry.

Amidst Rutgers Suicide Scandal, Girl Applauded for Sharing Intimate Details of Hookups

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As the entire nation is justifiably outraged about the disgusting invasion of a young man's privacy at Rutger's University, a young woman who compiled a list concerning anatomical details and sexual proclivities of the dozen or so men she slept with during her senior year at Duke is being offered book and movie deals for her efforts. Karen F. Owen, Duke 2010 (pictured above), created a powerpoint "fuck list" that ranked her conquests by anatomy, attractiveness, athleticism, etc.

Ms. Owen slept with a good many of the college's athletes, particularly those on the lacrosse and baseball teams.

The website Jezebel has reproduced her work online, and while Jezebel chides her for not asking for the guys' consent, it is apparently not such a big deal, because "Duke's lacrosse team … has come under scrutiny in the past," and "frats do it all the time." I guess it's OK, then…

Jezebel also thinks the presentation is "hilarious," and has value for demonstrating women's sexual aggression (i.e. predation). Given Jezebel's openly feminist stance, I don't think anything could reveal the site's hypocrisy much more than their decision to run the list's contents. It's also pretty disgusting to use the misfortune of the Duke lacrosse players who were falsely accused of rape, arrested and charged before finally being exonerated, as a justification for doing so. You'd think that might make normal people a bit more sensitive toward these boys, but I guess we're not dealing with normal people here.

There used to be a time when women who would kiss and tell were looked down upon, but we've gone way, way past that point, and now they are actually lavished with praise for sharing intimate details. This has been some time in the making, and is probably at least partially a result of how women are encouraged to trash their husbands to obtain concessions and a favorable divorce settlement. Dumping on and/or objectifying men is one of American women's favorite past-times at this low point in our nation's history.

It's important to see the absolute contrast in the horrified reaction to Tyler Clementi's humiliation and ultimate suicide and the remarkably callous attitude toward the boys who were put under a microscope by this young, promiscuous woman at Duke. She betrayed their confidence, no matter what the atmosphere is in colleges today. I suspect that the two dimwits who surreptitiously filmed Clementi also didn't think it was such a big deal, because "everybody's doing it." Of course, they'll find out otherwise, but in the meanwhile Jezebel lauds Karen Owen for being sexually liberated, and Harper Collins is "intrigued" by the potential for a book deal.

What's the difference here?

Well, quite frankly, it's the assumption that straight men have no vulnerabilities, are legitimate targets for shame and humiliation even in the most intimate of matters, and are no more sensitive than animals. One thing I can say with some certainty is that gay men do not share this attitude, but it is extraordinarily common amongst women. And why not? Every woman is indoctrinated in school to view men as inhuman oppressors, members of some überclass that have been molded from birth into unthinking, unfeeling minions of the patriarchy. It is little different from the wartime propaganda Americans were exposed to during the two World Wars of the 20th century, but the enemy this time is half the people within our society.

If there is ever to be any redemption for women, rewarding them for this behavior will have to cease. Not only that, but they have to learn that they will face consequences as well. If the fallout from the Duke "fuck list" is any indication, we've still got a ways to go.

Cartoon: The 19th Amendment

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Stimulus Supported Jobs Employing Women Set To Disappear

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The current recession has been called a “mancession” because men working in the private sector lost their jobs, whereas women – mainly working in government and quasi-government jobs – had their jobs protected. The stimulus provided funds for women’s jobs, which kept these women employed. However, the stimulus is nearing its end, so women are starting to lose their jobs like men have.

Last Thursday, tens of thousands lost their jobs when a stimulus supported government job program came to an end. The program provided temporary jobs to youths and “disadvantaged parents”. ”Disadvantaged parents” means women since government does not provide that level of support for fathers.

The job losses for women will not end there. States are running out of money, and without the stimulus will not be able to employ the armies of women they do now. California is the most obvious example, but many other states have their own problems. It has been estimated that up to 400,000 people working at the state and local levels of government could lose their jobs — If things get bad enough which is likely, it could be a lot more. Since government jobs are held primarily by women, this means women will be losing their jobs.

Another reasons government layoffs could be much worse than 400,000 is that government workers are unionized and there are byzantine rules governing such layoffs. For example, the state of New York is having trouble figuring out how to select 2000 people to be laid off because of this issue. However, there is a solution that will likely be used: lay off everyone and rehire people as needed, similar to how Reagan fired the Air Traffic Controllers during their strike in 1981. Again, since women make up the bulk of government workers especially at the state and local level, this means that not only will lots of women lose their jobs permanently, but many more will lose their jobs for an extended period of time waiting to be rehired.

All of these factors will conspire to create lots of unemployed women. What will these women do? Perhaps they can go on Craigslist and offer their services for odd jobs such as cleaning up dog poop. Another possibility is prostitution. Already, rental postings on Craigslist are offering free or low cost rentals in exchange for sex.There has even been a case where a woman traded sex for gas. These examples happened despite the fact that prostitution is illegal. These are serious possibilities for soon to be unemployed female government workers. After all, being a government drone doesn’t provide a lot of experience for the productive economy.

Truth Snippets

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The more money a social circle has, the paler it gets. It happens in way too many places to call it a conspiracy. Quit whining about it.

Being the pack leader of a bunch of nerds, chumps or whatever you want to call them is not an achievement. Ask these guys.

The only three kinds of men that are acceptable in our modern PC, lamestream media are the professional bullshitter, the thug and the fag. It's no coincidence that those men are incapable of forming families.

All the makeup on the world won't make fatties thinner, uglies prettier or sluts less STD-infected.

Internet Tough Guys are guys who are too cowardly and/or lazy to be real thugs.

Getting laid is actually easier than killing the final hard-mode boss at World of Warcraft. The problems are, first, is hard to do both, have a job and a life because there's only so many hours in a day, and second and more importantly, both require actual effort, which discounts a massive amount of guys. And, you know, you could have another hobby.

Treating competition and desire for victory as sins is the consolation of the mediocre.

Modern welfare is a bribe to the underclass so they don't revolt as well as a way for decadent elites to feel better about themselves and to impress their peers. Since both are driven by human ambition, and profit is what it matters in an economy, its nature is to grow to the infinity.

Women abhor emotional stability but love economic stability. Men abhor economic stability but love emotional stability. Opposite, but both are driven by the impulse of wanting to shine and prove themselves as worthy mates.

Chivalry originally was a code of honor, justice, loyalty and killing anybody that breaks the rules of that code. It changed in the Victorian age to a bunch of feel-good bullshit for a) Keeping the suckers stupid enough to believe it outside of the gene pool and b) Allowing chumps to rationalize their inadequacy.

Web Anonymity's Fragility and Importance to Men's Rights

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A little over a year ago, The Spearhead was created by writers and a community of readers who primarily participated anonymously or pseudononymously, using online monikers instead of their real names. While this is the formula for many successful message boards and blogs, it was especially important in creating a community dedicated to challenging the orthodoxy of modern society's contrived gender equalism — a regime where men and women aren't merely equal under the law, but *identical* despite obvious biological and physiological differences.

Especially for a venture in its infancy, the career risks of having one's name associated with a site that could be branded as extremist or sexist – even absent any evidence – were great enough to dissuade participation under one's real name. Historically, challenging the status quo has always been a risky proposition: The Federalist Papers, foundational documents for the American republic, were written anonymously in an environment where the penalty for dissension was death. While this anonymity is invaluable to those who wish to speak freely, today it can be stripped away for the cost of a lawsuit and a two subpoenas.

Nobody would suggest that online anonymity should be unlimited. It is unthinkable to suggest that anonymous sources of defamation (false, damaging statements) and child pornography – two kinds of speech not protected by the United States Constitution's First Amendment – should not be unmasked and held accountable for their speech.

Often, though, litigation is initiated with the goal of unmasking anonymous speakers simply to harass and humiliate them with the strong arms of courts nationwide. These cases are often referred to as strategic litigation against public participation (SLAPP) suits, and only California currently has a statute penalizing plaintiffs who vex hapless defendants with them. (Federal anti-SLAPP legislation, the Citizen Participation Act of 2009, has been proposed; other states' anti-SLAPP laws fall short on individual protections and apply only to political speech and matters of "public concern.")

A sample of these anonymity-ending suits, often called "John Doe" lawsuits, can be found here. Commonly – though not always – men are the dissenting, anonymous defendants in these cases. Several of these suits arise from discussions on finance message boards, a convergence point for two historically male interests, and have resulted in expensive litigation, even where their anonymity was preserved.

In one prominent example, John Mackey, the CEO of Whole Foods, had his true identity outed through litigation concerning his message board activity. Using the moniker "Rahodeb," Mackey talked down Whole Foods' competitor Wild Oats Markets, contributing in part to Wild Oats' stock price slide and Whole Foods' eventual acquisition of the company.

Another interesting case is the defamation suit that two Yale Law students anonymously brought against one of AutoAdmit.com's administrators and several dozen posters on the site. Although the case against the original name defendant, a site administrator with immunity for others' postings under § 230 of the Communications Decency Act, was eventually dropped – and he later brought his own lawsuit against the girls, which also concluded before trial – defendants had to fight subpoenas that would reveal their identity for making statements that, in context, likely were not defamatory. The goal of that suit wasn't to get to the heart of the alleged defamation though, but for the aggrieved girls – assisted by professors at Yale and Stanford, and an elite litigation boutique – to ferret out the identities of those who had hurt their feelings and humiliate them, ending their careers. In this case as in others, pursuing litigation drew more attention to a problem that would go away if ignored, a phenomenon fittingly named after Barbara Streisand as the Streisand Effect.

From these cases and others like it, we see that the lynchpin of internet anonymity is whether subpoenas are sent to a website and user's internet service provider (ISP) fast enough to divulge records that lead to a defendant's identity.

In these cases, plaintiffs file suit and, once entitled to do so, send a subpoena to the website in question for information about the anonymous defendant in their crosshairs. Normally, the information from the site includes an IP address. Plaintiffs will then send a subpoena to the ISP responsible for that IP address, and the ISP will turn over the name, address and other account information corresponding with that address. Suddenly, anonymity is lost.

But, it's not always that easy. A patchwork of state courts across the country have recognized the risks in allowing plaintiffs to subpoena records concerning a defendant's internet identity due to the First Amendment issues at play. Over the last decade, two leading tests for analyzing these subpoenas have emerged.

First is the *Cahill v. Doe* standard promulgated by the Delaware Supreme Court. Under this test, a plaintiff must present evidence that could defeat a defendant's motion for summary judgment in order for the court to issue a subpoena to an ISP that would in effect unmask an anonymous defendant. To further explain this standard, a defendant brings a motion for summary judgment to dispose of the plaintiff's claims against him, and it is granted if there is "no issue as to any material fact." If there is an issue as to a material fact – and the question of materiality is often at the center of such motions – then a court must deny the motion for summary judgment. Therefore, the *Cahill* standard requires a plaintiff to show there is a material question of fact regarding his claims against the defendant, something as simple as a he said/she said dispute, to unmask him or her and continue on with the lawsuit.

New Jersey's Appellate Court, however, has set forth a more exacting standard that has been well-received around the country. In *Dendrite International v. Does*, the court adopted a five-factor test for analyzing subpoenas that would unmask anonymous defendants:

> 1) The plaintiff must make efforts to notify the anonymous poster and allow a reasonable time for him or her to respond;
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> 2) Plaintiff must identify the exact defamatory statements made by the poster;
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> 3) The complaint must set forth a *prima facie* cause of action;
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> 4) The plaintiff must bring forth sufficient evidence for each element of its claim; and
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> 5) the presiding court must balance the defendant's First Amendment right of anonymous free speech against the strength of the plaintiff's prima facie case and the necessity for the disclosure of the defendant's identity.

Though still imperfect, it furthers the interests of free speech by expressly considering First Amendment concerns. Even where a court grants the plaintiff's subpoena after such review, there was at least a more rigorous review in place before removing anonymity, and can alert a now-known defendant to prepare a defense more seriously.

The problem with both of these defenses is that a defendant must know enough to raise them. Where an anonymous defendant does not know he is being sued, he cannot respond to the subpoena and fight for his anonymity. Similarly, he – or his attorney, if one can be afforded – must know to, and how to, fight the subpoena and apply the right standard. Simply saying "this is unfair" will do no good. If an anonymous defendant or his attorney misses the chance to make the argument, or makes it poorly, his anonymity is history.

What's a man to do?

Knowing is, as G.I. Joe said, half the battle. Being armed with this knowledge can lead to more responsible participation in online forums and other communities. Also, read the obnoxious mail your ISP sends you. Buried between the offers for more cable television channels and additional phone service might be your only notice that the ISP has received a subpoena for your personal information in a lawsuit you did not even know had been filed against you.

The best tactic is to post comments and content using your real name. Though not feasible for all situations, having one's words tracked back to them leads to a certain restraint that is not as likely when the speaker will not be held

personally accountable for his statements. This is an aspirational goal for everyone who works for someone else, but it helps keep discourse responsible while still making important observations and arguments. For the most part, people writing under their real name can get away with saying whatever they want — provided they do it civilly.

Another route to avoid potential liability is evasion. Browser plug-ins and standalone programs can be used to mask one's IP address behind one or more layers of IP addresses from around the globe. One such example is Ghostsurf. A free IP proxy program supported by the Electronic Frontier Foundation is Tor, which runs your access to any site through several layers of servers that generally do not maintain use records, so any subpoena sent to Dusseldorf or Nice will be futile. For a quick-and-dirty web-based solution, sites can be visited through Hide My Ass, and throwaway e-mail addresses can be created with Mailinator. This is hardly an exhaustive review of the privacy solutions available to individuals, and the options available are as limitless as the internet itself.

The final option is activism. Make sure other people know about this issue and how they can be affected. Create a stink about online anonymity with your legislative candidates this election cycle. Problems like this can often be addressed with a statute, but the issue flies under the radar and is often left to the courts. For example, in many states, the reach of the courts' jurisdiction over others is defined in a long-arm statute, even if it just says that the courts have all of the jurisdiction they are allowed to exercise under the United States Constitution. Simply having this standard and others like it spelled out, rather than leaving them for the courts to determine, exorcises uncertainty from the marketplace of ideas.

Express adoption of the *Dendrite* standard by state legislatures would be a boon to courts and individuals, and would especially protect those who go against the grain of political correctness. And why stop there? The legislature could mandate that subpoenas to ISPs must be ruled on by the judge before being issued, with appropriate briefing by the plaintiff, and a failure to do so would lead to sanctions in the form of fines, dismissal of the case, and even contempt. So long as this matter is left in the hands of the courts, decisive action will be almost impossible.

Before You Sign on That Dotted Line

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Young men join the Army for a variety of reasons. Some are seeking adventure, a bastion of masculinity in a feminist ravaged world, or a steady paycheck in a time of economic crisis. Others join out of sense of patriotic duty, remaining true to family tradition, or other reasons altogether. No matter why a young man might join the service, his signing on that enlistment contract comes with many risks and issues he might not think about, especially while very young and fresh out of the halls of high school. We all know the best known and most dangerous risks of military service: death while deployed or training, a traumatic physical injury, traumatic brain injury and psychological casualty. However, precious few are fully aware of the other risks service members may find themselves facing and few recruiters share the full story.

1. Thanks to the FERES doctrine, active duty military members who are killed or injured due to egregious negligence while under the care of the military medical system have no legal recourse for their injuries. The same goes for the surviving family of a service member killed due to botched medical procedures while on active duty. In recent years the death of 29 year old SSGT Carmelo Rodriguez from skin cancer brought this issue to the attention of the media and the federal government but for now not much of this gross injustice has been changed.

2. The amount of active duty time you sign up for on your enlistment contract may not be the amount of time you serve. Anybody who signs an enlistment contract with the US Army is required to serve eight years total. Two or four years might be spent on active and the remainder will be served either in the active Reserves or the Individual Ready Reserves. During this time a service member who is now separated is still eligible to be recalled to active duty dependent on the needs of the Army.

Stop-loss is another risk that has come to the attention of the public during the current conflicts. The term stop-loss has been wildly abused in the media, often being used in reference to an IRR recall as discussed above or in instances when active duty soldiers have had their deployment extended. Neither of these are stop-losses though frustrating realities they may be. A true stop-loss refers to a service member being required to serve past what would have been their separation date from the Army. Stop-loss is not new and is, in fact, a possibility service members agree to when signing their enlistment contract and can be read in section 9c of the enlistment contract all soldiers sign.

3. Recruiter promises mean nothing if they are not in writing. Recruiters, like most salespeople, try their hardest to make a sale. They will not necessarily lie but may sugar coat or withhold information to get enlistment contracts signed. This holds true whether this is a MOS choice, duty station preference, or orders to a certain school (Airborne for example). Ask for copies of any papers you sign and consider bringing somebody along to be an extra set of ears if you are planning to enlist in the military. Be aware that even if you have everything in writing, the military still reserves the right to renege on promises to suit their needs at any time.

4. Your MOS may have nothing to do with the job you actually do. Some companies will have slots for a certain MOS but no usage for the job. You can deploy and not perform your MOS for the entire you are overseas. A 88N for example, who is trained in transportation management and coordination, could wind up driving a bus to and from a base in Iraq and coordinating absolutely no transportation beyond getting themselves from point A to point B.

5. The military pay system discriminates based on marital and family status. If you are not married and/or a parent you will make less in BAH (housing allowance) than your married counterparts. BAH is only authorized to single soldiers who are over a certain rank (E6 in the Army) and single soldiers below this rank must reside in barracks. Thankfully barracks are improving at many posts and becoming more “apartment with privacy” than the dormitory style of yesteryear (See Randolph Point at Fort Bragg for one example), but this does not fully solve the unfair financial practices. You will also not be eligible for Family Separation Allowance while separated from your duty

station for 30 days or more while your married or single parent peers will be earning this extra money.

6. Housing and other services are assigned in an almost communist fashion. For instance an E5 with a wife and one child at Fort Bragg would only qualify for a two bedroom house in an old housing neighborhood if he opts to live on post. He will pay his entire BAH of roughly $1100 for this home while an E1 with four children might pay hundreds less for a four bedroom home in a much nicer and newer community. For many families they will be able to find a better price per square foot off base, even with transportation costs and utilities factored in, so unlike other military lifestyle issues, this frustration can be easily solved.

7. On-post housing is not always in the best of shape and sometimes even of questionable safety. At Fort Bragg there is an on-going investigation of a junior enlisted housing neighborhood and Picerne, the company that owns the now privatized post housing following the death of three infants who have died over the last two years in the very same housing unit. There is speculation that poor quality drywall may be a factor, however, the Army and Picerne are both denying any link between the three deaths. Sadly a husband and father may enlist to have better opportunity to feed his family and keep a safe roof over their head but may be unable to do so despite his hard work and service to the military.

8. Just because you are “home” does not mean you are ever home. Many young men who are single when they sign up may not factor in the potential issues with being active involved fathers should they have children later on in their military careers. Field exercises are frequent at most large bases and this is especially true in certain large units, including the 101st & 82nd Airborne Divisions, 3rd ID, and other groups who have shouldered much responsibility during the long wars. CQ and Staff duty require a soldier to be awake and working for twenty four hours with a day off to sleep afterward. It’s not uncommon for a junior enlisted soldier to pull duty two or three times a month and he may have to do this even more depending on where he’s stationed.

As a soldier gains rank and becomes an NCO he can expect to really work for his money and miss out on much time at home. If he does not have a wife who is ready and willing to go the extra mile to keep him as a beloved and important figure in his child/ren’s eyes, he may lose them emotionally while working himself into the ground to take care of them the best he can.

9. After you have been in the military for a while you may no longer fit into the civilian world. There exists a great divide between the 1% involved in the Long Wars and the civilian community. My husband recently came across an article that he said describes his feeling on this matter well. A soldier can become almost a myth and legend who people idolize, unsure of how to act or connect with this warrior who has been off fighting in the war most see only on the television screen. Many will no longer look at him as a human but something bigger than that, perhaps making him feel useless or no longer part of the world the rest of us inhabit.

10. You give up many of your constitutional rights to serve in the military. When you sign a contract you sign away your right to free speech, freedom of assembly and free expression and put yourself under the restrictions of UCMJ for the duration of your service. Military bases are also notoriously pro-gun control, restricting the rights of service members to arm and protect themselves while commuting to and from work, during the workday, and while residing in any form of on-post housing.

11. THE VA WILL NOT TAKE CARE OF YOU! Forgive my e-yelling but this point cannot be stressed enough. Walk around a large military town and you will see the forgotten ghosts of wars past, the men nobody gives a care about, the men often cheated and abused by the Veterans Administration. Service members may have to jump through hoops prove their need for VA service and go through frustrating appeals process when their claims for benefits are denied. Getting approved for medical care can takes months, or even years in some instances. The future may be even bleaker should the VA tighten the belt further in response to the recession. Hours and job positions could potentially be cut resulting in a greater backlog of cases to be reviewed.

12. Under the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act, an ex-spouse can be entitled to up to half of a soldier’s disposable pay and benefits at the discretion of the court granting the divorce. Up to 65% of a soldier’s pay

can be awarded when child support or alimony are ordered by the court. If the marriage was ten years or longer during the duration of his active duty service, the ex-wife may also be entitled to a portion of his military retirement benefits, up to 50%.

There are many risks that must be considered before a young man signs an enlistment contract. This list is not comprehensive by any means and everybody must read over an enlistment contract carefully to find other issues and gray areas. If you are considering military service, talk to veterans before you join. Ask questions and find out risks and also benefits of which you need to be aware. Do not rush into your decision, but take whatever amount of time you need to make the best choice for yourself. There is no easy do-over or quick way to quit and turn back once you've signed on that dotted line and even in the best of military outcomes, eight years of your life is no small amount of time.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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While watching NFL Football this past Sunday I found out that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the NFL is a full fledged partner for the effort to raise the level of awareness in we the sheeple about this common disease.

When I turned on the games this past Sunday, and I saw all the pink on the players uniforms, all over the field and on the referee uniforms, all the former arguments that have been put forth in the man-o-sphere regarding the whole Breast Cancer Awareness vs. Prostate Cancer Awareness flitted through my mind. But this time I thought a little bit deeper on the topic, and came up with a hypothesis as to why Breast Cancer gets so much airplay and media exposure, whereas Prostate Cancer gets the finger:

The real reason why the NFL and the rest of Western society has such a strong socio-political-cultural push to "raise awareness" for breast cancer, and it goes back to the oldest reason in the book: $$$.

Prostate cancer "awareness" – Man makes a checkup with his normal practitioner, who than shoves his finger up the man's ass to feel his prostate.

Breast cancer "awareness" – Woman makes a yearly appointment with a facility that has a highly expensive mammogram machine that costs the hospital or Private Practitioner a nice sum of money and they have to pay a trained technician to operate the machine, etc.

Couple this with a current system in which the health care provider bills an insurance company and/or a government program like Medicare, and you soon realize that a mammogram is probably 10 – 100 times more profitable a procedure to bill for than a prostate exam.

Also, it's far easier to convince the masses of women that they need to get their breasts examined once a year, than it is to convince the masses of men (who are typically way less likely to go to the Doctor's for ANY reason in the first place,) to go have their doctor shove their finger up their ass once a year.

Of course, it certainly ties into the overall feminization of everything in our mass media culture…the preceding idea is not mutually exclusive from that overall trend. But I think it is an important point than simply writing off as mass media and pop culture misandry.

Nevertheless, I still believe Breast Cancer Awareness is a worthy campaign, and I'd like to contribute to the cause….and once again help raise awareness on one aspect that never seems to get any kind of mainstream exposure:

The ABC Connection, or:

THE ABORTION – BREAST CANCER CONNECTION

That's right ladies….if you have had one or more abortions, and you've never carried a pregnancy to term, you have a much greater risk of developing Breast Cancer later in life.

You never hear of this, because the Abortion industry, the cancer industry, and Feminist ideology all conspire to suppress the truth and keep you ladies thinking "it's just some tissue" being sucked out of your womb.

From The Breast Cancer Prevention Institute's: FACT SHEET…The Biologic Cause of the Abortion Breast Cancer Link: The Physiology of the Breast

> Simply stated, the biology rests on two principles.
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> 1. The more estrogen a woman is exposed to in her lifetime, the higher her risk for breast cancer. It is well established that estrogen is implicated in the formation of three cancers: uterine, germ cell and breast.1

> Estrogen can induce cancers to form in two ways, as a genotoxin and a mitogen. A genotoxin or mutagen directly damages the DNA (causes mutations), initiating a process that leads to the formation of cancer cells. Certain natural metabolites of estrogen have been shown to cause mutations.2 A mitogen causes cells to proliferate, that is, to multiply through division (mitosis). Each a time a cell divides to form two cells, it must replicate its DNA. During replication, mutations in the form of copying errors and/or chromosomal translocations can occur, causing abnormal cells to form. These abnormal cells can go on to become cancerous. The stimulation of proliferation (mitogenesis) that estrogen causes, increases the chances that abnormal cells will grow into malignant tumors. Estrogen is so potent that it is measured in parts per trillion.
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> If a woman starts her menstrual cycles early, say, age nine and continues to menstruate into her late 50′s, she is at higher risk for breast cancer, as she has been exposed to monthly estrogen elevations for a long period of time. This too is the science behind a recent, well-publicized study that shows that estrogen-based hormone replacement therapy increases the risk of breast cancer.3 In a similar way, birth control pills can elevate breast cancer risk.
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> 2. The earlier a woman's breast matures from prepubescent (Type 1) and pubescent (Type 2) lobules to reproductive (Type 3) and lactation (Type 4) lobules (see diagrams), the lower her risk of breast cancer.4 Type 1 and 2 lobules are known to be where cancers arise, in the TDLUs (terminal ductal lobular units),5 whereas Type 3 and 4 lobules are mature and resistant to carcinogens. When a female child is born, she has only a small number of primitive Type 1 lobules. At puberty, when estrogen levels rise, the breast forms Type 2 lobules. It is only through the hormonal environment and length of a full term (or to at least 32 weeks) pregnancy that there is full maturation of Type 3 and 4 lobules in the breast. This maturation protects a woman and lowers her risk of breast cancer.
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> This is why women who undergo full term pregnancies have lower risk of breast cancer and why women who remain childless have higher risk of breast cancer. Women who give birth after age 30 are also at increased risk of breast cancer as their immature Type 1 and 2 lobules are exposed to estrogen for the many years between the time of their first menstruation until their first full term pregnancy. Abortion in women under 18 and over 30 years old carries the greatest risk: these women have the highest percentage of Type 1 lobules in their breasts.
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> It is the interplay of these two principles, estrogen exposure and breast lobule maturation, which accounts for the fact that abortion can lead to breast cancer. Within a few days of conception, a woman's estrogen level rises. By the end of the first trimester, estrogen levels have increased by 2000%. The estrogen stimulation that causes the multiplication of Type 1 and 2 lobules, results in sore and tender breasts early on in pregnancy. It is only after 32 weeks that a woman's breasts stop growing larger and mature into Type 3 and 4 lobules in preparation for breast-feeding.
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> If abortion ends a woman's pregnancy before full maturation of her breasts, she is left with an increased number of the immature Type 1 and 2 lobules. She now has a greater number of the breast lobules where cancers can arise. This causes her to be at greater risk for breast cancer. It is through this same biologic mechanism that any premature birth before 32 weeks more than doubles breast cancer risk.
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> Induced abortion thus increases breast cancer risk by two mechanisms. First, abortion leaves the breast with increased numbers of Type 1 and Type 2 lobules, those lobules in which cancer cells are formed, which are then exposed to more estrogen through menstrual cycles. These lobules would otherwise have been protected from cancer by maturation to Type 3 and 4 lobules, if pregnancy had gone to term. Second, the breast is exposed to high levels of estrogen during pregnancy, which can induce cancer cells to form. 6

See, I helped raise awareness…and I didn't have to wear that god awful pink to do it either.

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Vancouver Island Women Riot Over Male Stripper

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Over 100 inebriated women attending an event in Nanaimo British Columbia were so enthusiastic about the performance of a male stripper that fights broke out amongst the women when some accused others of blocking their view.

The stripper was dressed as a policeman, and the women's savage behavior began as he started to remove the uniform.

At least five women were arrested and two held overnight in the drunk tank after police showed up to quell the disturbance and restore order. According to the police, the ladies were so drunk that the Cavalloti Lodge, which sponsored the event as a fundraiser, will likely be warned about "overserving."

One woman went with her mother and sister, and complained that all of them were badly scratched.

Another witness complained about the police response, which she thought was an overreaction, calling it "police overkill." Of course, she may not have been considering the fact that a cop going alone to a place where over 100 drunk women were fighting over a stripper dressed as a cop might be placing his life, limb and other appendages – or at the very least his dignity – in grave danger.

RCMP spokesman Gary O'Brien said he doubts charges will be filed, as it would be hard to discern blame from the midst of such a chaotic, drunken brawl.

Equal Protection Under the Law

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By Una Salus Victus

A solution must be found to ensure that all are treated equally, with the same protections and privileges, within a court of law. With the rise of False Rape Allegations (FRAs), countermeasures and law reformations have become necessary. The foundation of the law must return to the ideal of innocent before guilt and help prevent the stigmatization of the accused before they have been afforded their day in court. Anonymity for the accused of said crimes will maintain the integrity of the court, while at the same time, ensure that justice properly administered.

This paper is in no way meant to detract from the seriousness of rape in both its forms (mens rea: guilty mind as well as mens actus: guilty actions). Rape is an abhorrent crime that deserves the maximum sentence to those who commit it. However, is the punishment of rape about justice, retribution, or incapacitation? Retribution and incapacitation cannot happen with any form of validity without justice and when they do, the system of justice becomes a mockery of itself. It is at this point where false rape allegations are located.

As it stands, false rape allegations have found a place among the most inhuman ways to disenfranchise the accused. These allegations have come to be known as the female form of rape. This paper will be addressing this form of rape, one that is perpetrated by a certain demographic of women (and a few men). A solution for a way to alleviate the turmoil wrought upon the falsely accused must be found. The most cohesive definition of this issue was published by Philip N. S. Rumney in his article entitled False Allegations of Rape:

> At its most basic level, a false allegation can be defined as the description of an event that the complainant knows never actually occurred. Such a definition suggests conscious or malicious motive on the part of the complainant.

Eugene Kanin, who authored False Rape Allegations, further clarified this definition when he wrote, “false rape allegations are not the consequence of a gender-linked aberration, as frequently claimed, but reflect impulsive and desperate efforts to cope with personal and social stress situations.” (81)

Insofar as false allegations are concerned, there exists “Legal Dominance Feminism (LDF)” (Greer 947). There is also a distinct misandrist approach to the topic and legal classification of rape. The catchphrase used for support by the LDF mentions their desire to combat the underreporting of rape to the authorities by the legitimate victims of this crime. Those who make up the LDF include activists as well as prominent legal scholars. One major issue with the LDFs is that many have no sociological background to draw upon to enable them to conduct research to prove their claims. Also, they do not root out their sources thoroughly enough. It is hard to avoid the inference that legal studies are written using only the sources that support the thesis of their work. There is also a tangible lack of concern for those who will inevitably and innocently be persecuted. It’s akin to the adage about breaking eggs to make an omelet. Essentially, it is irresponsible research.

It is important to understand that the LDF consists of the radicalized feminist cabal and the more mainstream members of feminism tend to disagree with these assertions on one point or another. The most revered and well known in this radical group, insofar as this issue pertains, are Mary Koss, Jill Saward, Ruth Hall, as well as the activist group she founded and chairs known as Women Against Rape (WAR).

“In 1982, Mary Koss, then a professor of psychology at Kent State University in Ohio, published an article on rape in which she expressed the orthodox gender feminist view that “rape represents an extreme behavior but one that is on a continuum with normal male behavior within the culture” (Sommers2). Mary Koss is well known for a study she conducted on behalf of Ms Magazine in 1985. In this study, a survey was distributed nationwide to women attending universities. By the end of the survey roughly 3000 female university students were interviewed and their

surveys were tallied. The figures that Koss and her associates arrived at were that 15.4 percent of those surveyed were victims of rape, and 12.1 percent had been the victims of attempted rape. The two statistics of total sexual assault was 27.5 percent. This would later be referred to as the One in Four Figure in legal scholastic as well as activist circles.

Jill Saward is a member-activist of the group Women Against Rape (WAR). Her personal story involves the tragedy of being gang raped at the Ealing Vicarage (known at the Ealing Vicarage Rape). Her father, a vicar, and her boyfriend were assaulted and bound by masked assailants who obtained entry to the residence illegally. Since that time, she has devoted her time to helping other women overcome their own ordeals as well as being very outspoken on the issue of sexual violence toward women.

Ruth Hall, as mentioned above, is the Chairwoman and founding member of the Women Against Rape (WAR). Though based in England, WAR is known on both sides of the Atlantic as the laws against rape are similar in both the US and the UK. Hall established WAR in 1976. Hall has been an extremely vocal figure wherever the subject of rape has come up for debate.

The most significant point of the Koss report is that 73 percent of the women she interviewed disagreed with her final assertions. Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers, author of Researching the “Rape Culture” of America, analyzed the data of the Koss Report and discovered that Koss herself had “found that 42 percent of those she counted as rape victims went on to have sex with their attackers on a later occasion. For victims of attempted rape, the figure for subsequent sex with reported assailants was 35 percent.” As it would be extremely uncommon for women who have either been raped or survived an attempted rape to return to the arms of their attacker, it is reasonable to assume that the Koss Report contains some fraudulent statistics. In the end, Koss dismissed the views of the women who didn’t believe that they had been raped and went forward with publishing her study. Koss was able to justify her actions because her questionnaire was intentionally ambiguous. This decision by Koss would later have serious ramifications that would bring into creation the beginning of what some refer to as the Sexual Grievance Industry (SGI). The SGI asserts that there is a “rape epidemic” especially on college campuses. This enabled the conglomeration of women who proclaim themselves feminists to provide the direst rape statistics bereft of empirical data to support their assertions. According to Heather MacDonald, author of The Campus Rape Myth, as it pertains to the Koss Report, “believing in the campus rape epidemic depends on ignoring women’s own interpretations of their experiences- supposedly the most grievous sin in the feminist political code” (3). This was also the precursor to rape law reform.

Prior to the reformation of the rape laws, during the mid 1970s, society held rape in a very different regard. It was more common for a rape to happen by a stranger as opposed to now where the most common assailant is an acquaintance or family member. There also existed a cultural stigma attached toward the victim of rape that included public shaming of the victim. Essentially, it was more common to place blame upon the victim than it was to offer them sympathy for their ordeal. This stigma created a very harrowing experience for the women who were legitimately brutalized and prevented justice from being meted out as necessary. The rape reform laws were needed to help ensure that all members of society received equal protection under the law.
It was during this time that the law, as it pertained to rape cases, followed closely the common law system of the English. This system outright discouraged rape proceedings from being carried forward and was well known among victims. As such, there existed fewer convictions of rape. During this time, it was (unfortunately) a better idea to just accept what happened and move on versus trying to obtain justice for oneself through the courts. According to Christopher Bopst, author of Rape Shield Laws and Prior False Accusations of Rape: The Need for Meaningful Legislative Reform:

> At common law, a woman who concealed her injury for a considerable period of time was presumed to have feigned her story. Consonant with the treatment of women as chattel property, common law provided a spousal exemption for rape. As part of the “forcible compulsion” requirement, a woman was required to resist to the utmost, except where precluded by fear of grave harm. If a woman failed to provide such resistance, it was

> presumed that she must have either consented or encouraged the rapist… Concerned about unfounded accusations of rape, however, several states, through statute or judicial decision, installed a specific corroboration requirement for rape prosecutions.

The growing support of reform for the laws as well as the activism that surrounded this issue is what precipitated the change. “In a movement that some feminists think may ultimately damage the cause of women in general, new statutes and case law have recognized as forcible compulsion threats other than the use of overt physical force… Some courts have reduced or eliminated the “reasonable mistake” defense, a result unique to rape cases” (Bopst 130). The conflict with this law is that without physical force, it becomes extremely difficult to distinguish between a willing participant and someone who has been legitimately raped. The word rape, itself, conjures an image of one person’s physical desire to another person’s detriment. The person who does not desire such intimate contact would likely bear signs of a struggle, unless either lethal or passive coercion was used to force their consent. These methods include, but are not limited to), a knife, gun, or alcohol/drugs. Without these measures of forced compliance, it would be difficult to prove the innocence of someone who assumed the acquiescence of the accuser to their physical ministrations signified consent for continuance. The reason the removal of force is relevant is because only through force is rape provable. The use of force greatly limits the possibility of he said, she said scenarios, as well as, cautionary convictions.

The next changes pertained specifically to the rape laws. “The corroboration requirement once so prevalent in American rape law was abandoned by most of the states. Through statute or judicial decision, many jurisdictions abandoned the jury instruction concerning the ease of making or the difficulty defending against a rape charge” (Bopst 131). At this point, corroboration on the accuser’s part is no longer required; conversely, this rule does apply to the accused. Essentially, if the accused cannot provide corroborating evidence of their innocence, then they will find themselves legally in a position that only encourages a guilty verdict.

Next came the “rape-shield” laws, (Fed. R. Evid. 412) which excluded the sexual past of the accuser if it had no bearing on the accused in the case. This meant that any promiscuity on the part of the accuser was now inadmissible in court if it didn’t pertain to the relationship to the accused. These same laws do not pertain to the accused. Without being able to rely upon the sexual past of the accuser, defense had to instead prove their case by proving mendacity. According to Bopst:

> The Federal Rules treat differently the character of a victim or the accused in a criminal case from the character of a witness. Under the Federal Rules, the alleged victim of a sexual assault assumes the dual role of victim and witness. Consequently, relevant evidence about the alleged victim may be introduced through either the 400 rules governing character or the 600 rules governing the credibility of a witness. Through these rules, evidence about prior false allegations of rape may be admitted (133).

While this sounds simple, the act of admitting evidence of prior false allegations is much more complicated. The Federal Rules don’t streamline this ability. Being both victim and witness means the accuser falls under two different sets of rules (the 400 and 600 series). There exists the ability to simply ask the accuser if, in fact, they have accused others of false allegations. The difficulty of this presents itself whenever the accuser commits perjury. Were this another type of criminal case, the defense could treat the witness as hostile, however this will not work in a rape case because of the accuser’s victim status. Most jurisdictions treat the evidence of prior false allegations as extrinsic (past criminal deeds) evidence and to introduce it into the case requires a very specific protocol. It is important to remember that both federal and state laws must be satisfied to present extrinsic evidence in rape cases. Because extrinsic evidence is time consuming and can taint the credibility of the “witness”, there is conflict about the correct procedure required to present it. This conflict is further increased once state laws are applied. Essentially, what works in one state likely will be over-ruled in another. Over time, the ability to enter into evidence proof that the accuser has established a history of false allegations became so difficult that it simply fell out of common practice; however, a well practiced attorney who knows their way around this type of case will routinely

be able to introduce such evidence, consequently these attorneys are very expensive. This is one area where further reform is needed, however, the subject of rape has become so politicized that any change of the law in favor of the accused is fought relentlessly by the LDF. Bopst maintains a similar stance:

> Since the critical issue in a rape case is whether a rape of the complainant by the defendant actually occurred, the credibility of the complaining witness is a material issue. To exclude evidence concerning the credibility of the complainant jeopardizes the ascertainment of truth, especially if the witness directly contradicts the evidence sought to be admitted by the defendant (144).

Following this the laws were changed and eliminated mens rea requirement for a rape to have occurred. Mens rea means guilty mind and the LDF stated that it was too stringent a condition and pressed for reform. This is where the law gets tricky. At this point, common law practices of rape have thoroughly been abolished. One would assume that before a rape took place, the assailant first thought of rape as the intended or possible outcome. Bereft of mens rea, the charge of rape is emboldened and the ability to defend against it is further reduced. This law would be acceptable if false allegations didn't happen or held a significant criminal charge. Since that is not the case, as long as there are innocent men accused of rape, this law is ill advised.

The next reformation deals with anonymity for the accuser. In the UK as well as Florida and South Carolina for the US, rape accusers are legally afforded anonymity. Outside Florida and South Carolina, an informal rule has been maintained by the media that forbids the listing of any alleged victim of rape. The issue this presents is that the accused don't have such courtesy afforded to them and wind up facing a trial by media. On the other hand, the very definition of common law entails a set of rules that is commonly followed by society. The very fact that the prosecutor's office doesn't mention the accuser's name via live press conferences signifies an agreement between a legal institution and the media. As such, common law is established. A character assassination inevitably happens when one is accused of rape. It doesn't matter how contrary to one's character the accusation is once an identity is released into the public; it has become human nature to rush to judgment despite any inconsistencies within the rape charges. Those accused will typically face a loss of intimacy with current and potential romantic or domestic partners, loss of reputation with society, as well as a loss of trust among most (if not all) of their friends and family.

Then, laws across the 50 states were enacted that either lengthened or removed altogether the statute of limitations on rape cases. This law can be both good and bad. Good in that if a person who has access to children (who has abused them sexually) is still working in the field can be brought to justice by someone who has grown both physically and mentally and no longer fears speaking against them. Bad if someone uses time as a way to cover the gaps in a false allegation. All in all, this law likely has little occurrence of enabling or preventing the likelihood of false allegations.

Finally, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was signed into law in the US and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA) was enacted in the UK. The two laws are similar in that they were put in place to ensure that battered and sexually abused women have enough protection under the law to ensure their safety. The VAWA was eventually expanded to include dating abuse situations, domestic violence and stalking. The CICA program compensates victims financially for sexual assault. The negative side of both programs has begun to happen with more frequency. In the opinion of the author, VAWA was needed. It must be noted that new laws intended to address one area badly in need of representation may, over time, create an opportunity for those who would use them for selfish gain. VAWA, as it turns out, is too open ended and, as it stands, has allowed many false reports to come into existence. It has now become common-place for the opening volley of divorce proceedings to contain alleged sexual or physical abuse.

According to the False Rape Society's author who goes by the pen name Archivist, "The CICA, funded by the Ministry of Justice, pays victims of "violent crimes" according to an established scheme of tariffs. The Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme (2008) sets forth the standard amounts paid for each category of crime"(1). No matter the severity of the ordeal, this board does not compensate men who have been falsely accused of rape.

Another point made by Archivist:

> While the Compensation Scheme is designed to cover crimes of violence, an exception is made for non-forcible rape and other sexual crimes not involving violence…Under the compensation scheme, non-consensual penile penetration warrants UK £11,000. (Page 34.) Greater sums are allotted depending on the severity of the injury inflicted. A non-penetrative sexual physical act "over the clothing" warrants UK £1000. (Page 34.) This, presumably, includes a single instance of inappropriate touching. (3)

This system is rampant with fraudulent claims. In its current form, a claim may be presented to the compensation board before a police investigation or court of law has established the validity of the claim. The inappropriate touching can include being groped by a stranger in a dark club. This requires no police report about the incident which further undermines any validity of the claim being found. The simple solution for this type of problem would be to avoid the locale; however, as long as there exists free compensation, there will be those who will file motions for compensation In all truth, this is to be expected especially in the current climate of economic affairs.

The next legal change pertained to the use of the polygraph; common practice was now prohibited. Rape accusers, at one time, were required to take a polygraph test before the investigation moved forward. Ironically, it was this method that enabled the filtering out of the majority of false rape cases. Further proof that this law is used as a one-sided method to protect the accuser comes when one sees that the accused is sometimes forced to take a polygraph. In many cases, even ones with non-cohesive facts, the fraudulence will never be investigated until the accused consents to and passes a polygraph test.

Following this, Fed. R. Evid. 413 was enacted. This law allows evidence of a defendant's prior offenses, no matter how long ago, to be used to prove their propensity to behavior that would have enabled this charge to have happened. This bill will also allow prior criminal cases where the accused was found innocent to be presented in opposition by the prosecutor. This law is exactly the reverse of the rape shield laws. Whereas the rape shield laws forbid the use of the accuser's past against them, this law enables the past of the accused to be used to their detriment. This effectively corners the defendant and has been used to send many innocents to prison.

Lastly, rules were enacted on college campuses that allowed the administration to expel males accused of sexual transgressions. Additionally, most institutions have rules that prevent the prosecution for underage drinking of any female who comes forward with a rape allegation even if the allegation later proves to be false. This process incentivizes the filing of false rape allegations in order to dodge an underage drinking charge. Underage drinking while on college property is an offense that is commonly punished by expulsion. In light of this, it is both understandable and predictable that some accusers concoct their victimization after being apprehended for underage drinking. Sadly though, the concept of right vs. wrong is abolished with the application of this law and these same students take what they have learned beyond the university level and into the professional world, thus perpetuating this cycle of false allegations for personal gain.

After all this legislation, the sexual grievance industry and the LDFs still insist that nothing has helped to curb the underreporting of rape, though some good came due to their efforts. What has happened as a result of these laws is a cultural shift in how rape is perceived. There is now a stigma attached to rape that shows just how grievous the crime is and how much the public understands the turmoil it does to someone's life. The amount of overall retribution on the victim's behalf as well as the amount of sympathy generated is better than it was forty years ago; But at what cost? Edward Greer author of The Truth Behind Legal Dominance Feminism's "Two Percent False Rape Claim" Figure, harbors a theory on the cost:

> LDF proclaims that women are deterred from making false rape charges because, inter alia, rape complainants are subjected to harrowing "second rape."…However, LDFs essentially static view of false claims simply does not take into account that as the sanctions and costs of bringing rape charges are reduced, an individual's calculation of whether to deliberately make a wrongful charge correspondingly shifts. LDF exponents do not

> acknowledge that if the “second rape” disappears, so too does the very disincentive which is advanced as the main reason underlying the existence of few false reports (961).

It helps to understand the motivation behind the enactment of these ten laws. Popular legal literature states that, while false rape allegations exist, there is less than a two percent chance of them occurring. According to Edward Greer, “This empirical statement is ubiquitously repeated in legal literature. Dozens of law review articles reiterate the two percent clause. This empirical fact, however, is an ideological fabrication” (949). Greer goes on to state that, “as far as can be ascertained, no study has ever been published which sets forth an evidentiary basis for the “two percent false rape complaint” thesis” (951). Michelle Anderson of Villanova Law School wrote in her 2004 article The Legacy of the Prompt Complaint Requirement, Corroboration Requirement, and Cautionary Instructions on Campus Sexual Assault that, “over time and perhaps through repetition, this two percent false rate has come to constitute the “conventional scholarly wisdom” on the matter” (34). Among this list of refuters are Stuart Taylor Jr. and K.C. Johnson, who co-authored a book about the Duke rape case of 2006 entitled Until Proven Innocent. In this book, they directly address the two percent clause:

> The standard assertion by feminists that only two percent of sexual claims are false (…) is without empirical foundation and belied by a wealth of empirical data (374)

The most interesting part of this statistic is its longevity. As mentioned above, this statistic has endured the last thirty-five years and is still repeated to this day.

Christopher Bopst, who is mentioned above, provides a unique perspective because he was among those who failed to doubt the two percent clause yet still believed that, even if true, the two percent who are falsely accused deserve equal protection under the law.

The origin of the two percent clause, as it turns out, comes from a book written by Susan Brownmiller titled, Against Our Will. The statistic in question was originally a speech that a New York City magistrate gave to an audience that included Brownmiller. The passage in question is as follows:

> A decade ago the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reports noted that 20 percent of all rapes reported to the police “were determined by investigation to be unfounded.” By 1973 the figure had dropped to 15 percent while rape remained, in the FBI’s words, “the most underreported crime.” A 15 percent figure for false rape accusations is undeniably high, yet when the New York City instituted a special sex crimes analysis squad and put policewomen (instead of men) in charge of interviewing complainants, the number of false charges in New York dropped dramatically to 2 percent, a figure that corresponded exactly to the rate of false reports for other violent crimes. The lesson in the mystery of the vanishing statistic is obvious. Women believe the word of other women. Men do not.

What is most astonishing about this passage is the lack of empirical data to support it (indeed, there is even no record of the speech ever being given) , yet it is a statistic that is repeated by a wide margin within legal scholastic studies and articles (Greer pursued the facts of this speech to the point where he attempted to find police reports to back it up. There weren’t any). In fact, (in the UK) in a briefing by the Women Against Rape, for debate in House of Commons, 8 July 2010 it was said that, “the latest Home Office research found that some officers are still so prejudiced as to think that up to 50% of rape reports are lies, yet only about 3% of rape allegations are false, which is lower than false reports for other crimes” (Ruth Hall NO TO ANONYMITY). The VAWA contains the same clause about false allegations being less than 2%, located at Pub. L. 102-199, S Rep. 102-197 n. 48 October, 29 1991. In fact, Mary Koss, who is also mentioned above, was instrumental in ensuring the VAWA was signed into law. It was she who quoted the two percent clause that the VAWA contains.

In light of this, what is truly needed is further reformation of the rape laws. With the laws favoring the accuser, the accused stands to lose everything. One of three reformations is in order, anonymity for the accused until conviction,

anonymity for none, or the accused loses their right to anonymity the moment it is proven that the case is fraudulent. Ideally, the same anonymity that the accuser enjoys should be given to the accused until conviction. Even if the case is proven to be fraudulent, the accuser typically retains their anonymity while the accused (after having endured negative media attention) has to pick up what little is left of their shattered reputation and simply solider on.

Understandably, the stigma of a false allegation never completely goes away. With the technology being as advanced as it is, the ability to find the name and image of the accused before exoneration is easy. To this day, it is possible to locate web pages of both the Duke and the HOFSTRA cases before it was proven that these men were the victims of female rape.

The resistance to anonymity for the accused is both vast and outspoken. Ruth Hall, founder and chair of WAR believes that offering anonymity to rape suspects will undermine the very system through which they are prosecuted. According to Hall, women are still overwhelmingly the victims:

> "in fact women… need protecting, first from violent men- rape, sexual assaults and domestic violence are common crimes- and then from the criminal justice system which continues to be biased against women. Why in this context, is the government singling out men accused of rape for special protection?"(2).

With this statement, Hall seems to be intentionally overlooking the ordeals the innocent must endure. Long before jury selection, their image and name have been broadcast by the media and their reputations have been vilified. Another point is that minors accused of rape have automatic anonymity, yet no one advocates the removal of this right. Concurrently, this protection has not, in any way, hindered neither true nor false allegations against them.

Western society has come to crave sensationalism and it is the opinion of the author that, over time, that craving has both unintentionally and negatively obscured judgment. Innocent before guilty doesn't mean what it should. Innocent of the charges, likewise, has lost validity. The media contributes to this by not covering the exoneration with the same fervor as they direct toward the initial charges. The charge of rape is typically front page news while the exoneration of said charges is usually found somewhere in the middle of the paper if at all. If all one reads are the charges, then it becomes difficult to resist becoming one-sided. If those who falsely accuse were investigated with the same intensity as those they accused, then a reversal of this negative aspect upon society would begin, ironically, the politicization of rape crimes prevents the media from conducting business in this way to prevent any negative 'attention' befalling them.

Hall goes on to say, "we don't want to see men accused of rape getting special protection that people don't get for other crimes. Anonymity for men has already been tried, but the police said it hindered their investigations, because they could not put out calls for women who had been raped by the same man." Hall is, in the opinion of the author, deliberately ignoring the fact that rape is classified as a special crime in both the US and the UK. There is no other criminal case that provides anonymity for any of the victims or witnesses. There have been issues in murder trials where the witness is targeted by the very criminals they are testifying against, yet the idea of anonymity has never been considered. Using Hall's logic, if receiving anonymity constitutes "getting special attention" and she is so adamant that it should not be offered, then the alleged victim should not have it either. The point that Hall is missing in her second argument is the climate of rape has changed dramatically since the last time anonymity was proposed for the accused. Anonymity for the accused was last proposed at the beginning of the rape reformation law period and, at that point in time (when the victim was mistreated by the courts), truth was to be found in her statement. Now, not only have times changed, but the stigma surrounding the ordeal of reporting a rape has greatly diminished and the rate of false allegations have, likewise, increased to the detriment of the innocent. Another reason to favor providing anonymity for the accused concerns celebrity cases. When celebrities are accused of rape, it is not difficult for the public to identify the accuser. Celebrites accused will always undermine the anonymous system. If the accused are popular enough, there exists the possibility that those who are familiar with the accuser could potentially offer their names and images to unscrupulous members of the press for personal gain. This is

precisely what occurred during the rape trial of Los Angeles Lakers' player Kobe Bryant. Essentially, Bryant's celebrity status undermined the anonymity protection of the accuser.

Sam Jones, editorialist of The Guardian, a newspaper in the UK was able to obtain an interview with Jill Seward. Seward joins the cacophony of voices in opposition to the proposed anonymity for the accused idea. According to Saward, the changes would, "send a damaging message and may discourage victims from coming forward." Saward offers no empirical data to support this argument. As such, like Hall, Saward is guilty of using emotion and straw man arguments as the basis of her arguments. Both Hall and Saward seem to be living with the same mentality they exhibited back in the 1970s. They refuse to identify the problems with the current system and insist that all women are still being victimized by the court system.

On the introduction page of the Women Against Rape website, one is shown pictures of women during rallies and demonstrations. One such picture depicts a woman holding a poster that reads, "rape wasn't in my marriage vows." This coincides with WAR's widely held belief that women don't lie about rape and wives lie least of all. While it is certainly possible that women married to abusive mates suffer greatly at their hands, to say that no women are lying is a very naïve (perhaps sadistic) fabrication of events. A simple refute to this has been addressed by Rumney. In 1976, this very issue came up and the emphasis was on false allegations as they pertained to divorce proceedings. The passage Rumney quotes is as follows:

> When that stage of hatred is reached [during divorce], the more hurtful the allegation the more likely it is to be made…There does not have to be any evidence of injury. All that a woman has to do is to disarrange her clothes… In marriage, the charge [of rape] can be made with ease when the couple are living under the same roof… one must also have regard to the ease with which the allegation being made… there are many reasons why a woman could be vengeful towards her husband… Therefore, one has to be very careful (147).

Women like Hall and Saward fail to acknowledge what happens whenever a false allegation is made. False allegations cheapen the hard-fought modern view of rape and the sympathy that true victims deserve. False allegations also disenfranchise a segment of the population. The reason that false allegations don't have a more stringent penalty is largely due to the adherence of the two percent clause. If rape is really a special case unto itself, then there should always have been an included penalty for those who lie about it. LDFs won't even consider that because they either aren't concerned about innocent men or these prosecutions could potentially undo all their efforts and re-establish the pre-reformation rape law stigma of the 1970s. The truth upon the matter is this is precisely the mindset that will eventually indoctrinate society unless some action is taken in order to properly mete out equal justice. Another point to consider is that if the penalty for filing false charges is ever increased and those who file them are prosecuted on a regular basis, then the amount of recantations will potentially and drastically drop causing more innocent men to be wrongly imprisoned.

The last point to consider is the fact that false allegations exist in every corner of criminal law and rape is no different. Those disenfranchised the most by false rape allegations will be the ones who already carry this burden in other areas of criminal justice. In every other instance of the criminal justice process, African Americans and Hispanics are disproportionately represented. The same holds true for rape. For African American men among the socio-economic lower class (which, to be fair, also includes men of other races), a false allegation is especially damaging as they have fewer options for defense and cannot easily relocate. This forces them to endure this negative stigma forever. This type of pressure creates a type of mental surrender and robs the accused any chance of becoming a productive member of society. For African Americans, false allegations and the trial by media that follows have the same effect that the Jim Crow laws had upon African Americans in the 1950s.

The truth of the circumstances is this; just as other crimes are both falsely and under-reported, so too will be rape. Nothing will ever change that. The reporting of legitimate rape claims will never be 100 percent. Laws won't change or solve this issue as there are other forces in society that contribute to it. For instance, if an unmarried Muslim woman is raped anywhere in the world, it is unlikely that she will come forward as this ruins her chances of getting married because, according to her culture, she has now become soiled due to the loss of her virginity.

There is no law or statute that can be implemented which will eliminate false accusations and the negative stigma from such accusations is, in most cases, too oppressing to overcome. In light of this, anonymity for the accused until a verdict of guilty is passed is the only viable solution to ensure equal protection, as well as, equal justice under the law.

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Model for the Future? Communist East Germany, Say Women

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According to an article in the NYTimes, the East German Communist regime crafted a new, better kind of woman, and today's unified Germany should learn lessons from the totalitarian police state that was finally toppled along with the Berlin Wall at the end of the Cold War.

Today, women who grew up in Communist East Germany are supposedly more confident, mobile and happier with themselves than those from the West. Additionally, they make almost as much money as men on average, and are far more likely to be working mothers.

According to one working woman quoted in the article, the East was wrong to do such things as chain people to radiators in solitary confinement and force students to spy on each other, but it was better for women all the same. She says that the position of women was far better before the Communist state failed, but now Germany in general is headed in the "right direction" (i.e. becoming more like the Communist regime):

> …on women, the East was ahead. We are still far from where we were 20 years ago, but at least we are now moving in the right direction.

Washed Up Sex Writer Exposes Discontent

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Sometimes, an article seems portentous to me, like one of those wayward birds that the old pagans would take as an omen. When I came across a piece in Salon, written by a woman in her late 20s, that at first glance looks like another one of those hedged confessionals authorettes are so fond of writing, I found a hint of impending change.

Anna Davies, a New York writer along the lines of Carrie Bradshaw, has finally determined to stop detailing her sexual adventures in the big city. In an article titled "I'm done writing about my sex life," the 28-year-old woman explains how she got her start in the literary world, as many young women do today, by writing about sex.

Ms. Davies admits that she sought out ever more risquée and bizarre sexual encounters to provide grist for the publishers' mill, sometimes heading home "blackout drunk" with men the same day she met them.

Although Davies characterizes her work as something akin to "pole dancing," I'd say that's an understatement; it was more like straight up prostitution. She writes:

> In a way, tossing off pithy, 500-word pieces about sex for $100 a pop was beginning to feel a little bit like a one-night stand.

Actually, if you do the math, it appears that she was a relatively cheap prostitute as well, but her clients – various magazine publishers – apparently had the sexiness and prestige to get away with paying her so little for her efforts. It's a sad and timeless tale: girl goes to big city while young and attractive, wastes her youth as a working girl, and is washed up before she hits 30. By the time she realizes what she's done, and finally sees that she won't be rescued at the end of the day by some Mr. Big, it's already too late — she's got a reputation that will trail her for years.

What's different about this confessional, however, is that some of this regret comes through in Davies' writing, and it was actually published. This is why I see something revolutionary about the piece. Rather than celebrate her "liberation," the woman admits that people saw her as "young, dumb and déclassé," and not a serious writer. She looks back at her behavior and cringes; she knows people saw her as little more than some corn-fed, provincial whore.

For years we've been reading about how women empower themselves by stripping, promiscuity, and throwing all discretion to the wind. For those of us who still hold onto some atavistic notion of decency, the ceaseless barrage of media promoting this lifestyle and message is akin to a terror bombing campaign that seems almost deliberately crafted to demoralize us. Sadly, though, it probably isn't deliberate for the most part, but rather a result of greed, apathy and moral laziness. Humans have a tendency to lapse into complacency from time to time. In mass societies such as our own, these periods are magnified to monstrous proportions. And that there are those who defend this behavior should be no surprise — there's a lot of money in it, after all. It's no accident that feminists seek to set up a society of pimps and whores; they do have to make a living somehow, and they don't have much else to offer.

But now there's a hint of an awakening, a murmur of dissent from within the ranks. As the relentless recession marches on and the shock value of young women exposing themselves to the entire nation begins to wear off, the publishers are stooping even lower than the gutter into the very sewers in an effort to goad an increasingly jaded public into paying attention.

But it's hardly working. Instead, we're starting to see something else emerge: a tired, sullen boredom with it all. And it is when the people get bored that you know something is coming around the bend.

Stop Looking For a Wife: You Won't Find One

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As I look back on my life, I realize that one of the biggest misconceptions I had when I was younger was that wives actually existed. Like many men, I learned the hard way that they do not, and now I realize I'd simply been scammed. Far too many men have fallen victim to this con, and it's about time that we put some effort into eliminating it.

First, what is a wife? As many of us see it, a wife is a female who partners with a man and provides intimacy and support, and who contributes to the well-being of a family. Above all else, she is devoted to the family, and will sacrifice time, effort and even desire to hold it together. In short, she is the complementary image of a husband, with whom she *cooperates* in furtherance of this family ideal.

Such a naïve, flawed view of contemporary women came from a general lack of understanding about what they are, and ultimately from a projection of our own masculine attitudes about what is good and desirable in this world. This is why so many of us, as young men, had such a difficult time understanding why weddings are so important to women; to us the wedding was simply the gateway to this idealized world of the family — it was just a first step, a beginning.

For women, a wedding is not a beginning, but an end. It is a culmination of years of longing and preparation to be a bride, and marks a triumph and achievement. To understand this from a masculine perspective, think of the athlete who spends years training, dreaming and striving for victory. After all those years of struggle and discipline, practice and sweat, he finally gets the chance to compete in a stadium full of spectators. If he is the victor, he stands on the podium in front of the crowd, and is given his medal to his national anthem. This is a very emotional experience for many athletes, and a great joy. The bride standing at the altar is experiencing the same thing. It is her triumph — her wreath of laurels.

Little breeds a sense of entitlement more than victory, so marriage is tainted from the beginning by this triumphal celebration of the bride. Therefore, Western women go into marriage not as a wife, but as a conqueror. After that, to ask her to submit to – or even cooperate with – her husband would be akin to asking the triumphant athlete to resign himself to working the same dull, boring jobs his friends who never made the cut had to settle for. Some athletes may have the humility and grace to accept such a life without regret and bitterness, but obviously many will not.

But it doesn't start there. Wives are made, not born. Just as a wild mustang colt must be broken to the saddle, so must a woman be broken to wifely duties from childhood. And how is the woman-child made into a wife? Traditionally, methods varied by class, but what they all had in common was that she was put to work or kept very busy from a young age. A farmer's daughter would milk the cows, help her mother in the kitchen, sweep, sew, mend and tend the fire. Often, she would look after her younger siblings as well. Both her mother and father would hold her to her duties and warn her against vanity and daydreaming.

One might think that the daughters of the wealthy were spared such a regimen, but they had other matters to attend to. Thomas Jefferson, for example, outlined a very specific (and very busy) program for his 11-year-old daughter:

> With respect to the distribution of your time, the following is what I should approve:
> From 8. to 10. o'clock practise music.
> From 10. to 1. dance one day and draw another.
> From 1. to 2. draw on the day you dance, and write a letter next day.
> From 3. to 4. read French.
> From 4. to 5. exercise yourself in music.
> From 5. till bedtime, read English, write, &c.

Not only did he make sure to occupy her time as fully as possible, he demanded regular updates as well:

> I expect you will write me by every post. Inform me what books you read, what tunes you learn, and inclose me your best copy of every lesson in drawing. Write also one letter a week either to your Aunt Eppes, your Aunt Skipworth, your Aunt Carr, or the little lady from whom I now enclose a letter. . . . Take care that you never spell a word wrong. Always before you write a word, consider how it is spelt, and, if you do not remember it, turn to a dictionary. It produces great praise to a lady to spell well…

In addition to all these duties, he inculcated a sense of propriety, or, one might even say, shame:

> A lady who has been seen as a sloven or slut in the morning will never efface the impression she has made, with all dress and pageantry she can afterwards involve herself in…
>
> I do not wish you to be gayly clothed at this time of your life, but that what you wear should be fine of its kind; but above all things, and all times let your clothes be clean, whole, and properly put on…Nothing is so disgusting to our sex as a want of cleanliness and delicacy in yours.

Looks pretty harsh, doesn't it? In fact, these letters have been taken as proof of Jefferson's misogyny, but it may simply be that Jefferson, a very prolific letter writer, was raising his daughters according to norms of the time. Rather than being exceptionally strict, I suspect he was simply exceptionally prolific in his written correspondence, and when modern women read the reality of the time they are horrified because they can't possibly imagine what hell it must have been to be female before being spoiled became a "right."

It wasn't any better for contemporaneous Virginian men, who were subjected to a great deal more physical brutality than women, and expected to sacrifice their very lives on principles of honor. Minor infractions such as soldiers filching an extra few drams of whiskey were punishable by brutal lashings, and insults often occasioned fatal duels. They were different times — times most of us are happy to leave in the past.

Perhaps women raised before the 1950s – women whose parents would have been strongly affected by Depression-era values – were still raised to be wives, but after postwar prosperity took hold the inclination waned. It was seen as unnecessary cruelty to treat girls in that manner, and while boys, whose fathers were often psychologically (and sometimes physically) scarred war veterans, still took a drubbing for some time, the natural human tendency to indulge children, and girls in particular, took hold. By the 1970s, only a few fundamentalist Christians and Orthodox Jews were still raising their daughters to be proper wives, but these women are generally off-limits for your typical secular or lightly religious Westerner. That may be for the best, because I doubt your typical Western man would know how to handle a wife any better than he knows how to ride a horse.

However, despite the dramatic changes in society, the idea of the "wife" still persists. Although we know that the cowboy on horseback is largely a thing of the past, most of his duties replaced by trucks, feed lots and barbed wire, we still persist in this notion that there is such a thing as a wife, that they are all around us, and that they can be found easily, attracted by shining amulets of crystalline carbon, whereupon they begin magically cleaning house, preparing meals and producing children.

If someone were to tell young men that with a little pixie dust they could fly like Tinkerbell, they could hardly be making a more absurd statement than in telling them that a contemporary Western woman will, upon marriage, become a helpful, cooperative and cheerful wife, but I suppose hope springs eternal.

One could say that part of the blame lies with the amulet and dream dealers – the media and corporations who profit from the marriage industry – but that would be to miss the big picture; these people are simply taking advantage of a demand, like all businessmen. In fact, what they sell tends to reflect rather than influence society. Take two Disney movies for example: *Snow White* and *Cinderella*.

With a couple of small children under my wing, I've had a lot of time to catch up on old Disney movies, and they

speak volumes about the times they were produced.

Snow White was released in 1937, during the Great Depression. She is a modest, but cheerful young beauty who hides when she first sees the prince. Menaced and nearly assassinated on the orders of her wicked queen stepmother, a powerful, aggressive seductress, witch and prototypical feminist who hates Snow White for her kind, tender ways and youthful beauty, she flees into the forest, where she finds the hard-working dwarves, who are bachelor miners. Needing some protection she endears herself to the little men by cheerfully cleaning, cooking, baking pies, singing, dancing, etc. Finally, she wins over even Grumpy Dwarf, the Ur MGTOW who has little use for women. Much adventure ensues, in which she is poisoned by the feminist queen, who is subsequently chased to her doom by the furious dwarves. Sad to lose their pretty little helpmeet, the dwarves construct a glass coffin so that her beauty will not be hidden, and her prince finally finds her and awakens her from her slumber with a kiss, upon which they leave to presumably go on to become husband and wife. Note that there is no wedding in the movie.

Snow White, a girl who cheerfully cooks and cleans for short, stout and bald working men and brings some feminine grace and genuine kindness into the mix as well is an example of the old ideal wife. Not every man would get a Snow White, but he could at least expect that women aspired to be somewhat like her as wives and, most importantly, were expected to be so.

Just 13 years later, after the war that changed everything, Disney released another fairytale movie: *Cinderella*. Like Snow White, Cinderella was the victim of a cruel stepmother who forced her to work as a maid, but her attitude shows a marked difference. Not only does she bitch and moan about housework, she even indulges the household pests, bringing them food and protecting them from the cat.

The plot in *Cinderella* revolves around a royal ball in which the prince must choose a wife at the insistence of his father. The ball therefore represents female competition along the lines of the modern mating ritual, where females deck themselves out in all manner of finery and compete for the alpha male's attention. Again, here is another departure from Snow White. Rather than the modest, bashful young princess waiting for a prince to sweep her away, we have a horde of women descending on a giant dance floor competing for the prize, a desirable male who is reluctant to commit. It's a scene one can see today in clubs in big cities.

After a catfight and some subsequent hocus pocus, Cinderella emerges victorious in the contest to win the prince's affection, and the king tracks her down by means of one of the high-heeled shoes she left behind. A fabulous wedding in a palace ensues, and the movie is over.

Cinderella is the template upon which today's girls structure their dreams. Their overriding goal is to win their reluctant prince and stand victorious over the other women at the altar. That's it. Once it's over and they are married, it's all a big letdown. The man is no longer a groom and princely, there are screaming kids and filthy clothes and dishes, no more people are honoring her and the gown is in a box. Drudgery was never part of the bargain, and who the hell is this schlub sitting on the couch watching football to expect a princess to fix him dinner?

So there we have it: there are no more wives, only brides; no more marriages, only weddings. And this change in our society happened over half a century ago.

It's time we took the concepts of the wife and marriage put them in a museum. Some will say that you can keep your wife and marriage if you run Game on your wife, but let's be honest here: if you have to Game her to keep her she ain't your wife – she's your girlfriend at best – and you aren't married in the real sense of the word, but shacking up.

As for the Christian preachers out there who say that all you have to do to obtain and keep a wife is provide and be godly, they are liars and fools who pervert the message of their professed religion. It is akin to a Christian saying that salvation can come from good works alone, i.e. Heresy. Their message to young men is dangerous and reprehensible, as young Christian men are no better protected than anyone else, and actually serves as justification for women looking for a convenient excuse to annihilate a family.

So, to the young men out there, I'll say this loud and clear:

Wives and marriages are like unicorns and leprechauns. If you want to grow up and get on with your life you'd best quit looking for them. You might find a woman, maybe even a decent one, but you'll no more find a wife than I'll catch a mermaid in my crab pot.

Expecting the impossible is always a recipe for disaster, so I sincerely hope that young men take this lesson to heart.

The End of Relationships? Where Does "Love" Fit In?

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By Graeme of couplesoncouples.com

What Love is Not: Rationalized Attraction

I don't have a background of social rejection or humiliation like many of the well known guys in the dating community. But I do have a quick story that I would like to share with you to bring this point to bear, that will give you a key insight into how relationships work for the average guy. The story comes from my high school years, and I will include some commentary to help with the illustration.

I had a crush on a girl. She had blonde hair, hips, and a feminine swagger that intimidated the best of men around her. She was Christian, polite and friendly — and a rich girl too. I got her number from her sister, and began running the old text game. We dated for a couple of months, and it was great; epic memories of ice skating, movies and hanging out. One vacation, however, I went on a sports tour, and I…I kind of cheated on her. But I didn't actually do anything, I just took it to a level with a girl where anything could have happened. My guy friends ratted me out to her. She dumped me. I moved schools soon after, but for years I would still be attracted to this girl. I would think about her all the time, and we would still text each other regularly. A few guys and girls went in and out of our lives, on both sides, but I always thought of her as that perfect girl who I could live my life with. I invited her to an impressive dance that we held at my high school one night, and I took the "date" very seriously. I remember drinking a lot, and helping her drink a lot too – things looked like they were going well. I found out the next week that she had made out with two guys besides me that night, including my sports captain and my roommate.

I can't blame her, it wasn't a date. Just a guy with an infatuation asking a girl to a party full of high social value guys, and getting her pretty wasted to add. But I was distraught about it. How could this girl, who was so "perfect", do something so wrong like this? I didn't even believe it until she confirmed it to me later that day ("So what?" she said). I quit sports, I quit socializing, and I started to go to a low place. It's not that it's such a big deal, it was just such a shock to me that she would do something so "unexpected". Looking back, it's clear what had happened — it happens every day the world over, from college dorm rooms to nightclubs. It happens when we try to rationalize attraction. As a teenager, I knew very little about what it takes for someone to be attracted to another person. I was just a kid, and this was my first major crush. I thought it was something more than it was; I thought that it was love. The only reason I would feel such a powerful emotion for a girl, I thought, was that she was an amazing person. But it turns out that lame girls grow tits too, and soon after my fall, I realized that she was actually pretty stupid, had no real talents for anything, had huge insecurities that made her seek validation from guys all the time and led a rather sad existence. But "love" conquers all, and I sure didn't see all that at the time.

Is There a Place for Love in Our Society? Trusting Women, Trusting Yourself

After a guy has been going out for a long time, and thinking about attraction between men and women, he discovers many interesting and startling (disturbing?) things. He may discover that women really want and enjoy sex, probably a lot more than men do (validation from sex aside). He learns that there is a difference between a man who is attractive to a woman because he can provide a lot of comfort for her (the provider), and a man who is sexy because he has strong masculine qualities (the lover). He knows that many women will settle for a provider, and be attracted to a lover, and this alone is one reason these guys will never venture into relationship land. But is there any merit in being in a monogamous relationship with a woman? Is there such a thing as "true love"?

In short, no, I don't believe in the classic idea of love — not in the way it is portrayed in movies, and not in the classics either. That's because the ordinary understanding of love is simply an effect born out of pair bonding, where if a suitable man and woman share enough experiences, sex being the most important, they bond together. The reason this is so strong in humans is because human infants are born almost two years prematurely (due to our brains growing so quickly). This means that the pregnant woman and baby need constant provision for at least 3

years until the baby is able to fend for itself to some extent. Thus we have love. Thus we have attachment, thus we have jealousy. Thus we have Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. To idealize this process is to deny reality. To think within your first year of relationship that those feelings will continue forever, is to blind yourself from the stark truth that that which you call love, is simply a powerful feeling evolved to keep two people committed for a short number of years.

So what is there to look forward to, a good friendship? As long as you aren't consistently demonstrating high sexual value to your partner, he or she is still going to be attracted to others around you. Generally, if you want to avoid being cheated on or dumped, you going to have to consistently work on keeping your partner attracted – this is the responsibility of both partners. Open relationships (polyamory) have become more popular lately due to the unravelling of this truth, but many people are afraid to opt for this because of the complications that arise. So where to for relationships? Is the institution of monogamous relationships dying?

How to Make Relationships Work

Rule one: relax. Once you know the basic truth, that the feelings of "love" are mostly superficial evolutionary processes designed to create ego attachment, that your partner will find others attractive, and that monogamous relationships are an insanity probably brought about by the Catholic Church, you're free to make it really work. As funny as that sounds (and I hope that does sound funny to you), accepting these ideas is incredibly liberating. It means that you no longer need to effort to hold contradictory and illusory conceptions in your mind about what is really happening. You can stop lying to your partner that she in the only woman in the world that you would want to sleep with, and stop wondering if you're the only one she's thinking of. Because the whole thing is a farce, but a brilliantly entertaining play, where you have a certain character, and your partner has another, and together you make magic on stage. My partner has a feminine beauty. I am completely fulfilled in every way in my life, but when she dances, it adds more to my life. And maybe I could find that somewhere else, but after all this time together, the particular style and rhythm of her beauty has become my beauty of choice, and there is nowhere else to look. Hello Love.

If you were to switch from partner to partner whenever you felt more attracted to someone else, it may be fun for a while, but it would never fulfil you. You would be left with the same dissatisfaction of the typical man that can't get a women to be attracted to him, or of the man stuck in a relationship that he doesn't want. That is the bizarre nature of human life. So it's not that relationships are impossible, or that there is some sort of ideal "true love", but rather it is about understanding the absurdity of the situation, and running with it in any case. In such a way, you are completely open to the undiluted texture and flavor of your partner, which you can cherish and enjoy without attachment.

Is Honor Obsolete?

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By Meistergedanken

As a concept, honor has certainly dropped out of sight in modern society. It is seemingly a quaint, outmoded idea that only lingers on in references during matrimonial ceremonies and in military settings (reminding me of how when I was a child I often confused the words “marital” and “martial” – there’s a joke in there somewhere!). Teens aspire to be considered cool, or hip, or popular, or even funny, but they seldom yearn to be perceived as honorable.

To me, Honor is a Virtue, like Loyalty, or Courage, and as such possesses inherent value. But not only that, it is the supreme Virtue and towers over the others because it provides a framework for behavior that can serve as a guide in situations fraught with uncertainty, peril or temptation. Hence, we often hear of a “code of honor”. Honor is also a great aid in facilitating self-control, and the stifling of base impulses, and thus is a particularly masculine trait.

The lone man stranded on a deserted isle has no need for honor. But as soon as men interact with others, particularly those not part of our families or circles of friends, the need for it begins to arise and swiftly grows urgent. The need for fairness, for civility, respect and trust manifests itself, and this need is satisfied (or left unfulfilled) via behavior and action. That is why a given man is said to act honorably (or dishonorably, as the case may be). It is rare indeed that a man is described as thinking honorably. And honorable feelings? Emotions are irrelevant. The honorable man acts a certain way not because of how he feels, but because he recognizes it is the right thing to do, and his reason allows him to conclude this. The unavoidable emphasis on action again tells us that honor is a masculine trait.

Linguistically, we rightly speak of honoring commitments, and honoring contracts. This nicely encompasses the generally separate worlds of family and business that consume the bulk of a man’s time, and where it behooves a man to comport himself with integrity. Where responsibility or trust is required, a modicum of honor is vital in maintaining it.

I think that in the eyes of many, honor is inextricably bound to reputation. For example, the daughter who brings shame upon her family negatively impacts the family’s reputation, thereby dishonoring them (how to equitably address this dishonor is another matter entirely). Thus, it is in the anonymous throngs of large urban centers that honor withers away. No one knows you, so reputation, unless you run in certain professional circles, is just not part of the equation. In this sense we can see that urban environments are fundamentally artificial and unwholesome, breeding grounds for rampant suspicion, isolation, and alienation. It is a paradox of the human condition, then, that as honor weakens in cities, law enforcement becomes more important, even as it becomes less effective and more problematic.

On the other hand, one can make the argument that honor concurrently has a personal, as well as a public aspect – and that this dimension is perhaps primary. Who has not heard of “keeping true to oneself” and adhering to a personal code of conduct? It is an important distinction to keep in mind that the Law is imposed on us from without, while Honor is imposed on us from within. The honorable man thus is characterized by self-determination and exercises his freewill within the constraints of the code he espouses. It is a self-regulating system capable of producing a harmonious ethical balance.

Honor is integral to the epic ongoing struggle of the Modern Age, ushered in by the Industrial Revolution: of the personal versus the public, and of the individual versus the collective. The latter has been gaining in ascendency for some time, but the increasing complexity of technology, communications and information systems, the global economy and all the rest merely means that a complete collapse becomes ever more likely, if not inevitable. As such, I would argue that not only is honor not obsolete, but it is more important than ever.

Honor, at least the public component of it, diminishes in influence in societies impartially governed by law.

Conversely, it remains strong in chaotic societies, where one's justice must be seized, because no officer of the court is available or can be trusted to procure justice for you. This recognized fact, through "guilt by association", has unfortunately imbued honor with the distasteful taint of barbarism. Regardless, as society begins to unravel, as more police get laid off, as prisons become unaffordable, as the government becomes increasingly impotent, and as the population becomes increasingly disaffected, the rule of law will correspondingly weaken. Perhaps a benefit of this is that honor will once again become prevalent and paramount in the social interactions between men. I think it is time we deliberately cultivate a sense of honor, so that when the moment comes, we will not turn into complete savages during society's imminent graceless denouement. When the dust finally settles, we will poke our heads above the rubble and say, "now what?" At that time I hope it will be instinctive for us to extend a hand to our fellow man and offer the assurance of decency.

Nature, Incentives and Penalties Drive Behavior

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By Sandman

People respond to incentives and penalties. There is more of a thing when there is an incentive (women have an incentive to divorce and make false accusations because of the financial reward). There is less of a thing when there is a penalty (men are reluctant to marry because of the high risk of financial destruction and forced separation from potential children in a divorce).

These behaviors do not benefit society, civilization or children. Women are generally less happy than in the past. Someone must pay for that unhappiness and it is MEN. Collectively women further the exact situation that causes their unhappiness. It is ironic that women are happier when they are restrained from to acting on their folly. Men take a longer view when making most decisions. Women usually base their decisions on the state of their emotions at the time of the decision.

Why do ordinary men and hedonists understand the reasons that Marriage is Down & Dystopia is Up but the religious do not? Civil Unions and Shared Parenting is not the answer. Men are avoiding marriage for rational reasons. Avoidance of marriage will continue because a man will often do a risk/reward analysis in order to act in his best interest. Is it rational for a man to embrace unilateral indentured servitude or to play poker when the deck is stacked against him?

Men already have been avoiding marriage. Over the last 9 years, the percentage of married adults in the U.S. has dropped from 57% to 52%, a record low. The state of the economy is blamed, but this is delusional. Men, in general, do not irrationally fear commitment, if it is fair, reciprocal, equal and binding on both parties. As such the problem is “civil marriage” and not “marriage.”

In any case, the U.S. divorce industry is facing a bleak future. With housing prices down and many mortgages underwater, there is no money to extract from selling the marital house. With high unemployment, it will be increasingly difficult to impute income to men. The state can ill afford jailing all the men that fall behind on generous/onerous spousal maintenance and child support obligations. Quite a quandary!

Even though the female divorce incentive is economically unsustainable, women should lobby to remove it. Since women generally act in the moment, they will happily forego the potential of a future divorce payoff for the immediate desire to marry. Most women WANT to be married and will easily trade away the divorce incentive to get married NOW.

There is an exception by which women take a longer view: A woman will unite with other women to work with a single-minded focus to remove the obstacle to her desire (both good desires and distorted desires). All men have to do is create a path for this to happen, and women will do all the work to improve that path. This is the basis for my belief that the Catholic Church should opt out of “civil marriage.”

Catholics should lobby for exemption from “civil marriage.” Then all could choose the unencumbered option to be religiously married with the traditional “for better, for worse, til death do us part” covenant. In the event of a separation, there would be no divorce and the only remedy would be “annulment,” which the Catholic Church already handles through canon law. Other non-Catholic denominations would have to develop their own systems. A religious non-civil marriage is also a public marriage, rather than private or hidden, which I mention to negate a bogus religious criticism of this concept.

Civil custody issues would still ensue but may be less acrimonious and somewhat less frequent because of the reduced financial windfall of alimony/spousal maintenance.

Why not mandate that civil marriage be performed by a civil authority? Stop mandating that Priests and Pastors be

instruments of the state by presiding over civil marriage formation, thus creating future fodder for the civil divorce/custody industry. If a couple wants to be both civilly and religiously married then there should be two ceremonies, one religious and one civil. But the churches should not make the civil ceremony a prerequisite for the religious ceremony. The concept of "separation of church and state" would seem contrary to subservience of church to the state.

A religiously married spouse could receive "partner benefits," the same as if it were a gay partner. Women would actually fight for this cause. This turns the tables on the homosexual and feminist activists and lets all men participate in the benefits they have won.

The Catholic Church and other churches commonly abandoned fathers. Churches refuse to recognize the rights and responsibilities of a father to his children, all because of the divorce and false allegations acted upon by the civil family court. Still, it is the civil authorities that have planted the seeds of destruction and watered them to germinate. The Bishops and Priests in the Catholic Church were blind to the effects of No-Fault Divorce at the time it was foisted upon the unaware population.

I advocate reclaiming the definition of "Catholic Marriage" as it existed prior to the changes Luther promoted in 1525. Let society do what it wants but let the Catholic Church to be one of the shining lights of truth and shelter from the destructive tendencies of society. Imagine a bulwark against the financial incentive for women to divorce (70% are filed by women) and enclave of support for a father's continual involvement in his children's lives. This "castle keep" could be protection from the siege of financial incentives for women to make false allegations, which is all too common during the divorce process.

In the past 500 years marriage has devolved from a covenant to a contract to a status (or possibly from a 2-party contract to a 3-party sham contract). Government, rather than supporting the supposed contract, now supports and rewards the party violating the supposed contract under the guise of No-Fault Divorce.

There is a great opportunity in the marriage issue for the Catholic Church and other Christian church denominations to "be wise as serpents and innocent as doves," as stated in Matthew 10:16. Why do I primarily advocate for the Catholic Church to take these measures? For three reasons: 1) I am Catholic, 2) The Catholic Church has a structure and hierarchy to promote this, 3) The Catholic Church is large enough to be influential.

As an Evangelical Protestant convert to the Catholic Church, I have also studied "Game", "Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body" and "Socionomics (Elliott Wave Theory)." It is amazing how certain aspects are complementary and consistent with concepts voiced in the Men's Rights Movement and recent behavioral/medical research. Men and women are different and think differently. Equality of the sexes is not sameness, rather it is complementarity.

An analysis of the "nature of women" and "The Fall," is insightful. Genesis 3:16 includes a curse (penalty and repercussions) on women and some Bible translations use the phrase "yet your desire shall be for your husband,". Although this was written in a different time, it may be useful to read this commentary on Genesis 3:16, – here.

Genesis is not strictly factual, rather it is mythological, in order to convey truths that transcend a literal interpretation. The desire of a woman for a man is a good thing but is inclined to become distorted. In Genesis 3:16 the woman's "desire for her husband" is not a blessing but a curse. It does not describe a good desire, but rather a distorted desire. I infer that it is her desire to possess her husband. As an example, if I were to say, "My desire is for a Mercedes-Benz E-Class Cabriolet," then it would be reasonable to infer that I desire to possess it. Similarly, it is reasonable to infer that a woman would desire to possess a man, which includes the benefits of his support and unending control of the fruits of his labor. Is this not the case today?

But there is another phrase in Genesis 3:16 that should temper the curse, and is necessary because of the curse. There is a control on her distorted desire, "and he shall rule over you." This is similar to inserting graphite control rods into a nuclear reactor to control and prevent a run-away reaction. This is a positive thing since if the woman achieves her distorted desire, she will experience sorrow. His "rule" will not always feel good, but it results in a

better outcome than if she fulfilled her distorted desire. Sometimes a man's "rule" will be tyrannical, but is usually benevolent. History bears this out. After all, it was men that built farms, engines, machines, factories, cities, roads, bridges, houses, power plants, the electrical grid, pipelines, refineries, mines, railroads, ships, ports, stores, schools, universities, other infrastructure, and men instituted democracy. Men did all this while providing for their families, improving the lives of women and reducing the burden of household labor. This all seems very benevolent, but I do not believe that men would have done all these things were it not for the drive to make things better for their wives and children.

Why did women rarely participate in building the infrastructure of civilization? Were women oppressed? First, such work was dangerous and men commonly died doing this work, which protected the lives of women. This doesn't sound very oppressive. Second, women didn't want to do this kind of work, so men did not force then to do it. Third, women were consumed with the drudgery of the task of maintaining the home. Men freed women from that drudgery which allowed women to choose to take jobs outside the home. That is what women said they wanted. Now the modern woman has the freedom (and requirement) to have a job, maintain her independent household and pay for childcare, since a man is really not necessary. No wonder so many women are sorrowful! Meanwhile women unconsciously bow to the altar of feminism, which has endowed them with the wonderful freedom from "oppression."

Certainly there was a curse (penalty and repercussions) placed upon men after "The Fall." That is a topic for another article, but the absence of that analysis herein, does not negate these points and this opinion. Part of a man's curse was to sweat and it took a lot of sweat to build civilization.

It seems that men need women and women need men. Otherwise most men would still be living in a cave and occasionally catching fish and hunting deer. This is the essence of Men Going Their Own Way (MGTOW). It sounds appealing to me although not particularly motivating! The reality is that when men are marginalized, civilization suffers and will eventually fall. Dr. Stephen Baskerville alludes to this in his this recent interview – here.

Modern women are experiencing the sorrow in success of the pursuit of their "distorted desire." Women will fight each other over a man, will fight each other if no man is involved, but commonly unite against a man that neither wants, or against men in general. Women commonly support a "sister" so she can extract the fruits of a man's labor, when her "sister" no longer has use for a particular man. This is not all women, but too many (NAWALT but TMWALT). Does this result in happiness or in sorrow?

Generally, a man acts consistently with the nature of men and a woman acts consistently with the nature of women. It is a simple matter to study these natures, as experienced in the modern world and as expressed throughout history. After doing this, I have no problem trusting a woman, because I can generally trust a woman to act like a woman, according to her nature. Many aspects of a woman's nature are delightful. But it is a huge mistake to trust a woman to act like a man. This is a profound understanding, and each individual man should contemplate the meaning. I, in turn, will act according to integrity and principles.

I live in the modern world, not utopia, so I am not holding my breath waiting for these changes.

For those non-religious and non-Catholic, I hope I contributed to the mutual objective of reestablishing the perceived value of men. It is not my intension to religiously "convert" you. I appreciate the charity of The Spearhead to host exploration of related religious issues. Such things are relevant to non-religious, even if only from a historical perspective. An opinion article such as this would not be welcome on most religious sites.

For further contemplation, there are some insightful discussions on marriage at The Thinking Housewife blog:

Marriage and Civil Resistance

The Egalitarian Marriage is Doomed

The Catholic Conspiracy of Silence on Feminism

The Modern Woman's Self-Deception

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I made a comment here and was asked if I could expand on it in article form, so these are some thoughts on the way women work, and about how we cause our own problems in relationships with men. I have been reading some of the pick-up artist blogs and they seem to have some good insight into how women work that has helped open my eyes quite a bit, so I must give credit where it's due, but it doesn't hurt (for women especially) to hear it from a woman as well, especially as the PUAs tend to be pretty unforgiving in their assessments.

This also expands a bit on my earlier post on this topic.

One commenter said the following:

He may even stray on his wife, but normally when he does he still feels a strong bond to his wife.

To which I responded:

This is the problematic part for most women I think. On the one hand, we do want a man that other women find attractive, on the other, we want him all to ourselves. It's a bit of a double bind, because if we perceive a man as not arousing sexual interest in other women, he stops arousing it in us, but when we see that he does arouse other women, we get insanely jealous. I guess that's the "sexual value" part of how we work, and why women fight over a man with a higher perceived sexual value. Not to mention how PUAs work us.

To take it a little further, this is something I think most women have struggled with – and in defining what is and what isn't "cheating," because it *hurts* when some other woman has the attention of the man you are with. There's just no way around that unless you date/marry someone no one else wants, then of course you're back to the old problem that then you don't want him either.

I don't know what the answer is besides suffering in silence, which seems to most of us kind of tragic and unfair, not to mention unfashionably stoic. Fighting about it won't resolve it though, so somehow all that's left is to accept a certain level of imperfection. If we could attain perfection, we would instantly become bored anyway. We also have to fight the urge to make a man into a project. We all know what happens with that – if we are successful in remaking him, we find him too malleable and therefore unattractive and not manly enough. If we do not succeed, we come to a crossroads at which we have to decide what it is we really want. What we *say* we want means nothing; it's what we do that counts. Women need to look at what (and who) they do in order to get a clear picture of what drives them, without rationalizing their "bad boy" complex. The ideal beta male most women describe as what they want is definitely practical, good for long term stability and so on, but they are in denial of their basic sexual natures if they claim to find that a major turn-on. For the good beta male, no doubt this can be very painful, probably more so than the tendency for men to have a wandering eye that can be painful to a decent woman, because it speaks to the core of who he is, not just his physical attractiveness. There is a difference between reasonable and unreasonable expectations and women have a whole lot of unreasonable expectations.

I feel it necessary to say, before I am accused of excusing a man's infidelity, that it is reasonable to expect, in a contracted relationship (marriage or some agreement that the relationship is exclusive and long term), that each partner stay faithful to one another and that there is enough trust and comfort that each partner feels he or she can admit to temptations and simply air them without fear of attack. If that means someone has to be left alone for a cooling off period before reasonable discussion can resume, that's what needs to happen. I also am not saying nice betas are doomed – it's a matter, I think, of women being more honest with themselves (at which I can already hear some of you scoffing) in order that they might make better decisions based on the desire for long term stability. It's not like men don't do this; do you really think they never get an urge to stray and find some novelty? But that's just it – the desire for novelty is also innate in humans to an extent and we live in a culture that relentlessly encourages novelty seeking through consumerism and affairs (the success of Ashley Madison being a prime example).

One point to remember is that no relationship is going to be “perfect,” whatever that might mean. There’s an old Zen tradition I believe where even in painting a room, a part is left unpainted so as to represent the imperfection of life. It’s hard to get over the romantic desire for an all-encompassing relationship, in which two people are like “soul mates” for whom there is no other – and maybe it’s futile to try – but that can only go so far, and there is always an element of *choosing* to make a person into one’s animus/anima. The shine always wears off after the initial bonding stage of a relationship, and that’s where a certain amount of work is needed. Not spirit crushing, constant dissection and discussion, but just some effort, which might just be the effort it takes to be quiet and non-judgemental, to just enjoy each other’s presence in silence.

There will be times where we get a bit lazy, and the effort comes in pulling ourselves out of that. It’s the same in every aspect of life – work gets boring, child-rearing gets tedious – but it’s up to us to lift ourselves up somehow. This requires a capacity for forgiveness and a lack of hubris that so many of today’s women lack completely. We have been trained by the feminist establishment to believe we *deserve* to have our every ridiculous desire and whim fulfilled (you can have it all!) just for breathing, and humility and submission are seen as dirty words. Instead we’ll tend to live by the maxim “get even” (I’d say “don’t get mad, get even,” but boy do we get mad, so I left off the first part). The trouble is, by doing that we only add more garbage to the pile and we have to live with the stink of it too. It’s also not loving behaviour.

Once we realize how we’ve been duped by unattainable fantasies and how we are hard wired to find certain qualities in a potential mate attractive, we can be more honest with ourselves and save time as well as heartbreak and in many cases, ruination for one or both partners. I’ve made my share of mistakes, which I regret every day, so I’m left with the following options: look coldly at it all, or fool myself. No doubt there are many women my age who come to this crossroads in life, after relationship failures and divorce, finding themselves single and competing with a younger crop of available women. The proliferation of “cougar” fare speaks to that, but there is more than a whiff of delusion and desperation there and it is simply not useful as well as being the logical next step in feminist brainwashing in the name of “empowerment.” The idea of competing with my daughters for the same males is just sick to me, but that is more or less what we have right now, and it’s pathetic. The lack of ability to face reality in this culture is astounding really and I simply look on with bemused wonder at it all. When will we grow up?

A possible answer is when younger women look at where older women who have lived as they are now, brainwashed by feminism, have ended up and decide they don’t want that fate for themselves. I’d like to think that by writing and talking about it, some of them can be reached and disabused of the lies they have been fed about “empowerment” and see that adopting male vices doesn’t empower them, but enslaves and disenfranchises them, and leaves the good guys with few viable options except to simply opt out of monogamy and marriage altogether, look elsewhere or become a Mennonite. Stoic resistance is a hard sell in our current culture, but it is still something worth bringing up and thinking about, because what we’re doing now is clearly not working.

Cartoon: The Pot Calling the Kettle Gay

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Since we started making these cartoons, commenters have accused me of being a virgin, gay and a rapist. I imagine most Spearhead writers and readers are also accused of being "gay, virgin, rapists" so here's a cartoon that has some fun at the expense of our accusers.

From Lone Nut Comics

Comment of the Week: Four Strikes and Still Swinging

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Every now and then some comments are so bad that they are good. Friday's post on the disappearance of the wife from Western society drew a few of these.

In addition to being very funny, the winner and following comment is a perfect example of a failure to connect the dots:

As the ideal submitting sweet helpful wife – 4 times now – I end up leaving every husband because of their self destructive addictions of sex/strippers/drugs and or alcohol. I have had no problem being the helpful wife and wild sex kitten in the bedroom- besides the fact that I am a fit beautiful former model and make lots of money and cook and clean. But why should I put 110 % into a marriage when he is wasting our money and health etc etc with whores? 90% of my divorced girlfriends were the model wives you say do not exist — they all left their cheating and irresponsible husbands! The other 10% were cheating too so they did not care. All you men whine and cry about how marriage is dead but the porn industry is sure making a huge profit …So instead of lamenting the poor state of women/wives why not write articles that educate young men to not become victims of porn and drugs! Help men to become real men. I remember reading lots of angry articles from Henry Makow complaining about western women only to find out later that he was a porn sex addict! Instead of pointing your fingers at women start looking at yourselves in the mirror!

-jennifer

Jennifer boasts that she is a "fit beautiful former model" and "wild sex kitten" yet cannot understand why the guys who marry her are so interested in pornography, prostitutes, strippers and the like. Actually, if you open up the prostitute advertisements in one of your local weekly sex rags, you might find a hooker advertising herself as… A fit model and sex kitten (or vixen)!

A woman who has married four times is not all that far from a prostitute herself, and may only differ in that she's managed to obtain more property through sex than your typical stripper. But Jennifer's comment does illustrate the attitude of contemporary American women, who think that being sexy is the most important prerequisite for being a "wife." In truth, it is not a wife for whom that is most important, but a harlot.

If anything, Jennifer is the poster girl for rotating polyandry.

For runner up, I found another off-the-mark comment, this time written by a man:

I think it depends on what type of woman you are looking at to become your wife.

There are many unattractive women, and single mommies that would love to have a husband and be the wives like our grandmas.

But if you are looking for super model to be your wife then everything that you wrote is correct.

-Dan

First, Dan must be pretty clueless if he thinks "single mommies" can be "wives like our grandmas." Does he have any idea what our grandmas thought of single mommies? There's a very pleasant park down the street a little ways from where I live that used to be an institution for girls. It was a sort of reform school for girls who came to the attention of the court for, among other things, getting knocked up. Ironically, it is also where Mary K. LeTourneau was last arrested with her pubescent lover before finally being sent to prison.

Their instruction was as follows:

> In all things, the effort is to maintain at the school a home atmosphere. Many of the girls have never known

> what this means, and they frequently develop remarkably under its influence. . . . In addition to regular school work, the girls learn to do all the work of a home—cooking, serving, canning, sewing, mending, darning, laundry work, housekeeping, and gardening. Industrial work occupies about three hours per day for each girl.

Single mommies were viewed as delinquents who needed to be molded into acceptable wives in an institutional setting. Even then, her value as a wife would have been considerably lower than girls who avoided having illegitimate children. The school was set up specifically to train the girls to be at least decent wives, which at the time was considered the most effective and humane method of reform. It offered them a chance at redemption as women.

Today, sadly, these girls would probably compare favorably as wives to the typical American female. This is a tragic reminder of the depths to which our civilization has sunk.

However, a contemporary single mother has only proven one thing: she has absolutely no regard for our grandmothers' values.

As for Dan's suggestion that unattractive women make good wives, he's wrong. A woman's looks have nothing to do with her legal advantages over men in marriage, and may actually serve to make her more likely to cheat for "validation."

College Party Sparks Rape Drug Hysteria

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When a number of extremely intoxicated youths in tiny Roslyn Washington started to sicken and, in some cases pass out, some of the young women became convinced that their drinks had been spiked with rohypnol, also known as “roofies,” which can cause people to lapse into a catatonic state.

Police arrived, sent for ambulances, and upon finding a young man in bed with a woman seized him and arrested him.

Local and then national news immediately picked up on the story, running sensationalist reports of a dozen women being drugged in some “nefarious” plot by a shadowy cabal of men bent on violating their honor:

> Most of the victims were young women who attend Central Washington University. Detectives are now investigating whether they were given spiked drinks to render them defenseless against a sexual assault, but were saved by the timely arrival of police at the scene.

From KOMO news:

> It’s certainly a concern we have — that the women were targeted moreso than the men for possibly nefarious reasons,” said Rosyln-Cle Elum Police Chief Scott Ferguson. “The majority of the people affected by the drugs were females.

I suggest watching the KOMO video, as following the report they bring some fool on Good Morning America who tells us that it is very common for women to be drugged by men, and women should always travel in packs and watch their drinks constantly. Although he spouts off a few stupid soundbites, the last one is probably the worst: “Now it’s no longer drugs sex and rock ‘n roll, it’s drugs sex and let’s control.”

Now, after a thorough search of the house and the men in attendance at the party, and presumably a heavy-handed interrogation of the young man yanked out of bed, police are starting to doubt that there was actually a rape scheme. It turns out that not a dozen, but nine students were heavily intoxicated, and three of them were men. Also, the man who was seized and arrested turned out to be with his girlfriend, who was of the age of majority.

Unfortunately, the fact that it was an overreaction likely won’t get nearly as much press as the initial, lurid reports of young women in peril at the hands of wicked men. It may be that someone spiked the drinks, but it’s also possible that the intoxicating agent may turn out to be nothing more than ethanol. No drugs were found, no women were sexually assaulted, and all of the sickened partygoers are now safe and sound. In fact, other than the arrest and interrogation of an innocent young man, everyone is just fine.

New Abuse Fad: Reproductive Control

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According to an article in *The Daily Beast*, men are demanding that women get pregnant, and then forcing them to have abortions. Nobody knows why the men are doing this, but as we all know it is the nature of men to do mysterious things that make no sense so that they can have "control."

If one were to take the article at face value, despite the laws and technology that allow women to either give birth and force a man to pay for a child whether he wants to be a parent or not, or have the incipient human vacuumed from her womb – again, whether he wants the child or not – dastardly men have been thwarting the intentions of our benevolent feminist social workers and professors by exerting this reproductive control.

However, it goes much farther than abortion. According to some "stories," men are telling women whether or not they can use birth control. In a veritable epidemic, men are forcing women into pregnancy, perhaps because being hauled before a judge and ordered to pay child support gives them that superlative feeling of power that the abusers crave like soma:

> These disturbing stories were recounted to researchers from the Guttmacher Institute by women sitting in the waiting rooms of family planning clinics and domestic violence centers. They are different from one another: one portrays a man who pushes a woman to get pregnant, only to irrationally pressure her to have an abortion, while the other shows an act of birth-control sabotage. But the stories have something in common: they hinge on themes of coercion, control, and pregnancy.

Actually, it is easy to believe that some guys might freak out over pregnancy, given what it could mean for them. Child support laws have probably persuaded millions of men to attempt to convince their potential babymommas to abort. Additionally, there are a lot of guys out there who are not too bright, or may be immature, and who quickly sour on the idea of fatherhood when they realize the financial penalty they are likely to pay for it.

However, let's get to the real issue at hand: the study is largely aimed at young, poor and unmarried women who probably shouldn't be having children anyway. What is really going on here is that there's a coterie of feminist bureaucrats attempting, as usual, to lay the blame for illegitimacy squarely at the feet of men. No, it isn't the girl's fault that she got pregnant or had an abortion — it's all about "reproductive control" exerted by men.

As with most of these issues, when feminists get involved things get worse, because accountability cannot be found in the feminist dictionary. But for those of us with the ability to think rationally, how about this solution: young, unmarried women exert some "control" over whether or not they take off their pants. If a woman is not married and does not want to get pregnant, excluding forcible rape, she has all the opportunity in the world to avoid pregnancy. Therefore, to argue that men are somehow responsible for the abortions and pregnancies is simply another example of insulating women from their own bad choices.

Paternity Fraud and Tricked Husbands

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[Editor: Originally posted on Szebran's blog in 2008, this post demonstrates how awareness has grown over the course of the last couple years. It is interesting to see how issues that were recently relatively unknown are now taken for granted online. Times are changing...]

In the United States a cheating wife made pregnant by her boyfriend can trick her husband into believing the child is his own. This is paternity fraud.

Paternity fraud is legal throughout most of the country. Additionally, if a tricked husband divorces his cheating wife, most states require him to pay child support EVEN IF THE CHILDREN ARE NOT HIS. This is one of the reasons American men are increasingly rejecting marriage. Why get married if your wife can legally walk all over you?

Several civic groups have initiated paternity fraud legislation. Their goal is to prevent men from having to pay child support for other men's children. At a minimum, any paternity fraud law should allow a divorced tricked husband to recover money paid to his fraudulent ex wife for child support. If necessary, the fraud ex wife can sue the other man for back child support payments. Some argue that mandatory DNA testing at birth would solve the paternity fraud problem. Feminists, however, strongly oppose paternity fraud laws. They have attempted weaken or stop paternity fraud legislation. For example, in Oklahoma, paternity fraud reform was limted to 5 years after the child's birth. If a wife is able to manipulate and fraud her husband (as well as the child) up to this time then legally the husband must raise and finance her boyfriend's child.

Some opponents of paternity reform have resorted to insulting tricked husbands. In a Rocky Mountain News editorial, a pro feminist male journalist labeled tricked husbands as "the picky type whose parental love depends on a genetic link" and said they seek to throw their nonbiological children "overboard with a minimum of fuss". A feminist Temple University professor stated paternity fraud legislation is "really about men deserting children they have been parenting". A woman opposing paternity laws interviewed on ABC NEWS claimed "the children are the innocent victims in all of this [paternity fraud laws]." She causually left out the tricked husband.

Opponents of paternity fraud legislation claim they are mainly concerned for the child's well being. If that were true, they would be advocating divorce laws which award custody of the child to the honest "nonbiological father" rather than the fraudulent cheating mother. It was the tricked husband who was faithful and more likely to teach good behavior to the child. The wife was a fraud, a liar and a cheat. Are these good characteristics to pass on to children? Awarding custody to the tricked husband would mean the fraudulent ex wife has to pay child support. Opponents of paternity fraud laws are strongly against this idea.
Lastly, feminists traditionally argue the 'other man' meets the cheating wife's emotional needs because he is understanding. Her husband, they claim, is only concerned with himself. If feminists believe the 'other man' is so wonderful then why aren't feminist demanding he be the father and pay child support rather than the 'selfish' tricked husband?? Wouldn't a "wonderful' man teach better behavior than a selfish man? Feminists are full of female chauvinist crap!

Opposition to paternity fraud laws is not about the welfare of children. Rather, its about preserving the exploition of husbands for the benefit of selfish fraudulent wives. Its about continuing the idea a husband must do as he is told. Its about maintaining laws which judge people on the basis of their gender not their actions. Its all about preserving the feminist social order in America.

Update:

There are currently seven states that allow men to escape paternity fraud at any time if they submit DNA evidence they are not the father: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia and Maryland.

Additionally, Pennsylvania recently adopted Oklahoma's half measure. Lastly, some states have made adjustments to their paternity laws that are so minor they are not worth mentioning.

Latvia: Land of Single Mothers and Suicidal Men

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A small Baltic country that has only been independent for 20 years, Latvia features one of the highest male suicide rates in the world, and quite possibly the highest rate of single motherhood on the planet Earth (it is highest in the EU in that regard). Prior to independence, Latvia was ruled by the USSR, the Bolshevik monstrosity that ran the country into the ground economically through the enforced equality policies of Communism. As with other formerly Communist countries, it seems that women came out in much better shape than men.

However, an article in the BBC laments the poor women, who outnumber men in universities by 50% and live on average 11 years longer than their brothers. The problem, it seems, is that they just can't find a good enough man. Well educated, stylish, and often attractive, they must resort to substandard men who, according to the article, sit around watching TV and getting drunk.

One might think that someone would ask what could be done to help the beleaguered Latvian men, but the main concern seems to be that the men simply aren't good enough. The gist of the article is that every overeducated single mother working some nonproductive service job for a Western NGO should have a man who, at the very least, can resist the temptation to get blind drunk and blow his brains out.

According to a popular Sex writer who goes by "Lilit":

> "The smartest girls are alone. The really beautiful girls are alone – if they are smart," Dace says.
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> "They want to find partners who are equal to them. But a man, having all this choice, doesn't need to be very perfect.

So the suggestion is that the guys have it good. But if that's the case, why are they killing themselves in such prodigious numbers and dying so young?

A psychiatrist who treats men provides part of the answer:

> Psychoanalyst Ansis Stabingis, who treats men for depression and suicidal tendencies, says Latvia's transition to capitalism 20 years ago suddenly put massive pressures on men to succeed financially.
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> The economic crisis, which has pushed unemployment up to 20%, has made those ambitions even more unattainable.
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> As a result, according to the Latvian government, when the crisis hit in 2008, suicide levels which were already one of the highest in the EU, went up by 16%.
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> "There are demands about how [men] should live. And if they cannot meet those standards, they… fall into depression," Ansis says.

So, it appears that Latvia is another example of a country where expectations do not match up with reality. I also suspect that there's a great deal of hidden hypergamy, and that Latvian women are often involved in de facto polygamous relationships, leaving a great many men out of the picture. Finally, Latvia is amongst the least religious countries in Europe, so there is little – if any – pressure on women to behave as traditional wives would (as in Poland).

Unfortunately, the US and other Anglo countries may be headed in the same direction. Perhaps, in another generation we, too, can look forward to living in a country full of single mothers and depressed, suicidal and short-lived men.

Why Honor is Fading

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By Scott Englund

The article titled, “Is Honor Obsolete?” posted on 9 October prompts more discussion. The author suggests that in our contemporary society, the concept of Honor is waning precisely when it is needed the most. For the author, honor has a private as well as public significance regulating personal behavior and social interactions. The self-discipline symptomatic of a life lived honorably is inversely related to the persistence and effectiveness of an external policing mechanism. The author concludes that as state-provided justice fails its citizenry, Honor must take up the slack.

What this discussion of Honor motivated was an inquiry into the causes of Honor’s retreat as a valuable and instructive virtue in our society. I have three proposed causes: first, virtues are increasing self-referential—values are expected to have limited, personal meaning; second, as Honor inherently requires reference outside one’s self, our increased isolation makes Honor increasingly irrelevant; finally, and related to the first, the existence of truth itself is widely questioned.

Even as the author defined Honor as a Virtue (with which I firmly agree) he did so by qualifying the definition with the words, “to me.” These words, “to me,” have become ubiquitous in our society when it comes down to defining things. Definitions about what is good or right, or how one ought to behave have become—almost without exception—self-referential. In our contemporary culture, it is bad form to make unqualified, universal statements about how things ought to be. The words “ought” and “should” themselves are becoming endangered species—reserved for medical advice and tips on fashion or cooking. We are increasingly told what we will and will not do, by law, but we are forced to drift on social and moral currents rudderless. The concept of Honor is meaningless when its definition is personal. Honor can only be defined with reference to how one ought to behave relative to other individuals. It is necessarily discriminating: some things are honorable, others are not, and that distinction must be communally recognizable. This requires the presence of a true community.

Our culture is often referred to as being “networked” and described as being “wired” giving the impression of a cohesive, socially interconnected community. That impression is, of course, not accurate. In spite of electronic devices that claim to connect widely dispersed people, individuals are more isolated from their physical community than they ever have been. While people regularly “chat” electronically with “friends” on other continents, they likely do not know their neighbors. Social isolation extends to commerce—anonymity in transactions is valued and sought after. As isolation means fewer recurring, close interactions, the value of one’s reputation diminishes. Honor becomes unnecessary and irrelevant in a society where, left to ourselves, we need not behave consistently, let alone be consistently well behaved.

Finally, and most troubling, Truth itself is discredited. As proposed above, definitions have become self-referential and meaning is increasingly personal. At best, socially constructed norms extend meaning to a community. However, even a socially constructed meaning of something can be challenged as false and requires a level of community lacking today. Honor must be built on solid bedrock, and that is why it is fading from memory. Post-modernism is distrustful of anything that claims to be universal or permanent. Nothing, the post-modernist cries, can be so perfectly stated and formed so as to apply always, everywhere. And yet the human mind continually seeks this kind of reassurance. Our nature cries out for simple truth. Without it we can have nothing in common. It justifies altruism, self-sacrifice, duty to a cause beyond ourselves; trust, discipline, honor and virtue. Just as surely as it gives us these things, it also gives us deceit, vengeance, greed, and tyranny. But it also gives us the right to condemn these things—and the duty to oppose them wherever we find them.

Lying, cheating, and stealing can get for us what we want, but the means of immediate gain diminishes the pleasures so attained—passion without love, advancement without knowledge, wealth without respect. When one

considers the additional pleasures of “living an honorable life” and measures out what that means, we see that much of life is not necessary. Being respected, competing, working at perfecting a skill or an art; the pleasure of working through a problem, striving, failing and succeeding despite our inadequacies—none of these are necessary. A life lived with honor and obligation is beyond mere necessity and must be strongly desired. Unfortunately this present age has shown very different priorities.

Caveat Amator

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Strategies for Men Before, During and After False Allegations

By Ken Kupstis

(DISCLAIMER: The Author is not a lawyer and the following information is not given as legal ADVICE, but to give readers ideas of possible legal avenues to research and pursue to redress their own grievances. The author assumes no responsibility for the results of the strategies herein…and is in fact ashamed he's the only one who's thought of them…K.K.)

It's October 25, 2008. In the preceding days, the *Nevada Review-Journal* published a human interest story entitled "A Mother's Struggle". The story documented a local divorcee's attempts to gain custody of her daughter, as she was convinced that her ex-husband was sexually abusing the child (Names withheld).

To her credit, the writer did list the facts in the case: that the divorcee had left the marriage while pregnant, and initiated the divorce; that her husband had passed a polygraph test; that she herself failed a polygraph test; that her husband had been investigated three times by the police, twice by court-ordered psychologists, and once by a private investigator—none of whom could discover any evidence of sexual abuse by the husband. The divorcee had also denied the husband's court-ordered visitation rights and served 48 hours in jail for contempt of court. With only arguments, allegations and accusations, the divorcee continued to petition the courts. Finally her ex-husband gave up his paternal rights altogether by leaving the United States for his country of origin. The divorcee now has sole custody of her daughter, lives in her parent's house, and is seemingly content. The conclusion of the writer infers that justice, although delayed, as apparently been served.

Still, the article remains titled "A Mother's Struggle".(1) While every actual fact exonerates the ex-husband, the specter of sexual abuse looms large in any reader's mind, defeating the notion that the article could just as easily been entitled "A Father's Struggle".

Bear in mind, this is just one article.

Some months earlier, in the Osceola County Corrections Facility, a man in an orange jumpsuit confided to me that his wife had come home drunk at four in the morning. He said "Enough of this", and immediately began packing his children's clothes to take them to his parent's house. His wife's mother, who was on the premises, called the police and reported that he was hitting his wife.

The police came and summarily arrested him.

Since the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in the United States, a majority of states have created Mandatory Arrest Laws dealing with domestic disputes.

These laws oblige the investigating officers to make an arrest, and in the overwhelming majority of cases it is the man who is arrested.

Beyond domestic disputes, we have seen that in allegations of rape, the alleged rapist's name quickly becomes a matter of public record, whereas Rape Shield laws guarantee anonymity to the accuser. Incredibly, the assistant Dean of student life at Vassar College has said that "Men who have been falsely accused of rape can benefit from the experience". Meanwhile, investigations of rape cases within the United States Air Force revealed that 55% of rape charges were falsified. Reasons that were given for making the false rape charges ranged from covering up a pregnancy, to testing a husband's love, to a reason for being late to work.

The Innocence Project, which uses DNA testing to free the wrongly imprisoned, has given 205 unjustly accused convicts their lives and freedom back. 204 of them were men.

If there is indeed still a 'battle of the sexes', then false accusations are its secret weapons. They pierce Constitutional Rights and freedoms, mangle due process, and shatter reputations, relationships and families. No witnesses are required, nor is physical evidence of a crime. As previously demonstrated, a mere phone call is enough to serve as 'probable cause' for search, seizure and arrest. The effectiveness of the false accusation lays in the perception of the heinousness of the accused crime: assault, battery, rape and/or sexual molestation of women and children almost universally brings emotion to tread roughshod over logic. (The reader comments of the Nevada Review-Journal story all vilified the accused father.)

While both sexes are able to use false accusations, victims in the overwhelming majority of cases are male. Men have even been victims of domestic abuse by their female partners, and have either been denied police protection or arrested themselves. It therefore behooves men to imagine worst-case scenarios, research legal precedents, and know their rights—while they last.

Not enough men are standing up for themselves. Far too many are shocked and cowed by false allegations, and the legal system is far too willing to take a woman's word over a man's (the prevailing logic being that the man is 'bigger' and therefore capable of more damage, even though he may have never harmed a fly). Truly law-abiding men remain ignorant of the legal process, thinking "It can't happen to me". When it does, policemen and court officials are more interested in telling a man what he *can't* or *shouldn't* do than what he *can* or *should.*

BEFORE A FALSE ACCUSATION:

Perhaps the best defense against false accusations would not to be giving anyone a *reason* to make one against you. In a just and perfect world, that would suffice. The phrase 'Love Is Blind' has a good deal of truth in it; when you're in love, you may very well *be* blind to behaviors that could prove harmful to you in the future.

At Vassar College, a male student may have consensual sex with a female student—*that night*—and the next day, she can say she 'felt bad about it, in retrospect', and the male student can be charged with rape.

John Dias, creator of the website www.Don'tMakeHerMad.com, suggests using surveillance as proof of one's innocence. There is a valid danger of legal 'collateral damage'—surveillance of another person without their knowledge may constitute a crime in itself, but when used solely as a means of legal defense, it should be less

Prosecutable. There are hidden closed-circuit cameras and recording devices that can be placed throughout one's home, or worn on one's person (in the form of pens, watches, lapel pins and more).

BEFORE ALLOWING A WOMAN TO ENTER YOUR HOME…actually before allowing *anyone* to enter your home…hopefully you can answer one or more of these questions:

Do you know her FULL NAME? (Thousands of men have only needed to hear "Hi, I'm Bambi", and it's good enough for them.)

Have you seen her car, and its license plate number?

Is she employed? Do you know where she works?

Is she wearing a wedding ring? (Married women who indulge in extramarital affairs may seek to contact other men as patsies for false rape charges in the event of a pregnancy or venereal disease.)

BEFORE HAVING SEX WITH A WOMAN:

Is she SOBER? Very inebriated women may claim to want or even demand sex, but it may be wise to see if "that was the alcohol talking".

Are *you* sober? Did you leave any of your drinks unattended, or consume any drinks that she bought for you that you didn't see being made? (The origin of the term "Mickey Finn" comes from a bartender who enabled female thieves at his tavern to drug men's drinks.)

Are you using Birth Control? Note that while she may *claim* to be using birth control, it does not automatically mean that she *is*…she may normally be on birth control but has forgotten to take it, or is experiencing a false period, or is using a form of birth control with a lower rate of effectiveness. Most of these factors have *not* legally excused men for having to pay child support, although they should.

Has she verbally consented to sex? It is better to ask "Do you want to make love?" and receive a positive response then to merely assume she's consenting to sex via body language. Some colleges insist that males must receive verbal consent prior to intercourse, and any sex without it is non-consensual.

Does she display or claim enthusiasm for BDSM (bondage and sadomasochism) activities? As exciting as it may seem, do not permit a barely-known woman to handcuff you to *anything* (that you can't break loose from on your own)!

Does she claim to 'like it rough'? Even if so, that claim does not obligate you to *play* rough. No matter how insistent she may be, you should not bruise or break the skin.

During foreplay, or before or during coitus, does she 'tense up', act frightened or apprehensive? Does she cry? If so, she may have been previously raped or molested. Her sex drive still exists, but she may psychologically equate sex with pain, servitude or dishonor.

In any event, you should get to know a woman as well as you can, and think very hard, before A) giving her a key to your home, B) signing a lease with her, C) merging any financial assets into joint accounts.

BEFORE MOVING IN WITH A WOMAN:

Even if a woman has a place that puts the Taj Mahal to shame, and invites you to move in with her, remember that *you* are moving in *with her*. She can tell you to leave whenever she wants, so it is in your best interests to *prove that you live there.* When you contribute to the rent, ensure it is in the form of a check, and request your bank to furnish you with receipts. Signing a lease makes you legally liable for all rent payments through out the rental contract. You may wish to offer to 'cover all utilities' (And/or groceries) instead, which can provide proof of residence without making you liable for the rent.

Realize that once a woman has moved in with you, *and* made some contribution to the household…anything from rent payments to utilities or groceries, she *may* be able to legally claim "I live here". As such, you may encounter difficulty having her legally removed from your domicile.

You should also ask her if she has any serious allergies, debilitating health issues, and how to contact her closest next of kin.

DURING A FALSE ACCUSATION:

Some women will often use the threat of a false accusation to achieve some desired goal…anything from changing your behavior to having you removed from your house.

Note that if she does threaten you in this manner: "I'll tell the police you did such and such…" you will probably want to take steps to sever all ties with her. It may have been a heat-of-the-moment threat, but she can't 'un-make' it, and she'll realize that option will always remain open to her. Calmly reply to her threat with "If you do that, you leave me no choice but to charge you with Wanton Endangerment*, making a false police report, and sue you for defamation of character."

(*You may wish to substitute Assault or Criminal Mischief for Wanton Endangerment. Assault is the *threat* of harm. Being taken from one's home under threat of force, incarcerated, and forced to pay a bond should legally constitute harm. Wanton Endangerment is placing someone in harm's way by proxy…i.e., someone who's HIV positive is guilty of Wanton Endangerment when they don't inform their sexual partners of their status.)

If your woman fights with you *verbally*, that can be grounds for Nuisance, especially if she's loud enough to be overheard by neighbors. If she's verbally *goading or provoking you* towards violence, tape it if possible, but walk

away as soon as possible. Verbal provocation to fight—in conjunction with 'fighting words', insults with no redeeming Free Speech defense—is a form of disorderly conduct known as a *fighting ruckus.*

As unpalatable as it may be, imagine yourself accused of misdemeanor domestic battery, and the police have been summoned. The phone call alerting them serves as probable cause to enter any establishment. Note that in many areas, interference with such a phone call…disabling the phone, for instance…can constitute a felony in itself.

If the woman in the situation has in fact not been harmed, try to get a photograph of her (many cellular phones are equipped with cameras ideal for this situation). You may wish to hold up the day's newspaper within part of the photo to prove the date, unless the camera 'time-stamps' its images.

See if any neighbors are nearby and within earshot. If so, you may wish to open the door and tell her she can leave, in a voice loud enough to be heard. Not that she *must* leave, but she *can* leave. If she does leave, you can make a good case for refusing to let the police enter your home without a warrant. However, if she *does* live at the place in question, she can give police her consent to enter or search the premises. The police can and probably will still try to gain entrance to your home to make an arrest, but you have a much better case for Unreasonable Search and Seizure.

If she refuses to leave, it may be in *your* best interest to leave the area, even if it's your own domicile, before the police arrive. Take whatever you can with you; your wallet, house and car keys at the very least. Before leaving, inform your accuser that *telling a police officer that you abused her when you didn't* warrants a criminal charge of making a false police report *and* will be grounds for a separate lawsuit of Slander. If she or the officers in question *make a written statement accusing you of battery*, there will be an additional lawsuit for Libel. This warning in itself may be enough to convince her to withdraw the accusation, but if the police are en route they will probably follow through with an investigation anyway.

Leaving the area, especially if it's your own domicile, may be a nuisance, but it can give you time to take steps you would not be able to take if you were arrested: contacting employers, loved ones, attorneys, setting up alternate phone service or a post office box, transferring or securing bank accounts, getting a credit line increase, et cetera. If the police have an arrest warrant for you, the warrant must be "fresh", or between three and ten days old. Misdemeanor warrants normally have to be served during the daytime—between 6 am and 10 pm.

It's probably better not to call your home from a land line, as police technology can often triangulate your physical location from them. If you do call, assume the police are listening.

If the police do arrive before you can leave, be on your best behavior, although it normally goes without saying. Police need a warrant to arrest you at your home, but they do not need a warrant if they believe A) you have committed or are about to commit a crime, B) other people are about to get hurt, C) you're about to destroy evidence or property, or D) there's already a warrant out for your arrest. This obviously gives the police a lot of leeway.

Once the police begin asking questions, it is in fact an interrogation. Keep your voice audible, but calm and low. Memorize the time, the location, and the *names* and *badge numbers* of the officers. Police are looking for any evidence that a crime is committed, so even sarcasm will work against you ("Oh yeah, just look at her, I beat her to a pulp, that's why she doesn't have a hair out of place.").

There is a possibility that, by communicating calmly and reasonably with the officers, you can convince them that the dispute is not or should not be treated as a domestic situation. This possibility is unfortunately slight. Flattery and bribery generally don't work and should not be attempted. Apologies, however, have been known to work. "I'm sorry you were put to all this trouble, I know you're just doing your jobs, but I really would rather not answer any questions without a lawyer present."

Police will use a variety of techniques to gather evidence for a case. They *can* lie, and say they have evidence they actually don't. One policeman may seem to be 'gunning' for your arrest, while their partner may seem friendly and

say “we just want to hear your side of it”. A policeman may say “This happens all the time, and the judge will go easier on you if you confess.” (However, the policeman is most definitely *not* the judge.) They may threaten you with obstruction of justice if you don’t confess, but only the DA can charge you.

If you are arrested—and police do not have to use the term ‘arrest’—do not panic or resist arrest. You can ask the officer if he can simply issue you a citation. Regardless, remain as polite as possible; say only “I’m remaining silent, I want a lawyer.”

If you are in custody, *and* interrogated by police or different law enforcement official, *and* have been not been informed of your Miranda Rights (Right to remain silent), the police have acted improperly and your case can be thrown out. This only applies if the police take you into custody (a situation you feel not free to leave) *and* interrogate you, not either/or.

You should consider the idea of *Malicious Arrest,* where police know you are innocent and arrest you anyway. This may be difficult to prove, but if you have evidence of her false accusation (on audio or video), whereas she has no evidence to back up her accusation, it could have the foundations for a case. Consult your attorney.

Note that you are *not* legally entitled to ‘one phone call’. You are entitled to speak with a lawyer, and if you need a phone to contact one, you’ll be provided with access to a phone. If you don’t have a lawyer or know a lawyer’s phone number, call a friend or family member and ask them to contact a lawyer for you. *Never assume that your phone call is private!*

Some states will have an officer of the court called a pretrial officer that can enable you to pay a bond fee and be released on your own recognizance. If you can qualify for the bond and afford it, you’ll agree to appear in court, then be released.

While you are being processed, the police assisting your significant other will strongly suggest that she get an Injunction, or Temporary Restraining Order against you. The TRO can be processed immediately, and you will be notified in jail that a TRO has been issued against you. It succinctly states that you are not allowed to come within a certain distance—anywhere from 500 yards or more—of your significant other’s place of residence (even if it’s yours as well) or her workplace. Most TROs will also have a ‘no contact’ clause which considers any attempt at communication-phone calls, letters, e-mails, etc., a violation of the TRO. Communications through another person are considered ‘contact through a third party’ and may also represent a violation.

Defense lawyers in your area routinely check daily arrest records, and will offer their services via mailings as soon as your name appears. Ironically, the TRO may in most cases prevent you from receiving your mail.

This in itself may provide a grievance in your favor: in the case of a live-in girlfriend—not a wife—if you are restrained from accessing your own mail, *and if she takes your mail from the mailbox,* even just to save it for you, that may legally constitute Theft Of Mail, a Federal offense. Also, if a restraining order bans you from collecting your mail, you clearly cannot be ‘served’ court papers through the mail.

You will be given a hearing before a judge, hopefully within 48 hours. A public defender told this writer “The less you say to the judge, the better”. The judges in initial hearings may not even address you, but only hear statements from the attorney and prosecutor (sometimes over a closed-circuit TV system). The judge will set a bond (bail) amount and any other conditions for release. If you have a credit card among your personal effects, you can use it to bond yourself out if you have enough to cover the bond. In cases where you can’t afford the entire bond, you may call a bail bondsman who will cover 90% of the bond if you can pay 10% of it.

If you have been served with a TRO while in custody, *do not attempt to return home on your own.* If so, you can be charged with violation of the TRO and arrested all over again. With a police escort, you should be able to return home to get certain necessities. The TRO *is* temporary; generally lasting two weeks or until a court hearing to determine if the TRO should be permanent.

Note that some women have been known to use TROs ‘offensively’…that is, they will shop at stores they know you

also shop at, in the interest of reporting that you violated the TRO. If you see this occurring, immediately leave the area. Contact the venue's management and ask if they have their premises under video surveillance (a great many businesses do). You may need to subpoena their tapes later. You should also consider filing a Stalking charge or Criminal Mischief charge.

Also, an Injunction or TRO does *not* give her the right to change the locks on your home (generally both the permission of all lease-holders is necessary to change the locks), nor can she destroy or dispose of any of your property. Wrongfully interfering with another's personal property is one definition of *Criminal Trespass.*

As for lawyers, it is better to have one than *not* have one, although you can use a public defender, or represent yourself. If you do choose to represent yourself, you owe it to yourself to do as much research as you can beforehand. Judges will not accept ignorance of the law as an excuse.

Once you have been released, it may be extremely tempting to leave the state, or even the country. The father in the *Review-Journal* case ultimately *did* leave the country. While you may remain technically 'free' by doing so—perhaps indefinitely—refusal to appear in court will result in a bench warrant against you, and a simple traffic stop thousands of miles away would result in your arrest. Leaving the area also smacks of guilt. It's probably better to remain in the area, with friends or family, until your court date(s) are finalized.

You will probably be better served by preparing and researching your own case, as well as filing whatever *civil* suits you can.

AFTER A FALSE ALLEGATION

If you retain counsel—even a public defender—you should work closely with him or her to present the best defense you can. Give your attorney all the facts you can: date and time of the arrest, any witnesses, the approach and behavior of the police, your work history, anything you can think of. Don't hold anything back from your attorney. If the allegation is flagrantly false, add your willingness to take a polygraph test and ask if your accuser could be given one as well.

Some very harried or underconfident public defenders may suggest that you plea bargain. The 'deal' may be tempting, but you should not ever plead guilty to something you didn't do.

As mentioned previously, some criminal charges may apply to your accuser: Wanton Endangerment, Assault, Criminal Mischief, Disorderly Conduct, Making a False Police Report. These charges may seem 'retaliatory', but turnabout is fair play, and criminal charges should let your accuser know that A) there are consequences for her actions, B) you're fighting mad, and C) you're fighting mad *within the boundaries of the law.*

It's best if you're able to provide evidence, of course. You may be able to use a photocopy of your own arrest record. If the police demand that you provide evidence or witnesses, politely ask them why, since they did not require evidence or witnesses to arrest *you.* If the Watch Commander tells you to forget it, note his name and badge number and politely ask when the *next* Watch Commander comes on duty.

You can bring a civil suit for Defamation of Character (Libel or Slander) in small claims court without a lawyer, but the maximum amount you would be able to sue for would be $5,000.00. Beyond small claims court, civil trails become very lengthy and expensive.

Libel should be proven through the police report itself. It is—or should be—an unproven accusation or a criminal offense. You should sue for the amount of your release bond, court costs, attorney's fees, any time lost from work and any expenses incurred from being restricted from your residence (hotels, meals, etc.). If this amount totals more than a small claims court can award, consider filing a claim in a higher court. You should also ask for your record to be expunged.

You will need to subpoena the responding and arresting officer(s) as witnesses. Since the allegation was fabricated, they will actually be 'anti-witnesses'—to all the events they were *told* occurred but did not actually *see*. If you are

representing yourself, here are some sample questions you might consider asking. *Only ask questions that you are certain will be answered to your satisfaction!*

“Did you check for priors through your NCIS database?” (Yes)

“Did I have any previous arrests?” (No)

“Had you ever been summoned to the residence before on a similar complaint?” (No)

“Had any of the neighbors complained previously?” (No)

“When you arrived, did you see a struggle taking place?” (No)

“Did you see any signs of a struggle?” (No)

“Was I acting in a violent manner?” (No)

“Did you notice any injuries to the accuser?” (No)

“Did she ask for medical attention?” (No)

“How many domestic disputes have you responded to previously?”

“Among those disputes, how many resulted in your arresting the man?”

If your accuser cross-examines the officer(s), remember that anything not witnessed or corroborated is *hearsay.*

If you win in court, ask that the case be either *sealed* or *expunged* (erased from your record).

It may be possible to sue for the police (or sheriffs) for Malicious Arrest, or the Prosecutors for Malicious Prosecution.

Malicious arrest occurs when police arrest you knowing you were innocent. *You ARE innocent until proven guilty.* Unfortunately, Malicious arrest is notoriously hard to prove, as is Malicious Prosecution. Malicious Prosecution occurs when the prosecution came after you with malice and without probable cause. In the case of someone with *no* previous criminal record—especially a case without evidence or witnesses—a good

attorney could argue that Arrest and/or Prosecution *are* malicious, since the ordeal and trial will seriously malign your reputation.

Using *the letter of the law itself,* it may be possible to bring additional charges against your accuser, and/or the law enforcement officers in question. For example, *Kidnapping* is simply detaining, or taking someone to another area against their will. *Conspiracy,* and *Aiding and Abetting* the same *may technically apply* to the police, along with Unreasonable Search and Seizure.

These may seem like extreme measures, and may require a very aggressive and creative attorney.

However, if the victims of false accusations continue to remain on *the defensive,* merely leaving their fate to an attorney or public defender, and do not research, explore and demand their rights, then the wheels of injustice will continue to grind our lives with impunity. It is only if we consistently challenge and punish false allegations—and hold the judicial system accountable—that we can hope for any true justice and change.

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FALSE ALLEGATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

***Whereas,* false allegations of criminal behavior or activity are acted upon by law enforcement personnel and are resulting in 'warrantless' arrests depriving citizens of due process of law and unconstitutional search and seizure, regardless of the motive behind the allegations;**

***Whereas,* otherwise law-abiding citizens with no prior criminal records are being deprived of liberty, property and dignity by false allegations;**

***Whereas,* false allegations of crimes strain police resources, overload the court system, result in lost work, wages and tax revenue;**

It is thereby suggested that the provable False Allegation of a Crime shall be classified as a Class D Felony (Assault), punishable by a maximum of 6 months in jail and a fine of $1,000, and/or probation, mandatory counseling, community service, and full financial restitution to the victim, including lost wages and court costs.

2010 Will be Year of the Man

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By Carey Roberts

"Granddad, why are all those football players wearing pink shoes?" That was the topic of conversation this past Monday evening as my 13-year-old grandson and I watched the star-crossed Minnesota Vikings take on the New York Jets.

I sagely explained that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. His logical mind now ratcheting into overdrive, he tried to pin me down: "So when do the players wear blue shoes for prostate cancer awareness?"

That proved to be a harder question.

In 1992, Barbara Boxer, Diane Feinstein, Patty Murray, and Carol Moseley Braun swept into the Senate in dramatic fashion, instantly inspiring the catch-phrase, "Year of the Woman." After the 1992 influx, female legislators continued to score steady gains, and now represent 17% of lawmakers, by interesting coincidence in both the Senate and the House.

But this coming November 2, the number of women in Congress is predicted to decline, the first time that's happened since 1978. David Wasserman, analyst at the non-partisan Cook Political Report, is now forecasting the number of females in the House will drop by 5-10 persons. In the Senate, the current count of 17 female lawmakers will be lucky to hold its own.

Although the Chicken-Littles are already yelping about the impending social calamity, the reasons for this sudden reversal of political fortune deserve scrutiny.

First and foremost, women are more likely than men to be of the liberal persuasion. As columnist Allison Brown once put it, "Most women are natural socialists." That fact doesn't sit very well with a disaffected electorate that has been moving steadily to embrace the tenets of conservative philosophy.

It wasn't too many years ago, of course, that female candidates openly voiced the view that female lawmakers are more trust-worthy and less corrupt than their greedy male counterparts.

Remember Hillary Clinton's chestnut that "Research shows the presence of women raises the standards of ethical behavior"? Hillary's declamation was instantly self-refuting, of course, in light her notorious Travelgate incident, cattle futures scam, and other ethical escapades.

And remember Nancy Pelosi's vow to run the "most ethical and honest Congress in history"? Then came the steady drumbeat of Democratic congressmen and women who were discovered to be delinquent on their taxes, forgetful with asset disclosure forms, or deceitful in funneling scholarship monies to family members. One wonders how Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) will refute the charge that she tried to steer federal money to a family-owned bank.

It's a political truism that fiscal conservativism appeals primarily to men. According to an April 18 Pew poll, 52% of men, compared to only 42% of women, favor cutting back government programs.

For the millions of men who gave the nod to Barack Obama two years ago, the turning point was the news that Obama had jiggered the stimulus package to favor school teachers, social workers, and other female-dominated government jobs, leaving millions of unemployed male factory hands and construction-workers holding the bag.

Shuttling millions of formerly well-paid men onto the welfare rolls — that's what progressives call "social justice." And that's what Barack Obama meant when he told Joe the Plumber, "when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody."

As a result, the perennial gender gap has tacked strongly in favor of men. "Men make up a larger share of the likely voter pool," according to Quinnipiac pollster Doug Schwartz. This year is "among the bigger gender gaps we've

seen," reveals Democratic pollster Celina Lake. And a Marist poll conducted last month found 48% of Republican men were "very enthusiastic" about voting, while only 28% of Democratic women rated themselves in like manner.

In January, we saw the gender gap bare its hairy chest in Massachusetts race. While 52% of the female electorate pulled the lever for Democrat Martha Coakley, 60% of the smaller but more unified male vote swung sharply in favor of Republican Scott Brown, handing the political unknown a stunning upset victory.

Nine months later, the same dynamic is at work in Pennsylvania. There, Republican Pat Toomey is leading Democrat Joe Sestak, mostly thanks to an 18-percentage-point margin among men.

Commenting on recent presidential races, former Brandeis University professor Linda Hirshman explains, "With the possible exception of 1996, women have never voted a candidate into the White House when men thought the other guy should win."

Now back to the pink football cleats, pink gloves, pink chin straps, pink wrist and biceps bands, pink-crested baseball caps, pink towels, pink lapel ribbons, and of course the pink-themed Half-Time Show. Seriously, why isn't the National Football League giving equal play to prostate cancer? After all, funding for prostate cancer has long lagged behind research for breast cancer.

"Answer that question," I counseled my droopy-eyed grandson, "And you'll understand why 2010 is destined to be the Year of the Man."

Needed: Male Leaders

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Welmer's recent post, "Stop Looking for a Wife, You Won't Find One" was an excellent, if somewhat depressing, accounting of the present state of women and their inability to become wives in the fullest sense of the word. The evidence of their failures as a sex are all around us: stratospheric female-initated divorce rates, high crime rates, rising rates of autism, the ever-expanding welfare state, underperforming boys, and promiscuous girls. Clearly, not only in Welmer's article but in many of our own personal experiences, we see that women have fallen quite short of the wifely ideal in their discharging of their family, home, and childrearing responsibilities, their deeds and misdeeds fomenting not a little earthly misery. Clearly, I am being blunt in my indictment of their performance. Clearly, they have failed to uphold their end of the social bargain. All this we know, and the objective evidence overwhelmingly supports this conclusion.

To such an indictment, the feminists–who, as credit to their tactical/strategic skill, have assimilated nearly the whole of the female sex–would surely object. "What about you men?" they would surely cry, in a predictable attempt to divert attention from the failings of women to the defects of men. They would surely claim that divorce rates are high because we men are insufferable as marriage partners, that crime is high because we men are out-of-control monsters, rapists, murderers, and wife batterers. They would surely claim that the state is large because men control it and men love power above all else, that underperforming boys underperform because they are undisciplined, and that promiscuous girls are victims of male attempts at slut-shaming or are victims of predatory older men. Clearly, they would say, men are such poor performers that women would do better to 'do family' on their own.

It would appear, then, that MRAs and feminists are at loggerheads, that we will have to "agree to disagree", if our two camps are to get along at all. They will not help us change things for the better; they are quite happy with the status quo, a status quo that we men quite rightly wish to overturn because it is harmful to our interests and that of our children.

So overturn we must. Our own individual welfare, as well as that of our children depends upon it. How do we do that, though, when the problems of of marriage 2.0, of virulent feminism, of a culture that devalues, degrades, and destroys men and steals their labors, even enslaves them, seem to big, too intractable for just one man or a small group of men to change?

MGTOW is an outstanding start. At its core, MGTOW encourages men to strike out on their own, to chart their own paths, to be self-contained. To ignore the beseeching of a society that cares little for male welfare except where it bolsters female welfare. To spurn the diktats of those that seek to exploit men for their own purposes. MGTOW encourages men to tend their own gardens, and ignore the weed-choked gardens that are outside of their control. However, MGTOW, while it trains men to free their minds from the boxes society constructs for them, is insufficient to sustain the sort of change that we men wish to see. It too easily defaults to narcissism, to selfish hedonism. Something more is needed to sustain a movement, to secure the changes that we seek.

That something is a revolution. A revolution in values, of culture, of conduct. A revolution that seeks to restore men's rightful place in the home and in society. And it starts with us. From the bottom up, a narrow focus on getting our own houses in order. Thus while the gardens of our neighbors are overrun with thistles and vines, we focus on the world we can affect. We train ourselves–and our sons and daughters, if we have control or influence over them–to be the change we wish to see in others. we men must cultivate the skills and characteristics that make good husbands…which happen to also be the same characteristics that make for good men and good citizens. Integrity. Courage. A work ethic. Righteousness. Ethical treatment of others. Chastity. Restraint. Responsibility. Faith. Leadership. These values define what men were intended to be, the ideal toward which each of us should aspire.

Note that this revolution would likely mean an end to socially sanctioned PUA behavior. Sorry all you footloose and

fancy free players. The Roissyites have served us very well by demonstrating to all–MRAs, feminists, Joe Sixpacks–that women did not deserve their pedestals, their "pussy passes", their "sentencing discounts". The Roissyites have done a superb job in demonstrating that women can be just as depraved, as rakish, as promiscuous as men. In fact, women as a sex have shocked many in how quickly they have demoted themselves to mere animals in both thought and deed. However, while the Roissyite set has provided an invaluable social service with their education of the manosphere and the culture at large of the evo-psych nature of the female sex, I do not think that revolutionary men can any longer can tolerate their immoral and unethical behaviors, as we endeavor to re-train our brothers (and later, our sisters) in what it means to conduct oneself in a civilized manner.

Civilization requires one thing above all from the male, a trait that–I'll be frank here–has been especially lacking from the male sex these days. That trait is leadership. We men have abdicated our God-given rightful throne in the family and have let our women assume control. It is time to take it back. It is time to train a generation of men who know how to lead, who expect to lead, and who feel comfortable doing so. It is time to train a generation of men who know the truth and are unafraid to boldly act accordingly. So equipped, a generation of leaders will naturally be respected by women; so impressed by these new men, women will be inspired to follow as they are naturally inclined to do. As they were created to do.

A key feature of this revolution in leadership, men returning once again to the masculine, is where women figure into the picture. Contra feminists, even more introspective ones like Camille Paglia, masculinity does not come out of femininity, or result from rebelling against the feminine. Authentic masculinity is independent of women , and can–maybe even should, in some cases–be cultivated without a woman in sight, in spite of social scaffolding that not only inhibits its development and employment but actively attacks it and seeks to substitute feminized masculinity for the real thing.

Please note, reader, that this call for men to reclaim true masculinity so that they may then become better leaders, husbands, fathers, and citizens is not a call for men to meekly submit to the yoke of exploitation by alpha males, their harems, the matriarchal State and its harem, feminists, and beta male enforcers of the alpha hegemony. Far from it; one can prepare himself for leadership, live righteously, and still be wise as a serpent about the burdens he voluntarily assumes. In fact, I think it critical that revolutionary men be quite discriminating in the obligations that he takes on, given the socio-political facts on the ground. If called to marry, he may acquire a bride-cum-wife if he finds one qualified for the job. Children if he is called to do so. A house and all the consumerist trappings if he desires them. Otherwise, the revolutionary-restoration man would be well heeled to avoid entanglements with women (avoiding chilimony and sexual harassment, rape, and IPV charges), with possessions (avoiding debt slavery and taxation) and, by living uprightly, avoiding entanglements with the State and its enforcement apparatus. His freedom is his most prized possession, and righteous, upstanding living–to include, first and foremost, keeping his zipper closed–is the best way to guarantee it.

Welmer's "Wives" article decisively made the case that wives are difficult to find, so hard to locate that we fellows may not find it worth our while to even look. To his thesis I add that that wives are often beside the point, when the real struggle, the real search is for each of us, is to reclaim masculinity for ourselves and, more importantly, transmit it to our brothers and to our children.

Below are the lyrics to a song titled "Lead Me" by Christian band Sanctus Real (HT Laura Grace Robbins for bringing this song to my attention) that I think succinctly summarizes the call to action for us men:

> I look around and see my wonderful life
> Almost perfect from the outside
> In picture frames I see my beautiful wife
> Always smiling
> But on the inside, I can hear her saying
>
> "Lead me with strong hands

> Stand up when I can't
> Don't leave me hungry for love
> Chasing dreams, what about us?"
>
> Show me you're willing to fight
> That I'm still the love of your life
> I know we call this our home
> But I still feel alone."
>
> I see their faces, look in their innocent eyes
> They're just children from the outside
> I'm working hard, I tell myself they'll be fine
> They're independent
> But on the inside, I can hear them saying
>
> "Lead me with strong hands
> Stand up when I can't
> Don't leave me hungry for love
> Chasing dreams, what about us?"
>
> Show me you're willing to fight
> That I'm still the love of your life
> I know we call this our home
> But I still feel alone."

What this world needs is the same thing our families need–for us men to lead, if not explicitly as husbands and fathers, then as those who do their parts to clean up the social ecology around us by acting in a manner befitting of men, with integrity, courage, and righteousness.

I'll close with this prayer that my brothers read and internalize this post in the manner that it was offered…as a constructive critique meant to encourage introspection and critical self-assessment, and not as a spear thrown by someone on the outside with no skin in the game and who doesn't necessarily have our best interests at heart. I exhort each of us men to set our eyes on the prize: a prize that each of us should seek to achieve and bequeath to our heirs: a world better than that which we presently find ourselves.

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Jenn Sterger: Why I Can't Blame Brett Favre

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By Kingpin

We all know how this has been portrayed in the media. Poor, innocent lil Jenn is minding her own business when big bad Brett randomly sends her pictures of his penis. Lil Jen is so damaged she needs to seek legal help to reconcile it in her mind.

Yeah. Right.

Now I'm not saying Brett didn't send the pics. Even though the evidence hasn't been fully disclosed, I would not be surprised if he did it. But can you really judge him? We all know that pictures of private parts from BOTH sexes travel through the netherworld of cellphone-space every night, and sometimes even during the day (who has time to wait?). Also, take a look at Brett Favre. Not a bad looking guy, one of the greatest QBs of all time, rich…quite a catch for any woman, to be sure. That being said, you cannot expect me to believe that a guy who could have almost any woman he wanted sent pictures of his penis to a girl that was not interested in him. Think about it…how did he get her phone number in the first place? There HAD to be something going on. I just can't see any man short of a loony-bin patient sending pics of his dick to a girl unless he had a previous relationship with her or she expressed some convincing level of interest in him. Here's what I think happened:

Brett joins the Jets. He sees Jenn on the field, thinks she's hot, and at some point strikes up a conversation with her. The two hit it off, he gets her number, and either they secretly start seeing each other or they start talking about being involved. When the conversations start getting dirty, he sends pics of his penis to her either upon request or not. After he leaves the Jets, he stops calling her or breaks it off. Jenn, the beautiful woman she is, is not used to rejection, and gets angry. After considering how she can get back at him, she remembers having the pics and decides to press sexual harassment charges. Thus, Brett finds himself in his current situation.

If I am right, and I am pretty sure that is what happened, could you really hold it against Brett? We guys know what happens when all the blood leaves our brains and heads south of the border. He was horny, could not use proper judgment, one thing led to another, and he made a big mistake. Well…I'd say the biggest mistake he made was trusting Jenn. You don't shit where you eat, but regardless of that axiom, it happens more often than you think. Some guys are just lucky enough to get away with it.

A Business Idea

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Some of the men who read this site have expressed some disappointment about how spare we are about giving out advice and direction. I've thought about it as well, but there's no easy solution to this.

The problem is that it's very easy to give people advice, but it's actually very, very difficult to give people *good advice*. There are a few reasons for this:

First, no two humans are alike, and this means that any general advice has to take a very wide cross-section of the population into consideration. This requires not only wisdom and experience, but a solid understanding of statistics and generalities as well.

Secondly, what if I'm wrong? This is a real moral dilemma. The last thing I want to do is lead someone down the primrose path, which I, personally, have trod like a lamb to the slaughter. Seeing a brother go down because of my advice would both pain and humiliate me.

Finally, there's the issue of humility. I'm not sure I'm sufficiently wise to offer any ironclad maxims for the younger generation. Some might say that one should have some "self-esteem," but what is that but another word for pride? Sins such as pride are not so only because they are ridiculous and offensive, but also because they have proven to be harmful to both the sinner and society in general.

However, there are some good ideas out there that are worth sharing, and I'd like to offer one for enterprising men to consider:

Start a maid business.

One thing that has been brought up over and again here is is that it isn't all that difficult to keep house these days, what with modern appliances and all. This is true — without children keeping house is a pretty simple affair. Even with them it isn't anywhere near as difficult as it used to be. Still, a lot of guys can't be bothered, and a lot of these men are single. However, an amazing fact is that most maids are employed by *wives* (or so they call themselves) who simply can't be bothered. Not all that many men actually contract housekeeping services because they simply haven't grown accustomed to the idea.

This is an opportunity that is ripe for the picking. When men go into any business that is traditionally the provenance of women, they generally clean up. Think of the wholesale replacement of wifely industry by the industrialization of spinning, weaving, etc. There are legions of men who have made fortunes by taking advantage of the inefficiency of the housewife of yore. Wives no longer sew, mend or spin, but rather shop and enrich the men who have made their jobs redundant. These days, wives don't even cook, instead simply opening boxes and reading instructions written at the elementary school level. Put two cups of mix in bowl, add egg and milk, stir with fork… That's it.

Given modern social norms, it's time to eliminate the wife from the household picture altogether. And considering the fact that modern appliances make a good scrubdown little more than an afterthought, the amount of labor required to keep a place in good shape is minimal. So, even paying a higher than average hourly fee – say $20/hr – for low-skill work such as housekeeping is reasonable. For your typical childless man, two hours a week is probably more than enough to take care of the details he'd rather not bother with. Add ten bucks for transportation/gas money and that comes out to only $50/week. For that, a man could have a thoroughly clean domicile without any of the trouble that comes along with a girlfriend/wife performing such basic labor, who would surely complain and make compensatory demands anyway. Sure, he'd have to wash his dishes and buy groceries, but scrubbing the bathroom and kitchen, doing the windows and mopping and vacuuming would all be taken care of. Also, the woman (or man) doing the work would be discreet, respectful and fast.

If I were to start this kind of business, I would market exclusively to men — women are always intrigued by what men are doing and would find it on their own, so female clients would appear without any extra effort. I would treat employees with the humanity and consideration that men generally bring to the table regarding employees, and exercise quality control based on my male clients' feedback (women are prone to complaining and petty retribution, so I'd place less weight on their opinions). Furthermore, I'd challenge the female-run maid services, which comprise the majority, head-on and beat them badly and without mercy.

It's an idea whose time has come. Men can take care of themselves, but sometimes time is important, and men would quickly learn to use such a service if they found it trustworthy and convenient. However, I would never, ever get involved with the "naughty maid" prostitution outfits which offer men young, topless maids or the like for an elevated fee. That's pimping, which is a very low occupation, and young, good-looking women are the lousiest housekeepers of all. Never, ever hire a woman who persuades men to buy her trinkets on the strength of her physical assets for such an occupation — it is an invitation for trouble. In fact, if you must hire this kind of woman, never forget that she is a prostitute, and is only useful as such or as a front for some deceptive effort (e.g. blackmail).

So, take it or leave it. Personally, I think some smart man will take it up and make a killing. Some are probably already doing so. It might take a slight cultural change to convince more men to use it, but nothing a clever marketer can't easily deal with. In the long run, it would be good for not only men, but needy, less attractive and older women as well.

Although it shouldn't need to be mentioned because men are generally decent human beings, there are a lot of feminists out there who might suggest that this kind of business would be about "objectification" or some similar garbage, so I will add that there would be absolutely no need to tolerate abusive clients. A simple and straightforward business offering good service for decent wages could do very well in the current climate — if the feminists don't tax it out of existence, of course.

Equality in Federal Contract Bidding

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Reading today's Pacific Business News – a Hawaii-based business paper, I saw the most recent issues latest front page, above-the-fold headline:

Women-owned firms to benefit.

Apparently, some feminists and their mangina politicians passed some law 10 years ago that gave preference to women owned businesses in certain industries when bidding for Federal Contracts. This law has basically not been used or enforced since it was passed…but now that we are in the midst of the Great Depression 2.0, and more men than women have been getting laid off, NOW the Federal Government decides is the perfect time to resurrect this affirmative action legislation.

> *The rule, which was first proposed by Congress in 2000 but only published in the Federal Register last week, aims to increase the amount of federal contracting dollars that go to businesses that are at least 51 percent owned by women in 83 industries in which women were found to be underrepresented — everything from construction to accounting to public relations. The agency has 120 days from the date of publication to implement the new rule*

Oh, but it gets worse than a simple case of affirmative action…

> *The new rule puts some teeth in the regulations, putting women-owned businesses on similar footing* ***as service-disabled veteran-owned businesses*** *and businesses that participate in the SBA's 8(a) business-development program, which enjoy the benefits of bidding for contracts that are set aside for their specific programs.*

Let's get this straight….

…if you're a male who went to fight for this country in one of the various wars for the US Military, and got a limb blown off or lost your sight or some other horrific war injury…and you come home and start a business, you will be able to receive equal preference under this program…equal to other American business owners who are designated for this legislation simply because they were born with a vagina and whom also own a business?!?!

EQUALITY BABY!!!!

> *"This new ruling is going to be substantial in that it will mean something," Downs said.*

Oh it will mean something alright…it means the only way a man can have an equal opportunity to receive preference under this new regulation like a woman, will be to get disabled while fighting for our Cuntry.

Words fail me at the moment.

Germaine Greer Supports Online Date Rapist List

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Germaine Greer, now an English professor at Warwick University, proposed the creation of an online rapist registry "because we know the courts can't get it right."

According to Greer, not nearly enough men are being convicted of date rape, so the list would serve as both a punitive and practical solution. Not only could women check the list to screen men, but they could put men on the list as they pleased without having to bother with trivialities such as courts and police.

Although Greer stated that dealing with criminals through the traditional, official channels is "a high-risk strategy," I wonder whether she's considered the fact that it might be even riskier to conduct a slander campaign against someone who hasn't been duly convicted of anything. An intelligent man who felt aggrieved by such defamation could make a case in court and demand restitution, whereas a less creative and more thuggishly inclined type might simply track the accuser down and assault or murder her.

It's a terribly stupid idea coming from a professor, but it does shine a light on the feminist attitude toward making accusations, which is that all women have the presumptive right to accuse men of whatever they want, for whatever reason, without any scrutiny.

League of Women Voters: Yes on State Income Tax

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My home state – Washington – is one of the few states left that still doesn't have an income tax. However, there is now a proposal to introduce an income tax for high earners, supposedly to make up for a budget shortfall. Recently, I saw some clips of a debate on the proposed tax on the news, and was interested to hear that the League of Women Voters hosted the debate.

Bill Gates' father, William H. Gates, Sr., a successful and very old attorney, is the frontman for the tax effort, but the League appears to be providing much of the support for the bill. What is left out of the news reports, however, is what a shining example of self-aggrandizement female support for the bill represents.

The money raised from the new tax would go directly to state education and health programs, which overwhelmingly employ females, often at inflated wages. Given the incomes at which the tax would kick in, it would most certainly be mainly men paying it. Therefore, it is almost as close to a direct subsidy from men to women as alimony.

Here's the League of Women Voters statement of support for the initiative:

> Initiative 1098: concerns establishing a state income tax and reducing other taxes. This measure would tax "adjusted gross income" above $200,000 (individuals) and $400,000 (joint-filers), reduce state property tax levies, reduce certain business and occupation taxes, and direct any increased revenues to education and health.
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> League of Women Voters of Washington position on tax structure states: Inequities in the distribution of the tax burden should be removed. Ability to pay is an important criterion. Flexibility and recognition of changing times and needs is important in tax policy. Income should be part of the tax base preferably through a graduated net income tax.

If you follow the above link to the pdf file, there are a number of other initiatives upon which the League takes a position. Unsurprisingly, in every single case their position supports initiatives or measures that increase state taxes or spending, or opposes any initiatives that might make it more difficult for the state to do so.

Here are the measures they oppose:

> **The League of Women Voters of Washington Board of Directors has voted to oppose the following:**
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> Initiative 1053: concerns tax and fee increases imposed by state government. This measure would restate existing statutory requirements that legislative actions raising taxes must be approved by two-thirds legislative majorities or receive voter approval, and that new or increased fees require majority legislative approval.
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> *National League position includes that government must have the knowledge, resources and power to make decisions that meet citizens needs and reconcile conflicting interests and priorities, and it must be able to function in an efficient manner with a minimum of conflict, wasted time and duplication of effort.*
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> Initiative Measure No. 1100 concerns liquor (beer, wine and spirits). This measure would close state liquor stores; authorize sale, distribution, and importation of spirits by private parties; and repeal certain requirements that govern the business operations of beer and wine distributors and producers.
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> According to the Office of Financial Management, I-1100 would lower state revenue approximately $25 million per year through the privatization of liquor.
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> Initiative Measure No. 1105 concerns liquor (beer, wine and spirits). This measure would close all state liquor stores and license private parties to sell or distribute spirits. It would revise laws concerning regulation, taxation and government revenues from distribution and sale of spirits.

> According to the Office of Financial Management, I-1105 would lower state revenue approximately $100 million per year through the privatization of liquor.
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> Initiative 1107 concerns reversing certain 2010 amendments to state tax laws. This measure would end sales tax on candy; end temporary sales tax on some bottled water; end temporary excise taxes on carbonated beverages; and reduce tax rates for certain food processors.
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> According to the Office of Financial Management, I-1107 would lower state tax revenue by 55 million in the current fiscal year and $218 million in the upcoming biennium by removing the tax on candy & gum, bottled water, soda and reinstating tax loopholes.
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> *League believes all initiatives proposed should "require how revenue losses or budget increases might be covered, either through program cuts or increases in revenue sources." (League position on Initiatives, IR-4)*

Very consistent. Women's organizations always support taking money from men and giving it to women. It's also interesting that some of the old prohibitory instinct appears to remain, what with the league's position on state liquor sales.

It has always been an open question as to how democracy might eventually end in the West, and I think here we have a good clue. If adult women continue to consistently favor themselves at the expense of everyone else (men, children and posterity), there's a good chance that they will eventually vote us into economic irrelevance and a failure of productivity. Not only that, they could well vote us into demographic oblivion — feminist countries have proven incapable of replacing themselves due to overregulation of the family.

Rather than putting men on Mars, we may end up squandering the last of our creativity and effort on finding increasingly implausible ways to further bolster the status of our women.

New Shrink4men Site Up And Running

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Dr. Tara Palmatier has just opened a new website devoted to helping men who have been victims of abusive partners, and I had the privilege of helping her get it off the ground. I found Dr. Palmatier to be a bright, genuine person who is both easy to work with and a fast learner — traits that I am sure are of great utility in her profession as a therapist.

Due to the incredible pressure the law and society puts on men during separation and divorce, a pressure so severe that it causes many men to take their own lives, therapy and support for men is a crucial but sadly underused service. However, people are beginning to recognize that this is a problem, and that the proposed feminist solution – an endless escalation of conflict between men on one side and women, courts and law enforcement on the other – leads to countless tragedies. Additionally, more and more men are realizing that seeking out help is a better idea than trying to take on the world alone.

As I have recommended before, men who are going through the nightmare of divorce would do well to seek out any and all assistance they can enlist, including that offered by professionals as well as friends, family and even strangers — Good Samaritans do exist!

Finally, Dr. Palmatier has demonstrated a rare combination of compassion and good business sense by catering to an underserved demographic. In time, many more professionals are sure to follow suit when they, too, see the opportunity presented, but those who were pioneers in the field will always stand out.

Rape Realism

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Let it never be said that feminists aren't adept at using visual devices and scare tactics effectively. That both of these go hand-in-hand isn't surprising.

I recently stumbled across a flow chart produced by the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) that seems to be making its way across the fem-o-sphere that decries the fact that 15 out of 16 rapists serve no prison time.

[image]

The chart is mostly effective because it (is):

- easy to read
- alarmist in conclusion
- raises concerns about a hot-button issue that can not ultimately be solved
- has arrows
- doesn't actually draw any conclusions (as per point 3).

The rape flow chart is yet another liberal argument without an argument.

Let me add perspective here. This flow chart compiled data from three governmental and institutional surveys about rape, attempted rape, and sexual assault. It is telling that the creators of the chart lump all of those under the rape umbrella – no doubt to maximize effectiveness. The opening salvo states:

> 60% of rapes/sexual assaults are not reported to the police, according to a statistical average of the past 5 years.[2] Those rapists, of course, never spend a day in prison. Factoring in unreported rapes, only about 6% of rapists ever serve a day in jail.

The argument starts out in good faith by acknowledging "rapes/sexual assaults" as separate categories, but then it drops the less effective terminology and opts to call all of these crimes "rapes" by the end of the paragraph.

But, for the purposes of determining real arrests, convictions, and penalizations it would be best for us to understand the difference between these categories. The governmental surveys define sexual assault as grabbing, fondling, or verbal threats. Rape is unwanted or coerced sexual penetration. According to statistics, 35% of reported cases were considered rape, 27% were considered attempted rape while 38% were considered sexual assault. If feminists had their way every sexual assault case – even where a man grabbed a woman's breast or rear end on a train or made lewd comments toward her – would end in a prison sentence. But the courts and justice system don't work that way; prison terms are socially constructed based upon resource constraints and criminal severity. Feminists hope that if they hem and haw enough, crimes like unwanted ass-grabbing will supersede robbery, larceny, theft, aggravated assault and battery, forgery, or illicit drug dealing in terms of sentencing.

To gain proper perspective on how effective our justice system is in punishing rape, we should analyze other crimes. We can consider homicide and its analogous strains (made for comparison to rape and sexual assault) – attempted murder and aggravated assault and battery. According to government statistics, 40% of homicides are left uncleared. An uncleared homicide is one in which authorities neither make an arrest nor formally close the case. But homicide is different from rape (sexual assault) – not only in terms of absolute effect but also in its ability to be defined. A 40% unsolved rate is relatively high considering that "homicide" and "murder" have objectively defined end results: a dead person. Homicide – except in cases of self-defense – aren't subject to fluid and subjective terms much like rape is – which opens up room for rape to be categorized like homicide – with degrees like capital murder, first-degree, second-degree, manslaughter, and involuntary manslaughter. But feminists prefer

to lump any unwanted sexual contact into the "rape" category because it casts a wide net and adds to the concept of male original sin. Unlike rape, with homicides there is no room for false reporting whereas experts' consensus on false rape claims puts that figure at around 10%. Given that some (many?) sexual assaults aren't actionable offenses, and given the fact that some rape claims are false, a 50% arrest rate would be workably more significant than a 60% arrest rate for homicide. Here a table from the National Center for Policy Analysis' report on crime arrest, prosecution, and sentencing statistics:

[image]

As you can see, homicides have a 40% probability of ending in prison time. Keep in mind, these figures are from 1997 and that homicide arrest rates have fallen about 6% since then (I don't have data on how much rape/sexual assault arrests have fallen). Rape is second among all categories of crime with a 16.3% prison sentencing rate. As such, a 50% arrest ratio for a category that is 62% rape and attempted rape (the harshest crimes falling under the "rape" umbrella) sounds relatively successful to my subjective brain. It seems that feminists who accept rape as their cause really have a problem with the entire justice system – in both their constrained resources and their imbedded standards of prosecution and guilt-determination (aka The Constitution).

In that this flow chart is an argument without an argument it fails to teach us anything useful. It then becomes another scare tactic used by feminists to convince us all that "something has to be done" without addressing exactly what that "something" is and what we're able to do about it. The chart doesn't make clear exactly where the problem lies. Does the "problem" lie with women who are unwilling to report their rapes? Is it with the police and prosecutors who don't take rape seriously? Is it with juries who let that pesky phrase "beyond a reasonable doubt" get in the way? How about with judges who are too lenient on convicted "rapists"? Or, finally, is it with society which doesn't take rape seriously enough?

Subjectively – like feminists and the purveyors of this chart – a 16.3% prison time ratio seems about right considering a.) 38% of offenses are sexual assault and 27% are attempted rape – crimes which may not have deserve prison time – relatively speaking b.) some of the accusations are false claims; knowledge of such occurrences cascade through the justice system and have multiplicative effects (but we aren't allowed to harangue false rape claimants because that makes us rape apologists) c.) prosecutors may not feel they have enough evidence to convict d.) juries may not find the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and e.) judges may not see fit to put those who are convicted of their crime in prison – especially if that crime is some sort of lewd grabbing or sexual taunting.

These visual tactics and open-ended questions are often used by leftist movements which maintain their heads of steam by always having something to fight for. Being radical, that something is Utopia. For feminists whose *raison d'etre* is thwarting rape (a noble effort, don't get me wrong), their work is never done until the world is ridden of this scourge. As such, we have to understand a flow chart like this for what it is. It is a tool by which radical feminists seek to co-opt focus, attention, and resources on the issues *they* deem important. Through it, they are merely the loudest voices among the crowd hoping for attention to their cause. Feminists who publish scare tactics like this are tacitly saying that other crimes aren't as worthy of attention, government funds and private dollars are unjustly spent, and peoples' attention is focused in the wrong direction. Where are the advocacy groups seeking to increase arrest and prosecutions for people who commit homicide? Surely death carries more weight than rape – not to even mention sexual assault. Their effective visual aids and alarming pseudo-analysis coalesce in attracting attention, sympathy, and – above all else – funding. But just as rape and rapists will always exist as long as humans are human, unmentioned rapes will always exist too (and as long as "linguistic inflation" gobbles up more and more situations and calls them rape). Prosecutors will never be able to find enough evidence in every rape case to press on towards trial; juries will never close the asymmetric information and moral hazard gap so as to increase convictions. Not to mention the budgetary constraints which make it impossible for everyone to work in the D.A.'s office or for a prison to be built on every street corner. A full-on eradication of rape/sexual assault will never happen unless, that is, we were able to institute a Big Brother like society where rapes wouldn't even occur in the first place. But given that, lots of other things – non criminal speech and non criminal behavior along the way – will be thwarted. When

Utopia comes into existence, Utopia is far from existing.

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R/mensrights and the MRM

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By Paul Elam

In this movement, for lack of a better word, there are frequently calls for more organized activism. While there are some laudable organized efforts afoot, I have to admit that I have always been of the opinion that we are doing just fine for the length of time we have been at this, and that there is a lot to be said for individual, leaderless work.

But I feel compelled at the time to break from my own tradition and make a suggestion regarding some collective effort.

Reddit.com has a men's rights area, or r/mensrights if you will, that appears to be growing quite rapidly. Just a couple of months ago there were 9,000 members and now there are over 14,000. Articles from AVfM that are posted there do draw a respectable amount of traffic, and have resulted in quite a few new registered users on the site. It is some pretty strong evidence, along with other factors, that interest in men's issues is growing at a pretty brisk pace. But you already knew that.

There are also some problems. Due to its growing popularity, it has become a magnet for feminist trolls whose sole purpose is to go in and down vote articles so they are less likely to be read. A good example of this is my latest article on Rape Culture. At this point it has a near even distribution of votes, 29 up and 22 down. My guess is that the down votes aren't coming from too many MRA's.

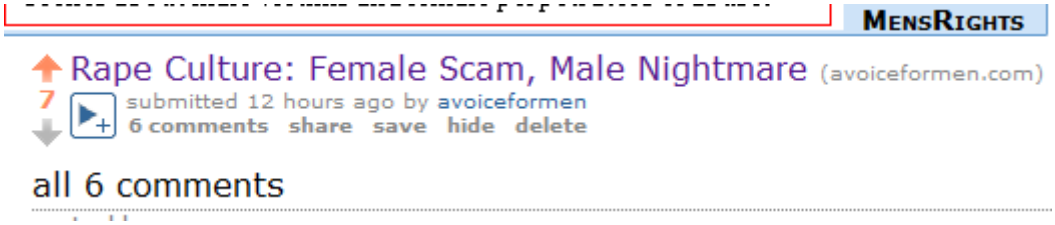
While the site continues to provide a valuable venue for MRA's, it would be a lot better if we were able to collectively negate the effect of the feminist trolls who are attempting to block our effective use of a resource that reaches a lot of people that would not otherwise know about the MRM.

In my admittedly less than humble opinion, it is time for r/mensrights to be dominated by MRA's, and I actually believe we need to do it.

I have spoken on the phone with Bill Price over at the-spearhead.com, and he willing to work together toward a solution.

You may have noticed that in a couple of recent articles I have included a link at the end to reddit with a suggestion to vote on the article over there. Early in the game, the feminists were all over those posts with down votes, but we still made it back into the positive as time went on.

What I am proposing here, both to readers of this site and The Spearhead that they take just a moment to click through that link and vote on the article. I am firmly convinced that this will ultimately serve to discourage trolls at r/mensrights and more importantly drawn new readers into MRM literature. A nice feature is that you don't have to back-browse to return here. There is a link back to the article on site immediately to the right of where you vote, as you can see here:



In the end, I don't think it matters a great deal if we succeed at this or not. This movement is growing regardless. But the boost, both in traffic and moral, certainly can't hurt. And the way I have it figured, 20-25 new voters on these articles is all it would take to make that particular men's rights forum exactly what it ought to be- user unfriendly for feminist trolls.

Vote on this article at Reddit HERE.

Site Slowdowns

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We've been getting enormous amounts of traffic lately, and it has caused my server to bump up against the memory limit, which kills scripts and makes the site slow way, way down or stop working. Yesterday, there was also a database failure on the server, which only compounded things. Amazingly, despite the site being down a few times yesterday, we had more traffic than any single day other than back when PMAFT's scifi post went viral and was linked all over the place. It seems that *The Spearhead* is starting to become fairly widely known and recognized, as the traffic has been growing faster and faster over the last couple months.

I've raised the memory resources (nearly doubling them), and that seems to have fixed the problem. Only thing is, I'll have to go back and lower the resources again when the traffic subsides because extra memory costs extra $$. I don't like changing the memory all the time, because it's a pain, but fortunately I found a program that can do it for me, like a faithful little robot, so I'll be installing that and we can avoid traffic interruptions even when I'm sound asleep or otherwise away from the desk.

So if you find the site slow or unresponsive, it's just growing pains and means that there are tons of people reading the site — once things stabilize again and we find a sweet spot with memory resource allocation things ought to smooth out.

Blog Debate Tonight

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Paul Elam is debating a feminist named David Futrelle on the issue of domestic violence this evening on Paul's A Voice For Men website, presumably by liveblogging the debate. This may prove to be an interesting event, so readers with the time should stop by and check it out.

Paul's feminist opponent writes a blog called "Manboobz," which is generally dedicated to poking fun at men. Some of the pictures on the blog are admittedly pretty funny, but there doesn't seem to be much of depth in the content, so hopefully Mr. Futrelle can rise to the occasion this evening.

Personally, I'd like to see these debates go live on the air, and I think the time for that is coming, so perhaps this is good practice.

Female Predator Seduced Boy on World Of Warcraft

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33-year-old single mother Jessica Pearce has been charged with luring a 16-year-old boy away from his home in New Jersey to Centralia, Washington by means of the online game World Of Warcraft. After meeting online as fantasy characters, the two began exchanging nude photos. The boy was 15 years old at the time. In July 2009, after the boy's father found explicit texts from Pearce, he told his son to end the relationship.

Pearce then began flying to New Jersey to meet the boy, sometimes bringing her 6-year-old child along, and finally, in September 2009, she forged a school ID card for him and flew with him back to Washington State, where the FBI caught up with the pair a few days later.

Pearce allegedly admitted to sleeping with the boy, and indicated that she was trying to get pregnant, because she planned to marry him and "make a family."

Although first arrested and interrogated over a year ago, Pearce has only now been charged and incarcerated at the SeaTac Federal Detention Center.

President Appeals to Women to Bolster Democrats

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In Seattle, where Obama has been tirelessly campaigning for Democrat Patty Murray, who faces a tough challenge in the usually blue state of Washington, the President has been exhorting women to turn out to vote ensure that his faithful “mom in tennis shoes” senator is reelected.

Touting the beneficial effects of the mancession, Obama pointed out that more women now have jobs than men, and that his administration has worked hard to ensure that women receive all the federal assistance he can provide.

Additionally, he proclaimed that the predominance of women in the workforce now means that women’s issues (i.e. feminism) are middle class issues. Men’s issues were never mentioned.

Apparently, the last Democrats who stood up for working men are dead or senile. Republicans, who haven’t stood up for working men since the 1850s, when they campaigned with the slogan “free labor [i.e. not slave labor], free land, free men,” are also avoiding any mention of men’s issues.

When a man REALLY HAS TO do what a man's gotta do

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OK, Elusive Wapiti started it with his recent post about acquiring a Taurus .45 1911-style firearm. It kick-started some of my thinking processes and I thought it would be a good opportunity to take a break from what is becoming a pattern here at the-spearhead of bemoaning how bad men have it and how awful women are these days and talk a little bit about the role of firearms and taking responsibility for one's own protection and one's own life and their significance for men.

A quote you will see a lot on 2nd Amendment oriented boards is -
"When seconds count, the police are just minutes away."

In fact, this is not quite accurate – "minutes" can actually be "hours", and the US courts have ruled that LEOs (Law Enforcement Officers) actually have no hard responsibility to protect individual citizens. (Police Have No Duty To Protect Individuals, Text of H.R. 17: Citizens' Self-Defense Act of 2009) Their responsibility is to maintain "public order" – full stop.

What this means is that it remains our individual responsibility to protect ourselves and those we love. In the cultural climate of Marriage 2.0 the courts have focused exclusively on holding men to the "provider" portion of the old "protect and provide" role, and have conveniently ignored the "protect" part of it.

EW also wrote a recent post on needing male "leaders." Typically, a lot of people interpreted this as meaning being a Spartacus who shows up to lead a slave revolt. However, I think the very use of the word "leader" introduces a lot of confusing baggage to cloud the issue of what traits have traditionally been considered "masculine" and which of those traits men today need to hold on to and aspire to. There are lots of ways to describe them, but in order to simplify the discussion I suggest we boil them down to 3 things – self reliance, initiative, and responsibility.

Or – a man's gotta do what a man's gotta do.

It is a very feminine strategy to caterwaul as loudly as possible about what victims they are and how they will surely perish if men do not find a way to "empower" (meaning "rescue") them. It is a very masculine strategy to be self-reliant and take the initiative and be responsible for the quality of one's own life.

If a psychotic criminal like Steven Hayes invades your home and threatens you and your family, the buck stops with you to tell him that you won't allow it. By the time the LEOs show up, if they bother to show up at all, it will be too late for someone you care about. I don't know about you, but when I am engaged in an argument with a psychotic criminal in the form -
Psychotic-Criminal – "I'm going to hurt you and your family"
Me – "No, you are not."
P-C – "Yes, I am."
I want the argument to be over ASAP.

And, when it comes to ending arguments with PCs, when you really need to "Git 'R Done", there is the .45 acp… and then there is everything else. The classic design for the .45 is called the M1911 and was designed by John Browning in 1904. The 1911 designation comes from that being the year when it was adopted by the US military as a standard issue weapon. The US military had gradually moved away from the old single-action .45 revolver (the famous, or infamous, Colt "Peacemaker") to double-action revolvers using the .38 Long Colt cartridge. While the double-actions allowed more rapid firing than the single-actions, the .38 caliber (technically a .36 cal, same diameter as the 9mm) cartridge proved to be under powered for what it needed to do.

During the Moro Rebellion in the Phillipines the Moro warriors used leather armor and drugs to reduce or endure the wounds that the lighter cartridge was capable of inflicting, and were over-running the US positions. A call went out to the military to drag as many old .45 Colt "Peacemakers" out of mothballs as they could find, and to come up

with a cartridge with more stopping power than the .38 LC. The result was a new firearm design – the autoloader – which combined the relatively rapid fire capability of the double action revolvers with a larger, more powerful, cartridge. The result was the .45 cal acp (Automatic Colt Pistol) design.

Both the 1911 pistol and the .45 acp cartridge have proven to be among the most successful firearm designs ever created. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the M1911, and it has never gone out of style. There was a period in the late part of the 20th century when there was a trend toward adopting a more international standard of the 9mm (Luger), but a drawn out battle between FBI agents and two bank robbers in Miami in 1986 had similar results to the Moro Rebellion and proved that the lighter .36 cal cartridges just did not get the job done. The FBI, like the Army had done 80 years earlier, sought a more powerful cartridge – which led to the development of the 10mm. However, the 10mm was such a hand cannon that most agents found it too much to handle, so they cut it down and it became the .40 cal Smith & Wesson. Rather than wait around for the new cartridge to get perfected and become accepted, a lot of LEOs simply dusted off their old M1911s and went back to carrying them.

The M1911 is not the only design which uses the .45 acp, but it remains **THE** classic. Virtually every major firearm manufacturer makes at least one variation on the 1911 design, and some – like Springfield and Kimber – make several.

Now, I have no intention of igniting the tired old revolver vs autoloader debate, nor inciting another round of the caliber wars. But, I would like to talk about some of the options that a man who takes the intiative and responsibility to protect himself and his family has in choosing a .45 acp. There are custom built and tuned match-grade .45s, but like Rolex watches they tend to be more about status than pure utility. A man who cares more about accurate time than impressing someone can do fine with a watch that costs far less than $10,000. And a man who wants a reliable piece of “emergency equipment” for protection of self and family has a variety of very good choices which are very affordable.

My personal favorite in a 1911 design is the Dan Wesson Commander Bobtail. I think it is the tightest made mass production 1911 out there. Besides that, it is just absolutely beautiful to look at. They ain’t cheap, around $1200, but neither is my life – which I think is worth a whole lot more than $1200, regardless of what Psychotic-Criminals think.

[image]

At the other end of the mass market 1911 price point is the Firestorm American Classic. It is not quite the quality, particularly the fit and finish, of the Dan Wesson CBOB, but it can be had for about 1/3rd the price and still has features of much higher-end pieces. Personally, I think it is the best value on the market today. It has a lifetime warranty, and the company provides excellent customer service. They are about as hard to find as the DW-CBOB because they get snapped up almost instantly, but if you find one it can generally be had for $400-$450.

Among the non-1911 designs is the Bersa Thunder .45 Ultra Compact. Bersa is one of the best kept secrets of the firearms world. They are a major supplier to police departments around the world, and their emphasis is about 99% quality and utility and about 1% looks. They are not the prettiest guns in the world to look at, but if someone is buying them only to look at they probably have a lot more money to spend than most of us do.

Finally, Kahr Arms includes several .45 acp models in its line of polymer based pistols. While there is a certain paradox in putting a cartridge as large and heavy as the .45 acp in a gun designed specifically to be light in weight, Kahr manages to make the compromise work. I would add the caveat that this is probably a “when you really need it” piece and would not make it a range gun to put lots of rounds through. To me, the 9mm+polymer design is the sweet spot and I would be concerned about rapid wear with heavier loads. In this line I would definitely go with the higher end PM series over the budget CW series.

I know that I haven’t even scratched the surface of the available offerings for this fine cartridge. Smith and Wesson also makes it in their M&P series (as well as a 1911), along with Heckler & Koch, Sig Sauer, Ruger, and most of the other big name manufacturers. The cartridge can even be used in revolvers by using a moon clip. My intention

was to offer a sampler some of the excellent choices that a man who decides to step up, lead, take responsibility, and exercise the right which those of us in the United States are guaranteed by the 2nd amendment to our constitution to protect ourselves and those we love.

Advocating Activism

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By Keyster

It's never going to happen, so stop thinking that it will. Groups of men aren't ever going to organize against women; because that's how the MRA is perceived, no matter how you spin it. If you're against feminism, you're against women's rights and if you're against woman's rights, you must be against women. How dare you?! This is how it was so brilliantly set up in the mass consciousness. Perception is reality.

But in case you haven't noticed, there actually does seem to be a movement afoot and it's being reflected in comments sections on internet news sites. Unfettered by MSM liberal doctrine, people are actively speaking out against feminist ideologies that, up until recently, have gone unchallenged in mainstream dialog. Feminism has over-played her hand causing a certain fatigue with the messaging among common folk. As much as we've struggled to "empower" women to be more like men, they're still women. Everyone knows it and no one will say it. Feminism is a failure. Women don't like it and men refuse to adapt to it; those who do end up in miserable denial.

Without censorship and with anonymity people are starting to speak their minds and the few feminists left can't twiddle their digits fast enough to stop it. It's an awakening and it's spreading, in a way feminism originally did in popular women's magazines and TV of the 70's. Because you see a movement doesn't have to be thousands of well funded activists with signs on the DC mall, broadcast on the nightly news. A movement is about a message that connects with people and spreads. And the Men's Rights message is spreading quickly and globally thanks to the far and swift reach of the internet.

Women have made so called "progress", but at the expense of men. And we're starting to expose it and call them out on it. Every "news item" that revels in female victimhood as the by-line, is getting overwhelmed with facts, figures and links that dispute the propagandist "message" behind the story, from on-line "activist" commenter's. Who are all those people doing that? They can't all be us!

That's why it's important that we try and maintain a certain decorum when posting or commenting. First, you probably won't make it past the news site comments moderators, and second consider the audience. It's not feminists and mangina/white knights. It's uninformed but yet curious passers-by, still very much under the influence of feminist cultural programming, but perhaps riding the fence. Yes, that means abiding by a certain level of political correctness. Use your words wisely, make sense, be reasonable and respectful. You want to be read and clearly understood, whether anyone agrees with you or not. Don't respond to the petty ad hominem attacks by the fem squad inkind. Respond with facts people can relate to.

And for those on the fringe that use the cover of "freedom of speech" to say whatever they want to, I point to Dworkin, McKinnon and the other "rad-fems", who's tasteless quotes are used to this day to discredit and dismiss feminists as insane. Always consider the context of what you say and how you say it and above all who you're saying it to. You're representing a counter-movement of many that can be hindered by the words of one. Temper yourself. Keep it civil.

The Men's Rights Movement is growing in popularity because the message is touching so many in a viral fashion. Just because it's not on TV doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Many like you and I, were once walking around thinking "WTF!" and had nowhere to express it. Those like us are growing "in numbers too big to ignore". Feminism is finally registering on the collective bullshit meter and we need to help it along to peg the needle. Deprogramming society from 50 years of indoctrination into feminist dogma will take time, but at least now the shift seems to be gaining momentum.

Masculinity is Not a Fashion Trend

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Like my friend W.F. Price, I've been seeing a series of articles on some supposed "return to masculinity" in the world of fashion. I agree with Mr. Price that many designers truly are queens who have very little interest in what everyday men want to look like. I've lived in New York City and spent a short time, many years ago, more involved in the fashion industry than I care to admit. So, it is from that perspective that I'd like to elaborate a bit on this "new" trend that folks are hot to impregnate with meaning.

I have no doubt that some Seventh Avenue queers do draw on their sexual fantasies for design inspiration – and even more likely, as with the half-closeted Calvin Klein, their ad campaigns. But there is another phenomenon at work when it comes to the most outrageous gender bending fashions. I've always liked the Van Morrison lyric, "all the girls walk by, dressed up for each other." It's a line that wraps up my understanding of women and high fashion. Beyond a certain threshold, the sartorial obsessions of women are no longer about looking attractive for men. Fashion is really about impressing other women. Fashion is, in its own way, a competitive endeavor. I know few men who give a damn whether their mates have the "right" handbag to go with those heels. But certain women will notice and smile – or sneer.

The same is true with queens in the fashion world. Most homosexual men are not particularly attracted to fussy, androgynous fashionistas. Those types live in a somewhat insular "meta" world of their own creation, and they are seeking the attention and esteem of the peers who share the same obsessions. Like the most extreme female examples, these dandies will spend the majority of their income creating and re-creating the disposable "it" look of moment. It's all very Warholian.

This brings me to a point about the fashion industry, and why we should be wary of reading too much into it. The fashion industry is in the business of cultivating neophilia. It's not about producing something of lasting value, or about making something practical, or about making something better. It's about making something *new* and grabbing headlines. It's about entertaining fickle, damaged people who are dead inside. They get bored with one look, and then they swing to another extreme, and then a couple of years later they "rediscover" how great that old look was. Like a lot of the art that comes out of New York City, you can read a lot into each swing of the pendulum, and that's all part of the con game. Designers do have to pay attention to what people actually *buy*, but many make a lot of their money from staples like jeans and t-shirts, or basic suits, or colognes. The stuff that hits the runway and makes the news is about getting attention and getting the name out there. Average men today don't really dress all that differently from the way their grandfathers did, once they get past the "peacock" teens and early-to-mid twenties.

Do fashion designers have any sincere interest in returning to a more traditional understanding of masculinity? Of course not. Or at least, not for more than one season. Fashion designers are the most postmodern of people. They exist in a world of images, not substance.

Masculinity is primarily about substance. It's about what you do, not how you dress.

Fashion designers are recycling the trappings of traditional masculinity into a flimsy identity that people who care about fashion will toss in the garbage next year.

Fashion makes everything meaningless and stupid.

Any "return to masculinity" heralded by the fashion world can only be a return to a meaningless and stupid masculinity.

The recent piece on "Reimaging Masculinity" in *Newsweek*, flawed as it was, did contain one paragraph in which I could find no fault:

> The truth is, it's not how men style themselves that will make them whole again—it's what they do with their days. The riggers, welders, and boilermakers of generations past weren't wearing overalls to feel like men, as Susan Faludi, the author of books on both sexes, has pointed out. Instead, "their sense of their own manhood flowed out of their utility in a society, not the other way around," she writes. "Conceiving of masculinity as something to be"—a part to play—"turns manliness into [something] ornamental, and about as 'masculine' as fake eyelashes are inherently 'feminine.'?"

Faludi was right here.

And while the *Newsweek* authors' suggestions were tone-deaf and unrealistic re-hashes of 1970s feminist fantasies, it is true that being a man means a lot more than dressing like one for a season or two. Masculinity is not an outfit, and it's not a fashion statement. It's not *a la carte*. It's an experience, a role, a way of living, a state of being. Manhood can't change with every season. *Being a man is not a weekend retreat.* Our manhood is a connection to our fathers and their fathers and the men who came before us. It's our connection to a history that reveals something about who we still are. Men have always adapted to changing environments, and they will continue to do so. But a masculinity that can be buttoned up and buttoned down in response to a marketing trend isn't masculinity at all.

Election Attack Ads Go Into Full Feminist Mode

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Below is what I've been seeing on TV here in Seattle:

Murray's campaign has apparently decided that she needs to bring out the single mother vote. What's interesting is that feminist attack ads started immediately after Obama came to town and made a speech about how women are now economically and socially more important than men.

This election really gives the game away: the Democratic Party is the feminist party.

Yet not one single Republican has ever said he intends to do anything to help men, and, in fact, Newt Gingrich was going around telling Harry Reid to "man up." American politics are abysmal. There really is no viable choice for American men.

We need a new party.

Beyond the Marriage Strike: Entering the Era of Post-Marriage Consciousness

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Now, I start this essay knowing that there is a fairly well-known MRA who will attack me for having the audacity to say what I am about to say. A lot of people seem to very hung up on this term “marriage strike” and are betting on it to produce social change of the type they wish to see.

However, being attacked, insulted, and called names for daring to give voice to ideas which go against the grain of conventional social wisdom is something I have had to grow quite used to over the past 4 decades or so.

While the idea of a marriage strike is a cute sound bite, I think it has several major problems both as a metaphor for what is happening culturally and as a strategy. The first and biggest problem for the MRA side of the issue is that it implies that the changes in patterns of marriage that we are seeing today are temporary, and that sooner or later all these so-called “marriage strikers” will “go back to work.” I don’t think that is true, and that the changes in mass behavior are permanent and just the beginning of a major cultural-level shift in behavior reflecting the shift in values over the past 50 years.

In a classic strike situation management has a variety of strategies to break the union and break the strike. They can employ goons (White Knights) to go in and break the heads of the strikers. They can find scabs (manginas) to do the jobs that the strikers are not doing. Or they can stage a lockout and refuse to employ strikers in hopes that they can starve them into capitulation.

This last strategy is the one women are currently using – claiming it is them, not men, who are avoiding marriage. All this conveniently ignores the caterwauling of women over the past 40 years that men were “Peter Pans who can’t make a committment” and the fact that there are no Groomzillas nor Groom Magazines gracing the racks by the checkout stand. There is currently a “Project Husband” – a classic attention-seeker who has the date set and the wedding planned and only needs the small detail of a groom – but no “Project Wife.” And, we even have a woman marrying herself – complete with photos in a flowing white dress, a wedding planner, and a banquet hall for a marriage celebration with 30 friends – but no men engaging in such surreal antics. Every time I think women have reached the absolute peak of narcissism, beyond which it is simply not possible to go, some woman shows up and proves me wrong. The woman with the life-size wedding cake in her own likeness was the previous high-water mark, but at least she did have a groom.

The entire idea of a strike is that it accepts the status quo as legitimate and as the only option. Faced with falling demand for their product, US women have fallen back on the time-honored method of protectionism – passing IMBRA, the International Marriage Broker Regulation act, using their worn, but still effective, method of painting all men as abusers. Imagine what sort of condition Firestone Tires would be in today if, instead of addressing their quality problem, they had gotten huffy and said “Well, **NOT ALL** our tires are ‘like that.’ Not every one will fail on you and kill you and/or your family. **YOU** just **HAVE TO** find the ones that won’t.”

“I’ll take chapter 11 for $1,000, Alex.”

One of the biggest problems with even trying to discuss the issues turns out to be a religious problem. I don’t mean “religion” as in a particular religion like Christianity, Judaism, or Islam (although it is related) – but “religious”in the sense that we have **TRUE BELIEVERS** and non-believers. Many of the issues we deal with fall into this category. As Words Twice commented on my recent essay on self-reliance when it comes to self-defense:

> “Many casual gun owners have a religious devotion to their pet gun de jour or some piece of gear and trying to explain to them that their conventional wisdom and cherished beliefs are often mistaken is usually more trouble than it is worth.”

Believers **BELIEVE**, and it the very persistence of this belief in the face of contrary evidence or argument against it which distinguishes a religious belief from other kinds of beliefs. There are **TRUE BELIEVERS** and non-believers. The **TRUE BELIEVER** has a mirror category – the **TRUE DIS BELIEVER –** whose faith that what the believers believe is wrong is every bit as strong as the faith of the believers. For example, I am a **TRUE DIS BELIEVER** in all the tenets of feminism. I reject it completely, and the depth of my faith is every bit as deep as that of the most committed feminist.

Now, this next bit is going to involve a bit of adroit handling. I'm going to give an example of a TRUE BELIEVER to make a point – NOT to either attack him or hold him up for ridicule. As EW says on his site – Comment with honor.

There is a blog called "Rebellion University" (I like it already) where the blogger discusses another blogger's musings on the phenomenon of a "Marriage Strike." he says

> "I have been married for 24 years. My marriage almost ended 3 times and had serious disagreements on several other occasions. I would not characterize it as a happy marriage now. But I am still convinced that marriage is an excellent institution that I recommend enthusiastically. A good marriage adds to the quality of life for any man. If my marriage ends badly tomorrow I have no doubt that I would be seeking another committed marriage before long and hoping for a better outcome."

This person is a **TRUE BELIEVER**. Despite his own personal experience, he is "still convinced that marriage is an excellent institution that I recommend enthusiastically." And, if his current excursion into the land of marital bliss "ends badly tomorrow I have no doubt that I would be seeking another committed marriage before long and hoping for a better outcome."

God bless him, and God love him. And I mean that sincerely, it is not a snark.

All I can say here is that I, personally, would and do choose different strategies. At some point in my experience, if what I have been doing has not worked out, then instead of doing the same thing and hoping for a better outcome, I do something different.

I am a marriage non-believer. I do not believe in Marriage 2.0, and I mostly do not believe in my countrywomen. I pretty much agree with Mr. Price about "Stop Looking For a Wife: You Won't Find One." The difference between him and me is that I never actually looked for one, because I never was a Marriage True Believer. Probably the strongest point in favor of the institution that I ever reached was "marriage skeptic." I saw a lot of gruesome marriages as I was growing up, and I watched my older brother's marriage crash and burn before I was out of high school. My older sister's marriage crashed and burned a few years later. Like the safety films they used to show us in high school with names like "Wheels of Tragedy" which showed ghastly car wrecks from driving recklessly, I looked at the carnage from brutal divorces that I was seeing all around me, and decided not to engage in high risk behavior.

As a result, I tend to not be as negative toward either marriage or women as men who have been through the meat grinder of family courts, but rather take more of a "none for me, thanks" position.

The tired old NAWALT dodge is wasted on guys like me – "There are still lots of good women out there, **YOU JUST HAVE TO** go out and find them."

Um, sorry, no, actually, I don't "have to." There are a lot of laws that require me to do things – file tax returns, pay taxes, get a license to drive plus a license for every vehicle I intend to drive on public streets. But, there are no laws that say I "have to" go out, sort through all the turds for as long as it takes to find my tootsie roll (HT: Anakim Niceguy, aka Jaded Guy), stand at the foot of her tower pleading "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair", court her, lay my worldly goods at her feet, and wait with bated breath while she rules on my "worthiness."

As novaseeker has observed, people not marrying does not mean that they are not pairing up – at least for the few

years it takes to produce one or more offspring. With marriage going down and cohabitation going up, the response of the White Knights has been to extend what were formerly marital prerogatives for women and obligations for men to cohabiting relationships. This is a singularly bad strategy for women because it forces the commitment-phobes to end an otherwise satisfying relationship before she gains legal claim on his assets and his work.

Now, the owners of the means of (re)production are counting on the fact that men need women so badly that all women have to do is wait men out and men will come around. And, I think the term "marriage strike" lends itself to this kind of thinking. After all, a striker's bills go on whether he is working or not. Eventually he will run out of food, and the heat and lights will be cut off and he will have to take whatever he is offered or starve.

But, what if he doesn't? What if he decides to up and move somewhere else where the availablity of work and working conditions are better? What if he has been frugal enough that he looks at his fiscal situation and decides that he can just retire?

Women and marriage are getting a whole lot of very bad PR right now. From Bill's article, to how Bridezillas are portrayed, to the amount of hostility and violence expressed by not just women,but young girls as well, toward males of all ages. "Boys are stupid, throw rocks at them."

But, bad PR is nothing new. As I said, growing up I saw a lot of gruesome marriages. The mother of one friend of mine was referred to as "the meanest woman in 4 counties." For the last 15 years of my friend's father's life, his wife thought he was deaf because he never acknowledged hearing anything she said. Everyone in those 4 counties knew that he could hear just fine, and in 15 years **NOT ONE PERSON TOLD HER!!!** Everyone knew what a truly toxic person she was, but her husband stuck with her because he was a marriage true believer and kept hoping for a better outcome.

Not surprisingly, my friend never married.

I was moved from the "marriage skeptic" camp to the "marriage non-believer" camp by a number of experiences – including one with my doctor. More than 30 years ago, when I was in for one of my yearly physicals, he asked me if I was married. I said no, I wasn't, and he replied *"Every night, and every morning, get down on your knees **AND THANK GOD that is the case!!!!!**"*

At the time he was going through his 2nd gruesome divorce and was showing major signs of anxiety disorders – nervous ticks, picking and pulling at his hair (he looked like a cancer patient), and that death-camp look on his face.

I got a real chuckle through the years out of being able to respond to the question "Why aren't you married" completely truthfully with "Doctor's orders."

I never actually took him literally and prayed to god twice a day, but over and over again over the years I had MANY occasions to look up and say "Thank you god that I am not married to a woman like that." One of them is married to a member of my family, so I get a regular dose of "so, that is what living hell really looks like." One of the benefits she thinks she gets from marriage is the right to use her husband's family as a captive audience to listen to her complaints, mostly about him. Close to 30 years ago when they were first married she used to call me up to have someone to listen to her complain about him. And, the #1 thing she wanted to complain about was that he wanted to have sex with her. (Shades of Mary Winker!!) **AND FOR ME TO AGREE WITH HER ABOUT HOW AWFUL THAT WAS!!!** I had to really stomp on her repeatedly to drive home a few points -

1. That is the deal of marriage. I'm sure that every morning at 5:00am when he had to roll out of bed to go to work so he could support her and she didn't have to work, that there were some mornings when he didn't feel jumping-up-and-down enthusiastic about doing it. But, he did it because that was the deal he made and he was going to live up to it.
2. That, as a man, I had a LOT more sympathy for his position than hers,
3. That she was betraying her husband about as severely as it is possible to betray someone by not just spreading around details about their husband and wife relationship, but that she was trying to so with a member of his own

family and that blood always will be thicker than water, and

4. That I was NOT going to listen to this, and that every time she tried I would tear her a new one so not to EVER bring the subject up to me again!

Nearly 30 years have gone by and I still absolutely loathe this woman. I'm sure I could have forgiven her over the years if she had figured out the error of her ways, mended them, and repented – but she never did. Thirty years later she is still the kind of woman who would use her husband's family as a captive audience – thoroughly exploiting the social graces which we have that she doesn't – to listen to her bitch about our family member – **if** we would allow her to, which we don't.

THANK YOU GOD THAT I AM NOT MARRIED TO A WOMAN LIKE THAT!!!

And, at this point, I have to say "Thank you, feminism." See, just about the time that I was entering the most vulnerable years for a young man to possibly get trapped into a marriage with a woman like I have just described, women started telling me that they needed me no more than a fish needed a bicycle, and that marriage was "oppression" for women. And, I listened to them and believed them. And right then I started organizing my thinking and my beliefs so that I could make women in general, and any particular woman, equally as irrelevant to me. Thus, when I would meet a woman who kept a sign on her bedroom door that said something like *"I am a high performance woman! I go from zero to BITCH in 0.2 seconds. Caution, the bitch switch sticks!"* or *"It's all about me, **DEAL WITH IT!**"*, I could just go "OK. C'ya, bye." (real examples which completed the job of moving me to the true non-believer camp)

So, now I'm about as hard core a non-believer as it is possible to be. If I met a woman tomorrow who was better looking than Jennifer Anniston AND Haley Barrry combined, cooked better than Julia Child, and knew more sex positions than Xaviera Hollander, I would still have a voice in my brain going "Run, Forrest, RUN!!!"

So, I, personally, am not on a "marriage strike", because I have no intention of ever "going back to work" of marriage. Personally, I have entered a state of mind where I do not see marriage as necessary, or in most cases even desirable. It was a very useful institution in the past, but it has been completely demolished by women, white knights, and manginas over the past 50 years – just as the rubble of many ancient cites lie in mute testament to the structures which once stood there. I am completely and totally in a state of post-marriage consciousness and my only question is not "when?" or even "whether", but "what comes next."

And, I believe that instead of being concerned about any sort of marriage strike, and particularly not believing that all women have to do is wait men out and they will "go back to work", I think what marriage True Believers need to be concerned about is the loss of the faithful. Once a man stops believing in marriage, and in the women who are his potential mates, there is absolutely nothing going on in this culture to encourage him to start believing again.

When Strength Is Weakness

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By K.K. (Ken Kupstis), author of *Rock Her World*

My girlfriend was on the phone, in tears. One of her very close and dear relatives was in failing health, and about to pass on. Fiercely independent, brilliant and very emotionally strong, my girlfriend was living on her own several states away from her family. It was heartrending to hear her sobbing. She felt horrified, alone and powerless. I was glad she'd chosen me to reach out to, yet I didn't know automatically what to say to console her…I don't know if anyone truly does, in that chilling situation. So I listened more than I spoke. "It's just, I miss my family, they're so far away…and I'm just so tired of having to be strong all the time…" She gasped.

Barely even conscious of saying it…as if something was speaking through me, I said "This is a time not to be strong." Something about the statement just felt right, somehow. "This is a time to open up, to feel things and roll with them…and to reach out. And I'm glad you reached out to me." I did my best at playing lay-counselor, and gradually she felt better.

As modern Americans (or perhaps just human beings), we're bombarded with messages of STRENGTH. You're Strong? We'll make you ARMY Strong. Dodge trucks are RAM TOUGH, while Fords are like a ROCK. Boxing's for wusses; Ultimate Fighting is where it's at. The new X-90 workout will have you shredded in 90 days. There are no earthquakes, it's just Chuck Norris doing push-ups. My personal favorite MANOWAR song: "Kill With Power". And we can't simply kill bugs, we must kill them dead.

Make no mistake, strength in general—both physical and mental—is a genuine virtue and an asset. As I wrote in ROCK HER WORLD, "muscularity is a form of power, and it's a form of power that virtually anyone can achieve…and muscularity will enable you to get your girlfriend out of a burning car faster than a lack of muscularity will."

Having said that, there will be times in everyone's existence when strength will be weakness.

Having to be continually, relentlessly strong in every situation eventually numbs the soul, turning us from the spiritual beings we were meant to be into mere automatons clothed in flesh. It robs us of the opportunity to truly feel painful or negative emotions, which we should otherwise use to learn and grow.

Men in particular are unfortunately shamed into being Strong, or at least projecting a damned good social façade of it. Tears are 'the enemy', and must be fought back wherever/whenever they arise…even though they're the human body's only true outlet for anguish. The German heavy metal band Accept has a song called "Man Enough To Cry", and it wasn't one of their greatest hits, although it was decently accurate (and that's from Germans, possibly the most macho nations on Earth!) I can only recall my father crying once—most deservedly, as it was at my grandmother's wake—and after my initial astonishment, I slid an arm around his shoulders, and was proud of him for doing it.

Other men tend to 'bottle up' their negative emotions: isolation, fear, rage, sorrow, jealousy, hatred, ad nauseum…all the while thinking they're being Strong, or 'real men'.

If there is a Devil, it must truly be drooling in anticipatory triumph as it watches—and urges—the pressure within these men to build, build, build, until it ultimately detonates and we read yet another headline of "Man kills wife, children, self" or "Crazed lone gunman opens fire at shopping mall; kills five, wounds eleven."

Horrifying as they are, these stories are displays of Strength…misplaced Strength, evil Strength, despicably wrong Strength, yet Strength nonetheless. "I'll show them! I'll show them ALL! You can't diss ME! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO YOU'RE MESSING WITH?!?!" Might be the prevailing thoughts in that man's wounded, alienated mind. Author Gavin DeBecker, in his most illuminating book THE GIFT OF FEAR, has a chapter entitled "Better To Be Wanted By The Police Than Not Wanted At All." I'd paraphrase that into Latin: Leto Ergo Sum.

I Kill, Therefore I Am. I'm not some powerless, henpecked accountant anymore, I'm 'somebody'. Unfortunately, that 'somebody' is an infamous killer.

That is when Strength is truly Weakness. 'Snapping' into violence is ironically the ultimate Weakness…you know there are people who have committed their lives to 'defusing' potentially dangerous, yet otherwise good members of society. Resources to help you may be rare, but they still exist. When we surrender to our baser urges, when we decide that some crazed show of force is somehow better than admitting we're in pain, we need help, we need someone to listen to us…and men in general rarely do that.

True Strength is in admitting you have some issues that need reconciling; it might not be celebrated, but it's an intellectual strength, an admission that you won't let your emotions control YOU. As Oskar Schindler was quoted in the film Schindler's List: "Real power, is when we can do something, and we don't do it. True power is in saying "I pardon you." The 'lone wolf' killers illuminated in the media right now would do well to remember that. Yes, you have the ability to kill, as does everyone. You do NOT have the RIGHT, unless someone is directly threatening you with deadly force. And the recognition you so desperately seek will pale in comparison to the agony of the electric chair…or the infamy that will be your only legacy.

This is not to say that men are the only ones caught in the trap of "You've gotta be STRONG!" Women, at least in Western civilization, have never been Stronger, at least in a political sense (they may be even stronger than they want to be!) Yet they may be 'strengthening' themselves straight out of any and all relationships. As I write this, Canada has a pending legislative bill (HR #1777) which will enable Canadian women—in any stage of a relationship—to have a man arrested, incarcerated, have a restraining order placed in effect, and have a large portion of the man's income directly transferred to them, at the mere allegation of abuse. I wrote to the legislators who dreamed up bill 1777 and asked "Do you have enough shelters to accommodate the men who will otherwise freeze to death on your streets if Bill 1777 passes? Will your economy survive once men realize they cannot safely take a woman to a restaurant, movie, or sports game? Do you have enough law enforcement personnel to respond to actual crimes, knowing they themselves can be sold down the river with a mere phone call?"

It is political suicide for any American politician to question women's rights at all. Sam "Because Of Me, No One Gets A Free Ride" Donaldson admitted he stopped asking any serious questions to Feminist leaders, after being heaped with scorn when he called a female Park Ranger a "Rangerette". Afterwards he said "I'll take on any (male) world leader at any time…but taking on half of the world is just too much." Vice President of the Bush administration Dan Quayle was similarly targeted when he said "Television shows like 'Murphy Brown' aren't the best role models for single mothers in America*".
Overnight, thousands of single mothers were buying bumper stickers that read "Thank You, Murphy Brown…From a Single Mother."

Thousands of single mothers were thanking a woman that did not exist.

You never saw an episode of Murphy Brown getting up at 3 am to change a dirty diaper. Instead, you saw Murphy Brown coolly engaging in corporate combat with the "Old Boys", looking fly all the while, without a hair out of place.

But in reality, single mothers aren't Murphy Brown. They do have to change the diapers at 3 am, and race their kids off to daycare at 7 am, in order to get to work at 8 am. They get out of work at 4 pm in order to pick up their kids at 5 pm. Then they make dinner, while fielding every question from "Why is the sky blue?" to "Why do gorillas have such big nostrils?**" And they get to do it again the next day, wondering why single guys their age don't want to get with them…all the while remaining Strong.

That same Strength may be the reason that their Dad is not around to pick up the slack. Maybe he was abusive, maybe he was an alcoholic, maybe he was a type-A provider that gave you everything else but companionship while he worked 70 hours a week at the burn ward? Maybe—just maybe—he had some personality flaw that would enable you to stay together as parents, if you compromised, and/or sought counseling?

Maybe you quit your vows too early? Maybe you nagged him into the arms of another woman? Maybe you were just too Strong, when he didn't want you to be? Maybe he wanted you to be Guinevere, so he could be Lancelot? Whatever the reason—they're probably manifold—as a single mother, you'll have to be Strong. For the rest of your life. Or until you find a man who's cool with helping to raise another man's child(ren). Or until you put your pride aside and reconcile with your children's father. It could obviously seem like you're weak, doing that. Trying to raise children on your own, without a father, might show that you're Strong, but it doesn't necessarily mean that you're right.

Sometimes, Strength is a weakness.

*-Paraphrased.

**-Because they have such big FINGERS, hahaha.

Article Review: The Fate of Empires

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Sir John Glubb's *Fate of Empires and Search for Survival* is a fascinating read for students of history and for those who wonder what the future will hold. In other words, nearly everyone who reads this post. While not a long read, we are all busy people, thus I will summarize the article below and offer an observation or two about its implications.

Key Quote: "*The simplest statistics prove the steady rotation of one nation after another at regular intervals*".

Executive Summary: Glubb notes an eerie pattern emerging when it comes to the durability of human empires: From the Assyrian Empire (859 – 612 BC), to the Arabic Empire (634 – 880 AD), to the British Empire (1700 – 1950), each seemed to last roughly 10 generations, or about 250 years. Glubb posits that each empire goes through six predictable phases, outburst/conquest, commerce, affluence, intellect, and finally decadence and fall. This rise and fall pattern is independent of governmental system (despotism, monarchy, republic, democracy), and the idiosyncratic qualities of the race that begat the empire (African, East Asian, European, Central Asian). This pattern is not affected by the technologies of the time (the wheel, horseback riding, seafaring, gunpowder, electricity, etc) and, while the pattern of the rise of great nations appears to be uniform, the pattern of their breakups is diverse, meaning that while all empires are birthed and live in roughly the same manner, how they die varies greatly.

Discussion: Glubb makes much use out of the word "emprire' in his tract. As 'empire' and 'imperial' are words that carry with them some significant semantical freight these days, Glubb defined his use of the term 'empire' to refer to a great power, one that we would today consider a superpower. Said empire may or may not include overseas possessions, and most did not, as most of the empires in history were land empires, not naval powers.

Glubb observes that all empires throughout history travel in roughly the same arc, go through the same stages, and last roughly the same time: ten generations, our about 250 years, give or take. This duration appears to be driven by human behavior, surprisingly uniform across cultures, and also surprisingly independent of the available technologies of the time (transport, communication, and warfare). The six sometimes overlapping life stages of empire are outburst/conquest, commerce, affluence, intellect, decadence, and fall.

The nation	*Dates of rise and fall*	*Duration in years*
Assyria	859–612 B.C.	247
Persia (Cyrus and his descendants)	538–330 B.C.	208
Greece (Alexander and his successors)	331–100 B.C.	231
Roman Republic	260–27 B.C.	233
Roman Empire	27 B.C.–A.D. 180	207
Arab Empire	A.D. 634–880	246
Mameluke Empire	1250–1517	267
Ottoman Empire	1320–1570	250
Spain	1500–1750	250
Romanov Russia	1682–1916	234
Britain	1700–1950	250

Duration of Empires. Click here to enlarge.

Phase I: Outburst and Conquest. In the first phase of great empire, small nations, thought to be insignificant by their neighbors, explode to dominate large swathes of land. This initial explosion is characterized by extraordinary displays of energy and courage; the people, accustomed to hardship, are poor, hardy, entrepreneurial, and above all, aggressive, and little will dissuade them in their desire to rule. The decaying empires or minor states they subsume are comfortable and wealthy, but are hobbled in their timid and defensive attitude. This lends the advantage to the aggressive upstart nation, the members of which can be bold and aggressive in their outlook; they have little to lose

except their lives. But it is not just military advantage this up-and-coming nation this conquering nation enjoys; rather, because they are hungry, because they are not bound by staid tradition, but by an intense focus on their goal, the outbursting nation exhibits great dynamism across the entire spectrum of human endeavors: science–technology, government, cultural. Nothing breeds success like success, and the outbursting nation's self-fulfilling confidence leads them to be believe that they are meant to rule and rule forever, perhaps even chosen by their god(s) for dominion over man.

It is interesting to note that it is here, in the beginning, where the seeds for imperial destruction are sown, as each nation, upon its ascendancy, attributes its good fortune to its hereditary and natural superiority. Having become dominant, this nation thinks itself naturally better than those they conquered or those foreigners they employed as slaves or soldiers. Yet it is this hubris that becomes the catalyst for the society's own destruction, as the culture does not guard itself against the coming diversity that will wreck the stock that built the nation.

Phase II: Commercial expansion. Merchants and the whole of the people benefit from the peace and security and streamlined bureaucratic processes that such a large empire secures. The transition from outburst/conquest to commerce is marked by a shift in attitudes, in that a premimum on martial glory and honor gives way to an emphasis on boosting the bottom line. However, as the memory of where they came from is still fresh, the people and the culture is still hard.

> The first half of the 'Age of Commerce' is particularly splendid…virtues of courage, patriotism, and devotion to duty are still in evidence. Boys are required…to be manly, [and] boys' schools are intentionally rough.

The age of commerce is also marked by exploration for new forms of wealth, and the securing of wealth is the catalyst for the transition to the 'Age of Affluence'.

Phase III: Luxos. The abundance of wealth and comfort begin to injure the qualities that made the nation successful. For example, the pursuit of individual success replaces honor and adventure as the objectives of the best and the brightest of the youth. Gradually, this pursuit of gold displaces the pursuit of duty. Furthermore, education undergoes a similar shift in priorities, as educational institutions focus not on producing brave patriots but minting those who will command high salaries. This phase represents the apogee of a society; it's all downhill from here, as the people transition individually "…from service to selfishness", and the nation as a whole shifts from offensive aggression to defensiveness, interested not in acquiring more wealth but in hanging on to what it has.

This shift in national attitudes toward greater dovishness and pragmatism during this phase is reflected in the nation's foreign policy stance :

> …money being in better supply than courage, subsidies instead of weapons are employed to buy off enemies

Various psychological devices are employed to deem this shift noble, not cowardly:

> Military readiness…is denounced as primitive and immoral. Civilized peoples are too proud to fight. Conquest…is declared to be immoral. Empires are wicked. 'It is not that we are afraid to fight', we say, 'but we should consider it immoral'. Nations who proclaim themselves unwilling to fight are liable to be conquered by peoples in the stage of militarism."

Also, during this phase, prosperity and wealth also bring an influx of foreigners to the urban centers of the empire. Native Romans complained about the multiplicity of Asians and Africans in Rome, as did denizens of Baghdad, which itself endured a huge influx of Persians, Turks, Arabs, Armenians, Egyptians, Africans, and Greeks. Today, London is known in some circles as "Londonistan", New York long ago ceased to be peopled chiefly by Angles, and Washington DC itself sports features an international population (one need only hail a cab in that area to convince themselves of this). The result of this migration is that the stock that created the empire is relegated to the

hinterlands, the frontiers, and the rural areas, while the foreigners come to dominate the cities and eventually the politics of the entire realm. Thus we see that there is really, truly, nothing new under the sun, as this “diversity” repeats itself over and over again in history, and the solidarity and comradeship that comes with ethnic and cultural homogeneity–the qualities that built the empire in the first place–first erodes, then disappears entirely. This diverse polyglot mass is peopled by (im)migrants that often fail to assimilate fully, leading to issues of in-group/out-group loyalty and an overall unwillingness to sacrifice for the host country when the wave of prosperity gives way to hard slogging. Grubb notes:

> [W]hen decline sets in, it is extraordinary how the memory of ancient wars, perhaps centuries before, is suddenly revived, and local or provincial movements appear demanding secession or independence

This lack of cultural coherence combines with the aforementioned shift in values from fighting to rationalization, and eventually a feeling of moral superiority, to set the stage for the infighting that is characteristic of the next stage, the ‘Age of Intellect’.

Phase IV: Intellectualism. The Beginning of the End. The people, no longer martially minded and, their lives not often visited by privation, become unconcerned with the acquisition of wealth and being to fancy themselves intellectuals. This period is marked by the proliferation of institutions of learning and a rapid expansion in the knowledge base. Intellectualism leads to discussion, debate, and argument, and as such the culture loses its homogeneity. Internal political rifts between camps ossify and become unbridgeable. With many captains vying for control of the helm, the ship of state begins to drift:

> Thus public affairs drift from bad to worse, amid an unceasing cacaphony of argument…amid a babel of talk, the ship drifts on to the rocks. Internal differences are not reconciled…internal rivalries become more acute, and the nation becomes weaker

It is important to note here that the empire is still strong at this time and enjoys a sort of Golden Age. But the exterior sparkle and shimmer obscures a rot on the inside, as the empire hollows itself from within. In essence, the empire is living on borrowed time–no longer producing, conquering, expanding, it instead feeds off the stored fat of its own past greatness. Still thinking themselves exceptional, the nation relaxes and enjoys the fruits of their labors; this latent voluptuousness results in more and more time spent in leisure.

Furthermore, an empire in this stage, while no longer acquiring territory, still fancies itself smarter than its neighbors and continues to sponsor cultural expansion of its empire. But the motivation for this expansion is not military–which is ‘evil’–but is for the welfare of others, which is deemed ‘good’, and thus excused, the empire continues to extend its influence. This shift in motivation is key…as the head (reason) comes to dominate the heart (passion), the great empire wants to ‘help’ those less ‘fortunate’ to share in its prosperity. Glubb, however, takes a dim view of this shift:

> Perhaps the most dangerous byproduct of the Age of Intellect is the unconscious growth of the idea that the human brain can solve the problems of the world

This idea leads the empire to over-extend itself, as there is literally no limit to problems to be solved in an effort to enhance the welfare of foreigners. Thus exhausted, the rusted, neglected socio-cultural-economic scaffolding supporting the edifice of the State begins to break down. The center fails to hold.

Phase V: Decadence.

> [D]ecadence is a moral and a spiritual disease, not a physical one, resulting from too long a period of wealth and power. The citizens of such a nation will no longer make an effort to save themselves, because they are not convinced that anything in life is worth saving

An empire in decline is marked by several characteristics, first among them a strong prevailing (and self-fulfilling) sense of pessimism among the people, frequently accompanied by frivolity, where the people exchange their hopes and future orientations for a focus on the now…a "let us eat drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die" sort of attitude. Grubb also notes that the empire's heroes change in declining civilizations according to this focus on frivolity…the actor, the singer, and the athlete–all entertainers–replace the general or the statesman or literary genius as role models for the young.

Another characteristic of the decline is degeneracy and a generalized laxity of discipline during this time. An increasing materialism, the retreat of morality, the advent of feminism, and the appearance and influence of women in public life are all hallmarks of a civilization in decline. An indifference to religion also appears among the culture and, as Glubb attributes to (expansively defined) religion the motivating force for the desire to expand, conquer, subjugate, or extinguish, the spirit of service, of heroic self-sacrifice for the cause also disappears.

A third characteristic is one for which the foundation was laid in the Age of Intellectualism…the Age of Decline is associated with philanthropy, generosity, and sympathy for other races and nations. The culture assumes an attitude of '*noblesse oblige*' toward those less fortunate; the notion that it will be always be rich impels the imperial state to spend lavishly, to confer privileges and rights and benefits on all comers. Citizenship rights, once a sign of status, a valued asset, are debased as the State gives them away…in some cases sells them for revenue…again to confer the benefits of prosperity to all. State assistance to the poor is equally generous. At least until the economy collapses, that is.

What are the causes of decadence? Glubb lists these four: (1) too long a period of wealth and power, (2) selfishness, (3) love of money, and (4) the loss of a sense of duty.

Glubb does not discuss Phase VI, the end or fall of empires, because such ends vary widely and his study of them yielded no regular pattern meriting discussion.

Analysis:

It is interesting to consider that Glubb wrote these words nearly 35 years ago; he could be describing the trajectory of the present-day United States to a tee. The decadence, the indifference to religion, the focus on materialism, the swollen welfare state, living (literally) on borrowed time and money, all are there. Applying the 250-year rule of thumb to the USA, it seems that the approximate end of our imperial life span is somewhere around 2025. What fate awaits the USA come that time, I don't claim to know, nor can I hazard a guess. It could die from violent overthrow, fractured by internal political division from within–as in the case of Rome I transitioning to Rome II. It could break up more or less peacefully into more politically manageable components, along religious-cultural-ethnic lines, as was the case with the British empire, or it could be subjugated by a culturally more aggressive invader(s), as was the pattern followed by the majority of empires in the past.

Some would be tempted to split hairs and claim that the USA will not follow historical precedent, noting that America's outburst period was spent not consuming the remnants of a pre-existing empire, but on acquiring vast swathes of largely uninhabited land across a single continent. "America is exceptional", they may claim, "she's different" they may object. Glubb pre-emptively pours water on that notion, noting:

> The United States arose suddenly as a new nation, and its period of pioneering was spent in the conquest of a vast continent, not an ancient empire. Yet the subsequent life history of the United States has followed the standard pattern…the periods of the pioneers, of commerce, of affluence, of intellectualism, and of decadence

According to Glubb, the USA is following the same pattern as before–he even places the Wilson administration as our national apogee, when our country's trajectory peaked in the Age of Commerce and started downward into the Age of Intellectualism–and there is no reason to believe that America will be the exception to the pattern. In fact, there is plenty of evidence to the contrary…consider the present-day political strife, the swollen welfare state, the far-flung military adventures conducted not for territorial acquisition but for the 'good of the invaded' and/or for

American cultural expansion (installing British-style parliamentary democracy and American-style feminism at the point of a gun). Consider also the post-Christian, secular humanist polity, the focus on material acquisition, the normalization of sexual immorality, and the prominence of women in public affairs, and the reducing prominence of men in domestic affairs. All point one way: that America is marching inexorably toward the same end as those who have gone before.

I was also struck by the similarities between the America of the late twentieth century and early twenty-first century and the Arab decline in the last half of the ninth century, as described by Glubb. The Arab historians at that time, just as do many hand-wringing curmudgeons in the conservative commentariat do today, deplored the indifference to religion, the increasing focus on material acquisition, the spread of sexual immorality, and the extraordinary influence of popular entertainers, singing lewd and suggestive songs, amongst the youth. Even more interesting to me as an MRA was Glubb's finding that feminism is a key and telling marker of a civilization in decline, for both the Roman Empire and the Arab Empire in their latter stages featured deep female penetration into spheres and occupations previously closed to them. Perhaps the appearance of women in the public spaces is an objective symptom of the nation's growing political defensiveness, a sign that the nation valued comfort and security over uncomfortable risk-taking. Whatever the reason, the appearance of women in politics counter-intuitively did not result in an increase in societal security, for "soon after [these periods]", Glubb notes, "government and public order collapsed…the resulting increase in confusion and violence ma[kes] it unsafe for women to move unescorted in the streets". Given these historical examples, it is not difficult at all to imagine the coming disarray that will afflict the feminism-afflicted West when the levees give way and it is every man and woman for him-/her-selves.

Seeing feminism called out in this way may warm the hearts of some. But while I suspect Glubb is correct in identifying feminism as a sign of a great civilization in decline, he does not offer perspective on how long it lasts until feminism kills its host culture. Clearly, in some cases, the feminist-infected feminized empire is snuffed out by a more aggressive masculine culture. In other cases, the defensive, feminized, and feminist culture merely withers away and is slowly subsumed by a resurgent, more masculine one. However it goes, Glubb is clear that an irreligious culture of intellectualism and dissipation is replaced by a renewed sense of mission, purpose and zeal:

> [A]t the height of vice and frivolity the seeds of religious revival are quietly sown. After, perhaps, several generations (or even centuries) of suffering, the impoverished nation has been purged of its selfishness and its love of money, religion gains its sway and a new era sets in

The cliche says that the kanji character for crisis is a mash-up of the characters for opportunity and danger. In the dangerous and tumultuous times we have ahead, we men may have the opportunity to make the world anew in our image as the American empire craters and potentially breaks apart…a weak and alienated government located in the swamps of Virginia cannot hope to maintain control over the culturally heterogenous states further west or south, particularly those with options and resources, and especially those with coastlines and ports. One thing is clear to me, as I consider Glubb's words: that we men will suffer longer if we sit on the sidelines and do nothing in an attempt to "wait out" the feminist train wreck, with an eye toward picking up the pieces afterward, for we could be waiting a very long time. Better, I think, to attempt to shape our future in a manner agreeable to us, our brothers, and our progeny.

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Dan Abrams is Penning a Sexist Book Proclaiming Male Inferiority

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By Menareangrynow

You heard that right. The chief legal analyst for NBC News and former General Manager of MSNBC is writing a book degrading, insulting, and stereotyping an entire group of people. Despite the fact that such a major figure is behind this slap to the face of equality, the book is evoking almost no outcry what so ever. The name of the book is "*Man Down: Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt That Women Are Better Cops, Drivers, Gamblers, Spies, World Leaders, Beer Tasters, Hedge Fund Managers, and Just About Everything Else*". The response to this utter bigotry is truly less than encouraging. Instead of being fired like Don Imus, for such a stunt, according to Publisher's Weekly, the publishing deal for his book actually went through, when Jennifer Levesque of the Abrams Image publishing company bought the world English rights to his book; and in addition, his book is already on pre-order on some sites, a half year in advance of its May, 2011, releasal date. To rub salt in the wound, Mother's Day was chosen as the book's releasal date, implying that this bigoted filth should be given as a present to help boost the egos of its target audience- die Ubermädchen. As a fellow blogger and vlogger on men's issues, ArgusEyes of the website True Equality, has already quipped, "Mother's day eh? Isn't that nice. Maybe I can pick up a copy for my mum to help illustrate to her, how her son is a worthless piece of shit."

On September 13, 2010, the media tycoon's own website announced an interview he had with Mediaite, which he is the publisher of, of course. The interview can be read here. It's disturbing to a high degree to me. When asked why he chose to write a book about this particular topic, instead of a topic he is a professional in, such as law, he replied by saying that "It started when I read an article on various ways that women are better than men. I found it interesting and honestly didn't believe some of the examples they cited, so out of curiosity I researched a little to determine how much of it was backed up by actual evidence. While some of the ones from the article were speculative, as I did a little digging, I was surprised at how many serious studies and research reached the same conclusion — that women, as a group, are more thoughtful, efficient, tougher and less likely to make mistakes."

The only thing that lends a shred of decency to this whole affair, is that he says that his book is "not an effort to beat up on us guys but it may serve as a wake up call for some." He is of course referring to the fact that men and boys are doing poorly academically and socially, right now. How he manages to conclude that we are inferior from that; however, is beyond me. If he thinks that berating someone when they are down, is ethical, I can only imagine him going to homeless shelters on the weekends to laugh at those less fortunate, whom, indecently, are 85% male, according to the The United States Conference of Mayors. If he thinks that his insults will help anyone, he is wrong. He is only further hurting male self esteem, in a culture that demeans us so much already. Bigots like Mr. Abrams need to be shown for vial bastards that they are. Imagine a similar book, called something like "Blacks, Forget It: Proof Beyond a Reasonable Doubt That Whites Are Better Rappers, Drivers, Employees, Athletes, World Leaders, Cooks, Hedge Fund Managers, and Just About Everything Else". Doubtless, such a book would not be received as well as this one has, and men and boys deserve the same respect that we give to other groups in this country. I will reiterate. Don Imus got fired for *much less* than what Abrams has just done. Sack the bastard, I say.

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Toxicology Report: Roslyn “Rape Drug” Victims Just Plain Drunk

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At a news conference this morning, Central Washington University announced that it was not date rape drugs that felled a half-score young people at a party in Roslyn, Washington, but rather a fruity drink known as “Four Loko,” which is manufactured by Phusion Projects Inc., a Chicago company, and contains large doses of both ethanol and caffeine.

Of course, here at *The Spearhead* we already knew that.

Perhaps now that the real story is out, national news and talk shows will pick it up and let us know that their previous reports of mass rape drugging were sensationalist falsehoods cooked up by a few drunk, hysterical young women. Or, maybe not…

It seems that caffeine and alcohol are not always a good combination, particularly where young women are concerned, because an element of stimulation is added to the lack of judgment brought about by drunkenness.

Spearhead Birthday Drive

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Recently, *The Spearhead* passed its first major milestone — its first birthday. When the site started I had no idea how long it would last or how much it would grow. It could have fizzled out, or it could be just another small site without many readers. Fortunately, it's done quite well and started to make an impact. The last month saw more visitors and higher traffic than ever before, and the site has caught up to a virtual tie with one of the more prominent feminist sites.

Although I'm proud of what's been accomplished so far, the truth is that the site never would have survived that crucial first year without the support of a number of people around the world, including some generous donors whose large contributions have made it possible for me to put a great deal of work into it. There are a few times when these donations made the difference between keeping the site steaming along or having no choice but to scale my activities back considerably, which, given its young and fragile state, probably would have consigned it to obscurity. Contributions have provided the funds for an upgrade to a private server, allowed me to purchase ISBNs for pending publications, paid for software and, most importantly, freed up valuable time for managing the site, editing contributions, writing and dealing with technical issues.

For a visual example of what's been going on in the online struggle of ideas, I'd like to present a little graph from Alexa, which measures web traffic to high traffic sites around the world. In the following, you can see a comparison between *The Spearhead* and *Feministing*:

[image]

As you can see, the feminist site peaked shortly after *The Spearhead* went online, but some time this year went into a steep decline, while *The Spearhead* has been steadily gaining ground, finally catching up, and, over the last month, actually surpassing *Feministing* in terms of reach and traffic.

When we first started *The Spearhead* feminist sites immediately went on the attack, ridiculing the site and going after Pro-Male Anti-Feminist Tech's post on the feminization of science fiction, which resulted in that early traffic spike you can see back in October 2009. Perhaps they thought we'd tuck our tails and run under the barrage of hatred and ridicule, but it had the opposite effect: we were invigorated and rose to the occasion.

Now, for some reason, feminist sites don't mention *The Spearhead* at all. Surely they are well aware of its existence, but they walk on tip-toes around it.

Over the last few weeks we had a major increase in traffic, providing us with the highest monthly totals yet. With over 300,000 page views and 50,000 unique visitors, we reached more people than ever. I have received letters from around the world expressing great appreciation for the site, which provides men with a perspective and information that is very difficult to find elsewhere. It's been great to see that men are finding *The Spearhead* such a valuable resource.

Unfortunately, it seems some others have noticed our success and have not been altogether pleased by it — a few days ago Google finally pulled the plug on Adsense for *The Spearhead*, depriving us of a relatively small, but important source of income. It isn't entirely unexpected; Google has been known to do this to sites with political content that runs counter to its executives' politics, which are strongly connected to the Democratic Party. I suspect criticism of Patty Murray may have been the last straw, especially considering that the election is coming up and her seat is so important to the Obama administration.

However, the setback is relatively minor, and I was not all that happy about giving Google ads so much valuable real estate on the site anyway. But it does mean that I will be a couple hundred dollars shorter in following months, and will need to make up the revenue somehow. On the bright side, it will spur me to finally pursue other avenues that will, in all likelihood, be more profitable.

In the meanwhile, contributions are needed to keep the momentum going. *The Spearhead* is finally coming into its own, and is gaining a reputation as a place where men can make some sense of the insanity that surrounds contemporary sexual politics.

So, with your help we can continue to grow and get the message out there, and I can even see the day when the issues we are bringing to prominence on *The Spearhead* can no longer be ignored.

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Domestic Violence: On Real Victims

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From A Voice for Men

For those of you who have read my short bio, you know that I became involved in men's activism because of misandry in the mental health field, where I worked as an addictions counselor for 20 years. The recent debate on this site between myself and a generic feminist took me back a few years to some very familiar arguments that were commonplace with my peers when I was counseling.

That feminist reminded me of the ideologues I used to work with. What he does not know, and doesn't want to know about the subject could fill Lake Superior. And despite his allegations of indifference, even sadistic enjoyment on my part about violence against women, his knowledge about me is equally lacking.

In the world of drug addicts and alcoholics, violence in the home is as common as lost jobs, DUI's and a litany of other life problems. And my experience in dealing with it leaves an impression in my mind vastly different than you see broadcast in public service announcements, and what you hear from gender activists that make their bread and butter from the problem.

Somewhere in all of us, I think, by virtue of systematic brainwashing, is the idea that domestic violence is epitomized by a frail and battered woman, quietly weeping and huddled in a dark corner. We have been trained, through the hypnotic repetition of misinformation, to conjure the image of male monster driven by the insatiable need for control, pummeling his wife or girlfriend because her independence threatens him.

Do such monsters exist? Certainly. I have spoken with many of them. Some are guilt ridden over their actions, some are sociopathic and unrepentant, rationalizing that their misdeeds are justified. All of them are wrong.

But of course to be fair, and more importantly *truthful*, my memory has no shortage of women who also fill the bill. I have dealt with many who slapped, punched, kicked and clawed their partners out of anger and frustration, and just like a few of the men, out of the sick desire for dominance. The only real difference between the two is that I found significantly less remorse in the women. I have always attributed that to the fact that their violence was never taken as seriously as the men's, and never as stigmatized by social taboo. It didn't make any of them less wrong.

But here's the rub. The use of violence as a premeditated, ongoing tool to maintain primacy in a relationship was always an infinitesimally small percentage of what I saw in the people I worked with. It was the extreme exception that somehow (read feminism) achieved inculcation into public consciousness as the norm, with a male in the role of perpetrator.

From working with countless families affected by the problem, I can tell you what domestic violence really is. It's a couple, one or both of them drunk, escalating a fight till it gets physical. It's two desperate, our of control people, clawing at each other out of fear and rage. It's impulse, reckless dysfunction that as many times as not has the two people in the bedroom enjoying make up sex not long after it is over, and then building the tension between them till it happens again.

It is people who cannot or will not manage conflict in a way that is peaceful, and it does not belong to one sex over the other any more than it belongs to one hair color over the other.

In fact, if you want to understand who is at most risk for violence in the home, take an equally hard look at poverty and drugs, especially alcohol. Looking at anything else first, especially the sex of perpetrators and victims, is fruitless. Unless, of course, there happens to be a buck in it for you or you have a political ax to grind.

In fact, if you want to know the real truth, we have screwed up the whole concept of perpetrators and victims when it comes to domestic violence. What I witnessed over two decades of dealing with the realities on the ground gave

me a completely different view than you find in coffee house conversations.

When it comes to domestic violence, the real perpetrators are adults and the real victims are children.

And until we start to understand this, and act on it in good faith, we will achieve nothing more than further pitting men and women against each other, and leaving more children devastated in the wake of their battles.

Children who witness violence between their parents are traumatized by it. And I mean that in the literal sense. I have spoken with countless couples that recounted their battles with each other, sometimes sadly, but often as dispassionately as two people talking about playing checkers. They even laughed, together, at the absurdity of their actions. And let's face it, rather than being there to arrange escape and protection plans, they were there trying to figure out how to stay together and solve problems.

Talking to their children was vastly different. That is where I saw the most, *and the most genuine*, tears. Usually, all it took was a question.

"What is it like for you when Mom and Dad fight?"

Many of them, when hearing this simple question, which neither parent had likely ever asked, were overcome in a swell of raw, unyielding pain. They often struggled to steady their quivering lips, and fight back tears as they talked. Others just walled off, keeping their eyes down, shrugging their shoulders and forbidding me to enter the world of their pain.

Many of them, though, did tell me their stories. I got to hear how they covered their heads with pillows at night, trying to block out the noise. Others learned to escape in their own minds, retreating into fantasy. Still others tried to intervene, to become the only adult in the house, and to protect one parent from the other. And yes, they were often trying to protect their fathers.

As I did my job and dug into their lives, I found the real legacy of their parent's actions. It came in the form of school failure, fighting, drug use, thoughts of suicide, social withdrawal, hopelessness, despair and anger.

Anger.

And it was an anger they were destined to carry with them; baggage to be hefted and lugged into their adult lives, tainting their image of themselves and others; wrecking their chances to trust the likes of love or put stock in the notion of family. A gift from Mom and Dad in the form of scars.

I didn't blame them for being angry. When I heard their stories I was angry, too. Sometimes I wanted to grab both parents and smack them myself. But mostly I just sat and watched as they pointed at each other and cast blame.

You know, we put a lot of effort into finding a solution to domestic violence. And we put a great deal of energy into supposedly helping the victims of this social malady. As well we should.

It is the contention of many MRA's, and we are right to think so, that we need to de-gender the problem. We point to the fact that women are, as often as men, the initiators of violence. We lament the fact that social services all but deny the existence of male victims. Again, rightfully so.

But if we are ever to understand and redress the difficulties we face over this problem, I contend that we need to take a more somber and sober look at who is really paying the price for all of it.

And we need to understand that parents with children who have repeated violence in the home are abusing them, literally wrecking their futures, regardless of anything as trivial as who hit who first, or who got the biggest bruise.

What we have now is a system that only takes the petty squabble between two immature people and elevates it to the national level. We have turned our collective understanding of domestic violence into a macrocosm of a childish, vindictive, marital spat, ever seeking someone to blame for being the *real* problem.

And it underscores the importance of organizations like S.A.V.E. and DAHMW, run by people who are more

interested in solving the problem than in simply pointing fingers.

I hope, and I certainly encourage other MRA's, that as we continue quest of cutting though all the garbage science and concocted factoids about domestic violence, that we make it a point to remind people that we are not engaged in a pissing match with women, or even necessarily with feminists. We are really trying to educate a woefully ignorant public about who pays the price for all these lies. I know that wrongly accused men do pay, and it is a horrible injustice, but the real sacrificial lambs are our sons and daughters. They never asked for any of this.

And as I read back through the debate, I found myself at fault for failing to more adequately bring that to the table. If there was ever any doubt about whether or not the debate was worth it in my mind, at least that much has been resolved.

I won't make the same mistake again.

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Maureen Dowd Stumps for Chivalry

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Never much of a lady herself, Maureen Dowd nevertheless expects men to stand up for women, even when they've done something awful, such as killing a little boy's pets. In her latest piece, she bemoans the increasingly callous attitude toward women, utterly failing to connect this attitude to contemporary women's – including her own – behavior.

Digging deep to find a knight in shining armor, Maureen comes up with Keith Richards, Stones guitarist and former junkie who, as it turns out, is kind of a softy who has been battered and psychologically tormented by women at various points in his life, starting with his mother, who systematically killed his pets. When the little Keith Richards protested, his mother said: "don't be soft."

After the Rolling Stones became wildly successful, Richards was mobbed by women who got so rough with him he was in mortal fear on some occasions, including one time a couple women choked him with his own necklace:

> I was never more in fear for my life than I was from teenage girls. The ones that choked me, tore me to shreds, if you got caught in a frenzied crowd of them — it's hard to express how frightening they could be.
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> [...]
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> The problem is if they get their hands on you, they don't know what to do with you. They nearly strangled me with a necklace, one grabbed one side of it, the other grabbed the other, and they're going, 'Keith, Keith,' and meanwhile they're choking me.

Despite this rough treatment, Keith Richards remained considerate and even lent a sympathetic ear to the women who were upset by his bandmates' tendency to sleep around and refuse to commit.

Even Richards' supposedly "sexist" song – Under My Thumb – was written more in response to betrayal on the part of women in his life:

> The songs … came from a lot of frustration from our point of view. You go on the road for a month, you come back, and she's with somebody else.

It seems Keith Richards, despite the heroin and rock star lifestyle, had to deal with the same thing many ordinary men do, and despite the horrible treatment he was subjected to at the hands of women from time to time, he remained fairly partial to them.

Richards, therefore, is not so much "chivalrous" in that regard as he is par for the course — most men, despite pretty lousy behavior on the part of women, put up with it and continue to behave as "good boys" around women. It's what we've been trained to do, after all.

On the other hand, what Maureen Dowd displays is this despicable, but sadly common, attitude that a good man is one who puts up with abuse from women and still continues to treat them with respect and deference. In some ways, it's even worse than a master/slave relationship, because supposedly love is involved.

If one reads between the lines, chivalry, as interpreted by modern Western women, is nothing more than a woman's privilege to do whatever she wants and behave in any manner she chooses while enjoying the unconditional protection, support and respect of men.

Stacy Bannerman's Domestic Violence Hoax

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By Carey Roberts

Stacy Bannerman, well-known advocate for military families, recently published an article titled, "Husbands Who Bring the War Home." Author of *When the War Came Home*, Bannerman has been credited for helping to secure passage of the Military Family Leave Act in 2009.

As weary American troops return from their Iraqi deployment, the Bannerman column is important and timely. And the harrowing account of Kristi, victim of an attempted strangulation by a husband who had just returned from a 10-month deployment, was riveting.

But was it true?

As a columnist who specializes in the field of domestic violence and has spoken with countless victims of abuse, I found myself feeling increasingly unsettled as I worked my way through her engaging yet enigmatic essay.

The question of the veracity of her claims is paramount because the partner abuse field is strewn with battlefield debris of half-truths, misrepresentations, and utter fabrications. University of New Hampshire researcher Murray Straus has written of domestic violence researchers who "have let their ideological commitments overrule their scientific commitments." And U. Penn School of Social Work dean Richard Gelles has coined the whimsical phrase about the ubiquitous partner abuse "factoids from nowhere."

So I sent Ms. Bannerman an email requesting documentation of her various statements and claims.

She cheerfully answered a couple of my questions. But when pressed for citations of the research studies, Bannerman firmly demurred: "I am sorry that my travel schedule doesn't allow me to provide any further assistance."

Knowing that her article had garnered extensive media attention and could well shape future legislation, that brush-off hardly seemed to fit the ticket. So I did some digging. And to my dismay, I learned that "Husbands Who Bring the War Home" likely contains more fiction than fact.

Let's put the issue into perspective. Partner abuse is a problem in our society. But research paints a very different picture than the Dagwood and Blondie comic strip stereotypes.

The largest study on partner violence in military families was conducted by Richard Heyman of the State University of New York – Stony Brook. His survey of over 33,000 active-duty Army personnel found 4.4% of female soldiers had committed severe domestic violence in the past year, compared to only 2.5% of the men. Other studies with military personnel reach a similar conclusion: Women are as likely, if not more likely, than men to engage in partner aggression.

So let's dissect the eight key claims in Bannerman's 1,400-word article. I'll first quote her statement, then tell you what my investigation turned up.

1. "The journal Disabled American Veterans stated that veteran interpersonal violence often involves 'only one or two extremely violent and frightening abusive episodes that quickly precipitate treatment seeking.'"

I visited the website of the Disabled American Veterans Magazine. Entering the terms "interpersonal violence," "partner violence," and "domestic violence" into the magazine's search engine — I searched every issue of the magazine from 1960 on. The Bannerman statement could not be verified. (When I later informed Ms. Bannerman of this fruitless search, she did not offer any comment.)

Conclusion: The statement appears to reflect the fanciful musings of an imaginative commentator.

2. The Veterans Administration "found that the majority of veterans with combat stress commit at least one act of

spousal abuse in their first year post-deployment."

Even after I offered to extend my deadline to accommodate Ms. Bannerman's travel plans, she still did not provide the source of this claim. So I searched high and low – no luck. Finally I contacted the Veterans Administration. Tina Crenshaw, PhD of the National Center for PTSD replied, "I checked with a couple of researchers in this topic area – they were not aware of research supporting that statement."

Conclusion: Add this gem to your Factoids from Nowhere collection.

3. "[S]ince 2003, there has been a 75 percent increase in reports of domestic violence in and around Ft. Hood."

Bannerman emailed me, "As for the Ft. Hood figures, they were drawn from an article in USA Today." But the USA Today article that is linked to her article says nothing about domestic violence, much less reports on an alleged "75 percent increase" in partner abuse.

Conclusion: Factoid from Nowhere No. 2.

4. "He [Kristi's husband] called a domestic violence hotline, and the person he talked to discouraged him from going to the men's group because he doesn't fit the abuser profile."

This incident was so out-of-order that I called Susan Risdon, spokeswoman for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, and read her Bannerman's statement. Without missing a beat, Risdon skewered the claim: "Our advocates would never give that response to a caller."

Conclusion: Let's put this improbable tale out of its misery – can we all agree this is Factoid from Nowhere No. 3?

5. "Staff at the shelter told her that…her husband made too much money for her to stay there, anyway."

This statement is not likely to be true because none of the three federal programs that fund domestic violence shelters — the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and the Victims of Crime Act — requires means testing for shelter residents. And virtually every abuse shelter in the country receives federal monies.

Conclusion: Hardly a spit-and-polish claim.

6. The Blue Star Families "hasn't released the findings [on its 2010 military family survey], but my hunch is that they'll show near-epidemic numbers of veteran violence in the home."

I queried Ms. Bannerman, "What was the basis for your 'hunch'?" You guessed it, No response.

Conclusion: Is the idea to engage in responsible journalism, or scare the living daylights out of military wives?

7. I posed this question to Bannerman: "It is well-known that women are as likely to be partner abusers as men. Knowing that many women have served in combat zones, why did your article omit mention of their needs for counseling and treatment?"

Ms. Bannerman did not judge this question worthy of an answer.

Conclusion: According to the VA, "Women may take longer to recover from PTSD and are four times more likely than men to have long-lasting PTSD. Women with PTSD also are more likely to feel depressed and anxious." So why did Bannerman opt to stiff-arm the needs of post-deployment women with PTSD, who are also at increased risk of partner abuse?

8. This was my last question: "The beginning of your article recounts three late night phone calls from 'Kristi' to you. Since the main point of your article is that the problem of domestic violence should be taken seriously, why did you not contact the police as soon as you received the calls?"

Bannerman replied, "I did not contact the police, since she [Kristi] specifically asked me not to."

Conclusion: This must qualify as the most disingenuous part of the entire narrative. The caller was not indulging in

a frat-house prank, and Ms. Bannerman surely understands the mortal risks of partner violence. But when confronted with a here-and-now, life-and-death situation, Bannerman nods back to sleep, miffed by the late-night distraction.

I contacted Dr. Donald Dutton, an internationally recognized expert on intimate partner aggression at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Dutton replied, “The Daily Beast article feeds into the stereotype of domestic violence as perpetrated by brutal men against hapless women. But the U.S. Army data indicates that partner abuse is perpetrated more by women. Apparently Stacy Bannerman believes that we shouldn’t allow a stereotype to get confused by the facts.”

On January 28, 1993 a group of women issued a warning that the upcoming Super Bowl would be the “biggest day of the year for violence against women.” Three days later the Washington Post ran a front-page story revealing there was no evidence to support such a claim. The frolic later came to be known as the Super Bowl Hoax.

Nearly 18 years later, a similar battle plan is being followed: Assemble lurid anecdotes and apocryphal statistics, issue dire warnings, and stampede loyal military wives into demanding draconian domestic violence measures.

But in the final analysis, it’s the true victims of true domestic violence who have most to lose from the data-fragging, fear-fostering, and political-posturing that envelop much of the current domestic violence debate.

Because after all these years, it’s about time that we take desperation calls from persons like Kristi seriously.

Marriage 3.0

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What is marriage 2.0? It has been described in many different ways but this picture from Roissy captures an important aspect of it.

whocares about my FIANCE'S face?! LOOK AT MY RING! lol From the album:

Who is the guy in the picture? We have no way of knowing. That's because men do not matter in marriage 2.0. At the wedding, the beginning of the marriage, the man is just a guy in a tux. Everything else in the wedding is about the woman. He could almost be replaced by a mannequin if it weren't for the final act of marriage under marriage 2.0 — divorce. At that point the man is nothing more than a wallet to be pillaged by the woman (and lawyers). Again it doesn't matter who the man is. Any man will do. In between the wedding and the divorce the man will similarly have no identity either because marriage 2.0 elevates the woman and dehumanizes the man. In marriage 2.0 the man might as well be a piece of furniture, and if he starts causing problems like trying to assert himself, he may get thrown away (aka divorced).

Knowing this what will marriage 3.0 look like? The man will be there less and less until he isn't anymore. The "marriage strike" is misnamed because more and more men have decided and will decide to completely stop looking for a wife knowing they won't find one. How will marriage continue after that? The only possible way will be if women start marrying themselves, such as this woman from Taiwan. Chen Wei-yih, the woman who is marrying herself, could be the first woman to engage in marriage 3.0.

The wedding industry will heavily promote marriage 3.0 to deal with falling revenues due to men's loss of interest in marriage. Commercials will say, "Why wait for a man for your special day. Marry yourself like an independent woman and have your special day on your schedule." Such an advertising campaign would save almost all of the wedding industry, except for the tux rental portion, because everything in a wedding is about the bride. To save the tux rental industry the marriage 3.0 advertising campaign will include promotion of the use of mannequins wearing tuxes to replace the men who are no longer getting married.

Where will the men be in all of this? Since divorcing themselves isn't going to do anything for the "married" women, expect women to petition the state for increased taxes in some form to be transferred to them. Whether this will happen or not or how long this will be in effect will depend on several factors, not the least of which is how

long the misandry bubble will last. Otherwise, men will completely ignore these “marriages” and get on with their lives as they see fit.

Mint is Fresh

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Because recent events have driven home the point that it isn't always a good idea to rely on "free" services offered by large companies (who shall remain nameless here), I just installed Mint tracking software (written by Shaun Inman) that provides a real-time view of stats and traffic.

Although there were a couple annoyances during installation, I've got it up and running and it's a nice little program. I can see what articles people have just found, as well as the keywords, links, and twitter referrals that led them here.

From what I've seen so far, I'm pretty happy with the software, and if no bugs come up I'll definitely give it my approval and recommend Mint to any other bloggers out there who are not altogether pleased with what the free services provided by that other company have to offer. Also, at $30, it's a pretty fair deal for the utility it provides.

Why We Credential

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I recently convinced a family member not to return to school for a Master of Arts degree, arguing that the diploma – and the tens of thousands of dollars in debt it entailed – would not make my relative more marketable. Having done my good deed for the month, I was puzzled how this person came to believe that an M.A. would lead to a j-o-b.

There are many causes underlying this belief. First, the nation's largest employer, the Federal Government, awards additional points to advanced degrees under its employee candidate scoring rubric. Second, there is the misconception promulgated by self-interested educators that more education in a particular field is desirable at the entry level, despite the obvious disconnect between education and practice in most fields. (Engineers seem to have a marked advantage in this area.) Finally, as every degree's value is debased by dubious online and for-profit schools, the ease of earning a Master's creates a race to the bottom where everyone wants one in order to appear competitive in the job market. After all, it only costs the student time, since they're not paying for it now, or possibly ever, as already-underreported default rates for federally subsidized student loans continue to rise. Frontline thoroughly addressed this issue recently.

None of this, however, truly examines why the Master's degree is – or is perceived to be – so valued. If the M.A. didn't confer a benefit onto its recipients, nobody would want it. This is true of all educational degrees, even if the benefit of their completion is merely the social currency of attending the "right" school. Nevertheless, economic analysis has shown some degrees, such as the MBA, to be worthless. The value of any degree is clustered in favor of the elite, as seen by the earnings and job offers conferred upon Ivy League and equivalent undergraduate schools, the top 14 (t14) law schools, and the top seven (M7) business schools. Everyone else pays as much as an elite degree costs, as there is relatively little price discrimination among schools, without receiving commensurate benefits.

Degrees of any kind serve as proxies for native intelligence, but especially advanced degrees, as college has metastasized into an extended high school experience. The correlation between a degree and intelligence has been overestimated in recent decades, though, because employers have been stripped of other tools on which to evaluate potential employees.

The Federal Government Unwittingly Adds a Step.

In *Griggs v. Duke Power Company*, the Supreme Court ruled that Duke Power's requirement of a high school diploma or passing of a standardized general intelligence test for employment or transfer of jobs was unlawful under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. 401 U.S. 424 (1971). The facts of *Griggs* specifically dealt with the racial impact Duke Power's employee testing policy had on black employees as opposed to white ones, which was prohibited under Title VII. This same section of Title VII, however – § 703(h) – addresses discrimination along gender lines as well.

> [It is not] an unlawful employment practice for an employer to give and to act upon the results of any professionally developed ability test provided that such test, its administration or action upon the results is not designed, intended or used to discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

No reasonable person can quarrel with the Court's intentions in reaching its outcome, as eliminating racial animus is an important goal for national cohesion. The end result, however, is that general tests of intelligence cannot be used to grant or deny employment by employers covered under Title VII. Instead, the court held that only task-specific tests could be used:

> What Congress has commanded is that any tests used must measure the person for the job and not the person in the abstract.

In the interest of clarity, Title VII defines employer in 42 U.S.C. § 2000e as "a person engaged in an industry affecting commerce who has fifteen or more employees for each working day in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year," including his or her agents, with certain exceptions. Not every business is affected by this restriction, but almost all large companies and a great many "small" businesses are.

The Current Paradigm, a/k/a "Your Degrees, Please."

The worthy desire to eradicate racial discrimination has carried unintended consequences. Aptitude and fitness for many jobs, particularly in today's service-oriented economy, elude reliable and effective testing. Even if those skills could be tested and quantified, a risk averse large employer would want to avoid testing and potentially inviting a *Griggs*-style lawsuit.

This leads to hiring based upon the next best available source of information about competency: Educational attainment. In addition to spawning the higher education market discussed above, it has given rise to the lucrative test prep and admissions consulting machine, which adds thousands of dollars in costs to the application process.

Our credentialing system has created a feedback loop that disadvantages men. More women now hold post-secondary degrees than men, a trend that will continue as women continue to swamp men in college admissions. For example, women outnumber men in the University of Florida's incoming class, a trend seen nationwide at other well-regarded schools such as the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. A prerequisite for any kind of graduate degree, women are leading men in obtaining Bachelor's degrees for reasons that have been more thoroughly discussed elsewhere and are beyond the scope of this discussion. The end result is clear, though — men are structurally disadvantaged under the current regime and will continue to be well into the future.

In a broad sense, change may be afoot. Recent decisions such as *Gratz v. Bollinger*, 539 U.S. 244 (2003), and *Grutter v. Bollinger*, 539 U.S. 306 (2003), show the court's tension over identity preferences, and *Ricci v. DeStefano*, ___ U.S. ___, 129 S. Ct. 2658 (2009), specifically addressed Title VII, shining light on the murky relationship between the Civil Rights Act's disparate impact standard and the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection under the 14th Amendment (noted in Scalia's concurrence). All of this, however, is orthogonal to the issue of intelligence testing as an alternative to time-consuming, life-delaying and costly credentialing procedures. The emphasis on educational credentialing is particularly damaging in our under-regulated educational environment, which rewards hucksters for parting taxpayers with their money under the promise than an 18-year-old will someday, somehow, pay it back. Moreover, it creates a closed system where men face substantial obstacles to economically compete with women, if they are not excluded from competition entirely.

In this economy, job prospects for recent graduates are comparable to those of people who never pursued higher education. The latter camp at least avoided the college debt trap, and can always go back later in life when universities will still exist, and possibly with more competitive price structures in response to the smoldering student loan crisis. Despite decades of conventional wisdom favoring education, now might be the best time to *not* go to college.

Among those most harmed by the current system are smart people who don't enjoy learning in a classroom. Who can blame them? From high school onward, learning seemingly is of secondary importance to social preening and consumerism within educational institutions. The work, in the form of problem sets, "reflection papers" and group projects – where a few do the labor of many for equally shared credit – is often unpleasant or pointless. In an upside-down post-*Griggs* world, people who don't participate in or enjoy those activities are considered dumb or low-class by the yuppie influentsia, while their college-educated peers vie for a cubicle job to service an enormous debt load and discuss People Magazine on their 35-minute lunch breaks. In my experience, business owners and managers without formal education beyond high school have been able to run circles around me in their areas of

expertise. Yet, without entrepreneurialism, it's uncertain whether they would have fared as well as they have in a world so obsessed with college degrees.

The problems of excessive higher education have been clear for some time. While there are many causes, few realize that the nation's highest court played some role in creating the system we have today. While the Supreme Court decided *Griggs* with noble intentions, the long-term effects of its decisions have quietly come to impose a cost on men and their ambitions.

Academia and the Politics of Peer Review

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By Keyster

"A recent study suggests women are better than men at everything!" We've been barraged with these articles for decades, to the point we're numb to them. But they serve an important purpose in the feminist propaganda campaign. The messaging, if repeated often enough through the fog horn of the mainstream media, becomes the de facto truth. And the fact that a "study" comes from a "Sociologists of Science" department of an accredited university means it must be "scientific" because of something called "peer review". Let's trace the path of the peer review process at a given higher educational institution.

Professors who want to ascend in the ranks (and pay scale) of their employer, reaching the ultimate level and security of "tenured", are expected to do more than just "profess" or teach. They're also expected to research or study something in their field, write about it and get it published in a related journal. Before any submission is to be considered however it must first pass through a gauntlet of "referees" or peers for review. This is typically, but not always blind, or having the name of the researcher hidden. The publication editor will have a list of "go to" peer reviewers that she will send the research to. This process alone can take as long as several years and sometimes stall indefinitely, as the peer reviewers receive no credit for reviewing and have no incentive to prioritize doing it. Should the research material reach certain "agreeable" conclusions consistent with their views and be written and formatted in the recognizable style of a certain colleague, this may serve as an incentive for the peer to read it and comment on it in a more expeditious fashion.

Each discipline handles this process differently and abides by different standards, but because "Social Science" is considered science it's deemed just as credible and yet subject to more interpretation at the same time. It's determining facts from the vagaries of human psychology, not a neat logical formula; not to mention the researcher's own biased approach. But the end game here is getting published, no matter what it takes.

So the first test for the erstwhile Associate Professor looking to score points for advancement is getting past his Department Head. He proposes, let's say, a study to research that women consistently practice diverse levels of standards in mate selection. His hypothesis being this is physical and cyclical in nature; some for sexual encounters and some for monogamous life commitment. The Department Head's misogyny meter immediately starts to click and she challenges exactly what he's trying to conclude with this research. (ANYTHING that might present women in a negative light must be scrutinized!) She stonewalls him for months until finally he catches her in a weak moment, perhaps even charms her, while laying out a strong argument to fund and begin this research. Perhaps she'll openly support him in the interest of helping along his own career suicide. "He obviously doesn't understand WHAT he's dealing with."

He conducts his research over a year, through surveys, lab studies, brain scans, interviews, etc. and concludes that women are attracted to different types of men depending on where they are in their estrus cycle. YIKES! Is this really something important to the gender studies portion of "social science"? Well, it's never been done or at least published and the evidence is rather conclusive, if not ground breaking. After some initial protest and internal wrangling he's able to submit his research for publication, probably having to submit a protest to the Dean and step on some toes to do it. This is then passed on by the editor of "The American Journal of Social Sciences" to a pre-selected group of social scientists from Universities and Colleges around the country that specializes in "gender science" for their review. Upon perusing the research their first question might be "What department head in her right mind allowed this misogynist research to take place at all, let alone fund it? Heresy! There's a traitor in our midst!" They may even call around to find out who the perpetrator of this so called "research" is.

Make no mistake, if it makes women appear to be women rather than equal to or better than men, it will be stalled in review indefinitely, if allowed to proceed at all. And if it is, it will be picked apart as "falsely conducted", "incomplete" and so forth. The editor will have no choice but to return the research as not passing peer review and

therefore not meeting the standards for publication. No publication, no promotion. No publication, no feminist biased mass media to release it as a “story”, complete with journalistic freedom to editorialize and expert analysis from feminist pundits; not that they’d even consider going with it on the slowest news day of the year, unless it wreaked of another “you go grrl” moment.

This my friends is why the social sciences academic research and studies regarding men and women (and many other things that don’t fit the narrative), CANNOT be trusted for accuracy and honesty in any form. Whether it is domestic violence, parenting, math skills, in the workplace, equal pay, rape, etc.; because it will be tainted with bias from the femocracy that controls the Social Science Departments of every school across our land. They’re the worst kind of scientist; the kind with a preconceived agenda, corrupted by ideology and having an axe to grind.

An academical pseudo-study or The Real World: Women in the Workplace.

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wimmin keeping it real

Once again, College proves to be an excellent muse. Take this exchange in -of all things- Industrial Psychology.

Teacher (a woman of course, who else teaches this stuff): So, it has been found that women in particular regard their duties as a mother above all else, so a company should accommodate to that, by putting daycare and other benefits.

Your brave hero then musters his social deafness courage and asks:

Me: Why should an employer put up with that instead of not hiring women in the first place?

Teacher: Well, that would be being exclusive and that's bad. Also, **the law** says it so. And there's the difficult case of that a pregnant woman isn't productive but she should be hired because, again, **the law** says that you can't ask about that in an interview and she *needs* the job. Although, as I was a boss of a college department before this, I have to admit that dealing with women is a bitch.

All of the above paraphrased, of course.

So, with all the recent talk of credentialism and pseudo studies done for the acolytes of the religion of leftism, that, of course, have a huge axe to grind, I thought: If they can't do it, why I cant?

So, present men, occasional women, I want YOU!

Your experiences with women in the workplace:
What were they?
Were they good, bad?
Why were they good or bad?
How did they affect the other employees?
How did they affect the employers?
How did they affect the company as a whole?

All of the above will be gathered and the results published in the next week, so stay tuned! It may even give us our own study to quote, I mean, is not like the studies of the lamestream media are less full of bias (a study about

people without bias is hard, you know).

Volokh Discusses Islamic Law and Marital Rape

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Eugene Volokh is a fairly well-known legal blogger, and an intelligent guy I enjoy reading from time to time. When it comes to sexual politics he's pretty moderate as far as today's attitudes are concerned. However, the contemporary understanding of the terms "rape" and "marriage" are radical departures from anything the world has ever known up to the last forty-odd years, so the term moderate must be kept in its proper context.

In his latest piece he condemns Muslims for refusing to accept that there is such a thing as marital rape.

The problem with this is that the contemporary, Western understanding of rape is not the historical standard. Some of Volokh's commenters bring up Jewish and Christian views on marriage, including some who blame the fact that marital rape did not exist as a concept in the West until very recently on Christianity, as though before the emergence of those bad old patriarchal religions good people all agreed that a woman's consent prior to each sexual act was required to prevent the commission of a heinous crime.

This is ridiculous. Prior to the advent of these religions, and Christianity in particular, women were the property of men in their family, and the crime of rape was generally held to be a violation of a man's property. In Roman law, a man could be executed for rape even if the woman had consented, because he had violated the honor of her family. In the Torah, the punishment for despoiling a maiden required payment to the father and subsequent marriage. Raping another man's wife has been almost universally held to be a grave crime, usually punishable by death.

However, the idea that the legal definition of rape ever had anything to do with whether a woman wanted sex or not at the time is a very recent innovation, which arose largely out of Christian societies, and was based on the idea of redemption, i.e. a fallen woman such as a prostitute could be redeemed through confession and dedication to Christ, and her spiritual maidenhood thereby restored. In fact, as we see with Roman law rape and fornication were interchangeable, and punishment of the male transgessor was to avenge the woman's closest male relative.

Although it may seem humane and right on the face of it to call sex by force within marriage rape and punish it accordingly, the logical conclusion of this is to invalidate the religious concept of marriage, and indeed almost all traditional concepts of marriage. So while it may be "progressive" to put the crime of marital rape on the books, a better and more honest solution would be to eliminate marriage altogether from our law, and classify all sex crimes as sexual assault rather than rape, since the very concept of rape itself is outdated and inextricably tied up with religious attitudes concerning marriage and ecclesiastical law.

The imam who said there can be no such thing as marital rape is only speaking honestly about his beliefs. If he said and felt otherwise he would be committing heresy, or even apostasy.

It is time we truly separated church and state: it is time to eliminate marriage from all state and federal law and leave such arrangements up to the various faiths and cultures to define it as they always have.

And lest anyone suggest that this will encourage Muslim and Christian men to force sex on their wives, all we would have to do to prevent that is enforce criminal codes concerning sexual assault, but at the same time allow the various faiths to make adjustments, such as giving husbands recourse to easy divorce and compensation for neglect under their own religious arrangements. For example, religious marriage contracts could stipulate trust funds of some sort (e.g. dowries), payable to a husband forced to divorce a wife for frigidity, so that he could more easily find another with more dedication to the faith. Rather than force sex on the woman, he would have a financial incentive to turn her loose, which would surely prevent a great deal of marital friction and make many women happy and free to live a godless life.

As it is, the state is playing the surrogate of the church in defining marriage, and in America that is not only unacceptable, but unconstitutional as well.

Feminist Cartoonist Bemoans Online Resistance, Claims She is Enslaved by Patriarchy When Men Disagree With Her

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In a sign that feminism is increasingly being rejected by men in our culture, a cartoonist named Gabby Schultz recently created a cartoon that supposedly depicts what happened when she called some guy sexist.

The Cartoon is kind of funny for its absolute inversion of what many of us have experience in real life in dealing with feminists, as well as her absurd claim that she is enslaved by men who argue with her.

However, it does show that feminists are starting to encounter some serious opposition. Despite the whiny “poor little me” tone of the comic, there is a hint of surprise at the strength of opposition to feminism.

Times are changing.

Sometimes it's Child-Abuse: a brief personal account

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By Josie Gallows

People often lament the struggles of young girls growing up with all of these preconceived notions on how they should or shouldn't be. Popular imagery and mass media exposing young girls to a culture that debases them, turning them into people who will objectify themselves more than anyone else ever could.

As an ardent supporter of Mens Rights, I can find some truth to that old message. There really is an objectification that occurs for young girls and there really is a cultural precedent that's unfair to them in a lot of ways, sometimes how they're viewed intellectually and physically is a leftover from the type of Patriarchal madness we see currently at its worst in the Islamic world. Even as a very young man I resented that in my own, then uneducated, way. I was a defender of women. That probably had something to do with the fact that I was raised by women.

But there was something else I learned about bigotry growing up among women, and even family Lesbians. It's that women hate men. Not just the men involved in one particular political and media regime, but all men. I was taught this by my mother, my grandmother and their female associates but my experience is more pervasive than that. I also learned it from the mothers and female friends of the girls that I've dated, the women I've known casually and, in my adult life, I've experienced it professionally.

For some reason or another, I was a monster. A rabid, criminally minded monster that was only after two things: control and sex. I would later learn that this was due to a several decade old political campaign by a bunch of bitter, old and hideous looking women that were so detached from the reality of the average persons day to day life that they never had any business commenting on it much less radicalizing generations of young women.

That's not the point here, however. If you're here chances are you know the details of Feminism.

The point I want to make is that this attitude was a personal attack on me and I, honestly, believe it to be true that women, as a culture, hate men. It wasn't about some disembodied specter of Patriarchy that I, obviously, had nothing to do with, but a direct verbal abuse of a child and teenager. My response is, sensibly, "mind your manners and watch your tongue." Without even being PC, people should be mindful of the direct implications of what they're saying and should be considerate of whether or not they're making hostile sweeping generalizations that don't actually apply to reality.

Why do I say that? Because I actually do believe in fairness, unlike feminism. "Despite" my penis, my emotional faculties and ability to empathize are wholly intact. So is my ability to feel offended.

While I was busy defending the cause of men and women being equals, during my preadolescence and up, women were doing clean-up work behind me making sure that they instilled a sense of the opposite; that women were superior to men. Feminism, ultimately, is not about the equality of genders but about the specific plight of women who seek superiority and revenge. If this were not the case it would not be called "Feminism" but, quite, simply, "Equality."

Men are stupid, men are violent, men lack social graces. Men lack the emotional capacity to possibly understand what it's like to be wounded or to actually suffer negative consequences cultural trends. Men are either big ugly dopes or limp wrists who are equally unworthy of female time, consideration or care. This is what our modern society has distilled from decades of feminism and pumps into the minds of young men throughout the entirety of all formerly great civilizations that, in reality, used to be able to find a whole lot more useful about men and, shockingly enough, women as well, than our culture seems to be able to these days.

A quote that stuck with me from a close family member while reading a news story was "just another case of a man raping a woman" not "just another case of a rapist" and therefore "men are rapists." I tried to correct this obvious fallacy but to no avail, because obviously as a man I have no conception of what bigoted ideas and the seeds that

grow them really are.

As a kid I repeatedly heard “you know how men are.” How am I? I asked women to explain, elaborate, make themselves clear but they never would. Apparently I was an over-reacting male with violent tendencies for demanding that a slight against my very existence should be explained.

My resentment for the fact that they couldn’t even justify their obvious bigotry grew but something else grew as well. A sense of self-loathing. A very real, very self-hostile sense of self-loathing that occurred due to being an impressionable kid in a world filled with women who I had come to believe hated me or secretly disliked me in theory and yet my sensibility towards the generalized equality of genders remained. I’ll spare you a sob story and give you facts.

How would a group of men these days be viewed for saying the equivalent in front of or, worse, directly to a young girl? That would be considered flat out child abuse and, therefore in all fairness, I think it’s only right that we call a spade a spade.

Feminism has been consistently engendering a form of mental child abuse that has gone on for at least two decades now. It’s been proven to me by a large cross-section of people in my life experience.

Verbal abuse, both cultural and direct, from birth to adolescence effected me in a sensitive manner that supposedly only young girls really feel. Supposedly, because men lack emotional depth and emotional intelligence the only corrupting influences they receive are the ones to be violent and pornographic. Few stop to think that men are being taught that they are, in fact, those things rather than being taught to be those things. It would take until my twenties to start to find an equilibrium between a love for myself as a person and respect for my qualities as a man, because I don’t mesh well with the feminist notion of manhood being a big ugly mess of objectification and unjustifiably aggressive tendencies.

Masculinity not being a stigma was a hard idea to accept as “normal,” despite the fact that it was ultimately my natural inclination to accept it. Ultimately, a far better choice than self-hatred.

In the end, growing up, I think I would have had a lot more self-esteem and a lot more drive if it weren’t for living in a culture currently constructed by feminists. It leads me to wonder, if it effected someone like me with such a depth of emotional crisis, how has this culture of animosity towards masculinity and men in general really effected other men? Not everyone can be headstrong and defiant and escape the garbage of popular culture able to say “I’m not a victim, just a hardened cynic.”

I think you should wonder also.

For that, I leave you something that should help you along your way:

Why is it really that in the U.S., the seventh leading cause of death in men is suicide while it’s only the fifteenth for women? Four times higher and a proven fact. Something is effecting men much more deeply than the culture that supposedly exploits women, something big. Maybe, just maybe, it has just a little to do with a feminist created male self-image.

Keep your words true to their message.

A Totalitarian Streak A Mile Wide

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While Vox Day already beat me to this punch, I thought it useful to join him in piling on this august example of the toxic combination of feminine solipsism and tendency toward totalitarianism:

> Whistles, catcalls and lewd come-ons from strangers are all too familiar to New York City women, who say they are harassed multiple times a day as they walk down the street. Now lawmakers are examining whether to do something to discourage it. A City Council committee heard testimony Thursday from women who said men regularly follow them, yell at them and make them feel unsafe and uncomfortable. Advocates told stories of preteens and teenagers being hounded by adult men outside city schools and pleaded for government to address the problem.

The "problem" here of course, is not the behavior itself, it is that this troublesome conduct is committed by non-alpha men, and the women admit as such:

> Soon, the group Hollaback, an organization formed five years ago to stand up to street **harassment**, will release a smart phone app allowing women everywhere to do the same. Hollaback told councilmembers that women have left jobs, broken leases and skipped school all just to avoid incessant **unwelcome advances from strange men** they pass on their commutes. Holly Kearl, author of "Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women," said she informally surveyed more than 800 women from 23 countries and 43 states, and 99 percent of them had been harassed by strangers (Ed: emphasis mine).

Sexual harassment is commonly defined as "***Unwelcome*** *sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that tends to create a hostile or offensive work environment*". Note the operative word here, 'unwelcome', which moves this behavior from the objective to the subjective, from merely obnoxious into the domain of a crime punishable by the state. A crime defined not by objective criteria, but by the feelings of an individual woman, feelings that vary from time and place and from woman to woman…and man to man.

In other words, should the very same behavior be committed by men these women find attractive, not only would it be not a problem, it would be welcomed. Which brings us to the crux of this matter: I can come to one and only one inescapable conclusion: the liberated woman hates hates hates non-alpha men with a passion, a zeal, a chip that, as a non-alpha male, I admit I cannot fully fathom. Moreover, such a liberated woman will use every tool at her disposal to restrain the behavior of undesirable (read: non-alpha) men so as to ensure she receives only "welcome" attention from men she finds desirable. Usually the default tool sought by these women is the law enforcement power of the State. Which is what we see here on the NYC council, a move to take these noxious behaviors, turn them into subjective "crimes" a la workplace sexual harassment laws, and hang that albatross around the necks of all non-alpha men who live in the city.

"Come hither" shoes featured in MSNBC article

Missing from all of this discussion, of course, is any mention of the behavior or mode of dress of the women involved. Thus I found the photo placed atop MSNBC's treatment of this event to be more than a bit ironic, for it would seem to me that if one dresses in such a manner as to spam the whole social environment with your sexual signals, one then has little right to object when a fellow who is not within one's erotic field of regard happens to respond. That is not to say that the women who attended the council meeting, who in this NY Post article look rather average, dress in such an obviously sexual manner as depicted by the come-hither-shoes depicted here when out on the town. Rather, it is to note that the customary female role in human behavior, consistent over millennia, remains unchanged in these libertine times…the hard-wired pattern of feminine sexual display and male response to such displays. Of course, the women in this story wish to restrict and punish the male response to their displays, conveniently forgetting that it is they who initiate the process in the first place. Instead, we (read: society) are supposed to focus on their feelings of insecurity, and are supposed to rush to provide it for them.

Thus, having wildly succeeding in controlling the behavior of undesirable men in the workplace, these women are moving to restrain the behavior, to attack the freedom of speech and of movement of undesirable men in the public space. Of course, this attack isn't couched in those terms; instead, the stalking horse used here to execute a sneak-attack the liberties of non-dominant men is–you guessed it–women's safety, a concern that is sure to garner support from white knights and the sisterhood all over town:

> "Because of street harassment, from a young age women learn that public spaces are male territory," Kearl said. "They learn to limit the places they go, they try not to be in public alone — especially at night — and when they are alone, they stay on guard." Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras, chair of the women's issues committee that held the hearing Thursday, recalled learning as a young teen how to "speedwalk" to dodge certain men, and which corner stores she should always avoid.
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> Kat Pope, 28, of Manhattan, said she quit going to her gym in the mornings because she was harassed so badly on her way there and back. Men at a construction site would whistle, stare and yell at her as she passed, every single day. She still gets harassed in other locations, but it happens maybe once a week instead of daily.
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> "It feels disgusting," she said. "In the moment, I feel helpless and I never know what to do to make it stop."
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> Carrie Goodman, 27, a student who lives in Manhattan, said she hears a whistle or comment "once or twice a day."
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> Hollaback is pushing the city to commission a study, a public awareness campaign and perhaps even legislation, including "no-harassment zones" around schools to protect young women. "Too commonly, street harassment is believed to be the price women pay for living in New York City," said its executive director, Emily May. "But we're not buying it."
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> "This is not our way of not being able to take a compliment," said Nefertiti Martin, who testified at the hearing. "This is an issue of safety."

> Street harassment of women is as old as cities themselves and is common around the world, but the pushback against it is a more recent movement. Volunteer activists in Cairo are planning to launch a website, Harrasmap, where women can instantly report cases of leering, groping and other sexual threats.

Going beyond the sexism implicit in a set-aside committee for 'women's issues'–as if women's issues are any different from men's–and going beyond the blatant emotional manipulation inherent in lumping some behavior some women find obnoxious when committed by some men in some settings with the crime of sexual battery, it is obvious to me the toxic effect the female need for security, when empowered, has on the freedoms of society as a whole. For it is a short distance between the sort of power the State would require to provide women their desired safety, and the sort of power the state would then possess to control the lives of all its subjects. The freedom of others–or the property rights, right to self defense, right to free association, etc, etc. of others, especially when the holder of those rights are men–does not appear to matter much to women concerned with making their lives more comfy at the expense of others. This incident is merely consistent with that well-established pattern, a pattern that demonstrates that women as a sex are particularly prone to the temptation of trading the liberty of themselves and others for a little more personal security. Of course we know that they (and we) will receive neither over the long run, but that requires a twin concern for (a) the abstract concept of freedom and liberty and (b) a focus that considers the past and the future–in addition to the here and now–that seems to be missing in the average female. Or at least the ones that inhabit NYC, that populate NOW, and who vote in elections. "The personal is political" is a very apt mantra for these gals, who take their feelings and solipsism right into the voting booth. And liberty suffers for it.

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A Brief History of the Versions of Marriage

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The terminology "Marriage 2.0″ has entered the public discourse as a way of talking about the very real and significant differences between what our parents or grandparents would have considered "marriage" and what is practiced today. I believe that most people who read any blogs like this are software-savvy enough to get the reference to major revisions of computer software which get released every few years or months. Some few may even be old enough to remember when major revisions – those ending in "dot oh" (.0) – were followed by minor, but still significant, revisions indicated by incrementing the number after the decimal point. For example, DOS 3.0 was not followed by DOS 4.0, but rather by DOS 3.1 and eventually DOS 3.2.

I thought it might be useful to address in the dialogue what some of the minor revisions to marriage were, and when they happened. What follows is mostly a bit of semi-whimsical thinking about a very serious subject. I know that there will be many who will quibble with my selected milestones, but discussion is the name of the game, so quibble away.

Marriage 0.1 – 1.0 – origins lost in history up to 1945 CE

Marriage 1.1 released – 1945 – The Baby Boom Begins

Marriage 1.1 was almost identical to Marriage 1.0 except for a couple of key features which made it more popular. Veterans returning from WWII and going to college on the GI Bill, combined with explosive markets for manufactured goods necessary for the rebuilding of war-devastated Europe and SE Asia, fueled a massive expansion of the middle class, the managerial class, and the Baby Boom. Marriage was more affordable for the average man, and therefor more accessible for the average woman. The years up to 1960, which covered most of the baby boom, coincide with "Peak Marriage." The percentages of four main demographics – blacks and whites of both sexes – which currently participate in the version of marriage currently available have been falling since 1960.

Marriage 1.2 released – 1960 – The Pill

While the advent of the Birth Control Pill (or just "The Pill") had significant effects for unmarried people – allowing non-marital sexual activity with less risk of unwanted parenthood – it also had a HUGE effect on marriage itself. The concept of "Family Planning" became widely familiar, and the ability of married couples to have as much sex as they felt like without incurring the burdens on their time and finances which additional children would bring subtly changed the dynamics of a lot of marriages.

Marriage 1.3 released – 1970 – No Fault Divorce

Probably more accurately called "no real reason other than I'm tired of you" divorce. Where all previous versions of marriage were considered "durable goods" and were expected to last a lifetime, Marriage V1.3 and all versions after were disposable items, to be thrown away and replaced when they started to show signs of wear.

Marriage 1.3 was an instant and automatic upgrade which could be installed over any previous version without the user's consent.

Marriage 1.4 released – 1973 – Legalized Abortion

While originally intended as an enhancement to SingleGirl 2.0 and Liberated Woman 1.0, enough married women users demanded this feature be added to their marriages as an update that it became broadly available. It was sort of a hidden revision, in that it didn't actually show as a change in the version number. Many men who thought they were still running V1.0-V1.3 and had some sort of veto rights over the termination of their children were totally surprised and shocked when they first encountered the blue screen of death. Like V1.3 before it, V1.4 could be installed with the consent of only one user of the system, regardless of what the other wanted – "Her body, her choice, him – no choice."

Marriage 1.5 released – 1974~1975 – Egalitarian Marriage

The release date for Marriage1.5 is a bit fuzzy because it spent so long in Beta testing (double meaning intended), and there were so many pre-release candidates which differed significantly from each other. One of the first visible features of Marriage1.5 was the Hyphenated-Lastname. I believe that this kernel of Marriage1.5 came out of the Santa Cruz Operation, at least I'm fairly sure that it originated in Kalifornia.

I'm not going to bother documenting versions 1.6 through 1.9 because they were not so much actual revisions as they were competing versions of Marriage1.5. There was Red Hat Marriage1.5 (practiced in NY, to go along with their red stockings), Ubuntu Marriage1.5 (first distributed as a tarball and required compiling your own traditions and vows), and dozens of other lesser-known versions.

One thing was definite, however – Marriage had become open-source, and anyone and everyone felt entitled to tinker around with it.

Marriage 2.0 – 1975~1993 – Spousal/Marital Rape

This was not a revision – it was a fundamental change to the kernel and the underlying code. It's roll out took some time – 18 years between when the first state passed a marital rape law until the last one did – but the gooey interface was just so attractive to feminists, White Knights, and Manginas. It fundamentally did away with any concept of any sort of marital obligation on the part of the wife, and with the ever shifting definition of "rayyyyppppe" put the full power of law enforcement on the woman's side if she felt a need to either punish her husband, or get rid of him entirely so she could keep his assets – as William Hetherington's wife did.

Now, I'm not going to go into an in-depth accounting of all the revisions of Marriage 2.0, because there were literally thousands – Marriage 2.0.1, Marriage 2.0.1.1, etc. However, there were two major revisions which are exceptionally noteworthy.

Marriage 2.2 – 1993 – Lorena Bobbit establishes the right of a woman to castrate her husband for being a "selfish lover."

Marriage 2.5 – 2006 – Building on the pioneer work of Lorena Bobbit, Mary Winkler establishes the right of a woman to execute her husband for wanting to have sex with her.

Marriage 3.0 – 2010 - *Autogamy* (HT: Eman, the Desperate Houseboy for coining the word.)

Autogamy was the natural, predictable, and inevitable result of the direction of successive revisions to Marriage 2.0. Marriage was no longer about **being** married, it was **all and only about getting married**. Coupled with the bloated egos and sense of entitlement of post-feminist women, its development was inevitable. Fortunately, it runs fine on older hardware, this giving a few more years of life to the wedding industry. However, since Marriage 3.0 has gone "groomless", suppliers of divorce products are likely to see their sales fall a bit. They hope to minimize their losses due both to falling popularity and sales of any version of Marriage 2.x and being cut out of any market for users of Marriage 3.0, by pushing for the adoption of

Marriage 4.0 – same-sex marriage – 2004

It is an anomaly of the fragmentation of the marriage market that Marriage 4.0 was actually released before Marriage 3.0, but its release got bogged down in court battles, limited market acceptance, and a very high return rate due to excessive bugs. If someone were into splitting hairs (an activity which I am sure none of the spearhead readership would waste their time on), autogamy might actually be more precisely termed Marriage 2.9 as it is a natural outgrowth of the Bridezilla feature of Marriage 2.x. However, since it is a true innovation allowing the use of Marriage by a woman totally without a hard drive of any kind, it probably deserves its own major revision number. All previous versions had required either a real or simulated hard drive, and autogamy was the first version to be able to run entirely on its own without any sort of supporting hardware.

What new versions of of Marriage does the future hold? Hard to say. With the history of innovation over the past

65 years, the sky is probably the limit. Marriage 5.0 may allow people to marry their pets. Marriage 6.0 may extend marriage to inanimate objects or even pastimes which are not objects at all – we have, after all, heard for years about people being married to their jobs. “Do you, John, take this cubicle to be your lawfully wedded (um, well I’m sure someone will come up with a word for it)?”

Democratic Congressional Candidate: Reaction to Embarrassing Photos Sexist

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Krystal Ball, a congressional candidate who was photographed proudly handling a red appendage attached to her boyfriend's nose (she smiled for the camera), is very upset that she is being "smeared" for the salacious photos. Ms. Ball thinks it is sexist to ridicule or criticize women for sexually explicit behavior, even when the evidence goes public.

Krystal is apparently running on an explicitly feminist platform, so she is never going to get an endorsement or any mercy here at *The Spearhead*, but her "poor me" attitude is worth noting for the very double standard she claims is afflicting her campaign (it looks as though she'll lose badly).

In her long whine, Krystal goes so far as to reference "Name It. Change It," which is a feminist campaign launched by Gloria Steinem, and complains that people are hurting her feelings when they show the embarrassing pictures of her eager hand on a big, red dildo:

You know, there's a saying in China about what it means to be a politician: "Politicians need thick face skin." When men run for and hold office, they are regularly subjected to ridicule, smears, scrutiny and often even threats. Sometimes, they are tripped up by their behavior. Back in the 1980s Gary Hart was caught fooling around, and we all know about John Edwards and Mark Sanford.

Krystal's photos are no big deal — all they do is make her look immature and like a typical American college girl, i.e. proudly promiscuous. There's really nothing shocking about them these days, but they do make it difficult to take the woman seriously. That's really what Ms. Ball is upset about, but seriously, she's a 28-year-old girl running for congress who happens to be named "Krystal Ball" — I don't think the photos are her only problem in that regard.

Ms. Ball wants a position of considerable power and influence, yet she doesn't feel she should be subjected to scrutiny. She has the typical attitude that she, as a woman, should be above criticism, above ridicule and treated with kid gloves.

Perhaps she has a point — maybe we do take the smears a bit too far in contemporary culture. But given that feminists have created a climate in which it is not only acceptable, but actually advantageous, for women to relentlessly smear their husbands, fathers and colleagues, no girl running for a powerful position deserves a morsel of pity for going through the same thing. As long as women continue to spit on and slander the men in their lives by the millions, the gloves should stay off, and they will.

British Woman Accuses Man of Rape, Wrecks His Life and Steals Everything, Gets Three Years

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Kate Woodhead of Surrey, England, accused her boyfriend of drugging and raping her after he tried to end their 18-month relationship. Paul Joseph, the boyfriend, said he left his house to go to work at his job as an IT consultant one day, and the next thing he knew he was arrested and his entire life went up in smoke.

> For me, it is as if someone's house burned down and everything they owned was in it. That is effectively what happened to me.
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> I walked out of the house wearing my suit when I was arrested and I never saw anything again apart from one briefcase and a work laptop.

Fortunately for Mr. Joseph, the police were suspicious of the story, but by the time he was cleared the damage had been done. While he was defending himself, Ms. Woodhead stole his most valuable possessions and transferred ownership of his cars. Joseph lost his job, was put through enormous stress, and suffered under the knowledge that people suspected him of being a rapist.

In a profound understatement, Joseph said "the period after the arrest was difficult mentally." Now, he is trying to rebuild his shattered life and leave the terrible experience behind, saying "It is done – it is over and I am trying to work as hard as I can to get back to where I was."

In the meanwhile, the woman who maliciously wrecked his life and stole everything she could is facing only three years in prison, of which she will probably serve less than half.

Perhaps Ms. Woodhead was encouraged by the recent political drive to reduce sentences for female offenders who go after their loved ones. Her mild sentence certainly reflects a great disregard for Mr. Joseph's life and freedom.

Feminists: Who cares if it's your kid?

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Troubling news from Britain, America's canary in the coal mine and a target of immense reverence from college students who lived there – in a nice part of town, with other Americans – while studying abroad. From a Spectator article picked up by Roissy, arguing for the complete end of DNA paternity testing:

> At a stroke, the one thing that women had going for them has been taken away, the one respect in which they had the last laugh over their husbands and lovers. DNA tests are an anti-feminist appliance of science, a change in the balance of power between the sexes that we've hardly come to terms with. And that holds true even though many women have the economic potential to provide for their children themselves. (source.)

First and foremost, let's put the shoe on the other foot: Aren't feminists constantly calling for tort consequences against men who make minor verbal misrepresentations to get laid? Certain women seek to denude men of their tools for getting what they want while keeping their own. Also, it seems imbalanced for feminists to deride men for using verbal and physical tactics to make themselves more appealing - "game," writ large – while 1) they do the same thing with makeup and dating guides like *The Rules*, and 2) the "one respect in which they had the last laugh over their husbands and lovers" has consequences much farther reaching than a woman waking up one morning, rolling over and realizing she was – by her own consent – pwned by some dude who made a good showing the night before, but she does not otherwise find attractive.

The way McDonagh describes her venomous opposition to paternity testing in the article reveals much about those who would take it away: It's not about equality, or even fairness, but about power. Through science, men have empowered themselves to determine whether they are the parents of the children borne by their lovers, spouses, or complete strangers alleging paternity. A particularly shrill segment of society wants to end that for no reason than consolidating power for themselves – ultimately in the form of child support expropriated from men by the state – and by using shame to do so.

> Many men have, of course, ended up raising children who were not genetically their own, but really, does it matter?

Yes. Only in this sick, broken world, sliding into a new dark age with hollow politically correct platitudes serving as truth, could the author ask this question deadpan. Many parents lovingly adopt or raise children who are not their own, but this ignores McDonagh's broader question of "does [paternity] matter?" Legally, and for the cuckold who believes the child is his, and raises it under those circumstances – rather than as an adoptive parent or step parent – it absolutely matters.

If DNA testing ever was to be banned in the United States, it would raise an interesting constitutional question. Matters of birth and abortion are generally covered by a broadly defined right of privacy that governs martial relationships and reproduction. First established in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, 381 U.S. 479 (1965), then expanded to cover abortion by *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) and sex in*Lawrence v. Texas*, 539 U.S. 558 (2003). Under *Roe*'s progeny, a woman has broad rights over her pregnancy and ability to take it to term, but states may require DNA tests after birth to confirm or deny paternity. If this practice is banned, it may create a question of whether child support payments would constitute an unconstitutional taking of property. When paying judgments or taxes, the government takes steps to ensure that the right person is paying the judgment. Even now, the government has stepped in to halt a foreclosure process that cannot produce the notes of delinquent mortgage

holders — despite many of them rightly being subject to foreclosure. Whether the government can take property from a putative father based on a woman's say-so, and without using testing that was previously available, would be an important but dangerously uncertain question.

Among my age group, the ideas of marriage and children are met with a blend of derision and fear. Men, women and children didn't change; the legal and social atmosphere did — and neither gender seems particularly happy about it. A couple's higher earning spouse lives in fear of divorce, particularly in no-fault divorce states. The costs associated with divorce and child support contribute to men being unwilling to marry. Based on the concern over men's hesitation to marry, it seems that women don't envy the prospect of endlessly dating and potentially missing out on the brass ring of marriage, either.

Removing the protection of DNA paternity testing will only agitate existing tension and mistrust between the genders, which neither of them seems to have particularly wanted. Nobody wants to be divorced, or live constantly on guard to the prospect of his or her partner being constantly solicited – or soliciting others – in pursuit of the elusive "something better" that we've been told is waiting for us. Few men or women will ever need DNA paternity testing, but eliminating its existence likely will create paranoia and distrust between men and women that otherwise would not have existed. It will only serve to make degrading gender relations worse and, in the end, hurt everyone.

“Man up” attack phrase a political loser in 2010 elections

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By John Dias of Misandry Review

Not that I necessarily endorse the victors in the following campaigns, but as an advocate for men’s rights and for valuing masculinity, part of me feels slightly vindicated that all of the people who uttered the phrase “man up” for political gain in America’s 2010 elections have been defeated:

Senate:

- Sharon Angle (R-NV), **defeated** by Harry Reid (D-NV) who Angle told to “man up”
- Robin Carnahan (D-MO), **defeated** by Roy Blunt (R-MO), who Carnahan told to “man up”
- Kendra Meek (D-FL), **defeated** and in 3rd place behind the victor Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Charlie Crist (I-FL); Meek had told Crist to “man up” and “leader up”
- Jane Norton (R-CO), **defeated** by Ken Buck (R-CO) in the Republican primary, after she attacked Buck for not being “man enough” to run attack ads himself. Incidentally, Ken Buck went on to narrowly lose the election to Michael Bennett (D-CO).
- Christine O’Donnell (R-DE), **defeated** by Chris Coons (D-DE), after O’Donnell accused Coons of being “unmanly,” adding, “Mike, this is not a bake-off — get your man-pants on.”

Congress:

- Matthew Doheny (R-NY), **defeated** by Bill Owens (D-NY) in the 23rd Congressional District, after a local Tea Party leader demanded that Owens “man up”

Governorships:

Unlike the examples above, in which emasculation was used in a failed attempt at gaining political advantage, we saw its opposite in Arizona — but in that case, *to benefit a woman!*

- Jan Brewer (R-AZ) **prevailed** against Terry Goddard (D-AZ), after Republican supporter Sarah Palin praised Brewer — a woman — for having the “cojones” that President Obama did not have because of Brewer’s legislative drive in Arizona to enforce federal immigration laws.

There you have it. Emasculation as a political tactic is a loser — political suicide in fact — at least in 2010. But *valuing* masculinity may actually provide a political benefit, even to a female candidate.

Despite Record Number of Female Candidates, Women Lose Seats in Congress

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The Tea Party movement has been widely touted as the biggest grassroots uprising of recent years, and a large number of Tea Party candidates have been female. Some of the notables include Meg Whitman (CA – gov.), Carly Fiorina (CA – sen.), Sharron Angle (NV – sen.) and Christine O'Donnell (DE – sen.), all of whom have lost decisively. So far, the only Tea Party senate challengers who have won or appear to be winning are men, such as Rand Paul of Tennessee and Marco Rubio of Florida.

The only male Tea Party senate candidate who has definitely lost is John Raese of West Virgina, who was running for the late Robert Byrd's senate seat.

Mainstream Republican candidate Dino Rossi is giving feminist WA senator Patty Murray a run for her money, but the race remains uncertain, and Washington State Democrats are very good at finding ballots in unlikely places when races are close.

In addition to the general failure of female challengers to unseat incumbents, several female incumbents have lost their jobs — the 2010 elections will likely represent the first time women have lost seats in Congress since 1960.

The candidacy of so many women adds another element to the traditional Republican/Democrat divide, one in which it seems that many voters were given a referendum on feminism of one sort or the other (left or right feminism). From all indications, voters have rejected feminism, which strikes me as more significant than the typical swing between Republicans and Democrats.

When the dust settles we'll have a better idea of what happened along those lines, but in the meanwhile we should take some solace in the fact that rumors of "The End of Men" have been greatly exaggerated.

Female Poker Champ: Women Need Girls-Only Poker Because Men Scare Them

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According to 27-year-old Maria Ho, the world's best female poker player, women find men intimidating when facing them across the table. Because of the intimidation factor, Ms. Ho supports ladies-only poker tournaments, so as to prevent women from being frightened away when they are starting out.

While I'm sure Ho is being honest here, she ought to consider that a lot of boys are probably intimidated when they play against men for the first time, and competition is meant to have an element of aggression, because otherwise it really can't be called competition.

Although she doesn't come right out and say it, Ho probably knows that women are not as competitive as men in general, so having separate tournaments makes some sense despite the fact that poker is a game of chance and calculation rather than of brawn. I'd be inclined to agree with her that it is a good idea, because whenever women are placed in competitions with men there is invariably a push to handicap male players in one way or another, which detracts from the contest. If the women at least have their own tournaments then there is less pressure to hobble men in their own competitive endeavors.

But then again, if women demand equality in all things, then these women's tournaments are fair game for male competitors — especially if there is money involved.

Oprah.com Weighs In on Raising Boys

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Although there's nothing wrong with women wanting to raise sons to become good men, the fact of the matter is that they generally can't, and past a certain point they shouldn't try, because it becomes counterproductive. It may be the single most damaging myth of feminism that women are capable of rearing boys from infancy to adulthood. Sure, plenty of guys who grow up only with their mothers may turn out alright, but in the cases where she was the only authority figure in the home most were likely damaged in some manner.

In the old days, boys underwent a rite of passage of some sort, preserved in certain rituals such as the Islamic circumcision rite, the Bar Mitzvah, and perhaps for Christian Americans some form of summer camp or the football team. These are relics of a time when there was a point in boys' lives at which they were separated from their mothers and inducted into the company of men. Generally, it happened right around puberty. The reason this was done is because it was widely recognized that the mother had done her job, and was not equipped to prepare the boy for manhood.

However, these days women are given extended control over their sons, often by the courts, and often simply because fathers are away most of the time. So we have Oprah promoting her typical brand of feel-good treacle to the legions of single mothers out there who are blundering around with sons they will never really understand.

Choosing to focus on a female's perception of what is masculine and what is feminine is only one of the flaws of the article, but it is telling nonetheless:

> When my best friend's older son and my son were both around three, her boy delighted in swathing himself in glittery tulle and prancing around with a fairy wand. My friend took it in stride, providing generous amounts of fabric and making aesthetic improvements — more sparkles, a bigger star on the wand, etc. — to her son's great and often delirious satisfaction.
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> On the face of it, I supported her and her boy, but I confess I was also relieved that my son didn't express quite the same level of interest. It was such a small thing: A boy, barely out of babyhood, innocently enraptured by clouds of tulle — why was it even the slightest bit threatening to me?

As a father myself, I saw my son play with "girls' toys" plenty of times before he knew the difference, and he still sometimes plays with his sister's girly stuff, such as her little pink horse carriage, attaching it to the fire engine or whatever. But it isn't *what* a boy is playing with that makes the difference — it's *how* he's playing with it. A boy of three who is waving a wand and throwing glitter around is doing the same thing as a boy who is waving a stick and throwing sand. To a three-year-old there's really no difference, but the mother sees this as an impropriety; something to be ashamed of. If the boy in question had been playing house and calling himself the "mommy," then he'd have what is known as "gender identity disorder," which is an entirely different kettle of fish.

So, what does this mother take away from this? She knows there's something vaguely wrong with feeling worried about a boy playing with something like glitter and wands, but rather than realize that she just doesn't get it, she comes to the conclusion that boys should be encouraged to be more like women and, disturbingly, to be physically close to their mothers through adolescence.

> … that when a friend who noticed him at 14 snuggling with me on the couch later asked, "Is he interested in girls yet?"
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> A sensitive, affectionate boy risks being perceived as a "mama's boy, tied to her apron strings." Isn't it interesting that we have no such phrases to describe a girl who is attached to her mother? And that "daddy's girl" completely lacks the pejorative connotation?
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> My mother's and friend's questions scared me because they suggested that the closeness between me and my

> son was in some way inhibiting his path to a healthy manhood.

I'd say that maintaining a close physical bond between an adolescent boy and his mother is most assuredly inhibiting his path to a healthy manhood. I'm not going to get Freudian here, but that is a recipe for some later problems, I'd imagine.

The slur "motherf***er" is not seen as the gravest of insults throughout the entire world because of the patriarchy, but rather because it is a taboo based, most likely, on instinct. However, according to Olga Silverstein, an "expert" on raising boys, and William Pollack of Harvard Medical School, both quoted by the author, that's exactly the kind of man we need for a better society.

Pollack, like notorious National Organization of Men Against Sexism (NOMAS) guru Michael Kimmel, thinks that masculinity is a "mask:"

> We know what we get when a boy is raised with the code, says Pollack: a mask of masculinity, false bravado, the need to be aggressive and to win, and to ignore or repress feelings of vulnerability. These are the men who seem strong but who are, ironically, weakest in many ways because they're hiding or are unaware of their neediness and are poorly equipped to engage in any kind of honest relationship.

Our mother-author concludes with a test of the new ideas bequeathed by the aforementioned intellectual giants, and is thus convinced and affirmed:

> One afternoon when my son was a senior in high school, a group of his friends gathered in our living room to play video games.
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> I had a question for them, I said, related to a story I was writing: "You guys are 18, right?" I said. "Do you still tell your mothers that you love them?"
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> …silence swept the room. I stood there uncomfortably.
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> "Well, sure," one of the boys said finally.
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> "Of course," said another.
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> "Why not?" said a third.
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> A fourth boy, whose mother is a doctor, stretched his legs and leaned back in his chair. "My mother raised me and my brother and sister pretty much by herself," he said. **"My mother is a goddess."** No one snickered. **It was a statement of fact.**

The Day I Got The Juan Williams Treatment: A Wake-Up Call To Bloggers Everywhere

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We all have particular dates on the calendar that mark watershed moments in our lives. For me, one of those dates is Wed, Nov 3, 2010. Why this date and not say, the date I founded my blog, The Obsidian Files – which had just celebrated one year old on Halloween?

Because, more than the founding of my blog, it was the day that it was taken down, that looms the largest for me. And it's a date others reading along should do well to remember.

Because it's a date that follows on the heels of another important date for the body politic – it was barely two weeks after veteran journalist and avowed Liberal Juan Williams, was summarily fired from his job of more than a decade – an NPR commentator – for daring to speak his mind and do so with those on the Right. There's a great deal of similarity between Williams and myself — we both do what we love, which is to write and to give our take on the great issues of our time. To be sure, he's been at it a lot longer than myself, and he gets paid for what he does to boot, something I don't mind, because I never set out to do this blogging thing to make money (although that just might change, if my guess is right…). But perhaps the biggest thing we both have in common, is that we're both Black Men.

But not only are we both Black Men, we're supposed to fit into some kind of pre-defined box; we all know the drill by now. Black Men aren't supposed to think for themselves. They're supposed to be for Leftist causes and issues, come hell or high water – and if we don't, if we question them, on any level whatsoever, then we're "Juan Williams'd" – meaning thrown under the bus, tossed overboard, kicked to the curb. You get the idea.

Williams has said, in the days following his firing by NPR, that a lot of his assumptions came tumbling down — he was a Liberal because he thought that Liberals were tolerant, open minded folk. He found out the hard way – and I'm quoting him now – that this assumption simply wasn't true, and that if anything, it was those on the Right, who had proven to be far and away more tolerant. he ought to know, after all, he sat among the Rightest of the Right, for years. And they weren't the ones who cast him out like a leper. It was NPR — bastion of Leftwing points of view.

The parallel for me could not have been more striking, for it wasn't rabid, raving, foaming at the mouth White racists in the form of "HBDers" storming the WordPress gates and clamoring for my head on a platter, it was my own "people", in the form of Black Women, who did it. The very same Black Women, I would bet a dollar to a donut, who consider themselves progressive, open minded tolerant and "Liberal." The same Black Women who have pulled the lever for the "D" column in virtually every election since they could vote. The same Black Women who claim to be for the rights of the minority — except "minorities" they don't like. Like Brothas who speak their minds for example, about issues that actually matter. What are those issues, Obsidian? Sexual Politics, that's what.

Earlier this year, during my tenure at the online Men's magazine The Spearhead, I ran into a buzzsaw of contention for merely pointing out some things about my White brothers than they didn't like. a veritable shitstorm was started, much gnashing of teeth, this, that… But I wasn't banned or "fired" from The Spearhead, and no one called for my blog to be taken down. Those who have known me for any length of time know that I've had epic battles with many on the HBD side of the ledger – again, no one called for my voice to be shutdown. True, I've been more or less banned from participating at certain blogs; but that's a far cry different from wanting to shut another person's blog down.

That only happened when Women, in this case they happened to be Black, did so.

And, let's be clear as to what kind of Black Women I'm talking about, lest I be accused of being a "misogynist" much in the way Williams was accused of being an "Islamophobe" – I'm not talking about the everyday Sista out there just trying to get by and live her life. I'm talking about Sistas who have chosen to enter into the public square

of opinion and debate and attempt to foist their views onto the rest of us, without challenge or critique – then, when such a thing happens, which is inevitable, they want to suddenly revert from "strong, independent Women" to Damsels in Distress, pillorying you with all manner of ad hominem assaults in the process. In other words, these Sistas – and again I'm talking about bloggers and writers who have chosen to make it their life's work to be advocates for certain points of view, and in some cases GET PAID FOR IT, want to have it both ways. They want to go into the public square, get up on the soapbox and say what they want without a challenge of any kind. And when they are challenged, when their views are shown to be proven false, when they're exposed as the phonies and frauds that they are, they then want to shut you down after attempting to paint you as a "misogynist" or a "racist" or a "stalker" or whatever else they can think of. Personally, it's Black Women like these that are doing grave harm to Black America, and I say that without any hint of hyperbole; this is not purple prose I'm going into here.

For WordPress's part, they are no better than NPR in my view, hang on, actually, they are worse – at least Juan Williams got a late night phonecall. I didn't even get an email from WP. I was informed by others that my blog was gone. Ask me what I think of WordPress' commitment to freedom of speech.

Being born under the Sign of the Archer, every minute of every day is a "teachable moment," and I had been reflecting on aspects of daily life long before that phrase became fashionable. Unlike so many others have been indoctrinated to do, my approach is to look at the world around me, and ask "wassup wit dat" and look for answers to explain it rather than come to the table with preconceived notions already in my head, and try to make what I see fit those "facts." I've found personally that such an approach, if nothing else, simply doesn't work. And it's served me well.

Which is more a pressing concern for our body politic – racism, or feminism? For me, the answer couldn't be cleearer. After all, it wasn't hooded Klansmen, or HBDers, or Tea Partiers, or the Rotary Club armed to the teeth with The Bell Curve, who stormed the WordPress gates. It was those who consider themselves "progressive" and who all have vaginas, who did it. And they also just so happen to be Black.

I am hoping that incidents like this will finally unite the much-beleagured "Men's Movement"; fellas, we have much bigger fish to fry here. And if we let differences in skin tone continue to divide us, then it will be as I've said in one of my final WordPress blog posts the other day, about why Black Men vote the way they do, with so very little to show for it, we will have brought it on ourselves, and will have no one to blame, but ourselves.

You have an ally in me, brothers. It's up to you, if you want to take a Black hand in friendship.

Many of you claim to be at least moderately to the Right. If that's true, then follow Fox News' example, not just over the past few weeks, but the past decade, because that's how long Juan Williams has been there. If you're truly serious about moving the ball forward, join with Brothas like me who are finding their voice and telling it like it TIZ. it isn't my skintone or my supposed "genetic inheritance" that's the problem. The problem comes from a much more pernicious source, and we all know it. And we will never mount an effective counterstrike if we remain divided. Do not let it twist your mind, gentlemen – if it can happen to me, it can happen to you.

Lastly, as we all know, it was a happy ending for Juan Williams — his firing by NPR led not only to a serious pay raise, but a full-on platform to air his views, uncensored and uncut. I think the same will be true for me — I think I'm on the cusp of something. Because when people mobilize to have your voice shut down, that means that not only have you struck a raw nerve, but that there's something there, and you need to cultivate that.

I want to thank all the well-wishers for coming out in support of me, online and especially off, and for all their help in assisting me in restoring key back postings of mine. I expect to have everything back up and running within a week or two. And when I do, it's no more Mr. Nice Guy. Now, it's ON.

Lemme tell you what I really think…

More to come – count on it

Now adjourn your asses…

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Revisiting Iron John

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Robert Bly's *Iron John* touched off a national discussion about manhood when it camped on the *New York Times Best Seller* list for over 60 weeks, starting in 1990. The enduring popular caricature of the "men's movement" — a bunch of guys sitting around a campfire banging on drums, trying to get in touch with their inner warrior — is likely the product of media coverage that followed in the wake of the book's success. Men's therapy groups heavily influenced by the *Iron John*, like the eyebrow-raising Mankind Project, continue to draw new recruits. Twenty years after its initial publication, it remains in print, and remains a relevant read for anyone trying to make sense of men's movements and men's psychology.

Iron John is peppered with meaningful insights, but it is also insufferably fruity. And therein lies the problem. But to be charitable, let's start with the insights that still ring true.

Bly opens by correctly observing that men have become soft, gentle and too eager to please women. While the less receptive, more traditional model of manhood is equated with violence, receptive manhood is rewarded in our "non-violent" post-feminist service economy. Sex realists and "game" enthusiasts today would be quick to point out that soft, "beta" men are often abandoned for harder "alphas," but it is accurate to say that society in general rewards men who behave submissively in adulthood.

[image]Bly is also spot-on in his explanation of the deterioration of relationships between young men and older men that gave men a sense of community among other men. Boys who spent time in their mother's world sooner or later learned a trade from their father and went with men to do men's work. Men's groups, compared to groups for women, have become comparatively rare and are too often subject to female supervision. Due to changing economic circumstances, young men grew up seeing their fathers leave the house to go to work every day. Young men learned to relate more to their mothers, to see their mothers as whole people, to see things from their mother's perspective. The grumpy, tired dads who came home at night became alien and suspicious. Bly writes, "one could say that many young men in the sixties tried to accept initiation from women. But only men can initiate men, as only women can initiate women." As single motherhood has increased dramatically since then, this problem has become much more acute. However, if the current *mancession* has a silver lining, it may be that many boys have ended up spending more time with dad than they would have otherwise during the last few years. It's conceivable that a generation of boys will grow up seeing their mothers as frazzled, career-minded shrews, while dad seems unfairly hen-pecked, easy going and fun — if a little beaten and lost. It's too soon to say.

In Bly's scenario from another era — where dad was always gone and mom was always around and the son was allied with his mother against his father — the boy also learns to see his own masculinity from a woman's perspective. This is profound and palpable in a great deal of writing about men, written by men. How many snide and dismissive editorials about men have been dashed off defensively by boys who felt alienated from or abandoned by their fathers, or who felt most allied with their mothers? These are the men, for the most part, who I think Bly is reaching out to with *Iron John.* It's hard to imagine men who have strong bonds with their fathers — say, men who were heavily involved in sports or some sort of hobby with dad — having this sort of overwhelming distrust of the masculine.

Iron John also touches on the importance of *katabasis* for men, especially for upper class, middle class, and particularly verbal, intellectual or artistic men. *Katabasis* is basically a period of humbling or lost status. It literally means "to go down," and it's actually a favorite theme of mine in literature and film. In *Captain's Courageous*, *The Sea Wolf*, and even *Fight Club*, men learn about manhood and become more grounded by losing their protected places in the world. Bly associates it with a kind of depression, and it could be a depression, but it could also be a more coincidental phenomenon that drives men downward when one would expect them to reach upward. Bly sniffs at the military often — we'll get to that – but he misses the appeal of boot camp, even the once famous allure of the French Foreign Legion. Disappear, give your identity to someone else for a while, start from the bottom. This

is a guy thing. There's also an analog in some schools of martial arts, and it should be said that maybe getting in touch with one's inner man or inner warrior would be more healthily pursued in that kind of environment than in a therapy camp. Male initiation need not be so *literal,* so *forced.* If you surround yourself with men for a while and you *are* able to descend, be humble, and abandon your ego — it seems to happen naturally.

One of the biggest problems with *Iron John* is Bly's palpable resistance to allow *actual* warriors to embody "warriorhood" in his scheme of things. Warriors are men who make war. We don't all have to be warriors, and we can all draw inspiration from the courage and heroism required of men who hunt, fight and kill that "most dangerous game." But the story of *Iron John* is based on a Grimm fairy tale, and Bly will only allow fairy tale violence into his world. Iron John, who personifies Bly's "wild man" is big and hairy and scary, but at heart he is really a gentle giant, and that seems to be what the tall poet Bly believes mature men should become. There is something dishonest and ahistorical about this view of man as a misunderstood softy — like the monster from *Harry and the Hendersons.* In Bly's world, the boy goes into fairy tale battle, but one cannot reconcile this magic, ritual battle with the kind of Arthurian battle wherein knights are cut down "horse and man." Indeed, the majority of Bly's mythological references are strangely sanitized and benign. Homer is mentioned, but the central themes of rage, vengeance, bloodlust and the shockingly explicit gore of the *Iliad* are never considered. *Cú Chulainn* is mentioned as a mythological hero properly welcomed home — Bly is right that this is missing from modern warfare — but he fails to mention how the story celebrates the hundreds and hundreds of men the hero kills, often brutally, in battle. Bly repeats an incredibly silly maxim, "never give a sword to a man who can't dance" and this more or less captures his tone when it comes to actual warriors versus his new-agey "inner warrior." It is terrifically disrespectful, vain and solipsistic to speak of warriors but somehow claim that spoiled middle aged men in therapy know more about "true warriorhood" than actual combat soldiers do. If you want to get a sense of what it is like to be a warrior, read *War* by Sebastian Junger (2010, Twelve). If you want to approximate it and get in touch with your "inner warrior" without going to Afghanistan, take up a martial art and compete. If you just want to read about it and be inspired by warriors, that's OK too, but don't make yourself ridiculous by running around calling yourself a "true warrior."

This masculine tone-deafness, the reliance on a fairy tale reality, the fetishization of childlike innocence and deference to feminine imagery are problematic throughout the book. I called it insufferably fruity above, and as a writer who has been mocked for getting caught up in his own rhetoric I do not do this lightly or to make myself feel smart or witty. It's a legitimate problem, and it's part of the reason why, despite its success, the book and its message never connected with younger men or became a powerful force of lasting change. When you start going on to men about their "internal woman," their "deep masculine" and the "nourishing dark," you're really not talking to average guys any more. For Bly, male mentors can't simply be mentors or guides or surrogate fathers; they have to be "male mothers." His focus on woundology is so heavy handed that parts of the book feel like a male version of *The Vagina Monologues.* Bly's often overwhelming New-Ageyness is most prominent in the following passage:

> "The younger body learns at what frequency the masculine body vibrates. It begins to grasp the song that adult male cells sing, and how the charming, elegant, lonely, courageous, half-shamed male molecules dance."

After scraping the rainbows and magic dust from my eyes, I can extract something meaningful from that about young men needing to get a sense of how it feels to be a man by spending time with their elders. But c'mon, man…

Bly frames *Iron John* as a book primarily for men ready to do this kind of "inner work;" men around the age of 35. If you're going to really change manhood, you have to reach out to young men, too. A movement for 35 year old men has no future. Group therapy culture can't replace authentic, organic masculine experience. That's a problem I still see with the men's movement, though I think this is changing. A transformative movement that is going to appeal to young men has to have balls. *Iron John* contains some truth, and Bly is a natural storyteller, so the book is very well written in its own way. Bly acknowledges some of his own weaknesses and that requires a certain courage and honesty. But ultimately, *Iron John* offers no path to power for men. At best, it outlines a way to make peace with a wounded male soul.

Spearhead Exclusive: International Men's Movement Bursts Onto Europe's Political Scene

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By Max Stirner

The night before the antifeminist meeting last weekend, I was strolling the streets of Zurich. The Swiss women I passed by looked quite attractive and had put a lot of effort in their colourful clothing. Unlike in Germany a lot of them walked in high heels. René Kuhn, who was one of the organizers of the meeting, was famous for his remarks on Swiss liberal women who he said were "dressed like tattered scarecrows". This and other comments on his personal blog had cost him his political career in the Swiss people party SVP one year before. From my own experience I couldn't really agree with him.

Finally under a bridge leading to the Zurich lake I found the first anti-antifeminist poster.

It said: "Fight sexism together! Give the antifeminists a tooth job!", in the background of the poster was the deformed symbol of the female sex, with the upward pointing clenched fist. You will recognize the sign, once you see it. The text was rather long, first came a quote from the Swiss antifeminist website "www.antifeminismus.ch": "Feminism is an unscrupulous union of certain women with inferiority complexes, megalomania and bizarre male fantasies. It is their ideology to acquire unfair priviliges by inhuman misandry." Nice publicity, I thought. It continued with a boring part about how women are still suffering under a patriachial society.

Communists Protesting Conference

The author ranted "It would be wrong to consider this congress as a curiosity … a really strange way of thinking, considering that we still live in a patriarchal society … this movement is part of a worldwide ideological attack, selling their sexist ideas without shame as if they were a courageous truth, a long-awaited attack on feminist thought police."
In a way, the author sounded insecure, almost defensive. The phrases that were meant to attack the political enemy were turning on him. Something was happening here.

The next morning I took the tramway to the airport feeling like I was in a spy movie. As there had been violent threats from left wing extremists to sabotage the conference, the new location was kept in secret. My information was: go to Zurich Airport, 9 am, Terminal A and find a man holding up the sign "Seminar Egala". Right in the terminal I stumbled into a group of angry and sad men, that looked a lot like divorced dads. "Seminar Egala?", I asked.

After they had checked our IDs, we were taken in private cars to the new location, a hotel in the countryside.

In the car conversation soon turned on divorce and child custody. Our driver – a guy from Germany – was

especially frustrated with the Swiss law, which refused him child custody for his daughter, though her mother was allegedly hanging around with drug addicts.

René Kuhn shook our hands on the parking lot, looking joyous. Two security guards were standing at the hotel entrance looking rather nervous. There were about 50 people in the entrance hall, most of them above their 40′s, I had the impression that a lot of them knew each other. One guy with funny clothes in front of me looked like a muslim. Then it dawned on me: it was “Muslim” – nickname “Muslim”, who had commented on some of my postings in the manosphere blogs.

“Hey you are Muslim!”, I shouted- “Yes I am!” came the response. But “Muslim” was not the only one that I already knew from the web. All the German-speaking bloggers were there! What an amazing event!

The official press – some snobbish reporters and a TV crew couldn’t probably figure out what this fuss was all about. Left wing demonstrations in the streets of Zurich for a bunch of frustrated dads and bloggers? More people arrived. The congress started.

René Kuhn held the first speech, and for a politician he didn’t make too much of a show of it. He said that this whole act gave them a great deal of publicity and the IGAF (interest group antifeminism) was now counting 2000 members.

This conference is directed against feminism not against women – he continued. Because feminism only wants priviliges for women on behalf of men and not true equality.

Antiago Gasco a representative from italian and spanish groups for men’s rights held a short speech. He thanked for the rebirth of the prestige, for the role and rights of men and fathers. Discrimination of men is a europe wide phenomenon.

George Zimmermann from IGM the interest group of divorced men (www.igm.ch) was next and he held a speech about the divorce and custody laws in Switzerland and the strategies of the IGM. This organisation wants to help men who have to cope from the breakup of their families. Many of the laws and court decisions a direct result of uninhibited feminist policies of the last 20 years.
Eckkard Kuhla from “Agens e.V.” Germany (www.agensev.de) talked about the balance of the sexes between men and women. Agens wants to take a stand against aggression from feminists. He claimed that antifeminism is working because we have hit a nerve. Solidarity among men is growing and 2010 is the year of change.

Before the break we heard an amusing speech from Mr. Lassahn against language manipulation by feminism, which has spread like a disease in the german speaking world, and wants to change our way of thinking.

During the lunch break I had the possibility to have some private conversation about the future of our western world.

I was often asked why a young man like me would attend this conference, not having experience one sided divorce laws. One reason is that I am deeply bored by my liberal environment and the false promises it gives me, and the utter incompetence of the liberals to reconsider their ideas. I have to admit that I also have had negative experiences with women, so I don’t fall for all the artificial holiness that ist created around the female sex. Maybe it is also because I love philosphy and theology, and I have a mental aversion to indoctrination. Finally, I am single and a beta, so I have a lot of free time to think about the world. A blogger who sat next to me claimed that “Christianity was on the rise”. Who knows? At this point I have to tell my American audience that it is pretty difficult in Europe to find someone below the age of 60 who isn’t a liberal and living in a fantasy world. So it was a real delight for me to talk to people who know what a devastating mental (and sexual) situation the west is in right now.

After the break, the vibrant Afredo Stüssi from the Men’s Party Switzerland (Männerpartei Schweiz, www.männerpartei.ch) talked about the difficult situation fathers face in Switzerland. The Men’s Party was founded because feminism no longer had anything to do with equal rights. The Men’s Party wants to organise a Europe-wide

platform for the rights of fathers, and plans to take part in the Swiss national election next year.

Michael de Luigi from “Mannschaft” (www.mannschafft.ch) gave a long speech about the nature of feminism. Mannschaft helps to connect men suffering from divorce and breakup, and also gives individual advice to men. In the Swiss family law men are second class citizens: Dads are there for paying, not for education and they should disappear from the lives of their kids. Switzerland may be a democracy but it is not a state under the rule of law.

My personal highlight was of course the last speech by Michail A. Savvakis (aka Maskulist, www.maskulist.de), author of the famous book “Medusa schenkt man keine Rosen” (Don’t give roses to Medusa). Michail analyzes the sick ideology of feminism with an intellect sharp as a razor blade mixed with acid sarcasm. Which structures created feminism? Today, it is institutionalized feminism within the state that is discriminating men. Emancipation was only reserved for women, because feminism is feeding the state, while male sentiment wants to deregulate it. Therefore, the well-being of women is much more attractive for the state. Never in the history of mankind could women emancipate themselves against the will of men. By his insufficiency and dependency combined with it’s love for the state, feminism inevitably creates misandrist structures in wealthy states, which can afford the luxury of feminism. The hate of patriarchy, which is essential to feminism, is a schizoid complex which today is haunting the western world.

After the standing ovations for Michail had faded we were urged to leave. “The news that “Seminar Egala” was in reality the antifeminist conference has reached the hotel management”, somebody joked. In the meantime about 100 anti-anti-feminists had marched through downtown of Zurich, shouting and waving red flags. The hotel had kept quiet.

On the way out I noticed some very attractive women sitting in lounge chairs in the lobby chatting in Russian. They were probably friends of Mr. Kuhn’s russian wife Oxana. The collapse of the Soviet Union came to my mind. Are we now the Soviet Union and Russia the new avant garde?

Some days later I went trough the press articles about the antifeminist conference. To my surprise the resonance was overwhelmingly positive. The sad stories of the divorced dads had probably softened the hearts of the liberal press, or maybe they left too early to hear Michail’s final speech. Of course male shaming was inevitable. One headline read “From divorce laws to schools – many men feel discriminated against by women, but the helpless whining of the antifeminists leads nowhere”. But even the big left-wing German magazine “Die Zeit” wrote in a sympathetic tone. Something has happened indeed.

hompage of René Kuhn

press articles some in English

German blog of one of the organizers (you might want to use google for a translation)

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Women Vanishing From NY Observer

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According to a recent report in The Awl, women have been dropping away from the tony New York magazine's staff, leaving an all-male staff, and only two out of thirteen outside contributors female:

> According to the paper's newly updated masthead, the paper now has nine staff writers, all of them men. (Of its non-staff "contributing writers" list of 13, two are women.) This all comes not long after the last woman editor—excluding the managing editor—quit. In the last month, one man was hired at the paper as a reporter (and he's doing good work!) and another man was promoted from within.

Not being a New Yorker or Observer reader, I don't know exactly what is going on here, but there have been some other indications recently that the female takeover of print media has finally peaked, and may be starting to reverse. In fact, print publishing has become so overwhelmingly female as of late that there has been talk of favoring men in employment. Although women do not predominate in journalism as they do in book publishing, they have made great strides recently, and have started presuming to dictate how journalists should report.

Perhaps this is finally starting to rub some people the wrong way. Just as Jon Stewart was visibly flustered by Jezebel's very personal critique, despite his support for women and feminists, it may be that men in the back rooms are starting to feel under siege by the entitlement mentality that is probably expressed in its strongest terms by female writers. From what women have been writing over the last few years, one definitely gets the sense that they feel they are in charge.

As we all know, it is a rare woman who feels that way and is also tolerable at work.

Blogging Advice (For Americans)

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Given Obsidian's recent disappearance from wordpress.com, I thought I ought to offer a little background and helpful advice for other US bloggers concerning how to avoid this kind of issue.

First, it's important to understand that the old rules governing print publishing still apply to online publishing. Fortunately, this being the United States, freedom of the press is one of the foremost principles of our republic, so the rules are straightforward and not very restrictive.

The most important thing to avoid is illegal content, and there are three important exceptions to our freedom to publish what we please. These consist of:

1. Copyright infringement

2. Libel

3. Child porn

For most bloggers, the main concern is copyright infringement, and it seems that this is how Obsidian lost his hosting at wordpress.com. For years now, digital media and the Internet have combined to create an anarchic environment where images and text are disseminated freely regardless of copyright status. This has created a norm wherein millions of people are frequently breaking copyright laws as a matter of habit. For the Facebook user or kid with a Myspace, friend blog or the like, nobody really cares, but if you're being read by a lot of people, and making some of them angry, there's always bound to be someone who is going to try to take you down on some technicality. What they can do is post a Digital Millennium Copyright Act takedown notice.

These are fairly easy to use as a weapon. According to Wikipedia:

> The DMCA has been criticized for making it too easy for copyright owners to encourage website owners to take down allegedly infringing content and links which may in fact not be infringing. When website owners receive a takedown notice it is in their interest not to challenge it, even if it is not clear if infringement is taking place, because if the potentially infringing content is taken down the website will not be held liable. The Electronic Frontier Foundation senior IP attorney Fred von Lohmann has said this is one of the problems with the DMCA.

So, there are some problems with DMCA, but if you take down the content at once you will not be held liable. Even so, if you are being hosted by a free blogging company such as wordpress.com or blogger, you may never receive the notice and simply wake up one day to find your blog gone.

But how do you avoid infringement in the first place? Well, you could never post any images besides those you have created yourself, but that would necessarily limit you to a much smaller pool. Fortunately, there are huge numbers of public domain and creative commons images that are free to use, or free to use with some minimal conditions, and with a little knowledge you should be able to find all you need from those.

Flickr, for example, has around 170 million images under some form of creative commons license. Most of these photos require attribution, which is accomplished by putting their name in a caption, or at the very least a link to the owner's photo, or perhaps a title that shows up on mouseover (ask a lawyer when in doubt). Anything published by the US Federal Government is public domain, so feel free to use whatever you can find from there. Good sources for public domain images can be found here.

When it comes to copyright laws, the rule of thumb should be to exercise caution and common sense. When in doubt, avoid using the content. As for text, that should be self-explanatory. Quoting text is fine, but reproducing (i.e. "copying") entire works is not. Even blog posts are protected by copyright law, so although you may quote

from them, you cannot republish them without the author's consent. As to how much you reproduce, that's a matter of how you do so. Theoretically, reproducing an entire blog post in order to address every single point made with a reply of your own probably falls under fair use, because you have created an entirely new document, but if you reproduce the entire thing only to respond to one or two points it would be infringement. Therefore, try to quote only that material that is necessary to make your point.

As for libel, this is not as common as copyright infringement, but can still get someone in trouble. The key is to only make definite statements one knows to be true about another individual. For example, if you call someone accused but not convicted of rape a "rapist," that is a potentially libelous statement, because legally speaking one is only a criminal upon conviction. However, if you say, for example, that someone is a "slut," that is an opinion, and opinions are not subject to libel laws. In general, libel is difficult to prove, and libel suits are only successful where people can show some real, material loss as a result of the libel. An example of a successful libel suit is the one Steven Hatfill, who was wrongly accused of sending anthrax to various people in the wake of 9/11, launched against Vanity Fair and Reader's Digest. Despite being implicated by the NY Times as well, he lost his suit against them. Hatfill, obviously, suffered a great deal from being falsely accused. That his suits were hard-fought demonstrate just how the high the bar is set on libel suits in the US.

Child porn should be very straightforward, but unfortunately it is not. On the face of it, it should be obvious: any sexual depictions of children under the age of 18 are illegal. But what constitutes sexual is not exactly clear. Where normal people may view pictures of naked small children as no big deal, and even cute, these pictures may be construed as sexual by some people, whereas obviously sexual pictures of teens are often tolerated if they are not nude, and sometimes even if they are as long as it is called "art." The best practice is simply to ban any nudity in photos of any individual under 18 at the time the photo was taken.

Finally, keep in mind that whenever you are using a free service such as Blogger or wordpress.com you can be shut down for any reason — or none at all. You get what you pay for. Self hosting is usually a better idea if you have controversial material, and the cost is negligible. Best of all is to have your own server, but that is prohibitively expensive and technically challenging for most people.

So, for all my fellow online publishers out there, I wish you success in avoiding the censors and getting the word out to the masses. Also, if you need help setting up a self-hosted blog there are a lot of people out there willing to help, including me, so feel free to get in touch if that's something you'd like to do.

Legal Scholars Beginning to Question Civil Marriage

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Civil marriage is essentially a Western innovation that arose out of European Christian society at the beginning of the modern era. In the original American colonies, it was the Puritans who first instituted the practice, beating even the British to the punch. However, it was John Calvin who, in the 16th century, first decreed that all marriages must be registered by the state.

It seems that the initial drive for civil marriage had a great deal to do with religious competition, as incipient nations in the early modern period were largely divided along religious lines (Protestant and Catholic), and forcing state approval of marriage bolstered the influence of one sect or the other. In time, it had the opposite effect, and as nationalism eclipsed religion in political influence civil marriage came to take precedence over sacramental marriage.

Despite the diminishing role of the church in marriage, which was never clearly based on scripture in any event, Christians found ways to cooperate with the state in promoting civil marriage to the profit of both. Priests and ministers continued to perform the rites, and took on certain duties such as signing marriage certificates. Importantly, churches also contributed to giving civil marriage an aura of validity that surely would have been eliminated by now without some spiritual imprimatur. Perhaps most cynically, the Catholic Church is in the annulment business, which forces Catholics to get a second divorce. Annulments are rubber-stamped, but they still cost around $500 on average — it's little more than a tax.

Although the state is the most important arbiter of what constitutes marriage today, religions are not without some influence, which is why gay marriage and polygamy are such controversial issues. This is necessarily the case when there exists a symbiotic relationship between institutions, and the institutions overwhelmingly involved in the marriage business today (in the West) are Christian churches.

So, perhaps it is no surprise that one of the more serious, learned voices emerging in opposition to civil marriage is not Christian, or even of Christian background, but rather Edward Zelinsky, a Jewish legal scholar at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University.

In a 2008 article published in the Oxford University Press's blog, Dr. Zelinsky argues that divisions in state courts concerning whether or not the state has the right to regulate relationships amongst consenting adults suggest that deregulation of marriage is the most straightforward approach to solving this problem:

> By a 4-3 vote, California's highest court has ruled that California's constitution requires the Golden State to legally recognize the unions of same-sex couples as marriages. Supporters of the court's decision hail it as a victory for equality. Opponents criticize the ruling as unwarranted judicial activism rejecting traditional morality.
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> I suggest a third perspective: The California court's divided decision indicates the desirability of abolishing civil marriage. The state should not define, regulate or characterize relationships among consenting adults. By abolishing civil marriage, the law would deregulate marriage. Such deregulation would strengthen marriage as a social, cultural and religious institution while eliminating the divisiveness inherent in one definition of marriage being imposed politically upon a diverse polity.

Although Zelinsky is using the debate over gay marriage to make his point, the other, more important implications are clear:

> A world without civil marriage would still be a world with marriage. Indeed, marriage would thrive in a deregulated world. Released from a single, state-imposed definition of marriage, religious, cultural and other groups would promote their respective versions of marriage. Once the law no longer monopolizes the definition

> of marriage, individuals would contract for their own versions of the institution.
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> Upon the dissolution of familial relationships, the courts would be required to interpret and enforce the contracts defining those relationships. In the absence of such contracts, the courts would be required to make decisions about income, assets and minor children, just as they do today.

I doubt he would ever admit it on paper, but I am almost certain this Zelinsky fellow holds some views in common with us here at The Spearhead. In fact, I can't find one single point in his article with which I take issue.

If there is anything about Zelinsky's idea that is somewhat unsettling, it is that it would be so effective at reestablishing marriage as a cultural norm if put into practice. As I grow more and more accustomed to bachelorhood, I am finding it to be fairly agreeable in many ways, but I suppose men of my generation will never be expected to have anything resembling a normal marriage anyway, so perhaps I shouldn't worry.

Aside from Zelinsky, I was only able to identify one other legal scholar arguing for the elimination of civil marriage, a Catholic law professor named Daniel A. Crane. Crane's essay (linked below) argues from a more religious perspective than Zelinsky, comparing and contrasting Catholic, Protestant and Jewish marriage traditions, and suggests that all support privatization of marriage. Those who have a religious interest in the matter would do well to take a look at his paper, found here:

A "JUDEO-CHRISTIAN" ARGUMENT FOR PRIVATIZING MARRIAGE

I'm sure there are more out there, and it is encouraging to see that this movement is growing in academia. For those of us here with our boots on the ground it's time to start giving some serious support to this idea.

Most importantly, conservative Christians who are trying to solidify state control over marriage in order to prevent gay marriage are going to have to do a quick about face and start arguing for the abolition of civil marriage. If they feel uncomfortable with that, they should simply imagine what a liberal regime armed with greater power over "marriage" will do.

Feminists Fighting to Squelch Advance Consent

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A recent case in Canada involving a couple that engaged in consensual kinky sex is testing the limits of the concept of prior consent. In the case, a man and woman had agreed to asphyxiation during sex, but when the woman was asphyxiated she says she came to and found a sex toy inserted in her anus, which she claims not to have consented to.

Initially, she did not contact police, but when a custody battle came up a couple months later she called the police and claimed she had been raped. Although she later recanted her testimony, the judge still sentenced the man to jail for having sex with an unconscious person.

However, an appeals court overturned the ruling, saying it was not sexual assault. Now, Canada's Supreme Court is considering the case, and hearing arguments from attorneys concerning the meaning of consent.

According to Joanna Birenbaum, legal director of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund, the concept of advance consent is both "dangerous and regressive." She says that consent is something that must be continuous and consciously made. So, for example, if a man and woman were having consensual sex, and the woman changed her mind and told him she wanted to stop, if he did not do so at that moment it would be rape. Consent, according to feminists, is only valid if it is revocable at any time for any reason

The Canadian Supreme Court has already ruled that there is no such thing as "implied consent," so in all likelihood the feminist standard will prevail. The next step for feminists is to introduce the concept of retroactively revocable consent, which means that if consent were based on some misunderstanding or falsehood, it can be retroactively revoked and what at first was a consensual encounter becomes rape after the fact.

The feminist goal of classifying all heterosexual sex as rape is nearing fruition. Perhaps at some point in the future, the term "sex" will no longer be used to describe coitus, but rather it will all be known as "rape," at which point all sex will be criminalized.

One interesting implication of the argument against advance consent may concern whether or not people are allowed to sign do not resuscitate orders. If, when unconscious, dying people cannot have previously consented to pulling the plug, will doing so be murder?

Men Power Conservatives to a Landslide Victory

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By Carey Roberts

Tuesday's election marked a stunning turn-around for the Republican Party, which gained 60 new seats in the House and an six additional seats in the Senate. As much as any other demographic, it was conservative men who brought the GOP back from two dreary years in the political wilderness.

Overall, 56% of the male electorate voted Republican, compared to 49% of women, according to exit polls: http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2010/results/polls.main/#. While women are known to outnumber men, the 7-point gender gap was more than enough for men to leverage the GOP to a ringing victory that resonated from the coal fields of Pennsylvania to the sun-kissed beaches of Florida and the bayous of Louisiana.

The male surge was felt across all major racial/ethnic groups. Compared to 2008, the percentage of white male voters who voted Republican expanded from 54% to 63%, according to the CNN exit polls. Same with Latino men, who saw an increase from 28% to 38%. And the number of Black males swept into the GOP ranks doubled, going from 7% in 2008 to 14% in 2010.

In race after race, energized men rescued the Republican Party from its electoral doldrums.

Take Florida, where the charismatic Marco Rubio handily beat Charlie Crist. While 64% of men pulled the lever for Rubio, only 44% of women did the same, handing Rubio a unassailable 20-point gender gap advantage among men.

In New Hampshire, 65% of men supported former Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, compared to 55% of women. Thanks to the guy vote, Ayotte cruised to an easy victory over Democrat Paul Hodes.

In Pennsylvania, Republican Pat Toomey slid into a virtual tie with Democrat Joe Sestak during the final two weeks of the race. And on Tuesday, Toomey notched a 10-point advantage with the male electorate, handing him the sorely-needed victory.

In Wisconsin, men again spelled the difference. A year ago, all the pollsters were betting Sen. Russell Feingold would cruise to an easy re-election. But on Tuesday, men confounded the pundits, spotting an 8-point advantage over the ladies.

Even in races in which the Republican party did not prevail, the male vote turned what would have been a lop-sided Democratic victory into an Election Day nail-biter. In Colorado, 53% of the guys voted to return the state into the red column, compared to 39% of the gals. But in the end, Michael Bennett eked out the win over GOPer Ken Buck.

In the senatorial races in Arkansas, Illinois, and South Carolina, the female vote exerted a decisive effect for Republicans. But more often, the female electorate tended to split between the two parties, casting men as the electoral decision-maker, such as in Indiana (Dan Coats), Ohio (Rob Portman), and in innumerable House races.

The pervasive impact of men on Tuesday's election should not have come as a surprise.

This past April the Pew Research Center released a poll showing 52% of men favored cutting back government programs. No surprise, the poll also revealed 56% of males supported the goals of the Tea Party movement.

In September, Democratic pollster Celina Lake noted the 2010 elections were shaping up to be "among the bigger gender gaps we've seen." And a Marist poll found 48% of Republican men were "very enthusiastic" about voting, with 28% of Democratic women being similarly animated.

Last June I predicted that the 2010 mid-term elections were shaping up to be a "Perfect Electoral Storm" based on the male electorate's "resolute antipathy to creeping socialism."

Now all conservatives, men and women alike, need to work together to restore fiscal sanity, preserve the family,

and undo the damage of the last two years.

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Thoughts on Jane Austen

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Last night, for the first time in my life, I picked up and read a book written by Jane Austen. Austen has quite a reputation, so I felt a little late to the party, but after reading the book – *Pride and Prejudice* – I understand why I never bothered before. It isn't that Austen is a bad writer, but rather that I have to exert effort to pay attention at times, because her interests are simply so divergent from mine. Where she fills in details, I am often unconcerned, and she frequently leaves out those things I would really like to know.

However, I think men who want to understand how women operate would do well to pick up the book and put some effort into finishing it. I imagine this would be particularly difficult for those of us of a technical, scientific bent, but it's worth it all the same.

Although her prose is not particularly eloquent or poetic, it is tight enough to follow and sufficiently consistent. As for the dialog, which follows the conventions of the time (early 19th century), Austen is enough of a pro to avoid sliding too far away from the common speech and straining credulity. When it comes down to it, she is a good writer, and not too frilly or flowery for a man's tastes. One common theme is that of pedantry, which Austen evidently despises. That inclination credits her, as there is nothing more difficult to read than a pedantic schoolmarm.

I haven't had time to put much deep thought into the book yet, but on first impression I see the author as fairly representative of female sensibility in general, and not a feminist by any means. In fact, if a man wrote on women in the same manner Austen does he would certainly be accused of misogyny. Some of the characters in *Pride and Prejudice*, such as the younger sister Lydia, the mother Mrs. Bennet and Lady Catherine De Bourgh could be drawn up directly from complaints men have made right here on *The Spearhead*. Women's affinity for cads and disgust for betas is out in the open — Austen is socially honest and accurate. Most of the men are sympathetic characters, and the chief villains usually female rivals. There's nothing about the book that would offend or surprise men who are aware of gender differences.

While the honesty and accuracy of her discourse on women's nature and behavior is refreshing, the primary value lies in the window her writing provides into the female mind. To me, it is with some resignation that I have to accept that it is indeed profoundly different from our own, but it is at least encouraging to realize that there is less intentional malice than one might expect from their behavior.

I'd like to go over the book again and put a bit more effort into analyzing it, because it is a very valuable resource. For now, I can tentatively state that Austen's genius lies in her remarkable ability to create an accurate portrait of the feminine with words. Her understanding of men leaves something to be desired, but perhaps that is for the best, because she may never have gone anywhere or written anything of consequence if she'd limited her attention to our sex.

Feminists Suing Over Sports Gap

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The Irvine Unified School District is the latest target of the feminist assault on any institutions not dictating exact equality in athletics. The National Women's Law Center, wielding Title IX, has filed complaints against the school district for allegedly discriminating against girls in federally funded sports programs.

Evidently, there is a roughly 10% sports participation gap between boys and girls in the district, and, what's worse, it has even grown in recent years.

Although feminists would probably never admit it, girls simply aren't as interested in sports as boys. If they were, one might think they would have actually invented some competitive sports over the years, but I can't think of one single competitive sport created by women.

If you're interested in seeing what the National Women's Law Center is up to, check out their considerable list of Title IX complaints on their website.

Although this may seem to be an intractable problem, because feminists will never stop complaining and abusing the law to enforce equality that girls themselves do not even want, I'd like to propose a solution:

Change definition of "sports."

Make singing and dancing sports, make cheerleading a sport, and possibly even modeling and makeup application. Adding a few of the things women really like to do to the category of sports would probably more than make up for the "sports gap."

German Family Minister Slams Feminism

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Kristina Schröder, Germany's 33-year-old family minister, has given German feminists a collective slap across the face, dismissing their cherished wage gap as a result of personal choices and opposing affirmative action in the boardroom in a controversial interview with Spiegel.

Regarding the wage gap, this is what Schröder had to say:

> The reality looks like this: Many women like to study German and humanities; men, on the other hand, electrical engineering — and that has consequences when it comes to salaries.

Taking it a step further she drove a stake into the core of feminist doctrine:

> I don't agree with a core statement by most feminists, the statement by Simone de Beauvoir: 'One is not born a woman, one becomes one.' Even as a schoolgirl I wasn't convinced by the claim that gender has nothing to do with biology and is only shaped by one's environment.

Radical feminists immediately responded with outrage, calling the statements "crude and antiquated," and so much "nonsense."

[image]
Alice Schwarzer

One of the feminists Schröder took particular issue with, Alice Schwarzer of *Emma* magazine, called Schröder "a hopeless case" and suggested she was not qualified for her position.
Referring to Ms. Schwarzer, Schröder said she was a radical who had discredited herself with wild theories:

> …I found that many of her theories went too far. For example that heterosexual intercourse was barely possible without the submission of the woman. I can only say to that: Sorry, that's wrong.
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> [...]
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> There was indeed a radical movement that argued in this way and saw being lesbian as a solution. I didn't find it very convincing that homosexuality should be the solution to the problem of women being disadvantaged.

Despite the bashing from old feminists, younger German women have voiced support for Ms. Schröder, suggesting that feminism has gone too far.

Book Review: End the Fed

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The Book: *End the Fed*[image], by Ron Paul. 210 pages.

The Gist: In this book, Representative Ron Paul details his case that the Federal Reserve Bank cartel causes more misery, suffering, and problems than it causes, and should thus be disbanded. He claims that ending the Fed "would address the most vexing problems of politics of our time", ending dollar depreciation, stripping the government of an easy ability to finance endless wars, curb attacks on civil liberties, halt debt accumulation, and arrest the expansion of the welfare state. Moreover, Paul the Elder claims that doing away with the Fed would ends the government's ability to use financial sleight of hand to underwrite its ability to expand without limit, would be a first step toward restoring constitutional government, would halt the business cycle, end inflation, would stymie the corrupt symbiotic relationship between government and "too big to fail" banks, and would end the abuse of monetary policy during political election cycles.

Key Quote: Paul cites Scripture: "You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin" (Lev 19:35-36).

On dollar depreciation, halting the business cycle, and ending inflation: Rather than be a mechanism for controlling and eliminating inflation, Paul asserts that the Fed is instead an agent of it. Take history, for instance: Paul points out that $1 in 1913 is worth five cents today; such that what once cost $1 in 1913 costs $21 in 2010, with the result that the government and the banking cartel have sapped–Paul uses the word "stolen"–$.95 of every dollar over the span of the last century. Paul also demonstrates that, when confronted with economic crisis, the very tool that administrators of the Fed use to keep the markets liquid and to keep prices up is to inflate the currency; thus, far from ending inflation, the Fed is the primary means by which inflation is injected into our economy. In addition, rather than smoothing out the business cycle, Paul claims that the Fed ensures they continue to recur. For example, the assertion that the Fed makes smoother the boom-bust pattern of the business cycle requires one to focus solely on the bust phase, where the Fed does indeed provide liquidity to keep the banks lending and the credit markets functioning. However,if one views the business cycle as one that begins during the boom phase–where easy money begats malinvestment and excess capacity–it becomes clear that the Fed creates the very problem that it later "solves".

Paul's book cites an interesting quote which I think illustrates this point quite well:

> …[the banks] actually expanded the currency by extraordinary issues, whilst there was no existing check upon them, until its depreciation was so great that speculation and overtrading in all their disastrous forms involved the country in a scene of wretchedness, from which it did not recover in ten years

Source: Raguet, Condy, *A Treatise on Currency and Banking*, New York, Kelly Reprints, 1967, 1840, p 156.

On central banking as a catalyst for war: With an endless money machine that provides nearly limitless funding to finance expensive military adventurism, governments are free to build up forces and wage as much expensive military aggression as they can convince the polity is reasonable. On the other hand, those governments without this easy-money option to make their money for them are forced to economize and make guns-and-butter choices. Mises in 1919:

> …one can say without exaggeration that inflation is an indispensable means of militarism. Without it, the repercussions of war on welfare become obvious much more quickly and penetratingly; war weariness would set in much earlier

As further evidence of this central banking-warfare connection, Paul cites the case of WWI, where only 21% of

WWI was financed through taxation, 56% was from Fed-backed borrowing, and 23% was outright money printing. And this is on the US side; one shudders to consider the impact of central bank lending on the ability or willingness of Germany or Britain or France to wage the War to End All Wars. Furthermore, WWI, while wiping out all the old monarchies, created the Imperial America and a globalized foreign policy mission. For Russia, it meant Communism, as the war machine spurred by easy money created shortages, price controls, devastation, and social unrest that resulted in the Bolshevik revolt of 1917. None of these calamities could have been possible had the USA or other countries not had the easy money of a central bank to underwrite their military campaigns, for opposition to direct taxation on wealth naturally limits governmental adventurism.

Paul also ties the lender of last resort to a more aggressive national foreign and domestic policy, creating what he calls the "welfare-warfare state". With a central bank, countries can dream *ad infinitum* of ever more power, programs and ambitions. America could and did become involved in countless full-scale wars, police actions, small invasions; after each political crisis, the answer is the same as after each economic crisis: more monetary expansion, the better to "prime" the economic pump. Thus guns **or** butter turned into both guns **and** butter…with a central bank, there is no longer a need to choose between the two, and the ability of the Fed to make money is what makes this crisis-response model possible. Conversely, as long as the funding stream remained limited to what could be extracted by force from the wallets of the population, there was a natural upper limit to the power and size and scope and ambitions of the State.

I pause to offer a personal observation that the easy monetary spigot supplied by the Fed may actually result in less American military effectiveness on the battlefield and therefore more protracted wars (and needless suffering). This is because an un-mobilized society, where only the soldiers feel the pain of warfare, not the whole of the civilian population through privation and war rationing, is not as personally invested in the nation's wars, and is therefore more prone to approve the committing of forces abroad. Furthermore, such a population, thus disconnected from the ravages of warfare, is more susceptible to manipulation of public opinion by the media, a fact that Ho Chi Minh exploited during the Vietnam conflict. I suspect the advent of the all-volunteer military in the 1970s aggravates this condition.

On civil liberties and the growth of the state: It is a sort of truism in libertarian circles that when government grows, liberty necessarily suffers in a zero-sum equation. Paul subscribes to this maxim in noting that central banking tends to aggregate power toward the central government and away from the people and the States. Citing the fifth plank of the Communist Manifesto,

> centralization of credit in the banks of the State, by means of a national bank with state capital and an exclusive monopoly,

Paul contends that central banks serve as a type of "backdoor economic planning", the sort of economic model which the world had the opportunity to fail spectacularly in the 1980s with the fall of the former Soviet Union. We know from the warnings of von Mises and others that centrally planned economies fail primarily because they lack a mechanism to make accurate supply and demand decisions across all points in the economy. Lacking this information, they die by suffocation, overcome by the weight of their own inefficiencies. In a similar manner, by setting interest rates low nationwide–so as to better fund the welfare-warfare state and monetize the national debt–rather than letting independent local banks set rates for local conditions, the Fed discourages savings while encouraging borrowing and consumption. This serves to create both the boom-bust business cycle and its attendant inevitable banking panics and the pretext for government to swoop in and "fix" the problem with more centralization, either with (a) more regulation (read: more power to government and more corruption), or with (b) more governmental guarantees that the public won't be harmed by institutional failures (read: more moral hazard, which leads to more crises).

In a further example of the socialist nature of central banking, Paul offers the following: with the Federal Reserve Act (FRA), Congress formed a cartel of the 12 largest banks and permitted them "to inflate the currency at will,

providing for themselves and the financial system liquidity in times of need, while insulating themselves against the consequences of bad loans and overextension of credit…it was a form of financial socialism that benefitted the rich and the powerful". When things go badly, as they always will under a fractional reserve system, "they claim they provide an invaluable public service and deserve support from the public treasury", not unlike the events here in the United States over the last two years with hyperventilating demands that the public bail out the banking institutions. Or else.

The stealthy and insidious effect of central banking makes locating and fixing a culprit for mysterious yet persistent economic fragility and boom-bust cycles difficult. However, after each unnecessary yet inevitable crisis, "rogue capitalism" or the "wild west free market" is blamed for the failure. This creates the window for opportunist politicians, either benevolent or malevolent, to grow government and curb civil liberties. "Just this once," we're told; however, history tells us the "just this once" excuse is repeated over and over again, as politicians trade liberties for security in a futile effort to prevent crises from recurring. Paul notes that "pragmatism, urgency, benevolence, fairness, compromise, fear of the future, and the need for safety and security provide the moral cover for an authoritarian approach to rescuing and protecting the people" from the crises their very own government precipitated. This crisis atmosphere feeds the natural urge to merge government and business interests through which, naturally, the merchant enriches himself with public money while "serving the public good". In addition, because there is such a large (and growing) pot of money at stake, businessmen lobby legislators and regulators intensely, in order to shape legislation or rules in their favor. Quite often this hybrid public-private economy and the regulations and rules that accompany it fail to achieve their desired results; once again the "free market" is blamed (when this economy is anything but free), and the problems again become an excuse to further enlarge the government and enrich special interests. Wash. Rinse. Repeat.

On restoring constitutional government: Paul claims the Founders were clear on their intent for a central bank and paper money, having thoroughly debated and defeated both in the framing of the Constitution. Paul is equally frank in his view that the Fed is unconstitutional. In his view, the Constitution could not be more clear–no paper money, period, only gold and silver (Article 1, Section 10), and the Constitution furthermore did not and does not grant to the Federal government the power to create a central bank (those powers not specifically delegated to the Federal government are reserved for the people or the States by the Tenth Amendment). Yet how does Paul account for this seemingly blatant infraction of law? He cites the Federal government's (mis)use of the "necessary and proper" clause of the Constitution (Article 1, Section 8) and a ruling by the Marshall court–yes, *that* Marshall court–in *McCullough v Maryland* (1819), which basically means that the Fed Gov can pass and enforce any law it wants as long as it can justify it as necessary and proper in the performance of its duties. According to Paul, this SCOTUS decision set the stage for the Federal Reserve Act of 1913.

On halting the abuse of monetary policy during election cycles: It is an open secret that the Fed, despite its supposedly apolitical nature, is often quite politically activist, and its decisions to increase or shrink the money supply can make or sink presidential candidates or political parties. Furthermore, the presence of a central bank with unlimited ability to inflate becomes the central vehicle through which politicians buy votes, both of the people themselves (inflation yields the temporary illusion of prosperity…which translates into votes for the controlling faction) and for big business. "Big government breeds big corruption", as Paul notes the records set in the 2008 presidential election because the size of government was so large and, because of the depression, was only forecasted to expand quickly. There was money to be made and influence to be purchased. The central bank and its inflationary policies are also used to buy votes in another manner…from "zero liability voters" who are grateful for the bread a welfare-warfare state gives them, and from the rich, who benefit from government largesse and reap the income from usurious interest. Thus, under a central bank, both of these populations act in their own best interests, and vote for policies that serve to eat the substance out of the middle class, which finds its wealth robbed by inflation and transferred to wealthy and the poor. Paul notes that a central bank is, well, central to this wealth transference, as "transferring wealth is limited when taxes and borrowing are the only tools" available to politicians to use in their fleecing of the middle class.

I enjoyed this book thoroughly, which should come as a surprise to anyone who has previously read Rothbard and Keynes. I long ago had convinced oneself that Rothbard's Austrian conception of economics is the more correct one, even before I read his and Keynes' works. I also concur on the moral case against the Fed, considering inflation to be no different from legalized theft. The weakest part of Paul's argument was, in my opinion, the Constitutional one, for he is clearly swimming upstream against the tide of Madison's SCOTUS-approved Federalists and the very human tendency to pull power in toward the central government.

In the end, Paul sums up well the fecklessness of the Constitution in preventing the establishment and legalized larceny of the Fed, noting:

> …the Constitution itself is incapable of achieving what we would like in limiting government power, no matter how well written. The morality of the people and wisdom of our elected officials are the only things that count

In other words, when the morality of the people shifts such that they view the taking of other people's property as right and proper, no amount of legal chains will stop them. Thus the argument for ending the Fed will win the day not when the Constitutional legal case is made, but when the people decide once again that sound money is the route to prosperity, to a limited government, and that robbing their neighbors to line their own wallets is immoral.

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Imaginary Mass Rape Drugging Prompts Drink Ban

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Yesterday, Washington State governor Christine Gregoire announced a ban on the fruity, caffeinated malt liquor known as “Four Loko, ” calling the drink “a threat to the public health and safety.”

Washington follows Michigan, which banned all caffeinated alcoholic beverages last week. Several other states, including Oregon and New York, are expected to follow suit.

Four Loko comes in a roughly 24 ounce can, and contains 12% alcohol by volume, which means it contains the ethanol equivalent of roughly five ordinary lager beers.

Governor Gregoire said she was instituting the ban not only to protect young people, who are supposedly targeted by the brightly-colored cans in which Four Loko is sold, but young adults up to the age of 30 as well. Considering that Washington has seen a number of judges and other officials arrested for DUI recently, perhaps she should consider banning scotch, merlot and cabernet as well, in this case for posing a danger to public officials over the age of 40.

The Four Loko ban was precipitated by the drunken, hopped-up antics of several female Central Washington University students, who became convinced that some cabal of date rapists had spiked drinks with a rape drug, resulting in the carnage at a house party in Roslyn, Washington, where inebriated students were scattered across the yard like so many fallen soldiers.

Rather than ban these drinks, why not simply require a clearer label that includes a precise number of “units” – some standardized measurement of ethanol – so that the mathematically challenged will have a simple method whereby to meter consumption?

Feminist Amy Siskind: Trojan Horse to the Conservative Cause?

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By Carey Roberts

Last Tuesday, 51% of the female electorate pulled the lever in favor of the GOP candidate to the U.S. House of Representatives. And for the first time in recent memory, a majority of women voted Republican.

Refusing to concede defeat, the National Organization for Women promptly instructed its members to organize. And to the Gender Guerillas, "organize" includes infiltrating the conservative ranks.

Exhibit A is Amy Siskind's recent editorial, "The Republican Party's Historic Opportunity with Women," in which she purports to offer advice to conservatives on how to attract the female vote.

But before we take a look at her manifesto – er, column – we might first ask, Who is Amy Siskind and what does she stand for?

Co-founder and president of the offbeat The New Agenda, Siskind is an unabashed proponent of abortion rights: "I am pro-choice and reproductive rights are important to me," she boasted in her August 30 Huffington Post column. So when Nancy Pelosi jettisoned insurance funding for abortion services from the health reform bill, Siskind savaged the Speaker of the House for the mortal sin of "betraying the sisterhood."

Siskind is amazingly candid in laying out her vision of a gender utopia. In her November 23, 2009 column in No Quarter, Siskind writes, "A major element in our battle for equality is getting women into positions of power. The hope is that these leaders, once in place, would promote women's issues and promote the next generation of women leaders."

None dare call that zealotry?

Siskind is clearly bewildered by female politicians like Sarah Palin who have not attained true feminist class consciousness. But in the end she counsels her readers that "Republican Women are not the enemy."

So if making-nice with conservative females represents an uneasy but necessary compromise, exactly who is the enemy? "Republican men running against Democratic women," we surmise from her Huffington Post essay.

So what's wrong with Siskind's "The Republican Party's Historic Opportunity with Women" column?

Well, let's start with her creative re-imagining of history.

In her opening paragraph, Siskind proffers this remarkable claim: "For the first time, women voters preferred the GOP."

Well, I guess that's right if we ignore the 1980 elections in which 46% of women voted for Ronald Reagan and 45% chose Jimmy Carter. And according to political scientist Jo Freeman, women favored the Republican candidate in every presidential contest from the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 until 1980.

How's that for striking out on the electoral Truth-O-Meter?

These factual errors quickly morph into a comical propaganda routine with Siskind's assertion that "women voters have decided almost every presidential election since 1960."

Not so fast, according to David Paul Kuhn, who wrote in The Neglected Voter that white males were the pivotal factor behind GOP wins in five out of the previous seven presidential campaigns. And not true, insists former Brandeis University professor Linda Hirshman who remarks, "With the possible exception of 1996, women have never voted a candidate into the White House when men thought the other guy should win."

Then the article draws inspiration from the Tinfoil Hat crowd, claiming that as of 2008, "gender equality was no longer a core tenet of the [Democratic National Committee]." This statement is so mirth-provoking that I won't

devote editorial space to refuting it, except to refer the reader to a column I wrote earlier this year: http://www.renewamerica.com/columns/roberts/100401

Siskind can't resist taking a couple cheap shots, calling the GOP "a bunch of white guys fighting it out for power." Then she berates Rep. John Boehner for "surround[ing] himself with a bunch of white guys, taking his party backwards."

If that wasn't enough, this past Friday Siskind's organization issued a breathless alert, "How Women Held Their Own on Election Day." Since women had voted equally for the two parties, Ms. Siskind goaded her readers — with bolded emphasis in the original, "now BOTH parties will fight for women's voters!"

Siskind wrapped up the alert by issuing a feisty challenge to Democrats and Republicans alike: "We say: let the bidding war begin!"

Three days later, Amy Siskind published the factually-challenged column outlining her vision of a gynocentric social dystopia.

So don't be surprised if other feminists come along in the weeks and months ahead, claiming to enlighten knuckle-dragging white-guys on what it means to be a card-carrying conservative.

The Elevator Speech

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By Solomon II

In my professional world, we often help clients by designing interactive programs which seamlessly integrate with their overall corporate messaging. Taking a "one voice" approach to all their marketing efforts takes time and money, but in the end, the cohesiveness of their external communication builds familiarity and brand awareness among the target clientele.

[image]Often the most difficult part of this process is coming up with what we call an "elevator speech". The theory here is to come up with a terse yet educational response to a potential client when he asks "So, what do you do?" and you only have 90 seconds between a few floors to make your pitch. Conveying the scope and purpose of a company including end user benefits in a memorable way in less than 90 seconds can be a daunting task.

The situation is similar in the Manosphere. All too often I find myself talking with a friend or coworker out on a show site somewhere about their interaction with women, and it's hard to give them advice or convey the lessons I've learned without needing a formal hour long presentation. How do you explain female hypergamy, the rationalization hamster, and a host of other concepts during casual conversation with some guy who just wants to lament about his wife or girlfriend?

Those of us who write and read these blogs are no smarter than the average man. The only thing that gives us a leg up in the dating and marriage arena is the fact that we take what most men intrinsically know and give it proper terminology. We then use that terminology to define a situation and react accordingly using proven strategies. I guess what I'm getting at is that while most men are busy ranting A, B, C, D, E, F, G… we quickly assess the situation, call it the alphabet, and keep on moving.

It pains me to sit and listen to an otherwise educated a man say *"It's like, I don't know, man. I mean, sometimes I just think that… well, I want to say something, but I'm not sure what she's thinking, so… I… I don't know, man. I can't figure her out."* I do my best to help by listening and giving targeted advice, but often I simply don't have the time to help a man understand and accept what he already knows. I can't simply look at a friend or coworker and say *"Her clock is ticking and you're a willing Beta, but her hypergamous nature is causing her to struggle between settling for you and taking one last ride on the Alpha cock carousel. Her rationalization hamster will allow her to do both without guilt, and when she's done she'll undoubtedly blame you for putting her in a position to have to choose in the first place. In the end, you'll be showered with shaming language if you refuse to accept responsibility for her actions."*

We need an elevator speech. A quick summation of basic points to get these guys started down the road to enlightenment. Something to pique their interest and get them interested in researching ways to improve their married or dating lives.

Although it would be impossible to condense everything a man needs to know in to one 90 second sound bite, we need to start somewhere. I've been wondering what I would say to an 18 year old Solomon II if I had the chance to go back in time and speak with him for only 90 seconds. Of course, I'm sure 18 year old S2 would tell me to go fuck myself, but for the purpose of illustration, let's assume the little asshole would listen. I think the one 90 second elevator speech that would have helped me the most is:

"There are no good women, and there are no bad women. There are just women. Women do what they want when they want and justify their actions later. That's why it's important to find a woman of character who is naturally inclined to do the things which are wholesome, respectful, productive, and conducive to rearing the offspring produced by your potential union.

A woman's character is of utmost importance. A woman's past actions matter. In fact, her past matters more than anything else because it reveals the character she developed during her impressionable years. A

woman may change what she does, but she can't change who she is or repair her reputation. Like hot or cold water eventually comes back to room temperature when no external forces are present, so a woman returns to her base character level when no external forces are present. If you choose to be a woman's external force in order to exact a temperature change within her, don't be surprised when she reverts to her room temperature character the moment you're not around.

What defines a woman of good character varies from man to man. Know which character traits are important to you. Study to learn the signs of these traits, and study harder to learn how manipulative women mimic these traits when they are not in possession of them. Judge harshly and without apology. Recognize flaws within yourself and actively work to right them, but never let a woman convince you to consider your own personal flaws as a valid reason to overlook hers.

Recognize, protect, and celebrate a woman of good character, for she is exceedingly rare. Recognize, expose, and shame a woman of low character for she is a parasite driven by consumption and will kill her host. Above all, know that a woman of character and a woman of risible morals are often indistinguishable at first glance. Only the erudite man committed to attaining the knowledge and skills to determine one from the other stands a chance of reaching his full potential."

At least a few of the major topics are covered: Virgin/Whore Syndrome and the Rationalization Hamster in paragraph 1, Double Standards and White Knighting in paragraph 2, Shaming Language in paragraph 3, and Snowflaking in paragraph 4.

Whether or not this is an acceptable elevator speech is debatable, but at least it's a start. It's not too offensive, and outside of the workplace, it shouldn't set off too many alarms with the PC police. You can even express this viewpoint around women since the majority of them would undoubtedly agree – what with each and every single one of them being perfect and blameless women of impeccable character.

Simple bitches.

American Woman Named “King” in African Fishing Village

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A large, 57-year-old American woman has been named “king” of a fishing village in the nation of Ghana, which is on the West African coast next to Côte d’Ivoire and Togo. Formerly known as Peggielene Bartels, she has taken the title of Nana Amuah-Afenyi VI, but is commonly called “King Peggy.”

King Peggy started working as a secretary in Ghana’s Embassy in Washington back in the 1970s, and when the villagers decided to name her king she was originally reluctant, as she wasn’t sure there was enough money in it for her. However, donations from nearby Baptist congregations helped her make up her mind, and now she is starting to enjoy the authority:

> The women are so happy for me, they are really on my side… But it’s only a few elderly men — because they are used to bossing females around. And I don’t give them the chance. They are the people resisting me.
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> [they say] ‘Listen you’re a woman, so you listen to us.’ Then I also say, ‘I’m in the States, I’m a woman and, in the rituals with the ancestors, you chose me in the name of God, so shut up and sit down.’ And they will sit.

Given that Africa is largely patriarchal, it may seem strange that the villagers chose a woman for their king. However, one has to look at this choice from the African perspective.

Ms. Bartels works closely with the US Department of State, probably has friends in the UN, and almost certainly has connections that none of the other villagers can match. Furthermore, what Africans know about American foreign policy is that a woman is in charge – Hillary Clinton – and women’s issues are commonly given more weight than anything else, especially where small, poor countries that pose no military threat are concerned. Africans probably think that there is nothing that matters to Americans more than women, so some clever village elders came up with the idea of a female king to get more attention and foreign aid thrown in their direction.

In a calculated move, they therefore installed an American woman as “king,” knowing that she would spend most of her time in the US lobbying for aid anyway, which leaves the old men in charge back home.

We Americans can learn a fair amount about our own country simply by observing how the outside world chooses to deal with us.

An Empty Stomach

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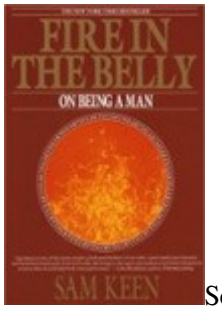
Sam Keen's *Fire in the Belly,* like Robert Bly's *Iron John*, is around twenty years old this year. It remains in print, and remains on the very short list of "men's studies" books written by men who don't identify themselves explicitly as pro-feminist – though like *Iron John, Fire in the Belly* is far more friendly to feminism than many feminists would like to admit. Keen differentiates between two kinds of feminism, what he calls "prophetic" and "ideological" feminism. He feels that the difference between them is "largely a matter of mood, tone of voice, focus, emphasis, feeling-tone." Ideological feminism, for Keen, is about blaming, scapegoating and maintaining a state of total war between the sexes; it's what others have called "female supremacism."



Some of the most helpful messages Keen imparts have to do with female power and the way that an internalized, idealized "WOMAN" can keep men in thrall. His estimation of this power is sometimes dead on, but at other times so overblown and mythic that it evokes Camille Paglia's work. The best advice he gives comes in a recounted story from his youth, wherein a man tells him that:

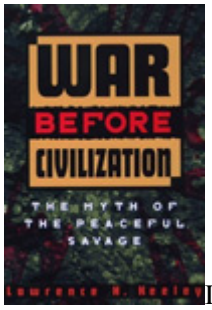
> "there are two questions a man must ask himself: The first is 'Where am I going?' and the second is 'Who will go with me?' If you ever get these questions in the wrong order you are in trouble."

This much is true. If a man doesn't know who he is, and he looks to a woman to complete and define him, she will inevitably walk all over him and will probably never respect him. A man who looks for a mother will probably find one, and she will treat him like a little boy. Like Bly, Keen believes manhood requires a move away from the world of women. Keen wants men to spend time in the world of men and define themselves as men and as individuals before they can truly love an ordinary woman. This is probably a good idea, but it also has an upper-middle class air of self-indulgent escapism about it. Life requires most men to get to work. This pre-marriage escapism would have to occur at roughly the same age when men would theoretically be starting careers and families. To what ripe old age can a viable civilization afford to extend adolescence?

The notion of "prophetic feminism" flows from Keen's vision for the future. Keen believes that we "urgently need new visions of manhood and womanhood," and that "as men, our challenge is to grow beyond the myth of war and the warrior psyche and to create a new form of ecological economics that will preserve the earth household." Although he doesn't always seem sold on the idea himself, Keen envisions a peaceful future where men and women coexist harmoniously and men become "fierce gentlemen" whose manhood is defined by their commitment to certain "vocational passion" and a set of values and morals. It is because of his "gentle and earthy" vision of the future that the book becomes less about manhood and more about adapting the culture of men to serve his own philosophical and political ideals. In this, Keen shares much in common with feminists, who also believe men must change to accommodate their comparably gilded and utopian future of gender-neutral peace and prosperity. If "ideological" feminists were able to put aside their parochial refusal to allow men to have *any* distinct and meaningful gender identity of their own, they'd be passing *Fire in the Belly* out to all of the males in their lives.

The first problem with Keen's idea of where men are going is his unlikely interpretation of where they've been. Keen, like many of his contemporaries, believes that early humans were relatively peaceful goddess-worshippers. He blames much of the current state of masculinity on traits that were necessary to maintain the "warfare system."

While it is very reasonable to suggest that culturally constructed aspects of masculinity help to prepare men for the stress of combat and associated trauma, the notion that early humans lived in relative peace and harmony is not supported by evidence. In *War Before Civilization: The Myth of the Peaceful Savage*, anthropologist Lawrence H. Keeley makes a convincing case — using both archeological evidence from thousands of years ago and accounts from recent tribal societies — that early humans not only made war, but that they were also pretty darn good at it. Primitive peoples generally engaged in guerilla style warfare and wars of attrition that were often devastating to their comparatively small populations.



In a particularly striking disparity, Keen mentions the Tahitians as people who "encourage men to be gentle, easy, graceful, generous to strangers, slow to take offense, and unconcerned with defending masculine 'honor'." (Even Keen admits that people like this are rare.) Keeley, on the other hand, notes that:

> "In Tahiti, a victorious warrior, given the opportunity, would pound his vanquished foe's corpse flat with his heavy war club, cut a slit through the well-crushed victim, and don him as a trophy poncho."

Grisly examples, based on hard archaeological evidence (like mass graves, decapitated heads, arrowheads in skulls, etc.) abound in *War Before Civilization*, and Keeley convincingly explains why some of his predecessors chose to de-emphasize this evidence and "pacify the past." Keeley is careful to remind readers that humans are not necessarily destined to be warlike simply because peace between humans has been rare, but that lying about the past isn't the way to solve problems in the present. However, in light of evidence provided by Keeley, a good chunk of Keen's storyline about how the warfare system corrupted men and masculinity caves in on itself. Humans are violent for approximately the same reasons they've always been violent. For another outstanding refutation of the noble savage mythos, see Steven Pinker's *The Blank Slate: The Modern Denial of Human Nature*.

The second problem with Keen's call to reimagine a kinder, gentler, earthier man is that it fails to acknowledge the hard realities of cultural and demographic competition. This "reimagining masculinity" is, for the most part, a SWPL meme. The idea that well-off, highly educated, completely protected Westerners can set the moral bar for the world and that everyone else will leap to follow them is a hubristic fantasy. Asians and swarthier folk aren't moved by the same guilt complexes (after all, according to the SWPL belief system, *they* didn't ruin the planet and everything else). As Keen's *fierce gentlemen* belly-ache about violence and social justice, hold spirited debates, buy recycled toilet paper and explore their personal woundologies — a poor kid in the ghetto is getting jumped into a gang, and that kid is going to rob his remodeled urban homestead and rape his narcissistic vegetarian wife. Both Keeley and Keen's peaceable solutions, if put into practice on Earth, would require one world government and the forced redistribution of wealth by a near police state. The truth is that not everyone is going to sit around having spirited debates. The people who enjoy that have a natural aptitude for it. Not everyone is burning to explore their individuality and inner creativity. (Most people aren't that creative or interesting.) Someone is still going to have to scrub the toilets and mow the lawns and build the buildings, and those people are going to want the same things average people have always wanted: food, shelter, stuff, entertainment and sex. The calm and sober delights of pampered patrician philosophers do not necessarily appeal to the conflict hungry, reality TV-loving rabble. As Gracchus said in *Gladiator,* "The beating heart of Rome is not the marble of the senate; it's the sand of the coliseum."

Like all books explicitly about manhood, *Fire in the Belly* is really a philosophical treatise. The question "what kind of man shall I be" is a highly philosophical question, and your answer is going to draw on some of your most basic

assumptions about the human nature, politics, ethics and what makes life worth living. Keen is an engaging if sometimes uncomfortably confessional writer, but to sign on to his program, you have to agree that the world he envisions is possible and desirable. Twenty years on, it seems neither.

Football and Domestic Violence Programming

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I watch football from time to time, especially when the kids are here and it's a typical fall weekend in Seattle, where the sky is dark and gray and the playgrounds muddy and cold. For me it's a little relief from supervising the kids and cleaning up after them, and a bit of an excuse to just sit down for a while.

However, lately I've noticed that following every game the local FOX affiliate is showing a "most wanted" series that features almost exclusively guys wanted for some scuffle with a girlfriend. In tough tones the narrator excoriates these vile thugs for allegedly smacking innocent little angels, and demands that we identify them and help throw them in prison for their heinous crimes. In most cases, the guys are convicted felons, which explains how they ended up on the most wanted list, but the crimes they have been accused of hardly rise to the level of psycho killer or bank robber.

For example, first featured after last Sunday's game was Kimo Warren, a young dandy and convicted felon who allegedly pushed his girlfriend, threw a lamp, and threw a drink at her. He also allegedly pushed the woman's son down, for which I definitely think he ought to do some time (if my ex's boyfriend ever laid a hand on my son I'd want him in jail), but even if it's all true it's fairly run-of-the-mill DV, which happens every day all over the place.

Next came Travis Jackson, another felon, who is accused of punching, kicking and choking his ex-girlfriend while she was holding her two-year-old. Sounds pretty serious, but this is an accusation, not a conviction.

Finally, a Samoan named Steven Faausu was simply described as an "accused woman abuser" who is wanted for second degree DV assault.

Chances are that the guys are guilty of something — the only non-felon among them has obvious gang tattoos and looks like a low-life, but aren't these single mothers complicit as well? What kind of a mother brings a criminal into her home with her child? Sure, arrest the guys if they are criminals, but why not seize the children and return them to their father, assuming he isn't in prison? Obviously, the kids would be safer with him than with some trashy slut who runs around with criminals.

That this follows a football game, which is a male recreational activity, strikes me as fairly tasteless. It would be like airing photos of prostitutes after an episode of Mad Men and demanding that the female viewers help track them down and lock them up. I seriously doubt that most male football fans want to be treated to heavy handed "lock 'em up" programs right after watching something they enjoy. In fact, I doubt that football players themselves very much like it, considering how often they are accused of and arrested for domestic violence.

Although I'm not one to indulge in conspiracy theories very often, I think there must be something more than simple coincidence to this choice in programming. That the wanted men profiled after football games are mainly DV suspects, when this category is a minority of all wanted men in the state, suggests to me that the NFL may have made some kind of deal with feminists, who have been targeting football for some time.

This year we've had the pink ribbon campaign, which features players wearing pink, the incident with the slutty Mexican reporter in the Jets' locker room for which the Jets were forced to apologize, the Brett Favre sexting incident, and lingering claims of sexual assault perpetrated by players. In the past, feminists have (falsely) claimed that the Superbowl is a time of unprecedented wife-beating, and they are currently attempting to find some angle to leverage *something* out of the NFL.

My bet is that the Orwellian post-game demands that we men go out and kick the crap out of accused DV perps is some kind of concession the NFL has worked out with feminists. They are balancing the male programming of football with something that makes feminists feel warm and fuzzy inside, namely the imprisonment of men. Feminism has become so shrill, so overwhelming, that it's shoved in guys' faces even when they just want to sit down and watch a ball game. How much worse can it get?

Liberal Judaism Becoming Female Ghetto

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The disappearance of young men from America's church pews has been ongoing for some time now, but recent reports indicate that it is not only Christian denominations that are losing males due to a new, feminist orientation, but the more liberal Jewish sects – Reform and Conservative Judaism – as well.

Young Jewish men and adolescents complain of indoctrination and a stifling atmosphere at the activities organized by their synagogues, and are voting with their feet by leaving at the first opportunity.

Orthodox Judaism, which has so far successfully resisted feminist encroachments, is notable for *not* having this problem.

Jewish boys are opting out of leadership programs, which are becoming almost exclusively female:

> Jewish programs training the next generation of Jewish leaders are seeing the impact. According to a new study by the not-for-profit organization Moving Traditions, "Engaging Jewish Teenage Boys: A Call to Action," of the 15 interns enrolled in Hillel's Tzedek advocacy program six years ago, there were no young men. The following year, just two of the 14 interns were men. That same program year, 2005–06, the organization Avodah: The Jewish Service Corps enrolled nearly six times as many young women as it did men. And the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion has seen a steady decline in the rates of young men applying to become rabbis.

In fact, as the article points out, barely a third of new rabbis in liberal sects are male:

> In May 2006, HUC-JIR's Los Angeles campus ordained 14 new rabbis. Only four were men, and of the 20 new rabbis ordained at its New York campus, just seven were men. With some fluctuation, the paucity of men has remained among the New York campus's ordinees. In 2009, 43 rabbis were ordained there. Just 13 of them were men. In 2010, of the 44 new rabbis, 16 were men.

In order to bring boys back in the fold, some congregations are advocating mimicking Orthodox institutions, which have always had exclusively male spaces. The liberal sects, on the other hand, have created a great number of exclusively female spaces and programs while neglecting to provide anything for boys.

According to one young Jewish man who left his congregation:

> At day school there was such a focus on female discovery of spiritual self rather than a focus of male discovery of self. I felt as though I was neglected in terms of being able to grow spiritually.

What's in a Name?

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Thag Jones writes The Forgetful Muse blog

Here we have another take on "reinventing masculinity" via naming baby boys in more gender neutral ways. It would be bad enough if this were some "single mom by choice" phenomenon, but this is what one father had to say:

> "Naming your kid Hunter or Breaker is like saying f–k you to the world that invented feminism," said Richmond. "It's a desperate cry to hold onto an archaic and useless form of masculinity, whereas naming your kid Robert III after your grandfather who invented the flyswatter and bought the house in Newport is a very different kind of holding onto an outmoded form of masculinity."

No, this is about using your child to make a quasi-political statement. Saying that some "form" of masculinity is outmoded assumes of course that masculinity is a social construct, as these feminists assume about all sexuality (sorry, I refuse to use the term "gender," a grammatical term, because a bunch of idiots don't know the difference between "sex" and "sexual intercourse," being of rather coarse minds as they are). Evo-psych is also "outmoded" to these people, as if everything that makes us human is subject to the whims of ideology and politics.

Who chooses a name for their child like this? One mother says she's "trying to teach [her] sons you don't have to be so traditional, to reflect more of a global culture, to open them up to different family structures and different orientations," which begs the question, can't these people do anything without "trying to teach" some politically correct dogma? Do they not realize this is a kind of indoctrination, that which they tend to be so up in arms against when it's something they aren't so keen on, like God or teaching a young person the proper use of firearms? She goes on to say that she "wanted to imbue [her] sons with feminist values" so heck, why not just call him Sue? I doubt it would end up like the old days, because everyone is too pussified to make fun of a boy named Sue anymore.

Perhaps it's a matter of taste, but I cringe at names like "Braylen" and "Paxton" (sounds like medication, which might be what these parents need). I know if I were to be naming a son, I would be choosing something from that first list of the past century that sound like men's names, not something you'd name a poodle. I almost can't bring myself to comment on the fact that the most popular name, Cullen, comes directly from some awful fem-porn. Imagine if men started naming their daughters Candy, after Candy Samples. Of course, there is no male equivalent to this female desire to castrate men, so the comparison is only slightly amusing, but the point is that one has to wonder where this will end up. What's in a name? Does a rose by any other name smell as sweet? I don't know, but I do know that these names are pretty awful and decidedly unmanly, but then, I suppose that's their point.

Dutch Women: Less Work, Less Pay, More Happiness

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Not long ago, the UN concluded that something must be amiss in the progressive, woman friendly Netherlands. The problem was that the "pay gap" was one of the largest in Europe, and women were working far fewer hours than men. So, to find out whether dastardly men might be behind the oppression of the Dutch women, a study was commissioned and launched in 2009 to determine what nefarious patriarchal influence was at work.

As it turned out, Dutch women rather enjoyed not working all the time, and only 4% of them actually wanted more hours or responsibilities in the workplace. Instead of more work, what most of them wanted was some assurance that they wouldn't be forced to work full-time. The study ultimately concluded that attempts to force more Dutch women into the workplace were doomed to failure, because "the women themselves and their partners and employers are satisfied with the Dutch part-time culture for women."

In stark contrast to the US, where women demand more hours, more responsibilities and greater power and control over men in the workplace and out, Dutch women prefer leaving work early, having coffee, spending time with the kids and socializing with friends and neighbors. In their spare time they garden, ride their bicycles, play with children, exercise and read.

The result is that Dutch women are happier, healthier and more attractive than American women, and they are perfectly content to leave the drudgery of salary and wage work mainly to men.

Seeing the stark contrast between American and Dutch attitudes toward work and the steady decline in American women's satisfaction and happiness, one wonders whether American-style feminism isn't headed for self-destruction. There is evidence that stressed out American women are developing coronary artery disease at higher rates, their relationships with their children are suffering, and their reputation at home and abroad is markedly unfavorable.

Perhaps American men could take some solace in the idea that while women are slowly seizing control and taking over all they can in society, we men may finally have the time to focus a little bit on our own lives. Unfortunately, it probably isn't going to work out that way, because no matter how much money, power and responsibility American women have, they are always going to demand more from men. In fact, the more they earn and the higher their own position, the more they expect from the men around them. Doesn't matter if it's unrealistic — that's just the way women are.

If things are to change, we need to stop pushing girls into unnatural roles and telling them from a young age that they can and should "do anything." Not only is this a lie, but girls aim to please, and giving them the idea that they must be ambitious, hard-driving careerists when they are young is only going to have negative implications for both men and women further down the path.

Title IX in Action

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Found on Gawker, this video demonstrates the painful lengths schools are going to in order to comply with Title IX.

Does anyone really believe these girls should even be trying to hurdle?

What Happens When You Call the Cops to "Help" a Man

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Brian Aitken, a young Colorado man who was moving to New Jersey to be closer to his children, owned several guns, which is fairly common in western states. He knew that New Jersey had stringent gun laws, so he took every precaution in an attempt to avoid running afoul of the law. He called the New Jersey state police for information, printed out New Jersey's gun laws, and stored them according to the law.

As in often the case in divorces, Brian's ex-wife played the typical game of withholding the children, upsetting him greatly. When the despondent young man visited his parents, who also lived in New Jersey, to pick up belongings and move them to his new apartment, his mother became worried about his mental state. So, like your typical American woman does when she is worried about a man, she called the cops.

Police called Brian on his cell phone and convinced him to return to his parents house, where they determined that, although he was not a threat, his car should be searched anyway. It is likely his mother had mentioned the guns, and the call was classified as a "domestic disturbance." As we know, police take domestic disturbance calls very seriously, because feminist family law has made them very dangerous affairs that frequently result in killings, and sometimes dead cops.

For some reason, Mr. Aitken consented to the search, and police found his locked, unloaded guns stored in the trunk as demanded by NJ law. Probably to avoid taking any chances, the cops arrested him, upon which he was charged with illegal gun possession, a serious felony in New Jersey. Unless you can prove that the gun is possessed for a fairly narrow range of activities, you are presumed to be in violation of the law.

Unfortunately for Mr. Aitken, the judge who presided over his case, James Morley, was the "progressive" equivalent of a hanging judge. Divorced fathers are often well-acquainted with these types. They have a burning hatred for young men, are sadists, and enjoy sending fathers to prison on any technicality they can find, especially when an ex wife or girlfriend is involved in even a tangential manner. Judge Morley effectively handcuffed Aitken's defense by refusing their attempts to present the exceptions allowed under New Jersey's gun possession statute as a defense. He claimed they were irrelevant, but Aitken's defense attorney is adamant that they were not.

Although the jury tried hard to find some way to exonerate the defendant, the judge's instructions were clear, and they were essentially ordered to convict the man. Now Aitken is facing seven years in state prison – seven years away from his children – thanks to his mother and his ex-wife.

About a year ago in Seattle, a young man's relative called the police because he was "despondent." He was in fact upset, because his wife had just died and he was alone with a baby. Police arrived on the scene, and when he refused to open the door determined that he was holding his child "hostage," and shot him in the face through a window. They later reported that he was threatening to kill the child and had a shotgun. In fact, there was an inoperable, unloaded shotgun in the closet, and he denies ever saying he would hurt his son. I wonder how that relative feels about "helping" the young man now? He lived, but is in constant pain and has trouble eating solid food, having had half of his jaw shattered by the .40 caliber slug that slammed into his face.

Americans have to realize that cops are not paid to "help people." Sometimes they do, but that is not their job, and with some justification they tend to view a distressed man as a threat rather than someone in need of help. A cop's job is to enforce the law and keep himself safe while doing so. This does not involve counseling, helping people, or even being nice — that's all up to the individual officer.

Although women frequently call the police on their husbands, somehow it seems even worse when they do it to their own sons. That American women so casually set the state's enforcers on men says something very disgusting about them, but I can think of little more contemptible than a woman who would do that to her own child.

Senate Republicans Block Paycheck Fairness Act

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The Paycheck Fairness Act, a bill designed to favor women in the workplace by giving them yet another weapon with which to extort money from businesses and employers, was held up by Republicans in the Senate, who managed to hold the Democrats to fewer than the needed 60 votes to pass the legislation.

President Obama expressed deep disappointment over the failure of the bill, saying that it would have ensured that American women didn't bring home smaller paychecks to their families as "we emerge from one of the worst recessions in history." The fact that the recession has affected mainly men and *their* paychecks didn't seem to concern the president.

Republicans, as usual, were not concerned with men, but rather the effect the bill might have on businesses, which would be vulnerable to legal broadsides from disgruntled female employees and their attorneys, as the burden of proof that they are not "discriminating" against women would fall on them, and limits on damage awards would be removed.

Some Perspective on Police

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There's a lot of anger out there at police officers. It comes from every different angle, so you'll find it on left-wing, right-wing and even moderate online discussions. Lower and working classes often resent the police, while those with money and power look down on them and treat them with contempt. People expect cops to keep them safe and help them when they need it, but they wax indignant when cited for an infraction or arrested for something like smoking a joint.

When I was a kid, I was afraid of the police, probably for good reason. Teens are prone to mischief and therefore are frequently disciplined by cops. I remember once riding around with my high school friends, the car stuffed full of kids, some intoxicated, and seeing a cop turn a corner somewhere behind me. I knew he was coming after us, so I quickly made a right into a dark neighborhood street, pulled over and got out of the car before he could turn and light us up. He knew the trick (avoiding a traffic stop by pulling over and getting out before he could turn on the lights and make a stop), so was pretty ticked off and gave us some rough treatment, yelling at us and making us put our hands on the hood. I was lucky I pulled it, though, because it turned out one of the kids had an open bottle of tequila in the car. I didn't know about that, but legally speaking it would have been my fault anyway, and I could have lost my license.

The angry cop shone his light in the car, pulled out the tequila, and yelled "what's this?" I just about crapped my pants, but his attention turned to the culprit, who was so stoned he was barely intelligible. The cop uncorked the bottle and dumped its contents on the ground while giving us a stern look, then pulled a bag of weed out of my stoned acquaintance's pocket and threw him in the back of the squad car. After looking at our IDs and generally scaring the daylights out of us, he pulled the stoner out of the car and with a mean, serious look he gave us all a warning calculated to make an impression:

"If I ever catch you little shits screwing around again you'll wish you'd never been born. Now get the hell out of here!"

We left, chastised and resentful. Man were we pissed off at those nasty cops! "What a big, mean bully," we exclaimed.

In retrospect, though, the guy did us all a favor. He could have been perfectly respectful and polite and courteous and professional — and arrested us. Instead, he gave us the third degree, scared us, and let us go. He did us a favor and taught us a lesson.

We live in a society where expressions of masculinity and the use of force have been delegated almost entirely to police. This is state aggrandizement of power, and it's incredibly frustrating for a great many people, including schoolteachers, parents, and, surprisingly enough, the police themselves. Do cops really want to have to discipline boys whose fathers are not there to do the job? Do they want to have to deal with kids misbehaving in school because teachers are not allowed to even restrain an out-of-control kid? Do they actually like stepping between drunk lovers who are throwing dishes and food at each other?

I don't think so, but the law has made these things their job. Most cops want to chase down thieves and muggers, catch bank robbers, and lock up killers. Sure, traffic duty is a given, but all the other stuff that's been heaped on them makes for a pretty full plate. It also makes people angry at them. But this anger is misplaced.

Who really is responsible for putting police in our living rooms, our classrooms and even our bedrooms? Who puts the cops between fathers and children? Well, if you've done your reading it's pretty clear: special interest groups – largely feminists – and their legal industry allies.

Finally, does anyone really believe that cops have it easier than the rest of us in their own personal lives? Divorce is sky-high for public servants such as police and firefighters, partly because divorcing wives have guaranteed access

to benefits and generous support from anyone working a government job. Some police are so thoroughly impoverished by their divorces that they have to sleep at the station and take on a great deal of overtime. Police are routinely accused of domestic violence (here's a site dedicated to helping women go after cops), made out to be tyrants in court by their wives, and personally trashed and humiliated in the proceedings. A cop I know personally can hardly stand his wife but is terrified by the prospect of divorce.

So rather than dump on the cops who have been thrown in the middle of all this, a far better solution would be simply lighten cops' load by giving them a new set of priorities, namely catching crooks and keeping order on the street. Just empowering them to arrest women who make false accusations would significantly ease their burdens — police are often specifically ordered not to do so because it would "discourage real victims." This is garbage; all it does is encourage more false reports. Another important step is removing the entanglements between civil and criminal law that have grown like a climbing weed on the lattice of family law. When people have a financial incentive to get the police involved, some will most certainly do so. Remove that incentive, and the abuse of policing by citizens will definitely decline.

There are many reforms that should be undertaken, but in trying to solve the problems we currently face we have to avoid letting our emotions take over. It's easy to direct one's anger toward the most obvious, and that tends to be the flashing lights, uniforms and guns. But that's exactly what the people directing this lousy policy want. They'd far prefer we fight it out with the cops in the streets to us actually holding the real decision makers accountable and working effectively for change.

In the US, 39% Believe Marriage is Obsolete

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Hardly a week goes by these days without the lame-stream media trumpeting some measure which indicates that marriage as a social institution continues to crumble. The latest "big scary factoid" (HT to one of the Spearhead's commenters for that great turn of phrase) is an article by Hope Yen being distributed by the Associate Press titled ***"Four in 10 say marriage is becoming obsolete."***

> Is marriage becoming obsolete?
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> As families gather for Thanksgiving this year, nearly one in three American children is living with a parent who is divorced, separated or never-married. More people are accepting the view that wedding bells aren't needed to have a family.
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> A study by the Pew Research Center, in association with Time magazine, highlights rapidly changing notions of the American family. And the Census Bureau, too, is planning to incorporate broader definitions of family when measuring poverty, a shift caused partly by recent jumps in unmarried couples living together.
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> About 29 percent of children under 18 now live with a parent or parents who are unwed or no longer married, a fivefold increase from 1960, according to the Pew report being released Thursday.
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> … about 39 percent of Americans said marriage was becoming obsolete. And that sentiment follows U.S. census data released in September that showed marriages hit an all-time low of 52 percent for adults 18 and over.
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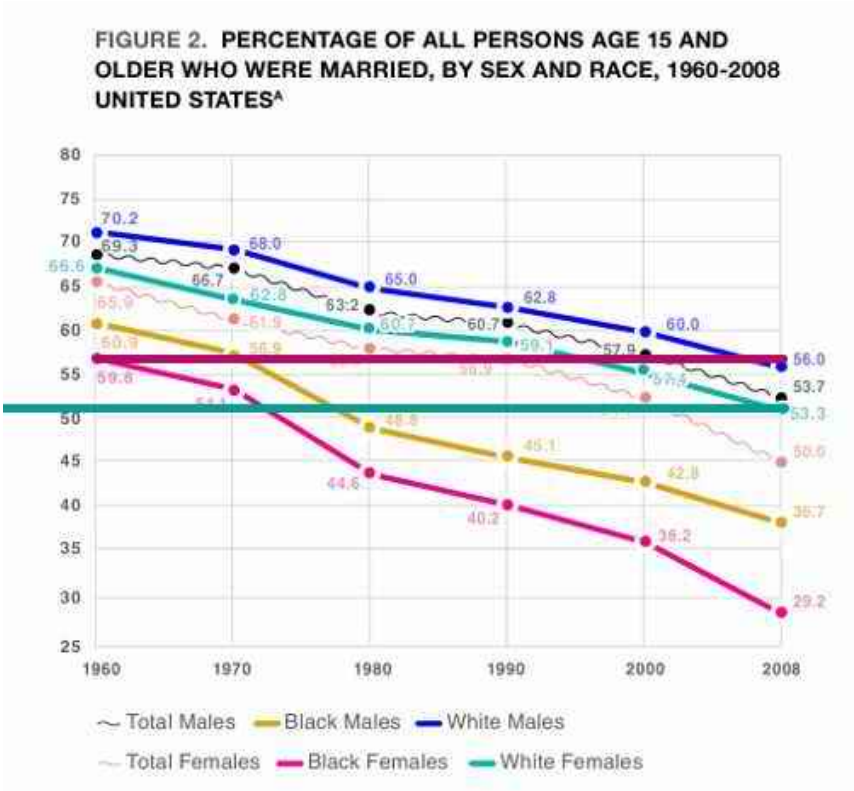
> In 1978, just 28 percent believed marriage was becoming obsolete.

While a change of just 11% over 22 years may not seem that huge to some people, the strength of the language used – "obsolete", as in outmoded, old-fashioned, no longer relevant – really does indicate a seismic-level shift away from what most people believed 50 years ago. Interestingly, the 40% figure tracks fairly well with the percentage of children born outside of marriage. The fundamental definition of not just "marriage", but the term "family" itself is undergoing a profound change as the behavior of millions of people changes.

As with all statistics, averages across large numbers of people mask the fact that the changes are more significant among some demographics than others. Much has been made of the black/white divide when it comes to marriage and having children outside of marriage. The marriage rates for African Americans of both sexes have plunged more than for whites, but the trend downward has been consistent for all groups.

Here is a chart I snagged from Dalrock's post "Driving a stake in the heart of the US marriage strike myth" with two baselines added.



The percentage of people **currently** married for the group with the highest rate – white men – as of 2009 has dropped slightly below the rate for the group with the lowest rate in 1960 – black women, while the drop in rates for black folks of both sexes has been larger than for their white counterparts. The change has been so profound in the black community that among younger blacks the sentiment seems to be that "Marriage is for White People."

Some of the findings from the poll shown in this graph were what one might expect – the percentages who believe marriage is obsolete went down as age went up, were higher for blacks than for whites, went up as income or education level went down, and were predictably higher for people who were cohabiting than for married people. But, there was one result so surprising that I have to wonder if it is a case of mislabeling – conservatives were more likely to take a dim view of the future of marriage than liberals were, 42% vs 38%. Another finding which surprised me is nearly one out of every 3 married people – 31% – considered the institution obsolete.

A lot of so-called "MRAs" tend to focus on the legal issues, and not be as concerned with attitudes and behavior. While the legal climate toward men and fathers is incredibly punitive, at the same time giving women license to divorce their husbands for the incredible crime of not keeping her 'gina tingling, it is more the loss of social controls and social pressure to inhibit destructive behaviors which has caused so many people to take an increasingly dim view of an institution which was clearly the norm during the time when most of us grew up.

While things may not be quite as bleak as the picture painted by Charles Martel in "The End of Marriage", one would have to be extremely dedicated to the ostrich strategy of burying one's head in the sand to continue to ignore and deny what are some very clear and unmistakable trends. And, the fact that the youngest demographic – historically the least likely to be married – hold the greatest skepticism toward marriage raises the question of whether that attitude will prevail throughout their entire adult lives and be reflected in their behavior. Perhaps the current generation coming into the marriage years will have the attitude "Marriage is for Older People", or perhaps just "Marriage is for **Other** People."

There is not much reason to believe that current trends will do anything but continue, and marriage rates continue to fall and more and more people begin to see marriage as little more than one among many options, in the absence of any counter-forces against it. Normally, when market share for some product begins to fall, "investors" in the product begin to look at why fewer people are buying that product. However, the strategy pursued by the Marriage

Cheerleaders so far has seemed limited to badgering and harassing unmarried people. I think the consistent drop in marriage rates is clear testament to the failure of this strategy.

Men, stop tricking women into loveless marriages!

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By Dalrock

Men, we point the finger at women all the time in the manosphere, but now it is time to point it back at ourselves. I don't want to name names, but some of you have been tricking women into loveless marriages and forcing them to experience the pain of divorcing you later. Here is one such example from a woman so distraught with the aftermath of this she was forced to seek advice from Salon (H/T Zed and Brendan):

> I am 34 years old and have been married for about four and a half years. We've been together almost 10 years, my longest relationship. My husband is intelligent, handsome, funny and patient. One of my problems is that I don't love him anymore. Well, I love him, but more like a close friend and not as a husband. He truly is a wonderful person and everyone thinks he is great. And he is great, mostly. I think it's unfair for me to stay married to him when I don't completely love him because he would make an awesome husband for some lucky gal.

Sure, he *pretends* to be nice and perfect and all, but that is just a front. I know his type. He uses that to trap women! Our poor victim continues:

> The real trouble started this summer. I realized, after a series of illnesses and deaths in the family, that life was just too darn short to spend in a marriage I didn't want to be in. A side problem to my realization that I didn't want to be married anymore was the realization that I actually am in love with someone else. He's my best friend and has been for half my life. He knows that I love him, and has said he loves me too. He also knows that my marriage is ending.

Not only did he trick her into marriage, but he stopped her from marrying the love of her life. How did the manipulative SOB ever pull such a thing off? Here's how:

> Allow me to back up a little. Before I got married, I had a mini-crisis. Everyone I knew was getting married or already had families. I was the last single person in my groups of friends. My husband and I had been dating for several years at that point, so it never failed that everyone (and I mean everyone) would ask when it was our turn. I have to admit, I fell for it. What was wrong with me that I wasn't married? I had these feelings despite the fact I never even wanted to be married! I was in love with my best friend at this point, too, but things were complicated, so I decided to marry my husband because he was stable, loving and wanted me. But with the benefit of hindsight, I know now that I was reacting to my insecurities and not out of a desire to spend the rest of my life with my husband.

Typical. He played on her insecurities, and ultimately forced her to take half of his stuff!

> I have discussed with my husband the fact that I am feeling trapped, and that we might not make it. He was devastated, and asked me if I would work on our marriage. The problem is that I do not want to work on it. I just want out. To compound the issue, I slept with my best friend. To compound it even further, I haven't heard from my best friend in two weeks, despite attempts to contact him. The truth? I love my husband as a friend, and my friend as the one great love of my life. One wants me, the other (it seems) does not.

First he traps her in marriage, and then he wants to make her "work on it". Now she is forced to cheat on him just to be haaaapy.

Don't be this guy.

Here is another guy you don't want to be. I won't link to the source but it is a comment on a Christian blog discussing divorce. The reality is these kinds of guys aren't hard to find at all. I've even known a guy like this. Here is the poor woman's story:

> We were a Christian couple who divorced. We went through some marital counseling and one-on-one counseling. I prayed for a year that God would change my heart and help me love and respect my husband. I should also have prayed that my husband would love and respect me. He simply wasn't willing. No matter how much we talked about us, he just yes'd me to death and go on as usual. Finally God made it clear to me that He was permitting me to divorce. My stepchildren were wounded by my leaving, especially since their own mother had left them when they were younger. Except for the pain I caused them, I have never regretted the divorce. The truth is that my husband didn't love the real me. I would rather be alone all my life than ever face that sense of failure and rejection ever again. And the worst of it was that it really was all my fault. I would never have married him if it hadn't been for the fact that we had pre-marital sex. I'd suffered sexual abuse as a child and when I became born-again, I'd felt clean for the first time. Then one day we were alone (first mistake) and I wanted to test him (major, major mistake). I wanted so badly for him to be that romantic hero of the Harlequin novels who loved and respected his woman so much he would never have sex with her before marriage. I wanted him to stop himself, but of course, he didn't. So I did the only thing I could think of to clean up my own mess and that was to marry him. Even as I prepared for marriage, I knew I didn't really love him, but I ignored it and made myself go through with it. What a fool. The response of our church was horrible. Within 2 weeks I had become a sermon illustration and my pastor had instructed the staff to stay away from me. So much of what happened was my fault, but I was so embarrassed that I couldn't admit it. I developed horrible anxiety and panic attacks as well as depression with thoughts of suicide. I had become such a disappointment to everyone – my husband, my stepchildren, my pastor, my church, even those I'd thought were my friends. It took me 9 years and a move across country to forgive everyone involved.

Don't be that guy either!

I mentioned I knew a guy like this. His plan was pure genius. He knew a woman who worked with my wife and me, and she came over to hang out with him after she broke up with her loser boyfriend. They became "friends with benefits", and she got pregnant. All of a sudden it struck this woman that *wait, I'm a devout Catholic!* So of course she had to marry him, even though she didn't love him. Then a few years later, she divorced him and took their young son because *she didn't love him any more.*

Don't be any of these guys.

Men assume that when a woman tells him she loves him and she wants to marry that this somehow means she loves him and wants to be married. Don't be so simple. It could mean that you are somehow secretly forcing her to take your kids and half of your stuff. So stay on the lookout for this.

Why Would a Woman Make a Fraudulent VAWA U-Visa Petition?

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The U-Visa provision of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) allows spouses and family members of American citizens to self-petition for US residency when they claim abuse by a spouse, father, stepfather, etc. Passed in the mid 90s, it soon occasioned a tragedy that led directly to the widespread adoption of metal detectors and patdowns in courthouses across the US.

Timothy Blackwell, a Seattle man who married Susana Remerata, a Filipina he met through an overseas matchmaker, was almost immediately abandoned by his new bride, who promptly left him and got knocked up by a local gangbanger (she claimed it was "rape" — but only in divorce court) within a couple weeks of setting foot on US soil. During divorce proceedings, at the advice of a couple Filipina attorneys she met, Susana claimed abuse and filed for residency under the VAWA U visa program, while Mr. Blackwell attempted to have the marriage annulled, claiming he was the victim of an immigration scam. On March 2 1995, the day after after learning that the child Susana was carrying was not his, Timothy Blackwell walked into the King County Courthouse in downtown Seattle with a gun and shot Susanna and her two Filipina attorneys to death. The unborn child died in the shooting as well.

Blackwell, who was spared the death penalty due to sympathetic jurors, is currently serving a life sentence in the Monroe Correctional Facility, near Seattle.

However, in most cases the fraud isn't so shameless, but rather the result of the rationalization process common to human females.

Recently, while eating at a local Mexican restaurant, I picked up *La Raza*, a free Spanish language publication distributed in Mexican communities. Although I am not particularly well-versed in Spanish (I took one year of Spanish in high school just to kill time), I can read it passably, and I like to keep an eye on what's happening around town in various demographic segments.

One article, "Mi hijo apunto de deportado," (my son is about to be deported) caught my eye, so I decided to take a look.

The article was an advice column written by a local immigration attorney named Marie-Bernadette Higuera, in which a Colombian woman was asking how to help her 17-year-old son, who was facing deportation.

According to the woman, she fled her Colombian husband seven years ago with her two children, and illegally immigrated to the United States. She claims her Colombian husband was abusive, and she couldn't do anything about it because he's a policeman. She claims he abused her and their sons sexually, mentally and psychologically, forcing her to illegally immigrate to the US, where she eventually met and married an American man.

Now, she claims her new husband is abusive as well, beating her sons, insulting them and threatening to send them back to their father. This, according to our hapless Colombian victim, has caused her eldest son to develop an anger problem and problems in school. She claims he never had any trouble with the police before, but was recently arrested for giving his girlfriend a smackdown, and has been charged as an adult. Evidently, this is a deportable offense (unlike international child abduction, it seems), and she needs advice fast.

The immigration lawyer responds at some length. First, she tells the woman to get a good criminal defense attorney, because it will be much easier to fight deportation if the kid is found not guilty. Secondly, she suggests asylum, which could be plausible for someone from a country like Colombia, with a civil war. Finally, getting down to the nitty-gritty, she suggests the use of VAWA, which can be used by wives not only on behalf of themselves, but their children or stepchildren as well.

Finally, as a last resort, she gives the woman a big, juicy hint:

> su hijo también podría ser eligible para pedir una visa U si su esposo de usted ha cometido algunes crimines en

> contra de el y si su hijo ha cooperado con la investigacion o prosecucion del crimen.
>
> *Your son may also be eligible to petition for a U visa [VAWA Visa] if your husband has committed crimes against him [domestic violence] and he cooperates with the investigation and prosecution.*

In other words, if she can find some way get her husband nailed for DV and get her son to testify against the guy (shouldn't be hard if he's facing deportation otherwise), she and her children all get to be legal US residents and be a happy family — without that mean old husband (but not without his house, presumably).

And it all would have been occasioned by her son beating the crap out of his girlfriend. Such is the twisted, Kafkaesque state of American law.

Femen: Ukraine Is Not A Brothel (but it sure looks like one)

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A new feminist group has burst onto the scene in Ukraine, and so far it seems to consist mainly of women who enjoy making a spectacle, often by removing their clothes. Founded two years ago by a university student, they have gained attention by protesting topless. Oddly enough, one thing they have protested by removing their clothing to get attention is prostitution, but they have also denounced cooking, child-rearing, homemaking, anti-adultery laws and Russians.

Some have called the group's real motives into question, as it seems at times that exhibitionism rather than politics is their true goal. Says one member on her blog: "we don't really care, we just want to show our boobs." If you are interested in what they have to offer, Femen has set up a flickr account.

Although it may be somewhat disconcerting to see feminism pop up in Eastern Europe, Femen represents, if anything, the devolution of feminism into its bare essence. These women have leapfrogged all the steps taken by the Western feminist movement, which first presented concern over women and children, then equality between women and men, and not until recently female supremacy and license as their goals.

This kind of in-your-face feminism by women who are clearly using their sexuality for attention and power probably won't go over all that well in a nation that has not already been demoralized by decades of feminist victories.

And perhaps most importantly, it gives us here in the West the opportunity to see some semblance of our own feminism from an outside perspective. Pretty distasteful, isn't it?

Even for women, divorce is not all it's cracked up to be

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Although here on *The Spearhead* we often dwell on the injustices heaped on men and the incentives and benefits women can receive from betraying and abandoning husbands, one thing that ought to be pointed out is that in many – perhaps most – cases divorce is actually a stupid move on the part of a woman. Legions of women divorce their husbands and find themselves harried, working harder, poorer and either alone or with a man who doesn't live up to her initial expectations.

Certainly, there are some cases where divorce is clearly to a woman's advantage, such as a homemaker married to a wealthy man who is having an involved affair with another woman and on the brink of leaving his wife. But that's a small minority. Another case could be a woman married to a man hurtling toward self-destruction with a severe alcohol or drug problem, which may be more common. As for the matter of physically abusive husbands, they do exist, but in most of these cases the wife has plenty of problems herself that likely won't be entirely solved by divorce.

Usually, the woman is simply leaving her husband on impulse, as often as not out of sexual urges compelling her to seek out a new mate when her mating cycle renews (every four or five years, it seems), and sometimes simply for a power trip. It isn't usually a rational decision, but rationalization has a way of occurring after the fact, so that's no matter. But objectively speaking, their lives are usually worse after they take the plunge and wreck their families.

Growing up in the 1980s, during the divorce rampage that swept the US starting in the 1970s, I knew a lot of kids whose mothers made these poor choices. Perhaps they were disappointed with their husbands for not growing up fast enough, or maybe they felt the thrill of women's lib and wanted to go to war against the men they had married to advance the cause of feminism. Because we were kids at the time, we had no way of understanding why these women did what they did, but we saw how they lived. The typical pattern was ejection of the husband, followed by relationships with other men, sometimes a succession of them, and then a slow, downward slide into the typical aging, middle-class single mother.

One thing I saw happen over and over was the gradual transformation of the children's fathers from their initial down-and-out state following the divorce to respectable, stable adult men. Some remarried and some didn't, but most of them gradually improved their station in life as their children became adults. Of course, some never recovered, and fell away from society for one reason or another, but that wasn't the norm. Most of the women, on the other hand, just got stuck in a rut. They were dependent on court-ordered payments from their ex-husbands for expenses, and when those dried up as the kids graduated, they were left relatively poor and unable to attract a new boyfriend.

The kids were a mixed bag. They all faced problems, but some of them did alright eventually, particularly those whose fathers stayed around and took an interest in their lives. The odd thing is, though, that initially many of us had an impression that there must have been something wrong with these kids' fathers for having been left by their wives. However, around the time we were high school, as the kids' fathers came into their own and began to establish themselves, I started looking at a lot of these single mothers' life choices with some incredulity. Here was one whose ex-husband became a high-ranking Navy officer. And there another whose ex-husband got a job as head engineer at a local sporting goods factory. Another became assistant chief of police, and one is even serving in Obama's cabinet. And I knew that these men hadn't divorced while successful — I'd seen the guys struggling when I was a child.

As I grow older the differences are becoming even clearer. The women who stayed with their husbands are typically happier and wealthier than those who didn't. Even women whose husbands were never particularly successful financially are much better off than your typical working-class divorcée. Those who have middle and upper-middle class husbands are living the American dream. But the mothers who never found a suitable replacement, or married and divorced a second time, are facing late retirement and poverty in old age. And men my age, who saw what they

did first-hand, tend not to have a great deal of respect for them.

Interestingly, feminists do not seem concerned at all about these aging women who made terrible choices while young. One might think they are avoiding the subject because it shows feminism for the dumb idea it is for most women, but that probably isn't it. Feminists could easily take a subject like that and frame it in a way to make men look bad, or use it to come up with some excuse for taxing men even more, but there's another reason they don't pay attention: feminism is, above all, concerned with the exercise of female sexuality and maximizing the power it confers. These washed up older women simply don't have anything to offer in that regard.

I suppose one could look at the legions of young women who make stupid choices offered by feminists as akin to the common footsoldiers in a war. Most of them never get anything out of it but some temporary glory – if that – and many are left permanently damaged. It is only the politicians, the 'generals' so to speak, who really make a killing off of their sacrifice. The Gloria Steinems, Gloria Allreds, Joe Bidens and other such characters who pushed so hard to foist this culture of divorce and family destruction on America now stand tall on the wreckage of millions of American families, offering nothing but a bleak future for the women who put their pet policies into action. But perhaps this is how it always has been with humanity: the greatest earthly glory goes to those who have wrought the greatest carnage.

Man Wins Lottery Prize, Ordered to Pay Ex-Wife

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Nigel Page, a 44-year-old Englishman, was betrayed and abandoned by his wife Wendy ten years ago, but early this year he had an extraordinary stroke of good luck when he and his girlfriend jointly won a 56 million pound prize (nearly $100 million). However, hearing of Mr. Page's generosity to family, friends and even his housekeeper, his ex-wife Wendy soon hired an attorney and went after him for a piece of the pie.

Initially, she is believed to have asked for 8 million pounds, but to avoid a protracted lawsuit she settled for a paltry 2 million. Mr. Page offered to put the money in a trust for his daughter, but the ex-wife would have none of it, demanding the cash directly. Mr. Page had already agreed to pay 2,000 pounds per month in child support, but that wasn't enough.

This action sets a precedent in the UK, being the first time a lotto winner has ever been successfully sued for a portion of winnings. However, the most important implication is for divorce rather than lottery winners. Now, in the UK, women are eternally rewarded for leaving their husbands, which would seem to indicate that the best career option for a British woman would be to simply engage in serial monogamy with as many men as possible, so as to secure a permanent revenue stream through fraud, deceit and betrayal.

Obama's Domestic Violence Initiative: Hope, Hype, and Hogwash

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By Carey Roberts

Desperate times call for desperate measures. So shortly before the November 2 elections, Barack Obama pulled out all the stops to woo the fading female electorate, unveiling a multi-pronged effort to "end domestic violence against women," as the president theatrically called it. But did the president's 5-point initiative deliver on the goods?

Let's begin with Obama's Hope about "ending" domestic violence. Folks, let's get real – the only way to put a stop to partner aggression – think Blondie chasing Dagwood with her rolling pin at the ready — would be to separate men and women at birth and ship them off to opposite corners of the universe.

But wait! It turns out domestic violence is twice as high among lesbians as among heterosexual married couples. Well, scratch that idea.

If the hopey-hopey routine doesn't do the trick, let's turn to the Hype. And here, Tinker Bell's magic wand sparkles with a wondrous gleam.

Because President Obama has taken to casting a spell on women with this Abuse Fairy Tale: Take a piece of paper and inscribe the words, "Stay away, you big meanie!" Sprinkle Pixie Dust, and now call it a Restraining Order.

And the would-be ravisher of women will slink away, knowing her magical scroll has the amazing power to ward off bullets, knives, and any other conceivable weapon of mass destruction.

Seriously, there's not a scrap of research that shows restraining orders deter violence, but this is what President Obama's "Fact Sheet" claims with a straight face: "Protective orders are effective in reducing the level of violence."

Once the woman comes to believe that piece of paper will ward off the Abuse Demons, the Protector-in-Chief will conjure up a copy of A Woman's Guide to Green Jobs. According to the Department of Labor website, the Guide will "aid in increasing women's access to high-growth and emerging industry occupations in the green jobs section nationwide."

That and the Jolly Green Giant.

Enough Hype? Now on to the Hogwash!

Folks, this is really the best part. But before we plunge any farther into President Obama's domestic violence rabbit hole, let's get a firm grip on reality. (For the skeptics, I'm providing the links below.)

In the area of child abuse, the federal Administration for Children and Families somberly notes, "In 2008, approximately 56% of child abuse and child neglect perpetrators were women and 42% were men." http://faq.acf.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/acfrightnow.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=70

As far as dating violence, girls win the battle of sexes hands down. According to a national survey by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, 9% of teenage girls, compared to 11% of adolescent boys, have been slapped, hit, or otherwise hurt by their opposite-sex partner: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5704a1.htm, Table 11.

And in a landmark 2007 article published in the American Journal of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control researchers reported 7 out of 10 instigators of one-way partner violence are…can we break the spell?…female: http://pn.psychiatryonline.org/content/42/15/31.2.full

Scholarly research echoes the same theme: "Women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners," according to a recent summary of 275 studies by California State University researcher Martin Feibert, PhD.

The evidence is conclusive: Government surveys and scholarly research point to members of the Fairer Sex as the persons who are more likely to abuse. But not a single word of the president's carefully orchestrated White House event even hinted as to the existence of aggressive women or abused men.

The truth about female-initiated violence should be vexatious to persons who fancy themselves the champions of women. Because if the abuse escalates, it's more likely the female who will be harmed. As CDC lead researcher Daniel Whitaker explains, "a woman's perpetration of violence was the strongest predictor of her being a victim of partner violence."

So in a sane world, we would get more help for stressed-out moms, teach conflict resolution skills to teenage girls, and provide drug and alcohol treatment for violence-prone women. We might even devise a few programs to help abused men.

According to a 2006 Harris Poll, 88% of Americans have seen or heard of a male abuse victim in the past year. So most voters, men and women alike, will view the Administration's domestic violence initiative as a cynical political ploy.

But Barack Obama is seemingly enamored of a different logic: As long as we can sway unsuspecting women into believing their husband is a closet batterer, we can justify the unfettered governmental intrusion into the private affairs of citizens, and the continued expansion of the power of the state.

Tofurkey and the Decline of My Favorite Holiday

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My favorite holiday of the year, the one coming upon us in two days, is on the decline. This should come as no surprise to anyone who pays attention to the arc of traditionalism in this country.

For a while now, whoever is in charge of fucking up our cherished American traditions has turned to revisionist methods to mangle our fondness for my favorite day. Stories of the Pilgrims and Indians have been littered with qualifications and revisionism. Not content to just let us assume that white settlers and brown natives got along for once and decided to eat a nice meal in celebration so that we can gorge ourselves, liberals all over would have us think that the Pilgrims tea-bagged the Indians' Thanksgiving gravy with their syphilis infested scrotums before raping their land and using their buffalo for target practice. This modern strain of revisionism made Christopher Columbus out to be a major asshole; that was the first step in delegitimizing any tradition that extols the unique development of America.

On the micro level, my favorite holiday is lambasted for its tendency to bring together dysfunctional families, but this same sort of jibe isn't considered when we celebrate bringing drunk dysfunctional random strangers together in celebration of sombreros, leprechauns, or slutty costumes over an uncommon celebration of Mexico, Ireland, and STDs. Valuing family and thinking outside of yourself for one day is marginalized as square at best and a tool of the patriarchy at worst.

There are other symptoms of this holiday's demise. By all indications we should expect Thanksgiving to cease existing anywhere near its present scale within the next 20 years. By then, the fourth Thursday in November will become an arbitrary starting point for businesses to synchronize their ledgers to get an apples-to-apples comparison of year-over-year same-store-sales figures. That many hyphens in one sentence should prove to us that something is gravely wrong. The largest retailers have engaged in this most modern incantation of anti-traditionalism. Wal-Mart, K-Mart, The Gap triad – the eponymous leg, Banana Republic, and Old Navy – will be open on Thanksgiving Day. Many smaller retailers will do the same. Not only does this detract focus from the sanctity of what was once a common cultural bond, it now pulls shoppers and employees away from families – eroding connections that may

benefit from an extra day of familial bonding. Those retailers being leading lights of industry, and the retail industry as a whole being the leading light of Americans' system of values, Thanksgiving as a traditional institution seems doomed.

But that is not what has really sent me over the edge this holiday season. What has really mashed my peas this year is this emerging trend of "Tofurkey" as a vegetarian alternative to the real thing. What really hurts me the most about the slow decline of Thanksgiving is the stupidity of this concept. If you're vegetarian why even pretend to eat turkey? The tradition is to eat turkey in meat form; if you're going to eat tofu then you aren't participating in the tradition so stop trying to trick yourself. Eat regular tofu in its rectangular prism shape along with your sprouts and lima beans like you do every other day of the year. You can have some mashed potatoes too this time, but no gravy. The gravy has animal guts in it, and you can pass that to me.

I don't understand why vegetarians can't just have a substitute protein source and leave it at that without trying to redefine "turkey". The extra choice is like ham for those assholes who always say "I actually like ham better than turkey".

I also have questions. I wonder if tofurkey will be in a turkey shape complete with tofu formed into legs, wings, and breasts? More importantly I wonder if there will be a tofu wishbone for poor, anemic vegetarian children to pull apart as they make a wish (for meat, no doubt). How about tofu turkey necks? And can we replace the carving knife with one usually used for butter? The most experienced male at the dinner table will give way to the hairiest female when it comes to the celebrated act of carving the "bird".

So yes, my friends, Thanksgiving is fucked.

Judge Snatches Man's Children, Uses Religion as Excuse

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An Indiana man with 50 percent custody of his children was recently turned into an every-other-weekend dad by a family court judge who cited religion as the reason the children should not spend much time with their father. According to the judge, George Pancol, when the man had identified as a Christian, he and his ex-wife got along better, but now that the man was no longer so sure about his faith, there was a lack of cooperation. Of course, Christianity mandates that children should always be taken from their father — especially when the mother divorces said father. It must be in the Bible somewhere…

Atheists and agnostics are predictably outraged, but they are entirely missing what's really going on. States have a financial interest in setting child support awards, so mandating a primary physical custodian makes good fiscal sense. For every dollar of child support they collect, the federal government provides funds that can be used by the state — including the courts. Therefore, the more judges can squeeze out of divorced parents, the more money flows in to support their own livelihood. Because the public would be outraged if women were placed under the same pressure men are by the child support system, it is typically fathers who lose and are stuck with the bill.

This is why equal custody is resisted by courts — it would cut into state budgets.

It may be particularly disgusting in the United States – supposedly a country founded on freedom of religion – to see a judge use such an argument to remove children from a father, but the truth is that any old excuse will do, and if one can't be found easily family courts will manufacture them.

The controversy this judge has created will doubtless be used as evidence that Christians are backward and oppressive, which is unfortunate. The real issue here is that family law is backward, oppressive and tyrannical. Fathers are seen as nothing but ATMs not only by ex-wives, but by state politicians and officers of the court.

As you watch the video below, keep in mind that this man's children were removed so that the state could take his money. It is an exceedingly disgusting practice, but that's contemporary America, and it isn't the Christians, the Jews, the minorities, or even the women who came up with it so much as it is politicians, judges and assorted other venal, immoral characters in our rotten corridors of power.

Thanksgiving and Its Origins

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First, to all Americans reading, Happy Thanksgiving!

For the rest, who may be curious about the festival, I'll include a little background.

Autumnal harvest festivals are characteristic of agricultural societies in temperate regions around the world. The Chinese have the Moon Festival, the Jews Sukkot, the Koreans Chuseok and the Muslims Eid al-Adha.

In the British Isles, the traditional Celtic festival of Samhain served the purpose before the introduction of Christianity, and continued in the Christianized form known as Halloween/All Saint's Day, and Calan Gaeaf in Wales, where the entire month of November is known as the month of blood, as this is when the herd is thinned in preparation for winter. Naturally, this occasioned feasting and celebrations with meat and ale. Such festivals could not have been specific to Wales or the insular Celtic inhabitants of the British Isles, and must have been known to the Puritans. Because of the universality of northern celebrations this time of year, the Puritans were not the first European colonists to hold an autumnal festival of thanksgiving. In fact, one was recorded in St. Augustine Florida in the mid-16th century, and in Virginia another was observed by the Jamestown settlers in 1619.

However, what set the festival held by the Massachusetts colonists in 1621 apart was that it was observed during a very tenuous, critical time for the young settlement, which was beset not only by lack of supplies and hunger, but numerous, mysterious enemies in the dark, howling wilderness of New England, out of which death could come as quickly as an arrow or tomahawk whistling through the woods, or as slowly as being tied to a spit and roasted alive.

It seems that the template for the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving may have derived from Leiden, a Dutch city they lived in for some ten years before they sailed to the New World. During a Spanish siege of the city in 1574, laid by the formidable Duke Alba of Toledo, a series of fortuitous events brought relief to the starving inhabitants, who thereafter established a day of Thanksgiving on October 3. In recognition of the heroic efforts of the city, William of Orange founded Leiden University.

In the first years of the 17th century the Puritans, known as separatists at the time, left England to live in the Netherlands, where, following a brief spell in Amsterdam, they settled in Leiden from 1610 to 1620, after which they decided to set sail for the New World. However, while in Leiden, some of them worked in the university founded to commemorate the war, and they were doubtless familiar with the locals' annual celebration of Thanksgiving, which continues in Leiden to this day. Although Thanksgiving in Leiden these days is a raucous, mainly secular celebration during which much beer is consumed and dance halls are packed full, it originally had a great deal of religious significance. The providential winds that contributed to the lifting of the siege the holiday commemorates brought boats stocked with fish and bread, which is of obvious significance to Christians.

Therefore, when the band of Puritans, newly arrived in New England, secured an ally in Massasoit, the great Sachem (king) of the Wampanoag Confederacy, and received corn, fish, fowl and deer to augment their meager rations, they must have seen a parallel with the experience of their former neighbors in Leiden. Massasoit, whose tribe had recently been decimated by smallpox, saw the vigorous, determined Englishmen as a valuable asset in fending off the Narragansett, who had grown powerful and aggressive as their neighbors weakened. The Pilgrims had reason to fear the Narragansett as well; in the fall of 1621 Governor William Bradford received a snakeskin stuffed with arrows from a Narragansett messenger in what was an obvious threat. Bradford, for his part, responded by returning the snake with a bellyful of lead shot.

Such incidents lent particular gravity to the feast of November 1621, in which the colonists and their Wampanoag allies celebrated the success of treaty negotiations finalized earlier in the year. Massasoit and 90 of his men arrived, bringing venison, corn and seafood, while the Puritans brought gamefowl, wheat and barley to the table (some of the barley likely in the liquid form we know and love), and the men celebrated their alliance with smoking, drinking, shooting and feasting on roast meat and cornbread — all in all a characteristically American way to have a

good time.

Sachem Massasoit, who was middle-aged at the time, went on to live another forty years, into his 80s, siring half a dozen children along the way, and the peace between the Wampanoag and English settlers lasted until his death in the early 1660s. Unfortunately, it broke down shortly afterward with King Philip's War, one of the deadliest of all in the American colonies.

But on that November day in 1621, both the Wampanoag and the English had much to be thankful for as they joined in celebration of the bounty laid before them by providence. That gesture of fellowship, goodwill and humility before the Creator observed by a few score Englishmen and half again as many Indians laid the foundation for one of the mightiest nations yet to rise on Earth.

And that is why Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Gender Wars Heating Up in India

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As Western-style family law starts to trickle into the developing world, men in what were formerly traditional, Eastern societies are finding themselves disadvantaged due to new laws favoring women. Evidently, Indian courts are now awarding ridiculous alimony and child support awards that are impoverishing men and their extended families, including parents who rely on their sons' support, and men – and sometimes even their parents – are being routinely jailed on false allegations.

Seemingly out of nowhere, Indian men's rights groups have emerged and are protesting courts for the unfair judgments and heavy-handed arrests. India has different traditions, of course, so some of the disputes concern matters that might seem a bit mysterious to the average Westerner. For example, men are now frequently being arrested for the crime of "dowry harassment." Dowries have technically been illegal for some time in India, but the practice continues to be widespreade. Traditionally, a dowry would be negotiated before marriage, and that was that. However, there is supposedly an epidemic of husbands and in-laws demanding more than they received from the bride's family, so tough laws were put in place to dissuade men from making these demands of their wives' families. It's akin to the feminist domestic violence hysteria of the 90s, during which one might have believed that wives all across America were in mortal danger from their husbands.

Predictably, angry wives, cheating wives, silly wives and greedy wives started taking advantage of the legislation immediately. Now, husbands from all walks of life are being accused of dowry harassment and dragged through court. In fact, because of the unique nature of these laws, a number of Indian women married to men in the West have taken to fleeing to India, often with their children, and laying charges of dowry harassment on husbands to gain the upper hand and guarantee supremacy.

Recently, some Indian men have been making an effort to bring attention to this misuse of dowry harassment laws, which have the effect of destroying not only Indian husbands' lives, but their parents' as well. A Gujarat man named Dashrath Devda, who is the president of Akhil Bharatiya Patni Atyachar Virodhi Sangh, an Indian men's rights group, was recently fined RS 1 lakh (1 lakh = 100,000 Rupees, which is about $2,200) for "wasting court's time" when he argued that men needed protection from abuses of Section 498A, which one might call the Indian version of VAWA.

Naturally, the issue is treated as a joke in Indian media reports, just as father's rights advocated have long been ridiculed in the West, but if one takes the time to see what some of these Indian men have been through, such as having their entire families imprisoned on false accusations, the picture that emerges is not very funny at all. It seems that rather than husbands "harassing" wives for dowries, wives are now using Indian family law to extort money from husbands upon divorce.

Sound familiar?

Israeli White Knight Bemoans Sorry State of Feminism in Israel

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Writing for Ha'aretz, Israel's left-wing newspaper, Gideon Levy expresses disappointment that most Israelis, including women, avoid feminism like the plague due to its "negative connotations." Israel, although religiously distinct, is part of the broader Mediterranean culture, so Northern European-style feminism has never gone far in the Jewish state.

According to Levy, television news is a good example of Israeli sexism, because the female broadcasters tend to be young, attractive and gaily dressed. Additionally, sexual harassment charges are rarely taken seriously, and women who accuse men are often seen as immature and at least equally responsible. Levy thinks women should join together in solidarity against men, offering Scandinavia as an example:

> In egalitarian Scandinavia, for example, no political candidate has a chance of being elected without committing to feminism. It's the same as the need to be a Zionist to win an election in Israel. We remain quite far from such a situation regarding feminism. Who is really a feminist here?

Yes, and "egalitarian" Scandinavia now has quotas for women on corporate bords, almost passed a "man tax," prosecutes johns but not hookers, transfers as much wealth as possible into the hands of women and regularly vilifies men in general, despite Scandinavian men being amongst the most compliant and indulgent toward women on Earth.

I don't know what Levy really wants from women, but he goes so far as to let loose with this unfortunate statement that would make any man in a real feminist country cringe:

> Women should stand up, as should men, and behave like feminists.

There has been some discussion on *The Spearhead* lately about how men will never stand together against feminism, but here we have a man describing a society in which they quite clearly do so, and where it is *women* who will not band together to promote feminism.

So what's the difference? Well, one thing I can think of is that the Mediterranean and Levant have been civilized for millennia, as have East and South Asia. It seems to me that old civilizations that have survived the test of time have some resistance to feminism and female supremacism written into their cultural DNA. This is probably the case because those that did not have this resistance were invariably conquered and displaced by those that did. The history of the Middle East is one of constant demographic displacement and usurpation, and because it has historically been a land of plenty with a relatively mild climate, it wasn't the environment or the lack of food that applied the most pressure, but rather other groups of human beings. Therefore, it was those with the strongest culture, religion and society that prevailed.

In places such as Scandinavia, there was certainly human conflict, but more pressing was the matter of filling the storehouse before winter came. Scandinavians have an amazing work ethic, which is obvious when one sees their feats of physical endurance in sailing and rowing ships across the Atlantic, skiing across the mountains in winter, working in stony soil from morning till night, etc. But when it comes to defending their philosophy and culture they are fairly subdued. Words are considered superfluous — a man is supposed to be stoic and get to work to overcome the challenges of the physical world. Admirable, to be sure, but totally insufficient in a complex, pluralistic society.

Ultimately, the macho culture of established civilizations will take hold in the North as well, because feminist rule will destroy the egalitarianism that made the silent beta provider ethic work in the first place. Feminist rule requires a police state, and a police state ruled by women soon becomes a police state ruled by police — it never fails.

Ironically, the scandal that brought about Levy's complaints regards a candidate for Israel's police commissioner.

One might think that of all men, feminists would go easy on the police, but they simply can't help themselves. Hopefully, the compulsion feminists have to attack men even when it is not to their advantage may hasten the end of this unfortunate chapter in West's history.

In the meanwhile, contra Gideon Levy, I would argue that Northern European and Anglo men should learn a lesson from the southern cultures typified by the macho, voluble Mediterranean men, and dispense with the stoic, long-suffering traits that have slowly led us toward a status approaching slavery.

IMF Proposes Tax Cut for Irish Women

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The IMF recently proposed that Ireland should lower women's income tax by 5%, which it claims will raise Ireland's GDP by 1.75%. Supposedly, the policy has nothing to do with feminism, and is only intended to benefit the Irish economy, but we heard similar arguments when it was decreed that only women should be able to receive food aid in the wake of the Haiti earthquake of earlier this year.

It didn't take long for me to find an explicitly feminist IMF working paper that lays the groundwork for lower tax rates for women. The argument that the IMF proposal has nothing to do with feminism or women's empowerment is obviously a lie, as the working paper that proposes the idea is chock full of feminist ideology.

The paper, titled 'Gender Budgeting' and authored by US citizen Janet Stotsky, who is described as "an Economist in the Tax Policy Division of the IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department," opens with this statement:

> Women are disadvantaged relative to men, according to key economic, social, and political measures of equality, but in many areas, such as education, differences are narrowing. The concept of externalities underlies the arguments for including gender considerations in budget programs and policies. Other arguments have a weaker economic basis but may be more socially or politically compelling. The experience to date with "gender budgeting," which entails looking at gender issues comprehensively within the budget, has been mixed. To become more useful, gender budgeting should be integrated into budget processes in a way that generates tangible improvements in policy outcomes. The International Monetary Fund should encourage fiscal authorities to take into account the external benefits of reducing gender inequalities and to remove from fiscal legislation any arbitrary discrimination against women.

Pretty standard feminist fare so far — it's all about equalizing things. As the paper goes on, different kinds of "inequalities" are highlighted, including one in particular where inequality is actually equal — the life expectancy gap. Stotsky argues that where male and female lifespans approach equality, it is actually unequal, because women should naturally live longer than men, so effort should be expended to *widen* the gap. This is similar to the feminist argument concerning suicide, in which high rates of male suicide are "natural," and therefore nothing to worry about, whereas if female suicide rates approach male rates the equality becomes an inequality. These people really are shameless like that:

> Health inequalities are measured as the ratio of female to male life expectancy. For biological reasons, average female life expectancy is higher than male life expectancy, and this difference exists in virtually all countries, but, as indicated in the table, the gap between female and male life expectancy tends to narrow in the low human development countries. Inequalities in health appear as excess mortality of female children and differences in life expectancy that do not accord with biological norms.

Now, on to the subject at hand, income tax is held to have an "implicit bias," because women supposedly have extra expenses and duties that men do not have. In another IMF paper titled "How Tax Systems Treat Men and Women Differently," Stotsky argues that differences in labor supply behavior suggest that income tax discriminates against married women, and that to achieve equality women should be taxed at a lower rate:

> Studies of income taxation have long taken gender into account by explicitly con- sidering the differences in the labor supply behavior of men and women, and their implications for public policy. These stud- ies suggest that the labor supply response of married women, who are often assumed to be the secondary earners, to the income tax is greater than that of married men. This implies that to minimize the efficiency cost of the income tax, everything else being equal, married women should be taxed at a lower rate than married men.

Clearly, the intent of the IMF recommendation is gender equalization in Ireland, and the IMF should be honest and open about its social-engineering goals rather than pretend that such proposals are only for the good of Ireland's economy. However, the IMF has a long history of dubious policy attachments, and in at least one important case it turned out that rejecting IMF proposals was the right thing to do.

In 1997, during the Asian economic crisis of that year, several East Asian leaders met to deal with the crisis and exchange notes and opinions concerning IMF assistance and policy, among other things. Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said that, if anything, IMF policies had been harmful, and declared his intention to avoid IMF loans if at all possible. The problem was, according to Mohamad, that the conditions attached to the loans would expose countries to financial manipulation at the hands of foreign banks.

Mohamad's concerns turned out to be prophetic, as Malaysia avoided the worst ravages of the crisis while the currencies of several other Asian countries were hammered following their acceptance of assistance from the IMF.

Perhaps Ireland would do well to take a close look at the dangers inherent in dealing with the IMF, and take note of the fact that an American feminist ideologue has apparently been given free reign to impose her will on the people of Ireland through loan conditions.

British Girls' Drinking and Brawling Out of Control

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Even as calls have gone out to lighten criminal sentences for women, an epidemic of female violence and drunkenness is sweeping the UK. In just the last decade, violent crime has spiked 81% amongst British women, and girls are increasingly brutish and aggressive — even toward their own parents.

Mothers are complaining that their daughters are lashing out with rage when they don't get what they want. It seems that girls have caught up to boys, and may be poised to surpass them in angry behavior, including both physical and verbal aggression: hotlines set up for parents dealing with violent, out of control children report that half the calls they receive now concern girls.

Although drinking and early sexualization are held to be potential triggers for this behavior, professionals dare not admit the culpability of feminists, who have long idealized violence and aggression in women. Until the true source of the problem is identified and dealt with, female behavior will continue to deteriorate to new lows, and parents – mothers in particular – will be faced not only with disobedience, but fists as well.

Only Feminists Can Be REAL MEN

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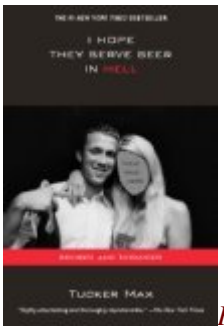
As far as Michael Kimmel is concerned, everyone else is just a "guy."

In *Guyland,* Kimmel describes and analyzes young American males with all the civilized horror of an eighteenth century missionary reporting on the customs and activities of naked heathen cannibals. These savages, born innocent and full of childish wonder, learn early to fear the scorn of their male peers and become so desperate for male approval that they will engage in bizarre and often criminal behavior. Enter "Guyland," a human terrain inhabited by young men that Kimmel maps only by the most extreme and sensational accounts of fraternity hazing, excessive gambling, sports obsession, drunkenness, video game addiction and gang rapes. Kimmel is at his most even handed and truthful when, as an avid sports fan, he writes about sports talk with his son and the influence that sports have on men's lives. But for most of *Guyland,* he's a critical outsider looking in – Kimmel, a Jew, offers that he was unable to join a fraternity in college because of the ethnic restrictions of the era, and Kimmel's C.V. shows that he's spent the majority of his adult life seeking the approval of feminist women. (He was one of the first males to attend and graduate from Vassar.)

Like many women and bookish solipsists, Kimmel looks at the male world and sees fear of social disapproval as a primary motivator for typical male behaviors. But this is spin and half-truth. For instance, if you only read Kimmel and had little firsthand experience dealing with "guys" in real life as peers, you'd think that young men only drank heavily because of peer pressure, campus rituals and outmoded masculine ideals. You'd think that men only drink out of fear that they'll be ostracized by other men for *not* drinking. I read 

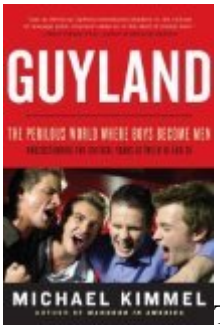
I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell by Tucker Max alongside *Guyland.* Max's stories about drinking and "hooking up" filled out Kimmel's caricature and reminded me that men often drink together to create conflict and excitement out of the sense of boredom with polite, modern society that Kimmel acknowledges but fails to truly understand. Men drink to relax, and sometimes to wallow in self-pity, but men drink in packs *for the story.* Lionel Tiger was correct when he observed that men bond during aggression, and heavy drinking puts average guys in "safe crisis." They fight their own bodies, concoct strategies to pick up girls, narrowly avoid or get into fights with other men. They do and say things they normally wouldn't. Crazy things happen. Young men drink together because they're looking for a *good bad time,* a story to tell, proof that *something happened.* While Tucker Max's tales often involve boasting, they are just as often self-deprecating and have an honest humanity to them that doesn't come across in Kimmel's ethnography. For Kimmel, the only "guys" with any humanity – the only *real men* — are the ones who resist or reject the culture of "guyland." Coming from the leading feminist scholar of "men's studies" in America, this thesis feels more than a little self-congratulatory.

Guyland isn't really an attempt to understand "guys." It's ultimately more of an exercise in telling women, feminists and frightened parents the horror stories they want to hear about the "privileged" white American male.

Unlike their male counterparts, Kimmel says that young women today don't feel defined by any particular ideal of womanhood – they believe they can be or do anything. He says that young "guys" however, adhere to a strict "Guy Code." The Guy Code includes a handful of sayings and slogans that Kimmel says young males have internalized and repeated back to him in interviews and classroom situations. He offers a top ten list of examples including phrases like "Boys Don't Cry," Take it Like a Man," "Just Do It," etc. The list feels a bit doctored, but Kimmel

identifies the unifying theme of these sayings as an aversion to “showing emotions or admitting weakness.” However, by framing this observation with a bunch of goofy sayings and slogans that men like, he takes a simple and relatively cross-cultural phenomenon and casts it as arbitrary, commercialized, harmful, culturally specific and ultimately unnecessary. The phrase “showing emotions” is weaselly, and “aversion to admitting weakness” could just as easily be re-stated in the positive as “preference for cultivating and portraying strength.” What successful culture has encouraged the *majority* of its men to show weakness and discouraged them from cultivating strength?

It’s one of the great magic tricks of feminists that they’ve somehow managed to get us to consider the possibility that normal and consistent patterns of male behavior over the last few thousand years were actually psychologically sick and evil. Apparently men have been “doing it wrong” all this time, we can only trust women and feminist academics to finally show men how to “do it right.”

Kimmel holds up the more fluid or flexible gender identity of women as an ideal, and in *Guyland* the refusal of young men to abandon 

The Guy Code is conveniently blamed for epidemic levels of casual sex (“hooking up”) and binge drinking among both young males *and* young females. Kimmel blames lagging male academic performance and a general lack of direction on The Guy Code, too, and he refuses to entertain the possibility that feminist influence on the educational system has played any role whatsoever in hindering the intellectual development of boys. He accepts natural difference uncritically when he supports the behavior of women or homosexual males, but his whole position relies on the assumption that men behave the way they do for the most part due to the culturally constructed “Guy Code.”

Drawing from his sociology background, Kimmel uses a set of markers to define adulthood, and to draw a line between what he sees as boy behavior and man behavior. A man establishes a career, gets married, has children, assumes responsibility, and abandons the world of boys and “guys” for family life. These are traditional distinctions and they have some value, but seem at odds with a modern feminist reality where fathers and husbands are regarded as an extra paycheck, a gateway to motherhood and homeownership, a “kitchen bitch” who puts up shelves and makes the *bouillabaisse*. *(Really, click on the link. Sandra Tsing Loh’s “Let’s Call the Whole Thing Off” is a shockingly honest window into the mind of the stridently feminist “wife.”)* Kimmel gropes around at this, summarizing some of the reasons why “guys” are in no big hurry to abandon Guyland. He admits that our culture portrays manhood as the end of all fun, and that television husbands are “infantilized by their wives, unable to do the simplest things for themselves, clueless about their kids’ lives, and begging for sex—or reduced to negotiating for it in exchange for housework.”

Guys are not as stupid as women think they are. Every man knows at some level that in this post-patriarchal arrangement, his kids are generally regarded as *her* kids first, and while she will likely work outside the home, the household is still ultimately her domain. Feminist Hanna Rosin recently called on women to reclaim the kitchen because her husband turned out to be a better cook, and she felt that he’d infringed upon her rightful domain. Women everywhere are making it clear that “equality” means they call the shots and get whatever they want, and that husbands are the new wives. Many of the men who achieve Kimmel’s markers of adulthood can only hope to graduate to the status of renter and supplicant, living on borrowed time.

The idea that guys are not men is repeated throughout the book, but climaxes in this paragraph toward the conclusion.

> "And feminism also dares to expect more from men. Feminism expects a man to be ethical, emotionally present, and accountable to his values in his actions with women—as well as with other men. Feminism loves men enough to expect them to act more honorably and actually believes them capable of doing so. Feminism is a vision that expects men to go from being "just guys," accepting whatever they might happen to do, to being just guys—capable of autonomy and authenticity, inspired by justice. That is, feminism believes that guys can become men."

This gloss of what feminists want from men seems reasonable enough at first glance, though it includes a lot of built-in and arguable assumptions about what it means to be "emotionally present," honorable or authentic. When compared to Hanna Rosin and Sandra Tsing Loh's own accounts of what men can expect from their feminist wives in real life, the whole proposition is revealed as a farce. While it is true that not all women are self-centered, neurotic shrews like Rosin and Tsing Loh—I'd like to count my two sisters as examples of sane women capable of compromise and cooperation with their husbands — Kimmel doesn't ask women to make any sacrifices or take any active role in making modern manhood more appealing. Male readers of *Guyland* are ultimately left with nothing but Kimmel's scolding, scare tactics and empty feminist platitudes about "justice" and "humanity" as reasons to "grow up" and become kitchen bitches.

In dismantling the patriarchy, feminists have disincentivized family life for men. It is disingenuous to withhold the mantle of adulthood from these men by holding them to the higher standard of a system that no longer exists or serves their collective interests. Men can be motivated to do just about anything. When they had to, they *did* support their families and shoulder enormous responsibilities. They built cities and crossed oceans. What feminism lacks is something to offer that the majority of men actually want.

It is a regular hypocrisy of pro-feminist writing by men that while these authors portray traditional masculine norms as oppressive and absurd, they set up their own benchmarks for who is a man and who is not, and emasculate other men accordingly. Like the Newsweek writers who recently told men to "Man Up!" and take jobs they don't want, Kimmel takes aim at jocks and frat boys – claiming they are not men because they don't follow his own example. This is *ressentiment*. Kimmel is inverting strength based masculine virtues and aiding the creation of an *ad hoc* moral system that elevates his own servile and sensitive intellectualism. In spite of his admiration for fluid feminine identities, Kimmel just can't help himself. He isn't abandoning The Guy Code, he's just fashioning a new code to separate the men from the "guys."

Supporters' Forum

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It seems that if I take my eyes off the site for a day or so comments start to get out of hand. This is not a new issue — it's been happening from the beginning from time to time. The most recent comment crisis is, if I recall correctly, the fifth such disruption.

As I suggested when I last made a call for support, I'm establishing a forum specifically for those who support the site. The problem with entirely open comments is that it's a simple matter for anyone to come in and start a fight, regardless of whether they support the publication or not, and moderation has its limits, the most important being that it is performed by human beings who are often harried and forced to make snap judgements without sufficient context (and sometimes without sufficient sleep).

So, those who have supported the site with donations will be given the keys to a new forum specifically for them, and will have free posting privileges with moderation only in serious circumstances. I've actually thought about extending this to the entire site, and only allowing supporters to post any comments at all, but we'll see how this works in the meanwhile.

For now, anyone who has donated is free to join the new forum on request by email or PM on the forum. I'm going to be spending much of my forum/discussion time there, because I want to hear what supporters have to say, and without them this site would be a shadow of what it is.

So if you've made a PayPal donation at any time and are registered on the forum please let me know what your username is via PM or email, and I'll look it up and match your email to the PayPal email/account (be sure to let me know if that's different). If you sent a check or money order, simply let me know who you are and what your username is — verification will not be a problem. If you are a supporter who is not registered on the forum, I'd be happy to do so for you if you'd like; simply contact me through the contact form and send me your email and desired username.

The new forum will be private and all information entirely confidential. What is written there stays there — this is to encourage candid conversation. For the rest of this year, simply having made a donation of $10 or more at any point since the site opened will suffice to be added, and by early next year we'll work out a structure for keeping it going through 2011.

I'm going to match the accounts to the new forum by hand and by myself, so please be patient. I've already created a new usergroup, set the permissions for that group to the forum and conducted some tests, and it will be open as soon as I start adding users. While it should be a smooth process in the large majority of cases, there will inevitably be a couple of glitches, but rest assured that I will work with you to make sure every qualified user who is interested gets access.

I'd like to add as many supporters as possible — the more we have to start out with the better and more lively the discussion will be. So, even if you are not a regular commenter, feel free to have me add you anyway. As I wrote before, I'll be spending a lot of time in there, so it will be a good place to provide some feedback or suggestions for the site in general.

The Season Of The Sistahood's Dis(sed)content

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As the year winds down it is often customary for people to look back on the previous 11-odd months to reflect on what has gone down, and where they go from here moving forward into the new year ahead. For African Americans in particular, now having lived to see a Black first family in the White House, it is a time of reckoning indeed.

Among those doing a Remembrance of Things Past, is a sector of the femosphere that I like to call "The Sistarati" – a gaggle of Black women writers and bloggers of varying stripe. While much of what they type is tripe, on occasion they manage to put something out that grabs my attention. One of those things is the seeming consensus on the part of the Sistahood that White feminists have done them wrong.

That's right, you heard me I did not stutter – the sistas are hopping mad because they sick and tired of being dissed by their White sisters ala Audre Lourde, and they ain't gonna take it no more (insert "cobrahead" gesticulations). They're tired of having their concerns pushed to the back burner if addressed at all, sick of not being recognized as Sistas-in-Arms by their fellow White feministas, and they're tired of the latter's constant whining over stuff that doesn't mean anything at the end of the day, while it's Black women that REALLY have problems.

So says one Ms. Christelyn Karazin, one of the more colorful "swirl" bloggers who got her fifteen minutes of fame earlier this year, when she grabbed up her bullhorn and went on her "No Wedding, No Womb!" crusade. Because I'm a strong believer in the notion that nothing beats experience, I decided to spend a bit of time at her place over the Thanksgiving/Black Friday holiday weekend. Trust me, not only do we have nothing to fear from the likes of Ms. Karazin, but in so many ways, she, and by extension Black women as a whole, are the living embodiment of that which they claim to despise – the Ideology of (White) Feminism.

Her views regarding NWNW and "swirling" are no doubt intentionally provocative, and I do indeed plan to revisit both topics as they require a more thorough treatment that I care to give either here. But in this essay, I wish to address the arguments she puts forth in her blogpost "BWIP Continued! Fish Don't Need Bicycles, but (hetero) Black Women (tend to) Need/Want Men. Take that, Feminazis!"

Ms. Karazin basically makes the argument that, while White women were living in the lap of luxury, bored to tears by their middle to upper middle class existence and agitated like mad to get out of the gilded cage they were trapped in, Black women were busy doing the real labor of the workaday world, and weren't being recognized for that. And indeed, she would have a legitimate point here — Black women have always worked and didn't have the option of being a June Cleaver, historically and in aggregate.

But what Ms. Karazin leaves out is the fact that Black women have not only gained as a direct result of (White) feminism, but they've also gained from the Civil Rights movement as well; in fact, and I point this out to Ms. Karazin and her readers as you'll see below, academics have found that if there was one big "winner" in the women's and civil rights movements, it was and still is, Black women.

I make the point (among a great many others) in the following comment I left on Ms. Karazin's blog, the other day:

> Very interesting discussion.
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> I'm having trouble understanding what the bone of contention is here: Black women have benefitted tremendously from (White) feminism. Let's count the ways, shall we?
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> Reproductive Rights: Black women currently get more abortions than any other female group in the USA, far exceeding Asian, Hispanic and White women, and have for a long time now. If anyone benefited from the passage of Roe v. Wade, it's been the Sistahood. And that's not even including all the advances in birth control such as the pill…

> Education: Black womens' access to and benefiting from this is unassailable. Black women are among the biggest group in the country holding advanced degrees, and when one looks at comparitive analyses to their male counterparts along these lines, Black women far and away outpace Black men in terms of formal educational attainment, and have now for decades. Although this is starting to change wrt White women/White men, it still is nowhere near the levels it is for BW/BM.
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> Affirmative Action: Black women benefit far and away more from AA than any other group, and that includes Black men and White women. It is a well known fact that compaines and agencies can and will hire Black women as they see it as satisfying two quota criteria at once – hiring a minority and hiring a Woman – in one fell swoop.
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> Even academia has agreed that on the balance, the single biggest beneficiary of the civil rights and women's movements of the 60s and 70s have been American Black women, far and away more than Black men in aggregate, and often ahead of White women in aggregate. If we consider the key concerns of feminists since the 60s – reproductive rights, education and career advancement – this is unassailable. (UPenn study, Uni of Chicago studies, Google em)
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> NOW…
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> Having said all that, yes, I personally believe that Black women are in some ways, the cannon fodder for White elite feminists; they bear the brunt of the gruntwork and the lab rat type experiments. Moreover, I have always been of the view that the seeming camraderie between Black and White women was something of a facade, but hardly surprising, since it is in womens' natures to fake the funk moreso than do men. Just notice how men of different races rarely hangout with each other, on the job or off.
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> It occurs to me that while Black women have indeed benefited mightily from the above, it all has come at serious and heavy costs to Black women as well. Among the more notable "costs" have been the explosion of out of wedlock births, some 70%-plus at present in Black America, and this cuts accross all income/sociometric groups within the Black community. Another area is the fact that at present, some 70% of all professional Black women are single – and not by their own choice. What Black women don't seem to understand and/or accept, is that the very things that have made their successes possible, have also hobbled them in many other ways as well, along the aforementioned lines. Because of the precarious social position of Black America to begin with in relation to White America, these "advances" would have grave unintended consequences that they had little ability to "offset" in the ways that Ms. Ann could. The results speak for themselves.
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> Simply put and in closing, White women could afford to burn up their bras and go back home to their hubbies and communities where they were reasonably confident they could secure same; Black women didn't then, and don't now, have such luxuries. And while the owner of this forum and other "swirl bloggers" are pushing a line of "Something New" to their readers, the simple facts on the ground and the math on the spreadsheet says this too is a fool's errand, a solution workable only for a few Black women, but by no means a viable solution for them all in aggregate. The fact that White feminists tend to regard and treat their Black sisters as little more than flowers in the attic, only adds tremendous insult to a longstanding injury. In so many ways, what Black women have received what has amounted to a Faustian Bargain in extremis.
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> Enjoy your victory, my Sistas – if you can call it that…
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> Holla back
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As I note above, not only have Black women benefited arguably the most of any other group of women overall in terms of the goals White feminists have achieved, they've also received a good dose of the unintended consequences of said goals and aims, too – in spades. But hey, they should have thought about all that way back when. As it currently stands, and as is often the case with the Sistarati, Ms. Karazin & Co. are a day late and dollar

short – the horse is outta the barn, the genie's out of the bottle, and there's no going back. Although one particular pedantic commenter at Ms. Karazin's site noted that White women benefitted more from AA than Black women, neither she, nor anyone else, could debunk my central point: on the big ticket items that feminists regard as most dear – reproductive rights (read: abortion), education and career/work – Black women do pretty damn well for themselves. In a sane world, one would think that's something to be proud of.

But, as we all know, that is not the world in which we live; women, and this includes the Sistahood, want fried ice. The idea of unintended consequences, cause and effect, opportunity costs and the like, are alien to them – and don't even get me started on their somewhat lax understanding of what it means to actually live in a free republic (as Ms. Karazin herself so aptly demonstrates – more on this soon, stay tuned). True, the Sistahood was never, and probably will never be, feted by the White feministas; but even they cannot deny that they haven't benefited tremendously from, let's be honest, the hard grunt work their White sisters put in. In fact, a strong case can be made for the Sistahood looking a gift horse in the mouth — of being not only ungrateful, or biting the hands that fed them, but also of being downright crass and rude: the very traits they are increasingly becoming known for at home and abroad, and with noteworthy consequences.

After all, there IS some truth in the fact that Black men with options, can and often do, marry or at the very least, date out (Chad Ochocinco, anyone? Wesley Snipes? Tiger Woods? Just to name a few). And despite the efforts of Ms. Karazin and others, last time I checked, there was no stampede of non-Black men beating a paths to the Sistas' doors. But I'm getting a bit ahead of myself here; more to come on the "swirl" front soon. Stay tuned.

Look sistas, since it's clear that you didn't get the memo it falls to me to clue you in: yes, its true, White feminism was about, in truth, the elites – that you and other women of color and for that matter, even poor White women gained from feminism, wasn't by design but actually a flaw in it. The so-called "third wave" of feminists – like Jezebel, Feministing, Feministe and the like – aren't built for or by you, nor are they terribly interested in your concerns, beyond that which makes them feel and look good. You, my Sistas, were and continue to be, Useful Idiots of the feminist lobby, but don't be mad… Like I said, you've made out like a bandit, riding the coattails of those who never really wanted you as a member of the club in the first place.

Remember what happened to Audre Lourde.

I'm just sayin.

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Women Lawyers Protesting Potential Social Security Cuts

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The National Women's Law Center, previously mentioned here for their Title IX actions, has been conducting an online and email campaign to stop any cuts to federal spending on socialist programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, which they admit are overwhelmingly spent on women. Although they fudge the issue by noting that women's average Social Security benefits are lower (this is because older women really did earn less than older men), they do admit that recipients are overwhelmingly female.

Here's an excerpt from their action email:

> Bottom line — these proposals would hurt women and their families. The reductions to Social Security would disproportionately hurt women, who depend more on income from Social Security than men do. And the changes to Medicare and Medicaid would place an extra burden on women, who are the majority of Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries and who already spend a higher percentage of their (already-lower) incomes on health care than men.

Ironically, the NWLC also agitates for higher pay for women and the displacement of men in the workforce, who have traditionally funded these programs. Women dominate the public sector, which means that their jobs are often already a drain on taxpayer funded programs, yet they propose to create even more expensive bureaucracies to coerce the private sector to fork over more money to women, which will inevitably cut into profit and therefore tax revenue.

If they have their way, men will eventually be so thoroughly squeezed by their financial obligations and artificially lower paychecks (companies are already paying men less to avoid discrimination lawsuits) that a large proportion of men will be reduced to abject poverty simply through taxes, child support and the rest. Although many women may feel that this will motivate the men to work harder and make more money, it doesn't exactly work that way. There comes a point after which grinding men into the dirt ceases to pay off. This is the case for a number of reasons, including the fact that when people feel they have nothing to lose they will cheat, steal, hide income and generally become far more difficult to tax and control. They will also be far less likely to actually try to make income above board, as they know it will immediately be taken away from them for nothing in return. Even slaves need some currency to remain constructive – usually in the form of adequate food, shelter and clothing – but thanks to the efforts of feminists, many contemporary men can't even count on that.

However, future time orientation doesn't seem to be a strong suit for the female lawyers at the NWLC, so they keep chugging along demanding that men strip the shirts off their backs to keep women's entitlements flowing in.

Although the current level of government spending is unsustainable, it remains to be seen whether cuts will be politically feasible. Given that women have achieved such political power in recent decades, it may prove impossible to trim the budget enough for a return to a functional economy, in which case we are looking at a very hard fall in the not-so-distant future.

Evolutionary Psychologist: Male Mid-Life Crisis a Myth, Workplace Harassment Overblown

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London School of Economics researcher and evolutionary psychologist Satoshi Kanazawa has released *Ten Politically Incorrect Truths about Human Nature*, a book that explains, among other things, why women's objection to harassment at work is unreasonable, why suicide bombers tend to be Muslim and why there is no such thing as the male mid-life crisis.

Although I wouldn't say I entirely agree with Kanazawa on every point he makes, it is worth noting that someone who works at a university is writing these opinions at all. The feminist orthodoxy on college campuses would probably have rendered Kanazawa a target of a vicious campaign as recently as five years ago, but now he feels that he can publish such views with impunity.

As many commenters have noticed, public attitudes toward feminism have changed markedly in recent years, and it is easy to detect a great deal of overt hostility toward the ideology. Universities tend to be somewhat orthodox institutions, and therefore change more slowly than the rest of society, but it looks as though we are seeing some weakening of the feminist restraints on any discussion on matters of sexuality and relations between the sexes.

French Domestic Violence Ad: Ham-Fisted Propaganda

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In the following French domestic violence ad, middle class French men are shown casually beating women, and then the ad takes a turn toward the pornographic, with women molesting and beating each other.

Of course, we all know that it is respectable, middle class French who customarily violently beat women at home, in public and at work. I'm sure the ad's accurate depiction of the terrible threat French women face from mild-mannered office workers, balding middle aged men, attractive blondes and aging women will "shock" the French into putting a stop to all this madness…

FNSF – Le film choc from FNSF on Vimeo.

Restraining Orders Hurt Women...and Men

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By Carey Roberts

Grace Krejci of West Allis, Wis. took out a restraining order on her separated husband. Last week the deranged man broke into her house because their 5-year-old son hadn't been picked up at school. Minutes later Grace lay dead of a bullet wound.

Toni Brown of Washington, DC had an order of protection, believing that would ward off the escalating threats by her former live-in girlfriend. Then a late-night attack rendered her respirator-dependent, thanks to a close-range gunshot in the back of her neck.

Abused men also have been victimized by these legal devices – like Mauricio Droguett who was fatally stabbed by his ex-wife in an Iowa shopping mall, despite the existence of a restraining order cradled in his pocket.

Maybe it's time for a sanity check.

By what crazy logic do persons believe that inscribing the words, "Order of Protection" on a sheet of 20-pound paper is going to deter a would-be assailant who is intent on maiming his or her victim?

How can judges dole out such orders when no research shows they do any good in stopping violence?

And when persons with restraining orders keep getting assaulted, what possesses lawmakers to enact even more laws designed to make these flawed tools widely available?

Samuel Goldberg, a Boston attorney who specializes in partner abuse cases, notes that restraining orders are awarded so casually that "this is why they are not taken as seriously as they should be." The Independent Women's Forum likewise decries these legal tropes as "lulling women into a false sense of security."

Restraining orders not only are ineffective, they can also escalate partner conflict. In its *Family Legal Guide*, the American Bar Association warns, "a court order might even add to the [alleged offender's] rage."

This wrath is understandable in light of the fact that some women use restraining orders as a weapon to harass and entrap unwary men.

Consider the Panama City, Fla. woman who took out a restraining order against her ex-husband. On November 17 she was ordered to appear in court for a child support hearing. Fearful she might be incarcerated, she texted her husband, pleading that he attend the proceeding so their 18-month-old daughter would be taken care of.

As soon as the father stepped into the courtroom, the conniving woman advised the court of the injunction, occasioning his immediate arrest.

It turns out that misuse of restraining orders is widespread. Elaine Epstein, former president of the Massachusetts Bar Association, has admitted, "Everyone knows that restraining orders and orders to vacate are granted to virtually all who apply…In many cases, allegations of abuse are now used for tactical advantage."

A 1995 study conducted by the Massachusetts Trial Court reviewed the domestic restraining orders issued in that state. The survey found that less than half of the orders involved even an *allegation* of violence. And a West Virginia study found eight out of 10 of orders were unnecessary or false.

So if restraining orders aren't worth the paper they're written on, what can abuse victims who fear for their lives do to protect themselves?

Consider Maria Terrones, 45, who was killed two weeks ago in Fairfield, Calif. The suspected assailant, her former boyfriend, squeezed the trigger as she was walking outside with her new heart-throb at 1:15am. Even though she too had a restraining order prohibiting any form of contact, she had fallen into an argument with her ex- in the

parking lot just hours before the shooting.

So instead of giving her false reassurance in the form of an order of protection, Terrones would have been better served with a detailed Safety Plan that warned her to not engage in any verbal confrontations with her ex-, and advised her against late-night strolls in public areas.

Each year 2-3 million domestic restraining orders are issued for the ostensible purpose of curbing domestic violence: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/VAWA-Restraining-Orders . *In reality, such orders are a well-intentioned but misguided hold-over from our nation's overblown War on Crime, handsomely underwritten at taxpayer expense.*

According to an October 13 Gallup poll, 46% of Americans believe our government poses an "immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of ordinary citizens." There is no better example of governmental power run amok than our legal system's unreserved and undeserved reliance on abuse restraining orders.

Sexual Specialization and Civilizational Advancement

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This article by Steve Sailer is most interesting, in that it links sex role specialization and family model to technological advancement, a point that I have made on this blog repeatedly:

> But the obvious thing that jumps out at you from the map is the high correlation between plowing and level of civilizational accomplishment (at least as measured in impressive ruins and buildings). The Taj Mahal, for example, is found in a plow culture. The ancient and medieval churches of plowing Ethiopia are a lot more impressive than the big pile of loose rocks that is the chief monument of Zimbabwe.
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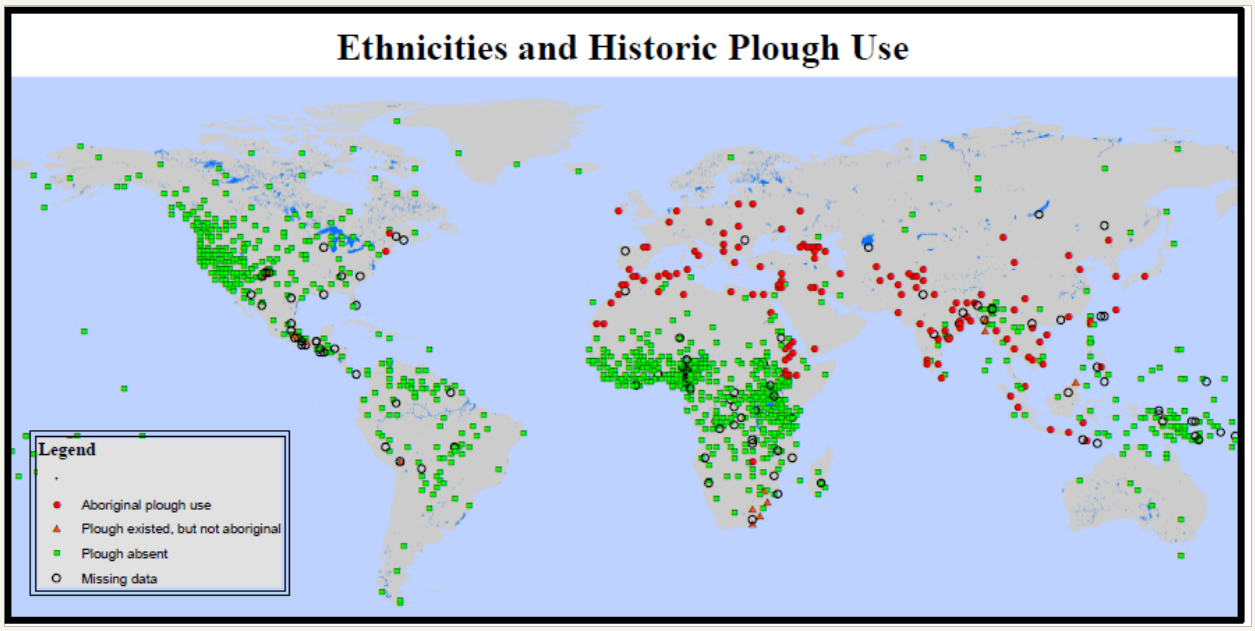
> 
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> Source: Sailer. Click here to enlarge.
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> Of course, one causal connection between gender roles and civilizational accomplishment is that you can get more done if men work harder, as they tend to do in plow cultures.

Hmmm. This is quite interesting, in that this observation lends perspective to the great experiment our culture has chosen to perform on itself. With feminism, Western civilization seeks to blur the distinction between the male and female spheres. We are told that this is 'progress', that such egalitarianism is really enlightened behavior, the cultivation of social habits that make the best use out of the talents of the male and female sexes. We are told that this is better than the knuckle-dragging Neanderthal days of rigid sex role specialization, where men worked in the fields (later in the factories) and ran the whole of society, while women were consigned to domestic duties and were little more than sexual chattel. Thus is the pro-egalitarian message pushed by the femmarxists: the new egalitarianism is simply better than the old, sexist ways that put women in a gilded cage.

However, there is nothing new under the sun, and humanity has seen the face of egalitarianism before: it was practiced all around the world in times past, that is, until those egalitarian societies were superseded by more technologically advanced, aggressive, efficient, and expansionary cultures. Every time an egalitarian society meets and competes with a specialized one, the egalitarian one loses. The reasons for this are many and I won't delve into them here, but the simple fact of the matter is that less specialized / more egalitarian societies–those in which both the men and women have similar roles–tend to be more backwards and less modern and less resilient in the face of one that is more specialized and rigid in its sex roles. That is a fact, played out on the stage of history over and over and over again.

Another interesting observation is that men in more specialized "plow" cultures tend to work harder than those in

less specialized “hoe” cultures. We see this today in the relatively lackluster performance of males in egalitarianized Western societies; the men simply have better things to do–like amuse themselves, or protect themselves from exploitation–than to labor and turn their surplus of energy into more socially productive ends. Compared to women, the men in such a society are lazy and indolent, and women regularly out-achieve them. The feminists note this too, in their complaints about African and Caribbean societies that women do all the work, while men malinger about.

Sailer also notes the correlation between egalitarianism and sexual competition, and speculates that the higher civilizational accomplishment found in plow cultures (which feature rigid sex roles and tend to take a dimmer view of polygyny) is due to men not having to spend their energies competing with each other for available mates:

> You can also get bigger things done if men don’t spend most of their energies competing with each other to mate with the most women. Anthropologist Peter Frost blogs at Evo and Proud about traditional societies where women do most of the farm work:
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> > The polygyny rate varies considerably among human populations, being highest (20 to 40% of all sexual unions) in the agricultural societies of sub-Saharan Africa and Papua-New Guinea.
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> > Such high rates have consequences. …
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> > **High-polygyny society = Failed society?**
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> > In my last post, I noted that high-polygyny societies remain simple in large part because intense sexual competition keeps them from evolving into more complex entities. The surplus males stir up endless conflict, if only because war provides them with access to women…

> > **Urban Africa and the new mating environment**
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> > This is not to say that a high-polygyny society cannot evolve into a low-polygyny one. It can, if the material conditions of life change. We see this happening as Africans move off the land and into cities and towns, where women can less easily feed themselves and their children without assistance. Urban African men are less likely to be polygynous because it costs them more to provide for a second wife.
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> > This in turn has shifted the pressure of sexual competition from men to women. It is increasingly the woman who must compete to find a mate. Whereas before she only had to work hard at tending her plot of land, she must now invest in her physical appearance, notably by lengthening her hair and bleaching her skin.

Again we see this played out real-time in the West. The decline in sexual specialization among Western men and women has not only resulted in less productivity from individual men–thus reducing civilizational accomplishment–it has also encouraged its own form of polygyny as resource-seeking women gravitate toward those men with the most wealth and power. In turn, just as in Africa today, resource-seeking women in an increasingly egalitarian society must compete with other resource-seeking women for the attentions of the most powerful men (the less powerful men being relatively resource-poor). This leads women in egalitarian societies to increasingly commodify themselves sexually. We also see this in action today, what with the re-introduction of the alpha male harem into the formerly monogamous, formerly Christian culture, and the serially polyandrous behavior of the alpha male Carouseler.

Thus, less productivity from men, due to reduced role specialization, social disenfranchisement, and a greater focus on self-gratification/self preservation, teams up with greater sexual competition for both men and women to retard civilizational advancement. History is clear that civilizations that foster and maintain a sharp division of labor

between the sexes, and the attendant reduction in sexual marketplace competition for men and women, prosper and eventually overtake those that do not.

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The Unsustainability of the Progressive Class

W.F. Price · 3 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

Seattle, my hometown, is arguably the most progressive city in the United States, so I see the "SWPL" (Stuff White People Like) culture pretty much every time I look out a window or step out the door. These people pride themselves on being smarter and morally superior to the seething, unwashed masses who inhabit the suburbs and exurbs of the US, but, truth be told, they seem pretty mediocre themselves to me. If anything, they are characterized by conformity and and an eagerness to please, and if one takes the cost of urban living and student loan debt into account, most aren't really that wealthy, and barely qualify as middle class.

One of the things that is most striking about the progressive cities in the US is what they lack: children. San Francisco has the fewest children of all US cities, followed by Seattle, which has more dogs than children. If there are any more progressive, left-wing cities in the US, I haven't heard of them. Given the cost of living, this is entirely understandable. People are at their most fertile while young, and most young families simply can't afford to live in these cities without some assistance from either extended family or the government. As I know from personal experience, raising a couple small children in an expensive, progressive city with the meager pay most young folks earn is a struggle to say the least. You have to lower your lifestyle standards, and let's be honest: not many young, urban American women – or men for that matter – are willing to make that sacrifice.

So, an odd trend has emerged in which women are pushing childbearing to the outer limits of their fertility. Typically, white women in these cities wait until they are over 30 before having children. Black women, for their part, still often have children while young, but they are having far fewer than they used to — there are many more childless black women than there were a generation ago. The only demographic that has children at the normal age is immigrants, mainly East Africans and Mexicans where I live.

So, while I was at a school event for my son last night, I found myself surrounded by other white people who were, in general, significantly older than I am, and I'm just about the average age for an American father. Some of the mothers were pushing 50, and more than a few fathers were already gray. I looked around and wondered how many of these couples had to see a fertility specialist to help things along. It was a little unsettling seeing these wrinkly women and gray-haired men with small children in tow.

If one buys into the dominant urban culture in the US, this outcome is to be expected. Having a respectable middle-class income and the trappings that come along with it generally takes until middle-age, and housing is so expensive that many urban residents are still paying off their houses well into old age. Then, of course, there are cultural expectations. Today, urban women are expected to earn and work as much as urban men, and motherhood simply doesn't work in this context. Plenty of women want to be mothers, but they keep telling themselves "I'll settle down next year" until it's finally too late. There are countless little tragedies; examples of women who, when they are finally ready to have a child, simply no longer have the physical wherewithal. The feminist, progressive culture is consuming its own adherents.

It is hard to say what this means for the future. Some say that conservative, religious types will inevitably outbreed the infertile progressives, and that's probably true, but there will likely be a strong incentive to flood the US with even more immigrants as employers and Republicans demand cheap labor and Democrats look for a new constituency to replace their aging, child-poor true believers. Does this mean the US will become somewhat like Brazil? Possibly, but I'm still convinced climate plays a role in national development, and I just don't see African or Latin American immigrants running the country north of the frost line.

Ultimately, the long-term feasibility of the progressive white American culture will come into question at some point in the near future, and it will be discredited, probably during the next decade. Of all the demographic groups in the US, these people are probably the most expensive of all, considering their salaries at state-supported nonprofits or in the public sector, the damage they do with the institutions they run, the cost of their ideology and the burden they place on the rest of America.

Perhaps the tired old parents I was seeing at the elementary school were simply an indication that the radical equalitarian-hypocrite class is finally starting to pay the piper, and the cost they have levied on the rest of us is finally starting to consume them as well. The strain that was evident from their careworn, wrinkled faces and whitening hair certainly did not suggest a “vibrant” ascendant people or ideology.

Julian Assange Was Accused of Rape by Anna Ardin, a Radical Feminist Who Was Out for Revenge

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This article was originally posted, in a slighly different form, at In Mala Fide *on December 3, 2010.*

You can't make this stuff up. Legion alerted me to a post at the False Rape Society on the identity of one of Julian Assange's accusers – a radical feminist with a revenge fetish:

> Anna Ardin, a notorious radical known in Sweden for her feminism views on how men achieve social dominance through sex, has been known to be bent on revenge. On January Ardin posted a blog entry on '7 Steps to Legal Revenge by Anna Ardin', which included a statement, *I've been thinking about some revenge over the last few days…* An article on the blog can be read here
> - http://progressivealaska.blogspot.com/2010/08/strangest-blog-thread-yet-on-swedish.html .
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> It is also noted that this is not the first time Ardin has accused someone for molestation of a sexual nature in Sweden.
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> Ardin invited Assange to Stockholm, and was briefly appointed his press secretary during his visit.
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> The story begins the weekend of August 15. Assange wanted to attend a Swedish crayfish party, Ardin made the arrangements.
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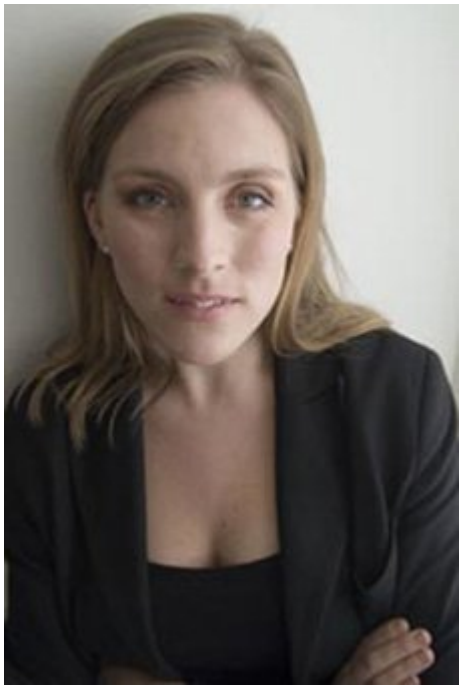
> According to the Swedish newspaper Expressen, Assange sexually harassed a woman (Ardin) in Stockholm then two or three days later traveled 20km to Enköping where he supposedly raped another woman (Ardin's friend). The Expressen concludes by an astonishing coincidence, the two women were friends. They decided a week later to go to a police station together saying that "Assange raped and harassed us".

I'm guessing Anna Ardin is the "Woman A" mentioned here.

Do you understand this? **Assange's "victim" is a twisted, man-hating bitch who was bent on getting revenge for being played.** She fabricated a rape charge because she was mad at him for porking her younger hotter tighter girlfriend within two days of putting it in her. Ardin is a sick puppy whose petty act of vengeance will damn an innocent man.

This is the little darling:



If ever there was a time for us to spring into action, this is it. We must sound the bell – **Julian Assange's rape accusers are nothing more than lying feminist slags**. The name "Anna Ardin" must go down with Crystal Gail Mangum and Katelyn Faber in the Hall of Girls Who Cried Rape. We must make the definitive case as to how feminists have destroyed modern society by making it easy for mentally disturbed groupies to make false rape accusations because their feeeeeeelings were hurt. We must hang this albatross around the feminists' necks and give them a blow that they will never recover from.

If there is a men's rights movement, this is your call to action. This is where you must prove you are more than talk. The ball is in your court.

For further reading, see my earlier post on Assange.

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Email Glitch

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For the last couple weeks, one of my email accounts has been held up for some reason or the other. I probably have to configure the memory differently, but I'll check in with the host to see what the problem is.

The account that's been held up is the submissions email, so if you've sent a submission recently I didn't see it until this morning (about a dozen arrived in a batch). So I have quite a few to go through, and I'll start with the oldest ones first. I have to admit that I was a bit puzzled as to why none had come through for some time, but I figured it was simply the time of year.

I expect the email problem will be resolved soon, so unless I mention it again just submit the articles as usual and we'll be back on schedule soon.

The Name of Julian Assange's Other False Rape Accuser is Sofia Wilén

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This article was originally posted, in a slightly different form, at In Mala Fide *on December 4, 2010.*

A reader emailed me to tell me that Julian Assange's second rape accuser is named Sofia Wilén. She's the "Woman B" in this article, the stalkerish groupie who slept with Assange but got mad at him after he turned out to be an inattentive geek. There are a bunch of articles confirming Wilén's involvement in the case, including her friendship with Assange's other accuser, the psychotic feminist Anna Ardin:

> **STOCKHOLM/MELBOURNE (Rixstep) — The charges against Julian Assange were indeed trumped up. Anna Ardin and Sofia Wilén planned it all. They went to the police station asking for advice, knowing the police would turn it into an accusation of rape. They're also the ones who leaked the story to the tabloid Expressen.**
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> **This was revealed in a letter written by Assange's Australian barrister to the website Crikey.**

> A bit of a recap first.
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> Anna Ardin and Sofia Wilén approached the Klara police station in Stockholm on the afternoon of Friday 20 August 2010 to ask questions of the police, purportedly about forcing someone to submit to STD/HIV tests.
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> The policemen on duty rang up prosecutor on duty Maria Kjellstrand even before the formal interrogation had begun. Kjellstrand - *working with no paperwork at all at this point* – issued an 'APB' for Assange and had the police search the Stureplan district of Stockholm for Assange, ostensibly to bring him in for questioning (and a tour of Swedish isolation cells).
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> The formal interrogation of Sofia Wilén was only concluded hours later and the interrogation of Anna Ardin didn't take place until the day after - *by telephone*.
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> As seen from Anna Ardin's SMS history, Anna Ardin and Sofia Wilén made the whole thing up - *and even decided to leak the story to notorious Swedish tabloid Expressen*. The story reached Niklas Svensson and others at Expressen at 19:52.
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> A colleague of Svensson's rang up Maria Kjellstrand to find out if the story was true - *and Kjellstrand, violating the rules of her office, told the reporter that it was.*

Wilén is apparently a photographer by trade. Here are some pictures of her:

[image]

This one I found thanks to Legion, at Unfrozen Caveman's blog:

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Here's another from Advocatus Diaboli:

I ask you to spread the word – **Julian Assange's lying rape accusers are Anna Ardin and Sofia Wilén.** These women need to be exposed for what they have done. Link to my posts and/or any others you please in blog comment sections, forums, Digg, Reddit, StumbleUpon and the like. Tweet them, Facebook them, email them to your friends. If you have a blog, write your own post on the situation. Bloggers and forumites are welcome to re-publish any and all of my original posts on the debacle in their entirety (aside from this one, you can find them here and here) provided they follow these rules:

1) Attribute the post(s) to me, since I was the one who wrote it/them.

2) Don't modify the post(s) from its/their original form in any way.

3) Provide a link back to the original post(s).

If you need pictures of Wilén, Advocatus Diaboli has posted another one to his blog. Pictures of Ardin can be found in abundance on Google Images.

Good luck, and thank you for all your help.

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Women Do Not Save Souls: Re-learning Beauty is Skin Deep

Featured Guest · 5 December 2010 · Archived copy · Original

By J. Coronado

Last weekend my nephews visited my sons while their parents went out on a date. After feeding everyone dinner and letting them play awhile, I sat them in front of the TV to watch a cartoon movie we'd rented earlier. While the four boys, ages ranging from 4 to 7, watched the move, I sat on the floor surfing the internet on my laptop.

Mostly I paid very little mind to what they were watching, but one brief episode did seize my attention. The group of young protagonists was in its formation and among a small group of boys was one girl. As events of their encounter played out, at one point the girl hit one of the boys, who angrily declared:

"Hey! Why'd you do that?"

"Because I like you", she answered.

"That's how I tell people that I like them".

At this, all four boys laughed in unison. It was a deep belly laugh and like the laugh of any small child of such an innocent age, it was entirely sincere. They really thought this was funny.

This seized my attention and I reflected on it at some length. At this very early age the culture and media have already succeeded at socializing these young boys to think that when a girl hits a boy, it's funny. Such is the power of culture and media. These lessons are deep and difficult to uproot, because they being so early, and they are absorbed without question by so many (creating a reinforcing groupthink), long before they have a capacity to examine, reflect and be critical. They are brainwashed: girls hitting boys—funny.

So it was with a mind still soaking in this power of culture that I was driving later in the week, with my car radio on "scan" and it happened across a sappy Ricky Iglesias song, "Hero", and certain words of the song gripped me so that in spite of myself, I stopped the scan and listened.

Much of the lyrics are boilerplate sappy that we'd expect from pop:

> Would you dance if I asked you to dance?
> Would you run and never look back?

More of it makes hyperbolic romantic promises, also fairly boilerplate:

> I can be you hero baby
> I can kiss away the pain
> I will stand by you forever

But then there was this—this which grabbed hold of my attention, bothered me, and wouldn't let go:

Would you cry if you saw me crying?
Would you save my soul, tonight?

"Would you save my soul?" The lyricist, the musician, he asks, of a woman: "would you save my soul?"

These are incredible words really. And let me add, they are incredible quite without respect to whether or not one believes in God, gods or souls.

Let's digress for a minute and consider what we can all agree that we can reasonably ask of each other:

Sappy or not, we can ask if we will dance

We can ask for a kiss when it hurts

We can ask for (though we may not receive) a promise of lifelong fidelity

We can ask for these things and for much more, for these are things which belong to the purview of what it is to be human. To use the language of Stephen Jay Gould as he tried to demarcate rules of mutual acceptance between religion and science, we can say that these things: dancing, a kiss, a commitment—these are part of the *Magisterium of Humanity*—we can ask these things of our fellow human beings, because the faculties required to give them are indeed within the scope of human capacity.

Perhaps that's being a bit too pedantic. When it gets down to it, suffice it to say:

Humans, men and women, *can dance*

Humans, men and women, *can kiss*

Humans, men and women, *can make commitments*

Humans, men and women, *can feel powerful emotions*

Humans, men and women, *can offer one another compassion and warmth*

And, true to the spirit of Iglesias's song:

Though it is rare—humans, men and women, can be brave, and be heroes to one another

But Iglesias's lyrics were not gripping for what they say that is true and possible of the *Magisterium of Humanity*, for these were all things which are either asked of or implied as faculties of the man, by the lyricist. These lyrics were so gripping on account of what they attribute to a woman, which they attribute ubiquitously to a woman, and which one must guess, most listeners hear without so much as a speed-bump's worth of cognitive dissonance:

Would you save my soul, tonight?

Why would the lyricist ask a woman to save his soul? Why would listeners, millions of them, across languages and cultures, hear these words and accept them, accept them as one might accept that the person answering the phone number one has just dialed says, "hello" upon answering?

How can a woman save a soul?

Humans feed the hungry, God can stop poverty. Humans can resist war, God can stop war. There is a metaphorical and metaphysical point at work here that is true at the level of a basic, humanist property—*there are limits to the faculties of humanity*. In other words, this truth holds without respect to whether or not one believes in a deity, the deity exists as a mere metaphorical counterpoint of a theoretical infinite, if only to put the focus on the reality of what it means to be human, to be finite.

We are not deities, we are human.

We are not infinite, we are finite.

We are not omnipotent, we can be brave

We cannot save souls, we can offer human comfort

And, must it even be said?: women, too, are people, not deities

What's more, the incredible sentiment of this song, attributing to women the power to save a man's soul, this isn't limited to sappy pop songs. It was within seconds of being so bothered by this that I immediately mentally connected with other songs from music of a harder variety, which essentially asks the same of women.

Staind, for example, in "It's Been Awhile", writes as a broken man in the grip of a heroin addiction reaching out for his girlfriend, to save him from the hellish pit of his own making:

> It's been a while
> since I could say that I wasn't addicted and
> It's been a while
> Since I could say I love myself as well and
> It's been a while
> Since I've gone …
> But all that shit seems to disappear when I'm with you …
>
> It's been a while
>
> Since I could look at myself straight
> and it's been awhile
> since I said I'm sorry
> It's been awhile
> Since I've seen the way the candles light your face

And if that were not disturbing enough, *Nine Inch Nails* in "Closer", referring in the most explicit manner to coitus, identifies himself as a literally wrecked soul, desperate for oblivion, and cries out to his girlfriend to "get me closer to God":

> Help me, I broke apart my insides
> Help me, I've got no soul to sell
> Help me, the only thing that works for me
> Help me get away from myself
> …
> My whole existence is flawed
>
> You get me closer to God

However strained or explicit the metaphor, all three songs convey a belief, indeed what can be described as a religious conviction, a faith possessed and shared by the songs' lyricists and accepted as conventional truth by the masses that popularize them. The faith holds that women save souls, transcend the Charonic grip of addiction and assist (through sex) the most lost and depraved on their tortured pilgrimage to the divine.

All of this is, in two words, utterly ridiculous.

Women can no more save a man's soul, or anyone's soul, than they can flutter their eyes, blink and apperate your house pet to Neptune.

And no, it is not a mere romantic notion, this idea of women saving men's souls. In less than two words, in just one: it's bullshit.

But the troubling thing about it is that however obvious it is that it is bullshit, it is bullshit that is accepted, without question, on a daily basis, millions of times, every single time someone, somewhere, listens to one of these songs, and is not in the least bit bothered by it.

In the same way that my sons and their cousins were not bothered by a girl hitting a boy, but laughed as they have been acculturated to do at this earliest of age, millions of people listen to these songs, are not bothered by them, and even share the religious faith these songs express.

Women have the power to save souls. Let us beg and supplicate to them through music and poetry, that they would deign to save ours.

We often hear at an early age that beauty is only skin deep, but it seems evident that male and female alike, we do not accept this truism and whatever power the genuine truth holds, it is undermined at an early age by a barrage and

steady stream of images and messages that uniformly and uncompromisingly state the opposite. Brainwashed, we can almost be said to hold the truism in contempt.

We appear to be as impetuous children in the way we respond to the non-relationship between beauty and virtue. We believe that beauty is virtuous, especially feminine beauty.

In this religious system, not only is beauty virtuous, but it is imbued with special powers: spiritual, angelic powers—powers that exceed our own primitive male faculties by unimaginable orders of magnitude.

With a faith system such as this, can the state of society and relations between the genders be any wonder?

Women are taught, and largely believe that men's souls are depraved, and in dire need of saving—and that they are endowed to grace men with that salvation. Men are likewise taught that their souls are corrupted, that they require repair, and that salvation is available through supplication, to female beauty.

It is a spell, a spell with a vast culture firmly in its grip: female beauty covers all manner of vice and is a substitute for any deficit of genuine virtue; female beauty is in and of itself virtuous and not merely virtuous—angelic.

Of course this is false and nonsense, but we can only resist the falsity and nonsense if we first recognize it. Female beauty is desirable, and an object of painful desire experienced by men everywhere, but female beauty in and of itself confers no inherent virtue.

Men, to be able to have reasonable relationships with women, must first disabuse themselves of the notion that women's beauty confers any virtue upon them or, more importantly, that women possess virtue in any excess of men. However a man understands spirituality, he must understand that whatever spiritual corruption he attributes to men, women share fully in that corruption.

This is not at all to put women down. Far from it, it is the most humanist thing we can say of them. *Women are people*—they are every bit as flawed as men. They are at least as flawed as men. They are in no sense any better than men. All of this should be obvious, but that it is not obvious is evident from the popularity of music that assumes of its listener a religious conviction that women possess mighty spiritual power.

This is not a new religious faith. Ricky Iglesias is not the first to call upon a woman to save his soul, and he won't be the last. The next popular anthem attributing divine potencies to woman is probably on the production block now as you read this article.

But faith does not change men into gods or women into angels. Men and women, alike, are people.

More Men Faking it in Bed

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A study of college students revealed that more and more men are faking orgasms, mainly because they are not all that impressed with the sex.

Researchers, however, are blaming the trend on antidepressants and internet porn, because it couldn't possibly be that some women are lousy in bed, just plain unattractive or boring. One sexuality counselor suggests that men are becoming "harder to please," yet doesn't seem to consider the fact that young women are possibly harder to look at and listen to than ever.

The simple presence of a female – even a naked one – is not sufficient to arouse a man, but today's women may not have internalized that fact. There are a number of things that can turn a guy off during sex, including unpleasant odors, unpleasant sights, loose flesh, annoying or ridiculous noises, a woman's lack of interest or enthusiasm or even a woman's overenthusiasm/dominant behavior.

Lots of young men feel pressured to have sex with women they are not all that attracted to, and today they are pressured to perform due to the obsession with the female orgasm, which sometimes results in men exhausting themselves by drilling away for unnaturally long periods of time. This can have a desensitizing effect and lead a man to want to simply end it in one way or another. And if she can fake it to get it over with, why can't he?

In fact, it is probably the obsession with the female orgasm that led to the "faking it" trend amongst women as well. The truth is that about a third of women usually climax from vaginal sex, a third climax some of the time, and about a third rarely if ever do, but men are taught that their value as a sexual partner lies entirely with their ability to give women orgasms. Women who want a guy to feel adequate will sometimes fake an orgasm, so that he feels he's "done his job," and men who want to be good sexual partners will keep going until they are entirely worn out and the sex is no longer pleasant for them.

Now, it looks as though a few guys have grown tired of this, and are using the same trick as the women. For guys, it's an even better excuse to finish up than it is for women, because following the climax it's all over.

The idea that men are sexually dysfunctional due to porn or drugs almost seems calculated to give "sex counselors" more work. Actually, when sex becomes a chore for men and all about pleasing a demanding woman, it should be expected that some of them will look for excuses to cut it short.

Who's The Man? Misandry and the Actor

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By K.K.

"WHO'S THE MAN?!" Roared Will Smith triumphantly, after punching an alien's lights out in *Independence Day*. Indeed, if you too can fly a fighter jet *and* an alien spacecraft, K.O. a villain with one punch, effectively save the world, and have a hot stripper for a girlfriend, you're indeed *The Man.* Although, more likely, you're a character in a movie.

Roles like that one are the main reason actors keep auditioning year after year, taking almost any role for the exposure and the money (when money's actually in the equation). You put your pride on a shelf to play a transvestite stripper (like George Clooney did) or a mutant kangaroo (like Ice-T did) or a giant jar of mustard in a parade (like Ted Danson did). In the meantime, you do everything from work at Kentucky Fried Chicken (like Mel Gibson did) or polish coffins (like Sean Connery did). You have tunnel vision, focusing on fame and wealth…which is a damned shame, when you turn on the television or watch a film, and see what men have allowed themselves to be portrayed as.

Count the thieves, murderers and rapists, if you feel like it. Note how virtually every sitcom 'husband' is a clueless oaf (even if he's his own show's producer or head writer!) while his perfect wife has an IQ of 220…she must have married for love. Watch as we morph out of being actual swine in a nightclub surrounded by attractive women, only if we possess a particular product. Note how every drunken driver depicted in a PSA is always exclusively male.

There is "The Good Wife"—but not "The Good Husband". There is "The Starter Wife" but not "The Starter Husband". There are fortunately some positive role models to be found in crime dramas; the stereotypical dogged detectives of CSI or LAW & ORDER, for example. It would seem, however, that there are ten male villains (or bums/alcoholics/deadbeats/etc.) for every male hero.

While MRA's fight to get their voices heard and try to reverse the cultural perception of "Men are pigs", male actors race to the bank after leaving another negative image in the public eye.

I wrote in *Practical Madness: A Primer For Actors,* "If you're female, or any minority, do all the commercials you can. They're easy, don't take long to shoot, and can be your way of 'Sticking it to the man', if you feel like doing that. Women and minorities are always portrayed positively in commercials, for the most part. If you're a *white male,* consider *boycotting* commercials, until that shining day advertisers don't portray us as morons."

I already know that'll be a hard sell, due to the money involved. My last commercial (where, fortunately, all I had to do was pretend to be winning at a casino) paid $300 for a five-hour bus ride to a four-star resort, an upscale room at said resort, another $300 for about seven hours of shooting the next day, then $300 for the bus ride back home, plus $130 per diem spending money. $1,030 all told for what was essentially a vacation. Financially, it beat the hell out of *Macbeth 2019,* a groundbreaking work of theatre that paid nothing. That particular commercial didn't negatively portray men or women; it was simply a *lie.* We weren't gambling for real, we weren't winning anything.

After my last film, which was a pretty decent role for once (a military officer sent to rescue some citizens from mutant killers), I'm prepared to ditch film, television and commercials in favor of theatre and stand-up comedy…where, as Bill Burr, Chris Rock and Bill Maher have proven, you can promote MRA ideals as long as they get some laughs. Naturally, if I was offered a film or television role that *did not negatively portray men,* I'd do it in a heartbeat. But as stated previously, there are ten male villains for every male hero. It goes without saying you can't have drama without conflict, and men are still the settlers of most conflicts…but the *overkill* of man-bashing marches on.

What if that idea took off? The prevailing thought would be, *that'd never work, you've got too many actors already prepared to play ANY role just for the money or exposure. It's dog eat dog, every man for himself, ad nauseum.*

However, our careers are still under our control, or at least they should be. Someone once told me “Careers hinge on how many times an actor says ‘No’”. One actor’s career didn’t really take off until he said “*Jack Nicholson doesn’t do television!”*

I’d like to say *“K.K. doesn’t play scumbags!”* Will I lose out on money, and roles? Obviously. Will I be not be ‘typecast’ as a thief, murderer, rapist or deadbeat dad? Thankfully, yes. Will my friends and family *not* see me morphing into a pig in a commercial? Hell yes, that’s best of all.

Who’s the man?

All of us. Maybe we ought to start *acting* like it.

Facing Rape Prosecution in the UK: A First Person Account

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A reader sent me a pdf he has created detailing his experience of being falsely accused of rape by his wife during a custody dispute. While he eventually came out in one piece, the ordeal was pretty horrific. All men involved in an intimate relationship with a woman – including and especially husbands and fathers – should read it, because this can happen to anyone. In fact, even men who are not involved in a relationship should probably take a look, because men often become targets of convenience simply because they happen to be in the vicinity when a woman makes her move.

This is NOT one of those "it can't happen to me" issues. Take a look at the stories of some of the men exonerated by the Innocence Project — in many of these cases the wrongly convicted men had never even met the woman who accused them of rape, and yet they were sentenced to lengthy prison terms.

So feel free to download and read The False Rape Accusation Survival Guide — this kind of information might help a great deal if a woman ever decides to destroy you for one reason or another.

And yes, it even happens to alphas — Casanova had to flee Venice after a spurned lover accused him of rape back in the 18th century.

Assange Arrested, No Bail

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Julian Assange turned himself in to police in London and stated his intention to fight extradition to Sweden, where he faces vague sex-crime charges. Feminist Anna Ardin and accomplice Sofia Wilen, his accusers, met each other after both had slept with Assange within a short timeframe, and they subsequently joined forces to jointly accuse him of rape.

There is a lot of background on Anna Ardin, who is not only a feminist ideologue who has made sexual harassment accusations against her students at the University of Uppsala for not paying attention to her, but apparently was also involved in some intrigues in Cuba, from which she was expelled for her association with a right-wing feminist group. As for Sofia Wilen, she appears to be a young, aspiring photographer, a little odd, and perhaps suggestible, as it was apparently Ardin who convinced her to go to the police.

A number of journalists on both the right and left have exposed some of the activities of Ardin and offered their own commentary, however the mainstream media has been oddly silent about the accusers and their background.

A couple interesting articles:

From Takimag (Right):

Julian Assange's Honey Trap: That's Rape in Sweden

Counterpunch (Left):

Assange Besieged

Iranian Traditionalist Debates Canadian Feminist

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Canadian Journalist Barbara Kay wrote an article for *Canada's National Post*, entitled The Shame of Honour Killings, in which she offered a feminist indictment on the barbarity of Iranian Patriarchal customs for stoning adulteress women to death.

In response to her article, an Iranian man emailed her in an attempt to discuss the Iranian point of view regarding a particular case that Kay had highlighted in her article, as well as the cultural differences between the genders in Iran in comparison to his perception of gender relations in the West.

It was an illuminating correspondence that she featured in her latest NP piece, Female Justice and the Iranian Male.

The Iranian man, going by the name of Reza, writes to Ms. Kay:

> *Dear Ms. Barbara Kay,*
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> Hello,
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> I am writing to you from Iran, a country where many people in the world don't know the people and culture. Please excuse me for taking your time. I have many questions about life in western countries and I haven't found anybody to answer it, but they are mostly social, not political.
>
> I read your article about the stoning [of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani]. You can be sure that she won't be executed.
>
> The question is, What do Iranians think about Mrs Ashtiani case?
>
> If you ask this question from ordinary people, they would say she must be executed without mercy!
>
> I studied all files within reach about the case of Mrs Ashtiani in Farsi. The truth is that she had illegal relationship with her nephew and committed adultery. Her husband didn't know about this at all. They planned to kill him to take what he owned. One night when they were alone at home she gave sedative to her husband when he slept. With help [from] her, the nephew did take him to the bath and give him 220 volt electric shock in head, chest, legs and hands. Almost his body exploded where connected to electricity. If you were judge of this case, what would be your decision?

My, my, Reza offers us far more details of this case than Kay bothered to even try to reference in her initial article. Kay simply referenced her case as evidence of the barbarous nature of Iranian culture:

> *Let us hope the momentum generated by Ms. Ashtiani's plight leads to wider recognition of what she represents in the broader sense: the scourge of Honour Motivated Violence (HMV) against girls and women for deviance from draconian codes of sexual purity.*

Now, I'm not clear on Iranian law…but it appears that case involves far more than simple adultery…but, of course, like any feminist, Kay ignores this new information and simply changes the topic to one of simply opposing capital punishment.

> *I really do hope you are right that Mrs. Ashtiani will not be executed. It is a most distressing subject for us in the West. We find the custom of stoning to be an extremely ugly form of execution, and in fact most people in the West do not believe in capital punishment at all.*

Why yes, it most certainly is distressing to feminists in the West, that a woman who murders her husband with the

help of her lover would actually be punished! This is not a case of domestic violence leading to murder…it's a case of barbaric Iranian Patriarchy!

In his first letter, Reza tried to point out that women in Iran are not really treated as badly as Barbara and other western feminists have tried to portray.

Reza wrote:

> *But the truth is that Iranian women in Iran (especially traditional society) have far better satisfaction than western women. In Iran, Mother is highly respected, especially when she grows old.*
>
> Although I've never been in western countries, what "is obvious" is that western women don't have a secure life, men always betray their wives and when they feel alone, [men] find someone and it will destroy the family. If there were kids, the mother must suffer growing them up and this is hard for a woman to work to pay the expenses. But satisfaction is completely different in Iran society. The loyalty of men and women is very important. Maybe you don't believe me. I am a man 47 years old and there is only one woman in my life, my wife who my mother selected for me and we have three kids.
>
> And I think it is prosperity for a woman. Don't you think so?
>
> In this country, [sexual] betraying is very nasty. Whoever does it would be punished, without sex consideration. If you are interested I'd like to have a discussion with you about women rights and feminism.

I think it's obvious that Reza is referring to the images and portrayals of our mass media regarding gender relations in the West. He mistakenly thinks that women are severely disadvantaged by our feminist culture. He doesn't know the reality of the situation…that it's MEN who do not have a secure life…that women regularly betray their husbands and families, often because they "fall out of love" or need to go "find myself" or some other ridiculous emotional rationalization she uses to justify destroying her family through the divorce courts simply because her husband no longer gives her the "'gina tingles."

But the part I found really interesting was Reza's description of the punishment of adultery in Iran:

"Whoever does it would be punished, without sex consideration."

Now that would be quite the tidbit of cultural knowledge, eh? If an Iranian husband who betray their wives and than electrocuted his wife with the help of his lover, would he too be sentenced to death by stoning?

One thing I do know for sure though…if there is such cases, feminists like Barbara Kay would never write an article about it.

Nevertheless, her response to Reza was like a boilerplate recitation of feminist bromides celebrating all of the supposed advances Feminists have "won" in the West:

> *I am afraid I must disagree with your statement that women in traditional cultures are better off than western women. I am not sure what you mean exactly by "secure," but if you are speaking of financial security, even though more women live in poverty than men here, being poor is a relative idea.*
>
> Here the state offers a great deal of support to anyone, man or woman, who is so poor he or she cannot work, or has no home. Nobody is starving in Canada. Nobody has to live on the street. The state will help them. You are correct in saying that married women are in general better off financially than unmarried women with children.

Ah, see, traditional cultures don't have a "welfare state" to serve as proxy-Dad and proxy-Husband, so they MUST be worse off!

Barbara continues stating her assumptions and ignorance of Iranian culture:

> *In terms of physical security, I think perhaps the perception of a woman without male protection is different in Iran than it is here. Here women are offered the same legal protections as men, and are equal before the law. They are accorded the same rights of property ownership and inheritance, and they do not need to ask their male relatives for permission to do anything they want.*

Later in his response to Kay, Reza described the actual legal status of women in Iran, which thoroughly rebutted Kay's ignorant assumptions:

> *The other thing that may be interesting to you is that here in Iran there is no limitation for women education. 66% students in Iran universities are women. We have many female doctors , dentist s and so on.*
>
> Something which surprises me in your email was: men hit the woman in West? You may not believe me, but during my life I have not seen or not heard of any Iranian man hitting his wife [but] sometimes I read in newspaper it happened. According to Islamic law, if somebody hits his wife only one bit and somehow the skin become red, he must pay more than 10,000 US$ compensation.
>
> People in west don't have a good knowledge about this country. For example Human Rights originated in Iran. The first human rights were declared by the great Cyrus about 2600 years ago.
>
> The rights of property ownership and inheritance in Islam is about 1400 years ago and in accordance with it, ownership and inheritance is approved for women. It means every thing a woman owns belongs to her and she can do with whatever she wants to.
>
> Something might be interesting to you, is that if a woman works, her husband have no right to take her money anyhow. If she wants, she can spend it for family but there is no obligation. Because it is men's duty to work and pay the family expenses. Even according to Islamic law, a wife has no obligation to work at home and men must pay for the housework to her if she asks. Women are valuable in this country if a girl answers hello to a boy it would be a great joy for him. If you don't believe , you can come here and to see it by your own eyes.

Heh, Reza seems genuinely shocked that it would be considered normal for men to regularly hit Women in the West. But there's certainly one thing he revealed when it comes to married women and money in which Iranian culture and the West are similar…

…what women who are married earn is hers, and what the man earns, is **theirs**.

Reza also addressed the perception of "individualism," which if you read his questioning carefully, actually addresses the archetype of "empowered, independent" women.

> *The first question is for a woman what prosperity is. Individualism is very important for western countries but I say what would be the result of Individualism for a woman at age of sixty? Would the result be other than loneliness? Does anybody come close to her ? After breeding some children, who would do anything for her (maybe government) but what about her feeling?*

Don't worry, Reza. Women who are strong, empowered and independent in the West, will simply wring every last effort from their rationalization hamsters to avoid facing their self-imposed loneliness they experience when they hit old age in a state of "Individualism."

> *The main point is that individuality doesn't bring prosperity. I say prosperity is for couples, not individuals. Love means two. As you know love has its price. When you love someone, you have to be with him or her in any condition, good or bad, happy or sad. But I think people in West are partners [only] in happiness, and when you need help everybody would flee.*
>
> I know a man who was age 40. His wife became sick so bad that her bones twisted to each other. He did his

> best for treatment. The result was he looked after his wife more than 10 years until she died . I think it is truth of love. I do believe, love means liking someone or something more than yourself.
>
> I think in West people mix up passion and love . Passion last very short. But love lasts long, although it sometimes causes sadness. But it is its price to know how valuable it is.

This is the very essence that differentiates "traditional" cultures like Iran versus modern, feminist influenced marriage 2.0 in the West. Marriage vows actually still mean something in Iran, whereas in the West, the marriage vows only apply as long as the woman is "happy."

Now Barbara's response to Reza was most interesting…she actually let the cat out of the bag with regards to Feminists and their so-called quest for equality:

> *First, to answer your questions about feminists: They not only expect, but they have been responsible for getting many rights for women. Instead of giving you a list, I will simply say that the overwhelming right that women have in the West is the right to control over their sexual lives without being judged. Women demand – and get – the right to have as many love affairs as men, the right to not have children if they don't want them, the right not to be raped by their husbands, the right to initiate and get a divorce for any reason at all, the right to have custody of their children (except in very unusual cases), and the right to be protected from sexual harassment in school and work. It is a serious offense for a man to be accused of sexual harassment of a women, even if only in words or jokes or anything at all that the woman considers an insult.* ***I would say that women have more rights than men here, and that is all the result of feminism.***

Equality baby!

Also note: "*It is a serious offense for a man to be* ***accused of*** *sexual harassment of a women…"*

Exactly! He need not be actually guilty of harassment, only that he be accused!

And this…

…the right to initiate and get a divorce for any reason at all, the right to have custody of their children (except in very unusual cases)

Kay actually restates these so-called advances that have destroyed the institution of marriage in the West. All these things that Barbara listed (despite claiming she wasn't going to list them) actually reinforces Reza's criticism of the state of marriage in the West:

When you love someone, you have to be with him or her in any condition, good or bad, happy or sad. But I think people in West are partners [only] in happiness, and when you need help everybody would flee.

Somehow, I don't think Women are as badly treated by their Husbands, Fathers and culture at large in Iran as our Feminist mainstream press would like us to think. One thing is for certain…should we find ourselves involved in a war with Iran, you can bet our media and politicians will invariably cite the need to liberate the oppressed women of Iran from those barbaric Patriarchs.

The Problem With Anonymity for the Accused

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Despite their involvement in an international scandal and their accusations against a man that could send him to prison, the two women who accused Julian Assange of rape, molestation or whatever it is, have been granted anonymity by the Swedish court and have not been named by most of the Western media outlets around the world. Although it was easy enough to find their identity, given the open flow of information through the internet (a flow that some evidently want to stanch), *The Spearhead* was one of the few sites that mentioned accusers Anna Ardinn (AKA Ann Bernardin) and Sofia Wilen by name. This resulted in the most traffic we've ever had in any one day of the site's existence.

What this indicates is that most media outlets – even in the United States – toed the line, despite the serious questions raised by the case, and despite the fact that accusers in criminal cases are never granted anonymity in the United States due to fundamental Constitutional law. The practice of not printing women's names in rape cases is entirely voluntary in the US, but it is still observed by most of the old media.

However, the rules are different in Europe. In many European countries a woman can accuse a man of rape with the guarantee that her name will not be made public, and anyone who does expose her would presumably be open to criminal prosecution and civil lawsuits. The old logic behind not publishing the name of the accuser was that rape was deeply shaming, because women's chastity used to be considered an integral part of their honor and reputation. Today, because chastity has essentially become meaningless and held to be without any value, the argument is often made that a woman would be open to attacks on her character, which would unfairly benefit the defense.

Recently, there have been calls in Britain to extend anonymity in rape cases to the accused as well as the accuser. This seems fair, given that accusers already have anonymity, but we ought to look at the bigger picture: this is simply a step closer to secret trials. There is a reason that a public trial is a Constitutional guarantee in the US. When aspects of prosecution become secret, there is no possibility for adequate public scrutiny.

In ancient Hebrew law, only a public charge could result in a finding of rape; it was required that the woman cry out and draw attention to the outrage. If she did not immediately and publicly object to being violated, it was assumed that there had been no rape unless the woman was "in the field" and unable to be heard. In fact, the public nature of the accusation is what the woman relied upon to obtain justice *and* to protect her honor:

> Deuteronomy 22:23-27
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> 23 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto a husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;
> 24 then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, **because she cried not**, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbor's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.
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> 25 But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only that lay with her shall die:
> 26 but unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbor, and slayeth him, even so is this matter:
> 27 for he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her.

When prosecution is removed from the public eye the very scope of justice is considerably narrowed. Law, crime and punishment are matters that rightly pertain to all citizens, and therefore all should be participants in the process to some degree. If it were only the courts and their officers who had access to the facts and influence on proceedings, egregious corruption would quickly take hold, because people always act in their own interests. Judges would pardon their associates, police would arrest their enemies or creditors, innocent people would be railroaded all the time simply for convenience's sake, and many other evils would occur on a daily basis.

Also, importantly, innocent people arrested and charged with a crime would have fewer people to defend them, because the public would be in the dark. Say, for example, that a man you knew, some casual neighborhood acquaintance, simply disappeared one day. Later, you hear he'd been arrested, but you don't know why. You don't know what he's been charged with, you don't know anything about the alleged crime, and you hear from neither detectives nor his attorney.

Now let's say that this man had been accused of rape, and he and his attorney are trying to put together a defense. You know the woman who accused him, who also lives nearby, but you know nothing of the accusation. As it turns out, the woman told police that she was raped by this man at a specific time in a specific place: a Sunday evening at 10PM in his car in a park some twenty minutes' drive away from the neighborhood. On that Sunday evening, at 10 PM, you were walking to a local convenience store and saw the woman walk out of her front door, get in her car and drive away.

You thought nothing of it, you never mentioned it to anyone, and you'd pretty much forgotten about it. Unfortunately for the accused man, nobody on his defense has a clue that you were there, and the detectives have no idea either. But if you heard that this man you knew had been accused of raping that woman at exactly that time in a different place, in his own car, you'd be able to call the police and tell them what you saw and testify in court. It might save him a decade in prison for a crime he didn't commit. But anonymity would prevent that. Anonymity in criminal prosecutions severely limits public participation in resolving criminal cases, and as any detective will tell you the public is a huge source of information.

On the other hand, if you knew something that could convict a man, and knew nothing of his case, a guilty man could well go free.

What secrecy in criminal proceedings does is concentrate power and "truth" into the hands of the few. It elevates officers of the court to omnipotent status and assures that they answer to no one, where in a free society their correct position is as arbiter of the public will. At times, I suspect that this is why feminism and feminist family law have been received with such warmth by courts — the institutions have created a mutually-empowering relationship by methodically removing accountability from each other. Courts have granted women license to freely accuse for their own gain, and feminists have granted courts license to seize assets and coerce men free from the confines of the Constitution. It is a power that has proven too tempting to resist.

In the meanwhile, we men may have few tools at our disposal to match the weaponry of the state, but information and knowledge are absolutely crucial to any effort we make restore a more free and just society. Therefore, we should never encourage secrecy in the courts, because, like the maiden who is ravished in the city, sometimes our only defense is in crying out to the public.

Big Lenders Getting in on Divorce Industry

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Considering that divorce is such a reliable cash cow for attorneys, social workers, counselors, psychiatrists, debt collectors, the federal government and courts around the US, it was probably inevitable that lenders would find a way to make money off the business.

An article in the New York Times explores the growing business of divorce financing, which usually involves lenders taking on expenses in high-stakes divorce cases where women are leaving wealthy husbands.

One woman featured in the article, Michelle Pont, was having a hard time getting ahold of money to pay her expensive attorney bills, because so much of the family fortune was tied up in investments:

> BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Michelle Pont and her husband amassed millions of dollars in properties and investments from a freight-hauling business that they started with a single stake-bed truck in 1991. They bought a four-bedroom home, then a second home, a vacation home, a motor home and half a dozen cars.
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> But when Ms. Pont decided to seek a divorce last year, she quickly ran out of money. She had no job. Her husband controlled the family's investments. A few months of legal bills maxed out her credit cards and drained her retirement account.

Note how Mrs. Pont is described as an equal partner in a *freight hauling business*! I worked in transportation when I was a kid, but I never saw a woman do any more than dispatch or bookkeeping. Driving, servicing the vehicles, loading freight, unloading freight, warehousing — all men's jobs. And you can bet a guy who started with just one truck did a whole lot of that stuff himself. But now the woman wants half + expenses, as usual…

Because this is generally the law of the land, she'll probably get it, and that's why financing these divorces is good business.

The company that is financing Mrs. Pont's divorce, Balance Point Divorce Funding (gotta love the name), is kicking in $200,000, which should suffice to tide her over until the divorce is finalized, upon which Balance Point takes a share of the settlement.

Balance Point's founder, Stacey Napp, started the company with money she pried away from her husband in a lawsuit she filed *after* she'd already signed settlement papers. It seems that she found out he made a big sale after giving her a half million dollars and a house, and she wanted a piece of the proceeds. After seven years of litigation, she got the money, and used it as startup cash.

According to Ms. Napp, most of her customers are homemakers with husbands who own businesses. However, the guys are not exactly fat cats, but rather the pull yourself up by your bootstraps types who have always been an integral part of American productivity. Unfortunately for these types of men, most of whom are from working or middle class families, they tend to marry women from their own demographic, and let's face it: working and middle-class American women aren't known for fidelity and constancy. The men are also less likely to have prenups than your typical scion of the upper class or corporate CEO, which makes them easy pickings for divorce robbery.

Lest some one argue that Ms. Napp is also an entrepreneur and deserves respect for her efforts, one should make a distinction between parasitic businesses and productive businesses. Some businesses build wealth, while others take it away. Balance Point falls in the latter camp. Every business this woman eviscerates for the benefit of bored housewives means fewer jobs, a poorer economy, and less overall wealth.

As the decline of the US continues apace, these carrion bird ventures are proliferating, hurting the public in aggregate for a minority of selfish, immoral people who could care less about the world around them so long as they have a fab house and car and enough money left over for the seasonal trips to Vegas.

Consider another one of Ms. Napp's clients, who is using her Balance Point loan in an attempt to seize properties her husband put into a trust for his children from a previous marriage. What kind of person does this? A productive citizen, or a callous, scheming thief?

If our society and law reward such disgusting people and practices, we should expect further acts of treason and betrayal, such as Bradley Manning's data theft, and possibly outright sabotage from within. There can be no loyalty or allegiance to a nation of thieves and plunderers — obedience can only be coerced through fear.

Yippee, We're All Abusers Now!

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By Carey Roberts

Domestic violence has been plummeting in recent years. In 1976, the toll of men and women killed by their partners registered 2,944 deaths. Now it's half that number.

But what comes as good news to American families turns out to be a mixed blessing for the domestic violence industry. After all, the Abuse Mavens don't want to see their generous paychecks trimmed!

So a few years ago someone ginned up this grand scheme: Let's exponentially broaden the definition of domestic violence.

And sure enough, the 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act featured this open-ended definition: "The term 'domestic violence' includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence." The law's artful use of the word "includes" sent a clarion signal to lawmakers throughout the country – an expansive range of conduct could now be considered to constitute abuse.

According to a recent report, "Expanding Definitions of Domestic Violence" (http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/Expanding-Definitions-of-Domestic-Violence), 63% of states include emotional distress in their statutory definition of domestic violence. That means any person who claims to be "fearful" – no evidence necessary — is entitled to a protective order and the generous cornucopia of bennies that comes with it.

Do you live in California, Delaware, Michigan, Montana, or Virginia? In these states, the mere feeling of "apprehension" of harm qualifies you as an abuse victim. In New Jersey, if your partner interferes with your "well-being," that counts, as well.

In Illinois, "interference with personal liberty" — whatever that means — makes you a domestic abuser. And the Delaware statute throws in the catch-all "any other conduct" for good measure.

But domestic violence runs rampant and proto-abusers need to be held accountable – or so the domestic violence industry claims — so why not swell our definitions even more?

Now, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, partner violence also includes "Getting annoyed if the victim disagrees" and "Withholding information from the victim." If that doesn't suffice, "Disregarding what the victim wants" also counts as a punishable offense.

That's right guys, if your heart-throb thinks she's an abuse victim, you'd better get her that pedicure she's been pestering you about – and fast!

Pro-immigration groups have broadened the playing field even more. The N.O.W. Legal Momentum says "possessiveness" is a sure sign of imminent violence. The Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago counts a person who needs to "walk on eggshells" as an abuse victim. ASISTA posits "what tone of voice was used" is incontrovertible proof, as well.

In an article recently published in Social Science and Medicine, the elastic band of abuse is stretched to even more preposterous lengths. According to "Male Reproductive Control of Women who Have Experienced Intimate Partner Violence," a man who attempts to sway his wife's reproductive status is guilty of "reproductive control."

So wise up, guys. If you ever told a woman you didn't want her to get an abortion or refused to pay for contraception, you are guilty of "reproductive control." According to the feminist catechism, that's a mortal sin, which of course constitutes violence against women.

But these definitions have a built-in limitation: They all require the alleged abuser to commit a specific unlawful act.

This can make it difficult to prove your case in a court of law. The solution? Balloon the definition even more!

Go to the website of the federal Office of Violence Against Women. The OVW informs us domestic violence is a "pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control."

Maintain power and control?

Ladies, if you nag your husband to mow the lawn, that's power and control. Men, quit telling your wife to not overdraw the ATM – same thing. If you get into a disagreement over the TV remote control, you guessed it, that's proof of an obsessive need for power and control. That's a heinous offense, according to Big Sister.

In the former Soviet Union, criminal laws were crafted to ensnare the daily activities of innocent citizens. As former KGB director Lavrenti Beria famously warned, "Show me the man, and I'll find you the crime."

Once possessed of the mission of curbing partner abuse, the domestic violence industry now foreshadows the recrudescence of the horrific memories of a dystopian past.

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Feminists Recruiting Veteran Suicide for Their Issue Stable

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Feminists must have every issue as their own. Domestic abuse, health, education, STDs, sex, beauty standards, workplace treatment, pay, and even sleep have all been claimed by feminists. Even non-issues majestically transform into feminist issues. But that's what happens when an industry like feminism feeds on trumped up charges of misery and inequality. Feminists are paid to find these things, and they'll root them out like truffle-sniffing piglets. For men to challenge that we suffer in any of these categories leads to crybaby taunts and penis-size speculations.

But feminists don't apply the same ground rules to themselves. Or at least they're not doing so in their analysis of a recent study conducted of suicides carried out by female military veterans. What's worse is that they're either lying or too lazy to conduct due diligence in the meme they're spreading.

The study, conducted of veteran and non-military women in 16 states, found that the suicide rate of veteran women was three times higher than that of non-veteran women. A couple of powerful feminist websites have run with the story. Feministing calls the study "devastating". Yes, the high suicide rate of veterans is devastating. But, oh, Feministing only cares about the 8% of military personnel who are women. Jessica Valenti, at her own site, carried a link to an analysis of the study conducted by self-proclaimed ladies' site, The Hairpin. The opening salvo, which Valenti used as the byline to her link, begins:

"A new study suggests that women vets are almost three times more likely to commit suicide as their male counterparts."

This is a wholly wrong interpretation of the study which only compares veteran women to non-veteran women. The danger in this "misinterpretation" is that Jessica Valenti is a mover and shaker within the feminist community. Her spreading this false meme is like Shaquille O'Neal farting in a Hyundai. I'm here to roll down the windows.

This study found that, among the 18-34 year old cohort of women in 16 states, 1-in-7,465 veterans committed suicide while 1-in-22,763 non-military women did so too. This is the three-to-one ratio figure that is being spread – and wrongly at that. If the comment that this news is devastating is meant to imply that it is all of a sudden news that veterans commit suicide at a high rate, I'd wonder where the commenter has been during the past decade. Suicide is "devastating", but to say that to a new study that merely reaffirms that this devastating act is endemic only after it applies to women in the military implies an agenda. And Chuck don't like agenda.

In 2007, suicide rates within the 18-34 year old cohort of male veterans was 1-in-1,761 which makes veteran men 4.24 times more likely to commit suicide than veteran women. According to suicide.org, men, in general, commit suicide at 3.85 times the rate that women, in general, do. If anything, it is devastating that veteran men are actually committing suicide at rates slightly higher than would be predicted, relative to women, if "normal" suicide rates were extrapolated to soldiers.

And there's a good explanation for the higher rate of male veteran suicides. If fatality numbers are any indication of the rates at which men and women witness death and experience various levels of fear, men would be vastly more prone to taking their own lives. In Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, 98% of all fatalities were men. Fourteen percent of all military members are women – as are eight percent of all veterans. Given their separation from combat, female soldiers don't experience the haunting memories of being "in it" to quite the same degree as men. Male veterans face a double-whammy. Not only are they 92% of the veteran population, they commit suicide at 4.24 times the rate of women. This is a matter of scale and scope, and it is a men's issue.

For this analysis to be devastating for female veterans, we'd have to acknowledge that there is something specific to women that makes their higher than expected rates of suicide specific to them. Since they don't experience the rigors of combat and seemingly come less close to the fallout from war, there is really only one explanation for this fact: women aren't cut out for war.

Women and feminists really shouldn't be ashamed of that fact, but feminists serve a higher purpose. While they'd be good to just oppose war at all – which many MRAs and myself would support – feminists prefer to knock down gender-based shibboleths where they exist. The only place they are more prevalent is on sports fields. For feminists to admit that women don't hold up in war the same way men do would be like them admitting that men are better athletes than women. Some will maintain both. If they admit that natural sexual differences exist between men and women, a giant plank of their platform is taken out from under them. And instead of hunting for truffles, they are forced to hunt for more wood – wood that is much more scarce than truffles.

Gender Pay Gap Reversed for Young in UK

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A new report from Britain's Office for National Statistics has revealed that women in their 20s who work full time now earn more than men of the same age, and for those in their 30s the gap has decreased to less than 3%. For those who work part time, women make more across the board.

Although women's overrepresentation in universities is one factor, most important has been the decline of private sector wages in comparison to the public sector, which has enjoyed pay increases even during the recession. More than twice as many women as men work in the public sector, and 40% of British working women (and only 15% of men) have public sector jobs. Because public sector jobs are funded by those who earn money in the private sector, this should raise the question of whether men's private sector wages are artificially low due to the high business taxes needed for all those public jobs for women.

It is starting to become clear that the price of gender equality falls overwhelmingly on men, and that's not really very equal when you think about it. Essentially, men are being held back and impoverished in order to create an illusion of equality, which is turning out to be very expensive to maintain. This is really what's wrong with the concept of "equity feminism;" it mandates an unequal burden to achieve some subjectively equal outcome.

Although feminists may cheer the news, it will not be enough for them. They will not stop until women have it better than men in every possible measure of wealth, quality of life and power.

Comment of the Week: Women in the Marine Corps

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There has been a lot of boosterism concerning women in the military recently, and the propaganda we're exposed to regarding these women in uniform would have us believe that they are not only effective, hard-working and fierce soldiers, but paragons of virtue and honor as well.

DevilDog, A reader who is a US marine blows that illusion to hell with a hearty and amusing dose of the truth:

Hey, I'm a Marine and a veteran 3x OEF, 0311 Rifleman…. Let me tell you straightforwardly, the majority of the women in the military… ARE USELESS! You've got the few women who are damn good at what they do and I respect em, but believe me, the majority of Women are just lousy… women *cannot* pass the PT standards for the average male, okay, so they lower em for women, many women *cannot even pass the lowered standards*, they don't get kicked out though, they get waivers out the ass or get passed because of the fear of a lawsuit or some bullsh!t.

Some women start sexual relationships with officers to use them to gain ranks. A *lot* of women get pregnant before a deployment because they chicken out and use pregnancy to avoid serving.

There was a story on MSNBC talking about women in the Marines. They were showing pictures of 3 women in full body armor and with rifles looking like GI Janes, giving off the misconception that these women are out there fighting, but funny thing is, they sit on their asses all day safe in the base, and were only put into gear and given a weapon for the photo-op, they weren't even on or near any frontline, they were damn near right outside the base..

I despise it when the media says "Thank God for our Men and Women Fighting" or anything along that line — MEN are fighting, MEN are dying. Women are not. Women have extra attention heaped on them to keep them safe and happy. These god damn whores walk around with an over-inflated ego because of this and think they're GI Janes who can kick anyones ass… A lot of these girls are ugly as SH!T, but are given a lot of attention because we're all horny and wanna fuck. We call 'em desert queens, a 4/10 Female gets attention and thinks shes a 9/10..

You guys wouldn't believe some of the stories I have: women getting gangbanged by 10 Marines, same woman who has a Husband and children. Women blowing officers for privileges, while her family is at home.. Believe me, IT'S RAMPANT. These aren't isolated incidents, it's just all over the place but is ignored because political correctness and feminism is up our ass threatening a lawsuit for every fucking thing.

Oh and SO MANY F***ING WOMEN CHEAT on their husbands while they're deployed fighting in Afghan. Unfaithful whores.

We MEN have fought for thousands of years, and continue to fight and protect, then some fucking slut comes along and does 1/100th of the job we do, and is praised by the white knights, media, and general american population as a f***ing GI Jane empowered goddess and shit.

Women have MUCH lower physical standards, also mentally nothing is demanded of them, no pressure is put on them, everyone goes out their way to keep them safe and sound when we're deployed. And these fucking bitches still get PTSD. ARE YOU F***ING SHITTING ME? I HAVE PTSD, REAL PTSD.

All of these experiments with political correctness and feminism have damaged our military from the inside very badly, trust me on that. I just really don't know what the hell is going on, sometimes I wonder if I'm in the twilight zone. Sometimes I feel like bashing some faces in for this nonsense. I take the military and the United States Marine Corps *very* seriously, this is my life, this is my career, I am going to be in it until I retire, and I *do not* want anybody f***ing with the efficiency and effectiveness of my Corps. This is *exactly* what these pussy ass ultra-progressives, feminists, white knights, and overall jackasses are doing.

Oh, and the majority of the deaths in combat are MEN, the majority of the deaths in non combat related accidents

are MEN, the majority of PTSD/depression/mental illness cases as a result of combat are MEN, majority of suicides in the military are MEN. So *what are these feminists talking about*? How much more could you possible defy logic, utterly *butcher* it? So delusional, just so delusional…

Obamacare: More for Women, Nothing for Men

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As the gargantuan Health Care Law begins to reveal itself and the scores of new government agencies it has created, some noticed that while at least seven of these new agencies are created directly for the benefit of women, there is apparently nothing for men. As an example of the disparity, “breast” is mentioned some 40 times in the law, but prostate not once.

When asked about the discrepancy Hadley Heath, a health care policy analyst at the Independent Women’s Forum, noted that women voted for Obama in larger numbers, so they are being rewarded at the expense of men:

> Women came out big in 2008, and they were a very big voting bloc for [Obama]. Women as voters really care about health care, health reform because we often make decisions for ourselves, our families and dependents about health care. So clearly this is an issue that is important to women, women are important as voters to any politician.

Scott Williams of the Men’s Health Network suggested that women have an advantage when it comes to lobbying, and said that they are both more vocal and more aware of the politics surrounding the issue. Williams thinks men need to work harder to bring their issues to attention, but he neglects to mention that many of the organizations and agencies created solely for the benefit of women have created a very loud, active and well-paid army of women whose job is to shove men’s concerns aside in favor of women.

As the private institutions men used to rely on to defend their interests were eviscerated by “equality” legislation, new, public institutions exclusively for women were set up. Public institutions have an inherent advantage as they are funded by all of us whether we want to pay for them or not, and their initiatives are often enforced by the courts, and ultimately law enforcement. This is really why women continue to win victory after victory: they are a legally privileged class.

The result of this is naked government discrimination against men, and a disregard for the welfare of half the adult population of the United States that goes beyond mere neglect; due to the fact that men are forced to fund these measures it could fairly be called an act of tyranny.

Kids Becoming Cash Cows in Benefits Scam

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One of the biggest problems with a welfare state is that it does nothing to change human nature, which has always featured greed in one form or another. Anyone who has been to a state-run nursing home is probably aware that the places are essentially pharmaceutical outlets through which drugs of all sorts flow like wheat through a granary, and these drugs are paid for by SSI, Medicare, Medicaid, or any one of the many programs that fund much of the pharmaceutical industry.

Over the last 20 years, the number of children on SSI (Supplemental Security Income) has skyrocketed, and the majority of these kids receive it for mental disorders. When the children are diagnosed with these disorders their parents, often single mothers, receive substantial cash benefits, creating an incentive for them to have their children diagnosed with ADHD or something similar.

The overwhelming majority of children diagnosed with ADHD are boys, often those who are struggling due to their lack of a father figure. Another such disorder – oppositional defiant disorder – sounds exactly like a euphemism for the typical scenario where a single mother can't handle growing, energetic boys.

So, mothers who are struggling in the weak economy are given a strong incentive to drug their children, and social workers as well as the medical/pharmaceutical industry are all too happy to oblige, because this directs more funds to them.

An article in the Boston Globe details this unfortunate and expensive problem, and demonstrates how the policies that created it in the first place – government-funded single motherhood – is now generating even more government expenditure to "fix" the results of an earlier fiasco:

> Geneva Fielding, a single mother since age 16, has struggled to raise her three energetic boys in the housing projects of Roxbury. Nothing has come easily, least of all money.
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> Even so, she resisted some years back when neighbors told her about a federal program called SSI that could pay her thousands of dollars a year. The benefit was a lot like welfare, better in many ways, but it came with a catch: To qualify, a child had to be disabled. And if the disability was mental or behavioral — something like ADHD — the child pretty much had to be taking psychotropic drugs.

That drug companies are profiting from this simply demonstrates how people will continue to chase profit in any manner possible, even if it means unethical and socially destructive business practices. As social policy in the US is increasingly divorced from reality, moving further into the outer realms of sanity due to irrational ideologies such as feminism radical equalitarianism, business becomes more predatory and people are given an incentive to make a living through socially harmful activities.

Feminists Promote Unibrows in “Decembrow” Campaign

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In 2003, some Australian men came up with an idea for a charity fundraiser for men’s health issues, and thus was born “Movember,” a campaign in which guys grew moustaches to raise awareness. The idea was a bit of a joke at first – a good natured way to get some attention for the cause – but it worked pretty well, and today there are hundreds of thousands of participants worldwide bringing in millions of dollars in donations.

Now that the campaign has grown in both popularity and effectiveness, of course the feminists had to get involved to disparage it. They are doing so with their farcical “Decembrow” campaign, which is supposedly a feminist way to raise money for charities of their choice, such as abortion clinics and artificial insemination assistance for lesbians, but in reality it’s just a stunt and an attempt by the declining Feministing website to get some more attention by making fun of a men’s charity.

As Lori, the Feministing contributor who came up with the idea, puts it:

> Last week, I announced the beginning of Decembrow, a month-long charity initiative for which I encouraged you to grow in your unibrow for the cause of your choice.
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> But what began as a somewhat simple, tongue-in-cheek response to “Movember” has begun to generate some serious buzz around the interwebs, with mentions on the Daily Caller, AtlanticWire, the Stir, and AOL News. And it seems everyone has something to say about Decembrow.

Given the huge disparities in funding between specifically female and specifically male health concerns (favoring the female, of course), you’d think the feminists would leave well enough alone. But no, they can’t help themselves: as they see it any dollar that goes to support men’s health is a dollar that doesn’t go straight into their hands, and even if they won’t come straight out and attack Movember, hey, at least they can ridicule it.

Fortunately, the guys who started Movember and most participants probably have no problem with laughing at themselves. That’s one of the great characteristics of men — we can generally take a joke at our expense, because we’re generous like that. And if we can turn that generosity toward helping our brothers out, so much the better.

So although it’s petty and mean-spirited of feminists to disparage an event that is providing some much needed support for research and treatment of men’s health issues, it’s actually encouraging that it worked so well that they feel the need to tear it down. So let the feminists eye the money Movember brought in with envy as they think of the hundreds of millions of abortions it could buy, and laugh at them.

Hillary Clinton Confirms Global Feminist Mission

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Hillary Clinton made a surprise showing at the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Women conference to affirm her dedication to empowering women worldwide, saying “where girls and women flourish, our values flourish.” She also noted that it was appropriate that there was a TED Women’s conference, but not one exclusively dedicated to men.

Saying “women’s equality … is a security issue,” Mrs. Clinton clearly implied that resistance to feminism is a threat to national security, perhaps laying the groundwork for an intervention in a country deemed hostile to feminism. She went on to explain that women’s issues are comprehensively integrated into the “three key elements” of defense, diplomacy and development.

In an interesting development, she told the crowd that she was laying the groundwork for an international, mobile prosecution unit used to target men, which she plans to debut in Africa.

Watch video below:

Although Mrs. Clinton doesn’t mention who will carry out her plans, it is all but certain that the boots on the ground will be filled by young men.

Obama Henpecked?

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Obama bugged out of a press conference the other day, turning the podium over to Bill Clinton, because, as he put it, “I’ve been keeping the first lady waiting.” Bill Clinton adds “you don’t want to make her mad.”

Watch the video here.

I don’t know whether it was an excuse, but even if it was, it’s a pretty lousy one for the President of the United States. If he was serious, perhaps that busted lip he got the other day was from Michelle’s knuckles rather than some guy’s elbow — Barack Obama was noticeably absent from Michelle’s side over the ensuing couple days.

Whatever it was, it sure didn’t inspire confidence.

Why do Totalitarian Feminists get Free Publicity?

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It's pretty well-known that women have advantages and incentives in a lot of occupations, which leads to the kind of lowering of standards one sees in the military, fire and police departments and university faculty, but at least they attempt to make some showing of competence in public.

But when it comes to writing for a national publication anything goes, including advocating the dismantling of hundreds of years of jurisprudence, common law, and a widely accepted basic tenet of human rights.

Jessica Valenti just came out with an article for the Washington Post promoting Swedish law over American, and suggesting that Swedish rape laws are a "potential model for our own legislation."

To drive home that Swedish law is better than American, she points out that moves are afoot in Sweden to revoke the presumption of innocence in rape cases:

> The fact that U.S. law is so ill- equipped to actually protect women in realistic scenarios is a national embarrassment – not to mention a huge hurdle in obtaining justice for sexual assault victims. Swedish rape laws don't ban "sex by surprise" (a term used by Assange's lawyer as a crass joke), but they do go much further than U.S. laws do, and we should look to them as a potential model for our own legislation.
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> In fact, some activists and legal experts in Sweden want to change the law there so that **the burden of proof is on the accused**; the alleged rapist would have to show that he got consent, instead of the victim having to prove that she didn't give it.

The reason presumption of innocence is so basic is that it is often impossible to prove that one has not done something. For example, say someone is accused of stealing a neighbor's gold and burying it in a secret place while his neighbor was on vacation. If the neighbor was gone for two weeks and the man lived alone, there will be innumerable occasions where he could have done the deed, so he can't possibly adequately defend himself. He *cannot prove* that he didn't do it. Therefore, to prevent people from being thrown in jail unjustly, the burden is upon the accuser to prove that he did in fact steal the gold. This is the only way we can be reasonably sure that the crime occurred. The exact same principle applies to rape, especially where consent is at issue. There is literally no way a man can prove consent throughout the entire act of sexual intercourse short of setting up an all-angles-covered porn recording team in his bedroom, possibly in conjunction with a brain scanner, a telepathist and a psychic. And, if you take feminist concepts of rape into account, even that isn't enough, because they think women should be able to withdraw consent retroactively (yes, they do).

In a column on Paul Elam's A Voice for Men site, the False Rape Society does a good job of rebuking Valenti's idiocy, but what I'm curious about is why the Washington Post gives her any credit in the first place. Does a woman who is so stupid that she is blasé about overturning one of the most important safeguards against tyranny that exists deserve so much as one word in print in a national publication? The old media likes to make a point that they uphold standards better than most online publications, but when they print this kind of garbage that pretty much flies out the window.

I think readers ought to write the editorial board of the Washington Post and politely ask why they are giving a mental lightweight and disreputable radical a platform in their publication. Why are they discrediting their own publication by allowing this kind of thuggish disregard for human rights and justice? Of all people, journalists should be concerned about the potential for abuse of power — especially when it is used to silence critics.

Young Men's Eyes Are Open

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A friend sent me a link to an encouraging article in a college newspaper written a little less than a month ago. In it, guest columnist Derek Devine responds to one of the typical "what happened to chivalry?" pieces we so frequently see. These are usually written by naïve young women who believe in fairytale romances they were watching in their childhood a few years earlier.

Mr. Devine, a student at the University of Portland, suggests that the call for chivalry from women is simply a self-serving desire to have their cake and eat it. Furthermore, he actually mentions the word "misandry" and writes that he is not happy about having to deal with it as much as is the norm.

> Last week, a piece was released entitled "where has all the chivalry gone?" I found the majority of the piece to be insulting and presumptuous, even for someone who deals with and reads as much misandry as I do.

Devine gets into the reasons that the modern concept of chivalry is bogus, bringing up many of the points we are familiar with:

> As a woman in the 2010′s, I'd challenge Ms. Frazier to ask a guy out if she misses dating so much. These relationships are a two way street, why does it just have to be men expending their physical resources to make the other person involved feel special? Or maybe she'd like to contend that there is a good, not sexist, reason why men should just shower all women everywhere with money and effort, and receive nothing in return.
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> The way chivalrous conduct was portrayed in Frazier's article was archaic and completely sexist. The "it doesn't matter if it's cheap, as long as you spend money on me" vibe is stomach turning. Saying you miss chivalry is just saying you miss being treated special just because you're female. Which is fine, just recognize that what you're saying flips off the last however many years of feminist activism so that you can vote.

Things are definitely changing. Young men are not the blinded fools they were just a couple decades ago. The triumph of feminism has blown away the old hypocrisies and, ironically, left women more on their own than ever. It's encouraging to see young men's growing awareness, but it would be even better if young women finally saw what a disaster feminism is turning out to be for them, personally.

I think they will. We may yet see young women cursing the feminists who yanked them out of their homes and away from their children and put them to work in the salt mines of corporate and government bureaucracy.

Dealing With The Reality On The Ground

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There are lots of people who claim to be against feminism, but who really aren't. One way of figuring out whether someone is seriously opposed to feminism is by asking if their critiques and solutions of feminism deal with the reality on the ground for men and boys. Instead, if they are engaging in an academic discussion, which is mental masturbation that does not offer anything to help the reality that men and boys are dealing with, then they aren't serious about opposing feminism. Most likely they are another form of female supremacist that agrees with 99% of feminism, but has some sort of meaningless trivial disagreement with feminism. This is even more likely to be true if they claim to be against feminism but spend lots of time attacking MRA's or the MRM.

Take this post from the Oz Conservative blog for example. There's a lot of talk about "individualism", "separatism", and "autonomy". This is supposedly a criticism of both feminism and the MRM. Notice how those terms aren't really defined for the context they're used in. They are supposed to be "bad" because they are "bad". There are also a lot of bizarre claims that MRAs want to be "liberated from masculinity". What "liberated from masculinity" means is not defined either. Nearly all MRAs would have no idea what is being talked about in that post because MRAs are dealing with the reality on the ground. MRAs are dealing with issues that affect (and in many cases destroy) the lives of men and boys such as anti-male divorce courts, fathers having their children taken away from them, men forced to pay for children that aren't theirs, men in jail because of false rape charges, men losing their jobs due to affirmative action and the mancession, boys trapped in feminized school systems, boys forced to take drugs like ritalin, etc. If a 7 year old boy fights back against a feminized school system he is trapped in (to the extent a 7 year old boy reasonably can fight back), are we really supposed to believe that 7 year old boy wants to be "liberated from masculinity"? The author of the Oz Conservative blog is a teacher, so he may actually believe that.

Another example of supposed anti-feminism that refuses to deal with the reality on the ground can be found at The (Not) Thinking Housewife (along with another post at that blog). Look at some of the things Josh F. had to say:

> And so what is becoming ever more evident is that the "men's rights movement" is really a white male liberationist movement towards radical autonomy/ de facto homo-ism. It is the consciously persued spiritual, emotional and physical detachment from woman. This white male liberationist movement justifies itself by incorrectly identifying its foe as feminism/woman in order to give cover to its fellow radical autonomist, devout dyke.
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> The incentive for adopting the roles that Mrs. Wood speaks of is the opportunity TO BE A REAL MAN. One isn't born a man nor is one able to be a man without continually "acting" manly. The idea that males seeking de facto homo-ism (spiritual, emotional and physical detachment from woman) can be MEN is the fraud of the "men's rights movement." Liberal "man…" Radically autonomous "man…" "Man" that rejects woman IS actually anti-man. He is the "soul mate" to the other anti-man, the inappropriately named "feminist," i.e., devout dyke.
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> The delusion of the MRM is in the idea that its liberal male collective can defeat the liberal female collective either by utilizing liberal tactics or by withdrawing into a state of de facto homo-ism (radical autonomy)…This is the radical liberal's subconscious desire to self-annihilate so as to realize final liberation from the burden of being God-fearing American Man. This is the essence of the MRM; a mirrored sham very much in collusion with devout dyke to destroy both man and woman.
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> To lead males to de facto homo-ism with a rally cry of "no marriage, no kids" is to lead males to a state of radical autonomy. Meaning, you are ensuring that he never sees the light of manhood.
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> Homosexuality is not JUST two people of the same sex that are attracted to each other.
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> It is a simple fact that those who believe in sexual autonomy (fluidity) simply reject the idea of an externally

> imposed sexual order. This means that *their sexuality* is self-created. H*omo*-sexuality is the sexual attraction to the *self*, first, and only then the *same* when the void is felt. But make no mistake, a self-created sexual "orientation" that is sexually attracted TO ITSELF (the purely physical narcissist) is really a sexual "orientation" that rejects the externally imposed sexual order; this fluid sexual "orientation" rejects man as devout dyke and it rejects woman as radical homosexual. It is very plain to see that a self-sexualizer, even when he fills the void with something of the same, is by nature a self-annihilator.

What Josh F. is saying is difficult to read because many of his concepts are not defined. What is "autonomy" in this context? What is a "real man" supposed to be in this context? What is the "externally imposed sexual order"? It can not be clearly identified, but it is supposed to be "bad" for some unknown reason.

Also, Josh F. tries to redefine terms like homosexual to some other nebulous concept similar to how leftist academics try to murder the English language for destructive purposes. The only idea that Josh F. communicates is that he is trying to expand anti-male shaming language.

What are these "devout dykes" that Josh F. talks about? They sound like aliens on another planet. That is because Josh F. refuses to deal with the reality on the ground of feminism. If the only problem of feminism were a group of aliens on another planet then men would have nothing to worry about. The problems caused by feminism are all around men on this planet. A woman who forces a man into divorce court and steals his children from him is not a "devout dyke" – she's a heterosexual woman. An actual lesbian wouldn't marry a man in the first place. When considering all of the problems caused by feminism, it took a lot more women than some small cadre of lesbians to create these problems. It took the work of average everyday heterosexual women too. To ignore this is to ignore the reality on the ground for men. Josh F. refuses to consider that not getting married and not having kids is a solution that men can actually implement to protect themselves. This is why a lot of men avoid marriage and children. These men have never heard of words like "autonomy" or "self annihilator" in the context they are being used. Even if they have, they don't care because they are dealing with the reality on the ground. They are trying to avoid things like divorce court and jail. Does a man dealing with the real problems of feminism such as a man who is a victim of false rape charges care about Josh F.'s weird ideology? No, because he is dealing with the reality on the ground, namely avoiding jail.

Look at what Jesse Powell (the same person who said that men should be imprisoned on false rape charges to "protect women") had to say:

> "Duty to others" always exists no matter what the circumstances. Men have the duty to "provide for and protect" women simply because that is a fundamental part of the man's role in society; it is an inherited duty; it is an intrinsic characteristic of the man.
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> Why do they positively celebrate the decline in marriage calling it "the marriage strike"? I suspect men's rights supporters know their condemnation of marriage and their refusal to fulfill their obligations as men is destructive to society and so they embrace and glorify the destruction of society in order to legitimize and glorify their own anti-social behaviors.

What is the "duty to provide for and protect" women? Why does it exist? These questions won't be answered because there isn't an answer. Those statements exist to avoid the question, "Why should men get married knowing the reality on the ground?" The reality for men getting married particularly younger men is that there is a greater than 50% chance their wives will force a divorce on them, take half or more of their assets, and take their kids away. Since when is it a man's duty to go to divorce court or jail? Jesse Powell is telling men to ignore their own good judgement and ability to plan for the future and pretend the reality on the ground doesn't exist.

All the people in these examples do the same thing: they avoid dealing with the reality on the ground that men are facing. They provide no practical solutions for men to use who are staring these problems in the face. They refuse to admit these problems even exist, and refuse to admit the lives and men and boys are being destroyed by the

problems feminism has created. Instead they waste their time engaged in mental masturbation, inventing concepts that don't reflect reality in any way. This is in stark contrast to how the MRM or the greater manosphere acts. Take game, for example. It's a solution that was created to deal with the reality on the ground men were facing. This is one reason it is effective. The only way we men will move forward in dealing with feminism is dealing with real problems and find concrete and feasible solutions to them. Anyone who wastes their time on weird ideological debates will not be a part of a solution to the problems of feminism, and is not really opposed to feminism.

Guilty As Charged: How the American News Media Blithely Destroys Men Accused of Rape

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I founded one of the few Web sites in the English-speaking world dedicated to giving voice to persons falsely accused of rape, The False Rape Society. Among other things, I closely follow the way the American news media covers rape accusations. I write today to tell you that it isn't pretty. In the false rape milieu, this is an important topic warranting an extended discussion.

When I review news reports of alleged rapes, I often predict to myself whether I will be reading a story in a few days announcing that the accusation was false. My "correct" score in predicting the many that turn out to be false is infuriatingly high. Not only is the lie infuriating, too often, so is the way the initial accusation was reported.

News Reports Typically Credit the Accuser's Story as the Truth

Mainstream news media reports about garden variety "he said/she said" rape allegations are routinely unfair to the presumptively innocent men accused. Not all are covered unfairly; some are covered with even-handedness. But overall, false rape claims do not fit the news media's preferred narrative, so in a variety of subtle, and not so subtle ways, news reports of alleged rapes typically credit the accuser's story as the truth. Reporters often act as little more than stenographers for police; police, who are trying to build a case against the accused and not exonerate the accused, tell reporters only what the accuser has told them, leaving out the parts that don't add up.

It is not hyperbole to assert that when it comes to "he said/she said" rape accusations, the "she" side is typically wrapped in the mantle of truth and victimhood, and the "he" side is dismissed as the mendacities of a rapist.

The result is what we saw in the infamous Hofstra false rape case last year. (The Hofstra case is detailed here: http://falserapesociety.blogspot.com/p/lamb-to-slaughter-hofstra-false-rape.html,) In that case, reporters didn't just rush to judgment; they did a 60-meter sprint in record time. The headline of a *New York Post* story read as follows: "Nightmare gang rape at Hofstra." The first two sentences of the story left little doubt for readers that a rape certainly occurred, even though it didn't: "An 18-year-old Hofstra University co-ed was gang-raped by five men on campus, cops said last night. The shocking attack took place Sunday at around 3 a.m."

The names and line-up photos of the four scared "rapists," young men barely older than boys, and the lurid tale of their supposed vile gang rape, were splashed all over the newspapers for the world's titillation. In contrast, the accuser's identity was guarded with greater tenacity than Clark Kent protects Superman's.

But it was TV reporters who were best equipped to foment a little old-fashioned rape hysteria. Typically, a television reporter's idea of covering a rape case amounts to passing on what the police told her without challenge and without doing her own investigation. Then the reporter grabs a few passersby to say how frightened they are that a vile rapist is on the loose.

In this case, television reporters described the supposed crime with a gravitas usually reserved for the death of a president. The Associated Press' television report started off with these chilling words: "She was tied up in a men's bathroom stall where five men, one by one, would rape her." http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EmbZ1X3M5w. The report proceeded to impliedly credit the accuser's far-fetched tale as factual – don't trust me, watch if for yourself — never bothering to point out that the evidence for the alleged rape was nothing more than the evolving narrative of an 18-year-old woman groping for victimhood, and that her story had more holes than the basketball net at the Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex on campus. Nor did the report make clear that the young men she accused provided police with consistent and adamant accounts that flatly contradicted the accuser's tale.

If the report had provided a balanced account of the evidence, viewers likely would have concluded the same thing the district attorney concluded later the very day the story aired: the accuser's account was a lie. In the aftermath of the Hofstra debacle, Carol D'Auria of 1010 WINS said this: "We [reporters] need to move slower." She added:

"But I don't see that happening."

No Reciprocal Coverage When the Lie is Revealed

The Associated Press's television news report about the Hofstra false accuser's recantation was much shorter and lacked the over-the-top Chicken Little drama of its initial report suggesting that a rape had occurred. It was delivered in the hurried, matter-of-fact style of news reports that the news team knows won't be of much interest to viewers. Presumably, rapists are scary; false rape accusers are only scary to the people, and their families, who've been falsely accused.

Likewise, when Dallas Cowboys stars Erik Williams, an All-Pro offensive lineman, and NFL Hall of Famer Michael Irvin, were falsely accused of rape, the same thing happened. "The media was too quick with covering this in a huge way — the play the news got, the sensational page-1, top-of-the-newscast story," said Anantha Babbili, then-chairman of the journalism department at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. "There was a given in the tone and the tenor of the media that Irvin and Williams were guilty until proven innocent."

And when the charges were dropped, the media reaction mirrored Hofstra. Mr. Williams explained: "Did you notice that no bulletin flashed across all these sport channels declaring that Michael Irvin and I were innocent? Where was the coverage? I bet you no one stopped 'Baywatch' or pulled the prime time movie to tell those same people the truth. Michael (Irvin) was right — nobody was interested in the truth."

News Media Transforms Accusers into "Victims"

Hofstra was a microcosm of how presumptively innocent men are smeared by the "fair and objective" American news media, often viciously. Many news reports of rape claims that turn out to be false start off with words similar to these: "Police say a college student was raped in her dorm room last night. 19-year-old [male's name] was arrested in connection with the crime. [Male's name] held the victim down and threatened her with a knife, police say."

Reporters have no compunction about labeling rape accusers as "victims," blinking at the fact that if she's a "victim," the man she accused, by necessity, *must* be a rapist. I believe that words matter, especially when it comes to serious things like rape charges. I complained to the New York Times last year about an on-line story that dubbed a rape accuser as the "victim," and the story was immediately changed to add the crucial "alleged" before the word "victim."

But another time when I complained about the use of the term "victim" in a story reporting on how a rape charge had been dropped, the reporter went all high and mighty on me: "Journalistically, I can't quite go far enough as you. The prosecutor made it clear that she's not prosecuting the girl for false claims, and her case against [the man accused] could've been dropped for lack of evidence, not just because he was falsely accused. Of course, prosecutors' word isn't golden, but given that no one has proven the girl made a false claim here, I can't take away her "victim" status. There are tons of questions, though. Thanks for reading."

I read the response several times to insure it wasn't a joke. Here's how I responded: "I appreciate your response, but precisely who elevated this girl to the status of a 'victim'? She is, in fact, a self-proclaimed "victim," and I am unaware of any journalistic standard that justifies the use of this nomenclature for someone whom the objectively verifiable facts tell us likely is NOT a victim. The falsely accused man seems every bit as much — and more so — a 'victim,' does he not?

"At worst, we have one person's word against another's, with ample circumstantial evidence for rejecting out-of-hand the young lady's account. It is wholly inappropriate to attach sanctity to her tale for no reason other than the fact that she made the claim. That is offensive to a man who is supposed to be presumed innocent, and who the facts tell us in all likelihood is innocent.

"We owe it to all men falsely accused of similar crimes to stop presuming their accusers are 'victims' when, because of the nature of the crime, it may never be possible to disprove the accuser's account beyond any conceivable

doubt."

Nevertheless, the reporter refused to change the word "victim."

False Rape Claims Stick Like Skunk Odor

Even though the young men at Hofstra were declared to have been falsely accused, it is impossible to say the story had a happy ending. The typical reader and viewer of the news coverage did not realize that accounts of the purported "rape," gussied up as fair and objective journalism, were nothing more than the accuser's naked allegations. The men themselves immediately realized they were damaged goods because of the news coverage. "Anytime anyone Googles my name, rape is going to be right there beside it. My name is forever tarnished," said one of the 19-year-old men. "What if I am applying for a job or whatever in the future? I feel like I am always going to have to offer some explanation."

Readers will recall that in the aftermath of Duke lacrosse, even after the state's attorney general went so far as to declare the young accused men outright "innocent" of the charges, there were still people who insisted "no one knows what really happened that night," even though we *do* know what happened that night – a woman lied about being rape.

What effect does this coverage have on innocent men? One need not look to the hanging trees in the Old South to know that the public scorn from false rape claims has caused more damage to innocent people than the scorn connected with any other type of false claim. False rape claims have caused innocent men and boys to be killed and to kill themselves; to be beaten, chased, spat upon, and looked upon with suspicion long after they are cleared of wrongdoing. They lose not only their good names but often their jobs, their businesses, and their friends. It is often impossible for the falsely accused to ever obtain gainful employment once the lie hits the news: for the remainder of his life, a falsely accused man will have prospective employers Googling his name and discovering the horrid accusation.

A More Dangerous Problem: Jurors Improperly Rely on the Skewed News Accounts

Last year, the New York Times reported that in a major Florida criminal trial, not one, but nine – *nine* — jurors had been doing their own internet research about the case during the trial, resulting in what the Times called a "Google mistrial." http://www.nytimes.com/2009/03/18/us/18juries.html?_r=1. It turned out this was just the tip of the iceberg.

During a child sexual assault trial in England, a juror was torn about how to vote, so what do you suppose she did? "[S]he posted details of the case online for her Facebook 'friends' and announced that she would be holding a poll. After the court was tipped off, the woman was dismissed from the jury." J. Browning, *When All That Twitters Is Not Told: Dangers of the Online Juror*, 73 Tex. B. J. 216 (March 2010). Because nothing says "justice" better than a Facebook poll.

During another Florida criminal trial, a juror looked up the defendant's "rap sheet" on the Internet, and shared the information with his fellow jurors, resulting in a mistrial. R. Artigliere, J. Barton, and B. Hahn, *Reigning in Juror Misconduct: Practical Suggestions for Judges and Lawyers*, 84 Fla. Bar J. 8 (2010).

These disturbing instances of juror indiscretion are not isolated examples. They point up a grim problem that judges and lawyers are only beginning to understand occurs more than anyone cares to admit: "Jurors accessing the Internet before and during trials to learn or talk about the parties, witnesses, and legal issues they are confronting–conduct that violates the universal legal principles that jurors should judge the case on the evidence and law presented in the courtroom and not discuss the case or consult with outsiders until the jury is discharged." H. Dixon, *Guarding Against The Dreaded Cyberspace Mistrial and Other Internet Trial Torpedoes*, 49 Judges' Journal 37 (Winter 2010).

For every case where juror impropriety is discovered and a mistrial declared, it can reasonably be assumed that many go undiscovered.

What does this mean for rape cases? Given the way the American news media reports rape accusations, the implications for presumptively innocent men are chilling. Rape trials frequently devolve to "he said/she said" disputes over whether the accuser manifested consent to engage in the act. Jurors looking for any help they can get to sort out thorny fact disputes might Google the defendant's name to learn the "real" story behind the case. What they will find, more often than not, are skewed, and sometimes grossly unfair, reports of the case masquerading as objective news reports, as described above.

It's bad enough that the news media typically rushes to judgment to suggest the guilt of the presumptively innocent, destroying their reputations and sometimes causing them to be physically beaten and worse. Now, when presumptively innocent men are on trial for rape, they can be deprived of their liberty simply because a jury relied on some reporter's wickedly skewed recitation of the facts.

What To Do?

The outcry over this latest trampling of men's due process rights has been muted, at best, and there have been no serious calls for routine sequestrations of juries in rape cases. Nor has there been an outcry over the reputational damage to the falsely accused generally caused by routinely reckless journalism. In short, there is virtually no recognition of the unconscionable and severe harm to our falsely accused sons who've been publicly identified as potential rapists.

In contrast, we are quick to protect our daughters' good names when they accuse men of rape by cloaking them in anonymity. It is reasonable to argue that anonymity for accusers *and* accuseds is dangerous in a free society. It is also reasonable to ask, why is the victimization of our daughters deemed more worthy of our protection than the victimization of our sons?

What can we do to help? For starters, all of us need to call out journalists who report rape accusations as fact, who credit the accuser's story as truth just because she said it, and who blithely destroy the lives of our sons without airing their sides of the story. In short, all of us need to complain about the mad, morally grotesque rush to judgment.

Today, it may not be your son who's been falsely accused. But someday it might. Wouldn't it be nice to know that other fair-minded fathers care about his fate, too?

Muslims: You're Next!

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Nicholas Kristof, a NY Times writer who is probably the most notorious white knight in journalism, just wrote an article about a Somali woman named Hawa Abdi, who is his model for Islam. According to Kristof, the main cause of "Islamophobia" in the US is the blown out of proportion incidents wherein women are punished for one thing or another, such as the case of a woman who is on death row in Iran for planning and carrying out the gruesome murder of her husband with her nephew, who was also her lover.

According to Kristof, people in the West are in a militant fury because of these incidents, but apparently bombings and terrorist attacks on their home countries have much less influence on public opinion. That may actually be true in the circles Kristof runs around in.

So, the solution, according to Kristof, is to put women in charge in Muslim countries where they can, among other things, preferentially educate females, give priority to women's health concerns and throw men in jail (just like us!):

> An American freelance journalist, Eliza Griswold, visited Dr. Hawa's encampment in 2007 and 2008 and was stunned that an unarmed woman had managed to create a secure, functioning oasis surrounded by a chaotic land of hunger and warlords. Ms. Griswold helped Dr. Hawa start a school for 850 children, **mostly girls. It's only a tiny fraction of the children in the camp**, but it's a start…
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> In addition, Dr. Hawa runs literacy and health classes for women, as well as programs to discourage female genital mutilation. And she operates a tiny jail — for men who beat their wives.
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> "We are trying an experiment," she told me. "We women in Somalia are trying to be leaders in our community."

This is the kind of Islam the US wants to hold up as an example for our Muslim allies and enemies: one in which women are in charge and men are cowed and neglected.

Lately, the feminist rhetoric at the highest levels of government is louder and more strident than anything I've ever heard in my life. Feminists are calling for the removal of some of the most basic elements of justice and human rights, men who have angered the US government are being arrested on trumped up sex crime charges made possible by extraordinarily intrusive feminist law, and our Secretary of State is calling for domestic violence kangaroo courts to be set up all over the world solely for the purpose of jailing men.

Even as there is a dawning awareness amongst Western men that something is gravely wrong with family law, and that feminism has gone way too far, it has suddenly become the state's guiding ideology. Democracy? Bah, that was so 2000; now nothing short of absolute women's equality at any cost will do. Is this the beginning, the end, or the beginning of the end?

The End of Women?

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Commenter and Guest columnist Snark pontificates on new economic data suggesting that the recession is starting to take a toll on women, too:

During this year's mancession, we men have faced a lot of stick – in fact, we've had our noses rubbed in very serious problems that happened through no fault of our own, and that happened to us specifically *because* we are men.

Women mocked us for losing our jobs. They belittled us for our poverty. They kicked us when we were down and implicitly advocated that our extermination should follow – as in Hannah Rosin's hate screed 'The End of Men,' a piece celebrating men's humiliation for the whole world to titillate at.

But, there were a few of us who said all along that what goes around comes around – that the only reason men were losing their jobs was because more of them worked in the private sector, whereas women tend to make a living in the public sector. And the latter depends upon the former for its survival – meaning that a huge loss of jobs in the private sector necessitates huge cuts to the public sector, where women work.

Indeed, this is fairly basic economics; but apparently beyond the intellectual capabilities of Hannah Rosin and those other feminists who showed their true colours once they thought they had begun their permanent victory in the battle of the sexes. We knew better – there was simply no way that a He-cession would not turn into a She-cession.

It was inevitability; simply a matter of time, we said, before the shoe is on the other foot.

Those thoughts kept us smiling through those dark times.

December 15th, 2010: it's official. In the UK, women have lost more jobs in the recession than men, and this is only the beginning of what will become record levels of female unemployment. Already, the numbers are at their lowest since 1988.

It's been a tough year. We've taken a lot of bashing at a time when we were at our most vulnerable. We were twice victimised – once by the banks and their government minions, and then again by women who blamed us, scorned us, left us, impoverished us further, or lobbied for the redirection of construction industry stimulus packages into the hands of teachers and social care workers *whose jobs weren't even threatened.*

Well, ladies, turns out you're the biggest recession losers. If it's happening in the UK today, it's bound to hit America tomorrow – and most other places, I should think.

I can only assume that Hannah Rosin and her misandrist friends will play the Woman Card – or even better, the Womenandchildren Card – demanding sympathy (as a *right!*), sharing sob stories with puppy dog eyes, because, y'know, as with all bad things, it's *even badder when it happens to the chicks.*

Sniff.

I would like to take this occasion to solemnly proclaim that we are witnessing*The End of Women,* and may no man shed a single tear nor feel one iota of sympathy for them now that the chickens coming home to roost. In fact, since women have spent the last year systematically violating The Golden Rule – do unto others as you would have them do unto you – I think we should do all we can to mock, belittle, flip off and tear down the newly unemployed females.

And as a man who was unemployed for half of this year, but who managed to find decent employment with a decent wage after having my face repeatedly spat in by brats like Hannah Rosin – I am happy to say I will be enjoying this season's festivities with family, in financial security, and with plentiful food and gifts.

But I am not without a heart, and I feel for those poor women struggling to make ends meet.

Tell you what, ladies – come around my way on the 26th, and I'll leave some moldy carrots and potato peelings out on the street for you. Hey – it's Christmas!

Young Man Shows Exceptional Restraint Despite Girls' Violence

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The headline for this video on the Seattle Times is "Pregnant teenager attacked on Metro bus," but if you watch the entire thing you'll see that the person who takes the greater part of the blows and abuse is actually the pregnant girl's boyfriend, who somehow maintains his composure despite being hit, kicked, slapped grabbed and threatened by a vicious gang of young women. He also acts as a peacemaker and tries to defuse the situation even as he's being hit in the face. Of course his girlfriend, who doesn't seem too concerned about her unborn child, can't help but try to escalate the situation…

I guess the assault on the young man wasn't worth a headline, but the footage is pretty graphic. You know these articles that have been coming up about an increase in violence amongst young women? Well, here's a real life example on tape:

NOW: Ban Hooters — For the Children, Of Course

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San Francisco: feminist lawyers working for the National Organization of Women have filed a complaint with the San Francisco Police Department demanding that the Hooters restaurant chain be shut down for illegally providing adult entertainment.

Although the NOW feminists – battle-scarred old warriors from the 70s kulturkampf from the looks of them – are portraying Hooters as an insidious influence on children, the real issue appears to be equal opportunity employment law, as Hooters hires young, attractive females as servers, and of course that won't do…

As NOW and the aging feminists struggle to maintain relevance in a society that prefers not to even look at them, expect them to escalate the attacks and other attention-seeking measures.

San Francisco's KTVU reports here, where you can watch the lovely NOW San Francisco President go after Hooters on camera.

The End of Men

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By Paul Elam

This article begins with a blog post I came across in October over at Oz Conservative. OzCon's views fit well with his blog name. He's definitely right of center, with a clear antifeminist slant and an ostensibly supportive view of the men's movement- at least *his* men's movement.

But in this article, he asks in the title, "What's Wrong with the Men's Rights Movement?" And in that piece he takes some very specific shots at our problems as he sees them, which mainly boil down to the fact that not enough of us are patriarchs. His rationale for this is simple and plainly stated. There are essentially two factions of the MRM, liberals and sexual separatists, and that we have formed an alliance that few men will embrace because, like feminists, we are anti marriage and hypercritical of traditional masculinity.

He even feels we are more a compliment to feminists ideologically than would appear on the surface.

I am going to come back to all this, but I must first sidetrack to a recently released video by Hanna Rosin, in her continuing diatribe about "The End of Man."

The rest of this article will be written with the assumption you have carefully viewed all of it.

Both Rosin and OzCon get a lot of things wrong. Truth tell though, Rosin, despite all her drivel, from females being more intelligent and focused than males, to her thoroughly muddled and inconclusive rambling on why men are falling behind, she gets a lot more right than OzCon- *at least where it counts*.

So rather than hack away at this keyboard, pointlessly dissecting either of their fallacies, it is more advantageous and informative to point to what Rosin gets right. Because what she gets right is a very apt description of the precipice edge on which every man and boy in modern western culture now teeters.

We are in the process now of being marginalized into a servile shadow existence by women. We can attribute this, as Rosin does, to a changing economy, or we can look at the forces of consumerism that are more likely behind the social metamorphosis, with feminism stoking the fires along the way. We can pick most any reason we want. In the end, it doesn't matter. Rosin is right, men are on their way out- and there is nothing that is going to stop it.

As we have beaten into the ground around here lately, men are falling father behind women at an exponentially increasing rate.

If you have any doubt, consider the following; the areas where Rosin hit her target. Young women now out earn young men, the majority of the workforce is female, and the gap will increase. Women are dominating managerial positions, and the gap will increase. Men's presence and performance in education, from grammar school to grad school, is plummeting and shows every sign of worsening in the future. Women are rapidly becoming the majority of single home owners and will exceed men drastically in the future in almost all growth professions, and especially in jobs that are financially lucrative.

Meanwhile men will face low paying jobs and rampant unemployment. It is estimated that when the current bad economy recovers, 18 million men ages 25 to 54 will be unemployed *and unemployable*. And that is not even considering the millions that will be employed at below sustenance levels in dreg jobs across the western landscape.

We have an educational establishment intractably dominated by anti male ideology, a law enforcement/judicial apparatus that has become an incarceration machine for men, and every bit of public sentiment needed to take all of this much further than it has already gone.

All this is happening in a culture that will continue to place the social onus on men to use their earnings and their blood to enhance the lives of women. Where social pressures fail, state functionaries will take up the slack.

This is the end of men, at least as we have known them to be in our lifetimes. I am not suggesting that we follow Rosin's advice to just 'drink the kool-aid,' and comply, to make the transition less painful. Just the opposite. But if we are to pursue any rational course of action we better accept that we are on an irrevocable path to female domination, and male subjugation. The only thing that will stop it at this point is a catastrophic event that leads to anarchy.

They say there are no atheists in foxholes. Well, there aren't any feminists either.

By the way, if you think subjugation is too strong a term, try hopping on a woman only train car in India and see what happens. Perhaps if you live through it you can tell us all about it. Or better yet, just have enough sex with enough women till one of them gets you thrown behind bars.

OzCon would likely have us believe that this makes the case for traditional marriage. But given the state of marriage and family law, that is a delusion of such magnitude that it would register on the Richter scale.

The decision to marry is a personal one. It's a man's choice and a man's folly. But I'll have no truck with any man that would teach our boys and young men that marriage and the caretaking of women is what makes him a real man. It is the woefully misguided and pathogenic pipe dream of men who invest more in their idealizations than they do in common sense; who in fact invest more in securing their genetic legacy than they do their own children's well being.

And it doesn't begin and end with marriage. In fact, we don't need a marriage strike, per se, at all. Women will out prosper men in every way, but they will always be hypergamous. The future will bring us nothing but a vast majority of women who thug-fuck for reproductive reasons, while manipulating and/or coercing Omega and Beta lapdogs for supplemental income. Most of the rest will compete with each other ever more viciously for the steadily dwindling numbers of men that can support them in ways they cannot on their own.

The other two are already married. I hope that OzCon is one of the guys with bragging rights.

In the end, though, there is little room for marriage in the future. It is *toast*- even if you have your nose too far up Ward Cleaver's fetid, decomposing ass to smell it burning.

What we need, assuming there is a "we," is a chivalry strike, which is to say a total abdication and rejection of any responsibilities to women, individually, and as a group. It is, after all, fitting in a world where women have no responsibilities whatsoever toward anyone but themselves.

As to contempt for traditional masculinity, I have none. I don't even know that anyone can tell me what it means (though many try). I'll save my contempt for stupidity and chosen blindness. Let the "patriarch's" of the world have their foolish ways. It matters not to me. I will be busy surviving as they march themselves and their unfortunate progeny into the grinding halls of family justice. We'll call it intellectual culling, and the world will be better for it.

This is not an activist's call to action, at least not collectively. There is no petition to sign, no club to join, and not many would heed the call if there was. Most men, especially traditionalists, will do what men have done in the face of gender feminism for half a century now; that is, follow their instincts to please women and wait for Hannah Rosin to tell them what to think about their own lives, how to live them, and what their place is.

As an individual though, I feel compelled to do something more than just take care of me. I have seen noticed in the analytics for my YouTube Channel that there are a small, but not insignificant number of young people, mostly male, who watch my videos. I get email from teenagers who read this site from time to time.

I have never considered fully what to say to them. *But the times they are a changing.*

I have started a list of titles for open letters to write to these young men. I think geared for 12 year olds and up seems appropriate. I want to spend some of my time writing these letters and developing ways to ensure distribution of them. Maybe I will even launch a new website for the effort.

There is a really rough road ahead for these unfortunates, and hardly anyone around to tell them about it. And

maybe I could actually help a couple of them avoid a bad end.

Life delivers no promises, but I can always hope.

Divorcée Featured in NY Times Denounces The Spearhead

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Michelle Pont, a woman featured in the New York Times as a client of new divorce financier Balance Point Divorce Funding, responded to our take on the business yesterday with a comment of her own, insisting that she deserves half of her husband's company.

I have no idea whether this is the genuine Mrs. Pont, but I have no reason to believe otherwise, so let's assume it is.

Her comment follows:

> You may have never seen a woman do any more then dispatch when you were a KID, then you have never seen what I have done. At 8 months pregnant with OUR child I drove TRUCKS after my own High paying job that I had since 18. I loaded trucks, I dispatched, I drove a forklift, I unloaded & loaded trucks and at times hand unloaded. It's not just a man's world anymore let's get that straight. You know NOTHING about me, OUR business or what I HAVE done. So please refrain from making comments that you know NOTHING about.
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> When we have been sued, which had been several times, WE are at court, WE are on the witness stands, WE are making declarations, OUR livelihood is on the line our homes, businesses are in Jeopardy. You know absolutely nothing about running a business & the stress a transportation company puts on you 24 hours a day 7 days a week & yes including Christmas day & every holiday. There were MANY years we were on call & could not go anywhere for celebration. The difference between myself & other women is that I DID start this business & due to his lack of good credit I BOUGHT our first home on my OWN without him on title. SO AGAIN without me he would have NOTHING.
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> I took our daughter every Saturday to Chuck E. Cheese so that he may sleep in until noon. Then after I quit my high paying job to stay home with our daughter & open a warehouse where I went every day at 5AM while he slept in. I breast fed her, dispatched, loaded, answered phones by myself. At times would leave her screaming in the office to take care of business. So you want to tell that I don't deserve half of the company I started too. That doesn't include the service I provided for him at home either. Like him sitting on his fat butt while he orders me around to get his food, soda, water, snacks, take out the trash, doing the laundry & what ever else he wanted.
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> People would tell me how I was a slave to that man. I wasn't the type of woman to sit around eating Bon Bons all day long. I was busy also with school activities for our daughter, picking her up & taking her every morning again while he slept away. I went on EVERY field trip, did all the community charity work, belonged to all the organizations for our daughter. So Get off your high horse & get your facts straight & do your research before making any comments. It's men like you that don't deserve a woman like me!!!
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> Michelle Pont

Michelle seems to have a lot of grievances, and a great deal of anger and contempt for her ex. Yet obviously he built a very lucrative business, and she is a wealthier woman than average, so one wonders where the anger comes from, but I think it gets back to the princess attitude. You see, Mrs. Pont is very upset about all the drudgery of being a housewife. She gave up her old job, had to fetch her husband food, and even breastfed her child. Definitely not things a woman signs up for when getting married!

You see, men, there really is no such thing as a wife anymore.

Seattle Metro to Bus Riders: Gang Rape Prohibited

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To tackle the rampant problem of gang rape in Seattle's Metro public transportation system, signs reminding people that gang rape is a violation of the law have been placed in prominent places on buses. The signs also warn that video cameras are on the lookout for signs of gang rape, and cite relevant code.

Metro claims it's a prank, but back in the 1990s equally unnecessary posters warning riders against forcing black people to sit in the back of the bus were placed in buses, so I'm not sure I believe them (segregation has never been legal or the norm in Washington State). Seattle, a hard-left liberal city, is notorious for pointless political statements, for example denunciations of Thanksgiving and "future time orientation," which according to the school district is a sexist, racist plot, so the signs, although embarrassing when seen by outsiders, may well be genuine.

If not, someone did a good job making them look that way, and made a pretty amusing statement about the nanny-state nature of Pacific Northwest politics.

As Women's Wealth and Power Grows, Their Sexual Preferences Diverge Farther from Men's

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Contrary to the widely disseminated notion of the lusty "cougar" pursuing young men, a new study in Scotland has found that women who are financially independent actually tend to express a preference for older men, in contrast to the preference wealthy men show to prefer younger women.

Although both wealthy men and women prioritize good looks more, researchers had expected to find that as women became financially independent their tastes would converge with those of men and lead them to seek out younger mates. Instead, the data pointed to the opposite, and found them seeking out even older mates than their poorer counterparts.

So, rather than creating a more egalitarian mating market, empowering women only further reinforces the natural preferences of the sexes, as they are freed from the constraints of convention.

This is not surprising, because amongst humans, as most primates, age equates to status in males (up to a certain point). In fact, male aging patterns, such as the appearance of gray hair first in specific places such as the temples and either side of the chin, are visibly distinct so as to indicate maturity, and therefore status. Note that aging signs in human females are more generalized and have no apparent decorative value.

So what these women are doing is simply expressing the entirely natural female preference for high status males. Because they can afford to be choosy, they are shooting straight for the top.

Holiday Schedule

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We're going to keep posting over the Christmas season, but I intend to slow things down a bit and try to spend less time working. So, until the New Year there might be fewer articles, and comments might take a while to go through. However, if anyone wants to submit something I'll keep posting guest posts and anything else our authors want to put out there. We've had record traffic over the last couple weeks (the three highest traffic days ever were all over the last fortnight), so rest assured that you'll be getting plenty of views if your piece goes up here.

I hope everyone has a good time over the holidays with friends and family, and takes some time to relax and celebrate. After the buzz of the festivities wears off, I intend to come out full-steam ahead, bringing in the New Year with shiny new content and ideas.

With that said, I hope you're all hanging in there during this stressful time of year. Soon, it will all be over and we'll be toasting the end of 2010. My prediction is that 2011 will bring even more attention and awareness to men's issues, and possibly even some mainstream acknowledgment that it's time for change.

Faithless

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Reader Brett comments on a recent event in Houston, in which a dying man attacks his wife's lover on camera

People forget that before there was society, we were roving familial bands of people who could not save much knowledge between generations.

With society, we give up that lone wolf attitude. We are no longer creatures of "I'll do it my way" but an interconnected group depending on each other for survival, including the seemingly paradoxical necessity of killing or ejecting those who are truly sociopathic, or predator-parasites.

Now that we have a civilization, many people like to pretend that there was never a time before civilization, and that civilization doesn't require upkeep or even participation. Just go to your job and buy stuff, and you're a perfect citizen.

With that mentality comes the idea that you can't interrupt anyone else from doing the same, which produces an absurd moralism of sins of omission glorified as self-sacrifice:

> Why film yourself hitting your wife's lover? Why even hit your wife's lover? No man owes you a vow of fidelity. If your wife cheats, it's on her. (Via ATL.) Attacking the man is infantilizing the woman. Why not punch her? – CF

Like all liberals, they think it's personal. They think you hit the guy only because he upset you. Why do it at all? They ask. There's risk to you, and you could just stay at home and take passive-aggressive revenge on your cheating wife:

> Or, since they live in Texas – a community property state – why not ring up a bunch of credit card debt? If you're going to die of cancer, 50% of that debt will pass through to your surviving spouse. Make the bitch file for bankruptcy just as she's applying for bar admissions.
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> There's nothing cool about sucker punching a guy. Plus, the guy in the video is fat. He's probably an intellectual alpha. Outside of an academic environment, there'd be no way he'd pull a chick who looks like the woman in this video. Let the fat guy have his 2-3 years of glory. Only a hater denies another man his brief moment in the sun.

This supersonic stupidity misses the point, as do all liberals when perceiving a true or honest action: it's about the principle. The principle is that you don't move in on another man like a coward; you challenge him and steal his woman if you need to, but no sneaking around behind the scenes.

They disguise their laziness as compassion or morality — don't hurt the

fat man; take it out on the wife, she's the whore! — but really, the principle here is that cheaters get punished and since no man wants to hit a woman, you take it out on the other moral actor in the situation: the other man.

What's so wrong with this? The cheater needs to see intolerance for his behavior. The wife needs to see a disaster truly come about that ruins her illusions. The principle needs to be upheld: don't cheat on your spouse, or bad stuff happens.

And no matter how bad that is in any individual case, it's better than letting the principle decay. If you ignore a murder, more murders happen, because people see that there's no penalty for going to the dark side. If you let other men cheat with impunity, you'll soon have a society of whores.

Feminists in Media Shocked over Assange Reaction

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Writing for the Guardian, reporter Tracy McVeigh reports on the overwhelming wave of anger over Assange's arrest with thinly-veiled unease, revealing feminist concerns about their tenuous claim to favorable public sentiment.

In what is an obvious reference to Ferdinand Bardamu's posts on *The Spearhead* and *In Mala Fide*, she blames "misogynist right wing bloggers" for outing Anna Ardin and Sofia Wilen:

> Dismissed by his supporters as a smear campaign, the case against Assange now threatens to move from a sideshow to overwhelm the main act – the work he has done in his public life as editor of WikiLeaks. In part, Assange, 39, who has become a figurehead for whistleblowers, can blame this on supporters who have pressed accolades on the man rather than the cause, and who range from left wing historians, feminists and human rights campaigners to misogynist right wing bloggers and a porn baron.
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> A range of deeply misogynistic blog posts have blamed "feminists", despite insistence from people close to Assange that there is no conspiracy.
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> The paper is reflecting a growing discomfort among many, in both camps, at the widespread vilification – and naming – of the two alleged victims on websites and blogs, and also of the kind of language being used by people including Assange's own lawyer Mark Stephens who referred to the allegation as a "honeytrap" .

Whatever one feels about Assange, there is something very suspicious about these rape allegations, especially the fact that Anna Ardin/Bernardin, the woman who made the decision to go to the police, has been tied to shady, CIA-funded groups in Cuba, and left Sweden days before new charges were filed, running off to the remote town of Yanoun in the Palestinian West Bank, possibly to spy on Hamas and Orthodox Jewish settlers.

McVeigh dismisses any allegations that "feminists" were behind this, but Anna Ardin/Bernardin is a self-described feminist activist who has made accusations before – against her own students – and was thrown out of Cuba for her involvement with a right wing, CIA-supported feminist group. Furthermore, there is nothing odd about feminists working with the CIA; Gloria Steinem received funds directly from the intelligence organization while employed by Ms. Magazine.

The "discomfort" at the naming of Ardin and Wilen is felt by establishment feminists like McVeigh, who want to be able to decide what should be reported and what shouldn't — oddly similar to the dispute over Wikileaks. Yet her own publication, even as it denounces those who have exposed Assange's accusers, claims that it upholds the principle of disclosure, writing:

> The process of editing, contextualising, explanation and redaction is a painstaking one. It is part of the craft of journalism. Journalism is also about disclosure. **It is at its best when it is the disclosure of matters of high public interest**. Judge Assange on that score, as much as any other.

If the participation of a feminist activist who may be a spy in what looks like a frame-up of a highly controversial journalist is not a matter of "high public interest," what is?

All We Have To Do Is Stay Male and Fail

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On Guy Garcia's *The Decline of Men* (2008)

In *The Decline of Men*, Guy Garcia begins and ends his discussion of the American male's loss of power at the Burning Man festival. In front of a sign that says "TRUTH" he sees an effigy of a man who is half-built, headless. The image of a man is being reconstructed after having been burned to the ground by surprise, ahead of schedule. Garcia sees the first man as traditional Western patriarchal man, and the burning symbolizes his loss of economic and political primacy in the United States and around the World.

After speaking to Gerald Levin, Garcia concludes that men will re-discover and re-build themselves and adopt a more feminine approach to life, once they abandon the "arrogance of power." Levin was the architect of the disastrous AOL/Time Warner merger, and is now the Managing Director of the Moonview Sanctuary in Santa Monica, which specializes in New Age therapy and holistic healing. Garcia doesn't get into it, but The Moonview Sanctuary story was chronicled in *New York magazine* in 2007. When a reeling, failing Levin started talking about bringing "the poetry" back into life during an interview with Lou Dobbs, his future wife and business partner called to request a meeting with him. Laurie, former talent agent 14 years his junior, already had a business plan for a boutique wellness clinic catering to high profile clients. Instead of approaching him initially for an investment, Laurie started talking with the distraught man and involved herself in his emotional world. She even cased his history and eventually decided to approach him with the idea of spiritually communing *with his own murdered son*. Levin left his wife of 32 years to help Laurie build her rehab for the rich and famous, which supports her combined interests in hippie dippy bullshit (brain painting and "holotropic beathwork") and shopping for "lavish antiques." Levin, now a full convert who attends men's drumming circles, asserts that ultimately his mission is to "break down male culture."

Garcia's final words on *The Decline of Men* are:

> "The Levin lesson is clear. For men to rediscover a better, more balanced, more enlightened version of themselves, they don't have to join pagan parades in the desert or ingest brain-warping drugs. All they have to do is fail. And through this failure and destruction they just might gain the freedom to re-create themselves as the men they know they can be."

He's reaching here with a subtle scold, projecting thoughts into the heads of men that may or may not be there. (His attempt at a bit of that "communing" stuff, perhaps?) Having read Levin's story, a more "truthful" restatement might be that after men have failed, men will have the opportunity to be whatever women would like them to be, and to be used however women wish. Whether or not the success of women in ventures like The Moonview Sanctuary — and in a postmodern service economy that produces nothing — is a sustainable basis for a nation is a question that Garcia never tackles.

Husbands Without Wives, Or Wives Without Husbands?

One particularly odd dystopian scenario that Garcia imagines is a future where men are desperate to find wives, but wives don't need them or can't find any suitable men who make a sufficient amount of money or hold an acceptable number of academic credentials. He muses:

> "The jarring notion of a man waiting by the phone for Ms. Right to call may seem ridiculous to some, but it's no longer far-fetched. If present trends continue, men will soon find themselves in a position that used to be associated with single women. At the very least, they will find out — if they haven't already — what it feels like to be the financially dependent partner in a romantic relationship, assuming they can find a woman who will take them. While young women are increasingly willing to forgo Mr. Right for Mr. Right Now, it may be

> partly because they've simply given up on finding a man who meets their expectations."

This is odd, because during the same year, Micheal Kimmel complained in *Guyland* — which shares much in common with Garcia's book — that women were desperate to find men who were ready and willing to commit, because men were in no hurry. This is a pop culture commonplace, and is more believable from the way things look on the ground than Garcia's fantasy. Kimmel wrote, more convincingly:

> "Countless movies and TV sitcoms remind men that marriage and parenthood are women's victories over the guys of Guyland, and that once they are permanently attached to nagging wives, they'll never again have sex or any other kind of fun again."

It is women, less than men, who seek a spouse and family to "complete them." Women are encouraged to be sexually adventurous and promiscuous, and are providing sex to "Mr. Right Now" — so more young men are probably getting more of what they want from women than ever before in history. At the same time, more and more men are waking up to the fact that marriage isn't what it used to be. They are looking at a 50/50 chance of a divorce that will probably put them in relative poverty and make it extremely difficult for them to maintain a meaningful and positive relationship with their offspring. I think most men like the "idea" of having a family "someday," but it will increasingly be women who will be put in the position of selling marriage to men, not the other way around.

The bulk of *The Decline of Men* is a fairy standard catalog of men's issues with a particular emphasis on pop culture. His perspective feels very tony and coastal, and his understanding of blue collar men outside of New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles seems to be confined to observations in the "I once had a friend who had a friend who dated a blue collar guy once, and this is what she said about him after they broke up" insight bracket.

Garcia consults an odd collection of experts, but with the exception of some space given to the authors of *Why Men Don't Iron: The Fascinating and Unalterable Differences Between Men and Women,* he rarely looks at issues from more than one side. For instance, his contribution to the "women in combat" debate is asking a man who has been advocating for women in combat from an ideological perspective since the 1970s and publishing his comments at length. No counter arguments are entertained seriously, and none of what this one "expert" (who seems to be at odds with the entire US Military establishment, as well as every male soldier I've ever talked to seriously about this issue) says is ever questioned thoughtfully. Garcia also mentions "matriarchal cultures where the sexes have lived in harmony for thousands of years" in passing, which caught my eye because I've still yet to see truly convincing evidence of *one* successful culture run by women for any extended period of time. Later in the book he makes reference to the work of feminist archaeologist Marija Gimbutas, who developed a "portrait of a society that lasted 25,000 years and which practiced equal rights between men and women on a social, political, and spiritual level." He never mentions, however, that many regard her theories as being highly questionable. Lawrence Keeley's *War Before Civilization,* previously mentioned here, takes apart the myth of peaceful and matriarchal prehistory. Men have probably always engaged in some kind of warfare, and as women represented the future of the tribe, it is doubtful that they ever participated equally in war-making or politics, and as Garcia even notes at one point, women have the least to gain by going to war.

The Golden Age of Goddess Worship

There is a recurring New Age "return to the goddess theme" with a lot of these authors (Keen, Bly, now Garcia) who are grasping for some way to envision a future where men and women share power. They share the same clichés, the same sources and the same faults of reasoning. One cliché is the idea, repeated and bolded in *The*

Decline of Men, that "Biologically speaking, all human beings begin as females." The fact that males must be XY and not XX to begin with, and that any XY is going to be male from the moment of conception unless something *goes wrong* is never mentioned. The point of repeating this idea is to make it seems as though women are some kind of human default and that men are a temporary mutant aberration. However, *there has never been a human society consisting solely of women.* Men have *always* been part of the human equation. There is no pre-male society that women are "going back to." All primates are sexually dimorphic, and all have some sort of separate gender role breakout in terms of division of labor. We borrow the term "alpha males" from the study of animals, and the tendency of violent males to create power based hierarchies and fight over access to females. The idea that humans abandoned normal primate behaviors during some Goddess-worshipping golden age of peace and sexual harmony and then returned to patriarchy and jungle law once they discovered agriculture seems so far-fetched that you have to *want to believe it* — like feminists Margaret Mead and Marija Gimbutas.

If this Golden Age never happened, then Garcia's vision of a future where we "return" to (after we fail) is based on a manufactured past. In a recent lecture, Hanna Rosin (of "The End of Men" fame) talked about the rise of women as a "bridge." If we take this bridge based on false premises, we are likely to find that it is a bridge to nowhere.

A 12 Step Program for Men

Garcia wants men to acknowledge that, as a group, they are failing, and comes up with a 12 Step program a la Alcoholics Anonymous. Here are his "steps:"

1. Admit that we've got a problem.
2. Make a fearless inventory of ourselves.
3. Apologize to those we have hurt.
4. Admit our mistakes.
5. Break the trap of male silence.
6. Make peace with Mr. Hyde.
7. Seek strength in brotherhood.
8. Embrace change.
9. Never blame women.
10. Remember that respect comes in many forms.
11. Share our experience.
12. Don't follow The Rules.

He never really develops this program very well, and some of the steps represent ideas that aren't explained anywhere in the book. However, number 9 sticks out, and he asserts throughout the book that, even as men are supposed to abandon traditional rules of masculinity and reimagine themselves completely, it is *unmanly* to blame women. This is a powerful statement of Garcia's part. Men must abandon any recognizable masculine ideal, admit their mistakes and embrace change, but *women must remain blameless!*

Really? Men and women are supposed to share power honestly and equally, but women must remain free from blame? Men are to assume that women are always behaving fairly and decently, never playing the system to their advantage, still sweet sisters in struggle looking for a fair shot? Equality means that questioning how women wield their newfound power is *verboten?*

Garcia did bravely allow one of his experts to mention the fact that many men are actually financially unable to pay their child support, and that this will only increase as women gain ground in the workforce and men lose ground. But his failure to engage the powerful feminist ideologues, lobbyists and policy makers who actively and knowingly contribute to the decline of men reveals for what he truly is. Guy Garcia is just a media-saavy opportunist, trying to make a buck off *The Decline of Men* by expanding his claim to expertise as a speaker and media consultant who helps corporate clients interpret the new marketplace, without offending or challenging women (likely his potential

clients) in any way. *The Decline of Men* flatters the egos of women, and offers no real direction for men beyond some sort of New Age awakening to grateful goddess worship and uncritical subservience.

Garcia's 12 Steps might as well be condensed to three.

1. Stay Male
2. Fail
3. Obey

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Even “I’m sorry” Is Too Much to Give a Man Falsely Accused of Rape

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Remember John Keogh? Mr. Keogh was a 23-year-old paranoid schizophrenic who was accused of indecently assaulting another hospital patient last year. An investigation was launched, but on July 4, 2009, after interviewing the young man, police dropped the case, withdrew all charges, and immediately informed the complainant. The trouble was, they didn’t bother to inform Mr. Keogh, who was extremely upset about the allegation. On July 7, he hanged himself with a pair of shoelaces. In the UK, “victims” have the right to be told when a case is dropped, suspects don’t.

Remember 19-year-old Cory Headen? Last year, two teenage girls lied to another 19-year-old man that Mr. Headen had raped one of them, so the man broke into Mr. Headen’s home and beat him to death with a baseball bat while he was sleeping.

How about Sumbo Owoiya? A 15-year-old girl falsely told her boyfriend that Mr. Owoiya, 18, raped her. The girl, the boyfriend, and another man then drove to the innocent youth’s apartment. While Mr. Owoiya was looking through a peep hole, the other man shot him to death through the door. The boyfriend was sentenced to seven years imprisonment, but the girl was given a suspended sentence.

And John Chalmers, a 47-year-old prominent businessman, suffered devastating brain injuries in a vicious attack after he was wrongly suspected of raping one of his workers. So terrible was the beating that Mr. Chalmers has had to “learn everything again.”

I could go on and on and on. Once unleashed, a rape lie can destroy lives in sudden, unpredictable ways. We could literally write a book about the horrors suffered by men and boys falsely accused of rape, which we chronicle daily at False Rape Society. Victims of rape lies frequently lose their jobs, their friends, their life savings, their businesses, and pretty much anything else important to them. As shown by the cases cited above, the potential harm to victims of false rape accusations literally knows no bounds.

False rape accusers: Therapy preferred over charges

In contrast, the punishment allowed to their false accusers is always extremely limited. Typically, they aren’t charged at all, and when they *are* charged, it’s customary to ask that no custodial sentence be given. That request is frequently granted. Dr. Kim McGregor, a well-known authority on sexual assault, recommends “some form of therapeutic intervention rather than charging them” because, she said, “someone need[s] to be ‘pretty distressed’ to make a false allegation of sexual assault.” If false accusers are charged, they often serve less jail time than their victims served after being falsely accused. The statutory schemes in all or virtually all states severely limit the maximum sentences allowed for false rape reporting, often ranging from less than a year to two years.

With the explosion in rape reforms over the past thirty years, we have handed women and girls unprecedented power to see to it that their rapists are charged and convicted. The problem is, we never considered what we should do if they abuse that power with rape lies.

Our jurisprudence accepts the notion that, generally, the more serious a crime harms an innocent person, the more severe the sentencing should be. Given the extreme harm possible to men falsely accused of rape, and given the *de minimis* sentences given to false accusers, the sentencing maximums are an affront to justice. Nevertheless, it is extremely unlikely, given the powerful feminist lobby, that the sentencing maximums for false rape reporting will be extended in the foreseeable future.

Given that, what can we do to bring at least partial restoration to falsely accused men? One of the principal harms suffered by men falsely accused of rape is the injury to their reputations. While it’s impossible to restore a man’s good name after he’s been branded a rapist in America’s leading dailies, is it too much to ask the false accuser to

run an apology ad? Apparently, it is. Apparently it's a punitive humiliation, a "scarlet letter," and cruel and unusual punishment.

Why not a public apology?

In 2007, Angela Schmidt, a former teacher, was given a special form of accelerated rehabilitation probation for falsely reporting that a colleague had raped her. Under the terms of this probation, the charges would be dropped if the probation was successfully completed.

A prosecutor requested that the sentencing judge order Schmidt to run a newspaper ad saying she falsely accused her colleague of rape. The prosecutor argued: "Anyone who wrongly accuses someone of a crime should be on notice to the public. Any other potential victims need to be aware of this woman."

Schmidt's lawyer said the ad proposal reminded him of "pilgrims and stockade in front of the town square." He called it a "humiliation," and noted that it would violate Schmidt's right against self-incrimination. The court refused to force Ms. Schmidt to run the ad.

But one judge *did* have the courage to order apology ads for a false rape claim, in a case that attracted national attention.

In September 1988, Elizabeth Irene Richardson, 24, a central Nebraska meat packing worker with three children, falsely accused Gary L. Nitsch, a quiet 43-year-old alfalfa-mill worker and father of two who neither smoke nor drank, of rape in order to get the attention of her long-distance truck driver husband. One night, she ripped her nightgown and called a friend in tears to tell her she'd been raped. The friend called police.

Mr. Nitsch had met Ms. Richardson just once, and only briefly, when he went to her house inquiring about a painting job she had advertised. He never assaulted her. Then, one day, out of the blue, while he was shopping, he was arrested and spent three days in jail before his brother was able to have him released on a $30,000 bond. He was charged with sexual assault. The dumbfounded Mr. Nitsch uttered the same thing many falsely accused men in his position end up saying: "I would just like to know how I was named."

As a result of the false charge, Mr. Nitsch lost his job and his family was harassed. At school, other children taunted his kids by saying, "Your dad's a rapist." His wife no longer liked coming into town to go shopping. His 18-year-old daughter quit high school because of the way she was treated. After Mr. Nitsch was released, he heard the stories circulating about people in the area buying guns and about wives being scared of him.

Ms. Richardson testified at a hearing that Mr. Nitsch raped her, but the case was dropped for lack of strong physical evidence. Ms. Richardson's lie was discovered after she told friends the accusation was a hoax, and she was convicted of perjury after pleading no contest.

But, of course, Ms. Richardson was not fully responsible for her acts. In words that could be transposed to a thousand other recent false rape cases, Ms. Richardson's lawyer said: "She was desperate to get [her husband] back and acted very impulsively without giving consideration to the thing, and it kind of snowballed on her."

Judge John P. Murphy sentenced Ms. Richardson to serve six months in prison, but he didn't stop there. He also required her to run half-page newspaper ads in all four newspapers, and ten spot announcements on both radio stations, in Dawson County, Nebraska. The apology ads were expected to cost approximately $1,000. Mr. Nitsch was given the right to approve the ads.

The Judge justified the ads: "You certainly couldn't force someone to say something they didn't believe," he told a reporter, "but I have allowed her to put it into her own words. I told her the reason. Mr. Nitsch's brother complained the rape charges were all over the papers, but when he was exonerated nobody hears about it. I told her the only way to get it out was to have her do it."

But the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union said the advertising requirement could violate three constitutional amendments: the 1st, which guarantees freedom of speech; the 8th, against cruel and unusual punishment, and the

14th, with its guarantee of due process. The NCLU's executive director said the organization is "concerned about the scarlet letter approach in sentencing."

Sorry, but "cruel and unusual" punishment is what happened to Gary Nitsch, not to mention John Keogh, Cory Headen, Sumbo Owoiya, and John Chalmers in the cases referenced above. An apology ad would just partly undo the grotesque reputational harm to Mr. Nitsch. If it caused the criminal some slight embarrassment, that's a small price to pay to partly correct a monstrous wrong.

Ms. Richardson decided to drop her appeal and just get it over with. So, on a Sunday in 1990, radio listeners in Central Nebraska heard the young woman declare: "I want the public to know these allegations were not true and that I made up the story for personal reasons." She said she hopes time will heal the damage to the falsely accused man's reputation.

Mr. Nitsch said he would have preferred a stiffer sentence. So would we all. But he should take some small consolation in the fact that the woman who tried to randomly destroy his life was forced to stand up in the proverbial town square and publicly declare, "He didn't do, and I'm sorry I lied!" At least now, any time someone Googles Mr. Nitsch's name, they will see that she was the criminal, and he was the victim. That's a lot more than most victims of false rape claims get.

Adopting a Feminist Proposal for Women in the Military

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One of my favorite conversations recently resurfaced here at The Spearhead, quickly rippling throughout the rest of the related blogosphere: the subject of women in the military. There's been mumbles and whispers of it for a little while, ever since people started talking about the Don't Ask Don't Tell repeal and whether we should be worrying about homosexuals openly serving in our armed forces. (The sensible folks, such as the Spearhead's very own Jack Donovan, realize this question is largely unimportant, since having women in the military is far more detrimental and stands little chance of ever changing.) Trying to rationally suggest that we re-examine that status of women in the military is obviously met with all of the logical fallacies one has come to expect from the feminist camp – my favorite such being a red herring of the implication that critics of women in the military just want the ladies to be little more than prostitutes.

This got me thinking. What *if* women in the military were just prostitutes? Perhaps our feminist friends have actually stumbled upon a great suggestion. I used to joke that the Marine Corps should institute a "Barracks Whore" MOS (military occupational specialty, or job, basically), but laughs aside, maybe there *is* something to the idea. Allow me to elaborate.

We already know, thanks to government commissioned studies, that the average woman has 50% of the upper body strength and 65- 70% of the aerobic capacity compared to her average male counterpart. Studies regarding IQ have shown that men average about 3-5 points higher than women, and perhaps of more interest, that IQ tests tend to be rigged so that women and men appear to score equally. (What's really going on behind the scenes is that women are only being compared against other women when scores are calculated, much like what happens with physical fitness test scores in the Marine Corps; women are competing only against other women in a test with easier standards, yet their "300 points" on the PFT counts just as much as a man's "300 points" even if a man's is much harder to earn.) This means the standby argument that women should serve because they can do the non-combat stuff just as well as the boys – be it turning wrenches, performing surgery, pushing paper or maintaining electronics – might not hold water. Nevermind the disastrous consequences that sexual competition introduces amongst the ranks. (Relevant quote from the previous link: "No one trusts a sexual rival, and nothing destabilizes a society like large numbers of single men. To avoid this scenario, our ancestors had to limit male polygamy and female hypergamy.")

Anecdotally, I can tell you that most women do not join the service with the noblest of intentions. (Perhaps it is fair to say that most *people* don't join with the noblest of intentions – but I suppose that's to be expected what with the recession and the promise of a steady paycheck and other bonuses for signing up. Women in particular admitted some telling things to me, though.) I'd hate to be accused of exaggerating, so let's say that half of all (read: literally all of them) the single female airmen I talked to admitted to me that they joined so that they could "travel the world" and "have sex with hot guys." Pregnancy rates amongst the single female Marines at my base in Okinawa got so bad that the base Sergeant Major held regular PME's (think, "classes") with all the ladies to explain the dangers of pregnancy. It was also effecting operational readiness, since pregnant women can't deploy (and as military readers probably already know and commenter DevilDog pointed out for those that didn't, pregnancy to ditch out on deployment is a fairly common phenomenon). I don't have as much direct experience with the other service branches but I figure my findings can probably be extrapolated. Perhaps zealous commenters can help fill in the gaps – I've heard pregnancy amongst female sailors is also a huge problem when it comes to staffing ships.

And before somebody gets all huffy and infuriated and starts shouting about the women that have served "in combat," I'd remind you how precious few there are that have actually done so. When deployed to a war zone, women are generally kept safe on base, doing the same shit they would be doing in garrison (except collecting all the extra hazard pay associated with a deployment). Moreover, the women I know who have been to combat openly admit women shouldn't be there (probably related to the whole physical fitness disparity mentioned above) or perform *super effectively* like Jessica Lynch. Maybe I'm beating a dead horse here, but I just wanted to establish

that when it comes to the military, men can do everything women can do (except better). As Female Masculinist once remarked:

> In short, the idea behind women in the military, police and workplace is that they benefit from being there. They think it's fun. It flatters their egos, deservedly or not. The idea behind men in the military, police and workplace is that we all depend upon their being there and doing their jobs. All of society benefits from their work. And yet here we are, giving the dispensable privileges for the purpose of feeding their egos at the expense of the people we need who get by solely on their own merit.

Which brings us back to the suggestion that we just make women in the military prostitutes. I know what you're thinking – it sounds extreme. But it wouldn't actually be that drastic of a change. Most women in the military are already regarded – be it silently, or oustpokenly like DevilDog's posts – as whores. Apparently quite a few of them could care less about this (such as the patriotic young lasses who expressed their true reasons for enlisting to me). So let's take a look at some of the benefits of this proposal.

For the women, they wouldn't have to worry about silly things like work or training getting in the way of their sex-filled, government-sponsored sojourns. In fact, it would stand to reason that they would be exempt from a lot of the silly hardships of military life. I don't see why they'd really need to maintain a uniform anymore, for instance – since their job wouldn't exactly necessitate one. They probably wouldn't have to stand "duty" or "watch" anymore. Nor would they have to worry about the physical hardships and indignities of basic and follow-on training. Since this is government sponsored prostitution we are talking about, the ladies can expect a regular paycheck and the full compliment of government benefits – health care, dental care, 30 days paid vacation (you know, aside from all the other days of virtual paid vacation), the works. Safety would of course be paramount, including not just protection from physical harm but also safeguards against unwise sexual practices that could result in STDs, either for the ladies or the men.

There's a host of benefits for the men and more generally for combat effectiveness and unit readiness. Single male service members would feel less pressure to get married in order to gain access to (the perceived benefit of) regular sex. Having regular access to safe sex would probably alleviate the pressure these guys feel to try and maintain untenable relationships, either with women around their base or the women "back home." These relationships become especially strained during a deployment (or at a duty station far away – I can't tell you how many nights I was kept up because my roommate was arguing with his girlfriend at two in the morning in Okinawa) and contribute to loss of focus, depression, decreased morale and a host of other difficult to quantify but certainly qualitative problems.

There has been a lot of attention paid to the sky rocketing suicide rate amongst service members – by which I mean especially male service members – and one has to wonder how much relationship issues play a part in this. The simple "reality on the ground" is that a lot of young men in the military (especially young enlisted guys) get married very early in their careers because of the bigger paycheck, the ability to live off base (thus avoiding some "duty" assignments and dodging the misery that is "field day" or whatever other term the other branches use to describe the once-a-week all-day-long haze fest of barracks room cleaning) and the aforementioned regular sexual relations (or so they think – most haven't heard and refuse to believe that marriage is a leading cause of celibacy). Then they go on a deployment, hear on the grapevine that their lovely wife is getting gangbanged regularly by six or seven (different) guys every night back on base while simultaneously draining all of his accounts, and nobody wonders whether this is a contributing factor to our suicide rate. Hell, *I* I got more depressed just hearing about how some of the guys' wives were taking a shit all over their hubbies.

Government sponsored hookin' would make the barracks a much more attractive option than a nagging bride (there are no wives – hat tip W. F. Price) and future alimony (not to mention potentially child support) payment. Sew them oats young man, and consider a family after your service obligation. (Or once you're more established and comfortable in your career.)

And before someone gets all NAWALT up in here, I understand that, yes, not all women in the military are “like that.” I haven’t personally met any, but I grant the supposed existence of the hard-charging female who is every bit a man’s equal. I have met a few good wives, as well. But the statistically tiny exceptions to the overwhelmingly obvious trends being discussed here do little to deflate the argument. And civilian brothers, don’t think I’ve forgotten you. If military hookin’ becomes a smashing success, it’ll only be a matter of time before the government decides legalizing and regulating prostitution for the rest of you wouldn’t be such a bad idea either. Can’t tell you how many gals we met in Biloxi who asked us whether they should go to college or become strippers – the market is there, Obama! Ya just gotta tap it (but before you do it, make sure you wrap it).

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Marrying Liabilities

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By Laura Grace Robins

It is said the key to financial wealth is in acquiring assets, rather than liabilities. It is not much of a stretch to also apply this advice towards marriage. In order to achieve marital wealth, men should look for a woman who is an asset, rather than a liability. In theory, this seems simple enough and no doubt some traditional folks will maintain that it is just that simple. They will say, "Just seek out a godly woman" and POOF—marital bliss! Those of us who operate in reality, in a culture that does not encourage godly anything, knows that finding such a woman is not much easier than finding a unicorn. We know that modern women are no longer assets, but liabilities. Liabilities for the men who marry them and liabilities for the government who maintains them. Feminism can be succinctly defined as being the philosophy that turns women from resources into obligations.

A few definitions:

"A liability can mean something that is a hindrance or puts an individual or group at a disadvantage, or something that someone is responsible for, or something that increases the chance of something occurring (i.e. it is a cause)."

This definition is a good summary of what marrying a liability can look like. Marriage to a modern woman can hinder men, cause them to be responsible for the woman's actions, and increases their chances of getting divorced.

We know that the second you drive a new car off the lot, it is already depreciating in value and becomes a liability. Is it really any different when a man marries a modern woman? The second the married couple walks back down the aisle, the modern woman, already a liability via feminism, then begins to depreciate in value even further. The first few years of marriage may not be that bad. She will still have that "new car smell" and run with relatively few problems. Four to six years in and the nagging and clanking picks up and she just doesn't shine like she used to. Eventually the car will sputter out and die leaving little or no monetary value to be redeemed. Modern marriages all too often end up the same way. If the woman was truly an asset, she would have added value to the marriage, rather than cause the man to be financially ruined via divorce.

"Assets are economic resources. Anything tangible or intangible that is capable of being owned or controlled to produce value and that is held to have positive economic value is considered an asset."

What I found particularly interesting about this definition is that an asset is one "capable of being owned or controlled to produce value". I think this relates to marriage as well. Before I explain—some damage control—I am NOT speaking of "controlled or owned" in the twisted feminist sense. I do not mean oppression or abuse, instead, I mean authority and/or leadership and the woman taking a submissive role. Women used to be assets because they were amicable to submission. The husband could easily lead them to "produce value", hence they were an asset to the marriage and in turn society at large. The "Proverbs 31 woman" is a good example of a woman who is an asset. In fact, she is even described as "lacking nothing of value." For a list of assets a woman used to bring to a marriage, see Proverbs 31 here.

A woman as an asset can best be summarized by this verse, "She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life." The modern woman today, as a liability, instead brings harm, not only all the days of her married life, but her days after as well. She continually brings harm into a man's life, whether she is married to him or not, because the very nature of a liability is to cause hindrance. A modern woman will prevent a marriage from being successful, she will prevent herself from taking any responsibility, and in general she will prevent men from being men.

The Tide has Already Turned

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In any discussion there's always the danger of allowing the arguments and line of thought to stray ever farther from the reality of any given situation — the facts on the ground so to speak. This is especially the case where politics are involved, because making a moral case takes on such importance, as opposed to, say, engineering, where the goal is to make things work in the physical world.

Because of this peculiarly irrational nature of politics, great acts of folly have been undertaken in the name of "progress." For example, Chairman Mao's Great Leap Forward, which directly caused the unnecessary deaths of millions of people in an effort to realize a Communist utopia. The Communist Party demanded nothing less than the impossible from everyone from farmers to industrial engineers, causing catastrophic failure.

What this demonstrates is that there are limits not only to the stress a structure can withstand, but to the feasibility of political programs as well. In an often misunderstood gesture, a wise old ruler of England once sat on the seashore and commanded the advancing tide to stop. The story about Canute, a Danish viking who ruled over England, Denmark and Norway, may have been apocryphal, but the event may have occurred as a demonstration carried out by the king. As the saying goes, the sea ignored his command, and Canute then proclaimed that the power of kings is as nothing compared to the might of heaven. Some think Canute was trying to make a point about the limits of his earthly authority, and was rebuking the flattery of sycophants.

Today, armed with high technology, power and wealth beyond the dreams of Canute, it is easy to forget that despite our advances we are still subject to the same reality as medieval English kings. Our politicians promise to manipulate the weather and thereby save the world, to create wealth out of nothing, and to elevate all our children above the mean. Perhaps it is a result of democracy — one wins an election not so much by obtaining results in the real world, but by making the most fantastic promises for tomorrow.

As we discuss the plight of men in our society we tend to focus directly on the promises made by politicians, feminists and others wedded to the status quo. In so doing, we run the risk of losing sight of reality as well, and, ironically, in aiding them in their attempts to impose the impossible.

What we need to remind ourselves is that feminism as envisioned by most of its supporters is at best an unfeasible plan. At worst, it is an impossible effort. The distinction between the two is quite important, because where the former may siphon off work and waste time while people explore the plan and attempt to find a way to implement it, ultimately it will be abandoned as they realize it simply can't be done. The latter, as Mao's Great Leap Forward, would be an all-out attempt to impose a system doomed to catastrophic failure.

Some may say: "But look at all that feminism has accomplished! It is well on its way to total, permanent victory forever and always." No, this is far from the case. While feminist policies may have been imposed in a great many places in our society, this has come at great expense; an expense that we probably cannot maintain for much longer. Disassembling the American family has been enormously costly over the last generation. Millions of children are failing to live up to their potential as productive citizens, and social costs have been piling up as a result of fatherless homes and single motherhood. The divorce industry may be very lucrative for those involved with courts, but it does not add one cent to national wealth. Higher education has been successfully promoted for girls, and now we have millions of young women wasting several productive years obtaining useless degrees that give them little more than a sense of entitlement. The lower number of boys in higher education is not the real problem; it is the excess of females that we ought to worry about.

Although some have cheered the fact that productive male industry and occupations, such as resource extraction, manufacturing, construction and engineering have been on the decline for decades, and suggest that we have "advanced" to a service economy, they seem blind to the fact that the success of that service economy depends on our ability to force people to use it through the dollar's primacy as the world's currency. This is directly tied to our

status as the world's policeman — a job Americans are no longer all that enthusiastic about. The service economy is a house of cards; platitudes notwithstanding, our women and girls have nothing of particular value to offer the rest of the world.

Countries that have built themselves up largely on the backs of their women have existed, particularly in East Asia, where developing countries turned to light industry as a source of much-needed foreign capital. Korea pursued this strategy in the 60s and 70s, and China more recently in the 80s and 90s. However, these countries did not develop through services provided by females, but rather by putting women to work in materially productive occupations.

There is only one country in the world where services provided by females form a pillar of the national economy, and that country is Thailand. Through prostitution, Thai women bring in over 10% of Thailand's GDP, which would make them some of the most economically productive women on the planet, but somehow that does not seem as though it would be a viable strategy here.

So what we have here is a movement and policies that were paid for first by economically productive men in the US, and then as the productive, male economic base shrunk, by what amounts to foreign subsidies, and finally by loans from Chinese industrialists. For all the triumphalism, proclamations of eternal victory and articles rubbing men's collective face in women's piles of cash, feminism has been an economic failure. It is an enormous money pit that sucks wealth and productivity into oblivion. It is a hothouse flower maintained in an artificial environment.

Given continuous, strong economic growth, it is plausible that the current state of affairs could continue indefinitely, but not probable. In fact, more likely than not feminism would eventually consume itself even in an economically healthy environment, because it is counterproductive by its nature, and even if we did not face bottlenecks now and in the foreseeable future, it would sow the seeds of its own destruction by reversing the traditional flow of wealth into the creation of and out from the fruits of productive endeavors, i.e. the men who finance them as well as those who profit from them would be forced to turn their wealth over to women. At its core, feminism is about nothing more than resource distribution from men to women, and after a certain point such redistribution causes a breakdown of the mechanisms that keep an economy functional.

However, we do face some bottlenecks, chief among them the energy issue, so whether or not feminism could survive during sustained growth is moot. Humanity will not run out of gas all of the sudden, but the cost involved in procuring the energy that allows us to maintain such a complex economy will certainly rise, and the return on our investment will fall. We're running out of easy oil, environmental pressure is limiting the fruits of the Green Revolution, and political resistance is cutting into the profits of global trade.

We are not looking at another period of sustained prosperity such as the one that began after Word War II and ended some time in the last decade. Instead, we are facing a struggle that will require some tough decisions if we want to maintain anything like our current lifestyle. We will need scores of new nuclear power plants, advances in agricultural technology, new modes of transportation and an overhaul of our infrastructure, to name a few things. Although we have the native talent to achieve these things, it's entirely possible that we will fail.

This is relevant to feminism because it suggests two scenarios for the end of feminism: the first, and more favorable one being a conscious political choice to let it die so as to focus effort and energy on tackling the more pressing issues of sustaining economic and technological progress despite the challenges we are facing. The second and less comfortable scenario would be a failure of political will and the eventual end of feminism due to economic contraction and the concomitant lack of means to enforce and support it. Given contemporary politics, the latter appears more likely, however, this outcome may not be as bad as it sounds — it could happen sooner than we expect.

Speculation aside, the reality is that feminism has already begun to decline. That so many media outlets and women are declaring its victory means nothing; the fact is that they have far less of value to offer women than they did ten years ago, and they will have even less in another ten years. Every man who is ruined so that his hormonally deranged wife can realize her soap opera fantasies, every business dismantled by a sexual harassment lawsuit, every

man tossed in prison at public expense, and every productive job replaced by a woman pushing paper at a government-funded nonprofit is a material loss for women in aggregate. Because we no longer have significant excess wealth, women are going to have to pay for each feminist victory with a decline in their wealth and standard of living. It may not be entirely obvious yet, but it will be soon enough, and at that point we will see a rise in anti-feminism amongst women themselves.

At this point, feminists can demand all they want that the world and reality follow their command and conform to their wishes. They can proclaim eternal victory and shout their power and omnipotence into the wind. For our part, we men can take a step back and watch, knowing that no matter how much they wish it and order it to happen, the tide won't stop, and just like old king Canute they'll end up with nothing more than wet feet.

Blessed

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By Keyster

You might not know it, but you are. The red pill felt a bit jagged on the way down, the rabbit hole deeper than you thought, but at some point you decided to de-program yourself from 50 years of feminist propaganda. You were inquisitive enough to stop and reflect on the state of things; how the messaging seemed so contrary to everything you experienced in real life, but you courageously dove in head first. While many men acknowledge there's a problem, ("Yeah women, what can you do?") they'd prefer not to know the gory details. It can be a dark place and team sports distract and numb the brain. The "white knight/mangina" is fully indocrinated and has no hope. He is ostensibly, a woman. But you wanted to know, because men want to know things. They want to know "why".

No one will disagree that there are two distinct groups of people on earth, the male and the female. Sexual identity is the very first thing we note when seeing or meeting someone. It's what dogs do when they smell each other. You need to know what to say and how to react; your agenda from that point on is formulated around the context of what sex that person is. But it wasn't always like that. When we were small children girls seemed like squealing, weak versions of us and we were rough and dirty versions of them. It was fairly uncomplicated to negotiate your way through early childhood. We each knew our place and assumed our roles, sometimes even "playing house" with neighborhood girls; the boys pretending to go off to work and the girls staying home and pretending to cook in their Easy Bake ovens while caring for their infant doll. I vaguely remember that time.

But not long after that something began to change. As a social caste system began to develop in middle school, many girls began to recognize they had a certain mysterious power over certain boys. They received special attention all of the sudden. The lines were being drawn by those imbued with looks, athleticism and/or keen social skills. Girls weren't just friends anymore, they were "romantic opportunities" and they clearly selected the worthy bucks from the herd, while chastising and humiliating the more lowly specimens. The Bold and Beautiful were to go forth and multiply. The less fortunate learned how emotionally brutal unrequited love can be at an early age. I remember that time better.

So curiosity eventually got the best of us. Who are these endlessly fascinating creatures that tease and taunt us with their wares? Why do we feel so hopelessly drawn to them? Why are they so difficult to understand? How is it they came to wield this strange power over us so adeptly? And why is our power so limited over them? You're blessed with an inquiring mind. You always knew something about modern gender dynamics didn't quite add up. You wanted answers and you didn't care how ugly the truth was, as long as you understood it. Breaking yourself from the cult of mainstream consciousness is never easy. You knew the red pill would be a hard one to swallow, but you had to know.

So along the way of this daring journey you start to discover that indeed, you were snookered. Your reality had very little in common with what you were led to believe all those years. Those "endlessly fascinating creatures" had an agenda alright and you were merely a financial means to that end, security; while all they had to be was physically appealing. OUCH! The Vagina Goggles took your heart with them as you ripped them off your conscious. But you already kind of knew all along. You just didn't want it to be true.

Still, you eventually come out the other side a better man for it. Enlightenment is its own journey. You know things about the fairer sex that most men dare not even ponder. That's not to say women are inherently evil or cruel beings. They've evolved to what they've become for a reason; the ongoing advancement and propagation of our species. Yes, that leaves the middle class man in the lurch. Single people are the new middle class. (How long can that last?) If the middle class woman can't ascend in status through marriage from right where she already is, doing it on her own will suffice. And then of course the side benefit of knowing being a husband, a slave to she and the kids, maybe wasn't such a good deal for your dad or grandfather either. What were they thinking?

You are blessed; more blessed than you know because you “get it”. You see the big picture. You know that women can’t define or “complete” you. Only you can define you. Masculinity is a process of which a woman can play no role, (even though they try). There’s no use in being frustrated and confused anymore by a world you once never quiet had a handle on. You have the knowledge and tools to proceed with your life with the confidence knowledge brings. And hopefully enlighten a few others who are like you once were along the way.

Boys: The Second-Class Citizens

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I came across a newspaper piece written by Robert Topp, one-time dean of the college of education at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, who said schools discriminate against boys from kindergarten through high school because they penalize them for nothing more than their “masculine tendencies.” This discrimination results in more girls than boys being eligible for college and boys being given lower grades than they deserve. The trouble with boys, Dr. Topp said, is that they are boys. They don’t readily conform; they are restless; they squirm more; they are more aggressive and daring; and they don’t easily catch onto the “social niceties.”

The classroom setting, on the other hand, places a premium on traits that girls, not boys, exhibit, namely docility and conformity. Dr. Topp wondered if the traits that hurt boys in the classroom actually fortify them for life later, and he said that to prevent boys from being feminized, schools need to place less premium on “girl” traits, and start rewarding students more for creativity and extra-verbal skills.

This analysis, of course, is dead-on, but don’t bother looking for it among the current news stories. You see, Dr. Topp’s article appeared in newspapers in December *1961*.
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The fact that the “boy problem” not only is still with us but is even more pronounced today, almost fifty years later, tells us that, by most important standards, our sons have been second-class citizens at school for as long as anyone can remember, and until very recently, hardly anyone has ever given a damn.

Can anyone name even one significant initiative to increase the presence of male role models in our schools? But then again, it is politically correct to blink at the importance of male role models in the *home*, why should school be any different? Ironic, isn’t it? We remove male role models from our sons’ lives, then when our sons act up, we blame it on “patriarchy.”

Boys’ second-class status has always been just the way it is. Take corporal punishment, for example. As recently as the 1970s, it was a very common practice. Care to guess whether it was applied equally to boys and girls? In fact, many school districts expressly forbade spanking girls; boys were almost always fair game. In 1973, for example, California school boys were spanked 37,594 times. California school girls were spanked just 2,146 times.
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In what universe are boys 18 times more deserving of corporal punishment than their females peers? Reverse the genders and imagine the outcry that would have accompanied those statistics.

Sometimes, the rationales for disparate treatment were the legal equivalent of horse manure. “Take Your Daughter to Work Day” excluded boys long after it was obvious to fair-minded people that such discrimination had no place in a society where gender equality is the law of the land.

That didn’t stop the Ms. Foundation for Women from continuing to defend the indefensible. In 1994, its spokeswoman, Nell Merlino, trotted out this tired feminist mantra: “People don’t appreciate that girls need a special level of encouragement,” she clucked. “We know from the research when boys and girls are together, particularly in this [9-15] age group, boys get more attention.”

Right, Ms. Merlino. For one thing, the teachers who administered corporal punishment gave the boys 18 times more attention than girls.

Boys were told to suck it up and take it like little men. Take gym class, a traumatic experience for some youngsters. Boys almost always showered in a communal setting where there was no privacy (because, of course, no boy cares at all about modesty), presumably to prepare them for military life, something their female peers didn’t have to

worry about. Too bad for those traumatized boys lagging in the puberty department. The girls, of course, were typically afforded shower compartments to protect their modesty.

Worse, some younger readers might find it bizarre that it was common for boys, but very rarely girls, to be forced to swim in the nude in gym class. Back in the ’40s, one Detroit school district came under fire fire from mothers when both boys *and* girls were forced to swim nude, albeit in separate gym classes. Can you guess which gender the mothers complained about? The girls, of course. One wrote: “We are all alarmed about this freedom the girls have been given. There is no telling what it could lead to and we want it stopped at once.”

As for the boys swimming nude? If adults had asked the boys in confidence, they would have learned that a fair number of them were traumatized by it. You know, the whole delayed puberty thing, unwanted bodily reactions, etc. But, again, the feeling was, “real boys” suck it up and swim in the nude. When a parent wrote to Dear Abby back in the ‘60s complaining because her 14-year-old son was told he would have to swim in the nude and the boy felt uncomfortable, Abby showed little of the warmth and sensitivity many associate with her today: “[H]e had better overcome his shyness about nudity in the presence of other boys,” she lectured, “or he is apt to be uncomfortable much of his life.” (Right. Because the first thing adult men do when they get together is show each other their penises. Thank goodness they forced us to swim naked when we were 14.)

As for school sports, well, entire books are written about that. When the federal government decided that girls had been historically deprived of their rightful opportunities to participate in sports, girls were permitted to try out for boys teams, even though this took spots away from the boys. Boys, however, typically were not permitted to try out for girls teams. The law in this area is complex, and while it is possible today, in some circumstances, for boys to play on girls’ teams, legally – not to mention culturally (a topic deserving its own post) – it is more difficult for a boy to play on a girls’ team than vice versa. This is so because, in sports, as elsewhere, the law doesn’t care as much about the harm to an individual boy as it cares about the rights of girls as a class. “It is the class of girls, not boys, with whom the government seeks to redress past discrimination and promote equality. It is girls, not boys, who have suffered and continue to suffer from discrimination and inequalities in athletics. . . . [C]ourts . . . have found that protecting the participation rights of girls as a previously discriminated against ‘class’ outweigh the rights of an ‘individual’ boy to play on a girls’ team.” See http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/Content/Articles/Issues/Title-IX/C/Coed-Participation–Girls-Playing-on-Boys-Teams-and-Male-Versus-Female-Competition-The-Foundation-Po.aspx

So, at least in one area – sports – our sons’ second-class treatment is given an official justification, dubious though it may be. That’s more than boys’ second-class treatment is usually given. Most of the time, it is chalked up as ”just the way it is.”

Merry Christmas!

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Need Proof of Women's Legal Supremacy?

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Leon Walker, a Rochester Hills, Michigan man who took a peek at his wife's Gmail account, is facing trial on felony charges. Mr. Walker faces five years in prison.

His crime? He caught his wife cheating by using her password to look at her Gmail account.

In recent years, judges and prosecutors across the United States have repeatedly upheld the right of women to have sex with men besides their husbands as more sacrosanct than even the right to free speech, probably because adultery is endemic to the legal class in the United States. In fact, men are frequently ordered to pay their "wives" for the activity. Where it used to be a crime for a spouse to commit adultery, it is now a protected activity that prompts court-ordered remuneration, and husbands who discover their wives' affairs face hard time in prison. However, if a wife spied on her husband's email no prosecutor in the United States would ever dream of bringing the woman up on charges.

Although prosecuting people for adultery has always been a questionable use of the courts' time, that courts are involved in enforcing the right to adultery will eventually convince men across the Anglosphere that the legal concept of marriage is broken beyond repair. As judges and prosecutors, aided by their feminist bedmates, make a mockery of their respective professions, they at least give us some idea of what limits to place on their power in the future.

One can only hope that Mr. Walker does not end up with a majority female jury, as American women tend to regard exposure of their sexual peccadillos as a capital crime.

The Other Side of Christmas

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I'd like to think everyone enjoyed Christmas, and I hope most of our readers had a great time with friends and family, but I know that there's often sorrow mixed in with the celebration. A lot of people are ambivalent about this time of year, and for good reason. For those of us from broken families, separated from our children, or who carry the burdens of a dysfunctional childhood or some other personal tragedy, it can bring pain as well as joy.

I'd like to extend my sympathy to those who suffer from these problems, but more importantly I'd like to offer a little hope as well by relating a bit about my own circumstances and experience regarding Christmas, that culmination of all joys and anxieties of the year.

Since childhood, Christmas has always been always a mixed blessing for me. As a child of divorce myself, I shuttled back and forth between families and received plenty of affection and gifts, but there was an element of sadness. It was one of the few times a year I'd see my father, and his own problems were all too obvious despite the holiday cheer. He was unhappy during my childhood, and I couldn't help but know it, even as a little boy. Although the depression that afflicted him as a younger man eventually gave way to resignation as he sank ever further into the bottle, the facts of his life and his pain always troubled me, particularly around this time of year.

As I grew up I encountered plenty of problems myself, and the troubles of my adolescence and youth seemed to be magnified and on display whenever we'd have the holiday get togethers. In retrospect, they weren't all that bad, but when young these things tend to take on a greater significance than merited. The difficulty I had with school, my periods of rebellion and all the rest of the little failures of life made me feel like a pariah amongst the successful members of the family. Of course I was happy to see them, but even so it felt as though I was seated before a glaring light.

There was always this feeling of inadequacy and shame; an inevitable result of growing up without a solid, respectable father. Although I have an excellent stepfather who is a good man and raised me as his own, we can't remove our fathers from our identity, nor should we try — dishonesty rarely solves a problem.

As I matured and settled into what I thought would be an ordinary life, Christmases got a little better, but there was always some undercurrent of unease. I never really enjoyed the time with the ex's parents, as they were quite different from me, and I felt a vague criticism from their direction. There was also this foreboding sense that something wasn't quite right with my life — that I was aimlessly going through the motions and my heart wasn't in it.

Finally, three years ago, it all culminated in the worst Christmas of my entire life. Due to an "unhappy" wife my marriage was careening off the rails, and although I didn't openly admit it – even to myself – I knew it wasn't headed anywhere good. I had had a very difficult time with my boss over the preceding months, I could sense that my in-laws were already making some contingency plans to put the knife in my back, and I even felt that my own family had abandoned me. To cap it all off I had recently suffered from an excruciatingly painful inflamed ankle that crippled me for weeks. In short, it looked as though the world was preparing to give me the beatdown of my life. It was: the boom dropped six weeks later. My ex pressed her advantage and left me while I was still recovering from that awful season, hitting me with every weapon at her disposal, leaving me broke, disoriented and reeling from shock at how ruthless she was.

The next year was filled with the typical horrors of divorce, and although mine was worse than average, it probably doesn't qualify as exceptionally bad, which from my perspective simply confirms how absolutely punitive the process is toward men. I can't really remember Christmas that next year; I was in such a state of anxiety and dread over the constant accusations and investigations that followed them that I was entirely consumed by the divorce process. I had also been ordered to take care of my children while their mother worked (she won the temporary custody hearing, as usual) — and to pay her child support. So I was unable to earn enough to support myself and in

the process of annihilating my credit to pay the attorney as well.

Although I eventually emerged from that terrible battle without going under, it took its toll. If I were a warship I'd be listing 15 degrees to port, shot full of holes and my deck would be scorched — a sorry sight indeed. But something strange and wondrous has happened. That sense of shame, those feelings of inadequacy and the fretting over where I stood with my family have all evaporated.

This Christmas I showed up at the family gathering without a trace of apprehension, and enjoyed myself with everyone from my grandpa down to my cousin's new baby. I didn't feel the least bit of discomfort around my successful uncles and their excellent, faithful wives. I looked at my happy, healthy and good-looking cousins and felt warm and pleased simply to be with them.

There I was: divorced, single, far from wealthy, recently smeared by my own former wife as a violent criminal and menace to good people everywhere… And yet I was at peace with myself and my family. My nearly 90-year-old grandfather must have seen it, because he was virtually beaming at me.

So, I'd like to let all the people who are going through tough times know that there is always hope, and if something troubling you in your life cast a shadow over the holidays, your spirit can be restored. Sometimes hard times are just a steep trail to a better place, and even if you suffered and lost a great deal on the way there, you end up feeling even better than you did when things were "normal."

For those of us who had a rough holiday – and I know all too well that it happens – perhaps my experience can be of some consolation and offer hope for better times.

Assange: “I fell into a hornet’s nest of revolutionary feminism”

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Julian Assange, in the legal fight of his life after having been accused of rape by two Swedish women who discovered he was sleeping with both of them concurrently, has called Sweden “the Saudi Arabia of feminism.”

Although mere weeks ago Mr. Assange might not have publicly denounced feminism, the overwhelming support feminists have given to accusers Anna Ardin and Sofia Wilen has likely served to convince him that at least that faction of the left is not going to be of any assistance in his fight against sex crime charges.

Recent reports in newspapers have painted a picture of Assange as an unabashed womanizer with no compunctions about sleeping with other men’s girlfriends and in the habit of taking a different woman to bed every night. If true, these reports may not speak well to Mr. Assange’s morals, but such behavior is far from criminal. Furthermore, the fact that all these women were complicit in his sexual exploits appears to have escaped notice. It is this absolute disregard for female accountability that has allowed Mr. Assange to be charged with rape in the first place.

Back in the bad old days before the triumph of feminism, rape was understood as a sexual act in which the woman was not in any way complicit, i.e. she resisted throughout the process. Although it is not often brought to attention these days, it is nearly impossible to have sex with someone who physically resists the act, which is why real rapists use weapons, credible threats of grievous harm or overwhelming brutality to procure submission. Prior to feminism, women were actually held accountable for their behavior, so a woman who invited a man into her bed had no leg to stand on in a court of law if she cried rape. One might think that the endless talk of how empowered women are would lead to some recognition that women are, in fact, responsible for the choices they make. However, feminism has “empowered” women not by giving them more responsibility over their behavior, but rather by stripping all accountability for any actions they may take in the sexual realm.

The strange logic of contemporary sex law has it that a man only is responsible for every step of the process. If the woman opens her door to let a man inside her home, it is the man’s fault for stepping inside. If she takes off her clothes, the man is the responsible party — he is *looking at her*, after all. If she then invites him into her bed, it is only the man who is accountable when he goes along with the plan. Finally, when she is lying down next to him in the nude and embraces him, if the man dares to have sex with her, he can only be blamed. It goes ever farther into minutiae, including such things as use of contraceptive devices, sexual position (e.g. “he was lying on top of me during sex”), and whether or not the man had used deodorant. This is the well-known but rarely spoken feminist legal concept of “mentula rea,” or the “guilty penis doctrine,” which holds that the possessor of the penis is the sole actor in any sexual encounter, and therefore solely subject to punishment.

Under mentula rea, any sexual act a man undertakes is a crime that can be prosecuted on one simple condition: any other party to the act or witness brings it to the attention of authorities. It even extends to autoerotic acts; if a man is seen masturbating – even alone in his own home through a window – he may be arrested for a sex crime. In fact, it goes even farther than Orwell’s nightmare scenario of the elimination of the orgasm — a mere erection is against the law. As for “consensual” sex, there can be no such thing under mentula rea, because the party without the penis is not responsible in any way for the sex act. A man can argue consent all he wants, but there are infinite possibilities for a microsecond of non-consent, and also retroactive non-consent. Even ordinary sex implies non-consent, as one of the accusers in the Assange case said that he “used his body weight to hold [her] down,” i.e. the sex was in the standard missionary position. A man who enters a woman before she was sufficiently lubricated, who ejaculates in the normal manner inside the vagina, or perhaps even one who farts during intercourse against her express wishes can be held to have violated consent. Not long ago in Israel a man was held to have violated consent by using a fake name before sex with a woman — she retroactively withdrew consent after the deception was uncovered and he is now in prison.

Of course, to get to the real catch, because the party without the penis cannot be held responsible for the sex act at any one step of the way, consent is moot. How can one obtain consent from a non-actor? It is a logical impossibility

under feminist sex law. If a woman who took off her clothes and invited a man into her bed did not consent to sex, the entire concept of consent is meaningless. Therefore, the only possible defense a man can have when accused of rape under a feminist legal regime is that he did not in fact have sex with the woman. The sex itself is considered a criminal act by virtue of infinite non-consent, and the fact that an accusation was made is an indication that sex (a crime) may have occurred. If, upon questioning, the man admits that sex took place, he is assumed to have confessed, and he is already a criminal.

This is what Assange faces in Sweden.

Now, I'm not a big fan of Assange, and I think there is probably some merit to criticism of the man. At almost 40 he is acting like a 19-year-old boy turned loose in a whorehouse, which is not only unseemly, but monumentally stupid for a man in his position — the word "hubris" does come to mind. As a fellow publisher, however, I do not want to see him prosecuted for releasing information that someone sent his way — that would undermine the concept of free speech. As a fellow man, I think the prosecution for sex with women who enthusiastically consented under the sane, non-feminist definition of the word is an outrage.

But if there is anything this great leaker of documents has exposed to the world, it is the insanity of feminist law. Today, more people know the facts of the rape case against Assange than the contents of the diplomatic cables he leaked. Ironically, it seems Assange himself had no idea this could happen to him. Perhaps, if he had taken the time to peruse *The Spearhead*, it wouldn't have, but his current public struggle has at least opened the eyes of millions to just how far feminism has gone, and in that Assange has done us a big favor.

Dr. Reich: From Sexualpolitik to Energy of the Orgasm

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By Max Stirner

It was by chance that I stumbled upon the fascinating and controversial work of Dr. Wilhelm Reich — medical doctor, political activist, communist, student of Sigmund Freud, scientist and either a forgotten genius or a madman, as some people claim.

Dr. Reich is a dazzling personality who at first glance seems go along with the usual destructive ideas one would expect from a Marxist. But a closer look reveals that Reich never stuck to an ideology when it stood in his way of thinking. So it is not astonishing that he was consequently expelled from the International Psychoanalytical Association and later met with hostility from communist fellow travelers. By turning four major subjects, namely psychiatry, biology, physics and medicine upside down with his wild orgone physics he has certainly not made many friends among scientists either.

Sex and evolution – and for the PUAs – some empirical psychology of attraction seems to be a focus of the manosphere. Therefore, I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in these subjects to delve deeper in the history of psychology. Further, for the PUAs psychology is used as a tool to make ends meet. The goal is to get laid. The medium is the study of human behavior and the imitation of the traits of so called alpha males. The reason for female and male behavior is found in evolution theory. What is missing is a theory of the inner powers – the emotions – the libido, and the subconscious leading to our behavior. By sticking to a PUA worldview one regards humans as Pavlov regarded his dog. Even if it is sometimes hard to believe, human beings are not machines. They have emotions and the world of emotions is worthy of study.

The history of psychotherapy is too vast to discuss in a short article – and the author lacks the competence to do so. Dr. Reich sticks out because he has focussed his research mostly on sexuality and because his life gives a good insight into the beginnings of the so called “sexual revolution”.

Wilhelm Reich was born 1897 in a small town in the eastern part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. His parents died when he was a teenager. At the age of eighteen Wilhelm joined the Austrian army to fight in the first world war. He never returned home. After four years when the war was finally over, the Reich’s farm was on Russian territory. Wilhelm joined his brother in Vienna to study medicine. The brutality of the war had opened his eyes on the sick society he lived in. “The antisocial behavior of mankind is not a crime, but should be regarded as a disease. It should not be punished but instead be cured and prevented.” Reich developed his first ideas about the causes of this emotional disease: it must be a dysfunctional sexuality.”The soldiers in strong heterosexual relationships or with equal sublimations rejected the war, on the other hand the most brutal men considered women as latrines or were latently or overtly homosexual. Even the sadist psychopath or the antisocial personality succeeded in terms of the war ideology.”

In 1919 Reich organized a workshop on sexuality with some fellow students. The few students attending the course where considered as a little bit strange. When Reich arranged a meeting room for the workshop he had to calm down a professor who was afraid that they might wanted to do “practical sex research”. At first the course was a disappointment. The lectures of a senior psychoanalyst seemed dull and far off from reality. “I had experienced sex in a different way than it was taught”. That changed when he met Sigmund Freud to ask for literature on sexuality. “Freud talked to me like a normal person .. I was nervous when I came and I was in a good mood and happy when I left.”

Reich became an eager student of Freud’s work and joined the “Wiener Psychoanalytische Vereinigung” (Viennese Psychoanalytical Association) in 1920. It was an honor for a young student of 23 years to be accepted into this close circle of senior academics. At about the same time Reich started working in a clinic providing psychotherapy for poor people, giving him a deep insight in the emotional problems of society.

There was something that troubled Reich in the psychoanalytic theory: When is a patient cured? Reich had a talent for opening old wounds and asking unpleasant questions. In 1926 for Freud's 70th birthday Reich gave him the manuscript of his book "The Function of the Orgasm". Freud's reaction when reading the title was frosty. He gave the manuscript a skeptical look and finally said: "So big?". Reich was hurt. Usually Freud read every manuscript within few days but this time it took more than two months for him to reply. In his book "The Function of the Orgasm" Reich defines the goal of psychotherapy as the patient's ability to experience a satisfactory orgasm. The heterosexual genital intercourse was seen as the ideal, because any other form of sexual activity like masochism, fetishism or homosexuality could not provide a relieve to the libido.

From these years onward Freud distanced himself more and more from Reich. The reason for Freud's separation from Reich may be found in the different attitudes both had towards cultural values. As a conservative Freud was afraid of the consequences psychotherapy might have on society. His standpoint was to "liberate sexuality by therapy to make suppression possible". Freud had once remarked that "The habitual constant suppression of our natural drives refines our character" and he also wrote that "it is our best hope for the future that the intellect … will by time become the dictator of the soul". Reich on the other hand came to the conclusion that the intellect more or less followed the flow of emotions and was not important for a healthy personality.

Further, coming from a younger generation disillusioned by the first world war – he didn't have a high esteem of western culture. As a convinced Marxist, and member of the Communist Party he wanted to destroy the bourgeois society, which he held responsible for the "emotional plague".

He moved to Berlin in 1930, where he intensified his political activity for the German Communist Party KPD. Reich founded the "Deutsche Reichsverband für Proletarische Sexualpolitik" (Union for proletarian sex-politics of the German Reich) among other things promoting a liberation of marriage laws and abortion, and the prohibition of prostitution. In his book "The Sexual Revolution" Reich writes about his political goals: Coercive family and marriage being the origin of sexual oppression had to be abolished. The authority of parents over the education of their children had to be transferred to the state. Reich's succesful propaganda for Sex-Pol was met by resistance from conservative KPD members (who probably had not done their homework on the goals of Marxism). Voices were raised that Reich "will turn our assembly halls into brothels," and he "spits on the proletarian girls". One year after its foundation the KPD leadership shut down the successful Sex-Pol and prohibited the distribution of Reich's writings.

The quick rise of the Nazis to power from 1930 to 1933 came as a shock to the German political left. Reich fled Germany in 1933 where many political enemies of the Nazi Party where imprisoned or killed and he finally emigrated to Denmark. As a psychological explanation for the success of fascist ideology Reich wrote the book "The Mass Psychology of Fascism". He became alarmed about similar authoritarian tendencies in communism. The once "progressive" and "liberal" Soviet Union was turning more authoritarian day by day. In 1934 the prohibition of homosexual intercourse was reintroduced in the USSR. Abortion was made more and more difficult. Bourgeois values like the "coercive family" were held high again. In the same year Reich was expelled from the International Psychoanalytical Association for ambiguous reasons.

After his disillusionment with politics and the USSR turning into a dictatorship under Stalin, Reich dedicated his time to the further improvement of his character therapy.

Classical psychotherapy had stayed a talking cure, whereas Reich soon used nonverbal techniques and tried an integrated mind body concept. He focussed more and more on a theory of libido energy, finally coming to the conclusion that the orgasm must be a real electrical discharge, being just a
special case of a general vegetative current. A blockage in sexual energy flow not only resulted in the formation of layers of "armor" of the psyche and neuroses but at the same time in a blockage of certain muscle groups of the body. In 1935, with the help of a colleague, he was given the
opportunity to carry out experimental studies at the University of Oslo in Norway. He measured the electrical charge of the skin and erogenous zones during or in the absence arousal, coming to the conclusion that "the (…)

intensity of the feeling of lust matches the physiological quantity of the bioelectrical potential." Another field of study was the pulsation of microbes and primitive life forms.

During the rest of his turbulent life Reich will come to the conclusion that the "orgasmic energy" is a cosmic force which organizes life. He calls it "orgone energy". For this wild concept he was despised and ridiculed by the scientific community. A smear campaign in the press prompted him to emigrate to the United States in 1939, where he first opened a laboratory in New York City and later established a private institute with the name of "Orgonon" in Maine.

Reich had a number of enemies in the US as well. As a former Communist he was viewed with suspicious by the authorities. American fellow travelers of the Soviet Union scorned him for his criticism of Communism. His studies of sexual energy made him an easy target for derision from the media.

The FDA started to investigate Reich, who was treating patients with his orgone accumulators and was experimenting with weather manipulation. Eventually in 1954 the FDA found a way to order Reich to court for formalities concerning his orgone devices. Reich – stubborn as always – refused to appear. For this disobedience he was found guilty of criminal contempt of court and was sentenced to two years in jail. Further, the court ordered that all orgone-devices and literature about orgone to be destroyed under the supervision of FDA agents. In March 1957 Wilhelm Reich lost his court appeals and was finally ordered to jail. In Lewisburg prison, Wilhelm Reich, who once held the opinion that religious feelings are a result of suppressed sexual energy, became religious. He was sending out prayers to his son Peter. Wilhelm Reich died in prison in November 1957.

The life of Wilhelm Reich is controversial and tragic and could indeed make a a great script for a hollywood movie. Putting orgone energy aside, I have to say that some of his political ideas don't make any sense at all, expecially when it comes down to economics. Instead of reading Marx, Reich would have done himself a favor by studying Hayek's "Road to Serfdom".

It is strange that Reich, as a supporter of a natural flow of libido and energy, favored a planned economy. How can people act spontaneously in a planned society? Why should a Communist state be less coercive than a bourgeois family? By simply ignoring the fact that economic behavior is necessary for survival, he disregards what men and families have been doing with most of their time: managing scarce resources. In a Communist and matriarchal society there can of course be no scarcity and therefore economic laws do not seem to apply.

If a whole society is sick, why should women be sane? Reich more or less ignored the female part in the "sexually starved" society. By blaming the patriarchy for the emotional sickness of our society and seeing matriarchy as the ideal harmonic society we should all live in, he promotes misandry.

In "The Function of the Orgasm" Reich wrote:

"The character structure of the contemporary man, replicating a 6000 year old patriarchal authoritarian culture is characterised by armor of the psyche against its internal nature and against external social misery."

In "The Sexual Revolution" he said:

"Under patriarchy sexual needs had to serve (…) the economic interests of a minority. Under the ancient Communist matriarchy the economy had to satisfy the needs (including sexual needs) of the whole society."

In the book "Listen, Little Man" written in his late years, Reich blamed humanity for it's "emotional plague" and obviously addressed mostly males. What role do women play in this emotional disease?

The myth of a matriarchal paradise having existed in ancient times before the evil patriarchy took over, seems to be a common dream of Marxists. We can see more clearly now that after the so called sexual liberation in the 70′s the left has finally swallowed the last bitter pill of Karl Marx. As a revenge for 6000 years of cruel patriarchy the male sex drive is now deeply mistrusted and a puritanic anti-male movement is on the way.

What has happened in the mean time? Reich is almost forgotten by now. His early writings became popular during

the ’68 student movement in Germany. His orgone science is ignored or ridiculed.

Reichs former research institute “Orgonon” in Maine is now a museum, and open to the public.

http://www.wilhelmreichmuseum.org/index.html

Inspired by a book of Wilhelm Reich’s son Peter – the British singer Kate Bush wrote the song “Cloudbusting” that became popular in the 80′s. The video is a classic:

Mother's Crazy, but She Runs the Family

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"Mother's crazy but she runs the family." This is the first line from Toy Matinee's song, There Was A Little Boy, which discusses everything wrong with growing up in a single mother family. My parents divorced around the time I was 12, and it was then that I became intimately familiar with my mother's unique brand of tough love (some might say, psychosis). As I was growing into a young adult, I remember being shamed and ridiculed into silence everytime I made a bad remark about my mother. Perhaps this was a symptom of the area I grew up in – lovely old Bellingham, Washington, one of the most liberal (and feminist!) towns I'm aware of – but mother worship is just another fact of growing up in the West. Even bad men love their mamas – so why didn't I? After all, she went through the pain of birthing me and so on and so forth. I quickly learned to just keep my mouth shut about my awful mother. In private, I've known several men who have admitted to having an antagonistic relationship with their mothers, but it's something you rarely see proclaimed loudly.

You may have noticed that I'm something of the "music man" around The Spearhead – several of my posts are analyses of songs. I've found that music captures and expresses emotional sentiment far better than I could ever manage to. Thus, songs serve as a sort of crutch for me when I'm discussing emotions, that most unmanly of conversational topics. Toy Matinee only ever released one album, in 1990, and the frontman/singer for it was Kevin Gilbert. Kevin Gilbert was involved in producing some of Madonna's tripe, if memory serves, but much more importantly he released a few albums of his own. He passed away in 1996, but you could say he went out with a bang – having died of autoerotic asphyxiation. I suggest you check out There Was A Little Boy for yourself before you read the rest of this piece, but if you don't, I'll be copying the relevant lyrics as we go along. For example, here's the first verse:

> Mother's crazy, but she runs the family
> Two older sisters, and the boy who's nine years old
> He's old enough to see the way it's going
> Somewhere the birds are singing
> But Mother's all alone

This isn't a perfect mirror of the way I grew up, but it's fairly close. I had an older brother and a younger sister in place of "two older sisters," and as I mentioned, my parents were still together when I was 9. Nevertheless, even when my parents were together, my mom definitely "ran the family." My father was in charge of finances, but that was about it. If ever we needed a parent's permission, we knew to get our mother's, because our father had no authority in our home. The third line is interesting because I think – perhaps due to my own personal experience – that people begin to form their first very clear memories around the time they are 8 or 9. (Sure, some people claim to remember even their infant years, but that's considered exceptional.) I take the "birds are singing" line as a metaphor for the mother being crazy, and "but Mother's all alone" seems to imply that even though the mother might be physically present, she is emotionally distant. (Obviously the line implies she's single, too, but I like to take my analyses deeper than that.) Second verse:

> He needs a father, but she takes a lover
> This man is not a friend, shows no friendship
> This man just waits around to play with Sister
> But he plays too serious, he plays too rough

Again, this isn't a perfect mirror to my circumstances, but it's fairly close. Much has been written about how children need fathers, so I won't go too much into that subject. The first two lines of this song are a succinct reference to the preference for alpha male jerks controversially observed in, for example, the

Roissysphere. The man my mother tried to settle down with after a few years wasn't much of a father either – and had already been divorced, with kids of his own – but thankfully he wasn't a sexual predator like the step-father in this song. I'm certain I've read an article recently about how step-fathers are more likely to be sexual abusers, but for the life of me I can't find it. Anyway, I don't think the assertion needs too much proving around here, though obviously there are exceptions and some step-fathers are great men. The chorus:

> How can you expect a child to understand the sickness of a world whose eyes are blind?
> The dying man inside this boy is questioning his once upon a time
> (There was a little boy)

There's not much intelligent or cogent that I can say about this chorus. It comes up later with some additional lines, but the first two are powerful. It took me 21 or 22 years to "understand the sickness of the world," and I'm still coping with the fact its "eyes are blind." The dying man inside me started questioning my once upon a time right around the time I hit puberty. I am not an isolated case. Next verse:

> He leaves home early for a loveless world
> And he finds what he needs with an older boy
> He's got a couple things to hide from Mother
> He hopes she'll understand, she hopes he'll change

I've read some articles that talk about how a child learns intimacy and how to love from their parents, and that if a child fails to learn this from his (or her) parents, then he (or she) goes into adulthood with a crippled ability to relate to and trust other people. (I wish I had some links to these articles, but I didn't bookmark them.) Such a world is certainly loveless. I can also relate to finding what I needed with an older boy – although, this implies the boy gets involved with a gang or something similar, which I never quite did. I idolized my older brother for a time, and then befriended many older male friends through the internet. (By older, I mean 4-8 years my senior.) I sometimes felt as though I had things to hide from my mother – though, that was more just childhood tomfoolery than the sort of gang trouble implied in this song. Even still, as the years have worn on, I always hoped my mother would understand me better, and I am sure she hopes that I would change and include her more in my life. The chorus returns at this point, its potency alliteration-enhanced:

> How can you expect a child to understand the sickness of a world whose eyes are blind?
> A world he cannot hope to conquer, insecurities that fester in his mind
> No choice, no fault, and no way out, no blame, no guilt, no friends, no cure, no crime
> The dying man inside this boy is questioning his once upon a time
> (There was a little boy)

As before, there's little of merit I can add to these powerful lines. My mother made me feel disastrously insecure as I was growing up. I remember one particularly bad argument with her. One of my best friends and his family had agreed to take me into their home, because the situation in my own was getting out of hand. I approached her about this and she flipped out, as was her *modus operandi*. The conversation veered towards (as it usually did) how much of a failure I was, and I remember how she asserted that I could never make it on my own because of how hopelessly pathetic I was. The sad part was that for a few days, I internalized this and believed her. Thankfully, I had some decent (great, really) friends who helped reassure me, and shortly thereafter I resolved to prove her wrong. I effectively ran away at the age of 17 and relocated to Utah to start over.

The "no choice, no fault" line sums up how I felt growing up and what I think a lot of boys are feeling in this age. For example, all of the forces that are arrayed against them are not their fault, there's rarely a way out of it (we men can talk of expatriating, but what is a 12 year old boy with a single mother and abusive step father to do?), it's hard to find blame with any one person or thing (and even if you can, what good is assigning the blame?), and friends can

seem hard to find if you're being shamed about your "mommy issues." Final verse:

> This boy was once a strong man, but getting weaker
> He carries more than just the shame inside
> His mother stays away and faces nothing
> She blindly wishes for a happy ending

This verse stands out to me, as well. As the years wore on with my mother, I got wore down. Where once I dreamed big – becoming a famous novelist, becoming President, having a big happy family and so on – I later actually devised ways in which I could fail and disappoint. At the apex of this mindset, I enlisted (for convoluted reasons not worth examining here), which I did in part to spite my family. All the while, my mother could never own up to what she did to us children, waxing sentimental about how we could all get back together some day and be "a real family again." Excuse me while I vomit.

On that note, I hope your holidays went well and that you have a good New Year.

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Ontario Shows Compassion for Stricken Woman, Young Man With Same Disease Out of Luck

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Lucas Maciesza of Guelph, Ontario has a very rare, acquired (not genetic) blood disorder that is fatal if left untreated, but unfortunately the treatment is extremely expensive — to the tune of $500,000 per year. Soliris, the drug developed to treat paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH — the disease afflicting Mr. Maciesza), can nearly cure the disease, but has the dubious distinction of being the most expensive drug on the planet, and must be taken for life. PNH causes thrombosis, which can lead to pulmonary embolism, stroke and a number of other complications that can kill its victims.

Ontario's health ministry has been dragging its feet on the issue of funding the treatment for Mr. Maciesza, who has received five infusions thanks to London Health Science Center, which purchased $75,000 worth of the drug to save his life.

Near death when he was diagnosed in November, Lucas has made a remarkable recovery, but he promises that he would quickly stop taking the drug and wasting taxpayer money if it stopped working. As a young man, he would presumably have a long life ahead of him if the drug continued to successfully treat his PNH, but without it he will likely die.

In a statement to the province he wrote last week, Mr. Maciesza laid out the facts:

> I was released from hospital and I continue to feel great…
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> I am now convinced, beyond a doubt, that without continued access to Soliris I will die. The infusions are every two weeks and if for any reason this treatment stops working, I will be the first one to stop it and save the taxpayers the cost — you have my word on it.

This might seem to be another one of those unfortunate tragedies wherein the harsh realities of the marketplace condemn a man to die, but it turns out that Ontario is actually already paying for the drug for another PNH patient — 70-year-old Norma Metz of North Bay. The reasoning behind funding her infusions was that it was the "compassionate" thing to do.

For Lucas Maciesza, however, it seems the government of Ontario is having a difficult time finding the same compassion. It is exactly these kinds of decisions that let us know exactly how much value is placed on lives, and it seems that a young man merits less than an old woman.

Hopefully, Ontario will do the right thing: cutting women's studies programs in the province should easily provide the funds needed to keep a young man alive, and probably an old woman, too. It would be the compassionate thing to do.

Adult Content Piracy: A Men's Issue

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The *Salon*-esque parody headline aside, copyright infringement lawsuits are an issue that have affected and will continue to affect men in the future. Men will be most overrepresented in the wave of infringement lawsuits regarding pornography, though. It doesn't take any deep statistical analysis to figure this out, either. Thought experiment: Who is more likely to torrent porn, men or women? Considering that this activity 1) uses the internet, 2) in a manner more sophisticated than point-and-click social networking, and 3) deals with visual depictions of sex, it's easy for anyone honest about gender differences to see where such lawsuits will affect men more than women.

This is a men's issue on both sides, for both content producers and consumers. A few exceptional women-owned studios aside, such as Jennaration X and Burning Angel [*N.B. - I won't link to any studio for courtesy to content-sensitive readers, and to spare them from the resulting dreaded HR "meetings"*], most of the industry largely has been founded and advanced on the backs of men like Larry Flynt, John Stagliano, Jules Jordan and John Leslie Nuzzo, among others. Adult Entertainment, and the men who created billing services to bring it to people's homes – documented in the movie Middle Men – created the entire micro-economy of e-commerce. For those who question the amount of work needed to sell a product to people who want it, bear in mind that most of the successful people in the industry faced criminal charges for obscenity at some point, even recently, and others still do.

Understanding the Business

While the entire industry brings in a couple billion dollars a year, it is by no means as large as many people like to think. Forbes breaks it down here. When you cut up that porn pie, you will see that many of the slices are diet sized. Given the niche nature of the industry, most DVD titles sell around one thousand units. When you rip off a Metallica song, you may contribute to a large aggregate loss for the record company, but your individual theft doesn't really change the record label's bottom line. When you steal a single adult movie, you may have stolen a significant portion of that movie's sales. And that's when you steal from the companies that crank out DVDs, which tend to be the larger producers. Internet-only companies face a bundle of related, larger problems, as their content is already optimized for digital transmission and sharing.

Aside from a handful of market leaders, most internet porn companies are smaller businesses than your local Chipotle franchise, and they are often run by the very people on screen. When you steal *Up*, it doesn't really take much money from Pixar. When you steal porn, it very likely will have an immediate and measurable negative impact on the actor, director, and publisher. With the current degree of online piracy, most adult studios' profits are down 60%. Though hardly poor, they lack the resources to pursue every instance of infringement solely to make a point. Recast in a different light, a local hardware store could not stay in business if 60% of its inventory being moved out the door was stolen. Adult entertainment businesses are the same size, and rely on the same ethic, and yet there is less stigma attached to theft by torrents and other peer-to-peer sharing.

The adult entertainment industry is a collection of many smaller companies without a monolithic trade group to represent its economic interests in court and before Congress. While the Free Speech Coalition and ASACP are trade organizations representing the industry's principles and a subset of their legal interests, there is no equivalent of the MPAA, RIAA or even a BMI/ASCAP-type entity to bankroll sector-wide anti-piracy endeavors. This eliminates the cost-spreading structure that allowed the RIAA and now MPAA to ruthlessly pursue thousands of litigants for years, and the adult entertainment industry is left with individual studios acting alone to enforce their copyrights against the most egregious pirates. Framed in gender didactics, it's the same advocacy disadvantage men have when confronted by NOW and the League of Women Voters.

In 2000, right when online piracy became a huge issue, Courtney Love gave an eloquent defense of file sharing, essentially backing up the argument that a lot of online copyright thieves employ — that when you steal music online, you're not really stealing from the little guy musician, you're stealing from the fat pig record companies. While not making it less illegal, that rationale has some moral justification when the main profiteers of music and movies are large studios producing thousands of titles and employing even more people. A small business, however, cannot sustain such losses without feeling them immediately.

More than Naughty Pictures

Weighing social and technological advances together, the adult industry's impact on American culture has been second only to NASA. In the 1980s, porn's choice of VHS over Sony's Betamax ended the format war. In the 1990s, pornography was at the spearhead of internet development both in terms of technology and business models, designing affiliate programs and billing services at the same time it pushed for video, audio, and more efficient photo services. If you watch any video online, thank the porn industry. In fact, if you use the world wide web, thank the porn industry. While porn didn't invent the internet, it certainly acted as the amniotic sac for the fetal Web.

This trend has not slowed. The adult film industry swiftly adopted the now-dominant BluRay media format, ensuring its viability and winning the war against HD-DVD. Ironically, this helped Sony's format win, after doing the opposite decades earlier. Porn has also been instrumental in transcending format wars with video on demand (VOD) technology. Vudu, an early VOD service that offered a channel catering to adult entertainment, was recently acquired by Walmart and forced to end its adult offerings.

The net result of adult entertainment's viability as an industry has been an undercurrent towards faster, higher quality and more widely accessible technology. Every other sector has benefited from the accessibility and ubiquity that adult entertainment has sought to achieve, given its patrons' frequent need for discretion. Culturally, people are experimenting more and, as the data above suggest, enjoying themselves more as well. Not to say that people are uncreative on their own, but the adult entertainment industry gives them ideas, whether for technology, business or physical activities, that they may not have thought of on their own, and that entrenched interests like film and music companies have no interest to develop.

To those who say that "the model needs to change," they're right. That's why the adult entertainment industry has constantly been in a state of flux, and has material available in print, on DVD, and online. This has also been a major reason why the industry has not been able to establish trade cabals like the RIAA and MPAA. The common thread of the industry, and reason for its existence, is original content — content that is copyrighted and entitled to a range of legal protections. All of the structural change in the world will not alter the fact that a right to produce and protect original content is at the core of adult entertainment; it is the industry's sole commodity, like coal, oil or copper, that derives value by virtue of its relative scarcity. Content producers want you to have access to it on your phone, computer and television, but legally, and can only advance the technology required for this goal if they have the money to research and perfect it.

Helping a Brother Out

In the world of content creation, U.S. Copyright law governs what can be protected and how those protections work. There are limits to what can be copyrighted, so that someone cannot claim a proprietary interest in a mere idea. For economics wonks, there are individual rights within a copyright that can be broken down and sold, licensed or assigned to others, such as rights of republication or broadcast. And, to protect the creator, there are provisions that allow for recovery of up to $150,000 for willful infringement.

There is a constant drone about copyright law from those at the technological frontier – that it stifles innovation, that it's stilted in favor of large studios, and that it's become obsolete. These may all be valid criticisms, but the law on the books remains the law on the books until it is changed. Feelings are irrelevant to the law as written. But, feelings – or plain old good taste – are relevant to how one chooses to use it as a sword. If someone was reposting The Spearhead articles because they agreed with the message and wanted to get the word out to others – or even if

they disagreed and wanted to critique the piece's arguments – it seems unlikely that Mr. Price would hunt them down and sue them, absent some kind of rampant misappropriation and profiteering (and, even then, my dealings with W.F. Price lead me to believe he'd try to settle everything as quickly and cordially as possible). When you create for your livelihood rather than your cause, though, then every penny lost to piracy counts that much more.

The easiest way to not get caught in such action is to not steal. People caught in such lawsuits have claimed it is unfair to bring up what the pirated content was in order to *shame* the pirate into settlement. I think lawyers who employ that tactic are undermining their clients. There is no shame in creation, or in commerce, and what one does in the privacy of his own home would not even be under public scrutiny but for one important fact: the defendant *stole*. There is no reason to steal, and bring caught will carry a penalty worth several dozen legitimate DVD purchases or monthly website passes. Knowing the industry demographics, though, why would you steal? Adult entertainment is unique in that the average woman is paid more than the average man – often by factors in a scene where they both appear. The field predominantly is run by male small business owners, though, who are also well represented in this publication's readership, and can relate to the myriad of issues faced when creating something new and important.

As always, honesty is the best policy. Otherwise, change your network password often, even if you give it to friends occasionally, and make sure you know who's using your network. If someone comes over for a weekend, logs on, and has a torrent running in the background, a motivated plaintiff will have your IP address when he comes knocking. Actually, he won't – it'll be a letter from your internet service provider telling you that they're giving up your internet account information, followed by a visit from your friendly neighborhood process server. At that point, it's a matter of how little you can get away with paying – motions to quash subpoenas for identifying information in copyright cases tend to have a low return on investment; when a case is brought properly, a motion to quash's likelihood of success is low. At that point, it's time to admit wrongdoing and try to get off as lightly as possible, even if you're forced to suck it up and pay a "d'oh tax" for failing to properly secure or monitor your wireless network.

Conclusion

People are free to dislike pornography and choose not to buy it. They can keep strip clubs and video stores out of their cushy suburbs if they can convincingly show that it will increase crime and harm property values. If all of the major studios were to shut down tomorrow, there would still be more porn around than any one person could need in his or her lifetime, but that's not the point. However indignant or repulsed one might feel, there is a bright line between what is and is not theft; distaste for something does not excuse stealing. As an inexorable force for technological change, porn is intrinsically valuable, and its producers have to defend their ability to stay viable – profitable, even – for the rest of us to benefit from its existence. Nobody likes to be sued, or to pay a settlement of several thousand dollars. But, widespread piracy has destabilized an entire industry, and one that has worked to be rather versatile, as opposed to the recording and movie industries' desperate grip on decades-old models of distribution.

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Feminism in China

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By Gorbachev

Feminism has been eating away at the core of American demographics, dating and domestic life for decades. What's often not understood is that this process is under way all over the world, everywhere industrial economies have taken root.

I lived in Japan, Korea and China, though I have the most personal experience in Korea, where I lived for several years. Feminism is definitely altering the equation for young men and women in Korea. I was able to watch as the social environment was literally percolating and bubbling over. I go back regularly, and from what I can see, the process is only accelerating. Korea is maybe 10-15 years behind the same process in other Asian countries, though, where this trend has been radically changing societies for some time.

In Japan, there is an entire generation of boys that have refused to co-operate with the work-hard, forehead-to-the-grindstone, grin-and-bear-it mentality of their fathers. What's worse, women have largely elected not to get married and the birth rate in Japan has crashed. We've all heard of Japan's lack of babies and the economic stagnation and aging population, but fewer people have experienced what happens when boys and men simply stop participating in life. Reclusive Japanese "Herbs" have simply withdrawn from regular male pursuits – outside of video games.

In Korea, a growing class of young men are often seen dangling "purses" and spending hours styling themselves, activities their fathers did only on sufferance and at the insistence of their wives. This is contrasted with a shrinking pool of resilient, brash males who are considered domineering, and whose chauvinism is often blamed by women on their terrible experiences as conscripts in the Korean army . These traditional men are no longer the progressive model for youth in Korea. But though they're a declining species, they haven't disappeared altogether.

In China, the effects are now being debated with some earnestness.

We can all guess, pretty easily, why the boys and young men are "un-manly" and can't bring themselves to work at anything they need to do. It's most definitely not because they're suffering from an over-indulgence of "male privilege". Most likely, they've been indulged, pampered, and prevented from acting on their hard-wired male programs that push them to compete and excel in aggressively non-feminine ways.

Some highlights from the article sound powerfully familiar. It speaks to the universality of human nature that Chinese researchers would have come to the same conclusions reached by many men outside of China.

> A similar academic gender gap also observed in the West and other countries where girls outperform boys, but the situation appears **especially serious in China** where decades of a one-child policy have focused all parental attention on a single child. It's also ironic that boys appear especially at a disadvantage in a male-dominated society where many people prefer boy babies.
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> This general state of affairs the authors and many others attribute to **China's rigid education system that doesn't accommodate boys' and girls' differing physiological and brain development**; pressure to perform; **overprotection and pampering** by parents and grandparents; and an environment at home and school that is **dominated by women** and lacks strong male role models.
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> "**For years we've focused more on girls' rights to receive equal education.** But we unintentionally neglected boys and their worsening crisis," says coauthor Sun, also deputy director of the China Youth Research Center. If this continues, we will have a new gender imbalance," Sun says.
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> *Parents spoil them and coop them up indoors instead of letting them run around outside because they think nature and vigorous exercise are dangerous.*

(This is a social phenomenon common to many Asian countries, where physical exercise or work of any kind is frowned upon. Ironically, while China may win many medals at the olympics, its population is one of the most sedentary on Earth)

> "In a system that ignores gender differences and demands every student be quiet and obedient, there are heavy shackles on boys who have at least 15 times more testosterone than girls," he says. **"Boys and girls are not parts on an assembly line that have the same size, shape and function.**"
> Boys' ability to read and write develops two years later than girls, even nerves in a boys' fingers grow more slowly than girls, says Sun.
> "My son has trouble holding a brush and writing Chinese characters with complicated strokes," says one man.
> Girls do better earlier, **though boys catch up as their coordination improves**.
> "But they are required to learn the same thing at the same speed. This is so unfair," Sun says.

– This is the same old – same old. When you let women and bureaucrats teach your boys, the only option they have is to teach them not to be boys or watch them fail in school.

Turning men into girls is fine – except that you'll never get any grandchildren, because the women won't breed with your less masculine son.

> Some boys are regarded as **slow or silly because they have so much energy** and have a hard time sitting still.
> "This can make them hate school starting in the first grade," says Sun.
> Though boys need to run around, many schools eliminate vigorous and demanding physical exercise for both boys and girls – lest accidents result in lawsuits. **Exuberance is generally discouraged.**
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> Most important lesson:
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> "**The education system is more suitable for girls, who are good at memorizing and like sitting quietly to read," says author Li.**

It's not just American men that labor under the crushing burden of a feminized edu-eaucracy.

America's DV Culture Celebrates Violence Against Women

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As a guy who writes about the sorry state of men's rights in the West, fairness sometimes requires me to address the other side of the coin…how men abuse their privileged position in the family and how men's rights advocates in the media excuse the abuses of their brother men. Sometimes MRAs even celebrate their crimes with a glee that I find both offensive and perverse.

Consider the case of Lawrence Gallo, more widely known as Larry Gallo (he has since chosen to go by the longer, more formal first name as a sign of his newfound maturity), who, in a fit of rage after years of alleged mental and physical abuse at the hands of his cruel and domineering wife Juanita, exacted revenge upon her 17 years ago by attacking her as she slept and cutting off one of her breasts (it would be successfully reattached hours later).

Why one of her breasts? As he explained it, in that brief moment of rage, her breasts symbolized how smothered he was by her aggressive, toxic femininity. With those breasts, she felt she could get away with anything–and did. For years, Larry claimed, people looked the other way as he suffered. Thus removing one of those offending breasts would neuter that oppressive femininity. He would finally be free, by dint of severing the visible fount of her sexual power from her body.

Perhaps unintended by Gallo, it would also bring public humiliation upon his wife–she would be forever known as the breast-less woman, a disfigured monster, the butt of ridicule by late-night comedians. Yet Juanita, classy as she was, turned this terrible event to her advantage, first by fronting a lounge band humorously named *The Detached Tit*, then to starring in two pornographic videos, making as much money as possible from the circus-act notoriety of her reconstructed breast.

Well, seems that Larry–now Lawrence–has healed. Finally free from Juanita's mental and physical abuse, Larry, a former kept man, is standing on his own two feet and has gone on to form a new family and found a charity, "Larry's Red Wagon", to help his fellow hen-pecked men who are abused by their abusive wives escape their situations.

I am appalled by how accepted, even celebrated, Larry's mayhem had (and has) been in the press. Nothing calls for violence against one's wife, even one allegedly as ill-behaved as Juanita. Yet that is what I see some men doing…excusing and give psychological cover for continued violence against women by such men. Indeed, society is so penetrated by this DV-excusing culture that we don't even blink at similarly situated men who exploit their inferior social position as a get out of jail free card for abuses ranging from slapping their wives when mildly upset, to full on battery against them when angered. This must stop.

So I ask each of you to join me and various feminist groups in calling for a halt to America's DV culture. As motivation, I give you Larry's recent appearance on CNN. He has a new hair color and a new life, and in the video, he discusses his charitable foundation to help prevent the kinds of abuse that he allegedly suffered. Not once were his admitted misdeeds mentioned during the interview, providing yet more evidence that violence against women is sanctioned, condoned, and supported by America's DV culture….click to view the video and see what I'm talking about.

Now that you've viewed the video, you probably realize that this post is completely sarcastic. And I hope that I've also proven a point or two in the process. We do have a DV culture in this country, but it's not what the feminists or their lace-curtain enablers in the media and in Hollywood want us to think it is.

"Larry's Lorena's Red Wagon" may be found here.

HT: Keyster

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Happy New Year!

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New Year has always been an oddly resonant holiday for me. Although I never took it all that seriously, I remember many of my New Years better than I should, given the circumstances. It will probably be quiet for me this year, as I'll be with my little ones, but I hope readers get out there and truly celebrate it if they have the time.

When I lived in Peking, my Chinese friends always demanded some performance of Auld Lang Syne, and the Chinese are karaoke junkies (to my great dismay), so I looked for a decent rendition of the song. Below is about the best I could find. Not too cheap, not too queer, and apparently genuinely Scottish.

Enjoy!

Prenups and Economics: Forewarned is Forearmed

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You don't bring a knife to a gun fight. Cliché aside, the reason is obvious: If you do, you're dead. The same has sadly become true of modern marriage, where one cannot simply marry for love, but must date and couple *defensively*, paying attention to her family background, spending habits, and past relationships. These have always been factors in mate selection, but with divorce increasingly easy and now funded by outside parties, such considerations are disproportionately important.

Prenups are unromantic. They damper the fire two people have for one another, and acknowledge that maybe true love isn't forever — or isn't so true after all. Bad things happen that can ruin a marriage, such as illness or family deaths that nobody could predict or prevent. Given the life-ruining consequences of divorce, a prenup is an insurance policy against catastrophe. To some, this is preaching to the choir. For others, this should give reason for pause and careful consideration of taking this step before committing to marriage.

Whose Property Is It?

One of the most important considerations in a marriage is property distribution. The states are not in concert on this topic, and there are two main methods of property collection. The first is Common Law ("CL"), which assumes that spouses keep their earnings and other property acquired during marriage for themselves unless acquired jointly. Community Property ("CP") states – Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin – assume that all income and other property acquired by a spouse during marriage, unless demonstrably separate (such as a gift to the husband left by his father's will), becomes part of the marital "community" in which each spouse has an indivisible half share. Confusing yet? The metaphysics have just begun.

If you move states, property generally is treated under the laws where it is acquired. For more complex property, such as bank accounts and savings accounts, the amount that counts as CL or CP is determined by how much of its contents were added in each jurisdiction. Where that is not traceable, it is measured by time. If you have a business, your spouse may have a share of that in California, depending on how much time and energy you and the "marital community" invested into it. While the *Van Camp* and *Pereira* tests are used to determine how the business is valued and distributed, courts have considerable discretion in using these tests. While *Pereira* gives the parting spouse a rate of return on the business' worth and *Van Camp* values his or her contribution to the business versus how much a paid employee would have commanded in the marketplace, giving the difference in value to the spouse. In either test, the outcome is the same: A chunk of the business goes to the non-owner spouse. Entrepreneurs should consider this before marriage.

Community property also lends itself to a lot of other petty little power struggles. If you both are gifted a valuable heirloom in a CP state and have an undivided half interest in it, get ready for it to be sold at auction to capture the half value and make it divisible. After all, *it's only fair!* </whine>

Process and Substance

Each state governs prenups individually. Some cohesion exists, however, among the states to adopt the Uniform Premarital Agreements Act (UPAA). Nevertheless, this is model legislation and each state likely has provisions that reflect its public policy. "Public policy" sounds like a joke, and often was mocked in law school, but there are palpable differences in the laws of California and, say, Virginia, for this very reason.

Generally, prenups can be made about any terms the parties want. One risk of making the agreement too specific, though, is that not fully complying with it can be used against you. By failing to meet a term, however small, the

other party can claim that you've waived it. Whether that claim has merit or would succeed is another matter, but there is a basis for the soon-to-be-ex spouse to begin attacking entire provisions of the agreement. I do not practice in family law, but as always, hit the highlights, keep it simple, and move along.

One advantage of the UPAA is that, depending on how a state has altered it, there is no longer an inquiry into the substantive fairness of a prenuptial agreement. Substantive fairness looks to whether the terms of the agreement are fair to the spouses – even if not totally equal – and had independent counsel, acted based on duress, had the sophistication to know what was being forfeited, and fully disclosed their respective assets and liabilities. Under the UPAA, if the parties agreed to the prenup's terms, it will stand, much like a commercial contract. The problem with assuming this is the case in all states, though, is that some states may have modified the UPAA to require an inquiry into the substantive fairness of a prenuptial agreement, or allow the complaining spouse to present evidence that it was substantively unfair. Where the UPAA has not been adopted, this inquiry into substantive fairness may still be in effect.

Even without an inquiry as to substantive fairness, a prenup may be set aside for failing to adequately provide for a spouse. First, if the terms of the prenup are "unconscionable," the agreement will be set aside and not enforced, either in part or entirely, depending on the rules of your jurisdiction (some courts might "blue line" the agreement, striking the unconscionable provision to keep the remainder of the agreement viable). Though better understood through case law, the free legal dictionary defines unconscionability as:

> *Unusually harsh and shocking to the conscience; that which is so grossly unfair that a court will proscribe it.*
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> When a court uses the word *unconscionable* to describe conduct, it means that the conduct does not conform to the dictates of conscience. In addition, when something is judged unconscionable, a court will refuse to allow the perpetrator of the conduct to benefit.
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> In contract law an unconscionable contract is one that is unjust or extremely one-sided in favor of the person who has the superior bargaining power. An unconscionable contract is one that no person who is mentally competent would enter into and that no fair and honest person would accept. Courts find that unconscionable contracts usually result from the exploitation of consumers who are often poorly educated, impoverished, and unable to find the best price available in the competitive marketplace. (source.)

Under the model UPAA, this standard for unconscionability is ascertained at the time the spouses enter into the prenuptial agreement. States may have their own modifications to this rule. This creates an interesting problem for couples-to-be: How do you know what's unconscionable at the time you're making the agreement? Most divorces take time to occur, and the court – as well as spouses – can only look backward to see what was or was not unconscionable in the past. In the present, better-off spouses are left to guess what will be unconscionable in 3, 5, 10 or 20 years, leading to a dulling of prenuptial agreements in step with the increasing effeteness of societal norms. In some states, couples opt to seal their divorce records and keep the details of their split off the record, making it difficult to determine what courts have held to be unconscionable in the past with any accuracy.

Other conditions for setting aside a prenuptial agreement include nondisclosure and putting a spouse on public assistance. A spouse's failure to disclose his or her assets – without obtaining the other spouse's waiver, meaning that the spouses do not have to make such disclosures – is a basis for the prenup to be set aside completely under the UPAA, and be given no effect in determining the former spouse's economic rights. Similarly, a prenup can be set aside and rendered ineffective if there is no provision for alimony – though alimony can be waived by the spouses in the agreement – and the agreement's result is the negatively affected spouse becoming eligible for public assistance. As with all other provisions, individual states may have modified these portions of the UPAA.

Conclusion

Getting a prenup that will stand up to challenges by a woman scorned and court that often features elected judges is not as easy as signing on the dotted line. If parts of this article seem scary or confusing, it's because they are.

While society views marriage as disposable, with more than half of unions ended in divorce and 70% of divorce petitions filed by women, the legal system treats it as a serious and solemn bond – from an economic standpoint.

I'm of the opinion that a hit to one's libido is worth having an intact life if the worst case scenario should come to pass. Beyond the inherent unsexiness of prenups, they're expensive. They require asking around for a good lawyer, paying several hundred dollars an hour, and potentially even having your prospective spouse represented by counsel to ensure a fair, thoroughly negotiated agreement. But money and discomfort accepted now can prevent bigger, costlier problems in the future.

2011 — The Year of Men

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By Alphabeta Supe

Today is an auspicious day. It is 1/1/11 – an appropriate date for a new beginning. It is the beginning of a new era in gender relations. I hereby declare 2011 the Year of Men.

Enough is enough. It is time to end the most appalling and reprehensible chapter in modern Western gender relations. It is the year that pro-VAWA lobby groups will be held accountable for their part in the rising number of unpunished false rape claims. It is the year that men falsely accused of rape receive adequate compensation for their shocking losses. It is the year unpunished mutilators like Lorena Bobbitt cease being glorified and get their just desserts. It is the year women are indicted equally for domestic violence crimes against men. It is the year publicly funded hospitals stop giving preferential medical treatment to women. It is the year the female orgasm is no longer worshipped. It is the year the White Knight and the Mangina are de-horsed and re-masculated. It is the year Hanna Rosin and her ilk are silenced for the patently ridiculous fools that they are. It is the year schools and teachers stop treating our sons like second class citizens. It is the year that Marriage 1.0 is restored to the righteous believer and Marriage 2.0 is abandoned as the feminist abomination that it is. It is the year we pull our wives, sisters, mothers and daughters back from the brink of self-destruction. It is the year that feminism is finally recognised as economically unfeasible.

Gentlemen, let us begin. There are 1684 universities around the world that have a Women's Studies program. I challenge all men, each and every one that reads this, to select an article from The Spearhead or your favourite Men's Issues blog or your own take on an issue of concern and send it, or a link to it, to every staff member at the 'schools' listed below. There are now literally thousands of outstanding articles articulating why feminism has failed but they are doing precious little if they aren't being poured into the inboxes of the movers and shapers of feminist 'thought'. Select schools in your home city and staff with your initials – that should give us a good spread. Warren Farrell titled his book well "Women Can't Hear What Men Don't Say…", so I challenge you to speak your mind where women will hear.

The schools are listed here:

http://www.artemisguide.com/ (USA)
http://userpages.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/programs.html#outside (International)

To get you started, here's an email thread of mine to the head of Women's Studies at the University of Western Ontario, Canada from last week. Hopefully readers of The Spearhead can do a little better:

From: Alphabeta Supe
To: tisaacs@uwo.ca
Subject: Celebrating 2011 The Year of Men

Dear Dr Isaacs,

The quote on your website by Lya Sorano pines impatiently thus:

"When we talk about equal pay for equal work, women in the workplace are beginning to catch up. If we keep going at this current rate, we will achieve full equality in about 475 years. I don't know about you, but I can't wait that long."

Now, correct me if I'm wrong, Dr Isaacs, but talking about equal work for equal pay is not the same as doing equal work for equal pay. Likewise, extorting concessions from the state under the pretense of catching up is not the same as 'catching up' (if that's what feminists are calling the privileged life of Western women these days).

I've got it – instead of working towards abolishing alimony, ensuring equal father custody of children, supporting

mandatory paternity testing, supporting the male contraceptive pill, supporting jail terms for false rape accusers that are equal to those meted out to rapists, supporting full public disclosure of rape accuser identities, teaching young women to shoulder equal burdens and responsibilities as men and how to produce more than they consume, and anything else that would render them truly equal, why not run a Women's Studies and Feminist Research school at a prominent university, teach young women how to distort history, avoid accountability, evade responsibility, lie to themselves and their loved ones about almost everything they 'need', produce narcissistic, self-rationalising, entitlement princesses who think nothing of exploiting legal privilege to break the spirits, backs, balls and bank accounts of hard-working, loving men who make the world sufficiently prosperous, comfortable and safe for women to be able to actually go to college, then coerce them under threat of ex-communication from the sisterhood into believing that unbridled self-interest and unabashed self-expression are virtues, call all of this 'work' then sit back and let 'equality' come rolling in on the next wave of state-sponsored wage inflation, sociological distortions and cultural misandry?

Oh, sorry, you've already done that. Never mind.

Sincerely
Dick

From: tisaacs@uwo.ca
To: Alphabeta Supe
Subject: Re: Celebrating 2011 The Year of Men

Thank you for being interested enough in what we do to read the quotes on our website. Based on your expressed (mis)understanding of our discipline, It looks as if you never taken any courses in women's studies. If you do wish to comment intelligently on this discipline, you might benefit from some wider reading on the relevant subject matter. If you want to further educate yourself in this area of study so that you may make a more informed comment on it, I would be pleased
to suggest a list of readings to help get you started.

Best wishes,
Tracy Isaacs

Hi Tracey,

Thank you for your email. I must say your use of shaming language was as delicious as it was anticipated. The more widely I read in the discipline of Women's Studies, the more it becomes apparent that the capacity to increase academic knowledge in this astonishingly preponderous field is neither a function of intelligence, as you've suggested, nor wisdom. Indeed, it would seem that intelligence, in particular, is of far less benefit than the ability to manipulate facts to suit the mission of the day and to rationalise feelings. Thankfully, however, I've been blessed not only with intelligence and feelings but also reason, being a man and all, so I expect this will allow me to slow the endlessly-spinning hamster wheel of feminist rationalisation long enough to examine the thin axle of truth at its centre. Consequently, I'd be delighted to consider your proposed list of starter readings and decide for myself whether or not they qualify as 'education'.

Regards
Dick

Dear Dick,

A good introductory text is: An Introduction to Women's Studies: Gender in a Transnational World by Inderpal Grewal and Caren Kaplan (McGraw-Hill, 2001).

More recently, a wide-ranging anthology worth looking at and available on Google books is: Handbook of Gender and Women's Studies edited by Davis, Evans, and Lorber (Sage Press, 2006).

For some historical context in the political liberalist framework about women's social position, see: John Stuart

Mill, The Subjection of Women,1869 (also a google book).

If you are interested in some philosophical essays by Martha Nussbaum on feminist philosophy in a global context, see: Sex and Social Justice, 1999.

I do hope you find these readings worthwhile and interesting even if they do not reflect your understanding of the way the world is.

Best wishes and happy new year.
Tracy Isaacs

Hi Tracey,

Thanks for the reading list. I've come across the Mill's work several times, as well as a number of Nussbaum's muscular rationalizations about power inequality. I've not given the latter much credence due to her apparent lack of recognition of the functional role of the power differential in most successful relationships – i.e. as the primary contractual motivator. I will, however, take this opportunity to delve deeper into Mill and opine about whether Nussbaum's work qualifies as Women's Studies, or 'philosophy' or 'ethics' that happen to be written by a feminist, or merely the echoes of an intelligent woman calling out in the endless empty chambers of academic self-interest. Hopefully, I'll then be in a position to understand from whence comes the perception that a Women's Studies professor in London, Ontario, is a reliable arbiter of "…the way the world is".

I'll revert in a short while with an analysis of this material from a rationalist, non-feminist perspective. Please accept my best wishes for the season in the meantime.

Regards
Dick

1.Just an afterthought for those that might want to take this ball and run with it. It might be worthwhile putting in the 'Subject' line of your email – "Celebrating the Year of Men". Or something to that effect.
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That's all it needs, friends – a salty, but courteous and clean dose of accountability. It may begin with a trickle but I assure you than will become a torrent that may well decide the fate of a nation. Please honour the women who respond favourably and hold the women who don't accountable by posting any encouraging, Interesting or 'colorful' comments below.

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Paradise Lost: The Bitter Pill of Global Feminism

Featured Guest · 1 January 2011 · Archived copy · Original

By Carey Roberts

Most persons are aware of China's one-child policy. But few fully understand the indelible mark this human rights travesty has left on the soul of the Chinese people.

Recently professor Jing-Bao Nie of New Zealand published a remarkably candid appraisal of this policy, which represents the most ambitious demographic experiment ever conducted in human history.

China's Birth Control Program through Feminist Lenses catalogs in chilling detail how the Chinese population-control agenda coerced hundreds of millions of women to use birth control, compelled over one-quarter of the adult female population to obtain an abortion, and ensured the forced sterilization of 37% of all married women.

The current toll is 200 million unborn babies, and counting. This moral calamity is compounded by sex-selective abortion, a widespread practice that has created a deficit of 40 million baby girls, giving rise to an impending demographic time-bomb.

Ironically, this modern-day eugenics program was sold to an unsuspecting Chinese citizenry as a tool to "liberate" and "empower" women. "No words can describe the physical pain and emotional suffering" that arise from such policies, Dr. Nie concludes.

Feminists have long been obsessed with the "problem" of child-bearing and child-rearing, viewing such activities as a baleful obstacle to female fulfillment. (As a father of three, I can state unequivocably that child-raising has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. But then, I'm not a feminist.)

Feminists are so consumed with the issue to the point of advancing totalitarian policies. In 1974, feminist matriarch Simone de Beauvoir advocated this final solution: "No woman should be authorized to stay at home to raise her children…Women should not have that choice, precisely because if there is such a choice, too many women will make that one."

Government-mandated population control and proscriptions on stay-at-home motherhood are abhorrent to women. But that didn't stop the feminist Left from seizing on an even more radical solution: excise the traditional family. Former Ms. Magazine editor Robin Morgan made no attempt to disguise her movement's extreme agenda: "We can't destroy the inequities between men and women until we destroy marriage."

But Morgan faced the same hurdle as the Chinese one-birth propagandists: How are we going to sell such a loopy scheme to women?

To answer that question, Morgan and other feminist theorists turned to the proto-revolutionary Karl Marx himself. "What is the present family based on?," Marx rhetorically asked in his 1848 Communist Manifesto. He answered, "The bourgeoisie sees in his wife nothing but an instrument of production."

By relying on a Marxist class analysis, feminists transmogrified men from dedicated providers and protectors into bourgeois oppressors, fingering proletariat women as their unwitting victims.

Robin Morgan led a decades-long campaign to revile men. "I feel that man-hating is an honorable and viable political act," she once expounded.

Eventually, a range of epithets became synonymous with the male persona: patriarchal knuckle-dragger, male chauvinist pig, deadbeat dad, wife-beater, and more. Men who objected to these put-downs were derided as humorless wusses or insensitive to the needs of women.

Some of these stereotypes, inaccurate as they were, made their way into laws such as the Violence Against Women Act. Multi-billion dollar bureaucracies such as the Office of Child Support Enforcement were erected, based on the

unfounded presumption that dads are fundamentally irresponsible and would seek to escape the financial obligations to their children.

Men eventually discovered that vague renditions of domestic violence such as “annoyance” or “apprehension” provided the basis for legal actions that eventually stripped them of their homes, their families, and their assets. No wonder millions of men vow they will never wed.

Speaking at a Mexico City conference last year, Arie Hoekman of the United Nations Population Fund fervently embraced the news of family break-down. Hoekman boasted to the group,“we are in the presence of a weakening of the patriarchal structure [and] the rise of new values centered in the recognition of fundamental human rights.”

Throughout history, the family has been the most cherished and protective social institution for women. And this is what the feminist Left seeks to revamp, forcing women away from their children and onto the public dole.

As Charles Dickens presciently penned in A Tale of Two Cities, “Every revolution eventually turns on itself.”

India Plunges into Rape Hysteria

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There's been quite the debate over feminism in India occurring on The Spearhead, so I thought I'd do a little more research to see what's going on in the subcontinent. Amazingly, in some respects it appears that feminism is being taken even farther than it has in all but the most extreme examples in the West.

Below, we address two separate, new policies regarding rape in the Hindu civilization:

Under a new centrally sponsored government scheme, Indian women who claim to be rape victims will receive $450 cash within two weeks if they claim rape and a medical exam demonstrates unspecified evidence of rape, and then over a year's time additional benefits are added that bring the total to at least $4,500 (RS 2 lakh), and up to $6,700 (RS 3 lakh) worth of benefits.

No conclusive conviction is required for the money; only the medical exam.

A medical exam cannot prove rape, but it can prove that sex took place, which makes it fairly obvious how this system can be abused, particularly in a place like India where a woman's value as a wife is still dependent on her virginity.

Say a girl gives in to lust and fools around with the neighborhood bad boy, things get hot and heavy, and she has sex with him. This happens all over the world, and in liberalizing India it must be happening more than ever. Realizing that she just blew it and mom and dad are going to go ballistic when that guy she's never met to whom she's promised in marriage makes an angry phone call upon discovering that his new bride is damaged goods, she thinks of the rape program and calls the police.

Maybe she points the finger at the bad boy, or maybe she makes up some imaginary assailant — it doesn't matter to her, even if some innocent schmuck gets pulled out of bed at 2AM by a gang of mustachioed Indian police and thrown in the slammer. At least she doesn't have to face her parents' wrath, she doesn't have to marry that guy she wasn't too sure about anyway, and she's getting paid more than she could have made in years of work.

But according to an official with the women and child development ministry, "no Indian woman would make a false claim of rape just to get financial support."

That official must be pretty sure of himself to make such a claim about a country with hundreds of millions of women. If I were an Indian man, I wouldn't be so confident.

In addition to the rape reporting payments, India has expanded the definition of rape to include men who lead women to believe they will marry them, and then fail to follow through with it. It is a formalized sort of "shotgun marriage" law that is backed up with the severe penalty of hard time in prison.

In a Delhi court verdict, an Indian man named Chhotey Lai ran off with a neighbor, taking her around the country and carrying on a torrid affair. The neighbor believed that he would marry her, or perhaps she simply fantasized about it — this is an almost universal tendency for women involved in affairs.

Regardless, the woman's father filed a missing person report and when the two lovebirds arrived back home Mr. Lai was promptly arrested and hauled off to court, where he was convicted of rape and sentenced to seven years' hard labor.

If this were the law of the land in the US, tens of millions of men would immediately have to be reclassified as rapists, and we'd have to build some sort of galactic penal colony to hold all of them. The precedent this sets is breathtaking in its scope, as almost all women "believe" the man-du-jour is going to marry them.

For all the international outrage over the stoning sentence for Iranian adulteress and murderer Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, who helped poison and electrocute her husband, I've heard nary a peep about Mr. Lai, who may be a cad

and a rake, but who certainly doesn't deserve time in prison.

What appears to have happened is that the screaming hysteria over rape that gripped the Western world in the 1990s, manifested at the time in "take back the night" marches, demands for prosecuting college boys and VAWA, has been seized upon by governments around the world as a pretext for abusing the rights of men. If you give the state a weapon, it will most certainly be used, and rape with its attendant taboos and emotional power has proven to be a very good pretext for repealing human rights, which have always been an annoyance to governments everywhere.

Just as the black population in the United States correctly identified the "War on Drugs" as a war on blacks – and this is clearly borne out by incarceration statistics – men have to understand that heavy-handed state solutions to intersexual violence constitute a war on men. Furthermore, men have to come to a solid understanding that to condemn the abuses of the state does not imply that ordinary men support rape or violence against women any more than your typical black American supported the plague of crack cocaine in his community. Clearly, it is not a matter of choosing one side or the other: both are wrong. And the crack analogy is not a perfect one, because there has not been a demonstrable rise in sexual violence or crime since the 1970s; the current hysteria is a purely fabricated moral panic.

It is time for men to stand up to a state that is using women as a pretext to strip us of our civil liberties. As in Sweden, India is making a mockery of the concept of consent, which should give women some cause for concern as well, because the logical conclusion of all this is that women have no legal standing to make any agreements or decisions in the sexual realm — it is all up to the judge to decide whether or not the woman made a "legal" choice when she took her pants off.

The Ultimate Triumph of Form Over Substance

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I read a story when I was a kid that made a lasting impression on me. It was about a teenage girl who passed by a bakery every day and developed a fixation on a particular cake in the window. Eventually she reached the point where it became imperative to her that she have that cake. She saved her money and when she had enough, she went in to buy the cake. The clerk tried to talk her out of it and offered to have another, freshly made, cake exactly like it ready for her the next day.

No sale. She had to have **that** cake.

So, the clerk boxed it up for her and she took it home. She took it out of the box and grabbed a knife to cut into it, eagerly anticipating its delicious taste. But, the knife encountered a strange resistance for a cake, then went "thunk" right through it. She turned it over and discovered that it was not actually a cake at all, but just a cardboard box covered with icing made to look like a cake.

I know that I am something of a Luddite, but seems like everywhere I look these days I see little except cardboard boxes covered with icing and people who believe that they are cakes.

At The Thinking Housewife (skip the snark, guys, we have bigger fish to fry) I found links to three of the most egregious examples of cardboard boxes being sold as cakes that I have seen in recent memory.

The first involves a woman who was past her expiration date who slickly eluded her Wiley E. Coyote moment by paying two other women to gestate her babies as she might also pay other women to clean her house for her because she can't be bothered.

The second involves our favorite destroyer-of-families, Joe Biden, saying that same-sex marriage is inevitable.

And, the third, merges those two themes into the possibility of laboratory reproduction for same sex couples like 63-year-old Elton John and his male "partner", who have had a child via a surrogate mother. From an "equality" standpoint, if women are "empowered" by paying other women to do what they, as women, squandered their ability to do, on what grounds would it be possible to deny the "fairness" of allowing men to do it as well?

There is an old joke that goes – how many legs does a sheep have if you call a tail a leg? The answer is 4, because **calling** a tail a leg **does not make it a leg**. There is a reality to it which transcends and denies labeling, and a tail remains a tail, and not a leg, no matter what you **call** it.

It is truly sad to me that the Social Conservatives have isolated and marginalized themselves by drawing the requirements for membership among them so narrowly and rigidly. For, in truth, I am generally fairly socially conservative. If the SoCons had been a bit more willing to support my rights as a man, and a bit less enthusiastic about throwing me under the bus in the name of female pedastalization, they probably would have had a pretty committed ally in me, instead of a sworn enemy as they have today. Sadly, agreeing in spirit but differing on detail is not good enough for most SoCons – it seems to be their way, all the way, or the highway.

If you look at the number of "men" today who are opting out of traditional masculinity – either as gay men, transgenders, or male feminidiots – you will see that they are so uncomfortable with the rigid constructions of traditional masculinity that they are refusing to go along with them despite extreme social pressure. It is a fairly universal characteristic of human nature that the harder you push someone trying to force them into doing something they do not wish to do, the harder they will push back.

Or, to put it another way, the more difficult, painful, and rewardless you make it to follow a "traditional" path, the fewer people who will do it and the more hostility they will have toward you for trying to force them. Push them long enough and hard enough, and they will eventually get pissed off enough that instead of leaving you alone in the institutions you are trying to force them into, they will counterattack and try to co-opt and smash them.

To me, a “man” who has himself castrated and a hole created in his body has no more right to call itself a “woman’ than I would have to cut off my legs and replace them with wooden ones and call myself a “table.” Calling a tail a leg does not make it one, and calling a mutilated man a “woman” does not make it one either.

Nor does the odd case of the female who is no longer a “woman” as we understand what a woman really is – a creature capable of gestating life within her body – “outsourcing” her womanly role and still trying to call herself a “mother.” At best, she is self-paid day (or night) care. At worst, she is playing “let’s pretend”, and requiring everyone else to go along with and support her self-delusion.

As we plunge ahead into this Brave New World Order of the 21st century, we face a landscape where everything is considered nothing but a “social construct.” Born with a male body but believe you are really a woman (or vice versa)? No problem, just get some surgery and some hormones and you can call yourself whatever you want to call yourself. Does it make you really be what you are calling yourself? No, you’re still just a cardboard box covered with icing pretending to be a “cake”, a tail pretending to be a “leg”, an over-the-hill female pretending to be “a woman”, or confused creatures of the same sex pretending to be “married.”

Born with tits too “small”? No problem, just pay some shyster $5,000 to pump bags of foreign substances into your body. Have a real and unique face? No problem, just grab a trowel and slather on a few layers of paint which will make you look pretty much exactly like every other woman out there (while making billion$$$$ for the cosmetic companies). Born with genes for male pattern baldness? No problem, get yourself some funkly looking corn rows implanted, or a prescription for Rogaine or Propecia. Getting older and slowing down sexually as a man? No problem, just go out and spend $6 on a pill so you can function like a flesh-and-blood vibrator with a fresh set of batteries, to get you in the mood to do what a lot of women consider to be “rayyyype.”

We live in a culture which gives you the opportunity, the means, the sanction, and even the mandate, to pretend to be whatever you want to pretend to be.

Except, underneath it all, you are still a tail, and not a leg.

Women have “Take Back the Night.” Well, I would like to suggest that men start a campaign to “Take Back the Real.”

Avoid fake anything. Don’t date, or pay attention to, fake women with fake faces, fake boobs, or fake personalities. When some fake SoCon gets on you about how you “should” be acting, spit in their faces and tell them that if they weren’t hypocrites and pedastalizers, and had fought a bit for the rights of fathers to be part of their kids lives and the rights of men to be attracted to women – even their own wives – that they would not have shot their credibility all to hell.

And, above all, don’t get fooled by cardboard boxes covered with sugary crap to try to fool you into thinking that they are sweet cakes.

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Monkeys with Close Friends More Successful with Females

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A new study of Assamese macaques found that, contrary to expectations, male social bonding is common even amongst non-related monkeys, and is directly correlated with the number of offspring the monkeys sired.

Additionally, the study found that while female social bonds were more nepotistic (i.e. they bonded with relatives), the male bonds were linked to coalition building, and the stronger the bonds the more powerful the effect on both status and reproductive success. Although the increase in fertility is largely a result of enhanced status, even lower ranking monkeys made significant gains by having close bonds with other males.

Although the study was carried out on monkeys rather than humans, it is likely that there is a similar effect amongst human males, who are generally more successful in life if they are well-liked by their fellows, and as a result more attractive to females. In fact, it often appears that women take a cue from men when determining which men make desirable company.

So perhaps we should be thankful for our friends for more than just the companionship and support they offer.

The Three Laws of RoMANtics

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Science fiction author Issac Asimov has, in addition to being incredibly prolific, achieved something that for the literary world is probably the equivalent of a Nobel prize: he has established an idea which has become accepted in popular consciousness and spread to become incorporated in the works of other authors. His "Three Laws of Robotics" can be recited verbatim by most serious science fiction fans, and references to them can be found throughout not just science fiction but other genres of literature as well.

The three laws are:
1. A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.
2. A robot must obey any orders given to it by human beings, except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.
3. A robot must protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.

Given the common theme of fear of robots and other machines taking over and subjugating human beings – such as in movies like the Terminator series or the Matrix series – making robots "safe" was an important step in making the idea of them acceptable as a subject of literature, to a public often ruled by dark and irrational fears.

Dalrock has just written an interesting post on the decline of chivalry. He expresses a certain romanticized wistfulness over its loss, particularly the doctrine of "wimminsandchilluns first." Unlike some other SoCons, he does not seem as deeply invested in desperately holding on to the old order in a much-changed world, and examines the issues refreshingly realisitically – for a SoCon, that is. (nudge, nudge, wink, @Dalrock) He examines the survival rates of passengers on the Titanic, and quotes these interesting statistics –

> First of all, if you were a man, you were outta luck. The overall survival rate for men was 20%. **For women, it was 74%, and for children, 52%.** Yes, it was indeed "women and children first."

The only problem is that it really **wasn't** "women and children first", it was "women first, **then** children." Able-bodied adult women out-survived vulnerable children by a rate of almost 50%. If we would look at our culture as being like the Titanic, and feminism being the iceberg it has struck which has torn a huge gaping hole in the hull which keeps it afloat, the survival rate of children today is only marginally better. According to the Guttmacher Institute –

> Nearly half of pregnancies among American women are unintended, and four in 10 of these are terminated by abortion. Twenty-two percent of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion.

So, the survival rate of children on the "post-choice Titanic" is 78% at best, and only about 60% for those who were not "chosen."

I have a personal story about this which particularly sticks in my craw. A young woman I know who is now in her mid to late 20s was the archetypal modern feminist woman. She had her entire life planned out by the time she graduated from high school –
1. degree
2. career
3. husband
4. children

The first three happened pretty much as she planned, but stubborn old mother nature just was not delivering those babies on Ms Modern-Woman's timetable. So, she did the obvious thing and reached for the (fertility) drugs. They worked – too well. She became pregnant with triplets. *"Oh, no, no, no, this just will not do! This was not the plan."*

So, she went through a procedure euphemistically called “Selective Reduction” and practiced Sophie’s Choice on one of her 3 daughters to be. When I heard about this, I told her in a barely contained rage **“Don’t you dare ever tell either of those surviving babies about this!!!**!” I cannot imagine a greater curse to lay on a child than the nagging doubt – “What if **I** had been the one that mommy decided was just too inconvenient to let live?”

Kinda shines a bright spotlight on the bogus mantra “best interests of the child” doesn’t it?

Coming back around to the deck of the Titanic, I wonder how many of the women who got seats in those lifeboats while men and children died for their convenience had tried to play God, force her fertility, and then when playing God got out of her control (as it always does) killed a child in order to make life conform to her plan.

My money goes on “none.”

“Chivalry”, like every other term that feminists have gotten their hands on (“oppression, misogyny, patriarchy, choice, rayyyyyype”), has gotten totally twisted away from its original meaning. Where before it was part of generalized civilized code of behavior which bound all people into conducting themselves in a civil manner, it has now become unilaterally binding only on men.

In short, it has become the Three Laws of Ro**MAN**tics –
1. A manbot may not injure a woman being or, through inaction, allow a woman being to come to harm.
2. A manbot must obey any orders given to it by woman beings, except where such orders would conflict with the First Law.
3. A manbot may protect its own existence as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law.

Thus did the manbots on the Titanic not injure woman beings by taking one of those seats in the lifeboat which might have allowed them to survive (3rd and last law) nor did the white knights, who threatened manbots with guns to keep them from surviving, allow even the slightest off-chance that a woman being might be harmed by his inaction.

It is worthy to note that the well-being of other manbots is never even considered in the 3 laws. A manbot can at any time harm another manbot, or through inaction allow as many manbots to come to harm as is necessary to insure that no woman being is ever harmed. VAWA, anyone?

In recent history a few more laws have been added to regulate the existence of manbots –
4. Manbots, being machines and not woman beings, are not allowed to experience pain, emotion, or any sort of independent thought, and must at all times follow the orders of woman beings when she tells him what he “should” think, feel, say, or do. Robots (oops, I mean manbots), after all, **must** follow their programming – it is burned into their positronic pathways.
5. Manbots, being machines and not real persons, must endure any sort of attack and abuse by woman beings, and take it with prozac smiles on their faces, and absolutely conceal any reaction or evidence that they are being affected, lest they be attacked by women beings and other manginabots for “just being bitter.”
6. A manbot must provide any aid and assistance to any woman being who requests it, regardless of whether it conflicts with any of the above laws, and regardless of whether it destroys or terminates the life of any non-woman-being, or even the life of another woman being, if a woman being asks that it be done.
7. A manginabot must never allow any non-woman-being to say anything negative about woman beings (lest they come to harm by having bad things said about them while they are being so strong and independent) and must attack any other manbot with the audacity to criticize woman beings or in any way suggest that they are less than perfect.
8. In any and all instances where a woman being misbehaves, manbots must find another manbot to blame and punish for making the perfect creature woman being behave less than perfectly.
9. The only acceptable course of action for a manbot unable reconcile the inherent contradictions in all the above laws is to self-destruct.

In later years, Asimov added a fourth law which he indicated would take precedence over all the other laws by numbering it zero –
0. A robot may not harm humanity, or, by inaction, allow humanity to come to harm.

By instituting the (now) Nine Laws of RoMANtics, feminists, women, and WhiteKnightManginaBots have both harmed humanity, and by their inaction allowed humanity to come to harm. They allow women to kill one out of every 3 children they conceive, to avoid cramping their lifestyle or screwing up their plans. They have allowed women to become increasingly violent, corrupt, and less deserving of any sort of “chivalry.”

But, wait!!! Of course, I have left out NAWALT!!! As long as there is one good and decent woman left in the world, we are absolutely **forbidden** to even **mention** the ones who really aren’t. (see law #7)

Women, by their inaction in the face of the onslaught of feminine-ism, have allowed humanity to come to great harm. Aided and abetted by their loyal army of WhiteKnightManginaBots who vigorously pummel into silence any man with the audacity to even suggest that all is not well in womanville, they have allowed excesses and evil of biblical proportions.

But, there are some of us who feel the need to follow the Zeroth law and not allow humanity to come to further harm through our inaction.

We are the ones who refuse to knuckle under to the intimidation tactics of the wimminists and the WhiteKnightManginaBots, and simply say “I am not a robot, I am a man.”

Vonnegut on the Shifting Definition of Equality

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Long ago, when I was still in grade school, I took an interest in Kurt Vonnegut and read a number of his books and short stories. Recently, while thinking of the equality mandate that is such an important part of feminist dogma, I remembered one story from the *Welcome to the Monkey House* collection of Vonnegut's short stories. Although I couldn't remember the name, I knew it was in that particular book, so I went and bought a used copy in the local University District.

After flipping through the pages for a while, I found the story I was thinking of, and it is titled *Harrison Bergeron*. Written in 1961 and first published in the *Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, it describes America in the year 2081, after a number of constitutional amendments mandating equality had been ratified.

The story opens with this paragraph:

> The year was 2081, and everybody was finally equal. They weren't only equal before God and the law. They were equal every which way. Nobody was smarter than anybody else. Nobody was better looking than anybody else. Nobody was stronger or quicker than anybody else. All this equality was due to the 211th, 212th, and 213th Amendments to the Constitution, and to the unceasing vigilance of agents of the United States Handicapper General.

It is noteworthy that Vonnegut wrote the story several years before equality was mandated by law in the Civil Rights Bill, which demanded preferential hiring based not on ability, but on sex or ethnicity. He wrote it years before the push for the Equal Rights Amendment, and decades before workplace discrimination lawsuits and the equal pay movement really began to take off.

Although *Harrison Bergeron* is not high literature in the same manner as, say, Hemingway's *The Snows of Kilimanjaro* (another good read for men), it contains in its few pages of text the originality and appreciation of the absurd that characterizes Vonnegut's writing. The Handicapper General is a shotgun-wielding, presumably butch woman named Diana Moon Glampers, intelligent people are forced to wear earpieces that transmit alarming and annoying noises, strong people must wear bags filled with birdshot, and television announcers all have speech impediments. It is a ludicrous dystopia ruled over by a fanatical matriarch who ruthlessly enforces equality of outcome.

Harrison, the protagonist, is a superlative youth, gifted with extreme intelligence, athletic prowess and good looks. His handicaps are therefore so severe that he is a walking freak, bedecked with sheet metal, headphones, glasses designed to give him headaches and hideous makeup. Arrested by the "H-G men" at the age of 14 for his superiority, Harrison eventually breaks out of jail and seizes a TV station, proclaiming himself emperor. He rips off his handicaps, then removes the handicaps from a ballerina who is dancing on stage, and the two launch into an incredible, passionate display of art and athleticism, which is cut short when Diana Moon Glampers herself arrives on the scene and blows them away mid-leap with a 10-gauge shotgun.

Although the story obviously wasn't intended as a prediction of the future, it is interesting to see that even fifty years ago Vonnegut saw the trend that has resulted in something like a Handicapper General Office in the United States, and in most other Western countries. It's also worth noting that in Vonnegut's time the American concept of "equality" was still widely understood to mean legal and spiritual equality rather than exact equality in all things, which was still a foreign concept largely cherished by Marxists. However, he correctly saw that the meaning was shifting, and the old concept of equality was beginning to give way to the new. Today, the process is largely complete, so whenever you hear someone talking about "equality" they don't mean legal or spiritual equality, but sameness in one measure or another.

Although one should always be careful about attaching too much importance to semantics, it seems that the shift in

the interpretation of equality has been of profound significance in the West. Because the old sense of equality, in which we are all equal before the law, conflicts in many ways with sameness, achieving the new version of "equality" often requires the suspension of the old, so today we find ourselves less equal before a judge – perhaps the contemporary version of an H-G man – than we were fifty years ago when Vonnegut wrote his story.

Perhaps we should start referring to the modern, feminist version of equality simply as "sameness," because there's nothing equal about a system that handicaps some people to make them the same as others.

More Technical Issues...

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I've been working on the site for a while now, and ~~am considering restoring~~ have restored the entire thing from today's backup to debug it, so some recent posts and comments ~~may be~~ have been lost.

I've got to do an overhaul, because I'm hoping to run some ads soon and want to clear out the glitches first, but will try to keep downtime to off hours.

White Knighting Rabbi Leads Public Humiliation Campaign Against Orthodox Jewish Father

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Aharon Friedman, a successful young man who works for Representative Dave Camp of Michigan as a tax counsel, will soon see his influence grow as his boss takes over as chairman of the tax-writing committee. However, despite his blossoming career, he faces the same sadness and frustration that millions of other men across the Western world have come to know intimately: his wife has run off with his child and relegated him to weekend dad. In Mr. Friedman's case it is even more frustrating than usual, because his wife Tamar Epstein, an Orthodox Jew like him, removed Mr. Friedman's daughter from his home state and obtained a parenting plan that requires him to drive long distances to see his daughter on his weekends.

Unfortunately, the parenting plan also requires that Mr. Friedman drive between Friday and Saturday evening, which is forbidden for observant Orthodox Jews. Although it isn't clear whether this was a deliberate ploy on the part of Ms. Epstein and her counsel, it would be far from unusual if this were the case. Furthermore, Friedman was the victim of an abductor wife, who unilaterally moved their child to her parents' house in Philadelphia and then obtained the rubber-stamp approval from the court that many of us are familiar with.

According to Yisroel Belsky, a prominent and respected Brooklyn rabbi, the court obstinately disregarded Mr. Friedman's religious convictions, dismissing his objections in the usual, high-handed manner it adopts when dealing with fathers.

Like most men, Mr. Friedman, is virtually powerless when it comes to family law, but there is one difference: under Jewish law a woman can only obtain a religious divorce, known as a "get," if her husband consents. Until a Jewish woman receives a get, she is considered "agunah," which means she cannot remarry. Apparently, this is the last card Mr. Friedman holds in his custody dispute, so he is presumably withholding the get until Epstein comes to more reasonable custody terms.

To pressure Mr. Friedman, his wife has enlisted the help of the New York-based Organization for the Resolution of Agunot (ORA), apparently a radical offshoot of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance (JOFA), an organization that has been pushing for female rabbis and other departures from Orthodoxy. The issue of Jewish divorce is very important to JOFA as well, as increasing the ease and advantages of divorce for women (but not men) has always been one of feminism's primary goals.

ORA, in conjunction with a couple bullhorn-wielding rabbis as accomplices, assembled a mob outside Mr. Friedman's Silver Springs Maryland apartment in an attempt to shame and intimidate him into caving to his wife's demands. Despite the religious trappings worn by some of ORA's henchmen, such a collection of rabble could have come from anywhere, and it is never polite to bother people at their home over private matters, so this display can only be regarded as pure thuggery in the name of white knighting for a woman who ripped a child from its father's arms.

However, prominent ORA supporter Rabbi Shmuel Herzfeld has attempted to frame the debate by calling Mr. Friedman a terrorist and exhorting followers to harass him at his workplace. Well, Rabbi Herzfeld, if loving one's child and fighting to be with her makes a man a terrorist, then there are tens of millions of terrorists right here in the United States.

Although Mr. Friedman's travails parallel my own in many ways, as a Christian it isn't my place to directly involve myself in what is a fundamentally Jewish dispute. However, as a father my feelings are entirely clear on this matter: if I found a Christian group along with a preacher or priest using the same vicious tactics ORA does, I'd be out there with a bullhorn myself, standing down the mob. In fact, I might even reconsider my position of neutrality if such a protest happened in Seattle — some principles, such as fatherhood, transcend religious differences.

Easy Escalation: URLs @ Urinals

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I was doing my daily blog browsing when I noticed an interesting post over at fellow Spearhead contributor Ferdinand Bardamu's site, In Mala Fide. He was basically cross-posting an idea that regular Spearhead commenter TFH (author of The Misandry Bubble) just came up with, which is simple and effective. The idea? Target high traffic urinals (for example: at sports stadiums, big hotels that sponsor conferences, large universities, and so on) and plaster up flyers with links to sites that expose misandry.

This is a fantastic idea and it would be very easy to do. However, I think we could go one step better. Right now, there are plenty of sites with a lot of great articles and content. Sometimes, however, controversial pieces get posted or the site might be written in a rather provocative style. As TFH points out, if you're targeting men who may have never heard of the "manosphere" before, Roissy might not be the first place you want to point them to. With this in mind, I suggest that we, as a community, get together and compile a list of content to either throw up quickly on a new domain or discuss on that same domain (in the case where we can't get the permission of the original article to include it in full) for the purposes of this URLs @ Urinals campaign. To get the ball rolling, I've included a brief collection of some of my favorite links:

- The Misandry Bubble
- Sexual Utopia In Power
- Researching The Rape Culture of America
- What's Happening to Women's Happiness
- Article Review: The Fate of Empires
- Is There Anything Good About Men?
- No Country for Burly Men
- The Campus Rape Myth
- Persistent Myths in Feminist Scholarship

This list is obviously incomplete, but it's meant to get the discussion rolling. Preference, I would think, would be to articles written in a more academic/professional tone which are well-researched and cited. Hopefully after about a week we can collect some more links and build out a site. We could expand the scope to include every relevant topic – family courts, divorce courts, women in the military, domestic violence, education (or the public credentialing institution) and so on. I (or someone else) could easily have a WordPress site or something like that built out next week, after some discussion. That way, we can have a more standardized "URL @ Urinals" flyer. This is pretty easy activism, for anybody looking to do a little more than bang away at a keyboard!

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Atlantic Article Cops to Sex Differences, Literati Starting to Come Around

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Despite the *Atlantic*'s recent tendency to publish triumphalist feminist tracts such as "The End of Men" and Sandra Tsing-Loh's public airing of her own shameful, cruel behavior toward her husband, the magazine has nevertheless managed to come up with a piece that incorporates a great deal of the observations we have been making in our own little corner of the internet for a couple years now.

In *Hard Core*, Natasha Vargas-Cooper smashes the feminist orthodoxy of egalitarian sexuality, using pornography to provide a point-by-point refutation of utopian feminist fantasies.

Over time, I've noticed that women who are truly interested in male sexuality – and the male psyche in general – tend to look for clues in pornography. Some of us men may be a bit bemused by this, particularly the tendency to intellectualize the genre, because to us male sexuality simply *is*, and doesn't need any more explanation than the fact that we get hungry or tired. However, we have to remind ourselves that when women envision a world that suits their sense of propriety, they tend to have little more than a dim awareness of what drives male desire, which results in ridiculous ideas about how men and women should relate to each other sexually. Of course, we men are guilty of the same kind of oversimplification of female sexuality, and our own projections of what's right and proper probably played a large part in the sexual dissatisfaction that drove the sexual revolution.

Women like Vargas-Cooper are valuable in that they can tell it to the other side, so to speak. Perhaps we could consider them the female equivalents of Game disciples, who claim with some justification that they are teaching men how to be more accepting of and attractive to women in general. In browsing her blog, Natasha appears to be one of those women who, despite not having the typical visage or physique that characterizes the conventionally attractive American girl, possesses an allure and earthy sexuality of the continental variety, which is extraordinarily rare in Anglo women, and probably somewhat intimidating to the majority of Anglo men. In short, she reminds me of French women, and not in the least due to her functional grasp of intellectual discourse, which is also rare in Anglo women, who tend to write comically absurd treatises on sexuality, or "gender" as they might put it, in all seriousness.

Aside from the character of the writer, whose only fault may lie in revealing a little too much about herself, the piece itself is astonishing not only for the fact that it was actually published in *The Atlantic*, but for the carpet-bombing approach to feminist shibboleths, which she methodically reduces to smoldering cinders.

I can't really do it justice myself, so here are a few quotes from the article, which you should all set aside some time to read and wonder at:

> Over the years, different strategies have been offered so that women could avoid the more subjugating consequences of sex. Though methods of reversing the biological power dynamics between sexes date back to ancient Sparta, the premise had always been confined to the fringes of society until the sexual revolution of the 1960s, a period in which many feminists considered marriage the primary mechanism for women's sexual conscription. The liberation on offer was sexual freedom for women—and their partners—through open marriages and sex communes. It's worth noting that these polyamorous arrangements usually had at the center a male patriarch who reaped the perks of women's newfound freedom.

In the above passage, Vargas-Cooper is clearly referring to what we call "hypergamy." Roissy would be proud.

> But the reactionary political correctness of the 1990s put forth a proposition even more disastrous to women than free love: sexual equality. With the rise of PC culture, the notion of men and women as sexual equals has found a home in the mainstream.

> [...]
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> Armed with a “Take Back the Night” pamphlet, we were led to believe that, as long as we avoided the hordes of date rapists, sex was an egalitarian endeavor. The key to sexual harmony, so the thinking went, was social conditioning. Men who sexually took advantage of women were considered the storm troopers of patriarchy, but women could teach men to adopt a different ideology, through explicit communication of boundaries —“you can touch there” or “please don’t do that.” Thus was the dark drama of sex replaced with a verbal contract.

Above, she points out the breathtakingly simplistic social approach to sexuality, which, although she doesn’t mention it, has been a disaster for men, as we are forced into the binary of rapist or eunuch.

> Male desire is not a malleable entity that can be constructed through politics, language, or media. Sexuality is not neutral. A warring dynamic based on power and subjugation has always existed between men and women, and the egalitarian view of sex, with its utopian pretensions, offers little insight into the typical male psyche.

Hard to believe this is actually a woman writing here. She must be exceptionally intelligent and objective, as she has a pretty clear understanding of what’s going on yet resists any attempt to pass judgment.

Finally, my favorite quote of all is a response to Gail Dines, a feminist porn critic who suggests that pornography turns men into sexual deviants:

> First, I have yet to see a single credible study that links proliferation of pornography to an increase in abuse of women. More important, the sort of sex that Dines envisions—where respect, love, and civic connections are merged into erotically rewarding experience—is utopian (and not perhaps all that enticing). Dines ignores the fact that men behave differently than women. It wasn’t just Ward Cleaver–type stuffiness that prompted generations of dads to warn their daughters not to get into cars with boys. Dads are grown men, and they know that when it comes to sex, most men will take every inch a woman yields.
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> If the shadowy cabal of Internet pornographers posited by Dines were not able to use 30-second clips of porn as bread crumbs to entice men away from their true sexual personas, what sort of “authentic sexuality” would males possess? Dines seems to have in mind a Rousseauistic pygmy race of sexually neutered males; perhaps many feminists (and perhaps many fathers of daughters, and perhaps many sensible and civilized people, for that matter) would applaud this emasculated masculinity as progress—but we’re never going to achieve it.

Brilliant stuff. My hat’s off to you, Ms. Vargas-Cooper.

The VD Project

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With the day that men in relationships with women dread most – "Extortion of Insincere Materialistic Tokens of Affection Under Threat of Emotional Violence Day" (or simply "Emotional Extortion Day") – just a little over 5 weeks away, I'd like to suggest a little informal research project.

A couple of years ago I kept track of the themes I heard in advertisements for VD. Most of them broke down into either guilt trips or threats of emotional terrorism. Being exiled from the shared bed to the couch seemed to be the most popular, with ads containing a subtext of "we know you are going to screw it up, let us save you from an emotional beating" coming in second place. Threats of actual physical violence were not all that common, but I did hear a few.

I suggest that readers of The Spearhead keep tabs on how many VD commercials they are subjected to, and what the major themes of them are. I'm not envisioning anything very rigorous, nor do I expect that it will be "peer reviewed." But, I thought it would be interesting to compare notes on how modern women are portrayed when it comes to what makes them "happy" or "feel loved."

Frankly, I am surprised that more women are not up in arms over being portrayed as such materialistic shrews. I realize that the ads are aimed at men, and crafted by the most brilliant manipulative minds available, and may not be an accurate representation of what women are actually like and how they actually react. Or, then again, it might be accurate.

Things which might be worth keeping track of –
1. Date you heard the first VD commercial.
2. Breakdown by theme or message of the commercial. In addition to the 2 I mentioned above, if one doesn't fit in those categories try to come up with a brief description of the message and the basis of "the sell" or "the hook."
3. Product being hawked – jewelry, flowers, dinner/entertainment, romantic getaways, etc.
4. Total number of ads encountered, by type of media. For me, it will be easy because I don't own a TV and only listen to one radio station on my way to and from work. But, those of you who watch TV or listen to multiple stations might be able to provide some insight into whether the medium of the advertisement makes any difference in the messages.
5. Reactions you observed of both men and women. If you hear any particularly juicy snarks about VD, please share them.
6. If you are in a relationship, what you got your woman along with a brief description of how and why you chose those gifts, along with her reaction, would be very interesting.

Perhaps some of you can make suggestions for other things guys might track or look for. I plan to make a post on February 15th summarizing my observations, hoping that all of you will add your observations in the comments.

For your entertainment, here are – 14 Miserable Facts About Valentine's Day – including –

> 3. Valentine's Day traces its roots to an ancient pagan holiday called Lupercalia, in which men stripped naked, grabbed whips, and spanked young women in hopes of increasing their fertility.

False Rape Weather Girl: “I made it up for attention”

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37-year-old weather woman Heidi Jones, who claimed a Hispanic man attacked her in Central Park, showed up in court yesterday in subdued clothing to face formal charges for false reporting, a misdemeanor.

When police questioned her about the alleged attack, the story she told was inconsistent, and she eventually broke down and admitted to making it up to gain sympathy. Incredibly, the police actually arrested her for false reporting, and she was subsequently fired from her job with Good Morning America.

Many have expressed surprise that a woman with such a good job and with so many things going for her would do something so stupid. However, in the vast majority of cases women who make false rape accusations face no consequences whatsoever. Additionally, crying rape can bring an entire army of people to a woman’s aid, which can be helpful if other things are going wrong in her life. Perhaps Ms. Jones had been having problems with a boyfriend, or maybe she wanted people at work to sympathize with her. Unless she comes entirely clean, we’ll never know for sure.

Ms. Jones faces up to one year in jail, although there’s a good chance she won’t spend a single day behind bars. In the US, women are typically given probation for committing a crime that has the potential to land an innocent man in prison for decades.

Although it’s a natural sentiment to feel sorry for someone like Jones, people have to understand that sympathy was exactly what she expected from her crime, so it is important that it does not influence sentencing. Because of the potential consequences of her crime, she should serve the full sentence, which is unfortunately too light for such a grave transgression.

Takin' It To The Streets: the Boycott American Women blog

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If anyone wants to see a good example of someone who has gone on the offensive and isn't just sitting around licking his wounds, check out the Boycott American Women blog. This guy is certain to draw the wrath of the SoCons saying "Well, you all are just like feminists!!" This guy **obviously** does not care.

There are a whole lot of lessons in this. The guy obviously did it to get women's panties in a wad, and judging from the reaction he is getting he has succeeded beyond his wildest dreams. And, it is probably worthwhile to put the SoCons on notice that they actually need "men" a whole lot more than men need them. They have already lost the women to feminism, if they lose men they are going to be left high and dry.

Those of you who know where the current MGTOW muster point is can go to that board and check out the reactions this guy has been getting. It is a bit like after years of non-stop aerial bombardment by the likes of Liz Jones, this guy has stopped retreating and fired a counter-shot across their feminist bow.

I know there are a lot of disagreements and arguments about strategy in the MM, but I have always been of the opinion that no one ever got a bully to stop beating him up by asking nicely and trying to whine him/her into it. Holding the noble high ground while it is under siege and growing smaller every day may give some guys the warm fuzzies, but it hasn't done jack for men's rights or the level of respect men get.

Personally, I'm glad to see some guys finally beginning to fight back in this manner. Perps always seems more willing to cooperate with the good cop after the bad cop has worked them over a bit.

Hybrid Feminism

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Most women aren't pure ideologues. They don't adhere strictly to a particular ideology. This is key to understanding how the average woman fits into feminism and how feminism has caused the destruction it has. Too often feminism is defined in terms of what a cadre of lesbians or some other small group has done. It ends up treating feminism vs. anti-feminism as a purely academic debate that has no real effect on the real world. Feminists aren't just some group of aliens on the planet, Uranus. If they were, we would have nothing to worry about. Instead feminism (or rather female supremacism) exists in various forms all over that many women and even men believe in.

However, a woman may be not purely be a conservative female supremacist (i.e. a social conservative) either. The average woman while not purely a feminist is not purely a conservative female supremacist either. Most people don't think in the necessary post-modern academic terms to adhere to one of those forms of female supremacism. Not adhering to a pure female supremacist ideology does not mean that a person is anti-feminist/anti-female supremacy. Women in particular will develop their own personal female supremacism using a combination ideas from various strains of female supremacism. The "hybrid feminism" of "hybrid female supremacism" they create is not pure in terms of feminism or social conservatism or any other form of defined female supremacism but it's feminist in the most important way possible. It's about advancing women at the expense of men.

Why is understanding the idea of "hybrid feminism" important? Because the average woman does not believe herself to be a feminist (or socon) in any way. Her belief that she's "not a feminist" doesn't make her an anti-feminist. She will still have female supremacist beliefs. We have all heard statements like, "I'm not a feminist because I'm not a lesbian", "I'm not a feminist because I don't believe in gay marriage", "I'm not a feminist because I don't believe in abortion", "I not a feminist because I'm a stay at home mom", "I'm not a feminist because I want to get married", "I'm not a feminist because it hurts women", "I don't know any feminists", etc. These "not feminist" women still divorce their husbands, make false rape and false sexual harassment charges, send their sons to be emasculated in feminist public schools, vote for politicians that redistribute male wealth to women, etc. Despite being "not feminist", these women have no problem using and support feminist programs and institutions. A lesbian on another planet (which is how socons effectively think of feminism) is not going to divorce her husband to get half of his assets or have sons to send to feminist public schools (on Earth).

A question that gets asked over and over again is where are these "not feminist" women when it comes to fighting feminism? They are always nowhere to be found outside of things that don't affect men like abortion and gay marriage. They will have excuses like, "I'm too busy raising my family." Being "too busy" never stops them from fighting against abortion or gay marriage. They are only "too busy" when it comes to cases where they benefit or may benefit in the future such as eliminating no fault divorce or eliminating government programs that benefit women.

The debate between feminists and socons is just about how to best acquire and control the resources and assets of men or how to best hold the whip over men. Many socon women are only against feminism because they believe men benefit from feminism and want to put a stop to men benefiting from anything. It's the same with the "hybrid feminist". They pick the combination of ideas from various female supremacist ideologies that they believe are the best way for themselves and/or women in general to hold the whip over men.

Paul Elam Makes the NY Times

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I figured our corner of the internet would eventually attract wider attention, and it's been pretty clear that some journalists have been reading us recently, particularly in the wake of the Assange case. So it wasn't all that surprising to see Paul referred to in the NY Times, although the referral was about what you'd expect: accompanied by a few disparaging remarks. However, they actually provided a link this time, which is a break from recent protocol in which they dare not even mention us by name.

The article concerns the Male Studies discipline, which was founded to counter the powerful feminist departments in universities, which run women's studies, cultural anthropology and English departments across the US. They also dominate the weird subcategory of "men's studies," which is characterized by male and female professors who have a negative view of natural masculinity, including one who had himself castrated and now calls himself a woman. In fact, the nastiest hate mail I've received here at The Spearhead has come from these people, who have wished me death on a couple occasions. Although the overwhelming majority of death threats are nothing to worry about, it does give one pause to know that someone disturbed and psychotic enough to voluntary mutilate his own genitalia has it in for you. Kind of brings "Buffalo Bill" of *Silence of the Lambs* to mind…

It's a good thing that they opened this with a link to Paul's site. He's mature, voluble and combative enough to stay on target and stand up to attacks. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised to see him on TV at some point — I think the radio is already a given if we put some effort into it.

So, here's my suggestion for activism:

Call up your favorite local talk radio and tell them you'd like them to interview an MRA. Now that the "MSM" is starting to pay attention, it's time for us to branch out a bit and expand beyond the internet.

We should have a list of a few of the more prominent bloggers who are willing to go live on the airwaves, and start suggesting radio stations and TV talk shows interview them. However, I'd strongly recommend steering clear of known hostiles — a Dr. Phil appearance would obviously be a setup.

It definitely looks like the time has come.

Amidst Arizona Gunfire and Chaos, Young Man Comes to the Rescue

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When a mentally deranged man went on a shooting spree in Tucson, Arizona, killing and wounding a number of people at a political event at a grocery store, 20-year-old intern Daniel Hernandez rushed into the fray. His boss US Representative Gabrielle Giffords, apparently the main target, was shot through the head, and wounded and dead victims were scattered about. Hernandez kept his cool, grabbed cloth from the store's meat department to make bandages, and administered first aid to Representative Giffords, which may be why she is still alive.

Hernandez held the stricken representative's hand, talked to her, and accompanied her in the ambulance to the hospital. He tended to her and comforted her, maintaining his composure and offering crucial support to the helpless, critically wounded woman.

Although the political finger-pointing has already begun, and some are unfortunately using the tragedy as an opportunity to disparage men, Hernandez's actions speak more about men's nature than those of suspect Jared Lee Loughner, who was displaying signs of incipient mental illness in the months prior to the shooting.

Men are more aggressive and physically violent than women, but we more than make up for it through a capacity for selflessness and heroism, often when it is clearly hazardous to our own lives. Although Mr. Hernandez's actions are clearly heroic, they are not atypical; it is perfectly normal for ordinary men to rise to the occasion when needed.

If you pay attention to the local news, acts of heroism occur all the time. Men appear out of nowhere to pull a child from a burning car, they jump into lakes to save drowning people, they rescue stranded flood victims, and they do so without any expectation of reward. These things happen every single day, and are taken for granted in all but the most spectacular or newsworthy events, but if you add them all together they make a mountain of difference. All most of us have to do is think of our own lives, and we can remember some time a man made a big difference, and possibly saved us. For example, when I was a toddler, some stranger pulled me out of harm's way when I wandered into a busy street. As a child, I was once swept away by a river (a terrifying sensation), and my stepfather ran downstream, grabbed an overhanging branch, then pulled me out of the swift current. Without these men around, a lot of us would be dead or crippled — we were helpless without them.

Perhaps we take this quality of men for granted just because it is so ordinary that it simply doesn't invite comment, but we shouldn't. If women's nurturing instinct is to be celebrated across the land, then the selfless, heroic part of men's nature should be given its due recognition. That nameless man whose strong hands carry a child to safety, that brave stranger, is always among us. We are made safer and reassured by those ordinary men we scarcely notice in our day to day lives. They are our safety net, comfort in adversity and bulwark against harm. We should show them respect and affection — not fear and hatred.

At this point, doctors think Mrs. Giffords might actually pull through. Despite taking a 9mm through her brain, she was responsive and alert. Despite the horrific injury she suffered, Giffords may have some chance at recovery. According to statistics, the most critical factor in surviving these types of wounds is the ability to make it through the first hours, and Mr. Hernandez's support and care probably made a big difference in that regard.

Daniel Hernandez is a hero and an ordinary man. These men are all around us, and our lives are much better for it.

Official Generation X Slogan – I survived the Abortion Holocaust

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The following post was written by Justin who blogs at The Truth Shall Set You Free.

The title by itself is probably all the introduction this essay needs, but the subject just screams for a comment or two. I wonder if abortion had been legalized in 1947 instead of 1973, and 1/3rd of their generation slaughtered in the womb, if the Boomers would be quite as smug and full of themselves. Has there ever, in the entire history of the world, been another culture so evil that it slaughtered 3 out of every 10 of its own children, by calling them "choices"?

Herod was a real piker when it came to slaughtering babies.

Read it, and weep, as Justin did, and does.

Official Generation X Slogan – I survived the Abortion Holocaust

We should print bumper stickers and t-shirts. "I survived the abortion holocaust" is especially appropriate for the lucky ones born in 1981. In that year, the ratio of live births to abortions reached its nadir, at less than 7:3. Yes, incredibly, in 1981, for every 7 born, 3 were aborted.

I once told my college students: "I don't know what your personal politics are, but when you get home tonight, thank your mother for being pro-life." The first time I said it, just ad-libbing to be amusing, I was taken aback by the stunned looks on the faces of some of the young women in class. I got the impression they had never quite personalized it that way. Maybe they were girls who had already had abortions, and suddenly realized they had snuffed out a little life that could have been their own. I don't know.

The ratio of 7 births to 3 abortions is surreal, almost unbelievable, but you can do the math for yourself. That ratio was fairly constant for almost 20 years. For about 2 decades, from the mid '70s to early '90s, the ratio of births to abortions hovered around 7:3 or 8:3. It truly boggles the mind.

In 1973, marking the beginning of legalized abortion for the whole nation (proclaimed so by the Supreme Court), the ratio was not even 4:1. Two years later, in 1975, it was already approaching 3:1. By 1976, it had shifted to 8:3. It would not shift back below 3:1 for over 30 more years, until 1999. An entire generation, the bulk of Generation X and the beginnings of the Millennials, absolutely decimated.

The absolute raw number of abortions didn't peak until 1990, at 1.6 million. For the latest year I could find data, 2005, the number of abortions is still above 1.2 million. But the total number of births is also up, so ratio is now over 10:3 (3.431 to 1). Still an astounding number.

I still remember when I found out about abortions. I was 10 years old, watching TV with mom, and something came on TV that I asked her about, and she explained it to me. I cried. Literally broke down in tears just hearing about it. She explained it in the best clinical language she could, and she herself was a loudly liberal, feminist, and pro-choice woman at the time (she refused abortions for herself, but supported it politically).

The horrible irony is, how many women's lives would have been saved, if they carried their baby to term rather than killing it? There are whole lot of young women out there, and I know a few of them myself, whose lives would have turned out infinitely better, had they allowed themselves to become mothers. My wife thinks there might be a causal connection there, that after their abortion, they were so emotionally and spiritual devastated, that they allowed themselves to slip into that nihilistic life of drugs, sex, crime, joblessness, homelessness, etc., that defines so many of our ruined young women today. For many young women, having a baby is the absolute best thing that could happen to them.

Pity the poor young women whose minds have been so warped that they think their eduction/career gives them a good reason to snuff out their baby's life. Lord, how sad. As we have been told: "No man can serve two masters: for

either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." It is a promise given to us: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". Feminism is truly the trap of the anti-Christ.

Year — births:aborts ratio
1973 — 4.213
1974 — 3.517
1975 — 3.040
1976 — 2.686
1977 — 2.526
1978 — 2.365
1979 — 2.333
1980 — 2.325
1981 — 2.301
1982 — 2.338
1983 — 2.310
1984 — 2.326
1985 — 2.367
1986 — 2.370
1987 — 2.456
1988 — 2.460
1989 — 2.566
1990 — 2.598
1991 — 2.641
1992 — 2.671
1993 — 2.702
1994 — 2.796
1995 — 2.863
1996 — 2.867
1997 — 2.908
1998 — 2.988
1999 — 3.011
2000 — 3.091
2001 — 3.118
2002 — 3.169
2003 — 3.272
2004 — 3.365
2005 — 3.431
Calculated from:
http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0005067.html#ixzz1A133xqAt
and
http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/facts/abortionstats.html

The Lessons of the Heidi Jones False Rape Case

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On November 24, 2010, WABC/Good Morning America weather forecaster Heidi Jones, 37, made a false police report when she claimed that two months earlier, a Hispanic man in his 30s or 40s grabbed her from behind in Central Park while she was jogging, then dragged her into a wooded area, and attempted to rape her. The man bolted when two tourists saw the incident, she claimed. Jones also reported that the same man showed up near her Manhattan apartment almost two months later to threaten her. He allegedly told her: "I know you went to the police."

Police treated the claim very seriously but eventually grew skeptical, and Jones finally admitted she made it up. "I made it up for attention," she admitted. "I have so much stress at work, with my personal life and with my family."

The Jones case would be a garden variety false rape claim if it weren't for the widespread attention it has attracted due to the false accuser's minor celebrity. But the case does provide several teaching moments, and its lessons are important to anyone who cares about the men and boys falsely accused of rape.

LESSON ONE: Every high profile false rape claim will be used as an occasion to insist that false rape claims are rare.

In high profile false rape case after high profile false rape case after high profile false rape case, you can always find some progressive writer who will insist: "_____ _____ [*fill in name*] is just further perpetuating the myth that women 'cry rape' all the time . . . ."

This past week, that very thing was said about Heidi Jones. See here:
http://www.thefrisky.com/post/246-why-weather-woman-heidi-jones-lied-about-sexual-assault/

When you have to keep insisting that one incident after the next only serves to "perpetuate a myth," doesn't it becomes obvious that the "myth" isn't a myth after all?

LESSON TWO: Women lie about rape for any or no reason.

One of the frequent arguments posited to "prove" that false rape claims are a "myth" is the insistence that women wouldn't lie about rape and subject themselves to a "second rape" of the law enforcement system. When the Jones story first broke, progressive writers were beside themselves trying to "explain" the falsehood.

"I'm going to go out on a limb and say that perhaps there's something else she really wanted to tell the world through this blatant cry for help," one writer theorized. "Maybe she's severely depressed. Maybe there's someone at work who has been harassing her. Maybe she really was raped by someone she knows and is truly scared to press charges. Maybe she's trying to work out some sort of sexual assault from her past. Whatever she's covering up, it has to be big, right?" http://www.meonews.com/heidi-jones-complete-rape-story-meo-news

Well, no, it doesn't have to be "big." And it wasn't. Jones lied for attention, one of the common motivations of false rape accusers cited by experts in the field. In one landmark report, Dr. Eugene Kanin identified "Attention/Sympathy-Getting Device" as one of the three most common reasons for false rape claims in a study he had undertaken. Dr. Kanin wrote: "Although this device seems to be the most extravagant use for which a false rape charge is made, it is also the most socially harmless in that no one was identified as the rapist. Approximately 18% (n = 8) of the false charges clearly served this function. The entire verbalization of the charge is, by and large, a fabrication without base."

Women, like men, lie about everything under the sun but, *mirabile dictu*, according to progressive writers, the subject of rape acts as a truth serum, a magic elixir that forces anyone not possessing a Y-Chromosome to speak incontrovertible truth. When it comes to rape, one gender is incapable of telling a lie while the other is incapable of telling anything *but* lies. (Except, of course, when the woman *recants* her rape claim: in that instance, she

automatically reverts to being a liar, double-X chromosome be damned.)

Cases from the not-distant past prove that women will lie about rape for any or no reason at all. We write about it all the time at False Rape Society — http://falserapesociety.blogspot.com/. By way of example only, a woman tried to destroy the life of a man she didn't know with a rape lie because he wouldn't give her a beer. A maid accused her employer of rape because she didn't like her workload. A girl accused a man of rape for throwing a flower at her. A woman falsely accused her lover of rape because he had the bad manners to go speak with a roommate after having sex instead of staying with her. One woman told a rape lie to avoid trouble for being late for work. Another caused three men to be interrogated for rapes they didn't commit, all because she wanted a day off from work. Another had her boyfriend arrested for rape because he took too long to buy cigarettes. Several women didn't want to pay cab fares, so they accused innocent cab drivers — working class nobodys — of rape. Another woman sent a man to prison for five years because she was bored. An 18-year-year-old boy was hauled out of class, arrested, and jailed for a month on a random false rape claim by a girl he'd never met. And I could go on and on and on, but you get the point.

LESSON THREE: The false rape accuser can be the girl next door.

False rape accusers typically don't wear a sign that identifies them as lunatics to be avoided at all costs. They are able to tell plausible lies precisely because they appear to be normal women. As in this case, they often are attractive, respectable, and well paid. It is impossible to stereotype a false rape accuser because it is impossible to know what is going on in another person's head, especially someone you don't know well.

LESSON FOUR: To enhance the plausibility of the lie, women often identify a "scary" male as perpetrator.

False rape claims are not divorced from the culture in which they are made. To enhance the plausibility of the lie and to jack up its scariness factor, many false rape accusers tap into common stereotypes and widely shared prejudices by identifying imaginary minority males as the perpetrator, especially blacks and Hispanics.

Naming a black or Hispanic male as the supposed perpetrator is offensive even to progressive writers. For example: ". . . don't even get me started on the whiff of racism where she falsely claimed a Hispanic dude attacked her." http://www.thefrisky.com/post/246-why-weather-woman-heidi-jones-lied-about-sexual-assault/.

Note that it isn't "the whiff" of *misandry* that bothers progressive writers. It's OK that Ms. Jones tapped into the vilest stereotype of males-as-rapists. The offensive aspect is that Ms. Jones named a minority male.

Implications of the Apex Fallacy

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Elusive Wapiti recently mentioned the Apex Fallacy in this comment.

For those new to the MM, this is such an important concept that it probably needs some explaining. Understanding it will explain a lot of the issues men deal with today.

First, one needs to understand female hypergamy. For those who may not have yet run across the concept and had it explained to them, I'm sure that some of our loyal readers will provide good links. What it boils down to is that women generally only consider men for potential mates who are least equal to them, and preferably above them, on the wealth/status pyramid. They are always "looking up", never down, so men at their own level and below are simply invisible and women do not even realize that they exist – except to the extent that such men annoy them by actually seeking their attention. As many have said, most women absolutely hate beta males.

If you take such statements by women like "**MEN** run the world", that is true for them because the only men they can see are the ones who **do** "run the world." Statements like "most CEOs are men" are true both in fact and in perception. (The reasons this is so are beyond the scope of this particular essay.) However, the implication of the converse that "most men are CEOs" is obviously not true to men. It does seem to be true for a lot of women, because most of **the men that they can see** are CEOs. While the women are looking upward and only see CEOs, the men at their level and below see a lot of nose hair.

The old cultural practice for dealing with female hypergamy was the generalized practice of giving most jobs to men, and creating social roles that demanded men work – by incorporating the "provider" role into their male identity. Thus, most marriages ended up being hypergamy because a man with a job could provide a much better life than a woman without one. There was also the benefit that with normal female hypergamic tendencies mostly neutralized, people tended to sort themselves out in the dating/mating pool along lines of compatible social class. It was rare, for example, for the scion of a wealthy banking/finance/business family to marry the daughter of a waitress or coal miner. The coal miner's daughter (thank you, Loretta Lynn) would most likely marry another coal miner, and living on the income someone else made by crawling into a hole in the ground every day, and risking death every day plus eventual death due to black lung, was far preferable to having to make that income herself.

The fairly large middle class gave women a lot more options. The daughter of a shopkeeper, for example, could get a job as a receptionist in a doctor's office, and end up snagging the doc and retiring. Even another reasonably successful shopkeeper allowed her at least a lateral move.

However, as women entered the workforce en masse, their fixation point on the wealth/status pyramid drifted upward. With each increase in her income, the number of men at and above her own level shrank geometrically. If I felt like putting in the time I would create a diagram, but I don't, so I'm going to rely on people's imaginations. Imagine a pyramid stacked with 10 levels. The first level is 10×10 or 100 potential mates. Up one level and it is 9×9, or 81 potential mates, then 8×8 or 64 potential mates – all the way to the top layer where there is only 1 man.

A woman who is herself at level 7, and will only consider men at levels 8, 9, and 10, restricts herself to a universe of 1+4+9 potential mates, or 14 total. A woman at level 2, has 1+4+9+16+25+36+49+64+81=285 potential mates – more than 20X what the woman at level 7 has. Given the fact that men are not, as a general rule, hypergamous, any woman at or below his level is a potential mate, so a man at level 7 has 16+25+36+49+64+81+100=371 potential mates, or 26.5X as many potential mates as a woman at his own level has.

It's just **not fair!!!** (Evil grin)

So, when EW says that alpha men have benefited a great deal from feminism, this is what he is talking about. The men at the top of the wealth/status pyramid only have each other to really compete with, while all the men lower down have to compete not only with each other, but also with the apex men who do not need a woman's own

wealth, because he has his own, and instead may opt to trade his wealth power/status for a woman's beauty power/status. Male doctors are still more than happy to marry their receptionists – if they are cute. But, no female doctor would be caught dead marrying the orderly who pushes gurneys around.

The situation for women is reversed. A woman at level 7 only has 14 potential mates, but 371 competitors. Given that she spent the years while her own beauty power and fertility were at their peak chasing career and riding the alpha cock carousel, while she may be a 7 on the wealth/status pyramid, she has dropped to a 3 on the beauty/status pyramid. However, since

- a) she got used to riding the alpha cock carousel when she was younger and much hotter than she is now, her ability to pull men who were 9s for one night stands have made her believe that she is a 9. So, she is still going to try to enter the pyramid at at least level 7, skipping levels 4, 5, and 6 entirely. and
- b) men in general are not in the least bit interested in her accomplishments, and do not see them in any way as adding to her SMV,

"the best she can get" today is much less than the best she could have gotten years before, so all her chasing of achievement has not only been a waste of time, it actually resulted in her throwing away all the advantages she did have at one time.

Wah!!! **It's not fair!!!** There are no good men!!!!!

Movie Review: Tron:Legacy

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(Warning, plot spoilers follow)

Over Christmas break, I watched the re-make of Tron with S1, S2, and S3. Then I did something I rarely do: I watched this fantastic movie again in theaters last night. What a great movie, particularly for a remake, with a slamming soundtrack[image] by the techno duo Daft Punk (who make a cameo appearance in the movie as, naturally, DJs in Castor/Zeus' nightclub), and amazing graphics. If you are interested in seeing it, don't wait until it comes out on DVD, you would do well to catch this in the theater for not only the visual but for the musical experience as well.

Now on to the plot: both Jeff Bridges and Bruce Boxleitner re-appear in this movie. Of course, their faces show the ravages of the nearly two decades that have elapsed since the first movie was made; however, through some CG magic, the movie studio has grafted a young Jeff Bridges face onto the current one for the character CLU and for a late-80s vintage Kevin Flynn. And this is where the movie starts, with the 1989 disappearance of Encom CEO Kevin Flynn, a single father whose unexplained disappearance creates some mild daddy issues in his son Sam. Fast-forward 18 years, and an adult Sam, who is wholly uninterested in running the company his father led except for playing an annual prank on it, enters his father's arcade, finds his secret office, and is blasted into The Grid, a parallel virtual reality that his father had created. But the Grid is no utopia, and Sam is immediately captured by elements of CLU's secret police and forced to play in the games, during which he breaks out with the assistance of a rogue program called Quorra. Sam meets his exiled father, is betrayed by a David Bowie-meets-Merovingian Castor/Zeus character (played deliciously over-the-top by Martin Sheen), and together the three (Sam, Kevin, and Quorra) stop CLU from breaking out into the real world and taking it over using conscripts shanghaied into CLU's army.

But where Tron really makes its money in my book–I mean, other than the eye-popping visuals and foot-tapping score/soundtrack–is in the social commentary is contains. First, the big one: Tron throws a huge spear at utopian 60s-vintage hippified day-dreaming, noting that the pursuit of perfection by those who are imperfect themselves (i.e, the Kevin Flynn character whose human imperfections are transferred to CLU) results in tyranny, abuse, and the extermination of undesirables. The movie even contained the digital equivalent of the colosseum, where kidnapped programs fight gladiators for the amusement of the mob. Apparently, even digital totalitarians need bread and circuses to distract the masses from the abuses of the police state under which they live. So, given that left-liberalism is merely the incarnation of a belief in the perfectibility of man–and especially the perfectibility of human society–this movie perhaps inadvertently delivers a flying elbow smash into the face of God-complex left-liberal philosophy. This is the true subversive genius of this movie, in my opinion: in how it promotes individual freedom by providing a case study in how totalitarian regimes are started. Moreover, this movie is doubly subversive given how the target demo of this movie is men and teenage boys; for we know that the male sex is much more receptive to the (risky) concept of individual freedom and suffers the most under the present matriarchal state.

In keeping with the theme of sly subversion in this movie is the manner in which women are portrayed. Sorry bean counting-obsessed feminists, you're not likely to cotton well to this movie, for with the exception of the Quorra character, women figure very little in this movie, and when they do appear, they do so primarily as ornaments. Svelte, attractive ornaments in plaform heels and tight get-ups, the better for the male eye to feast upon. So why do I say subversive, instead of merely sexist? Well–and follow me here for a moment–in keeping with the meme that leading women in action movies are ass-kickers, Quorra does not disappoint, for she does quite a bit of that while helping the Flynn the Elder and Flynn the Younger escape to the I/O portal. Both females and males enjoy this staple of action films. But it's fiction, full-on fantasy, and we all know it to be true: the vast majority of women in real life can't hope to hold their own against a male in a fight, let alone fend off multiple male combatants in a

melee. But hey, all the fights take place on The Grid, it isn't real. No, the real shift comes when Quorra enters the real world…for upon doing so, she changes from confident she-warrior to wide-eyed submissive girlfriend, gladly and comfortably riding the pillion seat behind Sam on his Ducati and reveling in cuddling up behind him as he slews his motorcycle down the blacktop. The message, muted as it is? Yes, fantastical martial arts prowess is good to fantasize about, but women and girls are happiest and most complete when following their hero, when riding pillion behind their man as he leads them both forward through life. Ergo, the example of Quorra's conduct off-grid is subversive to the feminist fish-and-bicycle conceptualization of how men and women should relate.

The next piece of commentary this movie delivers is in the advice it gives to men. Fathers, whatever widget you're working on, don't forget to keep your family a priority, for they suffer with your absence. You are not expendable. And sons, if your dad's not present, think twice before blaming it on him. It may not be his desire to be absent from your life.

Bottom line: rocking movie. Completely recommended. Ignore some of the obvious plot holes, like Kevin Flynn biologically aging inside a machine, and sometimes annoying dialog–e.g., Kevin Flynn saying "man", like, a bazillion times, fer sure, and sit back and enjoy the movie for what it is intended to be…total guy candy that teaches a lesson or two along the way if you bother to read between the lines.

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Masculinity Blamed for Lunatic's Actions

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Jessica Valenti – with help from Amanda Marcotte – would have us think three things: Jared Loughner's attack on Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords stemmed from systemic misogyny which targets women; gender norming, "violent masculinity", and "man up culture" is the cause of political unrest in the States; and conservative men are the cause of the rhetoric coming out of conservative women's mouths.

At the end of it all, in J.V.'s view, Jared Loughner isn't the only man to blame for the murder of six people, the near-assassination of a member of Congress, and the wounding of 13 others: masculinity – maleness, men – are the root of this evil.

[image]It is no coincidence that J.V. wrote this article about violent masculinity precisely when a female politician was the victim. One would find it difficult to imagine that J.V. would adopt a similar slant if a male politician – a Democrat as well – was targeted. Precisely because J.V. sees a difference (I am assuming), she informs us of her article's true intentions which causes us to overturn every rhetorical rock as we proceed.

"This is not the kind of history we want to be making," writes Valenti, both at the beginning and the end of her article published by a foreign press and consumed by a readership unfamiliar with the feminist. Bookended is the story of a country consumed by "violent masculinity" which exists at the hand of conservative men who have forced conservative women to adopt the gendered behavior as a prerequisite to holding political office.

According to J.V., this demeanor serves as a buoy amid the turbulent political sea which grants political extremists like Loughner the confidence and audacity to carry out their deranged political agenda. At the extreme end – the one-in-a-billion – lunatics like Loughner magically "man up" and take matters into their own hands.

A seasoned Valenti watcher will notice two things about her article. Immediate to her opening and closing salvo, she mentions that Congresswoman Giffords is both the "first female politician in America to be the subject of an assassination attempt" and the youngest woman to be elected to Congress. Another victim mentioned at the end of J.V.'s piece, was nine-year-old Christina Taylor Green. The most salient fact that J.V. could find to eulogize the little girl's life was "that she loved activities "from ballet to baseball"". She also loved politics at a very young age and was elected student council president at her school. Somehow her norm-defying hobbies were found fit to mention.

I feel bad using the little girl as a sort of prop to drive my point home. I wonder if J.V. felt that way too. My only defense is that I'm mentioning the girl to drive home a larger point about Jessica Valenti. While J.V. didn't directly say it, she attempts to appeal to the stereotype of the depraved man preying on women precisely because they're women. Giffords was young and women had never before been targeted for assassination in this country. Somehow that is supposed to lend significance to this assassination attempt and make it worse than any other. Through this, J.V. deftly ties "man up" culture to the attack of a *female* representative.

What Jessica Valenti won't come straight out and say, feminist Amanda Marcotte, who served as an aide to John Edwards (a fine upstanding man), does: Jared Laughner targeted Gabrielle Giffords because she is a woman. According to Marcotte, because Giffords joked at Loughner's expense during a 2007 townhall meeting, and because men can't handle being upbraided by outspoken women, Loughner sought revenge on the woman who made him feel stupid. Marcotte reads a lot into the exchange, but her theory depends entirely on something that is unprovable: that Loughner wouldn't have tried to assassinate a congressman if he made the same joke.

By appealing to emotion and chivalry, J.V. hopes that the attempted assassination takes on some quality that sets it apart from others – the ones in which almost all the victims have been men.

But political assassination is an undesirable yet inevitable consequence of politics. It is systemic. Politics are a consequence of the push-pull relationship between representative and constituents which are categories derived

from a desire for social order. Thus political assassination, and attempts at it, are a function of society itself. Just as cancer is a function of being alive.

Political assassination is as old as politics itself – which is to say, it is as old as society. The Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, dynasties from China, the Middle East, Africa, and Tudor England had to deal with the problem. In America's short history, political violence has befallen men who enter public office or the public realm. Nine presidents, one president-elect, three Presidential candidates, eight governors, seven senators, nine congressmen, eleven mayors, seventeen state legislators, eleven judges, and men like Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. have been either killed, maimed, or targeted because of their high public profile.

As women make their way into the public sphere, acts of violence aimed at political candidates who happen to be female are inevitable. While nobody, even a feminist, should cheer assassination attempts leveled at female politicians – none of this "Yay, we've arrived" celebration that occurs when women attain other political milestones – it takes an entitled person to believe that any demographic of politician should or would have a protective bubble as Valenti does by insinuating that this event is more significant than it already is merely because Giffords is a woman.

From that we can deduce a strain of entitlement that is often found in feminist rhetoric. That women can have the rose without the thorn. It may be harsh to say it in this manner, but women can't enter the political realm without some of them falling victim to violent political attack. When those attacks do occur, they happen because the person is a politician – not because they are specifically female.

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Now, what about those buoys? What psychological anchor did Loughner latch on to as a reference point to justify his horrific actions? J.V. begins:

> "What's not being discussed, however, is that a fair amount of this violent language and imagery is coming from female politicians on the right."

She cites the various "man up" castigations uttered by Sharron Angle, Christine O'Donnell, Sarah Palin, and Jane Norton in the recent election campaign. Gendered language and other references to violent rhetoric – like crosshairs on political maps and allusions to the Second Amendment are supposed to outweigh *Mein Kampf* and *The Communist Manifesto* (plus *Peter Pan*) as the impetus towards political violence.

[image]

After tackling conservatism as a whole, J.V. deigns to take down the male cohort by citing a reference that "masculine and violent behavior is often used in elections and campaigns – especially by men on the right – because of a fear of being perceived as feminine." She adds:

> In a sexist society, what could be worse than being called a girl? So it doesn't seem unlikely that conservative female politicians feel the need to peddle their ideas in gendered and violent language in order to fit in with the masculinised right.

J.V. would have us think that politicians who didn't get elected (none of the four women she cited were elected to office in their most recent campaigns) have such a profound impact on society that male secret assassins in Congressional districts with female representatives are robotically activated – taking to the streets for political justice.

She would also have us believe that conservative female politicians are so incapable of developing their own style that they must adopt that of their masculine betters in order to attract votes. That they must morph into men in order to be elected. But at what point does women's speech become feminine? Why must the negative rhetoric that

comes out of women's mouths be considered masculine and therefore bad? Why can't it be feminine and bad as well?

Valenti has to pretend that men are using women as puppets to do the bidding on the part of evil men. Because she draws the connection between the words coming out of the woman's mouth and the string dangling from the Man's hand, those women are actually absolved of all of their gender norming sins. That horrible gender norming, the one responsible for the near death of a Congresswoman and the death of a little girl, is laid directly at conservative men's feet.

J.V. ignores the s0-called violent masculinity emanating from the left during this election cycle. One could only suppose that she ignored female Democrat Robin Carnahan's suggestion that Roy Blount man up over health care or Democratic Senate hopeful Kendrick Meek's advice that Charlie Crist act like a man or the Democrat's use of targets on maps with Republican districts or the gender-shaming liberal magazine articles because such masculine language was tempered by the larger female base of that particular party. Double-standards abound. Whatever is deemed to be "safe" or "feminine" is given a free pass and cannot be considered violent rhetoric.

Jared Loughner is vermin. His actions are deplorable, and I feel sorrow for all of his victims. To a much smaller degree, I feel contempt for Jessica Valenti and Amanda Marcott for theorizing an angle to this story that is only rooted in their biased gender activism. Because their claims are impossible to test, the feminists are able to float wild ideas that only serve to further demonize maleness and masculinity. Just as Valenti posits a buoy of conservative rhetoric that serves as a launch pad for extreme right terrorism, she also posits that masculinity serves the same function for "violent masculinity". In both cases, if she successfully ties the extreme to the normal, she can sink everything. And that is not the kind of history we want to be making.

The V-Day Project: Meet the Vagina Men

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Never one to shy away from using vaginas to promote herself, Eve Ensler is still at it with the V-Day project, which she uses as a vehicle for the dissemination of her questionable material, most famously the *Vagina Monologues*, in universities across North America. Founded on Valentine's Day 1998, the organization has pulled in over $80 million, and has staged thousands of events and fundraisers. According to V-Day's website, "The 'V' in V-Day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina."

Amusingly, last year saw the establishment of a group called "V-men," which includes our old friend Michael Kimmel, men's studies guru and and critic of masculinity. Now, some have criticized use of the term "mangina," but what else could one call these V – and that stands for "vagina" – men?

Each of these V-men shares some story, usually about something horrible that some man did to a woman, but a couple of them really stand out. Take Jared Miller for example. A white knight and violent criminal, he admits to assaulting men on numerous occasions for "disrespecting" women:

> In high school I was always looking for a fight, typically for the sake of some girl's honor. In my twenties I was the guy the female bar tenders called on when a girl was being harassed. I would gladly jump across the bar and deal with any man that had the indecency to disrespect a woman. My motives were pure, but the methodology was obviously lacking, and ultimately landed me in jail on numerous occasions.

Eventually, Mr. Miller found solace in working with prostitutes, and now "his quest is to help create an egalitarian society worldwide."

Bart Scott, a professional football player – a linebacker – grew up on the mean streets of Detroit surrounded by women, raised by a single mother. You'd think a big strong guy like Bart wouldn't be insecure in his masculinity and would be free from complexes, but he suffered the same abuse that created Joe Biden, the architect of the monstrous piece of legislation known as VAWA:

> From the time I was a little boy I was taught to love and respect women. What choice did I have, being raised in an estrogen dominant atmosphere? When Mom left for work every day, I was left at home to endure whatever abuse my two older sisters thought necessary to inflict on me that day! They undoubtedly thought it was funny to fold me up in the pull out sofa, lock me in the basement for hours, terrorize me with fake-haunting sounds through the heating vents. Ah, the love of older sisters.

So what did Mr. Scott learn from a couple mean sisters?

> It wasn't always easy being a male minority — but it did teach me appreciation for the real essence of what makes a woman. Even after there came the point that I was physically bigger than them, I continued to respect them; no amount of them pushing me around could incite me to raise a hand against them (and they weren't small females, both 5'9″).
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> The slightest strike of my hand would disrespect that love, tarnish the gratitude I still feel for the exhausting workdays and sleepless nights my mother gave to help me become the man I am today. Every woman in my family — from my mother, to grandmother, to sisters, to my wife are symbols to me of this same strength and dignity.

Amazing, isn't it? Bigger girls beat up on a little boy and you end up with a guy who can't fathom why a man would

ever strike a woman… Perhaps they broke his spirit.

Saddest of all is the story of Mark Matousek, a man who was raised by a mother who abandoned his father and abducted the children to run off with another married man. Mark's mother and sister were apparently frequently taken advantage of, but poor Mark can't figure out that *it was his mother's choice to plunge her children into this environment.* Would this have happened if his sisters were under the protection and care of his father?

Here are a few passages from Mark's painful story:

> I grew up in estrogen overload, in a house filled with difficult women, the only son of a harridan who'd sent her husband—my father—packing for love of another married man.
> We were poor — not ghetto poor, but borderline white-trash Jewish poor: my mom, my three troubled sisters, and me, in our three small underfurnished rooms. For a long time — truthfully, my whole life — I'd convinced myself that this single fact of my boyhood, this isolation with too many women (picture a lost sperm circling an ovum), was the most formative piece of my story — hands down — the twist that made me me and formed my sperm-headed view of the world.
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> "You mother was raped?" she asked.
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> "All of the women in my family were raped," I told her.
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> Martha seemed shocked. I was shocked myself, not because the information was new but because I'd never said it out loud, which meant it had only half existed.
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> Now that it did—now that I'd said it—a truth (so obvious that I'd missed it) blasted a hole through my story line, the version of things I'd believed to be true. It wasn't being trapped in a house filled with women that had made me the very strange person I was, but growing up in a houseful of raped women.
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> These memories were just the beginning. There were more, there were echoes, the rapes continued — by men and soon enough by themselves, as my mother and sisters sold themselves short, raped their own choices, potential, respect; forced themselves into too-small, tawdry lives with men who used them as pleasure mules. The pictures came back, and as I described them — revealing so much more of the truth — a disturbingly different, more accurate picture began to emerge in myself of myself.
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> It wasn't estrogen overload that had turned me into a rescue artist; it was rape overload, abuse overload, an excess of feminine self-mutilation — an absence of innocent love toward a woman.

For all his therapy, it looks like Mark was sold a bill of goods. Until he can come to terms with the fact that his mother did a horrible thing to him and his sisters and that she is responsible for much of what happened to them, all the blaming of "the patriarchy" in the world isn't going to make things better, and in fact he'll only guarantee that the same happens to even more children.

If anything, the V-men provide us with a portrait of a male feminist: a deeply wounded, self-destructive, dysfunctional and sometimes dangerous man. It is almost as though Michael Kimmel is deliberately surrounding himself with these types, and hard at work creating more by working to destroy families through support of exactly the kind of legal tools that enabled Mr. Matousek's mother to remove his father's protective influence from his and his sisters' lives.

We have to keep in mind that male feminists are often severely disturbed individuals who have a burning hatred for masculinity, and therefore a deep sense of shame and self-hatred for their own natures. It is no wonder that some of the followers of the men's studies discipline have made the choice to utterly abnegate their masculinity through self-castration.

These stories only confirm the importance of fathers in their children's lives. The most disturbed of these V-men grew up in female-dominated households, and the last thing society needs is more sick boys. No, we do not need any more vagina men — we want healthy, confident boys and men who are not crippled by the wound of having an absent father. We want them to be free from constantly agonizing over the predicaments women get themselves involved in so that they can go on to do great things and lift humanity ever farther out of savagery and toward the stars.

Valenti: “Blame Men For It!”

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The recent shooting in Tuscon has truly stripped our biased media naked. Even FoxNews – the left’s *bête noir* – was quick to falsely attribute the shooter’s actions to the influence of the radical right, possibly in response to disinformation from the Department of Homeland Security. As the story broke this weekend, it was fascinating to watch legions of cynical opportunists from all sides attempt to leverage this event to serve their own pet agendas, before any substantial information was even available.

Then some regrettable YouTube videos and screen captures from social networking sites emerged, and eventually some real evidence was gathered. Jared Loughner’s profile has slowly evolved, to the disappointment of many. He may surprise us yet. However, at the moment he seems to be a wacky stoner with some mental problems who was intellectually curious but kind of all over the place – like a lot of kids his age, but clearly worse. He’s no Ted Kaczynski, no Timothy McVeigh…and no Major Nidal Malik Hasan. More like a young Uncle Fester. It’s a shame no one got to the kid before he created a lot of messy trouble, but in all likelihood, no culture of anything is to blame.

In a country of over 300 million people – given the available provocations – it’s actually pretty surprising that more people don’t go completely bonkers more often. Perhaps God looks after drunks, children and the people of collapsing civilizations.

Before it gets lost in the shuffle of obligatory hysteria, collective emoting and (more) trashy commentary, I’d like to draw attention to the crass efforts of Jessica Valenti from Feministing to use the Giffords shooting as a springboard to recycle some very old feminist talking points and obsess about Sarah Palin. Catering to the anti-American prejudices of Anglos abroad, Valenti wrote that in the absence of any meaningful evidence about Loughner’s motives, Americans had decided to focus on the “culture of increasing vitriol in US politics.” While it seems obvious that the “because we can do it and get away with it” tough girl posturing of Palin, Norton *et al* had little or no influence on Loughner, Valenti reaches and links the shooting – as well as the killing of a child – to what she calls America’s “Man Up” culture.

> In a country that sees masculinity – especially violent masculinity – as the ideal, it’s no wonder that this type of language resonates. But it’s a sad state of affairs when women in politics have to resort to using the same gendered stereotypes that kept all women out of public service for so long.

Not long ago, it was feminists who were telling American men to “Man Up.”

It seems to me that the former Alaska governor and Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin is the more accomplished shadow feminist. The former beauty queen is a Paglia-esque model of violent femininity – high heeled and heavily armed. She wields power, says what she wants, and her husband is little more than a likeable sidekick who fades in the glow of her earthy, Dionysian charm. It is Valenti who comes off as passé and anti-modern, maintaining a socially constructed gender inequality that reserves hard talk and violence for men and holds women to a different standard of politeness, delicacy and social decorum. Further, it isn’t the women themselves who are chastised here so much as American society itself – a society that according to Valenti, makes violent masculinity its ideal.

Female politicians like Palin know well that they are protected by the same social double standard that either irks or pleases the confused Valenti (depending on her mood, I suppose), and that their opponents will not be able to effectively counter female attempts at emasculation by throwing the same kind of mud. There is no congruous response when a woman tells a man to "man up." "How," he might wonder, "can this woman who competes with me as a supposed 'equal' demand that I be something that she is not and cannot be?" It's basically a free shot, but recent elections have proved that the taunt ultimately falls flat.

If a culture that promotes "violent masculinity" has much of anything to do with the Tuscon shooting, it will be in the most abstract sense possible. Like the politicians she criticizes, Valenti was basically looking for a free shot.

Something bad happened. Blame men for it. That's basically all career feminists like Valenti have to offer: creative ways to place the blame for virtually anything on men and any vestigial cultural appreciation for traditional masculinity.

Perhaps that should be a new theme song for Valenti & Co., set to the tune of South Park's "Blame Canada". (A colorful swipe at all half-assed blame-layers.)

"Blame Men For It!"

Do feel free to help her out by brainstorming the rest of the lyrics.

Who Eats the Mushroom?

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The gender war so far has been a war of words, of arguments, over beliefs. One thing about the human animal is that they tend to believe very strongly and hold onto those beliefs very passionately. When two different belief systems collide, passions flare and conflict often escalates.

When the US was going through the infamous "Bill Clinton Blowjob Impeachment Trial", Richard Gephart made a statement that really should go down in history as one of the more famous and perceptive quotes of all time – *"Politics is a **substitute** for violence."* When people collide over what they believe, and see the other side's beliefs as detrimental to their own well-being, it is quite easy for the disagreement to escalate to violence. But, the only question that violence resolves is who is stronger, not whose belief is correct. And, as human culture and civilization have progressed beyond simply bashing each other's head in to win an argument, politics evolved as a substitute.

Politics involves debate, and rhetoric, and persuasion, and argument. Men realized that politics was a superior method to resolving conflict over simply being the biggest, baddest, MoFu out there, and bashing in heads until there was no one left to disagree with you. The reason it is superior is because even if you are the biggest, baddest, MoFu around, you're eventually going to piss off enough lesser MoFus that they will figure out how to cooperate – through politics – and gang up on you to bash in your head. Game over.

Politics is a very complex game. It involves procedures, protocols, and diplomacy, and yes, rules. The most famous set of rules for managing debate and political disagreement is called "Roberts Rules of Order", often referred to as "Parliamentary Procedure." The most significant role of a set of rules is that it allows a group to move forward toward making a decision and resolving conflict even if there are some stubborn and unyielding members.

There is a fine line between debate and argument. One simplistic difference is that debate seeks to persuade, while argument seeks to win. For many people, it is more important to be **seen to be** right than to **actually be** right – or, to win an argument rather than seek the truth in a question.

There are many questions the truth of which cannot ever be reached or changed by argument. Not everything in life is a "social construct", and some things have a reality which exists completely separate and apart from what people might believe about it. The question of whether shooting yourself in the foot hurts or feels great is not the least bit affected by how long an argument lasts between people who believe opposite things, or even by who wins by bashing in the other's head.

In the gender war there are thousands of viewpoints and millions of arguments. Some of them truly are matters of nothing but belief, and much time and energy is spent by people trying to get others to believe as they do. Others are matters which **do** have an external reality, the truth of which is totally independent of what either party to the argument believes or who wins the argument. Without some sort of rules of order, generally the person who wins an argument is the one who is most stubborn and who cares the least about the actual truth. Most arguments take place outside of any formal body, so there are no rules of order to help things move forward.

The moment one realizes that what may have started as a discussion has slipped into being an argument is the moment to quit it, leave, and do something else. All they are going to accomplish is to force the other person to become even more entrenched in their beliefs, and angrier, producing nothing except animosity and elevated blood pressure. Paradoxically, the people least certain of their position tend to be the ones most stubborn about defending it – seeking the consensual validation of agreement to help them believe that they are right.

A way to imagine this is to imagine two people sitting across a table from each other. On the table is a plate and on the plate is a mushroom. One person thinks the mushroom is poisonous, the other thinks it is delicious. The reality of which it is exists entirely separate and independent of what either of them believes. They can argue until doomsday over whether it is poisonous or delicious, and even if one of them wins the argument that does not dictate

the reality of what the mushroom is.

There is only one way to determine the truth or fallacy of either opinion – someone has to eat the mushroom.

Now, in any rational ethical system the one obligated to eat the mushroom and test the competing theories must be the one who believes it is **not** poisonous. It is quite easy to have very strong convictions when you, personally, have nothing at risk if you are wrong. And, one of the less noble aspects of human beings is that it seems easier still when it is someone else taking all the risk.

One of the most time-honored tests of the strength of a man's convictions is "put your money where your mouth is" – i.e. put something at risk. If you are so sure you are right, then there is no risk. However, if the argument reflex has simply taken control of you and you have begun to argue for the sake of argument, and to avoid having to say those words that stick in everyone's throat *"I was wwww…..wwwww……wrong"* and the point has become to win and seek validation through agreement rather than seek the truth, then putting someone else at risk to prove something you don't believe strongly enough to put your self at risk, is a moral failure of the highest magnitude.

Most arguments in the gender war are not simple and clear enough that they can be resolved like a poker game – "You think your hand is better than mine? Well, I think mine is better than yours, and I bet $100 it is." The strength of the other's conviction is now tested by the principle of "put up, or shut up." And, who is right can easily be determined by objective reality – the hand with 3 Queens wins over the hand with 2 10s and 2 7s.

When someone is advocating a political or social strategy which you feel is destructive – "poisonous" – argument will almost never resolve it. So, unless you just enjoy arguing, the best way to proceed is to remove yourself from the possibility of negative outcomes, and let the person go ahead and implement their strategy with the clear knowledge that they are the one bearing all the risk and they are the ones who will suffer from being wrong – not you.

"Think that shooting yourself in the foot will bring you almost orgasmic pleasure? Go ahead, pull the trigger – **your foot, not mine!**"

"You think the mushroom is delicious while I think it is poisonous? Go ahead, eat the mushroom."

Chinese Moms, Failing America, 3rd-Wave Feminism and the Me Generation

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There has been a lot of commentary in the last few years about the failing of American families. How we raise our children can have a huge impact on the future of our country. With the massive increase in single-mother homes and the claims that men, and traditional family notions including the role of parents, aren't really relevant for successful children, feminists may be forcing us all to bury our heads in the sand while our culture impales its future on the jagged hypocritical blades of Political Correctness.

In that vein, this article, drawn to my attention in a comment by ReaderLon on Chateau Roissy, made some very salient points about how childrearing strategies used by Chinese mothers are profoundly superior to current American or Western models. The whole article is worth reading.

I recall my own "Traditional White American" background. We had an interventionist mother who focused on her childrens' educations, in a catholic tradition that brooked no excuses for failure and no sympathy for misdemeanors. That said, my mother was and remains a hard-core "Equity Feminist" with conservative leanings. The upshot was that she expected my sisters to perform, and saying "I'm just a girl" got them no passes. On the other hand, she didn't expect them to enjoy hunting (though one sister does) nor did she expect them to become CEOs; she did, however, expect them to have children of their own, which they both did. Our own non-Asian, very American family managed to produce a clutch of highly successful young people, and my siblings have gone on to do the same. From what i can tell, this was quite common until the 1960′s and 70′s. It was then that children were simply left to their own devices and the downward spiral commenced.

One of the basic requirements for the traditional style of parenting is at least one parent who prioritizes child-raising over work or personal interests. Few women will respect men who do this, instead almost always choosing men who are better than they are at earning money, while they themselves prioritize the care of their offspring. Even doctrinaire feminists must admit this about the men they're attracted to, with "house husbands" not being anywhere near the top of the list. All of this is obvious to any non-indoctrinated man who has ever had to deal with actual, real live women and has tried to maintain relationships with them. The fact that this ancient, natural pattern seems biologically encoded into the species angers feminists the most: it seems to be the default setting for the Human Race, and that to resist it is to resist basic human nature. Hence the need for the denial of the reality of basic human nature or its suppression.

It's why Simone de Beauvoir, the grande-dame of 3rd-wave Marxist-Feminism, felt the need to say,

"No, we don't believe that any woman should have this choice. No woman should be authorized to stay at home to raise her children. Society should be totally different. Women should not have that choice, precisely because if there is such a choice, too many women will make it."
–Simone de Beauvoir

But when women also place their emphasis on work or personal development, it leaves no-one in their children's educational driver's seat. Our culture quite literally becomes direction- and ambition-less. Fathers can step in, when allowed or required to, but if there is no father or he's kept away against his wishes, this leaves the children with no support.

Personal notes: China and Korea

I lived in Korea and China and I saw how both social systems work. With a few reservations, I endorse what the article states as accurate observations. These aren't just stereotypes about different individual families; the phenomenon of the "Chinese Mom" is very real. It's also true in Korea, though there it's slightly different, and I'll

comment on that below. This is much of the reason for the individual success of modern Chinese children and the collective social success of Asian societies generally.
The Effects of 3rd-Wave / MarxistFeminism

American feminists refuse to admit this, but the lower performance results of white Americans in the last 2 generations unequivocally speak to the socially catastrophe side-effects of third-wave feminist and culturally-marxist policy prescriptions. Feminists and liberals contort themselves into bizarre philosophical shapes to avoid this hard fact, but a hard fact it remains. Asian immigrants sporting Asian family values are, on average, far more successful than Americans raised in modern families. They fill scholarship rolls, get top jobs, outperform all of their rivals, maximize their talents and are becoming wealthier and more generally successful much faster than any group in American history. For anyone familiar with Asia, the superiority of the Asian family model in raising children is both obvious and absolutely undeniable, and the final proof for naysayers is in the results. Despite Liberal rhetoric, Big Government can't replace functioning families that emphasize the welfare of children. The result of liberal policies has been the destruction of American potential and lost lives. We can see the most tragic results in the trenches of black America, where illegitimacy, single-mother families and non-existent fathers have become the norm. Heather Macdonald writes about it extensively.

It's not safe to be smug, however. The rest of America is racing down that path as we speak. We can look on the failed single-parent families and illegitimacy-as-normal in the black community as a harbinger of what awaits the rest of society.

The abundant truth of these observations are apparent to Asian-American families, especially those originally from China, Korea or Japan. White liberals can only deny this through rampant cognitive dissonance or ideological blindness.

This study, along will every other one, confirms the patently obvious:

The purpose of this study is to explain the gap between Asian American and white students in mathematics test scores by combining both cultural and socioeconomic approaches presented in previous studies. The sample consisted of a nationally representative sample of 1465 Asian American and 8757 white American students obtained from National Educational Longitudinal Study of 2002, by the National Center for Educational Statistics. Ordinary Least Square (OLS) results indicate that ***parental involvement and students' individual motivation explain why Asian American students perform better than white American students****. Meanwhile, better socioeconomic backgrounds and* ***higher rates of two-biological-parent households also contribute to Asian student's better performance on mathematics test scores. However, Asian students who live with both biological parents make lower mathematics test scores than white American students who live with both biological parents. This result implies that Asian American students might have higher pressure from their parents on their education.***

Clearly, all is not lost. White two-family households still perform better, on average than Asian two-parent households, meaning that there is scope to recover some of America's lost potential. I submit that the key is a focus on our children, and on maintaining the integrity of successful families, with at least one parent, if not both, focused on making sure children succeed.

And even Wikipedia has much to say on this subject.

Self-selective immigration hypothesis

One possible cause of the higher performance of Asian Americans as a group is that they represent a small self-selected group of Asians. The relative difficulty of emigrating into the United States selected out those with less resources, motivation or ability.
This pattern of success, however, is also found in Asia, so despite self-selection, there must be something to the notion of cultural superiority. Jewish culture in America is very similar in most respects.

Cultural differences **

Cultural factors are thought to be part of the reason why Asian Americans are successful in the United States. East Asian societies themselves, in general, will **often place more resources and emphasis on education**. For example, the **Chinese culture places great value on work ethic and the pursuit of knowledge**. In traditional Chinese social stratification, scholars were ranked at the top — well above businessmen and landowners. This view of knowledge is evident in the modern lifestyle of many **Asian American families**, where the whole family puts emphasis on education and **parents will make it their priority to push their children to study and achieve high marks.** Similar cultural tendencies and values are found in South and Southeast Asian families (such as Indian Americans and Filipino Americans), whose children similarly face extra pressure by parents to succeed in school and to achieve high-ranked jobs.
Note that this takes sacrifice, time and effort that almost requires women to take time away from personal careers. In Asian cultures, it's crucial to note that this is an almost wholly female pursuit. Asian women take no shame in being excellent mothers; quite the opposite. In fact, how well they perform this most important job is often a point of pride. In North America, we've "liberated" women from the need to sacrifice their individuality to raise their children, and promote gender-neutrality. Despite these stated gender-neutral goals, the net effect is to render children directionless and leave nobody in the childrearing driver's seat.

In this sense, American3rd-wave feminism can be seen for what it is: yet another part of the "Me Me Me Me" philosophy of the Baby Boomers. It's just another selfish, self-aggrandizing 1960′s social movement that takes no responsibility for the effects of its policy advice and emphasizes personal freedom without any personal responsibility or forethought- the clarion call of the 1960′s and 70′s.

The damage to out culture, our economy and our future is one of the unacknowledged but unavoidable truths of our time.

Problems with the Chinese Model

That said, much of the pain, misplaced ambition and failure Chinese kids experience can be laid at the feet of relentless parents who push the wrong way. An athletically gifted kid will be shunted to a narrow band of academics because this is the only socially respected activity. A theatrically talented child will be denied this route because a medical/legal/engineering degree is what the parents want, and they won't brook argument. I knew one man who diligently acquired an engineering degree despite his mediocre math skills, and the day after he graduated, presented the diploma to his smiling parents. In a solemn tone, he then told them to frame it and put it on their wall, because he wanted nothing to do with it. He never again touched it or used it. He immediately went back to art school and eventually became a painter. He's often told me his baffled parents never quite dealt with the shock of what they see as his bizarre betrayal, but last year, a decade after he stopped visiting the family home, his sister told him that their mother quietly purchased one of his paintings from an art show to hang in a prominent place in their living room.

This is the problem with absolutely denying the individuality of children. Parents are very often wrong. And when they're wrong, it's their children who suffer, given the power of the parents.

There are other issues, as well. Traditional Chinese culture is very spare with physical affection. Family life is all about duty – very rarely is love involved. Miserable family life is all too common, if not almost normal. Though Chinese rarely admit to it, this fact is obvious to outsiders. Also, other problems noticed in the west, including physical, emotional and sexual abuse, are also common in China and the rest of Asia, the only difference being that they're never openly discussed or documented. This issue of "saving face" and dealing with problems internally (meaning, not dealing with them at all) is a much less admirable aspect of Asian societies.

But for that matter, social problems within families are common here, too. Happily, we're free to talk about it more than the Chinese tend to be.

Korea

Korea illustrates another Asian family model.

While Chinese parenting is often all about demanding from their children, Korean parenting is usually more about pushing and supporting. There's a very strong, almost tactile difference in the approach.

Koreans are much more physically touchy-feely with their kids than Chinese parents, perhaps even more than white Americans. Chinese fathers are often physically distant, almost cold; Chinese mothers are legendary for browbeating their kids and being unaffectionate, while being quite demanding.

In sharp contrast, Korean parents are notoriously affectionate. They love their kids and show it all the time.

I remember meeting foreign parents living in Korea with their kids. They were often shocked when strangers came up and actually touched their children – patting their heads or taking their hands. Korean culture is not obsessed with the risks of abusive strangers, refreshingly, and Korean culture is, overall, much more affectionate with children. They love all children. China, on the other hand, is not like this. It's not a very "affectionate" place.

Also, for all the pressure, parents in Korea don't have to browbeat their children to get them to perform; the social order (friends, school, work, etc.) does that every minute of every day. In China, you can be a lazy ass if you want. Nobody gives a damn if you live or die, or drop out of school. The pressure comes entirely from the family, and as such, families are notorious pressure-cookers. In Korea, the family doesn't need to browbeat you as much, because society does it – so parents often have a better relationship with their kids, and unlike China, this relationship is not necessarily based on simple duty and respect. The Korean family is often more of a release valve from the pressure cooker of society than a pressure cooker itself.

That said, Korean mothers work hard to make sure their children perform well. It's similar to the pattern in China, but not the same. Because the social pressure is so intense, the Korean mother is often seen as more of an ally than a taskmaster, which is what a lot of Chinese kids feel about their parents.

Children are sacred in Korea. Parents will do absolutely anything for them. There's no sacrifice too much or too high. It's impossible to exaggerate the levels to which Koreans will go to guarantee their children opportunities. Once the kids are born, life becomes a devotion to their welfare and future that Americans into the Me generation of the 1960′s likely find hard to believe.

Parenting and Sacrifice

Some of the stories will be familiar to any Korean-Americans reading this. I've seen parents separate for a decade or more so that the mother can raise their children in a foreign country, trying to guarantee them an English-language education which can be the ticket to success. I've also seen fathers work insane hours every day, taking time out only for 5-6 hours of sleep a night, all to financially support his family. Many men literally work themselves to death. On the other hand, Korean women typically wake very early, prepare a healthy and elaborate breakfast, take their kids to school, look after the younger ones, take care of the home, cook lunch, pick up the children, bring them to one of several daily tutoring sessions, study with them until 1:00 a.m., and then do more chores and sleep. The image of near-permanently exhausted parents and their usually respectful, dutiful children speaks to the strength of the family as a core unit in Korean society. Long into adulthood, Children show respect and love for their parents often absent or missing in the United States.

What's shocking to Americans is that this punishing lifestyle is considered **normal** in Korea. Complete sacrifice for your children is required; from fathers in terms of financial support, from mothers in terms of emotional and personal support. The actual daily lives most parents lead are usually wholly devoted to the welfare of their children, and women take the lead role in their childrens' educational lives. Of course, much of this model is relatively new, dating back only one or two generations. It's a modern, industrial-economy take on the traditional Korean family. In previous generations, such educational needs didn't exist; Korea was largely backwards and agricultural. But this model has strong roots in the traditional focus on family structure and responsibilities that go back centuries, if not millennia. Western culture has, at times, been much the same. For some reason, we threw out the baby with the bath water during the social revolutions of the 1960′s and 70′s.

In effect, Korean mothers are full-time “educational co-ordinators”. If measured by the profound success of Korean children,

Problems in Korea

A lot of the “WORK WORK WORK!” Koreans busy themselves with is just that: busy work. Quite often, little to nothing gets done. This is just as true for study. Highschool students’ days start with one or more pre-classes, and then school; they stay in school throughout from 8 am to 10 pm, and they then study for 3-5 more hours at night. They get between 4 and 5 hours of sleep before it starts again at dawn. They do this 6 days a week. Sundays are reserved for family and study, but in reality, most of what they do is study.

Of course, much of this isn’t studying, or is inefficient. It’s the same in the workplace. Almost all offices get nothing done all day, and the work only gets done in the 3-4 hours from 6pm-10/11 pm when people are allowed to do things that aren’t busy-work, social grooming or just “Sitting There” make-work. Almost all organizations in Korea have a “Bum In Chair” philosophy: So long as your bum is in the seat, it’s better than someone who arrives late or worse, who leaves at 6:00, before the boss, who often stays until 10:00 pm or later. An employee who does 7 solid hours of intensive work and then leaves at 5:00 pm will be socially and professionally ostracized. The foreigners I knew in Korea were stunned at how inefficient Koreans could be, how most of their time was wasted, and how little a group of Koreans could get done, when the hours of work put into a project are taken into account.

The higher up the pay scale you go, beyond upper-middle management, the less competent the people were and the less work was accomplished. Also, the higher up the chain you went, less accountability was practiced. In many ways, it’s a victory for innovation-stifling bureaucracy, an accurate description of Korean society (and Asian society) generally.

Modest Proposals

From the perspective of a neutral observer, an outsider, it’s clear where the advantages are in the Chinese or Korean approach to education, parenting and work, and just as clear where the disadvantages and failures can be found. Just as foreign observers came to America after WWII to study American industry, I think it’s a good idea for Westerners and Western policy-makers to be exposed to North-East Asian domestic and economic culture. The lessons we learn may be uncomfortable to the ideologically pure among us, to all of our racists, conservatives, blind patriots, cultural marxists and feminists, but there is virtue in pragmatism, cultural honesty, openness to criticize and and humility in the face of our mistakes.

In my opinion, a tempered version of the “Chinese Mom” or the “Korean Family” would be a fantastic boon to American society. Taking the right lessons is important, however, because you want your children at the age of 40 or 50 to still like and appreciate you, in a more than “I”m obliged to” kind-of way. And you also want to maintain the American edge in outside-the-box thinking, creativity and in our ability to seize opportunities.

For example, freeing women through equity-feminism was likely a great boon to society. There’s no reason to dismiss the notions that freed up the creative contributions of half our population. However, engaging in “cultural marxism” and narcissism disguised as 3rd-Wave Feminism and Gender Feminism and misandry and anti-Natalism has nothing to do with improving the lives of women, but rather of forcing social change and social engineering on a society that, were the practitioners of these philosophies direct and honest, would never have accepted these ideologies in the first place. We need to be tricked into accepting them, and even then, it’s hard to maintain acceptance in the face of the inevitable results.

A marriage of both Asian and Western cultures could do the following:

- Maximize childrens’ success without turning boys into personality-free, “beta” chumps overly attached to their mothers and women into mere servants of their male counterparts;
- Encourage creativity without hampering practical success
- Create better work habits and reduce frivolous activities to a minimum

- Encourage exploration (which is a powerful advantage of American society) but also encourage pragmatism and concrete measures of success (which Asian culture is very good at).

Most Western-educated Chinese parents understand that they need to embrace their children as individuals – but without indulging them. This is something Liberal America has forgotten, because as a liberal culture, we indulge ourselves all the time. Modern 3rd-and 4th-wave post-equity and gender-feminism is part and parcel of our culture's general tolerance of self-indulgence, irresponsibility and social fragmentation.

Consider: There must be some reason why almost all foreigners view Westerners as consummately selfish and self-obsessed, and it's not because of our economic model; other cultures can often be more capitalistic and anti-egalitarian than we are. They think we're selfish for other reasons that Liberals are uncomfortable addressing.

Needless to say, reforming the failing model of the American family requires getting Big Government as an alternative Father out of the American family, encouraging the creation of happy family units and discouraging the breakup of couples when the welfare of the children could be impacted. It may be that American men and women might need to take interests other than their own immediate needs.

"Eat, Pray Love" comes to mind. If the grotesque self-indulgence of this type of ideal represent anything, it represents the depth of selfish self-love and attention our culture now practices at the expense of, well, of everything else.

Or how about this:

Sandra Tsing-Loh single-handedly illustrated why self-loving narcissism is slowly eating away at anything resembling social responsibility in this country.

Or Corinne Maier, a French author whose book was a paean to selfish non-sacrifice for children, leading to the inevitable – just don't have any.

The critic summed it up nicely:

Ms. Maier's list of reasons why one should not have children includes things such as no more sleeping in, not being able to eat in nice restaurants, a lack of spontaneous sex and the ever popular complaint that having children means no more "us" as a couple, but only "us" as parents. Ms. Maier suggests that becoming a parent means you somehow forgo the ability to remain connected to your partner. While I would agree that many parents seem to focus only on their children, I would suggest that this is not the fault of the children, the problem rests solely on the shoulders of the parents.

Ultimately, the fact of demography absolutely requires us to breed and have children. And to make sure that our children have the best of the opportunities that we can provide for them.

Neglecting either of these responsibilities is to forfeit our place as members of a continuing culture and society, and to accept non-existence and death as a culture, a society and a nation.

This all links to other themes relevant to modern American decline and social disorder.

In effect, cultural marxism and feminism, with its denial of hard demographics, its worship of open borders and wholesale cultural population replacement due to unwillingness to support having successful families, and its wholesale attack on all responsibilities while promoting only oppositional rights or conflicting group rights, guarantees that even with their own internal problems, Asian values will produce generations of successful children while our culture of social irresponsibility and reproductive barrenness continues its demoralizing decline.

None of this is inevitable. We can stem the tide. Being humble enough to adopting some of the values I've seen in Asia could go a long distance to helping restore some sanity to America.

**Side-note:

Illustrating the hypocrisy of "liberal" cultural marxism, successful Asians with better cultural attitudes towards

success are often penalized for being successful. So much for the rewards of hard work, intelligence and supportive families. Is this the kind of society we want, a society of Variable Victims and entrenched entitlements?

Asian American status in affirmative action

In the 1980′s, several Ivy League schools alleged that they limited admissions to Asian American students. **Because of their high degree of success as a group and over-representation in many areas such as college admissions**, most Asian Americans are not granted preferential treatment by affirmative action policies as are other minority groups. Some schools choose lower-scoring applicants from other racial groups over Asian Americans in an attempt to promote racial diversity and to maintain some proportion to the society's racial demographics.

Texas school police ticketing students as young as 6

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Just when I think it can't get any worse –

> School police officers in Texas are doling out more tickets to children as young as 6, who under past disciplinary practices would have been sent to the principal's office instead, according to a report by a Texas nonprofit.

That'll learn 'em!!

You're in first grade. Some big guy in a blue uniform with a frown on his face hands you a piece of paper. Being halfway trained in civilized behavior, you wrap your gum in it and toss it in the wastebasket.

How in the world are kids supposed to figure out the world when they are surrounded by adults who so obviously can't? I wonder if they accept payment of fines in Pla Dough?

Beam me up, Scottie. There is no intelligent life on this planet.

An 89-Year-Old Statue Helps Unlock The Scorn For Men's Rights

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As someone who advocates for men and boys falsely accused of rape, I am perpetually baffled by the religious-like fervor with which some women's advocates resist the very notion that men, simply because they are men, can be victims of anything caused by women.

The story of a now-obscure, 89-year-old statue in New York City, much maligned as both "sexist" and "kitsch," has helped clear away some of my befuddlement. The eye-opening history of this statue ought to be studied for what it teaches not about art, but about gender relations, because its lessons still resonate.

"Civic Virtue Triumphant Over Unrighteousness" is the official name of the 22-ton marble statue by sculptor Frederick MacMonnies, but it has been derisively called many other things, including "Fat Boy." The statue was, at one time, one of the biggest news stories in New York City. Even before it was unveiled in 1922 outside New York City Hall, it had offended many women, and many women's groups. It can now be seen in all its crumbling glory, encrusted with the patina of soot, pigeon droppings, and neglect, outside Queens Borough Hall in New York, where it has stood since it was exiled in 1941. See here.

The statue portrays a nearly nude, sword-wielding, strapping male youth, his foot crushing the necks of two writhing female sirens, Corruption and Vice — one defeated, the other cowering — in an exultant posture of triumph. It is an allegory of triumph over temptation. (A siren is a mythical seductresses who was said to lure sailors — who, of course, were male — with their enchanting music to the rocky coast of their island, causing the men to shipwreck.)

Before all the controversy, MacMonnies, an important artist in his time, was paid $60,000 for this work, a vast sum of money at the time. The city of New York considered the piece so culturally important that it took out an insurance policy on MacMonnies' life. But once women's groups got wind of what he was up to, all hell broke loose.

What was so offensive about this statue? MacMonnies had the audacity to give *vice* a feminine face, and to depict *virtue* as decidedly male. The reaction of many women to this statue, from 1922 to today, is eye-opening.

When the statue was about to be unveiled, many women were downright furious: "As though the only virtue the city required were the crushing of women who lured men to their undoing!" jeered one woman in a letter to the New York Daily News.

The statue was so controversial that the mayor of New York scheduled a public hearing on the propriety of placing the statue in front of City Hall. "All of those who think that woman has been degraded because the righteous youth representing virtue has his foot planted on a 'mermaid's' neck will have an opportunity to express their views."

The mayor was not above pandering to women, who had recently been given the vote. In scheduling his hearing, he announced that the city should take counsel "with the women of the city" regarding the propriety of the statue. How times have changed: even The New York Times took umbrage at the mayor's statement. "Is art, which knows no nationality, to be circumscribed by considerations of sex?"

At the mayor's hearing, gender lines were drawn. Elizabeth King Black of the National Women's Party declared: "Men have their feet on women's necks, and the sooner women realize it the better."

But a letter written by a Dr. William Norman Guthrie of St. Marks-in-the-Bouwerie, which was read aloud, echoed a sentiment shared by the statue's defenders: the outcry is unwarranted because if the genders were reversed, there would be no similar protest. Dr. Guthrie wrote: "Of course, temptation to the male appears as female. Would the women objectors object to a Civic Virtue trampling on a 'male' temptation? Hardly."

Park Commissioner Francis Gallatin chimed in by noting that he didn't think women should object since men didn't object simply because the devil is always represented as a man.

MacMonnies, the artist, summed up the double-standard at work in the women's protest: "Suppose I made virtue the figure of a woman, with her foot on the neck of a male tempter, do you suppose all the men would make a fuss about it?"

The question, of course, scarcely survived its statement. MacMonnies might have been onto something when he wondered aloud: "Can it be that the women are angry because some man finally found the strength to resist temptation?"

The statue's defenders prevailed, but not without grumbling from the opposition. When Gallatin announced that the statue was, indeed, going up, he tried to put the debate into perspective: "It is true . . . that it is customary to represent virtue as a woman. Witness the figures on our coins, the statue of liberty, the muses, the graces and the innumerable other specimens known to art." But Gallatin added: "In this age of equality man should be given some consideration . . . . He needs to have his good qualities extolled a little . . . . of his many good qualities, virtue, after all, is not the least considerable."

For nineteen years, the statue stood in front of City Hall. But in 1941, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, namesake of one of the most maligned airports in America, finally evicted the statue, and likely because of the gender it depicted. The "Little Flower" reportedly tired of being mooned every day by the nude male figure. See here. If the statue had been female, my guess is the diminutive mayor would not have had a problem. LaGuardia had the sculpture moved from City Hall Park to its current site at the corner of Union Turnpike and Queens Boulevard, outside Queens Borough Hall.

After the statue was exiled to the relative obscurity of Queens, the vilification continued, even to today. Modern observers call the statue "sexist." Former Queens Borough President Claire Shulman wanted to have the statue evicted: "A municipal building is not an appropriate place for a statue that portrays women as evil and treacherous." An 18-year-old college student from Queens, said: "It's discrimination against women." Borough President Helen Marshall said: "I have no enthusiasm for that statue. . . .. Its depiction is one that is viewed as sexist. Vice is portrayed in the form of a woman. I have no enthusiasm for restoring it." Another woman said: "Degrading. For the government to sanction that? Imagine the message that sends. Terrible." Sometimes someone will hang a sign on the statue: "This sculpture doesn't represent women well."

One woman took delight in the fact that the statue is now a neglected mess, covered in pigeons and pigeon droppings, surrounded by garbage, weeds and graffiti. "Public censure through neglect: a most fitting demise, even better than removal," she harrumphed.

How do we account for the irrational vitriol of so many women to this statue? Perhaps it is as simple as this: the protestors were, and still are, so accustomed to picturing vice as "male" that when it is given a feminine face, it is so jarring that they assume it is somehow wrong and must be "sexist."

That worldview is still prevalent, and, in important respects, many men share it. For example, doesn't this worldview account for the fierce resistance of progressives to even the suggestion that presumptively innocent men and boys accused of rape have unique needs worthy of society's attention? And doesn't it account for the infamous female sentencing discount where, all things being equal, women tend to receive more lenient sentences than men when they are convicted of criminal wrongdoing? And for the other-worldly resistance of women's groups' to the presumption of shared parenting, as they hide behind the awful stereotype of men-as-abusers? And for the policy of at least two airlines of not permitting men to be seated on flights next to unaccompanied minors? And for public service announcements that depict boys as potential batterers, rapists and predators, and girls as potential victims? And for the vile suspicions raised whenever a father, unaccompanied by a woman, is "caught" playing with his own children in the park? And for the refusal of most people to accept that female-on-male domestic violence is a serious problem, and that a kick to the testicles is decidedly *un*funny? And for college indoctrination sessions that shame young men into thinking they are predators?

And I could go on and on and on. On a rational level, most people know that neither gender has a monopoly on

either vice or virtue. But emotionally, most people seem to have a difficult time accepting that vice sometimes has a feminine face.

My blog, False Rape Society, has no intention of maligning an entire gender. But unlike the sculptor of "Civic Virtue," I did not choose the gender of our villain. It just so happens that when it comes to the issue of false rape claims, women have a near monopoly on vice. This is because, usually, only women can tell rape lies that are deemed plausible, so men rarely bother. Even though this does not mean women are inherently evil (after all, only a tiny percentage of women tell rape lies, just as only a tiny percentage of men rape), people who have convinced themselves that the world is skewed in favor of males simply recoil at our efforts.

The young man depicted in "Civic Virtue" can well serve as a symbol of the struggle faced by men and boys falsely accused of rape. Hateful groups hope that, like MacMonnies' statue, our efforts will fall into decay due to neglect. But fortunately, with each passing month, more and more people of good will have joined with us in keeping our statue clean, robust, and defiant. With their help, just like the young man in the statue, the men and boys for whom we advocate will triumph over the evildoers attempting to destroy them.

Comment of the Week: A Reader Reveals the Horror of Feminist Upbringing

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In response to my post on the "V-Men," *The Spearhead* received a very thoughtful and revealing post from AntZ, who grew up in a feminist household. After years of struggling under the weight of the dysfunctional, anti-male environment of his childhood, during which he was at the mercy of a radical feminist ideologue – and an academic to boot – he finally broke free. Although the effects of feminism on children that he outlines are worrisome for those of us living amongst these wounded individuals, and sad for the suffering they have endured, the fact that recovery and healing is possible is encouraging.

This is a major part of what we are fighting for: the lost children who have been wounded by out-of-control genderist ideology promoted by misanthropic feminists. Every time you think of a feminist triumph in ruining yet another father, adding him to the millions of casualties of their juggernaut of destruction and power-worship, think of the innocent children who will bear the lifelong scars.

Although it is difficult to dwell on these things, sometimes it is necessary, and AntZ gives us a clear picture of the consequences of feminist child abuse:

I spent 30 years or so in "mangina purgatory" before realizing that much of my warped outlook on life came from the twisted way in which my mother raised her children. My three brothers, subjected to the same cruelty, remain in mangina hell today.

I have come to the conclusion that boys who experience gender-specific abuse at the hands of their mothers exhibit some common traits:

1) A definition of "self" that is largely based on extreme Chivalry and woman-worship.

2) When we are alone (in situations that involve ONE person) our behaviour can appear odd (self-talking: having imaginary "liberation" conversations with either our mothers or others who we have invited to dominate us), or our behaviour can be very violent (yelling and destroying inanimate objects that frustrate us with a marked tendency to over-kill, for example smashing an alarm clock to the point that it is reduced to tiny pieces.

3) In situations that involve TWO people (the mangina plus a man or a woman), particularly mangina-man competitive environments at work and mangina-woman arguments at home, "mother abuse manginas" are obsessively subservient. Some "real" men will be perplexed by the self-flagellating mangina, others will take the mangina under their wing and form surprisingly productive partnerships with us. Women who have a relationship with a mangina will progress from insecurity, to resentment, and finally to violent loathing. Typically, the woman will engineering increasingly brutal "fitness tests" of physical or emotional violence in an attempt to force the mangina to stand up for himself.

4) In multi-person situations that involve both men and women, "mother abuse manginas" can appear aggressive and dominant as long as we do so in defence of women. Like Dorothy's lion, we find our courage only when fighting on behalf of a woman. The only occasions where we "stand up to our boss" at work are in defence of women, and this will typically occur several times per year. On all other occasions we stubbornly stick to our doormat status.

5) Internally, "mother abuse manginas" resemble a dam of fear/insecurity holding back an ocean of resentment/anger towards women. Over time, the dam weakens, and sometimes breaks in a very sudden way. For me this moment occured in November of last year when my six year old son was dehumanized by New York's anti-boy-self image campaign (disguised as an anti-DV campaign):

My mother is a heavy smoker and an alcoholic, but her strongest addiction is to the hatred of all men. As a professional Feminist academic in women's studies, she knew exactly how to crush ther personalities of her four

boys in order to produce the utopian Feminist servile man-bot. All of us were emotionally abused, and the three youngest (11, 12, and 13 years old at the time) were sexually abused also.

The abuse was as effective as clockwork. All four of my mother's boys spent our lives as servile manginas who, as a bonus, have an "emergency white knight" button like the lion in the Wizard of Oz.

So here is what I know about Feminism. It is an ideology of hate that is highly effective at preparing young boys for a lifetime of slave labour under the control of their female owners.

The real front line of the Feminist war on men is our school system, particularly elementary school. Our schools are the means by which Feminists are actively doing to all young boys, what my mother did to her children 30 years ago.

This is a war of extermination, and the Feminists intend to win it.

Stoicism – Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times

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While I'm no expert on stoicism, I've found that most people rely on little more than the dictionary definition of the word when it comes to their understanding of the philosophy. But stoicism is much more than, for example, the ability to "endure pain or hardship without showing feelings or complaining." As with any philosophy, there were several well known stoic philosophers – perhaps the most well known being Marcus Aurelius – but one of my favorites has always been Epictetus. Epictetus was born into slavery and, moreover, was either born with a lame leg or had been crippled by his master. In either case, when he speaks about performing one's duty and accepting one's fate, it tends to carry a little more weight than, say, if he had been born an Emperor or a King. His teachings were compiled by one his pupils, Arrian, into a text called the *Discourses of Epictetus*. Arrian also compiled a sort of "public digest" of this work, which came to be known as The Enchiridion, or more simply, "The Handbook." The purpose of this digest was to give people practical philosophical advice about how to live their lives – advice, I think, which applies even today. It is this shorter work which I'd like to examine more fully for The Spearhead.

The very first lines quickly establish one of the most important themes of the work:

> Some things are in our control and others not. Things in our control are opinion, pursuit, desire, aversion, and, in a word, whatever are our own actions. Things not in our control are body, property, reputation, command, and, in one word, whatever are not our own actions.

He goes on to explain what he's getting at, but it could be summarized as thus: it is natural for us to regard things as "within our control" which really, in fact, are not. An easy example would be your motor vehicle. We feel as though we are in control of the vehicle because we sit behind the steering wheel and pedals, through which we can exert our influence and "control" the acceleration or turning of the car. Really though, our control is limited – any number of mechanical glitches, roadside conditions, and so on, could cause us very quickly to "lose control" of that car and end up in an accident (perhaps a fatal one). Epictetus would call you foolish if you ever thought you were in control of the car to begin with – it is something we can influence, but not control. He would go so far as to say our bodies are the same way – we cannot "control" whether or not we contract a disease, or if we are born with a disorder, or anything else. We can exert influence over our bodies – for example, by dieting and exercising properly – but they are never fully in our control. By and large, the only things we truly control in this world are our thoughts and our actions.

His next point is a simple one, yet one rarely taken to heart:

> Remember that following desire promises the attainment of that of which you are desirous; and aversion promises the avoiding that to which you are averse. However, he who fails to obtain the object of his desire is disappointed, and he who incurs the object of his aversion wretched.

Stated more simply, he is saying that failing to achieve what you desire (or failing to avoid that which you do not) leads to disappointment and even misery. He goes on to say that, then, it would make sense to limit those things which you would like to avoid to things it is in your control to avoid. If, however, you are looking to avoid death or sickness or poverty, you're likely to be wretched, because ultimately such things are beyond your control to avoid.

It would take far too much time to continue to do a point by point selection, so I'm going to jump ahead and pick some of my more favorite quotations to work with. I had to skip over many juicy quotations before settling upon this one:

> Remember that you must behave in life as at a dinner party. Is anything brought around to you? Put out your hand and take your share with moderation. Does it pass by you? Don't stop it. Is it not yet come? Don't stretch

> your desire towards it, but wait till it reaches you. Do this with regard to children, to a wife, to public posts, to riches, and you will eventually be a worthy partner of the feasts of the gods. And if you don't even take the things which are set before you, but are able even to reject them, then you will not only be a partner at the feasts of the gods, but also of their empire. For, by doing this, Diogenes, Heraclitus and others like them, deservedly became, and were called, divine.

The advice here is easy enough to understand without my comment, but is helpful especially in curtailing desires you can't fulfill. If, for example, you have it in your mind to find a good wife to marry and to start a family – and these are the only things you think you would want to do – you are, as Epictetus would predict, likely to be miserable. But if you were to behave as Epictetus describes above towards finding a wife and starting a family – basically, be patient until the opportunity presents itself – the situation would likely be less exasperating. (Though, I don't know how many readers of The Spearhead are looking to get married anymore…)

The last quote, along with this next one, run very contrary to "contemporary wisdom:"

> Remember that you are an actor in a drama, of such a kind as the author pleases to make it. If short, of a short one; if long, of a long one. If it is his pleasure you should act a poor man, a cripple, a governor, or a private person, see that you act it naturally. For this is your business, to act well the character assigned you; to choose it is another's.

I'm not sure what it's like internationally, but here in America, we are generally raised with this idea that we can all be whatever it is we choose to be, and so long as we really put our hearts into it, we should be able to achieve our dreams. I think most reasonable people recognize this is hogwash, and yet the myth persists. Epictetus would call anyone who thought like that a fool. He'd subscribe to the school of thought which says we are all born with a certain set of traits, talents, abilities, and deficits, and that these are relatively unchanging. He uses the metaphor of a drama, but I've always liked the metaphor of a poker game – we all get dealt a hand, and a lot of life boils down to the luck of the draw (ever heard the term, genetic lottery?) – but the way you play your cards is up to you. Fate can be a cruel mistress but getting worked up about it isn't going to make you any happier.

The next quote is practically tailor made for people who get upset with my website:

> Remember, that not he who gives ill language or a blow insults, but the principle which represents these things as insulting. When, therefore, anyone provokes you, be assured that it is your own opinion which provokes you. Try, therefore, in the first place, not to be hurried away with the appearance. For if you once gain time and respite, you will more easily command yourself.

This quote certainly applies to the zealots in the politically correct camp, as well, who would like to see public discourse dominated by their sterilized approach to discussion. The problem with "offensive" speech is that the only way to determine whether or not it was offensive is to take a poll and see if anyone is offended. As for the people who are offended? Epictetus would tell them that the problem is within themselves. As I like to say – grow up, get a haircut and then a job, and then get back to me. Far too often, I find that people who are offended by what I have to say are people who have lived a cloistered lifestyle with little exposure to viewpoints outside their own.

For the final few quotations, I'm selecting some interesting ones on gender relations. The first of these is thus:

> As far as possible, before marriage, keep yourself pure from familiarities with women, and, if you indulge them, let it be lawfully. But don't therefore be troublesome and full of reproofs to those who use these liberties, nor frequently boast that you yourself don't.

PUAs be damned! Or not quite, according to Epictetus – he doesn't advocate their approach as one you should take, but he doesn't think it should be condemned either. To be fair, he was living in the times of Marriage 1.0 (or,

probably more accurately, Marriage 0.1). Unfortunately, this advice isn't elaborated on much, but it was interesting nonetheless – it seems as though the stoics recognized marriage as a powerful building block of society, writing though he was during the period of Roman decline (as chosen by John Bagot Glubb).

Though Epictetus wasn't a prophet, he accurately described a facet of the modern, Western woman:

> Women from fourteen years old are flattered with the title of "mistresses" by the men. Therefore, perceiving that they are regarded only as qualified to give the men pleasure, they begin to adorn themselves, and in that to place ill their hopes. We should, therefore, fix our attention on making them sensible that they are valued for the appearance of decent, modest and discreet behavior.

It's all about hypergamy with the modern women – the "alpha cock carousel" as it is called – which is symptomatic of not being raised to be valued for "the appearance of decent, modest, and discreet behavior." I like particularly that Epictetus used "the appearance" of these behaviors, because (seems to me) he still wanted a woman who could perform in bed.

I'll wrap this up by addressing a possible criticism of stoicism – many people feel as though stoicism is a very fatalist philosophy which encourages you to resign to your fate and do nothing to try to improve your station. I think this is a mischaracterization. The problem is that stoicism is first trying to disabuse you of your foolish notions of what is and is not in your control before it can teach you how to best go about exerting your control and influence. In that regard – and particularly in introductory pieces – stoicism will often tell you to avail yourself of all desires and so on. This is because it is a step one. If you want, think of it like Tyler Durden from Fight Club – "It's only when you've lost everything, that you're free to do anything."

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“Miss Jean Louise, stand up. Your father’s passin’”: A Tribute to the Patron Saint of the Falsely Accused

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It is among the greatest lines in all of American literature. For me, it is the single most powerful moment in all of motion pictures. It speaks to the honor due to all who battle tyranny, especially those who fight for the falsely accused.

The line is spoken at the conclusion of the rape trial in Harper Lee’s 1960 Pulitzer Prize winning novel “To Kill A Mockingbird,” repeated in the film of the novel two years later.

Some context: despite his brilliant and impassioned defense, Atticus Finch, a white attorney in the American Deep South, has just lost a criminal trial of a black man falsely accused of rape by a white woman. Such losses were routine in that region of our country, where white women could, and too often did, have black males put to death just by uttering the word “rape.” Atticus’ defense of the innocent man was scorned by the local white community, but that didn’t dissuade him from taking the case, or from doing his best to win it.

But now it was over, and he has lost. With the death penalty almost certainly awaiting his client, an innocent man, Atticus tries to console him before he is led away. Then Atticus packs up his papers and starts to exit the courtroom.

What happens next is so simple, yet so unexpected and pitch-perfect right, that it leaves a heartbreakingly indelible impression. A crowd of black spectators had attended the trial to lend moral support to the innocent man. They were forced to sit in the courtroom’s balcony. That’s also where Atticus’ daughter, Jean Louise (nicknamed “Scout”), sits, next to the leader of the black community, Rev. Sykes. The black community has just witnessed one of its own being led away for a crime he obviously did not commit. Yet the spectators lingered in the balcony, waiting for Atticus to leave the courtroom.

This is the scene, from Harper Lee’s classic novel, as told by young Jean Louise “Scout” Finch:

Atticus took his coat off the back of his chair and pulled it over his shoulder. Then he left the courtroom, not by his usual exit. He must have wanted to go home the short way, because he walked quickly down the middle aisle toward the south exit. I followed the top of his head as he made his way to the door. He did not look up.

Someone was punching me, but I was reluctant to take my eyes from the people below us, and from the image of Atticus’s lonely walk down the aisle.

“Miss Jean Louise?”

I looked around. They were all standing. All around us and on the balcony on the opposite wall, the Negroes were getting to their feet. Reverend Syke’s voice was as distant at Judge Taylor’s:

“Miss Jean Louise, stand up. Your father’s passin’.”

Gregory Peck, who played Atticus in the classic 1962 motion picture with quiet but determined dignity, said that when actor Bill Walker, who played Rev. Sykes, delivered that line – “Stand up. Your father’s passin’” — “he wrapped up the Academy Award for me.” Indeed he had.

In 2003, the American Film Institute voted Atticus Finch the greatest hero in American film, ahead of Indiana Jones and James Bond.

So revered is the character among real-life lawyers that, last year, the ABA Journal asked a panel of experts to pick their favorite fictional lawyer, but it exempted Atticus Finch from the competition — including Atticus wouldn’t be fair to the other characters. No figure has inspired more young people to become lawyers than Atticus, even though Atticus lost the case for which he is best known.

This April, a postage stamp will honor Gregory Peck and Atticus by featuring a photo of Peck playing Atticus in the film.

Injustice often wears the disguise of respectability. In the Deep South, too often it wore a badge and turned its head while the lynch mob spared judges from having to pretend to give black men and boys a fair trial for allegedly raping white women.

On modern college campuses, it gussies itself up with PhDs and tenure and insists on being called “professor” while it purports to correct perceived past wrongs against women by treating young men accused of sexual assault as presumptively guilty.

In the newsrooms of America’s leading dailies, it masquerades as crusading reporters but allows progressive sympathies to trump journalistic ethics by labeling rape accusers “victims,” and by parroting the accuser’s side of the story as fact.

But wherever injustice appears, there is always an Atticus Finch to battle it, and to inspire us to battle it, too. He doesn’t always win; in fact, he usually doesn’t. But battle it he does. And when he passes, we should stand up, and give him the honor he’s due.

The Mommy Wars Are A Distraction

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The “mommy wars”, the debate whether women should stay at home with the kids or go to work, is rarely brought up in the manosphere if at all. There is an excellent reason for this. In terms of anti-feminism the mommy wars are meaningless. In fact, the mommy wars serve as nothing but a distraction for actual anti-feminism and are another example of the argument between various forms of feminism/female supremacism on how to best extract money and resources from men (or how to best hold the whip over men).

Socons (social conservatives) use two main arguments for women staying home, traditionalism and children. ”Traditionalism” isn’t about what was traditional over human history but what the archetypal stay at home mother of the 1950s which was an aberration and wasn’t even universal back then. Throughout history women have done work that added income to the family. In addition there weren’t washing machines, stoves, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, etc. so there was more work to be done in maintaining a household. In the future more and more of household maintenance will be handled by robots such as the roomba leaving less and less work for a woman in maintaining the household. The idea that women should stay home with young children has merit. However, children grow up, move out, and live their own lives. As people live longer the time a woman would spend having young children is a diminishing percentage of woman’s life. What is she doing with the rest of her life? What socons seek to produce is not stay at home motherhood or traditional families but domestic divas who have little to no work to do.

The level to which socons want women to not be involved with things outside the home is extreme. Some socons even object to having their daughters spend any time at church ministries. Considering that a church ministry usually involves some degree of community service, they are even objecting to women doing any community service whatsoever in favor of “being at home”. The question must be asked, “What are these socon domestic divas and proto-domestic divas (their daughters) doing all day?” The answer seems to involve claiming that it takes an army of women to clean a house and that unmarried daughters should stay at home doing make work jobs of questionable merit like “sewing her wardrobe”. It seems to be all about minimizing work that women do and hiding this fact from men.

While feminists want women to go to work (or more accurately to a job), they are similar to the socons. Feminists will claim that women with jobs are “more productive” and “doing real work”. This is wrong. Over the last several decades many women have poured into the workforce into jobs like public sector jobs, quasi-public sector jobs like healthcare and education, human resources, etc. What do these jobs have in common? They are bureaucratic, bloated, inefficient, ossified, and in most cases unnecessary. In addition, they wreck the productive sectors of the economy. Many of these jobs are nothing but make work jobs, and women hold these economy wrecking make work jobs. Even outside of these sectors of employment, women can cause problems. A feminist had this to say about housewives trying to get work:

> During preliminary interviews with housewives she saw that they had one thing in common: an extremely infantilized mode of behavior. Whenever the conversation didn’t go exactly as they wanted, they would become highly emotional, raise their woices, bcome irritable, cry, make unreasonable demands. They had no understanding of how to negotiate or listen to others. Their expectations of what they are owed by recruiters and employers were extremely inflated. It was obvious that inscribing themselves into the hierarchies of a workplace, curbing their highly emotional response to every slight contretemps and learning to listen to other people was going to be next to impossible for them.

Any man willing to be honest about it will easily be able to come up with multiple examples of women acting like this who are not housewives or former housewives. These are more reasons why feminists are wrong about women in jobs automatically being productive or doing real work. Like with the socons, it’s about minimizing the work

women do and hiding this from men. The feminists and socons just disagree about the best way to do that.

On the other hand the feminists and the socons do agree that men are at fault for not making their respective positions happen. Feminists claim that men are evil brutes trying to keep women at home, barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen. Socons are claiming that men have become “unmanly” and are forcing their wives to work, and that men are “pressuring” women to go college. Whatever their positions in the mommy wars, both the feminists and socons attack men with truckloads of shaming language. This is why the mommy wars are a distraction completely useless to men and useless to anti-feminism. It is nothing but an argument about how to best hold the whip over men in a very literal sense because the mommy wars are about women doing as little work as possible and making men do more.

Aborting One's Children as Self Defense – A Feminist Perspective

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Since Roe vs Wade in 1973, abortion has been legal in the United States, and there seems to be little that will change that. Even so, it can be telling to take a look at the arguments and opinions that helped shape the abortion debate, especially from the pro-abortion side of the fence. One of the more widely cited essays on the topic is Jane English's Abortion and the Concept of a Person, written in 1975. For the most part, English attempts to eschew the entire personhood debate (that is, whether or not a fetus constitutes a person) and proceeds with what has to be one of the worst analogies in the history of academic reasoning. We'll examine each part of her paper in turn.

In the early part of her essay, English lists many traits which are shared by people (for example, biological factors such as being "descended from humans, having a certain genetic makeup, having a head, hands, arms, eyes, capable of locomotion, breathing, eating, sleeping," psychological factors like "sentience, perception, having a concept of self and of one's own interests and desires, the ability to use tools, the ability to use language or symbol systems, the ability to joke" and so on). While her list is extensive, she points out is incomplete, but her point is that "something could exhibit the majority of these features and still fail to be a person, as an advanced robot might be. There is no single core of necessary and sufficient features which we can draw upon with the assurance that they constitute what really makes a person; there are only features which are more or less typical." She concludes that "a conclusive answer to the question of whether a fetus is a person is unattainable."

When your angle is terminating babies, asserting your victims aren't people is helpful. But we'll return to that in a bit. She does concede that as a fetus nears the time of birth, it begins to acquire more of the traits she listed, presumably becoming more of a person.

The crux of English's thesis begins to reveal itself when she talks about the ethics of self-defense. She claims that "additional argumentation is needed" to "bridge the gap between the premise that a fetus is an innocent person and the conclusion that killing it is always wrong." She continues, "to arrive at this conclusion, we would need the additional premise that killing an innocent person is always wrong." In English's world, "killing an innocent person is sometimes permissible, most notably in self-defense." I had a hard time at this moment imagining a scenario where I would kill *an innocent* person in self-defense. After all, self-defense generally involves **defending oneself** from aggressors, such as a burglar who has broken into your home or a street mugger who is trying to rob you. But never fear! English realizes "some examples may help draw out our intuitions or ordinary judgments about self defense."

So what is her powerful example, the one which will serve as the crux of her argument for the rest of the essay? Behold:

> Suppose a mad scientist, for instance, hypnotized innocent people to jump out of the bushes and attack innocent passers-by with knives. If you were so attacked, we agree you have a right to kill the attacker in self-defense, if killing him is the only way to protect your life or to save yourself from serious injury. It does not seem to matter here that the attacker is not malicious but himself an innocent pawn, for your killing of him is not done in a spirit of retribution but only in self-defense.

Seriously? Mad scientists and hypnosis is the best hypothetical you could come up with? I guess that's to be expected, since (as I pointed out before), in the real world, one does not have to defend oneself from an "innocent." However, because Jane English is going to try to make the argument that it is morally permissible to murder an innocent fetus, she needed to come up with *something* to make her argument sound sensible. Indeed, she continues by drawing a parallel between this super-likely science fiction scenario and a pregnancy:

> Some cases of pregnancy present a parallel situation. Though the fetus is itself innocent, it may pose a threat to the pregnant woman's well-being, life prospects or health, mental or physical. If the pregnancy presents a slight

> threat to her interests, it seems self defense cannot justify abortion. But if the threat is on a par with a serious beating or the loss of a finger, she may kill the fetus that poses such a threat, even if it is an innocent person…It is unfortunate that the only way to free the woman from the pregnancy entails the death of the fetus (except in the very late stages of pregnancy).

Don't worry, English contradicts herself later and justifies abortion in cases where the pregnancy poses only a slight threat. And I hope the irony of a Strong, Independent (TM) woman being threatened by an unborn child – so much so as to justify killing this child in "self-defense" – isn't lost on you. English concedes that "thanks to modern technology, the cases are rare in which pregnancy poses as clear a threat to a woman's bodily health as an attacker brandishing a switchblade." She muses, "how does self-defense fare when more subtle, complex and long-range harms are involved?" Spoiler alert: not well! Here's her argument:

> To consider a somewhat fanciful example, suppose you are a highly trained surgeon when you are kidnapped by the hypnotic attacker. He says he does not intend to harm you but to take you back to the mad scientist who, it turns out, plans to hypnotize you to have a permanent mental block against all your knowledge of medicine. This would automatically destroy your career which would in turn have a serious adverse impact on your family, your personal relationships and your happiness. It seems to me that if the only way you can avoid this outcome is to shoot the innocent attacker, you are justified in so doing. You are defending yourself from a drastic injury to your life prospects. I think it is no exaggeration to claim that unwanted pregnancies (most obviously among teenagers) often have such adverse life-long consequences as the surgeon's loss of livelihood.

Wow. Where to begin? This example is so over the top ridiculous that English has to disclaim it before she even gets into it ("somewhat fanciful" being only somewhat understated). She says it would be permissible to kill the innocent hypnotized pawn in order to avoid the calamity described, except one problem with doing that is that there would be no way to have the foreknowledge that said innocent hypnotized pawn was going to drag you away to the mad scientist who was then going to permanently mindblock you. (Unless the attacker spills the beans of his plan BEFORE he has successfully kidnapped you – but who does that?) I think it is a gross exaggeration to claim that unwanted pregnancies "often" have such adverse life-long consequences – and moreover, we've been ignoring a crucial point to consider that unravels this whole ridiculous self-defense concept.

Except for an extremely small minority of specialized and highly unlikely cases, **pregnancies are completely avoidable.** Women have the regular pill, the morning after pill, the power to discriminate among their sexual partners, the power to insist upon condoms only when having sex, or the power to **not have sex altogether if pregnancy is so scary and life-threatening**. (The highly unlikely cases include instances where both the condom AND the pill fail – almost statistically impossible – or in instances of ACTUAL rape which end in pregnancy, which is also highly unlikely, unless you're one of those rape culture zealots.) Of course, Jane English, being a true woman and truer feminist, doesn't want to have anything to do with personal accountability:

> Let's suppose further that these hypnotized attackers only operate at night, so that it is well known that they can be avoided completely by the considerable inconvenience of never leaving your house after dark. One view is that since you could stay home at night, therefore if you go out and are selected by one of these hypnotized people, you have no right to defend yourself. This parallels the view that abstinence is the only acceptable way to avoid pregnancy. Others might hold that you ought to take along some defense such as Mace which will deter the hypnotized person without killing him, but if this defense fails, you are obliged to submit to the resulting injury, no matter how severe it is. This parallels the view that contraception is all right but abortion is always wrong, even in cases of contraceptive failure. A third view is that you may kill the hypnotized person only if he will actually kill you, but not if he will only injure you. This is like the position that abortion is only permissible if it is required to save a woman's life.

I think we've beaten into the ground how silly her analogy is, so I'm just going to point out the obvious – entirely missing from her analysis is the option of putting the child up for adoption instead of, you know, killing it. Moreover, her sense of "morality" seems to follow the contemporary trend of being thinly veiled hedonism. Having sex is certainly not an inalienable human right (which is why feminists and women so often balk at legalized prostitution), and it is an activity which often carries consequences (such as pregnancies or STDs). Suggesting that abstinence would help you avoid pregnancy is nowhere even near in the same ballpark as suggesting "you shouldn't leave your house after dark because there are people who could attack you after dark and if you get attacked because you left after dark well then you're just stupid." I could make a soup out of all the solipsism on display here – mmm, solipsism soup!

Let's fast forward to English's conclusion:

> In the early months of pregnancy, when the fetus hardly resembles a baby at all, then, abortion is permissible whenever it is in the interests of the pregnant woman or her family. The reasons would only need to outweigh the pain and inconvenience of the abortion itself. In the middle months, when the fetus comes to resemble a person, abortion would be justifiable only when the continuation of the pregnancy or the birth of the child would cause harms – physical, psychological, economic or social – to the woman. In the late months of the pregnancy, even on our current assumption that a fetus is not a person, abortion seems to be wrong except to save a woman from significant injury or death.

The logic that it is more permissible to kill something which, in the present moment, "may or may not be human" even though we know that in a few more weeks or months it most certainly will be human is hard for me to follow (and harder still to swallow). Oh, female morality. Of course, I wouldn't want someone who can't even take accountability for their own sexual proclivities to be raising children, but that doesn't mean they get a free pass to murder them either (and certainly not out of some warped sense of "self-defense.") Again, that's what adoption exists for. Or, and I'm going to whisper this in hushed tones, maybe you could give custody over to the father. I hear they're pretty good at raising children.

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Monkey See, Monkey Do

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One of my favorite columnists is the ornery old ex-pat living in Mexico, Fred Reed. His latest column is an excellent piece on the inevitable collapse of the American economic and military empire, in which he uses the allegory of the monkey pot trap to illustrate the situation:

> Pondering Whither America, I reflected on a story, probably apocryphal but which I am going to believe because I like it, about catching monkeys. Tribesmen somewhere craft a heavy pot with a hole in it large enough that a monkey could insert an open hand, but not withdraw a closed fist. They then put monkey food in the pot. The monkey reaches in, grabs the food and, refusing to let go when the hunters approach, is caught and eaten.
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> Here we have our politics in a paragraph. The American national monkey can't let go. The party is over, boys and girls, but we aren't going to adapt.

While Reed focuses his analogy to point out that the US is caught with it's proverbial hand caught in a pot of foreign military occupations and insurmountable debt, I think this analogy is perfectly applicable to a lot more aspects of our modern day dystopia.

Consider the hand of the feminist-driven government that promotes a culture that inevitably leads to demographic decline of the populace…but all of the entitlement programs and wealth transfer schemes they use to induce Western Women to follow the feminist proscriptions are based on taxing the "haves" and handing over to the "have-nots." But demographic decline means eventually you have more "have-not" dependents with their hands out and not enough "haves" producing the wealth for the government to take for redistribution.

The proverbial feminist monkey has got it's hand in the pot, grasping the entitlements and institutions it needs to exercise it's influence but can't let go as the demographic realities it engenders approach to consume it.

Or consider the mother who divorces her husband simply because she was bored and inspired by cultural propaganda like *Eat, Pray, Love* and her peers who convince her that divorce is a great lifestyle adjustment that will improve her life. So she reaches in the pot and grasps the goods. At first she sees only the benefits of full custody of the children..the alimony, the child support, the house, the car. What a feast in that pot she was able to grasp!

But those kids eventually grow up. The child support ends, the alimony ends and if she did nothing but live off the money the state was transferring from her ex-husband to herself, she will eventually be caught by her own dependency.

I had a neighbor who fell into this precise trap. Once her youngest daughter turned 18, she had to sell her house and move into an apartment in a matriarchal ghetto part of town. It's even more disgusting when you consider that she only had 5 years left on the mortgage and a mortgage payment that was literally only $1200 a month.

She could have gotten a job at a retail store or fast food restaurant to make those payments and own the house outright in 5 years time.

But 18 years of unemployment, living off the child support from her ex-husband to pay the bills, made her practically useless and unemployable. So now she's living off the ever dwindling proceeds of the sale of the house. I believe she's not even going to make it to social security age before that runs out. She'll be on welfare soon enough.

But worst for her is the abandonment by her children. They've all moved out on their own, and have essentially disowned her and don't keep in touch with her, even during the holidays. They've all reconnected and re-established relationships with their father, after years of alienation caused by their mother. She got everything she thought she wanted during those years…but is now left with nothing.

She put her hand in that pot and didn't even try to let go until it was far to late.

Or consider the traps laid out for men with regards to the institution of Marriage 2.0?

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By the way, much thanks to "Puma" for putting the Wedded Abyss site back up!

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Many a man has got his hand caught in that particular pot and didn't let go until he got spiritually, financially and emotionally raped by the divorce courts.

The allegory seems to be applicable to a wide range of institutions and cultural phenomena in our declining Western Civilization. It behooves you to recognize these traps laid out for us all, and refuse to put your hand into those pots and get caught.

Never forget that the primary bait used by society to get us all to put our hands in the various traps is our mass media cultural programming….Monkey see, monkey do.

While watching the NFL playoffs last weekend, I recognized a local banking commercial that reinforced the monkey see, monkey do programming that has been so successful in shaping the lives of our current generation – it showed a time lapse progression of a young girl's life – from high school, to college, to a career as a doctor, to a mid-30′s bride followed by the 1.5 children and the white picket fence house, with the narrator talking about how this bank is WITH YOU AT EVERY STAGE OF YOUR LIFE.

This is the norm for women in our Brave New World Order. This is the monkey pot for you to stick your hand in ladies, because you can have it all!

Monkey see, monkey do.

Are you a monkey too?

Scottish Woman Tricks Women into Bed, Is It Rape?

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Samantha Brooks of Glasgow has been fooling women into bed with her for some eight years, posing as a man to satiate her sexual appetite. She wrapped her breasts with bandages, claiming to have been burned or stabbed, and would not let her conquests touch her false penis. Somehow, she also managed to urinate while standing up (wouldn't want to clean that toilet).

Although this is a particularly extreme example of sex by fraud, one has to wonder whether her lovers were really ignorant enough to miss the clues, or whether they simply had regrets later on. Of course, if posing as another sex is criminal, things might get a bit more complicated for transsexuals. However, the feminist "mentula rea" (guilty penis) doctrine will inevitably be brought to bear, so the holder of the penis, even if fake as in this case, will be solely responsible.

Given the state of contemporary sex law, the fact that Ms. Brooks used a fake phallus rather than the real thing probably won't help her any more than it would help a bank robber using a fake gun.

The Witches of Nagyrev

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I check into the MensRights Reddit fairly frequently to keep up to date on news items concerning mens issues, and every now and then someone comes up with something very interesting. Yesterday, someone posted a number of links concerning a long-running spate of poisonings in early 20th century Hungary, and I'm glad I checked today because feminists have invaded the Mensrights subreddit to vote down any posts they don't approve of* and I probably would have missed this piece of history otherwise.

Some time during WWI, men in Nagyrev, a village south-east of Budapest, began dying in disproportionate numbers. The local midwife, a witch named Julia Fazekas, had arrived in 1911 with Susi Olah (presumably her lesbian lover), and was the only person in the area with any medical expertise. Fazekas was arrested on numerous occasions for illegally performing abortions, but sympathetic judges let her off the hook each time. The abortions may have been desired because the local women allegedly shacked up with allied POWs who were drafted into farm labor in the town while their husbands were away at war.

When the men came back from war and demanded their wives give up their lovers, some of the local women complained to Fazekas, who advised them that it would be a simple matter to poison the men with arsenic, which she extracted from fly paper. Soon thereafter, husbands, children and other inconvenient family members began dropping like the flies the arsenic was intended for. Because Fazekas's cousin was the local clerk, the deaths were not recorded as suspicious, and the murders escaped notice for years.

Finally, a medical student found a corpse in the river, and upon testing it discovered high levels of the poison, which led to suspicion. Then, in 1929, an anonymous letter to a newspaper located in a nearby town revealed the mass poisonings, and eventually 26 women went to trial. When police initially went to investigate Fazekas, she committed suicide with her own poison, thereby foiling justice and escaping the noose.

Of the 26 women tried, eight were sentenced to death, but only two were eventually executed. Of the remainder, 12 were sentenced to prison.

The story is a good reminder that we face very ancient passions, and that the line between barbarism and civilization is very thin and easily crossed. It also clearly demonstrates that darkness can dwell in the hearts of women just as in men, and that their own aggression can be tied to sexuality as well. But perhaps what it illustrates best is how a malicious woman like proto-feminist Julia Fazekas can sow discord in a community with deadly results. Where in early 19th century Austro-Hungary such a woman was relegated to the backwaters of the empire, today one can find them in universities, major publications and political office doling out their own version of poison to the women of our society.

* Apparently, the feminists are upset over the fact that the men's Reddit is so much more popular than their own, so, as one might expect, they've abandoned their own unpopular subreddits to harass men. This is the main problem with Reddit, which encourages this kind of petty "activism" through allowing outsiders to vote on posts in subreddits and push them down.

Who Really Wants Control?

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On our recent post concerning abortion, one of the commenters brought up one of the most common feminist arguments, which goes something like this:

Men oppose abortion, birth control, etc., because they really want control over women.

The same idea is applied to domestic violence, divorce, child custody, and just about everything else that might be disputed between a man and woman. Every time there is something that men and women don't see eye to eye on, it's an issue of the patriarchy wanting control.

This idea is very clearly reflected in domestic violence theory, perhaps best exemplified by the "power and control wheel" dreamed up in the fevered imagination of the creators of the Duluth Model domestic abuse program. Leaving aside the fact that many of the supposed controlling behaviors detailed on the wheel are probably more commonly practiced by wives than husbands, such as playing "mind games" and using the children to get what one wants, there is a catch in that denying being abusive makes one an abuser. So, according to the Duluth Model, if your wife calls you an abuser, you can deny it all you want, but that just confirms your status as an abuser, which subjects you to state control.

The New York Model for Batter Programs takes control a step farther, and imposes indoctrination sessions on those referred to the program. Additionally, it is a punitive rather than rehabilitative program, but cloaks this to some degree through a stated mission to change society. It is not only men that are subject to control through this particular program (and not all men ordered to attend are convicts, nor are all who have been convicted guilty), but all of society, which is clearly seen by directors as diseased and in need of change. To accomplish its goal, the NYMBP enlists the assistance of courts, the police, judges, social workers and others involved in coercive occupations. Clearly, this goes beyond the control that even the most criminally deranged husband could hope to impose on a wife.

When it comes down to it, it's pretty clear that feminists are obsessed with the idea of control, and they've made great strides in controlling men. Simply living under the same roof with a woman puts a man at the mercy of an army of agents of the state, and with a simple phone call a woman can put him under scrutiny that could last for years and have consequences for his entire life. This goes far beyond anything men have ever practiced under so-called patriarchal society, which for all its faults never was comfortable with interfering in domestic matters. For example, in older American or European society, could a husband ever have called the police to force his wife into an indoctrination center? He would have met with laughter or disbelief. In fact, even if a wife had beaten or cuckolded her husband, this would have been considered outside the bounds of the state's role. Only murder, wounding or possibly grand theft would have prompted any intervention on the part of the husband. In fact, as today, wives frequently absconded with the children, and men were left to their own devices to find them. Patriarchal "control" over women was mild indeed.

Contrast that to today's reality, where if a man absconds *without* his children there are numerous state and federal agencies dedicated to tracking him down and forcing him to pay her. Lord help the man if he tries to take his children — he'll be hunted down like a rabid dog.

The reluctance to actually control women carries over into even the most fervent supporters of what feminists would call the patriarchy. Anti-abortion activists kill an abortionist every few years, but has there ever been a case of one killing a woman who aborted her own child? Perhaps it is this aversion to controlling women that gives feminists such a sense of entitlement and contempt for men. They know in their heart of hearts that these so-called patriarchal men are actually simply their agents in controlling other men, and use them accordingly, hence the dark, hidden alliance between feminists and social conservatives that has emerged to clamp down on men from time to time.

The control impulse feminists ascribe to men is, like so many of their other issues, an example of projection. There is nothing feminists want more than to control every single aspect of their relationships and society. This is not a very masculine tendency, as men prefer a more dynamic rather than static environment. Men's natural genius is is suppressed by heavy-handed control, which leads to stagnation, apathy and inaction. The economic failure of Communist societies demonstrates what happens to men under oppressive, controlling regimes: they tend to become depressed and sluggish, and engage in dissipation rather than constructive pursuits.

The patriarchal control impulse is a pure fabrication, and more accurately describes feminist psychology than masculine behavior. Men are generally less obsessed by control than women, and they don't even come close to feminists, who would reverse Pinocchio and turn us all into puppets if they had their way.

Arrogant Woman Slaps Young Man, Brings Down Her Regime

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Mohamed Bouazizi, the young Tunisian man who set himself alight last month, died a few days ago, setting off a wave of protests that forced the Tunisian president to flee the country. Bouazizi had been forced to put aside his dreams of higher education to support his family to the best of his ability by selling fruits and vegetables in the town of Sidi Bouzid.

The incident that sparked his fatal protest was an act of petty tyranny perpetrated by a local agent, who decided she wanted to give the man the third degree. She demanded a nonexistent license, and when Bouazizi failed to produce the imaginary documentation, she then requested a bribe of about seven dollars. When the young man stood up to her, she slapped his face, spat on him, and then tossed his produce on the ground. Other police arrived and beat him, humiliating him beyond what he could bear.

An extremely upset Bouazizi went to the local government building, where he was refused entry and ignored. In desperation he filled a gas can, doused himself with gasoline, and set himself on fire in front of the government building.

The entire nation, filled with unemployed young men, watched as Bouazizi lingered in treatment, finally dying on January 4. After his death, protests escalated to the point where President Ben Ali, fearing for his life, fled the country, taking refuge in Saudi Arabia.

Although Tunisia is a Muslim, "Arab" country (it is actually largely Berber), it follows the pattern of Mediterranean culture in general, in which strongmen have frequently ruled along the lines of Qaddaffi, Francisco Franco, and Benito Mussolini. It is far from being a true Islamic state, and Ben Ali actually exerted quite a bit of effort in suppressing radical Islam, which threatened his authority. Since his government has dissolved in the wake of the crisis, radical Muslims have been openly marching in the streets for the first time in decades.

Authoritarian regimes in Muslim-majority states tend to favor women's empowerment, seeing women as natural allies in keeping fundamentalist Islam at bay and willing participants in corrupt patronage systems. However, favoring women can only go so far, as men need a certain degree of appeasement as well, and it seems that young Tunisian men have had enough of being – quite literally in this case – slapped around. Although the West is not in the same economic or demographic mess Tunisia is in, the pressure being put on young men shows no signs of abating, and we will probably see some more vigorous social protests in coming years. This will be especially true when men are forced to bear the burden not only of women, but aging baby boomers as well.

This, I think, is where men's media outlets such as *The Spearhead* will have real social value in coming years. It is our job to let our young men know how they got into this fix in the first place, and give them some ideas that might help them get out of it.

Mormon Woman Reflects on Virginity, Exposes Truth about American Men

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Nicole Hardy, a Seattle woman whose essay on being a virgin into her late 30s was recently published in the New York Times, has been thrust into the spotlight through her confessional piece. It is an odd, but undeniable characteristic of contemporary society that the less discreet a woman is the more she is rewarded, so there's nothing all that special about her sudden rise to prominence. Additionally, a woman who is still a virgin in her 30s is rare, so there's going to be a lot of interest in her story if she can tell it well.

However, she makes a good point in her essay that even non-Mormons and non-virgins can relate to. In fact, it's a point that is salient to the plunging marriage rate and the frequency of divorce, and one that applies to men as well as women. While complaining to a friend about her futile attempts at dating, a man approached her and let her know why she had such bad luck in love:

> Obviously, I was left over, too — I was just never sure what my problem was. Until one man let me know. After overhearing a friend and me comparing our weekend horror-date stories, he walked up to me and asked, "You know what your problem is?"
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> No, I did not know what my problem was. And I was dying to find out.
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> "Your problem," he said, "is you don't need a man."
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> [...]
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> "Men in the church are raised to be providers. We are the breadwinners, the stewards of the household. If you have all the things we're supposed to provide, we have nothing to give you."
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> "What of love?" I asked. "What of intimacy and partnership and making a run at the world together?"
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> "Nope," he said. "We're providers."

After Richard Francis Burton, the famous British linguist and colonial agent, visited Utah and had a talk with Brigham Young, he came to see Mormonism as the quintessentially American religion. Perhaps he was on to something, because the above exchange between a couple Mormons gets right to the root of the problem between American men and women.

We American men are providers. We are breadwinners. That's our role. Take it away, and we have nothing to offer.

It's a cultural imperative so deeply ingrained in society that it will take decades to change, if it ever does. The tragedy of contemporary society is that we've done such a good job of it that we now provide for all women, and we are almost all unnecessary. The reason the upper middle class still has a low divorce rate is because the old roles work at a certain level of expectations — the well-paid doctor or attorney can provide enough above the norm to preserve his utility. But for the rest of us, we have nothing to offer but a shared domicile, and that's paltry fare.

If we are ever to bridge this rift between men and women, we'll need a spiritual revolution. Men need to see themselves as more than purely material beings. More, even, than purely sexual beings. Because if that's all we are, we'll never mean much more to women than a new car.

Perhaps it begins when we – both as individuals and society in general – start to value ourselves for more than what we can provide to women.

A Couple Good Reviews of Blue Valentine

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Apparently, cinema is beginning to catch on to the realities of hypergamy, and a recently-released film explores the effects of contemporary society's promotion of women at the expense of men and family.

I haven't seen Blue Valentine, so I'll let Chateau and Steve Sailer speak for it. According to Chateau/Roissy, it's a clear example of what happens when a man loses his Game, and according to Sailer "a craftily designed study of the big things that influence how families form and fall apart."

Even if you don't plan on watching the movie, the reviews are worth reading.

A review in the Village Voice suggests that the film has misogynistic elements, probably because it depicts how callous women can be toward husbands who no longer turn them on (in the feminist universe women only ditch their husbands because they're abusive, horrible men).

Australian Man Facing Trial for 1963 Spousal Rape

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In an odd decision that sets a questionable precedent, an Australian appellate court has decided that although there was no such crime as spousal rape in 1963, because marriage implied consent to sex under common law, a man accused of the new crime of spousal rape should now stand trial for the nearly 50-year-old alleged crime.

It's doubtful that the facts of such an old case can ever be accurately represented, which raises the question of why courts want to try the man at all, but more importantly the decision sends a clear message that courts can arbitrarily punish people simply by having laws changed and arresting them for violating laws that didn't exist when they engaged in this or that activity. For example, say a Christian theocracy took hold in some Western country (highly unlikely — I know), made abortion illegal, and then rounded up all the abortion providers for having aborted babies when it was legal to do so. Aside from the divergent politics, there's really no difference from a legal standpoint.

Even in recent politically-motivated prosecutions in the US, such as the arrests of suspected killers of civil rights activists decades after the fact, the men were charged with crimes that were clearly against laws that stood at the time, and there is no statute of limitations on murder. In fact, the only cases in which people have been prosecuted by civilized nations despite not having broken contemporaneous laws are war crimes trials, e.g. Nuremberg and the Tokyo Trials.

What this suggests is that Australian judges see pre-feminist Australian society as having been ruled over by an illegitimate regime, which would throw into question the legitimacy of the current Australian legal regime, based as it is upon precedent and a constitution that predates 1970 by many decades. Perhaps the only logical conclusion is that Australia is a lawless society, ruled over by strongmen in black robes, and with a constitution worth less than the paper it's written on.

I took a class once on the state of law in China, and we learned about different types of legal regimes. One, which would seem to apply to primitive societies, is "Rule of Man," in which there is no law but the ruler's word. A step up from that is "Rule by Law," in which the ruler uses laws, usually issued by decree, to control society. Finally, the most enlightened system is "Rule of Law," in which no man is above the law. One might argue that Australia has descended to Rule by Law, but actually, in retroactively applying today's law, it appears to be closer to a Rule of Man society, or the most primitive kind of legal regime.

Flashbacks of Misandry: Sex Trafficking and the Super Bowl

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Paul Elam and Bernard Chapin have exposed the evil campaign perpetrated by Change.org and Traffick911 to draw attention to the scourge of domestic sex trafficking. Through statistical hyperbole and by lumping men, in general, with a few pathological sex traffickers, those activists have sacrificed men and used the Super Bowl as the chopping block.

[image]Traffick911 perpetrated male universal criminality by employing NFL player Jay Ratliff in their PSA in which he stated "And I'm mad [about sex trafficking]. Men I'm talking to you." One wonders which men is he talking to? He shouldn't talk to me; I've never trafficked anyone. Talk to the men (and women) who sell children into sexual bondage.

Ratliff goes on to say, "Real men don't buy children. They don't buy sex." Some "real men" do buy children, unfortunately. After all, androids aren't doing it. But "real good men" don't do it. Ratliff conflates the two because it has more mass appeal. And he goes a step further by saying that "real [good] men" don't buy sex. That is debatable and depends on the definition of the word "buy".

On the supply end, Traffick911 produced another PSA in which a youthful looking "All-American" boy type intimated that *he* was the face of sexual trafficking. Not the ex-con with tattoos on his face. He, the everyman, was a sexual deviant. And his clients are "just like us": they are fathers, husbands, teachers, and lawyers.

Vanillaizing, Americanizing, domesticizing, demonizing. That is the tactic activists utilize by spouting these myths to drum up support for their cause *du juor*. Twenty years ago it was domestic violence; today it is sexual trafficking.

Now that Messrs. Elam and Chapin have elucidated the macro mechanism that allows activist organizations to foist their lies onto a sympathetic and unsuspecting mass, and considering that these groups are vying for precious resources – time, attention, and money – it is necessary to inspect the quality of the statistics that Traffick911 is using to conjure up sympathy for their cause.

In their high-gloss pamphlets set for release in the Dallas area, Traffick911 offers these facts:

100,000 to 300,000 U.S. children are forced into sexual slavery each year for the pleasure and profit of their perpetrators.

Initial estimates cited in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) put the number of trafficking victims *entering* the United States at 50,000. Since then, the estimate has been reduced to between 14,500 and 17,500.

Traffick911 doesn't provide a citation for its statistics although it seems to be traced back to an article published in 1996 by the *Christian Science Monitor* (it seems likely that this article is the source of the number, which includes the United States and Canada, because they use another citation from this article in another one of their bullet points). But the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cited an estimation that between 244,000 and 325,000 American youth were at risk for sexual exploitation. The researchers responsible for these figures, University of Pennsylvania professors Estes and Weiner, suggest that the numbers be used with caution:

> These estimates…reflect what we believe to [be] the number of children in the United States "at risk" of commercial sexual exploitation, i.e. children who because of their unique circumstances of runaways, thrownaways, victims of physical or sexual abuse, users of psychotropic drugs, members of sexual minority groups, illegally trafficked children, children who cross international borders in search of cheap drugs and sex, and other illicit fare, are at special risk of sexual exploitation. The numbers presented in these exhibits do not, therefore, reflect the actual number of cases of the CSEC in the United States, but, rather, what we estimate to be the number of children "at risk" of commercial sexual exploitation.

Despite the caveat, the researchers used a curious methodology to arrive at their “at risk” estimate. They provided a list of “feeder” characteristics or markers that suggest an increased risk for becoming a child sexual trafficking victim. These at risk youth were tallied up to arrive at the large number being cited. For example, 14,329 American youth, ages 13-17, living within driving distance of Mexico or Canada were added to the “at risk” pile.

If anything, the number of domestic youth sold or forced into sexual bondage is much lower than the numbers cited in Traffick911′s literature.

Our society, with the normalization of commercial sex and the glamorization of pimping, is driving the horrific crime against our children. One pimp said, “we don’t have to groom our girls anymore, society is doing it for us.”

Ah, from the mouths of pimps.

If one reads the litany of feeder characteristics listed by researchers, victims are commonly poor and abused. “Society” isn’t grooming girls for anything; they are falling into it because they have few viable options, or they are preyed upon by a small number of bad men.

Traffick911 uses the phrase “the normalization of commercial sex” instead of one more apt for this discussion: “the normalization of sex” – period. This leftist-activist group would sweep the rug from under their own feet by admitting that feminism and sexual relativism contributes more to any social degradation than the normalization of commercial sex. And men soliciting prostitutes isn’t yet “normalized” in this country.

As for “glamorization of pimping”, take that up with the leftist propaganda arm previously known as Music Television.

1 out of 3 children who become homeless are sold into sexual slavery within 48 hours of hitting the street.

This is the most egregious lie of the entire campaign. The willingness to lie to this extent calls every single one of Traffick911′s statistics and motivations into question. Here’s what a discerning person should know:

The original citation of this statistic came in a 1996 article published in the *Christian Science Monitor*. The author stated:

> Within 48 hours of hitting the streets, a juvenile will be approached with an offer of money, food, or shelter in exchange for sex.

This isn’t cited either, but it is still much less benign than the picture painted by Traffick911. The group would have us imagine that gangs of men are roaming the streets black-bagging runaway youth and forcing them into sex. Instead of being forced, they are solicited for sex in order to “get by”.

The tactic of these activist groups is to shorted the window of opportunity for us to act on this very urgent problem. By making sensationalist claims, giving us a 48 hour window to save these youth, the activists hope to force a critical mass of people to make irrational decisions with their money, time, and attention.

A war of attrition. War of attention. Same difference.

The Department of Justice designated the I-10 corridor as the number one route for human trafficking in the U.S.

Traffick911 brings this up because the interstate runs several hours south of Dallas, where the Super Bowl is being held this year.

But I-10 is an interesting highway because it runs contiguously along the southern portion of the country. It begins in Jacksonville, Florida, touching the Atlantic Ocean; moves down to the mouth of the Mississippi River; stops in Houston, Texas – a major port; then touches El Paso – which is damn near Mexico; and it ends up in California.

I bring this up because Traffick911 is concerned with *domestic* sex trafficking. But being so close to major American entry points like El Paso, Houston, New Orleans, and Jacksonville indicates that trafficking victims are both non-domestic and not necessarily used for sex. Which brings up a whole other part of this debate that isn't being discussed: labor trafficking and the use of male victims.

Using the Super Bowl and Conclusion

Curiously, Change.org has made a national case by honing in on the Super Bowl and its fans, calling thousands of them "rapists" and demonizing men. This reeks of the tactics used by domestic violence activists back in the early 1990s who conjured up false claims about the prevalence of domestic violence on Super Bowl Sunday.

But why focus on the Super Bowl? There are large conventions held in American cities all year long. Las Vegas' modern existence is based on them. *If* sex trafficking is as big a problem as activists claim, why not focus on those venues? By leveraging a "masculine holiday", they are able to kill two birds with one stone. The draw attention to their cause and they diminish an event that is heralded and looked forward to by men across the world. Not only this, but they use an occasion where men are smashing their heads into one another to draw attention to their issue and then turn around and paint all men with one brush.

That loose cabal of feminists are employing macro and micro tactics to destroy masculinity.

Male Studies Taps Guy Garcia for Conference

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[image]
Male Studies?

I was fairly skeptical about the excitement surrounding the first Conference for Male Studies. To begin with, the presentation was completely tone deaf down to their combination of a rainbow graphic with a photo of a good looking but vaguely lonesome young guy. Along with the lavender color palette gives the Male Studies web site the look and feel of a queer youth outreach program. Clearly, these guys *need* to study males a little harder.

Their public relations guy, Joseph Notovitz, stopped returning my emails during an interview I was doing with him before the conference. I figured he was overwhelmed with other requests at the time, so I went ahead and published a hopeful but cautious plug for the conference, using the only answer he gave me. My second, unanswered question was rephrased as part of my introduction in that piece. For reference, I've posted the full text of my second question below:

> Well, it seems as though the understanding of how the male "ticks" is at an all-time low because many strains of feminist thought regard men as if they were physically malformed women who are afflicted with a pathological superiority complex, and who are in need of immediate treatment and re-education so that they can function more or less in the same fashion and capacity as proper "healthy" women. (Though women may mercifully allow their "cured" males to open jars and take out the garbage once in a while).
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> That seems to be the case with some of the reactions to the conference I've seen so far in the media. Some have been dismissive, and others have expressed anger or disgust that anyone would even take an interest in the success or failure of males. They find the idea that males — who they've been taught to regard only as cruel oppressors — may be suffering or struggling to be laughable no matter what evidence is presented.
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> You must have expected this kind of reception. How do you respond to those who believe that the study of males is unnecessary? How do you respond to the cliché that "everything else aside from women's studies is about males and the history of males?"

I never questioned why Notovitz didn't respond to my second question, and I accept that he may have simply run out of time.

Lionel Tiger's association with the first Conference for Male Studies is what really caught my eye. Tiger's important book "The Decline of Males" anticipated the currently trending "End of Men" discussion by over a decade. Tiger is a real heavyweight on a very short list of academics who have made an honest attempt to understand men and the problems they can expect to face in the new big-government "bureaugamy" (a clever word he coined in the book).

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Guy "Never Blame Women" Garcia

I was disappointed to receive notice today through the Foundation for Male Studies email list that Guy "Never Blame Women" Garcia is being enthusiastically promoted as moderator for their *Second Annual Conference on Male Studies, Looking Forward to Solutions.* Having read and recently reviewed Garcia's book, this selection increases my skepticism about anything meaningful coming out of these conferences aside from building the credentials of market-savvy media consultants like Garcia and garnering funding to support the careers of a new crop of academic victimologists. I have a hard time determining where Guy Garcia ends and someone like Michael Kimmel begins. The only difference between them seems to be one of degree. Both are feminists, though perhaps the Kimmel would balk and respond that Garcia's "freedom through failure" method of supplication to women isn't feminist *enough*.

My initial estimation of the Male Studies movement stands. It seems like a bunch of academics with good intentions, who want to send more boys to school so that they can compete more effectively with females to get unsustainable make work jobs that males don't want in a civilization which is clearly in decline. Male Studies is correct to identify men as the new victims in a society that sees men, rightly, as a threat to its new status quo. These guys may want to help men, but all they are doing is helping them get into the buffet line while the Titanic is sinking.

Real social change for men will be a while coming, and when it comes it may look a bit more like social change in Mexico. Women make up over 50% of the population. They are socially more cooperative (as many recent articles have bragged) in situations where hierarchies are unclear, and they love to network. Even the Tea Party depends on the "Mama Grizzly" factor. Women will continue to elect people who will pander to their interests and expand their entitlements. Men will not rise again democratically, through education, or through clever social engineering. Men negotiate and settle wild zones. They will experience resurgence in the aftermath of social collapse.

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High School Boy Takes a Page From Karen Owen

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In light of the article on Karen Owen that just appeared in *The Atlantic* and was promptly eviscerated by Pierce Harlan here on *The Spearhead*, it is interesting to note the reaction to a recent incident in a Chicago-area high school.

A male student at Oak Park-River Forest High School made up a list of female students on Facebook, then judged them according to various attributes. He then printed out reams of copies and handed them out to other boys at the school, then made a scene at the student center, dancing around and shouting "women are the future, unless we stop them now" to cheers from his fellow classmates.

The girls on the list were given nicknames, such as "The Designated Drunk" and "The Amazing Bisexual." One girl who was on the list insisted that the listed girls are all "athletic, beautiful, honors students, talented." Evidently, the list was quite comprehensive, ranking girls on facial beauty as well as anatomical attributes. It seems certain that the boy got the idea from Karen Owen.

However, where the story really differs is in the reaction to the boy's list. While Karen Owen is all but called a rape victim by Caitlin Flanagan for violating intimacy, parents and school officials are calling for the boy's head. He faces possible expulsion, and a number of people called the police on him. If the boy had actually slept with any of the girls on the list and rated their vaginas, as Karen Owen rated her conquests' penises, he'd probably already be in jail.

What the boy did was inadvisable, to say the least, but where Karen Owen gets either praise or sympathy from feminists, he'll receive neither.

In addition to revealing a double standard, he also clues us in to the fact that now even boys know the score. His shout of "women are the future" is probably a verbatim repetition of what they are telling high school students today. Although feminism had already taken root when I was in high school, I can hardly imagine what it must be like for young men today, facing subordinate status and irrelevance in a world that heaps scorn on men. It's little wonder the kid acted out.

Male use of Battered Person Syndrome back in the news

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Muzzammil "Mo" Hassan co-founded Bridges TV with his wife, Aaslya, to counter negative stereotypes about Muslims across the world in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks perpetrated on the United States. They lived in an idyllic suburb of Buffalo, New York where there had not been a single recorded murder since 1986. On February 12, 2009, Mo Hassan allegedly beheaded his wife following their decision to divorce.

This week, on his fourth attorney and forced to proceed, Hassan's trial is underway in Buffalo. Hassan's attorney will seek to use the Battered Person Syndrome (formerly Battered Women Syndrome) defense in order to justify Hassan's actions and obtain acquittal for his client. Whether this will be possible, however, remains to be seen.

While not always a reliable source of information, the Wikipedia entry for Battered Person Syndrome (BPS) is reasonably accurate:

> Battered person syndrome is derived from psychologist Lenore Walker's Battered Woman Syndrome [aka BWS], a theory she came up with in the late 1970s to explain domestic violence. A theory of multiple victimization, BWS used the "cycle of violence" and learned helplessness to explain the development of a psychological problem in women who are repeatedly abused by their husbands.
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> BWS later entered the legal realm when Walker began giving expert testimony about BWS at trials of women accused of killing their abuser. Although her intention was to show that the woman's actions may have been justifiable, the only way that translated in the courtroom was as an argument of self-defense.

The admissibility of BPS is subject to jurisdictional wrinkles around the country. The upshot, which may vary from state to state, is that such evidence is admissible if it is in relation to a claim of self-defense. BPS is not a defense in and of itself, but contributes to an existing self-defense explanation for an accused murderer's actions.

Oddly enough, Hassan claims to have such a defense in this case, and accuses his deceased wife of brandishing a knife against him shortly before her death. In some states, simply pulling a knife on someone at an undetermined point before a defensive killing isn't enough to constitute self-defense and defeat a murder charge. But, it may be the gateway for Hassan to introduce evidence that he suffered from BPS.

BPS evaluates psychological characteristics, and in that respect should apply to psychological and physical abuse. Though there is an obvious disparity in the conduct of physical and psychological abuse, the psychological consequences may be identical, or similarly expressed. While men and women may process such harm differently, the U.S. Constitution would almost certainly not allow such a defense to be available to only women, as it does not rely on an immutable gender trait (i.e. a woman's unique ability to conceive children). While physical abuse may leave visible scars, why wouldn't years of henpecking, berating, economic ransom through threatened divorce, and other verbal abuse leave similar – if not identical – mental damage?

It may be unmasculine to whine about a spouse's never-ending harassment and admit that it psychologically damaged him. But when one's liberty is on the line, should masculinity and the societal pressure to "man up" preclude a man from using a potentially exonerating defense? Hell no.

Just as it is easy to see why a man can suffer the same psychological abuse as a woman within a relationship, even if effected through different instrumentalities, why is it so hard to believe that Hassan's wife may have threatened to kill him – even repeatedly?

Donn Esmonde, a mangina one-track columnist for the Buffalo News who probably wouldn't last a week writing for

a paper in a real city, excoriated Hassan's potential defense:

> Having admitted the killing hours afterward, there was—in way of defense —not much Hassan could do but claim he was the abused, not the abuser. Hassan's defense—voiced Tuesday by Schwartz—is the legal equivalent of a Hail Mary pass, the courtroom version of buying a lottery ticket: It was he—not she—who feared being killed. According to Mo Hassan, she even pulled a knife on him during a private meeting earlier on the day of her death.

Yes, how implausible! Tiger Woods' ex certainly didn't batter him with a golf club. Brittney Spears didn't attack an SUV with an umbrella in a bald rage, either. I'm sure Lorena Bobbit used her bare hands! Women who have disclosed their violent acts to me have always acted with some kind of instrumentality, whether keys, bottles, pans or other kitchen items. In my stupider middle school days, I knew that arguing with the wrong boy would escalate to, at worst, a punch to the mouth. Based on observations in life and the media, it is not hard to say there's a definite trend of women using weapons, and virtually anything but their hands, to cause harm to others.

This isn't to say I would want Hassan's case. The facts are very much against him, and he may well have done it. But to presume him guilty and a cold-blooded killer because he allegedly murdered his wife ignores the half of the story which we have not yet heard. Like a false claim of rape, the functional reality of any crime a man is charged of committing against a woman turns the public's presumption to one of guilt, rather than innocence.

If Hassan is found guilty of murder, he deserves an appropriately harsh sentence. Irritation and stress are no justifications for taking the life of another. To the extent the law recognizes that BPS may be used to establish self-defense, however, Hassan should fully explore this route. As well documented here and elsewhere on the internet, men endure great risk within marriage; even with a prenup, there is no guarantee against a wife falling out of love with a man – possibly even because of his own actions aimed to demonstrate commitment and caring – and, maliciously or not, making him an indentured servant to her, the state and the courts. For anyone with future-time orientation, this is a significant amount of background stress. Is it so hard to believe that a wife's nagging and unceasing pestering can aggravate it to dangerous levels, even on par with those experienced by a beaten women? When a fight ends, it's over and the pain subsides even if psychological harm persists; nagging and criticism about male worth, especially over years, goes right to the psychological core. If one's spouse is his equal and confidant, how can he stay balanced if she thinks of – and treats – him as barely a man?

BPS may not be appropriate in this case due to the need for an articulable theory of self-defense. It should not be written off as unavailable to men, though. If psychological harm truly is a concern and probative of self-defense in murder cases, men should have every ability to show their victimization at the hands of their wives as well.

Writer Can't Stand the Fact that the 'Fuck List' Author Likes Dick, A Lot

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There's another hand-wringing piece, this time in the Atlantic, disparaging Duke University grad Karen Owen's so-called "Fuck List" (technically called "An education beyond the classroom: excelling in the realm of horizontal academics") as decidedly *anti*-female empowerment, *anti*-new woman, and *anti*-new face of feminism. The piece was written by someone named Caitlin Flanagan, who declares that the Fuck List's author is not "a boundary-breaking, sexually empowered new woman" but someone who "seems . . . to have been invented by a committee of frat boys" because she enjoys rough sex "to the point of brutalizing" and seems to be "willing to do absolutely anything to please the men . . . ."

Flanagan harrumphs: "What rotten luck that the first true daughter of sex-positive feminism would have an erotic proclivity for serving every kind of male need, no matter how mundane or humiliating, that she would so eagerly turn herself from sex mate to soccer mom, depending on what was wanted from her."

Even Owen's taste in sex partners were decidedly not "new woman": Owen had the audacity to be in thrall of "handsome white athletes."

To Flanagan, Owen is nothing more than "a vulnerable creature whose desire for sex with campus big shots was at least partly motivated by a powerful and unmet desire for affection," but she "had no idea how to obtain it." The Fuck List, Flanagan concludes, "reveals [Owen] to be one of the most pitiable women to emerge on the cultural scene in quite a while."

And that's not even the most condescending thing in the piece. Flanagan has absolutely nothing good to say about men. The ones she writes about here do nothing but take advantage of women to satisfy their sexual desires. Based on nothing more than Owen's descriptions of her various sexual hook-ups, Flanagan labels the athletes featured in the list as "louts" who were "eager[ ] to whip out their genitals on almost any occasion," and who "offer[ed] any parent ample reason to think twice before sending a beloved child to Duke."

The fact that a fair reading of the Fuck List doesn't support that condemnation is beside the point. It is true that the young men were eager to have sex. If that's a revelation to Flanagan, she's been living in a convent all her life. But if the young men were eager to get it on — *surprise!* — so was Ms. Owen. Almost all of the young men were respectful of Owen and appear to have acted only in accordance with her choices. But, hey, why let little things like evidence get in the way of a good feminist rant?

Flanagan takes her cheapest shot (and that's saying a lot) at the Fuck List's unnamed Subject # 1 who was one of the Duke lacrosse players on the team when the infamous false rape claim was made, and whose identity is easily discovered: ". . . his blandly handsome face and powerfully built body had taken on the cast of a thug rapist and then of a hapless sex partner who couldn't even keep it up long enough to satisfy an inexperienced co-ed." That the Atlantic published this unwarranted hatchet job on an unsuspecting kid, who never dreamed his hook-up would be chronicled in a PowerPoint presentation gone viral, tells us all we need to know about that once great magazine.

Flanagan ends the piece by bemoaning drunken women's vulnerability to men. She hates the fact women must rely "on the mercy of the men around us."

Flanagan's horse dung is more of the same old, same old that regards women like Karen Owen – who seem to genuinely enjoy men – as anything but free moral agents capable of making rational choices for themselves.

How dare Karen Owen lust after handsome white athletes! How dare she enjoy not just fellatio but, heaven forbid, rough sex! How dare she wants to please the men she beds! The fact that Owen genuinely seems to have had at least a good time, and sometimes a great time, with virtually all of these guys is something Flanagan ignores, because *that* doesn't fit the narrative. To someone like Flanagan, women like Owen are either too dense, or too

subservient to the “patriarchy,” to realize they are being taken advantage of by men. Thank goodness Owen has women like Flanagan around to tell her what a miserable time she really had with these “louts.”

Seething just under the surface of Flanagan’s piece, unstated but present, is the thing that might just be the most galling to her about the Fuck List: Karen Owen likes dick. A lot. Pardon the crudeness, but that’s the overriding theme of the Fuck List, and Flanagan can’t help but have noticed it. The Fuck List is replete with references to the male organ of copulation, the quintessential symbol of patriarchy. Under her “Physical Attractiveness” criteria, she includes, among other things, “penile structures.” Another criteria is size: “Points were determined based on the length and girth of the Subject’s hardware.” Indeed, every subject is rated, in part, on his appendage: ”He is enormous,” she gushes about one subject. About another: ”I was actually rendered speechless. . . . I wasn’t even sure what to do with the situation at hand (erm, mouth?).” Another guy was “huge”; another was “very well equipped”; and another was “packing some decently sized hardware.” But of another guy she writes, “Wait. . . . Was that his dick? No, it couldn’t be.”

Another of Owen’s criteria is “Aggressiveness: points were given if the Subject displayed aggressive behavior and an alpha-male mentality of assuming control of the given situation.”

Is it any wonder feminists have no use for the Fuck List? Masculinity, they assert, needs to be rebuilt from the ground up to make it *less* dominant, *less* virile, *less* aggressive. Yet here’s a woman touting the *virtues* of rough sex? Come again?

As for penises, feminist extraordinaire Germaine Greer attacked the Fuck List by insisting women aren’t interested in that: “It’s a website where you talk about what it’s like to get off with someone in terms of the size of his tackle. That’s not what women are interested in.” *This* from a woman who once did TV special about the beauty of boys in which an 18-year-old male model posed in the nude while Greer waxed poetic about young male sperm: “There are many ways in which a boy is an ideal fantasy partner for a woman,” she clucked. “Any woman of taste would have a boy for a lover rather than a man. He’s easier to manage. His sperm flows like tap water, which happens to be a biological fact. And quicker recovery time and all that kind of thing. More rewarding in all sorts of ways. Conversation might be a bit lacking, but then, who does it for conversation?”

The Fuck List *does* raise some troubling issues, about the hook-up culture, and about the recklessness of making very public some very private and very personal matters.

But what scares Caitlin Flanagan is that there are women out there like Karen Owen who have the audacity to actually like men for what they are, instead of for what some enlightened feminists insist they should be.

Budget Cuts Beginning to Take Their Toll on Women-Oriented Social Programs

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Local governments have been hit hard by the drop in revenue caused by the economic recession, and are facing tough decisions about who to cut from their patronage networks. Demonstrating just how desperate cities are getting, even feminist Seattle has cut the Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Prevention divisions from its Human Services Department, along with Youth Development & Achievement and Early Learning & Family Support.

According to comments under the article, the city attorney is already inundated with domestic violence cases, and cannot handle much more.

Although prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault is a laudable goal, as we saw in Sweden with the Assange case government agents tasked with this job have a tendency to zealously investigate even where neither exists. This leads to a climate of domestic paranoia, and encourages the use of these resources by disgruntled spouses. Furthermore, it often functions as a subsidy to man-haters and feminist ideologues who tend to see sexual assault and domestic violence lurking behind every closed door.

The Youth Development & Achievement and Early Learning & Family Support divisions are simply welfare programs overwhelmingly geared toward poor single mothers and their progeny. While these programs may alleviate some of the problems inherent in single motherhood, they also create the conditions that encourage it, and are therefore part of the problem as well.

It is ironic that as government has taken over the role of daddy by forcing all men to support all women, it has impoverished and demotivated men to the extent that they can no longer afford to support the system designed to replace them. One could say that the US government is behaving in much the same manner as the drunk, incompetent farmer of Orwell's animal farm.

Good Men Project Veering Off Course

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When the *Good Men Project* opened, I was enthusiastic about it, and assumed that the examination of American masculinity it promised would be a step in the right direction. For the most part, they've done a pretty good job. The site is professionally laid out, there's a wealth of content, and plenty of articles that appeal to men. It also has the potential for a good deal of mainstream appeal, and I expect the site to make a fairly substantial impact online.

Given its potential, I think it's important that we take a look at where the *Good Men Project* is heading, and who is jumping on board.

Today's feature, written by project founder Tom Matlack, takes men to task for the objectification of women, offering some insight.

The article is controversial in that it blames pornography and lascivious portrayals of famous women for a number of ills afflicting men, and puts the blame squarely on men themselves. Perhaps this is why Amanda Marcotte, John Edwards' head blogger for his failed presidential campaign, anti-Catholic bigot and enthusiastic ringleader of the media lynch mob in the Duke Lacrosse false rape case, has shown up to offer her seal of approval to the article.

I don't think it was Matlack's intention to play squarely into Marcotte's hands, and I suspect his reading of the situation is as much a result of the circumstances of his own life as it is part of any political agenda. With an adolescent daughter, I'm sure that the sleazy side of pop culture is starting to bother him, and this, along with the fact that he's middle-aged and married, is probably giving him some difficult feelings of guilt over his own lust for the young sexpots so casually flashed around on TV and the big screen.

The problem is that he's projecting that guilt onto men in general, and that is a mistake:

> I click on bustier-clad Katy Perry and skip down to the interview, trying to ignore Ms. Perry in full black lingerie, complete with garter belt. After all, this is about man at his best; there must be something serious here that we all love so much.
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> Ah, here it is: "I always wanted to suspend from the ceiling in a twirling banana," Katy tells Esquire.
> I'm done. I close the browser window and stare out the window.
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> Who are the men Esquire's talking about? What is it that we love about these women? Their twirling-banana-swing fantasies? Their factory-fresh "breasts"? Their naughty smiles? Are those things truly what men at their best love about women?
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> [...]
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> In media and culture, men are increasingly caricatured as knuckle-dragging cartoon characters, particularly when it comes to how we view women and sexuality. And by whom? Men, of course. It's not women running the strip clubs, porn websites, and editing spreads in Esquire. We have an enemy—and the enemy is us.

What Mr. Matlack is struggling with is common to men, and there's no reason to dismiss his frustration. Sexuality is a primal force that operates largely beyond our control. For men at certain points of their lives it can be not only distracting, but has the potential to be hurtful to those people we love.

One can see his inner struggle quite clearly in the following passage:

> Yes, good men love women. But we love women in all their complexity, for the things they do, for their intelligence, their wit, their athleticism, their creativity, their power, their force of personality. We seem to have forgotten that along the way, and our brain-numbing intoxication by pornography in all its forms threatens to end us—not because it is morally wrong but just because it distracts us from the truth and scatters our power. It's one big acid trip fantasy with no connection to improving our lives, being good fathers and

> husbands, and advancing our careers.

No, it doesn't have much to do with improving one's life, being a good father or husband or advancing a career. That's because lust is a biological imperative rising from the deepest, most primitive recesses of our brains. For all our spectacular neural complexity and high-performance neo-cortices, underneath it all we've got a lot in common with reptiles. That's something we cannot change without reversing evolution and then starting over again from the earliest vertebrates. In other words, it's impossible without our own extinction, and our extinction is exactly what these impulses evolved to prevent.

All we can do to prevent ourselves from allowing our primal instincts to ruin a good thing is exercise self-control. For those of us who are married and/or have children, we have to exercise more control than others. It's a hard slog, but that's the best we can do.

Where Matlack is going in the wrong direction is when he suggests that his own personal burden should be extended to men in general. This strikes me as less than charitable. For example, as a father, I can't go running around spending my money on strippers or porn, or put up posters of topless women on my walls, or even bring women home, but these are things I'd never begrudge someone who doesn't have that responsibility. Would it be fair to tell a 19-year-old kid in Afghanistan stuck in some godforsaken, dusty valley getting shot at on a daily basis that he can't look at naughty pictures of girls with big tits?

Matlack underscores his love for his children and his successful, beautiful and presumably faithful wife as reasons that pornography and lust are toxic to him. Yes, I suppose he's got a point. But has he stopped to consider the fact that while this wonderful wife and family are worth the struggle for him, they are entirely irrelevant to millions of other men? More importantly, would he ever consider that if he truly does want men in general to exercise that kind of self-control and prevail in the struggle against dissolution, they need and deserve decent wives and secure families to make it worth it?

When you ask men to take on a burden, you draw up a contract with them. You give them a reason to toe the line. Asking them to give up what little they have and expose themselves to ruin simply so they can call themselves "good" is a con, and not a benign one. Matlack should take stock of what he has, thank heaven for it, and do good by trying to make that kind of life attainable to more men. In blaming men in general, he's working against it and handing ammo to people like Amanda Marcotte, and that's doubleplusungood.

Mind-Game Victim? This $63 Million Welfare Federal Program Can Help!

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By Carey Roberts

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington has never seen a government stocking-stuffer she couldn't learn to like. So when spiraling costs galvanized Congress to take on welfare reform in 1996, the unflappable Mom in Tennis Shoes knew she would have to act fast to take the sharp edges off of "the end of welfare as we know it."

Joining forces with former Sen. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, Murray argued that domestic violence victims were so traumatized by the experience that it would be impossible for them to find work within the two-year limit imposed by the incoming Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.

So Murray cleverly devised a loophole called the "Family Violence Option." Under the FVO, welfare recipients would be screened for partner abuse and referred for counseling. These persons would then be exempted from the 24-month time limit.

What compassionate conservative could argue against that?

But like many Progressive programs, the devil was lurking in the details. And how did the law define "family violence"? The Social Security Act defines family violence as "physical acts that resulted in, or threatened to result in, physical injury to the individual."

But keep reading, because it turns out the drafters of the law tucked in two seemingly harmless words near the end of the definition: "mental abuse." Exactly what does that mean?

Well, if you live in North Carolina, engaging in "mind games" is enough to get you pegged as an abuser, according to the state welfare office. Acting like the "Master of the Castle" could get you into hot water, as well.

And if your partner is indulging in welfare fraud, don't threaten to report him or her to the authorities — that will also qualify you as a batterer. (Think I'm spoofing? Do a web search for Family Support and Child Welfare Services form "DSS-6965" and see for yourself.)

In other states, discouraging your mate from "leaving your home, traveling to work, or visiting your family or friends" will get you on the Naughty List of your local abuse shelter. And according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, partner violence also includes – ready for this? — "getting annoyed if the victim disagrees" and "withholding information from the victim."

Given the utter vagueness of these questions, it comes as no surprise that welfare applicants are not required to provide proof of violence. After all, how could any woman be expected to prove her husband had subjected her to brutal mind attacks?

According to the GAO report State Approaches to Screening for Domestic Violence Could Benefit from HHS Guidance, "25 states do not require evidence beyond a client's statement in order to grant a waiver from work requirements." In New York, for example, state law only requires the putative victim to provide a "sworn statement alleging abuse."

And as we know, Welfare Queens always swear by the truth.

"Most states provide waivers indefinitely," reveals a 2003 Congressional Research Service report, Welfare Law and Domestic Violence. So once you're in, you're pretty much set for the duration.

Removing such work requirements clearly obviates the very purpose of welfare reform. And how many greenbacks do American taxpayers shell out to subsidize Sen. Murray's Family Violence Option scheme?

Turns out, the information is extraordinarily hard to come by. That's because a little-known provision in the 1996 welfare reform law threatens any bureaucrat who outs such information with 20 lashes by a three-legged reindeer – or so it would appear.

However, an extensive Internet search by my intrepid research assistant turned up FVO budget numbers in these states:

Alabama: $946,000

Nevada: $608,000

Ohio: $590,000

Texas: $2,936,000

These numbers average out to $1.3 million per state. Multiplied by 50 states, this means American taxpayers are shelling out $63 million dollars to thwart the on-going epidemic of debilitating mind games.

So if you're a victim of partner abuse and you've decided it's high time to hang out on Easy Street, remember the old liberal saw: "We're from the government, and we're here to help you."

Why We Need A Men's Movement

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By *Gorbachev*

There's a lot of talk in the Manosphere about how evil feminism is and that not one drop of Feminist talk can ever be allowed a positive spin. The manosphere often demonizes women, out of resentment at the hypocrisy of feminist ideology, or the refusal of feminism to acknowledge consequences.

For example, many feminist writers (both men and women) refuse to admit that false rape accusations are far more common than they like to think, and that their effects are utterly devastating on the men affected. The lives of countless men are destroyed every year in what amounts to an irrational Moral Panic being cruelly manipulated by selfish individuals – in these cases, women. Male resentment and anger is the inevitable result.

Does this make feminism evil? Or does it tell us that feminists are in willing denial, and are acting out of pure self-interest? We see it as hypocrisy, self-assured righteous indignation and cognitive dissonance, all grounded in narrow, exclusive self-interest exercised at the expense of others. But this is part of basic human nature. It's not unique to feminism.

The initial goals of feminism weren't contrary to fundamentally male interests. It's possible to be pro-equality without being anti-male, or even anti-family. But in this climate of ideological absolutism, it becomes hard to separate reason from rhetoric, and self-interest from the public good.

Liberals and left-leaning feminists are past masters at demonizing their enemies to the point of dismissing every concern they don't like; anyone who reads the MSM knows this is true. But anti-feminists and the right are guilty of exactly the same tactics, though at the moment the left is ascendant.

Narcissism is the fundamental source. The "Public Good" is rarely a factor on either side.

Feminism is A Trade Union Movement

Like every union, feminism only serves the narrow (perceived) interests of its members.

Teachers' unions regularly claim to be interested in the "education of students", but their actual actions and policy demands belie the mostly private nature of their concerns. They rarely focus on raising education standards and making the system and teachers accountable to their students. It's telling that the only solution to every single problem they identify is More Money for the System. Whenever benchmarks are introduced, tests floated, evaluations considered, for either students or teachers, the outcry from union ideologues is always fierce and unrelenting.

In exactly the same way, feminism is very defensive about attacks on the effects of its political programs. If there's something wrong, even if this there is a grave threat to the public good, it's shunted aside and ignored. Studies that deny the existence of the threat are bought and paid for.

Medical Associations are unions for doctors. Bar Associations are unions for lawyers. Police unions are only incidentally interested in public security; their key interests are the interests and security of their membership.

Expecting feminism to represent the best interests of society is the same as expecting public sector unions to advocate for fiscal responsibility.

Feminist Hypocrisy ?

As for feminism being a monolithic evil, this is also demonstrably not the case. Feminist ideology is often in conflict.

- There's a sharp division between Lesbian and straight women. The abolitionist/anti-pornography/pro-sex-regulation feminists are almost always straight. The liberals are more reliably lesbian or lesbian-identified.

- Anti-marriage and “men are evil” feminists are usually “political” lesbians, or those with specific axes to grind, or single-issue interests, or ideologically socialist.

- Actual bona-fide lesbians live in a separate world and don’t see any need for men at all, personally or socially. Their writing often doesn’t even concern itself with the key issues that bother heterosexual women. These women inhabit different worlds. Lesbian politics often support obviously anti-male policies because men are irrelevant to them, and they don’t care how men are affected. The truth is that they have little to say to straight women, because straight women are interested in the health of male society. Straight women like men, and interact with men on an intimate level. What both agree on is that women always need more power, regardless of the amount of power they already have.

- Sexual-libertarian feminists want less social/legal control over sexuality, resulting in a free-wheeling, Sex Is Always Good “hook-up” culture, filled with consequence-free sex and the elimination of the concept of “slut”. Eventhe very concept of monogamy comes in for ridicule. In effect, these women are more prototypically “male” in their “variety-is-life” outlook than men ever were.

- Sexual-Moralist feminists take a different approach, seeing this freewheeling sexual liberation as serving male interests. Women, they think, have different interests. Sex for its own sake is not a goal for these women. These feminists don’t see sexually open women as Liberated – they see them as Deluded Sluts, no matter how they sugar-coat the label for feminist solidarity. The fact is that their outlook on sex and relationships bears no relationship to the feminists who advocate for sexual liberation. They have nothing to say to each other. Their views on social policy are in direct opposition.

These groups of feminists may have blurry boundaries, but their distinct interests are the reasons for the apparent hypocrisies. That said, they don’t so much consciously contradict each other, as speak past each other.

Manipulating Moral Panics

Our society regularly goes through phases of Moral Panic.

There have been many.

Witch hunts,

Miscegenation, incest, racial hygiene,

Prohibition,

McCarthysim,

Spanking Children,

Satanic Abuse,

Drugs,

Pedophilia,

Drugs and Date Rape,

Workplace Harrassment,

Moral panics are easily manipulated by those with political agendas. While there were genuine communists in dangerous positions of power in the early 1950’s, many non-communists were threatened and extorted during the McCarthy years into complying with policies or giving up opportunities. The same was true in the Soviet Union, but there, the victims were called “counter-revolutionaries”. Much the same attitudes are now displayed towards “Conservatives” or “Liberals”.

An example of a moral panic manipulated by all sides, while those affected just go about their lives, is Prostitution.

Straight and married women are the biggest advocates for eliminating prostitution and sex work. They mask this as a concern for the women involved, but on examination, the truth becomes clear very quickly, as sex-worker activists point out: It's really about controlling the sexuality of their own men, and it's not about the health and security of sex workers at all.

Laura Augustin is a highly engaging writer who catalogues this rank female hypocrisy extensively.

Many feminist activists use the force of Moral Panicsl. Irrational Anti-Date-Rape Crusaders use twisted and exaggerated claims and false statistics as a rule of thumb. Anti-Pornography activists have more in common with the prohibitionists of the 1920's than they do with other feminists.

Then there's Socialism and Collectivist ideology, as well as Anti-Capitalism. These movements don't fundamentally care about feminism; feminism or anti-racism, or any other isms. These are just tools for the Revolution. Left-wing activists use movements like feminism to help advocate for their own revolutionary ideas. Cuba, China, and the Soviet Union all betrayed the related movements that helped foist "moral dictatorships" on the people.

Reality makes the Rules: Finance and Feminism

When it comes to the public sector, harsh budget realities will ultimately decide issues for unions. Facing national bankruptcy, and the inability to collect more taxes, it's no longer tenable to maintain an artificially bloated public sector. Had we had honest debate before, and had the unions not been so exclusively self-interested, we might not have reached this precipice. . Reality has a way of imposing discipline on ideology.

Our financial bankruptcy is equally the fault of the public and our leaders for enabling union demands. We should have had the courage to force through reform, despite public-sector opposition, before we reached this tipping point. Now, we all face the consequences. This "correction" will claim many victims.

Biology doesn't play ideological games. Biology is what it is. It doesn't care about "fair". Its mechanisms don't conform to the Human-Ideology-Of-The-Moment. The screaming, the rage, the railing, the Marches, the Protests, the angry bloggers or the activist legislation; at the end of the day it can't change human nature. Even when we deny that there is a human nature. Human nature still exists, and we still need to do the things we need to do.

A natural consequence of feminism is the declining number of babies. Having and raising children is a difficult and onerous task. It requires social support and certain social structures to make it bearable and attractive. Take these away, and there's no incentive to have children.

The predictable result of feminism is that fewer and fewer women end up having babies. We therefore have a left-wing that advocated for mass, open immigration of unfamiliar cultures. The irony is that these immigrants have beliefs that are diametrically opposed to the goals of feminism. Feminism, by semi-unintentionally denying the critical imperative to reproduce, has doomed western societies, something no-one predicted or wanted. It wasn't deliberate. But for feminists to admit this now, or to admit that this has far-reaching and profound implications for Western societies, would be to admit that there are consequences to their movement that can't be controlled. But the "correction" will come – whether we like it or not.

Just as budget shortfalls sound the death-knell of massive public bureaucracies, demographics will have damning effects on feminist movements. All of this was predictable, but it wasn't necessarily deliberate.

Union! We need A Men's movement

There is one correction we can engage ourselves.

"Men" are the only obviously identifiable collective in American society that does not have its own movement. In effect, while other interests have advocates – anti-racism activism, women, children's rights, Teachers, white racists, black separatists, Christian fundamentalists, Muslims – men have none.

When issues affect us, we can't muster collective responses. We need a clearing-house, an umbrella under which we can debate the issues that matter to us.

Feminists argue that a men's movement is unnecessary. My question is: Why do we care what feminists think? Men told women then a feminist movement was unnecessary in the 1880′s, as well. They created one anyway.

Nobody gives you rights. Nobody gives you the right to make collective demands. Nobody grants you permission to want something.

Other interests will oppose us. "Strikebreakers" will intimidate us, and the Powers that Be may send out their goons, but the fundamental issues remain in place and unless we're prepared to act collectively, unless we're prepared to respect our issues enough to protect ourselves, and advocate for change, we can't expect to be respected by anyone else. Do we want father's rights? Do we want fair family courts? Do we want equal opportunity in the workplace? Do we want freedom from harassment claims? Do we want to live in fear of false rape accusations? Do we want power over our own lives?

Women are able to manipulate moral panics to their advantage. There's one moral panic we can immediately use to our advantage, before feminism neuters it. Even women are now calling for men to take a greater role in their families and yet it's women who have largely pushed men out of the family unit. Radical feminism had a core goal of destroying the Husband-Wife family unit, and it has almost achieved this in some segments of our population. But we can turn the tables. If women can manipulate a moral manic for their own advantage, we can certainly manipulate this new moral panic it for the advantage of our families and ourselves.

There are other moral panics that can work in our favor. We must exploit them.

Don't Worry About Disagreement

We should expect a lot of division within our own ranks. Feminists have to deal with severe factionalism themselves, and internal feminist debates often become bitter and acrimonious. We can't shy away from the same discussions. And we can't expect to agree.

I can already sense where factions will likely emerge. That said, just like feminists, we can all probably agree on general goals, even when we demand different policy decisions.

Ultimately, the only way to be free is to free ourselves. If we believe we have rights, rights to raise our children, rights to fair divorce settlements, rights to sexual freedom, rights to workplace opportunity fairness – then we need to take those rights. Nobody is going to give them to us.

And there is power in numbers.

Women's Advocates Wary of Proposed Domestic Violence Registry

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State Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer of San Antonio has proposed a bill in Texas to create a domestic violence registry similar to the sex offender lists that are now common throughout the US. The proposed bill would force those convicted of DV three times to register on a publicly accessible list.

Criminal records are already publicly accessible, and anyone with an internet connection can look people up online by name, so it isn't clear what difference the bill would make, and it's probably simply a waste of time and resources. Furthermore, I doubt being on the list would stop women from going for guys with multiple DV convictions — plenty of women have no problem having intimate relationships with convicted murderers, rapists, etc.

However, it isn't the bill's uselessness and potential for abuse that concerns women's groups, rather, it's that women who got the guys jacked up would be easier to identify. But why ever would they care? Their ex-husbands already know who called the cops on them and had them put away, so what difference would it make if other people knew?

Hmmm…

Could it be that she doesn't want *the next guy* to know that she put her husband behind bars?

Book Review: *Criticizing the Critics* by Aidan Nichols (Family Publications)

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By Alcuin

While not every men's rights activist (MRA) need be a Christian, every MRA needs to know how Christianity has been gutted of its masculine core, and how this feminization of the central religion of Western countries has played a key role in the feminization of Western society.

Dominican priest Aidan Nichols argues in an important chapter countering feminists that Christianity's lack of the Father, which has led to the lack of fatherhood within Western culture, has hurt society and individuals deeply. Writing about Nietzsche and Freud, and their rejection of fatherhood and rejoicing in nihilistic (that is, fatherless) freedom, Nichols observes:

"the reaction against the Father, … which they pioneered, has produced a society and culture where fathers are instinctively distrusted, where a spirit of unreflective patricide is abroad, where to exercise paternity, by nurture of one's biological children or by formation of one's spiritual children, has become especially difficult."

He offers the concrete example of the anger than many liberal Catholics hold against the fatherly popes of recent times, John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

The false rape claims and pedophilia craze of mainstream society come out of this deep suspicion of men and masculinity. Many men are forced to survive by becoming manginas. Thus they too reject the father, and add to the matriarchal nihilism and general misandric hysteria. Nichols has no ties to the men's movement, so these thoughts are my own, not a part of the book. But this chapter on the rejection of the fatherhood of God shows the roots to much of today's problems.

Nichols notes that this theological concern (the theological study of the Father is called paterology) seems at first glance to affect only the Church, but as the above quote from the book reveals, this great change in theological perspective, basically the rejection of the first Person of the Trinity, has led to a sweeping change in Western society and in the world.

Nichols warns, "the concealing of the true face of the Father can be said to have had ill consequences of a wide-ranging sort in Western culture and society. The death of the divine Father in whom authority and goodness are inseparably united, the font at once of power and value," was celebrated by Freud and Nietzsche. Freud blamed much neurosis on the guilt supposedly engendered by God the Father.

Notice that fatherhood united authority and goodness. Under feminists we have authority, but authority that is tied to only hate and manipulation, not goodness. Feminism idealizes nothing other than power, whereas worship of God the Father created more transcendent ideals. The only thing that feminists have made transcendent is themselves. They wish to worship themselves.

Nichols shows how in a Fatherly conception of God, we worship God rather than a projection of ourselves. This is because God as Father is wholly other, whereas the goddess is part of the world. In goddess worship a fair amount of enmeshment occurs (no surprise there), where, for instance, the world is actually the womb of the great mother goddess. It thereby becomes very easy for women to begin to worship themselves mistakenly (and, of course, to expect men to do likewise).

This terrible sort of narcissism is something that patriarchy, at least Judeo-Christian patriarchy, has strongly opposed as blasphemy. While Eastern Orthodox theology talks of the divinization of the Christian, this divinization is always a gift of God, not something achievable by myself. Feminists, conversely, assume that women, by virtue of being women, are already transcendent. Hence, they claim that a woman never lies about rape. Again, here we

see how theology affects wider society. Theological issues are not mere church issues.

Nichols claims that only a proper practice of traditional, patriarchal Christianity can return us in the West to balance: “The collective trauma created in the Western soul by distortion of the image of the divine Father, followed by murderous revolt against him, can only be healed and pacified by return to its source.” This source is God the Father.

Two aspects of fatherhood to which Nichols refers are the sacrificial and the generative. God the Father creates because He is a Father. He is not the Creator, Nichols warns, but the Father. “Father”, “Son”, and “Holy Spirit” are proper names of the persons of the Trinity. Christians fail to fully understand the nature of God the Father when they refer to Him as Creator. This is a limited view. He is creator because He is Father. His patriarchal nature makes him creator. The feminist trinity, creator, redeemer, sustainer, is not the same as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, because it rejects the masculine nature of God in its attempt to reject the patriarchal nature of Western society.

Thankfully, Nichols does offer some unpleasant truth about feminism, and its attack on Christianity, though more force would have been more appreciated. It is, he notes, the sacrificial Father who “subverts a heterodox feminism.” In other words, God the Father is at the present doing battle against the Baals and Ashuras of feminism.

One supposes that Nichols has no room to discuss more freely how destructive matriarchy and feminism have been to civilization, society, the family, and individuals. Readers must read a bit between the lines to see the extent to which feminism is nihilistic. Even so, many more such books are necessary for us to better understand the nature of feminism.

More Insight into Online Dating

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By Big Daddy from Cincinnati

On July 8, 2010, Zammo wrote an article on The Spearhead, entitled "The Ins and Outs of Online Dating." His perspectives are entirely correct, in my estimation. I, too, have dipped my toe into the online dating arena, due to the blessed separation and impending divorce from the soon-to-be-ex-fishwife. I want to add to his excellent fact-filled article with some of my own observations.

Part of successfully dealing with dating, online or otherwise, is to set a reasonable goal. If the goal is to get a "decent girl" to fall in love with and marry, then you are most likely shit out of luck. I think that it would be POSSIBLE to find a woman with decent morals, high standards, and who would be faithful to you for life. In fact, I know several couples who have been married over 40 years, and have not had significant marital strife, at least to hear them tell of it. But that was much more likely in your father's and grandfather's days.

Remember: Girls like that are NOT on online dating sites. They are home with their husbands, cleaning the house and cooking dinner, and not fucking the UPS man. Finding a "decent girl" in modern American society is mostly an exercise in self-delusion, anyway, sort of like telling yourself that you are really going to hit the lottery. It DOES happen to someone, but it isn't going to happen to you. If fantasies such as this help you get through the day without contemplating suicide, then I suppose that they have their place. However, the realist understands the world is the way it is, and not the way we want it to be.

In an effort to help my brothers out there, here are a few tips:

If you meet a girl online, do NOT "friend" them on Facebook, until you have laid the wood to them. And possibly not even then. If you think that it is sexually exciting for a girl to know your every move and stupid comment that you post, let me disabuse you of that notion. Remember the phrase "familiarity breeds contempt." It does. If they know all about the fact that you are a working stiff and do normal things, you won't be exciting, any suggestions to them that you are will fall on deaf ears. Your ability to successfully use Game then goes right out the window. Preserve an air of mystery. If you are purposefully vague and hint of excitement, they will mentally fill in the gaps to make you whatever they want you to be.

An alternative that I have not done, as it would appear to require more effort than I want to put into it, would be to have a separate Facebook dating profile. You could provide social proofing by posting that you were doing exciting things, and have fake pretty girls on there making comments about your Walter Mitty fantasies and making subtle references to their orgasmic delight. I think it would work, but I can get laid without all that effort. Maybe someone could hire some off-shore IT workers to run it for you for pennies a day. Just a thought.

Do NOT take online dates out to dinner. Some girls use online dating that to get beta chumps to buy them dinner and have an audience for their babbling on the nights when they are not getting fucked bowlegged by that scamp of an itinerant alpha male in their life. You might get laid, but you are MUCH more likely to get screwed by a dinner check and nothing else. MUCH more likely. As others have noted, a full stomach does NOT make a woman feel sexy. Buying dinner also brands you as a beta-backup-plan when she can no longer attract the alpha attention and pounding that she will never tell you that she craves, or when Mr. Rogue Alpha and his magic hoo-hoo-dilly are out of town for the weekend.

Meet girls for coffee, instead. I tend to like meeting girls that I have met online in a bookstore coffee shop. It is a clue that she is stupid and does not read if you propose a location like a bookstore and she has never heard of it. Now, I am not looking for a smart girl to hire as an employee, but I don't really care for girls who are dumb as the proverbial box of rocks. But, anyway, a chain bookstore coffee shop, like at Barnes and Noble or Borders, provides you with much natural cover. Get there early. Position yourself where you can see the door, but where she can't immediately see you, such as looking over a bookshelf while you peruse the books. If the girl who shows up is

much more fat or fugly than you anticipated, you can duck behind the shelves and casually exit the establishment without having to spend any time on a Date from Hell. Much better to go home and skin it back yourself than to waste time talking in public to a chick who you would be embarrassed to have your buddies know that you boned.

As long as we are on the topics of smart girls: Smart girls, yes, even MDs and PhDs, respond to the same stuff that the dumb ones do. At one point, I thought that a smart girl would not respond to Game, and that she would be a girl that you can deal with in a straightforward manner. WRONG! (Hey, I never said that I was some sort of genius or something.) Indeed, they can be even more of a pain in the ass than ones of average intelligence, since they respond to Game, but feel a need to analyze everything well past the point of being annoying.

As Zammo said, fat chicks are the new normal. Chicks with bad attitudes are the new normal. But they all seem to think that they are God's gift to the world, despite ample evidence to the contrary. Go figure.

As far as different sites go, Plenty of Fish (pof.com) has yielded me the most dickie-dunks out of any of them. OK Cupid has not done as well for me, but my brother, who lives in another state, found a girl that he likes that will let him do anything to her. Match.com has not worked real well for me, but I know a guy who said that he hooked up with nine different women over one weekend while working on that. It appears that different markets have different services that are the dominant one, and that the other ones are more-or-less bit-players. Try a different one or several if you are striking out on the first one you tried. Remember, as Zammo said, this is really a numbers game.

Adult Friend Finder – Please tell me that you did NOT go here to look for a long term relationship. Yes, she will probably get to meet your cod on the first date, but I don't really want to bring THAT kind of girl back to my house, or ever introduce her to Mom and Dad. There are lots of fatties here. Somebody must be plowing them. Good looking non-fatties don't have to go online just to get laid. And, YES, girls from other non-"adult" dating sites WILL screw you on the first date. Just remember: You are not THAT special. She's done the huckety-buck on the first date with other guys, and probably a goodly number of them. There is a place for a girl like that, but in an LTR or at the end of the aisle are NOT one of them. Don't be like a fellow I know who fell in love with a girl who he met at a gangbang at a hotel near a military base. After that, he was parading her around town like she was the prom queen, after all of his buddies had popped their load into her on various occasions. Don't do it!

What Zammo said about flakes should be read, and read again, and read one more time. To echo his words, HAVE A THICK SKIN. Women are amoral creatures, flakes, and they will reject you for anything, everything, nothing, the phase of the moon, or who knows what. They will lead you on and waste your time, knowing full well that nothing is going to come of it. Any time that this happens, it is probably not a reflection on you. They will agree to meet, and then just not show up, or come up with a last minute excuse. If you talk with a girl online on Monday and arrange to go out Friday, I would say that the chances of that actually happening are about 30%. But if you check in with them the day before to confirm things, it will come across as not being confident enough, and women like confidence in a man. This is the classic Catch-22. So if your dating time is limited, or you correctly realize that your time is valuable, maybe you could double-book, and take the first one who shows up. Or make sure to not have a long time for the girl to think about things and second-guess herself. Try setting a date for tomorrow night instead of for several days away. If you chat with a girl online and try to set a date for later that same day, most girls don't seem to have a comfort level with that, so it seems that there is a happy medium.

If an online girl comes up with an excuse to not go on a date at a proposed date and time, but does not propose an alternative, maybe give her one more choice. If she doesn't go for that, then she is just wanting to get attention and validation of her desirability from you without any effort on her part. FORGET HER and don't ask her out again, unless you just like sitting at home and being frustrated.

Don't take this stuff personally and let it affect your own self-image when you get rejected or flaked out on. Steel yourself to this reality before jumping in this pond, to inoculate yourself from the inevitable issues that come from dealing with women, especially in this sort of a forum. Remember, temper your upside expectations to avoid bitter disappointment.

I do want to wish you luck with finding whatever it is that you want. Online dating may not find you the girl of your dreams, but it can keep you busy and help warm up those cold winter nights.

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The Lesson of Laura Ingalls Wilder

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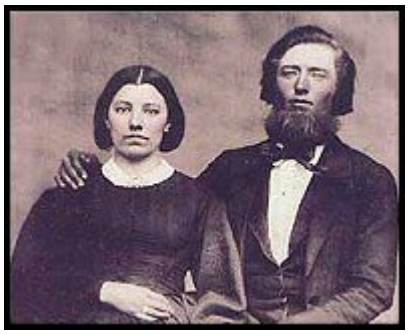
We hear a lot about how if only men would "man up," take the reins and stop acting like overgrown children, women would magically fall in line and reveal their inner sainthood, which is only kept corked in by those awful men all around them. This is a recent slant on the old myth of women's inherent purity that has been floating around since the Romantics made a splash in Western thought and literature. For some time before the sexual revolution, men's depravity was a given, and for the most part women did behave well and behave as ladies. Today, however, now that women's liberation has been achieved through the economic and legal subjugation of men, it's getting a lot harder to make a case for female purity and blamelessness.

Nevertheless, scores of people are still trying to do so, with ever more improbable explanations for the rampant promiscuity, lack of consideration for children and family and outright cruelty that has come to characterize Western – and particularly English speaking – women. These explanations always attempt to expose some manner in which ordinary men are responsible, and the solution is always more of the poison that got us in this mess in the first place. Christian churches will demand that men indulge their wives and daughters, never faulting them for anything and working like oxen to provide for their every appetite. In fact, if a wife goes off the rails, the husband is always considered to be at fault in some manner, and more sacrifice is demanded of him. Maybe he wasn't "ambitious" enough, perhaps he had lust in his heart, or maybe he just failed by not being in the upper 5% of the income bracket that would allow his wife to lead the life she demands without having to take a job herself. The list goes on and on; the feminists make pretty much the same arguments, but with a different twist. There isn't a dime's worth of difference between these social conservatives and feminists, because when the song and dance is over the finger is always pointed at the ordinary stiff.

To provide a contrast, I'm going to draw upon an American cultural icon — one that people over the age of 30 or so should all have some familiarity with. Although very young adults and children may not know who she is, Laura Ingalls Wilder, née Laura Elizabeth Ingalls, was an important chronicler of life on the frontier of the American Midwest. The popular TV series *Little House on the Prairie* was based on her stories, and I watched many episodes while growing up. My mother and sister both read the books written by Laura Ingalls Wilder, as did millions of other Americans, most of whom were women. Most of the stories concern life on the prairie as a farm girl, which was full of hardship and struggle with the forces of nature in the northern states of the Great Plains. Mrs. Wilder drew inspiration from her childhood, and viewed the hard work and cooperation that helped her family prosper as a source of pride.



Laura's parents

Laura's father was a bit of a wanderer – the quintessential American pioneer – who moved from one state to the next to work the land, finally settling in the Dakota territory in 1879. She hailed from the American yeomanry, that class of sober, industrious people who lived by the word of the Good Book and formed the stable bedrock for the foundation of America's powerful, prosperous society. These were not the wild Indian fighters, cowboys and prospectors that occupy so much of the popular imagination due to their colorful and dramatic lives, awash in whiskey, perfumed by the acrid, brimstone smell of gunsmoke and driven by a lust for gold. No, their gold grew out

of the rich, black soil of the Great Plains, sowed by sober hands of husbandmen.

This was the environment Laura grew up in. It took a great deal of work, and she was expected to contribute to the household to the best of her ability. From a young age she had physically demanding chores, including milking cows, fetching water from the well, cooking, cleaning and anything else she could do to help out. Winters were bad in Kansas when she was a little girl, but in the Dakotas they were far more severe. Her father had no sons, so all the girls did their best to pitch in. Laura began teaching before the age of 16, helping children learn their reading, writing and arithmetic in a one-room schoolhouse. She didn't particularly like it, but her family needed the help, so she did her job without complaint.

Almanzo Wilder

At about this time, a young settler named Almanzo Wilder took an interest in her. The 25-year-old farmer saw something he liked in the bright, hard-working 15-year-old girl, and when she reached the age of 18, they married.

Almanzo was a handsome man, and it looked as though the young couple had a bright future. But life is not always gentle, and shortly after the couple married both were stricken by diptheria, which left Almanzo crippled. Then their baby boy died shortly after birth, drought ruined their crops, and they sank into debt. The first years of marriage were a terrible trial, and the healthy, promising husband Laura married had become an invalid who couldn't support a family. In 1890, five years after they married, they had to move back in with her parents so that Almanzo could recuperate and the young couple could survive. Once Almanzo recovered most of his mobility (he never fully recovered), they started over; Almanzo took jobs as a laborer and Laura worked as a seamstress to save up enough money to buy more farmland.

Laura as a young woman

Eventually, in 1894, they were able to buy 40 acres of wooded land on a hill near Mansfield, Missouri. They lived in a tiny log cabin without windows, selling wagonloads of cordwood in town to get by as they cleared the land acre by acre with axe and saw. Supplementing their income with jobs in town, the diligent work eventually started to pay off. It took nearly 20 years, but by middle age the couple had achieved a degree of prosperity and respectability, and could count themselves among the town's middle class. It was at this point that Laura began to write, first for an enthusiastic local audience in the Ozarks, and then for the wider regional audience, which appreciated her farming expertise as well as the interesting stories and opinions she shared. Her column was titled "As a Farm Woman Thinks."

Laura as a writer

Laura Ingalls Wilder may have been a remarkable woman, but she was far from extraordinary for the time. What really set her apart from other farm wives was not her grit or determination, but her talent for writing, particularly her skill in writing about lives they could relate to. Looking back from today, it is amazing to think that the patience and determination with which she faced her travails characterized most of society. But it is a fact that she was

popular not for being a superstar of one sort or another, but rather the kind of woman that midwestern families knew and relied on. They appreciated her for her love of their way of life, and her advice in helping others succeed and prosper in the face of formidable obstacles.

For his part, Almanzo was fortunate to have a wife like Laura. But then again, he was far from alone in this blessing. She did what any man of the time would have expected of a wife. Certainly, Almanzo had no intention of falling ill and spiraling into debt in the first few years of marriage, but these things happen, and rather than guilt, he felt more appreciation for the sacrifices his wife made, and as soon as he was able he pulled the family back up from the skids. In the beginning of his marriage, Almanzo "failed" in a many ways. Because they rarely spoke about intimate matters in those days, we can only imagine the frustration and sorrow the young family faced during those hard times. From the evidence, all we can see is that they overcame it together. The young couple must have taken their wedding vows seriously — what an odd concept!

Today, despite the huge increase in comfort and prosperity, a young couple like the Wilders in their first few years of marriage would be out of luck. Preachers would be hollering at Almanzo that he "isn't a real man" because his wife has to work to support him (oddly, preachers seem to think telling their female congregants that their husbands are losers will prevent divorce — are they stupid, or evil for that?), Laura's friends would all be telling her to dump the loser and move on as a single mother, and even her parents might do their best to shove them apart. Laura probably would have divorced Almanzo to live an unfulfilling life as a single mother and schoolteacher, and Almanzo would have a diminished life as a noncustodial parent working lousy jobs just to pay his child support and keep himself fed and clothed — he'd certainly have no motivation to do any more. All that potential the couple had would be squandered by the combined onslaught of social conservative and feminist man-blaming, which is really nothing more than social pressure pushing women away from constructive family roles as wives and mothers. And of course, if it all finally turned out to be a big tragedy for the young family, all the righteous types would smirk and say "see, it really is *your fault* Almanzo, because you are an inferior man, and didn't deserve Laura." Then they would set about "changing" men to make them better, because *something must be wrong with men* for this to be such a common occurrence.

Laura at 70

If the wreckers of the modern American family had the kind of social influence they do today 200 years ago, the

United States would have been stillborn. There would be no superpower with enough wealth and bounty to feed this clamorous horde of parasites. Fortunately for the Wilders, they didn't really get going until after both were dead. Unfortunately for the rest of us, this is what we have to contend with.

After achieving prosperity and comfort, the Wilders lived long, happy lives. Almanzo died at 92, and was followed eight years later by his wife, Laura, who lived to 90, dying in 1959.

The Spearhead Needs Your Support

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It's time to pay the bills and meet financial obligations, so the seasonal fund drive is once again upon The Spearhead. Fortunately, last season saw *The Spearhead* make a significant jump in traffic and rank, following a low-key summer. September through December was particularly impressive, as daily unique visitors rose by some 35% and Alexa rank dropped to well under 100,000 for the month of December, during which The Spearhead had several days of unprecedented traffic and reach, and received an all-time high of 77,000 unique visitors for the month. Although things have calmed down in the last few weeks, daily unique visits remain over 3,000 for most weekdays, which is a large increase from six months ago, when 2,500 would have been a remarkable day in any given week.

About 1,500 people are accessing the site every day via RSS, and roughly the same number are visiting the site on a daily basis, which means we have about 3,000 people who are loyal, daily readers of the site's content. Many times more than that are occasional readers, and only about 40% of visitors bounce, so it can safely be assumed that the number of people who read and appreciate what *The Spearhead* has to offer is somewhere in the low tens of thousands. My estimate, based on watching the numbers since the site's inception, would be that around 15-20,000 people are familiar with the site and visit more often than once a month.

Although that isn't a huge number, it's fairly significant. *The Spearhead* has earned an international readership, and its influence is starting to be felt by more mainstream publications as readers post links and discuss men's issues online and in other forms of media. In fact, just this morning I noticed in the traffic logs that someone was checking out *The Spearhead* from the NY Times admin community, most likely to investigate a link someone posted in a comment. This is really how it works — when people start talking about things others start checking them out, impressions are made, they are brought up again, and interest grows.

However, maintaining a steady flow of content, keeping a handle on the trends, editing, scheduling and writing all take work. Keeping an eye on the server and software, making updates and fixing bugs takes work. Moderating and approving comments, fetching comments mistakenly sent to the spam folder, and deleting duplicates is time-consuming. To put it simply, running the site is a real job. Fortunately, it's a rewarding job, and it appears to be making a difference. However, it isn't all that lucrative. The internet makes information all the more accessible, but in setting such low barriers to the dissemination of information, it also makes it considerably more difficult to profit from it without making it any easier to produce quality content.

Although I expect to start drawing some income again from ads through Blogads (the link to purchase ads is on the upper left sidebar as well as Blogads' ad sales page), as a natural skeptic, I'm not the most effective salesman. One thing *The Spearhead* could really use is an ad agent of some sort. If I could find a "blog agent" or the like, I'd love to hear from him.

Another potential income source is our own publications. I've been meaning to put one out since last spring, but I'd have to take at least a week off the site to put one together, and I've been loathe to even spend one day without putting some work into *The Spearhead*. It's become a fairly consuming job, and I've found a degree of fulfillment in writing for appreciative readers and posting the great content offered by authors and guest posters. But as much as I like running this site and doing this job, reality intrudes when I get the bills and have to deal all the ordinary expenses of life, so support from readers is crucial.

Each time I've asked for donations people have come through, some with a great deal of generosity and kindness. All of us who appreciate *The Spearhead*, from readers to contributors, owe them gratitude, because without this support the site would have to be abandoned or significantly diminished. If that were to happen now, right on the cusp of the awakening to the fact that something is gravely amiss in society where sexual politics is concerned, it would be a real shame. One of the unique things about *The Spearhead* is that it bridges the gap between the first generation of men who dealt with the effects of gender politics and the young men who are just starting out in life

and having to face the ugly truth. In that sense, it offers some much-needed continuity; a generational transfer of knowledge that's been sorely lacking in our largely fatherless society.

So far, the site has been a success. At just a few months over a year old, it's still a baby in relative terms, and still fragile, but with some perseverance and a little bit of luck it should be going strong for some time. As traffic grows and more people take notice, it should eventually become self-sustaining, but for now support from readers is crucial in allowing me to keep the site running and keep the content flowing.

I'd like to thank everyone involved, including readers, authors and online activists spreading the word. We've done something remarkable in achieving such a high degree of interest in a subject people have been sweeping under the carpet for years, and as recent events demonstrate, the discussion is just beginning to burst out into the open.

Please help keep *The Spearhead* going strong — all donations are appreciated.

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When Your Adult Daughter Suddenly "Remembers" That You Raped Her When She Was Three . . . .

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In Dane County, Wisconsin, a jury has awarded $1 million to Dr. Charles and Karen Johnson, a former Madison couple who alleged that therapists implanted in their now adult daughter false memories of childhood sexual and physical abuse. The case has been cluttering up the docket for fourteen years, but at the time it was filed, it was just "one in a long line [of cases] across the country related to a controversial treatment called recovered memory therapy," see here, a therapy that supposedly helps patients reclaim repressed memories.

One day, the adult daughter, Charlotte Johnson, who is now estranged from her parents and had nothing to do with their lawsuit, dropped a bombshell on them by announcing that her physician father had raped her when she was 3-years-old. See here. Charlotte later announced that her mother had attacked her with a knife and tried to drown her. She also claimed that her parents were Satanists who dabbled in cults and infanticide. See here.

"It's wacko stuff," said the Johnson's attorney Bill Smoler, who specializes in false memory cases.

Although mothers are not spared from the daggers of their daughters' lies in false memory cases, fathers, and their penises, are the primary targets of repressed memories.

For the record, in the Johnson case, the defendants' attorney denies that his clients practiced recovered memory therapy. Nevertheless, the jury found in favor of Dr. and Mrs. Johnson.

During the 1990s, there were thousands of false memory cases across America. One involved Katie Spanuello's daughter, who accused Katie and her husband of abusing her as a child. It turns out the allegations were made only after the daughter had read a book called "The Courage to Heal," written by feminist poet and creative writing teacher Ellen Bass and incest survivor Laura Davis, which encouraged women to find the source of their emotional problems by dredging up painful memories of childhood abuse. The problem is, many women dredged up things that never happened. Aside from reading "The Courage to Heal," according to Katie Spanuello, the daughter made her false claim only after affiliating herself with "militant feminists." The daughter eventually recanted her claim. See here.

Former supermodel Karen Mulder once claimed in front of a live audience that many men–including her friend Prince Albert of Monaco and her own father–had raped her. Mulder ultimately admitted that she was suffering from emotional problems because, she claimed, she had been abused by an older male family friend (who is now dead and cannot refute the claim) when she was two years old. She "repressed" the incident for many years but, of course, was able to piece it back together in psychoanalysis. That's all the "experts" needed to hear: "In some ways, delusions can be an adaptive response to stress," said Bonnie Strickland, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. "Sometimes, when trying to understand why something happened to you, you start making up things that are going wrong that you can point to. If there's a history of sexual abuse, then the rape allegations could well be an attempt to understand how she feels toward men in general. She knows that something is wrong." See here.

You see? False rape claims are perfectly understandable after all. The false accuser isn't a criminal; she just needs help.

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals recently explained:

"Overall, at least seventy-two individuals were convicted in nearly a dozen major child sex abuse and satanic ritual prosecutions between 1984 and 1995, although almost all the convictions have since been reversed. . . . Some defendants, fearing trial, pled guilty or 'no contest' to impossible acts of ritualistic abuse, and in some cases they provided detailed confessions in exchange for immunity or generous plea bargains. . . . . Many have described these widespread prosecutions as a modern-day 'witch hunt.'

"These prosecutions were largely based on memories that alleged victims 'recovered' through suggestive memory recovery tactics . . . . Indeed, the dramatic increase in conspiratorial charges of child sexual abuse has been traced to a relatively small group of clinical psychologists who supported the psychoanalytic notion of 'repressed memories' and encouraged patients to employ extensive 'memory recovery procedures' to 'break through the barrier of repression and bring memories into conscious awareness.'"

Friedman v. Rehal, No. 08-0297 (2d Cir. filed August 16, 2010).

As if men don't have enough difficulty avoiding situations where false rape claims might occur, now even monogamous fathers, in seemingly stable relationships, had to worry about whether their grown daughters might imagine a rape that supposedly occurred 20 years ago.

While it might seem other-worldly that we would permit witch doctors to determine whether men languish behind bars for many years, the fact is, when it comes to men and sex allegations, no "science" is too bizarre, primitive, or inhumane. It's for that reason that penile plethysmograph testing, a sort a junk science polygraph of penises, and "masturbatory satiation" sessions, are often used as a basis to decide whether men or boys convicted of sex offenses should be released from custody.

I have a better idea to decide the fate of a man accused of a sex offense: bind his hands and feet, and throw him in a lake. If he floats, he's guilty.

Starve This Beast

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Many people simply write off "conspiracy theory" as nothing more than fantastic SyFy channel fantasy, defined by stories of reptile aliens and satanic Boehmian Grove carnival freakshows.

They couldn't be more wrong.

A conspiracy is nothing more than a group of people conspiring to carry out some action or actions to achieve certain goals, using their resources to effect deception, dishonesty, and misdirection so as to gain from the peoples ignorance as they focus on all of the mass media misinformation and disinformation promulgated as weapons of mass distraction.

For instance, when one encounters left wing liberals who are staunch anti-capitalist and anti-free market ideologues, they will sometimes make reference to the need for more Government regulation of business and the marketplace…otherwise you get the conditions for those dreadful "Robber Barons" who exploited the masses back in the early 20th century to amass fantastic wealth.

For example, note how this self-identified lefty blogger discusses "robber barons" and "unbridled capitalism." He effectively describes the system of corporatism…which is really nothing more than a new name for fascism.

Real capitalism, by definition is "unbridled." Pure capitalism is a free market.

The Robber Barons were not capitalists. They were Corporatists…aka Fascists. They used their wealth to finance elections to gain influence on the politicians to pass laws that would benefit their bottom lines by eliminating their competition through regulations and enforcement, thereby granting these Robber Baron's corporations industry-wide cartels.

They CONSPIRED.

Conspired to take over the country and institute their vision of Government by the Corporations, for the Corporations…unbridled *corporatism*, not capitalism.

Yet those same robber barons that the leftist will decry as the primary example for why we need the Government to "regulate" the economy…

…are the same who financed, supported and lobbied to create the Federal Reserve in the first place…and who also now own significant shares of the stocks of the Fed's member banks.

From the FDIC Learning Bank:

> The term robber baron was revived in the 19th century in the U.S. as a pejorative term describing businessman who allegedly used unscrupulous tactics in their business operations and on the stock market to amass huge personal fortunes.Many of their massive businesses controlled a large majority of all activity in the respective industry, often arrived at through predatory pricing schemes that are now illegal.
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> Some of the most notable robber barons were J.P. Morgan (banking), John D. Rockefeller (oil), and Andrew Carnegie (steel).

Take special note of those three names.

Check out the Congressional Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing Report of 1976. Note that all three names figure prominently in the formation and ownership of the Federal Reserve member banks.

All three amassed vast fortunes and enormous political control. All three had their wealth turned into multi-generational dynasties. All three estates eventually formed Foundations to protect the family wealth from the

normal taxes We the Sheeple have to pay, as well as effecting the means of influencing society for their long term benefit.

For instance, The Rockefeller Foundation funded Feminism…they CONSPIRED to change the very fabric of society by attacking the Patriarchal structure of the nuclear family.

Here's an interviewer with film maker Aaron Russo, recounting a conversation he had with Nick Rockefeller before Rouss0 died in 2007:

Excerpt from Aaron Russo's last interview before his death in 2007:

> Well one of the things he told me was that.. he was at the house one night and we started talking and he was laughing and he said,
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> "Aaron what do you think Women's Liberation was all about?"
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> And I had pretty conventional thinking about it at that point and I said,
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> "I think it's about women having the right to work to get equal pay with men just like they won the right to vote."
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> He started to laugh and he said,
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> "Your an idiot."
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> And I said,
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> "Why am I an idiot?"
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> And he said,
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> "Let me tell you what that was about. We the Rockefellers funded that."
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> "We funded Women's Lib and we're the ones who got it all over the newspapers and television (through) the Rockefeller Foundation…"
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> And he says,
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> "You wanna know why?
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> There were two primary reasons.
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> And one reason was we couldn't tax half the population before Women's Lib and the second reason was now we get the kids in school at an early age.. we can indoctrinate kids on how to think and with it break up their family. The kids start looking at the state as the family.. As the schools as the officials as their family.. not the parents teaching them. And so those were the two primary reasons for Women's Lib."

Some people will ignore this quote and say that conspiracy theories are nothing more than reptilian alien sex fiend delusions promoting female supremacy.

These same folks will laugh and criticize the likes of one of the internet's most famous conspiracy theorist, Henry Makow, as a complete moonbat who hurts the cause of Men's Rights.

Yet Henry Makow repeatedly issues the most basic and simplest of challenges for people who think he's a loon to see how right or wrong he is: Google "Rockefeller Foundation" and "Women's Studies."

The Rockefeller Foundation literally has bankrolled the primary transmitter of Cultural Feminism for the last several decades in the US – the Women's Studies programs in colleges and Universities across the country.

All the aspiring journalists, film makers, screenwriters, and other news media and entertainment industry focused students took these women's studies classes during their educational careers, and hit the mass media production industry after graduation, fully indoctrinated in the attitudes and ideas of the feminist zeitgeist. And it literally

embedded itself into the mass media propaganda we now call “info-tainment” to make it a cultural influence that has perfectly socially engineered our modern feminist society.

But remember…this is crazy conspiracy theory. It couldn’t possibly be true…feminism was an organic, grass roots movement born of women who were truly oppressed by Western Patriarchy!

The Carnegie Foundation has also been a big supporter of feminist scholarship.

But for this article, I’d like focus primarily on the third Robber Baron’s Estate listed: JP Morgan.

While Carnegie and Rockefeller’s wealth were used to create Foundations to exert influence over society, JP Morgan became one of our present day banks “too big to fail.”

But don’t be mistaken if you think that JP Morgan doesn’t have anything to do with feminism either.

In fact, JP Morgan has ingeniously positioned itself to reap massive profits from one of the lynch pins of effecting Feminist policy in the U.S. – the Food Stamp programs now using debit cards instead of the Federally printed paper “stamps.”

As the Economic Collapse Blog points out:

> JP Morgan is the largest processor of food stamp benefits in the United States. JP Morgan has contracted to provide food stamp debit cards in 26 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. JP Morgan is paid for each case that it handles, so that means that the more Americans that go on food stamps, the more profits JP Morgan makes. Yes, you read that correctly. When the number of Americans on food stamps goes up, JP Morgan makes more money.

Food stamps is one of the programs that enable women to create more single mother households. Women don’t need Men to be providers now…they have JP Morgan to assist the Federal Government in taking money from working taxpayers and feeding single mother households and their illegitimate broods!

JP Morgan also administers child support debit cards in 15 States, making it more efficient for child support agencies to take money from Dads and deposit them via electronic funds transfers into these debit card accounts so women will have a much easier time spending the support payments with their JP Morgan child support debit cards.

Isn’t JP Morgan just great?!

I say it’s time to starve this beast.

If you have a JP Morgan bank account, close it. Take your business elsewhere.

If you have a JP Morgan credit card, pay it off or transfer your balance to a smaller bank that isn’t a part owner of the Federal Reserve banking system nor a profiteer off of the feminazi welfare state.

Reduce your tax obligations to the least amount possible. It’s our tax dollars being used to pay the likes of JP Morgan to administer these debit card programs.

Better yet, expatriate to some country where Rockefeller and Carnegie sponsored social engineering – aka “feminism” – has yet to take a demographically destructive hold on the populace (if such places even exist anymore).

All things considered, I realize that realistically, such actions taken by the amount of readers who would take this seriously still wouldn’t even come close to being able to starve this beast. It’s grown to large, too menacing and too rapacious.

But at least you won’t be supporting it’s continued devouring of Western Civilization. After all, even if you can’t effectively starve the beast, that doesn’t mean you should help to feed it either.

Young British MP Puts Feminists on the Defensive

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A few days ago, Conservative MP Dominic Raab went after feminism in the most extraordinarily explicit terms anyone has used in decades. He states that men get the shaft at work, feminists are "bigots" (!), the wage gap is a myth, and the feminist attack on men must be stopped. His statements could have come straight out of *The Spearhead* or *Angry Harry*, sites I'd assume he has some familiarity with. Although I'm sure many readers have already seen the comment Raab made, much of it is worth repeating. Coming from a politician, the following passage is jaw-droppingly frank:

> While we have some of the toughest anti-discrimination laws in the world, we are blind to some of the most flagrant discrimination – against men. From the cradle to the grave, men are getting a raw deal. Men work longer hours, die earlier, but retire later than women. That won't be fixed for another seven years. One reason women are left 'holding the baby' is anti-male discrimination in rights of maternity/paternity leave – which Clegg wants to tackle. Then there are 'pre-nups', recording the wishes of partners before they get married. Those wishes were serially ignored in this country, until last year – when one was enforced in favour of a woman, loaded German heiress Katrin Radmacher. Meanwhile, young boys are educationally disadvantaged compared to girls, and divorced or separated fathers are systematically ignored by the courts. A father turned up to one of my constituency surgeries, complaining that dozens of court orders requiring access rights had been flouted by his ex-wife. He asked me to write to Ministers, not because he harboured any hope of changing the situation, but so he could show his children he had tried everything when they reach adulthood.

At nearly 37, Raab is right in the transitional generation that grew up in the wake of feminist changes to society. I should know — he's only about a half year older than me. For men of this age, it started from birth. Naturally, they went after the children first, so the feminist juggernaut forged resolutely on just a step in front of us our entire lives. For us, male privilege sounds like a cruel joke — it's never existed. As small children, we were subjected to gender neutral toys and propaganda (e.g. "Free To Be, You and Me"), girls were favored throughout grade school, and just when we started to come of age the most draconian anti-father laws in human history were put in place. It doesn't surprise me in the least to see that the first male politician to confront feminism head-on comes from this generation.

Such a powerful statement from a politician can only come from a position of moral strength, and it must have a good deal of support, because the feminist response has been defensive — something we never would have seen in the 90s, when they were in full attack mode.

In The Guardian, which appears to have become the feminist mouthpiece for the UK, Laurie Penny responds by calling Mr. Raab's assertions "myths," and attempts to do some damage control. She denies that feminists have made men's lives worse, argues that "equality" legislation strengthens ordinary families, and tries to avoid the issue of women's choices and decisions in regards to the so-called "wage gap." Much of her response is a recapitulation of the standard feminist strategy of dissimulation and projection:

> Raab is absolutely correct to suggest that many are "fed up of men and women being pitted against each other in an outdated battle of the sexes". Unfortunately, his insistence that working men's problems are the fault of feminism seems set to stir up yet more bitterness between men and women in the workplace: a classic strategy of divide and rule. Convincing ordinary people that women are making gains at the expense of men, or vice versa, distracts us all from the truth – that more than ever under this government's austerity programme, it is the rich who are making gains at the expense of the poor.

Those not in the know – and their numbers are fewer every day – might not see that the above passage contains a

couple whoppers, such as the suggestion that it isn't feminists who are inciting war between the sexes for their own benefit, but rather those selfish, greedy patriarchs who refuse to raise taxes even higher for the benefit of the "poor." What a load. Feminists know well that social services are geared to remove money from men and put it in the hands of women, often those with high-paid government and nonprofit positions. Gender warmongering is an integral part of this process — loaded DV and sexual harassment stats have been a huge source of funds for female bureaucrats and professional activists, and they have led to laws that quite clearly oppress men and advantage women both in the home and the workplace.

Raab's salvo against feminism was impressive and heartening, but it wasn't the first shot fired back at the feminists. At the grassroots level, men have been on the front lines for decades. The first few were a lonely crew, but the voices that were once drowned out by the crowd are growing in strength, and more and more men are coming into the light. If it weren't for this growing awareness among men that they are suffering under an unjust regime, and an increasing willingness to express it, Raab wouldn't have had the support that allowed him to take such a resolute stand against feminist excesses. Our efforts truly are beginning to pay off, and this is just the beginning.

Should Men Tame Their Rhetoric?

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The Spearhead and its commenters have come under fire from the usual suspects for being too strident, uncompromising and angry, and for not behaving like obedient little boys. Of course, this is a typical political ploy — point out your opponents' anger as proof that they are the bad guys. Never mind the fact that many, many men have every reason to be angry; that doesn't matter. What counts is how slick you are and how reasonable you can appear, even if what you're proposing is unconscionable. For example, it never ceased to amaze me how people such as Dick Cheney and Paul Wolfowitz could dispassionately argue for war, despite the fact that it meant that tens of thousands of entirely innocent people would die. From a moral standpoint, this seems worse than some fire-breathing jingoist screaming for national revenge. There's something about dispassionate arguments for killing that is extraordinarily creepy.

Following the shooting of Arizona Representative Giffords, the hue and cry from the left about "violent rhetoric" was deafening. It calmed down a bit when the shooter, Jared Loughner, turned out to be obsessed and likely insane, but not particularly motivated by political rhetoric. Actually, the conspiracies he ascribed to were characterized not by how emotionally compelling they were, but rather by being very odd, like him. So it wasn't Bill O'Reilly or Glenn Beck who motivated Loughner to pull the trigger. No, it was something that had gone wrong in his mind, much like what motivated John Hinckley to attempt Ronald Reagan's assassination.

But again, it didn't really matter whether or not political opponents were responsible for Loughner's murderous spree — the goal was to dominate the debate. And this is exactly what men are facing from feminists today. Whether or not we've done anything wrong, and whether or not we've advocated for truly atrocious things as many of our opponents have (for example Valenti's suggestion that we get rid of presumption of innocence), we're supposed to be ashamed and follow their rules concerning what we can and cannot express, and how we can express it.

I'd like to make a comparison to another debate that is occurring right now amongst feminists and their ideological allies. It directly concerns feminists, including one who is a registered member of Jessica Valenti's Feministing site and a rather prominent Philadelphia-area activist. It also concerns a horrific series of crimes that are coming to light, so sensitive readers, or people who are just having a bad day might want to hit the back button on their browser and come back to finish the article only when they are in a good, confident mood. Yes, it is that bad.

William Saletan of Slate, a liberal Republican who is essentially pro-choice and has criticized the Catholic Church for alleged misogyny, recently wrote a piece about Dr. Kermit Gosnell, a Philadelphia abortionist who has been charged with murder for killing seven viable babies and one patient. In Saletan's essay, he questions the feminists' uncompromising position on abortion. The details of the case are disgusting. In fact, they are downright nauseating.

Because many of his patients were very late in their pregnancies, Gosnell would induce birth, delivering living, breathing babies. In one instance, a baby was left crying on a table for 20 minutes before he killed it. Gosnell ended the babies' lives by a process he called "snipping." This consisted of stabbing the child in the neck with scissors and severing its spine. Gosnell routinely flouted the law, fudging the reports on fetal age in order to abort babies beyond the legally-imposed 24 week limit, which is a very generous timeframe. In one documented case the child was nearly six pounds — within the normal range for a full-term birth. Gosnell made a joke about that baby boy, saying he was big enough to walk him to the bus stop.

Although investigators initially raided him for illegal prescriptions, they found a house of horrors in his clinic:

> What they found, according to the report, was "filthy, deplorable, and disgusting": Blood on the floor. The stench of urine. Cat feces on the stairs. Semi-conscious women moaning in the waiting or revovery rooms, covered with blood-stained blankets. Broken equipment. Blocked or locked exits.

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> investigators found fetal bodies and body parts in garbage bags, plastic bozes and bottles at the clinic.

The grand jury report is much worse. It includes pictures, so please don't look at it unless you have a strong stomach. From the report:

> Among the relatively few cases that could be specifically documented, one was Baby Boy A. His 17-year-old mother was almost 30 weeks pregnant – seven and a half months – when labor was induced. An employee estimated his birth weight as approaching six pounds. He was breathing and moving when Dr. Gosnell severed his spine and put the body in a plastic shoebox for disposal. The doctor joked that this baby was so big he could "walk me to the bus stop." Another, Baby Boy B, whose body was found at the clinic frozen in a one-gallon spring-water bottle, was at least 28 weeks of gestational age when he was killed. Baby C was moving and breathing for 20 minutes before an assistant came in and cut the spinal cord, just the way she had seen Gosnell do it so many times.

Although there is room for debate amongst ordinary, decent people concerning early-term abortion and whether or not it is morally acceptable, I don't think anyone with a conscience or a shred of decency could condone what Dr. Gosnell was doing in that Philadelphia clinic. And this is where feminists come into the picture.

In his article, Saletan highlights statements made by Steph Herold and Susan Yanow, a couple of prominent feminists who recently wrote a piece defending abortion at any time during pregnancy.

Saletan includes the following quote from the two in his article:

> Women have no obligation to make a decision as soon as they possibly can. The only obligation women have is to take the time they need to make the decision that is right for them. Don't we believe that women are moral decision makers, and carefully consider their options when faced with an unwanted pregnancy? Don't we reject the anti-choice rhetoric that women make the decision to have an abortion callously? The pro-choice movement takes a step backward when we judge that a woman has taken too long to make what may be a life-changing decision. Shouldn't we want women to take the time they need to make the best decision, regardless of where they are in the pregnancy?

The gist of the feminists' argument comes down to the idea that women have "moral agency," which is interpreted by feminists to mean that whatever she chooses to do with her child is a moral choice that is beyond criticism. This is really the heart of feminist ideology: anything a woman wants, at any time, is "moral."

From Steph Herold and Susan Yanow's response to Saletan:

> When leaders in the pro-choice movement start to speculate about restricting abortion rights to appease the anti-choice movement, they have lost sight of what the pro-choice movement is about: respecting women as **moral decision makers**.
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> [...]
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> An early choice to end an unwanted pregnancy, while medically easier and to some more politically palatable is not necessarily a better or more **moral choice**. Women deserve to have all the time they need in order to make the best pregnancy decision for themselves and for their families, even if this means having a later abortion.
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> [...]
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> The only obligation women have is to take the time they need to make the decision that is right for them. Don't we believe that women are **moral decision makers**, and carefully consider their options when faced with an unwanted pregnancy?

After looking at the grand jury report, which was so bad that I don't think I'll be able to eat for hours, it's surreal to see these feminists arguing that killing viable infants at a late stage of pregnancy is "moral." But this is exactly what they are doing. They may call it "abortion," but when you kill a squirming, crying baby with a pair of scissors, that's *murder*.

Yes, these feminists are openly condoning murder, and calling it a "moral choice." Not only murder as in "in my opinion, it's murder," but murder as in you will do time in prison for it today, decades after Roe v. Wade.

Given this fact, how far would we have to go at *The Spearhead* to match their own rhetoric? Well, if you're going to compare apples to apples, I suppose I'd have to write an essay stating that men, having human rights like women, are "moral decision makers," and if they want to blow a feminist's head off with a shotgun they are simply making a "moral choice" that we ought to honor. And if, after performing this procedure, they chose to freeze her corpse in a water cooler, who am I to judge?

Of course, we never go that far at *The Spearhead*. I draw the line when it comes to killing or maiming people. But does that stop the feminists? Of course not. How could you expect people who count enthusiastic and outspoken supporters of murder among their ranks to exercise any restraint or fight fair? The thing is, they will do and say whatever they can in an effort to shut us up, so they can escalate their own rhetoric and promote their plans without any opposition. They've already done away with constitutional due process through abuse of restraining orders and DV laws, millions of men have been ruined through no fault of their own, children are deprived of fathers en masse, and now they're supporting baby killing. I'm convinced that the next thing they will push for is outright slavery — there's already a good deal of support amongst feminists for putting fathers who are in arrears on child support in penal labor camps.

It is precisely for this reason that toning down our rhetoric is the last thing we should worry about. Our opponents' concept of morality simply isn't the same as ours. To them, objective morality *does not exist*, and we'd have to abandon it as well were we to play by their rules. In other words, if we were reasonable and "understanding" toward them, we'd be their accomplices.

At this point, given what feminists have done and how much farther they want to take things, we would be making a grave mistake in compromising with them or giving any ground at all — this is not the time for appeasement. If anything, we need to turn up the volume and fight them all the harder. It is the moral thing to do.

Women Are Paid To Lie About Rape

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It is central tenet of the sexual grievance industry that women never, or hardly ever, lie about rape because the burden of subjecting themselves to the ordeal of the criminal justice system outweighs any conceivable benefit from such a lie.

This, of course, is nonsense. In one of the few serious studies ever conducted on the subject, see here, three principal motivations for false rape claims were identified: (1) to "serve[ ] the complainants' need to provide a plausible explanation for some suddenly foreseen, unfortunate consequence of a consensual encounter, usually sexual, with a male acquaintance"; (2) to serve as "a means of retaliating against a rejecting male"; and (3) to serve as an "attention/sympathy-getting device."

If significant numbers of women are willing to lie about rape because they crave attention or wish to exact revenge, is it not all the more plausible that some women will lie for the far more rational reason of obtaining a significant sum of money? The question scarcely survives its statement.

In the UK, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA) furnishes a monetary incentive to lie about rape. Under the Compensation Scheme, Britain pays crime victims, including women who claim they've been raped, substantial sums of money as "compensation." The alleged rapes need not have involved violence to trigger the payments.

The compensation system has been subjected to rampant fraud, and women have falsely cried rape in order to collect. In one well-publicized case, a false accuser was compensated a substantial sum of money for her lie.

In contrast, it was affirmed last year: Britain does *not* compensate men for the harm they suffer after being falsely accused, no matter how egregious. The double-standard is stark, and morally grotesque. It tells us much about how our society regards the victims of false rape claims – as flotsam, unfortunate but tolerable collateral damage in "the more important" war on rape.

Who Is Covered?

The CICA, funded by the Ministry of Justice, pays victims of "violent crimes" according to an established scheme of tariffs. The Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme (2008) sets forth the standard amounts paid for each category of crime. The Scheme is found here. A payment will be made if the alleged violent crime was more likely than not to have occurred. (Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme (2008) ¶20.) There is no necessity to prove the crime beyond a reasonable doubt, which is the standard for conviction in UK criminal courts.

While the Compensation Scheme is designed to cover crimes of violence, an exception is made for non-forcible rape and other sexual crimes not involving violence. Payments are made for mental injury, including "temporary mental anxiety," suffered by non-consenting victims of sexual offenses. (Criminal Injuries Compensation (2008) ¶9.) Under the compensation scheme, non-consensual penile penetration warrants UK £11,000. (Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme (2008) Page 34.) Greater sums are allotted depending on the severity of the injury inflicted. A non-penetrative sexual physical act "over the clothing" warrants UK £1000. (Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme (2008) Page 34.) This, presumably, includes a single instance of inappropriate touching.

In the UK during 2008-2009, 1,938 payments were made to "victims" of rape for a total of £30,197,619. See here.

Who Is *Not* Covered?

The UK does not compensate men who were falsely accused of rape, no matter how terrible their victimization. I previously wrote to the CICA and asked if a false rape claim would be covered, noting that such claims often have the effect of mentally (not to mention financially) destroying the falsely accused. I received a prompt and professional response that included the following: "Under the terms of our scheme unfortunately this would not be

covered. Under the terms of our scheme for eligibility, applicants need to be the victim of a violent crime."

This policy was affirmed in an important legal precedent handed down last year involving a falsely accused cab driver named Clive Bishop. After winning the right in court to apply for the same sort of monetary compensation as other crime victims receive, Mr. Bishop, who lost his taxi business and was shunned by the community as a result of the false rape claim that sent his false accuser to jail for ten months, was denied compensation for his ordeal by the CICA for the same reason the CICA had related to me: Mr. Bishop was not the victim of a violent crime.

"It's just ripped the heart out of me and the last three-and-a-half years have been a total nightmare," Mr. Bishop said. See the story here. Mr. Bishop told False Rape Society: "It is not about the money for me. It is a recognition of the horrific consequences it brings." He added: ". . . sexual offences that are alleged are the only crime where innocent people are arrested locked up without any evidence to back up what someone has alleged. . . . Don't forget while I was arrested for a crime that never occurred and locked up, my freedom and liberty denied, she was in a comfortable suite being befriended and pandered. My emotions were ignored and I was arrested, judged and convicted without any compassion or evidence. Believe me when I say that I am still suffering!"

It is important to underscore the terrible double-standard here: the victim of a single instance of a sexual act over the clothing is entitled to compensation, but a man falsely accused of rape who is arrested and jailed for weeks, months or even years, who is subjected to untold mental agonies, who loses his friends, the esteem of his community, his job, his business, and his good name, is entitled to nothing.

The victimization of men falsely accused of rape, no matter how egregious their injuries, is regarded as less worthy of society's protection than the victimization of non-forcible rape victims, no matter how slight their injuries.

Falsely accused men are not the only ones who aren't covered. The vast majority of boys who are statutorily raped by adult women are not covered, either. This is because victims of sexual offenses are not covered if they "consented in fact." (Criminal Injuries Compensation (2008) ¶9(c).) This effectively rules out virtually all claims involving the statutory rape of a teen boy by an adult woman because the boy is typically a willing participant. The fact that the law has determined that boys are incapable of giving valid, legally operative consent to engage in sexual acts with an adult is of no import to the CICA.

The Compensation Scheme Exacerbates the False Rape Epidemic

Remember Grant Bowers? He was just an ordinary teenager when a 20-year-old woman named Sarah-Jane Hillard decided his life didn't mean as much as the £7,500 she would collect from the CICA if she claimed he raped her. She was caught, but Grant's life was destroyed. "I don't know why she did it but her lies have ruined my life," he said. Grant had to move out of his hometown because of threats against him. People were kicking the door of his flat in and shouting "rapist" though the letterbox. Someone offered a reward to learn his whereabouts. He was chased through town with a knife. Is it surprising that for a time, he was physically sick with worry and was constantly teary? All because a woman wanted to collect money from the CICA. See here.

The problem of fraud in the Compensation Scheme has been evident for years. In 2001, the chief executive of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board blamed the growth in false criminal claims in general on a compensation culture. A CICA report published that year highlighted rampant fraud in the compensation system:

"Among the [fraudulent] cases is that of a woman who has been asked to repay £7,500 after falsely claiming she was raped by a tramp. Last year, a court found that Natalie Knighting, a 21-year-old with three children, had made up the story. She was jailed for six months. Ms. Knighting had won compensation from the CICA for the second time. She had been awarded the same amount of compensation for sexual assault as a child. So far, the authority has been unable to recover any money from her." See here.

But, of course, the government denies that the Compensation Scheme breeds false rape claims even though the CICA itself has acknowledged rampant fraud as a result of this compensation culture, and even though we know significant numbers of women lie about rape for far less rational reasons.

In a 2007 debate in the House of Lords, Lord Campbell-Savours questioned the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State on this subject:

“My Lords, is it possible that one reason for high rates of false allegations and low rates of conviction for rape is that a minority—I stress that—of women make false allegations in order to win compensation which, in the case of rape, is £11,000? Why do we not move to the German system, where the state does not pay and where compensation follows civil action, as against the state paying? Surely the trauma of rape requires not state-funded windfalls but counseling services that really help victims.”

The Under-Secretary rejected the question out of hand:

“My Lords, a victim of rape should get both compensation and counseling and support. It is not either/or; it is both/and. As the noble Lord will know, it is very important that we make sure that where convictions are made, people can get some kind of recompense for the trauma and injury that they may have received. As for the reasons why people make false allegations, I do not agree that one of the primary objectives is to get £11,000. There may be very serious reasons why people do that, which we need to consider.”

See here. The Under-Secretary stuck her head in the sand and flatly refused to entertain the notion that women would lie about rape for anything as crass as money. It would have to be a more “serious” reason than that.

She would do well to review The False Rape Society website sometime. Among the motivations for false rape claims we’ve reported on in the recent past are following: the accuser’s boyfriend took too long to buy cigarettes; several women didn’t want to pay cab fares, so they accused innocent cab drivers of rape; a girl wanted to get back at her teen ex-boyfriend — her rape lie not only got him convicted, but two of his friends as well; a woman wanted to get back at her ex-boyfriend for breaking it off, so she falsely accused him of rape and candidly admitted: “I just wanted him to be hurt because of what he’d done”; a young woman wanted her young ex-boyfriend “to feel extreme pain”; a woman sent a man to prison for five years because she was bored; a woman was bent on revenge after a road rage incident; a man refused to give his false accuser a beer; a maid falsely accused her employer of rape because she didn’t like her workload; a girl falsely accused a man of rape for throwing a flower at her; a woman caused three men to be interrogated for rapes they didn’t commit because she wanted a day off from work; and an 18-year-year-old boy was hauled out of class, arrested, and jailed for a month on a random false rape claim by a girl he had never even met.

But, no, a sizable financial payment couldn’t possibly be a motivation for a false rape claim. How silly to think such a thing is possible.

If someone wanted to do a study of the false rape problem in the UK, he could use the CICA’s Compensation Scheme as a microcosm: the government enables women to lie about rape and then wonders why more rape claims can’t be proved. And no matter how terribly men suffer from false rape claims, the government thinks they deserve nothing.

Chivalry Gone Awry

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An interesting conversation has been taking place on Dalrock's blog recently on the topic of chivalry, which sex provides more selfless help, and what words should be used to highlight the difference in help between men and women. Chivalry has been the word proposed and the word used but for a variety of reasons I have been left wondering if this is an appropriate choice.

What Chivalry Was Supposed to Mean

The code of chivalry was never meant to apply to the male population at large but rather a small subset who were the tough warriors of their day. These warrior ethos did not mean male servitude to women but called for a brotherhood between knights, courage during times that conjure up great fear, and dedication to king and cause. Part of the code did address taking care of the widow and orphan and being courteous to women but this was hardly the end all be all of this knightly code of honor. And back then, just as today, not all women were ladies; this was a title reserved for those of a certain social class not women who behave with a healthy heaping of decorum and propriety as the term is used today.

Taken in it's proper context, chivalry is not dead today. Our society still has a small minority of men who feel called to serve in the military, a reality that is well illustrated when one reads the creeds and military ethos of today. Yet it's not just on paper we see this modern day chivalry alive and thriving but in the way the media and justice system may treat military members who misbehave. In military towns it's not uncommon for news reports to say that a soldier/sailor/marine/coastie/airman committed the crime as opposed to using man or woman. If the accused service member happened to be in an elite branch the media will eat this up much as they did in 2002 when the now infamous 'Fort Bragg Wife Murders' were committed by men who happened to be part of Special Forces and Delta.

On my blog and The Spearhead I've said several times that should my family's home need to be defended from a criminal that legally speaking it would be best that I, not my husband, pull that trigger. This isn't because I am a woman, but because my husband is a trained soldier and I am not. A civilian man would make out better legally in such a case than my husband or his military peers would, just as would happen if it the case was their committing an assault. The argument would likely be made that the Special Forces soldier, well trained in combatives and other warrior skills, has the potential to be deadlier with his bare hands alone and should have had enough discipline to control himself.

To this day society expects and hopes that their best trained warriors are disciplined not only in the artifices of war but in self control as well, and this is not without good reason. Nobody wants strength to be used inappropriately for the danger that comes about when tough meets evil. In short form: chivalry is the same as it always has been. Nothing has changed and it's certainly not dead, just hijacked and twisted quite a bit.

Combating the Chivalry Perversion

If the idea of chivalry is kept in its proper usage – the honor code of a society's meanest toughest warriors – the female entitlement that has been bred with the perversion of the word is all the more perplexing. The men who were required to give up their seats on the Titanic were not knights of that day. They weren't men who were operating under an honor code they have willingly submitted themselves and shouldn't have been treated as such. The code of chivalry never required that all men open doors, buy flowers, pay for dates, and bend over backwards for all women. To get from military ethos to male servitude to women was a wild crazy leap. Examining the modern day perversion of the chivalric concept blows out of the water the harmful and demeaning idea that all men must sacrifice themselves to the degree that a warrior did/does (to death if need be) in order to be Real Men. There has always been just a small percentage of men who felt "called" to this lifestyle; those who aren't now and never were bad men or masculinity rejects. Society needs the poet, the engineer, and the brainy scientist and all other sorts of men just as much as it needs its warriors. How did we get from a code of ethics designed for a warrior class to male

subservience towards women as a group and a limiting myopic view of how this ideal fits into “real” masculinity as we have today? It’s mighty odd…

In pointing this out those who espouse and expect and demand male disposability and deference to all women the reality of this perversion and the sickness of what they preach to men is out in the light of day. They are demanding something entirely different than what chivalry was instituted to be and this raises many perplexing questions, ones that don’t even require the feminist/equality angle. How do they justify their position? What makes women so special and more worthy of protection than their brother human beings? And if feeling especially brazen it could be asked what happened to the brotherhood aspect of the code. If we need to “bring back chivalry” surely you guys deserve “wings and beer night with the boys” or hunting trips or something.

Perhaps our opponents will not be so rational as to understand where their entitlement mindset falls apart but any rational individual who is listening/reading might be led to ask questions about this important topic. And even if they don’t, looking at chivalry in it’s proper context may provide men with the reality that they do not need to fulfill the obligations demanded of them to be Real Men. They may better appreciate that they can be successful men and fully masculine without the need to demean themselves or put themselves in positions they do no wish to be in. They might be able to not just ask why society has different expectations for men than women but put into practice what they, individually, believe they should do.

The connotations, misunderstanding, and baggage that come with the word are immense and it fails to drive home the most important point of the good deeds men graciously and freely give to women and others they help. It also keeps alive the perverted expectations that have been placed on the shoulders of men and may even keep men chained to said expectations. Chivalry today implies that men “owe” this service to women whereas a term like “selfless service” describes precisely what is being offered: men giving a gift of themselves that wasn’t “owed” but given by their own choice. To not highlight this reality and the beauty in the act does an immense disservice to men. Separating help that is given by choice versus that given by societal expectation would go a long way in highlighting just which sex gives more benevolently and freely to strangers than the other. “What a selfless giving man! He helped me fix my lawn mower when he didn’t have to!” should be how we think of what men give, not “grrrr why didn’t he carry my bags! Loser!” Controlling the language may be one way to change the minds at least of a few.

Doubling Down

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Terry O'Neill, the president of NOW (the National Organization for Women) had this to say about government social programs:

> No, we need increases in the social programs and here's why. First of all, the social programs at the state and local level are being decimated because states, unlike the federal government, states can't run a deficit. The federal government can and should in order to support these social programs.
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> The social programs mostly benefit women – these are things like childcare and after school programs and anti-violence programs and training programs. Those things are for women but the interesting thing is a lot of them employ women. So from my point of view, we really need those social programs enhanced – not cut.

There has been much written in the manosphere about how government spending is mainly spent on women. However, for the first time, a feminist and the president of NOW no less, has admitted this. She has also admitted that women are disproportionately employed by government at all levels, another fact widely discussed in the manosphere.

In addition, this shows us that feminists will not bend to the reality of a shrinking economy and shrinking government revenues. Instead, feminists will double down (and triple down and quadruple down) and fight to the last womyn to keep governments at all levels spending on women. The fact that the US and other countries can no longer afford (if they ever could) feminism does not matter to them. The fact that the federal government of the US alone had a $1.4 trillion deficit in 2010 or is projected to have a $1.5 trillion deficit in 2011 does not matter to feminists. Knowing that the federal government is running these deficits already, O'Neill has effectively demanded multi-trillion dollar deficits and doesn't care about the myriad of problems it would cause, such as hyperinflation.

Men's Nook: Not in the Kid's Section

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My brother posted this on Facebook after an incident at the Preston and Park Barnes and Noble in Plano, Texas. He was shopping with his pregnant wife and her parents. I wrote this piece at my local B&N, using their complimentary wi-fi, drinking loads of their water, and browsing books that I have no intention of buying at their store. Doing my part. Here is my brother:

> Tonight I was at BN trying to find a place to sit to look at my books. Of course I couldn't find a seat because the two measly sofa chairs they used to have are gone, the handful of wooden chairs were taken, and people were having to sit in the aisles like hobos. I wasn't gonna sit on the ground and was determined to find a seat, and the only one I could see was at a table in the kid's section. As I was walking into the kid's section the lady who was working that area asked me in a snarky way "can I help you find something." I said "no I'm fine" and then strolled over to the reading area and sat down. Before I even opened my book the lady followed me to where I was sitting and told me that the section was only for kids and parents. I told her that there was nowhere else to sit and she advised me to go over to the music section. I rolled my eyes and just walked into the music section where my book tripped the area's merchandise sensor. After cooling off for a minute I told [my wife] about it all and she went and complained to the manager. ***The manager told her that they don't let single men in that section because they have had complaints about men leering at children***. Right after I was kicked out I was somewhat pissed, but after what [my wife] told me I was furious. She was basically saying that the reason I was kicked out of the kid's section is that I was suspected of being in there to leer at little kids and not for the perfectly reasonable and more likely reason that I was trying to find a fucking place to sit down. Like I said, I'm never going back.

Both my brother and I followed up with Barnes and Noble in different capacities to figure out their policy's genesis and its true intent. My brother went back to the store to speak personally with a manager, and I contacted the corporate office to determine where this policy originated. My brother didn't speak with the general manager, but he spoke with an assistant who told him that he was asked to leave the section because of limited space and that if he wanted to go in that area again he should have a child with him. Which will be difficult since my sister-in-law is only due to give birth in a few months.

Taking a bit of an activist stance, I contacted Barnes and Nobles' corporate headquarters and spoke with a customer service representative. I told the rep the story of what happened and wanted to know if the policy to prevent either single men or people without children from sitting in the kid's section was a company policy or store policy. The rep said that she would research it and get back to me. Corporate did not get back to me; instead, they apparently contacted the general manager of the Preston and Park store and emailed me with an apology which she asked me to pass along to my brother.

In email correspondence, the store manager insisted that the issue at hand was not one of discrimination against single men but rather a concern over space so that "children [can] have every opportunity to develop the love and habits of reading that will keep our business viable in the future."

Barnes and Noble could afford such a stance because they'd already hooked my brother on the stuff so they could afford to demean him and tacitly accuse him of pedophilia. It is important to remember one thing from my brother's posting: he was both immediately confronted by a female employee and told by an assistant manager that the policy was implemented because there had been reports of men leering at children. My brother was told that individuals had been caught in the kid's section doing lewd things: apparently a man had acted inappropriately, some kids had left a "Playboy" magazine, and a couple of lesbians were found looking at graphic books.

Albeit not nearly as systematic or disturbing, this case is similar to one in which British Airways maintained a

policy of separating adult men from lone children on their flights in order to protect kids from pedophiles. Lawyers, professionals, fathers, and even the current mayor of London were vilified under the auspices of child safety.

Perhaps there was miscommunication between the general manager and the assistant/employees about the nature of the "parents and children" only policy. But it is important to think through workforce dynamics and to keep the British Airways policy in mind in order to gain a better understanding of what happened. The assistant manager my brother spoke with got the idea that single men were prohibited from the kid's section from somewhere. People, especially those with managerial responsibility, don't spout off speculation like that without some basis in truth. It could be that the truth was rooted more in internal speculation rather that explicit store/district/company policy, but if the culture of that store/district/company is such that a manager thinks that the kid's section is in danger of being infiltrated by perverted men, then that store is practicing de facto discrimination and profiling.

My brother had been told by someone at the store that the kid's section policy was handed down from the district office. I contacted the district manager to confirm this and find out why such a policy would exist and who implemented it. I spoke with district manager Jerry Warren who told me that there was no such policy and that he hadn't heard anything about it. If anything, it seems that Barnes and Noble is unable to get their story straight.

There are a few other salient facts worth mentioning:

- My brother has spent thousands of dollars at Barnes & Noble while none of the children have spent a dime.
- My brother's wife has shopped in the children's section by herself on numerous occasions – even before she was pregnant – without a hitch. She is a kindergarten teacher (tangentially, my sister-in-law has a male peer who she says is a wonderful teacher who is loved by his young students, but he is forced to deal with parents who don't want their children in his class because he is a man).
- Several months ago my brother and his wife sat childless in the kid's section and were not bothered. Also in the section, an adult book club was holding a meeting. The policy guarding the limited space of the kid's section was apparently not in effect at that time.

Here is a more metaphysical discussion of this incident. Laws have been enacted which prevent discrimination against customers on the basis of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. Unless one set of customers pays an extra fee for access – like the VIP section at a concert or front court seats at a Lakers game – a business can't cordon off parts of a store that certain customers can't enter.

It also seems that in the tug-of-war between established, adult, male customers and children, Barnes and Noble has sided with children. Assuming that all men will stand fast behind their white shields, companies like Barnes and Noble – no, society in general – have decided to discount the integrity and buying power of men. The company is operating off of old models which considered men's demand to be highly inelastic and, thus, not worth considering. "Men will buy whatever we sell them – however we sell it." Such an attitude, which is inherited from the concept of male disposability, has made non-men the most highly sought after customers. It seems that "women and children first" extends beyond sinking ships and house fires. Let's see if the thousands of men who read this post allow kiddies and their mums a wide enough berth to explore their pop-up books by completely boycotting Barnes and Noble or at least marginally thinking twice about shopping there. $14.95 adds up here and there.

Then there is the age-old issue of parental responsibility. From a pragmatic view, it is unnecessary to enact a policy that polices lone men in the kid's section if parents are watching over their children. It is possible that shenanigans could take place in that section, but this is also possible in most settings outside the store's doors. If I had a kid and saw a man exposing himself near my child I would rip his head (or both) right off. Of course, this is a big if: there are only a handful of cases of such behavior. To prepare for an insane man touching himself or propositioning children in the kid's book section would be to assume that every other customer is a potential mass shooter. Of course, they are more likely to be men so it might be wise to bar men from entering the store altogether.

I post this to make an example of Barnes and Noble. The time is coming when men will not stand for being considered criminals and being treated as such. Barnes and Noble shouldn't worry too much because that time is

still a little ways off. At least for now, most men won't heed the call, and the bookseller does have their Nook. But I have a nook too; it's a really good place to read my Kindle.

Network Maintenance

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Had a long period of downtime last night due to network maintenance, in case anyone was wondering. It was only supposed to take a couple hours, but ended up taking considerably longer than that.

Hey, at least we aren't in Egypt!

What Happens When Men Are Neglected

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I've been watching some of the protest footage from Egypt, and there sure are a lot of angry men there. It isn't clear how this will turn out, but Hosni Mubarak's regime appears to be on the way out.

Governments that consistently neglect or antagonize their male populations never last too long. Female support matters little; women shift allegiance at the drop of a hat, so any government that counts on them to prop them up is making a mistake.

I find it ironic that Egypt has recently taken the lead in the Arab world in empowering women (had to use the cached version as Egypt has shut down the internet). Perhaps the government was aware of how deeply unpopular it was becoming among men, and looking for whatever support it could.

To see what a country full of angry men looks like, watch the following clip:

Doesn't look good for that government…

The Origin of The Spearhead

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I realized that although *The Spearhead* now has thousands of readers, few are familiar with the fact that the entire project grew out of a revelation I had nearly three years ago, while I was still reeling from the first blows of the divorce attack. In the midst of my life falling down around me, I had a pretty clear vision of what had brought me to this point, and put it down in writing on my old blog. This site started with that vision.

So, for those who are curious about what brought *The Spearhead* about, the following document, which is essentially a man's Declaration of Independence, was seminal:

Men's Liberation

Now that gender equality in terms of income has been achieved in the younger generation, and educationally women currently surpass men, most of us ordinary men find ourselves staring irrelevance straight in the face. A friend of mine recently observed that women are "taking over" his department at his former company. Except in specialized occupations that require male minds or bodies, women do indeed appear to have the upper hand. However, I observed to my friend that the top remains largely male, while the middle is dominated by females. The bottom, like the top, is predominately male. Unfortunately for us men, there's a lot more space at the bottom than at the top.

So what does that mean for men who are not among the fortunate few? Are we destined to be lowly peons shoveling muck out of gutters? For many of us, our fate could be worse than that. Gutter cleaning pays fairly well, at least according to the last bill I saw for that service. The future certainly does look grim, but could there be anything redeeming about our new status as disposable goods? Yes, there could, but only when we learn to accept and finally embrace it.

Bound by a sense of duty and responsibility to family, employer and country, men demanded certain guarantees in return. All these guarantees can be summed up in one word: fidelity. We expected not to be cheated, lied to or abandoned. Sadly, all these things have come to pass. Perhaps our own complacency is as much to blame for this as anything else, but our betrayal is a fait accompli. There was the inevitable denial, rage, and despair, but finally we find ourselves at the point of acceptance.

Accepting such a great loss of security, confidence and trust is a very difficult thing to do, but it is profoundly liberating. Whereas before one was shackled to deceit and resentment, now the fetters are broken, the cell door opens, and suddenly the world is revealed. Feelings of guilt, inadequacy, anger, envy and disappointment dissipate in the open air; ought gives way to is. When one arrives at this state of mind, all of the countless obligations, worries and responsibilities lose their sting. It becomes clear that reality – the way things are – is our only true master. We owe no debt to anything or anyone else.

So once a man throws off his countless restraints and goes all the way up the chain of command to take orders from the top, how does he deal with his only boss? Perhaps surprisingly, dealing with reality is very simple; it is only a matter of "can" and "cannot." There is no want, should or ought with reality. All those are subjective, and have nothing to do with the sun setting or things falling when dropped. A man who has a good idea of what he can do has a great deal of choices and ability, because there are infinite things men can do. Of course, there are always consequences. For example, you can jump out of an airplane without a parachute, but you cannot survive it. This is where judgment comes into play. However, although dealing with reality requires good judgment, letting other people do so for you requires absolute faith in their judgment AND their interest in your own welfare. That's a risky bet.

Once a man is freed from the bondage of others' expectations and desires, all that he does comes from his own heart. Any help or affection is freely given and not in any way coerced. His love and goodwill are pure and free

from any taint of flattery. Likewise, any malicious acts are undertaken only by his own initiative. His heart and intentions are made clear through his actions. Because reality is truth, he embodies honesty.

These principles apply to all people, whether male or female, but the loss of direction among men in our civilization is a fairly recent development, and needs to be addressed. At this point, a politicized “men’s movement” might be counterproductive, because it would lead us down into the sewers of contemporary discourse. But a spiritual awakening, accompanied by a recognition that we have our own priorities, is sorely needed. Women rebelled against their social obligations and limitations and threw them off. Men, too, can do the same.

When men see that bondage is a state of mind – often an unconscious choice – they realize how easy it is to cast it aside. Our own bondage came from the guarantees that we demanded, which slowly created obligations that we came to see as inevitable. But now that the guarantees have been removed, we find that we are still in chains, and herein lies the great liberating opportunity afforded by injustice. Without the shock of betrayal and loss, we might have plodded along forever, devolving into something akin to oxen, fit only for heavy burdens and the whip. But that will not happen now. The deal we’ve got is clearly rotten, and there’s no good reason to haul that load.

The uplifting feeling one gets when laying down a heavy burden does much for the spirit. The bitterness over loss and betrayal is forgotten as the realization sets in that one’s life is in one’s own hands. What others want, think or expect becomes no more important than anything else, because all that matters is what IS and how one chooses to deal with it. When men know that, they know true freedom.

College Women Stressed Out, "Overwhelmed"

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According to a new survey, another "gender gap" has appeared, and this time it relates to mental and emotional health. Despite the overwhelming surfeit of women in college, and the fact that they are quickly coming to dominate a number of disciplines as a result, women have been growing increasingly unsatisfied. Particularly glaring is the fact that this gap has widened substantially since 1985, when gender representation was about equal on campus.

Although their are a number of potential reasons for this, including the fact that so many women are in college now that a higher proportion may not be cut out for it, as well as the higher financial and academic pressures college exerts today as compared with a generation ago, there is probably another important factor at work: the status gap.

As Roissy has pointed out, when women are faced with a smaller selection of viable mates, they tend to respond by ramping up their promiscuity and hypergamy to new heights. Today, on college campuses, there are far fewer men than women, and the desirable males – those with the looks and social skills – represent an even smaller proportion of the student body. At the top of the heap are athletes, who need do nothing more than leave their bedroom doors unlocked to get laid.

For these few, privileged men college is like a giant harem full of competing concubines. For the concubines, well, it must be pretty stressful and demoralizing.

This is really the key to the happiness gap between men and women. Women have consistently reported a decline in happiness since the 1960s, when their status began to rise and eclipse men's. Elevating women and suppressing men may have seemed like the perfect recipe for female happiness for the feminists, but they failed to take into account what the real effect would be on women, who are fundamentally driven by matters of the heart. Or perhaps they didn't care, because the entire project was about personal and emotional gain for a few, strange, power-hungry women.

One obvious way to make a man happier is to surround him with desirable, attainable women. Many concepts of paradise, both old and new, include scores of female attendants for the lucky males who make it to the better part of the afterlife. Additionally, I think it's pretty obvious that American men would be happier on the balance if the average female lost one point of BMI and behaved in a feminine, pleasant manner around men.

For women, the equivalent would be to be surrounded by higher-status men. The woman surrounded by princes, tycoons, sheikhs and movie stars would be in the female version of heaven. However, feminist policies have had precisely the opposite effect. As women come to dominate college and professions, they find themselves surrounded by other women, a few unattainable men who might sleep with them but never commit, and an ocean of "loser" omega males who are lower-status than they are.

The female response to this is the hypersexuality that has come to characterize college and professional women. They think that by sleeping with as many higher status as possible, they may be able to snare at least one. But, of course, that's a self-defeating strategy, as a guy with options will hold out for one who is less promiscuous, and use the others only for the odd sexual encounter. It's a vicious circle, and this is why women are less happy than they used to be.

If women are happier when surrounded by higher status men, the obvious step to take to increase women's happiness would be to raise men's relative status. If men dominated the professions, politics, business and even the office floor, the average woman would be happier. It may seem paradoxical that diminishing women's relative status could make them happier, but if you consider that status = attractive to females, it makes perfect sense.

The decline in female happiness and rise in mental illness among women is a direct result of the marginalization of the men around them. This is yet another example of the moral and philosophical failure of feminism, which is at

its core not only misandric, but misanthropic as well.

Fraternity and Factionalism

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I suppose it was bound to happen that differences would emerge and come out in the open in the manosphere. They've always been there, but have been fairly muted so far due to the feeling of common cause that always accompanies something new. And although there is nothing new about men's resistance to anti-male laws, policies and tactics that have become so common throughout the West, the explosion of interest in it is a very recent development.

Politics is always about competition. Infighting, shifting loyalties and jockeying for advantage are a given. It happens in the little town council in some farm town in Nebraska; it even happens in the Vatican. No place is immune to it, so we'd be fools to expect it to be any different amongst men this time. In fact, as we grow more successful in reaching out, it will only come out in the open more. We should all be entirely aware of this, and understand that we simply can't stop it.

However, although eliminating it is out of the question, we can take steps to mitigate it. Additionally, we can even take steps to harness competition to our advantage. So, I'll offer some of my own thoughts on this matter, because it's begun to rise above the background noise level. I'd also like to see some thoughts from others, because this is an area where my relative youth may not be an asset.

When everybody is trying to do the same thing, chaos ensues. In the armed forces, the mass of men is separated into specialties and units, each with a specific job that complements the whole. When I look out at this army of men we have awakening to the problems we face, I see a mass of raw recruits. There are a few who specialize in the highly specialized field of political lobbying, such as Glenn Sacks and SAVE, and they are doing good, effective work, but for the most part we have a lot of guys who aren't sure what to do. And why should they? They are engineers, soldiers, lawyers, hoteliers, students, doctors, teachers, tech workers, and much more, but very few have been trained as activists or politicians. And that's just fine. If everyone were an activist or a politician the world would be a horrible, contentious place without a moment's peace and entirely unproductive.

Each of us has our own skills and something to offer. We can all do something. But we can't all do the same thing at the same level of ability or effectiveness. For example, if someone asked me to do a statistical analysis of divorce and its financial effects on men, I'd do a pretty lousy job compared to an accountant or engineer. Likewise, in writing about Game I'd be at a loss — I simply don't know much about it and can't bring myself to study it. Law? Ask an attorney. Activism — not my specialty. This last one may confuse people a bit. After all, what am I doing if not being an activist?

Well, there's a simple answer to that: I'm doing what I've been trained to do. I'm publishing. For years before I started *The Spearhead* I worked for a small publishing company. I edited text, worked with printers, wrote some abstracts, did a lot of OCR on old books, and generally learned how to process text with computers. Eventually, I started teaching myself how to do a little online publishing, then took a class on it, and started experimenting with blogging on a self-hosted site. Of course, my penchant for writing has helped a great deal, but without my trade skills I couldn't have pulled it off. *The Spearhead* is an example of someone putting his skills to work in service of a cause he believes in. So if you ask me what I do, I simply say "I'm a publisher." Not an MRA, not a politician — just a guy doing his job.

If more men realized that they, too, can make a difference just by using the skills they already have, we'd have not only a far more effective vehicle for our ideas, but more appreciation for each other as well. I know there is a lot of animosity toward attorneys, but when the going gets tough I'm sure as hell going to want one in my corner. Teachers can make an obvious difference, as can religious leaders. Engineers, scientists and tech workers may not be so obvious, but actually they are right on the front lines of the gender wars today. If they hold fast to truth and quality in the face of the big feminist power grab in universities and tech fields it will make a very big differences. Biologists could simply be open and honest about sex differences, and psychologists about the glaring differences

between the male and female mind. Even laborers can do their part, demanding that they are fairly compensated for strenuous work that women cannot perform (anyone can operate a cash register, but can anyone change the wheels on an 18-wheeler?). Doctors can expose the inequities in funding for male health issues, etc. The list could be quite long.

So, this is one way to reduce friction. We all have a job to do, and we can all appreciate the efforts of men in any field to improve our lot in general. We don't all have to be professional activists or political figureheads, and my guess is that most of us don't want to anyway.

But there are other issues. Let's start with the most obvious: women. Men instinctively favor women. We all know this, and it's been done to death here, but there are going to be guys hearkening to the siren call. I may even slip up from time to time. It's human nature. If we're going to avoid this, we'll have to plug our ears like Odysseus's sailers. But not everywhere in life — simply in our men's places. This is an important distinction. Feel free to treat the women around you in your personal life with respect, consideration and every bit of decency, as I'm sure more men than admit here do, but if they complain about what we say in our places we have to simply learn to ignore them. It's nothing personal; it's just that they will inevitably fracture any fraternity that might have existed. This is a law of nature. Furthermore, if we're worried about their feelings regarding what we say amongst ourselves, then what's the point of a men's movement, let alone a publication? In that case, might as well put a woman in charge of *The Spearhead*, and then next thing you know we'll start blaming men for all of society's ills, and I'll be selling tampons in the sidebar.

Lastly, there are philosophical differences. These are probably intractable. We are never going to see eye to eye on everything. If we succeed to any degree and come to some prominence, they are going to come out in the open in a big way. However, we are not yet that prominent or successful, so allowing them to sidetrack us now is not a good idea — it could prove disastrous. Fortunately, we are almost entirely in agreement concerning the basics, and today the basics are stacked against us. Punitive court orders, draconian laws such as VAWA, marginalization of fathers, the feminization of education, sham workplace harassment suits and the mass-drugging of boys are all issues we need to deal with *right now*. Once we've tackled those, then we can have at it over the philosophical questions that will never cease to be disputed. But for now, I think we ought to keep our philosophical passions in check. Not to say we cannot disagree — just that we ought to avoid getting too personal about it.

I'd like to see other people's opinions on this, and suggestions for how we can foster a fraternal atmosphere. It's never easy, but maybe a little thoughtful reflection could help.

Still Passing the Hat

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For those who may have missed it, last Tuesday I posted a rundown of the site's stats and an appeal for funds to see *The Spearhead* through another season. The response has been great and very encouraging, but more is needed to make it through the coming months, so if you like our content, please consider sending a contribution.

To those who have already donated, thank you for helping keep us online and aggressively promoting men's interests to the wider world. Every bit of help is deeply appreciated.

-William F. Price

Wikipedia Pleading for Female Contributors Without Success

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The NY Times has just come out with an article bemoaning the fact that women comprise just 13% of it's hundreds of thousands of contributors. That's actually more than I'd expect, but if one counted all contributions rather than contributors, those made by women probably fall well under the 10% mark.

According to article author Noam Cohen, if one takes a close look at Wikipedia, a sinister bias emerges…

> A topic generally restricted to teenage girls, like friendship bracelets, can seem short at four paragraphs when compared with lengthy articles on something boys might favor, like, toy soldiers or baseball cards, whose voluminous entry includes a detailed chronological history of the subject.
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> Even the most famous fashion designers — Manolo Blahnik or Jimmy Choo — get but a handful of paragraphs. And consider the disparity between two popular series on HBO: The entry on "Sex and the City" includes only a brief summary of every episode, sometimes two or three sentences; the one on "The Sopranos" includes lengthy, detailed articles on each episode.

A Harvard academic, Joseph Reagle, says that the problem is that Wikipedia is too open — even going so far as to allow *misogynists* to contribute!

> But because of its early contributors Wikipedia shares many characteristics with the hard-driving hacker crowd, says Joseph Reagle, a fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard. This includes an ideology that resists any efforts to impose rules or even goals like diversity, as well as a culture that may discourage women.
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> "It is ironic," he said, "because I like these things — freedom, openness, egalitarian ideas — but I think to some extent they are compounding and hiding problems you might find in the real world."
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> Adopting openness means being "open to very difficult, high-conflict people, even misogynists," he said, "so you have to have a huge argument about whether there is the problem." Mr. Reagle is also the author of "Good Faith Collaboration: The Culture of Wikipedia."

So Mr. Reagle's solution, I suppose, would be to establish a Harvard "diversity" board and filter submissions by sex, race, religion, what have you, while censoring non-PC entries. I'm sure this terrible idea may give him wet dreams, but it won't work.

There's a reason women don't generally contribute to Wikipedia, and it has little to do with sexism, "culture," or lack of rules. The reason is, simply, that *they don't care*. That's right, it may be amazing to some people, but the overwhelming majority of women simply couldn't care less about an online encyclopedia. Add to that the fact that contributors don't get paid, and why in the world would a Western woman want to waste her time editing articles on Wikipedia when she could be chatting with her friends about all the various boyfriends drifting in and out of their lives?

If you want to see what women are interested in, visit Jezebel and take a look at the articles. The overwhelming majority of articles are about celebrities and fashion. Fashion and fame are transient; they change with the seasons and are forgotten as quickly as they move on from one thing to the next. A Wikipedia for women would not be a fairly static collection of facts, but a flickering panoply of constantly changing images, never the same for more than a moment.

That feminists are going after something that comprises the altruistic efforts of many thousands of people, most of whom are never compensated by any means other than the pride of accomplishment, exposes them for the ungrateful wretches they are. When society's elites disparage impressive, beneficial efforts such as Wikipedia (for

all its faults, it is certainly impressive and helpful) simply because the people good enough to put it together make our diversicrats look bad, it says very clearly that the wrong people are in charge of this country and its institutions.

However, there may be some hope. Sue Gardner of the Wikimedia foundation, the NGO that runs Wikipedia, is taking a soft approach to encouraging women to contribute. In a reference to the many, many men who contribute and clearly know how the field is tilted against them in the greater society, she says: “Gender is a huge hot-button issue for lots of people who feel strongly about it. I am not interested in triggering those strong feelings.”

Yes, Ms. Gardner. Many of us feel strongly about the bully crew of feminists and their elitist enablers. Put them in charge and you’ll wreck Wikipedia as sure as day fades to night.

Abuse Industry Paves the Royal Road to the Welfare State

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By Carey Roberts

In a little-publicized move, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently approved a bill that creates a new multi-million dollar entitlement. Signed into law during the waning months of his second term, Senate Bill 782 bans landlords from kicking out scofflaw tenants who are victims of domestic violence.

The law defines a domestic violence victim as any person who "has filed a report alleging that the protected tenant or the household member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking." Note "alleging." *No evidence or proof is necessary.* If you declare yourself a victim, under the law you are.

So a single unproven accusation serves to keep a person high and dry for a good long time — at the expense of flummoxed homeowners across the state.

As the new California act reveals, our nation's domestic violence system has become a back-door entitlement program marked by broad definitions, loose eligibility criteria, and open-ended benefits.

Here's how the clunky system works: The abuse victim must procure a restraining order before services can be rendered. Such no-contact orders drive a nearly impenetrable wedge between the parties, leading Harvard law professor Jeannie Suk to opine our current approach represents a "government-imposed *de facto* divorce" system.

Social scientists note that family disintegration is primarily to blame for chronic inter-generational poverty. And as Table 35 of this Justice Department report reveals, crimes of family violence are seven times higher among divorced or separated couples than among persons in intact married relationships.

By promoting family break-up, the self-serving domestic violence industry places victims at greater risk of violence. This guarantees a never-ending supply of grisly 11 o'clock news stories and heart-breaking statistics.

Sadly, it gets worse.

Many states have broadened their definition of child abuse to include the mere witnessing of physical aggression between the parents. Mom slaps dad and junior catches a glimpse, that's child abuse.

Now Child and Protective Services gets into the act. Junior is carted off to a foster home for a couple weeks, if not longer. The stories I've heard about children trapped in the CPS maze, removed from the parents they desperately love, sends my blood pressure skyward.

Then there are the inner workings of the 1996 welfare reform law. Tucked into the back of the law, which goes by the unpronounceable acronym PRWORA, a little-known loophole called the Family Violence Option holds that any domestic violence victim is excused from PRWORA's two-year back-to-work requirement.

How does the federal reform act define domestic violence? According to PRWORA, "mental abuse" is tantamount to physical battering. And how does one go about proving he or she is a victim of mental abuse? Don't be ridiculous. You say you're a victim, you are one. *No evidence or proof is necessary.*

So each year, taxpayers cough up $63 million to coddle Welfare Queens claiming to be incapacitated by – *yes, you guessed it* — abusive head games.

Not that breaking up families is enough to satisfy the welfare state. After all, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! So how, the Abuse Mavens ask, can we discourage persons from tying the knot in the first place?

It's simple. First, we launch public awareness campaigns designed to convince women that their beau is a latent axe-murderer. Watch Lifetime TV — you'll probably see a clip about the "cycle of abuse." Pay a visit to the doctor's, the nurse will ask if your boyfriend ever raises his voice. That's considered abuse these days. Go to the office bathroom, you'll see a sticker advertising the local abuse hotline.

Next we pass laws that selectively gut due process and the presumption of innocence. Soon word gets out — get married and the state may plunder your assets, your home, and your children. Marriage, eligible bachelors decide, is not a smart lifestyle option.

Then we slap a $25 abuse shelter fee on marriage licenses, which sends the scary message that you, married person, may end up looking like the back end of a meat grinder!" *(No need to remind newlyweds that abuse rates in the intact family are close to zero.)*

Finally, we never, EVER admit that women can be abusive, too. (*Shhhhh.* All the research shows women are just as likely as men to slap, hit, punch, and kick their mates. But we can't let that out. Keep it under your hat!)

The Census Bureau recently reported that, for the first time, there are more people in the prime marrying age (25-34 years) who have never been married than are wed. The portion of adults who are married—52% compared with 72% in 1960—is the lowest in history.

So there you have it. Fifteen years after passage of the federal Violence Against Women Act, domestic violence programs have become the hulking engine of marital break-down, a galloping entitlement mindset, and institutionalized welfare dependency.

Donny Deutsch and Female Superiority

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Initially I wanted to write about how alpha males leverage the attention and adoration of women in order to construct a cocoon around themselves as both protection and distinction from the masses of chomping, growling beta males that exist below.

I also wanted to discuss how Donny Deutsch is a prime example of this alpha male strategy – as shown by both his new TV show which offers women relationship advice by marginalizing men and in which he opened by saying that men are inferior to women as well as by his book titled *Often Wrong, Never in Doubt* which includes a chapter called "The Doctrine of Female Superiority" (page 78) which begins "Women are superior beings. It's that simple. Certainly in business."

Deutsch claims that women are superior because they are team players and because men are overly greedy and competitive, but he makes many logical errors in his assessment. First, he conflates "business" specifically with advertising. His experience is that women are superior in advertising, but he extends his belief in female superiority in that field to fit under the entire canopy of Business. Certainly, though, business is multi-faceted – at least if what I learned in Strategic Management is correct.

Second, Deutsch says that advertising, by its very nature, is a more feminine business given that it is service-oriented. He also says that the pay in advertising is much lower than that in other fields like investment banking. Deutsch mentions that he was one of only two graduates from his Wharton class to go into advertising, and that was only because his father owned the firm he began working at. By stating this, Deutsch provides the real reason that his observation would possibly be true. Women succeed in the advertising world because high-achieving men wanted to explore greener pastures.

Further down, Deutsch says that he prefers working with women because men "are a pain in the ass". They would be, for Deutsch, since he's the alpha male whose spot those men would be vying for. Even in his own corporation, Deutsch preferred to surround himself by non-aggressive, non-competitive individuals who couldn't or wouldn't challenge his authority. There's also a case to be made that Deutsch prefers women in his office for other reasons: he makes many references to fantasizing about the women in his office and has been known for being a ladies' man.

Deutsch wrote his book in 2005 while he was still Chairman and "spiritual leader" of Deutsch Inc. – a company he sold for $275 million back in 2000. Despite Deutsch's relevancy in the ad world and his place in the media spotlight, his comments about female superiority received little attention. If Amazon book reviews are any indication, nobody mentioned Deutsch's chapter on female superiority and instead focused on other aspects of the book.

Deutsch didn't relegate his opinion just to his book: in 2009 at an awards ceremony for women in the

communications industry, Deutsch reiterated that women are superior to men in business.

In thinking about those questions I came across another aspect of this story. Contrast Deutsch – his tactic of appealing to women's sensibilities, his experience that women are the best in the advertising field, and his acceptance and relative free pass that has been granted him – with those of Neil French, the former creative director with WPP, another large advertising firm. In 2005, French was fired after publicly stating that women "don't make it to the top [of the ad world] because they don't deserve to." Among other reasons, he attributed this to their roles as childbearers and caregivers. French's comments weren't those of some crackpot ad guy who existed at the margins of the industry; they were made at the $100-a-plate "A Night With Neil French" event in Toronto. At least before his unwelcome comments, people valued French's opinion.

Many of the 300 guests in attendance were outraged by French's comments which led to his resignation. He defended his remarks by saying "the answer [to the question of whether women deserve to be top ad executives] is, they don't work hard enough. It's not a joke job. The future of the entire agency is in the hands of the creative director."

In a 2009 interview, French provided context to the event. The infamous question was posed to him by a woman "who had previously had an ear-bashing for being away on long leave while I was visiting the office." His career quickly suffered from "death by blog" from a host of "malcontents" who hadn't even witnessed the event.

That Deutsch could write a chapter in which he says that men are inferior to women and spread his anti-male rhetoric all over TV is one thing. But considered in light of a similar incident in a similar field where the only difference in the topic of discussion is the sex of employees is telling on many levels. It shows that a strategy of appealing to women is never a bad one in business. A man can't lose by sucking up to them. You can only lose by telling the truth about them.

Wife has cops beat the crap out of husband to hide affair — audio of incident emerges

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Jeffrey Kodlowski, of Westland Michigan, and his wife had a dispute over whether she was having an affair, during which Mr. Kodlowski took and hid their cell phone so he could look at the numbers later. Naturally, the wife was angry about this, so she started calling the police. An officer spoke with both parties on the phone, and told Mr. Kodlowski to simply let her leave. There had been no physical altercation, and therefore no crime, so it was not a police matter. Nevertheless, Mrs. Kodlowski persisted until some officers arrived.

Despite the fact that Mr. Kodlowski had committed no crime, officers entered his house and demanded he hand over the phone. In the process they insulted him repeatedly, saying they understood why his wife would leave him, while his wife called him a “fucking asshole” in the background. Mr. Kodlowski complained a bit about what he saw as undue pressure, but didn’t do any more than that. Still, he refused to hand over the phone, and tried to go back to bed, but the cops wouldn’t let him without doing as his wife demanded. Goaded on by his wife, police escalated the situation until they could find an excuse to attack him, one saying “try and make me leave your house!” but all they had was that he accidentally brushed one officer’s sleeve while pointing to where his wallet was.

Apparently, that was enough. After the touching incident, right at around 6 minutes, the cop says “You know what? Take him. Fuck him.” After that they hit him and take him down, splitting open his scalp.

This is contemporary America for married men. There was no poor, beaten woman, but just an angry, cheating wife who wanted her cell phone to hide her affair. The cops served as her enforcers. A man who lives with a woman in the US has no constitutional rights. The police will enforce not only the right of a woman to cheat on her husband, but to maintain her “honor” while doing so.

Feminist Professor Suing National Geographic Bee for Sexism

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Feminist professor and social parasite Eric Clausen is suing the National Geographic Society because the contest it sponsors is overwhelmingly dominated by boys, who have won all but two of the nineteen national competitions held so far. Clausen said he first noticed girls' "disappointment" as early as 2004 in a state competition. In 2009, out of 54 state championships, only two were won by girls, one of whom went on to the national bee in 2010.

Clausen first attempted to sue in 2008, but his lawsuit was wisely tossed out by US District Judge Daniel Hovland, whose decision withstood appeal.

Angry about his loss and alleged retaliation against him by the National Geographic Society, Clausen has filed again and upped the stakes, adding Minot State, the university that pays him as a Professor Emeritus, to the list of defendants.

Whether or not the latest lawsuit is successful, money and effort is sure to be wasted on an issue of little relevance even to the poor, oppressed girls who are shut out of the glory of geography contest championship.

Professors like Clausen, who have tenure and cannot be fired, are possibly one of the biggest nuisances in contemporary society. Even as their schools fill up with girls and important departments are axed to maintain funding for gender studies programs, they never cease complaining about how girls still don't have enough. Perhaps they are biased due to all their fond memories of sleeping with coeds as young teachers in the 1970s, or maybe they are simply demented individuals, but either way it's time we stopped funding them and showed them the door.

Top Middle East analyst on Egypt revolution: angry men “at the heart of it”

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I’ve been rather amused in recent days to see that the usual clueless “progressives” have started declaring their support for the ongoing revolution in Egypt. They seem to think what’s going on is a repeat of their 1960s liberation fantasies, and the goal of the Egyptian protesters is peace, love and equality for all. A number of feminists have tried to jump on the bandwagon as well. This is especially ridiculous, but unsurprising.

The Arab national liberation movements that brought old-guard nationalists such as Gamal Abdel Nasser to power began to make waves nearly a century ago, particularly following the political reorganization of the world in the wake of WWI. They came about at roughly the same time Eastern European and East Asian modern political movements began to topple the old regimes. As old empires were subjugated to the ascendent West, subject peoples began to agitate for change, seeing their leaders and governments as decrepit and lacking in legitimacy. In the Middle East, the crumbling of the Ottoman Empire set the stage for a new era, and a new generation of leaders stepped in to take power. They were the progressives of their day, and instituted new policies and laws that were seen as enlightened and modern. For example, polygamy was outlawed in a number of Arab nations, the state took a great deal of power from the clergy, and women were educated and allowed into professions.

Today, those old progressive regimes have degenerated into cronyism and kleptocracy, and are tottering like the Ottoman Empire was in the early 20th century. Now, the challenge is not from a western-influenced class of progressive activists, but rather a resurgent Islam responding to what it sees as another Crusade in the Holy Land and the heart of Arab civilization. To young men without jobs or prospects, Islam is a liberating ideology. Of all the Abrahamic religions, Islam is in some ways the most democratic, in that God’s law, before which all men are equal, reigns supreme. There is no clear separation of church and state, as Christianity allows for (e.g. “give unto Caesar”), which means Islam theoretically demands the same standards across the board. This can be very appealing to young men, and explains part of the allure of Islam to disaffected youth.

I’ve been keeping tabs on Ikhwan, the Muslim Brotherhood’s official English outlet, to monitor events in Cairo. It is interesting to note that in the run-up to the protests in Tunisia and Egypt, MB was shut out in a parliamentary election, losing all 88 seats. Of course, this was a sham election — their support is a serious threat to Mubarak’s regime, and the results were obviously contrived. This political assault on the MB, I believe, has nearly as much to do with the vehemence of the protests in Egypt as the Tunisian revolution. In fact, the MB has operated something like a shadow government for years, with many members in de facto exile in places such as Britain or Turkey. Clearly, they have plans for Egypt that will take the country in a direction that I’m not sure feminists and progressives will be all that excited about. The founder of the MB envisioned the rise of a new Islamic Caliphate, and there has been some ongoing support for a resurrection of the Ottoman Empire or something along those lines coming from MB ideologues for years (I spent some time about five years ago collating articles propagandizing for that very thing). Some in the US have dismissed suspicion about this as paranoia, but in light of recent events and pan-Muslim support it appears to be a possibility at the very least.

A couple days ago, Robert Siegel of NPR interviewed Bruce Riedel of the Brookings Institution (Mr. Riedel has also been a CIA analyst, and is a top counter-terrorism expert), asking him about the Muslim Brotherhood and what role it may play in Egypt if the revolution is successful. Mr. Riedel cautioned against alarmism, saying that the MB is not a violent terrorist group, but he confirmed that it was the most credible and powerful component of the opposition to Mubarak’s regime. According to Mr. Riedel, there is a broad alliance of opposition groups responsible for the downfall of Tunisia and ongoing protests in Egypt, but at the heart of the dissent is the situation faced by young men:

> Well, what you have seen in Egypt and what you saw before that in Tunisia is an earthquake in the Arab world.

> We have never the Arab street topple a dictator. That happened first in Tunis and it increasingly looks like it's going to happen in Cairo. The alliance that has done that is across the board. But at the heart of it are angry young men unemployed or underemployed with very little prospect of a stable, serious job in their future.

This will probably play directly into the Brotherhood's hands, as they already have a powerful youth wing that has been involved in the protests on the street. Ikhwan is currently fielding reports from these operatives directly from Tahrir Square in the heart of Cairo, and it is likely that many have emerged as leaders on the ground and in the street battles that are currently taking place. In fact, there is a real battle going on in Cairo right now, with hundreds allegedly dead so far. Tonight may prove crucial.

As is almost always the case with movements that topple regimes, it is the men who are the driving force; treat men badly for long enough, and governments reap a grim harvest. Feminist politicians and academics here at home should take note, but they are probably too far gone already.

Although some feminists and progressives here in the West may try to frame the uprising to suit their own agenda, they are distorting the facts, or, more likely, too provincial and intellectually incapable of thinking outside their narrow political parameters.

Empowering Men Through Micro-Finance

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By Micah Sparacio

Over 80% of all the micro-finance loans on Kiva go to women. That's a publicly stated fact. And it's a testament to the uphill battle men face as they try to live productive, rewarding lives, especially those men trying to rise out of poverty.

It's a basic psychological phenomenon that in the West it seems sexier and more hip to help women and children. If I had to guess, this is a socially magnified response to an evolved mandate: humans have adapted to respond to the needs of women and children before men, protecting what amount to more valuable sexual/reproductive biological resources.

Doesn't matter. Fact is, most people are donating to women. And this leaves men behind.

As a successful, self-employed small-business owner, I owe a great deal of my success to the financial support of friends and family at those very early stages. I remember when just starting out how the biggest obstacle to realizing my business goals was financial leverage. And thankfully, while I didn't have access to deep pockets (probably a blessing, as it forced me to focus on business fundamentals), I got just enough to bootstrap the business to the point where it could self-finance future projects. And within four years, I was living a comfortable, ownership-style life with over twenty employees. I was doing my thing. Carving my own path.

Contrast this with my experience directly out of college. After graduating, I started out in the corporate world as a software developer, working the 9-5 (with one hour commutes into the city each way). I was making good money. And I was miserable.

The contrast between **that** (being miserable working for others) and **this** (waking up every day and working on exactly what I enjoy) looms large in my mind. In my experience, there is no greater joy for a man than having full creative control over his daily work. Whether that's as a carpenter, a cattle rancher, or an Internet marketer. And the best way to attain creative control, is to be the owner of your own business. Having experienced this liberating transition (from having a boss to becoming my own boss), I feel compelled to enable other men to have the same opportunities.

So I started exploring a variety of micro-finance sites and ultimately decided that given the great disparity of lending between genders (again, over 80% of microfinance loans seem to go to women), I would do my little part to help even that out and start lending to male entrepreneurs. I ended up going with Kiva, because they give me the best control over A) gender and B) project type (so if, like me, you have theories about the sort of projects that are most promising, you can choose to fund them).

Now, I'm not claiming to be an expert at microfinance or economics or social dynamics. I'm certainly not presumptuous enough to think that participating in microfinance is going to fix misandry. And, although I've chosen to go with Kiva, I am aware that there are some microfinancing systems where you can actually make a buck or two (interestingly, the one run by PayPal let's you choose "women" as a social cause but not "men" – though a quick analysis also shows that the microfinance investments that are specific to women, on the whole, have lower average rates of returns than the ones that are gender neutral).

So, without having any illusions about solving the many social injustices that men face today, I do think that microfinance is one way that we can make a difference for the following reasons:

1. Many men around the world stand at a disadvantage to women in terms of having access to start-up capital, as noted by the 80/20 discrepancy at Kiva

2. Getting a good idea off the ground and transformed into a thriving business requires leverage, something the men

of poor nations simply don’t have

3. Being a happy, productive man reaches it’s peak, I believe, in business ownership

In other words, microfinance allows us to truly help men utilize skill, pursue a vision, and attain the happiness and freedom of self-employment.

The VD Project: the Onslaught Has Started

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I almost never partake in any of the Lame Stream Media. My exposure is limited to about an hour per day listening to the radio on my way to and from work. And, I listen to an oldies station with a listener base which is probably a bit older than the average radio audience.

So, while the Valentine's Day campaign of commercial harassment may be in full swing, I have so far only heard one VD-oriented commercial. It was for a jewelry store, not surprisingly, and put a somewhat subtle spin on one of the two primary messages used to hawk this bogus and insincere Hallmark holiday.

> "What do you get the woman who has everything for Valentine's Day? **MORE** of everything."

Channeling the spirit of Madonna, the material girl, obviously.

However, tonight, it became clear to me that I can run, but I can't hide from the relentless emotional coercion and harassment. On Yahoo's main page (where one gets redirected when one logs out of Yahoo mail) the lead article was "6 mistakes men make on Valentine's Day."

Yup, yup, yup, men be so stupid they don't even know when the day is!!

> Memo to men: Valentine's Day is on February 14. In years past, Yahoo.com has noticed a spike in men searching for an answer to the question: "When is Valentine's Day?" as the day fast approaches. Of all the holidays on the yearly calendar, the one designated for romance never fails to trip guys up.

Part space filler, part hype for their advertising support, the article manages to deliver a whole truckload of contempt for men, hidden behind an obviously fake smile – "Just kidding" is the most abused excuse in the world to try to hide hate-filled messages behind a false facade.

So, here are the six deadly sins that just about every man will commit at least one of in the next 10-11 days.

> **Mistake #1: Getting words of wisdom from your local drug store.**
> **Mistake #2: Letting a bear do your bidding.**
> **Mistake #3: Declaring Valentine's Day a ploy for consumers** (see, I'm guilty already!)
> **Mistake #4: Sharing the day with your BlackBerry**
> **Mistake #5: Expecting her to make the plans**
> **Mistake #6: Under-dressing**

So – Memo to all those grrls who don't have a man to terrorize into having to demonstrate insincere affection on February 14th:
you might give some thought to how you are portrayed in the media which makes a lot of men very glad to be single on that day.

Mistake #0: Not breaking up with her on February 13th.

Jayme Biendl: Victim of Equity Feminism

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A few days ago, 34-year-old jailer Jayme Biendl went missing while on the night shift at the Monroe Correctional Complex northeast of Seattle. Jayme was a reasonably attractive woman with blonde hair and 5'3″ tall. She had been working alone in the prison chapel.

Before Biendl went missing, Byron Scherf, who was serving a life sentence for first degree rape and kidnapping, missed a routine count and was found in the chapel lobby. Scherf is an an example of a real rapist — the kind who would stalk women and ambush them, using force and coercion to obtain sex. He was also a multiple offender, hence the life sentence. In one instance, he doused a woman with lighter fluid and set her on fire.

Biendl was found some time later, strangled with her own radio microphone cord. It is still unclear whether Scherf actually raped her, but recent reports suggest he was found pants-down with scratch and bite marks on his body. Obviously, that was the idea.

The story has been fodder for talk radio, with the usual calls for castration of rapists, condemnation of corrections officials, and blame for everyone but one of the most obvious culprits besides the criminal himself. Despite the huge prison industrial complex in the US, the incarceration of people for any and everything possible, and the "lock 'em up" attitude that has prevailed for at least a generation now, the blowhards on the radio have been falling back on the same old line that we are "too soft" on prisoners, and the solution is castration and even more draconian measures to protect innocent victims like Jayme.

Seems these fellows yelling on air are missing something fairly obvious. What the hell was a young woman, and a small one at that, doing working as a prison guard with the state's most violent offenders?

Who thought it would be a good idea to put a little lady in close contact with brutal murderers and rapists?

Probably not the Washington State Department of Corrections, but if they had said women weren't right for the job, it would have triggered a lawsuit, so little Jayme Biendl was hired, given her size small uniform, a can of pepper spray and a radio and sent out to work amongst the most dangerous men in Washington State. What could possibly go wrong here?

Of course, everyone is ignoring the elephant in the room. The Dept. of Corrections is being blamed for allowing her to be alone, but that's standard for the male guards, and due to budget cuts they can't afford to give a guard a personal escort at all times. So a lot of guards find themselves on their own much of time. Male or female. Turns out Biendl was the third woman to be attacked at the facility in the last six months. Although plenty of people might want to blame men in general for this "surprising" trend of women being attacked in prison, one wonders what their point is, because many of these guys were sent to prison in the first place to protect women. Yet women continue to insist that they be given the privilege of working in close proximity with them, and the idiots in state government indulge them.

That Biendl was murdered obviously wasn't her fault any more than it's a fisherman's fault when he slips off the deck and drowns. But being a woman working with violent felons is kind of like being a fishermen working on deck in tap shoes — you're tempting fate. And the state of Washington, in encouraging and allowing this, is entirely complicit in her death. Feminists and their enablers are also complicit. If the superintendent of the Monroe facility banned women from working with these inmates, he'd be denounced and subsequently fired. But that would be the reasonable, humane thing to do. We are living in a society that would rather see people die than admit the truth, and that's pretty sick.

How many more people will die because of this lunacy?

The Atlantic Responds to Feministing Wikipedia Whine: Why Should We Care?

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In an article concerning the manufactured scandal that has erupted around the revelation that Wikipedia has overwhelmingly male contributors, Conor Friedersdorf questions whether it's even worth bothering over the issue.

Writing that society is full of "gender disparities," he asks:

> …what factors determine when a gender disparity is something about which we should care? Is it a bad thing that there are so few women cab drivers? Or sanitation workers? Or floor traders on Wall Street? Or peanut vendors at baseball stadiums? Or corporate CEOs? Or congressional canidates? Or beer pong players? Or talk radio hosts? Or authors of economics textbooks? Or plumbers? Or online poker players?
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> There aren't any barriers to entry blocking women who want to participate, there isn't an ugly history of discriminating against women, being a Wikipedia contributor isn't a high status position or a proving ground for other high status positions, the women foregoing participation aren't missing out on career opportunities or sacrificing future financial security, we aren't intuitively aware of the disparity, no one particularly complains that Wikipedia entries are biased against women in any way, a group of concerned volunteers could easily add articles on any subjects the mostly male club of contributors is missing…

It's encouraging to see a writer with a wide audience questioning the relevance of feminist concerns. Perhaps it's another indication that the uninterrupted trend of feminist success is coming to an end.

Understanding the Dumb Choices Women Make

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By Codebuster

We need to get some facts straight regarding the way that women make choices, and that's what this article is about. Let's begin with Assanova's reference to Evolutionary Psychology:

> Women are attracted to dominant men because their instincts tell them to be. Instincts don't care whether the guy is abusive of not. Instincts only care what is best for a woman's offspring, and that is a man with power. So what if the man is abusive (or one of the other bad labels that are associated with dominant men) or not? Instincts only recognize power, regardless of what form it comes in. His clear show of dominance over women is also a show of dominance over many men, which guarantees her offspring lots of resources and the best chance of survival.

With due respect to Assanova (and in recognition of his invaluable contributions to Game theory and the workings of the female mind), this evolutionary psychology perspective that women are drawn to dominant men because it "guarantees her offspring lots of resources and the best chance of survival" is a load of EP poppycock. It sheds no light on the primal forces that motivate women. And while being provided for is an important motivator in the psychology of women, it is not primal (first cause).

The "primal forces" that motivate women relate principally to resistance to change, narcissism and fear… for example, fear of being left on the shelf, fear of not finding a provider to provide for her, fear of novelty and fear of the unknown. David DeAngelo tells us that attraction isn't a choice, and on this, we can only concur. The thing that excites women about dominant men does not relate to anything as calculated as guaranteeing offspring with lots of resources. That's nonsense. While women are attracted to power and success, they are *never* attracted to plodding providers. And you only have to look at women's dumb choices to realize that if we left it up to them, the next generation would be swinging from tree to tree. What *excites* women about dominant men has less to do with the banal priorities of being provided for than it does with the simple exhilaration of narcissism, novelty and danger. Being provided for *is* extremely important to women, it is even a priority, but it is not primal. It does not account for when women throw caution to the wind. It does not explain why women's menageries of mediocrity typically include thugs, slobs and losers.

In the longer term, dull, safe, beta providers do feature prominently in women's more calculated choices. But when it comes to primal sex, it is the thrill of the forbidden, with all its attendant risks, that explains women's more impulsive choices, from sports jocks, psychopaths and serial killers, to thugs, rapists and violent criminals

It would appear that Otto Weininger was on the right track when he suggested a relationship between criminality and prostitution (which today, arguably, manifests as raunch culture).

The role of self-esteem

Remember the so-called bell-curve distribution for men and women? Women tend to bunch towards the middle of the bell-curve. They don't like extremes, and prefer conformity and middle-of-the-road to excelling and drawing attention to oneself. Men, by contrast, populate a flatter bell-curve, with larger proportions of men gathering in the tails of the distribution, from the extremely stupid to the extremely smart. The upshot of all of this is that when hypergamous women, typically clustered towards the middle of the bell-curve, select for the best among men at the upper tail of the bell-curve, an unavoidable crisis of confidence emerges. How can someone "average" perceive herself as an equal with someone who excels and stands out from the crowd? At a deeply visceral level, average will always feel itself to be something less than superior. The only tangible thing that a woman has to offer – her "looks" as defined by her biology – can only ever be perceived as something less than the smarts that she so admires in men

at the higher levels of the pecking order and the far right tail of the bell-curve. There is no circumventing this cruel fate that awaits women. No amount of affirmative action can remedy this.

It therefore makes sense that while hypergamous women seek out superior men, they really do feel more comfortable with average men who, like they, are clustered around the middle of the bell-curve. There is an obvious conflict here, the basis for a cognitive dissonance that makes it difficult for women to reconcile their hypergamous impulses with their inherent inferiority complex. In this context, we are better placed to explore the breadth of women's choices, from the ridiculous to the extreme.

Let's take a closer look at the sorts of dynamics that account for men's and women's distribution curves.

The gender that provides and protects is constantly exposed to risk and danger. Men are constantly putting their lives on the line, in one form or another. Men are constantly testing their assumptions, constantly developing their strategies and their identities. At the cutting edge of cultural evolution, men's survival depends on logic and rationality.

The gender that is provided for and protected, by contrast, is constantly shielded from risk and danger. Women have assumptions passed on to them from their mothers and their peer groups. As creatures of conformity, they rarely have their assumptions tested. Women prefer to assume and conform than to test or compete. Women subscribe to the laws of relational aggression, where popularity represents the height of personal achievement. Popularity and not logic or rationality provides the basis for personal "esteem".

It is therefore inevitable that the gender that provides and protects will define itself from a perspective of positive self-esteem, while the best that the protected, provided-for gender can hope to achieve is the less resilient self-esteem grounded in popularity. And when you base your sense of worth on the opinions of others, well, that's hardly empowering, is it? It is impossible to establish a robust sense of self-esteem when narcissism is your passion and popularity provides the foundation on which it is built.

But wait! Have women not achieved parity with men in the workplace, thus demonstrating that women are every bit as reliable as men, every bit as capable of providing-for as men? Not at all. But have women not also earned the right to "respect" for their ability to achieve? Absolutely not.

Women's "parity" with men could not have occurred without affirmative action. Affirmative action is the essential ingredient that enables the masquerading of women's supposed "equality" with men. But the reality of the dynamics of men's and women's positive and negative self-esteem always plays out in the fresh air of the sexual marketplace.

Thus respect and competition are crucial to a man's identity, while belonging and agreeability are crucial to a woman's. And it is at this juncture that properly deployed Game provides its greatest impact. A man with neither self-respect nor Game will never be attractive to women. If a man cannot project confidence, he may still find utility as a provider, or maybe even an arbitrary hook-up with a drunk or a slut who fails to detect his ruse, but he will never make a woman feel sexy (the way that sexual dynamics work is, in a nutshell, men desire, women are desired, and the idea of men as being "sexy" is a feminist-inspired absurdity).

We are right to have our reservations with mainstream interpretations of Game. However, insofar as Game has a place in dating strategy, implicit in the effective deployment of Game is the essential assumption that the woman's frame of reference is always in submission to the man. Busting on a woman, teasing her, not taking anything she says seriously – all in a good-natured, humorous way, of course – cannot be done without this assumption. And confidence is how you pull it off. Confidence lies at the heart of what makes a man interesting. You cannot "pretend" confidence.

It is the confidence/submission duality that provides the basis for Game.

Women's low self-esteem and the auto-spook response

Getting back to David DeAngelo's view that for women, attraction isn't a choice. Given that a man cannot pretend

confidence and a woman cannot pretend desire (we're not talking about faking orgasms), then this inherently places female eroticism in a position of submission to the male. It cannot be any other way. The sex that is protected and provided for can never embrace empowerment as can the sex that protects and provides. This is much more than a matter of degree. It represents a paradigmatic shift in perspective that, especially for women, can never be traversed.

In terms of what motivates female desire towards men, it is respect for the formidable. Women are drawn to formidable men. At a primal level, they are drawn to men that they can respect and look up to. And so while women often find beta providers useful, supplicating betas are not the types of men that women really notice. "Formidable" covers a broad spectrum of male stereotypes, from successful and charismatic to brooding and mysterious, from cocky sports jock to violent thug. Supplicating betas and omegas are excluded from this spectrum.

Women's more fragile self-esteem has important consequences. At the gut level of attraction is also fear. Hypergamous women in search of the alpha stud will work themselves into a lather of anticipation. Should a woman encounter the man of her dreams, her first impulse is to spook. Seemingly, she will often go out of her way to jeopardize everything that she had ever dreamt of. She will clam up and play hard-to-get. *It is important to realize that this is less a strategy than it is an emotional response to emotionally draining anticipation*. Nincompoops like the authors of "The Rules" might strategize deception and evasiveness for the typical Oprah Winfrey audience, but at a more visceral level, playing hard-to-get should never be interpreted as a strategy. Irrespective of whether it is implemented as a strategy, being spooked is just what women do.

Remember that just as DeAngelo assures us that attraction isn't a choice, so too, a woman's angst of anticipation isn't a choice. The lower self-esteem implicit in female sexuality places her knight-in-shining armour (KISA) upon a pedestal to reliably thwart any chance of her dream-beau being realized – that is, if it was left entirely to her. Unless her KISA has Game and can harness her auto-spook response (busting on her, cocky-and-funny), she will lose him. An important part of Game is to disarm a woman's auto-spook response, to make her feel comfortable, relaxed and at peace with the world.

As I've mentioned, women are drawn to formidable men. Just because a KISA might fail the initial introductory phase of an approach does not necessarily mean that he's mucked up his Game. It is just as likely that she has mucked up her auto-spook response by over-reacting and heading for the hills.

Arrogance is hot. Supplicating arrogance is not. The very thing that women find attractive in men is the very thing that militates against the realization of their dream KISA. Supplication and arrogance represent a contradiction in terms and it is for this reason that a man needs to implement some version of Game in order to harness most women's auto-spook responses. Western women need to be babied, and this has to be done whilst retaining the mystery that embodies masculine respectability. It goes without saying that this is inherently not an easy task. In the absence of proper training, it is not easy being a KISA, managing that fine line between self-respect and supplication.

In the end, of course, most western women never obtain their dream KISA, and they finish up making compromises. Their rationalization hamster will reassure them that it's not their fault, but that of their KISA. They will conclude either that he is not interested in them, or that he has failed their shit-tests by failing to be persistent enough. They are thus just as likely to rationalize that all men are insensitive, unfeeling brutes. It never occurs to them that perhaps they should learn to tame their rationalization hamster, that they should ignore The Rules and the proliferation of self-styled guruettes advising women how to snare their beau. Typically, they lower their sites, often settling for the first slob that lunges a second grope, and then calling it love.

After years of having their dream of a KISA dashed upon the rocks in the swirling surf below, western women learn to not expect much of men (beyond the superficial characteristics that supposedly identify alphas). KISAs become gay, betas become providers, omegas become manginas, provided-for women get bored, divorced women become cougars, chumps become husbands and slobs get lucky. The system auto-corrects to the wonderful solution

to which we bear witness today. Our zeitgeist becomes a vast sea of arbitrariness where we can expect to see our future generations swinging from tree to tree in Bonobo nirvana. The cultural system develops an auto-immune response that attacks things like honor and virtue, establishing cultural destiny as a cesspool of mediocrity.

The power of projection

The differences in the ways in which men and women think call for a very different strategy in interpreting and understanding our opposite sex. We should never take women's logic literally. We should learn to read between the lines. For example if a woman tells you that she does not like something, do not always assume that she does not like that thing. You've got to read between the lines to understand why she notices that thing, what it is about that thing that relates to her experience of it, and so on. In other words, what is the context behind her dislike? Oftentimes shock and disgust over some thing (such as is typical in women's emotive reactions to rape) betray a fascination with that thing that is reflected in their fantasies, the choices that they make, or some other inadvertent manifestation of their innermost impulses. For example, shock and disgust with rape stories can actually project a fascination with rape and an inclination to fantasize about rape.

And when feminists accuse men of taking advantage of their positions of authority to oppress others, they are projecting. They are telling us what *they* would be doing if they were put in the same positions of authority.

And when feminists complain that it's not fair that only men occupy the most powerful positions of authority, they are projecting. They are telling us that men in power are the only ones that matter. Those men at the lowest ranks working as janitors, labourers and factory hands, don't matter. They're invisible. They don't count.

Let's illustrate the importance of projection with some more arbitrary examples. Consider the following quotations that I had taken from A Voice for Men:

Robin Morgan – former president of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and editor of MS magazine:

> I feel that 'man-hating' is an honorable and viable political act, that the oppressed have a right to class-hatred against the class that is oppressing them.

Former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan:

> I believe that women have a capacity for understanding and compassion which man structurally does not have, does not have it because he cannot have it. He's just incapable of it.

Catherine MacKinnon:

> All sex, even consensual sex between a married couple, is an act of violence perpetrated against a woman.

Marilyn French; The Woman's Room:

> My feelings about men are the result of my experience. I have little sympathy for them. Like a Jew just released from Dachau, I watch the handsome young Nazi soldier fall writhing to the ground with a bullet in his stomach and I look briefly and walk on. I don't even need to shrug. I simply don't care. What he was, as a person, I mean, what his shames and yearnings were, simply don't matter.

Each of these women is projecting. Compare what they are saying, with your own experiences.

Robin Morgan is telling us that she is a vindictive, hate-filled person. By contrast, I have met men who are capable of taking on an opponent respectfully, impartially and in the spirit of competition, without vindictiveness or hatred.

Barbara Jordan is telling us what she notices and values in men. Cold, arrogant and unfeeling is hot, baby. By

contrast, I have met many men who are caring and compassionate.

Catherine MacKinnon is letting her rape fantasies get ahead of her. ëNuff said. On the odd occasion, she even borders on graphic:

> I think that sexual desire in women, at least in this culture, is socially constructed as that by which we come to want our own self-annihilation. That is, our subordination is eroticized in and as female; in fact, we get off on it to a degree, if nowhere near as much as men do. This is our stake in this system that is not in our interest, our stake in this system that is killing us.

Mmmm… sounds like the basis for a yummy rape fantasy.

And, saving the best to last, what is it that gets Marilyn French's panties all hot and wet? Well, nothing less than a "handsome young nazi soldier". What is Marilyn French *really* telling us about her true values and what she expects of men? "My feelings about men are the result of my experience." Indeed. Here she is admitting to the very choices that she has made in men, and her inadvertent candour provides a welcome change.

Of course the reality is that whenever we open our mouths, irrespective of whether we are men or women, we project something of what we value, what we notice. But there's a key difference between men and women as to what can be inferred from the projection. Men focus on the "external" (career, hobbies, interests), while women focus on the "internal" (me, me, me, I, me, I want, I need, I hurt). Projection of a passion for motor sports is thus not quite as insightful as the projection of spiteful contempt.

More on women's dumb choices

The subject of women's dumb choices is a deeply complex one. Questions of double standards abound, not to mention the question of how intelligence is measured. Roissy's takes on the Duke Rejection List and the preference of many women for jerks are compelling, well written and entertaining, and they do indeed resonate with a fundamental truth about women's dumb choices. Roissy's gifted contributions continue to provide us with powerful insights.

But then as a guru of the seduction community, Roissy holds Game in undeserved high esteem, in the implicit assumption that there exists some kind of standard, tending to objectivity, for assessing womanly worth. Thus, according to this golden standard, the 9s and 10s that have been anointed by alphas are the real deal and their alpha choices, in turn, validate alpha reality. But we should be clear that, within the broader context of Game, Roissy writes from the perspective of the cultural ecosystem that *he* inhabits. Within the ecosystem comprising nightclubs, singles and the seduction community, properly deployed Game can work quite well, if you accept their definitions of alpha dominance, female hypergamy and female attractiveness. But the more brutal truth is that women do not always choose alphas. Women do not always go for "the pick of the bunch". Insofar as one might be tempted to regard frat-boys and jerks as somehow occupying the top of "the" pecking-order, there are other pecking orders, other bunches that do not work well with Roissyesque Game theory. Women choose for a complex of reasons that include security, circles of acquaintances, peer pressure, parental pressure, dumb luck, and so on. Game does not always work. Sometimes it can work against you, if a woman perceives you as a player and she prioritizes security. The bottom line is that Game theory's ranking system itself does not provide a reliable estimator of womanly smarts. Indeed, Roissyesque Game theory works *because* it is based on the implicit presumption that women are less intelligent than men, and, by inference, that their choices are vulnerable to easy manipulation. There are some men for whom this kind of shallow, cosmetically-masked, narcissistic woman, regardless of her perceived standing as a 9 or a 10, is simply not all that appealing.

Ultimately, neither men nor women have a clue about their opposite sex. This ignorance works mostly against women. How often do "liberated" women feign the licking of lips in their expression of faux-lust for the hot, grease-covered mechanic, or the bare-chested, hose-carrying fireman? Give me a break. These images don't interest

women. Their faux-lusting for bare-chested “hunks” just makes women look stupid and deluded. Women don’t have a clue either about men or their own sexuality. The ignorance of women is positively dangerous.

In the spirit of the Duke Rejection List, consider the 2009 Cronulla Sharks scandal (transcript here) where a team of Australian Rugby League players participated in group sex with a 19-year-old university student (“Clare” – not her real name) while on a tour in New Zealand. As it turns out, she was naÔve and misguided at the time and apparently, did not fit the profile that we would normally expect of a gang-banger. During the Four Corners interview, Detective Sgt Neville Jenkins of the Christchurch Police said that “she was a nice girl. She was young, um naÔve, not worldly, just a growing up teenager.”

From the Four Corners transcript, it would appear that the Cronulla Sharks team members thought their gang-bang in a Christchurch hotel in New Zealand was all great fun and a terrific joke, a boisterous bonding experience replete with banter, hilarity and wholesome groping and masturbation lavished upon a willing participant. By inference, if we read between the lines, it would seem that “Clare” presumably complied in silent confusion, stunned into passive compliance and not comprehending the reality of what was taking place. Hilarious. Whatever she was hoping to experience as fawning attention from a couple of manly men quickly degenerated into something that had more in common with Sharks in a feeding frenzy on a lone, mutilated carcass bobbing up and down with the waves in a vast blue sea.

The impression one gets is of a misguided social outcast who has failed to connect with her peer groups, seeking male attention and romance in all the wrong places. In this, the story appears to have its parallels with The Atlantic article on the Karen Owen story, including Roissy’s aforementioned interpretation and TuckerMax’s more compassionate interpretation. The common theme that we all appear to agree on is that there is less female empowerment taking place than misguided, impressionable ignorance culminating in considerable psychic harm. Even clinically cool Roissy gets it that, deep down inside, even the raunchiest slut is not a soulless automaton defined by hormonal impulses:

> …even the raunchiest cockgobblers have a heart inside that beats for a man to love and cherish them above all others. The love of a man, true and loyal, is the slut’s white whale.

The reality is that sluts are never 100% dumb party whores, and that if you were stuck with one on a deserted island, chances are that she will become your fawning servant, worshipping every one of your footprints on a remote sandy beach – whether you want her or not. Of course we should point out that there are many kinds of sluts, from toxic bitches who only ever fawn over thugs, to misguided teens searching for identity, who have lost their way. Many a slut, as a social outcast who has failed to connect with her peer groups, will readily forgo her cock carousel lifestyle if only she can encounter the good fortune of stumbling upon but one man who can love her above all others. You can count on it.

And Roissy isn’t the only PUA who realizes this stuff. Other PUAs also realize that sluts possess a tender side, try as they might to deny it. Essential to success with women is the ability to make them feel comfortable, to entertain their fantasy that it is a boyfriend-girlfriend relationship that they are in, even if it is only for one night. It’s an essential part of the confidence/submission dynamic that I refer to above. As Assanova clarifies:

> Make her feel secure. Even the sluttiest of the slutty women like to feel secure before sleeping with a guy.

So much for feminist fantasies of empowerment and the purported insatiability of rancid cockgobblers asserting their sexual appetites.

Getting back to the gang-bangers. What’s going on here? What is it that women don’t get? Don’t women understand when they are being laughed at, mocked, degraded and ridiculed? Don’t they understand that these gang-bang experiences have less to do with empowerment and connecting between women and men than it has with misogynistic male bonding rituals in which the woman serves merely as a prop? Of course at some gut level they

will apprehend this. But don't expect them to receive support from feminists or from other women whose shallow identities have been cemented securely into "well-adjusted" peer groups. It's the feminists and their ever-supportive manginas who know an opportunity for masquerading female empowerment when they see one. Their hatred of men exceeds the mounting carnage of impressionable, misguided lives that get tossed aside as collateral damage. Feminists do understand that any suggestion that these experiences are anything but empowering for women could be very damaging to the feminist cause. Of course that possibility would never occur to their supplicating manginas, who, understanding neither men nor women, know never to question the feminist orthodoxy.

The feminist/mangina symbiosis is a very powerful one that relies on two key principles:

- Ultimately the success of feminism depends on a systemic kind of prostitution, where the promise of sexual "freedom" is traded for an assortment of freebies for women at the expense of men, from "equality" by way of affirmative action, to the pussy-pass in laws and gubmint incentives;
- Omegas who have failed to secure their place on the male pecking order can exorcise the bitterness in their hatred of men by becoming supplicating manginas.

Interpreting these stories of women's sexual "empowerment" as tragedies of misspent, misguided youth is not really in the interests either of this kind of prostitution or this kind of mangina. Supplicating manginas are unable to relate to women in a sexual kind of way, so Feminism provides them with the opportunity to at least sniff at her panties, if nothing else.

And there is just one small problem with this collateral damage of misguided lives tossed onto the trash-heap of apparently isolated human misery. It is never just collateral. It is an expression of a culture that values lies and deceit above truth and reality. It is a pervasive dumbing down of humanity where everyone is affected. This is what feminism stands for. This is what feminism looks like. Feminism is the standard-bearer for *this* kind of "collateral damage". It is a form of collateral damage that cannot happen in any other kind of society.

Unconfirmed reports suggest that "Clare" went on to marry a rugby player from a different team. At one level bizarre, at another level understandable. It all depends on whether the groom was an active participant in the aforementioned team bonding traditions that take place around the Land, or an exile from them. Both participant and exile share a history that "Clare" recognizes and is drawn to. One of them just might provide the best therapy that she could possibly receive, the other, sealing off her escape and assuring her descent into hell.

Does a woman's history of bad experiences matter? Maybe women don't think that it matters. If it was all confined to the genetic code, if it was all about evolutionary psychology and the so-called survival of the fittest, with nature red in tooth and claw, it might make some kind of sense. Genetically superior alpha studs mating, spreading their seed… can't complain about that, can we? Where's the problem?

Perhaps we can start by suggesting that sports jocks do not always represent superior genetic material. One study suggests that footballers have much in common with criminals. I can buy that. It presents problems for the evo-psych crowd though, unless they accept that there is such a thing as devolution and reversion to a more primitive state, a throwback to apes swinging from tree to tree.

Or maybe it hasn't got anything to do with genetics and evolutionary psychology at all. Maybe it has everything to do with something deeper, something about the way we make choices and establish our identities. When a team of thugs mocks and degrades an apparently willing but misguided teenager searching for her identity, do they not effectively also mock and degrade her family, and even society itself? How does this garbage recirculate throughout the culture and the identities of everyone living within it? If someone you loved was a gang-banger, what might that say about you? What are we becoming? Cast your eyes around. Can we really believe that this mockery of humanity that we see around us today is what humanity used to look like a hundred years ago?

Ultimately, these questions relate to much bigger existential concepts, well beyond the scope of The Spearhead. But there is one conclusion that I do bring, and that's that women are capable of extremely dumb, destructive choices.

When they ride the cock carousel in preference to the responsible betas that they find so boring, well, I guess they pay. Their history matters. But why should we care, given that our cultures care so little about false rape allegations and what is happening to men in the family courts, the workplace and society in general?

Abuse Charlatan Gears up for Super Bowl with Abuse Bingo, Rapist Babies Ad

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Josh Jasper may not care much about the game, but he is eagerly anticipating the Super Bowl commercials. That's because Josh is the CEO of the Dubuque Riverview Center, a "nonprofit" that puts out disturbing ads implying that baby boys are all potential rapists. According to Mr. Jasper, Superbowl ads are worse, because they objectify women and encourage violence. To prove this, he has invented a game based on Bingo, which includes squares for such things as "revealing clothing," "close up body shots," and "women wrestling."

Jasper feels that the masculine nature of the Super Bowl is a problem, perhaps riffing off the old erroneous claim that women are battered in unprecedented numbers on Super Bowl weekend:

> Jasper points to businesses such as Godaddy.com as continuing to push the public's desensitization button by objectifying women. He said many other companies promote violence…
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> "Violence is a learned behavior," Jasper said. "People aren't born to be a rapist; people aren't born to beat up their husband, their wife or their children. You learn this behavior. One of the biggest ways we learn violence is through the media."
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> With the Super Bowl being such a hyper-masculine event, Jasper said the reality is that society has normalized violence against women and children, transforming what it means to be "a man."

To hear complaints about "objectification" coming from a man who has no problem painting baby boys as potential rapists should tell us all we need to know about these types of abuse quacks, but sadly they are still allowed to plant their faces firmly in the feeding trough, living off of our taxes by providing legal and medical "services" for the courts under the guise of victim advocacy. It is imperative that we expose these charlatans for who they are, and remove them from participation in our justice system. For these people, promoting hatred of men provides a living on the public dime, and in these hard times it's time to reevaluate whether or not we can afford to allow them to continue doing so.

The rapist babies ad:

Feminists Resisting Georgia Legal Reform

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Georgia State legislator Bobby Franklin (R-Marietta) has introduced a bill that would change the term victim to accuser in certain cases, including rape and stalking, when a conviction has not yet been obtained. Naturally, feminists are angry about this, as they often insist on having the moral upper hand, and calling someone a "victim" – even when they could well be false accusers – gives prosecutors and accusers leverage by creating an assumption that an accuser was victimized through linguistic sleight-of-hand. Because people brought up on charges in the United States are considered innocent until proven guilty, there is something inherently at odds with our criminal justice system in assuming that a crime has taken place without a conviction.

Trotting out the usual lies, Amanda Terkel of Huffington Post writes:

> Rape and sexual assault are chronically underreported crimes. According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, "60% of rapes/sexual assaults are not reported to the police, according to a statistical average of the past 5 years. Those rapists, of course, never spend a day in prison. Factoring in unreported rapes, only about 6% of rapists ever serve a day in jail." Under Franklin's definition, all of these people who didn't report their crimes aren't actually victims — because there is never a conviction.

Terkel skips around the fact that the language is for legal purposes, so she is free to call people victims all she wants, but without a conviction victimhood cannot be legally established. It may be a technicality, but it's an important one in terms of due process. Additionally, in many rape accusations there is no physical evidence of a crime (sex is not a crime — yet), so victimhood cannot be established except upon the accuser's word, and that is legally insufficient.

Given that stories of men being released after decades behind bars for false rape convictions are coming out in the news on a very frequent basis, it is astonishing to see the intransigence of these feminists, who refuse in the face of all the evidence to cop to the serious problem of false accusations and unjust prosecutions.

Justice, however, has never been a feminist goal. No, the goal is power, at the expense of anyone and everything else.

Coming Soon — AVfM Radio

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Paul Elam is in the final stages of his preparation to go on air with a radio show slated to kick off on the first of March. The show will feature interviews, commentary and a monthly broadcast with Dr. Tara Palmatier.

I expect Paul to bring his signature, hard hitting commentary to bear in defense of men, and am convinced that the show will soon develop a loyal audience and following. In fact, I think this is just the beginning for Paul; given the rising awareness of the issues men are facing, incipient political activism, and the renewed, revitalized Men's Rights Movement, there will be plenty of opportunities for him to take his show to the public and make our case to a wider audience. Additionally, Paul hits a demographic sweet spot — he can speak directly to the boomers while retaining appeal to younger men looking to learn what they can do to prevent future problems and move forward in a positive direction. Given contemporary Western politics this is an important consideration.

Mr. Elam has put years into this effort, and deserves a spot in the forefront of the movement he represents. Fortunately, the stars have aligned over the last year or so, and it's finally possible for this to occur. Although we can't be sure exactly what will come of it all, the will and sophistication inherent in the contemporary men's movement is like nothing I've ever seen in my life, and I expect it to continue to grow for some time.

So, for those of us directly involved as well those who prefer to cheer from the bleachers – the 12th man is always a player – we now have an opportunity to sit back and listen for a while. It will be a rewarding experience.

But I'll let Paul speak for himself now:

> The mission of A Voice for Men Radio is to confront feminism, manginism, white knightism and any other mentality that serves as a breeding ground for misandry or the promotion of a utilitarian, disposable view of men and boys.

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The Eye of Sauron

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By AfOR

In the first few days of 1999, Scott McNealy, CEO of Sun Microsystems, said "You have zero privacy anyway. Get over it."

This was in response to a group of reporters questioning him about the privacy of users using their (Sun) products.

Since then of course we have the 9,000 lb Gorilla in the corner of the room, Google, and the similarly weighty primates known as Facebook, Ebay/paypal, et al.

As someone who worked in IT, I was always singularly aware of the insatiable appetite for data about me that all these companies have, and, being a fairly private person, made a point of avoiding giving my data wherever possible, and where this was not possible, poisoning it with erroneous data… pity the poor fool who actually has the poop@poop.com email.

I was under no illusion why these companies wanted data about us all, or what they did with it, and I did not like the idea of being a number in a file, under the corporate Eye of Sauron, profiled and monitored and monetised.

And then in 2009 I woke up one day to find myself the target of a malicious False Rape Accusation as part and parcel of a separation / child custody battle, and all my private and work computers and servers were seized, for computer forensic inspection by the Police.

And I discovered first hand that the Police really do mean it when they say that stuff about "…may be used against you…" and it really is no accident that they do not say anything at all about stuff that may be used for you, to clear you, to exonerate you, to prove your innocence.

I wish there was some way of communicating the importance of the above paragraph to you, ACHTUNG! MINEFIELD! Doesn't quite cut it, because you'd simply back off, maybe if the sign said "You are here!" instead, showing you in the middle of a minefield…

The minefield of data, all of which can be employed AGAINST you, none of which will be used for you, because the only person whose interests are served by that are you yourself. It was an "interesting" experience for me, intellectually, several terabytes of data removed from me, and being searched for anything that would assist in my conviction, with me of course having zero access, so no way of searching for anything that would assist in proving my innocence.

Increasingly Facebook data is being used in the same way, used to prove some sort of culpability, whether it is in a civil separation case, or a more serious criminal assault / domestic violence case, or a serious as cancer rape accusation.

Of course all the Lawyers, Judges, Police are all rubbing their hands at this new mountain of data that they get to pore through…. That drunken tweet you posted at 3 am that was inadvertently altered by predictive text can now hang you, almost literally…

Which brings me to Google in general, Google Maps 5.1 in particular, and Android smartphones specifically. Now I can be tracked (technically it is my smartphone, a Samsung Galaxy S, not me, but legally nowadays this is increasingly a distinction without a difference) 24/7 to an accuracy of a few metres.

The old, pre-False-Rape-Accusation, me was a private person, the idea of Google tracking me was horrific, why don't I just bloody live in a fishbowl, it's not even like the bastards were paying me for the privilege of tracking me and profiling me. However, the new, post-False-Rape-Accusation me looks at this new technology, and all I can see is **"I wish I had this shit for the past five years."**

Because, you see, I, and my lawyers, will always be able to access Google's records, they will never be seized and hidden and locked away in a small Police station, inaccessible to anyone except a couple of Police forensic types.

It would be most interesting to be able to point out, cheerfully, that at the time of the alleged offence, I was clearly doing 55 mph down Route66, a distance of 87 miles from the location of the alleged offence.

To be sure, much of what I was accused of was vague, literally no more accurate than a season, as "it happened late 2010 or early 2011, I can't remember any more details than that, but it happened" which sort of nonsense my Google Maps and Check-In history won't be a great deal of use of as exculpatory evidence.

But, everyone is signing up for this stuff, Facebook places etc., people sign up for this to get 5 cents off a Starbucks, so in fact you are going to be looking for an overlap, IN TIME AND IN SPACE between the tracks of your accuser, and yourself, and this will have to coincide with the date of the accusation.

Even if all this still puts you in the frame, if both you and your accused post to your Facebook wall, chat, tweet, Buzz or anything else, there is going to be a record, and it is going to sound very strange when someone who accuses you of rape turns out to have been in Starbucks tweeting about the latest vampire movie.

Even better, these temporal tracks and traces reveal a close friend of your accused, who met your accuser in Starbucks 30 minutes after you are alleged to have beaten the crap out of her 5 miles away, and the close friend of your accused uses their phone camera to grab a snapshot to post, time and location stamped, to Facebook / Buzz / whatever, clearly showing the alleged victim un-ruffled, un-bruised, un-beaten up, un-assaulted.

The danger lies in the fact that these tracks and traces can be used to charge you with something you never did… it is the modern equivalent of taking DNA samples of all men in a town, in the future the Police will just subpoena the relevant social networking sites, and get a list of all men who were within 50 metres of the alleged crime scene, within 1 hour of the alleged crime time.

Just as today, this "evidence" can and will be used "against you" and not for you, not to exculpate you, but the fact is that this danger exists anyway, and even if you don't sign up for these things, the cell phone and social networking companies track you anyway, to a lower accuracy by tower triangulation, to higher accuracy if you use any gps/location data, so it's not like you can opt out, except by being a luddite like pre-False-Rape-Accusation me, which means different, which means suspicious / weird / loner / deviant / etc.

On the other hand, if you embrace these new technologies, then they suddenly become available for you, and your lawyers, to use in your defence, and you aren't really giving up any essential privacy, because as McNealy said a shade over twelve years ago, you don't have any privacy, get used to it.

On the other hand, you never had the opportunity to build a 24/7 alibi either.

Female Soldiers Getting Fragged in Theater, Cover-up Suspected

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As President Obama and the military make moves to further integrate women into the armed forces, a number of suspicious deaths involving women on base in Iraq and Afghanistan have led families to push for answers. Many have been classified as suicides, but the circumstances of the deaths often suggest homicide.

The term "fragging" emerged during the Vietnam War, when soldiers would use untraceable hand grenades to kill officers who needlessly risked the lives of their men. Hundreds of officers were fragged in Vietnam, and well over a thousand officers' deaths remain inexplicable. Given the overall numbers of deaths in Vietnam, this means that officers were nearly as likely to be killed by their own men as they were by the enemy. This appears to be the case with female soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan as well.

Although feminists are framing the issue as one of rape and sexual violence, there is likely more to it than that. Take the case of Marine Lance Cpl. Stacy Dryden, for example:

> Marine Lance Cpl. Stacy Dryden, 22, of Canton, Ohio. The military said Dryden did not kill herself but was found deceased in a portable latrine in Iraq in 2008. Historically, female soldiers have referred to the on-base Porta-Potties as "rape traps." What is significant about Dryden's case is that her death, according to military investigators, was due to injuries suffered during a "friendly wrestling match" she had with a U.S. Navy sailor who body-slammed her onto concrete. The sailor has not been charged with any crime. Dryden's family pressed for clearer answers, and in January 2011, military investigators changed their explanation and said the wrestling match was actually a hostile confrontation after the sailor made a derogatory remark to Dryden.

According to an NCIS investigator, Dryden started a fight with a sailor, and was thrown down hard, hitting her head on concrete. In at least some cases, it appears that women are in over their head physically, and are getting hurt in an effort to overcompensate.

However, sexual disputes have probably played a role in a number of the deaths. Reports from soldiers indicate that the promiscuity of females on base is rampant, which will inevitably lead to cases of jealous rage, borderline rape, real rape, false rape accusations for one reason or the other, etc. Although most rape accusations do not result in convictions, those accused can go through hell, so it wouldn't be surprising if it turned out that many of the dead women had either threatened to make a rape accusation or had actually been raped, and were fragged to prevent testimony. This is one of the unintended effects of feminist rape hysteria — you raise the stakes on a certain crime enough and people will start contemplating murder to cover their tracks or avoid prosecution. A number of them will actually go through with it. In a war zone, it's virtually guaranteed that this will happen.

Army Pvt. Tina Priest may have been one such victim:

> Army Pvt. Tina Priest, 20, of Smithville, Texas. Her mom said she was shy and "a follower." She wanted to be a medic, but several weeks into her 2006 deployment to Iraq, she called home saying she had been raped and that "no one was going to believe her." Just a few days after telling her mother, the military said Priest put her M16 barrel to her heart and pulled the trigger with her toe.

Despite the supposed epidemic of sexual violence in the military, the top brass and commander in chief have recommended expanding the role of women in the armed forces to include them in combat. This can only exacerbate the problem, for which there is probably no solution besides removing aggressive young men from the military as they have been removed from the corporate workforce over the last generation so as to better accommodate women. However, there is an obvious problem with that idea. Are women and mild-mannered office workers going to actually hike into remote valleys to trade gunfire with rough tribesmen in Afghanistan?

Perhaps the idea is to have soldiers take anger management classes and learn nonviolent conflict resolution techniques. Instead of learning to fire guns and throw grenades in boot camp, maybe they should be sitting down taking classes dedicated to “redefining masculinity.”

The contradictions are obvious, but I don’t think feminists actually understand that war isn’t a 9-5 job at the office. And politically, they are so powerful now that they will be indulged.

All this concern over sexual assault in the military coupled with the drive to put even more women in war zones will only lead to more rape accusations, both real and false, more discord in the ranks, more suicides, and ultimately more fraggings. As usual, the cost in blood and tears is of little concern to the feminists — how could it be otherwise when they’ve never paid for anything on their own dime?

Rapist Babies Ad Sponsor Responds to Outrage by Calling Police

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Josh Jasper, CEO of Dubuque Riverview Center, received a heated response on Riverview's Youtube page following a critical write-up here on *The Spearhead* highlighting a rather hateful ad portraying a baby boy as a rapist. Evidently, the imagery and tone of the ad, which contrasts a cute infant boy with overtones of blame and condemnation, pushed people's buttons. What I found particularly notable was that female commenters with sons responded very negatively to the ad. It would be difficult for anyone who has a son to avoid taking that ad personally, so the emotional response is understandable.

According to the *Des Moines Register*, Jasper claims to have received death threats, which he said prompted him to hide certain aspects of his identity and call the police:

> …thanks to YouTube, the ad has triggered an international firestorm and death threats for the Dubuque man, who heads a nonprofit advocacy group for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.
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> In a letter to Jasper's bosses, an Australian viewer called Jasper a "man hater" and a "mangina" who should be fired. Another viewer put it this way: "You would be better off dead."
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> Jasper, the president and chief executive officer of Riverview Center in Dubuque, said the backlash prompted him to call police and change his personal information on Facebook from a married father to "single."

I'm not sure the comments highlighted represent the threats he alleges, but if so I've received much more explicit ones than that in my inbox.

In any event, I'm glad nobody threatened Mr. Jasper on The Spearhead, and I think our readers generally know better than to do so. However, although we should take care not to threaten people with physical harm or any criminal acts, condemning the ad and calling for his dismissal from Riverview is fair play. I doubt it will happen, because while you can get away with targeting even babies so long as they are male, merely slighting a female colleague is career suicide these days.

But things do change. One baby step at a time.

Testimony in Assange Extradition Hearing: Prosecutor Marianne Ny “Malicious … biased against men”

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UK – In testimony for the defense in Julian Assange’s extradition hearing for rape charges, retired appeals court judge Brita Sundberg-Weitman called the prosecutor in the case a man-hating feminist with a sadistic twist to her personality. When asked what she thought the prosecutor planned to do if Assange were extradited to Sweden, she said “It might be her attitude to have the man arrested and maybe let him suffer for a few weeks to have him softer [for interrogation].”

When confronted with the fact that the Swedish district court had found the warrant issued to have been “proportionate and legal,” she responded by voicing concerns about the state of the law in Sweden, saying “…I am very concerned about the state of the rule of law in Sweden. It has been decaying since the mid-1970s.”

Others called to testify in the hearing included people who knew accuser Anna Ardin, who allegedly told a number of lies to friends and the police, and a blogger who discovered tweets Ardin made after the alleged rape bragging about her encounters with Assange.

Discrimination against women in science turns out to be a myth

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Although it is still taken as gospel that discrimination against women is responsible for women's underrepresentation in math-intensive fields of science, social psychologists Stephan Ceci and Wendy Williams of Cornell found that women in these fields are actually often at an advantage when compared to their male peers, and that claims of bias didn't stand up to scrutiny.

From the paper:

> Despite frequent assertions that women's current underrepresentation in math-intensive fields is caused by sex discrimination by grant agencies, journal reviewers, and search committees, the evidence shows women fare as well as men in hiring, funding, and publishing (given comparable resources). That women tend to occupy positions offering fewer resources is not due to women being bypassed in interviewing and hiring or being denied grants and journal publications because of their sex. It is due primarily to factors surrounding family formation and childrearing, gendered expectations, lifestyle choices, and career preferences—some originating before or during adolescence (3, 50, 54, 58) (SI Text, S9)—and secondarily to sex differences at the extreme right tail of mathematics performance on tests used as gateways to graduate school admission (SI Text, S10). As noted, women in math-intensive fields are interviewed and hired slightly in excess of their representation among PhDs applying for tenure-track positions. The primary factors in women's underrepresentation are preferences and choices—both freely made and constrained: "Women choose at a young age not to pursue math-intensive careers, with few adolescent girls expressing desires to be engineers or physicists, preferring instead to be medical doctors, veterinarians, biologists, psychologists, and lawyers. Females make this choice despite earning higher math and science grades than males throughout schooling" (3).

From the above passage, it is clear that choice plays a large role, as does the preponderance of men at the tail end of the bell curve of intellectual ability. This isn't news to us, but the fact that the study was published represents a victory over the orthodoxy of political correctness that has had a death grip on academia for some four decades.

We can only hope that more honesty will begin to enter the scholarly discourse, and eventually gain enough strength to once again illuminate the benighted halls of academia.

Spearhead Submission Process

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Because traffic has just kept on growing recently, I've arrived at the point where I'm a little overwhelmed by all the email and submissions, so the system for keeping track of them is breaking down a bit.

If you've submitted something recently and not heard back from me that's the reason.

However, the last thing I want is for people to get the impression that submissions are unwelcome. In fact, as traffic grows they are more important than ever, but the catch-22 is that I have less time to open, edit and schedule them when inundated with requests and other tasks.

So, for now we'll keep the process on the submissions page in place, but there will have to be some streamlining and delegation of tasks in the near future to make sure that all submissions receive due consideration and can be scheduled in an efficient, timely manner.

I'd like to thank all guest authors — I truly appreciate their contributions and am taking steps to facilitate the publication process.

Afghanistan Government to Eject NGOs from Women's Shelter Administration

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Following the US-led invasion of Afghanistan, women's shelters were opened in the conservative, Muslim country for the first time. The shelters ostensibly protect women from abuse or forced marriages, but many Afghans suspect they are fronts for prostitution or set up expressly for the purpose of removing Afghan women from their families.

Although some of the more conservative imams would like to see them shut down altogether, Afghan President Hamid Karzai appears to be seeking a compromise that would place them under Afghan government control and keep the women away from foreign influence.

Ironically, one of the incidents that sparked Afghan resentment toward the foreign NGOs running women's shelters was the use of Bibi Aisha, the girl whose nose was cut off, by TIME magazine to depict all Afghans as barbarous mutilators of women. This cynical use of a rare crime to justify the prosecution of war outraged the people of Afghanistan, so perhaps TIME holds some responsibility for recent measures taken to shut westerners out of the Afghan abuse industry.

Exporting contemporary Western feminism directly to Afghanistan was a pretty screwed up idea, and it wouldn't be surprising if such attempts are getting in the way of our primary mission there, which was to eliminate terrorist enclaves, but current goals have become increasingly murky as Osama bin Ladin fades further from attention. Feminism is a difficult fit even for Western society, but foisting it on a culture that is just emerging from tribalism is insane, and bound to cause trouble.

Dramatic Rise in Stroke in Young Men

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In a period of only twelve years, strokes in boys and men from 15-34 years of age rose 51%, and in men from 35 to 44 they rose 47%. While the trend has been increasing for women as well, it is not as severe, with women of comparable age groups recording 17% and 36% respectively. The rise among women alone should be cause for major concern, but the numbers for men are outright shocking.

This is a personal issue for me. A good friend of mine died suddenly from a stroke at the age of 29. By all outward appearances a healthy young man, my friend Scott was quite literally here one day and gone the next. Scott was a handsome, outgoing and engaging young man with a promising career as a biologist, and his sudden death left me feeling angry and confused. It's always hard to lose a friend, but particularly so when he is happy and full of life.

Although some research points to obesity and and diet sodas, I'm not sure the rise can be explained by these factors alone. For one thing, obesity has risen faster amongst women than men, but they have not seen such a dramatic increase in strokes. Although female hormones, which promote tissue elasticity, may have a mitigating effect, I'd suspect something else is at work.

Although I'm going out on a limb here, I don't think it would be entirely preposterous to examine the role that stimulants such as Ritalin may have played in these events. Amphetamines and cocaine can directly cause stroke, so I don't think it's a huge stretch to assume that lesser stimulants such as Ritalin may be a potential culprit. If the dramatic rise is mainly amongst younger men, it is probably time to examine the pharmacological history of male stroke victims to see whether there is any correlation along those lines. If it turns out that the mass drugging that boys have been exposed to for the past couple decades has contributed to this dramatic rise in stroke deaths – and the timing looks to be about just right – we're going to have to accept that the medication of masculinity has had deadly consequences.

First, however, we need to convince the medical establishment to take men's health concerns seriously. This is something they have been reluctant to do in the face of feminist pressure, which works to put a negative sum on the value of men's lives.

A Song for Banished Fathers and Their Little Boys

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I found Luke Kelly recently, listening to him sing "The Kerry Recruit," which is an old keen about a Kerryman who gets his leg blown off fighting in the Crimea. It struck a chord with me, having heard some of the same style of singing/chanting in church as a boy on a few occasions. But then I found "Come My Little Son," and it had an even deeper resonance for me as a father.

I think I ought to let the song speak for itself, but it's worth noting that one of the comments under the video on YouTube shows I'm not the only one it touched:

> Dedicated to my son luke whos being robbed from me in the most cruel way…. i love you luke hayes benn xxxxxxxx

Perhaps in this day of state-sanctioned removal of fathers from their children's lives, the song is more relevant than ever.

How to Learn Game in One Week

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By Frost

Every straight man alive in the 21st century needs to learn Game. This post will teach you all the Game you need to derive 80% of the potential benefits. Where you go from there is up to you.

First of all: What is Game?

Let's start with what it's *not.*

- Game is not shiny pedants and cheesy pickup lines
- Game is not solely useful for finding one-night stands in clubs
- Game is not being an asshole, lying to girls, acting "fake"
- Game is not irrelevant to men in long term relationships

Game is actually incredibly simple. It's just the study of how your behaviour affects women. Are you interested in women? Yes? Than you're interested in Game. It doesn't matter if you want to rack up notches, or keep your wife of 15 years sweet, fit and sexually available – learn game, and your life will get a whole lot easier.

I'm going to break down the study of Game into a three-step program that you can easily finish in a single week. If you're anything less than perfectly satisfied with your sex life right now, this is my challenge to you: Ditch class, call in sick to work and give away your XBOX. I guarantee there is nothing else you can do that will have anywhere near as high of a return on your long-term happiness and success in life.

Step 1: Re-learn the basics of human psychology

Before you can attract women, you must understand them. Unfortunately, you have been taught many lies about the subtleties of the human mind, one of which is that men *just can't understand women*. While this claim is widespread in our culture, the reality is that women are not at all hard to understand, for a man who has the proper tools.

Our first tool, and first homework assignment, is the original classic popular text of Evolutionary Psychology: Richard Dawkins' *The Selfish Gene.*

This book will show you the true nature and origins of human thought, and hopefully erase decades of programming (more often implicit than stated) that human behaviour is environmentally determined and infinitely malleable.

Following Dawkins' classic, familiarize yourself with a few other texts on what is really the only field of psychology worth studying today. Robert Wright's *The Moral Animal,* David Buss's *Evolutionary Psychology* Matt Ridley's *The Red Queen,* and Barkow, Tooby and Cosmides' *The Adapted Mind.* Read at a good pace, skim a few pages if you

need to, and try to finish that list in two days. (You might want to brew a pot of coffee.)

On day 3, move on to the most relevant sub-field of Ev Psych: Applications to sex and relationships. Read these two books: *Sperm Wars* by Robin Baker and *The Evolution of Desire* by David Buss.

At this point, hopefully you'll have figured out that most of the conventional wisdom on sex and dating is bullshit. In order to cement your newfound distrust of conventional wisdom, pick up a copy of Stephen Pinker's excellent *The Blank Slate* on day four and read that along with E.O. Wilson's canonical *Sociobiology*. Finish the evening with a glass of wine and Robert Green's *The Art of Seduction*, which is not an Ev Psych text but a fun and useful read nonetheless.

Step 2: Learn the Skills

So now you've got a solid understanding of the evolutionary origins of human behaviour. This will come in handy in almost every aspect of your life. For now though, we'll just apply it to women. We're going to move on to some actual seduction material.

On Day 5, start with the *Fast Seduction Player Guide* and *The Mystery Method*. Also grab a copy of *The Game* for some history.

There are literally millions of pages of forum posts and shitty e-books out there filled with pickup lines, routines, tactics, scams, cons, gambits, flim-flams, strategems and bamboozles. Most of them are worthless. Some are a mixed bag. A small slice, such as those listed above, are well worth reading.

But the ROI to learning more diminishes rapidly. Instead of getting bogged down in endless over-analyzing, read the above sources, pick up a copy of Bang for something written in the 21st century, and then stop reading and go live your life. We've got two days left and no more time for books.

Step 3: Apply the Skills

Finished with the reading lists? OK. Hold on to your dick, because now you're actually going to have to put down the books and do something.

Exactly what that "something" is will depend on your goals, but here are a few examples.

If you're a 21-year old virgin:

- Start friendly conversations with five different girls
- Create an online dating profile and send out ten emails
- Ask that female "friend" who you're secretly in love with if she wants to go out on a date

If you're forty, and haven't banged your wife in a month:

- Do something uncharacteristically assertive today. Don't apologize.
- Tell your wife she looks hot
- Reach over at bedtime and touch her puss. (I mean really, married guys, how hard is this?)

If you're a "cool guy" who "doesn't need game to get laid:"

- Go to a crowded bar, find the hottest girl there, and have sex with her.
- Have a threesome
- Find an amazing girl, fall hard for her, and teach her to be happy with your love without a need for monogamy

(Not such a tough guy anymore, are ya?)

The common theme among each of these exercises is that they push your comfort zone. They ask you to do things you haven't done before, because you're afraid to. It doesn't matter how awesome or pathetic you are as a seducer, and as a man. Whatever level you're at, Game will help you reach the next one.

So that’s the challenge. One week. If you’re up to it, keep me updated in the comments.

Women's empowerment programs hurt women

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By Carey Roberts

"The Office of the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State for Women's Empowerment."

No, that's not the clandestine front group from a Tom Clancy spy novel, nor is it a libertarian's bad dream. Rather, it's is a real-life program underwritten by the U.S. taxpayer. A brainchild of Hillary Clinton, the unit's declared mission is to advise the secretary of state on "strategies the Department of State should implement to help empower women worldwide."

Female empowerment has become fashionable at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, as well. There, inspired bureaucrats worked overtime to gin up the EMPOWER acronym — "Enhancing and Making Programs Work to End Rape" — a multimillion-dollar initiative that promotes sexual violence prevention programs.

So where did the idea of female empowerment come from, and is it helping or hurting women?

The term "empowerment" was inspired by the writings of Karl Marx, who viewed peasant women as dual victims of capitalism and patriarchy. The solution, of course, was to embolden the ladies to cast off their conjugal oppressors. In practice, this meant an ample supply of newly liberated female laborers ready to work the fields, the factories, and the mines — an arrangement that no doubt pleased liberator-in-chief Vladimir Lenin.

But American women are becoming wary of the ideological agenda that lurks behind the empowerment facade. Conservative icon Phyllis Schlafly recently commented, "It's clear that feminists never wanted gender equality; they want power for the female left, which is why they use the word empowerment so reflexively."

At the US Agency for International Development, female empowerment has become a religion of sorts. Every problem that afflicts the female gender is filtered through the neo-Marxist prism of power and control.

So if you want to fathom the problem of partner abuse, "unequal power relations between men and women" are to blame, according to the USAID website.

The agency goes on to boast, "USAID is committed to preventing gender-based violence by supporting legislation against it." And exactly what kind of laws are we talking about?

In India, USAID "was instrumental in the formation of Women Power Connect," according to its March 6, 2007 press release. "WPC's priority issues include…the 33% reservation for women in Parliament."

Translation: In the name of promoting democracy, American taxpayers have been bankrolling a radical feminist group to rig democratic elections and impose a gender quota on the Indian lawmaking assembly.

Another pet USAID project is microfinance programs, which provide $50 to $500 loans to aspiring entrepreneurs in impoverished countries. According to the Marxist formulation, men have all the power, so poverty-stricken males need not apply.

USAID hails its microfinance effort in northern Mali, Africa, where "2,700 new women micro-entrepreneurs received conditional seed capital, business training, and help in forming saving groups, while 1,097 already established women micro-entrepreneurs received additional training and networking assistance." (A government program to train women to network with their gal-pals? Yes, that's what the USAID fact sheet says.)

But microfinance programs have come under fire lately. That's because microfinance is just a fancy name for a sub-prime loan program for low-income borrowers. Since up to one-third of these loans go sour, lending agencies end up charging interest rates of 40% or more.

The title of a recent article in The Atlantic says it all: "Lies, Hype, and Profit: The Truth about Microfinance." Others refer to it as government-sanctioned usury.

Just last week the UK Guardian ran an article about Indian families trapped in a “deadly spiral of microfinance debt.” The essay recounts the story of Victoria Bandari who took out a loan a decade ago. When her son was injured in a road accident, Bandari needed more credit for medical expenses. The 38-year-old woman took out a third, then a fourth loan. Finally, Bandari began to sell off her daughter’s wedding jewelry.

Rama Peadda Boiana, a 29-year-old farmer’s wife, consumed a lethal dose of pesticide to escape encircling debt collectors from a predatory flock of microfinance firms.

There’s another reason that microfinance programs exploit women — they impose a Faustian-style bargain on the unsuspecting.

The subtle but unmistakable message behind feminist-inspired microfinance programs goes like this: “Ladies, your husband is an unreliable schmuck. Stick with him and you’ll die a penniless waif. But come on board for our loan and job training programs and you can become a member of the global Sisterhood!”

That’s the deal that the Great Society struck with low-income black women in the 1970s. The result: the marginalization of black men, an explosion of single-parent households, and the institutionalization of a near-permanent under-class.

Forty years ago, social scientists devised a clever euphemism to sum up the effects of a government program that picks taxpayers’ wallets, weakens the family, and turns women into wards of the state: the feminization of poverty.

Read more: http://dailycaller.com/2011/02/09/womens-empowerment-programs-hurt-women/#ixzz1DcP0jiaf

Federal Judge Gives the Go-ahead for Disciplinary Measures Against Student Suing False Accuser

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Joshua Vaughan, a student at Vermont Law School, had a sexual encounter with a woman he met at a bar, and some months later she decided to complain about it for one reason or the other. Evidently, she went to school ambassadors, telling them about the incident, but then said she didn't want to pursue it. Ambassadors approached "diversity dean" Shirley Jefferson, who decided that despite the woman's reluctance to go forward she'd put the burn on Mr. Vaughan anyway.

After Vaughan was eventually cleared by an internal code of conduct panel, he decided to seek redress for the trouble and stress he'd been put through, and is currently suing his accuser, the school, and diversity dean Shirley Jefferson:

> In his suit, Vaughan asserts a defamation claim against the law student, a breach of contract claim against the law school, and claims of negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotional distress and willful and wanton conduct against these two defendants and Jefferson.

Judge William Sessions III, expressing concern about the details going public, pressured the parties to the lawsuit to reconsider going through with it, and in an apparent move to encourage them to do so said that the school was free to seek disciplinary measures against Vaughan for retaliation.

Sessions, nervous about the implications of the suit, said:

> I would advise the parties to think seriously about resolving this case relatively quickly. This kind of case can go on a long time and hurt a lot of people."

It appears that feminist excesses have begun to worry even judges sitting on the federal bench. They can't be too optimistic about the pending consequences of decades of abuse of the law and the Constitution under the guise of white knighting.

Free Speech and the Men's Rights Movement

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Background:

The other day the Men Going Their Own Way (MGTOW) forum on ProBoards was deleted without explanation. I started the MGTOW forum two years ago when a small forum called Don't Get Married was suddenly shut down by the administrator. What started two years ago as a relatively small forum with a handful of posters quickly grew into a forum that averaged over 1,000 unique visitors per day. During peak periods we eclipsed 10,000 unique visitors in a day.

In hindsight, the rapid growth of the forum was a mixed blessing. The blessing was that the forum provided a resource and an outlet for thousands of men (and women) to discuss Men's Issues without being under the thumb of the politically correct orthodoxy. As a supporter ofliberty, I allowed all points of views to be freely expressed. And such a free environment tends to naturally attract people who are otherwise denied a voice.

The curse of such popularity is that there are many people who believe they are on a mission from God (or Goddess) to weed out and suppress dissenting opinions that dare to stray from the politically correct talking points. While I personally find many opinions to be odious, I have never made an effort to silence or censor speech. I have discovered a fool-proof strategy to cope with web sites and books that I find objectionable – I ignore them.

However, the Cultural Marxists who are zealots of the religion of political correctness look for heresy with a zeal that would make an interrogator during the Medieval Spanish Inquisition blush. The self-proclaimed champions of Tolerance have zero tolerance for any view that differs from orthodoxy. Instead of simply ignoring web sites or books that they find objectionable, they believe that they are on a mission from God (or maybe Trotsky) to purge any heresy.

The Witch Hunters (The Boobz)

There are even some keepers of the Holy Politically Correct faith that spend their day scouring Men's Rights web sites and forums looking for naughty thoughts. These modern and empowered schoolmarms diligently search the web for any comments that they consider to be "Hate." And their definition "hate" is intentionally vague. It is similar to the old Soviet definition of "Counter Revolutionary." No one in the Soviet Union was quite sure what constituted "Counter revolutionary" activity, but everyone knew that BAD things happened once you were accused of such a nebulous crime. Or think of being called a "witch" in Medieval Spain and you will get the idea.

What further confuses the matter is that Men's sites tend to allow open debate, whereas feminist sites demand conformance to a rigid ideology. Allowing free expression means that some people will post whacky ideas that in no way reflect the opinion of the general forum. However, the self-appointed schoolmarms will search for such a remark and wave it as an example of how it reflects the opinion of an otherwise large and diverse movement.

Of course, there is nothing to prevent these schoolmarms from creating fake IDs on a Men's Rights forum and post crazy things. Then, theoretically, these same schoolmarms could point to such a post as an example of "hate" and "misogyny" of the Men's Rights movement. I suppose they could even complain to the web hosting provider using their own comment as an example of why a forum should be purged. But given that these champions of Tolerance and Diversity are ethical people, I am sure that would never happen in the real world. But it is an interesting theoretical possibility.

The Illusion of Free Speech

We all know that Free Speech is a key Amendment of the Constitution (it is the first one) and it defines America. America is a free country that believes in Liberty. We are all taught that as schoolchildren and it is reinforced in the

media. We are a FREE country – anyone can speak their mind freely. That is what makes America great.

Well, sort of. Free Speech only applies to restricting the government. Private businesses are under no obligation to provide you Free Speech. And if you support liberty this makes sense. For example, if you are a publisher of Christian books, you should not be forced to also publish books supporting atheism. This is the ideal.

Such a Free Speech theory works great in a free country in which the government does not interfere in business or private matters. The problem is that America is no longer such a country. The government is heavily involved with regulation and control of private corporations. A corporation faces thousands of regulations and tax codes. Many times these regulations conflict so that it is literally impossible to keep in compliance. As an example, in the 1980s I knew a lady who worked with severely retarded adults in a group home. One government regulation specified that the hot water heater had to be set below 125F for safety. Another government agency specified that the hot water temperature had to be maintained at 130F to properly sanitize the dishes. No matter what they did, the business was out of compliance.

Of course the government is a huge and inefficient behemoth that rarely enforces all the regulations. However, if you are a private business that decides not to play ball with the government, you will discover that the government will quickly start to show an interest in auditing your business for compliance. And, no, that fact that some regulations might conflict is no excuse. In the hot water example, you will be expected to maintain the temperature at 130 degrees and also keep the temperature under 125 degrees at the same time. Logic and reality are not excuses under the law.

This control of business is how governments are able to politicize and control private businesses. Most business would have no desire to implement diversity (read affirmative action) if they had a choice. Most business would prefer to hire the best person without regard to sex or race. And theoretically, under the law, businesses are not required to implement diversity programs. But the reality is that those businesses who don't play ball will soon find themselves in constant trouble with the government. I suppose they could spend years and millions of dollars fighting the government in court, but that does not usually end well (just ask Microsoft). So most private businesses follow the path of least resistance and do the politically correct thing.

So in terms of Free Speech and the Men's Rights movement, while there is no LAW that prohibits objectionable speech, the government can lean heavily on private businesses (such as ProBoards) in order for them to do the "right thing." This is how the government bypasses the First Amendment in modern terms.

I am Spartacus

There was a great scene in the movie Spartacus in which the Romans in an attempt to kill the leadership of a slave rebellion demanded that the captured slaves reveal who was Spartacus. Just as Spartacus was about to reveal his identity another slave jumped up and claimed to be Spartacus. Then another. And soon every slave was claiming to be Spartacus. This made it impossible for the Romans to identify the leadership. There was no single leader that could be identified.

In a similar fashion the Men's Rights movement is not composed of one leader. We are not rigid and monolithic. Within 48 hours of the MGTOW forum being censored, a new MGTOW forum was up and running. This was done without my initiative or coordination. We are a decentralized movement that cannot be stopped by traditional means. Sure, our opponents can purge a web site or intimidate an individual, but that only recruits more men to become active in the struggle. The Witch Hunters are playing a giant game of Whack the Mole. Once they smash down one web site, five more pop up. They are fighting a losing battle and they know it.

Sites such as Citizen Renegade (the most subversive site on the net for reasons that are not always apparent) and The Spearhead are eclipsing the "mainstream" sites in popularity. And the more the schoolmarms and the witch hunters attempt to silence our message, the stronger and more popular we become. Try as they may, the truth is hard to censor. So be optimistic. Victory will be ours.

How Do We Keep Our Values in a War Zone?

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By Royce Geist

Last night while having a conversation with one of my older brother's friends(white male, late 20's, lives in a small apartment, and has moved from relationship to relationship) the topic of feminism came up and I started to talk about how its crumbling nations from the core due to the reason the main bread winners and producers of structure in those said nations have no value to fight for anymore. He called me alarmist and said that his life really wasn't that bad so I should just relax.

He's happy looking forward to getting one of the new smartphones soon. We talked about how all the laws are slanted against men and the fact that you can have all of your earnings and children stripped away for any reason whatsoever and be chained in a type of financial slavery. His response? Have you ever heard of a guy sitting down thinking "hey I don't know if I should get married and have kids when one day this broad might take all my stuff and children away." I laughed and said I do still think about it.

It's funny how different people's opinions can be; some are satisfied with PC games and smart phones, others actually want to create a family and have their genes live on especially since they've had to work this hard to stay alive for this long.

There was a recent article that I read containing a study that shows (like there was really the need for a study for it) how younger people would rather choose virtual lives or just being on the pc compared to real life because 'they can click close as soon as something becomes un-fun." That isn't just a problem for the new generations — just look at how many adults play World of Warcraft and in turn completely neglect their real world duties when the need to 'raid' arises.

Towards the end of the conversation after talking about other social issues my friend decided that I was being alarmist once again and that life really wasn't that bad, I kept thinking about how I bet that phrase would change had any of the plagues that have hurt other people happened to him, such as a false rape accusation, no fault divorce, loss of children, etc.

I think what's alarming is that most people, just because they haven't had it personally happen to them or even a friend of a friend, see no need to look into these matters for more than a moment. It's almost like the old saying 'If you don't say something when they start coming for your neighbors who will say anything when they come for you?'

They go on with their daily lives satisfied with virtual lives, smart phone advancements and heavy drinking, none of which are any value to me. I want the white picket fence, the small family, the loving wife that I don't feel like I need to look to a 'gaming' manual every 5 seconds to keep around. I may be out of my league here being young but really as much as I try to stay in the now, thoughts of the future are always consuming me. There are so many very exciting things on the horizon but so many terrifying realities that are seemingly swept under the rug with most people that it drives me nuts.

I just hope that soon with the more widespread access to information out there on the internet, people start deciding it's time to face these problems and realize that we are in fact in a war zone. Life is not easy, it is an uphill battle and most people as far as I can see would just be happier to lay at the bottom of the hill in the story of Sisyphus, allowing the boulder to lay atop them, so long as they can play tower defense games on their smartphone, rather than struggle to the top. However, as we are humans and not myth, I see no reason why one day we wouldn't be able to place the boulder on top the hill holding it stable.

The only question is, in the microwave generation do any of us have the patience to achieve such a daunting task?

Just in Time for Valentine's Day, Sour Grapes

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The LA Times just published "Day of the lout," an editorial in the entertainment section that is an unveiled rant against men — young men in particular.

The article focuses almost entirely on criticizing young men.

> If you've seen a beer commercial in the last two years — and how can you avoid them? — you know the type. He's a twenty- or thirtysomething, sort of a slacker, with a beautiful and adoring girlfriend who just can't seem to pry his attention away from his suds. She expresses ardor, he looks ardently at his mug or can of beer. She wants to talk romance, he wants to talk anything but. She gets exasperated, he snuggles obliviously with his beer as she departs in a huff.
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> Louts have few needs and no shackles. Above all, louts may ogle women and snicker about them, but women are pointedly never their top priority. At most, women are objects, just like in the old days. That's the revenge part. Louts don't have to make any concessions to women. Louts barely need women. Just give a lout a Bud and his buds and he's happy.
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> Of course, embedded in loutishness is the idea that the lout is irresistible to women even as he disdains them — in fact, because he disdains them. In this view, women, who have allegedly been overpampered for the last few decades, just love louts, even when they pretend they don't. As this male fantasy goes, men are so cute when they act like galoots. So not only does he not have to make concessions to women, he can do or say whatever he wants without any consequences because in lout culture insensitivity is the new sensitivity.

The bitterness just shines right through, doesn't it? I have to admit that I find the piece amusing, because while it has been annoying to deal with the nyah nyah taunting from feminists about how lousy men are for the last twenty-odd years, the tone has changed from smug to something approaching "alarmed."

Here, he gets into analysis:

> More, young men are always searching for a means to assert themselves, and loutishness is not only a form of revenge, it is a form of empowerment — a way for twenty- and thirtysomethings to show that they aren't going to allow themselves to be subjugated as many of them, no doubt, feel their fathers were under all that feminist lashing.

Finally, he ends with some shaming language, and a dare to "man-up":

> So much of it is gleefully wallowing in irresponsibility, in a lack of maturity, in self-gratification and a general indifference to other people. This may be the real male nirvana, and it suggests that the ubiquitous culture of loutishness speaks to something less obvious and perhaps more interesting than anti-feminism. It speaks to a widespread desire not to have to be men at all.
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> What do women want? Sigmund Freud famously asked. Well, we thought we always knew what men wanted, but it turns out we may have been wrong. Men don't want sex. In a world of unrelenting pressures and of threatening sexual equality, men just want to be boys. Or at least that's the way it looks judging by the new masculinity of loutishness … which, it turns out, really isn't masculinity at all.

Hear that guys? By embracing freedom and shunning the feminist line, you are rejecting masculinity (as defined by an obvious feminist). This is just too rich — it's a wonderful Valentine's Day gift for single men who might have

thought they were missing out on something.

I am really coming to appreciate Valentine's Day — it has become one of those "count your blessings" days for men who have taken the red pill.

A Valentine's Day Legend

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A Satirical Fisking of a Legend

> *The Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno. Juno was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the Feast of Lupercalia.*

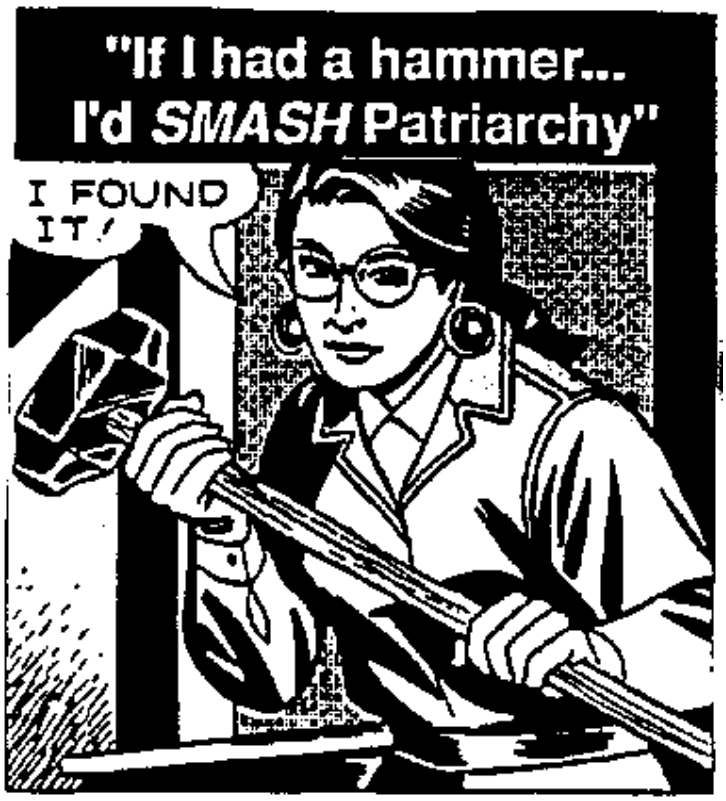
Juno was Jupiter's wife. She was beautiful, emotionally unstable, jealous, narcissistic and vain. But Jupiter was the Alpha of all alphas. He was the top God. Therefore, she stayed with him despite his many, many affairs with younger, tighter and hotter ladies – both mortals and immortals alike. Hypergamy's a bitch when you're already the wife of the apex alpha. You cannot marry up any higher than the God of Gods…so you deal with being the Queen of his harem.

> *The lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate. However, one of the customs of the young people was name drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia, the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners for the duration of the festival with the girl whom he chose. Sometimes the pairing of the children lasted an entire year, and often, they would fall in love and would later marry.*

An ancient, pagan version of spin the bottle? Cool.

> *Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome.*

Claudius was the first Feminist to SMASH PATRIARCHY!



> *The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples…*

You'd think the women of Pagan Rome would have rejoiced that there Emperor abolished the harsh enslavement of Hetero-normative, Patriarchal Marriage!?! But no…they still wanted to get married in secret anyway! Why were young Roman ladies so eager to subject themselves to the slavery of male privilege…even when it was against the law? Women's studies professors still can't figure out how to explain that one…

> *…and for this kind deed Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off.*

It could have been worse. He could have been no-fault divorced-ed and enslaved to a lifetime of supporting his ex-wife for alimony and child support while she got to bang Gladiators in what was once his house and in his former bed…

> *He suffered martyrdom on the 14th day of February, about the year 270. At that time it was the custom in Rome, a very ancient custom, indeed, to celebrate in the month of February the Lupercalia, feasts in honour of a heathen god. On these occasions, amidst a variety of pagan ceremonies, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed.*
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> *The pastors of the early Christian Church in Rome endeavored to do away with the pagan element in these feasts by substituting the names of Saints for those of maidens. And as the Lupercalia began about the middle of February, the pastors appear to have chosen Saint Valentine's Day for the celebration of this new feast. So it seems that the custom of young men choosing maidens for valentines, or saints as patrons for the coming year, arose in this way.*

Somehow that custom got changed…could you imagine those ancient Romans men courting a maiden with the mentality of a modern day feminist-minded shrike? Why that young man had *better* take his maiden of choice to

the most expensive feast in town, and he *better* shower her with gifts! Even if he does not have any money, he could still sign up for six months of indentured servitude so he can get her those gifts on credit! He'd better get her something…or she will make life for him utterly miserable with her nagging and complaining, and she'll refuse to have sex with him to boot!

Perhaps those ancient Roman men stuck with such women on this day could simply pick a new name from the box, and NEXT the nagging entitlement princess.

Hmmm…perhaps there is something of ancient legends that can still teach us relevant lessons today.

Happy Valentines Day.

As it happens...

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It's V-Day, and countless little tragedies are playing out. Be grateful, single men, for we are spared the worst of it. For us, it is a day of Thanksgiving — we are those in grace today.

I saw this comment on our *Eat Pray Love* article just about as it came up, and I thought we all ought to reflect on it.

This is reality. This is what happens:

I realize this a really late post, but I couldn't help it given my current situation.

I'm not afraid to say that I'm disgusted and deeply offended by the message and the victimization of the ex-husband. I can actually relate very much to what happened to him.

I think I saw a few pieces of this movie when my wife rented it or something, but it seemed terrible so I fell asleep or found something I enjoyed more to do with my time. However, looking back now I can't believe the impact this movie has had on my wife.

We have two wonderful little boys and have been together for eight years, married for two of those now. Recently, she revealed that she didn't feel the same way she used to feel about me anymore (i.e. "We've grown apart"). To me, this came completely out of the blue. I was happy and things were just normal and routine. I thought she was at least somewhat happy as well.

While she hasn't stated that she wants a divorce as of yet, it certainly doesn't feel very far off. She basically hit me with the "It's not you, it's me" line. She said that she needed to find herself and love herself before she could ever truly love someone else. Now she wants time and space. She recommended that I watch this movie to better understand where she is coming from.

I'm shocked. I'm devastated. I'm scared to death. The family I worked so hard to build and dreamed would always be together is now crumbling around me. And I don't think there's a thing I can do about it.

Is there no talking any sense into her? Why is it that if the rolls were reversed I would be a loser, a bum, and a deadbeat dad; yet she will be celebrated as "empowered" and "seeking enlightenment"?

I feel so bad for the ex-husband in the movie/novel. I know how bad it hurts. But they didn't even have small children in "Eat Pray Love" though, right? That complicates the situation so much more and just really adds to the pain tremendously.

Whatever happened to working things out? What about the vows? "Through thick and thin?" "Til death do us part"?

-Mr. Bill

Rejoice, single men, but reserve a sympathetic thought for those afflicted by marriage today. They are our brothers, and even the beasts of burden deserve better than their fate.

Remember: There but for the grace of God…

Fat Acceptance — Where Feminists and Gay Men Part Ways

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In response to columns by gay sex writer Dan Savage in which he pointedly criticizes obesity, Seattle writer and gourmande Lindy West wrote an article titled "Hello, I Am Fat." Lindy goes on to whine about how hurtful it is when people like Savage characterize obesity as unsightly, saying that "shame is a tool of oppression," diets don't work, etc.

Ms. West's column, followed by the inevitable irresponsible comments about how beautiful she is, is a pretty standard example of denial and defense of her food addiction. Alcoholics and other addicts will behave similarly when cornered or called out. Overcoming an addiction can be a daunting task, so it's no wonder people lash out when faced with the frightening prospect of having to give up a crutch. In some ways a food addiction may be one of the most difficult of all, because you can't just give up eating forever, as you can with booze, junk or cigarettes, so the temptation is always going to be there every day. Imagine telling a hardcore alcoholic that he can't get buzzed any longer, but must take sips of booze throughout the day for the rest of his life.

Lindy West's denial in action:

> This is my body. It is MINE. I am not ashamed of it in any way. In fact, I love everything about it. Men find it attractive. Clothes look awesome on it. My brain rides around in it all day and comes up with funny jokes. Also, I don't have to justify its awesomeness/attractiveness/healthiness/usefulness to anyone, because it is MINE. Not yours.

Rather than call obesity what it is – the result of an eating disorder – feminists have embraced "fat acceptance" as a means of ignoring the real problems it causes. This makes it easier for the obese to deny any responsibility for the problem, and in fact to deny that there is a problem at all. One might ask why feminists in particular, and why this particular issue? Well, the reason feminists care so much is that food addiction has a consequence that goes beyond the "mere" health problems — it makes women sexually unappealing to men. A woman can smoke cigarettes, drink martinis and even snort coke and still be desirable to many men. But once she starts to look like a marine mammal, she's going to find suitors to be rare indeed. Because feminism is so concerned with leveraging female sexuality, this presents a conundrum. So how do they deal with it? In the usual manner, of course: by blaming men for not "accepting" them and demanding that men make concessions. "Fat acceptance" is an almost entirely female movement. Fat men – and there are plenty – do not benefit much from these delusions. Nor do they go to anywhere near the lengths women do to make excuses for it.

Time and again throughout my life I've heard fat women say that they don't eat more than ordinary people. If you were to take what they say at face value, you'd think they were on a constant diet of rice cakes and diet soda. But we all know better. My first high school job was at an Italian bakery, and in addition to all the olive oil, bread, pasta and such we sold pastries. Donuts, to be precise. Every weekday morning at about 10AM, when the local businesses had a coffee break, a herd of fat women would come rumbling in and line up at the counter to bark orders at me like angry walruses as I frantically boxed and bagged donuts. Some would make excuses such as "I need two dozen donuts for all my coworkers," but for the most part they'd stand there and harangue me until they got their sack of goodies. Fat people may be jolly much of the time, but when it comes to food they sure don't mess around.

Gay men, who have a tendency to be very aesthetically aware, have very little use for fat acceptance. Although gay men can leverage their sexuality, they can't pull the same sympathy con that women do. Other gay men simply won't fall for it to nearly the extent that straight men do where women are involved. For these reasons, fat acceptance is never going to be popular or effective for gay men. Savage, as one of the most popular representatives of gay men in America, is simply calling it as he sees it. His erstwhile feminist allies, however, are outraged by his common sense approach.

Here are a couple comments from feminist blogs:

> Womanist Musings:
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> Over time I have come to loathe Dan Savage for his racist, ableist, fat phobic and sexist language. Though Savage is oppressed as a gay man, he seems to forget that he has plenty of privilege. Not only is he White and male, he is also able bodied and cis gendered, has class privilege, western privilege, thin privilege, etc and etc. For all of the oppression Dan Savage faces as a gay man, he certainly exists with enough power to make the lives of others a living hell. There seems to be this need for marginalized bodies to find someone else to oppress, in an effort to avoid becoming the bottom tier of the social hierarchy.
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> Shakesville:
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> Even though Fillyjonk posted about it here and I got involved in comments, I deliberately did not post about the last asshole thing Dan Savage said about fat people, because dude is obviously way too invested in defending his right to hate teh fattiez, and at this point, far be it from me to try to take that away from him. For some reason, he really, really seems to need it. I guess maybe that's the compulsive self-comforting behavior he found to replace eating (see below). Poor bunny.

Pretty angry, these feminists. Not much solidarity with a gay man — actually looks like the same language they usually reserve for us here at *The Spearhead*. Although I'm not sure we can draw conclusions from these little outbursts, it does at least demonstrate the fragility of the coalition built around left feminism. Their alliance with ethnic minorities and gay men is probably a lot more tenuous than most people might assume. All that's held it together, really, is that they've been able to extort goodies from the system set up long ago by straight white men, but that system is breaking down.

This is something we have to keep in mind: there is no consensus amongst the new left that arose in the wake of the West's sexual revolution — it's all about the loot, and the loot's running out. I expect to see the left begin to fracture along its fault lines of race, sex and class as people realize there's nothing left in it for them. This isn't to say the traditional right is the answer; they've long since been discredited and their efforts are largely useless or outright damaging to our interests. But the political reality is shifting, and I think it will be in our favor.

Finally, I'm going to end with a little excerpt from one of Lindy West's restaurant reviews:

> Now, either I'm totally good at being blind or OH MY FUCKING GOD IT WAS SO OBVIOUS. First of all, let me say that both burgers were excellent. Nothing wrong with relatively well-off suburban cows. Painted Hills, A+. HOWEVER. The Wagyu burger was a revelation. I mean literally like the book of Revelation, like eight flaming man-goats descended on fiery Segways and beat me in the face with their righteous swords of deliciousness.
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> The Wagyu patty was soft without being insubstantial, drippier, darker, and beefier than its counterpart. The Wagyu burger made you forget that ketchup exists. Seriously, it was so good. If my mother were a cow, I would still eat this hamburger. If I were a hamburger, I would eat this hamburger. If I were this hamburger, I would eat myself.
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> Oh, and also, aside from the chocolate milk shake (AWESOME, even though it was technically a black-and-white, which I usually do NOT condone), everything else was kind of legit gross. Onion rings ($4) were battered so thickly they resembled Krispy Kreme doughnuts with a fryer-fat glaze of visible grease. And a small Cobb salad ($5)—despite a promising abundance of hard-boiled egg—was weirdly both sweet and bitter, with a dressing reminiscent of frozen Minute Maid lemonade concentrate. We picked out the bacon and left the rest. But you know what? Guess how much I cared? Zero. Zero much. I am smitten with another.

The love of Lindy's life:

Lindy:

Mad Men Writer Tells The Plain Truth to Women Looking to Get Married

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In an astonishing deviation from the standard popular discourse on marriage, TV writer Tracy McMillan (*Mad Men, United States of Tara*) spells out exactly why so many women are unlucky in love. The reasons she enumerates are quite harsh, but maybe a dose of bitter medicine is just what American women need these days.

Here's the list:

1. You're a Bitch.

2. You're Shallow.

3. You're a Slut.

4. You're a Liar.

5. You're Selfish.

6. You're Not Good Enough.

Of course, she goes to some length to explain these terms in a fairly sympathetic manner, but there's really not much dancing around the issue. Ms. McMillan is one of those remarkable women with a talent for dishing out the straight dope.

For example, under "You're Shallow," she takes women to task for lacking in character:

> When it comes to choosing a husband, only one thing really, truly matters: character. So it stands to reason that a man's character should be at the top of the list of things you are looking for, right?
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> [...]
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> Instead, you are looking for someone tall. Or rich. Or someone who knows what an Eames chair is. Unfortunately, this is not the thinking of a wife. This is the thinking of a teenaged girl. And men of character do not want to marry teenaged girls. Because teenage girls are never happy. And they never feel like cooking, either.

Ouch!

Her article is worth a full read, so I'm not going to give too much away, but she hits on some of our points here at *The Spearhead* so closely I've got to wonder whether people are actually starting to catch on.

The following passage, for example, echoes the theme of my "Stop Looking for a Wife" post from last fall so closely it's uncanny:

> Because ultimately, marriage is not about getting something — it's about giving it. Strangely, men understand this more than we do. Probably because for them marriage involves sacrificing their most treasured possession — a free-agent penis — and for us, it's the culmination of a princess fantasy so universal, it built Disneyland.

I've got to give Ms. McMillan credit for saying it in a manner and venue that will actually catch women's attention. Honestly, I can't say I've seen a woman put it in plainer English in my life.

Sarah Palin Needs to Rein in Her Harsh Feminist Rhetoric

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I applaud Sarah Palin's passion, her adroit sense of humor, and her you-go-girl! gumption. But the more I learn about Sarah Palin, the more I become perplexed by her over-heated gender-bending rhetoric.

I believe we can all agree that men and women should have equal opportunities. But let's not confuse equal opportunities with identical outcomes. Just because a woman has the same right to an education and a decent job, doesn't mean she will pursue the identical career path, toil as long, or work as many years as a man.

Men and women have differing proclivities and interests — most Americans understand this fact. But then there is the small band of disaffected feminists who adamantly insist any and all social differences are the product of gender discrimination.

So where does the former vice-presidential candidate stand on all of this?

Let's take the gender wage gap. Dozens of studies show that when the relevant factors are taken into account – training, experience, hours worked, and so forth – any salary difference is smaller than a twinkle in Nancy Pelosi's eye.

But during the 2008 presidential campaign, Palin used the myth to skewer her Democratic opponent. Ignoring the fact that most of the top-level staffers in Obama's former senate office were male, she made this charge: "Out on the stump he talks a good game about equal pay for equal work, but according to the Senate payroll records, women on his own staff get just 83 cents for every dollar that the men get."

Ratcheting up women's sense of resentment, Palin then asked, "Does he think that the women aren't working as hard? Does he think they are 17% less productive?"

Pretty harsh, Mrs. Palin.

Another feminist cause célèbre is the "glass ceiling," the notion that bearded patriarchs are conspiring to keep working women in their place. But there is no more impressive story of our generation than the rapidity with which women have come through the ranks to reach the very top. As Alaska's first female governor, Sarah Palin knows this triumph well.

But the identity politics-embracing Sarah Palin had this to say during her campaign: "In the long history of our country, 74 people have held the position of President or Vice-President. And why have the major parties given Americans only two chances to even consider a woman for either office?"

No, Mrs. Palin you've got it all wrong. Political parties don't "give" a person the chance to run for office. The potential candidate must network, organize, and fund-raise like the dickens. And once they get elected, they don't resign halfway through their term of office.

Palin also presents herself as an advocate of a slimmed down government. But when she speaks to a female audience, her message strikes a different note.

Regarding Title IX, the federal policy that imposes rigid gender quotas on college athletics, Palin has repeatedly come out in favor of this male-disadvantaging hold-over from the Clinton Administration.

Palin has called for more childcare services, presumably at taxpayer expense, as well as "reforms in labor laws that allow greater flexibility in the workplace." Of course this would mean more regulations from the Department of Labor.

But most eyeball-rolling is this Palinism: "The working women of this country, those who work inside the home and outside of the home, they're overlooked by politicians in Washington."

Women overlooked? PULLEEEEAAASE.

From the Sheppard-Townsend Act of 1921 that established a national network of maternal-child health programs, to the Social Security Act for threadbare widows, Medicare and Medicare, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act, Women's Educational Equity Act of 2001, five separate offices of women's health at the Department of Health and Human Services – the list goes on.

Sarah Palin's back-door connections to the radical National Organization for Women are also well-known. On several occasions, leaders of N.O.W. chapters have made public appearances with Palin. And one credible report suggests Palin supporters may have swung the outcome for the closely fought N.O.W. presidency in 2009: http://www.salon.com/life/broadsheet/feature/2009/06/22/terry_oneill

Not surprisingly, a growing chorus of commentators is taking issue with Palin's ambitions to inherit the iconic mantle of Ronald Reagan.

Commentator Charles Krauthammer views Palin as "rather weak," and former White House adviser Karl Rove doubts she has the "gravitas" for the "most demanding job in the world,"

Writer Peggy Noonan derides Palin as a "nincompoop." And former Palin aide Nicolle Wallace let it be known her former boss "has very obvious deficiencies that will reveal themselves as the nominating contest gets closer."

But true to form, Sarah "Barracuda" Palin turns it around, accusing her critics of sexism.

I never thought it was fair that a person with an honest difference of opinion with Sarah Palin could be reflexively accused of gender bias. But this is how the political discourse operates these days.

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CBS Reporter Lara Logan Beaten, Gang-Raped in Egypt Protests

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As pointed out in the case of Jayme Biendl, the female prison guard who was attacked and strangled by a rapist while working at the Monroe State Correctional Facility, ignoring reality has consequences. Feminists and their supporters, however, continue to turn a blind eye, because they are so deeply emotionally (and sometimes financially) invested in the idea that human nature can be altered to suit our contemporary sense of propriety, which is a moving target.

There is perhaps no place in which the ugly side of humanity is more nakedly displayed than in a mob, yet Logan and her superiors seemed to think that it would be an acceptable risk for her to cover the chaotic revolution in Cairo. I'm not sure what kind of world these people live in, but even I would know that a blonde, Western woman in an Arab country really shouldn't be out on the street at night. Add an angry mob, and, well… What the hell did they expect?

I'm sure people will try to find some angle to divert attention from the fateful decision to send Lara Logan out into the mob, perhaps by blaming Arabs, Islam, or even anger at the West. But it happens here, too. In Seattle, during the Mardi Gras riot of 2001, essentially the same thing happened to a woman who got caught up in an out-of-control mob. I'm afraid Mrs. Logan got it worse, however — it took a platoon of Egyptian soldiers to rescue her from the attack. She's lucky she survived. She took the first flight home and is currently in the hospital.

What I wonder is how feminists can square their declared desire to eliminate violence against women with their demands that women be placed in situations where they will inevitably get hurt. There are many things – and people – in this world that are beyond our control. None of those men in Egypt who attacked Lara Logan will ever face an American police officer or judge. In all likelihood, none will ever even be named.

So I suppose the question is: Do feminists want women to be safe and secure at all times, or do they want women to be encouraged to take risks that will inevitably get some of them hurt very badly? You just can't have it both ways.

Just as US Prepares to Expand Role of Women in Military, Lawsuit Erupts

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For some reason, many Americans now seem to have the impression that the US military should be a progressive, equalist institution, dedicated to providing opportunities for all. This is probably the result of the Cold War, which created the need for a huge, sophisticated military that never ended up using its full capability. It seems that people now think it's just another institution to be plundered, like the government, public schools, etc. In fact, they must have this impression, because for all of history the job of the military has been to win by being unfair, and it's just absurd to think that a military has any real job other than defeating enemies in war.

But leave it to the feminists to leave no stone unturned in their quest for privileges, cushy jobs, and outright payoffs. Naturally, they have long been pushing for equality in the military, which includes shifting standards so that women can call themselves soldiers, and recently they have called for women to play a part in combat. Women have traditionally been banned from combat in conventional armed forces not only because of their marked physical inferiority where combat is concerned, but because they tend to shift the focus from the task at hand. Men are easily distracted from the messy business of killing people and destroying things by female company, because when it comes down to it almost all of us would rather be in bed with a woman than be in an enemy's gunsights. Putting women on the front lines is such an obviously bad idea that it's quite amazing that people have the chutzpah to suggest it.

But there are other reasons to keep women out of the military, and one of them just became apparent on Tuesday when a lawsuit was filed against Defense Secretary Robert Gates and former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld for turning a "blind eye" to sexual assault of women on active duty. As argued here before, if you put women in theater in close proximity with soldiers, there will be incidents. Some will be rapes, some false accusations, and some somewhere in between. I can't imagine any other internal issue having a more serious negative effect on morale, which would necessarily diminish combat effectiveness. When sexual disputes arise within the ranks, our armed forces will be less efficient and weaker, and they are an inevitable consequence of mixing men and women in theater.

But to feminists this doesn't matter, because they don't actually see the military as being an instrument of war, but as yet another structure men built to provide for women. If the higher ups don't take a stand immediately, they will simply leverage our military into nothing but another emasculated institution that gives them perks at taxpayer expense. Their tool of coercion, naturally, will be the Democratic Party. When they make the issue about "rape," the Republican Party will rush in to white knight. This is the formula that the feminists have been using with smashing success for some 50 years (since the Civil Rights Bill) — play the equalists on one side and the white knight conservatives on the other.

It's time some men stood up to that game and said enough is enough. It's time to abandon talk of putting women in combat, and time to stop calling them soldiers at all. No more indulging them by giving them the same ranks and commands. If the military needs women working desk jobs at Bagram that's fine — give them their desk jobs as part of a women's auxiliary corps. If they need women in Muslim countries to engage Muslim women, then let them do so as women, not soldiers; I think they'll have better luck and find more sympathy if they aren't tramping around in combat boots and body armor with an M-16.

And, above all, don't let them fraternize with the troops on base. As this lawsuit demonstrates, it's just going to cause trouble for everyone.

Sometimes I wonder whether this GI Jane thing isn't just some hipster fantasy gone out of control. It's really getting ridiculous, and making our nation look more and more like a joke every day.

In Stalinist Academic Climate, Candid Thoughts Prompt Career Liquidation

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Nir Rosen, journalist and NYU fellow, tweeted some thoughts on the orgy of sympathy Lara Logan received for placing herself smack dab in the middle of a mob of revolutionary Arab men. Rosen's skepticism about how much sympathy she deserved came from an angle I hadn't initially considered when I questioned CBS's and Ms. Logan's judgment in aggressively inserting herself in the middle of a volatile situation.

It turns out that Logan was kind of a war junkie, and has long made herself a fixture in Iraq and Afghanistan, where she'd cruise around on base in skimpy clothing aggressively displaying her assets to troops, even prompting one American soldier to say "I feel sorry for your husband." In fact, Logan liked the boys on base so much that despite being married herself, she got pregnant by a married contractor in Baghdad while simultaneously carrying on with another man, prompting an embarrassing altercation. She was often "embedded," which is a practice in which journalists are put in controlled situations with troops that are mutually beneficial to both military PR and major news networks. Logan, for her part, added an entirely novel nuance to the term. Perhaps being accustomed to being surrounded by a phalanx of heavily armed American and British troops gave her the false sense of security that led to her unfortunate decision to waltz into the middle of a mob in Cairo.

Rosen, evidently thinking "what goes around comes around" pointed to her role as a cheerleader for wars in Muslim lands, which should further raise eyebrows about her up close and personal coverage of a revolution in a Muslim country. When you add everything up, it certainly looks as though Logan was tempting fate. Wouldn't surprise me if someone in the mob actually knew who she was (word gets around fast on the street), which could go a considerable way toward explaining the assault. Actually, it's looking more and more like she was deliberately singled out and attacked for political reasons.

Unfortunately for Rosen, he made the mistake of violating a PC taboo, and was promptly sacrificed to the goddess:

> From Karen J. Greenberg, Executive Director, Center on Law and Security
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> Nir Rosen is always provocative, but he crossed the line yesterday with his comments about Lara Logan. I am deeply distressed by what he wrote about Ms. Logan and strongly denounce his comments. They were cruel and insensitive and completely unacceptable. Mr. Rosen tells me that he misunderstood the severity of the attack on her in Cairo. He has apologized, withdrawn his remarks, and submitted his resignation as a fellow, which I have accepted. However, this in no way compensates for the harm his comments have inflicted. We are all horrified by what happened to Ms. Logan, and our thoughts are with her during this difficult time.

Rosen is a straight-up liberal with politics that are probably considerably to the left of most of our readers, but even that couldn't save him when he triggered the feminist/white knight alliance we are all so familiar with.

You'd think that if the feminists and social conservatives really cared about Lara Logan's safety and sexual integrity, they'd be ignoring Nir Rosen and calling for the head of the CBS executive stupid enough to allow her to cover the revolution. Whoever made that choice even went to far as to send her back *after she'd already been detained and deported*, probably to prevent just such an incident.

But no, one man who made an "insensitive" remark takes the fall, while those who actually bear a considerable part of the responsibility for the incident remain blameless. We can only take this as evidence that they don't really care about what effect their decisions and policies have in the real world. Whether it means destroying families and handicapping children by forcing fathers out of their lives or putting women in situations where they will be hurt, what comes first is the ideology that undergirds a system that keeps them in power and in the money.

If they keep this up, eventually there will be so many victims that they too may see themselves thrown out just like

Egypt's old guard.

Update: Nir Rosen is now groveling like a whipped dog before his masters. It is embarrassing to see this, but instructive nonetheless:

The Moral Equivalence of the Emoting Housewife and Her Sycophants

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Laura Wood has gained some notoriety around the manosphere for her blog, "*The Thinking Housewife.*" I myself have her linked on my blogroll, and I do read most of her postings. She has some good points for which I often find myself in agreement with…but one of her recent posts really irritated me, and I felt it deserved a full length response.

Since she does not allow commentary at her blog, and I know her and her sycophants regularly read *The Spearhead*, I decided a little public fisking of Laura's correspondence with one of her e-mailers and her condescending denunciation of this forum and it's participants is in order.

First up, the title of her post: *Eat, Pray, Love Syndrome and its Counterpart for Men* . This title alone is ludicrous in it's implication. "*Eat, Pray, Love*" is a piece of mass media propaganda to normalize frivolous divorce as a path to female fulfillment and empowerment. It was a mainstream, commercially successful movie that millions of women across the country made it a point to go and see. It's subversive influence on married women is quite obvious when you get the kind of results as evidenced by the comment that Bill Price featured in this Valentine's Day post, in which a married woman contemplates destroying her family because she was influenced by this disgusting, feminist agitprop. I find the moral equivalence between what Wood refers to as "Eat, Play, Love Syndrome" and the reaction of the commentary here at *The Spearhead* completely off base, and utterly ludicrous.

It is not even close to the same thing. For one, *The Spearhead* represents nothing more than the masculine reaction to understanding the truth about our feminized popular culture. We have a true diversity of viewpoints represented here. Other than condemning feminism's influence on our culture and lives, we don't agree on much else around here. To say there is an 'ideology' associated with *The Spearhead* and it's contributing authors and it's regular commenters is laughable. The ONLY thing that gets universal agreement here is recognizing the affects of the feminist agenda on our culture and society…and even then, we'll disagree on some aspects of that. Even when we do agree on something, we never agree on any particular solutions to these commonly recognized problems. Suggested solutions are regularly debated, opposed, shot down or supported. There really is no consensus here to form an "ideology."

We got men here who think Game should be universally studied by all men, versus men who think Game doesn't even exist or is nothing more than a waste of time. We have men here that argue for a return to Patriarchal marital norms, versus men who think all Men should avoid marriage versus men who advocate marriage only for men who expatriate to countries where feminism has not gained a foothold.

We have men who believe in pumping and dumping as many women as possible; we have men who believe in lifelong monogamy is the only morally acceptable way for men to be sexually active; and we have men who are simply awaiting the convergence of realistic sex robots and/or virtual reality technology so they can ignore women completely.

We have men here who are bitterly opposed to abortion and consider it a ghastly act of infanticide, and others that support it's legality as much as any pro-choice women's org.

If there is one thing that can be said about *The Spearhead*, is that we largely agree to disagree on just about everything. To simply say this forum represents a coherent, cohesive ideology comparable to the feminist zeitgeist that underlies mass media programming like *Eat, Pray, Love* is an unfounded moral equivalency and is a completely baseless assertion.

Wood calls her blog *The Thinking Housewife*, but her marginalization of *The Spearhead* community as nothing more than a "counterpart" equivalent to the frivolous divorce mindset of feminism clearly shows that she's not

thinking logically about *The Spearhead*. She's emoting disgust at this entire site, as if this is nothing more than the misogynistic mirror-image of the brainwashed misandry of feminist sites like feministing or jezebel.

This is similar to the regular appearance of trolls here, in which feminist quislings denounce all the Men here for "hating all women."

Here's the e-mail that Wood received that got her emoting about our little "community of hateful misogyny" here at The Spearhead:

> ***PATRICK writes:***
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> *Here is a moving testimony at The Spearhead from a man whose wife watched the movie Eat, Pray, Love. She was so affected by it she told him she no longer loved him. Eat, Pray, Love is a toxic celebration of feelings (only destructive feelings, because non-destructive feelings e.g. gratitude, are boring); a denigration of duty, and therefore a denigration of true love. The comment is a good example of a philosophy (hedonism with a dash of nihilism) applied directly and in an unadulterated form.*
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> *However, the comments from men that follow the post are disturbing. The appropriate reaction to evil is not to become evil oneself, but to remain moral. Simply identify and explain the evil – and pursue the good. To wallow in resentment and bitterness leads nowhere.*

First of all, "Patrick" what exactly is "disturbing?" What was said in the commentary that could be seriously considered "becoming evil?"

Is it the language you disapprove of? Well guess what, this is by and large a male space. We have salty language here as most any space dedicated to male fellowship and camaraderie. Does vulgarity in male dominated conversation offend your religious or moral sensibilities? Than don't use such language yourself…but to say that using such language is "disturbing" or downright "evil" is nothing more than hyperbolic hyperventilating. You might want to grab a paper bag and start taking some deep breaths.

Is it evil for the men who expressed their anger with vulgarity at the woman who saw this movie and decided it was time to divorce her husband and forever alter the lives of their two boys? You think such a woman doesn't deserve epithets like *bitch* or *cunt* to describe her? Especially when many of the men here have been similarly betrayed by their ex-wives or mothers who destroyed their families over such selfish decisions like the author of *Eat, Pray, Love*? What you are seeing here is not disturbing…it is the legitimate reaction of the righteously disturbed!

Disturbed by the cultural approval and encouragement that promotes this shit in the first place!

"Patrick" continues:

The "anti-marriage" ideology is deeply misguided.

Misguided? You will not find a consensus on the topic here at *The Spearhead*. What you will find is a universal recognition of what a scam and raw deal Marriage 2.0 has become for Men in the present day, feminist-influenced culture.

Women receive a lot of criticism for what I call lifestyle divorces, but I also think some men are willfully blind to "red flags" which indicate the likelihood of a future lifestyle divorce. Occasionally good men will be blindsided.

Time to cue the disturbing language….

Occasionally good men are blindsided?!?!?

What the FUCK are you talking about? When a woman decides to break up her family over a "lifestyle" decision, even if the Man in question is oblivious to the 'red flags,' how does that excuse the immoral decision for such a woman who simply follows a pop culture movie's example into divorce court? This looks like you're blaming men for the immoral, family-destroying and selfish decisions women like the *Eat, Pray, Love* author made! What about

personal responsibility? What about Ms. Lifestyle Divorce trying to "communicate" and "work it out" with her oblivious husband? What about such women actually trying to live up to her marriage vows of "til death do us part' instead of contemplating divorcing him and upending the lives of their children so she can go and "find herself," by fucking swarthy, handsome strangers in exotic locales?

Being a victim of betrayal, however, is one of the many possible misfortunes of life. How we react to misfortune is more telling of character than how we react to good fortune. So my sympathy is with the victims of lifestyle divorce, especially the children. But it is not acceptable to engage in immoral behavior because one has been victimized or because others have been victimized.

So let's get this straight…it is not acceptable for Men to express outrage and anger with some curse words at this instance of a woman deciding to break up her family *after seeing a fucking movie*?

That all the men that saw this as yet another example of how feminist-driven divorce laws are destroying the nuclear family in Western Civilization and denouncing it in harsh, vulgar language…that is "immoral behavior?" Fuck that!

Here's the first comment, by "BobbyL," in reaction to that post:

Really sad. Spread the message far and wide. Marriage is dead. Feminists killed it.

Is this what Patrick calls "The "anti-marriage" ideology" that is "deeply misguided?"

Oh wait…I know, it was the very next comment: *"Damn welmer we should delete that cunts post."*

Was it the "C" word that got Patrick so upset?

I could think of worse insults for a woman that destroyed her family simply because she saw a movie and decided she too was unhappy and it's time to destroy her own family.

I normally do not use so much vulgarities in my blog posting both here and at my own blog…but I think there is a fucking point to be made here. Vulgar curse words are not evil, nor immoral.

They are rude.

They are offensive to polite sensibilities.

But they are entirely fucking appropriate in a venue such as this when denouncing self-centered, narcisstic cunts that think nothing of destroying their families because some fucking movie made by some empowered feminist twats gave them a vague sense of dissatisfaction with their own marriages.

Than we have Richard P-Man's comment regarding the BobbyL's comment stating that "marriage is dead and feminists killed it" -

True – but lets give credit where credit is due…

Plenty of women who did not take on the "feminist" label – also helped to kill it by silently sitting by and doing nothing while a group of sexual bigots trashed the institution.

Or worse, men like Patrick sit there and condemn other men who are rightfully disgusted with the current state of affairs for being "anti-marriage."

Then we have Laura Wood's response:

> *Unfortunately, this post at The Spearhead inspired the typical, vulgar misogynist tirades there. All men are victims. Every woman is evil. There is absolutely nothing to be gained from this ideology except bitterness, bile and loneliness.*

First of all, this man whose wife is contemplating divorce IS A VICTIM.

He's a victim of the subversive cultural indoctrination of this garbage that masquerades as "chick-flick entertainment." This is the precise response this movie and the book that inspired it was intended to evoke in other women.

Second of all, while there most certainly were vulgarities – this is a male space after all – I didn't find a single "all men are victims" type of statement in the comments, nor "All women are evil." Where is this 'ideology of bitterness, bile and loneliness' Laura Wood refers to? Most of the commentary was either relating their own observations of the effects of such feminist cultural programming in their own lives, or it was direct advice on how the blind-sided husband should "use game" to mitigate the damage and repair his marriage…or to lawyer up and get ready for the divorce hell so many other men here have already endured. On balance, there was actually more commentary urging this man to "study game" to "fix" his marriage than to take divorce measures.

Is this the "anti-marriage" ideology Wood and her sycophant e-mailer, "Patrick" are denouncing?

It's not "bile."

It's not "lonliness."

It's anger.

Anger that is entirely justified and appropriate. You know…the kind of anger displayed by Jesus when he threw the money changers out of the temple?

But Laura managed to finish her little piece with an even more amazing bit of ignorant sophistry:

"Men have nothing to fear in marriage other than the loss of their own honor. That is the only thing that counts and it is something each man controls and no wife can destroy."

Why yes….I agree 100% with this…but she completely misses the most significant point regarding this topic:

Men have nothing to fear in marriage. It's the DIVORCE we have to fear! We rightfully fear for the loss of our children, the garnishment of our wages, the loss of a lifetime we attempt to build for the benefit of our family!

Honor has got nothing to do with it.

Do You Feel Lucky, Punk? AKA Profiling the Perpetrators

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By AfOR

I have always been lucky when it came to picking up women, certainly if quantity is anything to go by. However I have had a couple of mis-fires when it comes to quality, and the last one resulted in me being the victim of a False Rape Accusation.

Being lucky means things come easy, and when things come easy you don't pay attention, you just drift through the process enjoying it, but being lucky also means you end up playing the numbers game, and that means that it is only a question of time before you have a mis-fire.

I should also state for the record that as a heterosexual male, my only relationship experiences have been with women, perhaps men are the same, I wouldn't know first hand, but I doubt it.

So, I hit my late forties and had a mis-fire and got a False Rape Accusation made against me, at that point I started to pay attention, and thanks to the internet and the usual web sites that you are all familiar with (False Rape Society, Shrink 4 Men, etc.) I started to study my own particular tragedy in some detail.

What I discovered is that everyone actually does tell the truth about themselves, if you listen.

I have often said "I'm stupid" in conversation, and I have also said "I'm smart", the two are not mutually exclusive because the smart statement was made about my job / trade / skill set, and the stupid statement was made about the women I end up with.

When women say "I'm crazy" even if just quoting Norma Jean Baker, you really should listen.

If you had asked me about my ex before she made the False Rape Accusation I would have said "She's a crazy bitch." But I didn't really listen to myself, not so much that I didn't really mean it, more a case of it being one of those lines that comes from the sub-conscious, without heavy inflection of tones, without facial expression, without any kind of emphasis, so generally we do not pay a great deal of attention.

The sort of lines we should all be listening to.

I will refer to this as "The Tell".

So anyway, the False Rape Accusation is made, I start studying, and it doesn't take long for me to make a layman's diagnosis of a Cluster B Personality Disorder in my ex, specifically Borderline Personality Disorder… she really was a crazy bitch.

So far this is just a story, history, literally, it is the past and nothing can be changed, but what I am going to talk about now is the future, and that can be very heavily altered and influenced by what we do now.

In my studies I discovered that Cluster B personality disorders are actually quite common, with some studies suggesting as much as 10% of the female population being Cluster B.

Since most of my relationships were wham-bam, I wasn't around long enough to notice, which leaves me with the fairly average number of four women who I have co-habited with for one year or longer, statistically this would mean that if 10% of the female population is Cluster B, every time you meet a woman and get involved with her you stand a 1 in 10 chance of getting unlucky.

In my case getting involved to co-habiting level with four women raises that possibility from a 1 in 10 chance to a 4 in 10 chance.

Since I have no intention of swearing off pussy (I'm 50 an everything still works as well as it did 30 years ago, and I still have the same waistline etc.) this means the next one raises that to evens, but, like the flipped coin probability

experiment (if you toss 5 heads in a row the probability of a 6th head is still 1 in 2) having hit the jackpot last time doesn't reset the counter back to 1 in 10.

Without wishing to get into a discussion about statistics and probability, people are not dice or roulette wheels, the odds do not stay the same the longer you play.

While 1 in 10 women being at least slightly nuts may seem like acceptable odds when you are 15, by the time you get to 50, the mere fact that most of the decent women are still married to their first love means that the odds are skewed badly against you, because in effect the passage of time has acted like a filter, removing all the saner women from the mix.

In singleton society, the older you get, the greater the proportion of crazy women in the society.

I will refer to this as "The Infection"

Which brings me to internet dating sites, doncha just love em, when I was 18 I had a tee shirt that said;

TELL ME NOW BEFORE I WASTE $10 ON BEER

… and I had to buy that tee shirt, thanks to the internet dating is now free, and the market of potential mates is vastly expanded beyond anything limited by physical proximity as it was when we were kids.

Now there are basically two types of internet dating sites, the straight sex ones, and the kinky sex ones, and I have been making excellent use of both, and of course both are populated by the same crazy women, and let me tell you brothers, the girls on the straight sex sites are every bit as kinky as the ones on the kinky sex sites.

The only difference is, the ones on the kinky sex sites are more likely to put The Tell in their profile, some of the real crazy ones will put The Tell in three or four times in the one profile. You won't see this, you will be concentrating on the bits where she says she likes to have cock rammed so far down her throat she gags, and the picture of her tied up…

There is of course a definite link between The Tell and The Infection, no matter how kinky you are, sooner or later you will come across a profile and sexual interests that will make you sit back and mutter "this bitch is fucking insane", but you probably still won't wake up and realise that you are not in Kansas anymore, after all, there are more profiles one click away, and de-sensitisation works just as well when you do it to yourself.

So you go back to the straight sex dating sites, and still, it doesn't really matter what you say on your profile, or what your pictures look like, the levels of The Infection are still obtrusively high.

Don't get me wrong, there are still half decent women out there, but the proportion of ore to spoil is always diminishing, and the only way to beat that is go get very mechanical, very efficient, and very cold blooded in your search process, you have to discard everything that contains even the merest hint of The Tell, because by the time The Tell is detectable the incubation period for The Infection has long since passed.

Well, I can hear you thinking, how about winding the clock back and going for the as yet virgin territories of the young females, after all, nothing in Game or anything else prohibits a 40 year old guy going with a 20 year old girl?

Well, I tried that too, and the crucial factor that I forgot was that old ticking clock, everyone and everything changes with time, and this means young girls who were delighted to go with an older guy when guys their own ages didn't have decent cars or decent sexual abilities or decent intelligence and experience, turn into older girls who maybe ain't so delighted any more, after all, their world knowledge of relationships was with you, and that was for them as easy as falling off a log, so how hard can it be to engage in a bit of hypergamy and trade up before THEY get to be 30??? Right??

Which is how in my case I found myself the target of two simultaneous False Rape Accusations.

Of course you can argue that I really should have known better than to fuck a mother and a daughter at the same time, but the facts are THEY knew about each other, and it didn't bother either of them, at the time, until sufficient

time passed and a bit of hypergamous trading up was required, in my case trading up to the most Alpha male providers of all time, the State.

If you catch yourself thinking “hey, he was ASKING for trouble.” Then maybe you want to look in the mangina mirror, was I really asking to be Falsely Accused of Rape? You think?

The reason I relate the above is as follows…

So while in theory I can beat the odds of the ever diminishing supply of decent available women by looking in the younger end of the market, before the good ones are grabbed, and while it certainly is possible to find one free of all traces of The Tell, your real problem, as mine was, lies with The Infection.

Even if you find a young one who is not infected, there is no immunity, The Infection could strike at any time, in fact the more time passes, the more likely it is, while for you being the older guy, you are squandering what you have.

The Tell is a warning sign, The Tell doesn’t kill you, steal your children, grab your house, live off your alimony, or make false accusations of domestic violence or sexual abuse against you.

The Infection is the killer, it will kill you, it will steal your children, it will grab your house, it will live off your alimony, it will make false accusations of violence and sexual abuse against you.

The Infection WILL DO THESE THINGS, it can’t help it, that is its nature… read Aesop’s tale of the scorpion and the frog.

The Tell is only visible after The Infection has passed the incubation period and entered its virulent phase.

The passage of time means that every man out there faces the same problem I do, ever increasing levels of The Infection, which we can guard against and counter to a certain extent by running bulk dating screening operations and blocking women’s profiles at the first hint of The Tell.

Accept that while **overall** maybe 10% of the female population have a Personality Disorder, the passage of time is a filter, so when you are talking about 25+ year old women on a dating site, it’s nearer 30%, 30+ year old women on a dating site, it’s nearer 50%, 35+ year old women on a dating site, it’s nearer 75%.

Kinky sex sites are all at least 10% worse in every category.

So, getting back to the original premise, do you feel lucky? Is there a bullet left in the spout?

Face facts, the odds aren’t good, and the older you get the worse the odds get. There is less and less ore per ton of rock.

The only way to beat this is adopt mass production techniques and instead of panning for ore by hand, in person, in realtime, to do it virtually, online, filter thousands of profiles and trash every one with The Tell, which will be the vast majority of them, and then start winnowing on what’s left, seeing if your single response / memo to their profile can induce The Tell (such as not wanting to exchange mobile numbers early in case you are a psycho stalker) and if it does, Block them.

Don’t ignore them, don’t politely brush them off, just click the BLOCK button and move on, you have thousands of tons of rock to sift before you find your first nugget. You don’t have the time to be polite, and they aren’t worth it anyway, it is wasted on The Infected.

Most of all, forget firm and tender young flesh if you are looking for a relationship, you can still get some of that stuff for the odd wham-bam (*do* keep archived records of all memos / texts and audio of the actual encounter) but as relationship material the mere fact of the age disparity is going to encourage others of The Infected to congregate around her and infect her.

Hell, I kept myself in shape, some women manage to get past 30 while keeping in shape without needing to resort

to surgery or layers of make up and corsets, and pretty much by definition this is the kind of women you are looking for, The non-Infected.

In fact, the 10% or so on dating sites who do not show The Tell may just be second hand, much like a car, and you can get good used cars.

But of that 10% that do not show The Tell, expect at least 90% of them to be The Infected, in plain terms this means you have to treat 99% of women that might at first glance interest you as being toxic waste.

MGTOW and your right hand may be one way to go, but frankly it's a poor substitute as far as I am concerned, I'm not dead yet and I like female flesh too much to give it up completely.

If you use the mass production filtering techniques there is still enough results that do not have The Tell to keep you in wham-bam often enough to keep you happy and smiling, and remember this is no meals, no drinks, no money, turn up and do me wham-bam and usually as kinky as you like as well.. I figure a strict daily regimen of 5 minutes in the morning checking out the new women joined, and a quick "Yo, how's it goin'" pasted (Plenty of Fish is stopping pasted replies now, which tells you how many were doing it, male and female…) into those who do not exhibit The Tell in the profile itself, then another 10 minutes in the evening filtering the responses for "The Tell" and taking it to the second level filtering, can you provoke a The Tell response or any signs of The Infection, those that pass that hit them with your mobile number and a suggestion to meet for coffee within 48 hours, one shot, one chance.

You *need* a decent mobile phone, and you *need* to set rules that apply to all, e.g. meet for coffee, maximum expenditure 1 buck, one chance, no excuses, act like you are a paid agent or pimp, you'll get ten bucks every time you get the guy laid, but you have to pay him 20 for every flake you hook him up with… this is the attitude you need to filter successfully and improve your luck.

You *need* to record and document everything electronically, don't just delete texts and call records after the event, even if it was a washout, back em up to an archive.. this is why you need a *decent* phone, more options.

You *must* use the BLOCK function, it is the only way in hell you have any hope of coping with the sheer numbers, the idea is to filter, filters are no good unless they are one way…

Can I still get access to the same sorts of pussy I could when I was 20?

Nope, short of winning the lottery and landing in Silvio Berlusconi territory, those days are gone, hope you exploited them for all they were worth, because they are gone now.

Does this mean my sex life is over or all downhill?
Hell, no, not if you learn to look for The Tell and The Infected and start playing the numbers game like a professional hobby, and go into mass production and put **every single female within 50 miles** through your refining process, do NOT pre-filter on "hey, she has a big nose and wears spectacles" because you could well be excluding a wham-bam with a great body… some of the nicest looking / feeling / tasting poon I have ever seen was attached to girls whose faces were a 2 on a good day. That wham-bam doesn't just keep you together, it keeps your perspective straight, it stops you yearning like some pathetic 12 year old for true love…

The Tell.

In addition to the obvious such as Monroe quotes, any use of the word "crazy" anywhere in a profile, "soul mate" is a definite tell and definitely one of The Infected. "Shopping" is of course verboten, but any mention of "the girls" as in her female friends is also a classic sign of The Infected, much worse than a shopper.

Women who mention anywhere in the profile (words or pictures) foreign travel of any kind are also The Infected, and this also goes for any mention of a career and independence such as "my own business / home / car" these are huge red flags, the tie die surf boutique bought out of the proceeds of the last guy etc. isn't going to bring in any living wage.

Any mention of how they have been hurt in the past, where are all the nice men, these are not The Tell, these are The Infected in pustulent, virulent, extreme contagion phase, these are not even wham-bam material, these are avoid like the plague material. Block instantly.

Any mention of how they are not looking for a father for the kids etc. Definite The Tell, if profile includes pictures of kids and their names then The Infected, if not then possible wham-bam material, then Block.

Gay Spearhead Reader: Gay Men and Women Are NOT Natural Allies

W.F. Price · 18 February 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Today, I noticed a comment responding to our recent article on fat acceptance that makes short work of the myth that gay men and women are in it together to trash men. Historically speaking, this has never been the truth, but somehow the new left managed to cobble together an unnatural political alliance between feminists and gay men that lasted for a few decades.

As with most outlandish creations, this unlikely pairing is starting to crumble under scrutiny as it is revealed just how little feminists and gay men really have in common.

Andybob's candid words are refreshing and a fun read:

andybob

It would shock many regulars at 'The Spearhead' to know just how little regard gay men and women of all stripes have for each other. There seems to be some stereotype which gets perpetrated in the media (watch any reality show or chick movie) in which women always have some sycophantic fag hanging on her every word and enabling all of her drama crap.

Like everyone else, I can only speak about my own life, experiences and observations. To begin with, I have very few women friends for the following reasons:

- As a gay man, there is nothing a woman can get from me. I have nothing any of them want. I can't be manipulated, controlled or strung along with bs promises of sex. So, serving no purpose to them, I am invisible.

- Because I want nothing from them, I don't have to put up with any of their shit. They will be pulled up for flaky, selfish and unreasonable behaviour. They don't like that at all. Women seem to be strangers to criticism. What are they going to do? Accuse me of being gay? Code Pink? Check-mate bitch!

- I am now in my 40′s and have seen so many of my straight male friends hurt, betrayed and defrauded by seemingly 'nice' females, that I can no longer trust them at all. I have a straight twin brother who has been through chick hell. He has always accepted and supported me every day of my life and I return that support. So, I have introduced him to men's rights blogs. The shared experiences of all types of men has been both strengthening and inspiring for both of us. Wish you were here 20 years ago!

- I am always deeply angered when any female assumes that I will side with her when some dispute arises. Firstly, I don't like being involved with other people's shit. Secondly, it is always the woman who is in the wrong anyway (and I do mean always). Finally, gay or not, I am a man and identify with men as I experience life from a male perspective.

- I have been able to view many women in their unguarded moments and it is not a pretty sight. I am so disgusted by their lack of honesty, loyalty and integrity that I no longer choose to be in their company (except for a very small number – and I would never entirely trust any of them).

None of my gay male friends like or trust women either. Dealing with them in the workplace makes for many funny stories. God they hate fags! They can't even get you for sexual harrassment. None of their feminatrix fanoodlings have any leeway when it comes to dealing with us – and it drives them fucking spare – fun to watch. Never occurs to them just to be human beings who do their jobs properly.

This has been a bit off-topic, but I wanted to make clear that while the mangina/female apologist tag may be spot-on for many gay men, it certainly doesn't include a huge % of gay men. Many of us are just as sick-to-fucking-death of entitlement bitches refusing to take responsiblilty and fucking over decent men (our fathers, brothers, nephews and friends). There but for the grace of God…

Finally, gay men and homely feminist hamburger critics (I mean, really?!) are no more likely to see eye-to-eye on body image issues than any other topics – and that includes the cruel obsenity that feminism has become.

Don’t give up guys. Your support is much wider than you ever suspected.

A Response to the Hysterical Housewife

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Laura Wood wrote another post in response to my piece yesterday about her criticism. At first glance, it looks to be disingenuous and dishonest. But after a couple of readings, I think she honestly just can't help herself. When she encounters criticism, obscenities and hyperbole, she gets rather hysterical.

I will now respond directly to her latest response:

Please note Laura, that not a thing I write here can be construed as an attack, hateful, nor a vile assault on you.

First off, the title of your response:

The Bullies Speak

Ahh…so disagreement and criticism is now "bullying?" My dear, you are the one who sought to criticize this entire community as a "hateful ideology" that was the "counterpart" to the cultural garbage of what you correctly call "Eat, Pray, Love Syndrome." I merely sought to point out that this was a false, moral equivalency.

You picked this fight, and now you cry bullying?

> *THERE IS a lengthy highbrow discussion at the men's website, The Spearhead, in response to the post here in which I said that a wife can never deprive a man of his honor and character.*

Which was not really point of contention. To reiterate, you made a judgment of moral equivalence between anti-marriage, feminist-driven cultural propaganda like EPL and what you tried to claim was some kind of coherent, uniform ideology here at *The Spearhead*. The first half of my piece was to point out that your judgment was wrong.

> *I have not read the whole Spearhead entry, but I have glanced at it. To give you an idea of the tenor of the discussion, or at least of some of the participants, one reader writes of me:*
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> *"She is worthless, untouchable filth. She should have been aborted with a chainsaw."*
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> *Hawaiian Libertarian, who moderates the discussion and who has not deleted threatening comments such as this…*

First off, Laura, *The Spearhead* is by and large a free speech zone. Because of this, you will always be able to find some sort of extreme hyperbole in the commentary. The only time comments get moderated is if a comment could bring about possible legal action against *The Spearhead*. Other than that, this is a free-for-all zone. To find a comment like that and than ascribe it to the entire tenor of my piece and everyone that participates here is disingenuous and a complete cop out.

Second of all, I do not moderate anything at *The Spearhead*. Only the founder, Bill Price, and two other volunteers, have that authority. Even if I wanted to delete commentary I personally found offensive and counterproductive, I couldn't. I do not have that authority or power. The only thing I can do at *The Spearhead,* is submit articles and comments like anyone else.

> *…falsely states that I do not accept comments here.I accept the comments of anyone who writes to me, provided they are civil and to the point, as is clearly stated on my home page at the bottom of every entry.*

OK Laura, I concede this point here – though you try to make this seem like I'm deliberately lying about you. I should have been more specific in that you do not allow normal comment threads like most blogs, you only cherry pick and you edit your email commentary to suit your purposes. Let's just say I did not give you the benefit of the doubt that my long critique would be posted at your site un-edited and not have parts taken out of context…if you

even posted it at all. That is why I posted it here.

> *He also falsely states that I am a reader of The Spearhead. I am not, though readers do occasionally send me links from there.*

Hilarious. I never said you are a daily reader. I wrote that I was posting it here because I knew you'd read it. And I was right…even though you laughably claim you only "glanced" at the article.

That's an amusing claim on your behalf, when the statement you found most objectionable was halfway down the comment thread, and was the last line of a two paragraph comment. You HAD to have read a substantial portion of the thread to cherry pick out that one line you found so offensive (and I'll even agree with you, that was a rather offensive comment.)

> *Another reader in the discussion states that I have said all men must marry. I have never said any such thing, but this appears to be a common rumor about me in the manosphere. I have said that men who don't marry should decline intimate relationships with women and I have said that men should not seek to destroy the institution of marriage or urge other men to never marry.*

This is precisely why I wrote a criticism of you for *The Spearhead* rather than submit it as an email to you. You go for the hyperbole that supports your caricature view and ignore anything of substance. Like Novaseeker's excellent comments regarding these view of yours.

You equate men encouraging other men to not marry as "destroying the institution of marriage." In other words, if men learn from firsthand experience just how badly they could have their lives devastated by the current state of the institution, they'd better not warn other men, or they're "contributing to the destruction of the institution." This is perhaps your worst fallacy you regularly reiterate.

> *I have also said repeatedly that the surge of female-initiated divorce is one of the greatest injustices of our time. No-fault divorce is wrong. All divorce is wrong. Women who leave their husbands for any reason other than danger to themselves and their children are abusive traitors. Men should have presumptive custody of children. There should be no government-benefits or garnished wages for single mothers.*
>
> *Women who leave their husbands, except when a man is physically dangerous, are traitors in deed and by example to women everywhere.*

Why yes Laura, on this we agree. As I wrote, I don't disagree with everything you write. Unlike you, I can look at your arguments objectively and judge them for their own merits, rather than look at something you write that I find objectionable than simply write off everything you espouse as a "hateful ideology."

> *However, because I refuse to say that even involuntary divorce and harassment by the state cannot destroy a man's integrity and his honor, I am the object of withering hatred and threats at The Spearhead.*

That is not what you wrote. As I responded, I agreed with that particular premise. What I disputed was your claim that "*Men have nothing to fear in marriage other than the loss of their own honor. That is the only thing that counts and it is something each man controls and no wife can destroy.* "

To which I responded:

> *"Men have nothing to fear in marriage. It's the DIVORCE we have to fear! We rightfully fear for the loss of our children, the garnishment of our wages, the loss of a lifetime we attempt to build for the benefit of our family!*
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> ***Honor has got nothing to do with it.**"*

Is that what you call withering hatred and threats? Perhaps you would do well to re-read my article again. While it contains vulgarities (which was a response to PATRICK's asinine moral equivalence between "EPL Syndrome" and curse words), not once did I threaten or attack you in a personal manner. I merely pointed out that you were not using logic, but rather resorting to emotional outrage and trying to brand the entire Spearhead community as nothing more than a "hateful ideology."

> *The men's movement brooks no deviation from the view that men are holy victims. Even a woman who repeatedly stands up for the rights of men is hated if she does not agree that men are doomed and have lost everything.*

This is a straw man argument that cannot be backed up by fact. As I previously pointed out, there really is not that much for which we here at *The Spearhead* agree on. We regularly have spats in our comment threads here about that very topic. Yes, there are some men who view all men as victims. There are plenty of us who disagree with that. But you don't acknowledge the difference in viewpoints, you simply seek to marginalize us all with this straw man caricature.

> *I stand by my main point. The greatest losers in the world are those who commit evil, always and in all times, not those who are the victims of it. That does not mean injustice should not be resisted. If I thought that, I would not be writing here.*

Let's go through your claims here: if men point out they are victims of evil of the likes of EPL Syndrome, than you say *"The men's movement brooks no deviation from the view that men are holy victims,"* but if men try to warn other men not to get married in today's anti-male marriage legal system, than we are evil and assisting in the destruction of the institution?

This is why so many men in the men's movement have a problem with you. If men are victimized by the feminist-warped institution of marriage, they are claiming "holy victimhood" status. If men try to warn others about the evils of the current system, than we are evil for trying to destroy the institution. You deign to pass judgment on men with a "damned if you do, damned if you don't" conundrum. This is a false dichotomy, and we reject your attempts at trying to seize the moral high ground and impose this double standard on us. Men ARE victimized by Marriage 2.0. Men MUST warn others about the perils of subjecting themselves to it.

If you did bother to read The Spearhead with an objective mind, you would see that there are plenty of men that STILL advocate for marriage…but only if they are fully aware of the risks, and that they have found a woman who is least likely to destroy the family via divorce after the vows have been exchanged.

> *By the way, men are not the only ones injured by female-initiated divorce. Children, mothers, sisters, and friends are too. And, of course, women are not the only ones who divorce their spouses without their consent* ***though their rate of doing so is much higher than that of men.***

Why, how gracious of you to concede that Men Do That Too! (Seriously, Laura, read that link. I promise, there are no attacks or withering hatred…)

> *One other point. I will not be accepting comments in this entry from anyone who participated in the thread at The Spearhead and who did not object to this violent language directed towards me, as well as to the threat by another reader there to disable my website.*

Which is precisely why I did not email my criticism to you…I posted here, in a place where I knew it would be published in it's entirety and not have it cherry picked apart and have parts of it taken out of context as you are wont to do.

I object to violent language towards you. I did not use any, nor did I approve of it. But I have no control of other

people who comment here…this is a free speech zone, and that is far more important to keep it that way, than trying to get everyone here to adhere to some code of speech so as to not offend you or anyone else's sensibilities.

I believe my criticism of you and your piece were fair, non-threatening and based on logic. You sought to brand *The Spearhead* as the moral equivalent to the anti-marriage/pro-divorce propaganda of EPL.

In short, your reaction was hysterical. You focused on a few comments that were over-the-top hyperbole and sought to claim that they were the sum total of our commentary and criticism of your writing and attitude. There are plenty of people that offered substantive, non-threatening criticisms.

You ignored those and acted as if the entire piece and all the comments were nothing more than a vile hate-fest that was entirely without reason or logic.

Either you are being purposefully disingenuous…or simply hysterical. Which is it?

University Kills Computer Science Major But Keeps Womens Studies

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Universities like everyone else are feeling the pinch in the current economy. This has led to them to look for places where they can cut expenditures. It would make the most sense to cut the useless parts of a university such as womens studies majors, various ethnic studies majors, "diversity" programs, programs for women, affirmative action, etc. and all of the associated expensive deans and bureaucracy that come along with such uselessness. The University of Cincinnati has not done this. Instead the University of Cincinnati has decided to cut its computer science major.

While the university claims that the computer science major is really being folded into other majors so nothing will be "lost", this is not true. Computer Science is an independent discipline. Folding computer science into other majors is like a university trying to merge its chemical engineering major into its chemistry major. Despite the overlap, it makes no sense.

A university has many purposes ranging from preparation for jobs and careers to loftier goals such as expanding the sum total of human knowledge. The University of Cincinnati, by cutting its computer science major instead of its womens studies major and all other useless major,s has failed all of these purposes. What they decide to eliminate and keep sends a strong message about what they think is important. The University of Cincinnati has sent a clear message that what they think is important is feminist and leftist indoctrination.

Even knowing that the University of Cincinnati has decided to place more importance in feminist and leftist indoctrination than employment and the body of human knowledge, why was computer science chosen as the first major to be eliminated? Most likely there were several factors in the university's decision but one of them had to be the pervasive anti-male bias that exists at most universities. Computer science is a major that is taken by mostly men, and those men are mostly "politically incorrect" men such as white men and asian men. If the University of Cincinnati cuts more majors they will most likely be other engineering and science majors that are made up of mostly "politically incorrect" men.

In the end this decision really only hurts the University of Cincinnati. Anyone who wants to major in computer science will go elsewhere along with their tuition and fees. Many men who weren't going to major in computer science will still avoid the University of Cincinnati because its anti-male bias is clearer than the average university. In a few years alumni donations will start to collapse as men who are employed in computer science jobs will be donating to the universities they went to and not the University of Cincinnati. All the womens studies and ethnic studies alumni will not be able to make up for the lost alumni donations. The womens and ethnic studies alumni are going to government, quasi-government, and other government mandated jobs that are going to collapse in the near future. A alumni with no job or a job where they have to say, "Would you like fries with that?" will not be able to donate to their alma mater. Research grants will fall apart for the University of Cincinnati as they will not be able to make use of them.

In a way it's good that the University of Cincinnati made this decision. Instead of hiding what they're really about, now everyone knows.

Children Raised on TV and Promises

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Imagine you're watching a nature show, but instead of a narrator telling you things like "now the male is displaying his mating dance to entice the female", there is no narrator and instead they get to interview the animals.

You can still spot the mating dance, you can see the herd hierarchy dynamically change through threat displays and status competition right before your eyes, and then you get to hear what the participants have to say about it.

…and that's where it gets really interesting, because this is not happening in nature, where the laws of nature, survival and reproduction, natural selection, and the like, reign supreme.

No. This is what would happen if George Orwell were here to see today's cultural trends and teamed up with Stephen King to write a dystopian horror novel about it. This is what would happen if you raised eight people on nothing but pop culture, advertising and entitlement mentality, and then gathered them up in their mid-twenties and put them in a house together. This is MTV's hit reality show "Jersey Shore", perhaps the most intellectually stimulating and socially relevant program on air today. Why? Because, if you were born after 1980 or so, it lets you see clearly what would have happened to you if your parents had let you be raised solely by the cultural and social environment that's been brewing for the past few decades.

This is your life without adult supervision.

Used to be, if you were a man you would strive to be a respectable one, and some nice girl next door would likely find you that way and make a home with you. If you were a woman, you would strive to be an agreeable one, and would likely manage to make enough of an impression on a decently respectable young man that he'd ask you to spend your life with him.

Not today.

The Jersey Shore man laughs at the thought of gambling even one night's prospects on a single female. You always gotta have a back up plan. The deal isn't closed until it's closed, and until such a time you're insane not to line up another girl or three on the back burner in case this one slips away. The planning these guys put into a night at the local dance club would make a battlefield general shirk away in shame.

The Jersey Shore woman isn't looking to get hitched either. She's just having fun – except when she's crying about not being able to find love with a nice hot-bodied gorilla juice head. Yes, these are the qualities which rank highest among what makes the perfect man: a gym-sculpted physique, large physical size, and liberal use of steroids.

What then, on the Jersey Shore, makes a perfect woman? Ha, don't be crazy, you gotta pump them and dump them. Rule #1 is "never fall in love at the Jersey Shore". Even this group of guys knows nothing good can come of it, and with this assessment I can't but agree.

The one couple that, against all odds, ends up forming from among the eight participants, challenges Hell to reclaim its reputation as the place where bad matches are made. Someone call the Guinness Book of World Records because we need to revise the entry on how loudly two people can scream at each other. The relationship between these two is built on the same solid foundational belief that our children are learning from countless messages our culture bombards them with every day: the shamanistic act of concluding in conversation that you and another person are now "boyfriend and girlfriend" imbues you with a wonderful, magical love, which makes sure you will never feel less than exuberant about anything as long as you remember never to compromise on anything or acknowledge that you may have been wrong about something. If ever a problem does arise, it is only your natural right to get angry, throw things, punch each other, have sex with other people for revenge, then crawl into bed next to each other in the evening and pretend for a moment that nothing was ever wrong, until such a time as you happen to be feeling bad, which is a sign that it's time to selectively dredge up those of the old transgressions which suit your mood and to loudly and one-sidedly blame your partner for all your unpleasant feelings. After all, it's never

your fault. You just did whatever you wanted like you're entitled to.

It's no wonder that a constant supply of new partners is an essential requirement for the Jersey Shore life, and luckily for the male cast members, the local night clubs are always filled with scantily clad young women in need of being half-led, half-carried out of the club and back to base camp, where the mission is to "get it in" (direct quote) before they pass out.

Of the Jersey Shore cast, the guys actually seem to have it together admirably compared to the girls. Aside from the girl who can't stop crying over her "I love you so much"/"We're done!"/"You're my everything"/"Just get away from me" beau, there's the girl who's just desperate to find that magical love that's always promised but never seems to materialize – with a hot gorilla juice head, of course. Then there's the girl who, between bouts of rubbing her tightly wrapped assets on various "gorilla juice heads" at the clubs and screaming at her "long-term boyfriend" on the phone for not catering to her needs, describes her dating philosophy in the quote "After I have sex with a guy I will rip his head off" and, with a straight face, includes the expression "wow" in her nickname. This is not the worst nickname in the group.

This is just TV, though, right? They pick the craziest people for these shows, right? There's no way your kids could turn out this way, right?

Well, not quite. Look at the messages our society is sending teens about how they should relate to the opposite sex, and you will find all the building blocks of this Orwell-King joint feature already there. Women are encouraged to behave in completely intolerable and utterly uncompromising ways under the guise of "respecting themselves", and to "empower themselves" by squeezing all the available sexual mileage out of their brief window of natural beauty until eventually no one will have them even for that one night any more. Men are quickly learning that "marriage is for losers" – a message which, unlike the ideas fed to women, has serious value in the environment created by those ideas. To marry a "self-respecting", "empowered" woman is to ask for a lifetime of suffering. By taking every precaution to avoid that trap, a TV-educated man can pass that lifetime of unhappiness onto the child who's going to be born into the single-mother household with a "self-respecting", "empowered", alcoholic party girl for a mother if daddy succeeds in "getting it in" before passing out drunk. The risk of child support is as low as the chance that mommy will remember daddy's name in the morning, much less in a few weeks when the test comes out positive.

Much has been said about how a time should or shouldn't be judged by its cultural icons, and whether fame is always a sign of admiration or if it can be the opposite, but one measure of value is not as open to interpretation…

A star of Jersey Shore can get paid upwards of $10,000 to appear in public for a few hours. At a night club. To party.

This is not because people have negative feelings about them. In fact, it strongly suggests the opposite.

Between arrests for street brawling, visits to doctors' offices for alcohol-induced internal bleeding, and collecting four-figure hourly wages for dancing in public, these people are real flesh-and-blood role models for kids and teens all across the Western world.

Although not a parent myself, I have it on good authority that trying to always set a good example for your kids can be hard work at times, and you can sometimes feel tempted to take a break from the job of role model for a moment. Next time you start feeling like that, just to remind yourself of what's at stake, turn on your TV and see who's next in line for the position.

“Pauly” is ready to teach your son to adorn himself with corporate advertising. In permanent ink. “Jenni” is ready to teach your daughter to crush life’s obstacles with a thrust of the twin battering rams affixed to her chest.

This is their world now and Mister Rogers is dead.

The delusions about men and women propagated by our society cause massive damage to everyone in it. The mission of Delusion Damage is to help you reduce your suffering through understanding problems in a wider context where more “outside-the-box” solutions become available.

Feminist scavenger hunt

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By Dalrock

The feminist fantasy always runs the same way. A tough no nonsense woman tries to break in to an all male sphere. To prove herself she must first pass, no, *exceed* the ridiculous and unnecessarily high standards which men diabolically erected hundreds or even thousands of years ago in preparation for this very day. At first the 1 dimensional macho characters all mock and deride her. But eventually they come to learn that she is every bit as tough as the guys are, in addition to her *extra* abilities which she has by virtue of being a woman. Ultimately they can't help but respect her determination and ability, and dare I say it, girl power. She's "opened the door", and now women eagerly flood into the previously all male sphere! Roll credits.

I'll stop typing for a bit so the feminists in the audience can savor the moment… Smoke em if you got em.

Everyone back? Here's the problem; most of the time it simply doesn't work that way. At least, not for a long time it hasn't. And quite often it is the feminists themselves who screw it up. They sell you *GI Jane*, where Demi Moore shaves her head and knocks out one armed pushups like they are going out of style. But that is just the picture on the package. What's inside the box is something totally different. And women and men fall for it every time. The thing is the feminists don't really care if they deliver as promised. In fact, so long as they can make the package with an impressive picture they don't care if anything is inside it. So they sell you a woman aviation pioneer, just as good as the guys. What they deliver is a woman who is almost all attitude, and very little skill. Then they lose interest as soon as they can check the box and say "See, women do that too!"

Strangely for feminists make believe is just as good as the real deal, and before you know it they are off focusing on the next item on the *prove women are just like men* to-do list. Actually maybe it isn't so strange, because after all of the girl power cheering stops, being the only woman in the grease pit doing oil changes or any number of dirty, dangerous, and physically demanding jobs stops being exciting and glamorous.

More importantly, the initial high of being accepted as being as-good-as-the-men more often than not never actually happens. The men see the ridiculous contortions the employer was forced by feminists to go through in order for the woman to be hired in the first place. The woman gets as much respect as the nonathletic kid who everyone knows only made the team because his dad is the coach. In theory a truly exceptional woman would be able to make the cut without feminists butting in demanding they put their thumb on the scale. Such a woman in all likelihood *would* gain the respect of the men. But feminists always insist on screwing that up by demanding that the rules for women should be far less stringent. Or when a pioneering woman does manage to break some barrier, they ruin the moment by crying about how few other women actually made it, and demand the standards for women be rolled back anyway.

Think about it, your great great granddaughter will still be complaining that men won't really let her do x, y, or z. We have women today complaining about men not doing enough to encourage them to write open source software, or edit wikipedia.

But if women don't even get to bask in the we-are-the-same-as-the-guys feeling, why must we continuously move heaven and earth for each new item on the to-do list? For example, why rework our nuclear sub fleet and antagonize the men who man them so a handful of women can work in stressful conditions and cramped quarters with men for months at a time? Per the US Navy Press Release:

> On July 28, 1994, Congress was notified of policy changes to expand the number of assignments available to women in the Navy. At that time, opening assignments aboard submarines to women was deemed cost prohibitive and assignments on submarines remained closed. Currently, women make up 15 percent of the active duty Navy – 52,446 of 330,700. Integrating women into the submarine force increases the talent pool

> for officer accessions and subsequently the force's overall readiness, ensuring that the U.S. Submarine Force will remain the world's most capable for ensuing decades.

Women only make up 15% of the active duty Navy after decades of hand wringing and excuse making. With the opening of submarines, the only position in the Navy women aren't welcomed into is the SEALs. My question to the women reading this is at what point is proving *women can do x* not worth it. Is any cost too high? What if only one woman at any given time ends up having the desire and ability to serve in the sub fleet, but the other 99% + of the submariner force is less interested in staying in the job because they no longer see it as elite, or because their wives no longer feel the same way about their service? Would the warm feeling of checking off the box marked __ Submarines be worth a billion dollars? How about 2 billion, or 10? 100 billion? Is *any price* too high to pay in order to check off the box?

This isn't just a theoretical question. Consider the LA Fire Department. Women had to check the LAFD box, so in the 1990s LA County spent millions refitting fire stations. From Christine Pelisek's LA Weekly article Women Firefighters: The Gender Boondoggle:

> To prove its point, Los Angeles City Hall — just like Seattle, Miami, San Francisco, San Diego and other major cities, together with state governments — spent millions to recruit, train and house women. Los Angeles outfitted most of its 106 fire stations with costly women's lockers and women's showers, while politicians as well as fire chiefs Donald Manning and William Bamattre engaged in years of lip service, conjuring up an image of a new, professional class of woman firefighters.
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> Women came to figure prominently in the praise party on the LAFD's Web site, www.LAFD.org, where the Hero of the Month, for six months running — in a department of mostly men — has been Tamara Chick, a woman so key to the department's goals that she is now in charge of female recruitment.

They proved their point. Some women can be firefighters. I'll pause so the feminists can get their pencils out to check the Firefighter box, high five each other, and bask in their accomplishment.

Pelisek continues:

> There's just one problem, and it's a problem no fire chief, mayor or recruiter wants to admit. In a department of 3,940 people, the second largest municipal firefighting force in the U.S., the *Weekly* has learned that the women who work on the fire line could squeeze inside a Hummer limo.
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> Just 27 women are actually fighting Los Angeles fires.

This isn't unique to Los Angeles:

> No firefighting women died during the attacks on the World Trade Center, because New York City has just 31 women out of 11,600 firefighters. Women represent only 2.5 percent of the nearly 300,000 professional firefighters nationwide.

But wait, isn't this proof that women are discriminated against? How hard can it be to hold a hose or climb a ladder? Men have hatched a diabolical plan to keep women from running into burning buildings! Except that isn't true. Christine Pelisek interviewed the women who washed out of the training:

> What these two women saw — and experienced — is not what you might think.
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> Nobody tried to make either of them fail. No "old boys" got in their way. Mary was admired by her male boss and encouraged at each step to be a firefighter. "I was just too slow," she says. Firefighting equipment, like the one-man ladders, started "getting heavier," and she began to realize she wasn't strong enough to repeatedly lift

> it — a necessary skill. Eight weeks into the training — which causes plenty of men to wash out — Mary was stunned to realize that her body had begun "breaking down."

Big deal you might say. So what if they demoralized the entire force with a game of make believe and blew millions of dollars on showers and locker rooms which now sit mostly unused. But those millions could have been spent in any number of productive ways. What training did the firefighters not receive which could have prevented injuries to them or the death of those they are charged with rescuing? What new equipment could the department have otherwise purchased which would have lessened the burden these men face? More importantly, what did the LAFD as an organization really get for its money? Can the 27 women fight fires any better than the men they displaced? That seems highly unlikely.

Paula Bronstein, Getty Images

But what about the military, and combat in particular? How strong do you have to be to fire a gun? Maybe *firefighters* have a physically demanding job, but combat surely can't be that difficult. After all, we have all of those nifty gadgets! Gooseberry Bush links to an article which makes much the same point in her blog post Soldier Barbie:

> Heather Pfleuger — an exuberant, all-American, girl-next-door — was transformed when she arrived in Afghanistan. She'd shrug into her body armor, strap on her helmet, yank on gloves, goggles and scarf, and slide down behind her turret-mounted Mark-19, a 40mm grenade launcher. From there, she could kill an armored vehicle and everybody in it a mile away.
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> When she whooped with glee and led a convoy outside the wire, local Afghan fighters, hard men who'd faced down the Russians and the Taliban, fell respectfully silent.

See! All we have to do is outfit each woman with a big enough truck and a belt fed weapon, and men will fear them! But the argument that women are already being allowed to do nearly all jobs in the military -including those which can involve firing a weapon- doesn't prove that we should open the the few remaining all male jobs up to women. According to the article only 14% of the military are in jobs not open to women. Keep in mind that the services picked the jobs women were best suited to first, and even then had to massively lower the standards for women to put them there.

The military is the last area where women don't have the same or better opportunity as men, and even there we are only talking about the last 14%! 86%, massively lowered standards, and a rework of the entire culture of the armed services isn't enough. I'll come back to this question a little later. Right now I'll share some more information on the remaining 14%. I explained in my last post on the topic that Iraq and Afghanistan have shown that for the infantry war being a very physical fight hasn't changed. Actually it has gotten more physical, partly due to those nifty gadgets. Per the Washington Post:

> In Afghanistan, soldiers routinely carry loads of 130 to 150 pounds for three-day missions, said Jim Stone,

> acting director of the soldier requirements division at the Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Ga. In Iraq, where patrols are more likely to use vehicles, loads range from 60 to nearly 100 pounds, he said.
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> "It's like a horse: We can load you down, and you just don't last as long," Stone said.
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> Injuries — the bulk of them muscular-skeletal — are the main cause of hospitalizations and outpatient visits for active-duty Army soldiers, leading to about 880,000 visits per year, according to Army data. The injuries include sprains, stress fractures, inflammation and pain from repetitive use, and they are most common in the lower back, knees, ankles, shoulders and spine. They are one of the leading reasons that soldiers miss duty, said Col. Barbara Springer, director of rehabilitation under the Army surgeon general.

Everyone seems to agree that our Soldiers and Marines are carrying too much, but what would you have them do without when out in the field and the firefight starts? Should they make do with less water? Food? Protective gear? Ammunition? Less powerful weapons? These men are working at the upper limit of what the human body - the male human body- can carry under battlefield conditions. No amount of impassioned argument about good ol boys will change the need for infantrymen to carry the implements of war. *Men* can barely carry the load. How many women can we honestly expect to do this? And why should we believe for a nanosecond that they wouldn't insist on a separate standard for women, the same as they have for the other 86% of the positions.

The problem feminists have is a powerful case of diminishing marginal returns. The first barriers women broke down had lots of opportunity and were often things women were very well suited for. Over the decades, as they were more and more successful, they have had to shift their efforts to the much smaller opportunities where women are less and less suited for. So they had to fudge a bit, and then a lot, to keep opening doors for women. In a way I kind of feel bad for them. No amount of make believe will open these last doors. They may be able to dictate the change, but they won't be kidding anyone.

So why do they do it? Why all of the knashing of teeth in an obviously futile effort, for a minuscule opportunity the vast majority of women would pray to never have to do? Feminists can't help themselves. It comes down to who they are, and what makes them tick.

Feminists lay awake at night consumed with the knowledge that somewhere out there there are men who are proud to be men, and there is no woman there to tell them she is just as good as they are.

I almost feel sorry for them.

Christianity, Patriarchy and the MRM

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There has been quite a bit of nonsense written recently around this corner of the internet regarding the relationship between Christianity, and its patriarchal value system, on the one hand, and the men's rights agenda, on the other. Specifically, claims are being made here, for example, to the effect that because the men's rights activist community (MRAs) is a diverse group which includes many secularists who embrace various aspects of the contemporary "liberal" (classical or progressive) scene, it is therefore to be shunned as worthless, and traditional Christians, at least, should avoid participating in it.

This is an understandable, yet fundamentally misguided view, for the following reasons.

- **MRA is neither a religion nor a political party.** The MRA community is not organized around a specific ideological agenda or religious belief or identity system. It is organized around one basic idea: improving the lives of men in the here and now real world, in brass tacks terms. What does that mean? It means that MRAs are all over the map in terms of ideological disposition, religious affiliation (or none), and political engagement. What unites MRAs is a common sense that men are not being given a fair deal in the real world, and that men need to share ideas about how best to rectify this situation.

- **MRA is about practical issues facing men.** This means that the MRA world is primarily focused on the following: what problems men are facing in our society currently and what can men do, collectively and individually, about these problems. It is a pragmatic focus, and one which, of necessity, transcends ideological and religious convictions.

- **MRA does not offer "one size fits all" solutions to men.** Because the MRA is a diverse group, the solutions that men within the MRA community come up with for the various problems facing men are *also* diverse. In other words, MRA does not propose that all men do "X". Rather it offers varied solutions to men based on their own personal situations, and personal ideological/religious commitments, all with a view to alleviating or mitigating the problems that all men face in the current social, legal and cultural environment. It's claimed by some in the traditionalist and Christian communities, for example, that MRA is insistent that no men marry. There are certainly some MRAs who are insistent about that, but this kind of blanket statement about MRA as a whole overlooks the many married MRAs who propose no such thing, and instead propose other solutions for men who are inclined, for religious or other personal reasons, to seek marriage with a woman. Again, the MRA is a clearinghouse of strategies for men given the current social, cultural and legal situation that we face – it is not a one-size fits all "programme" which advises all men to follow the same path.

For a Christian who is engaged in the MRA community, it's clear that there are things that are expressed in the MRA community that are not Christian. But this should be no more surprising to a Christian than the fact that what he might encounter in a political party, or other non-religion-based group, may also be inconsistent with Christianity. That's because neither MRA nor a political party is a religious organization, but rather is something that brings people together, regardless of their religious commitments (or none) around common ideas or problems. In the case of political parties, this commonality is increasingly a political ideological commitment. In the case of MRA, the commonality is the shared experience of the difficulties men face in the current environment, together with the conviction that by banding together to share ideas, experiences, and strategies, we can enhance the ability of all of us to avoid some of the worst pitfalls the current environment throws at men, while nevertheless pursuing whatever goals any particular man may have in life, be they based on religion or something else. The specific ideas, strategies and solutions offered, however, are diverse – as one would expect in any group which draws people around an idea or an issue, rather than around an identity.

So, the solutions offered in the MRA community run the gamut from "men going their own way" (which can either be secular or religious, by the way), to "pick-up artists" (which, again, can be used in various ways), to "running

married game" (the idea being to maintain happy marriages and avoid divorces) to political activism (changing the laws that impact male/female relationships to be more fair) and beyond. These solutions are inherently contradictory because no man is expected to pursue all of them! The idea is to be a clearinghouse for different kinds of approaches based on what a particular man seeks to get out of life – which in turn will be informed by his own ideological, cultural, personal, and religious orientation, something he brings to the MRA and keeps with him thereafter.

In reality, this is not very different from the experience of belonging to a political party. I know many Christians who are Republicans and many Christians who are Democrats. I don't know very many of them who, despite their political ideological commitments, agree with everything either party stands for, or who agree with everything every other member of their party says or advocates. Yet they remain in their political parties because that kind of diversity of views does not obscure what holds them in common – and it isn't religion (Christians being represented pretty well in both parties). This kind of "well I don't like what some people in that party say, therefore I can't be a member" isn't something that most Christians – whether Protestant, Catholic or Orthodox – really consider very much when picking a political side. It's taken as a given, rather, that much of what each party holds will be, to some degree, inconsistent with this or that aspect of Christianity, because these parties are, after all, broader coalitions of people who are Christian and not Christian, and are not organized around Christianity as such (at least not normally). The MRA is similar to this in that a certain amount of what is advocated in terms of personal solutions for men is not consistent with Christian teaching, in the form of specific solutions, but these are not the specific solutions Christians will generally pick from the clearinghouse. Instead, Christians will pick other solutions that generally suit their own life goals and orientation, based on their faith, from the MRA clearinghouse of strategies. And they will not feel alienated from other MRAs who pick other strategies because what binds them together is not the individual coping strategies that they select, but, again, the underlying, common conviction that men face daunting and novel difficulties in the current social, legal and cultural environment, and that all men can do better in this life, in practical terms, by sharing experiences, ideas, and strategies.

Therefore, the notion that Christians, or traditional Christians (or what have you), should shun MRA is not only wrong, but is terribly bad advice for the men who are Christian or traditionalist Christian and yet are suffering in the current environment. No traditionalist Christian church is really going to give a man advice as to how to maintain his marriage, in brass tacks rather than pie in the sky terms, given the cultural messages that even his devout Christian wife is constantly bombarded by, for example. No traditionalist Christian church is going to tell men what actually attracts women in the current climate (yes, including traditionalist Christian women). No traditionalist Christian church is going to lobby the state governments to change the family law, as Glenn Sacks and his group do tirelessly on behalf of all men (oh gosh, Glenn is actually politically liberal, which I guess to a traditionalist means he is undeserving of their support despite all of his hard work on behalf of all kinds of men, including traditionalist Christian men). Rather traditionalist Christian men could benefit greatly by participating in the MRA community, in pragmatic ways that their churches are simply not in a position, or even inclined, it would seem, to provide.

One final note. It's often claimed by traditionalists – Christian and otherwise – that the MRA is a tiny, insignificant group compared to the robust, fecund traditionalist community. I think this is a big misperception. MRA is growing by leaps and bounds these days, especially among younger men. It isn't an "organized movement", but rather a set of ideas that is now in quite wide circulation. Just 5-10 years ago, the kinds of memes addressed by the MRA community about the current situation and environment were not widely present to any significant degree in the public discourse. That has changed to a substantial degree, a recent example being the interesting comment thread at Kay Hymowitz's Wall Street Journal op-ed this past weekend, where a huge number of the comments reflected MRA memes to one degree or other. In fact, MRA memes are catching on to such a degree that it's clearly bigger than the very small traditionalist community, despite the latter's presumed fecundity (often overstated because many traditionalists are white hairs). This makes sense, because MRA is not tied to any political or religious commitment, but rather to the common, shared experience of men – a very broad commonality indeed. Therefore, these kinds of claims about MRA being insignificant as compared with traditionalism are rather

misplaced and, to me at least, represent wishful thinking rather than the actual facts on the ground, as it were.

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College Under Fire For Letting Shortstop Play After Rape Accusation

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This time, a college athletic director got it right. If you agree with my assessment as you read this, perhaps you could drop a line to Pete Garcia, Director of Athletics at Florida International University. Mr. Garcia's email address is pgarcia@fiu.edu.

Mr. Garcia should be commended for doing the right thing, the tough thing, in the face of catcalls that he should do the politically correct thing instead. Mr. Garcia allowed FIU shortstop Garrett Wittels to play when his team's season began Friday night, despite a rape charge hanging over Garrett's head stemming from an alleged incident in the Bahamas late last year. Going into Friday's game, Garrett had a 56-game hitting streak, two shy of Robin Ventura's NCAA Division I record. Alas, on Friday, Garrett went hitless.

It took guts for Mr. Garcia to say the following: "We believe you are innocent until proven guilty. Therefore, Garrett will be playing."
http://www.statesman.com/sports/ncaa-hitting-star-to-play-despite-rape-charge-1260171.html He also explained his reasons: "Let me tell a little story. Back in 1967 a couple with two kids decided to leave a country and leave everything behind. One of the reasons was because in that country, you're guilty until proven innocent. Here, you're innocent until proven guilty." Garcia was one of those two kids. His parents brought him to America in 1967 from Communist Cuba.

For those with short memories, in contrast to Mr. Garcia's decision, in the aftermath of the Duke Lacrosse false rape claim, before the facts were adjudicated, Richard H. Brodhead, president of Duke University, suspended the remainder of the lacrosse season. By any measure, that decision was an atrocity.

The Rape Claim

In case you aren't familiar with the case, Garrett and several friends were arrested on December 20, 2010 in the Bahamas and charged with the alleged rape of two 17-year-old American girls, who, of course, have not been named in the news accounts, at the Atlantis Resort and Casino. The girls told the young men they were students from the University of Arkansas. The girls' families were also staying at the resort at the time of the alleged crime.

Surveillance video from the resort shows that the girls were drinking at the resort's Dragon's Ultra Lounge (the drinking age in the Bahamas is 18, and the girls were both 17), and occasionally kissing each other when Wittels and his friends approached the bar area. A source said the video shows the girls gesturing for the young men to join them, and that Wittels and two friends obliged.

The video showed that the two young women followed the young men to a private party, where the incident allegedly happened. Garrett and two friends, both 21, were charged with rape. The three young men admit to having sex with the women, but insist it was consensual. The age of consent in the Bahamas is 16, so age is not an issue in the charges.

At issue is that the girls claim they don't remember what happened. The charges stem from the allegation that the girls were so impaired that they were unable to consent to the sex. That, of course, is a curious conclusion in light of the fact that, we are told, a video shows that the girls were perfectly capable of gesturing for the young men to join them, and later were perfectly capable of following the young men to a room where they had sex, and still later were able to make it back to their own hotel room after sex.

The father of one of the girls called police after his daughter and her companion returned to their hotel room, a source said.

It is well to note that no one – including that father – prevented the underage girls from drinking illegally. It is also

well to note that if the bartender did not believe that the girls had imbibed to excess when he or she was serving them, it is questionable whether Garrett and his friends should have reasonably suspected that the girls were too drunk to engage in a sexual romp.

Police in the Bahamas conducted blood tests to see if the young women had been slipped a date-rape drug. The tests revealed no sign of drugs. Garrett was released on a bond of $10,000 after a court hearing.

Wayne Munroe, a Bahamian attorney who is representing the young men, said it is “easy” to get arrested for rape in the Bahamas. “If somebody is charged with rape, the general inclination is to think there must be something to it,” Munroe said. According to Munroe, many rape charges in the Bahamas should not be filed in the first place. Munroe said this arrest-first, ask-questions-later policy evolved from a complaint by a former U.S. ambassador who alleged the Bahamian police did not take rape cases seriously.

If that is an accurate depiction of law enforcement in the Bahamas, it is, of course, a repulsive contortion of anything remotely resembling justice. Sadly, it is a policy too often followed in too many jurisdictions in the United States. A prominent example is found in the Hofstra false rape case. It is much easier simply to arrest any male accused, without regard for his possible innocence, rather than sort out the facts first and assume the remote risk that the accused will “rape again,” and thus embarrass the law enforcement official who “delayed” making an arrest.

Garrett’s preliminary hearing is April 18.

Catcalls: Garrett Shouldn’t Be Allowed to Play

The reason allowing Garrett to play was the right decision is because no man or boy should be punished for what is nothing more than a “he said/she said” rape claim. Not allowing Garrett to play would have been a form of punishment for something he only “might” have done. FIU is to be commended for not depriving a young man a chance to play a sport at which he excels based solely on the unsubstantiated accusations of seventeen-year-old girls.

Legion are the cases where women have destroyed the lives of innocent males just by uttering the “r” word, without anything more. While rape liars need no reason to falsely accuse a hapless man or boy of rape (one woman sent a man to prison for five years by falsely crying rape because, she admitted, she was bored; in another case, an 18-year-year-old boy was hauled out of class, arrested, and jailed for a month on a random false rape claim by a girl he had never even met), the fact scenario presented in this case is one where false rape claims are all too common: a girl having sex with more than one guy. The reason this scenario often prompts a false rape claim is obvious: how on earth can she possibly explain that to a boyfriend, a parent, or a friend? How will she hold her head up on campus? Most sane young women will deeply regret that encounter after-the-fact and will worry that if word got out, it would destroy what’s left of her reputation. The fear of “slut shaming,” as the feminists call it, seems to spawn off-the-charts regret, and that is a false rape claim waiting-to-happen. In other cases, the girl would never be able to explain such a tryst to her parents, so she cries rape. We often warn young men that they should never, ever put themselves in this awful situation, for their own sakes.

Despite every indication that rushing to judgment in this case is as wrong as can be, Miami Herald columnist Linda Robertson said Garrett should have been suspended. In one of the most outrageous statements we’ve read in a long time, Robertson wrote this: “No one except the people in a Paradise Island hotel room knows what happened inside it Dec. 20. But something happened.” http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/02/17/v-fullstory/2070867/fiu-should-have-suspended-garrett.html#ixzz1ESrxWWlf. That “something,” Ms. Robertson, more likely than not, is that two teenage girls have wrongly accused innocent young men of a vile crime in order to save their sweet asses from their parents’ wrath. We don’t know that for sure, but I am certain I follow these kinds of cases more closely than Ms. Robertson, and that is my educated surmise.

The FIU student newspaper agreed with Robertson’s inanity and said that allowing Wittels to play would make the school’s Athletics department “look bad on a national scale.”

http://fiusm.com/2011/01/24/the-beacon-editorial-suspension-of-wittels-maintains-vital-precedent/.

Because heaven knows, the school's image on a national scale is more important than doing the right thing. The more appropriate course, apparently, is to allow any random seventeen-year-old girl, whose identity and character are unknown to us, to deprive any male of his chance to participate in collegiate sports just by crying "rape."

How *that* is fair to the young man, his team, or the school is anyone's guess, but, then again, fairness has no place in the public discourse when it comes to the loopy, gender-politicized world of rape accusations.

Garrett isn't letting it bother him. "Every single night I put my head on my pillow, I know what went on that night, and I have no trouble sleeping at all," he said. "I'm just worried about strikes and balls, and wins and losses right now. I can't worry about the haters."

The High Road

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There comes a time in every man's life when he has to make a choice. These days, there come at least a hundred times in a man's life when he has to make this same choice. You will not be forewarned as to when you will face it, it will be sudden and unexpected, it will jump at you in the most innocuous of situations, but the cumulative effects of all the times you make it can be significant. What is that choice? It's how you choose to react to a woman in your life who has been infected with feminism.

Option A:

Alice: *So, this is my new couch. Nice, huh?*
Bob: *Yeah, hey, what's this book you've carelessly thrown on the couch?*
Alice: *It's a collection of lesbian love poems, I'm a Women's Studies major and a feminist!*
Bob: *Wow, you know that's a bunch of crap, right?*
Alice: *What?!*
Bob: *Well, Women's Studies is a make-believe degree and feminism is stupid, you know that, right? Really, "Women's Studies" is more sexist than anything "the patriarchy" ever dreamt up. Its very name implies in no uncertain terms that all the real sciences are for men and that women should stay in the academic kitchen studying Marilyn Monroe and spring fashions. Why feminists would encourage such a sexist thing makes no sense – but then, feminists never did have two sensible thoughts to rub together and their entire ideology, in fact, flies in the face of all rational thought with such bravado that I can barely wrap my linear male brain around it at all.*
Alice: *Contradicting yourself is superior to not contradicting yourself because vaginas are dualistic and phalluses are monistic!*

Don't try to argue with a feminist. That's impossible. Instead, only try to realize the truth: If she were the kind of person who could be persuaded by rational argument, she would hardly be a feminist in the first place. You can save yourself the trouble by taking a few moments to first consider how likely someone who has managed to acquire, hold onto and emotionally invest in an ideology that requires as much self-contradiction, willful blindness to evidence, and flat-out denial of the reality on the ground as feminism does is to respond to reason.

If your conclusion is "not fucking likely", you may be inclined toward an alternative approach. Feminists believe that to be against feminism is to be against women, and expressing your anti-feminist beliefs to one of them can be counterproductive to other aims you may have, such as mounting a frontal assault on her southern trench, or whatever your favorite two-player game involves. Quite a few aspiring trench invaders have figured out that they can bypass this issue by paying lip service to her feminist ideas.

Option B:

Alice: *So, this is my new couch. Nice, huh?*
Bob: *Yeah, hey, what's this book you've carelessly thrown on the couch?*
Alice: *It's a collection of lesbian love poems, I'm a Women's Studies major and a feminist!*
Bob: *Cool! That stuff is so important!*
Alice: *Yeah! Thank you for your balls, I'll just be keeping them here in my purse for you until you're too old to labor for my amusement any more!*

Being familiar with the male sex drive I accept as an unfortunate fact that many men will choose the prospect of female affection even at the cost of personal integrity and the future of the Western world, and that's a shame but something we will have to live with. For those men who are currently harming us all by making this sacrifice, as well as those who are not willing to sell their souls and would still like to keep from upsetting their potential dance partners, I suggest a third option:

The high road.

Let go of your anger for a moment, let go of your primal desire to fight an offending idea wherever you encounter it, refrain from personal attacks, refrain from voicing your conclusions regarding the mental capabilities of the kind of person who'd hold certain beliefs, and realize that she's just a girl, same as any other, she just wants to be happy, and she's gotten hopelessly lost in her search for a way to achieve that. She was born with the capacity to be a wonderful human being, and whatever deluded belief came into her later to stop her from expressing that nature is not something she chose in order to make your life harder. Treat your delusion-addicted friend like you would a drug-addicted one. Don't attack her for denying the harmfulness of her ingrained habit, don't judge her for falling prey to its deceptive allure, just let her know that you care about her and are worried about her because she's hurting herself and others around her. Expect her to lash out angrily at you to defend her behavior, but don't get sucked into a debate. You know she's on a harmful path, you know she refuses to see it, and you're going to offer her what help you can, that's all.

Secret Option C:

Alice: *So, this is my new couch. Nice, huh?*
Bob: *Yeah, hey, what's this book you've carelessly thrown on the couch?*
Alice: *It's a collection of lesbian love poems, I'm a Women's Studies major and a feminist!*
Bob: *Oh, I'm sorry.*
Alice: *What?!*
Bob: *Well, it's your choice of course, but in my experience getting involved in feminism tends to make people angrier and bring unnecessary unhappiness into their lives.*
Alice: *Where the hell did you get that?!*
Bob: *Whenever a new scientific study on happiness is published, it seems to me that they always show that women's happiness in the Western world has been steadily declining since feminism has been gaining popularity, and that women in less feminist countries are happier. This supports my personal experiences. Women who talk about feminism a lot always seem to me to be angry and distraught, and happy women who are pleasant to be around never seem to talk much about feminism. It just seems to me based on all of this that feminism is really bad for women. I mean, you and I were having a good time just now, but it didn't take a minute from the mention of feminism for you to start swearing at me.*
Alice: *That's because you hate feminism and that means you hate women!*
Bob: *No! I love women! I've just never seen feminism do anything good for a woman.*
Alice: *What about voting?! What about equality?! Do you think women should just cook dinner and stay at home with the children?!*
Bob: *Of course not, but you don't have to be a feminist to have options these days. Whatever changes happened in society decades ago and whether feminism had anything to do with them or if it was just inevitable because of technological progress and stuff, I'm not really an expert on all that. I just know what I've seen in my life which is that women who choose feminism seem to be making a bad choice for themselves. That's my experience and if you have a different one I accept that we can disagree on this, and I'm okay with that. We probably don't have the same religious beliefs either and I don't think that should stop us from being friends. I know you're just trying to be happy like everyone else, and if you think feminism is the way to do that I just think you're making a mistake, that's all. It's nothing to get offended about and it doesn't mean I don't like you as much as a person, I want you to be happy too and I don't think feminism can give you that. I just want you to do what's best.*
Alice: *And you know what's best for me?!*
Bob: *I'm just telling you my experience, just like you're telling me yours. That's really the best any of us can do in this world.*
Alice: *(Well you're wrong, but) I guess I can't blame you if you (are really dumb enough to) believe that stuff since you don't seem like you want to oppress women.*
Bob: *I sure don't. My experience with women has been that they're generally pretty nice.*
Alice: *Oh Bob, that's sweet. I'm sorry for getting angry at you. I see how you could have a viewpoint like that with your experiences (and there might be something to it, which I'm probably never going to admit to you, but now every*

time I see unhappy feminists and happy non-feminists I'm automatically going to be more likely to notice the difference and this will inevitably affect my own view of feminism).

The choices you make shape the world you live in, both on a personal level and the level of greater society. Attack provokes defense and counterattack, but concern provokes questioning. Take the high road. If you can't find it in yourself to do it for her, then do it for you and me and anyone else who is harmed by feminism. No matter which way you slice it, getting favorable results is better than not getting favorable results. The purpose of any communication is the response you get, and the response you want is for a feminist to become less feminist. For that to happen, you must make her listen to you enough for something useful to sink in. The most effective way to reinforce her idea that men are the enemy, and to stop her from understanding anything you're trying to tell her is to make her feel angry and threatened. The most effective way to facilitate her letting go of beliefs she's emotionally invested in is to make her feel safe. Feminists do not respond to reason, only emotion – you already know this.

You can "love your enemies", or if you can't do that, you can at least fake it for your own purposes, but the behavior that gets results is always the thinking man's choice, whether you're thinking of her benefit or your own. I've been down both roads. I once thought that feminists were "enemies" to be "fought", that if they really think they can compete with men in any area and will be allowed to take advantage of our kindness indefinitely, then we should certainly take it upon ourselves to swiftly and decisively disabuse them of that notion. If that's what you're thinking right now, trust me, I know where you're coming from. I've been there. I've moved on though, and I hope you can follow me because I can tell you it looks a lot better from here. Following changes in my overall perspective on life, my view of feminists has undergone a massive change as well. I now mostly feel sorry for them, formerly decent girls who got lured into a destructive cult, ruining both their own lives and those of people around them. No one is born a feminist and no one chooses to become one for any reason besides the lifelong search for happiness and contentment that we all share. If someone managed to deceive your daughter or your sister into thinking that men are causing her unhappiness and the only way to live an enjoyable life is to make men the enemy and destroy them, could you honestly blame her for making that her mission? I can't. I can only feel sorry for her – an ironic reflection of the basic feminist victim mentality, I know – and the fact is that they are victims, victims of their own delusions, and we, as members in the society they're shaping, are victims of their delusions as well. In a practical sense, they are hurting us, this is true, but I can't bring myself to feel angry at them any more. I've had enough of anger, and I forgive them for they know not what they do. I'll hurt one in self-defense if I must, but whenever a constructive solution is available that offers the best outcome for both of us, I hold no grudge and I make an effort to take the high road every time.

If you, too, can stop thinking of a poor, misguided girl as "the enemy", you will be amazed at the effect it will have on your results. If we really are men of reason, we have no choice but to go with the optimal strategy. If we can't do that, we must confront ourselves with some difficult questions.

The delusions about men and women propagated by our society cause massive damage to everyone in it. The mission of Delusion Damage is to help you reduce your suffering through understanding problems in a wider context where more "outside-the-box" solutions become available.

Blackstone's Formulation is Universally Respected, Except When it Comes to Rape

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When it comes to the subject of false rape claims, every feminist becomes an actuary. She examines the cooked statistics promulgated by the sexual grievance industry, rejects contrary statistics due to imaginary flaws in "methodology," and declares that the risk to innocent men and boys is both *de minimis* and socially acceptable compared to the purported far greater harm of actual rape. This gives her moral license to trivialize the harm to the falsely accused, and to see those victimized by rape lies as less than human.

This attitude, which is manifested with seemingly infinite invention, flips on its head the long-settled principle famously expressed by the celebrated English jurist William Blackstone, who said it is "better that ten guilty persons escape than that one innocent suffer." (Commentaries on the Laws of England, 1765.)

The debate about whether it is just to punish the innocent in order to insure that the guilty are punished has been settled since the time of Abraham, as chronicled in Book of Genesis. When God was deciding what to do about the evil in Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham put the question to him: "Are you really going to sweep away the innocent with the guilty?" After repeated probing, God made it clear he would not destroy the guilty if it meant destroying the innocent with them.

In modern times, "Blackstone's formulation," or as it is sometimes called "The Blackstone ratio," has been imprinted on the DNA of our jurisprudence. Our Supreme Court, in various ways, has underscored that it is one of the pillars under-girding our jurisprudence.

Justice Douglas, a liberal icon for much of the 20th Century, stated: "It is better, so the Fourth Amendment teaches, that the guilty sometimes go free than that citizens be subject to easy arrest." *Henry v. United States*, 361 U.S. 98, 104, 80 S. Ct. 168, 172 (1959). Justice Harlan wrote: "I view the requirement of proof beyond a reasonable doubt in a criminal case as bottomed on a fundamental value determination of our society that it is far worse to convict an innocent man than to let a guilty man go free." *In re Winship*, 397 U.S. 358, 90 S. Ct. 1068, 25 L. Ed. 2d 368 (1970)(Harlan, J. concurring).

This principle is, in fact, so fundamental to our criminal jurisprudence that it is rarely even discussed, much less challenged. Yet, brazen sexual assault advocates have worked tirelessly for decades to undermine it. Some openly question centuries of accepted wisdom by wondering aloud why this formulation should have any validity in the rape milieu.

Is the pain of a rape survivor in seeing his or her rapist go free in any sense comparable to the injustice inflicted on an innocent person deprived of his liberty? The question scarcely survives its statement.

"Terrible as it is for a victim to see a rapist escape punishment, it is far, far worse for an innocent person to be convicted of a sex crime." *Until Proven Innocent: Political Correctness and the Shameful Injustices of the Duke Lacrosse Rape Case*, S. Taylor, K.C. Johnson (2007).

Take, for example, Dwaye Dail, who was convicted of a rape he did not commit as a teenager and spent the next 18 years in prison. While in prison Mr. Dail was repeatedly and brutally victimized by the same crime that he, himself, did *not* commit. His life was shattered, and it is fair to assume he will never be whole after his unspeakable ordeal. Can anyone seriously assert that the pain of the alleged rape victim in Mr. Dail's case was in any sense lessened by having this innocent man destroyed?

Rape victims whose misidentifications lead to wrongful convictions often develop deep psychological trauma when they learn what they've done. Many false accusers, such as Biurny Peguero Gonzalez, experience such unbearable guilt for the harm they've caused an innocent man or boy that it can only be relieved by recantation. Actual rape victims have no interest in punishing the innocent and are often among the most vocal critics of false rape accusers

because they know that every rape lie diminishes the integrity of every legitimate rape claim.

But the feelings of those women are in stark contrast to the sentiments of feminists who dominate the public discourse about rape. Too often, they evince an indifference to the plight of the falsely accused that is motivated by twisted notions of retributive gender justice. Too many would serenely tolerate the punishment of an innocent male to atone for the perceived sins of others of his gender. Of course, determining questions of guilt and innocence on the basis of one's birth class has no place in an advanced society.

While an individual is capable of doing terrible things to another individual, including rape, the state itself should never fall to the level of a criminal and risk doing a terrible thing to another human being. Charging a man or boy for rape on the basis of doubtful evidence is among the most terrible things that we, as a society, can do, and a jurisprudence that tolerates that is one bordering on pathology.

A wrongful acquittal is a terrible thing, too, of course. But a wrongful acquittal is never, ever the equivalent of a wrongful conviction — morally, legally, or any other way — and to suggest otherwise is nothing short of morally grotesque. Why? The answer is simple: the victim of a rape is not at risk of losing her liberty for decades if her rapist goes free. But innocent men or boys imprisoned for rapes they did not commit, like Dwayne Dail, are often destroyed by the experience, as are their loved ones, including the women and children who depend on and love them.

Dictators throughout history have justified the ruthless imprisonment, torture, and murder of the innocent to insure that the "guilty" — who usually happen to be their enemies — are destroyed. It is a monstrously barbaric, and singularly un-American, practice. The reason Blackstone's formulation retains its validity, *even when it comes to rape claims,* is self-evident: it is the very hallmark of a civilized society.

British Judge Clears the Way for Secret Trial of Assange in Sweden

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On Thursday in a London court, Judge Howard Riddle ruled that Assange should be extradited to Sweden, where he will face a secret trial for rape allegations. In relevant news, documents released by Assange's Wikileaks website have played a pivotal role in the Islamic revolutions sweeping the Arab world, which represent the biggest diplomatic and political challenge faced by the US State Department in decades.

Assange and his lawyers have seven days to appeal the decision.

Because rape trials are secret and closed to the public in Sweden, the trial is likely to fuel speculation that the prosecution is politically motivated. Those declaring that this couldn't possibly be the case are hopelessly naive, as it is almost impossible to believe that the US Dept. of State, headed by Hillary Clinton, has not expressed some desire through some channel to see Mr. Assange punished for his journalistic endeavors. The rape accusations may simply be a lucky coincidence, but the prosecution on such flimsy grounds certainly does not look to be so.

Of SYMs and Red Herrings

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While I haven't yet had the chance to read Kay Hymowitz' latest book, *Manning Up: How the Rise of Women Has Turned Men Into Boys[image]*, I did have the opportunity to read her article more or less plugging the book in the WSJ a few days ago. As Hymowitz' writings have been the subject of two posts of mine in the 2 1/2 years of blogging, I would be remiss were I not to weigh in on this latest effort. For sure, her scribblings have not gone unnoticed in the manosphere, a great many of whom have answered Hymowitz' plaintive query "where have all the good men gone?" in their own idiosyncratic ways, a selection of which I sound-bite below:

- Whiskey: women contribute to the child-man phenomena by choosing sexy men over responsible men.
- Ferdinand Bardamu, who, in citing Spengler's law of Universal Gender Parity, suggests that women and men deserve each other and that women had better be "womaning up" before they dare to utter the words "man up!"
- MikeT: Today's single young men (SYM)s are merely the mirror image reflection of Hymowitz' SYFs…and that today's culture simply does not reward mature behavior in men
- The Damned Olde Man: Men rationally responded to women's lib by liberating themselves as well from the male gender roles of provider and protector–and women don't like it.
- Dr. Helen: "After 45 years of being told they are pigs, sexist, and good for nothing, men have quit trying to please others, so they slap on a baseball cap and don't talk much. And with good reason"
- Captain Capitalism: "[A] life of bachelortude and singledom [is] more attractive an option (economically, socially and romantically) than marrying [women]"
- Mike @ Crime and Federalism: Women have said for decades that they don't need men. Now they have it, and they don't like it.

As for me, if the WSJ article/advert Hymowitz penned is indicative of the main thrust of her book, *Manning Up[image]* will likely be a book-length rehash of her earlier work writing cultural human-interest articles for the Manhattan Institute's City Journal e-zine. It was in this publication where she first profiled single young men–SYMs–two years ago, reducing the rational-slackerhood responses of young men to the new post-sex-rev reality with catchy quips like "child man in the promised land" and kvetching about the equalizing impact Game has had on the formerly fem-favorable dating scene. And it is in the context of these writings that I find the controversy surrounding *Manning Up* to be interesting, for while she has previously chronicled the rise of the SYF–the Single Young Female and the custom-made-for-the-SYF New Girl Order–she has also continuously failed to publicly connect the dots between the SYFs and the SYMs who are the subject of her book. Thus I suspect *Manning Up* will also fail to connect these dots, which is a shame because the two phenomena are not independent creatures, and I contend that one begat the other, namely that the SYF created the necessary conditions for the SYF's counterpart, the SYM, to blossom and take root.

The text of Hymowitz's WSJ article suggests that her new book still views the SYM through female socon glasses, lenses that grade the worth of men according to their ability and willingness to marry and financially support wives and children. To wit:

> For today's pre-adults, "what you do" is almost synonymous with "who you are," and starting a family is seldom part of the picture. Unlike adolescents, however, pre-adults don't know what is supposed to come next. For them, marriage and parenthood come in many forms, or can be skipped altogether. In 1970, just 16% of Americans ages 25 to 29 had never been married; today that's true of an astonishing 55% of the age group. In the U.S., the mean age at first marriage has been climbing toward 30. What explains this puerile shallowness? I see it as an expression of our cultural uncertainty about the social role of men. It's been an almost universal rule of civilization that…boys had to pass a test. They needed to demonstrate courage, physical prowess or mastery of the necessary skills. The goal was to prove their competence as protectors and providers.

> Single men [are] more troubled and less successful than men who deliberately choose to become husbands and fathers.

Generally speaking–and I do not think I am overreaching with this claim–it is usually only women who think in terms of gaining personal satisfaction or fulfillment through their work. Contrast this with men, whom often endure soul-killing jobs they don't like, and whom generally resign themselves to shoveling the effin gravel rather than engage in urinary olympics about who has the most glam occupation. Men work because it pays the bills, because they don't have any other alternative. Women work for different reasons: partially because it pays the bills until they can get married, but also because, after they don't have to pay the bills anymore, their work becomes a hobby or even a status symbol.

But the more troubling message here is that Hymowitz clearly thinks that a key marker for a man's manliness is his willingness to present himself as a suitable candidate for a three-way marriage (man, woman, State). But they don't, thereby stymie-ing women's ability to choose to work in self-fulfilling occupations, and therefore achieve self-actualization Nirvana for herself. SYMs marriage avoiding behaviors–or failure to qualify for a marriage to one of those wonderful snowflakes–are at the heart of our culture's plummeting marriage rates and refusal to reproduce itself. If only those latter-day Peter Pans would grow up and be worthy of a woman's hypergamous marital ambition, already. Come on, you boys! Man up!

The problem with Hymowitz' female-centric indictment of the SYM is three fold: First, she forgets that where women go, the culture follows. I am on record as stating that, while men *transmit* civilization to the next generation, women *are* a civilization's center of gravity. If one wants to change the direction of a culture, one somehow must convince the female half of the species to talk/walk/think/act differently. Thus, all this focus on how SYMs are shiftless losers who can't get a date and are therefore the cause of the marriage dearth is a diversionary red herring, distracting from the real work at hand, which is readying girls and young adult women to be able to form enduring patriarchal marriages with men and therefore beget the next generation of civilization.

Second, women themselves are adrift, casting about for their moorings in a culture that decided two generations ago to discard all the old touchstones of what it means to be valuable contributing female member of society. Hymowitz herself proves useless in helping girls identify these markers that help girls make the transition to womanhood, claiming

> It's been an almost universal rule of civilization that girls became women simply by reaching physical maturity

This my friends is idiocy raised to the idiot power. A girl becomes a woman merely by sprouting breast buds and pubic and axillary hair? A marker of maturity for her is shopping, travelling, and buying Jimmy Choo shoes? No test to pass, no criteria to discriminate between a girl and a woman, nothing to qualify them for membership in the club of fully formed adult females except the ability to consume or successfully gestate a baby? Nothing to distinguish them from mere social parasites? No wonder many girls go on to become SYFs who dither away their youth in shallow materialistic consumerism and alpha/thug/jerk carouseling, only to run, not walk, to a sperm bank in their mid-30s to quell the thunderous ticking of their biological clocks, all because their beta male peers couldn't measure up to their romantic fantasies. There is no expectation for them to do anything but. And what of the girls who do settle for Mr. Right Now? Well, some may find marital bliss, but a great many of them will find that Mr. Right Now becomes boring or contemptuous and desperately wanting a way out…and why not? She settled for him, rather than the Mr. Big she deserved.

If Hymowitz and the culture at large is going to demand that, to be counted as a man, that men should get a job and get married, individual women, to be counted as a woman, should become a wife, spawn some kids, and raise them. Ouch, such high, fun-killing standards. Whodathunkit that for a woman to demand that a man "man up!", she must first "woman up" as well, with all that requires.*

* Womaning up includes getting and *staying* married, till death do you part, having at least 2.2 kids, having sex with your husband often, and shoveling the effing gravel that being a wife and mother entails. No divorce allowed, except for barbarous abuse and infidelity.

The third problem with Hymowitz' indictment of the SYM is especially tragic because she almost touches upon it…and that is the culture's near-universal disenfranchisement of the nice guy, the rock of a stable society, the non-glamorous beta male provider:

> Today's pre-adult male is like an actor in a drama in which he only knows what he shouldn't say. He has to compete in a fierce job market, but he can't act too bossy or self-confident. He should be sensitive but not paternalistic, smart but not cocky. Today, with women moving ahead in our advanced economy, husbands and fathers are now optional, and the qualities of character men once needed to play their roles—fortitude, stoicism, courage, fidelity—are obsolete, even a little embarrassing. Women put up with him for a while, but then in fear and disgust either give up on any idea of a husband and kids or just go to a sperm bank and get the DNA without the troublesome man.

Hymowitz says next to nothing about the cultural conditions and social attitudes that have obliterated most of the reasons for men such as these to aspire to be husbands and a fathers, the two conditions that Hymowitz and her ilk would presumably use as indicators of male maturity. In fact, Hymowitz would do well to study how women have teamed with the machinery of government to make husbands and fathers largely irrelevant. Thus, having been declared a fish to a woman's bicycle–and loudly told this since birth for the last 40 years–is it any wonder that men would eventually take women at their word and seek amusement and fulfillment elsewhere? Isn't this what women wanted, after all? Control, suffrage, work, influence, responsibility? No? Hmmm.

So, where indeed have all the good men gone? A good question. I suggest that Hymowitz start by encouraging her sisters to look in a mirror to begin to answer to this question.

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Sarah Palin is a Feminist

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Sarah Palin regards herself a feminist, no doubting the fact. At a May 14, 2010 meeting of the Susan B. Anthony List, she declared herself a "feminist." And in America by Heart, the former vice-presidential candidate announced, "It surprises some people to hear that I consider myself a feminist."

So exactly how does Mrs. Palin view this gender liberation creed?

To some, feminism means men and women should have equal opportunities – and responsibilities — at school, in the workplace, and in society. Presumably, equality should benefit men and women alike. This is what some call "equality feminism."

This squares with the constitutional notion of equal treatment under the law, and most conservatives, I believe, are comfortable with that.

To others, feminism has a radically different design — it means women should equal (or surpass) men, even if it entails government-imposed quotas, set-asides, and other social-engineering schemes. These "gender feminists" do not fret if these programs end up shortchanging men. Girls rule!, the preening rad-fems exclaim.

Which school of feminist thought does Sarah Palin ascribe to?

At first, it would appear that she belongs to the equality feminism school. She writes in American by Heart, "The original feminists were interested in securing equal rights and opportunity for women in a man's world. But at some point feminism began to be about emphasizing women as victims…In short, the message of feminism became, 'No, we can't—at least not unless government helps.'" (page 141)

Most conservatives would applaud that pronouncement.

But a mere two pages removed from these words comes forth the voice of a different Sarah Palin, a woman whose athletic aspirations can only be satisfied by, yes — a government-backed quota system. In her words, "I also consider myself a grateful beneficiary of the movement for female equality, particularly Title IX, the federal law that mandates equal opportunity for women in high school and college sports."

This was not Palin's brain addled by an aurora borealis during a long Alaska night. The former governor espouses similar views in her Going Rogue book.

Palin goes on to cite Tilting the Playing Field, a riveting chronicle about the transmogrification of Title IX by Bill Clinton's Education Department. Quoting from Jessica Gavora's exposé, Palin rhapsodizes about the "liberating effect of Title IX on women's sports."

But that misrepresents Gavora's thesis. Maybe Title IX did serve to liberate women's sports — but the feat was accomplished at the expense of males. In Gavora's words:

"The gender-quota logic . . . begins with the presumption that men and women, boys and girls are identical in their athletic interests, equally eager to kick a soccer ball or wield an oar. And if interests are equal, then "equity" between men and women dictates that actual participation must also be equal…Anything less is prima facie proof that someone is being discriminated against."

How is it possible that a shotgun-toting, abortion-shunning, federalism-embracing Hockey Mom would end up touting a monstrous brainchild of the former Clinton Administration?

Here's why: because Mrs. Palin ardently believes "women's talents and capabilities are equal to men's" (America by Heart, p. 140). So let's think this one through…

Since women have "equal" capabilities as men, Palin reasons, and since the number of male athletes has greatly exceeded the number of female athletes, something is very wrong. Obviously, the government needs to step in.

Here's more evidence of Palin's fixation with gender "equality."

In America by Heart, Palin heralds the American military man as "working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk…can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark…digs foxholes and latrines and…He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low."

Amazingly, Palin takes this gritty tribute and then turns it into a sales-pitch for gender feminism, insisting this encomium applies "to both sexes equally."

As a person who served in the U.S. Army and observed women first-hand in the Armed Forces, I will simply note that Mrs. Palin, who never wore a military uniform, appears to be operating in a different reality.

So it's hard to escape the conclusion that Mrs. Palin is a gender feminist who welcomes feminist-inspired government policies that have excised equal opportunities for men, in the name of guaranteeing equal outcomes for women.

But the very idea of a conservative icon working to advance a gender-feminist agenda is oxymoronic. It's mind-boggling, really.

The Future After the Death of Feminism

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Feminism is going to die. Soon.

After the sun has set on feminism's final day, the world that's left for us will look very different – whether it's a decent place or not will depend on the methods we use to get there. Some of feminism's most enthusiastic opponents are of the mind that "winning the war" is all that matters right now and rebuilding can be figured out later. I hold that "the war" will win itself in any case, and that now is the time to look to the future and plan for it, because an ounce of preventing undesirable side effects of the impending transition to a non-feminist society is worth a pound of cure after the fact.

Interestingly, the possibility of feminism ending within any time frame relevant to currently living people has never been spared a thought in anything written by a feminist that I've ever come across.

Also among those opposed to feminism, the fear that it could go on forever is widespread. Comments have even been thrown about to the effect that current anti-feminist action is "not good enough", that the fact that it's getting worse means that it will keep getting worse. However, as alluded to by The Futurist in his call to activism, a transition to non-misandrist society will happen no matter what, and the impact the men's movement can make is not on "if" but "how":

> I remain as convinced as ever that The Misandry Bubble will correct by 2020 no matter what due to the Four Horsemen of Male Emancipation. However, there is much to lose if the correction is turbulent, rather than orderly. Millions of innocent men and women can be saved from wrenching misfortune if we act now to fight the culture of misandry that is cancerously pervading the entire Western world.

I'd like to highlight a different set of four factors that will bring feminism to an end: four methods men are using to dismantle it, which will shape the world we're left with once feminism is gone.

1. **Educating Men –** A noble effort is being made by men of various backgrounds to educate other men about the evils of feminist society through whatever means their particular circumstances provide.
2. **Leaving Women to Fend for Themselves –** A number of men are "going their own way", refusing to foot the bill for the feminist gravy train and distancing themselves from feminist society both for their own protection and to withdraw support from a destructive system.
3. **Violence –** Still relatively rare but growing in number are those men who, pushed far enough into disillusionment and despair, decide to push back with full force and embark on a murder-suicide shooting rampage as their final protest against the society that made their lives unlivable. We may yet see some Western men take it upon themselves to punish feminist behavior in our streets and public spaces on a day-to-day basis. *What with the oversensitivity of our cultural climate to misinterpreting any mention of violence as a call to it, I feel a need to state unequivocally that I am not encouraging violent action against feminists here, but only stating as fact what is happening today and making a prediction regarding what may happen in the future.*
4. **Educating Women –** Little effort is currently being made by men to educate women about the error of their feminist ways, and very few women are inclined to listen. As women come to face more and more abandonment and violence from the growing number of disillusioned men, more and more of them will be forced to look beyond feminism for solutions, and this approach will become more effective and very important for the building of a better society.

Feminist society is inherently unsustainable because it functionally encourages all of these strategies, and therein contains the seeds of its own destruction. A sadly forgotten fact among today's generation of women is that they survive only on the good humor of men, who, whether in the guise of husbands, fathers, taxpayers or police, have

always been and will likely always be the only thing standing between women and a swift and brutal death. The fundamental contract between the sexes is based on women making themselves worth the trouble by giving men something in return for this favor. It might be possible to conceive of a society in which women could enjoy a decent standard of living even without the willing help of men, but any sequence of events that could lead the Western world to such a state of affairs in the near future appears astronomically unlikely. The fact is that quality of life for women, as a group, depends to a great extent on men's kindness, and that kindness is predicated on the women not pissing the men off too much. Until recently there's been a healthy buffer of male goodwill towards women keeping society in balance. It's been known by names like chivalry and gentlemanly conduct, and expressed in myriad written and unwritten rules like the ubiquitous "never hit a girl" we all learned as children, but the major portion of it doesn't have a name and can only be described as an overarching tendency to always treat women a bit better than other men. The now aging generation of women has used up a major chunk of that collective male goodwill – they've partied with abandon on credit, leaving the bill to their daughters. At the current rate, the amount of kindness-reducing behavior among the female population is fast approaching "too much", and when it reaches that point where the male population as a collective entity has had enough and "general public male opinion" switches from being pro-feminist to being anti-feminist, things will change very rapidly indeed.

Most men are by default more than willing to discuss things and find cooperative solutions that benefit everyone, but faced with someone who refuses to do that and is intent on getting her own way no matter who gets hurt, most men are also perfectly willing to control such a danger by force. The unwillingness of feminists to engage in rational cooperation is eventually going to lead men to give up on trying to talk to them as equals and instead unilaterally decide that the party is over and it's time for feminists to shut up and cook dinner. It is in the best interests of both men and women to shape a future in which women voluntarily let go of feminist stubbornness and cooperate with men for the greater benefit of all involved, rather than be forced to submit. When women realize that these are the only two options and that the feminist utopia they've been taught to expect is a practical impossibility, they will fall in line very quickly.

The future holds many exciting possibilities:

1. Western society weakens under irrational feminist policies and its population is absorbed into a culture with stronger values, such as Islam.
2. As a result of withdrawn male support in the form of labor and economic production, the economic safety net collapses and women are forced to abandon feminism and learn to please men in order to be provided for. With no working social security system, we get to join the third world with skyrocketing crime rates, consequent rampant corruption and a reduced standard of living for all but the most ruthless robber barons.
3. Men in law enforcement professions become disillusioned with increasingly irrational feminist rape and domestic abuse laws and start turning a blind eye, consequently also removing the sensible protections women have enjoyed by law since the dawn of civilization and effecting de facto legalization of forceful control of women. The protection of women falls to the men in their lives, private citizens now forced to arm themselves and fight sexual competitors for women conquered as war trophies. Like the wild west, but a lot more crowded.
4. Women influenced by feminism realize their mistake and agree to cooperate in building a new system that benefits both sexes. Needless to say, this would be the best option for all involved, and the best we can say for the alternatives is that they have to exist in theory and, I fear, to some extent as examples before a major portion of feminists will realize the necessity of cooperation.

It should be the concern of any man or woman not wishing to live under Islamic law or in a new wild west on the ruins of a collapsed civilization to make sure that feminist women realize their mistake and are offered a cooperative solution out of the pit they've dug as soon as possible, before our society has descended into lawlessness. If the societal breakdown is allowed to happen, it will cause a lot of unnecessary suffering to all of us and be very hard to fix. To this end, I advocated reducing feminist ideas in women through peaceful and cooperative means in my previous article, The High Road. While a minority of readers expressed their appreciation

for my suggestions in the comments, a much more vocal contingent of commenters criticized my approach as too moderate and voiced their own opinions to the effect that no communication should be had with any woman influenced by feminism. Given the ubiquity of feminist indoctrination in our society, I am mighty curious as to whether these men ever speak with their mothers, sisters, daughters or colleagues, and if they do, whether their behavior does justice to the positions they express with such gusto when safely behind their keyboards. If there is a man among them who has never talked to a feminist-influenced woman twice, he's got my respect, and as for any who don't meet the criterion upon which they found it appropriate to base their criticisms, they are cordially invited to give themselves a healthy slap in the face.

Feminism is everywhere, it cannot be avoided. Many of those very same men who would criticize polite disagreement as too soft can frequently be found sitting around offices and dining tables silently bearing witness to all manner of feminist chatter. This is a problem in the men's movement – there are no signs of movement from the men who count: brothers, husbands, friends, etc. As long as the only opposition to feminist ideas a woman gets is from a keyboard halfway across the world while the men close to her shut up, smile, and direct all their own frustrations toward other computer screens on the other side of the world, the chances for her to change are not great. Someone on the internet may disapprove of her treatment of men, but all the men in her life seem to be accepting it without so much as a peep! Who would you believe?

Speaking our minds to feminist-influenced women only when we're sitting at our keyboards or boycotting feminism only in those people who are so unimportant to our lives that we cut them out without a second thought is shamefully, pitifully, laughably insignificant. It is in our personal lives where our efforts count. If you are ever going to effect an involuntary change in anyone, it will be in people who absolutely cannot ignore you, because all those who can, will. If you are willing to tell your mother and your daughter to pack up the delusions they picked up in college and leave your life forever, I have no issue with that, but I doubt men who would do this are many even in these circles. If instead you stay quiet and let them broadcast their delusions unopposed and unanimously reinforce each others' superiority complexes, you are behaving like less than a man and should feel bad. If you are like most of the audience here – just a guy, just disappointed, not ready to wreck your life even for a good cause and yet not content with standing idly by doing nothing while injustice is rife all around you – for you, there is The High Road. No apologizing, no hiding of your views, no fighting with your friends and family, just realizing that your goals are ultimately best for everyone and repackaging your true cause as a concerned appeal to her self-interest. For best results, the men's movement needs both good cops and bad cops. Someone has to raise the cost of being a feminist, and someone has to offer women an enticing opportunity for defection.

The basis of feminism is unabashed selfishness, and women will hold onto it exactly as long as they perceive it to be their best option. If we let them believe that it's "us vs. them" and we're not taking prisoners, they can hold onto it until no woman is left standing and maybe they can take freedom of religion, social security and/or democratic rule of law down with them. This would obviously be bad for everyone. While a better option for women to defect to is not being made widely available, desperate women are going to cling to their sinking ship.

Where we end up is our choice to make, but we have to start making it now. The law of Islam, the law of the jungle, or a new law for men and women to peacefully coexist in a society that recognizes, understands and fulfills the different needs of both. Feminism will go down, and peacefully, cooperatively, violently or indifferently, you will be involved in burying it. There will be educators and rebels, agitators and bystanders, there will be objectors, defectors, killers and mediators. All will play their parts in the inevitable disassembling of feminist society, but what we really need are those who can help us build a decent future after it's gone.

The author took care in writing this piece, considering its implications and limitations, and hopes that those who might disagree in the comments make a similar effort .

The Game is Getting Worn Out

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Yesterday, I noticed a comment zed wrote that reflected my thoughts on the matter of this unending stream of vapid, clueless and/or provocative articles we've been seeing from female journalists for years now. *Forbes*, *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, and now even the *Wall Street Journal* are publishing them regularly.

Here's an excerpt from zed's comment:

> I would be slacking on my job as wingman and coach if I didn't point out to a guy when he had been hooked by a neg and his hamster was going like it was having an epileptic fit.
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> If she and her publisher make money on this book, they will put out another one. If that one makes money, they will put out another one after that.
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> This is just another type of emotional porn for women. It makes them all tingly in anticipation of all the attention they are going to get from it.
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> Would men with options waste one second of their lives responding to a woman who treated them this way in real life?

It's a good point, and one that's been going through my head recently. I used to think they were simply writing this stuff to make a buck, but it seems that there's more to it than that. As zed points out, these women really get a kick out of our responses. And in the meanwhile they are getting paid a lot of money to pleasure themselves by pushing our buttons. There's no doubt that they are paying attention to the men's blogosphere, and one can only imagine the happy little feelings they get from seeing us worked up and indignant — over them! Women, particularly of the exhibitionist type that characterizes female journalism, absolutely love it when someone makes a fuss over them.

A friend sent me another horrible article published in the WSJ a couple days ago that followed close on the heels of Hymowitz's disingenuous article about how men are refusing to grow up. In this article, a youngish woman writes about how she had a great honeymoon because her new husband couldn't find his passport and was stuck behind for a few days. She lustfully describes the Italian men she met, and suggests that she'd love to do it again, hinting at a divorce before she's been married for even a season.

> I took a water taxi to my hotel and the driver, a gorgeous man named Davide, insisted I take command of the boat, although I explained that I was from New York and didn't even know how to drive a car. "I teach you," he said and sort of slapped my butt and also touched my stomach while shifting gears. He gave me his number on a scrap of paper.
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> "I'm married," I said for the first time. "I'm on my honeymoon." He thought this was very charming and American and pretended to look overboard in the murky brown water for a groom. "Call me," he said.

She goes on to describe the shopping, the food, the joys of being without one's husband, and of course the men again:

> The next day I bought five hand-tooled leather journals from a bookbinder named Ustino and began writing in one of them at Locanda Cipriani, a restaurant in a quince orchard on a tiny island called Torcello. I ordered cannelloni again and wrote, "I'm eating cannelloni all aloni." I wandered that night over bridges and bought a silk jacket with rats painted on it for $500.
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> I had dinner that night at Vino Vino on Calle de la Rotonda where you order from three dishes at the counter. It would have been perfect except for the waitress ignoring me during my lemon cake—and oh yeah, I

> remembered, my husband not being there.
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> Waiting for him, I took gondola rides and drank wine with beautiful men. I soaked my feet in the bidet, listening on the phone to my husband complain about how he'd taken Metro-North to the county clerk's office in White Plains to get his birth certificate. I went to the Peggy Guggenheim Collection and the Accademia, lounged on my king-sized bed, got chocolate on my trousseau.

She ends the piece with a little line she probably thinks is guaranteed to upset men:

> The scrap of paper with Davide's phone number on it is still on my refrigerator. In case I ever want a second honeymoon.

We could get indignant, point to this woman as another example of a naughty wife, and make a fuss over her. But the thing is, this kind of bad behavior is no longer shocking. These Cosmo-style themes are so common and pervasive in every form of mainstream media that they've begun to dull people's outrage, and now it's just starting to look embarrassing — like a national shame of some sort. Our women are acting out in public to such a degree that I wouldn't be surprised if other societies felt some pity for us, just as one would pity the family who had to deal with a mentally-ill daughter who repeatedly exposed herself in public.

But despite how bad it makes us look as a society from the outside, the most important matter is the change within. The reason this shamelessness has gone on for as long as it has is that it has been effective. The women have succeeded in getting our attention. But it's reached a saturation point, and now the question is what's next?

It seems that men are approaching a psychological tipping point where they will no longer respond to each new outrage with much more than knowing resignation. The women of our society have invested so much effort into provoking and testing us that we're developing a cultural immunity to it, which is unprecedented in the history of modern Anglo civilization. For a couple of generations, our women have been unraveling centuries of carefully constructed myths and facades built around the feminine, and from all indications it appears that they will not stop until the job is entirely complete. Perhaps we should consider that although there have been a lot of bright guys far ahead of the curve in recent years pointing to the gaping holes and craters on the facade, the real credit for its destruction should go to women themselves. In all likelihood, without the wrecking ball of feminism, men would have plodded on and on in blissful ignorance, accepting all the pretty lies without a second thought.

Some conservative women may be nervous about the implications, but Hymowitz and the like are no different from their less circumspect sisters in the most important matters. These conservative women crave the same attention and fuss as Lady Gaga; they simply go about securing it in different ways. Even if they were the only ones making noise the end result would be the same, because they are all looking for the same thing.

We can't predict exactly what the effect will be of the vanishing of these illusions built around women, but women have certainly sown the seeds of their own disempowerment. When enough men react to these provocations with nothing more than a roll of the eyes – and that time is almost upon us – it's going to take the steam right out of this aging feminist movement. In a way it's too bad, because when women were mysterious and venerable, they had a certain charm about them, and it's going to take a long time for that to come back.

Daddy's little girl can do no wrong

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By Hedgewolf

If you're like me, you missed the Superbowl this year. Truth be told, if you're like me you probably missed the Superbowl last year as well.

Whether or not you care, you know about the mishap that took place during the singing of the National Anthem. Christina Aguilera missed one of the lines to the Star Spangled Banner, while the camera registered the wincing faces of soldier and coach alike.

Since I don't live in America, I can't really tell what the reaction was from my immediate social circle. Because the song in question was highly patriotic in nature, my thoughts and feelings bear significantly less weight. Nevertheless, I admire the United States as both a neighbor, and cultural twin to my own Canada.

I couldn't help but think; what would the reaction have been if it were a male vocalist who botched the anthem? Would they receive the same mercy and sympathy that Aguilera got?

Since Christina Aguilera agreed all those months before the show to sing, she must have invested some preparation before the big date. It's a complicated ballad, and takes talent and work to get it right. Given her vast wealth and fame from a long singing career, she didn't have much to lose or gain from agreeing to it though.

After the fact, I caught snippets here and there of various talking heads giving their 2 cents on what had happened. There was no shortage of consolation to the poor girl who everyone seemed to unanimously agree, was under great stress and deserved our collective pity. Sadly predictable was the statistics on how many Americans don't know the lyrics. It would seem that any who expressed anger and disappointment were either heartless, or hypocrites who expected too much from her.

However, it's not like Christina Aguilera isn't used to performing for massive crowds. Nor is she simply "losing her groove" so to speak. It comes with the territory, and the Superbowl isn't exactly something she can cancel and reschedule. (honestly, I don't know if the organizers had a plan B).

Despite all this, still the question on my mind was: what would the reaction be if it were a male singer who messed up the lyrics? How would the American public respond? What repercussions (if any) would it have on his career?

To those reading this and saying that I should seek psychiatric help for obsessing over something this trivial and mundane, I say: wake up and smell the Astroturf. This society where I live in, I'm forced to see everything through the emerald of Marxist dialectics. (Why not more women doing this, being that etc.)

Those of us on this site see time and time again the shortsightedness of fathers in relation to their daughters' capacity for folly. "Daddy's little girl can do no wrong". Seeing how lax and apathetic the reaction to Aguilera's mistake was, leads me to believe that the problem has surfaced. It became visible to those who know that it is getting more and more costly to be a man in this day and age.

A part of me wants to blame it on the overall decline witnessed in America, the complacency, the lowered standards. I soon after realized that standards are lower. We've allowed those turncoats who we refer to as "Manginas" and "White-knights", to get rid of the standards for our women altogether. Ironically, Aguilera knows this more than anyone. Years ago she propelled her career by choosing to make provocative performances, and sexually "empowering" songs.

Christina Aguilera made a mistake: messing up an American song, on an American event, and an American day. Where chastisement was due, pity and tears were given. Lets learn from all this while the memory is still fresh. What holds true in the courts, schools, workplaces, halls of government, is now true for the Superbowl halftime show: "Daddy's little girl can do no wrong".

Offensive and Defensive Strategies and Tactics in the Gender War

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I started this out as reply to a comment by Elusive Waipiti on this thread, regarding the reaction of the Manosphere to Kay Hymowitz's latest man-bashing screed in the Wall Street Journal. But, it quickly became too long to bury in the comments to another post, and I think it is relevant enough to merit a post of its own.

> I still think there was value in the strong manosphere reaction to Hymowitz' blatant man-baiting.

I wasn't saying that there was no value in it, EW. I really was playing wingman and coach and trying to point out the Game she was running.

When I was growing up, this was something men used to do for each other. I remember well one incident when I was a young horny fool having drinks in a bar with a guy about 5 years older than I was, who **definitely** had Game. Our waitress was a wholesomely pretty young woman in her early 20s who was engaging in friendly "waitress patter" which included lots of smiley references to hard times she was pluckily going through. I don't remember the details but it was probably something like paying her way through school and having a sick mother and stuff like that. (This was long enough ago there would have been no "single mom" stories.)

After she flounced off, Larry cast me a sideways glance and said with smirking half smile – "She's hustling us for a bigger tip." That was all it took for me. The next time she came around I took a half step back from trying to play "big strong generous man out to rescue a girlie in distress and be her hero for a nanosecond" and watched her.

He was dead right.

I watched her dealing with other customers – working the eye contact, the strategic flash of a bit of discrete cleavage (this was over 30 years ago), the laughter at customers' jokes she had probably heard thousands of times, the hair flips, the innocent almost accidental touches on the arm and shoulder. This girl was passing out IOIs like there was no tomorrow, and guys' wallets were flying open like she had said "open sesame."

I still left a generous tip, but probably nothing like what I would have dropped on her if Larry hadn't clued me in.

So, my pointing out what Hymowitz was pulling was in the vein of pointing out the Game she is running, in order to do this -

> while we are part of the amen choir, our brothers and sons may not yet be. How instructive was it for one of them to read Hymowitz' article–consider that the problem may be indeed with him, as a male, like he's been told his entire life–and then bam! He sees the reaction of other men who call shenanigans on the entire deal?

That part I totally agree with. I say lets go a step further and start to really pick apart her game, shenanigan by shenanigan.

Human beings have huge catalog of reactions controlled in the hind-brain or brain stem, and mediated by the hypothalamus. At least 99% of all our behavior is automatic and autonomic. We don't have to remember to breathe, or blink, or have our skin raise goose pimples when we get a chill. A pretty girl with a pretty smile will bring a smile to man's face without him ever having to think about it.

Most women are instinctively concert pianists when it comes to knowing how to play on and play these reactions in men. Bat their eyes, flip their hair, flash a smile, and most men's IQ immediately drops 50 points.

In the past, cultures had value systems which restrained people from being too manipulative and destructive with their use of their ability to manipulate other people. For example, most people were aware that women had the power to "lead men on", and would criticize it, not condone it.

And, more than anything else, what “women’s liberation” demanded was “liberation” from any restraints on their ability to manipulate men.

One of my earliest posts here was about how men need to hone their “rhetoric of ridicule.” Women are masters of using words to play on men’s emotions like they would play a violin, and I believe that men need to study their Game and learn not only how to defeat it, but to turn it back on them.

One of the most fundamental and powerful reaction complexes is something called the “fight flight syndrome.” All animals, humans included, respond to threats and attacks with systemic arousal which puts them in the best position to either fight back against the threat or flee from it. Higher processing centers in the brain are shut down, the bloodstream is flooded with adrenaline and other performance-enhancing hormones, senses become more acute, and reaction time is lowered.

It is the perfect way and time to use a feint to sucker a man into reacting in a less-than-intellectual manner.

Hymowitz’s screed was an all out, full scale, attack on men, delivered in a manner honed by women through millennia of practice – with words, and indirectly enough to be “plausibly deniable.”

In football, if the opposing team can sucker you into jumping off-side, you get a penalty. We need to study the other teams tactics and watch closely for false moves and be able to tell them from a real snap.

The most powerful method a man has to counter attempts to manipulate him is something which has been called the “Hypothalmic Pause.” In all reflexive behavior Response generally immediately follows Stimulus in the manner – S->R. In order to get control of his own reactions back from other people attempting to exploit them to his detriment, a man needs to insert a pause after the stimulus, get control of his autonomic responses, rev his higher order thought processes back up, and choose how he reacts instead of reacting instinctively which makes him utterly predictable – S->P->T-(c)R. After the Stimulus, Pause, Think about what is going on, and then choose your Reaction. Thus is the way of the superior man.

Think of the constant stream of man-bashing articles as the aerial shelling of the gender war. The entire purpose is to keep us in the emotional state of being under attack and keep us off balance so we respond instinctively, and predictably. Think of Hymowitz’s screed as simply another carpet-bombing run in the Blitz of the Gender War. She launched a shotgun attack against men, hoping that the sheer scale of her attack would throw men off balance. She got out a wire brush, jerked down their knickers, and proceeded to royally chap their asses in hopes their attention would be so focused on that they would not catch her palming the card for her next trick of parlor magic.

It succeeded to a large extent. Sure, a lot of guys rallied to do a pellet-by-pellet refutation of her BS, which was the entire point of flinging so much poo at them at once – to keep them busy and wear them out defending themselves on stupid idea after stupid idea that I am sure the mule-faced woman herself does not believe. But, as a tactic it achieved her strategic objective of putting men on the defensive, keeping them so busy with defending themselves against bullshit that their time would be wasted doing that instead of working on their own strategy and tactics.

The lack of any real research at all, even bogus “advocacy research”, was the telltale giveaway – known to gamblers simply as “the tell.” She just strung together a bunch of assertions that she knew would piss off men, and kept piling them on in the belief that if she kept going long enough she would find something to piss off just about anyone. And, all the hackles she raised would have the side benefit of putting money in her pockets as guys bought her book to try to tear apart one stupid argument at a time.

The most important strategy for men overall and individually is to take away women’s ability to control them through manipulation. The way we do this is not to go chasing one bullet or zinger at a time, trying to neutralize them one at a time, but to take out the sniper sending them our way. Imagine her book as a very loud, very foul smelling, verbal fart ripped by one of the matrons in the middle of the Royal Wedding. It was so loud that the minister was actually interrupted in his service, and stunk so bad that everyone sitting close to her moved as far away as they could.

Now, let's really start to go for the jugular.

Now that we have gotten our reflexive instinctive reactions under control, what is she really saying? Look at the woman she chose to use for her example – a used up slag who by her own admission has been pumped and dumped by half the male population of Manhattan.

She is actually bitching about the inevitable consequences of "women's liberation", and caterwauling that women like this can't find nice, stable, high-earning, accountants to finance the post-sluttitude lifestyles to which they would dearly love to become accustomed.

[image]

Well, as the old saying goes – no shit, Sherlock.

As Mr. Price has already pointed out, there is no point in looking for a wife because most of what is out there on the market either look, or act, or both, like the woman in this picture.

And, to all the NAWALTs getting ready to swoop in with their NAWALTs, take your NAWALTs and shove them where the sun don't shine.

What really frightens Hymowitz, and all the slags she is fronting for, is that the very targets of her attack are the men who have figured out the game and how to beat it. It is embarrassingly pathetic to watch her to try to invoke the very social values that feminists have worked for the past 5 decades to destroy, in order to sucker young men into rescuing these slags from the inescapable consequences of the destruction of those values.

Too late, carp-breath.

As Mr. Price says, the game is wearing out for some of us. Younger men have figured out that there simply are no jobs any more which would allow them to live up to their old roles, they have been raised their entire lives with those old traditional roles having been spat upon, so Skadi/Lara/Kathy Hymowitz's complaints about them are falling on deaf ears.

Unfortunately, the only young men left who are ripe for the plucking of either being some Yugo grrl slag's kitchen bitch, or to finance her impulses to Eat, Pray, and Love, are the unfortunate sons of traditionalists who are turning to cannibalism and offering their own sons up to be cannon fodder for the industrial war machine of the Divorce Industry. Younger guys like Ferdinand Barmanu are of the opinion that the Baby Boomers are out to kill him.

In the case of women like Hymowitz, Ferd is probably correct – they would happily boil him in a pot to give some used up slag just one more shopping trip to Nordstrom's. They have not one tiny shred of care or concern for the well being of men – only fear that women's sense of entitlement may go unmet. Arguing with them, trying to refute the things they say that even they know are lies even as they say them, isn't going to accomplish anything.

It is an utter and complete waste of our time, as well as a very foul betrayal of our brothers and sons, to bother fisking what any feminist – right wing or left wing – says detail by detail, **and then** turn around and give a male voice to the same message and harass them with RealMansprecht

Articles like this are indicative of a last gasp attempt to salvage a hopeless situation. They are nothing more than the latest incarnation of a White Feather Campaign being used as a last ditch attempt to try to sucker young men into sacrificing themselves to bail some used up whore out of the consequences of her own feminist-inspired choices, trying to send them to their deaths which will only serve the agendas of others, by shaming them.

These boys have the right idea, and I suspect that more than a few of them really don't need older manginas and former manginas rushing to their defense. All they need us to do is to not side with their enemies.

Of all the fisking of this article that went on, I think The Damned Olde Man nailed it best, it is all, and only, about women's sense of entitlement –

> Kay seems to believe that **women are entitled** to a man who will support them in marriage and after divorce. **Women are entitled** to take a man's children and demand that he hand over his paycheck until they're grown. **Women are entitled** to men who are willing to go die for them. **Women are also entitled** to reject men entirely if they so choose. But men are entitled to none of it.
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> Instead, men should be happy to find a promiscuous slut who already has a couple of kids for him to support and who will live with him just long enough to produce a couple more before leaving him and claiming that she is now entitled to half his stuff and lifelong support payments under threat of allegations that he was abusive.
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> Sorry Kay, men don't want the nightmare offered by the modern, liberated women.

Kay H: "Men, MAN UP!!"
Men: "No. Now shut up and go away."

End of discussion

Know how to win every argument with a woman?
"Argue with my ass, bitch, I'm late for the door."

There is a huge amount of discussion here and thousands of other places on the web about macro strategy – how do we change the entire culture and its values to conform to what we want? Those discussions are useful, but they are long term and it is likely that many of us will not see any results in our lifetimes. Whatever happens, for the time being it really is "every man for himself", and every man has to come up with an individual strategy which will work for himself to survive the years between now and when the new Garden of Eden gets established on earth.

My strategy is fairly simple. I have often quipped that the best way to kill a bad idea is to implement it as fully and quickly as possible, and to make sure everyone knows who is responsible for the idea so they know who to blame when it goes bad. If you fight it and allow it to be implemented a little bit at a time, its advocates can paint you as obstructive and reactionary. They can claim that all the world's problems would be solved by their plan, and blame those who oppose it for those problems not being solved.

Implementing it rapidly and without opposition allows its failures to be immediately apparent, and the people who suggested it are viewed as idiots by those that got hurt by the idea.

Before feminism, women had by far the better half of the deal. A real re-balancing of the social roles would have benefitted men as much or more than women. But, feminism has remained true to its name – FEMININE-ism – and has been relentless in securing as many possible entitlements for women as they could, while leaving nothing at all on the table for men.

Well, with nothing on the table for men, there is no reason for men to continue to sit there and put bread on it simply because women feel entitled to forcing men to do that. So, the men have left the building – to the women who wanted to be men.

Welcome to the world that feminism built for you, grrls. Women are now the new men. Now, go get 'em.

AVfM Radio Show Schedule

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Two days now, folks, and A Voice for Men Radio will make its first landing on the misandric landscape. One small step for the men's movement; one giant leap backward for feminists, manginas, and white knights.

And so today is an auspicious time to announce the schedule for the first month of programming. Here is what you have to look forward to over the next 30 days.

Episode one- March 1, 2011, 9:00 p.m. EST, U.S..

An Introduction to the Men's Movement

Our debut show at A Voice for Men Radio. This program will give an overview of the men's movement, take as many right hooks at feminists and manginas as we can in an hour, let you hear exactly why the men's movement is growing, and why it isn't going to stop. Paul Elam, founder of avoiceformen.com and former Editor-in-Chief of Men's News Daily is your host. One listen to this show and you will find out why the New York Times, CBS News and Ms. Magazine all have their panties in a twist over the work of Mr. Elam. Strap in and buckle up for this one. This is A Voice for Men you have never heard before.

Episode two- March 8, 2011, 9:00 p.m. EST, U.S..

Violent Women and Government Lies

Join host Paul Elam and listen while he strips the sugar coating off the problem of Domestic Violence in western culture. Find out who is lying to you and why, as well as learning a lot about women's capacity for violence that you probably didn't know. This show will hit you right between the eyes, with the truth!

Episode three- March 15, 2011, 9:00 p.m. EST, U.S..

Cry Rape! The Plague of False Accusations

If you think the rape stories about Hofstra and Duke Lacrosse were isolated incidents, think again. Some estimates put the incidence of rape claims being false at nearly 50%. It's a fact that has cost many innocent men their freedom, reputations and livelihood. Learn how to protect yourself from women who will turn personal regret or embarrassment into a cry of rape. It happens to a lot more people than you would think! [Still awaiting confirmation of an appearance by the crew at False Rape Society]

Episode four- March 22, 2011, 9:00 p.m. EST, U.S..

Psycho Women From Hell- With Special Guest Dr. Tara Palmatier

Life with someone two cans shy of a six pack can range from interesting to stressful to quite dangerous. In this show Dr. Tara Palmatier, psychotherapist and the no nonsense founder of shrink4men.com, joins us to talk about women with personality disorders and the men whose lives they often ruin. Consider this show the first anti Oprah installment at AVfM Radio. "Dr. T" will be a regular guest, well into the future.

As you can see, we have some real goodies line up for you, and we know that as we move along it will only get better. Our show producer Keyster will be handling your calls in to the show as well as pushing all the right buttons during the broadcast.

So, if you haven't already, now is the time to make yourself a part of something sure to bring your views of the world to a much larger audience.

1. Register with Blogtalkradio.com (just click on the sign in and follow the prompts)
2. Click the "follow" button on the show page. (**!! Very important**)

3. Buckle up. This is going to get interesting.

Please note that registering with BTR and following the show will enable you to call in via Skype, and also give you access to the show's live chatroom which is available only during the live broadcast. Keyster will be monitoring the chat as we broadcast and messaging me with your thoughts and ideas.

This is going to be an interactive experience on every level we have available.

I look forward to seeing you and hearing you there. And now for a message from show producer, Keyster:

Some side notes for the listening audience:

1) When I take your call I'll need your name and location.

2) You will then be taken out of "call screening" mode and be listening to the broadcast live while waiting for your turn to talk.

3) You will show up in the caller que and Paul will announce he's taking your call when it's your turn and you will then be put live on the air with Paul.

4) There is about a 5 second delay (just like AM talk radio) so PLEASE turn down your volume on the AVfM player, and listen on your Skype connection or via phone only while you wait to talk and are switched to live, or you will be trying to listen to the delayed version and live version at the same time.

5) There is a chat room feature which I will be monitoring where people can discuss things and pose questions or topics…(although I hope everyone will be listening more and typing less!) We may turn to the chat room now and then to discuss on the air anything interesting or late breaking that might be in there…depending on how the phones are going.

Please do call in and remember CALLERS MAKE THE SHOW as much as the host.
I'm not sure how active the lines initially will be, but we'll do our best to get to everyone…and run over if we have to.

This is gonna be fantastic!
Spread the word!

Democrats Attack the Statue We Said is Not Sexist as 'Sexist'

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The enlightened, self-important left is quick to cast dreaded conservatives as, among many other ghastly things, narrow-minded censors of the arts. One of the Democratic Party platforms from the 90s said this: "We believe in public support for the Arts, including a National Endowment for the Arts that is free from political manipulation and firmly rooted in the First Amendment's freedom of expression guarantee." That was at a time when photographer Andres Serrano was upsetting the sensibilities of Middle America with his "Piss Christ" that depicted a plastic crucifix submerged in a glass of the artist's urine.

It turns out that tolerant and open-minded Democrats only tolerate opening their minds when it comes to art that doesn't offend their victim group constituencies. Art that depicts the Virgin Mary alongside elephant dung and female genitalia might be fine and dandy to far left politicians because it intrudes on beliefs cherished by traditional Americans. But if a Democratic Party victim group yells "foul," the artwork must go, with angry, snarky rebukes.

I fear that The Spearhead, and a piece I wrote for it, must have triggered the latest uproar. Does it seem a little coincidental that we posted a piece here last month explaining why a largely forgotten statue *isn't* sexist, and now, prominent Democrats are attacking it as *sexist*? This statue was not in the news at the time I wrote about it, and I am confident that the post we ran here gave women's groups the impetus to do something they do very well — be offended.

The piece I wrote traced the history of "Civic Virtue Triumphant Over Unrighteousness," an 89-year-old, 22-ton marble statue by sculptor Frederick MacMonnies that created a stir even before it was unveiled outside New York City Hall because it offended women's groups. The statue portrays a nearly nude, sword-wielding, strapping male youth, his foot crushing the necks of two writhing female sirens, Corruption and Vice — one defeated, the other cowering — in an exultant posture of triumph. It is an allegory of triumph over temptation.

But let's get one thing straight: a siren is not a woman. A siren is a mythical creature, a seductresses who was said to lure sailors — who, of course, were human males — with their enchanting music to the rocky coast of their island, causing the men to shipwreck.

What was so offensive about this statue? MacMonnies had the audacity to give *vice* a feminine face, and to depict *virtue* as decidedly male. Defenders of the statue prevailed in 1922, pointing out that the genders are often reversed in art – with vice depicted as male and virtue as female – without protest. Last month on The Spearhead, I wrote this: "How do we account for the irrational vitriol of so many women to this statue? Perhaps it is as simple as this: the protestors were, and still are, so accustomed to picturing vice as 'male' that when it is given a feminine face, it is so jarring that they assume it is somehow wrong and must be 'sexist.'"

Fast forward to last week, and enter tart-tongued Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., who spoke at a protest – *a protest!* – about the statue: "It doesn't represent civic virtue of any sort, it represents an eyesore." Weiner called the statue sexist and complained that he can see it from his office window. See here.

Weiner is a darling of women's groups for his unconditional support of whatever abortion policy they happen to be pushing. He's joined in the anti-statue crusade by Queens Council Member Julissa Ferreras, and various women's groups. Weiner even took it upon himself to draw up an ad to sell the statue on Craigslist. The ad is below — note, he insists on calling mythological creatures "women," and few people are bothering to call him on it. Here's the ad:

Sexist Statue for Sale

For Sale: 22-ton (sexist) marble "Triumph of Civic Virtue" statue by renowned sculptor Frederick MacMonnies.

Own a (tasteless) piece of New York City history! Triumph of Civic Virtue created by sculptor Frederick MacMonnies – the artist behind iconic figures such as the Quadriga in Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza – is

now up for sale for a limited time.

This controversial and offensive statue crudely depicts a young man with a sword triumphantly standing over the defeated bodies of two women. In 1941, then-Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia had the good sense to banish the figure from its initial location in City Hall Park.

Unfortunately, it ended up in Kew Gardens, where it remains to this day.

Now, community leaders want to see it go.

All proceeds from the sale of this sexist eyesore will benefit the city of New York. Shipping is not included.

And isn't that position typical of progressives when it comes to gender issues? They twist and pound the facts beyond all recognition to fit their victim narrative. They cry "sexism" where there is none. And they toss their noble and enlightened sentiments onto a scrapheap of indifference whenever those sentiments don't advance their political agenda.

With all the pressing issues facing America, isn't it nice to know that a prominent member of Congress took time out of his busy schedule to inject himself into local politics in order to pander to his core constituents by bellyaching about imaginary oppression?

What a disgrace.

The Unfiltered, Genuine Draft

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There have been many spirited discussions of tactics around these parts recently. Everyone seems to be talking about how to handle these trendy but timely drive-by opinion pieces on "The End of Men."

Should men ignore them?

Should men respond?

Are men even the intended audience for these pieces?

Are we being baited?

Does what men do or say even really matter?

All good questions. For my part, I want to add that so many of the issues brought up by Rosin, Hymowitz, et al., were foreseen by Lionel Tiger all the way back in 1999. Tiger also handled the issues more thoroughly and thoughtfully, though I believe the solutions he offered would ultimately be inadequate and they would require the kind of "macro-rationalism" that he believes humans generally fail to manage. In reviewing his book, *The Decline of Males*, I came across the following passage. It seemed particularly relevant to the exchanges taking place throughout the "manosphere" right now, so I hope he doesn't mind if I post a lengthy quote from it here.

> Men in groups do not appear to perceive themselves as men in a group. They do not define themselves as members of an assembly with a collective interest. To the extent that they are conscious at all of any problems they face, men seem to assume these will be solved in the traditional public way. Their fantasy is, all they have to do is behave in reasonably civil, even gentlemanly ways. Everything will turn out peaceably and well.
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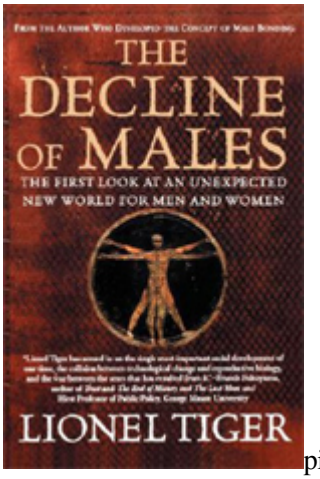
> But they are enduring illusion and self-deception. In truth, "they just don't get it" and don't get what they're about not to have. They fail to understand the implacably coercive breadth of what is in their faces. What is under way is so imprecise but so general and atmospheric they do not realize what is happening to them. In response, men pursue a strategy that they barely even recognize is a strategy, perhaps because it is a failure. To maintain agreeable lives, they will use traditional tools and modes of power. But this strategy is also one that is clearly foundering. It is accelerating the decline of men. The new outcome for men is not yet clear.

I have yet to see so much as an appreciative hat-tip to Tiger—or even a substantive refutation of his ideas—in any of these "decline" 

pieces. There are still so few books on the topic that these omissions seem willful, ideological, bitchy and unprofessional. Tiger saw all of this coming. Though I don't agree with everything Tiger wrote or share all of his sentiments, I highly recommend his book. It is still relevant over a decade after it was published—perhaps even more relevant—and I don't think it ever got the attention it deserved.

Regarding the quote above, I think that the collection of writers we have here at *The Spearhead* and around the web

at affiliated or sympathetic blogs are signs that men are beginning to get "what they're about not to have." I feel a bit SWPL writing this, but the task at hand is not so much organizing, jock strap burning or marching on Washington.

It is "raising awareness."

Feminism isn't going to go away if you ignore it, or give it the silent treatment, or take the high road. It's going to fail because, as Tiger pointed out, it is as inhuman as Communism. It has to be enforced at the end of a gun. However, there's no guarantee that one day we will simply wake up and see that feminism has failed. It will probably be a long, distasteful process, and a lot of men are going to get screwed over along the way. Men need to think about what they want, and how to re-assert their own interests. They need examine and understand the root causes of the problem and wrestle with the difficult philosophical dilemmas that underlie what Tiger called a "struggle of sexual classes."

The second piece I wrote for *The Spearhead* was titled, "Writing About Men Is Important."

It still is.

Those of us who write have a lot more important writing to do.

If more academics want to get involved like Tiger has, good for them. They have the time and support to work at a different level of detail than I can afford to as a working stiff who has to set aside nights and weekend mornings to write. But academics have gatekeepers and filters and obligations. They have to deal with an entrenched orthodoxy that favors feminist means and aims, and has no real reason to cede territory. Academics have to make compromises and concessions.

We have the freedom to say things that they simply *can't.*

We are the unfiltered, genuine draft.

I say, keep it coming.

As young men question the lies that our society tells them about themselves–as the scales fall from their eyes–they'll need somewhere to look for a different take on the issues as they come up. There will be differences of opinion and philosophical disputes between men, and that's fine, but feminists can't be allowed to monopolize the discussion about *The Way of Men*.

** If you enjoyed this article, please click "like" on my Facebook page to keep up with my work on this and other sites.

Activism/Promotion Opportunity — Confronting Dow Chemical on Misandry

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By Anonymous Activist

The Dow Chemical Company has announced a virtual conference Tuesday, March 1st, called *The Future We Create*. "Covering topics from mentoring young women and fostering executive leadership to gender differences, the hour-long virtual conference will address the issue of how stakeholders can work together to expand women's leadership in chemistry and the sciences."

Quoting from their Facebook page: "Did you know that only 15 of the 72 members elected into the National Academy of Science (NAS) in 2010 are women? : Join 60 of today's leading minds for 60 minutes to discuss, debate and define how women can move the field and industry of chemistry—as well as other sciences—forward."

The implication is that only when parity is achieved – in practice by ousting men from the leadership positions they've earned or eliminating opportunities for new male leaders – will their mission be complete.

Of course, this is all in an effort to promote diversity and inclusion. Accordingly, *all 60 of the conference speakers are women*.

I thought that *A Voice For Men* and *Spearhead* readers might enjoy an opportunity to enhance diversity and inclusion on The Future We Create's Facebook page by ensuring that men's views are represented there too.

Accordingly, I will donate $5.00 to AVfM Radio for every pro-male comment posted on the Future We Create Facebook page, up to a maximum of $400. **[offer upped to $7.00 per comment by KARMA]** Please also copy your comment as a reply here so I don't miss it. *Note: You have to click the "Like" button at the top to be able to post (sorry). If you do not have a Facebook account, you will need to create one.*

As an added bonus, I will also donate $1 to AVFM Radio for every person who adds Paul Elam as a friend on Facebook and $1 to The Spearhead for every person who "Like"s The Spearhead Facebook page by the end of the week.

If you're interested in crashing the conference itself, it takes place at 11 AM ET on Tuesday on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Warning: Link contains head shots of the conference speakers.

While you're at it, why not use your new Facebook account to sign up to follow A Voice For Men Radio, which has just one thing in common with the Future We Create conference: it debuts Tuesday (at 9 PM ET).

- Signed, Your Diversity & Inclusion Watchdog

Addendum: Future We Create is auto-deleting comments on their Wall, but replies to their own comments do not seem to be effected. It is better to respond to an existing comment rather than posting directly on the Wall. And please copy your post here to AVFM in case it gets deleted immediately, so we will get credit..

Liberating Egypt from Female Genital Mutilation

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[Editor: Mr. Pellissier sent me this article for publication a couple days ago, and I wondered how it directly concerns men's issues. After some thought, I realized that it does, because as men we as likely to be fathers of daughters as sons, and if there is anything I'm sure of, fathers do not want their daughters to suffer needlessly. So, the question is, is it really the "patriarchy" that supports the practice?]

Hank Pellissier

Ethical Technology

"That woman in Cairo," I wonder as I stare at the dramatic photo in Washington Post, "the one with the Egyptian flag and the black headscarf… does she have a clitoris?"

Perhaps my question is intrusive and impolite. Perhaps discussing clitorises is a more taboo topic than if I, for example, announced that I don't have a foreskin, or that I do have a hemorrhoid.

I don't know. What I do believe (mutating stanzas from 1963's Marat/Sade by Peter Weiss) is this:

> What's the point of the Egyptian Revolution
> If it doesn't stop female genital mutilation?
> If girls are chopped bloody, sexually-deducted,
> Was the 18-day struggle at all productive?
> Egypt gave itself a Mubarak-tomy
> Now its time to end clitoridectomy
> Let us condemn
> F-G-M

Is female genital mutilation (FGM) a transhumanist issue? Yes. "Enhancement" is championed by technoprogressives as a basic human right; this suggests that the opposite "reductions" like FGM deserve condemnation as a violation of the same entitlement. The H+ desire to be "more than human" should be linked to a protest against non-consensual amputation. The Transhumanist Declaration also strives for the "alleviation of grave suffering."

Do I believe male circumcision of infants is also a non-consensual "reduction" that transhumanists should oppose? Yes, I do. In San Francisco, where I live, there's a proposal circulating that would ban the unnecessary, sensory-reducing procedure. The measure intends to make it "unlawful to circumcise, excise, cut or mutilate the whole or any part of the foreskin, testicles, or penis of another person who has not attained the age of 18 years." The law, if passed, would punish the new crime with up to one year in jail and a $1,000 fine, and it's getting my vote.

However, female genital mutilation is not circumcision—it's a far more dangerous and debilitating attack on the flesh. Abolishing FGM unfortunately was not an agenda item that any Egyptian revolutionary spokesperson mentioned, and it was generally ignored as a subject of discussion by international media until CBS reporter Lara Logan was assaulted in Tahrir Square on February 11 by a mob of up to 200 men.

The Sunday Times reported that "sensitive parts of her body were covered with red marks… from aggressive pinching." She was also "stripped, punched and slapped." Suddenly, misogynist horror in the land of the Pharaohs was in the spotlight, and why not? The attack on Logan, who was rescued by Egyptian women and policemen after 20 to 30 minutes of abuse, serves as a potent reminder that even with Mubarak gone, it's often a nasty men's world in the Nile nation.

“Rampant sexual harassment, public fondling and groping of women… is used as a way to keep women indoors,” writes Asra Nomani in the Huffington Post. A 2008 survey by the Egyptian Centre for Women’s Rights says 83% of Egyptian women and 98% of foreign visiting females experience sexual harassment, and the Arab Human Development Report (2009) claims 35% of all Egyptian women have been physically attacked, a figure they suggest is grossly under-reported. The 2010 Global Gender Gap Index, a Swiss study that rates progress towards women’s equality, places Egypt in the international cellar: #125 out of 134 nations surveyed. Egypt’s rank is abysmal because it excludes women from good jobs, especially managerial positions, and only 2% of parliament is female.

Abuse of Egyptian females often occurs early in life, with female genital mutilation. Although it was banned in 2007 by the Ministry of Health following the death of 12-year-old Badour Shaker—who overdosed on anesthesia in an illegal clinic—its prevalence has only dropped from 97% to 91% in recent years, according to Nfissatou Diop, program coordinator of a joint project by UNICEF and UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund).

The Grand Mufti of Egypt has said FGM is “prohibited,” the Al-Aabar Supreme Council of Islamic Research says it shouldn’t be practiced because it has no basis in Islamic law, and even the former first lady—Suzanne Mubarak—denounced it as “a flagrant example of continued physical and psychological violence.”

So…why does this barbarity persist?

UNICEF claims that FGM’s primary raison d’etre is to “reduce the sexual desire of a female…[to] maintain a girl’s virginity prior to marriage and her fidelity thereafter.” Traditions insist that FGM makes girls “clean,” “beautiful,” and “pure,” because it removes the “ugly” and “dirty” genitalia. Superstitious propaganda also contends that men become impotent or sick if their penis contacts a clitoris, that a mother’s milk will be poisonous if she’s uncut, that her face will turn yellow and she’ll get vaginal cancer without FGM, and (perhaps most frighteningly) she’ll masturbate excessively or become a lesbian.

My sociological opinion is that FGM’s intent is to terrorize young females into lifelong submission to male authority.

Archeologists believe FGM’s origins probably lie in the pyramids’ shadows. Unraveled mummies were found with FGM, and a Greek papyrus from 163 B.C. notes that Egyptian girls were given the operation when they received their dowries.

Today, an estimated two million girls per year are excised. Here’s a list of high percentage nations, tabulated by Rosemarie Skaine in her book, Female Genital Mutilation: Legal, Cultural, and Medical Issues—Burkina Faso (71.6%), Chad (60%), Cote d’Ivoire (44.5%), Djibouti (90-98%), Eritrea (90%), Ethiopia (69.7-94.5%), Gambia (80-90%), Ghana (40%), Guinea (98.6%), Liberia (60%), Mali (92%), Mauritania (71%), Sierra Leone (90%), Somalia (95%), Sudan (91%), Togo (50%), Iraqi Kurdistan (72.7%), and Egypt (78-97%).

Egyptian feminist Nawal El Saadawi—who had her clitoris excised when she was six—became a doctor who regularly observed the “terrible physical damage female genital mutilation could cause.” In 1972, when she was director general in the Egyptian Ministry of Health, she wrote a book, Women and Sex, that criticized FGM. She subsequently lost her job.

Ayaan Hirsi Ali, the Somali/Dutch/American writer, is probably the most famous chronicler of her own genital mutilation experience. In her biography, Infidel, she describes her cutting, followed by infibulation:

Women held my legs apart. The man… picked up a pair of scissors… The scissors went down between my legs and the man snipped off my inner labia and clitoris, like a butcher snipping the fat off a piece of meat. A piercing pain shot up between my legs, indescribable, and I howled. Then came the sewing: the long, blunt needle clumsily pushing into my outer labia, my long and anguished protests…”

Many girls die during or after their excision, from infections. Other complications cause enormous, more or less lifelong pain… My once cheerful, playful little sister [Hawaya] changed… never the same afterwards. She became ill with a fever for several weeks… horrible nightmares… she just stared vacantly at nothing for hours…

Later, her sister dies young, after years of psychosis.

Hearing this stuff drives me, personally, crazy with rage and bewilderment. How can anyone who claims to love their children simultaneously subject their innocents to such ghastly abuse? To care for one's children is to keep them from harm, not dissect their young bodies with filthy tools.

The civilized outcry against FGM is not 100% universal, due to "cultural relativism" infecting some circles of feminism. The Village Voice reports that in 2006, Patricia Clough, director of the Center for the Study of Women at CUNY, "declined to call female genital mutilation wrong." Rogaia Mustafa Abusharaf of Brown University has also defined FGM as "a site of identity formation."

But generally, condemnation of FGM in the Western world is substantial, led by many European women's groups, such as GAMS FRANCE, GAMS BELGIUM, END FGM, FGM- HILFE (Austria), Female Integrity (Sweden), FSAN (The Netherlands), FORWARD (UK), and others.

If FGM persists in Egypt after democracy (we hope) is installed, it will be an embarrassment in the pages of their progress. Ignoring FGM at this time would resemble the shame American people of conscience feel when they regard the year 1870, when black men were given the vote via the 15th Amendment, but women of all colors were denied—for another 50 years (the 19th Amendment).

Egyptian feminist Nawla Darwiche has stated that "all the men were very respectful during the revolution… sexual harassment didn't occur during the revolt." Let's hope, and insist, that this cessation of abuse becomes a permanent feature in the new, ancient nation. The words "Egyptian Revolution" have a glorious sound, but not if we simultaneously hear the screams of girls.

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The Post-Feminist Future is a Feast for the Free

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by Alphabeta Supe

With the recent talk of post-feminism, I've been casting my mind forward to 2020, when some say the misandry bubble will burst and men will regain political primacy. I'm 10 years older, have a nice house, a nice car, good friends, meaningful work. I've gone my own way and have no kids. I've a pile of money invested wisely and am master of all I care to survey. My thoughts now turn to the question that has been boring a hole in my mind since the bubble began to inflate:

Who'll inherit my stuff when I'm gone?

I dream on…the misandry bubble has indeed burst and men who had the foresight to see what was coming are emerging from their bunkers. Feminism as an ideology lies in ruins, having been exposed to the quick for the arrant fraud that it was. The Stockholm Declaration - the instrument that sealed its doom, has been signed. Hard-core feminists and their collaborators have been hunted down, tried, found guilty of crimes against humanity and sentenced to Sweden, now effectively a labour camp, for the terms of their natural lives. Julian Assange, the facilitator of the downfall, has been endowed by King William V of Great Britain with a new order of chivalry in memory of the pivotal event – **Knight of the Leaky Wick**.

Gender relations around the world are starting to improve. Feminist propaganda is banned on pain of death. There is no internet in Sweden. The time has come for MGTOW to return to the mainstream, find suitable mates and fill the Promised Land with the fruit of their loins.

In this post-feminist dream a beautiful young woman, full and fresh with the ripeness of healthy youth, has sought refuge in my lands. Her heartbeat races at twenty paces and there are tingles in her loins when we touch. Her deep-as-the-sea, hero-worshipping eyes make it clear we must breed. Problem is, she was born to Eve but raised by Jezebel so while her heart is pure her soul is tainted by the poisoned apple of misandry.

In other words, she has never been taught how to not hate men.

What would I say to her? She has denounced feminism with all her heart and has tearfully prostrated herself before me. She begs to be taught. What could I say to her? What words could unravel the steel-threaded cocoon of feminist lies and deceit without garrotting the soft pink chrysalis inside?

"F*ck off and die, you blood-sucking parasite!"

…thunders A Voice from the left, forever riding shotgun.

"Let's get you out of those dirty clothes…"

…croons the crimson artist, from le Château dans les nuages.

As tempting as these suggestions would be, I think I'd say something more like this – a sort of post-feminist manifesto for women who survive the disease:

- Don't be narcissistic. A woman should never think she's more important than men or children. Marketing departments delight in exploiting a woman's tendency to think they are. They promote 'women's only' this and that, and many women buy into it. This appears sexist but it is really a marketing ploy that works because most women are narcissistic. Companies know they can charge more for goods and services by using the words 'women only'. Narcissistic women are easily exploitable women. Be neither.

- Don't let others make choices for you. This should be self-evident but many women allow themselves to be told what to wear, what to buy, what to eat, how to dress, where to go, how to think – in clubs, gyms, magazines, websites, books, stores and by TV talk show hosts. They seem to need a step-by-step guide through life, which

they follow like sheep as companies exploit this ‘need’. Don’t swallow the same poison. Don’t believe the same lies. Behave like a sheep if you must but obey the sheepdog, not the wolf. Better yet, be a woman who can think for herself.

- Get rid of the self-induced schizophrenia. Don’t insist you’re strong, confident, capable and independent one minute, then weak, frightened and vulnerable the next, especially when you’ve been caught doing something wrong. Don’t chop and change your character whenever it suits you – choose one and stick with it. Admit when you’ve done something wrong. Don’t suddenly remember that you suffered abuse in the past or have some kind of mental illness or other instability, then use it to get yourself off. If you never sought help for these problems before you were caught, don’t use them as an excuse afterwards. Be a woman who accepts responsibility for her actions.
- Don’t let the law take responsibility for crimes women commit. Speak out against women routinely receiving shorter sentences than men for the same crimes. If the law punishes women as it does children, treat them like children and encourage other women to do so too. Don’t call these women victims and say ‘they’ve suffered enough’ because they’re women. Believe in, and stand up for, equal justice on the basis of gender.
- Don’t believe everything women and manginas in the media tell you. Many serve up slop by the bucket – celebrity gossip, slimming tips, sex tips, man-shaming tips, rape fantasy stories, etc. TV shows like Oprah and Dr Phil are filled with advice on how women can transform themselves into victims and blame everything on men, while constantly ridiculing them. Partake of more nutritious fare than this. Get your infotainment from equitable presenters. Always be aware of the cultural status quo from both perspectives.
- Don’t fake solidarity with other women, especially in public. Don’t pretend that all women are your best friends when everyone knows nothing could be further from the truth. Openly acknowledge the reality that many women despise each other unless there’s personal advantage in not doing so. Game has taught post-feminist men how to see through attempts at deception, so a woman’s lies don’t travel far. Don’t be a liar, especially not an obvious one.
- Speak out against misandry. The main reason for its proliferation is that good women have remained silent. Silence in the face of this injustice is cowardly. It allows loud, obnoxious women to preach hatred with impunity, which reflects badly on all women. When you speak out against the rubbish misandristic women throw at you about men, you do all women a favour. Don’t be a coward and don’t be silent.

This is the chalice I offer to women who wander into my future realm. It carries a distillation of the conciliatory parts of the anti-misandry narrative to date, so the post-feminist woman who draws from it has a chance at new life, both in her belly and in her heart. If she rejects it, her future will perish in the cold, barren wasteland of the feminist soul. It’s her body, but the future of mankind is NOT her choice.

Did my breeding beauty drink? I don’t know…I woke up.

AVfM Radio coming up NOW

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Just a reminder — Paul Elam's first show is starting in minutes. Check it out.

AVfM Radio

Desperate Single Mothers Turn to Incest to Woo Online Lover

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In a sad story that shows just how depraved American society has become, a fat, chinless, middle-aged used car salesman managed to persuade a half dozen women to produce child porn with their underage children, one being only three years old at the time.

Steven Demink, the internet lothario, posed as a single father of a 14-year-old girl, using head shots of male models to make himself appear desirable. Calling himself "Dalton St. Clair," he also claimed to be a psychologist, and used the phony credentials to convince the women that molesting their children was a form of therapy. To further encourage them to commit these crimes, which involved lewd acts in front of a webcam with their children, he would offer to date the women if they complied.

What is interesting here is the method Demink employed. Although it is suggested that he "duped" the women, what actually appears to have happened is that the parties merely exchanged one form of pornography for another.

As has recently been discussed in our corner of the internet, many women crave "emotional pornography" to the same extent men crave the visual kind. Demink, for all his mundane qualities, appears to have had a remarkably astute understanding of this proclivity, which he used for criminal purposes.

Although the women are characterized in the linked AP article as having been convinced by Demink's assertions that incest would be good for their children, any reasonable person would realize that no psychologist would suggest such activity as therapy. These women may not have been particularly sharp, but they were judged competent to stand trial, and a couple have already been sentenced to hard time in prison.

It is encouraging to see that the women who participated in the crimes are also being held responsible under the law, but it is likely that a number of people, including prosecutors and judges, and definitely reporters, are missing the quid pro quo inherent in these acts. This was not a case of women simply acting negligently, but rather an example of a man and women swapping different forms of pornography online, and collaborating in its production.

Demink's creation, the fantasy of the sexy, high-status single father, gave these pathetic single mothers something they craved, and in return they put on some truly vile productions to indulge the lust of an equally pathetic man. This unfortunate case demonstrates how readily some single mothers will victimize their own children to satisfy their own desires, and leads to the question of whether the female form of pornography, although not recognized as such under the law, is not at least as depraved as the male.

Lessons from the Fringe Left

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By M. M.

Political correctness is such a pervasive ideology that everyone must deal with it during the course of his undergraduate education; I went one step further and shelled out $40,000 to spend an additional two years in one of its bastions. My purpose was to obtain my Masters of Fine Arts degree. Unfortunately, I chose to pursue this degree through a particularly flakey New England university's graduate program, the head of which, it bears mentioning, was a self-described, practicing witch who once got an abortion and bragged about it on YouTube. During my time there as a closet conservative, I learned the following social and spiritual beliefs which the fringe left espouses when insulated from wrong-thinking people:

The key to enlightenment is to internalize a cryptic caste system whereby the further removed an individual is from white, heterosexual, Christian manhood, the higher on the social and spiritual totem pole he—I'm sorry, she—resides. Once this is accomplished, many truths which seemed fantastical begin to make sense.

Women have a supernatural kinship with the moon. I found this out when the program head read her poem recounting the circumstances of her first period. She had been standing on the porch with her family staring at the night sky when the image of the moon took hold of her and she began to freely menstruate. Think that scene in The Exorcist where Reagan crashes her mother's cocktail party, tells the attending astronaut "You're going to die up there!", then urinates herself.

The skin of an Inuit has cleansing properties. This became apparent to me when the program head asked an Inuit student to wear a stone necklace she wanted "cleansed" against her skin for 24 hours, then threw a public fit when she "caught" the student without the necklace later in the day. The student explained to us that she had been afraid to wear the necklace because she "didn't know what it contained." Dark forces, presumably.

Following the non-politically motivated shooting of a politician in a southwestern state, it is for some reason necessary to exorcise the specter of right-wing fanaticism by publicly burning a newspaper photograph of the shooter, particularly if one is the program head of a New England university with no connection to the event.

Racism can cause a minority man to cheat on his wife by performing oral sex on other men; fortunately, that man can become a cultural hero by relating his infidelity and his rationalization for it. I was taught this by a Japanese-American professor's public description about the way in which the daily oppression of Asian-Americans (as evidenced by their significantly higher than average income levels) compelled him to act out his subordinate role through a string of submissive, homosexual encounters, and the many allusions to his bravery from students and staff which followed.

Supreme Court rulings prohibiting religious expression at publicly funded university events don't apply to the chanted refrains of a Wiccan "invocatory" poem praising the earth, and students therefore have no right to complain about their forced participation.

When we are sick, we are naturally attracted to plants that heal us. This was divulged during a presentation given by a visiting author promoting her book on the topic.

When faced with a major life decision, the best course of action is to walk into the woods with your eyes closed until you "feel compelled to stop," spin clockwise three times, then open them. The first thing you focus on will be your "omen." I learned this during a presentation on "omen gathering," after which students were told to try the method out in the woods behind the seminar meetinghouse. Some of us didn't "feel compelled to stop" until we had reached the dorms.

Finally, pointing out the hypocrisy of male-bashing while enjoying all the modern amenities which men have invented, such as automobiles, contraception, vaccines, etc… to a brittle, middle-aged feminist over breakfast will

invite derogatory comparisons to her “enlightened” husband. Informing said feminist that her husband “is a pussy,” will subject you to both a strident lecture on the backwardness of using a female sex organ as a derogatory label and being called an asshole. Explaining, in response, that the asshole is a male sex organ, and that if the feminist has any doubt about this she can always ask her husband since it “sounds like he enjoys taking it up the ass,” will make you a pariah in your program for the rest of the semester. You will also be branded a homophobe, even if you are openly gay.

Such were the fruits of my graduate education.

A Contrast in Audio

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It was a real treat to hear Paul on the air last night — putting men's issues on air was something that needed to be done. Paul's got a knack for conversation and a good voice for radio, and Keyster's got the tech skills to make it a good production. But aside from the quality and obvious demand for this programming, it accomplished on the very first day something I hadn't expected, or even considered.

Before I heard the first AVfM broadcast, I listened to an NPR program a friend pointed out. The show featured Kay Hymowitz and Michael Kimmel, who supposedly come from opposite sides of the spectrum, but as far as I could tell agreed on everything but the details. It was a 30-minute program, during which both discussed the plight of men. NPR fielded some calls, and it was obviously a subject a lot of men wanted to talk about. The premise Hymowitz and Kimmel were operating under was that there's something gone wrong with men. For Hymowitz, they aren't "manning up," and Kimmel asserts essentially the same thing by saying that adolescents and young men live in this toxic "guyland." According to both of them, young women are doing just fine. It was typical fare, but a few guys called up and took issue with it. Amusingly, one young woman called up to say that while she wanted "mature" guys, she also enjoyed "free-spirited" men and wasn't really interested in a sober, family type, thus proving what guys like Ferdinand Bardamu have been writing about young women.

If that NPR show were the only discussion we had about men's issues, we'd be in a depressing situation indeed. As Jack Donovan has pointed out to me, people like Hymowitz and Kimmel live in a cultural bubble of academics and pundits in New York. No matter what position they take on issues, they're essentially part of the same club. They may be of various ethnicities and religions, some may be Republicans and some Democrats, but when it comes down to it they share a similar set of values and lifestyle. They know the same people, attend the same cultural events, send their kids to the same schools, etc. Given the size of our greater civilization, they are a tiny little slice of the whole, but somehow they have seized the cultural podium, and we're far more likely to hear their opinion than representatives of any other cultural group. Sometimes, when they come up with their incredibly off-base assessments I wonder whether they really are that removed from ordinary reality. That might be the case.

After listening to the NPR program, I tuned in to hear the second half of the AVfM opening broadcast, when Paul Elam was taking calls. I heard stories just like my own. I heard guys from all over North America. I saw a blazing chat board. Men were coming in from everywhere — all over the place. And all sorts, too: White men, Black men, Asian men, you name it. The contrast between the NPR show and the AVfM show couldn't have been greater. On the one hand you had a discussion between insiders – representatives of a tiny group of people – and on the other there was this broad movement of men from all over the map. It was extraordinary, and really put things in perspective. From this contrast, it became apparent that we don't really have to worry about what Michael Kimmel and Kay Hymowitz have to say — our message and our group is bigger. Our potential is far greater. All they have is a few fading institutions, while we have a wide open land.

As much as I looked forward to hearing the first AVfM broadcast, I didn't expect to get such an optimistic first impression, nor did I expect to come away so convinced that there is a popular mandate for change. And the best thing about it is that this is just the beginning. Although I'm not sure everyone is going to want to spend much time listening to Hymowitz and Kimmel on NPR, after hearing AVfM you will have an entirely different impression of these two people living in a cozy little elite bubble. You will hear a couple chummy people talking as though they are at a dinner party in the Manhattan — talking to themselves for all intents and purposes. They may still think they are talking to the "right people" and the "people that matter," but the men we are talking to are legion, like the sands of the desert and the stars of the sky.

It's a big world out there. Much bigger, even, than Manhattan. And it's ours for the taking.

Charlie Sheen finds out how they deal with troublesome men

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Charlie Sheen, whose feud with employers at CBS has spilled out into the open, has been on a tear lately, taking no prisoners and saying all sorts of outrageous things. There's no doubt he's been ruffling some feathers, annoying people, and coming off as a bit unhinged, but he seemed to think he had the situation under control. Today, the other shoe dropped, and police entered Sheen's home and seized his children at the behest of his ex-wife, who allegedly has a substance abuse problem like him.

Sheen may be acting a bit crazy, but if he's recently gone cold turkey, that's to be expected, and it doesn't appear that he's broken any laws with his outbursts and off-kilter antics. However, there are other means to deal with men who are causing a stir, and they often hit closer to home than the threat of a spell in the county lockup. In short, they go for what you really care about: the children.

> LOS ANGELES — Troubled Hollywood star Charlie Sheen told U.S. television Wednesday that police acting under court order removed his twin sons from his home overnight after his estranged wife expressed concern for their welfare.
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> The actor told NBC television's "Today Show" program that his two-year old sons, Max and Bob, were removed by officers from the Los Angeles Police Department.
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> "I said, 'I love you, and I said, don't say good-bye. Say "see you later." Later is, as we believe, to be very soon," Sheen said, describing his parting from the two boys.

The same threat was leveled against Mel Gibson, who has had his own behavioral issues, not all that long ago.

Plenty of people have reason to dislike Mel Gibson, although those who know the man personally tend to defend him. He can be abrasive, offensive and about as politically incorrect as possible. Parallels have been drawn between him and Charlie Sheen. Perhaps there is something about acting that demands a certain volatility of character. However, nobody besides opposing parties in custody disputes ever suggested that Mel Gibson – or Charlie Sheen – were anything but loving fathers as far as their children were concerned.

Despite that fact, the NY Times came out with an article that should be extraordinarily worrisome to any divorced father. It was titled "In Family Court, a Reckoning for Gibson's Career." The article implied, accurately, that determinations made in family court can have a profound effect on a man's life prospects. What it did not do, however, was get to the next logical conclusion: family court can also be used to coerce men in matters beyond their families. Indeed, this is part of the problem with contemporary family law — it has the potential to be used as a tool of social control. Don't like someone's political views? Seize their children and hang on until they shut up. Have a beef with an employee or coworker? Call his ex-wife and tell her you'll give her a hand in court. Custody disputes could be used to blackmail, intimidate or simply lay low one's enemies.

Although Sheen comes off as unstable and strange to a lot of people who have heard him lately, there's something quite menacing about this seizure of his children, which was accomplished with an ex parte restraining order. The truth is, it could happen to any number of men, including some who have perfectly legitimate complaints (and for all we know Sheen's complaints may be legitimate).

I think Americans have stop and ask themselves something very important:

What is a Constitution that prohibits warrantless seizure of our property and persons worth if someone can walk into a courthouse and have a judge rubber-stamp an order for the police to come into our homes and seize our children?

The Decline and Fall of Antioch College

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In my last post I predicted that the University of Cincinnati would collapse due to its embrace of feminism and leftism at the expense of real scientific disciplines like computer science. Several commenters brought up the example of Antioch College which had collapsed due to its embrace of feminism and leftism.

Antioch College was originally founded in 1853 in Ohio by the Christian Connection movement and the Unitarian Church. Beginning in the 1940s it became a hotbed of progressivism and one of the first colleges to experience leftist student activism. This continued to the 1960s when Antioch College became one of the primary locations of student radicalism, the New Left, the anti-Vietnam War movement, and the Black Power movement in that part of the US. The 1970s were more of the same for Antioch College, but it expanded to include several satellite campuses under the name of Antioch University. In the late 1970s Antioch College started having problems with its finances and experienced a decline in enrollment from around 2000 students to around 1000 students. While Antioch College's financial situation stabilized in the 1980s it never was able to increase student enrollment beyond 1000 students.

Antioch College started having problems again in the early to mid 1990s when its "Sexual Offense Prevention Policy" received national publicity. According to the policy, consent for sexual behavior must be mutual, verbal, and reiterated for each new step of sexual behavior. The original version policy was created at Antioch College's "Womyn's Center" due to the agitation of a group of students called "Womyn of Antioch" and called for immediate expulsion of any man accused of a sexual offense with no rights given to the accused. A revised version of what the "Womyn's Center" wrote became policy for Antioch College. Even the revised version was so absurd that it became the basis of a Saturday Night Live sketch called "Is It Date Rape?"

Things continued to deteriorate at Antioch College so that by 2000 Mumia Abu Jamal and transgendered rights activist, Leslie Feinberg, were invited to be speakers at that year's commencement. This also recieved national publicity, and in the few years after enrollment declined to 600 students. By 2003 the situation at Antioch College deteriorated to the point where a renewal plan was started. This was done alongside deep cuts in staff which included eliminating Antioch College's Office for Multicultural Affairs. The led to a student protest called the "People of Color Takeover". Antioch College created the "Coretta Scott King Center for Cultural and Intellectual Freedom" in response to that protest but Antioch College still deteriorated. By 2007 enrollment had declined to 370 students. Also during 2007 the faculty of Antioch College filed a lawsuit against its Board of Trustees. Soon after operations were suspended at Antioch College, and it was closed in 2008.

Currently there are plans to reopen Antioch College in the fall of this year. Even if Antioch College reopens it is unlikely that it will ever regain the status it had.

Proposed Reforms Will Make it Easier to Convict Your Son of Rape, Even if He's Innocent

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Since the great wave of feminist reforms first struck our peaceful shores thirty years ago, the goal of reformers has been to transform rape law to make it easier to charge and convict men and boys. These reforms typically are being made under the radar, without fanfare and often without any public debate. Most readers will assume it can't get any worse than it is, but trust me, it can get worse. This article will chronicle some of the more dangerous proposals. Before we do that, it is well to summarize the history of these reforms to underscore the sexual grievance industry's incredible track record for effecting change.

History of Rape Reforms Since the Dawn of the Feminist Revolution

Starting in the 1970s but especially in the 1980s and 1990s, our politicians kowtowed to the sexual grievance industry, which insisted that rape was grotesquely under-reported and that reforms were needed to do justice to countless women who supposedly suffered the brutal indignity of rape in silence. So they set to work to solve a problem that no one can prove even exists.

They adopted laws that eliminated the requirement of corroboration. Other crimes had no such requirement, they said, blinking at the fact that rape is not like other crimes. In many cases, the sole evidence of rape is precisely the same as the sole evidence of the most common act of love, performed innumerable times throughout the world every day. That act of love can be transmogrified into an alleged felony merely by claiming it was performed without consent. In practice, the elimination of corroboration essentially flipped the old law on its head: now, women don't need any corroboration of their claims, but men and boys accused of rape are arrested, jailed, charged, and sometimes tried and convicted, solely on even the far-fetched say-so of any woman or girl if the men and boys can't produce corroborating evidence of their innocence. It is literally guilty until proven innocent.

That wasn't enough, they said. So we adopted rape shield laws that barred the admission in a rape trial of almost any evidence of the accuser's prior sexual history with persons other than the accused. There is no evidence that rape shield laws have had more than minimal effect on the incidence of reports of acquaintance rape, but who cared? Rape shield laws too often have been abused, sometimes resulting in the conviction of an innocent man or boy. They have been used to exclude relevant evidence that the accuser has made prior false rape claims; that the accuser has used the same modus operandi to seduce other men; and that the accuser is a prostitute. In one famous case, a woman claimed she was tortured and sodomized; the man claimed the act was consensual. She denied ever expressing interest in sado-masochism, and he tried to introduce into evidence emails showing that she had expressed interest in sado-masochism. The email evidence was excluded, and her lie was permitted to go unrebutted.

That wasn't enough, so we extended rape shield laws to civil actions in Federal Courts and in a growing number of state courts. The Advisory Committee that pushed the federal rule change expressed its hope that this protection against invasions of privacy, potential embarrassment, and unwarranted sexual stereotyping will "encourage victims to come forward."

That wasn't enough, they said. So we adopted laws that eliminated the requirements of force and resistance, and innocent men and boys who mistook the acquiescence of a woman as consent were sent to prison.

That wasn't enough, they said. So we eliminated the *mens rea* requirement for rape. Historically, in a rape prosecution, the guilty defendant must have had the intention to have intercourse with a woman without her consent. Too stringent, said the sexual grievance industry, and the requirement was lightened or dropped altogether.

That wasn't enough, they said. So we enacted laws in the UK and a handful of US states that legally forbade naming rape accusers. Moreover, in the US, news agencies and outlets have, by common consensus, agreed not to name

rape accusers. The mere allegation of rape by the anonymous female, without any other evidence and no matter how far-fetched, often causes a man's name to be splashed all over the newspaper, TV, radio, and Internet for the world to titillate to the details of his humiliation, destroying the man's good name forever. In contrast, his accuser's identity is guarded with all the tenacity that Clark Kent uses to shield Superman's.

That wasn't enough, they said. So we enacted laws that lengthened and even eliminated statutes of limitations for rape, but not for other crimes, and now, men are sometimes accused of, and charged with, alleged rapes that occurred 20, 30, 40 or more years after they supposedly occurred. This, of course, effectively forecloses the accused from mounting a meaningful defense because the evidence that might have proven them innocent — corroborating witnesses, after-the-fact letters suggesting consent, receipts showing he was actually out of town that day — has long disappeared.

That wasn't enough, they said. So we enacted VAWA which, among many other things, pays the legal bills of alleged victims of sexual assault. VAWA pays none of the legal bills of men accused of rape, the presumptively innocent. Not even the falsely accused.

In the UK, it's worse. The UK compensates alleged rape victims, even the ones not subjected to any physical force, no matter how slight their injuries. In contrast, the UK does *not* compensate men falsely accused of rape, no matter how egregious their harm. And, yes, sometimes false rape accusers are compensated.

That wasn't enough, they said. So we enacted laws that exempted rape accusers from taking polygraph tests as a condition to proceeding with the investigation of their rape claims. But polygraphs are considered just fine — when they are used on men and boys accused of rape. If males refuse to submit to them, often even flimsy charges won't be dropped. (Moreover, polygraphs are routinely used to insure that sex offenders, predominantly male, are adhering to the terms of their probation, and a refusal to take the polygraph will land the refusing party in jail. Worse yet, men and boys are subjected to penile plethysmograph testing, a sort of junk science polygraph of the penis, which typically requires the subjects to engage in self-arousal.)

That wasn't enough, they said. So we enacted rules on college campuses making it easier and easier to expel males accused of sexual wrongdoing, with kangaroo courts that forbid confronting accusers and that employ inquisitorial, as opposed to adversarial, hearing processes that dispense with silly things like due process. Most colleges have lowered the burden of proof from "beyond a reasonable doubt" to "clear and convincing evidence" or a "preponderance of evidence" – just for charges of sexual assault or harassment. Many college campuses also adopted rules that forbid charging rape accusers with underage drinking in connection with their accusation, thus providing young women looking to evade an underage drinking charge with yet another motive to lie about rape.

That wasn't enough, they said. So we enacted draconian Federal Rule of Evidence 413, and many states adopted similar laws. With this law, unlike any other criminal charge, including murder, robbery, even planning the World Trade Center attacks, a rape trial in federal court and in various states allows evidence of the defendant's commission of prior offenses of sexual assault to show that he has a propensity for committing the crime at issue. This rule, which is unique in all of American jurisprudence and widely condemned by legal scholars, allows the jury to hear about the defendant's prior acts, whether or not the defendant takes the stand. Even mere accusations of prior sexual offenses that occurred years before — and even criminal allegations for which the defendant was acquitted — are admissible if the alleged prior act is proven by just a preponderance of the evidence (far lower than "beyond a reasonable doubt"). This law was enacted specifically to nab more rapists – if you show the jury smoke, they'll assume there must be fire even when there isn't.

But surely all these massive reforms must have cut into underreporting of rape? Surely after decades of one reform cascading upon the next to encourage women to come forward, the women must be lining up, right?

Well, no, we are told. In fact, the sexual grievance industry insists that nothing has ever worked to curb alleged underreporting, and that it is supposedly still rampant. So, what do we to curb the problem? Why, we keep listening to the same people who've been taking our tax and tuition money, and who haven't been able to solve the alleged

problem.

Here's the reality: it's all nonsense. The sexual grievance industry needs rampant "underreporting" to perpetuate the rape cottage industry. So they manufacture it from whole cloth. There are powerful and entrenched financial interests at work that depend on rape hysteria. But they're not finished.

I honestly can't think of a single serious rape reform proposal that hasn't eventually been enacted. The track record of the sexual grievance industry in getting their way is astounding. Here are some of the most dangerous proposals they want to enact:

THEY ARE NOT FINISHED:

Sex Will be a Presumed Crime When a Woman Cries Rape

Most readers think this is already the case, but trust me, it's not. Few non-lawyers appreciate the importance of placing the burden of proof "beyond a reasonable doubt" on the prosecutor in criminal trials. Under present rape law, the prosecution must prove the essential elements of the crime, *including the alleged victim's non-consent*, beyond a reasonable doubt. While far too many innocent men and boys are arrested and charged on flimsy false rape claims, most avoid lengthy prison terms simply because the prosecution bears that burden.

The Holy Grail of rape reform for feminist legal scholars is to flip the duty of proving consent *to the accused*. In *Addressing Rape Reform in Law and Practice*(2008), Professor Susan Caringellaof Western Michigan University's Sociology Department, posits one such proposal. She says: "It is high time to give victims a fair shake, to dismantle the zealous overprotections for men accused of this crime, which have been buoyed up by the myths about false accusations, ulterior motives, and so on, commonly embraced when rape charges are levied."

Among other things, Prof. Caringella lays out an elaborate legislative scheme to reverse the presumption of consent for rape. Most rapes are of the acquaintance variety, and consent often is the sole issue in dispute in a rape trial. Under this professor's plan, if a woman alleges rape, *non-consent would be presumed*, and the man would be required to show by a preponderance of the evidence that the act was consensual. In most of those cases, there is no significant evidence aside from the testimony of the accuser and the accused. If the jury doesn't know who to believe, as is often the case, the male will go to prison for many years. (And we have reported innumerable cases on False Rape Society where false rape accusers were found to be very credible.) The male will have lost the trial before it has begun.

This rule also means that the accused in a criminal trial will be forced to testify on his own behalf if he wants to stay out of prison – the same as in many countries ruled by dictators that have no regard for due process.

Think about the implications of this proposal: this feminist scholar wants to turn the most fundamental act of love, the act of procreation, that has been performed countless times every minute of every day of every year since the beginning of time the world over — into a presumed crime whenever a woman cries rape. This, of course, is a jurisprudence bordering on pathology.

Professor Michele Alexandre has an even more drastic plan. Currently, rape law adheres to a contract law standard of consent, where consent may manifested in any way that it actually occurs. In matters of romance, people toss formalities to the winds and typically express their desires in body language, smiles, nods, and caresses. There are, in fact, an infinite variety of ways people signal consent. Many, perhaps most, couples establish routines where unspoken conduct cues responses in a willing a partner. Currently, the law recognizes that whatever ways parties actually manifest consent is admissible evidence of it. That can't possibly be unfair, right?

Well, wrong. Professor Michele Alexandre wants to junk all of that and severely limit the way consent may be legally manifested. She insists that the contract theory of consent treats women's bodies as goods. She proposes that consent not be presumed; when a woman cries rape, the sex act is a presumed crime. The burden is on the defendant to prove "that express and present consent was explicitly obtained at the time of the actual sexual interaction, not before or after . . . ."

Moreover, she would junk all the non-verbal manifestations of assent: ". . . express consent entails verbal or written assent that leaves no doubt as to the victim's agreement to the sexual interaction. . . ." (The other-worldly proposal about written assent is a dead giveaway that this professor is operating in a different universe than the typical bedroom where real couples are getting it on.)

She continues: Only if the defendant is able to establish "express, present, and uncontroverted consent to the sexual interaction at issue" does the burden shift to the prosecution to prove withdrawal of consent, and "withdrawal of consent can happen at any time during the sexual interaction."

In this professor's world, past sexual behavior – all those routines a couple has established over the course of months or years, all that private, unspoken language – none of it may be cited as evidence of present consent, and sex that occurs as a result of such flawed consent is rape. See M. Alexandre, *'Girls Gone Wild' and Rape Law: Revising the Contractual Concept of Consent & Ensuring an Unbiased Application of 'Reasonable Doubt' When the Victim is Non-Traditional*, 17 American Univ. Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law 1, 41, 55-56 (2009).

And it isn't just the eggheads sitting in their Ivory Towers who buy into this inanity. Feminist superstar Jessica Valenti recently wrote this ". . . we should look to [Swedish rape laws] as a potential model for our own legislation. . . . In fact, some activists and legal experts in Sweden want to change the law there so that the burden of proof is on the accused; the alleged rapist would have to show that he got consent, instead of the victim having to prove that she didn't give it."

If you think this is science fiction, you'd be wrong. It's already happening in Washington state. Prof. Richard Klein describes it:

"The Washington State rape statute defining consent as requiring 'actual words or conduct indicating freely given agreement to have sexual intercourse,' was . . . silent as to where the burden lay as to the showing of consent. The defendant in *State v. Camara* claimed that judge's charge to the jury improperly inferred that the burden was upon him. The Washington Supreme Court determined that there was 'support in the history and purposes of rape law reform' to conclude that the intent of the legislature was to shift the burden of proof to the defense. As a result of the *Camara* decision, Washington courts typically included the following instruction to juries in rape cases:

"'A person is not guilty if the sexual intercourse is consensual. 'Consent' means that at the time of the act of sexual intercourse, there are actual words or conduct indicating a freely given agreement to have sexual intercourse. The burden is on the defendant to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the sexual intercourse was consensual.'"

R. Klein, *An Analysis of Thirty-Five Years of Rape Reform: A Frustrating Search for Fundamental Fairness*, 41 Akron L.Rev. 981 (2008).

Laws Forbidding Women Who Falsely Cry Rape From Being Charged

Shifting the burden of proving consent onto the male accused of rape isn't the only thing on the sexual grievance industry's wish-list. In the aftermath of the arrest of a woman in the UK for apparently falsely recanting a rape charge against an allegedly abusive partner, the government is establishing guidelines for charging women who recant. The director of public prosecutions, Keir Starmer, will need to approve all efforts to charge women who recant rape allegations and, Starmer said, "we will monitor them closely." Specifically: "If the victim has decided to withdraw a rape allegation, we must explore the issues behind that, particularly if the victim is under pressure or frightened."

In fact, this is a step on the road to achieving what prominent sexual grievance industry leaders have advocated: not charging rape liars with crimes. Lisa Longstaff of Women Against Rape has been quoted as saying the following: "Every prosecution [of false rape claims] puts women who have been raped off reporting it." Another time, she called efforts to prosecute women for making false rape claims "a concerted witch-hunt."

When a 17-year-old New Zealand girl was arrested after falsely claiming that she was dragged off by three youths

and sexually assaulted at knifepoint, Dr. Kim McGregor, director of New Zealand's Rape Prevention Education, was quoted regarding false rape complainants: "I would recommend some form of therapeutic intervention rather than charging them." Dr. McGregor claims that "someone needed to be 'pretty distressed' to make a false allegation of sexual assault," and that "very few women made false complaints as a form of revenge."

Scrap the Adversarial System in Rape Cases in Favor of an Inquisition

Dr. Kim McGregor is also on record as favoring a change from the adversarial system that pits one person against another in terms of their credibility. She would like to see an inquisitorial form where both parties must answer questions in court. But, she has cautioned, the new inquisition for rape needs to be wary of male judges who would interview women and children because this may increase a victim's anxiety. Don't fear – she wouldn't require all female judges in rape cases. She says that the anxiety could be avoided by the way the interviewer questions the victim. (Apparently sensitivity training would be required for male judges.)

The disciplinary procedures in many colleges already have scrapped the adversarial system when it comes to sex allegations.

Quasi-Quotas for Rape Arrests and Convictions

Two years ago in the UK, it was a pet project of then Labour's deputy leader, Harriet Harman, to jack up the conviction rates for rape. Ms Harman floated a trial balloon that indicated she was toying with the idea of establishing targets for prosecutors and police to secure more convictions. This likely would have entailed police and prosecutors being required to furnish reports explaining the reasons the "targets" were not met, with all manner of negative consequence imaginable for "unsatisfactory" explanations; further, it is reasonable to suspect that police would be deprived of certain government funding in the event their responses were not "satisfactory."

What effect would this have on innocent persons falsely accused of rape? Let's furnish an example. In the United States, law enforcement agencies are notoriously afraid of losing highway dollars from the federal government if they fail to make a sufficient number of DUI arrests. A DUI expert famously contended on American television that innocent people who have nothing to drink are taken to jail after submitting to roadside field sobriety tests. The charges are later dropped, but presumably the incarceration is sufficient to help meet a quota.

Under this quasi-quota system, innocent men and boys not only would need to worry that a woman might decide to lie about their relationship, now they would also need to worry about whether the police department has hit its numbers in a given month when a woman falsely accuses them.

Harman is out of power, but my guess is we'll be seeing this proposal again sometime. And given the sexual grievance industry's track record, don't be surprised if it becomes law.

The Grizzly Truth: Identity Politics and Conservativism Don't Mix

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Sarah Palin has emerged as the nation's foremost advocate of conservative ideals. By design, she has also become the most prominent purveyor of feminist identity politics.

In numerous speeches, Mrs. Palin has proclaimed herself a feminist. In America by Heart the former vice-presidential candidate announces: "It surprises some people to hear that I consider myself a feminist."

Exactly what does this mean?

"Feminism is all about power for the female left," explain Suzanne Venker and Phyllis Schlafly in their hot-off-the-press sizzler, The Flipside of Feminism. "Feminism, like communism, depends on hypothesizing an oppressed class."

Palin might gainsay that description. She would likely point to this statement in Going Rogue, where she describes herself as a "believer in individual rights and responsibilities rather than heavy-handed government; in free-market principles that included reward for hard work; [and] respect for equality." (page 45).

And what does "respect for equality" mean?

Well, it turns out Sarah Palin is an avowed supporter of Title IX. In her words, "I also consider myself a grateful beneficiary of the movement for female equality, particularly Title IX."

But as we know, Title IX is the very epitome of a "heavy-handed" government program that certainly does not reward men for their "hard work." Instead, it imposes a rigid feminist quota on college athletic participation that has spelled the demise of thousands of men's sports teams.

Equal outcomes, not equal opportunities – that's the socialist ideal, and this policy is writ large at the U.S. Department of Education. Sarah Palin is perfectly fine with that.

Marxist class analysis also gave rise to a patchwork movement that many call identity politics. The term "identity politics" was first coined in the 1970s during the civil rights movement. Before long the women's libbers latched on to the concept, as Zillah R. Eisenstein documents in his book, Capitalist Patriarchy and the Case for Socialist Feminism.

In The Disuniting of America, historian Arthur Schlesinger probes the rise of identity politics and its effect on American life. Noting that democratic societies require a unifying cultural, social, and legal fabric in order to function, he concludes the trend threatens the cohesiveness of civil society.

The phenomenon of the Mama Grizzlies, of course, is a prime example of identity politics. In her recent America by Heart, Sarah Palin devotes an entire chapter to the topic. Exactly who are the Mama Grizzlies?

They are the "new generation of American women leaders, many of whom I've met on the campaign trail and in the towns and cities of America," Palin adumbrates. These women are "strong," "tough," "formidable," "serious," and "confident," in Palin's own words. What's more, these women "ran cattle" and even "ploughed the fields."

If this is beginning to sound like a women's liberation consciousness-raising exercise, that's exactly what it is.

And like any card-carrying feminist, an occasional You-go-girl! shout-out to her female comrades will not suffice. While we're at it, why don't we indulge in a cavalcade of gratuitous gender-baiting and male-bashing, as well? This appears on page 132 of America by Heart:

"Women have a unique perspective. Typically, they are less ambitious for superficial power than men [It's a relief to know that dust-up about Nancy Pelosi's demand for a military plane was all a misunderstanding], and more focused on providing for the needs of others [Men who work a 60-hour week to put bread on the table are doing this for some weird ego boost]. I think we appreciate, more than some men, the fullness of American life, everything from raising decent kids to protecting our national security [A proven fact!]."

Palin continues…

“And we’re not afraid to work hard and get our hands dirty [A high-five to all the female oil-rig, construction, and mine workers out there]. We’re busy enough to know that time must be spent efficiently [No more inefficient trips to the beauty salon!]; in fact we’re too busy to waste time with typical political games and power struggles [Busy governors have no time for political gamesmanship, I’m happy to announce].”

But sensible-talking Suzanne Venker and Phyllis Schalfly offer a different prescription: “We must stop talking about women’s rights, women’s needs, women’s problems, and progress for women….When we frame the debate in feminist lingo, we foster a war between the sexes. It’s time to end the war between the sexes. Men are not the enemy.”

I certainly endorse Sarah Palin’s vision of individual self-reliance, strong families, and limited government. I admire her resolute defense of conservative values.

But this paroxysm of identity politics that seeks to empower women at the expense of men is an anathema to respectful gender relationships, strong families, and traditional values.

Hero Mexican Girl Who Fought Cartels Runs for the Border

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I first saw this story quite while ago. A Mexican girl who decided she'd take on the job of police chief in a Mexican town slammed by the drug war down there was widely lauded as an example of female courage and bravado in the face of the drug gangs. The local men had essentially given up on the fight. Outgunned and facing the likelihood of death and dismemberment at the hands of the criminals, the guys just gave up. Who can blame them? When being a cop means you're likely to be killed and have your body parts flung about the town square, the job suddenly doesn't seem all that appealing.

Enter Marisol Valles García, the brave and pretty chick who would take on the Zetas like Lara Croft. Yeah, she's pretty cute, but it doesn't seem she was all that good at kicking ass, and perhaps at this point her schtick is getting worn out. Now, facing some rough treatment, she wants us gringos to bail her out.

When I first read about Marisol, I assumed that she was only taking the job because nobody – not even the drug lords – would take her seriously. Sure enough, she spouted the platitudes one might expect from a 20-year-old female college student:

> Afraid? Everyone is afraid and it's very natural. What motivates me here is that the project [to make the community safer] is very good and can do a lot for my town. I know that we are going to change and remove this," she said.
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> [...]
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> The weapons we have are principles and values, which are the best weapons for prevention…

Well, if you ask me, the weapons needed are probably a lot more tangible than that. There are towns in Northern Mexico I wouldn't even enter without being inside of an M1A1 Abrams tank.

After some time, it seems the local criminal elements had enough of her, and made it known that she'd better sign up with them — or else.

Now, according to reports, she is in the US, and ICE won't return calls about the status of her asylum request. How brave of her.

Now, if we're giving asylum to girls who unwisely take on dangerous jobs in towns swept up in the Mexican drug war, I'd like to know what we're doing for the thousands of Mexican men who face a very real threat of death every day, probably in most cases a more serious threat than this girl. Are we going to give asylum to all of them? Of course not. Yet here we are celebrating this girl's "bravery" by giving her a free pass to flee a situation she very willingly got herself into. What's bravery if you never have to face the consequences?

Oh yeah… That's female bravery.

You Should Be Dancing: Tony Manero & "Ataru Game"

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I get my high when I'm dancing."

- Tony Manero, Saturday Night Fever

I want to thank everyone for their interest and participation in these Game-related posts over the past few weeks or so; as I was reviewing the site stats for the past month (and which will be released this coming Sunday) I was taken aback by the uptick in reader interest, expressed in unique site views. This tells me what my readers what to see more of, and I hear you loud and clear. So, with that said, let's continue with our perusal and study of Game…

Two commenters in particular, from our previous post, CSPB an DJ, made a powerful point about the importance of dancing in a Man's seduction repetoire; and it's true – a Man who has moves on the dancefloor instantly has a decided advantage over other guys when it comes to upping his notch count. There's simply no getting around that fact. Dancing is one of a number of proxies Women use to gauge a Man's sexual prowess, and has been with us as long as they have been Human Beings, and for that matter, animals of all kinds, on the planet. They don't call it the "mating dance" for nothing, don't you know.

I made a reference to the smash hit film, "Saturday Night Fever" in my last post, and since one of my commenters particularly enjoyed said reference, and because two other commenters talked at some length on the importance of the dance, and since I've talked about the different styles of Game a Man can have and deploy, I thought I would illustrate a bit of what I meant by using SNF as a prima facia example of one of the "forms" or styles of Game, which I refer to as Ataru Game. Also, please understand something: you can and should avail yourself of as many sources of material to learn from, for the student of Game is constantly learning, observing, trying out new things, and the like. Just because something is fictional does not mean that it isn't relevant or useful; indeed, SNF's enduring success, more than 30 years after its release, means that it has struck a very deep chord of resonance in people worldwide, and which of course, made John Travolta an instant household name.

As I've said previously, Ataru Game is is a style of seduction which is focused on the body, where often the Man in question uses his body for maximum effect along these lines. SNF's Tony Manero, is a picture perfect example of this principle in action – in addition to being tall (and even taller given the platform heeled shoes he wears), he uses a style of dancing that's "big" – if you watch the film, you will notice that his dance moves takes up a lot of space; he often has the entire dancefloor to himself. When dancing with a partner (or two, or three) he often uses his long arms a lot, so even when there are other couples out on the dancefloor, they tend to be "crowded out" by his manner of dancing. He "makes a hole" whenever he's on the floor. This is even true when he and Stephanie enter the niteclub's dancing contest, and they choose a more sedate song to dance to – they moves are still such that takes up the entire floor and are broadly expressive. Whether he's line dancing, doing the Tango Hustle, or whatever, Tony's style is very high energy, and is irresistable to the ladies because of it.

But that's only a part of Tony's Game; another part of it is in the way hePeacocks. Right at the very beginning of the film we see him walking down the street of his Bay Ridge Brooklyn neighborhood, and what is he wearing? RED shoes, and a matching RED shirt – he looks like a tall rooster or something – but there he is, conspicuously standing out from everybody else, Male and Female alike. And this is on a regular workday, as he's carrying a can of paint to his job, the local hardware and paint store. His gait is literally like that of a rooster, in fact. Guys who work a lot of Ataru Game tend to do things like this.

And then there's the iconic white suit Tony wore for the dancing contest – he had an innate understanding of the theatrical and knew that he had to make a powerful impression on the dancefloor in order to have a chance at winning the prize (which was more than mere money; it also meant Stephanie, too). Even in a discotheque at the height of the Disco phase, he stood out – that's Ataru Game to the max. And think about it – when's the last time

you saw a guy wearing an all white suit anywhere? Other thanTom Wolfe and Colonel Sanders, one is hardpressed to think up an instance. The last time I personally saw something like that was last Summer during the Ralphael Siddiq concert in Central Park – he wore an all white suit and matching white short-sleeve shirt, and he looked great. No one else came even close.

Because Ataru Game puts such a focus on the body, it works best when a Man's body itself is "extreme" in some way – either really tall, or really short. Or if you're older than might be expected for the venue, or the other way, a lot younger. Or if you're a guy like The Wire's Bunk Moreland or The Green Mile's Michael Clark Duncan, or if you're more dimunitive, like say,Allen Iverson or Prince or Bruce Lee. Ataru operates on the extremes of the principles of Game, indeed it thrives there, and really makes an impression when you combine that with all the energy and wide, sweeping moves this style is known for, because for Ataru Game to work best, one needs lots of room to roam.

Tony's understanding of feminine psychology and the like weren't anywhere near as developed as the other things mentioned here – what many in the community refer to as the difference between Inner Game and Outer Game – still though, we can observe a number of his actions and learn from them. For one thing, notice how he constantly (though negatively, much of the time) negs Annette, his original dance partner. She expresses feelings for him, which he often rebuffs. Recall what I've said previously about the ability to resist giving in, at least too soon, to a Woman's charms; it will almost always have the effect of her wanting you to have her even more. Second, notice in the opening shots of SNF, Tony attempting to apply "Holla back Game" on two ladies walking down the street, and how it does NOT work, LOL. Again, as a rule, hitting on Moving Targets isn't a good idea, unless you do it a certain way, which I'll get to later in this series. One of the major reasons why Tony failed at both attempts to holla at the young ladies he saw on the street was because he lacked the fundamentals of Game that would have equipped him to drive for a better outcome – it still would have been difficult, but he could have improved his chances. This is why one should if nothing else, be firmly rooted in Shii-Cho Game because of the stress it lays on the fundamentals.

We see Tony fail again when walking Stephanie home from dance practice, and instead of merely doing it – walking her the rest of the way home – he asks. Asking "Mother, May I?" is a tremendous DLV - **if you think you could have, you could have *and you should have***. And of course, his attempts to seduce an older, more urbane Woman has some serious fits and starts, as she easily bests him in terms of sophistication, conversation and life experience; the ONLY thing that saves him is his good looks and his great dancing skills. This is a powerful lesson here for the student – gunning after Women like Stephanie – Women of substance, class AND beauty – require quite a bit more than flashy displays. Had Tony been rooted in the fundamentals of Game, he would have had a much better time with Stephanie, although, of course, him doing so would have ruined the movie's plot, LOL.

There is one time in Tony and Stephanie's courtship where he clearly gets the upperhand (which is what Women want to happen): in the dance studio, after Stephanie cuts Tony down to size several times, he closes in on her and says, *"I hear you're training to be a bitch; is that true?",* and then shimmies away from her. Note how she's stunned by this well-placed and well-timed Neg. Things begin to open up for Tony from there, and here we see yet another very important principle of Game: **the more beautiful, and "all that" the Target is, the more you MUST employ the Neg.**This is important; Stephanie constantly namedrops – she's met Eric Clapton, Paul Anka, and so forth – so in order for Tony to be successful with her off the dancefloor, he's gotta bring her down to earth, and routinely shocking her into compliance with Negs is one of the best ways to do that.

Now, this is completely different from what Tony does to Annette, and here again we see a very important principle wrt the Neg – Women who either aren't very beautiful, and/or have deepseated (and apparent) LSE (Low Self-Esteem) you should NOT Neg as much, if at all. Such a thing isn't useful and often can be quite counterproductive, as we saw later in the film. Annette isn't ugly by any estimation, but she clearly lacks the worldliness of Stephanie, which includes the realm of dancing, and all this makes Annette feel quite insecure. Tony's treatment of her was quite bad, and something I do not condone or endorse. He's under no obligation to be romantically involved with her, true, but he's also outta pocket for the way in which he treats her, too. Always remember: save for your Negs

for the Women who truly deserve them.

Going back to Negging and how they work in the seduction dance – Tony and Stephanie grow closer together as a result of their spending time to practice for the contest and during the dance-off itself, at one point in their routine, they kiss – in fact, it is very common for really great dancers like Tony to be kissed by the Women they dance with (recall the earlier scene where Tony dances with two Women at once and one of them demands that he kiss her, nearly passing out afterward and saying that she kissed Al Pacino! Something I found particularly interesting, since Pacino is quite a bit shorter than Travolta, LOL). Dancing achieves the goals of Kino and escalation all at once, something we'll be talking about more in the posts to come (H/T to CSPB for broaching the topic!), which is another reason as to why if you can do so, definitely aim to be a great dancer. Lastly, note how Tony and Stephanie end their dance routine for the contest - **Tony leads them off the dancefloor**. Fellas, Women want to be led, and if you're not doing the leading, eventually, someone else will.

A few concluding thoughts are in order here. Both CSPB and DJ mentioned the importance of dancing **especially if you're a White guy**, and I couldn't agree more – John Travolta is hands down one of the best White guys on the dancefloor since Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly, and Hugh Jackman is no slouch in the dancing department either. I can't speak for the other three, but I know for a fact that Travolta got his moves by observing closely Black guys working it out on the dancefloor, and let's face it – a White boy getting down like a Brotha (or in some case, better) makes him an instant hit with the ladies, White or Black (Robin Thicke is another example in more recent years that easily comes to mind). It's the idea of playing against type – recall how President Barack Obama was/is always noted for his being so "articulate". The same could be said for actor Sidney Poitier, who was always known for his elegance and grace, particularly under pressure. Again, Black and White Women alike loved him. Yes, it may be correct to say that we shouldn't peddle in stereotypes, but the student of the Game understands that this is how human minds work. They don't lament the world as it is, but merely uses it to gain a decided advantage in it.

The other point that is worthy of mention here is the fact that both CSPB and DJ said that often other guys will try to shame or deride guys who are great dancers as being gay or somehow not masculine. Although of course, such crude arguments are largely baseless since if a Man wants to dance in a Gay Male setting, especially in a Gay-friendly place like NYC, he can easily do so, it is nevertheless interesting to note that Disco and later, House music got their start in large part, because of the Gay community's openess to new sounds. Much of the moves and looks, of both genres borrowed quite a bit from the Gay community, and it would do a Man well to try to learn what he can from Gay Men along these lines (Lesbian Women can greatly inform a Man's understanding of Women in general as well). The popular tv show, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is a play or take on this principle, of how Gay Men have an eye or sensibility for fashion, art and music that most straight Men simply do not have, and would do well to cultivate, especially they have any intentions of seducing the Stephanies of the world. So, the AFC haters do have a point, but as per usual, they miss the forest for the trees.

I don't know how much it cost to make Saturday Night Fever, but according to Wikipedia, it has grossed nearly a quarter of a billion dollars – which suggests that it is among one of the most commercially successful films ever to be made. Talk about Game being right under your nose in plain sight…

Now adjourn your asses…

The Obsidian

Arab Leaders' Arrogant, Feminist Women and Wives Helped Bring on Revolutions

W.F. Price · 5 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

As Rebels clash with Kadafi's loyalist troops and Nubian mercenaries, one can clearly discern the populist rage behind the fight to oust the unpopular Libyan leader. But what has been lost in recent reports is that one source of the discontent was a building resentment fueled by reports of the alpha-male lifestyle these Arab strongmen have been leading. Many have wives who decked themselves out in the finest bling, some have foreign concubines, and in the meanwhile young men are reduced to hawking knick knacks and produce on the street.

Assange's Wikileaks provided much fodder for Arab dissidents, as lurid reports of Middle Eastern leaders' love lives were leaked to the public. Kadafi reportedly has been carrying on with a Ukrainian nurse described as a "voluptuous blonde." Recent information from Russia indicates that his mistress fled last week as Kadafi's rule and government have come under siege.

Perhaps most relevant to readers of *The Spearhead* is that a clique of Arab leaders' wives heavily involved in the Arab Women's Organization, which promotes the Western brand of female "empowerment," have acquired a reputation as corrupt, arrogant women who serve themselves first.

Founded by Suzanne Mubarak, wife of the recently ousted Hosnia Mubarak, the organization was heavily promoted by Leila Ben Ali, wife of recently deposed Tunisian President Ben Ali. Another wife who is under scrutiny is Queen Rania of Jordan, King Abdullah's wife. The glamorous 40-year-old has appeared on Oprah and touts herself as a supporter of Palestinian rights, but she has come under fire for seizing land for family members.

Interestingly, it seems that a number of UN and EU grants have helped fund the activities of the AWO, which should prompt Americans and Europeans to question whether our money is being used to drape gold and diamonds on the necks and wrists of women connected to deeply unpopular Middle East strongmen.

The American Wife

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By Migu

Have you always wanted a strong, empowered, multifaceted, sultry sex goddess of your very own? Have you been searching for the companion of a lifetime? Are you looking for danger, risk, and excitement? Do you want to ride life on the edge, but just can't seem to muster the courage to do it. Look no further young man. Today I am going to show you how to have all of that and more.

The secret to an exciting unpredictable life is at the tip of your tongue. Literally! Keep reading and find out the one secret that will guarantee a life only found in storybooks. Do you want a life that will keep you alert, alive, and always wanting more. A life without parallel, a life teeming with drama, excitement, death defying escapes and venerated heros. If you will just do one simple thing all of this and more can be yours.

What is the secret to an adventure filled lifetime? Do you wish you knew the secret that will leave you with a lifetime of riveting stories to tell? Would you like a lifetime that will be the talk of the town? The secret can be yours today. Read on young man.

Today and today only I am going to give the secret away for FREE. Yes, Free. You have only to propose one question to one person and all of this and more can be yours. You can live the life like the Knights of the Round Table. You can be Sir Galahad. You can be King Arthur. You can be Lancelot. You can a live a life more titillating than that of Richard the Crusader. You can have it today, and I am going to tell you how.

With just one question you can change your life. You can go from being a boring old "normal" guy, to the talk of the town. In just three months you will go from being a creepy loser to a stand up goto guy. You will be so busy with all of the excitement in your life those days of being a loser will become but a distant memory. They will be but quaint dreams compared to your new life.

Aren't you sick of being a boring old loser? Don't you want your life to mean something? Today is the day your life changes, because today I will give you the secret of this exciting life for free. That is right for free. What is the secret?

The secret is to get down on one knee and ask an American woman to become an American Wife. All you have to do is say four words and your life will be changed forever: "Will you marry me?"

Don't believe me. I expected it. Below are a few testimonials:

> *I found out one year ago that **my wife cheated on me with her ex. for the first 6 months of our marriage in 2003**. We have been to counseling but I continue to obsess over the affair and the limited knowledge that she has provided me. **I am taking 2different antidepressants and several other medicines for different medical problems, all that have appeared in the past two years** (I am 47). **I cannot achieve an erection anymore, even with Viagra and Cialis. Knowing that her ex. was well-endowed has caused me to feel very inferior and inadequate sexually**.*
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> *We get along quite well these days and she really does treat me well now, but I cannot stop obsessing about the affair and all the lies and the sexual aspect of it. **I have basically quit living and am just waiting to die**. I think my only hope is to divorce her and find somebody that I can trust. Any suggestions would be appreciated.*
>
> *xhttp://www.loveshack.org/forums/t82492/*

Does that sound boring?

Then we have:

I'm thinking that the word "chaste" would be appropriate here…

> ***HELP! My husband is too small***
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> *I need help! I've always thought that* ***my husband was kind of on the small side****…we've recently had some* ***swinging experiences*** *and now* ***I KNOW he's tiny. I love him very much****, but* ***now that I've had a big cock again (my ex boyfriend well endowed) I can't stop craving to have one again****.*
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> ***I didn't even realize how small my husband was until I felt somebody with so much more girth and length. I have great pictures of these latest experiences****, but instead of turning me on like I thought they would,* ***they only make me sad to see what I have to live with, and what I'm missing out on****. Please help a girl!*
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> *xhttp://www.lpsg.org/41117-help-my-husband-is-too.html*

She could be your wife.

Finally the hero:

I've known you an hour…but it feel like two hours! Let's go!

> ***When will I get over my wife's affair?***
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> *In Brief:* ***I have been married 7 yrs.*** *My wife and I are late 30's. I thought things were good in the relationship with my wife. My wife had enough of my controlling and "take over" way that I handled the relationship. So,* ***she started going out with some single friends*** *in Feb 2007. First weeknights..then Fri or Sat nights. We were still having sex…and overall things were "good" (I thought).*
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> *March 24* ***she meets "hunk" in singles bar. He literally asks if he can have sex with her (after knowing her 1 hour). She says yes. She leaves later with him and then has sex*** *(I am on a camping trip with our 5 year old adopted son at the time). She thinks that is the end…and feels bad (she later tells me). Next wekend though she and friends go to same bar…and he is there.* ***She does not want to talk to him…but does and…guess what…sex again at his place. She even comes home to me at 2am (we then we even have sex!!!).***
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> *2 weeks later…I find text message with* ***her trying to now initialte a meeting****. The truth is now out. (I "felt" something wrong so I snooped)*
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> *After lots of talking, tears, therapy…we are on the right road. BUT – I cannot forget and cannot seem to get over the trust issue. She HAS been TRUTHFUL and* ***she LOVES ME*** *THis is the only time she has done this. I don't think she will do it again. She admits the mistake and is remorseful.*
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> *But – when will I get over this? Can I? Should I? Is it really posisible to build a better relationship? I DO feel we have a better communication platform now and a more "equal" relationship (in most ways). BUT BUT BUT – the betrayal eats away at me. Many people say that time will heal…but HOW? I want her to feel the pain I do…but how can I let it all go and focus on our relationship…should I?*
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> *How do I stay committed to this person for the rest of my life feeling the way I do and knowing what she "did to me".*
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> *Thank you in advance for your advice…*
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> *Xhttp://www.askmehelpdesk.com/marriage/when-will-get-over-wifes-affair-130466.html*

Have you figured out the secret? Do you know how to have the life of the Hollywood star? I'll tell you one last time?

Find yourself an American Wife.

Dutch Send Women to do Men's Job, Rescue Bungled

W.F. Price · 6 March 2011 · Archived copy · Original

In a failed attempt to rescue a Dutch national working in Libya, the Dutch sent three marines, including at least one women, in a lynx helicopter with a good deal of ammunition and weaponry to pick up the man near Sirte. Two of the marines, one man and one woman, were displayed on Libyan state TV. The man's uniform indicates that he was the pilot, so it is likely that the female was sent along to "man" the guns, which are all now in Libyan hands, and do not appear to have been fired once.

The helicopter was easily captured by a Kadafi loyalist militia with nothing more than warning shots. In the meanwhile British and German special forces have successfully carried out rescue missions of their own.

Libyan state TV is using the marines, helicopter and armament as propaganda to suggest that the ongoing revolution is tied to foreign intervention.

Hey Kay, We Are Manning Up...That's Why We're Walking

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BY T.L.

There has been a lot of discussion of Kay Hymowitz's article about "Manning Up" Here is the response that needs to be made:

You don't get it Kay. We ARE manning up…that's why we are dumping YOU.

The feminists of America have descended into this horrible web of deceit and self-destruction, and men finally are saying… enough. We are doing the best, most mature, and most appropriate thing to do in this case, the right thing thing. We are walking away.

You say "what about society, what about children?" We ARE doing the best thing for society. We ARE doing the best thing for children. Women as a group have become a giant Charlie Sheen…crazy, drug-addled, abusive, paranoid, destructive of themselves and their loved ones, and above all, utterly, utterly in denial of their vile behavior. Women are on a relentless tear, not only destroying their own happiness but dragging all around them down as well. And we men, after 40 years of being the quiet, enabling co-dependent spouse, after cleaning up and justifying and covering up your abuse, putting on face makeup to hide the emotional bruises you give us and hiding the emotional scars you give our children — finally having been pushed to the point where we see very clearly that this this process is headed towards real honest-to-god tragedy, we are doing what anybody in these situations learn to do. What any good counselor or physiatrist would tell recommend. We are walking away from you, and letting you crash.

We aren't being immature and we aren't scared of strong women, Kay. Today's men are just fine…more sober, more sane, more responsible than we have been in years, facing and recognizing the truth: that women simply cannot be trusted any longer to care for or protect a healthy society…that's it's up to us men, for the good of our sons AND our daughters, to start pulling back and letting you have the sole burden for your own neuroses.

And just as an aside, let me point out that you and other women like you aren't "strong women", unless you call being batshit crazy "strong".

So to all you men…walk away, walk away. Women have twisted marriage and gender relations into an extraordinary web of lies. They are all too willing to drag all us, men, families, and children too, down into that. It is time to say no more.

Walk away, men, preserve yourselves, not just because it's the right thing to do personally, and it is, but because it's the right thing to do for society.

And Kay, after you and your fellow nutcase feminists have finished your descent into narcissism, neuroses, man-hate, family-hate, and self-hate, after you've finally burned into ashes that last of your life on the pyre of feminist deceit, we can only hope, that the shock of seeing yourself abandoned and loveless might cause you to look in the mirror and recognizing how ugly you have become.

Maybe you will start to put yourself back together again and maybe then we'll come back in force. Or more likely, you'll simply continue as you are, meaner and loopier than ever, and it will be your daughters — those girls who will judge you a thousand times more harshly than men ever could, as daughters have judging their mothers for thousands of years — it will be your daughters who will be the ultimate "walk aways", who will reject the feminist viral infection of their mothers, who will stop attending man-hate classes at the universities, who will slowly and painfully attempt the job of rebuilding that joyous life of marriage and family which their great-grandmothers sacrificed so much to build, and which your generation trampled. It will be your daughters who will curse your name, as they deal with the loneliness of broken homes and the financial poverty which is an inevitable result of marriage-averse men.

Maybe in the future we will all live in flying cars and zip between skyscrapers full of techno-wonders. Not likely. More likely we'll live in a nation like Brazil, with a few ultra-rich living behind walls to protect them from the masses of the slums. And what your daughters will learn, as so many thousands of years of women have known, is that when money is scarce and poverty threatens, a good husband and his second income is the one sure-fire way to lessen the odds she and her children will live in squalor. And so many of those daughters, living in the marriage-averse society which you are bequeathing them, will not be married, will not have your high-end jobs (which long since disappeared), will not have any money bequeathed from you (since you will have long since squandered it on trips to Italy and Thailand to "find your bliss").

Your daughters may live to see their children, your granddaughters, living in squalor, may live to feel that agonizing despair that parents feel when they cannot provide for their children. And feeling that agonizing despair, those future women will think back and they will damn you.

That is your most likely destiny Kay. Time for you to face it.

For us men, we hope to avert that future, at least partially. So we choose to walk away NOW, as early and fast as possible. We want that necessary pain to start early, to get it over with faster, so those future generations of women see more clearly what you have done and will reject you faster, so that our future generation of sons will see again, that they have a choice bequeathed to them by fathers who had the self-respect to say "no!".

The fastest way to repair marriage is not to repair marriage. The fastest way is to let it crash and burn, let you finish your job of destroying it, and let you see the consequences that you have so diligently refused to acknowledge for all these years. This is shock therapy. It's painful. That's the point.

Now as you read this Kay, I don't doubt that you are carefully constructing all your refutations of these points. But, none of those refutations matter, because men have stopped debating. You will win any debate, as you always win debates, by the fact of your sheer refusal to deal in any sense of reality whatsoever. Living in an alternate Feminist universe of your own creation, you will always win your alternate-universe-crazy debates. It's a waste of our time and we know it. We choose instead to simply walk away, the ultimate argument throughout history, and (apparently) the only thing that will get through your thick skull.

Having met that non-debate, I'm sure your next step will be (*yawn) the usual name-calling ("loser, misogynist, probably still living in your mom's basement, probably haven't gotten laid in years or divorced and bitter"). The point is Kay, none of the usual names apply. Most men are not those things. Most of us are just normal guys…mature, healthy, married, boys, men, dads… guys who take care of their families and neighborhoods. That's what you need to get Kay. You and other feminists have finally crossed the line, and even we men who are content, we men who are not (knock on wood) divorced, are taking notice. When we teach our sons about marriage, we'll be teaching them to avoid you and your kind. When we teach our daughters about life, we'll try our damnedest to steer them away from women like you.

Kay, why don't you write about all *this*. This is the reality of the other 50% of the population. What a book you could write about it.

You Are A Scientist and Engineer of Men's Rights

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Two recent comments at The Spearhead and A Voice For Men struck me. I couldn't say for sure where the comments were posted because I read each site daily. I make it a point to read both of these sites and False Rape Society every day since they are *happening*.

One comment was suggesting that AVfM Radio, at some point, should move toward focusing on current events, not general comments about men's issues. Here it is, by mgtow:

"Going forward AVfM must up its entertainment value. Don't just inform, that gets old after a while. Instead, focus on the current issues. For example, this week there's a new 'Eat Pray Love' type of chick flick, or a new pussy pass served in court, or a new misandrist article (think Kay Hymowitz), or a scientific survey debunking some long-held feminist dogma. Focus on those current events, and expound on them."

A radio station that doesn't focus on current events (at some point) won't get very far. Of course, I'm sure the folks at AVfM Radio already know this, and will work to find the appropriate balance between commentary on men's rights issues, current events, and call-in topics. The first episode of AVfM Radio laid the foundation of what the men's rights movement is all about for its viewers, also warning feminists and misandrists that their time has come and we are here to stay. Future episodes will focus on specific topics, such as violent women and the government that supports them, and false accusations and their effect on men. Sooner or later, I'm sure current events will receive close attention, just as they have in so many articles at A Voice for Men, The Spearhead, and False Rape Society.

The other comment I recall, but can't seem to find again, was a reader stating that they like to see articles about things going on *today* rather than the more more abstract articles we've had a lot of recently at both AVfM and TS. In fact, a lot of the articles in the men's movement are like this: abstract, insightful, and yes, mind-blowing. See Adam Kostakis's series on gynocentrism at AVfM or early Spearhead articles. If you haven't yet, read Zed's Spearhead articles, or how about Novaseeker's? The very first Spearhead article was written by Novaseeker on September 22nd, 2009.

Theoretical articles are extremely eye opening, especially to the newcomer, but "keeping it real" and relevant will hold readers' attention. Paying attention to current events and misandry in popular culture is very important, especially since current events give us opportunities to engage in activism, spreading the word to the masses.

I guarantee the average IQ of those in the men's movement is significantly higher than that of the general public. A stupid, willingly ignorant person is much less likely to understand the importance of the issues we combat. As intellectuals – whether you enjoy that label or not – we enjoy theory. But like everyone, we also enjoy the application of theory. We are not just scientists, but engineers.
From Wikipedia:

"Engineers and scientists are often confused in the minds of the general public, with the former being closer to applied science. While scientists explore nature in order to discover general principles, engineers apply established principles drawn from science in order to create new inventions and improve upon the old ones. In short, scientists study things whereas engineers design things. However, there are plenty of instances where significant accomplishments are made in both fields by the same individual. When a scientist has also an engineering education, the same individual would explore principles in nature to solve problems and to design new technology. Scientists often perform some engineering tasks in designing experimental equipment and building prototypes, and some engineers do first-rate scientific research."

MRAs are the scientists *and* the engineers of men's rights.

When I used to write for The Spearhead, I mostly wrote about current events and popular culture. I understand the

theory, sure, but the application is what really interests me. Lately I don't even watch TV, so it's a bit harder to focus on it. But when you cruise the internet, you're bound to stumble upon something worth mentioning.

Speaking of which…

You know what, guys? I love *The Lion King*, and when it comes out on Blu-Ray, I want to know, even though Disney screwed it up by adding a terrible song called The Morning Report and I will likely just hold onto my laser-disc rip of the original movie. Because of my interest in *The Lion King*, I am subscribed to Disney Movie Rewards, which informed me on Friday about the upcoming *Mars Needs Moms* children's movie.

The title struck me as suspect, so I investigated by heading on over to IMDB.com. Judging only by the single review there, I can already tell this movie is a piece of misandric crap. Here are its features, with the lessons it's telling children in parentheses:

Boy's mom raises him alone, no father present. *(You don't need a dad, moms are better parents anyway.)*

Man on the spaceship tries to help the boy but is too fat and stupid to do much good. *(Men are incompetent, bumbling idiots who have no self control.)*

Woman comes to the boy's rescue with her brilliant plan. *(Girls are smarter and more independent than boys and adult men.)*

Thanks, Disney!

Also, I'm guessing the whole idea is to tell little boys to be glad they have moms at all, even when their moms are overbearing and unreasonable. Little boys should just be glad to have a mom at all. No mention of fathers, of course- they don't matter.
Have I watched this movie yet? No. Can I pass judgement on it already? Yes. I'm an MRA. My IQ is enormous, remember?

Anyway, that's just my hypothesis. If you have a different one, tell us what you think by submitting an article to The Spearhead or to A Voice for Men.

I guess what I'm saying is, don't be a scientist. Don't be an engineer. Be both.

About the Author: If you like this article, Jay Hammers urges you to do something about it and either donate to The Spearhead or A Voice For Men or, at the very least, make sure to piss off a misandrist in the next 24 hours, preferably while men are watching (and learning).

Daniel Craig Dresses in Drag for International Women's Day

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Today is International Women's Day, and it is encouraging to see that nobody seems to care. Perhaps this is because the point of the day is not celebration, but humiliating and shaming men. Daniel Craig, in an unfortunate move that could result in career difficulties down the road, went along with a plan to dress as a woman for an ad produced for the day.

The ad's tone is confrontational and condemnatory — about what you'd expect from feminists:

Pretty twisted, isn't it?

Want to Save Real Money in D.C.?

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The Republican Study Committee has announced a plan to prune $2.5 trillion from the long-standing federal spending spree. Yes, $2.5 trillion is a lot of pocket change, but the RSC plan doesn't go far enough in ridding the federal government of the feminist strongholds salted throughout the bureaucracy.

Let's be clear, these feminist programs are not about promoting equal opportunity. Au contraire, mon frere. These "female-empowerment" initiatives are all about sex-based quotas, preferences, and earmarks that in practice serve to disadvantage men in schools, in the workplace, and in the legal system.

To its credit, the RSC proposes to axe these feminist social-engineering programs:

1. US Agency for International Development, including its innocent-sounding Women in Development program — $1.4 billion
2. Legal Services Corporation, which helps low-income women get quickie divorces so fathers can't see their kids — $420 million
3. Title X Family Planning — $318 million
4. Women's Educational Equity Act of 2001 — $3 million

The Republican Study Committee also plans to end bans on competitive sourcing of government services. This means no more "woman-owned" set-asides which everyone knows are a joke.

But the RSC should not pass up the opportunity to eliminate altogether the cacophony of feminist-inspired programs that clutter the federal bureaucracy. Given the fact that men are lagging in practically every department these days, it makes little sense to squander taxpayer money to hinder men even further.

First to go will be the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor: http://www.dol.gov/wb/media/reports/Overview_DOL_Programs_and_Policies.htm . Women now compose half the U.S. workforce and I doubt the National Association of Women in Construction will rue the Bureau's absence. So let's do a victory-lap for gender equality and get on with it!

Second is a phase-out of the "Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering" program of the National Science Foundation. This program supports efforts like Gender Bias Bingo ($300,000) and the Gender Equity Project at Hunter College ($3.9 million). (Women I know are embarrassed by the overt pandering, but are reluctant to take on the feminist cranks.)

At the Department of Ed, the Title IX apparatchiks will need to find a new job. Americans have no need for government-mandated quotas of college sports teams.

Over at the State Department, the Office of Global Women's Issues has done enough gender-bending to last a lifetime. How would Americans like it if some foreign power tried to foist a neo-Marxist initiative on our unsuspecting citizens?

Healthcare is another example of the Alice-in-Wonderland logic that pervades the government's approach to gender issues. Women have better access to health services, enjoy the benefits of twice as many sex-specific research studies, and live 5 years longer than men.

Males do not have any offices of men's health in the Department of Health and Human Services. But females have five offices of women's health strategically located at the Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

So if women wish to be paragons of gender equality, I'm certain taxpayers will applaud this $4 billion savings.

The Republican Study Committee needs to take a close, hard look at these programs, as well:

1. Office of Child Support Enforcement (no proof of the program's effectiveness, except for putting destitute dads behind bars) — $4 billion
2. Violence Against Women Act (no evidence this Clinton-era hold-over has done anything other than break up families) — $1 billion
3. Perkins Vocational Education Act, which trains women to become car mechanics, welders, and lumberjacks (yes, really!) — $100 million
4. TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Family Violence Option (bon-bons for aspiring Welfare Queens) — $63 million

Then we need to rid ourselves of the various and sundry women's advisory committees such as the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). (Not to be confused with the now-defunct gender advisory commission aptly named LACK-O-WITS.)

And let's not forget the hulking monstrosity that lurks on the East River, sometimes referred to as the United Nations. Referring to it as a "beast," House Foreign Affairs chair Ileana Ros-Lehtinen recently proposed eliminating funding from the UN Human Rights Council.

And why not make it a clean sweep? Take out the UN Division for Enhancement of Women, the Women's Development Fund (UNIFEM), and other UN gender-agenda programs, too.

And for the squeamish and chivalrous in our midst, keep this fact in mind: There is no such thing as a sensible feminist. Just when you think you've come up with a happy meeting of the minds, she'll come forth with yet another tale of downtrodden women.

And no doubt you'll end up feeling like a quisling of the impious patriarchy.

The Problem with the Dominance Narrative

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One of the typical lines from feminists is that men are conditioned by patriarchal hegemonic culture to attempt to dominate women. Everything is about power and control to these people, which suggests that this is very much on their minds. But is there any truth to it?

I don't think so.

Being a man, I think I'm qualified to make a few generalizations about men, and one thing I can say with some certainty is that when a man goes home, he wants peace. Power games are the last thing on his mind. There's enough stress outside the home. On the road, in the office, and just dealing with the hassles of modern life are enough. How many guys want to deal with competitive coworkers, inconsiderate commuters and difficult bureaucrats only to go home and take on another job as taskmaster of a wife and children? And even if a man did want to do this, where would he find the energy?

The truth is that men don't want to have to manage their wives. No, they really want a cooperative partner. A companion. Call it what you want, but they don't want to have to exercise strict control and monitor everything a wife does. As a parent, I know how much of a pain it is to actually have to manage people in one's family. Although I do the job, and I think it's worth it, I often wish the kids could just take care of themselves. The only "satisfaction" derived from controlling kids is that I know they're safer that way, and they are learning how to behave and become more responsible. The end goal, of course, is to teach them how to get by *without* external control.

It's possible that power struggles within families are more important to women, because women have always exerted the most control and power through intimate relationships, whereas men tend to do so in groups of men outside of the family. This may be an inborn difference — it is common amongst social primates such as chimpanzees and macaques. So with some investigation, we may find that the feminist obsession with dominance and control in the family is actually a manifestation of a primal insecurity that is common to women. Unfortunately, feminism has brought this desire for control into government and law, creating the monstrosity known as American family law. It's a terrible place for intimate concerns, because the state is by its nature devoid of the sympathies and affections that characterize a family.

However, despite the fact that the idea that men are obsessed with controlling their wives is ridiculous, and largely projection on the part of feminists, it has become fairly widely accepted in some circles. A man who goes through a contested divorce will come face to face with a system largely predicated on the notion, and suddenly find that whether or not he's actually tried to exert any control over his wife, that's the premise the state is working under. This means that the mechanisms of the state, including the police, social workers and the courts will assume that he needs to be systematically stripped of any and all control to "equalize" the situation. And they will do this with all the blind, uncaring force of the law.

This needs to be changed, obviously, but we can't do anything about it until men speak up and challenge the presumptions that have entered the discourse on gender issues. We men may be at an inherent disadvantage, not being as focused on family politics as women, but now that it has become a feature of the impersonal state we have an opportunity to face the problem on equal terms. But first we have to stop personalizing our response to it. What this means is that when we fight this inhuman system that treats men and fathers as the enemy, we have to stop thinking of the fight as with the women in our lives that we love and care about, or the women we used to love.

Men do instinctively care about women, especially those close to us. Our biggest weakness is that we have allowed our personal feelings get in the way, which is a mistake because there's nothing about the family law system that cares about our daughters, sisters, wives and mothers any more than it does about us — it's simply a bureaucratic machine. Striking a blow against this machine does not equate to lashing out against a woman in our lives.

Feminists will certainly portray it that way – that kind of manipulation is how they've come as far as they have – but as more and more women are affected by it themselves, whether they are daughters, granddaughters, sisters, aunts or second wives, even women are starting to lose their faith in feminism.

So, in framing this struggle, we have to depersonalize what it is we're fighting against. And that means even laying aside your feelings about your ex-wife, if you have one, or any other woman who has taken advantage of the system to screw you over. One of the main reasons we've been so helpless against it is that men *are not* dominant in intimate relationships. As long as any struggle against the injustices men face is tainted by personal feelings of betrayal, or tied up in the deeply complex feelings of intimacy that characterize our relationships with those we love, or have loved, we're going to be at a disadvantage.

If feminists can continue to dominate the narrative and perpetuate the myth that this is about our wives, or other women we care about, we'll continue to flail. Being angry about injustice is fine – it provides much-needed motivation – but as much as righteous anger helps, there's just something base about a collection of domestic squabbles. No, it isn't our wives or girlfriends we're fighting here — it's a cold, heartless machine that mows down families like a combine, leaving nothing but stubble in its wake. If we can stop it, we'll all be the better for it.

The Real Lesson of Scott Adams

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By Peter

Pro-Male Anti-Feminist Tech recently posted a deleted blog post from "The Dilbert Blog", the personal blog of Dilbert creator Scott Adams. Many of us are cubicle slaves in one corporatocracy or another, so we've been pretty well exposed to his work; his wit and dark sense of humour bring a degree of sanity to our lives. Here is what Adams has to say about MRAs:

> According to my readers, examples of unfair treatment of men include many elements of the legal system, the military draft in some cases, the lower life expectancies of men, the higher suicide rates for men, circumcision, and the growing number of government agencies that are primarily for women.
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> …
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> Generally speaking, society discourages male behavior whereas female behavior is celebrated. Exceptions are the fields of sports, humor, and war. Men are allowed to do what they want in those areas.

So far so good. Do we have a famous erstwhile ally? Not quite.

> Now I would like to speak directly to my male readers who feel unjustly treated by the widespread suppression of men's rights:
>
> Get over it, you bunch of pussies.

There we go. That's what we expect from the mainstream. But wait…

> The reality is that women are treated differently by society for exactly the same reason that children and the mentally handicapped are treated differently. It's just easier this way for everyone. You don't argue with a four-year old about why he shouldn't eat candy for dinner. You don't punch a mentally handicapped guy even if he punches you first. And you don't argue when a women tells you she's only making 80 cents to your dollar. It's the path of least resistance. You save your energy for more important battles.

Interesting. He's basically saying that women are like children throwing a temper tantrum, testing you. No wonder he deleted this blog post, but as an aside, I expect the feminist movement to collect his head by starting a boycott of Dilbert. Anyway, his advice to the giant shit test that is feminism is an odd mixture of shaming language and Game advice: the old "ignore and switch" tactic from Roissy. But is it the right advice?

He's a pretty successful guy, after all.

Go ahead and read the rest of the post if you want, but here is the real lesson of Scott Adams.

From his book "Dilbert 2.0":

> I applied for Berkeley's evening MBA program and was accepted. For the next three years, I worked days, took classes at night, and did homework during the cracks in my schedule.
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> … I expected greater opportunities for promotion. This time I was in the wrong place at the wrong time. The media had recently discovered that my employer had virtually no diversity in management… my boss called me into her office. I was the most qualified candidate for the position, she explained, but because of pressure to be diverse there was no hope for another generic white male to get promoted any time soon.

Long story short, Adams quit and found a new job, but the scenario repeated itself at Adams' next employer,

Pacific Bell:

> One day my boss called me into his office and informed that while I was indeed management material, the company had been getting a lot of bad press lately about the lack of diversity in management.

The rest is a familiar American Dream story – young man develops his passion for his work-drawn cartoons into a business by working nights, eventually quits work, and creates a strong brand and profitable business empire. Except with a twist.

Adams has, by the time he is 49, created a fortune for himself. He worked his ass off to do it too, first by putting himself through school, then doing an MBA while working, then when feminism took his job opportunities away, he created his own, cartooning nights and working days. His Dilbert empire must generate in the tens of millions in profits. He owns two restaurants. But then he got married. It is the first marriage for Adams, 49, and the second for Miles, 37, who has two children, a 6-year-old son and an 8-year-old daughter.

Ignore his blog post, for this is, indeed, the true lesson of Scott Adams. After a lifetime of working his ass off and getting pretty damn rich, the best he can do is a divorced single mom with two young children. A woman well past her prime who won't likely give him a healthy child of his own. And this after two and a half decades of paying California's confiscatory taxes; his money probably has supported an entire subsidized housing development full of single moms. If that isn't an indictment of his "path of least resistance" philosophy, I don't know what is.

So, Adams, you say ignore feminism and the way it screws men? Ha! I hope for his sake, Adams avoids a divorce, especially while the children are young. Otherwise she takes the house he's building for her (forgot to mention that), the kids (that aren't even his), and half of the net increase in his wealth from the moment they got married, plus generous child support payments (for the kids that aren't even his). I wonder if he'll be singing a different tune then.

MRAs are Not a Monolith: Response to Amanda Marcotte

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Writing a piece for a series on MRAs at *The Good Men Project*, Amanda Marcotte argues that the solutions to many Men's Rights Activists' problems is more feminism. Of course, to prove her point she adopts a friendly view of feminism (i.e. not the one that claims all men are rapists or that men are disposable) and the most negative prototype of MRA she can come up with – the ones that are "embittered" by their lack of sex. Marcotte wants to compare notes from the most idealistic and objective feminists with those of the most reactionary and subjective MRA. False equivalency if ever there was one.

People like Marcotte remind us every day that feminists are not monolithic. According to them, one cannot characterize a feminist's philosophy or values based only on her feminist label. Unfortunately, Marcotte doesn't extend the same flexibility to MRAs, and she even forgets her leniency for certain feminists. She focuses on four issues and constructs the most extreme MRA argument to support her disdain for the group and posits a soft brand of feminism while pretending that feminism was created for *everyone* rather than just for women.

1. Ladies Night

Of all MRA "problems" to dissect, Marcotte says that MRAs are "stupid" for worrying about Ladies Night where bars extend drink specials to women and not to men. She cites "one MRA" who sued over this issue (probably Roy Dean Hollander), but she ignores (or was unaware of) the complaints of a young feminist, Jaime Keiles, who was recently profiled in the Feministing Five. I covered Keiles' recent blog post in which she claims that Ladies Nights are misogynistic, sexist, and stupid and come away with the same conclusion as Marcotte: Ladies Night is a business plan implemented by a bar or a club to maximize profit.

But Marcotte can't just leave it there. She ridicules this so-called MRA beef because "men tend to benefit more, because women still have to pay the price of fending off unwanted advances just to go out and have fun with friends." Of course, Marcotte ignores those empowered women who *welcome* those Looky Lou's advances and hope to land a suitor. After all, if the burden is so bad it is just as expensive to sit at home and watch TV or to go to Starbucks with a group of girlfriends. MRAs are pro-choice on this one.

Marcotte says "ban Ladies Night or don't, because who honestly gives a crap?" The answer is that the level of "give a crap" on each side of the gender warfront offsets the other which makes me wonder why Marcotte is grasping at these particular straws.

2. Men as Primary Breadwinners

A passage from a report produced by President Obama's Council of Economic Advisers puts this issue in perspective:

> An increasing number of women are breadwinners for their families. In almost two-thirds of families led by single mothers or two parents, women are either the primary or co-breadwinner. In two-parent families, with the wage gap and the loss of jobs traditionally held by men in this economy, reliance on a woman's income in their family budget is even greater…Since women are nearly 50 percent of the workforce, the recession's economic impacts on women are even more consequential for the economy than they would have been in past recessions.

While most MRAs may not be aware that President Obama values breadwinning females far above breadwinning males, gynocentric government reforms have long angered anti-statist MRAs who wonder where government support was when male-headed households were struggling or why nuclear families have never been worthy of investment.

The common view is that if fathers are breadwinners it is likely that they are stepping on someone's throat to

maintain their position; if mothers are breadwinners, it is despite being stepped on. Being a part of the hegemonic patriarchy, male breadwinners are viewed as evil authoritarians who only care about their jobs without much thought to the reasons that job is being undertaken. Feminists assume that male breadwinners just *love* working 60 hours a week without seeing their families.

MRAs are also angered by women who claim they don't get enough love and support from their work-worn husbands who then whip their rationalization hamsters into full throttle to drum up reasons to leave his ass and turn the children against him for being an absentee father. If there is any resentment by MRAs, it is informed by the knowledge that a man providing for his family is either devalued or demonized by the government, the media, his wife, and his children.

Marcotte says:

> Women still make less than men in the workplace, but still do more free labor at home, even when they do work full time. Plus, many men feel scaling back or quitting their jobs is emasculating.

Only women consider housework and non-labor force work to be free. I know of no man who scoffs at the work his wife or girlfriend does around the house or in raising children. And when men earn more than women outside the home, his paycheck usually goes straight into a household kitty that is controlled by the woman who makes 80% of purchasing decisions. Feminists and the rank-and-file consider the name written in the Payee portion of a paycheck, but they don't consider who signs the checks flowing out of the family's bank account.

The entire purpose of Marcotte's piece was to show how feminism could be the solution to these MRA beefs. But she abrogates some of the power that women and feminists would have in assuaging any fears of emasculation that work-displaced men would feel. If anything, convincing men that they can maintain their masculinity while scaling back their jobs requires the prior acceptance of women. But women would have to check their natural desires at the door.

3. Men Have to Do Work to Ask Women Out

Marcotte argues that men often harass women when asking them out. She also says that approaching men gets a woman labeled slutty, bitchy, or desperate.

But she leaves out the fact that men who approach women are called losers if they are rejected. Trick is, it is mostly members of each person's sex who provide these labels. On top of that, a "slut" label doesn't necessarily diminish a woman's chances of finding a man whereas the same man's "loser" label is a death sentence.

Marcotte also constructs the most heinous image of a PUA to support her view that men who can't get laid turn to skeezy methods to shore up their sexual insufficiencies. She accepts the the monolithic PUA who adopts a negative attitude toward women, but she leaves out the whole subset of Game-practitioners who develop their seduction skills in tandem with their inner self-respect. If anything, this minimizes sexism as it dismantles the pedestal on which women are placed. One would figure that feminists would be happy about mens' termination of their inner Nice Guy.

4. Men Killed at Work

Marcotte essentially argues that MRAs hope to maintain the "occupational death gap" because it provides an excuse for the gender pay gap. She then suggests that to bring gendered occupational deaths up to parity, discrimination should be eradicated and various programs should be initiated to inform girls of their options for these types of jobs.

I say that this is all well and good. If such policies were implemented, the gender gaps – pay and death – would decrease. But would women actually move towards combat roles in the military, fire fighting, and coal mining if there were no social barriers to entry? Those occupations have systematically developed with the strongest and most

able-bodied people in mind. Those people happen to be men. People started cutting down gigantic trees because a certain type of person mixed with a certain type of equipment could get the job done. It would seem that only a few women could meet the threshold required to participate in these jobs which begs the question, what job-killing changes would be implemented if women did flock to these occupations to create parity? To cut down X log you'd have to have A, B, and C measures in place which would make the whole endeavor unprofitable.

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Marcotte started her post by laying out an argument that MRAs haven't quite made:

> When you believe that we live in a female-dominated world where straight men are the most oppressed class, it tends to make you wrong about pretty much everything.

If anything, MRAs seem angry that women have a monopoly on every issue. Everything that is wrong with society can be laid at the feet of Men, and each human with a (natural) penis between his legs shares equally in that burden. MRA's represent the Everyman, and he is angry that he is being forced to carry water for the rapists and violent offenders at the left end and the Patriarchs at the far right. The truth is that there is a large swath of men residing in the middle of this spectrum who have never affronted anyone and whose particular problems have gone unnoticed. The men who are now MRAs once dealt with the extreme elements, but feminists started bunching men all together. It seems, then, that MRAs said "screw it" and turned their focus towards feminists for self-defense purposes. To make matters worse, feminists don't deal with rank-and-file womens' complicity in this whole "hegemonic" system. Surely a great deal of women benefited from the previous set-up, and they helped perpetuate it. But revisionism has painted them all as victims.

Sex and the City of Mean Girls

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I'm watching "Sex and the City". Yes, at first it felt like my brain was being slowly poisoned with some sort of insidious paralyzing agent, but I persevered, since in this age of societal decline the most disheartening aspects of popular culture are often the ones that can tell us the most about it.

The girls who grew up watching Sex and the City during those crucial teenage years of looking for role models and examples of what a grown-up woman is supposed to be like are now approaching their 30th birthdays, closing in on the age of the show's characters.

And they have learned well, at least judging by the words of former teen icon Lindsay Lohan:

> "*Sex and the City* changed everything for me, because those girls would just sleep with so many people."

Herself an idol and a role model for a younger generation of girls, Lohan, to most men another pointless celebrity among a sea of irrelevant celebrities, is to me more of a tragic figure very symbolic of our times:

Cast in her breakout Hollywood role at the age of 11 or so, she outshone established star Dennis Quaid in 1998′s "The Parent Trap", completely carrying the family comedy from beginning to end in a demanding dual role as a pair of identical twins. Her charisma and talent at such a young age impressed all and sundry – she was heralded as the next big star, and audiences everywhere waited eagerly for her to grow up to be one of Hollywood's biggest names.

By 2003-04, she had grown all the body parts that any Hollywood actress, no matter how talented, needs in order to pull in the big bucks, and nothing more stood in her way: 2003′s "Freaky Friday" and 2004′s "Mean Girls" took the box office by storm and put her firmly on that predicted trajectory to fame, riches and everlasting glory.

Then… then something seemed to go wrong. The media outlets that had previously sung her praises as the next big thing were suddenly only reporting arrests for drunk driving and visits to rehab. In the span of the next five or so years, her career prospects dwindled as Hollywood came to see her as unreliable, and that crucial ingredient of success – her more-than-fair share of natural beauty – entered an equally steep decline. I don't know if the rumors of drug use were ever officially confirmed, but let's just agree that whatever does this to a person in the span of a few years probably didn't come from the supermarket:

What's left for Lindsay now? A romantic lead in a summer blockbuster as a sweet thing for audiences to lust after for decades to come? If I had to

take a guess, I'd check the box that says "no". You're free to make your own predictions…

More likely, she'll end up something like her role models from Sex and the City, jumping from bed to bed, pipe dream to pipe dream, wondering why nothing sticks and blaming alternatively herself and everyone else. If she didn't see it watching the show as an adoring teenager, she'll probably see in her own life what the rest of us can see in Sex and the City: those women don't seem to be very happy very much of the time. The reason seems to be obvious: the Sex and the City gang of women has two major problems which they keep putting in their own way.

First of all, they think they should be able to behave like men and enjoy it. They can't, of course, but they never seem to learn. Modeling their own sexual behavior on that of the men around them whom it works fine for results, time and time again, in unhappiness. These women just don't seem to get that they are never going to feel the same way about sex as men do. And all the while, the audience is being told that they should be able to.

Secondly, the entitlement mentality pervading the show defies measure: none of the women stop for a second to consider what might be wrong with them that they should fix in order to improve their relationship prospects. It's just "I'm perfect so why doesn't anyone want me?" all day every day. All the 1.2 million single men in New York must just have something wrong with them, plain and simple, or else they would jump at the chance of a catch like these frequently intolerable, over-the-hill women who seem to think that their lucrative careers somehow make them the hottest thing on the block – another classic projection of "what works for men must work for women".

What's in store for all of Lindsay Lohan's contemporaries who took the Sex and the City lifestyle to heart as a life goal in their teens and are now reaching that stage where they're about to discover that it's actually a show about unhappy women facing the sucker's payoff of their terrible decisions and worse attitudes?

How delighted are they going to be to discover the toll that partying hard every night and bringing home bartender after personal trainer after aspiring artist eventually takes on their minds and bodies?

Only one thing seems certain: one day they're likely to run into that one man who's perfect in every way, but just doesn't seem to want to commit to them no matter how hard they try to analyze his motives over drinks with their girlfriends or how many tantrums they throw.

Just like in Sex and the City.

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Transactional Relationship Value and Bell Curves

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By Lyn87

Almost everything in life involves trade-offs of some sort. If you want something you usually have to give something to get it. I want a new Ferrari. The dealer wants some money – quite a lot of it as it turns out. I don't make that kind of dough, so I look for something I can afford. Ah… that used Porsche looks about right. I give the dealer what he wants and he gives me what I want. I drive away laughing and he laughs his way to the bank. Win-win.

So why am I driving the used Porsche rather than the new Ferrari? Because I don't have something the dealer values as much as what he'd be giving up if he gives me the keys. In this case what he wants is defined as, "*More money than I have*." I'll refer to the currency of commerce as "Transactional Monetary Value" for reasons that will be obvious in a moment. If I want what he has and do not have the means of coercing him, I have to conduct a *monetary transaction* with sufficient *value* to make it worth his while. It works both ways of course: I'm not going to pay for the Porsche in exchange for a rusted-out old Gremlin. He has to offer me something I value at least as much as the money I'm giving him.

But what about relationships: does the same principle hold true? I think it generally does. The term I want to introduce is "Transactional Relationship Value," which I will abbreviate as TRV starting now.

We instinctively understand that some things are more desirable than others – including women. All things being equal, a beautiful woman has higher TRV than an ugly one. The funny one will have more men vying for her attention and affection than the grouchy one. Nothing groundbreaking yet.

Let's apply the principle further. I'm going to stick to things men look for in long-term relationships. TRV in short-term relationships focuses on the superficial, such as "Considering my states of inebriation and arousal, is she good-looking enough and easy enough for my purposes?" Not exactly the stuff good LTRs are made of.

It occurs to me that most guys look for potential wives and girlfriends to possess a whole suite of attributes, unlike the example I used earlier with only two variables: car and money. How much each of those attributes matters varies widely among individual men, but we mostly like the same things. There are ways to rack-and-stack our choices, and I'll get to that a little later. First let's look at some of the attributes. Keep in mind that none of these are exactly quantifiable, so for our purposes let's peg their values at how the average guy would rate an individual woman on each trait. Remember though, it works both ways as women want to get the maximum TRV they can get as well.

Physical beauty. I don't care if you're a leg-man, a butt-man, a bust-man, a face-man, or whatever. Unless you have a serious fetish we men *generally* agree on who's hot and who's not. We may disagree about points, and I may think someone is a 9 while you think she's a 7, but most guys will put most women within a few points of each other. Anything more is quibbling for purposes of my argument. Plot a bell curve and determine the mean if you want to put some semi-rigor into it.

Age: The old adage is for a man to take his age, divide it in half and add seven years to get an approximation of what he should be looking for at the start of a long-term relationship. Obviously it works the other way for women: they have to subtract seven years from their age and double the result. That fits what actually happens reasonably well. Women in their early twenties go for guys a few years older. Guys in their fifties find those women "pretty but vapid" and prefer women in their thirties instead for LTRs. The closer to the half-plus-seven age a woman is, the higher her TRV is to men at the corresponding age.

Baggage: This is tricky. If she has a high notch count, a couple of kids from the local thugs, daddy issues, control issues, whatever, those psychological rocks in her rucksack lower her TRV depending on what a man's hot buttons

are. Again, hard quantification is impossible, but if she has more baggage than a Samsonite factory, she loses TRV.

Money: Not usually as important to men as to women, but a woman who has her finances in order is preferable to a woman who is deeply in debt, all things being equal. This category also includes her ability to make money if you're going that route, and her family connections that may help you in your own career ambitions.

I'm just scratching the surface here, and we could all name other attributes that might matter: sense of humor, intelligence, desire for children (or not), religion, political views, etc. We can debate about what matters most and by how much, and ultimately each of us decides for himself, but let's not pretend that we can't differentiate between treasure and trash. To return to my analogy, even if we all like sports cars, you may prefer your BMW to my Porsche, and I may prefer my Porsche to your uncle's Corvette, but none of us will think the other's choice is *terrible*. Granted, vehicles are not a perfect example, but stick with me for the sake of the analogy.

Just as the new Ferrari has more Transactional Monetary Value than the used Porsche I ended up with, every man and woman has a certain amount of TRV to bargain with. Under the Marriage 1.0 rules a man brought his TRV to the table, which included looks, money, humor, ambition, etc, and was probably going to marry a woman with similar TRV. What you can offer affects what you will receive.

I promised you a method to rack-and-stack your choices, which I turn to now. You can use something called a Decision Matrix, or DecMat for short. You develop your *screening criteria* first. Those are the "must haves" or "deal breakers." It can be anything that really matters to you: if "natural blonde" is one of your "must haves" you screen out every redhead and brunette no matter how high she rates on her other attributes. If "already has kids" is one of your deal-breakers you'll screen out single moms. Once you screen out the "no-go" women you rank the remainder using your *evaluation criteria*. Here's where the DecMat comes in. It's a graph or computer program that asks you to rank each attribute that matters to you against every other attribute. It then assigns weights to each one based on your answers, so when you plug in the values of the attributes it rank-orders your possibilities for you and gives each one a single score. That's your estimation of her TRV. It's not necessarily THE answer, but it's AN answer based on what you say you want. *TRV is the aggregate of a person's ratings on all the attributes, weighted in accordance with the decision-making person's preferences.*

Here's where it get tricky – and competitive. Sure, your evaluation of a woman's TRV is your own opinion, but chances are if you rate a woman as having a high TRV, *other men will too*.

Since you want all the TRV you can get, and so does everyone else who's in the LTR market, you need to have a realistic expectation of what *your* TRV can buy. If we plot every woman's average TRV we'll get some sort of bell curve. Same thing with men. Superimpose the two charts with the means lined up. Even with different preferences and the vagaries of attraction, the odds of you ending up with someone more than one standard deviation above you is probably negligible, although you can easily get someone more than a standard deviation below you – but why would you want to?

Now I'm going to outline the problem, and why this article belongs on an MRA site.

Here's the problem. Feminism lowers a woman's TRV.

A LOT.

I'm going to do a little napkin math here, so don't go nuts with your calculators. I'm just making a point with numbers I think are *about right* – this is an opinion piece, not a statistical treatise. In the past under Marriage 1.0 a person was a pretty good bet as long they were weren't much more than one and a half standard deviations below the mean of the TRV bell curve.

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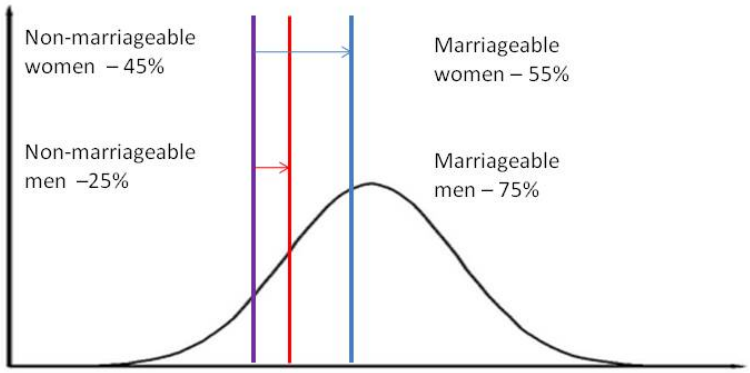
Feminism in general has lowered the female mean at least one and a half standard deviations. That is a HUGE shift. A guy at the 50th percentile – the middle of the curve – who would have had a decent shot at a decent life

with a decent woman under Marriage 1.0 rules is now screwed. The women at the 50th percentile today – under Marriage 2.0 rules – are no longer good marriage risks for average guys (more on risk assessment later). The result is that the group "*all men in their prime marriage years"* is VASTLY larger than the group "*acceptable women in their prime marriage years*." What happens is that a relatively small number of guys hit the jackpot, a lot of guys have "okay" marriages, a lot of guys get screwed over when they marry unsuitable women or turn out to be unsuitable themselves, and the rest wait it out while Kay Hymowitz nags at them to "man up."

To compound the problem, half a century of misandrist family law has caused millions of boys to grow up without fathers in their lives to guide them into manhood. Feminized schools did the rest, and so the male mean has fallen under the assault as well. How much? I'd guess more than half a standard deviation versus previous generations. The average woman of your grandparent's generation would not be very interested in what two generations of single mothers and feminist education has turned today's average man into either.

We're now two generations into female-headed households, feminized education, and feminist jurisprudence and they've taken a toll on both sexes. If you could take an average man and an average woman today and send them back a few generations the average guy would be in the bottom third of his peers (barely marriageable) and no decent guy from back then would consider the modern woman to be marriageable *at all*. (Feminism damaged both sexes but lowered women's TRV more.)

Standard Bell Curve for Transactional Relationship Value
Under Marriage 2.0 rules – Women in Blue / Men in Red



After 50 years of feminism the mean female TRV shifted far to the left. Due to the increase in boys being raised by single women and feminized men, the male mean also shifted, but not by as much. Since it's far easier for me to move the vertical lines than the bell curve, I illustrated this by moving the lines between marriageable and non-marriageable to the right for both sexes. Now about half of all marriages end in catastrophic failure.

To add insult to injury, the lines move to the right as we age and TRV decreases faster for women than for men. Stating in the late-20's to late-30's a man's TRV goes into decline while a woman's goes off a cliff. This helps older single men, who now may increasingly choose among women who are much younger than they are.

By the time the party-girls hit their 30's and are awakened by the sound of their biological alarm clocks going off their TRVs are in the dumpster out back under an empty box of truffles. By age 35 their looks are on the way down, and they probably have a fair amount of baggage. (To be fair, I don't look like I did when I was 20 either.) But the sexual dynamic has changed for them. Where they once could have all the guys they wanted in their beds, their male age-peers are now looking for women in their mid-twenties (half plus seven years). The men who are looking at those women are in their fifties, or maybe forties if the woman looks good for her age.

The good news is that half of all marriages do *not* end in divorce court, so there are a lot of men and women who

are making marriage work. It is certain that a significant percentage of those marriages are not ideal, but either party has the ability to file a no-fault divorce petition. So in half of all marriages *both* parties perceive that the advantages outweigh the burdens. The bad news is that every year feminism pushes the lines a little farther to the right in favor of women hitting the kill switch.

So now people, mostly men, are haggling over *evaluation criteria* that would have been *screening criteria* a couple of generations ago. Feminism has turned LTRs into minefields for a lot of people, with the added caveat that it's usually men who lose everything when it doesn't work out. Their kids get the pink shaft too and the cycle continues with the next generation.

That brings me to the topic of *risk assessment*. Two factors come into play: the *likelihood* of something bad happening and the *severity* of the consequences if it does. The potential downside of a bad marriage is catastrophic, so it's very important to set the odds in your favor as much as possible if you want to marry. The things you do to lower your chance of disaster are called *risk mitigation*. Once you understand the risks – the likelihood of things going wrong and the severity if they do, you have to mitigate the risks by either lowering the probability of failure and/or limiting the damage if they do. **Integrity is the number 1 risk mitigation factor in my estimation**. Integrity is not the "given" it used to be, so for many or perhaps most Western women today the odds are too high to warrant the risk. Risk assessment and mitigation is a large enough topic to warrant its own article though. Ultimately we all have to balance the risks against the potential rewards and make the call.

The beauty of the bell curve is that no matter how far you skew it there will still be people at the top who make the grade. They just go from being common, to uncommon, to rare, to very rare the farther you push the mean. A quarter century ago when I was dating, acceptable women were common, good women were uncommon, very good women were rare, and exceptional women were very rare. Today you have to slide everything over at least one notch. That means that while there are still a very small number of exceptional women, the *average* young woman is no longer an acceptable risk once you factor in the results of your risk assessment.

Having said all that, I'll reiterate that integrity **must** be one of the *screening criteria*. With the legal power a woman has to wreck your life, a guy contemplating an LTR *must* know the woman he's marrying will refrain from using her power to screw him to the wall.

Short of just packing it in – which is an option – I posit that learning short Game is a lot less important than having a high TRV, as it allows a man access to women at the high end of the curve. These women are mainly ones that would have been in the upper-middle of the curve 50 years ago, but at least a guy has a fighting chance if they pair off. Of course women more than a standard deviation above the mean are rare, and a man will have a lot of competition before the dynamic flips in favor of men at around age 26, but by that time most good ones are taken and anything else is a crap-shoot with loaded dice. Demographic data suggest that divorce is not spread evenly throughout the population. If two people both bring high TRV *and integrity* to the match, the odds are pretty good that they'll be okay "*'til death do us part*."

So if a man wants to marry he must do two things: pick the right woman and be the right man. Some guys here will jump all over that as if I'm blaming men. I'm just acknowledging the fact that men are actors in their own fates. Terrible things **do** happen to good guys who do everything right, but you can improve your odds a lot by refusing to settle for low TRV *and low integrity* in yourself and the women you spend time with. Good luck, and be smart.

The Real Bond Steps Up

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By Chris Muir

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A Tale of Two Earthquakes

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Last year, we covered the earthquake in Haiti, in which hundreds of thousands of people died, and foreign troops were sent in to enforce a "women first" food distribution regime. Haiti, a matriarchal culture, was chaotic after the quake, and rescue efforts, such as existed, were rather uncoordinated and ineffective. No doubt many people – primarily Haitian men – were involved in digging others out, providing food and care to the injured and children, and trying to maintain order among the chaos, despite the fact that foreign soldiers with guns were denying them food on the basis of their sex. However, the response to the earthquake was far from sufficient, and unnecessary deaths were an unfortunately large portion of the toll.

Haiti still hasn't recovered from the quake, and the capital lies largely in ruins. Cholera epidemics have swept through refugee camps, and over a million remain homeless. The earthquake was a tragedy of epic proportions. Despite the obvious problems inherent in Haitian matriarchal society that were revealed by the earthquake and its aftermath, feminists demand more of the same.

The recent earthquake in Japan was significantly stronger than the Haitian quake, and a devastating tsunami added to the destruction and horror. Buildings shook throughout the entire country for minutes from the sixth largest earthquake ever recorded. The tsunami rolled over beaches and seawalls, destroying refineries, shutting down nuclear plants and carrying boats far inland. An earthquake of this magnitude releases so much energy that humans can only mitigate rather than prevent damage. However, early reports suggest that the Japanese did a very good job of that.

In all likelihood, the death toll will be in the thousands, but as grim as that sounds, it could have been far, far worse. Tragedies are still unfolding in Japan, but the people of the island nation are, for the most part, taking care of their own. American search and rescue teams are helping search for survivors, and US Navy helicopters are airlifting food to stranded Japanese civilians, but the bulk of the rescue effort is being undertaken by Japanese. Overwhelmingly, of course, Japanese men. And the women are not complaining. Even the feminists in the US are eerily silent on this score.

When you have a society in which men have a vested interest in protecting and taking care of the whole, and they are allowed to do so, they tend to do a good job. They display selflessness and their efforts are characterized by cooperation and teamwork; often by heroism as well. On the whole, everyone does better. There is no better example of this than the comparison between matriarchal Haiti's and patriarchal Japan's respective responses to natural disaster. Where in Haiti the women are still living in open encampments well over a year after the quake, Japanese women are already sheltered, which is necessary, because it is still cold in northern Japan this time of year. There is no doubt that some displaced Japanese will still be facing significant hardship a year from now, but despite Japan's crowded land vanishingly few will be without a roof over their head, and none will go hungry.

As for the Japanese men, they have it far better than their Haitian counterparts as well. There are no foreign troops pointing guns at them and denying them food, they are taken care of and respected if old, and given jobs and a place in society if young. Perhaps most importantly, They are given the opportunity to do what men often do best — they are allowed to take care of their families and communities.

As we observe these events and their aftermath, they provide us with valuable lessons about nature of things, and give us an opportunity to ask ourselves what kind of a society we want to live in. Do we want, as the feminists would have it, to be helpless, disease infested, homeless and starving if we face hardship, or do we want to have the ability to come together and pull ourselves up from the rubble? For the sane people of the world, the choice is clear.

Women's Fantasy in Anime/Manga Culture

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By Neurogal

I know that most of the men's right movement concerns are within Western world, but as women universally are the same, I would like to share what women typically desire in the Japanese subculture that I have been a fan of for 10 years now: the anime/manga culture. As Japan is now in the headlines, and we are all wishing them well in the midst of this disaster, maybe it is appropriate to give some thought to Japan's culture.

So what kind of men do Japanese women want? The anime/manga culture can provide some insight as currently more women than men are fans of this culture, and the industry has changed accordingly to meet the demands of the female readers base.

Let's take one of popular fictional guys in manga. Hibari Kyouya, from the manga Kateikyoushi Hitman Reborn (literally means Home Tutor Hitman Reborn), is a leader of the middle school discplinary comittee. Yet he beats a guy to a bloody pulp if said guy broke one simple rule. He is also involved in blackmailing, extortion, underground crimes and underage driving. Later Hibari Kyouya is said to be the strongest guy within the characters.

Hibari Kyouya is also the No 1 Character "I Want To Be My Groom" for both years in two annual Japanese surveys.

Yes, he is the epitome of what Japanese women want. They don't seem to mind that if this were real life, Hibari Kyouya would be arrested for his violent tendencies. Granted, Hibari Kyouya is not a player; he has little interest in women, and he has a soft spot for animals. But nevertheless, he is violent. His catchphrase is "I'll bite you to death."

But how about the No 1 Character chosen as "I Want To Be My Bride?" The first year was won by Hinagiku Katsura from Hayate The Combat Butler and the second is Akiyama Mio from K-On. The similarities between these two? They are what fans love to call "tsundere".

Tsundere is the type of girl one would call "independent." They are top students in academics, excel in sports and are often the student council president. But then the hero appears. Suddenly, this independent girls is rendered to speechless. They stutter, blush and wanted to get the attention of the hero as subtle as she can. She somehow become more feminine, cared how she looks and shy around the hero. This type of girls are a hit with both male and female readers.

Why is that? From my observation, tsundere fulfills the fantasy of both the men and women. In modern society, more women became like the tsundere. In the manga, the hero will eventually fall in love with the tsundere. In reality, no, guys usually pay less attention to these kind of girls. The female readers used this as sort of escapism from reality, where they projected themselves to the tsundere.

For the men, they love these kind of girls (as the survey shows) because it shows no matter how independent or amazing that girl is, she will be submissive to the guy she likes. She could kick a guy over to the moon, but with the hero she eagerly wanted to please him. This, I suppose, gives a great boost to the men's ego because the hero successfully tamed the girl (usually with no effort from the hero).

As tsundere are well-liked, female fans really hate any normal, childish and non-assertive girls as potential love interest. These female characters are hated simply because she is plain with average grades and suck at sports. The girl is shy all the time and always support the hero in the background. Many female characters who fall into this category are hated and female fans wanted a girl with 'more backbone' and as strong as the hero to be the female lead.

Another genre that is popular with female fans is "yaoi". Yaoi is the male homosexual love anime/manga. Interestingly, in this subculture, the female fans accept the submissive-dominant relationship between the two guys,

giving the guys the title uke(submissive) and seme(dominance). Ironically, this mirrors the heterosexual relationship between a girl and guy as the uke actually acts like a girl/feminine. Research papers on yaoi admit this is another projection of female readers to the uke. Acting feminine as a girl is seen as dependent, but if it is a guy he is still seen as independent even though both act the same. It is said the Japanese perception of women has contributed to this.

Whether feminism contributed to the above situation is something uncertain. However as I read English comments, this has held true for Western women as well. There are still many of my observations in this culture about female fans and their expectations, especially in fanfictions.

Loud Noise, Weak Signal

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> "Every night I talk to God, but he don't say nothing back"
> -rap lyrics, "50 cent"

When you talk to people, they will likely say something back. When you talk to people on the internet, you're almost guaranteed that most of the people who say something back will not be the ones your communication was intended for. Anything you say will be misinterpreted to suit the needs of a slew of respondents – and I use the word "respond" generously, since it implies actual consideration of the message that has been received – who really just want to yell their favorite delusions at other people in order to bolster their own sense of trust in them. These people aren't having a conversation with you, they aren't even arguing with you – the constant, loud repetition of a delusion-affirming mantra is a solipsistic activity. It requires another person only in the capacity of recipient – the flow of information is one-way: these people are only sending, they will not receive no matter how cleverly you respond to them. It's a broadcast, not a discussion. Trying to have a conversation with such a person is like trying to have a conversation with your TV – it will say something back, but that doesn't mean it understood or even heard what you said to it.

Like an echo chamber, the internet will send back noise for any noise you put out into it. Most of it will be just that – noise. Some of the noise will be cleverly disguised as words, but do not be fooled, that doesn't mean communication is happening.

The signal put out by The Spearhead is starting to gain more power now, and the noise coming back from the various voice-activated loudspeakers of the great virtual echo chamber is growing louder in response. Like we've gotten used to the fact that most email is spam, we will have to get used to the fact that most responses to thoughtful writing are not thoughtful writing – they're just the auto-responses of mechanistically operating entities which parsed your message, detected a close relationship between the words "feminism" and "bad" and automatically generated a pre-fabricated response for you. There was no higher thinking involved, it was just an

instinctual reaction to noise, like a little girl who hears an animal bleating and bleats back.

The Spearhead readership like the audience of all media is comprised of two categories: those for whom the message is intended, and the rest. The people who are being written for – the ones who receive the communication, interpret the signal correctly and understand the message – are not likely to say anything back unless they have something to say. They are, by necessity, people who think, and that means they usually think before they talk. They try to make sure their communication is laden with value for those who receive it. If they have nothing of value to add, they will likely not respond. Some will take the time to write up a short thank you comment, but the signal coming back to The Spearhead from its intended audience will always be weak compared to the noise coming from the voice-activated auto-responders. For every signal that comes back from a reader who appreciated the message, there are more who appreciated the message and found nothing of value to add to it, thus remaining silent.

The much more vocal segment of the audience is those readers who are not being written for. They are the ones who will not think about the message – they will not decode the signal past a few words that will allow them to do what they want to do: relegate the message into their private "bad" category and yell their own never-changing mantra back at its source. Where they find their trigger words – a well-written article, an offhand comment to that article, it doesn't matter. What matters is that these people are looking for an opportunity for self-affirmation by yelling their deluded beliefs at other people, and as soon as they see their trigger words, their brain registers such an opportunity and they start yelling.

The content of their yelling will not be a response to the content of your message. It will more than likely be a direct reflection of what happens in their head: relegating your message to the "offending" category. This will usually manifest itself in a response as some variation on the basic "offending message – must be yelled at and silenced" directive:

The Spearhead outputs a relatively controversial signal that will get caught in the "offending message – must be yelled at and silenced" filter of many, many people with a dire need to affirm their delusions through the yelling of mantras. It will also be received by many who appreciate the message but say nothing back. In what The Spearhead hears back from readers, the noise will likely always be much stronger than the signal.

Our editor in chief is burdened with a difficult balancing act: putting out an effective message for those who are its intended recipients while simultaneously exercising control over the most controversial articles in order to keep the reactionary noise at a manageable level where the weak signal sent back by those who appreciate the message can still be heard.

The fact is, if you aren't being opposed, you aren't saying anything new. You aren't relevant. Right now, The Spearhead is very relevant: the sheer amount of noise coming back from the opposition is a testament to that. Everyone who was ever right about anything fought an uphill battle against the reactionary noise of the masses who always cling to the old for a sense of security, trying to bleat as loud as they can to drown out the offending truth. If ever a time comes where the signal from those who appreciate the message measures up to the noise from those who are offended by it, it's a sign that it's probably time to reevaluate how relevant the message being put out is.

And at times when the response seems overwhelmingly negative, we'll do well to remember 50 Cent's relationship with his God:

Every night we talk to men but they don't say nothing back.
That doesn't mean they don't hear us.

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The Flipside of Feminism: Relief for the Discombobulated Woman

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American women out-vote, out-spend, and out-live their male counterparts. They enjoy an unrivaled array of lifestyle options.

But the fact remains, females have become a decidedly unhappy lot. As a National Bureau of Economic Research report explains, “As women have gained more freedom, more education, and more power, they have become less happy.”

How do we come to terms with this modern-day malady that has no name? The Flipside of Feminism, authored by Suzanne Venker and conservative icon Phyllis Schlafly, incisively diagnoses the problem, prescribes the common-sense cure, and above all, instills hope.

Think of it as a long-awaited reality check from your older, wiser sister.…

The advent of the feminine malaise can be tied to a historically unprecedented gerrymandering of gender roles, with its inevitable biological consequences. As journalist Anne Taylor Fleming once uttered in her maternal cri de coeur:

“I belong to the sisterhood of the infertile. I am a lonesome, babyless baby-boomer now completely consumed by the longing for a baby…I am tempted to roll down the window and shout, ‘Hey, hey, Gloria, Germaine, Kate. Tell us, how does it feel to have ended up without babies, children, flesh of your flesh. Was your ideology worth the empty womb?”

Over the past 30 years, American women have been swayed to believe they have been getting the short end of the stick at the hands of their patriarchal tormentors. Feminists “know it’s easy to get people to succumb to victimhood,” counsel Venker and Schlafly.

The process begins with women’s studies courses that parade themselves as “a training course for radical feminists in radical feminism.” Women’s magazines “are based on telling women their lives are too tough for them to handle and they should feel very sorry for themselves,” recounts former Ladies Home Journal editor Myrna Blyth.

The result is a hydra-headed social-political movement rooted in Marxist theory with a decidedly narcissistic twist – feminism is “inextricably linked to the individualist message,” reveals Dr. Jean Twenge in Generation Me.

The book’s juiciest revelations center around arch-feminist Betty Friedan and her childhood traumas. In Life So Far, Friedan reveals how her mother made her feel “messy, clumsy, inadequate, bad, naughty, ugly.” But rather than getting the psychological help she desperately needed, “It was easier for me to start the women’s movement than to change my own personal life,” Friedan incoherently boasts.

The specter of liberated women blaming men for their personal neuroses would become a leitmotif of American feminism. This pattern would soon evolve into a “full-scale assault on the American male,” as Venker and Schlafly put it.

In their chapter on The Expendable Male, the authors document the contemptuousness that defines modern feminism. New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd once wrote, “Now that women don’t need men to reproduce and refinance, the question is, will we keep you around?” And Jessica Bennett crowed in Newsweek how women will one day “rule the world.”

Venker and Schlafly end their adumbration of feminist misandry with this sober warning: “no society can thrive – or survive – when half its members believe they’re oppressed and the other half are told there is no reason for them to exist.”

For women accustomed to advancing their agenda by reflexively embracing their inner victim, The Flipside of

Feminism's prescription begins to resemble a 12-step program:

"Recognizing that feminism failed in its mission, that it is based on faulty assumptions and arguments, and that it drives a wedge between men and women and even among women, is the first step to recovery."

And it's up to sensible women to bring an end to it all:

"If change is going to come, it will have to come from women – they are the ones who changed the nature order of things. Moreover, men aren't the ones who kvetch about their place in the world – not because they have it so great (contrary to feminist dogma), but because it's not in their nature."

For the die-hard ideologues, this may be the hard part:

"We must stop talking about women's rights, women's needs, women's problems, and progress for women. We must stop talking about girl power and female empowerment, and about overturning a patriarchy that doesn't exist. When we frame the debate in feminist lingo, we foster a war between the sexes. It's time to end the war between the sexes."

Over the past 30 years, feminism has sought to expunge from women the primal delights of conjugal partnership, of nurturing motherhood, and of familial constancy. Now, Suzanne Venker and Phyllis Schlafly are courageously calling on women to take a stand against feminism, or risk losing the goose that laid the golden egg.

Cartoonist Calls for “Crusade” for Women

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David Horsey, cartoonist cum editorialist of the Seattle PI, has taken up the banner for women’s empowerment across the world, and is pitching Nicholas Kristoff’s microloan deals in the meanwhile. Horsey makes some amazing statements, saying that “elevating the status of women … is the great work of civilized people in the 21st century.”

Whenever someone makes these kinds of proclamations, they are usually dead wrong, so I seriously doubt we’re in for another 89 years of radical feminism, but what’s curious is how some of these boomer guys have latched onto feminism with such a passion in recent years. Horsey and Kristoff are but two examples out of many, and as a guy approaching middle age myself I wonder exactly what their point is. Are women really in crisis around the world? Far from it. Compared to men, they’re doing pretty well — even in the areas Horsey points to in his cartoon.

One thing I’ve noticed in society in general and online that men under the age of 40 or so are a lot more skeptical about feminism and women’s rights than those who are older. Because I’m still under 40 myself, I don’t know whether this is a generational difference or a biological tendency.

Do men past a certain age simply develop some psychological blind spot? Do they go soft where women are concerned? Or is it that they didn’t get screwed over by feminism to the same extent as younger men?

UNLV Proposes to Cut Women's Studies

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As the education bubble begins to show signs of bursting, many schools will face hard choices about what to keep and what to cut. Some, as PMAFT has pointed out, have chosen to cut useful academic programs such as computer science, but it seems that others are pursuing a more pragmatic course.

UNLV has included its entire women's studies program in its list of proposed cuts, which would take a couple dozen feminists off the public payroll and eliminate 30 useless majors. Unfortunately, philosophy is also included in the cuts, but truth be told a number of humanities programs are so thoroughly infected by feminism that it might be better in the long run to simply axe them now and start over from scratch when the resources are available.

Lois Helmbold, chairwomyn of the UNLV women's studies department, defends her program as "critical," saying that without women's studies thousands of students would miss the wonderful opportunity to take courses focusing on "gender, class and racial issues." In fact, the trend in the 90s to force all students to take classes from these types was much of the reason for these departments' continued existence; perhaps such forced indoctrination programs have already ended.

As the economy limps along, more schools will be forced to make tough choices, and while many will doubtless choose unwisely, cutting anything they can before touching politically correct departments, that will ultimately be for the best, because they will follow the path of Antioch and die with little more than a whimper as parents refuse to pay to send their children to schools run by decrepit Marxists.

As for the schools that make the right choice and toss the trash departments in the slag heap where they belong, they may yet weather the hard times.

Let's Go for a Ride

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By C-rad Bogus

Oh me oh my, it seems a very relevant and poignant development has gone largely ignored.

Mainstream news media attention has never been a reliable gauge of what exactly the public at large deems important.

Nevertheless, the recent ruling from the EU targeting British insurance companies has been met with an interesting mix of both loud denunciations and eerie silence.

Long story short, the courts ruled that charging male motorists higher premiums than female motorists amounted to discrimination. U.K. insurance firms have just over a year to comply with the law, after then, the male-female cost gap must be laid to rest.

Needless to say, insurers are less than joyous about this and have put forth a defence of their dastardly practice. They say that men are statistically more likely to get into an accident, injured in an accident, die in an accident etc. Ladies, being genetically ordained as goddesses of the asphalt, suffer lower casualties in all categories of road-related carnage. Debate surrounding the fickle science of Statistics notwithstanding; the spotlight issue in all this is, however one slices it: *the new gender dynamics* (apocryphally: woman 2.0).

What a colourful assortment of carnival characters this brings out! Equality, sex-discrimination, age-discrimination, wage-discrimination, laissez-faire capitalism, public costs, externalities, civil rights, human rights, kryptonian rights…

This offers to us a fascinating case study of the feminism beast, from whom we have heard every sort of bizarre, contrived, reality-skewing nonsense. Always first to enlighten the world with their two-cents of input on whatever disaster, calamity, or injustice is currently at hand.

As an ideology, Feminism has been predominantly a left-wing domain. Ship-jumping is not uncommon, but the noisiest, most-obnoxious and brazen march in the shadow of the banner of Marxism. This in mind, how would an avowed feminist tailor a response to this blatant miscarriage of justice?

Say they argue against the ruling, calling it discriminatory – but it was the courts who ruled in favour of ending discrimination against male motorists.

Say they argue that this is government intrusion into the free-market – they risk allying themselves with the right, and being viewed as turncoats for defending the patriarchal, unholy juggernaut of capitalism.

Say they argue that the male-motorist is the spawn of the devil, to be kept at bay at any cost – such a claim would be challenged with rational, logical debate, a style completely alien to their M.O.

Say they agree with the ruling, but they want (insert arbitrary condition unsubstantiated by logic or evidence) – this will be all too predictable. Knowing that they are cornered, they wail over the oppression inflicted by men over the ages. Never letting a good opportunity go to waste.

The list goes on.

Feminists and women (I cannot stress the distinction enough) everywhere are slowly beginning to see what genuine equality looks like. Rest assured it resembles nothing of what was in the brochure. In response to this court ruling their options are very limited, and the probability of rank-breaking and infighting is high.

When the dust settles, women may even end up paying higher premiums than men (has a nice retroactive-justice ring to it).

All this is cause for rejoicing as it reminds us that hope survives, but the battle is far from over.

Equality, fairness, justice, solidarity, these issues have long characterized the MRM's battle cry.

Hear that honey? That's the sound of you, coming out of the twilight zone.

Seeking “Best Of” Suggestions from Readers

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Because we now have plenty to choose from, I’m going to put together an anthology of best posts soon, and suggestions from readers would be much appreciated. For those readers who have been around from the beginning, feel free to bring up any older posts you particularly liked. Additionally, I’d like to include all the authors I can, so the more diverse the selection the better.

I’ll probably put a link to the list online in the sidebar for now, but the idea is to publish them in book form, which I’m finally ready to do, given that readership has reached a level where I can now focus on expanding *The Spearhead*‘s projects and offering content beyond the site itself.

The Cheating Double Standard

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By Szebren

One of the fundamental assertions of feminism is a wife cheats because her husband did something wrong. He is said to be neglectful or unappreciative or self centered. Conversely, they claim a husband cheats because he is egotistical or superficial. A wife did nothing wrong. Therefore, men – BUT NOT WOMEN – should be held accountable for their indiscretions.

This double standard is the basis for women's websites listing the names of men who allegedly cheat.

The most popular website is WomanSavers. Its database lists a man's full name, his picture, hometown and explains what he allegedly did wrong. Additionally, ratings on his character, commitment, trustworthiness, and abusiveness are also displayed. Any woman can add an entry on any man. However, it is against the rules to add a woman into the database. Her character and trustworthiness cannot be evaluated. As is the case throughout feminist society, she is considered above questioning. What makes this website's double standard astounding is that it references four articles which conclude there is only a small difference in the infidelity rate between the genders.

- Intimate Partners, Scarf 1996
- Journal of Couple & Relationship Therapy, Atwood & Schwartz 2002
- Monogamy Myth, Vaughan 2003
- Is Your Relationship at Risk?, Dworkin-McDaniel 2007

Even more astounding, however, is a survey conducted by the website in which 49% of women said they cheated. Another 26% said that they'd have no problem stepping out on their husbands or boyfriends if they knew they could get away with it. THIS MAKES MANY WOMEN ON THIS SITE BLATANT HYPOCRITES.

WomanSavers also has a forum allowing users to engage in discussions. Some women on the forum post excuses on why they have had affairs. They also support other members who have stepped out on their husbands and boyfriends. A few men have commented in the forum. Some have posted their wives have had affairs. Many members will defend the wife's actions, claiming the husband must have done something wrong. However it should be stated not all women defend backstabbing wives. Some heavily criticize them. Others tell the mistreated husband to stop being a doormat.

A website similar to Womensavers is 'Dont Date Him Girl'. This site accumulated a database of allegedly unfaithful men (complete with names, photos and hometowns) supposedly larger than Womensavers. And like Womensavers, adding a female's name to its database was forbidden. 'Dont Date Him Girl' has been featured on CBSNews, ABCNews, New York Times, The TODAY Show, CNN, FOX News and various women's magazines.

Since major media outlets promoted the site, many men became aware of its existence. Some discovered they were listed in the database. They demanded their names be removed from the listing claiming the women were lying. For example, according to 'OnLine Dating Magazine' one woman posted the name of her former boyfriend, claiming he cheated and subsequently gave her herpes. The boyfriend discovered the accusation, actually took a blood test to prove he did not have herpes and demanded his removal from the site's database. 'Don't Date Him Girl' complied.

The obvious conclusion of this incident: the women either lied about her story or was a slut who has no idea which man gave her herpes.

In the fall of 2010, 'Dont Date Him Girl' removed its database. This was not because the site's owner suddenly believed all cheats should be treated the same. Rather, she had come to the realization a successful lawsuit against her was inevitable. A growing number of men were proving

their former girlfriends were liars.

‘Dont Date Him Girl’ currently has a forum where anyone can post information on former lovers. However, the same female chauvinist hypocrisy that existed in its database permeates this forum. For example, a husband posted the full name of his backstabbing wife and the sleazebag other man. Rather than gaining sympathy, women criticized him for posting the names – despite the fact there are hundreds of men’s names, many with photos, already listed in the forum. Another man expressed support for the website and asked if there was a similar site listing the names of unfaithful girlfriends. He was denounced and mocked.

Besides men being able to post, the only apparent difference between the forum and the former database is searchability. There is no search tool for the forum. Presumably this significantly decreases the chance of a lawsuit because its more difficult to find information on a specific
person.

Holding only half of the population responsible for their actions is sexist (in other words its feminist). *Every* individual should be held accountable for their backstabbing. Unfortunately, the thousands of immature and narrow minded women using these websites believe
differently. They promote a cheating double standard.

Be Prepared

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I was once a Boy Scout. I never attained the rank of Eagle, but the time I did spend in the organization has impacted my life and has given me tools and principles that are a part of me to this very day, over 20 years later.

The Boy Scout motto has always been my credo: Be Prepared.

I expanded it into my own personal maxim that I tell people all the time:

Better to have something and not need it, than to need something and not have it.

When I watched the events that unfolded after Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, I realized that the veneer of civilization is an illusion. The breakdown of civil society is but one natural disaster away from occurring.

I was determined to never be one of the starving masses, huddling with fellow survivors in some location like the Superdome, waiting to be fed by a Government bureaucracy.

I began buying a little bit of canned food on every grocery trip.

Every time I buy a case of toilet paper, I take a few rolls and stash them in a closet.

I have cases of bottled water, plenty of extra butane, propane and lantern fuel, portable stoves, as well as an abundant stash of whiskey and plenty of ammunition for all of my firearms.

There's no point in having supplies if you can't defend them from someone who is desperate because they did not plan like you did, and they seek to steal or rob it from you.

That being said, I hope every person reading this article takes note of the recent disaster in Japan. Take note of what happens the moment a disaster strikes any urban or suburban community: the first that happens is a stampede of people at the grocery stores to buy up whatever supplies they can get their hands on.

From the appropriately named blog: SHTF Plan – (the Shit Hits The Fan Plan), What Your Grocery Store Will Look Like In An Emergency:

The Guardian reports that panic buying and fear is spreading:

> *People in the capital, home to 12 million, snapped up radios, torches, candles, fuel containers and sleeping bags, while for the fourth day there was a run on bread, canned goods, instant noodles, bottled water and other foodstuffs at supermarkets.*
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> *Retailers said the panic buying was reminiscent of the oil crisis in the 1970s.*
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> *The electronics firm Panasonic said it was increasing production of batteries, which were being bought in large quantities as far away as Hiroshima in the south-west.*
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> *Fears are rising that if the hoarding frenzy continues it will affect the ability to deliver emergency supplies to the disaster zone. "The situation is hysterical," said Tomonao Matsuo, a spokesman for the instant noodle maker Nissin Foods. "People feel safer just by buying Cup Noodles."*

Prepare now, because you just never know.

The last place you want to be during a disaster is scrounging for scraps at the grocery store.

A perfect example of the panic buying that ensues depending on the disaster or emergency of the moment is what we are seeing with Potassium Iodide tablets. The essentials will go first, within a matter of hours. If you don't have what you need before an emergency, don't plan on getting it after it has happened.

Some people scoff at the idea. They will say it is unfounded paranoia. That it could never happen here. I've seen the grocery stores emptied out here in Hawaii on 3 different occasions within the last decade. All three instances here on O'ahu occurred in the face of a *threatened disaster*, not even an actual one. When there was an earthquake off of the coast of the Big Island that shook the entire island chain back in 2006, the safety features on the O'ahu power plants caused an automatic shutdown, leaving the island without power for almost 24 hours. The grocery stores were emptied in a matter of several hours after the earthquake.

The same thing occurred again when a Chilean earthquake in 2010 threatened Hawaii with a potential tsunami. Once again, the masses bum rushed the grocery stores leaving empty shelves…long before the 4 inch tsunami washed up on hour shores.

In the face of yet another tsunami threat from the Japanese Earthquake last week, it happened yet again.

Where ever you are in this world, there is some sort of natural phenomenon that can and will occur that will interrupt the regular mode of obtaining your daily food and water.

If you've got a SHTF Plan of your own, you won't need to run out to the store and stand in line as the shelves are emptied by the panic of the unprepared in the face of the next catastrophic event.

Learn from history. Disasters, catastrophes, and cataclysms happen. It's not a matter of *if*…but *when*.

Will you be prepared?

How to Tell If You're In A Patriarchy

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Alte offers up an operative definition of patriarchy:

> I've always followed the definition that patriarchy is "rule by men", when it actually isn't. It is rule by the male heads of family; the *paterfamilias*. In a patriarchy, the family is considered the lowest-level of government, with a man elected to its head. That man is not always the eldest or even the husband, but it is a man and he is elected. He is implicitly elected by the people in his family, who agree to follow his leadership.

I think Alte doesn't drill down far enough in her definition, but she's right on the concept. A patriarchy is, quite literally, rule by the fathers. As she defines it, a patriarchy would be rule by a father who is subsequently elected "patriarch" over an entire extended family, which is one level too much abstraction to be practical. As usual, simplicity is the more elegant solution, and I contend a better definition of a "patriarch" is one that is suggested by the etymology: rule by married men with children.

It is important to note here that this definition of patriarchy is at odds with the culturally accepted one. We can blame the femmarxists and their abuse of the Queen's English for that. Just as they have expanded the definitions of family to mean just about any social unit under the sun and rape to include sex regretted after the fact, they have widened the definition of "patriarchy" to mean "rule by men" (and successfully attached to it all sorts of negative connotations). Thus defined–a more accurate description of such a social and governing system where men, any man, ruled, would be andrarchy–they then used that word as a billy club to facilitate their poxy vision of a utopian gynarchy.

I suppose I can't place all the blame on the femmarxists, however. For in the United States, the Founding Fathers, in one of their rare screw-ups that we can see now in full 235 year post-hoc retrospect, when configuring this Constitutional Republic, moved the locus of social power away from family men and toward any man with real property. I suppose this was a useful device to temper the democratic beast–how better to mitigate the passions of the Athenian mob than to filter their desires through those among them who had the most to lose–but it disconnected the interests of the married man with children from the interests of society. All one had to do to have a voice was to be born a male and acquire property. No need to find oneself a fertile woman and get busy making babies, since being a husband and a father was no longer necessary to be a man that mattered in the new American-style government.

Someone probably called this new social order a patriarchy out of habit and as a homage to the old ways, and to be honest, the fabric of society looked the same and likely more or less operated the same way despite the change in theory and method of governance after the American Revolution. Men and women still got together, had children, and it was the male head of family that was (a) respected as such, and (b) was charged with the leadership of his wife and the rearing of his family, and (c) was held accountable for the deeds of his wife and family. Socially, it functioned as a patriarchy. But how society governed itself had moved on, and before long, this change in governance would be reflected in the culture and in the family. American culture would soon no longer be accurately labelled patriarchal.

In the meantime, with the family man thus divested in favor of the propertied man, the democratic nature of democracy was being realized. No, we couldn't keep the republic: Not even 100 years after the Founding, suffrage was extended to all men, regardless of family status or property. It seems that, by narrowing down the set of men vested with the vote, landed men were not numerous enough to defend their power from usurpation by those unlanded and therefore unsuffraged men. The will of the democratic mob wouldn't stop there, either, as the interests of the several States was subsumed by the democratic interests of the mob with the passage of the Seventeenth Amendment, thus further upsetting the delicate checks and balances against Federal power the

Founders took such painstaking care to install. And then, 150 years after the Founding, women were suffraged too, and the divestiture of the patriarch was complete. Being a family man with children gave a fellow no bigger voice in society, no greater right to rule, than the billionaire playboy on the other side of town, or the hooker plying her trade in the alleyway. He was equal.

So: clearly we are not in a patriarchy, and haven't been for some time. But how to tell if one is in a patriarchy? Well, that's quite easy. Start with the most basic, fundamental unit of government, the one we experience first as humanity–the family–and note who leads it. If that person is a married man (or widower) with children, and each successive layer of government is built upon that foundation, with no exceptions, backdoors, or special privileges, well you are in a patriarchy. If not, government is built off of families headed by choice mommies, or two mommies, or two daddies, or even if it is a nuclear family but Dad's voice is but one in a cacaphonous din of single men, women, choice mommies, two mommies or two daddies, it is something else.

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Working out for Weaklings – A Primer from LCpl Durden

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Introduction

The Marine Corps is well known for its physical fitness, and things being what they were, I kind of didn't fit in. For those unaware, I spent most of my life as a shut in, neck-bearded closet nerd trolling GameFAQs and other online forums. Ferdinand Bardamu of *In Mala Fide* is quite hard on places such as GameFAQs – and justifiably so – but they taught me a lot of lessons which applied later in life…but I digress. The point here is that becoming a Marine had been a childhood pipe dream of mine – the way kids dreamed about being President or an astronaut or what have you, I thought of Marines as super heroes (perhaps because my grandfather had been a retired Lieutenant Colonel who survived the battle of Iwo Jima; look it up, get learned).

Suffice to say, the adjustment from a sedentary life to the rigorous demands of the Marine Corps was a rough one. I struggled to keep up but mostly I struggled not to be a burden on fellow recruits during training and later my fellow Marines in the fleet. When I first went down to my recruiter, I was a "triple threat," which meant that I could not pass a single event on the IST or initial strength test – which is kind of embarrassing. All it required of me was to perform two dead-hang pull ups (I went down to boot camp without being able to do a single one and in the three months only managed to get up to three just by the skin of my teeth), 44 crunches in two minutes, and run a mile and a half or something like that in some paltry slow time. (I don't remember exactly.) Point is? I was out of shape – I wans't fat, I just wasn't fit.

Throughout the course of my career I worked really hard to get to just below what is considered a "1st Class" physical fitness test score, and I also scored the bare minimum for 1st class on the newish Combat Fitness Test. I was able to accomplish this thanks in huge part to the mentorship and guidance of several of my peers who had previously been body builders and personal trainers – in particular, one who goes by the nickname Julio and another who is still serving as a Corporal out in Okinawa. They have continued to provide me instruction and guidance in physical fitness and overall health, which I have found a much superior alternative to managing my condition as compared to "doctor's orders."

I have refined a routine that I think could work for anyone who is self-disciplined and believes they can benefit from my system. I am sharing it here, free of charge, in the hopes that it gets tested and I get word whether it works for others or not. Physical fitness is a key component of Game, as well, so if you'd like to do well with the ladies, you'd do well to be in shape. I'll be talking about three key areas of fitness and my strategy for managing them. First up…

Technique

Technique is super important when it comes to working out effectively. Amateur enthusiasts get caught up in the lust for lifting heavier and heavier weights. Some manage to get a degree of success with this strategy – even having "sculpted" bodies – but often their bodies are useless. Pretty trinkets with no real strength. But I digress. Technique is absolutely essential. If you've never trained with a personal trainer or someone who knows the proper form for performing the exercises you are attempting, make sure you do at your earliest convenience. Even if you only work with them for two weeks in order to perfect your form, this will pay you dividends in the long run.

One key is to "mentally trigger" the muscle groups you are *supposed* to be using during the exercise. Imagine that you are using your chest to push the weight when you do a bench press, instead of your arms. If you get caught up in the lust for more and more weight, this is an easy pointer to miss. Mentally triggering helps activate your muscles and moreover is a sort of mental device for helping ensure your body does the exercise properly. You can tell if you're doing it right because you will *feel* it in the muscle groups you're targeting.

I cannot stress enough that you should start out at low or no weight (ie body weight – maybe less, depending on your capabilities – there is no shame, we're all different) exercises in order to master your technique. Once you

have mastered it you can work on upping the weight and the investment you put into mastering the form will pay off in spades as you sky rocket ahead of people who did it all backwards.

Frequency

Most research (and all of my friends who are in very good shape corroborate) indicates that training to failure is stupid and should be avoided. An ideal work out regimen should be designed around doing small sets, if you can, all throughout your day. For example, if you are training to increase your pull ups, the best idea is to get a pull up bar installed in your home, and then every time you go to the bathroom, do a small set of pull ups that doesn't tire you out. Or so the wisdom goes.

Unless you're a professional body builder who really knows what the fuck you're doing, you probably want to stay away from training to failure, otherwise known as training until you're dead fucking tired. It's far better to keep your work outs energizing and fun. That being said, there are many ways to make sure you don't overtrain; a commonly cited technique to break up repetitions is called the "pyramid" method. What you do is set a target number of repetitions to perform without stopping – say, 10 – but you start out by doing only one, and then taking a break to recover. Then you do 2, take another break, do 3, and so on. When you complete 10, you go back down to 9, then 8, and so on.

The mind is easy to trick. If you count to ten, it seems like you're doing an awful lot of work. If you break up your counting, you can trick your mind into thinking you are doing less work; so I prefer to count my sets in threes. For example, my first "block" so to speak, using the pyramid method, will go 1, 2, 3… If after 3, I feel tired, I go back down to 2, then 1, and stop. If, however, I still feel fresh, I commit to another set of 3, and I go down and count "1, 2, 3, 1…" Then "1, 2, 3, 1, 2…" Then "1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3…" In this way I can continue to assess whether I should continue my pyramid and abort. Sets of three are good because the extra two or three repetitions isn't really enough to push you over the edge too much if you do commit to them, and counting in sets of three is pretty easy to keep track of.

Nutrition

Your body is some 80% water. Go buy a BPA free water bottle (such as a nice camelback one) and carry it with you wherever you go. Drink as much water as you comfortably can and refill it every chance you get. You will piss probably once an hour, or maybe once every other hour, and if your piss isn't clear as water you aren't drinking enough water. Seriously. Drink water. You will notice you have less of an appetite and more energy. Just drink water. Avoid soda unless you're treating yourself. Juice is okay from time to time. Milk is a good source of calcium. And I drink alcohol socially. But stick to water.

Your diet, unless you are super careful, probably won't give you all the nutrition you need. So you might need supplements. My friend recommended a very good basic set, which consists of a good multivitamin, basic 100% whey protein, and a thermogenic. Brand name wise, I went to GNC to get all this shit, and got the Mega Men Ultra Sport multivitamin, some kind of GNC generic brand protein shake mix, and "Refine" was the thermogenic. Wake up, take your vitamins and thermogenic, wait thirty minutes, then go hit the gym. Afterwards, drink your shake and have breakfast (I usually just have something light like cereal and some bananas).

I eat a lot of fish, rice, pasta, and chicken. I try to avoid beef but it really doesn't matter. Just try to eat protein and stay away from obviously unhealthy food. It's pretty simple really. Anybody can do it. If you follow through with an exercise routine but you aren't properly managing your nutrition you are shooting yourself in the foot and you won't see the benefits. Drink lots of water, eat right, and consider basic supplements. It's pretty easy.

Conclusion

People come up with every excuse under the sun to not start working out. "I can't figure out how to fit in in my schedule" or "I'm not sure what my goals are" or "blah blah blah." Truth is, if you start doing it and you do it right, you'll enjoy it and you'll figure out a way to fit it in. You increase your testosterone levels which are awesome for

your health, you'll start feeling more confident, you release endorphins, and you'll overall just start feeling great. But if you sit there convincing yourself there's no point, and you don't believe you can do it, then you're never going to do it. Physical fitness is very much a mind over matter situation, so stop feeling sorry for yourself, stop making excuses, and just fucking do it.

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America's Jails Become Stud Farms for Female Guards

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Yolanda Dickinson, a former jailer at Rikers Island NY, recently came out with a book called "Taboo," which details the trysts between inmates and their guards. Dickinson was fired in 2004 for having phone conversations with inmates, including one she particularly liked, because he beat up another inmate who had offended her and claimed to have murdered a rapist.

Dickinson characterizes Rikers, in which some 4,000 women are involved in guarding the 12,000 inmates, as a "soap opera."

Rikers has seen a steady stream of female guards dismissed for liaisons with inmates in recent years. The most violent and notorious seem to be most in demand:

> At least six female guards have been fired or forced out for undue familiarity with prisoners since 2007, including Kimberly Hurd, 39, who bore an inmate's love child; Yolanda Turner-Goodwin, 44, who was photographed hugging and kissing a prisoner; and Kadessha Mulgrav, 34, who allegedly sneaked away for a midnight liaison with cop killer Lee Woods in a shower room.

There is doubtless something appealing to a number of women in having access to a large population of confined and supervised men who also happen to be under their authority. If the general trend started by feminists were to continue indefinitely (I am certain that it will not), the entire country would resemble Rikers Island, with the majority of men under some form of penal supervision and existing for little more than the pleasures and whims of their female superiors.

Romance Isn't Dead, It's Just Criminal

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Women wonder:

> What happened to romantic gestures and seizing the moment?
> Is romance dead?
> Where is my Prince Charming?
> Where is a man who will "sweep me off my feet"?

Well, he certainly isn't employed at your workplace or attending your educational institution, and here's why: what you call "sweeping you off your feet" or "making a romantic gesture" the law now calls "sexual harassment", and people lose their jobs and get expelled from universities for it.

Does this sound incredible? Shouldn't the kind of behavior qualifying as "sexual harassment" be completely outrageous, something that regular people would never do? Good guys just trying to be romantic shouldn't be at risk of crossing over into that territory, right? Wrong.

There is no minimum level for harassing conduct under the law.

The United Nations General Recommendation 19 to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women defines sexual harassment of women to include:

> "such unwelcome sexually determined behavior as physical contact and advances, sexually colored remarks, showing pornography and sexual demands, whether by words or actions. Such conduct can be humiliating and may constitute a health and safety problem; it is discriminatory when the woman has reasonable ground to believe that her objection would disadvantage her in connection with her employment, including recruitment or promotion, or when it creates a hostile working environment."

In U.S. employment law, "hostile environment sexual harassment" refers to a situation where employees in a workplace are subject to a pattern of exposure to unwanted sexual behavior from persons other than an employee's direct supervisor where supervisors or managers take no steps to discourage or discontinue such behavior.

> Some situations that have been ruled to constitute such a hostile environment are:
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> - Consistently telling “dirty” jokes or stories where all employees in the work area can hear them
> - Tolerating employees who make sexually suggestive remarks about other employees within earshot of others
> - Allowing peer employees, clients, suppliers, delivery persons, or even customers (*Lockard v. Pizza Hut*) to persist in unwanted attention, such as asking for dates
> - Allowing the use of derogatory terms with a sexual connotation (e.g., “pussy,” “girlie-man,” “player”) to be used to describe co-workers
> - Allowing frequent physical contact, even when not sexual

As you can see, the legal definitions of sexual harassment include “unwanted attention”, “asking for dates”, “frequent physical contact, even when not sexual” – and any of this can cost a man his job.

For a man to do his job in an “equal” and “integrated” 50% female workplace without accidentally committing crimes during his workday, he must carefully avoid giving the people he is expected to collaborate with any “attention” that could be seen as “unwanted”, and he must also carefully avoid physical contact with the people who hand him printouts and squeeze past him in hallways, so as not to allow it to become “frequent”. Any behavior can, of course, be seen as “unwanted”, seeing as none of us are psychic and any behavior we do not predict before it happens is unexpected and thus by default “unwanted”.

You want spontaneous romantic gestures? Well, you know, “spontaneous” is just another word for “unwanted”, and that’s a crime.

Spending most of their waking hours living under rules like these, is it any wonder that men learn to cautiously avoid romantic actions? Do you expect men to spend 8 hours a day being taught that any “attention” or “physical contact”, by default “unwanted”, is a crime, and then magically switch off all that programming in the evening to become the romance novel hero who sweeps you off your feet?

Not so fast! The waters are hardly less dangerous outside places of work or study:

> In the United Kingdom the Sexual Offences Act 2003 defines “sexual assault” as when a person (A)
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> 1. intentionally touches another person (B),
> 2. the touching is sexual,
> 3. B does not consent to the touching, and
> 4. A does not reasonably believe that B consents.
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> In the United States the definition of sexual assault varies widely between the individual states. The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network defines “sexual assault” as “unwanted sexual contact that stops short of rape or attempted rape. This includes sexual touching and fondling.”

There you go – any spontaneous romantic sweeping gesture that might be interpreted as “unwanted sexual touching” is an express ticket to prison.

These nebulous definitions of sex crimes make many normal ways in which people interact with their friends and colleagues every day into crimes if one party decides after the fact that the “touching” was “unwanted” and “sexual”. “Unwanted” is basically impossible to disprove, and “sexual” comes close – if a man is squeezing through a hallway and bumps into someone around a corner, is it his fault that her “front bumpers” are legally defined as “sexual” in nature? It’s a fact of life that people who crowd into elevators together are going to bump into each other, and this “unwanted physical contact” may even be “frequent”. It’s another fact of life that the parts that stick

out in front of a person are the ones most likely to serve as the point of contact with whatever gets in the way, their "sexual" nature notwithstanding. When a man can't do his job without accidentally engaging in illegal "unwanted sexual contact", it becomes very difficult to prove after the fact whether a particular instance of such contact was intentional or not. Any of the two or three romantic gestures a man can still legally make will work as evidence of intent in all those unavoidable cases of "unwanted touching", so he'd better avoid signaling any sort of romantic intent in any way, sexual, non-sexual, touching or no touching, wanted or unwanted.

Are you still wondering where you'll find the men who would sweep you off your feet? Now that sweeping has been made illegal, they can likely only be found in prison or the parts of town where men with no respect for the law hang out. Would you like to go look for them there?

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Take Back The Knight

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Here's a fun image BeijaFlor sent in. Graphics are great, and will probably be one of our strengths as time goes on.

If he gives me the go ahead, I'll throw in the svg and cmx files so people can download them and use them for posters and the like.

Daughter Down! A Textbook Example of Hypergamy

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By Lyn87

My wife and I were having dinner with our best friends tonight to celebrate a recent event that is something of a milestone for me. After a while the husband looked over at me and said, “Well, we had a bad day today.”

…waiting for the other shoe to drop…

“[Insert name of eldest daughter here] is pregnant.”

Yikes.

It’s not like she didn’t know better. She’s 18 and her bad-boy boyfriend is 21. She’s in high school and he lives with his parents and has an exciting and lucrative career in the fast food industry: I’m sure he’s going to go far.

This has “Train wreck” written all over it.

She’s a textbook example of hypergamy. I’ve never seen a girl who had a case this extreme. She’s passably attractive and I personally know two nice young men who would have thrown themselves in front of a speeding train for a shot at her. The parents kept hoping that she would pair off with one of them. I told them it wouldn’t happen, and I told them why it wouldn’t happen.

She spent a lot of time with the nice guys doing innocuous group activities like shopping and going to the movies. They were always there to keep her company and sympathize with her when some guy she was dating treated her like crap.

Not interested. Not even a little.

Is anyone here surprised by that?

Anyone?

The weird thing is that I gave her parents a lengthy explanation of female hypergamy about two months ago to help them understand their daughter’s seemingly irrational behavior in going for losers while she put the nice guys into the “friend” basket.

Sometimes I HATE it when I’m right.

So what can we learn from this sordid little mess that plays out thousands of times a week all around us?

1) The nice, attentive, beta guys didn’t get the girl, and they’re infinitely better off for it.

2) The bad-boy alpha with “game” is probably screwed for life, and will have little say in how this plays out, although he will be held legally responsible.

3) The parents may well end up raising their daughter’s bastard for quite a while, to the detriment of their other children.

4) Her life is irreparably changed, and not for the better.

5) Unless she gives the kid up for adoption it’s probably screwed as well.

6) She’s going to end up with a beta sooner or later – the only questions are “How long until she snags one?”, “How much human wreckage will she cause in the meantime?” and “How long before she ruins his life too?”

This is what happens when 50 years of feminism unshackles unrestrained sexuality from social opprobrium.

Ironically, the only people who come out ahead are the betas who dodged that bullet, although it’s likely to be a

while before they appreciate that fact.

The Na: A Society without Marriage

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By Khangray

I'm new to the MRM. I've enjoyed the articles, comments, and ideas and want to thank those who take the time to participate. It has helped me a lot. Many years ago I figured out that the game was rigged but I didn't appreciate by how much until after spending some time at this and similar web sites.

Marriage 2.0 is clearly toxic to men's health and sanity. Women like it a lot but are beginning to wonder where the guys are. Marriage 1.0 was better for men, children, and arguable for women, but not by much. But Marriage 0.0 was what humanity experienced for most of recorded history up until about the 15th Century. It was a partnership between men and women in an effort to survive in a world of grinding poverty and near constant hunger. It gave both access to in-laws with resources and power. The woman produced children who soon added to the family workforce increasing the change of survival for everyone. The man offered protection for his wife and children. Survival was the goal and both stood a better chance of surviving if they were married than single. In Marriage 0.0, you married for resources and connections, not 'love.' For a good history of marriage read Marriage a History by Stephanie Coontz. Eye opening. She doesn't use the term Marriage 2.0 and doesn't address men's issues to any extent but does a reasonable job at discussing the evolution of the institution of marriage.

Marriage has always been about regulating property, sex, and child rearing. It is a set of legal rules that govern how property, and status is handed down from generation to generation. But, because it is a set of legal rules, it allows the state, and church, and other special interests to modify those rules for the benefit of certain groups at the expense of others. OK. Now what?

The problem isn't Marriage 2.0. The problem is marriage in general. But society has to have marriage in order to survive. Right? Maybe not.

The Na is a society of about thirty thousand people in current day southwestern China. With the Na, there is no marriage. Brothers and sisters live together, jointly raising, educating, and supporting the children of the sisters. Sibling relationships are valued and longlasting. Sexual relationships and love affairs are informal and far less important than the sibling relationships. Trained anthropologists have established that some of these sibling-based households have lasted for ten or more generations. Brothers and sisters are practically inseparable. Yet there is no incest. That is a very strong taboo among the Na.

Na babies come from casual romantic encounters. The father has no responsible and no rights to his child. It is the siblings, not spouses, who pool economic resources and share the responsibilities of child raising.

A Na household can consist of a large number of individuals: the siblings, the children of the sisters, mothers, aunts, and uncles of the siblings, and maybe a few great grandmothers, great aunts, and great uncles. Children need both male and female adult role models as they mature. A household with many adult role models generally produces happier and healthier children. The single parent family offers the child a very narrow view of what it is to be an adult and children from such families suffer as a result.

With the Na there is no marriage and no divorce. There is no alimony. The rape issue is mitigated to some extent by the fact that any women will have several brothers and uncles looking after her. Men have no rights or responsibilities to their children. There is no child support. Na men do however have a responsibility to help raise the children of their sisters. These children carry 25% of the genes that make the man unique. He can be certain of that. A married man (in the absence of DNA testing) can never be quite sure that the children he is struggling to support carry any of his DNA.

To know that a thing is possible is half the battle to making it real. The Na have proved that a stable society can exist without marriage. It provides a way for men to have women and children in their lives without having to deal

with the legal institutions that have sprung up to regulate marriage.

It is a very different approach to the question of family, procreation, and sex but one worth pondering. Clearly Marriage 2.0 is unsustainable in the long term. Something must replace it. If not the Na approach then what? If you don't like the options available to you, then build another. Men have always been good at that and humanity is much better off because of it.

DV Fakers are Shortchanging the True Victims

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We should all be concerned about the ongoing epidemic of intimate partner violence. But the March 9 edition of the cheeky Village Voice casts a spotlight on the sordid under-belly to the abuse issue – the problem of scammers who finagle besieged public benefit programs by making a false accusation of partner violence.

The cover story, Ten Worst Tenants by Elizabeth Dwoskin, calls out the hoarders and fraudsters who exasperate, deceive, and torment other tenants and honest-dealing landlords. And fourth on her list are the Domestic-Violence Fakers.

Dwoskin first introduces us to Latonya Malone, 26, who earns $35,000 working as a security guard in Manhattan. Ms. Malone wanted to move into nicer digs – but for a person of her means, these could only be had by qualifying under the HUD Section 8 housing voucher program.

So Malone seized on a bright idea: Claim to be a victim of domestic violence, which would move her to the front of the line. So she got a bogus restraining order that claimed a fictitious "John Brown" had beaten her.

Last October Malone was charged with grand larceny for allegedly stealing government subsidies valued at $14,000. The case is now pending.

Reporter Dwoskin then recounts the story of Chevelle Richardson who filled out a fabricated incident report for daughter Chandera. Then she forged a letter from the Safe Horizon abuse shelter.

Chevelle, Chandera, and four other women were arrested last year for falsely claiming to be victims of domestic violence.

Rose Gill Hearn, commissioner of the NYC Department of Investigation, finds these cases to be repugnant. "I mean, there are real victims of domestic violence out there," she exclaims.

It's not hard to figure out why DV fakers have become a problem — and the scent of the trail leads all the way to our nation's capitol.

On January 5, 2006, President George Bush signed into law the Violence Against Women Act. The law, commonly known as VAWA, contains a provision that domestic violence does not qualify as a serious or repeated violation of a rental lease, and thus does not constitute good cause to terminate the victim's tenancy rights.

The provision makes perfect sense – after all, who would ever want to see a victim of battering turned out to the streets?

But exactly what is "domestic violence"? Under VAWA, partner violence is viewed in vague terms, including the use of tactics designed to "gain or maintain power and control."

No one exactly knows what "power and control" means, so agencies resort to broad criteria that qualify almost everyone. For example in many states, applicants for the welfare Family Violence Option are asked if they have been subjected to "mind games" or have ever felt "emotionally abused."

Other agencies employ similarly broad criteria. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control provides these examples of partner abuse:

1. "getting annoyed if the victim disagrees"
2. "withholding information from the victim"
3. "disregarding what the victim wants."

Getting annoyed…ignoring what a person wants…that's domestic violence?

So when the man or woman applies for Section 8 housing, the person only needs to fill out form HUD-91066,

Certification of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking. The government form instructs the applicant, “In your own words, describe the incident.” No police records, photographs, medical documents, or eyewitness accounts are required.

No surprise, a tsunami of would-be “victims” of partner violence is swamping besieged welfare programs.

And the real victims are finding it difficult to get help. In some parts of the country, abuse shelters report a 3-month waiting list. That’s because the facilities are filled with homeless persons claiming to be victims of abusive “mind control” tactics.

The true victims are furious, of course. An advocacy group known as Survivors in Action has started a petition demanding that domestic violence groups be held “accountable for refusing victims the resources and services they desperately need.” To date, over 11,000 male and female victims have signed on: http://apps.facebook.com/causes/petitions/201?m=a4681d42

If resources were ever-flowing, we might be able to dismiss the Domestic Violence Fakers as a pesky distraction. But in an era of shrinking budgets, turning a blind eye to this practice is tantamount to a betrayal of the truly vulnerable.

And for the persons who are falsely accused — usually men — we are doing them a grave disservice as well.

It's a Personal Issue

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One of the reasons I think we're going to eventually succeed in turning around the worst of the feminist excesses is that the monster they've reared has touched many of us personally. For the last generation or so more and more men have faced tragedies as a consequence of the biases of the family court system. Most of these men are still middle aged or younger, and the numbers are growing every day. Fatherlessness has become something of a national shame, and the old "blame it on the men" schtick is pretty worn out by now.

That said, I'm dealing with it myself – again – as my ex has recently declared she intends to remove my children from the US to live with the man she had an affair with, ending our marriage. I don't know whether she can pull it off or not, but I have to put some effort into dealing with it in the most effective manner possible — if she can move them I will need an ironclad parenting plan to ensure that she doesn't cut me off from my kids, who are still very young, permanently.

So while I intend to keep the volume of content at the same level on The Spearhead, my own contributions might be a little less frequent for a short period of time as I prepare for another legal marathon. I'd like to thank contributors for keeping a flow of posts coming in recently, and encourage them to keep it up. As always, I'll be here keeping an eye on things, but the mental energy I dedicate to writing will be partly directed elsewhere for a little while as I work out a strategy to remain a father to my children. Being a parent is never easy – especially in these circumstances – but I owe it to my kids to hang in there for them.

In the meanwhile, I'm sure we'll have a lot of good stuff coming in to keep readers engaged. As for my pending posts, I'm considering writing a few primers on the issues of international child abduction and relocation, because I expect to become something of an expert on it soon, but I'll have to keep it rather general — I don't intend to get into the specifics of my own case. Nevertheless, it is a real problem, and the 1996 Hague Convention, which addresses this issue, is still quite new. In the West, it is overwhelmingly fathers who are victims of child abduction and alienation from their children, so this is very much a relevant men's issue. So in the long run, I expect this latest hassle to result in yet more inspired content. That is really the strength of *The Spearhead*: every challenge simply provides fresh motivation, momentum and resolve.

A Feminist Regrets Free Sex–Sort Of

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Naomi Wolf circa 2000

Naomi Wolf of Algore beta-male-rehab fame, author of such feminist and left-illiberal (aka secular leftist) books such as *Promiscuities*[image], *The Beauty Myth[image]*, *Misconceptions[image]*, and *The End of America*,[image] and feminist third waver, seems to have been moderating her rhetoric in her advancing age (born in 1962, she will be 50 next year). Moderating so much, in fact, that she even publicly questioned (HT: Gorbachev) in an anti-pornography article penned in 2008 for the New Yorker, a foundational tenet of feminism–the free expression (i.e., availability) of women's sexuality as a key element of authentic liberation and true autonomy:

> [D]oes all this sexual imagery in the air mean that sex has been liberated—or is it the case that the relationship between the multi-billion-dollar porn industry, compulsiveness, and sexual appetite has become like the relationship between agribusiness, processed foods, supersize portions, and obesity? If your appetite is stimulated and fed by poor-quality material, it takes more junk to fill you up. People are not closer because of porn but further apart; people are not more turned on in their daily lives but less so. The reason to turn off the porn might become, to thoughtful people, not a moral one but, in a way, a physical- and emotional-health one; you might want to rethink your constant access to porn in the same way that, if you want to be an athlete, you rethink your smoking. The evidence is in: Greater supply of the stimulant equals diminished capacity. After all, pornography works in the most basic of ways on the brain: It is Pavlovian. An orgasm is one of the biggest reinforcers imaginable. If you associate orgasm with your wife, a kiss, a scent, a body, that is what, over time, will turn you on; if you open your focus to an endless stream of ever-more-transgressive images of cybersex slaves, that is what it will take to turn you on. The ubiquity of sexual images does not free eros but dilutes it.

That a feminist opposes pornography is not all that surprising, as the feminist camp itself is widely split on this subject. Some find it a liberating expression of women's sexuality, others take solace in the power that porn gives women over sex-hungry men, while still others decry the objectification of the female form for a mostly male audience (while remaining mute or evenly begrudgingly supportive of the female-objectifying porn consumed by women).

It is also unsurprising to see Wolf characterize pornography's adverse affects on men and women according to an Enlightenment model of man that splits his spiritual nature from his rational/corporeal nature. This is straight-up liberalism at its finest, ignoring that man is at heart a spiritual creature and not merely an evolved bag of molecules all vibrating in unison. This stunted and reductionist philosophy also permits her to run down spiritual arguments against pornography–e.g., "thoughtful people" do not oppose porn for "moral" reasons–while elevating the physical rationale against porn–e.g., "thoughtful people" may oppose porn for its adverse effects on "physical- and emotional-health". This stunted and reductionist philosophy also permits her to set aside the true purpose of

sexuality–to bring male and female humans together as one flesh, a more complete creature in the image of God–and instead focus on the industrial aspects of sex, the rubbing of genitalia, and the release of bonding chemicals such as oxytocin. This to Wolf was a key reason to oppose porn, because it inhibited the formation of high-quality relationships between actual men and actual women, not because it was inherently wrong in and of itself.

But what I found quite interesting about Wolf's article was how she favorably described the quite retro habits of Orthodox Jews (one of the very few fundamentalist religious groups seen as "cool" enough to receive positive mention by the left-illiberal intelligentsia) and their requirement for women to be modest in their expression of sexuality:

> I am not advocating a return to the days of hiding female sexuality, but I am noting that the power and charge of sex are maintained when there is some sacredness to it, when it is not on tap all the time. In many more traditional cultures, it is not prudery that leads them to discourage men from looking at pornography. It is, rather, because these cultures understand male sexuality and what it takes to keep men and women turned on to one another over time—to help men, in particular, to, as the Old Testament puts it, "rejoice with the wife of thy youth; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times." These cultures urge men not to look at porn because they know that a powerful erotic bond between parents is a key element of a strong family.
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> And feminists have misunderstood many of these prohibitions.
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> I will never forget a visit I made to Ilana, an old friend who had become an Orthodox Jew in Jerusalem. When I saw her again, she had abandoned her jeans and T-shirts for long skirts and a head scarf. I could not get over it. Ilana has waist-length, wild and curly golden-blonde hair. "Can't I even see your hair?" I asked, trying to find my old friend in there. "No," she demurred quietly. "Only my husband," she said with a calm sexual confidence, "ever gets to see my hair." When she showed me her little house in a settlement on a hill…the sexual intensity in the air was archaic, overwhelming. It was private. It was a feeling of erotic intensity deeper than any I have ever picked up between secular couples in the liberated West.
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> And I thought: Our husbands see naked women all day—in Times Square if not on the Net. Her husband never even sees another woman's hair.

It is interesting to note that Wolf sees the wisdom in feminine modesty and the destructive power of pornography on the fabric of relationships between men and women. She even correctly observes the link between Western women's immodest dress and the devaluation of women's sexuality. Yet for all these correct perceptions, she cannot shake off her feminist programming. She could not reject the feminist imperative that claims women achieve "power" through the unfettered expression of their sexuality. She was also apparently unable to bring herself to suppress the hardwired female tendency toward sexual display to attract the sexual attention of a male, that women become "hot" by flooding the environment around them with their sexual signals, oblivious to the fact that the trade-off for such sexual advertisement is the cheapening of the sexuality of all females. Thus we see Wolf completely unable to recognize the slippery slope inherent in "just a little" expression of sexuality. Humans, by our sinful natures, will push boundaries, and "just a little" sexuality will, over time, explode into full-on pornography.

It also comes as no surprise to me that Wolf comes out grudgingly against visual porn,* and would presumably act to stifle it if given the chance, while remaining absolutely mute on the female modesty issue that gives birth to visual porn in the first place. This even though she fully admits that the men around her are assailed by sexual imagery all day long. What is porn, if not packaged and commodified sexual imagery a degree slightly more explicit than one may see simply by taking a stroll down to the marketplace? Thus, when it comes to limiting women's autonomy, even if doing so would be to serve women's physical and mental health in the long run, Wolf finds herself unable to recommend that women's sexuality be put back into the place where it belongs…as a gift to her husband and husband alone.

* As I have observed is typical for most women, not a single mention of "romance fiction"–in other words, emo

porn–and its deleterious effects on men's and women's relationship is made in Wolf's anti-porn article. Granted, it is a bit off the subject, but I'd be willing to bet that Wolf's Orthodox friend doesn't consume that sort of porn either, both for the *moral* as well as the *physical and mental* tolls it exacts.

I do not think porn is on the whole helpful. But as porn takes, it also evidently gives, as Chuck Ross at Gucci Little Piggy observed the other day, in a post about how the availability of porn seems to decrease rape rates. Yes, you read that correctly…there may be an upside to porn in the sense that porn availability helps sate the appetites of otherwise sex-deprived men and therefore tamp down sexual assault. On this point, Wolf agrees, stating:

> So Dworkin was right that pornography is compulsive, but she was wrong in thinking it would make men more rapacious…the effect is not making men into raving beasts. On the contrary: The onslaught of porn is responsible for deadening male libido in relation to real women. Far from having to fend off porn-crazed young men, young women are worrying that as mere flesh and blood, they can scarcely get, let alone hold, their attention. [Women] can't compete, and they know it.

Thus it is that those like myself who generally tend to take a dim view on porn, both visual and emo, may be convinced to take a more circumspect view of it, for as the sexual market place has been stood on its ear by unleashed female hypergamy, serial polyandry, constant female sexual advertisement, and alpha male/jerk/thug harem-building, in comes porn to release the sexual pressure of those frustrated deltas, gammas, and omegas who find themselves unable to secure the attention and durable fidelity of a flesh and blood woman.

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AG Holder Needs to Retract False Statements about Domestic Violence

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In ringing prose, President Barack Obama underscored his March 9, 2009 Memorandum on Scientific Integrity with this promise: “Under my administration, the days of science taking a back seat to ideology are over…To undermine scientific integrity is to undermine our democracy.”

As luck would have it, Attorney General Eric Holder issued a statement a few months later designed to spotlight the issue of domestic violence. In Holder’s own words, “Disturbingly, intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45.”

Turns out this statement is not one-sided or misleading. It’s flat-out wrong.

Go to the website of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. There you can fire up the WISQARS (“whiskers”) search engine to glean the leading causes of death for any age group, race, sex, geographical region, or year: http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/leadcaus10.html

So I entered the data to match Holder’s proclamation – African-American women in the 15-45 year age range. In 2007, the women’s leading causes of death were:

1. Cancer
2. Heart disease
3. Accidents (unintentional injuries)

Thinking something must be wrong, I fiddled with different years – same result. Domestic violence homicides didn’t make the list.

This factual boo-boo came to light in a February 4 USA Today column by Christina Hoff Sommers. Calling on Holder to remove the misstatement “immediately,” the essay enumerated the harms wrought by such wrongful assertions.

“Misinformation leads to misdirected policies that fail to target the true causes of violence,” Dr. Sommers declared. “Worse, those who promulgate false statistics about domestic violence, however well-meaning, promote prejudice. Most of the exaggerated claims implicate the average male in a social atrocity.”

What’s more, these claims are exploited by dictatorial regimes to buttress antiquated human rights policies. “In Europe almost 70% of housewives are beaten by their husbands,” Iranian President Ahmadinejad once asserted, absurdly.

Columnist Paul Elam highlighted another cause for worry: “The danger here, of course, is that by telling African American women that the leading cause of their death is IPV [intimate partner violence], we are minimizing and helping them ignore the things that really are killing them.”

Eric H. Holder was sworn in as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States on February 3, 2009. Four months later, I happened to attend a speech by the newly-confirmed law enforcement head. Still basking in the afterglow of his controversial confirmation, Mr. Holder spoke condescendingly how the Bush Administration’s Department of Justice had been reflexively smitten by a narrow ideology.

And under his leadership, Holder pledged to the crowd, the faded luster of the DoJ would soon be restored. That was two years ago.

I cannot fault Mr. Holder for his factual hiccup. After all, public officials make statements every day, and they can’t be expected to fact-check each jot and tittle of every speech. And I am not going to suggest that Mr. Holder was intentionally thumbing his nose at President Obama’s Presidential Memorandum on Scientific Integrity.

But now the truth of the matter has come to light and the harm caused by this intellectual flim-flam cataloged. Mr. Holder needs to assure the claims and policies of his department are rooted in scientifically-verifiable fact, not ideologically-driven cant.

Act now, Mr. Holder, to protect the integrity, the professionalism, and the good name of the Department of Justice.

Fun With Dick and Jane

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(Warning: this is a very long post because it deals with a lot of issues which can be very subtle and can't be done justice in a handful of sound bites.)

Every once in a while we have experiences which allow us to integrate a number of vague observations into a flash of insight. Previously held ideas fall away and are replaced by a new understanding of something which had made no sense to us as long as we held onto our old beliefs. It is that "aha" moment which allows a quantum leap in understanding of a problem or issue and seeing it in an **entirely** new way. An example often used to illustrate this experience of sudden insight is Sir Issac Newton's moment when he perceived an apple falling from a tree as "the apple and the earth falling toward each other."

I had such a moment regarding the topic of sexual relations back in the late 90s. It was not a spontaneous revelation by itself, but rather the culmination of years of dealing with a certain woman and how her behavior eventually forced me to abandon a lot of the beliefs I had once held.

One concept you will see mentioned frequently in the manosphere is the concept of "the narrative." It is very important for men to understand the narrative and how it has been used by the cultural Marxists to create a belief system which is totally contrary to reality, but is so relentlessly pushed that it actually overrides reality and people's real experiences. It is at the heart of Political Correctness – what is socially acceptable takes precedence over what is real.

Today we live in a world controlled by the feminist narrative. Feminist theories about the nature of the world and human interactions are ruthlessly enforced through social attack against anyone who dares speak the truth. Most readers here will be familiar with the case of Larry Summers being hounded out of his job as president of Harvard for even daring to suggest that there might be innate differences between men and women. Despite mounting evidence that this is true, it is a truth none dare speak – like "the emperor has no clothes."

Today men are faced with a situation like seeing a picture of the ice palace in the film "Dr. Zhivago", while the narrator's voice-over says something like -

"And the blistering heat and brutal drought continued unabated."

We see examples of the feminist narrative around us all the time – "men have 'oppressed' women for 10,000 years, and now it is payback time", "gender is just a social construct and women are capable of anything men are, as long as we have affirmative action, reduced standards for women, and a huge body of law and government enforcement on our side", "women STILL only make 75 cents for every dollar men make, not because of women's choices, but because the dreaded 'pay-tree-arc-keeee' is holding them down."

One of the best recent examples is the Duke Rape Hoax. The accuser was a stripper, drug addict, child abuser, and later arsonist, who in any sane society would have been considered a low life with zero credibility. But, the narrative of the inherently moral and pure woman, "oppressed" by "privileged" young white males from affluent families, trumped even photographic evidence of one of the accused being **somewhere else** when the fictitious "rayyyype" supposedly occurred.

False rape accusations depend entirely on a narrative and body of lies which women have worked relentlessly for the past 4 decades to establish and promote – males as the "designated initiators" and females as inherently pure sexless beings who only engage in sex because those dastardly men pressure them into it, and who, of course, would never, NEVER, **NEVER** lie about it. Males are cast as the villains in the narrative, as the "designated initiator" in any sexual interaction between a male and female – even those cases of adult women statutorily raping boys. Instead of being seen as the targets of sexual predators that they really are, such boys and young men are viewed as "getting lucky" – even in those cases where teenagers are forced to pay child support to their own rapists.

One of my biggest concerns as an MRA is this stereotype of men that we are saddled with as mindless horny beasts in a perpetual state of rut. False accusations are so easy to make against us, and so easy to make stick, because so many many people subscribe to the narrative and are incapable of comprehending that the reality is much different and more nuanced.

More than 30 years ago, feminists escalated their campaign to criminalize male sexuality. Rape on one side and "pornography" on the other became the twin sticks to beat men with for their misfortune of being born with a powerful instinct to be attracted to women. It was the perfect sting operation. The only better way to trap more men would be to somehow make breathing simultaneously shameful and criminal. The crusade by feminists like Andrea Dworkin and Catherine MacKinnon to make laws and the legal system conform to females' subjective whims started by claiming that porn led directly to rape. Thus, it was justified to suppress porn in order to "protect women" from these horny beasts that the narrative claimed all men were.

Now, 3 decades later, we have Naomi Wolf toeing the feminist party line that porn is bad, but now for the **opposite** reason – instead of making men have **too much** desire for women as Dworkin hallucinated, it is now bad because it makes men have **too little** interest in women. Women are now being harmed by men's indifference. But, in the hierarchy of atrocities, a crime of omission is seldom considered as bad as a crime of commission.

There were many comments in response to Elusive Wapiti's recent post, pointing out that it isn't as much that porn pulls men away from women as it is that women themselves have driven men away from themselves and porn is just a conveniently available substitute. As always, women seek to place the blame outside them themselves and their own choices and behavior, and project it onto men or some vague concept.

It certainly does seem true that women in general just are not capable of grasping cause and effect. And, more than anything else this one phenomenon explains their senses of powerlessness and helplessness. If I understand that something I am doing is bringing about the results that I am getting, either positive or negative, then that gives me the power to adjust my behavior to get the results I want. But, having any power at all requires a sense of responsibility – "What I do affects the results I get, therefor I have power to affect my results by choosing appropriate actions." But, people who absolute refuse to take any responsibility give up any chance at having power because they then have to change the entire rest of the world, and all the other people in it. Not bloody likely to happen.

I used to believe that women understood this. In fact, I had a very hard time grasping that anyone could be stupid enough to not understand it. If you point a gun at your foot and pull the trigger, you are gong to end up with one badly hurt foot. Don't want a hurt foot? Then don't point a gun at it and pull the trigger. Simple, right?

Ah, never underestimate the power of the Rationalization Hamster.

Over the years I have watched woman after women determinedly follow her hamster until it totally screwed up her life, and the lives of a lot of people who were involved with her. Here at the Spearhead you will see story after

story about women doing this. Throughout my life I have watched women as they destroyed relationship after relationship, even marriage after marriage, simply by being so self-centered and self absorbed that they just used people up and those people got tired of allowing themselves to be used. And, it would be bad enough if they only screwed up their own lives – but most of them leave the carnage of a debris field a mile wide and a totally scorched earth in their wake. They affect not only their own relationships, but the relationships of people whose lives they touch as well.

This is the story of one such woman. It isn't about an ex-wife or GF of mine, but about the ex-wife of a buddy of mine – one of the women I detest most among all that I have met. I've been wanting to tell this story for a long time, because it cuts across so many of the issues we grapple with here at the Spearhead. What spurred me to get down and write it all out was Elusive Waipiti's recent post about how the pornification of western culture has affected relationships between men and women. The point I am making is that a man doesn't even need to be intimately involved with a woman directly in order to get ensnared by "the narrative."

Chapter 1 –

I'll call them Dick and Jane. Dick was my best buddy for years and years – close to 25 years in all. We had almost perfectly overlapping interests and hobbies, and really enjoyed spending time together pursuing our mutual interests. We could go into one of our darkrooms at 6 in the evening, and come out at 4 in the morning, and have a sense that almost no time had passed. After the normal string of replaceable girlfriends for men our age in those days, he met Jane and things seemed to be going in the right direction for them.

They got married back in the early 80s and ended up having what people called a "starter marriage". It lasted about 4 years. She was driven, ambitious, and wanted to make a lot of money. He didn't need to stop to smell the roses, he considered smelling the roses his full-time occupation and only went to work to make enough money to be able to do that. He was so "laid back" that he made most type Bs look like type As. He had been my buddy for years when they got married, and I stood up with him as his best man.

They didn't have any kids, so at the fatal 4 year mark, when they couldn't think of any good reasons to stay married, they didn't.

After they had separated, but before the divorce was final, he told me she was coming back to stay with him (he got the house, because this was during the killer interest rates period, and the house would have sold for much less than they paid for it.)

"Oh?" I asked. "Yes, she is having a 'problem with her breasts' and has to have some surgery, and is going to stay here and I'm going to take care of her after the surgery." he told me.

(" 'Problem with her breasts?!?!?!' OH SHIT! BREAST CANCER!!!!!)

Except, it wasn't. The first time I saw her after the "surgery", I saw that the "problem" had been that she had been an A cup, when she wanted to be a C, or at least a B+. After she had moved out again, I confronted him – "Hey, dude, we have been friends for a long time, and I thought close ones. Why did you lie to me about the fact she was getting fake boobs?!?!"

"I didn't know anything about it until I picked her up from the hospital" he told me. That should have been the first telltale clue about her real personality.

Anyway, the marriage was over at that point. She went west and he went east. I kept in contact with him, and through him heard about her once in a while. It was one of those supposedly very civilized 80s divorces where they parted company with no real hard feelings – it "just didn't work out."

Chapter 2 -

About 10 years went by. She got married again, and he lived with a couple of women for short periods. Then, one day I got a call from him. Both of them were going to "happen" to be in town at the same time, and wanted to get

together. So, we made arrangements to have dinner and a night on the town together – kind of an "old times" thing. A platonic woman friend of mine went with us and saw right through them, even though I fell for their lie. "They are having an affair" she said. "Nah," I said, "she's gotten married again and they managed to divorce without hating each other, so I can understand them remaining friends."She looked at me with one of those "you are such a sucker" looks.

She was right, and I soon caught them in a lie and confronted them on it, and the whole story came out. Her husband had no interest at all in her sexually, so she had approached her ex (the safest man in the world for her considering the circumstances) about having an affair. He had never gotten over the sense of failure regarding their marriage, and jumped at the chance to "win her back."

They had been going at it for about 3 months when this took place, and within another month or 2 he had applied for a job transfer to the area where she lived. Since I lived between the 2 locations, he got me to help him move.

I spent a few days hanging out with him after we got there and got the truck unloaded, which also meant hanging out with her a lot. The topic she most wanted to talk about was how bewildered she was that her current husband didn't want her sexually, in front of the ex-husband who was doing everything the could to "win her back", including listen to this drivel of her whining about another man.

I felt both a bit sorry for him and a bit disgusted by him – **where the hell was his backbone?** But, hey, he was a Niceguy™ and thought that if he was nice enough that would turn the tide in his favor. Today I would send him to read Roissy.

The 3 of us ended up going out to eat together most nights that I was there. I have no idea what she told her husband about where she was (or if he even cared, which I was beginning to suspect he might not) but she was spending almost every evening with my buddy, and since we had once been friends in the habit of doing things together we fell right back into that pattern. Only this time the difference was that the topics of conversation she wanted to talk about were almost exclusively the problems she was having in her marriage – with her ex-husband playing the role of her emotional tampon, and me as an annoyed and impatient 3rd wheel observer.

One evening during dinner she made some statement about the "political differences" between her and her husband. I was operating in that "yadda, yadda, autopilot" mode that men often adopt with women and nodding my head like I was actually listening to what she was saying and offering appropriate cues for uninterrupted verbal output whenever she paused. So, I asked "What sort of political differences?" (mistake on my part, I know – I can only say in my defense that I was only listening to her drone on and not really thinking about what she was saying.)

"Well, let me give you an example" she said. "If a woman goes into a bar wearing sexy clothes and no panties and later gets raped, did she 'ask for it'? "

I was in full bore MRA mode in those days, so I was neither going to let that pass nor play into it. I could tell that she was stacking the deck like a typical feminist with her addition of the "no panties."

After much discussion, and using the example of me going into a poor part of town and waving around a handful of $100 bills just to rub in people's faces that I had something they wanted and didn't have and that they might just decide to knock me in the head and take it from me, I finally forced her to concede that if the hypothetical woman had acted differently that, yes, she would have experienced a different outcome.

But, the hamster was not going down without a fight, and she finished lamely "**BUT, I still** think a woman **'should'** be able to go anywhere she wants, wearing anything she wants, and do anything she wants, and still not have anything bad happen to her."

I took that statement as an admission of defeat.

But, that was back in the days when I was in full-bore MRA jihad mode, and I had had a belly full of her pissing and moaning about her current husband and how he didn't want her, in front of her ex-husband, who at that time I still considered a close friend, who was desperately trying to woo her back and was in full-bore AFC/emotional

tampon mode, so I was going to shove her bullshit back down her throat.

I asked what the hell was the woman doing in the bar in the first place – attention-whoring and hustling attention and free drinks, obviously.

Male "attention" is not "free" and women are not "entitled" to be the center of male attention the way many of them seem to think they are. They are playing a high risk game which will sometimes get them hurt, and very often will incur the hostility and animosity of men. A woman who attracts male attention by wearing low-cut tops forfeits the right to bitch about men paying attention to her tits, because all of her actions are designed purely for the purpose of attracting attention. A woman who goes into a bar dressed to attract male attention – down to shoving her panty-less twat in men's faces in a gesture that is as old as time and has always meant "mate me" – is not going to be able to maintain absolute control over exactly what kind of attention she gets and who she gets it from. By acting as she did, she is taking a risk.

But, typically feminist (or FEMININE-ist) Jane absolute refused to even see the way that the woman actually had power over the situation – by acting differently she would have certainly gotten different results. And there is the core of the sore point – you are always hearing women demand how MEN have to change, and the whole world has to change, so that they can do whatever they want to and still get the results they want to get. But, the world does not work that way – never has and never will – and the fact that it doesn't is not some plot men have hatched for the purpose of frustrating women.

Men are not warm-blooded vibrators who exist for women to flip on and off like light switches purely for women's entertainment. We are human beings with our own set of needs, and will keep demanding that women respect those needs as long as they continue to refuse to do so.

What Jane is talking about and committing is interpersonal **fraud** at the most fundamental level. It is essentially the same as a man who lies through his teeth and says "I love you" frequently just to get women to sleep with him. People who play that sort of vicious exploitive game have already violated the social contract of mutual civility, and thus do not deserve to have the benefit of it keeping them safe.

I responded to her hypothetical panty-less woman with 3 hypothetical men in the bar and pointed out to her how her beliefs and attitudes were contributing to the very pain that she was boring the shit out of me with having to listen to.

Man #1 is your typical naive "NiceGuy™" He hasn't seen enough of women to have wised up to the vicious games they play, so he reacts to the woman's mating display the way men are hard-wired to react. He is your basic AFC just waiting to be taken for a ride. He buys her a drink or two, she shuts him down and blows him off believing that she is just entitled to his attention and free drinks, and he slinks away feeling hurt and pissed off. Man #2 is your typical low-IQ semi-thug. He is the type of petty criminal who is poorly socialized, and considers selling meth or burglarizing houses to be perfectly acceptable vocations. He is already a criminal, so additional criminal behavior don't bother him one bit. Where the NiceGuy™ gets hurt and slinks away to lick his wounds, BadGuy™ decides to not let the bitch get away with jerking him around and decides to push the issue and make her deliver what she was seeming to promise.

Rape is a crime, and people who rape are criminally-minded. But, all this will get denied and swept away and NiceGuy™ will get blamed and branded a rapist for the event even though he was well socialized and did not commit a crime. The rape hysterics are doing something very evil, and in the long run very bad for women, when they do not differentiate between ordinary men and criminals. More on this later.

Which brings us to man #3. He is Jane's husband, and has seen this game being run before. He knows enough to know that the woman is committing sexual fraud to feed her inner attention-whore. So, instead of falling for the sexual scam she is running and allowing his instinctive and reflexive responses to be used to manipulate him, he shuts them down, turns his back on her, and turns his attention back to the ball game on the TV.

And, when he gets home, and Jane would **now** like a little bit of attention – on her schedule and strictly according to her demands – he remains shut down and wants nothing to do with her. So, rather than face being such a stupid bitch that her own husband doesn't want her, she goes out and cheats on him. But, remaining as gutless and dishonest as ever, she doesn't take the risk to put herself out on the open sexual marketplace and take the risk of having to compete with other women and possibly be rejected (she was, after all, at this point almost 50 years old). No, she approaches the safest man in the world for her, a man who still loves her enough that he would just about cut off his own arm rather than hurt her, and enlists his cooperation in cheating on her husband.

Am I managing to convey the depth of my contempt for this woman?

And, through it all, she cannot and will not step out of the narrative. The very concept that a man might shut down on women in general, or on a particular woman – her, for example – simply will not fit into her nicely furnished hamster cage.

Well, the day of my flight home finally arrived. She was going to take me to the airport and we had lunch before my flight. My eyes were not yet opened to the full depth of her game playing, and I bought the narrative that she was "confused and conflicted" about the whole thing. I laid it out for her and told her that I thought she was behaving in a reprehensible manner. "Don't keep playing these two guys off against each other" I said. "If you realize now that you made a mistake when you divorced Dick and want him back, then tell your husband that, and get a divorce, and marry Dick again. But don't keep playing these guys against each other in a bidding war to see who will offer you the better deal."

I could tell by the look on her face that I had hit nerve. I flew back home thinking she was one of the stupidest, vilest, most self-centered, cunts I had ever met in my life, and for all his good heart and being a Niceguy™, that he was dumber than dogshit to put up with her. But, stupid me, there was still enough of that damned Leo loyalty in me that I still saw her as a misguided friend and not as an evil selfish, self-centered bitch.

Well, my faith in her was justified in one respect – she would eventually help me over that hurdle.

Chapter 3 -

(and this is where the plot curdles)

Another 3 years or so go by, and she sends me an email that she is planning a big surprise party for his 50th birthday and since I was his best friend, she wants me to come. I was "between jobs" at the time, didn't want to spend the money, and not too hot on birthdays or her, so I declined.

Then, another friend of his that I had met started working on me. This guy stated that if I came, that Jane would dance naked. (they live on the left coast)

"Yeah. Right!" was my response. This woman was so sexually uptight that she would go to a beach or something like that, wear a 1 piece bathing suit out of the 50s, and still spend her time huddled up in a beach wrap. I expected the next thing the guy to do was try to sell me the Brooklyn Bridge.

They kept at me for several weeks and finally figured out that I was serious about not wanting to spend the money, so they finally offered to pay for my plane ticket. "Now, you're talking!"

It was Californication to the max. The "theme" of the party was "leather, lace, or nothing at all" and everyone there was either pretending to be a biker-wannabe or part of the nudist crowd. It was supposed to be a total surprise, so everyone hid in the next room when he showed up.

The ruse was that the 2 of them were going out to dinner with another couple. When he showed up, she started this elaborate game of "I planned something special for your birthday" and dropped the coat she was wearing to reveal that she was wearing nothing but a body stocking. Then, the female half of the other couple came in and dropped her coat, wearing nothing but a similar stocking. Of course, everyone was tittering over how excited Dick was going to be over the idea of a threesome with these 2 women.

At that point all the guests walked in shouting “surprise.”

The evening wore on with some of the most bogus, shallow, game playing I’ve ever had to endure. The women were all half or completely naked, and never got too far from their male SOs. There were enough single-unattached males there that the women got plenty of attention, but were perfectly safe from having to follow through on the reason they were getting it, because they had their protective husbands or BFs close at hand.

Many drinks into the evening, Jane stood up and started telling the story of getting me to the party. Of course, the idea that any man would pass up the chance to drop a few hundred bucks on a plane ticket and rush halfway across the country to watch any woman take off her clothes (including a 45-ish one with fake boobs and a saggy ass) was just too unbelievably funny.

Trapped in the narrative – any male of any age will of course spend any amount of money it takes to be able to see any woman naked.

It was my best buddy’s birthday, and I was a bit socially trapped – having been picked up at the airport and taken to a location I had no idea where it was, and dependent on these people for transportation and lodging – so I played along with the joke. I could have walked out, and if I had known in advance what shit she was going to pull, I probably would have walked somewhere and gotten a taxi to a motel and then one to the airport. But, there I was – so I played along.

“Show me the money!” I said.

She then went on to set the stage that she really was going to dance naked, but that she was going to “make him” (meaning me) “work for it.” The game was going to be Trivial Pursuit about Dick, since I supposedly knew him better than anyone else in the world. For every question I got right, she would take off one piece of clothing. She made a BIG deal out of exactly how many pieces of clothing she was wearing right then – which was 3 if you counted each of her shoes as a separate article, plus a totally see through body stocking which left her breasts, nipples, pubic hair, and even cameltoe, totally visible. (BIG, LONG, ELABORATE DRAMATIC buildup here – totally giving away her intention to do something unbelievably bogus)

So, the “game” commenced, with cheering squads for each “side.” Every time I missed a question, the women cheered, every time I got one right the men cheered and the women booed – the battle of the sexes in microcosm – Team Woman against Team Man, played like a sick version of the child’s game “keepway”with the sexuality of a woman in whom I had absolutely no interest being dangled as the “prize” – as the narrative dictates.

So, we got into the game with questions like “What is his niece’s pony’s name.” The funniest thing was that she was so drunk by this point, that she would ask me a question like this, and when I didn’t know it and she told the answer, she would come back and ask me the same question again – at which time I would give the answer she had just told me, and claim the “point.” The women always booed, but the guys stood by me – “asked and answered!”

So, I got about 12 points for 3 items of clothing. By her own rules she was going to end up completely naked. However, I had followed the running gag in the Peanuts cartoon strip about Charlie Brown, Lucy, and the football, long enough to know she was going to weasel out of it somehow.

She disappears for about half an hour with a couple of female helpers, then an accomplice cued her music and she made her grand entrance.

She must have brought a damn trunk full of clothes with her and put on every one of them. She left with 3 items of clothing on, and returned with about 30.

She started out dancing to a song from the movie “9 1/2 weeks” that Kim Bassinger danced to. By this time, she had had to get so drunk in order to do this at all that she was basically falling off her shoes.

I looked around at the people in the room cheering her on and thought to myself that if there had been one damn person in the room who cared about her even a little bit they would have dragged her out of there, stuck her head

under cold running water, and slapped some sense into her.

But, that was the weirdest and saddest part of the whole macabre scene – not one person there cared enough about her as a person to intervene in her making a complete ass of herself. Obviously, she had manipulated me into a situation where I couldn't do it, and by this time I was pissed off enough at her that I probably wouldn't have even if I could have.

The dance ended at some point, with her wearing a hat, a pair of panties, and some sort of scarf arranged so that her fake boobs teased out without being actually "on display."

I wandered off to ponder what amazing insanities the human race is capable of and a little while later she sought me out.

"Are you having a good time?" she asked.

"Not really", I replied. "Being around all these nearly naked women with their men just makes me really aware of being here alone."

"WELL, **at least** you have all these beautiful ladies to **look at**"

What a glib cutoff and dismissal. In her unbelievable narcissism, she seemingly thought that because being looked at and having her ego fed by being the center of attention and being able to pretend that she was still 18, that gratifying her ego should be equally gratifying to me.

I made the simplest of human comments, that no, I really wasn't enjoying it, and she had to cut me off and silence that. A simple human gesture of understanding on her part would have made me feel very warm toward her, but what I got from her made me hate her guts.

Skankus Americanus. She played the victim game with her boob job by insinuating that she might have cancer, worrying the shit out of my buddy, and still her husband at that point in time. She pledged with complete sincerity to be his wife for life, and didn't live up to that for more than 4 years. She made the same pledge to another man, and when their differences (and behavior she supported other women in doing) resulted in him turning off on her, she sought out the safest man in the world to have an affair with (no risk for her, no way). She strung my buddy along for 4 more years playing on his hope that she might leave her gravy train (oops, I meant "husband") and come back to him. She "celebrated" his birthday by demeaning him over his sex drive and fantasies, played a bogus game she never had any intention on following through with, and when a man who she had known for 20 years and had been pretty much a friend that whole time told her that he really wasn't enjoying the whole charade, she blows him completely off in the belief that gratifying her ego should gratify him.

In a blinding flash of insight I grasped all at once what Ferdinand Bardmanu would later come to call "The Eternal Solipsism of the Female Mind." Every idea I had had about friendship, and how people conducted themselves toward people they called (or thought of as) "friends", got thrown out the window. Her utter and complete lack of conscience about using men in her life who were or had been her husbands, or anyone else within her circle of acquaintances, would have seemed cold blooded and ruthless if she had appeared to give it any thought. It was the complete lack of any thought or concern which was the most chilling and enlightening.

I realized then that she was simply incapable of regarding other people as human beings with thoughts, desires, and needs of their own, and simply regarded them as resources to use to gratify herself – much like someone might regard a tree as nothing more than a source of lumber to cut down and saw into planks to use to build a house or garage. She was incapable of regarding or dealing with people as people, and saw them merely as objects.

While my experience doesn't even come close to what some men have had to go through with divorces, or child custody fights, or false accusations, it still illustrates the need a lot of men have to **TOTALLY** rethink what they believe about women – and about other men as well.

- Epilogue –

Several months went by – close to a year – and I got an email from my buddy. They had taken me to the airport the day after the party and I had spent the flight back reflecting on what was one of the most bizarre events I had ever experienced in my life without pharmaceutical assistance. His email was just standard "hi, how you doing?" chit-chat. I wrote back and almost idly asked how things were going with him and Jane. He said that he hadn't seen her for about 6 months after the party and then she showed up again. At least he was no longer carrying a torch for her and had copped the attitude "If she shows up and wants to fuck, I will fuck her. But, if she doesn't that is fine, too – I have other women to spend my time with."

Well, if you have hung with me so far through this long prologue, here comes the punch line.

As usual, being a feminist, Naomi Wolf gets it all wrong. The "porn" that women really should be concerning themselves with is the kind walking around on stupid uncomfortable shoes all around us every day. It is the women shoving their tits, and panty-less twats, in men's faces, and absolutely demanding that none of the men that they do not want to react to them do so in any way – but if they do, calling it "rayyype" and "sexual harassment."

FEMININE-ism is about absolute and total control of the external environment by women who refuse to exercise any control over themselves. It is also about absolute and total control of men – demanding they not even think about being human beings, and instead exist only as manbots, whose only option is to follow the instructions given by women – always in the form of a sentence which includes the world "should" - with a grinning army of brain-dead manginas and White Knights as their enforcers.

Women, en masse, have been subjecting men to a sort of culture wide Ludovico technique, in which women are allowed, "empowered", to beat on men's instinctive reactions to female sexuality, and then clobber any man who reacts that they deem "unwelcome" with the full clout of the criminal justice system, destroy their careers, reputations, and everything they have worked in life to achieve. And, just like the ultimate anti-hero in the film, Alex, men begin to associate a stimulus they previously considered quite nice with nausea and all sorts of unpleasantness.

Like the old Aesop's fable about the boy who cried "wolf", women who dishonestly cry "wolf", or "rayyype", or "abuse", or "mate me", and lie about it eventually destroy all their credibility and people no longer believe them – even in those cases when it is true. That is the hidden long-term cost of using lies to manipulate other people to get what you want in the short term.

Unfortunately for men, the sex drive is extremely powerful. And, it takes a whole lot to suppress it. But, once a man masters the skill to do so, he immediately starts to reap lots of benefits. It makes him much more difficult to manipulate. He is able to evaluate women not on their sexual attributes, but on their character. And, he puts a layer of insulation between himself and a false rape accusation of the "he said, she said" type.

I contend that the real underlying cause of women and girls having to become so outrageous in flaunting their sexuality in order to get even a little bit of attention from men is women like Jane – who consider that it is a god-given right of women to shake men's trees, whether or not they actually want any of that man's peaches. It is the women shoving their tits, and their panty-less twats, in men's faces and then demanding, under threat of punishment by law, that those men not react as they hare hard wired to react, who force men to learn not to react even when those women change their minds and start wanting a particular man to react.

And, this totally solipsistic exploitation by men, and the women who support it, eventually erode away even the strongest of relationships. Jane went from being a woman that my buddy Dick would have done anything he possibly could to win back, to being a woman who he will fuck if she shows up and wants to fuck. TOS limitations prevent me from being totally candid about my opinion of this woman that I had thought was a friend for close to 20 years.

I have always believed that men would get through these social changes we are living through. I didn't think that women would like how men adapted, but I had no doubt that they would adapt. The problem for women is that they have thrown away their power base in exchange for unlimited "empowerment."

It does not matter that "NAWALT." Sooner or later we are going to have to face a cultural admission that SOME women really are like that, and that the ones who are can do a great deal of damage to the people around them – especially including the NAWALTs.

And, here is the core of that damage: not only do fewer men want those women at all, having been trained by walking pornography to shut down their desires, but to return to Jane's hypothetical woman – if she goes into a bar wearing sexy clothes and no panties, in order to use men's instinctive and reflexive reactions against them in order to feed their inner attention whores and get free drinks, and later gets raped…

… the question is not whether or not "she asked for it", but instead "who gives a shit?"

Women Don't Want A Revolution

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Law student Jay Batman has recently challenged the readers of the "anti-authoritarian" blog Gonzo Times in a ballsy debate about feminism. He calls himself an "anarcho-misogynist" in this seminal essay:

Why I am an Anarcho-Misogynist

His posts and defenses contain some of the most lucid and inspired writing on contemporary gender conflict I've seen this year. Many of his co-authors and readers seem to be white-knighting him and regurgitating a lot of the received and unquestioned feminist ideology that is a given on the radical left. Jay Batman identifies as a libertarian, and as a lot of *Spearhead* readers seem to be libertarian to some degree, I think you'll find a lot to like.

Further, as still more readers—myself occasionally included—tend to take a "break the system and start over" approach to what appears to be Western decline, his interactions with left-anarchists will be educational. One follow up comment I found particularly interesting was this one, by the site's editor PunkJohnnyCash (who has a real spiffy moniker and avatar that I approve of):

> *I made a post back in October asking why it seemed our ranks are full of mostly white males.*

Comically, this is also a frequent topic of discussion on the far right. The simple answer is that the immediate interests of women–at least as most women perceive them–are being served by the status quo. Women were radical when they wanted radical change for themselves, but women pretty much got what they wanted. Most companies have anti-discrimination policies and females make up more than 50% of the work force. In fact, aside from a relative handful of ideological purists, women from Hanna Rosin to Oprah Winfrey are declaring victory everywhere. Rosie the riveter has come a long way, baby.

The popular complaints from feminists these days are that men aren't providing them with enough support, that men aren't committing fast enough, that men spend too long in "guyland" or that their men cook too well, or that their men have become "kitchen bitches." It is now men who are falling behind in many ways, and men on the far left seem to have trouble keeping up to date with their feminism. They're rushing to the defense of women who make more money than they do, using scripts that haven't changed since the 1970s. While I'm sure the anarchist left probably attracts more female participants than the radical right, it seems like they still feel like women aren't as interested.

Fewer women are interested in bringing down the system because more women like things just the way they are. They believe they have more to gain from a big government (free or affordable healthcare, entitlement programs, cheap and easy access to birth control and abortions and the means to force men to provide for their offspring through child support or welfare) than they do from toppling a state that offers security and promises them the opportunity to enjoy a nearly unprecedented quality of life. The glass ceiling doesn't much matter to everyday women with average IQs. The average woman is living higher on the hog in the postmodern, globalist, feminist, multiculturalist West than she ever has. The chaos of revolution puts all of that in jeopardy.

You say you want a revolution…

Yeah…well, women *don't.*

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Below are links to the ongoing discussion.

The intent here is not to send a bunch of *Spearhead* readers to harass the readers of *Gonzo Times.* In fact, my personal preference is that they work through their own debate without some kind of external ideological conflict stoking the fire and putting everyone on the defensive. I just wanted to draw attention to this development and to

Jay Batman's highly quotable writing. If anything, write him to show your support. He's obviously a smart guy, and not just because I generally agree with him.

On *Gonzo Times*

Why I am an Anarcho-Misogynist —by Jay Batman

Less Anarcho, More Misogynist—by ScottF

The Smell of Condescension in the Morning: A Response to Less Anarcho, More Misogynist – by Jay Batman

Less Anarcho, More Creepy—by Mopowell

On The Recent Gender Dispute —by PunkJohnnyCash

Takedown of an Anarcho-Misogynist—by Jad Davis

On JayBatman's blog, *Screed of Momus*

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Patriarchy, Porn and Rape: Mistakes of Feminism

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By Gorbachev

Since the dawn of writing, men have said that it's not men who seek power, but women. There's a major kernel of truth in this, or it wouldn't be what every man instinctively feels.

"Rape is about patriarchy and is an attempt to maintain power over women" always struck me as obviously false, even as a callow, quasi-Marxist/feminist-college freshman. But if feminists were right about this, then they also had to be right about porn. Porn would objectify women and make rape worse. "Porn is the theory; rape is the practice".

Their conclusions seemed to defy my experience of what male sexuality was all about. Almost every other man I knew agreed with me; the ones who didn't had obvious motives for pretending to agree.

There's a very good reason why Dworkin and Mackinnon were dead wrong about the connections between rape/sex/porn/objectification/power. They weren't stupid; they were just mistaken. In fact, their analysis was often very clever and well-argued. Their logic followed, once they made the *assumptions* they did.

Their failure is interesting. But the process that got them to the wrong conclusion is also very illustrative, because it highlights one reason feminism makes mistakes.

The chief mistake was assuming male and female sexuality are identical, and then "Projecting" female motivations onto male motivations. This made it seem to them that Men were using Rape/Sex as a power play to take power from Women. Porn added fuel to the fire and helped men objectify women, and treat them as targets.

Men aren't primarily after power. They're after sex. Power and social status are just two of many tools that get you to Sex. On the other hand, women are genuinely interested in power, because power gives women what socially concerns them most: social status. Sex is a useful tool for the acquisition of status, but sex isn't usually a goal in its own right.

There's a good reason why these particular feminists missed this completely. They made an ideological error – assuming male and female sexual motivations are the same. They then made a human error- projecting their understanding of their own female sexual motivations onto males.

Rape and Power

Their conclusion, that men used rape as a tool to enforce Patriarchy as a power grab to keep women oppressed, was a natural conclusion and made perfect sense if their assumption was true – that men were primarily using sex to get social status and social power.

If their imagined "Patriarchy" had actually been a Matriarchy, they'd have been spot-on.

But men are simpler creatures, and the Dworkinites were way off base.

Rape isn't about power. It's about sex. (hence: prison rape)
Porn is *not* the "theory", and Rape the practice. In fact, by supplying sexual gratification, porn seems to dull the urge to acquire sex, and hence, the need to rape.

Naomi Wolf explores this and comes to the frustrating conclusion that porn is putting men off real sex with real women. That's a pretty damned sharp observation for a feminist to make.

MALE SEXUALITY

We want sex. That's pretty much the whole point of it. We may use sex to further this or that goal, and some men may love the power they feel, but most days, the goal is pretty much sex. If we do use sex to further a goal, beyond the further goal is usually more sex, often with, say, a more attractive woman. The fact that some men also enjoy

dominating, controlling, or demeaning a woman doesn't change the reasoning.

You have to be a man to appreciate this: Men are interested in sex. Full stop.

More to the point, men often do *other* things mostly as a means of acquiring sex: work hard, make money, be creative, become famous – for sex. Younger girls, hotter girls, more girls. Get more sex. It's instinctive.

The more men disengage from the quest for access to real females and real sex, the more they tend to drop out of society, stop working hard, stop caring about social status, lose interest and just chill out.

The quest for sex makes men social. It makes them productive and it fosters creativity. Productivity and creativity are the tools they use to acquire social status and access to the females they desire. The desire for sex makes them develop and hone social skills, including the ability to reward (and deceive) women.

As interest in sex drops, so does the tendency to engage in violent behavior and the willingness to take risks among violent men. In all of this, the quest for sex is the primary goal. Everything else is just a means to that end.

Off-topic: The implications for productive economies as this aspect of male psychology plays out is not small. As men fail to find women and shuffle on with life, economies, tax bases and social mechanisms are going to start to decay.

HEALTHY MALE SEXUALITY

Here's a hard fact about men that women always try to either ignore or use for their own advantage:

Healthy, normal male sexuality physically objectifies women.

As visual-sexual animals, on a fundamental level, men absolutely objectify their women. Women are tools for sexual gratification. This is the very basis of "Maleness". Porn explores this in all its elemental glory.

If a woman doubts this, all she has to do is have sex with a man for any length of time to see the bald, naked facts for what they are.

Men also like emotional attachment, just as women do. We're not a separate species. But when you get right down to it, Woman as focus/object of sexual desire is what makes sex interesting to men. "Sensitive Man" is never more than a tactic to get sex by appearing agreeable, or a wallpaper-thin overlay on top of a seething cauldron of sexual objectification. The animal lurks under the skin, and it's not wearing very much.

The difference between gay and lesbian public culture shows this even more clearly.

women actually like it.

Feminists complain about it, but the fact of the matter is that most women instinctively know this truth about men. Not only do they know it, they're sexually stimulated by it. They may not want men looking at porn, but a woman wants her man to look at her that way.

This is cross-cultural. Even when it's considered "indecent", being objectified by (attractive) men reinforces a woman's sense of her own sexual power. An attractive woman who deals with men understands how powerful she is.
All of this is a result of the hard reality of male sexual objectification.

FEMALE SEXUALITY

Women *can* have sex for its own sake. They share the basic human sex drive with men. Women most definitely objectify men, sexually and otherwise.

However, by and large, women have a different distribution of priorities. They also use sex as a social tool and to further **other** goals.

Power

Obviously, women use sex to acquire power over and resources from men. This is the core **social** element of female sexuality: Men want it; women got it.

Men without access, or who don't have the access they want, suffer. But providing men with alternative access to females usually solves the problem in a way it doesn't for women. (Hello, prostitution).

Women also use sex to negotiate difficulties and smooth over social issues. That's something we share to a limited degree with other primates.

Many feminists rightly point out that relying on sexual power / using sexual power basically makes women dependent on men for validation or power. Worse, this power is transitory. Men like youth. Beauty fades: "she's old / ugly / a slut". But this is an old script, a script that is likely burned deep into our brains.

Women want power over the sexuality of the males in their lives.

This is the reason women dislike porn. Some hate it for ideological reasons, but most women dislike it because it disentangles men from females' perceived power. They also dislike prostitutes for the same reason. Most women are hypocrites. They hate prostitution, even when their own men don't pay for it, not because it demeans women, but because it threatens them. It reduces their personal sense of sexual power over men, especially the men in their lives, if men have options.

BAD ASSUMPTION

Some brands of feminism assumed, for ideological reasons, that with male and female sexuality, "Equal" meant "Identical". Some brands of feminism didn't. Some radical feminists saw male sexuality as inherently different and dangerous; others saw female sexuality as different, but complementary.

Rarely did any feminists seek to ask men what their experience of sexuality really was.

Some thought that male sexuality could be changed. A whole generation of men were raised to be sensitive and meek and understanding. And women have since gravitated wholesale to bad boys, because as we discover at some point, women aren't sexually attracted to the Nice, Sensitive Guy. They want Men.

The big mistake the Dworkinites made was to project their own experience (as females), using sex for power, onto their interpretation of Male motivations.

Men don't use sex to get power over others.
They use power over others to get sex.

If "patriarchy" exists, it exists largely for the purpose of regulating the sexuality of other men and their access to women– not of women. It's easy for women to miss this, especially feminists, because feminists only view men as objects, as oppressors or agents. They don't view them as both subjects and agents.

Men don't miss it. They know when other men are trying to control them, even if other men are using women to do it.

PROJECTION

Humans are always trying to work out why others do what they do, so we can predict their behavior. We see other people as tools to manipulate/use/be afraid of/ally with/ally against. A classic study of this in another species is Frans de Wal's book about the Arnhem Zoo chimp colony. Our "psychosocial processing modules" spend huge energy working out why others do what they do and what they're likely to do next.

As social primates, this occupies a truly vast portion of our brains. We are literally political animals. We're "natural psychologists", because most of the opportunities/obstacles in life involve other members of our own species.

A shorthand to figuring out what others do is to compare it to what you want/ need/ think, and then evaluate others based on your perception of yourself or your own desires. This "projection" works pretty well most of the time,

because, by and large, humans are all very similar in their motivations. They're not identical, though, and the differences between individuals stick out. We notice them. Some of these differences are individual-level, others are in-group-level.

This clique of radical feminists just did what comes naturally to humans. They projected their own sexual natures onto men, and followed through with their analysis.

But it's women who seek power through sex, not men.

WHY RAPE?

When Mackinnon looked at male rapists, she engaged in projection of female sexual desire. Men want power over women! That's why they rape!

If this were true, why is prison rape so common?

All men, men with male sexuality, know why rape happens. It's this:

1) Remove inhibitions, remove future-time-orientation, remove respect for other people (including the male relatives of a woman), decrease self-control, maybe add in some sociopathy/psychopathy and a tendency to like violence, take away the social reasons to avoid assault ("she's a slut, I'm a Victim, I'm the son of a famous politician, I'm your boss") …

2) Throw in desire to have sex.

That's pretty much the whole explanation for rape.

There's no need for complex, elaborate Patriarchies Oppressing Women to explain it. Occam's Razor does quite nicely.

Feminism Reductio Ad Absurdum

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A movie review of the film "*Mars Needs Moms*[image]".

I had the opportunity to take in the move *Mars Needs Moms* [wiki] the other day with S3. Adapted from the Berke Breathed illustrated short story of the same name[image], what I saw was a reasonably funny movie fit for kids, as well as an interesting commentary on the end result of feminism were it to be taken to its fully absurd extent. But before I delve into this absurdity, a quick summary of the storyline.

Warning: plot spoilers immediately follow.

Mars Needs Moms is a story about a fully matriarchal Martian society that abducts Terran (human) mothers to help raise Martian females to maturity. But there are several catches to this concept, provisos in which the movie's plot pivots around. First, only Terran mothers that discipline their children are selected for abduction. Those mothers who exhibit too much nurturing or who are not stern enough in their disciplining are not selected by The Supervisor. After abduction, the essence of these Terran mothers is extracted and used to program the nanny-bots intended to be used to raise the next generation of Martian females. Then, in the key event that lays the foundation for the climax of the film, the abducted mothers are incinerated using the focused energy of a Martian sunrise. The cycle repeats for each batch of hatchlings.

The tough-love mother of the movie's protagonist, Milo, is abducted by the Martians with the usual intent of transferring her disciplining personality to a nannybot. Milo stows aboard a Martian spaceship and journeys to Mars, where he meets a young Terran male named Gribble whose mother was also abducted by Martians. Orphaned on Mars, Gribble witnessed his mother's incineration as a young child and has resided in a state of arrested development ever since. Vowing to rescue his mother, Milo is aided by a Martian rebel named Ki who enjoys "tagging" the walls of the Martian city with fractal 1960s-vintage hippie imagery. In the process of rescuing his mother, Milo, Gribble, and Ki discover the ruins of a Martian civilization predating the rise of The Supervisors, and together upend Martian society by reuniting feral Martian males with civilized Martian women. After a scene that demonstrates Milo's mother's sacrificial love, Milo successfully rescues his mother and returns to Earth.

With the basic plot thus summarized, allow me to describe five ways in which the movie depicts fully realized dystopian feminism:

Feminist society may only persist by authoritarian force. In the movie, Martian society is wholly female and fully regimented. All Martians exist to serve the will of The Supervisor from cradle to the grave. The Supervisor's rule is ensured by an omnipresent internal security force (incidentally, the State has a monopoly on violence as well–which unsurprisingly enables the Supervisor to rule more or less unopposed). No freedom of thought or act is permitted, information is suppressed, and knowledge of Martian prehistory–that depicting nuclear families–is literally buried under the floor of the city.

Feminist societies cannot tolerate free will or even "choice". In an echo of Simone de Beauvoir's famous quip that "No woman should be authorized to stay at home and raise her children…because if there is such a choice, too many women will make that one", no Martians are permitted to raise their hatchlings. This is the task for nannybots, for all Martians work outside the home.

A fully feminist creature is a stunted version of herself. Related to the point above, it is clear that Martian society is structured so that no Martian female is permitted to be a mother and is therefore not allowed to nurture her children. Each Martian drone has her task to perform, so presumably there is a class of Birthmothers somewhere who lay the eggs from which Martians hatch. Or perhaps The Supervisor herself lays the eggs. However Martian reproduction occurs, in not permitting Martians to raise their children, out of fear of them giving in to their innate urge to nurture, Martian society is unable to raise children with the discipline and authoritative nature necessary to be the drones the Martian social structure requires.

Males must be eliminated completely for a fully feminist society to be realized. This movie implements the feminist fantasy of a guy-free society to the hilt, and does so in nearly the most prejudicial manner possible: it literally (and quite symbolically) throws male hatchlings down the garbage chute. Rescued and raised by other males similarly discarded, these males clearly become the Morlocks to the civilized Eloi above: underground-dwelling, hairy, illiterate, and given to tribal-style face painting, these males eke out a basic existence foraging for food scraps in the discarded garbage that falls from above.

Fully feminist societies are asexual. It goes without saying that, in a society that lacks men, there is little reason for sexual expression. Indeed the whole of the society is dull and gray, with no bright colors permitted. Call it lesbian bed death on a societal scale–while Martian females have breasts, narrow waists, and wide hips, all markers of fully formed females–there is no sexuality, none of the peacocking that is a staple of female mating tactics on Earth.

This is not to say that the movie is a complete repudiation of feminism. For instance, buried under the Martian city are ruins with wall paintings that depict a three-member Martian family. So far so good. However, while the child of the family is clearly a girl, and one of the adult Martians is clearly of the female gender and presumably the mother, the gender of the "father" is much more ambiguous. Is he male? Or does the Martian Heather have Two Mommies[image] as well, where one is femme and the other is a butch she-he? It is hard to say, and in doing so, the movie retreats from what would otherwise be a clearly drawn contrast of a more natural and fully developed society with a stunted, modern, structured, faux-utopian feminist one.

The movie also does not depict adult males or fathers in any substantive or redeeming manner. Milo's father is a the classic absentee provider, visible only in the opening and closing scenes of the movie. The father's daily sacrifices for Milo's (and his mother's) benefit away from the home merit nary a mention, in contrast with the focus on Milo's mother's voluntary act of self-sacrifice during the movie's climax. Moreover, the Gribble character, the only other male character of prominence in the movie, is an embodiment of the SYM about whom so much ink has been spilled of late: immature, technically savvy, earnest, and given to playing video games. He is a Peter Pan, literally, a male that, while physically mature, is caught in a state of arrested development. In other words, of the three main male characters in the movie, one is a phantom and the other two are children. Now, I'll admit the title of the movie is "Mars Needs Moms", but this lack of balance in the storyline merely reinforces in the viewership…many or most of whom will be children…that the key conceit of women is justified: mothers are essential, fathers are nice-to-have but not essential.

In sum, the movie depicts feminism taken to the logically consistent yet ridiculous extreme. I would have liked for fathers and males to be portrayed in a more positive light, especially in a movie primarily marketed toward impressionable young minds, but I suppose one takes criticism of the femmatrix where one can find it.

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In Era of Excess, Sex Loses Appeal

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Columnist Karen Krizanovich, writing for the Daily Mail, opines that "sex isn't sexy any more." According to Krizanovich, a former sex advice columnist, the overexposure and politicization of sex has rendered the act dull and uninspiring.

I suspect that this may be partly a personal/hormonal issue for Krizanovich, as she is well into middle age by now, but she does hit upon certain truths. The seizure of sex as a political tool by feminists has rendered discussions of sex banal, and even repugnant at times. The frequent televised displays of sexual aggression on the part of crass young women are far from a turn-on. The tabloid reports of the trashy love lives of athletes or famous people expose a side of sexuality many of us would prefer remained hidden under some rock.

Those things that many men and women alike find alluring have been declared politically incorrect. Witness the obsession over *Mad Men* displayed by millions of women – including feminists – who find the fictional chauvinism of 1960s corporate America highly erotic. Do these women really desire an equalist relationship where sex is discussed in the clinical detail of a research paper out of a Swedish gender studies class?

For men, the loss of the mystery surrounding women must be taking a toll as well. The aggressive displays of female sexuality are anything but demure; even a female chimpanzee in the darkest jungle would be put to shame by the behavior of some women on popular TV shows. In fact, it seems that the message young women have internalized is that the harder they throw themselves at a man the more likely they are to end up in bed with him. Perhaps they are correct; I imagine many a man would give in simply from the sheer force of the assault.

But this does not awaken those passions that in past days were kept under cover, subtly stirring beneath the veneer of civility. No, today there is nothing subtle about sexuality: no drama, no tension, no longing made all the more keen by restraint. It is all out in the open, like meat at the butcher shop, dressed and trussed for tonight's consumption.

The Soft Shutdown

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What Happened When My Strongman Class Was Invaded By Ms. Pink and the Pussy Power Posse—And What I Learned From It

> "In practice, getting boys to be more like girls means getting them to stop segregating themselves into all-male groups. That's the darker, coercive side of the project to "free" boys from their masculine straitjackets."
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> — Christina Hoff Sommers, "The War Against Boys." *The Atlantic.* May 2000.

About six months ago, I earned a personal trainer certification through a reasonably reputable organization. I never really had any expectation that I would become a full time personal trainer. After a few years working in the fitness industry, my perception is that the bread-and-butter clients for most male personal trainers seem to be middle aged women who want a good-looking young man to pay attention to them for a few hours a week. If you're into basking in the adoration of middle-aged married women as they fantasize about you, and then nailing them like a god after you sculpt them into cougar Venuses, it's probably a great gig. It's also a good gig for the kind of homos who like to gossip with women all day.

Men tend to be self-starters—even when they *really need* a personal trainer to correct their half-assed ideas concerning the mystical pursuit of biceps and a six-pack—so a lot of them would rather do the research on their own than pay some pretty boy to count reps for them. In a sense, that's what I was doing. I did the coursework to get my certification not so much because I envisioned myself making a living as a trainer, but because I wanted to know what trainers know. Max from FKIN actually directed me to the cert that I ended up getting, and made the comment that even if he had never trained anyone, he thought the getting the cert was worth it for personal knowledge.

That said, I figured it would be a good experience to actually do some real coaching. Nothing reinforces your own knowledge like having to teach what you know to someone else. After I finished my cert, I asked my pal at the gym I go to if I could teach a strongman class. I'm no Mariusz Pudzianowski, but I prefer functional movements to "bodybuilding"—which is really, as the Amish would say, "chust for pretty." I also like the old school, earthy appeal of strongman tasks, which seem to be regaining popularity. As a student of paleomasculinity, I saw a niche for myself and a lot of background information that I could potentially bring to the table. And, as a writer whose main subject is men, I also saw an opportunity to create an escape from the PC, coercively co-ed atmosphere that I think smothers a lot of men.

So, permission granted, I started programming the class. I invested as much money as I could afford to—buying sandbags, sledgehammers, a keg, and one Atlas Stone mold I have yet to fill with concrete.

I had a panic moment when, 5 minutes before the start of the first class, I was standing there alone with a tall blond woman who was a regular at our gym.

This was not what I had envisioned…

A few minutes later, some guys showed up, as well as one of the other coaches and his wife who were nice enough to come and support the class. The first couple of classes went well. The tall blond woman was always polite and she just wanted to work out. I had no problems with coaching her along with the guys. In fact, she brought along a guy friend who then brought his son to the next class. Coaching a father and son together was definitely my most rewarding class. I could tell that it was a good day for them, and that made it a good day for me.

Attendance slowed down a bit after that, probably as much due to the end of football season as anything, and I took a couple of weeks off to work on my book. I also realized that my powerlifting format was taking too long, and I was going to have to restructure the class and limit the program to one big lift and various strongman stunts. The

next class was well attended, mostly by enthusiastic guys of various ages and conditioning levels. Everything was going well.

A week or so later, I was standing around before class with a nice married guy who always put in a good effort. His wife was home with a newborn, and I think he liked the break in his Sunday. I was looking forward to the two of us working out, because he's about as strong as I am and I knew I could program something on the fly that would challenge both of us.

Then, SHE showed up…

A skinny, high-energy middle aged woman in a pink FCKH8 t-shirt marched into the room with two other women in tow. Acting as if she'd just railed up a line of Columbian white—though it was probably just free trade organic coffee—she made a beeline for me, asked if I was the instructor, and then quizzed me about what we'd be doing. She told me that she and her girlfriends wanted to flip tires. Because of varying strength levels and limited equipment, I had to program the class based on who showed up, so when someone wanted to do something specific, that was easy to accommodate.

I decided to do dumbbell farmer's carries around the block combined with sledgehammer on a tire for the first third of the workout.

What followed can best be described as a Saturday Night Live skit about an all-male high school basketball practice session, as interpreted by an all-female cast.

I went around the block with the girls. Ms. Pink was carrying 40 pound dumbbells in each hand, and I was carrying 70 pound dumbbells in each hand, but she was admittedly in good shape for a 130 pound older woman and she definitely held her own. The women were shouting each other in caricatured jock-talk all the way around the block.

"Push it, push it push it!"

"C'mon, don't be a sissy!"

"We got this, we got this!"

"Bring it, girl!"

I don't coach like that, and the men I coach never behave like that. Usually, we just shut up and do the work, offering encouragement and congratulations only when it is really necessary or earned.

About mid-block, the girls started letting out blood-curdling shrieks—which was embarrassing, because we were out on the street with people passing by.

As I got back inside and started pounding on the tire with Ms. Pink—who had at that point known me for approximately 7 minutes—she proceeded to make suggestions about improving the class.

She recommended that the name should be changed to "Strongman AND StrongWOMAN Sundays," instead of just "Strongman Sundays." She said she thought it would be "more inclusive."

I gave her a hollow laugh and wondered what she would think if she had any idea who she was talking to.

"You really should," she said.

Another hollow laugh was punctuated my increased efforts with the sledgehammer.

After Ms. Pink and her gal pals were finished posing for pictures with the sledge and tire—"say Facebook!"—I pulled my truck around. We towed it up and down the alley, because I knew that's what the married guy wanted to do, and he had pretty much faded into the background at this point. He was a good sport, I think he had fun with it despite the obnoxious grrl power cheerleading team.

Married guy had to go home after that, and I was left with the pussy power posse, who reminded me again that they

wanted to flip tires. So we rolled the big truck tire out into the alley and I showed them how to flip tires. They were having a great time. It's not my gym, and I felt like I had a responsibility to make sure they enjoyed the class out of respect for the owner and my friend who green-lighted the class for me.

After much screaming and shouting from Ms. Pink and the Pussy Power Posse (PPP) as they took turns flipping the tire over the wet black-top, I found myself having one of those cinematic, out-of-body moments. It was as if the camera was overhead, and I was looking up at it—with maybe a few leaves falling down for effect. I was standing around the tire with Ms. Pink and the PPP, and they were actually high-fiving each other. Ms. Pink turned to me, laughing and shouted:

"How do you like that, Jack?!"

"The only ones who can hang with you for your strong MAN class are strong WOMEN!"

"How about THAT?!"

Then she turned back to the PPP and said something inane, like "How about THAT, girls! It's all about the WOMEN!"

I don't know what the exact quote was, because at that point I was spaced out and wondering if there was actually an angry God who was punishing me for something. If you tried to imagine what my Hell on Earth would look like, you really couldn't do much better than forcing me to run a women's empowerment boot camp.

Then they asked about the keg.

We have keg filled to 95 pounds and one filled to the full 160 pounds. I can clean and jerk one easily, but the heavier one never quite makes it the whole way up. I can shoulder it, but cleaning it overhead from the floor is another matter. It's harder than it sounds. I weigh about 205. Ms. Pink wanted to try shouldering the 95 pound keg. Shouldering kegs is a lot easier than getting them overhead, but for a woman who weighs less than 140 pounds, it's kind of a big deal. I've seen it done, but it looks painful and takes some serious practice and effort. Ms. Pink and friends weren't even coming close, and suggested that maybe I wasn't teaching them the proper technique—even though I can actually do it in slow motion and demonstrated several times for them. It wasn't the technique; it was obviously the fact that they were 130 pound women trying to shoulder an odd object that was about 75% of their total body weight, without ever having trained for it.

I wrapped the class up, and made some small talk as we put equipment away. Ms. Pink told me what a great time they'd all had, and how they couldn't wait to come back next week. She even offered to harass the gym owner into buying some new strongman equipment for me.

A few days later I finally caught up with my friend at the gym and acted out the whole sordid affair for him so he could feel my pain. He's read some of my work and knows what I'm about. All of the classes at the gym were co-ed, and we both knew the owner was kind of into being "inclusive," so there was nothing he could really say, and nothing I could really do to prevent these women from coming back and harassing me every week. I also had no interest in putting him in an awkward situation with paying members, and after telling the story, talking about it further just felt like whining.

Obviously, I wasn't going to change the name of the class to make it more "inclusive." That's just not something that is ever going to happen on my watch. Don't they always say you're supposed to "be the change you wish to see in the world?" It would be a *seppuku*-worthy disgrace for me to become one more guy who rolled over and gave a bunch of mouthy women whatever they wanted to avoid a potential hassle.

It's not that you can't have a Strongman/Strongwoman class. People do it all the time. I have to admit that the world's strongest woman is a lot stronger than I am or even have any desire to be. As an average guy with average genetics, I'm only stronger than *95%* of females ever will be.

The thing about a mixed class is that it's just going to be *different*, and it wasn't what I set out to do. I didn't start the

class to make money. I started it to help guys get into shape and tap into some of their physical potential. It's a beautiful thing when some guy who has been couch or cubicle-bound all his life suddenly realizes he can deadlift almost twice his body weight, or that he can lift up a keg or a stone the way his ancestors would have. *That's* what I wanted to do as a coach—because I get so much out of it myself as a student. There are plenty of people who are more than happy to coach any paying customer.

There was a chance that Ms. Pink & Co. would get bored after a week or so and things would return to normal. There was an equal chance, though, that they would become regulars and ruin the vibe of the class for all of the guys who I really wanted there.

That's what happens. Women push their way in, men lose interest, and women take over.

Obviously, there was no way I was going to volunteer my Sunday afternoons or buy more equipment to teach a women's empowerment class.

So I cancelled the class.

Maybe they figured out why. Maybe they didn't. When some of the guys who had attended or who had planned on attending asked me what went down, I told them an abbreviated version of the story. One former student told me he had overheard Ms. Pink complaining that the gym had a "Strongman" course before she showed up that fateful Sunday afternoon. *So she did plan it.* I wasn't just being paranoid or overreacting.

To say that the whole experience validated my existing beliefs about women and feminism would be an understatement.

I can't really declare any kind of victory, because in the end, I allowed women to stop me from doing something I wanted to do. On a personal level, it was probably a good thing, because I need the rest of the summer to focus on writing. Getting myself to the gym 6 days a week is already enough of a distraction. I still occasionally substitute coach or assist with a co-ed CrossFit class, and I'm fine with that. CrossFit has always been co-ed, and a deadlift is a deadlift.

What I did with my strongman class is what I think a lot of men do when confronted by the kind of women who seem to live in perpetual fear that somewhere, somehow, men are having fun and don't want them around. I'm calling it the "soft shutdown." Rather than compromise, I just walked away. I knew that the women would get whatever they wanted, because they were the "customers" with cash in hand. This is what is happening to our society on a much larger scale. Women are the customers, and everyone knows that the "customer is always right." They wield economic power, and they are willing to nag until someone bends over backward to accommodate them.

The experience forced me to think creatively about how men could conduct a men's only operation in a coercively co-ed world.

I am highly skeptical of the whole "group therapy" model when it comes to men. Men bond naturally when they are doing something active. I've noticed that I enjoy conversations with men more when walking or hiking or tossing a ball around. Women and many psychologists think men don't talk about their feelings, but in reality I think men are pretty open once they decide they like you—they just don't open up the minute you throw a tea party for them and tell them to share their feelings. I'm a talker, but I'd rather connect with men in an "adventure" setting of some kind—be it lifting, sports, or whatever—then in some awkward, forced "talking" group. Drinking elbow-to-elbow at a bar also works, but it's not exactly the most productive activity.

Men are happier when they get some "guy time." I do deliveries every day, and I've seen a lot of hen-pecked guys (especially older, retired men who spend all day at home with their wives) who seem almost desperate for it.You get the feeling that they'd keep you in their garage talking guy-talk all day if they could.

Men have always been cooperative hunters, and we're inclined to pack up and create separate social worlds away from women. It's how we *get shit done*. But it is also through those groups that we are best able to assert our interests over women. Keeping men away from each other is the best trick feminists ever came up with. When we

sit alone, isolated at our computers, we are really not much of a threat to the *status quo*. Men in groups—gangs of men—are the only real threat feminists, globalists and other big-government advocates have to worry about.

Curves International, Inc. is a women's fitness franchise that boasts 10,000 worldwide locations and 4 million female members. There seem to be about 40 Curves franchises within about an hour of where I live. I doubt men have bothered trying to demand that any of them be "more inclusive." Aside from the numerous yoga and Pilates studios that cater primarily to women, the Portland area also offers The Diva Den, Elite Sante Women's Fitness Club, Oregon City Fitness and the Northwest Women's Fitness Club. ADAPT Training offers a "women's only" boot camp, Northwest Fighting offers "women's only" kickboxing classes, and I have been in countless gyms that have feature "women's only" areas. I am sure I am only scratching the surface of women's only facilities and classes in my metro area—this is just what I found in 10 minutes with one Google search.

Because of obnoxious feminists like Ms. Pink, white-knighting pro-feminist men, and the lure of the almighty dollar, I doubt any "men's only" operation—or even a "men's only" class—would last for more than a few weeks. Men don't really want to be "included" in "women's only" classes. This is a one-way problem.

There are options, however.

"Black classes" – If you are a trainer, there is no reason you can't hold off-schedule group classes at a gym or rented space. If it isn't publicly advertised, it doesn't have to be "inclusive." Many trainers allow groups of friends to package their training sessions together at a discount. Trainers could advertise to men privately or through networking, using gym spaces per existing arrangements.

Cells – Chartered organizations and clubs draw attention, but loosely organized groups of friends fly under the radar. Text your buddies, meet somewhere, work out together. Maybe one of you runs the class, maybe you figure out what to do as a group.

Whenever I see a large all-male group of middle aged men on bikes and I am able to look past their brightly colored stretchy pants—I suspect that these are SWPLs who managed to work out a way to ditch their wives and get in some male bonding time while priding themselves on being environmentally friendly or progressive or something.

Good idea, shame about the pants.

Garage Gyms—In the future, I see young men having less money, and something like personal training is a luxury that won't be affordable for most of them. I see possibilities, though, for a guy who has access to some resources renting a space or opening up his garage on a barter/trade level. That's actually how a lot of fitness clubs seem to have started to begin with.

These are just a few ideas.

There is obviously a lot more to life than working out. As any feminist sociology professor will tell you, the need to work out is a symptom of men trying to establish or retain their masculine identity in an industrialized world where the demand for physical work is increasingly rare. They're right. We only disagree in that I think retaining and cultivating a masculine identity is exactly what men need to do.

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Acting Precedes Becoming

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By Mormon Man

Ever since high school I've been known as an opinionated and outspoken person. I come from a family where talking politics and religion were never taboo. Both my parents put a lot of time and effort into teaching us to understand those subjects instead of just going with the flow.

So it should come as no surprise that I'm not really very quiet about men's issues when I'm with people face to face. I've been pleasantly surprised by how well a lot of this stuff has been received by family and friends; and have also been surprised to see that more women in my life than men have been willing to recognize the inherent problems with feminism and our modern gender dynamic.

One thing that seems to set off both the men and women I talk to, however, is the subject of Game. I was talking with my parents about it on Sunday night and my mom said she doesn't like the idea of my dad constantly manipulating her to keep her attracted to him. I asked her if she thought her wearing makeup, keeping her hair clean and overall taking care of her appearance is a manipulation of my father. Her response struck me pretty well. She said:

"I do those things for your dad because I want him to have the best me he can have."

I immediately replied that that's what this blog and others in the manosphere are all about. Yes there are men online and in the world whose only concern is to bed as many women as possible or otherwise get what they can out of people; but most of us don't function that way.

We use Game as a way to be our best possible selves. All people – both men and women are born with the inherent ability to recognize good from evil. Every single person, whether religious or not, is born with the ability to recognize the good and bad in people. Our actions and thoughts may stifle that ability, but most of us still have it and can subconsciously recognize admirable traits in others.

Women are attracted to men with Game not because they are manipulated, but because they recognize that men are being their best, most masculine selves.

Now obviously there are aspects of Game or aspects of the alpha male that are wrong or simply evil. These are not men being their best selves but a subtle twist and manipulation of men who are. A jerk is just a bad variation of a leader. A cad is the twisted version of someone who is socially dominant. A dictator is the mutation of a leader.

The PUA version of Game works in the 21st Century for two reasons. First, we don't have very many real men anymore. With so many effeminate guys and perpetual man-boys, women will embrace any semblance of masculinity they can find; even if it is a twisted version of it. Second, the good aspects of masculinity are consciously frowned upon. As a result, women don't actively seek out manly, leader-type men, they seek the gods of our day – guys who are like movie stars, artists and musicians. If both of these aspects were to change, the cads and players would have no chance with women. That aspect of Game only works with a civilization that is in a Roman decline.

However, the real foundation of Game –the idea that men and women are very different and that a man should magnify his masculine virtue is a godly attribute.

I have a friend who spent the last two months in Africa. We were talking today and I made a joke about her rationalization hamster. She asked me if I was still into the masculinity stuff and my answer was a solid yes. This stuff isn't a phase once you find it out and are open to it. It's a paradigm shift. It's a set of tools that finally help men cast off what they've been programmed with all their lives and become the men and leaders they should be.

Other bloggers have talked about Game being a toolbox with things like negs, recognition of fitness tests, and an

understanding of hypergamy as tools. Tools is all they are. Tools don't make a man competent. A man is more than his instruments. However, they are a necessary part of getting any job done. Man has had tools since Adam because it helps him accomplish his goals. Is a man manipulative because he signifies his professionalism by wearing a suit to work? Is he fake because he uses a car to get himself to work? A man cannot be defined by his tools, but he can use them as a way to improve himself and his surroundings. And just like a car, a wrench or a gun, Game can be used for good or evil. The tool isn't evil, but the man who uses it can be.

Embrace Game for what it is. It is not an end to itself. It is a tool to help men become Men. Eventually a man won't need it because he will become it. That is the ultimate goal – to be instead of act. But until we reach that point, we need to use what we have at our disposal.

The Movement to Disbar Mary N. Kellett

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by Paul Elam

[*Special note: I urge and implore all bloggers, anywhere on the internet, to reprint this article in its entirety with a link back to this page. Please help me get this event in front of as many eyes as possible. Thank you – PE*]

There are often times that we shake our heads at injustices in the world. Sometimes it seems to be all we can do. And with so many problems in modern life, and their often systemic, intractable nature, it can be difficult to choose what battles to fight and when. Because of this we have increasingly become a nation of head shakers, concerned about an array of injustices but often not knowing where to turn or what to do to solve them.

With that in mind we have an opportunity, right here and now, to face down and fight against a terrible injustice, an absolute evil, going on in the state of Maine.

Vladek Filler is about to face trial for a second time on the charge of raping his wife, Ligia. He was brought to trial the first time by Bar Harbor prosecutor Mary N. Kellett, who has sought to imprison Mr. Filler despite the fact that she knows that there is no physical evidence that he ever committed a crime, and despite the fact that his accuser Ligia Filler, has proven to be a violent criminal, a liar who has been caught in false allegations against her husband, and a physical and emotional abuser of her husband and children with a history of severe psychiatric problems.

Ligia Filler has been referred to as "certifiable" by sheriff's department personnel who she repeatedly threatened to kill.

Mary Kellett's professional conduct in this case breeches virtually all canons of legal ethics where it concerns prosecutors, from intentionally misleading jurors to avoiding pretrial discovery to actually asking a law enforcement officer to refuse to comply with a valid subpoena in order to help her conceal exculpatory evidence.

All of this, *and many other similar cases*, have been conducted under the supervision of Bar Harbor, Maine, District Attorney Carletta Bassano, leading to the almost unavoidable conclusion that the problem is not just one rogue prosecutor, but one in which District Attorney Bassano is an enabling accomplice.

Additionally, all of these events have transpired without so much as raising an eyebrow in local news media.

Given the complicity of her supervisor and the lack of attention by local media, Kellet appears emboldened to continue this reign of terror on the life of Vladek Filler, his children, and other innocents who reside in the community Kellett is supposed to protect.

After having Filler's first conviction overturned due to prosecutorial misconduct by the Maine Supreme Court, she is coming after him again, putting him through another trial on the same slipshod evidence.

Kellett is not pursuing justice; she is making a mockery of it in ways that border on criminality. She is out of control and no one with authority over her is doing anything about it.

And given the hubris demonstrated by her actions, it is clear she feels free to proceed with impunity.

We cannot, *must* not, allow this to happen.

This is a battle worth choosing to fight, and A Voice for Men is not the only place that is happening. Glenn Sacks at Father's and Families, the nation's leader in father's rights advocacy is speaking out about this story. You can also read about it at The False Rape Society. This article will also be running at the-spearhead.com, with thanks to our good friend Mr. W.F. Price.

The organization *Stop Abusive and Violent Environments*(S.A.V.E.) has taken the even more significant action, sending a **Complaint for the Disbarment of Prosecutor Mary Kellett** to the Maine Board of Overseers for the Bar.

They have also authored a letter to Paul LePage, the Governor of Maine, referencing the disbarment complaint and making an appeal for an intervention on Mary Kellett on behalf of Vladek Filler and the people of Maine.

And you can do your part.

Write Governor LePage here and respectfully insist on an investigation to the practices of Mary N. Kellett. The message can be as simple as. “For the sake of justice, please assure that Mary Kellett is relieved of her prosecutorial duties and disbarred from the practice of law.”

Write the Board of overseers for the Bar here, and insist that they respond to the allegations against Kellett with an investigation.

Lastly, try to get the media involved. Bill Trotter does crime reporting for the Bangor Daily News. You can write email him at btrotter@bangordailynews.com or phone him at 207-460-6318 and ask him to consider investigating this story.

Don’t wait for others to do this, please, or think that just one person calling and writing is enough. That would be a fatal mistake.

When you have done one or all the suggestions listed here, please come back to this thread and simply put the word “done” in the comments, wherever you are reading this.

What is happening in Maine is only a microcosm of what is happening across the western world. So regardless of where you live, your insistent message to one or all of these people can help force them to consider looking in to Kellett’s activities. And make no mistake about it, Kellett’s actions, if unchecked, are a forecast of own future. We know this is a witch hunt, but because most are ignoring it, it will spread. If we take this silently, we have lost in the most tragic and disgraceful of ways.

This is a fight worth fighting, people. If you are reading this, you could be another Vladek Filler, or someone who cares about him. Your children could be hurt the same way his children have And your freedom, even if seemingly secure today, cannot be assured for tomorrow. As long as the likes of Mary Kellett are allowed to practice predatory prosecutions against innocent human beings no one is safe.

And If she is allowed to build a career on doing this, there will be nothing to stop the same from happening where you live.

It is your future, and your move.

[Addendum: A Voice for Men Radio is doing a one hour special on this tonight, March 29, 2011 at 9:00 p.m. EST. You can listen to the show live here, or the archives are always available in the sidebar at avoiceformen.com.]

Feminist Imperialism: The New Crusade

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Conservative pundit Jonah Goldberg, writing for *National Review*, has taken up the cause of spreading feminism across the world, presumably at gunpoint.

Goldberg has long been a war hawk, having been a passionate supporter of the invasion of Iraq, and once wrote:

> "Every ten years or so, the United States needs to pick up some small crappy little country and throw it against the wall, just to show the world we mean business."

Perhaps feminism, which has led directly to a great deal of state violence against men in America, has been recognized as a useful tool in pursuing these aims. If feminists are perfectly comfortable with violent arrests of fathers and husbands to enforce feminist dictates here at home, just think of how easy it would be to recruit their efforts to convince people to snuff out foreigners' lives. As Jonah argues, these jihadis must be a bunch of wife-beating sickos, so why not drop some JDAMs and cruise missiles on their misogynistic heads?

Nothing could better demonstrate feminist triumph than the mutilated corpses of patriarchal Muslims, right? Perhaps having female American soldiers sexually humiliate them a la Abu Ghraib would be the icing on the cake.

Oddly for a conservative (or perhaps not), Goldberg gloats over the fact that American men have been laid low in recent years:

> At a time when education matters more than ever, more American women attend college than men. More women graduate, with better grades and more advanced degrees.
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> These are the fruits of feminist success. And, as the father of a little girl, I'm grateful for many of feminism's achievements. And as a conservative, I'm delighted that so much of the energy and passion on the right is fueled by women…

As an American, I'd be somewhat relieved if the feminists were to divert their efforts to foreign wars. But that's a selfish sentiment, and this is an international issue. As I know from very personal experience, the effects of feminist policy transcend national boundaries. This is an international issue that affects all of us, and we have to address it as such.

So, while it isn't surprising to see war hawks donning the mantle of feminism, it is important that men worldwide oppose any efforts to use force against sovereign states in the name of feminism. To do so would be to acquiesce to force being used against us in our own homes, as it is.

Every bomb dropped and every bullet fired in the name of feminism is one more indictment against the totalitarian, supremacist ideology. Every death caused by feminist imperialism is a war crime against free people.

It would be a searing indictment against us as a people were we to justify state aggression on the pretext of interfering with the private, family lives of a sovereign people. We should reject such efforts forcefully, so as to avoid justifying the same action against us.

Kanye West Shines Spotlight On Fathers' Rights

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For all the time we spend blaming pop music for spreading anti-male cultural attitudes, at least it's not all bad. For once, an extremely popular artist is using that platform to draw attention to something important. The way Mr. West blames himself here is less than ideal, but he gives a decent impression of the legal battle many fathers face, and that's definitely a point for the good guys.

Lyrics excerpted from Kanye West's "All of the Lights":

> Turn up the lights in here, baby
> Extra bright, **I want y'all to see this**
> Turn up the lights in here, baby
> You know what I need
> **Want you to see everything**
> Want you to see all of the lights
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> **Restraining order**
> **Can't see my daughter**
> Her mother, brother, grandmother hate me in that order
> **Public visitation**
> We met at Borders
> Told her she take me back
> I'll be more supportive
> I made mistakes
> I bump my head
> **Courts suck me dry**
> I spent that bread
> **She need a daddy**
> Baby please, can't let her grow up in that ghetto university

As a cherry on top, Kanye also throws in a primer on the dangers of cohabiting with a hypergamous female in a legal climate that takes her word over his and gives her the house:

> I slapped my girl, she called the feds
> I did that time and spent that bread
> I'm heading home, I'm almost there
> I'm on my way heading up the stairs
> To my surprise a n**** replacing me
> I had to take 'em to that ghetto university

The unfortunately ubiquitous attitude of beta male supplication notwithstanding, at least this song and others like it can have the effect of pushing listeners to wake up to the problems men are facing in today's society. A step in the right direction – a small step, but a step nevertheless.

Kanye West: All Of The Lights (Youtube)

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Anarcho-Misogyny: Confronting Hypergamy

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By Jay Batman

The issue of promiscuity among men may be summed up as a matter of quantity; for men, the issue is how many women they have bedded. The issue is quite simple, because sleeping with women means being chosen by women. It is affirming to be chosen by as many women as possible. In this way, men achieve validation.

The issue of promiscuity among women may be summed up as a matter of quality; for women, the issue is who they have managed to bed. Sleeping with a man to a woman means selecting the best of the bunch and getting him to select you in return. For a woman, this equivalent to quality acknowledging quality, and there are no small amounts of arrogance and hubris at play.

The problem for women is that everyone covets quality. Many different women desire a man who is deemed handsome, or intelligent, or wealthy, or some amalgam of the three, especially the first and the third, simultaneously. What women entertain is a fantasy in which they monopolize the best for themselves, because their secret desire is to see themselves affirmed as the best through their exclusive possession of the best.

This does not happen. Alpha males have options, and no single woman can overcome this obstacle to exclusivity. What intelligent men realize early in life is that even for an alpha male, there will always be a bigger, faster, stronger, smarter, and wealthier male. What unintelligent men believe early in life is that love, fidelity, honor, and decency matter to women.

When it comes to institutions like marriage, such ideals do matter, but women are in a state of constant aspiration. They are always looking to move on and up. For women, there's always a better deal on the horizon or a better deal that got away. Contentment with the present is simply not possible with women.

Beta males do not understand this precisely because they entertain unrealistic beliefs about women. Chivalry ought to die because it has nothing to do with success in mating or life. It is an antiquated ideal that has no place in fulfillment for men. It simply renders men into a shoulder for women to cry on; rather than being a full human being, you become an emotional crutch when their first option falls through.

But what is more, beta males have to understand that status is a matter of choice rather than destiny. In an earlier article, Anarcho-Misogyny Revisited, I examined the African cichlid fish Haplochromis burtoni, specifically the males, because they are grouped into two subsets: territorial and non-territorial males. The territorial males are brightly colored, with testes three to four times larger than that of non-territorial males. The non-territorial males are so colored and sized as to be similar to the females of the species. What is relevant about H. burtoni for beta males is this: at any time where a territorial male is struck down by disease or predators, a non-territorial male undergoes physiological changes in his brain neurons and in his body morphology to transmogrify into a territorial male. The territorial males, when moved into proximity with larger territorial males, undergo a reverse transformation into non-territorial males.

Beta males are so pale, so appallingly dull when compared to their alpha peers, as to be almost feminine in their mannerism. They are the girlfriends who pick up the pieces when an alpha defies a female's attempts at hypergamy and refuses to commit to exclusivity.

Human males have a choice as to their lot in life. We are not cichlids whose lives are defined by the evolutionary decrees of necessity in ratios of dominant to non-dominant males. The answer for beta males is to reject a value system that consigns them to a life of disappointment and second-class status, to recognize that the spark present within alphas is also present within their kind. The difference is that the switch is off in a beta male, whereas it is on in an alpha male.

We have only to look at the sorts of men women choose in order to see what women value. Each man, at some

point in his life, has been embittered to realize that women prefer men who can rightly be characterized as louts. If you wish to be preferred, you have a behavioral choice to make.

Your brain physiology, like that of the cichlid fish, will change with your decision. In the article Practice-related Changes in Human Brain Functional Anatomy during Nonmotor Learning, researchers noted that a simple variation in a task (either repeated an appropriate verb for a visually presented noun or simply repeating the visually presented noun) could change the brain circuits used to accomplish either variation. This was possible with less than 15 minutes of practice.

Moreover, when you learn new behavior, you gain brain cells in your hippocampal neurons, which are associated with associative memory formation. Simply put, the more you learn, the greater your neurogenesis is. You are as fully formed as your decisions make you. The idea that we should be resigned to our present roles has no foundation in brain physiology whatsoever. There is always room for change, room to learn and develop more and more.

As a human being, the options available to you are endless, but your decision must be to pursue a destiny of your own devising. Anarcho-misogyny is quite unlike any other system that touches on race and gender in that it does not have a victim myth. We believe in only one form of victimization, and that is self-victimization.

Society may be oppressive, culture may be degrading, but that is the fault of whatever class is being oppressed or degraded. You are only entitled to the respect you have earned through due diligence and the accrual of strength as a deterrent. If you are so weakened as to be easy prey due to your own complacency and apathy, you should not be surprised that society sees fit to construct a scapegoat myth out of your group or class. The maintaining of rights is a constant chore, and the only way rights transcend paper and ink is when individuals and groups accumulate the strength necessary to force tyrants and demagogues to acknowledge rights as actual limitations on their own power.

Anarcho-misogyny does not seek to negotiate from any position besides one of overwhelming strength. Those who share in our commitment to equality before the law, defensible inequality based on one's own merit and effort, and the abolition of privilege for classes within the law recognize the necessity to labor for strength. What is strength? From an individual and a class perspective, it is capital.

Economic self-determination is the only self-determination that matters, and with women now making more than men in 148 of the largest 150 markets, we can see why the tide has shifted where the media message on men is concerned. Simply put, the denigration and vilification of men is both profitable and popular. Advertisers and members of the creative class who do so are tailoring their message to accommodate a class with means.

To some degree, the problem confronting males in today's current climate is an attitude of resignation and utter confusion as to what being a man means. Many of us grow up with less than ideal role models as men. Some of us have no consistent male influences in early life at all. We are feminized as a result of our circumstances. We either don't know who our fathers are, or we have absent fathers.

Men have a duty to other men to re-define what it is to be a man, to free future generations of matriarchal influence that seeks at all turns to feminize men into beta males. Simply put, being a man involves self-determination, confidence, and mental and physical strength. Power is both a means and an end in and of itself.

Masculinity is self-control; the rejection of feminine efforts to force men into a constantly reactionary position whereby we appear petulant and even churlish when faced with the baiting of women. Moreover, masculinity involves the ability and willingness to accept constructive criticism when it is offered, and the pride to reject belittling criticism when women put it forth in the guise of legitimate criticism. Certain tones and tenors used by women to make otherwise valid points ought to be torn apart immediately. It's not what they're saying; it's how they say it that betrays their ultimate intent, which is not to help a man grow and progress, but rather to demean him with his shortcomings and relegate him to a role of subordination.

Moreover, masculinity must become militant self-esteem. There is a lot men could learn from women in this area,

especially given the developments of the past forty years. When advertisers appeal to women, they do so by calling out to goddesses and queens and princesses. They do so by appealing to a sense of power and entitlement. You are worth it.

In confronting hypergamy from a standpoint of power and militant self-esteem, men are entitled to exercise discretion over their own bodies in the extreme. Advances in vasectomies have given men the option of having a vasectomy in their single years with the possibility of reversal later on. In this day and age of uncertain paternity and women who derive significant income from child support, my advice would be for men to undergo a vasectomy as a form of birth control.

The decision to do so is ultimately private and need not be shared with prospective sexual partners, girlfriends, or even wives. A woman is not required to notify her husband of an abortion, and her husband is not bound to notify her that he had a vasectomy before they got married. Additionally, having a vasectomy gives a man a degree of reproductive self-determination that a woman cannot influence. A man can have a child at his leisure and discretion. Moreover, should he not wish to have a child, he can appear compliant with the desires of his mate in their attempts to do so without being castigated.

Should a man choose a polygynous existence, he can do so knowing that he is free from the concern of impregnating any girlfriend or mistress he might have. He is free to enjoy sex on his own terms, to be affirmed by it as he sees fit without facing exploitation from a former lover.

Beta males who choose to morph into alpha males may do so knowing that their actions will not give rise to reproduction later on, and a medical history that includes a vasectomy will give a court pause in any proceedings on paternity. At the very least, a paternity test can be order that would likely exculpate the male who has undergone a prior vasectomy.

A man is entitled to make these decisions of his own volition without the input of any woman. After all, what woman asks a man for permission to procure an abortion, or makes her decision to carry or terminate a pregnancy entirely contingent upon the consent of her partner?

A woman can still achieve the status of having slept with a desirable male, but other than a status increase, she is not likely to gain either child-support or alimony from the exchange if reproduction is removed as a possibility. It's your body, your money, your sperm, and your life, men. Do as you please with all of it, and take all necessary steps to protect what you've earned and what you have as a man.

There are innovations from other cultures that we might import here as we restore our political power and voice. We might take the example of Iranian Muslims who enter into a contract called the sigheh, where a type of temporary marriage is entered into. The conditions are spelled out at the beginning, from the amount of support that will be provided to the amount of sex that will be given. The contract can be anywhere from a few hours to months or years in duration, and it is renewable.

This seems like a far more reasonable arrangement for men to pursue than the antiquated institution of full-blown marriage. If either partner fails to meet the other's standards or expectations, the contract need not be renewed. Both parties, therefore, have an incentive to maintain themselves and behave in an upstanding manner. If they do not, the contract is voided and the benefits are lost.

Sigheh represents the best of what marriage has to offer without any of the finality or restrictions. It benefits a woman by providing her access to a man's means, and it benefits a man by providing him an outlet for sex and companionship on terms that are mutually agreed up and binding at the outset. Additionally, the breach of the terms by a woman does not a result in costly court proceedings or a division of property for the man.

Additionally, a pre-nuptial agreement ought to be a requisite for every man at the outset of a marriage. Property should be partitioned, with pre-marriage assets placed entirely off-limits. Property accrued as a result of joint purchasing, where the man and the woman have paid for the item in equal or divided amounts should be divided

according to the contribution. If the property cannot be divided physically, it should be liquidated and the proceeds divided according to each party's contribution.

Every man should insist on ruling out alimony altogether as a condition of his prenuptial agreement. Moreover, should the woman fail to compromise on any tenet or codicil fundamental to the man, the man should get up and walk away from the entire relationship. Economic self-interest has to trump emotion for a man's well-being and self-interests to be represented. That may sound harsh, and avowedly unromantic, but the simple truth is that a divorce proceeding where the division of property is left at the discretion of a judge is far harsher to the interests of men than women.

The final piece of the strategy in confronting hypergamy is for men to start looking realistically at what women are. Simply put, a male in his twenties is better suited to pursue a relationship with an older woman. A woman hits her sexual peak in her thirties, and a man at that age ought to realistically assess what he wants from a relationship and pursue it without shame. Moreover, older women have their own means and their own status, and the introduction of a younger man into the networks they've already established can be important to later success in employment and business. Your peers in the same age group cannot offer you either the status, the connections, or even the same sexual competency as an older woman because they don't have any of those things.

The economics of the matter do not lie. The older someone is, the more likely they are to have a better economic footing. And let's be realistic: we've all seen older women that we've entertained carnal thoughts about. At various points in my life, I was attracted to Arianna Huffington, Nanette Hansen, and others. They were intelligent, attractive, successful women.

In essence, one of the answers to hypergamy is for men to start realizing that it has merit, and to practice it on some level themselves. If you're a beta male, it isn't because you're oppressed or society has forced you into anything. You are a victim of your own resignation, and just as quickly as you resigned yourself to a fate as a less attractive, less successful, and subordinate mound of self-pity, you can change.

Go to the gym, read a book, and watch what you eat. Start dressing differently and adapting your life to getting what you want out of life. Do what works to get what you want out life on your own terms. Maybe you won't get exactly what you want, but who does? It's not a matter of whether or not something is wrong per se, but whether or not it has practical utility to your life and your ambitions. If it does, do it, so long as it isn't illegal and doesn't put anyone's life at risk.

But most importantly, realize that the brotherhood you have with your own kind will be key to resurgence in male self-determination. We need to mobilize in this country to combat misandry. We need a National Organization for Men to promote men's reproductive self-determination, equality for men in custody and divorce cases, and the abolition of misandry that pigeonholes men in those areas.

We need to organize boycotts of products that make fun of men and denigrate us as dumb, sex-obsessed morons. What's so bad about being sex-obsessed, anyway? Sex is good, isn't it? It's the basic drive that compels us all. Why wouldn't you want it in greater quantities? Why would you feel ashamed of having it? The people who want to put taboo restrictions and attach unreasonable expectations to sex are the ones with the problems, and their puritanical and dogmatic approaches to sexuality have been ruining the sex lives of others throughout human history.

This is clearly seen in the way we refer to those people who "overly" enjoy sex: freaks. The same pejorative we use to refer to someone with an extra toe or an animal with two heads is used to refer to individuals who aspire to have sex on their own terms, for their own edification, and for their own enjoyment. Does this not seem a bit absurd?

It's time to reject this line of thinking, and to take concrete steps to achieve sexual self-determination and pride for men on their own terms. It's time to empower men to define their own lives however they see fit, to remove the institutional and social obstacles to men who seek to live life as an alpha male by their own merits. Moreover, it's time for other men to celebrate their achievements and that of their brothers, as opposed to acting resentful and envious to the point of being bitchy. Cattiness has no place on our side of the fence. If we can stand in the stands at

an NFL game and cheer for men whose abilities enable them to aspire to achievements on the gridiron that we simply cannot match, we can recognize greatness in our peers and celebrate when they realize their potential. Just as it isn't to the exclusion of our own potential when an NFL quarterback throws a sixty-yard pass across his body under pressure, it isn't exclusory to our potential when one of our co-workers gets a promotion.

He's realized his potential, and we simply have to work to realize ours. If our bosses aren't giving us a fair shake, we aren't precluded from seeking employment elsewhere. Men have to stop buying into the victim myth and start believing that self-determination comes from effort and a refusal to accept marginalization. Each individual man has his own gifts and abilities, and it's in our interest to bond together to achieve a world where each individual man can realize those gifts and abilities not through privilege, but instead through hard work that leads to the reward of personal achievement.

For women, the interest is clear: having strong, confident, and proud men around is conducive to better sex, stronger friendships, and yes, better relationships. A man who is secure in who he is isn't going to be threatened by who you are. Anarcho-misogyny is concerned with reviling feminists, but we have nothing against women who argue for equality rather than privileged standing to the exclusion of men. We're after a world where merit and personal achievement are the only justifiable bases for inequality.

Confronting hypergamy through an honest assessment of what it is, how men can utilize it to get what they want, and how men bear responsibility and face the consequences for their own choices can only lead to a better outcome in the future for men. Identifying and recognizing misandry and its religion of feminism does not entail whining about how you're oppressed; it entails identifying your opponent, their strengths and weaknesses, and formulating a strategy to go forward and achieve success. That's the manly thing to do.

In a Bind

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Feminism succeeded in part because of some of the idiosyncrasies of the culture it was resisting. For example, that awful, stultifying, boring middle class lifestyle of the late 20th century left a lot of time on women's hands. A mere decade before the 1950s women would have been working too hard just getting by to make much noise politically. The affluence and surfeit of spare time spawned an activist class of women who flocked in large numbers to "progressive" institutions that lobbied for government intervention in their favor.

Unfortunately, men don't have that luxury, and never really have. Additionally, the men who have the most to gain from activism are those who have the least time for it. Divorced and unmarried fathers of all sorts are amongst the most hard-pressed people of all in our society, in many cases living an existence barely above the poverty line and having to keep their noses to the grindstone to stay out of jail. In fact, it seems almost deliberate, but I suspect that the primary motivating factor in keeping them under this regime has more to do with the desire to milk them for all they are worth.

Because of this setup, most of the more successful men's rights activists are not dealing directly with the most pressing of the issues themselves. Perhaps one could draw a parallel between them and abolitionists, who were ultimately far more important to the abolition of slavery than slaves themselves.

However, it is still important that men who are going through family law hell have some say, and be given some opportunities to act in tangible ways. Those for the whom the problem is still fresh may be too overwhelmed to do so, but some of the more compelling figures in the news have been fathers whose children have been abducted to foreign countries, men who were locked up for not paying for children who are not their own, and men who spent decades behind bars for being falsely accused and convicted.

Perhaps the most important role wronged fathers and husbands can take on is that of the icon of the oppressed. Their stories should become cultural touchstones that people will remember whenever they hear the term "men's rights" or "fathers' rights."

So, in seeking more public support, we ought to look for and broadcast these painful narratives. There are plenty out there, including many in which children are involved, and we shouldn't shy away from using them to gain sympathy and change the public perception surrounding the issue of custody and fatherly responsibility. If this effort is pursued with enough skill and dedication, eventually the image of the "deadbeat" may be replaced with the far more accurate image of the wronged father and child.

Little Lies

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By Twenty

Some of the most irritating fruits of feminism are the thousand little lies it causes its adherents to tell about the nature of the world. These lies might be consciously told to advance the cause, or subconsciously adopted to resolve uncomfortable contradictions, or mistaken for truth by a mind clouded by a false model of the world. Whatever their genesis, they seem equally grating to anyone who doesn't buy the great, underlying lie of Gender As A Social Construct.

Here's one small example. Today I dropped by Drudge, and saw the rather surprising headline "Gadhafi's blonde lawyer daughter joins soldiers on front line…". That struck me as … unlikely to be true. At least one of Gadhafi's *sons* did apparently return from a U.S. internship to "[lead] the 32nd Reinforced Brigade, known at the Khamis Brigade, in its brutal suppression of rebel forces", but sons aren't daughters, and brigade commanders don't necessarily lead from the front. So the story linked from Drudge struck me as peculiar.

Here's the story. If you actually *read the story*, it appears that "joins soldiers" means "rally fresh support among weary troops" by "waving the leader's green flag", and "front lines" means "Tripoli". Now morale operations are a legitimate part of warfare, but they aren't combat. Visiting troops isn't the same as fighting with them. And Tripoli is about as far from the front lines as it's possible to get in Libya.

Just another little lie in the daily avalanche.

I did like this bit from the Daily Mail story, though:

> Aisha has supported the IRA and worked as a lawyer for Saddam Hussein. In an interview in October last year she told of the charity work that she does in Libya for women's rights.

My Weekend

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Some supporters have been very candid with me about what motivates them, and I'd like to share a bit in return about what it all comes down to for me. Unsurprisingly, it's pretty much the same thing.

As tiring and difficult as fatherhood may be, I'd give up a thousand nights with the most beautiful women in the world just to keep my children in my arms. Call me beta or omega, and I don't even care when I'm with these little ones. But on the other hand, those who get between me and my children are worth less to me than the scum that washes out with the tide.

It is a Sunday, and my daughter and her chicken puppet suggested this verse:

> Matthew 23:37
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> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!
>
> –Jesus H. Christ

It's good to be back in the fight. I credit the babies. They always come through.

Teen Girl Delinquency a Growing Problem

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One of the stars of hit cable show “Teen Mom” was caught on video delivering a beatdown to a female rival, and now girls across the country are engaging in combat, sometimes prodded on by their own single mothers. In some cases, the girls have murdered their opponents.

Oddly, even as the evidence of female aggression and violence mounts ever higher, we are still treated to the same old song and dance about violence against women, the need for men to bow and scrape before these precious little angels, etc.

In a newsclip on MSNBC, reality TV is taken to task for allegedly giving these girls the idea. This may be true to some extent, but first we ought to ask who normalized this kind of behavior in the first place. Who was it that liberated teenage girls’ sexuality and encouraged female aggression in the name of “empowerment,” all the while demanding that females are never held to the same standards of responsibility as males?

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AG Holder Needs to Retract False Statements about Domestic Violence

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In ringing prose, President Barack Obama underscored his March 9, 2009 Memorandum on Scientific Integrity with this promise: “Under my administration, the days of science taking a back seat to ideology are over…To undermine scientific integrity is to undermine our democracy.”

As luck would have it, Attorney General Eric Holder issued a statement a few months later designed to spotlight the issue of domestic violence. In Holder’s own words, “Disturbingly, intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45.”
http://www.justice.gov/ag/speeches/2009/ag-speech-091019.html

Turns out this statement is not one-sided or misleading. It’s flat-out wrong.

Go to the website of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. There you can fire up the WISQARS (“whiskers”) search engine to glean the leading causes of death for any age group, race, sex, geographical region, or year:
http://webappa.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/leadcaus10.html

So I entered the data to match Holder’s proclamation – African-American women in the 15-45 year age range. In 2007, the women’s leading causes of death were:

1. Cancer
2. Heart disease
3. Accidents (unintentional injuries)

Thinking something must be wrong, I fiddled with different years – same result. Domestic violence homicides didn’t make the list.

This factual boo-boo came to light in a February 4 USA Today column by Christina Hoff Sommers. Calling on Holder to remove the misstatement “immediately,” the essay enumerated the harms wrought by such wrongful assertions.

“Misinformation leads to misdirected policies that fail to target the true causes of violence,” Dr. Sommers declared. “Worse, those who promulgate false statistics about domestic violence, however well-meaning, promote prejudice. Most of the exaggerated claims implicate the average male in a social atrocity.”

What’s more, these claims are exploited by dictatorial regimes to buttress antiquated human rights policies. “In Europe almost 70% of housewives are beaten by their husbands,” Iranian President Ahmadinejad once asserted, absurdly.

Columnist Paul Elam highlighted another cause for worry: “The danger here, of course, is that by telling African American women that the leading cause of their death is IPV [intimate partner violence], we are minimizing and helping them ignore the things that really are killing them.”

Eric H. Holder was sworn in as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States on February 3, 2009. Four months later, I happened to attend a speech by the newly-confirmed law enforcement head. Still basking in the afterglow of his controversial confirmation, Mr. Holder spoke condescendingly how the Bush Administration’s Department of Justice had been reflexively smitten by a narrow ideology.

And under his leadership, Holder pledged to the crowd, the faded luster of the DoJ would soon be restored. That was two years ago.

I cannot fault Mr. Holder for his factual hiccup. After all, public officials make statements every day, and they can’t be expected to fact-check each jot and tittle of every speech. And I am not going to suggest that Mr. Holder was

intentionally thumbing his nose at President Obama's Presidential Memorandum on Scientific Integrity.

But now the truth of the matter has come to light and the harm caused by this intellectual flim-flam cataloged. Mr. Holder needs to assure the claims and policies of his department are rooted in scientifically-verifiable fact, not ideologically-driven cant.

Act now, Mr. Holder, to protect the integrity, the professionalism, and the good name of the Department of Justice.

Facing our Demons

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Recently, I wrote a post explaining that I'd need a bit of a break from the frantic pace of writing that has come to characterize my routine here. The main reason, of course, was that I had to finally face the day of reckoning regarding my divorce, which is that I might actually lose my kids. This is something I've feared from the beginning, because the man my ex ran off with told me quite explicitly that he intended to have her and my kids leave the country with him. It didn't work out exactly as he'd planned, but it still might go that way. Such is the lot of the divorced father today.

However, there was something else. It's been exactly a year since my father died, and that brought back a number of the same unpleasant feelings that accompanied the original event. It didn't help at all that in obtaining my daughter's birth certificate a couple weeks ago I had to go back to the medical examiner's office, i.e. the morgue, and see the same guy who sat me down last year and went over the death reports, then handed me the personal effects. It was uncomfortable, to say the least, and combined with a fairly extended period of not seeing my children left me in a darkly reflective mood that was not conducive to productivity.

I've made some statements to the effect that we ought to be a bit more honest about our own lives, and what drives us personally. I'm afraid we American men aren't very good at that. I'm not sure whether it's cultural, or whether it's a universal male trait, but it's a fact. It's also understandable. Men don't generally like to deal with such unpleasantness and the uncomfortable emotions that surround these personal issues. Women's fascination with the ugly details of interpersonal relationships and the intensely private emotions that accompany them has often struck me as somewhat morbid and indecent.

However, we have to give them credit for having stronger stomachs in that regard. It definitely has its utility. For example, could we survive a gut shot if it weren't for some guy willing to roll up his sleeves, reach into those bloody entrails and sew up the damaged organs?

Perhaps, if we are to move on, we have to learn to get over our squeamishness and face the ugly truths in our own lives. That seems almost like heresy in this snake-oil era of personal improvement and boundless optimism, but how can we ever know what the real problems are if we are too afraid to look at them? In a sense, we have been facing them here at *The Spearhead* from the beginning. We have been exposing the ugly side of feminism for all to see, and it's working. But we've left something out: our own stories.

I've decided it's time to make a couple changes in that regard. Nothing too drastic, but one reaches a certain age and there comes a time when reflection is finally appropriate. For me, at least, that time has come. And I doubt I'm alone in that regard.

So I'd like to encourage people who have reached that time in their life as well to share their own stories, draw their own conclusions, and leave a little wisdom for the rest of us. I'm just getting started on it myself.

Seattle Area Teacher Facing Prison for Alleged Sex With Boy

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Barbara Anderson, a 37-year-old teacher in the Kentlke school district, has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual misconduct following her arrest for alleged improprieties with a 17-year-old student. The teacher is alleged to have had sexual contact with the boy in her classroom, and exchanged hundreds of explicit text messages with him. She faces up to a year in prison.

Reports of female teachers taking advantage of male students have reached an entirely new level in recent years, perhaps as women in American society grow increasingly sexually frustrated under the feminist regime. This phenomenon, which was virtually unheard of a mere twenty years ago, has become so commonplace as to barely raise eyebrows today.

The penalty for sex with minor students is rather harsh considering the libertine nature of society in general. In this case, it is a result of anti-male hysteria coming full circle to expose women themselves to the draconian laws meant to protect them from “predatory” males.

Although teachers clearly shouldn’t be sleeping with students, and those that do should be terminated and banned from the profession, a consensual fling with an adolescent over the age of 14 does not merit imprisonment. However, the thinking used to be that innocent little girls were being led astray by wolfish men who couldn’t control their lust, and punishing “bad guys” has always been a popular proposition. In fact, in most cases the students themselves are fully willing participants in the act, and probably deserve a share of the blame themselves.

If there is any reason to imprison a teacher for having sex with a student, it is that the teacher could expose the child to real harm. For example, say a teacher with HIV slept with a student. That teacher should go to jail. Another example would be a teacher that got pregnant by the child, and saddled a boy with 18 years of child support payments. Given that the potential for pregnancy exists for any fertile woman, and the boy would have no say in whether or not he wanted to be a father, it may be fair to say that female teachers who sleep with students should be imprisoned for exposing the boy to ruin. A male teacher who impregnated a female student would not be liable to the same extent, because the female student has the option of abortion, adoption or automatic child support.

Therefore, although it appears unreasonable on the face of it, there may actually be just cause for imprisoning a female teacher who sleeps with a minor male student. Until, of course, such unreasonable laws as we have pertaining to fatherhood are erased from the books.

So, sorry Ms. Anderson. If you end up doing time, thank your sisters.

An Operatic Point of View

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By Carnivore

Troll King commented the other day:

So which is it? Have women always been seen as virtuous or as evil?

Well, let's see. It has often been noted here, at The Spearhead, that today TV and movies portray men generally as:

- Bumbling idiots, especially men in a family setting, such as fathers, husbands, brothers and sons
- Villains who are evil to the core, who could give Hitler and Stalin lessons.

In either case, strong, confident, virtuous women save the bumbling idiot from himself or save the world from the evil men. In the latter case, the strong woman will inevitably have a perfect figure, wear a skin-tight outfit, weigh about 115 pounds and dispatch ten or more evil, 200+ pound men with her bare hands in the span of a minute or two. I would like to take the reader back to a time when a slightly different view of human nature and the attributes of the sexes prevailed in popular entertainment, this being in opera.

The hey-day of opera was the mid to late 19th century and early 20th century. At that time, opera could be thought of as the IMAX of its day – a spectacular combination of all the arts – music (orchestral and vocal), drama, poetry, painting and sculpture (through set design) – into one super production. As it progressed beyond its beginnings around 1600, opera left the exclusive domain of royalty and became a popular entertainment for the growing middle class. I'd like to present some operas and how they portrayed men and women, both good and bad.

A few points before I proceed:

- All opera composers and ***librettists*** (the authors of the words which are sung) worth mentioning, of course, were men.
- This article won't solve our current crisis. It is proffered as instruction on our ***common, male creative heritage*** to those who haven't got an operatic clue. Hope you also find it entertaining.
- No, the operatic vocal sound isn't as simple as humming a tune. The vocal technique was developed to allow a ***single*** voice to cut through a full orchestra and fill a 1000+ seat opera house without microphones or a sound system.
- The story summaries will cut out some details to save space.

Clowns

Most people have seen a picture of Enrico Caruso in a clown costume and heard a scratchy recording of him singing “Ridi, Pagliaccio”. (His 1907 recording of this piece was the first record to sell a million copies.) You may wonder what his character, Canio, was belly-aching about. Simply this – he had just discovered that his wife, whom he had fully trusted, was an adulteress and was going to leave him that very night.

Using two common theatrical devices: “the sad clown who has to make people laugh” and “the play within a play”, the composer, Ruggero Leoncavallo, weaves a tragic tale with music and prose in his opera, *Pagliacci*. Premiered in 1892, it was an instant success. Here’s the story.

The characters are Canio, the leader of a small troupe of entertainers, his wife Nedda and two other entertainers: Tonio and Peppe and, finally, Nedda’s lover, Silvio. Act 1 opens with the troupe entering a small village, setting up their portable stage and announcing a play to be held that evening. Canio and Peppe start to go with the villagers to the tavern but Tonio stays behind. The villagers jokingly ask Canio if Tonio is staying behind to woo Nedda. Canio responds (note that in the troupe’s act, he plays “Clown”):

It’s better not to play a game like that with me.

Listen Tonio and everyone, the stage and life aren’t the same thing.

If Clown surprises his wife with a handsome man in her chamber,
he’ll only make a funny speech, calm down and let himself be beaten with a stick!

But if I should really surprise Nedda, the story would end quite differently.

It’s better not to play a game like that with me.

Some of the villagers ask if he really suspects Nedda. Canio replies, “Of course not! I adore her!” and gives her a tender kiss.

As soon as the crowd has left, Tonio does indeed make a pass at Nedda, but she strikes him with a whip. She has someone else in mind. After he retreats, Silvio appears from the tavern and asks Nedda to run off with him after the play that night. Meanwhile, Tonio overhearing this fetches Canio. He arrives just in time to hear Nedda say “I will always be yours” to the departing Silvio. Canio runs after Silvio but loses him and doesn’t get a good look at his face. In frustration, he demands that Nedda reveal the name of her lover. She refuses. Canio threatens her with a knife, but Peppe stops him and says it’s time to prepare for the play.

Canio is left alone to get ready, overcome with sadness, pain, anger and frustration from the betrayal which he never suspected. At this point he sings “Vesti la giubba”. Given the scene and the strong emotions felt by the character with which anyone who has been betrayed can identify, here is a moving performance by Giuseppe Di

Stefano that tears at the soul. Canio feels like a powerless fool, a clown who has to make people laugh while he has a dagger of pain and betrayal in his heart.

Vesti la giubba e la faccia infarina.

Put on your costume and powder your face.

La gente paga e rider vuole qua.

The audience pays and wants to laugh.

E se Arlecchin t'invola Colombina,

And if Harlequin steals Colombina from you,

Ridi, Pagliaccio, e ognun applaudira!

Laugh, Clown, and everyone will applaud!

Tramuta in lazzi lo spasmo ed il pianto;

Turn into laughs your spasms of pain,

In una smorfia il singhiozzo e'l dolor.

Turn your tears of sorrow into a grimace.

Ridi, Pagliaccio, sul tuo amore in franto!

Laugh, Clown, at your broken love;

Ridi del duol t'awelena il cor!

Laugh at the pain which poisons your heart!

You might have guessed the ironic plot of the play within the play: Columbina (played by Nedda), wife of Clown (played by Canio) is having an affair with Harlequin (played by Peppe). Tonio plays the servant Taddeo. Act 2 opens with the villagers gathering for the play and Nedda collecting money. Silvio appears and tells Nedda that he'll be waiting. He joins the audience.

The play begins and the events of the afternoon eerily repeat themselves in the play. Taddeo makes a pass at Columbina, whom she chases off. Harlequin appears and begins to serenade Columbina. Clown returns just in time to hear Columbina say "I will always be yours" to the departing Harlequin. Canio exclaims "In God's Name! Those same words!" As the play progresses, reality replaces the play and Canio demands the name of Nedda's lover. She refuses, so he draws a knife and stabs her. With her dying breath she cries out "Silvio" and Silvio rushes up to the stage calling, "Nedda". Canio, blinded by rage, turns on Silvio and stabs him to death. Canio drops the knife and proclaims to the audience, "The comedy is finished!"

Rigoletto

This opera was composed by Giuseppe Verdi, with a libretto by Francesco Piave based upon a story by Victor Hugo and first performed in 1851.

The opera's story takes place in the 16th century. Rigoletto is the hunchbacked court jester to the Duke of Mantua. The Duke is an alpha's alpha, a cad. His hobby is trying to bed the wives and daughters of the noblemen in his court.

The opera opens at the Duke's palace where a ball is being held. While the Duke is making passes at all the women, Rigoletto mocks their husbands and suggests to the Duke that he should get rid of them by imprisoning them or by execution. The noblemen vow to take revenge on Rigoletto after one of them reveals that Rigoletto is keeping a secret mistress in his home. A Count enters whom Rigoletto mocks because the Duke has plowed the Count's daughter. You can tell old Riggy ain't making any friends here. The Duke has the Count arrested. As he is led away, the Count places a father's curse upon Rigoletto. Rigoletto is visibly shaken.

The noblemen arrange a plot and abduct Rigoletto's mistress and bring her to the Duke's palace. When the Duke arrives, he finds out that Rigoletto's mistress is waiting for him in his bedroom. He immediately rushes to her side. Rigoletto arrives in distress and it's revealed the woman is really his *daughter*, Gilda. The Count's curse has been fulfilled, or so Rigoletto thinks. After the Duke has finished with her, Gilda rushes to her father's side, half undressed.

Here is where it get's interesting. While her father is furious and vows revenge, Gilda still loves and defends the Duke, despite him having just pumped and dumped her. Of course, this is no surprise to Spearhead readers. The father and daughter sing a duet, where he's set on revenge (vendetta) and she begs him to forgive the Duke (here Placido Domingo and Julia Novikova):

Rigoletto and Gilda

Rigoletto: Yes, revenge, terrible revenge is all that my heart desires.

Gilda: O my father, what a fierce joy

Rigoletto: The hour of your punishment hastens on,

Gilda: do I see in your eyes!

Rigoletto: that hour which will be your last.

Gilda: Forgive him and then we too may hear

Rigoletto: Like a thunderbolt from God,

Gilda: the voice of pardon from Heaven.

Rigoletto: the jester's revenge shall strike you down.

Gilda: Forgive, forgive!

Rigoletto: Revenge! Revenge! No! No!

Gilda: He betrayed me, yet I love him; great

Rigoletto: God,

Gilda: I ask for mercy on this faithless man!

The final act finds Rigoletto and his daughter in a shady part of town by the house of Sparafucile, the assassin. The Duke is inside and Rigoletto impresses on Gilda, who's still in love with the Duke, that the Duke has forgotten about her and is now trying to seduce Maddalena, the assassin's sister. Here is where the Duke sings his famous aria, La donna e mobile (this example by Luciano Pavarotti; note Gilda at the window watching while he seduces Maddalena). You've probably heard the melody before, if not the aria. Get a load of what he's singing – no

comment needed:

La donna è mobile qual piuma al vento,

Women are as flighty as feathers in the wind.

Muta d'accento e di pensiero.

She changes her voice and her mind.

Sempre un amabile leggiadro viso,

Always a sweet, pretty face,

In pianto o in riso È menzognero.

but in tears or in laughter, she is always a liar.

È sempre misero chi a lei s'affida,

He is miserable who trusts in her and

Chi le confida mal cauto il core!

he who confides in her – his unwary heart!

Pur mai non sentesi felice appieno

Yet one never feels fully happy

Chi su quel seno non liba amore!

who does not drink love on that bosom!

Rigoletto makes a deal with the assassin for the Duke's life. He will return with the money at midnight in exchange for the Duke's body in a sack. Rigoletto instructs Gilda to put on the clothes of a man so they can escape later. They depart.

Gilda returns dressed as a man. She overhears Maddalena plead with her brother to spare the Duke's life. He agrees, if he can find a substitute by midnight. Gilda *still* loves the Duke despite having been dumped by him and seeing him seduce another woman. She decides to sacrifice herself and enters the house. The assassin, realizing this is the looked-for substitute, mortally wounds her.

Rigoletto returns at midnight with the money and receives a body in a sack. He gloats and drags the sack to the river in order to dump it. At that moment, the Duke does a repeat of La donna e mobile, and Rigoletto, hearing it, realizes he's been tricked because the Duke is still alive. He opens the sack to find his daughter, who dies in his arms (picture at the top). He screams out in horror, "The curse!" – the Count's curse has finally been fulfilled.

All Women are Like That

Did that title get your attention? The title of Mozart's opera, *Cosi fan tutte* would more accurately translate to "Thus

do all" with "all" referring to women. Sometimes, the title is given as "Thus do they all" and even "The School for Lovers" but "All women are like that" seems to be more common. Unlike the previous two operas, which are tragedies, this one is a comedy. Mozart is the composer but the libretto is by Lorenzo Da Ponte, who had a very interesting life. He was the first professor of Italian literature at Columbia College (now Columbia University, New York City). The opera premiered in 1790.

To keep it easy, I'll simplify the characters' names to English equivalents. The male leads are Ferd and Will, two young soldiers whose fiancées are Dora (Ferd) and Lily (Will). Dora and Lily are also sisters. Their maid is Thorn, and lastly, there's the old philosopher, Al.

The opera opens in a coffeehouse with Al discussing women with Ferd and Will. The soldiers are certain that their fiancées will always be failthful while Al thinks they are just being naïve. Al bets them that he can show the sisters would be unfaithful within 24 hours because all women are the same. He swears them to secrecy and requires their pledge to do whatever he says. They agree.

The scene shifts to the two sisters. Al arrives and announces the bad news that the soldiers have been called to war. Ferd and Will arrive and the couples say their tearful farewells all the while pledging their love and faithfulness. Al laughs to himself. After the couples depart, Al gloats at what he thinks will be an easy win:

Oh, poverini!

Oh, poor fools!

Per femmina giocar cento zecchini?

To bet a hundred sequins on a woman!

«Nel mare solca e nell'arena semina

"He who builds his hopes on a woman's heart,

E il vago vento spera in rete accogliere

Ploughs the sea and sows on sand

Chi fonda sue speranze in cor di femmina.»

And hopes to snare the wind in a net."

The scene shifts to the sisters' home. The sisters are pining for their lovers. Thorn, the maid, arrives and asks what is wrong. When they tell her the men are off to battle, she laughs and says so much the better for them since they will come back crowned with laurel (i.e. victory). When the girls protest that they might be killed, Thorn says so much the better for the sisters because they lose those two and all the remaining men are left.

When the ladies protest that they would die if their lovers were to be killed in battle, Thorn replies that is what they think but they wouldn't do it because no woman has ever died for love or a man – there's plenty more where the two soldiers came from. She admonishes the sisters to not waste their time with tears but to find new lovers because their men will be doing the same.

The sisters leave and Al returns to bribe Thorn to help with the plot and with a promise of more money if the plot succeeds. He introduces her to two Albanian princes who will attempt to woo the sisters. What Al doesn't tell Thorn is that the Albanians are really Ferd and Will in disguise. Since Thorn didn't recognize them, he's certain Dora and Lily won't either. The plot is for each soldier to woo the other's fiancée. The sisters return and the Albanians declare their love and demand a kiss. The sisters turn them away to the men's secret delight.

Act 2 opens with Thorn urging the sisters to fall for the Albanians. She tells them that since their fiancées have gone to war, they, too, should act like the military and *recruit new lovers*! Dora confesses that there couldn't be any harm in a little flirting and Lily agrees.

The Albanians return and proceed to woo the women. The sisters eventually succumb. Later, the men express their anger to Al and swear off marriage. Al recommends, however, that they go ahead and marry them (sung here by Nicolas Rivenq):

Tutti accusan le donne, ed io le scuso

Everyone accuses women, but I excuse them

Se mille volte al dì cangiano amore;

for changing their affections a thousand times a day.

Altri un vizio lo chiama ed altri un uso,

Some call it a sin, others a habit,

Ed a me par necessità del core.

But it seems to me a necessity of the heart.

L'amante che si trova alfin deluso

The man who finds himself deceived

Non condanni l'altrui, ma il proprio errore;

should not blame others, but his own illusions

Già che giovani, vecchie, e belle e brutte,

Be they young or old, beautiful or ugly,

Ripetetel con me: «Così fan tutte!»

Repeat after me….. "All women are like that!"

And Ferd and Will repeat: "All – women – are – like – that!"

The final scene goes through some confusion with the soldiers "returning" and chasing after their rivals. All is finally revealed and all are forgiven. Al collects on his bet and Thorn gets her share.

Lucy of Lammermoor

Lucia di Lammermoor is a tragic opera by Domenico Gaetano Donizetti. The libretto is by Salvadore Cammarano and based upon Sir Walter Scott's novel, *The Bride of Lammermoor*. It premiered in 1835.

The opera is set in late 17th century Scotland and the plot takes many twists and turns. To very briefly summarize, the Ravenswood and Lammermoor families have been a feudin'. The Lammermoor family has fallen on hard economic times and Lucy's brother wants her to marry the wealthy Lord Bucklaw. Of course, Lucy doesn't want to, because she just happens to be in love with – whom else – the head of the rival Ravenswood clan, Sir Edgar whom

Lucy's brother hates.

Sir Edgar goes away on a political trip to France. While he is gone, Lucy's brother does everything he can to get her to marry Lord Bucklaw – intercepting all of Sir Edgar's letters; spreading rumors that he has another lover etc. Finally, Lucy concedes to marry Lord Bucklaw and signs the wedding contract. At that very instant, Sir Edgar returns to claim his wife.

Let's take a break here. It's at this point that Sir Edgar begins the famous sextet from the opera, "Chi mi frena". Donizetti's genius weaves the music and singing of six characters into one fabulous presentation. (Sung here by Jose Carreras as Sir Edgar in a great production with period costumes.) Of course, guys in the USA might better recognize the melody here or here at 2:14.

Anyway, back to Lucy. Edgar curses Lucy and is forced out of the castle. The wedding goes through with Lucy and Lord Bucklaw. As the marriage celebration takes place in the great hall of the castle, it is announced that Lucy has gone mad and killed her husband in the bridal chamber. Lucy appears drenched in blood (picture) and sings the famous "Mad Scene" aria where she imagines that she is married to Sir Edgar. Lucy collapses and is dying. Edgar is meanwhile waiting for a duel with Lucy's brother when he learns she has died calling for him. Seeing that she really did love him all along, he stabs himself in order to meet her in heaven. Only in an opera, eh?

There you have it – woman as killer, adultress, fickle & unfaithful lover and a thug's lover. Not the typical female character seen today.

Sarah Palin: America's Sweetheart No More?

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Sarah Palin's standing with the American public has undergone a stunning reversal of fortune, according to two recent polls.

Just two and a half years ago, Sarah Palin's star was ascending to the political heavens. A solid 53% of Americans held a favorable opinion of Mrs. Palin, while only 28% had a negative view.

But according to a March 3 Bloomberg News poll, only 28% of Americans now hold a positive view of the former Alaska governor, while a stunning 60% see her in an unfavorable light.

And a March 16 Washington Post-ABC poll found Palin's negative ratings fell to a nadir of 37% among Republicans and right-leaning independents.

So how do we explain the stunning turnaround of this immensely ambitious political wunderkind?

Following John McCain's surprise selection of Sarah Palin on August 29, 2008 and her well-received acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention, the political unknown from Wasilla notched an impressive favorability rating of 53% (all figures I cite are from the Gallup poll, unless otherwise noted).

But as the campaign lurched toward the November election, stories began to circulate about a simmering discord between the McCain-Palin campaign staffs. "She is a diva. She takes no advice from anyone," complained a top McCain adviser just days before the election. "Also, she is playing for her own future and sees herself as the next leader of the party."

Following the GOP's sweeping losses on November 4, Palin's favorability ratings still registered 48%, a respectable number considering the predictable miscues of the grueling campaign.

Soon shaking off the post-election blues, Palin's first move was to establish SarahPAC, which would eventually raise $1 million for conservative candidates around the country. Throughout 2009, Palin's favorability ratings cruised along in the acceptable low to mid 40s range.

Palin's heralded book Going Rogue came out on November 17. Even though the autobiography would eventually sell over 2 million copies, it also raised questions about the former candidate's conservative credentials – even her character.

Going Rogue highlights Palin's endorsement of the controversial Title IX quota program. It reveals her predilection for gender-baiting clichés like "I've been living in a man's world all my life."

The autobiography even suggests a mean streak. When then-boyfriend Todd told his friends that Sarah didn't know how to kiss, Palin's judgment was harsh as it was swift: I "learned a lesson about guys that day: even the good ones can act like jerks."

As if women never gossip about their mates' sexual prowess!

Throughout the year Palin appeared at endless Tea Party rallies around the country. On February 6, 2010, Palin keynoted the inaugural Tea Party convention in Nashville, TN, cementing her position as the charismatic leader for the burgeoning movement.

But in mid-2010, the apparently unstoppable train suddenly took a pro-feminist turn.

During a May 15 speech at a Susan B. Anthony conference, Palin unveiled the term "Mama Grizzly," and invoked the words "feminism" and "feminist" no less than a dozen times. This provoked predictable attacks from the N.O.W. blowhards — and raised conservative eyebrows as well.

Palin's response was to accuse her critics, including her female detractors, of chauvinism – a stance that began to

wear thin in the eyes of many.

The cracks in Mrs. Palin's formidable reputation began to show themselves in the Gallup poll taken after the November 2 elections. While she garnered a steady 40% favorability rating, for the first time ever her unfavorable numbers spiked to 52%.

Perhaps the decisive turning point, though, was the day that Palin decided to take on Barbara Bush. First Ladies occupy a revered spot in the American iconography, but the tone-deaf Palin apparently didn't understand this.

When the former First Lady remarked that Palin might prefer to stay in Alaska rather than throw herself into the hurly-burly of national politics, Palin rebuked Mrs. Bush – and her family — as a group of elite "blue bloods."

Wrong move, Mrs. Palin.

Then came Palin's "blood libel" gaffe on January 12. And in February, Palin insinuated former Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum was a "Neanderthal."

Manhattan Institute scholar Heather MacDonald has ridiculed the "feminist strain" of the Mama Grizzlies and notes that Palin "is living up to her most skeptical assessment of her." But the real reason for her plummeting support is that many Americans are confused about who Sarah Palin is and what she really stands for.

Is Mrs. Palin the tireless spokesperson for a recrudescent Silent Majority? Is she a have-it-all, do-it-all Super Mom? A dazzling, but ephemeral Media Maven?

Or is she an old-school, quota-embracing, male-bashing feminist who also happens to be pro-life? Is she a Shake-and-Bake liberal whose political resumé includes support for the ill-fated Bridge to Nowhere and a record-breaking $6.6 billion state operating budget in 2007?

Until Mrs. Palin takes steps to reconcile these apparent contradictions, these questions will continue to be grist for the political mill.

Estrogen Poisoning in the Boardroom

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By Lyn87

Some days I feel like Professor Higgins in My Fair Lady, singing "Why Can't a Woman be More Like a Man?"

> Why is thinking something women never do?
> And why is logic never even tried?
> Straightening up their hair is all they ever do.
> Why don't they straighten up the mess that's inside?

I've known more than my share of top-rate thinkers and leaders and almost all of them are men. That's not to say it's universal: I've known plenty of guys that simper like wet kittens, and a few women who stand up and make the tough calls, but by and large the ratio is not even close.

Sometimes we organize ourselves into groups. We do that because nobody can know everything about everything and if we cooperate we can do things we couldn't do individually. I'll spare you a dissertation on group dynamics by distilling it down to something you probably already know – men cooperate better than women do.

There are a lot of reasons for that. A group of men will go through the "storming" stage of group formation in a more obvious way than a group of women. That doesn't mean it's any more or less tumultuous in its way, but it looks different. A group of guys will rack-and-stack each other, figure out who's on top, and move out. Informal leadership can switch from one guy to another depending on the task at hand and that goes off without much of a hitch unless somebody has an ego problem. But once we butt heads like a bunch of big-horn sheep (Oddsock, you out there?), we cooperate to accomplish the task. Women just don't do that as well. They may not do the same kind of obvious "measuring" we do, but it's just as real. But the big difference is that when women clash they become enemies, whereas men clash in order to establish a hierarchy.

One undermines group cohesion and one builds it. Groups of men can and do organize to beat the crap out of things, usually other groups of men. Whether it is on a battlefield or a market, men organize because we're better in groups than alone. We get it. A lot of women see men in groups and think we're at each other's throats when we're really doing the rough-and-tumble of male group dynamics to get organized to crush something. It's rarely personal.

The obvious question that arises is this: if women suck at organizing themselves, how did they gain the lead in nearly every metric that matters? It is well known that a higher percentage of women go to college than men. They make as much or more than men do for the same work. They get the car, the house, the kids and his income when they get tired of their provider. There is no glass ceiling but the glass floor is still there. Basically every sex-specific thing that is done by any organization of any size benefits women more than men. All of that is attributable to organized feminism breaking down the old order until "I am Woman, Hear Me Roar" is not a revolutionary anthem; it's the foul air we all have to breathe.

The answer, I think, is that women were able to organize to defeat an enemy that really didn't exist (patriarchal oppression) and to the small extent that women got the short end of the stick in pre-feminist society nobody wanted to defend the status quo. Feminism did not win because women created a strong organization capable of vanquishing a real opponent – feminism won because their opponents didn't show up to fight (and in a lot of cases their "enemies" were on their side). If they had no men to fight on their behalf and faced a real opponent – a large group of organized men – the lasses would get their clocks cleaned in short order.

So how do groups succeed? The answer depends on what the organization does, but for my purposes let's assume it's the kind of organization that must compete in some way. In the absence of formal leadership a group of men would form up, jockey for leadership, figure out a plan, and go at it. The weaker men will follow the leaders (and

who's weak will depend on the task – not all tasks involve moving heavy objects). A group of women in a real competitive environment will usually dither until it's too late, then do something ineffectual.

But what happens when you mix the sexes in a group? I posit that what happens is often estrogen poisoning. I've seen pretty good guys go wobbly when the women dither, prevaricate, procrastinate, and cry. Any decision that requires someone's feelings to get hurt becomes an emotional hanky-fest where "What is the best way to succeed?" takes a back seat to "What can we do without hurting anyone's feelings?" The reason is that some of the guys allow themselves to be manipulated by the women. When a group is all male and some guy trots out some crap about subordinating facts to feelings he'll be rightly ridiculed and will learn to stop saying stupid, sappy nonsense.

But when the stupid, sappy nonsense comes from a crying woman, a lot of guys that you'd think would be the Rock of Gibraltar turn into the Sta-Puff Marshmallow Man, and not the car-crushing version from Ghostbusters, either. They'll join Team Crying Woman and keep the leaders from hammering out the objectively best plan with endless talk about huuuuurts, and feeeeelings, and the chiiiiildren. It's those guys that are the problem. By themselves the women couldn't keep a determined group of men from accomplishing the task. It's the fact that Team Crying Woman has men wearing their jersey, and those men can throw enough sand in the gears to keep the group focused on the superficial and the unimportant.

I saw this happen recently where a board had to make an obvious call that was going to hurt the feelings of a few people –but they had brought it on themselves. I was trying to figure out the odds based on what the people usually support. Turns out I would have been more accurate looking at the group dynamics.

I was the long-standing informal leader of the group and was pushing for the board to make the only call we could legitimately make. Nobody could name a single pertinent reason not to do the one thing the situation demanded, but one woman turned on the waterworks and the male formal leader pushed me under the bus with a frigging parliamentary maneuver. Did I mention the formal leader was in 100% agreement with me earlier that day and had actually helped me write the motion he was now objecting to, and the crying woman was his wife?

Mere coincidence, no doubt.

I'll add that my wife was there as well and 100% with me, but then again she's a borderline genius and thinks more logically than almost anyone I know. As I like to brag: when it comes to brains my wife has balls. (She's a looker, too, but that's not important for the moment.) Here's the deal though, half of the guys clammed up rather than jump in between a heartless alpha bastard like me and my wife the Ice Queen on one side and the beta formal leader with his crying baby-momma on the other.

From the perspective of a process observer it was a fascinating study in human behavior. The guys would have followed me if not for the fact that the baby-momma was crying and the formal leader folded like origami.

So the beta males asked themselves, "Hmmm…. do I follow the alpha male who is correct or protect the crying woman?" One guy called for objectivity, one went for Team Crying Woman, and the other two sat on the sidelines and said nothing.

So estrogen poisoning flipped the formal leader to the other side and neutralized the other beta males as a bloc. Since he had the gavel and I couldn't beat the numbers, the scales tipped toward Team Crying Woman.

What about the women though? They also had to ask themselves, "Hmmm…. do I follow the alpha male who is correct or the White Knight beta leader (who is now the alpha male on Team Crying Woman) and his crying wife? Two leaned my way a bit but wouldn't commit to a position (knowing them I truly think it was based on my arguments rather than my alphatude in that setting). The other two stayed out of it entirely.

Again, had the formal leader not been under the influence of estrogen poisoning, most of the women would have followed me, especially had the formal leader stayed with me (plus I really was objectively right).

So to sum up, had it been a group of guys we would have dispensed with the problem in about 30 seconds. Had it been a group of women nothing would have been accomplished. And with a mixed-sex group it only took one

woman to give estrogen poisoning to the men and cause institutional paralysis – the same outcome as if it had been all women.

I feel sort of like Professor Higgins, except I had to change the lyrics to, “Why Can’t These Men be More Like a Man?” But unlike the good professor I know the answer – one woman transmitting estrogen poisoning turned a mixed-sex group into one that reaches the same decisions as a group of all women.

Fathers: Damned if You Do

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One if the most noxious things about American family law and the dialogue that surrounds it is that on the one hand men are implored to be good, attentive fathers, but the system is set up in such a manner to discourage involved fatherhood. Although courts are rarely explicit about it (except behind closed doors), the only role that is unconditionally endorsed is what is known as "obligor," i.e. someone who pays in child support cases. As long as you pay those checks, you are a perfectly sufficient father, no matter whether you care about your kids or not. It goes even farther — if you pay child support you have no other responsibility to your kids at all under the law. You can refuse to see them at all, ignore every aspect of their lives, and even tell them you hate them and wish they'd been aborted, and you are A-OK with the courts.

However, a man who contests custody or tries to see his children more can face a great deal of scrutiny if the mother does not like the idea, and the truth is that most women, after divorce, would prefer to shut the ex out of their lives entirely, and that includes shutting him out of his children's lives. In fact, feminists are some of the most vocal supporters of the idea that fathers who try to obtain custody of their children, or simply more time with them, are perpetrating some kind of "abuse." Therefore, in the feminist universe, being a caring father who actually wants to participate in bringing up children, which is a very hard and sometimes thankless job, makes a man an enemy. Unfortunately, this line of thinking has a great deal of influence in family court. The social workers assigned to evaluate parents for custody are very often feminists themselves, and judges do listen to them. Also, since mother custody is all but a given unless the mother has an extraordinarily dysfunctional life (e.g. heroin addiction, prostitution, felony convictions), litigation is an uphill battle for fathers dealing with an obstinate, uncaring ex-wife, which is unfortunately the norm.

For a man involved in divorce, the path of least resistance is to avoid contesting custody, and use what little legal leverage he has to come to an agreement over child support and a reasonable "visitation" schedule, which will generally include seeing the kids a few days a month. In short, if you want an easy divorce, you really ought to give up on the idea of being a father, and instead simply settle for being a twice-a-month dad, perhaps using the threat of custody litigation only to keep child support reasonable. It may seem counterintuitive, but many women will happily forgo some amount of child support and a great deal of help with parenting simply to keep their ex as far away as possible. People tend to misread this, and women often misrepresent it. Those unfamiliar with the tendency assume that the man must be a horrible father and an all-around disagreeable person if a mother keeps his children away from him even at her own expense. This is sometimes the case, but there's usually another explanation. When a woman leaves a man, she does so in most cases because she wants another man. Having the ex around does not in any way help her fulfill this biological imperative to seek out a new mate. Actually, the farther away he is the better, and because cuckolding men seems to be a natural female tendency, the fact that the man in question is her children's father doesn't matter in her mind at all. She tends to think of the children's father as replaceable; another man will do fine in that role.

Family law in the US has come to reflect women's desires in this regard, far more so than the former institution of marriage ever reflected men's desires, so women's instincts are generally indulged and vigorously defended by feminists, who will often assert with some force that biological fathers are entirely unnecessary to children's well-being, except for the monthly check, of course. This is clearly wrong, and all one has to do is look at statistics regarding convicted felons to see that the most dysfunctional people in our society usually grew up without a father present, but because the primary objective of American-style family law is indulging women and removing money from fathers, it is ignored (fleecing men is big business, as we all know, and all those officers of the court have to make a living somehow).

Because of this reality, there is some merit in the MGTOW philosophy of simply walking away from it all. It is, after all, the easiest thing to do, and if enough men simply let women have what they want, eventually the system

would collapse upon itself. However, not all of us are that psychologically tough. Most men care a great deal about their children, and it is extraordinarily difficult to simply let go of that. This feeling is perhaps most keen for men who grew up without fathers themselves, an increasingly large proportion of our population. Hence the custody battles that are the bread and butter for family law attorneys across the country. Most men go into these battles knowing in the back of their minds that they will probably lose, but feel they owe it to their children. They aren't fighting to be with their kids because of a desire for "control" – this is a disgusting, inhuman feminist lie – but because they love them and care about them.

Yet still we hear women complaining that their baby daddy isn't paying enough child support and won't even see his children. Know this: in four out of five cases these women have made it so difficult for the father to see his kids that he's simply given up. They are simply fishing for sympathy from ignorant folks who have no clue what really goes on after divorce. A lot of people look at guys who do this and say "how could a man abandon his children like that?" Well, in most cases he didn't. He was pushed away from his kids, usually with the overwhelming force of the law that lies at the disposal of mothers who want a new lover.

This is why I don't hold it against these men, nor should anyone else. I think of what I've been put through in trying to be a father to my children, including multiple investigations and a SWAT incident, and I wouldn't blame a guy for giving up and moving on. In fact, if I had a strong self-preservation instinct, I never would have tried in the first place. For fathers, fighting for custody of one's children is like taking on a helicopter gunship with an AK-47, and most of us are not John Rambo. Additionally, the payoff for custody is impossible to quantify, because it certainly does not result in material gain. Women are far less likely to pay child support, and when they do the obligations are generally low. A man who cooperates with his ex as she holds the gun of family law to his head is less likely to be destroyed, and he is far more likely to find another woman should he so desire. As Single Dad has often pointed out in comments, women are even less likely to want a relationship with a single father than men with a single mother. A guy who gives up on his kids therefore has a better chance of having a decent life and getting laid. The way the system is set up, there's a sort of measly carrot for dropping the kids, and a big stick with a nail in it for trying to keep them.

Nevertheless, millions of men still fight for their children. What does this say about men? Obviously, that they love and care about their children, in some ways probably more than women. Every day men are sacrificing themselves for their kids with no expectation of reward. They are giving up their careers, their sex lives and their savings simply for an extra few days a month with the people they care about most.

If there is anything that discredits feminism utterly, it is these millions of men who, despite the obstacles and threats they face, keep trying against all odds to be fathers to their children. It is small wonder feminists have resorted to such base lies to cover up this crime — they profit from the greatest injustice of our time.

Google Trends Exposes The Education System

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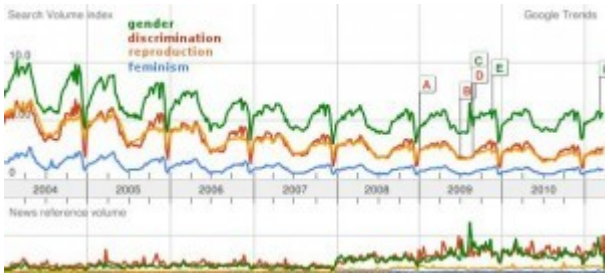
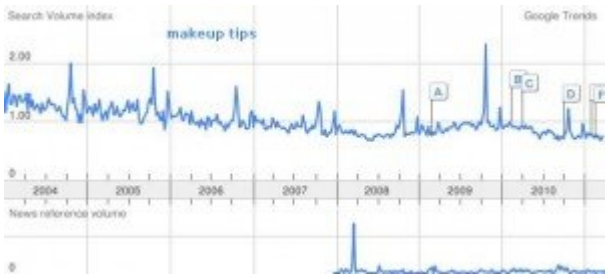
By Charles Williams

Late one night, I was playing around on Google Trends, which is overall a great source of insight into contemporary trends in politics, pop culture, family, common knowledge, and everything else. It documents the relative frequency of search terms in Google over the past seven years.

I threw in a couple of feminist buzzwords and quickly noticed a distinct pattern. I assembled and labeled these below:

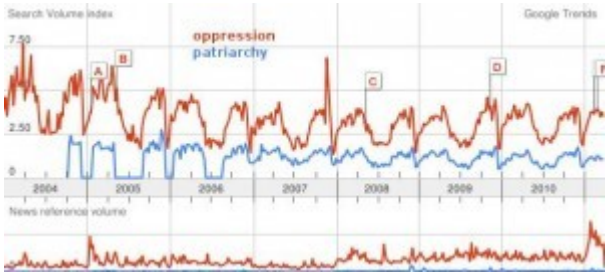


So what was the deal with this pattern of increased activity in the spring and fall, dipping in the summer, with a sharp downward spike near the winter holidays? Being the regular Spearhead reader I am, I immediately conjured up images of thousands of damaged women venting and ranting on the internet about how men are pigs when I considered who was performing these searches. Since even most self-deigned feminists these days still try to capture beauty, I was even more perplexed from this result:

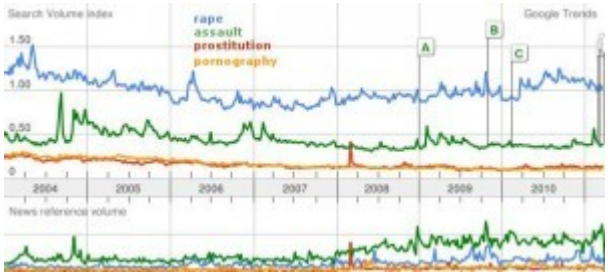


None of the pattern there! It's not as if these supposed women are just using the internet less in the summer. There's nothing to see except for pre-Halloween peaks, but my sense of dread increased as I dared to test another hypothesis. Perhaps the conclusion is already dawning on you as well:

That's right. So many students in high school and college have homework to do and essays to write on gender, discrimination, and feminism that their trends are inseparable from the trends of school being in session. But those aren't the only things that follow the pattern:

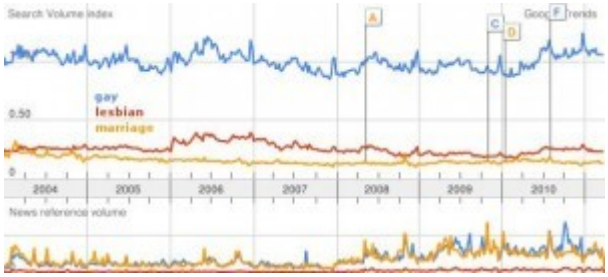


Perhaps you aren't weeping for these children and young adult's futures just yet. What if they also cover some of the real issues that affect men and women in school?



No semblance of an education pattern is detected.

Were all these searches about taking down the non-existent patriarchy associated with the campaign for gay rights? I put some more trends to the test to find out:



They weren't, but the real kicker here that more people search for both gays and lesbians than they do for marriage.

What else do they learn in school these days? Are they learning about the principles of the Bill of Rights? Are they writing about the systems of a republic, or about the freedom that supposedly comes from living in a democracy?

[image]

About the only thing I can tell from these trends is that a lot of people tried to figure out what a democracy was during the presidential elections. I was confused as to why the 2008 peak fell after the election until I figured out that the Guns N' Roses album *Chinese Democracy* album came out on November 23.

Ascetic Feminism

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For women, there are both ascetic and indulgent styles of feminist extremism. There are humorless academics and angry bra-burners, certainly, but modern feminist women tend to be more self-indulgent—at least in theory. Take, for example, the recent Toronto "Slut March." Many women see feminism an invitation to reject boundaries, to live as they please, to "suck the marrow out of life."

(h/t Richard Spencer)

In contrast, extreme feminist ideology in men requires ascetic discipline.

For a relative handful of particularly effeminate gay and transgendered males, extreme feminism is attractive because it offers freedom from the expectations of other men and traditional sex roles. Transgendered feminist R.W. Connell, author of *Masculinities,* would fit into this category. However, according to a recent estimate, exclusive gays and the transgendered may make up as little as 2 and .3 percent of the population, respectively.

For the majority of men, feminism does not offer equal parts of "freedom" and "discipline." Feminism requires men to self-examine, repent, and—as one extremist put it—"refuse to be a man." For men to ensure that women have the opportunity to do whatever they want, men are asked to carefully examine and change their own behavior. In response to a popular bumper sticker, I would say that:

Feminism is the radical notion that men should stop doing whatever women say, so that women can do *whatever the hell they want.*

While women march together proudly as sluts, male feminists like Jackson Katz teach workshops and offer men lists of things they should do to combat gender violence.

> TEN THINGS MEN CAN DO TO PREVENT GENDER VIOLENCE
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> 1. Approach gender violence as a MEN'S issue involving men of all ages and socioeconomic, racial and ethnic backgrounds. View men not only as perpetrators or possible offenders, but as empowered bystanders who can confront abusive peers
> 2. If a brother, friend, classmate, or teammate is abusing his female partner — or is disrespectful or abusive to girls and women in general — don't look the other way. If you feel comfortable doing so, try to talk to him about it. Urge him to seek help. Or if you don't know what to do, consult a friend, a parent, a professor, or a counselor. DON'T REMAIN SILENT.
> 3. Have the courage to look inward. Question your own attitudes. Don't be defensive when something you do or say ends up hurting someone else. Try hard to understand how your own attitudes and actions might inadvertently perpetuate sexism and violence, and work toward changing them.
> 4. If you suspect that a woman close to you is being abused or has been sexually assaulted, gently ask if you can help.
> 5. If you are emotionally, psychologically, physically, or sexually abusive to women, or have been in the past, seek professional help NOW.
> 6. Be an ally to women who are working to end all forms of gender violence. Support the work of campus-based women's centers. Attend "Take Back the Night" rallies and other public events. Raise money for community-based rape crisis centers and battered women's shelters. If you belong to a team or fraternity, or another student group, organize a fundraiser.
> 7. Recognize and speak out against homophobia and gay-bashing. Discrimination and violence against lesbians and gays are wrong in and of themselves. This abuse also has direct links to sexism (eg. the sexual orientation of men who speak out against sexism is often questioned, a conscious or unconscious strategy

> intended to silence them. This is a key reason few men do so).
> 8. Attend programs, take courses, watch films, and read articles and books about multicultural masculinities, gender inequality, and the root causes of gender violence. Educate yourself and others about how larger social forces affect the conflicts between individual men and women.
> 9. Don't fund sexism. Refuse to purchase any magazine, rent any video, subscribe to any Web site, or buy any music that portrays girls or women in a sexually degrading or abusive manner. Protest sexism in the media.
> 10. Mentor and teach young boys about how to be men in ways that don't involve degrading or abusing girls and women. Volunteer to work with gender violence prevention programs, including anti-sexist men's programs. Lead by example

Feminism calls men to monitor their language and to reject certain worldly goods and pleasures for the feminist cause. Feminst men are asked to put aside their own interests to attend seminars and counseling sessions to study feminist dogma. They are asked to become evangelists, accusers and informers. Finally, men are asked to transform themselves—to undergo a re-birth and become "new men." A new, difficult to watch video making the rounds from "conscious men" captures the essence of *male feminist asceticism*.

This ascetic feminism is a form of goddess-worship. It is clear that these men do not see women as they are, but as divine creatures who are more connected to the earth, more harmonious, and more innocent than men. They can't see that women are human animals pursuing their own selfish interests—just like men.

"Conscious men" Arjuna Ardagh and Gay Hendricks openly admit on their web site and in their video that they "worship women." While the video above is probably even a bit over the top for academic feminists like Micheal Kimmel or Jackson Katz, what it asks of men is not so new or different. The portrayal of men as greedy, raping war-mongers and women as noble, gentle, angelic souls who only want freedom, equality and harmony is a consistent cliché in pro-feminist writing by men.

A certain portion of men find themselves particularly drawn to ascetic pursuits, but most men can appreciate asceticism on some level or other. *The Catholic Encyclopedia* has a comprehensive article on various forms of religious and non-religious asceticsm. The word *asceticism* comes from the Greek *askesis*—meaning practice, exercise and bodily training. This link between physical and mental discipline sheds a little light on what men and some women find attractive about ascetic lifestyles.

Asceticism is strength turned inward; it requires inner discipline—exercise for the soul. Self denial requires strength and self-mastery, and it has a momentum of its own. Self-discipline is admirable, but for some it can spiral downward into self-negation, and the denial of one's own will to power. As the Catholics might offer, it can also engender a perverse form of "holier-than-thou" vanity.

Male feminists find themselves on a spiritual quest to "save women" through self-denial and solemn religiosity. They self-flaggelate and confess and do penance for the original sin of being born male. As woman-worshippers, they give women the god-like power of absolution, and kneel before her as supplicants seeking grace.

This inequality and slavish devotion to a mythical ideal of women among male feminists cannot be over-emphasized. Shaming them as "manginas" only reinforces their belief system and feeds into their sense of righteousness about the overcoming of traditional sex roles. Recognizing them as cultish, fetishistic woman-worshippers and slavish self-flagellating self-deniers reveals more about the ascetic masochism of the male feminist.

Free Speech and the Men's Rights Movement, Pt. II

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By Lee Raconteur

Two months ago RAMZPaul, the former editor of MGTOW forum on ProBoards, wrote a piece about the tendency for the critics of Men's Rights to engage in silencing campaigns such as complaining to the hosting account of your website to have it removed. Since most hosters are busy and cannot be bothered to fight for their clients, almost all of them will instantly cave to this politically correct terror tactic. Were it true that all that the critics of Men's Issues do is complain to the abuse department of your local server farm – they have other arrows in their quiver and they began to use them last week.

Since that article has appeared and the closure of MGTOW, three other fora at that location – Happy Bachelors, MasculistMan and the forum I moderated, Don't Marry, have all fallen under the knife of the 'Abuse Department' in the past two weeks. Being the enterprising sorts that we are, two of three of those fora were reconstituted within 12 hours at new locations.

What happened next, however, was surprising and more than a bit shocking.

On Thursday, March 29th a co-ordinated attack began on several sites, including the three *new* successor sites I mentioned above. This included script attacks to seize control of email accounts, .php exploits, DDOS via serial uploading of large files to overload a server, attempts to spam forum registrations, repeated hits on the 404 Error page causing a spike in bandwidth, profile spamming of fora and, most troubling, a successful DNS redirect exploit that had those three fora and several others redirect to other random pages for the better part of two days. The targeted sites were only and exclusively Men's Issues in nature and content – no other sites that we are aware of were targeted in this fashion by this particular collection of methods. The timing of this, of course, with the arrival of April Fool's Day in North America is likely not coincidental, but in light of the ongoing weeks long campaign against content such as appears here on The Spearhead, these new elevations were more than an annoyance.

The writing of this article was delayed by several days after I received the go-ahead, due to further attacks on my site and the sites of others in the Men's Issues community. There have been several 'Eras' within the community when many sites and fora were deleted, or experienced a "burndown". 2000-2003 was one of them. 2007 saw a few blogs go dark, but this episode backed by skillful and willful hacking attempts is the largest and most focused to date.

It is no secret to many old guard that there are several sites that due to security exploits and the absense of their owners, have fallen in to a state of limbo and disrepair even while they still maintain a visible web presence. This technological weakness of Men's Issues sites is something that must be addressed so that we can maintain secure sites going forward. Several forum and site owners are working on a set of guidelines tailored to those of us who have a website. While much of this is generic to basic server security there are several methods that are employed against us that are particular to the Men's Issues community and must be addressed if we are to be successful with administering our own websites going forward.

However, a defensive strategy is just one leg of our response to such attacks. We must also respond to these continued and ongoing attacks against our sites that have, as far as I have been able to determine, been ongoing on the Internet since 1998.We must stop acting only from a defensive posture. We need to add an offensive aspect to our campaign to secure our right to free speech. This has gone on long enough.

To borrow heavily from Jean Luc Picard:

"They invade our webspace, and we fall back. They assimilate countless sites and fora, and we fall back. Not again. Not this time. The line must be drawn here! This far, no farther!"

We cannot continue to construct sites, build a viewership and basically wait for someone to take them down, only to

rebuild them with tighter security and more precautions over and over again. Each time this occurs we lose a bit of momentum, energy and focus. Crucially, we lose the ability to present our sites as potential money makers to advertisers; this is an essential step to self-sufficiency, a perpetual web presence, and respectability.

Some members inevitably cannot find the new site and are lost.

Content is lost, threads, ideas, arguments and insight that help to build a strong case are deleted. Many ideas posted on fora are picked up by bloggers and expanded upon. This crucial incubator of ideas must not be allowed to be removed every few years for most sites.

In addition to posting articles to blogs such as The Spearhead we must also engage in a concerted – but completely legal and legitimate – campaign to confront those who pull the plug on our sites with little or no warning, the bloggers who openly and actively plan and execute intentional TOS attacks to get a hosting account terminated, and those who campaign via forum membership to willfully violate TOS agreements. A mix of articles posted to various article aggregating sites, blog posts, site articles and forum posts must be brought to bear upon this constant, pernicious attack on our ability to say what we wish to say and think what we wish to think, and freely express ourselves without the threat of harassment.

This has gone on for 15+ years now. We must actively and aggressively take actions against those who are constantly assaulting our rights to free speech and free thought.

The Era of Reaction must end.

The Insertion of Logic into an Illogical Machine

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By Una Salus Victus

I have a theory on how the radicals gained momentum to become the 'new' feminist movement which has ultimately undermined the original tenets of the suffragists. The same scenario exists the world over. A movement gets underway and no matter the true intentions, not much headway occurs in enough areas to sustain itself for long. As such, the movement gains some ground and even gets the more important issues addressed, but inevitably fizzles out at some predictable point in the future. To combat this, some members either radicalize or radicals from outside the movement join the ranks. These members have the unique ability to fully utilize the Emotional Language (EL), as well as its' two sub forms: Propaganda (ELP) and Suggestion (ELS). Walls that were previously unassailable are now easily breached with these women at the helm.

In his book "Nonsense: Red Herrings, Straw Men and Sacred Cows: How We Abuse Logic in Our Everyday Language", Robert J. Gula breaks down the three forms of EL. I will include the ones that apply to this issue. (When I have finished this book, I'll do a review. So far, it has proven to be a piece of literature that everyone in the movement should acquaint themselves with in order to better understand the machinations of the radfems arguments and learn effective ways to subvert them)

Emotional Language:

> *Appeal to pity:* Just when things begin to get difficult, a lot of women will employ this tactic.
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> *Plea for special treatment:* This occurs every time a woman uses emotion to manipulate a situation in order to be treated with kid gloves (ie: crying)
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> *Appeal to guilt:* closely connected to the appeal to pity
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> *Appeal to fear:* If you don't do X then Y will happen. Of course, Y is something dreadful
>
> *Appeal to flattery:* If I'm a member of society X, then surely I have good sense; If I have good sense, then surely I will see the wisdom of a certain point of view.
>
> *Appeal to Hope:* If you do X, then Y will happen; therefore, if you want Y to happen, do X.
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> *Appeal to the Bandwagon:* This one is familiar to all who have had to deal with the radfems.
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> *Appeal to Pride or Loyalty:* If you really are proud of your country, if you really want to see her prosper and grow, then you'll do xxxx
>
> *Argumentum ad Populum:* This is the appeal to the crowd, to the mob, to the gallery. Generalities, clichés, slogans, platitudes, sanctimonious claptrap, and glorification of the masses abound.
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> Emotional Language Propaganda:
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> *The Bandwagon:* defined above
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> *Repetition:* if you say something often enough, the masses will believe you.
>
> *Oversimplification:* The propagandist takes one side of a situation and treats the one side as if it were the only side.
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> *Name Calling:* The propagandist assigns abusive epithets or uses names that have strong pejorative emotional associations to people or ideas she doesn't like (ie: misogynist, chauvinist, pig)
>
> *Stereotyping:* A variation of name-calling and oversimplification where one characteristic of a person is taken then exaggerated and regarded as the only characteristic.
>
> *The Glittering Generality:* The propagandist makes broad, sweeping statements, usually ones with complex and far-reaching ramifications, but ignores the complexities and the ramifications. (ie: All men are rapists)

> *Slogans:* The audience will remember the clever slogan without challenging the meaning of the slogan without even thinking about the meaning of the slogan (ie: Take Back the Night).
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> *Transfer:* Designed with the purpose of transferring emotions from one source to another.
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> *Testimonial:* Variation of the transfer technique. A prominent person will adopt the cause and speak on its behalf (ie: President Obama).
>
> *Statistics Without Context:* Statistics with no empirical foundation. (ie: "Less than 2% of all rape claims are false).
>
> *The Manufactured Problem- The Bad Guy, The Scapegoat:* The propagandist creates or exaggerates a problem, tries to convince you how serious the problem is, and then appeases you by blaming someone for that problem or by suggesting that his proposal will solve the problem. (ie: VAWA or SAFE Act).
>
> *Arrant Distortion* aka *Card Stacking:* Information selected presents a one-sided view; sometimes data is made up or simply false. Since we do not have the true facts, there is no way any of this can be challenged. (ie: the 2% clause, yet again)
>
> *The Command:* This technique is a dangerous one, for it can easily backfire. Some people are comfortable when they are being told what to do. When a command is given, it is designed to appeal to this need for authority (ie: all the women who blindly followed the radfems without considering the ramifications).

Catherine MacKinnon and Andrea Dworkin were using the above tactics when they mounted that campaign equating pornography with rape. The modern examples of the above tactics can easily be found within any divorce proceeding, family court, rape accusation, or VAWA.

Emotional Language Suggestion:

The Hint: Can be painfully obvious or artfully subtle.

Selection: Selectively offering limited information on a subject that doesn't address the whole point. If pursued no further, a belief is formed that unknowingly contradicts the reality of the situation.

Tone of Voice: This is self-explanatory.

Phraseology: Carefully phrased responses that lead others through emotion. "Saying Betty is late" vs. "Betty hasn't arrived yet", is the example given. They both say the same thing, however, the first statement comes across as disapproving while the second more neutral.

Word Choice: Vitriolic language anyone?

Juxtaposition: Two statements are made without any connection between them established. The mind of the listener will connect the statements despite the missing logic and, with that, an opinion will be formed.

Irrelevant Detail: Details inserted to bias an audience. The radfems have this tactic internalized.

Pompous Language: Often used to make the mundane and the trivial seem important

Image and Negative Image Words: Colorful descriptions of an event or position that is designed to capitalize upon the emotions of the audiences. (ie: defeated vs. slaughtered)

Controlling Phraseology: Leading questions and the like (ie: you feel the same way RIGHT?)

The significance of the above terms will present itself in the rest of this article.

An article titled, *Sexual Harassment and the Loneliness of the Civil Libertarian Feminist* appeared in 'The Atlantic', written by Wendy Kaminer on the 7th. In the wake of the politically driven farce that is currently happening at Yale University, it would seem that sensible dissent has occurred within some ranks of the feminist movement. Personally, I have never heard of the Libertarian Feminist but I have been made aware that they were the original

members of the Second Wave and made the ill-fated decision to allow the radicals to step in and subvert the overall direction, which landed society into the bog where it currently exists. I would like to know, however, why they allowed themselves to go into near extinction? Where was their determination for their cause when they saw the direction it was headed? The writing on the wall was even in braille. Why are they so brave to stand up now, when other women have either been showing dissent all along (Christina Hoff Sommers) or have finally decided to step up? I have noticed from time to time that women will rarely stand alone for what they believe in but, instead, will nearly always follow the direction of the group. Such is the method of the Bandwagon. The numbers simply haven't grown enough for the deserters of the movement to stand up for the wrongs they must clearly see happening around them.

She begins with an explanation on Libertarian Feminists vs. Progressive Feminism. The irony of what she is saying is that this shows how the radfems have been systematically behaving in ways that would suggest that there is no reason for women to stand up; that the oppression is *still* far too strong. Essentially, they are behaving in ways that suggest that they are weak, both in mind and in purpose. The only way for the weak to evolve is to become strong. Without strength, there is no valid reason to stand up.

> *Civil libertarian feminists have always been a political minority, but these days we seem on the verge of extinction. Reviewing the charges of sexual harassment underlying the Title IX complaint by a group of Yale students and alumnae, I can't find feminism — at least not if feminism includes independence, liberty, and power for women. Instead I find femininity — the assumption that women are incapable of fending for themselves in the marketplace of epithets or ideas, the belief that women are rendered helpless by misogynist speech and the sexist tantrums of their male peers*

A point was made in the article that points to the overall flaw in feminism; the flaw being, in my opinion, that whenever adversity presents itself, a rule must be put in place to eliminate it. All this boils down to is, instead of standing up for what they supposedly believe they are entitled to, they wish for someone to stand in their stead.

> *What accounts for such feminine timidity, this instinctive unwillingness or inability to talk or taunt back, without seeking the protection of university or government bureaucrats? Talking is apparently beside the point. "I just want to be able to walk back to my dorm at night without hearing all this crazy stuff from these guys," one student complains. I sympathize (I was a young woman once, too), but "hearing crazy stuff" from people in public is part of life in a free society, a society in which you enjoy equal rights to say crazy stuff.*

Mike Adams wrote an article titled *Feminists are No Better than Frat Boys* that addresses this point effectively.

She later poses a question and then cites an argument on behalf of the radfems. The strategy that is being applied is the Argumentum ad Populum.

> *What accounts for such feminine timidity, this instinctive unwillingness or inability to talk or taunt back, without seeking the protection of bureaucrats?*
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> *Putatively progressive feminists might agree, if only they regarded women as equal to the task of talking back, if only they distinguished between men who "say stuff" about women and men who "do stuff" to women. In the feminist view reflected in the Yale draft complaint, the misogynist rants of some undergraduate men (perhaps a relatively small percentage of them) is not speech. It's a series of "dangerous," "sex-discriminatory threats" that "intimidate" and "terrorize" women, constituting a hostile environment (or "rape culture") that causes sexual violence.*

At this point, it is worth remembering the story written in the American University student paper, *The Eagle* about the "Rules of Anonymous Sex". The backlash that article received was nothing short of apocalyptic. Feminist students went on a rant. One publicly accused, via her Facebook page, males she knew of rape, while others

criminally vandalized public property in an attempt to prevent the article from being read. It was a day that showed the latent anger within those of the movement. The reason it is important to remember this is due to the fact that nothing was ever done about it. Even when the female students responsible for the vandalism publicly admitted their involvement, no pursuit of justice against their actions was made; concurrently, there was no whining from the male student body or any male, for that matter, to do so. Adapt and move on. Men are strong simply because they have this ability.

The following quote starkly illustrates the difference between how men behave and how radfems invariably choose the tactics of Appeal to Pity/Guilt and the Plea for Special treatment.

> *The only incident of alleged harassment cited in the draft complaint that does not involve pure speech is an act of vandalism. In 2004 and 2005, fraternity brothers stole T-shirts featuring the stories of "rape survivors" from a Take Back the Night project and photographed pledges wearing the T-shirts. But, perversely, this theft to which free speech is irrelevant provokes the only expression of concern for it: "To steal these T-shirts is akin to stealing the voices of the victims," the draft complaint melodramatically asserts — as if the victims were prevented from repeating and reclaiming their stories. If the T-shirt theft was intended to censor women, its success depended on their willingness to respond by censoring themselves.*

Notice the Manufactured Problem and Transference techniques? Despite what their sisters will do to men in the name of standing up for the cause, when it is done to them, all they seem capable of doing is crying about how unfair it is that they are being treated this way or how they are oppressed and need more support. It is hard to imagine that this is the group who continually state that they are the equal of men. See, there is another side of male strength that is beginning to show itself. It occurs when a point is reached where adaptation is no longer an option and fighting back becomes much more feasible. There's a saying about dogs and how they will only allow themselves to be kicked for so long before they either leave (MGTOW) or fight back. That none of this was considered is laughable. The women who whine about men not wanting to marry OR WORSE the ones who whine about (and even attempt to instruct others about *true* beauty) men not finding them attractive despite their attitude or looks compose this category.

The rest of the article deals with the denial and loss of liberty that the US is descending to the level of. Kaminer makes the point that liberty is being both unlearned and forgotten without so much as a batted eye or appreciation of its significance.

> *Sad to say, but feminism helped lead the assault on civil liberty and now seems practically subsumed by it. Decades ago, when Catherine MacKinnon, Andrea Dworkin, and their followers began equating pornography with rape (literally) and calling it a civil-rights violation, groups of free-speech feminists fought back, in print, at conferences, and in state legislatures, with some success. We won some battles (and free speech advocates in general can take solace in the Supreme Court's recent decision upholding the right to engage in offensive speech on public property and public affairs). But all things considered (notably the generations of students "unlearning liberty") we seem to be losing the war, especially among progressives.*

Another ironic point in all of this is that when liberty is eroded to the point where it is either non-existent or used in convenience, the radfems will likely be the first to scream about it being denied them.

In my short time on the battlefield of the sexes I have continually noticed double standards from the side of the feminists. It defies logic how those who behave like children wish to be classified as adults. It's as if discipline both self (ie: responsibility for one's own actions) and over others (ie: proper child rearing) are the most misunderstood of terms. All we are left with is a stubborn narcissism that stands opposed to their very foundation. That they don't see this, further amazes me.

In closing, I reach out to you readers. I am studying pre-law at George Mason University, yet I cannot find the

reason why any of what is happening at Yale University falls under the auspices of Title IX. As I understand it, Title IX pertains to barring admission of others based upon their sex (don't get me started on how the radfems break up every male only institution under this law, yet insist that female only places are justified). Is there one (or more) among you who can explain this to me?

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She’s an Assassin — And She’s “Special”

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The ass-kicking chick flicks are getting more and more ridiculous as time goes on. In “Hanna” a girl is raised by her father to be a vicious killer somewhere in the arctic. Hanna is played by Saoirse Ronan, an Irish girl with a sweet smile who looks about as tough as a bunny rabbit. Nevertheless, we are supposed to suspend disbelief and accept that this waif is capable of breaking necks with a single blow.

As a father myself, the last thing I want to raise my daughter to be is a stone-cold killer, a job most girls are entirely incapable of in any event. One funny part of the trailer shows Hanna doing pull-ups with her father. In general, women can’t do pull-ups, and the vanishingly few who can don’t look much like Saoirse Ronan.

I know there were a few action shows about women in the 1970s, such as Wonder Woman and The Bionic Woman, but the genre seems to have really taken off some time in the 90s. I attribute this in part to the Hong Kong action flicks, which often feature female fighters. However, a major difference between the HK movies and the Western ones is that the good guys in HK movies often beat the crap out of bad female characters. Another thing is that these movies in China were an outgrowth of Chinese opera, which features a great deal of dancing and gymnastics that require years of training to master. The Western heroines are jokes in that regard — none has anything even close to the athleticism of a real Chinese martial arts actor.

Abuse Shelter Exploits Mentally-Ill Woman to Push Political Agenda

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I've reported over the years on the problems facing our nations' abuse shelters, including funding woes, over-worked staff, loosey-goosey procedures, and even illegal conduct. But nowhere have I seen what I'm going to reveal about the Next Step, a shelter located near Bar Harbor in lobster-addled Maine…

On March 15, 2007, the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence unveiled three ambitious bills. One bill would create a new class of crimes for "domestic violence assaults." A second bill would establish a so-called "predominant aggressor" policy that would help police sort out cases of mutual abuse. And the third bill would restore $1.9 million from previous budget cuts: http://www.nextstepdvproject.org/2008-dv-legislation/

But to get political traction, the issue would need to garner loads of media coverage. And enticing media interest would require…you guessed it…flesh and blood victims.

As revealed by blog entries on its website, the Next Step staff is a politically active bunch, making frequent lobbying forays to the state capitol in Augusta. The shelter workers knew they desperately needed to find a poster child who could be paraded around so legislators could be persuaded to sign on to the proposed laws.

Problem is, victims of battering are in short supply these days. So when no victim is known to exist, the solution is obvious: fabricate one!

Following is the account of Ligia Filler, 41, a native of Guatemala and ersatz domestic violence victim. A web of police reports, judge's orders, sworn testimony, and a recent Maine Supreme Court decision forms the basis for the improbable tale I'm about to share…

Abandoned as a child, Ligia first traveled to the United States at age 17 to meet her parents for the first time. By then Ligia had developed severe psychological problems, attempting suicide several times.

In 1991 she met Vladek Filler. They married and eventually had two children. But the marital union didn't resolve the emotional torment; in fact, she repeatedly abused the children, both physically and emotionally. Once she punched Vladek in the face in front of the children.

A judge would later award custody of the children to the father, finding that "The children were victims of violence from their mother," including hitting one child "with spatulas and spoons, leaving bruises."

The children began to speak openly about wanting to avoid their mother for their own safety. In the Spring of 2007, Vladek decided he had to take necessary steps to protect the kids from the escalating abuse.

When he announced that he and the children would soon be leaving the marital residence, Ligia went into a funk that turned rageful, her abuse quickly spinning out of control.

The following day, Vladek contacted the Next Step shelter, begging for help. Not only did Next Step refuse his request, the staff mocked him. Little did he realize that the Next Step had already taken Ligia under its wing, coaching her to make allegations of domestic violence against the very victim of her long-standing abuse, Vladek Filler.

April 24 witnessed a complete break-down, with a partially dressed Ligia running in the streets, vowing to kill police officers on the scene, and accusing Vladek of child molestation and marital rape. One officer can be heard remarking the woman was "certifiable" for involuntary commitment: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsKIcQhjaJg&feature=player_embedded#at=20

Regarding the child molestation claim, the Ellsworth District Court later ruled, "That allegation was false and known to be false. She has shown a capacity to manufacture claims."

But inexplicably, a marital rape accusation by an unhinged woman was viewed as credible. Vladek was arrested and charged.

Ligia was carted off to the hospital for a shrink-check. And as soon as she was released, Ligia became a god-send for the Next Step and its stalled legislative agenda.

Knowing that the Next Step was footing the legal bill, Ligia allowed herself to be persuaded to make lurid allegations of sexual violations, shamelessly amplified by the local prosecutor. “It was sexual punishment,” prosecutor Mary Kellett recounted with a straight face to the Bangor Daily News. “It was punitive and angry.”

Maine newspapers would eventually run 11 separate stories on the case, replete with riveting details of the alleged attack.

The facts that Ligia was a known child abuser, that there was no confirmatory medical or forensic evidence, that she refused a rape kit evaluation, that she was likely motivated by an impending custody dispute, and that Ligia was known to locals as “that crazy woman” gave little pause to the media bloodhounds.

During the trial, DA Kellett improperly withheld key exculpatory evidence, leading the Maine Supreme Court to later chastise her for prosecutorial misconduct and to remand the case for a retrial: http://www.courts.state.me.us/court_info/opinions/2010%20documents/10me90fi.pdf

The Next Step’s devious ploy was successful, the political payoff incalculable. All three domestic violence bills introduced in March were enacted into law. At the ceremonial signing on July 25, 2007, Gov. John Baldacci marveled at the achievement, warning, “Too many women and children are being victimized, and each story is tragic and compelling.”

Vladek Filler and his two children, victims of an abusive woman, were not in attendance. And Ligia, now divorced and estranged from her children, has yet to receive the mental health treatment she so desperately needs.

Some Extracted Lessons from The Underground History of American Education

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John Taylor Gatto, author of *An Underground History of American Education*[image] (which I review here), drafted a synopsis of his landmark book for inclusion a larger compendium entitled *Everything You Know Is Wrong*[image]. (**Note**: EYKIW is available on Google Books here, my review of EYKIW is here, and Gatto's synopsis of *Underground History* contained within EYKIW may be found here).

In this article, Gatto aims to, ironically, "re-educate" Americans on the purpose(s) and methodology of their compulsory public schooling (PS) system. A quote from his article frames his argument the best:

> It was only the law of nature as they perceived it, working progressively as capitalism itself did for the ultimate good of all. The real force behind school effort came from true believers of many persuasions, linked together mainly by their belief that family and church were retrograde institutions standing in the way of progress. Far beyond the myriad practical details and economic considerations there existed a kind of grail-quest, an idea capable of catching the imagination of dreamers and firing the blood of zealots.
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> The entire academic community in the US and abroad had been Darwinized and Galtonized by this time, and to this contingent, school seemed an instrument for **managing evolutionary destiny** [emphasis mine, EW].

But discuss Gatto does, and the lessons come quickly. The first one is that the aim of PS system is not to educate, but to "impose on the young the ideal of subordination" to the aims of the political State, as well as produce two kind of workers…"one class to have a liberal education [and] a much larger class…to forgo the privilege of a liberal education and fit themselves to perform specific manual tasks"* fit to labor in the nation's factories.

Second, the school system teaches that only a certain small elite shall rule, both through structure (the two-tier educational system), and through each student's personal experience in the social cauldron of the PS. Howso? By being lumped in with peers *a la* Lord of the Flies[image], each student sees how cruel and irresponsible their peers can be, first-hand, in a mass demonstration of human deficiency. It is not hard to imagine how the PS system, by conditioning the citizenry to believe in their hearts that their peers are cruel and intellectually stunted beings incapable of self-control, trains the populace to accept, even desire, the yoke of heavy government. This conviction feeds the growth of the State and with that growth liberty retreats.

Third, the PS system bears the indelible mark of the socialist, even fascist, philosophy in vogue at the time of its creation. Consider the mission statement of Rockefeller's General Education Board in 1906:

> In our dreams…people yield themselves with perfect docility to our molding hands. The present educational conventions [intellectual and character education] fade from our minds, and unhampered by tradition, we work our own good will upon a grateful and responsive folk. We shall not try to make these people or any of their children into philosophers or men of learning or men of science. we have not to raise up from among them authors, educators, poets, or men of letters. We shall not search for embryo [sic] great artists, painters, musicians, nor lawyers, doctor, preachers, politicians, statesmen, of whom we have amply supply. The task we set before ourselves is very simple…we will organize children..and teach them to do in a perfect way the things their fathers and mothers are doing in an imperfect way.

This mission statement makes it clear that the mission of compulsory public schooling is to mold, to centrally direct, and to indoctrinate. NOT educate.

Gatto's fourth lesson is that the PS system utterly fails in its mission to school, providing as evidence plummeting literacy rates after compulsory public schooling was implemented nationwide. Whereas before they were literate,

but after they were not. So much so, in fact, that just after World War II, the Army could not believe literacy had fallen so much in a generation that they commissioned a study to find out how over half a million recruits had *attempted to fake illiteracy*. They hadn't quite yet discovered that yes, their recruits really were that illiterate, and no, they weren't faking it.

Fifth, the PS trains the student to anesthetize themselves, to alienate themselves from themselves, from their families, religions, and culture. Why? So that they could not adequately resist being led by whichever leader was appointed over them. Independent-thinking men are potential revolutionaries. Another quote, from a luminary late 19th-century educator William Torrey Harris:

> Ninety-nine [students] out of a hundred are automata, careful to walk in prescribed paths, careful to follow the prescribed curriculum. This is not an accident but the result of substantial education, which, scientifically defined, is the subsumption of the individual. The great purpose of school can be realized better in dark, airless, ugly places…it is to master the physical self, to transcend the beauty of nature. School should develop the power to withdraw from the external world

The sixth lesson Gatto imparts is the PS system was "expressly created to serve a command economy and a command society, one which the controlling coalition would be drawn from important institutional stakeholders in the future". One can only speculate as to who this "controlling coalition" will be comprised of. The PS system was designed to accomplish this command economy / command society task with six functions:

1. *adjustive* (how subordinates react to authority),
2. *diagnostic* (determining the students "proper" role),
3. *sorting* (training students to serve in their determined role),
4. *conformity* (children shall be produced so that they are all alike. Standardized testing serves this purpose),
5. *genetic hygiene* (tagging the unfit so clearly their genes are eliminated from the gene pool…what we men know as the *glass cellar***), and
6. *continuity* (training the next generation of educators).

Many may still be asking, even after reading those lessons, "how is such a diatribe against compulsory public schooling relevant to the manosphere?" The answer, my friends, is simple: members of the manosphere desire freedom, and the public school system is designed to choke off that desire. Instead, it is designed to create and indoctrinate dim, unquestioning subjects to serve as cogs in the great corporatist machine. Your freedoms and futures, and that of your sons*** and daughters, depends upon your and their ability to think for your- and themselves, and that ability is in many ways contingent upon sidestepping this indoctrination camp, or rehabilitating others who have escaped with their lives and minds intact.

In the end, it is the ultimate rebellion, the clearest expression of 'taking the red pill': how clearly may we, and those whom we love and have custodial responsibility for, see when our thinking is not clouded and our habits are not molded by the social and mental conditioning acquired in halls of concrete and steel with a program of instruction approved by and implemented by agents of the corporatist State? If we want a revolution…that is, a change in how things are…our first step is to free our minds and that of our sons and daughters.

I'll end this column with a quote from, appropriately so, Lenin

> Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted.

and Der Fuhrer

> When an opponent declares, "I will not come over to your side," I calmly say, "Your child belongs to us already… What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp. In a short

> time they will know nothing else but this new community."

* This quote is from the world's first fascist head of state, Woodrow Wilson. The quote may be found here.

** I expand upon Warren Farrell's seminal definition of glass cellar to capture also the social condition of men in our society who fall through the cracks. Consider the homeless person, and ponder why is it one sees so few women homeless, vagrants, and bums?

*** Boys in particular suffer badly in a PS system, if for no other reason than their maladaptation to such a stupefying environment begs disciplinary action and forced medication.

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When Titanic Sank 99 Years Ago This Week, People Were More Honest About Gender Roles Than They Are Today

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If I were to ask you to think of a hero who refused to give up his or her seat on a vehicle of public accommodation merely because of their birth class, you likely would think of Rosa Parks, a black woman who refused to give up her seat in the front of a Montgomery, Alabama bus in 1955, even though the seats up front were "reserved" for white people.

You likely would *not* think of J. Bruce Ismay. Ismay was chairman of the company that owned *Titanic*, who famously survived the disaster, 99 years ago this week, but was widely accused of cowardice because he took a seat in a lifeboat that, many believed, could have gone to a woman. No one has ever confused Mr. Ismay with Ms. Parks, but one could ask the same question about both: should someone be deprived of their seat — on a bus, a train, a roller coaster, or even a lifeboat — simply because of their birth class? Both Mr. Ismay and Ms. Parks stayed in their seats, yet Mr. Ismay is widely reviled as a coward while Ms. Parks is properly lionized as a civil rights icon, because men are expected to give up their seats in the lifeboat for members of the opposite sex. Even today.

A newspaper article written shortly after the *Titanic* disaster talked about the "armchair hero" who would sooner sit in judgment of the men who did not lose their lives on the ill-fated ship than applaud the contributions of those who did. The article explained: "'Women and children first,' is the rule of the sea. In the case of the Titanic, it was 'Women, children, and pet dogs.' But the armchair hero would press this rule so far as to veto the escape of any man at all. It is probable that many men died rather than face the armchair hero, who would demand explanations from them of their cowardice in daring to be alive. Perhaps this explains why some of the boats were not filled. The armchair hero is not appeased by the appalling death-roll of men. He asks for more. Surely this is sentiment gone mad, chivalry gone to seed." Excerpt here:
http://falserapesociety.blogspot.com/2010/07/empty-seats-on-titanics-lifeboats-and.html

It is well to remember *Titanic* for a number of reasons, not the least of which are its lessons about gender, which still resonate today. For the uninitiated, the disaster struck men much harder than women, because the men aboard *Titanic* were societally expected to sacrifice their lives for women, and they obliged. The startling demographics from the disaster are as follows:

114 women died, 324 women survived: *72% of the women survived.*

1339 men died, 325 men survived: *19% of the men survived*.

In 1912, chivalry was a powerful social influence, and here's the difference from today: both its practitioners and beneficiaries knew it. The giant front page headline of the April 16, 1912 Arizona Journal-Miner read as follows: "**1800 ARE LOST IN OCEAN . . . Report is That Most of Saved are Women And Children Indicating Chivalry On Part of Adult Male Passengers**."

While the overwhelming consensus at the time was to salute the brave men who gave their lives, the sentiments of one group, the suffragettes, were decidedly less laudatory. The suffragettes seemed to understand that special, undeserved privilege for women did not comport with the gender equality they championed, so they simply refused to acknowledge that the treatment women received was either special or undeserved.

Some of them declared that the propagation of the human race depended on chivalry, but their reasoning had more leaks than *Titanic*. This, according to the New York Times, April 19, 1912:

"English Suffragettes of prominence, when questioned as to what they thought of the men who died on the Titanic in order that women might be saved, seem to have manifested a disposition, possibly significant, almost to resent the inquirer's obvious belief that the display of chivalry was magnificent. While the strenuous ladies did not deny that the

behaviour of the men was rather fine, they hinted that after all it only fulfilled a plain duty and therefore had not earned any particularly enthusiastic praise.

"As one of the suffragettes put the case, by natural law women and children should be saved first, the children because childhood is sacred, and the women because they are so necessary to the race that they cannot be spared. Another said: 'It must be admitted that the lives of women are more useful to the race than the lives of men."

(New York Times, April 19, 1912)

If women were spared because of their child-bearing duties, the suffragettes never bothered to explain why the many women beyond child-bearing years were also spared while their male counterparts, who were able to produce sperm throughout their lives, condemned themselves to an icy grave and the worst kind of death.

Another suffragette went so far as to suggest that men and women aboard *Titanic* were, in fact, treated equally, even though the men largely died and the women largely were saved. This was so because the "women, though saved through the noble sacrifice of men, were in the equally hard situation of having to see the ship go down" (New York Times, April 20, 1912) You see, there was no qualitative difference between the sacrifice of the persons who actually gave up their lives and the persons for whom that sacrifice was made. Who would have guessed?

The suffragettes wanted their equality but weren't prepared to give up their belief that women were entitled to special treatment, for reasons they couldn't rationally explain.

But most everyone else understood that women were singled out for special treatment on the *Titanic*, and it was apparent to those who thought about it that such special treatment did *not* comport with gender equality. Following the disaster, Clark McAdams, columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, contrasted women's desire for the vote with what occurred on *Titanic.* In significant respects, the poem's words still speak to us:

"Votes for women!"

Was the cry,

Reaching upward to the Sky.

Crashing glass

And flashing eye-

"Votes for Women!"

Was the cry.

"Boats for women!"

Was the Cry.

When the brave

Were come to die.

When the end

Was drawing nigh-

"Boats for women!"

Was the cry.

Nevertheless, the men's chivalry was widely applauded, and the views trivializing the sacrifice of the men did not play well. The headline for an April 20, 1912 New York Times story was openly disdainful of the suffragettes:

SUFFRAGETTES DENY CHIVALRY ON TITANIC

“Women first” Is the Universal Rule, says Sylvia Pankhurst, and This Is No Exception

SACRIFICE IS SCOFFED AT

Jangling Note Disgusts English Nation, Proud of the Way Men Died

Consistent with the prevailing sentiment, and fittingly enough, a 13-foot tall statue in Washington, D.C. erected in 1931 by the Women’s Titanic Memorial Association honors the brave men who gave their lives on *Titanic*. The inscription reads:

TO THE BRAVE MEN WHO PERISHED

IN THE WRECK OF THE TITANIC APRIL 15 1912

THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES THAT

WOMEN AND CHILDREN MIGHT BE SAVED

ERECTED BY THE WOMEN OF AMERICA

The memorial was not without its detractors. “Some feminists criticized the memorial, saying it was inappropriate to not only commemorate but perpetuate the notion of chivalry. Margaret [Molly Brown] responded that she thought it was very brave that some men had chosen to step aside and let women and children live — but the gesture should never have been required by law or custom.” (*Molly Brown: Unraveling the Myth*, by Kristen Iversen, Muffet Brown at 226 (1999).)

Molly Brown, of course, “got it.” If only her kind of rational thinking had prevailed.

Now, almost 100 years after *Titanic,* in important ways, we are less honest about gender than we were when the mighty ship sank. In 1912, society freely acknowleged the chivalry at work on Titanic.

Today, we claim to embrace gender equality, yet chivaly is alive and well and manifests itself in countless ways — and we pretend it doesn’t exist. Like the elephant in the room, it leaves its imprint on virtually every institution, but it’s entirely too politically incorrect to acknowledge. It manifests itself in family law proceedings; the objectively proven gender disparities in criminal sentencing; the lopsided government funding asymmetry favoring diseases affecting women over diseases that affect men; the requirement that only males must register for selective service and that only males may serve in combat; the special government programs that assist girls in school but not boys even though boys need more help; and the fact that there are numerous programs that assist women breaking into the the business world while there are no programs that assist men breaking into the domestic world. And we could go on and on and on, but you already know this.

Like the suffragettes, deep down we are certain that chivalry can’t be reconciled with our enlightened notions of gender equality, so we do what the suffragettes did — we deny it exists, or we rationalize it away. In 1912, such denial was limited to one marginalized group and was disparaged by society as a whole. Today, denial of chivalry is so widespread it’s the norm.

It is no epiphany that the chivalry that manifests itself in our modern institutions is wholly inconsistent with gender equality. This isn’t something concocted by men’s rights groups; it was apparent even when *Titanic* sank. In the aftermath of the *Titanic* disaster, a smart woman writing about the astounding chivalry of the *Titanic’s* men also couldn’t help but notice the decline of chivalry in everyday life. She well understood that chivalry must give way if true equality is to flourish. It is too bad her words aren’t etched into the hearts of all who preach gender equality but close their eyes to the chivalry that disadvantages men. Here’s what she wrote, less than one month after Titanic sank:

“‘Men are not what they were.’ The phrase falls from the lips of every woman. In it’s train falls the stereotyped indictment: Politeness is a forgotten art; deference to womankind is unknown. In a packed tram, the woman is allowed to stand while the man sits; in a rush for the boat, the woman is shoved aside by the more muscular man; in offices or

shop, the girl worker receives no consideration from the man; and so on and so on. The grievance is lengthy…

"Yet it may all be true. Very likely 'men are not what they were' because, you see, women are not what they were, and things have to balance themselves. We decline altogether these days to have a sphere of our own; we walk triumphantly into man's. We not only want, we insist on having, his privileges, his pleasures, his work, occasionally ousting him out of them, in any case sharing them willy nilly…

"But we must remember what Nursie taught us long years ago; you cannot have your cake and eat it, much as you wish to. And if man finds you persistently invading his domain, sharing his pursuits, working as a man, acting as a man, aping man's free and easy arrogance, he is apt to forget, despite your apology for petticoats, that you are not a man. You want to be a free and independent comrade? Well, then, accept the penalties as well as the pleasures of comradeship."

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Polish Feminism, or how to forget the past and ruin the future

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By M

A recent post on /r/MensRights, and an article on on the http://theantifeminist.com/ pondered on whether the public opinion was indeed shifting to be more sympathetic towards the MRM, and the latter linked, as evidence, to the comments section of a Guardian article entitled Polish feminism is no longer ridiculed. The comments were indeed largely opposed to the author's suggestion that Poland's Prime Minister, Donald Tusk, should force a 50% women electoral quota, instead of backing off and requiring only 35%. But being somewhat acquainted with Poland's particular history of gender relations, and its current sociopolitical climate, I found the article to be even more fascinating. One could say, the same old story, but different. Here is what the author thought to be an honest justification for her discriminatory requirements:

> Together, the laws may bring about real change. Poland has one of the lowest proportions of women in the labour market in Europe (53%, compared with the EU average of about 60%). Lack of accessible childcare is a major factor. Workplace discrimination is widespread. The wage gap, now broadly discussed in the media, is about 23%. The last to be hired, the first to be fired, more likely to be stuck with uncertain, short-term employment with no benefits, women have clearly been losers in Poland's turn to free market economy. Young women lose their jobs when pregnant, older women are pushed out of their jobs and asked to retire. Prospects for a decent pension may be grim for all, due to financial and demographic crises, but they are far grimmer for women, who not only earn less, but retire five years earlier then men (60 and 65 respectively). If enough women can leave toddlers in nursery schools and head to work, and if enough women can get elected and press for gender justice, at least some of this might change.

Now for some background: after WW2, Poland, like many other countries on the wrong side (east) of Europe were forced into a communist regime sponsored by the ol' USSR. But Poland's opposition to this political coercion was arguably one of the strongest out of all the so called satellite states. It was partly due to the religiousness of the population, and culminated into the Solidarity movement, contributing to the crumbling of the Soviet block. What happened thereafter was not unique, and could be observed in most of Eastern Europe: massive unemployment, a fragile economy, important emigration and bleak future prospects. But, contrary to a few ex-communist countries, like Russia, whose population somewhat regretted the "glorious" days, most people in Poland still prefered this socioeconomic disaster to the authoritarian government that preceded it. The anticommunist sentiment was strong, so strong in fact that the leading political party still had the punishment of criminal communist officials on their agenda.

Why is this so important? Communism was the gender equality utopia many feminists dream about, if the lowest common denominator is a desirable goal. Men and women had equal rights, equal enrollment rates in schools, equal job opportunities and, according to most, an equally difficult life. Healthcare was freely available, abortion encouraged, marital disputes always fair (it is quite easy to split zero into two equal parts) and places to drop your child to be indoctrinated while you're off to work were right around the corner. But for some baffling reason, most Poles didn't want that. So when the red regime ended, and the communist party got outlawed, it is only natural that most people looked at feminism, which seemingly wanted to go back to the nightmare so many fought to get rid of, with a sense of mistrust.

So feminism was out, and women were oppressed as a result. Let's look at the claims: 53% women on the labour market, in a union average of 60%. Seeing as Poland had not so long ago a very high unemployment rate, this is hardly surprising. The other quotes are just as misleading: lack of accessible childcare (as opposed to all other accessible social services?) the wage gap (taken of course as money earned yearly, which is then on par with the rest of the western world) the fact women retire earlier (companies are forcing women to retire and men have the

“privilege” to work until 65) and all sort of generic comments not backed up by any numbers or research (women hired last and fired first). In short, complete disregard for context, whether political, social, economic or statistical. Not present in the excerpt above is the usual blame on the Catholic Church, with the simultaneous refusal to acknowledge that women in this society are even more religious than men, and a large number is against abortion, happy with the idea of becoming a stay-at-home mother, and otherwise couldn’t care less about all the “injustices” mentioned here. Once again, we see feminists trying to drag these women out to work against their will, because of a special care for women’s “choices”.

But things seem to be changing. The younger generation has forgotten or simply hasn’t lived through the hardships of the past. Tuned to western media and culture, they have accepted the foreign misandric messages. That is why feminism is no longer ridiculed, but it is still in a very odd situation: between older women who were raised under a regime that basically claimed total equality in outcome was the ultimate goal, but who were told at church abortion is criminal and they should be good mothers, and younger who may still be influenced by the advice of their grandmothers, but who absorb the American claim they are being (or even have been) oppressed, the dogma is still weak but evidently getting stronger. Let’s not forget Poland’s northern neighbor, Sweden, which is still now a land of emigration for the only European country that had a positive economic growth in 2009. When things get better, some may want to return. Let’s just hope they don’t come back with a certain poisonous souvenir.

Writing in Tongues

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> When women's experience is made intelligible in the communications of consciousness raising we can recognize that it is in the structures of men's stories of the world that women don't make sense — that our own experience, collectively and jointly appreciated, can generate a picture of ourselves and the world within which we are intelligible.
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> -*Women, Knowledge and Reality*, Ann Garry and Marilyn Pearsall

When it comes to language, I am something of a conservative. There is little that annoys me more than the propagation of ugly, obtuse and unintelligible writing. This is one of the reasons I admire Orwell, who vigorously protested the degeneration of the English language in essays and books, most notably 1984.

Feminists, for their part, often appear to have taken it upon themselves to wage war on the English language. The style and language they use, which employs a number of neologisms and, dare I say, "neosemanticisms," could be described as having some attributes that mimic classical philosophy, but the effect is more what one might expect from a gang of axe-wielding orcs set loose upon an ancient, wooded grove.

Hallowed academe, once the keeper of the classics, has been invaded by a new form of literature; one that has metastasized throughout the stacks of libraries, shoving the beautiful old books full of clear, delightful prose to the margins. Here, I'd like to offer a few examples of what kind of text can be found in a typical humanities class in the 21st century, and leave it up to the reader to determine why boys and men are fleeing these institutions:

> "The power of the Marxian critique of class domination stands as an implicit suggestion that feminists should consider the advantages of adopting a historical materialist approach to understanding phallocratic domination."
>
> –Nancy Hartsock in *"The Feminist Standpoint"*

This is the first sentence of Hartsock's essay. The term "phallocratic domination" is a euphemism for patriarchal society, i.e. rule by men, which is the norm throughout most of the world. Hartsock reduces this to rule by penis. Both Hartsock and I live in Washington state, which is largely ruled by women. Our governor and two senators are female. How would feminists react if men were to call that a "vaginocracy?" Essentially, Hartsock is reducing men to their genitals, which is a very primitive slur. This is easy to do when one has a guaranteed position at a university, and contradicts her fundamental premise that penises rule.

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> "The relation between ourselves as practicing sociologists and ourselves as working women is continually visible to us, a central feature of experience of the world, so that the bifurcation of consciousness becomes for us a daily chasm which is to be crossed, on the one side of which is this special conceptual activity of thought, research, teaching, administration, and on the other the world of concrete practical activities of keeping things clean, managing somehow the house and household and the children, a world in which the particularities of persons in their full organic immediacy (cleaning up the vomit, changing diapers, as well as feeding) are inescapable. Even if we don't have that as a direct contingency in our lives, we are aware of that as something that our becoming may be inserted into as a possible predicate."
>
> –Dorothy E. Smith in *"Women's perspective as a Radical Critique of Sociology"*

Here, Dorothy Smith, who also published *"Feminism and Marxism: a place to begin, a way to go"*, expresses in

convoluted terms her anger and frustration about how her maternal duties imposed upon the “conceptual activity” that she apparently cherished. In fact, her grief is shared by plenty of women who are not conceptually capable, and she is simply a more verbose (although far from eloquent, as the quote clearly demonstrates) example of the woman who just doesn’t want to be bothered by motherhood. Note how she uses “predicate” where she clearly intends “predicament.”

Dorothy Smith is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada.

> One phenomenon feminist historians have focused on is the rape and torture metaphors in the writings of Sir Francis Bacon and others (e.g. Machiavelli) enthusiastic about the new scientific method. Traditional historians and philosophers have said that these metaphors are irrelevant to the real meanings and referents of scientific concepts held by those who used them and by the public for whom they wrote. But when it comes to regarding nature as a machine, they have quite a different analysis: here, we are told, the metaphor provides the interpretations of Newton’s mathematical laws: it directs inquirers to fruitful ways to apply his theory and suggests the appropriate methods of inquiry and the kind of metaphyiscs the new theory supports. But if we are to believe that mechanistic metaphors were a fundamental component of the explanations the new science provided, why should we believe that the gender metaphors were not? A consistent analysis would lead to the conclusion that understanding nature as a woman indifferent to or even welcoming rape was equally fundamental to the interpretations of these new conceptions of nature and inquiry. Presumably these metaphors, too, had fruitful pragmatic, methodological, and metaphysical consequences for science. In that case, why is it not as illuminating and honest to refer to Newton’s laws as “Newton’s rape manual” as it is to call them “Newton’s mechanics”?
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> –Sandra Harding in “The Science Question in Feminism”

The assault on men in this instance becomes so ridiculous as to accuse Sir Isaac Newton, a lifelong virgin, of surreptitiously writing a rape manual while publishing one of the most influential scientific works of all time. Keep in mind that this woman is a tenured professor at a public university, and actually gets paid taxpayer money to write these kinds of things. “Phallocracy” indeed!

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Memory Spikes

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The site has been using a lot more RAM than usual over the last day, so I'm trying to figure out whether something's buggy in the code and checking the logs. This entails a bit of testing and checking plugins, so a couple features like comment preview and voting will be disabled for a little while until I can identify the source of the problem.

Otherwise, hopefully, nothing will change.

New WSJ Article on Wage-Gap Fraud

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Yesterday was “Equal Pay Day,” which probably sounds great to young feminists working for much richer, older male bosses. However, as an article in the WSJ points out, if pay truly were equal a lot of young men might be doing better than they are now. Although it isn’t exactly news to a lot of young men, female urban workers between 22 and 30 earn 8% more than their male counterparts. As usual, it is the men who never had a thing to do with so-called “patriarchy” – and never benefited from it in any event – who are taking the biggest hit. This is typical. Affirmative action never targeted older, established people; it was always the innocent younger folks who paid the price. It’s simply another form of victimization, only this time worse in some ways than the old Jim Crow because it is perpetrated under the guise of righteousness.

Although the article may not contain anything new to our readers, the tone is a marked departure from what one usually reads concerning feminism:

> Feminist hand-wringing about the wage gap relies on the assumption that the differences in average earnings stem from discrimination. Thus the mantra that women make only 77% of what men earn for equal work. But even a cursory review of the data proves this assumption false.

It is refreshing to see that the lies feminists rely on are no longer taken at face value. In fact, this is a real accomplishment for which those of us out there spreading the word deserve some credit.

Ms. Lukas, who wrote the piece, wraps it up with a fairly strong condemnation of the feminists’ gender jihad:

> Few Americans see the economy as a battle between the sexes. They want opportunity to abound so that men and women can find satisfying work situations that meet their unique needs. That—not a day dedicated to manufactured feminist grievances—would be something to celebrate.

The Chances of Holding Your Son Responsible for a Rape He Didn't Commit Have Just Skyrocketed

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You will excuse me if I dispense with the carefully laid out introduction and the painstakingly crafted prose, but I write about a matter of grave importance, and there isn't time for either. False Rape Society has written in excess of 2,000 posts, and this may be the single most important topic we've ever reported on.

In an age when young men are a distinct minority on our nation's college campuses, the Obama administration has just declared open season on the dwindling relatively few who actually bother to attend college. The United States Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights issued a letter dated April 4, 2011 to colleges setting forth unequivocal guidelines for handling claims of sexual harassment, including claims of sexual assault, in disciplinary proceedings brought against students. Of course, the overwhelming majority of sex claims, especially serious claims such as sexual assault, are lodged against male students. According to the letter, from now on, to be in compliance with Title IX, all disciplinary proceedings involving claims of sexual harassment (which includes claims of rape and sexual assault) "must use a preponderance of the evidence standard," as opposed to the "clear and convincing evidence" standard (evidence of a high probability that the offense occurred) currently used by many schools. Vice President Joe Biden, chief architect of VAWA, unveiled the new procedures earlier this month.

What this means is that a male accused of sexual assault may be expelled from college, and his freedom to go on to graduate school and obtain decent employment may be curtailed and even destroyed, even if there is only ***a very slight probability*** that he committed the assault. The school can have a reasonable doubt about whether he did it, and the evidence need not even show that there is a strong likelihood of it. If the disciplinary hearing board finds that the complainant's story of the alleged incident is more credible than the accused's, even by a 50.0001 to 49.9999 percent margin, he packs his bags and is banned from the school forever. Forget law school, forget medical school, forget graduate school of any kind. And good luck explaining that to prospective employers. His life has been effectively destroyed.

Former Education Department lawyer Hans Bader posits a well-reasoned argument why the Education Department is wrong as a matter of law: "The Education Department's position is based on a misunderstanding of who is subject to Title IX, the federal law banning schools from committing sex discrimination. Title IX's requirements apply to schools, not individual students." Read the entire piece here.

While it is a terrible thing for a young woman to see her rapist escape without punishment, it is an even more terrible thing to hold a young man responsible for a rape he didn't commit. The chances of the school making a mistake and doing exactly that — holding a young man responsible for a rape he didn't commit — have just skyrocketed with the Education Department's April 4 directive.

A student's interest in obtaining a college degree, with all it entails, is of such weight and gravity that colleges should justify any decision to deprive a student of that interest with proof more substantial than a mere preponderance of the evidence. Even for legal actions seeking only money damages, some states impose the enhanced "clear and convincing evidence" standard to prove claims where fabrications are easiest to make (*e.g.,*claims of oral contracts, fraud, and promissory estoppel). That standard is all the more appropriate in "he said/she said" claims of sexual assault, where lies are easy to tell, too frequently made, and incredibly destructive of the men about whom they are told.

Schools are already lowering their standards of proof in response to the April 4 directive. Yale announced Tuesday that it is lowering its standard to "preponderance of the evidence." Stanford has also just done it. (Associated Students of Stanford University President Angelina Cardona applauded the move, noting: "Lowering of the standard of proof is absolutely crucial to the women's community.") Brandeis, too, will shift its standard of proof for internal hearings on sexual assault to a lesser burden, a university official said, to comply with the directive.

Harvard Law School and U.Va. are feeling the heat as well: both are under investigation because they require sexual assault victims to prove their allegations by “clear and convincing evidence.” One or more schools are lowering the standard in the middle of an ongoing hearing.

Stanford Dean of Student Life Christine Griffith doesn’t seem to have any concern about the school getting it wrong and punishing a young man undeservedly. “For people who might be concerned about the change in the burden, the standard of proof, then [it is] probably an opportunity for people to be saying to themselves, ‘I need to be really educated about these issues because I don’t want to find myself in this circumstance,’” she said.

Our sons have found themselves in the cross-hairs of another politically motivated effort to appease a vocal interest group that has declared them enemy number one. The Education Department’s directive was premised on research finding that one in five college women are victims of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault. The survey that concocted that outrageous number utilized self-selecting respondents, and the problems with such methodology are many and insurmountable. See here. Heather MacDonald summed it up succinctly: the one-in-five stat is ”bogus.” This is not even to mention that the the one-in-five figure yields numbers wildly inconsistent with even the inflated 90 percent under-reporting standard sometimes cited by the sexual grievance industry to justify its existence. See here. The fact is, if that one-in-five figure were accurate, our college campuses would be more dangerous places than even the Tadmor Prison in Syria, where the bloodthirsty guards butcher inmates with axes for the fun of it.

If you need further proof of the Department of Education’s blatant bias against presumptively innocent males, the April 4 letter also says that under Title IX, when there is an accusation of sexual assault, the school must take appropriate interim measures before the final outcome of the investigation. These measures include separating the alleged perpetrator and the complainant. All well and good — but that’s not all it says. It goes on to state the following: “When taking steps to separate the complainant and the alleged perpetrator, a school should minimize the burden on the complainant, and thus should not, as a matter of course, remove complainants from classes or housing while allowing alleged perpetrators to remain.”

The import is clear. In “he said/she said” disputes about sexual assault, *he* is presumed the guilty party from the moment of her accusation. At least the Department of Education is up front with its misandry.

It is not hyperbole to assert that under this new Department of Education directive, an accuser and a school are free to destroy the life of a young man even if there is only a very slight probability that he did anything wrong. And I ask, why is there not widespread outrage about this?

Obama's War Hens Prove that Women Readily Unleash State Violence

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The US involvement in yet another war in a Muslim country is slowly turning into yet another quagmire. After Iraq and Afghanistan, who would have guessed that this could happen? One of the main platforms of Obama's campaign was a promise to extricate the US from unpopular wars, and now we suddenly find ourselves in yet another…

And who is responsible for this?

According to the New York Times, it was a clique of female advisors, including Hillary Clinton, Samantha Powers and Susan Rice.

> Only the day before, Mrs. Clinton — along with her boss, President Obama — was a skeptic on whether the United States should take military action in Libya. But that night, with Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi's forces turning back the rebellion that threatened his rule, Mrs. Clinton changed course, forming an unlikely alliance with a handful of top administration aides who had been arguing for intervention.
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> The change became possible, though, only after Mrs. Clinton joined Samantha Power, a senior aide at the National Security Council, and Susan Rice, Mr. Obama's ambassador to the United Nations, who had been pressing the case for military action, according to senior administration officials speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Anyone with a cursory knowledge of history should know that women in power are just as likely to use violence to attain their goals as men. From Cleopatra to Empress Dowager Cixi, female rulers have readily ordered men to shed blood on their behalf.

Although a depressing number of people actually bought the feminist claim that female rule would usher in an era of peace and understanding, perhaps the truth is beginning to reveal itself as the West settles into a more Byzantine phase, and is characterized increasingly by class hierarchy rather than patriarchal egalitarianism.

What we have to understand about feminism is that ultimately the movement was not about women as a whole, but rather an elite, dissatisfied subset with a will to power. Of course Hillary Clinton identifies as a feminist — without the ideology and feminist support would she have had a chance to be one of the most powerful people on the planet?

One sees the same with discussions of the mythological wage gap, where feminists will argue that "the most powerful and richest people are men" while ignoring the men in the gutter without a trace of irony. These women do not want equality; they want to go straight to the top. They feel they deserve it. How could anyone be surprised that when they get there they will not hesitate to crush their enemies with bombs and missiles?

Hopefully, President Obama can rein in the bloodlust of these advisors before he involves us in yet another fiasco costly in both blood and wealth.

Truth in Black and White: The Third Man

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When we see old movies they tend to look hopelessly out of date and unprofessional by today's standards of cinematography. However, what they lack in special effects and technology they sometimes make up for in superb acting and deep, realistic assessments of human nature.

I recently took the time to watch The Third Man[image], a 1949 film set in postwar Vienna starring Orson Welles and Joseph Cotten. Welles and Cotten already had a history of producing great films, having worked together on Citizen Kane before the war, so the two are naturals together. Cotten, however, played the main role in Third Man, which was directed by Carol Reed.

The plot revolves around the intrigues of occupied Vienna, which was divided into four zones, each governed by one of the victorious allied powers (USSR, USA, UK and France). Cotten plays an American pulp fiction writer named Holly Martins who, out of money and out of luck, takes his old friend Harry Lime (played by Welles) up on a job offer in the shattered city. Holly arrives to find Lime recently deceased, and he attends his funeral, after which he asks around and hears inconsistent stories concerning the death. Finding Lime's girlfriend Anna (played by Alida Valli), a local actress, he has a talk with her and becomes convinced that his friend was murdered.

I won't give away the entire plot, as I really would prefer that readers see the movie for themselves and enjoy it, but as time goes on Holly learns more and more about his friend Harry Lime, and grows increasingly disillusioned. He also finds himself falling for Lime's girlfriend Anna, but she is still devoted to her purportedly dead lover.

The film says a great deal about friendship and the nature of love, particularly of the female variety. While Holly ultimately does the right thing, he never gets the girl, and Anna, for her part, is willing to sacrifice children, and even herself, for the villain who lit up her heart.

The 1674 Women's Campaign Against Coffee

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Prohibition, widely enacted in the early 20th century in the US and northern Europe, is often brought up as an example of female activism and a consequence of suffrage, but long before the introduction of universal suffrage similar restrictionist movements had almost resulted in heavy penalties for, of all things, drinking coffee.

In late 1675, King Charles II of England banned the sale and consumption of coffee in "a proclamation for the suppression of coffee-houses." Fortunately, he backed down a couple days before the ban was to take effect. Coffee had, at that point, become very popular amongst the British intelligentsia, spawning a number of all-male coffee clubs where men would gather to discuss philosophy and politics. Apparently, Charles wasn't all that pleased about the activities of the intellectually stimulated men, who were accused of spreading dissent throughout the realm.

However, there had already been political pressure from another group to ban coffee, which is perhaps what gave Charles the initial push toward banning the substance.

It turns out that a group of proto-feminists had approached the king demanding that he shut down the coffee houses a year earlier, as the elixir was held to be causing their husbands to become snotty, "Frenchified" fellows who had lost all interest in sex (with their wives).

The document they presented is "The Women's Petition Against Coffee," and it is well worth reading for the humor therein if nothing else. In one hilarious passage, the "Buxome Good Women" warn that coffee-drinking husbands run the risk of being "Cuckol'd by Dildo's." In another, they express dismay that men have begun to talk as much as women.

Here are a few excerpts:

> To the Right Honorable the Keepers
> of the Liberties of Venus; The
> Worshipful Court of Female-Assistants,
> &c.
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> The Humble Petition and Address of
> several Thousands of Buxome Good-Women,
> Languishing in Extremity
> of Want.
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> SHEWETH,
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> THat since 'tis Reckon'd amongst the Glories of
> our Native Country, To be A Paradise for Women:
> The same in our Apprehensions can consist
> in nothing more than the brisk Activity of
> our men, who in former Ages were justly esteemed the
> Ablest Performers in Christendome; But to our unspeakable
> Grief, we find of late a very sensible Decay of that
> true Old English Vigour; our Gallants being every way so
> Frenchified, that they are become meer Cock-sparrows,
> fluttering things that come on Sa sa, with a world of Fury,
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> but are not able to stand to it, and in the very first Charge
> fall down flat before us. Never did Men wear greater
> Breeches, or carry less in them of any Mettle whatsoever.

There was a glorious Dispensation (’twas surely in the
Golden Age) when Lusty Ladds of seven or eight hundred
years old, Got Sons and Daughters; and we have
read, how a Prince of Spain was forced to make a Law,
that Men should not Repeat the Grand Kindness to their
Wives, above NINE times in a night: But Alas! Alas!
Those forwards Days are gone, The dull Lubbers want a
Spur now, rather than a Bridle: being so far from doing
any works of Supererregation that we find them not
capable of performing those Devoirs which their Duty, and
our Expectations Exact.

[...]

Nor is this (though more than enough) All the ground
of our Complaint: For besides, we have reason to apprehend
and grow Jealous, That Men by frequenting these
Stygian Tap-houses will usurp on our Prerogative of
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Tatling, and soon learn to exeel us in Talkativeness: a
Quality wherein our Sex has ever Claimed preheminence:
For here like so many Frogs in a puddle, they sup muddy
water, and murmur insignificant notes till half a dozen of
them out-babble an equal number of us at a Gossipping, talking
all at once in Confusion, and running from point to
point as insensibly, and as swiftly, as ever the Ingenious
Pole-wheel could run divisions on the Base-viol; yet in all
their prattle every one abounds in his own sense, as stiffly
as a Quaker at the late Barbican dispute, and submits to
the Reasons of no other mortal: so that there being neither
Moderator nor Rules observ’d, you may as soon fill a
Quart pot with Syllogismes, as profit by their Disconrses.

[...]

Wherefore the Premises considered, and to the end that our Just
Rights may be restored, and all the Antient Priviledges of our Sex preserved
inviolable; That our Husbands may give us some other Testimonies
of their being Men, besides their Beards and wearing of empty Pantaloons:
That they no more run the hazard of being Cuckol’d by Dildo’s:
But returning to the good old strengthning Liquors of our Forefathers;
that Natures Exchequer may once again be replenisht, and a Race of
Lusty Hero’s begot, able by their Atchievments, to equal the Glories
of our Ancesters.

We Humbly Pray, That you our Trusty Patrons would improve your
Interest, that henceferth [>henceforth] the Drinking COFFEE may on severe
penalties be forbidden to all Persons under the Age of Threescore; and that
instead thereof, Lusty nappy Beer, Cock-Ale, Cordial Canaries, Restoring
Malago’s, and Back-recruiting Chocholes be Recommended to General
Use, throughout the Utopian Territories.

In hopes of which Glorious Reformation,

> your Petitioners shall readily Prostrate themselves, and ever Pray, &c.
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> FINIS.

Politics, Pandering and Prohibition

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Imagine for a moment that all of the illegal immigrants in the United States were on the verge of being granted amnesty and citizenship. Politicians would be falling all over each other in attempts to ingratiate themselves with this massive bloc of new voters.

Otto von Bismarck once remarked that "politics is the art of the possible," and it is clear that American politicians have long since seen the demographer's writing on the wall. A Brookings analysis of 2010 Census data indicated that "Ten states and 35 large metro areas now have minority white child populations," and "In areas of the country gaining children, Hispanics accounted for most of that growth." Savvy, opportunistic political parties and marketers have long since begun re-branding efforts aimed at locking down the brown vote and dollar. In anticipation of these projected population shifts, even the army is re-making its image with the slogan "Diversity Is Our Strength."

Now, imagine if over 50 percent of the population was about to be offered the right to vote in *one day*.

Writers can't seem to write enough pop sociology pieces about the hit show *Mad Men.* Perhaps a show about urbanites working in the media hits home for them. I watched an episode or two, but couldn't manage to get into it.

The recent HBO series *Boardwalk Empire* has held my attention. The first season opens with the passage of the Volstead Act, and follows the growth of Atlantic City bootlegging and organized crime in the early days of Prohibition. The first episode was directed by Martin Scorsese, and the show was adapted from an historical account of the life of political boss and racketeer Enoch "Nucky" Johnson by the producer and screenwriter of *The Sopranos.*

One aspect that makes the show stand out from familiar Tommy gun and fedora fare is its focus on political and social maneuvering as the Nineteenth Amendment was being ratified. The call for suffrage had past its tipping point, and to secure the future of his extra-political "business" interests, Nucky paints himself as a champion of women. With a wink and a nod to his cohorts, he mouths the sentiments of the feminist Zeitgeist with all of the false sincerity he can muster–like a proto Patrick Bateman lecturing his dinner companions about the need to end apartheid, terrorism and world hunger. Nucky is a practical man, and gaining the political support of women is but one of many means to his many ends. The average feminist woman is, as the provocative French essayist Alain Soral suggested in an interview, a "useful idiot," for greedy fellows like Nucky.

Some regard these slick manipulators as our modern "alphas"—but this is too abstract. The Nuckys of the world are not alphas in any meaningful primitive sense. They work systems and deal in artifice; they are adept businessmen, bosses, players and puppeteers. They are "economic" or "political" alphas—paper alphas, even—who may or may not display the qualities that our natures recognize as dominant. As with the pandering Nucky, they achieve dominant status through affecting the posture of submission—to women, special interest groups, and so forth. These paper alphas will sell out their brothers to make a quick buck—they are without loyalty—which is why men have always been distrustful of those who choose politics as a profession or who place too much value on material gain for its own sake.

For those of us who are not players and who find the game distasteful, it is useful to abandon idealistic thinking and imagine what the paper alphas want, if only to disabuse oneself of false hope and to re-evaluate doomed strategies. The Nuckys are motivated by greed, not justice, common sense or a moral compass—though every man must have his moments.

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Female Solidarity: An Additional Aspect Of NAWALT

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We are told NAWALT (not all women are like that) over and over again. Naturally, the question comes up on whether all women are like that or not or if a particular woman is like that or not. The answer can be more complicated than being either/or. There are many cases where a particular woman may truly not be like that but pretends to be, acts likes a woman like that, or thinks like a woman like that out of some bizarre sense of female solidarity. Here is an example (from a woman using the username "Doomed Harlot"):

> I self-identify as a "slut" because I have always opposed the double-standard and the transactional view of sex, and have acted accordingly. On the one hand, I may not qualify under the standards set forth here. I never had sex with, or even kissed, anyone other than a premarital boyfriend of several years and my husband.

For the sake of argument let's assume that everything "Doomed Harlot" says about her sexual history is true. She has only had sex with two men, one of which is her husband. Yet, she calls herself a slut out of some bizarre desire to oppose supposed double standards and female solidarity. Is "Doomed Harlot" a slut? Is she like that? Technically not, but if she's willing to talk like one, think like one, and identify as one what is the real meaningful difference between her and an actual slut?

The issue of female solidarity and NAWALT is not limited to slutitude. This applies to a lot of issues. For instance a woman might never intend to divorce or have an abortion herself and find those acts in most or all cases to be immoral, but she will fight against any changes to the law on those subjects. Even if she has no intention of having an abortion or starting a divorce, can she really be said to not be like a woman who does those things?

What has happened is that a lot of women who technically might not be like that have decided that female solidarity is more important than actually demonstrating that they aren't like that. What is the meaningful difference between a woman who is like that and a woman who isn't but talks, thinks, and identifies as a woman like that out of a sense of female solidarity? There really is none because either unintentionally or (most likely) intentionally, the woman who isn't like that but acts like a woman like that is providing cover for the women like that. A woman who truly isn't like that would want to demonstrate the difference between her and women who are like that.

Going back to the "Doomed Harlot" example, if a woman talks like, thinks like, and identifies as a slut, how is a man supposed to know she isn't actually a slut? If she thinks she's a slut then how can men know she really isn't a slut? If "Doomed Harlot" isn't going to make an attempt to differentiate herself from actual sluts, why should men?

Unless a woman is willing to clearly demonstrate she is not like that, using NAWALT as an argument is hollow and hypocritical. If a woman doesn't think it's important to clearly differentiate herself from women who are like that then men cannot be at fault for thinking she is like that.

The Perks of Equality

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By Una Salus Victus

For the record, I support feminism. I believe that women should be given complete and total equality. In light of this, no woman should be a candidate for president before she has gained *true* equality. The sexual privilege women enjoy by not having to serve in the military should they not wish to, in addition to not having to register for Selective Service needs to end. Being able to command the sacrifice of others is too great a power to be afforded those who are automatically exempted said sacrifice due to their gender. As I have said before (and even made a shirt saying), “Equality or Chivalry. It’s time to make a choice”.

Wars the US has been involved in since WWI

1. 1. 1917-18 World War I
    1. a. KIA: 137,000
    2. b. Wounded: 205,690
    3. 2. 1941-45 World War II
    4. a. KIA: 495,000
    5. b. Wounded: 565,861
    6. 3. 1950-53 Korean War
    7. a. KIA: 33,686
    8. b. MIA: 8,176 (highly potential POWs)
    9. c. Wounded: 92,134
    10. 4. 1959-75 Vietnam War
    11. a. KIA: 58,220
    12. b. Wounded: 153,303
    13. 5. 1991- Persian Gulf War
    14. a. KIA: 148
    15. b. Wounded: 31
    16. 6. 2001 Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom)
    17. a. KIA: 1,081
    18. b. Wounded: 9,971
    19. 7. 2003-10 Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn)
    20. a. KIA: 4,447
    21. b. Wounded: 31,965
    22. c. PTSD: 88,719

The above list of battles serves as a reminder of all the lives lost during the course of notable wars in this country. There are currently more than 200 wars/conflicts/engagements listed, and that’s just starting from WWI. I listed the ones that most people would recognize. We, as a country, look at a potential president’s ascension with justified scrutiny. We want no one who has skirted military service being in charge of the country. The reason for this is simple; how can anyone who fled their duty to serve be even remotely suited for a job where they will have the ability to send troops into different areas of the world to fight?

As stated above, a president will be afforded the privilege of being able to wage a war or bomb/send troops to any nation in ‘need’. It is for this reason that the potential president should have a personal understanding, through

service, (or, at the very least, the ability to have served) that WAR IS HELL and, through this appreciation, be possessed with the knowledge that this country's military force is designed around the notion of keeping our nation safe, not as an international police force or personal agenda forwarding device. One cannot, nor should not, police another country unless the direst circumstances are afoot. It is meant to be understood (even widely accepted) that those who didn't serve during a time of peace should have nothing held against them in this regard during their quest to the Oval Office. It is by their own example that we, as a people, choose who we will allow to lead us.

The hole in the policing tactic is this: There is a consistent, almost round-the-clock, 'ethnic cleansing' happening in Africa, but the US never gets involved. By their own example, anyone who uses the military as an international police force should already have presented ideas/attempts for interventions within the African continent in the name of humanity and peace keeping. Realistically, it could be the front for establishing military bases that could later be used as staging areas for other conflicts that happen on that side of the world. The 'policing' could simply be the rent paid to the country. Just imagine how many tyrants could be removed from power. This is the very reason we are still in South Korea. The last time we pulled out, North Korea crossed the DMZ and attempted an invasion. The US was forced to reoccupy the South and set up bases to serve as a deterrent against another invasion. In other words, we are the police force in that country.

Another point to consider is the fate of the wounded veteran. This person cannot return to any semblance of the life the way it was before and often times has a tremendous lack of success receiving adequate treatment for injuries, not to mention decent employment for their most extreme sacrifice (some say that death is the ultimate sacrifice, but I disagree. I believe that living within a maimed body is far more severe than death could ever be). Let's also not forget those poor men who get taken captive by the enemy. [I say "men", because the last time a woman was taken (Jessica Lynch), she was rescued by Special Forces within a very short period of time, a privilege not afforded to the majority of male hostages]. In the hierarchy of terrible circumstances, the injured rank at No.2 behind those who are badly wounded.

Moving on, since the removal of the draft, there is an agency known as Selective Service that serves to keep tabs on all males who could potentially serve should the need for a draft arise.. According to their website:

Almost all male U.S. citizens, and male aliens living in the U.S., who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. It's important to know that even though he is registered, a man will not automatically be inducted into the military. In a crisis requiring a draft, men would be called in sequence determined by random lottery number and year of birth. Then, they would be examined for mental, physical and moral fitness by the military before being deferred or exempted from military service or inducted into the Armed Forces.

The penalty for not registering is severe:

* CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT REGISTERING

The maximum penalty for failing to register with Selective Service is a $250,000 fine and up to five years in prison. Failure to register will cause ineligibility for a number of federal and state benefits including:

* FEDERAL JOBS

A man must be registered to be eligible for jobs in the Executive Branch of the Federal government and the U.S. Postal Service. This applies only to men born after December 31, 1959.

* STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Men who are not registered with Selective Service cannot obtain Federal student loans or grants. This includes Pell Grants, College Work Study, Guaranteed Student/Plus Loans, and National Direct Student Loans.

* CITIZENSHIP

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) makes registration with Selective Service a condition for U.S. citizenship, if the man first arrived in the U.S. before his 26th birthday and was required to register.

* FEDERAL JOB TRAINING

The Workforce Investment Act (formerly JTPA) offers important job-training opportunities. This program is only open to those men who register with Selective Service.

* STATE JOBS, LOANS, AND TRAINING

Most states have added additional penalties for those who fail to register with Selective Service.

* STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE LEGISLATION

As of May 16, 2002, 19 states, 2 territories, and the District of Columbia have enacted driver's license laws supporting Selective Service registration. They are Oklahoma, Delaware, Arkansas, Utah, Georgia, Hawaii, Alabama, Florida, Colorado, Texas, Louisiana, Illinois, Ohio, South Dakota, Mississippi, Idaho, Virginia, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands.

As it stands, women are exempted from this process. See here for their write-up on the reason why they adhere to this policy.

For a long time, men who have been discovered evading their duty to the nation were branded as cowards, and rightly so. No one was exempt. Even Elvis Presley served when his number was called. There was even a period in time when the national pastime (baseball) was hindered for a few seasons, as nearly all of the players were called forth to fight. Anyone who dodged this responsibility and then attempted to run for office would quickly find his lot in life nothing short of inhospitable. Currently, those who lie about having served and when discovered are lucky if they only get fired because jail time is more likely.

In closing, if we've become a country where we can now interfere with the business of other countries and ANY feminist ideal is among the list of grievances to support our doing so, then that means this country has satisfied all of the feminist demands and there is nothing else to be done for that cause; for why would the radfems chase their ideal in another country if their own country leaves much that they desire? It makes no logical sense (*I know, I know)*. Furthering this, why didn't the Rosie Riveters demand to be included in military operations? After all, the men who had done the jobs that the Riveters were now doing (the jobs that they used as their proof of ability/equality) were selected to fight a war with no prior military experience. All they had done in their lives was THOSE jobs. Why did the Riveters stop at the jobs? Why not go for the gold?

Anatomy of a Lie

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By Carnivore

In the article New WSJ Article on Wage-Gap Fraud, the question comes up of how the wage-gap can still be an issue since it has been debunked by (among others) the US Government's own statistics. Comments at the referenced Wall Street Journal article reveal many who still believe in the wage gap fraud. While some who adamantly believe in feminist myths are being sincere in their belief which is based upon misinformation, there are others who are simply ***liars*** – those who create the misinformation.

Let's shift gears for a moment in order for me to provide a little background on where I'm headed. Back in the feminist reawakening of the 1960's and 1970's, there was a need to find an example of a true matriarchy. After all, if the leadership of a people is solely determined by societal constructs and nothing innate, then one would think there would be some examples of a matriarchy during the long span of mankind's presence on the earth. If such a matriarchy could be found, there would be hope that a matriarchy could exist in the future. Readers of *The Spearhead* know that matriarchies only exist in mythology. Of course, if careful study of history and archeology does not turn up a matriarchy, another method is to lie and fabricate evidence. Just such a lie caused my "ah-ha", eye-opening moment.

I was raised, as probably most baby boomers were, to believe and trust my superiors. University degrees meant something and a professor received automatic respect. While there were occasional hoaxes (e.g. Piltdown Man), in general, learned men *and women* were to be trusted and respected. That's the attitude I held as a university student and as I started my career.

Before the World Wide Web, blogs and the like, there were (and still are) Usenet newsgroups. Founded in 1980, Usenet provides various newsgroups to which one can post. Posts are then distributed across the entire network. While still in place, its popularity has significantly decreased due to competition from the web. The newsgroups are organized into various categories such as sci. (science related), soc. (social discussions) and misc. (miscellaneous topics). One soc. newsgroup is soc.men which contains unmoderated discussions on topics of interest to men. (As a side note, the group soc.women existed before soc.men. When some men proposed the creation of soc.men, many women were opposed. Some things never change.)

In 1993, the following article was posted on soc.men. It opened my eyes; it gave me my "ah-ha" moment. It is still available at Robert Sheaffer's website and at soc.men (now available in Google groups). I will take the liberty to add some emphasis at various points. In 1993, all we had was the ability to bracket words with asterisks to provide emphasis. For those who are still sitting on the fence, I hope you get your "ah-ha" moment. (The fellow pictured above is an unidentified Innu man photographed in 1912. The Innu are Native Americans and were called the "Montagnais" by the French and also "Naskapi" by others. The Montagnais-Naskapi people figure prominently in the following article.)

Deceptions of a 'Gender Equal Society':

by Robert Sheaffer, June, 1993

The late Eleanor Leacock was an anthropologist and feminist who published claims of societies that were supposedly "Egalitarian," in regard both to wealth, and to sex. Her writings display a strong Marxist bent. She wrote a long and admiring introduction for her new edition of Engels' *The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State*, which was published by International House Publishers (New York, 1972), the publishing arm of the Communist Party of the USA.

Leacock's essay "Women In Egalitarian Societies" was published as chapter one of *Becoming Visible*, a textbook

used in Womens History classes (Bridenthal and Koonz, eds). One of her principal examples of a supposedly nonpatriarchal society (i.e., one where leadership does not rest primarily with the male) was the Montagnais-Naskapi Native Americans of the Labrador peninsula of Canada. Now, the Montagnais-Naskapi of today (on whom she had done field work) are clearly patriarchal, so she cites the 17th century accounts of Jesuit missionaries to make a claim that this society was once gender-equal, but was subsequently "completely transformed" by their contact with Western colonial powers. Leacock also cites the supposedly nonpatriarchal 17th century Montagnais-Naskapi as one of the principal proofs in her book, *Myths of Male Dominance*.

Leacock gives the following quotes from Father Paul Le Jeune, one of the first Jesuit missionaries to enter that region, **without providing any context for it**:

> Some observers said of Montagnais-Naskapi women, as they said of other Native American women, that they were virtual slaves. Their hard work and lack of ritualized formalities surrounding them contrasted sharply with the ideals of courtesy for women in the French and British bourgeois family and were taken as evidence of low social status. Those who knew the Indians well reported otherwise. **"The women have great power here," Le Jeune wrote, and exhorted the men to assert themselves. "I told him then that he was the master, and that in France women do not rule their husbands."** (*Becoming Visible*, page 22).

However, an examination of the reference Leacock cites shows that the meaning of this incident is entirely different from what she suggests. Le Jeune had asked an Indian man whether he has a son, and whether he would give him that son to take away to be educated as a Christian.

> He replied that he would be very glad to give us his son, but that his wife did not wish to do so. The women have great power here. A man may promise you something, and, if he does not keep his promise, he thinks he is sufficiently excused when he tells you that his wife did not wish to do it. I told him then that he was the master, and that in France women do not rule their husbands. (*Jesuit Relations*, Vol. 5 p. 181).

Note that the incident, when read in its context, does not in any way support what Leacock would have us believe. The Jesuit is asking this Indian to allow him to take his son away for an extended period of time, to which the father quite understandably objects. Seeking an excuse, the man replies that his wife will not permit it. Le Jeune's remark that "the women have great power here" is seen to be wry irony, not actual description. When an Indian man needed an excuse for breaking a promise, the favorite excuse was that his wife would disapprove. **Thus the "power" of women to which Le Jeune refers was not actual authority in the family, but rather the "power" to excuse a man from previous commitments.** Note also that Le Jeune did **not** "exhort the men to assert themselves," as Leacock claims; rather, he urged this **one** man to be assertive, by way of countering his proffered excuse.

This incident aside, does the account of Le Jeune support the claim of a gender-equal society that Leacock makes? Here are some other statements by Le Jeune from the same work. They are such blatant counter examples to Leacock's claim of 'gender-equality' that **she obviously needed to pretend that they do not exist**:

Le Jeune, 1634 (*Jesuit Relations*, Vol. 7, p. 89):

> I observed in this place that the young women did not eat from the same dish as their husbands. I asked the reason, and the Renegade told me that the young unmarried women, and the women who had no children, took no part in the management of affairs, and **were treated like children**. Thence it came that his own wife said to me one day, "Tell my husband to give me plenty to eat, but do not tell him that I asked you to do so."

Le Jeune, 1634 (*Jesuit Relations*, Vol. 6, p. 217-219):

> the Savages prefer the meat of the Bear to all other kinds of food; it seems to me that the young Beaver is in no

> way inferior to it, but the Bear has more fat, and therefore the Savages like it better. Second, the Bear being brought, all the marriageable girls and young married women who have not had children, as well as those of the Cabin where the Bear is to be eaten, and of the neighboring cabins, go outside, and do not return as long as there remains a piece of this animal, which they do not taste. It snowed, and the weather was very severe. It was almost night when this Bear was brought to our Cabin**; immediately the women and girls went out and sought shelter elsewhere, the best they could find. They do this not without much suffering; for they do not always have bark at hand with which to make their house, which in such cases they cover with branches of the Fir tree.**
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> In the third place, the dogs must be sent away, lest they lick the blood, or eat the bones, or even the offal of this beast, so greatly is it prized. The latter are buried under the fireplace, and the former are thrown into the fire. The preceding are observations which I made during the performance of this superstition. Two banquets are made of this Bear, as it is cooked in two kettles, although all at the same time. **The men and older women are invited to the first feast, and, when it is finished, the women go out; then the other kettle is taken down, and of this an eat-all feast is made for the men only.** This is done on the evening of the capture; the next day toward nightfall, or the second day, I do not exactly remember, **the Bear having been all eaten, the young women and girls return.**

Thus, Father Le Jeune reports that these Indians prized bear meat so greatly that when a bear was killed, the women and the dogs were sent outside to stand in the snow while the men held an all-night feast. Does this sound like a "gender-equal society"? Professor Leacock somehow failed to mention this counter-evidence as she wrote of her vanished feminist Utopia.

Le Jeune, 1637 (*Jesuit Relations*, Vol. 11, p. 215)

> Some Savages had arrived from Tadoussac on their way to war; Father de Quen and I visited them in their cabin, and, after some conversation, they told us that we should go to see the preparations for a great feast which were being made in a place that they named to us. But they advised us not to remain there long, "Because," said they, "as it is a war feast, the women will serve there entirely naked."

Attempting to demonstrate the supposed lack of feminine delicacy of the Montagnais-Naskapi women before they developed a "feeling of constraint when whites were around," Leacock quotes the following description of them from Father Le Jeune:

"They have neither gentleness nor courtesy in their utterance," he wrote, "and a Frenchman could not assume the accent, the tone, and the sharpness of their voices without becoming angry, which they do not." (*Becoming Visible*, p. 21-22).

It is ***extremely*** revealing to see the two sentences that immediately precede this quote, sentences that Leacock obviously needed to conceal from her feminist readers:

> **I have never heard the women complain because they were not invited to the feasts, because the men ate the good pieces, or because they had to work continually – going in search of wood for the fire, making the Houses, dressing the skins, and busying themselves in other very laborious work. Each one does her own little tasks, gently and peacefully, without any disputes.** It is true, however, that they have neither gentleness nor courtesy in their utterance, and a Frenchman could not assume the accent, the tone, and the sharpness of their voices without becoming angry, which they do not (Le Jeune, *Jesuit Relations*, Vol. 6 p. 235).

When Leacock, in claiming this society to be nonpatriarchal, omits the sentences she does while quoting those immediately following, I cannot imagine that this deception was unintentional.

It is now clear beyond any possibility of doubt that the supposed 'gender-equal society of the Montagnais-Naskapi', which is cited in feminist circles as one of the best evidences of a supposed "nonpatriarchal society", has absolutely no basis in fact. It was the deliberate deception of a Marxist feminist, created out of selective quotation and misrepresentation, yet uncritically accepted by her feminist readers. The fact remains that all present and past human societies are patriarchal, in spite of the many feminist lies and half-truths invented to obscure this. Indeed, the ease with which academic feminists will resort to deception to bolster claims such as this one about vanished "nonpatriarchal societies" is perhaps the best reason to doubt their claim that future societies will be nonpatriarchal.

Camille Paglia wrote that "Our best women students are being force-fed an appalling diet of cant, drivel, and malarkey" (*Sex, Art, and American Culture*, p. 243). We can thank Eleanor Leacock for nicely illustrating Paglia's point.

Sheaffer references the 1977 edition of *Becoming Visible*. The essay had apparently been renamed in the 1987 edition to "Gender in Egalitarian Societies" and is available online here, the website of a Professor of History Emerita at Washburn University. The lies identified by Sheaffer are still present in the online version. One can safely assume that the essay is still used to indoctrinate gullible university students – 34 years and counting.

Peter Wood, president of the National Association of Scholars, has written a recent article, "Unearthing Matriarchy" in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Wood traces the origin of the prehistoric matriarchy idea back to the 19th century. What's interesting, however, is his observation that individuals who believe this nonsense are not screened but instead appointed to faculty positions. He notes that universities have no problem screening Fundamental Christians, for example, from positions in the Biology department due to their belief in creationism. The process has basically fed on itself such that the belief in a prehistoric matriarchy permeates faculty at universities and is taught "either as an established historical fact or viable hypothesis about pre-history is a staple of thousands of courses." He closes with:

> If it is necessary that a candidate for an academic appointment in biology demonstrate competence in evolutionary biology, it ought surely be necessary that a candidate for appointment in women's studies demonstrate show the ability to distinguish historical fantasy from fact.
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> I don't expect that to happen anytime soon, but it is a useful thought experiment. Why won't higher education hold women's studies to ordinary standards of historical accuracy? Because contemporary American higher education cares far more about protecting its favored group of political ideologies than it does its standards of rational inquiry and scrupulous use of evidence. The standards are cited most conspicuously when they lend themselves to fencing off members of disfavored groups. Why is higher education having such a hard time these days attracting public support? A good part of the reason is that it is so self-indulgent.

Is it clear why the wage-gap is still an issue and will be for some time to come?

I landed on a jaded island after reading Sheaffer's expose in 1993, an island where there is no respect for any

experts in soft disciplines such as Sociology, Anthropology and Womens Studies. An island where a feminist uttering the phrase “a study shows” is equivalent to “I’ve got a bridge for sale”. And whose fault is that?

Mangum Facing Murder Charges in Boyfriend's Stabbing Death

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Crystal Mangum, Duke Lacrosse false rape accuser, has had a number of run-ins with the law in recent years, and they have culminated in the stabbing death of her boyfriend Reginald Daye. Mangum and Daye were heard arguing over money before the stabbing, which prompted a police call. Police visited, and left without making any arrests. After the police left Mangum picked up a kitchen knife and plunged it into the 46-year-old housepainter. Reginald Daye lingered for a while, dying on April 13.

Daye may have been unwise (to put it mildly) to begin a relationship with the notorious Ms. Mangum, but he did not deserve to die for his error in judgment. In any event, the narrative pushed by feminists – that women are eternal victims of men – probably leads a number of less circumspect men to exercise less caution in their relationships with women.

That Mangum, a tool of the feminists who sought to destroy the lives of innocent young men in a false rape case, is now facing murder charges is little surprise. Feminists seized onto Mangum's vicious lies as justification for condemning young college men across the country, using the false accusation as yet another weapon in their jihad against men. Mangum probably does not identify as a feminist, but she is a soldier for their cause nonetheless.

Although feminists may have been deeply disappointed that her false rape accusations ultimately failed under scrutiny, perhaps now they can derive some satisfaction from the fact that one of their tools has at least ended the life of one man, momentarily sating their bloodlust with a singular act of butchery. Lest anyone think this is an exaggeration, we should take care to remember the feminist defense of child-killer Andrea Yates and glee over Lorena Bobbit's genital mutilation.

Male Suicide Rates and Causes

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By Szebran

In the US, the suicide rate for men is four times that of women. Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death for all U.S. men according to National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. According to German blogger Simon Rierdon (or at least I think he's German) the number of men committing suicide is up in every non-third world country.

He quoted PR Newswire "Between the ages of 20 and 29 suicide is three times as common in men as in women and the number of attempted suicides amongst young men has doubled in 10 years across most developed countries" Simon also notes that he has seen stories about how German men are committing suicide in record numbers but the suicide rate among young women is not rising.

No country has bothered to address the problem of male suicide. Kerry L. Knox, Ph.D., director of the Canandaigua Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs stated "Men in the overall U.S. population just haven't been the focus of a lot of suicide-prevention efforts."

Based on studies by Professor John Macdonald, Co director of the Men's Health Information and Resource Centre (MHIRC) in Australia and Thomas Joiner, Ph.D, a professor of psychology at Florida State University, it appears the two primary reasons causing the vast majority of male suicides are modern marriage (sometimes called marriage 2.0 on The Spearhead) and unemployment.

Joiner estimates that "romantic disruptions" and other relationship issues trigger depressive episodes in about 75 percent of men between the ages of 20 and 40 who commit suicide. Macdonald stated "Many men are overwhelmed by social problems like unemployment, family break-ups and not having access to their children. When a number of these social factors come together, they can be enough to send a man over the edge and contemplate self-harm," Additionally, MSNBC Health ('Male Suicide' 2008) states "Data going back decades shows that, like clockwork, economic downturns push more men over the brink — a fact that should concern us all now. Men draw much of their identity from their careers, and when unemployment rises, that underpinning falls away." Lastly, Lisa Firestone, Ph.D., a suicide expert stated "Especially in their early 20s, guys can think, 'This one person was right for me, I've lost her, and it's all over' … they lack the perspective that they're going to have other relationships, maybe even better relationships"

Simon Rierdon quoted an article by Michelle Beaulieu (*Reuters Health, 2000*) "In addition, divorce or marital separation more than doubled the risk of suicide in men, whereas in women, marital status was unrelated to suicide." Dr. Augustine Kposowa from the University of California suspects that this difference is related to the social networks men and women form outside their marriages, which may be stronger or more meaningful in women than in men. "Women have better ways of communicating," Kposowa told Reuters Health in an interview. "They may have more social support networks, friends and relatives that they talk to, whereas men donít have social support networks."

As stated in this post, these studies appear to indicate some men need a more realistic outlook about modern marriage. They still have obsolete notions of marriage being everything. Being divorced or single is viewed as the end of the world.

At one time, having a wife meant having a companion. Someone who would care about you and help you in life. Those days are gone. Today, modern marriage is centered on the wife. Partnership is discouraged in women's literature As emphasized by Parenting Magazine (*Mad at Dad 2009*) & repeated by many women's websites, husbands are now expected to do – at minimum – 50% of house chores. However, wives are not be expected to help husbands with housing repairs, auto maintenance or other similar tasks. These are deemed the "husband's job". Additionally, as emphasized by women's literature, house chores and husband's jobs must be completed according

to the wife's time schedule. Her husband's viewpoint does not matter.

Any wife that helps her husband or considers his opinions is criticized in women's literature as subservient. Additionally, she will also be the target of peer pressure from other women to change her behavior toward her husband.

Also, in modern marriage, husbands are used as baby sitters so the wife can have her weekly 'girls night out'. This is especially true if she wants to stay out late clubbing. However, boys night out is frowned upon. This is especially true if he wants stay out late clubbing. He will be considered a deadbeat.

Lastly, if a late night girls outing results in an extra marital affair and pregnancy, its tough luck for the husband if he discovers the child isn't his. Nearly all states have laws supporting paternity fraud. The hapless husband must raise & finance the child. The sleazebag other man will have no obligations. I've been told this is also the law in Britain.

Modern wives are taught to view their husbands as living room decorations.

More men should be educated about modern marriage. Letting ex-husbands tell their personal stories is one way to accomplish this task. No names or pictures are necessary. Men can simply explain how they were treated during their marriage and how the family court treated them during the divorce. Ideally, these stories should appear on popular men's websites. But how many websites would be willing to let ex-husbands tell their stories is questionable. Nonetheless, the stories would be educational. They would prompt very fundamental questions: Why have a "modern" wife? What purpose does she serve? What value is she? What benefit is modern marriage? Admittedly, men have previously received a health benefit from being married. However, research by Hui Liu and Debra Umberson (*Journal of Health and Social Behavior, 2008)* show, today, there is little difference in health status between married and unmarried men.

Eroding the idea a man must have a modern wife in order to have a meaningful, healthy life can have a significant impact on the male suicide rate. Being divorced or single will no longer seem the end of the world. In fact, a better life is staying single, having a series of girlfriends & joining a biking, hiking, swimming, astronomy, history or religious club. Men should join whatever organization interest them. Thousands of these groups can be found by searching the internet. Yahoo groups is one place to start. Being divorced / single is not unique. In America, 48% of the adult population is unmarried (*Population Reference Bureau, 2009)*.

The second reason for male suicides may be more difficult to tackle. Male unemployment is due largely to lack of education. Millions of jobs requiring only a high school diploma have disappeared. In the US, a college degree or at least a degree from a technical school is now necessary for many good paying jobs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics show that since 1970, the unemployment rate for college graduates is half that of high school graduates. It also shows college graduates, on average earn nearly twice what high school graduates earn. Approximately 50% more women earn college degrees than men. This is the primary reason why, in most American cities, young single woman aged (22-30) earn more money than men of the same age group (*New York research firm Reach Advisors, 2008*). The situation is probably similar in other western countries.

Men have trouble obtaining higher education. In America, this is because the education system is mostly controlled by two feminist groups. One group, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) has blocked every single attempted school reform designed to help increase boys performance & interest in school. They insist girls should remain the focus of education. Another group, The National Women's Law Center (NWLC), is responsible for the anti male culture throughout the school system. Boys as young as 4 have been charged with sexual harassment and suspended. The NWLC demands all schools be financially liable for incidents deemed as sexual harassment. Since schools have no money to defend themselves against NWLC lawsuits, its easier to suspend little boys for any reason. Ultimately, boys learn to become detached from school.

Finally, there is the problem of financing. Because of AAUW pressure, big corporations such as Walmart, Home Depot and Starbucks, donate money to college grant programs with the stipulation the student cannot be male.

Together, the AAUW and NWLC significantly degrade and derail boys education thus making them less likely to advance into college or trade school. There are probably similar feminist groups in other western countries who control the education system thereby hindering boys development. Changing this situation requires directly challenging feminist power. Also, a man must realize the national economy is beyond his control. Sometimes, unemployment is unavoidable regardless of education background.

Adjusting men's perceptions to a realistic view of modern marriage and challenging feminist control of education could have a significant impact on male suicide rates in the West.

Sarah Palin: From Toast of the Town to Plain Toast

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With every passing week, the prospect of Sarah Palin's presidential bid grows dimmer…and Michelle Bachman's star shines ever brighter. Absent a major scandal, it's highly unusual for a major political figure to witness a ratings nosedive on a scale that Sarah Palin has experienced over the past year.

When Palin was named John McCain's running mate in 2008, she garnered stratospheric approval ratings in the near-90s. But a March Washington Post/ABC News poll showed Palin's approval rating among Republicans and GOP-leaning independents had fallen below 60%. And the latest NBC/Wall Street Journal poll shows her idling in fifth place in a hypothetical Republican presidential primary race.

Many believe Minnesota congresswoman Bachman has the capability to pick up where Sarah Palin left off. So these are the 12 lessons to be learned from the mercurial political career of Sarah Palin:

1. Maintain message discipline. Repeatedly, Sarah Palin would issue a sharply worded Tweet, only to have to issue a "clarification" the following day. And then the "blood libel" remark. That one hurt.

2. Avoid over-exposure. For months, Palin's dazzling visage came from all sides – book covers, conservative websites, lapel buttons, and as a Fox News commentator. Eventually, Palin-fatigue set in. Some began to speculate that Sarah Palin was just another media phenom.

3. Eschew identity politics. Liberals love identity politics because it fits with their divide-and-conquer philosophy. Conservatives don't. The Mama Grizzly routine might work as an inspired classroom skit, but not as a conservative campaign strategy.

4. Don't pigeon-hole yourself as a feminist. For most conservatives, feminism means late-term abortions, expanding the welfare state, and endlessly playing the victim. So don't touch feminism with a 10-foot pole. Repeat after me…

5. Keep your nose to the grindstone. When Mrs. Palin resigned as governor of Alaska, she announced a "higher calling" led to her decision. Fine. But it weakened any claim to becoming a political heavy-weight.

6. Don't invoke Leftist clichés. Following the death of former vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, Palin made a remark about women needing to break the presidential glass ceiling — implying members of the male gender are somehow conspiring to thwart this historic milestone. PULLEEEASSE.

7. Shun gender preferences and set-asides. Sarah Palin is an avid supporter of Title IX. This Clinton-era quota program has relied on the threat of government-backed legal intervention to shutter thousands of men's sports teams, which pretty much speaks for itself.

8. Pick your battles wisely. Sarah Barracuda was always ready to go toe-to-toe with her detractors, imagined or otherwise. When Barbara Bush made a playful comment that Sarah might prefer to stay in Alaska, Palin issued a catty riposte about the Bush family being elite "blue bloods." Bad move.

9. Don't tolerate a personality cult. In their exuberance, Sarah Palin's supporters sometimes come across as downright intolerant. Just go to any internet discussion site and watch who lapses into the ad hominem attacks and convoluted conspiracy theories.

10. Don't diss men. Veteran media commentator Tucker Carlson touts men as "America's single most important voting bloc," because men tend to vote more cohesively. So try not to indulge in gender-baiting happy-talk.

11. Don't play the sexism card. True, sexism (and other –isms, as well) abounds in politics. And it works both ways…remember the bawdy puns that Leftist women played on President G's last name?

12. Don't pander. In one speech, Ms. Palin claimed, "The working women of this country, those who work inside the home and outside of the home, they're overlooked by politicians in Washington." Voters know red-meat

pandering when they hear it.

Michelle Bachman is a hard-worker and charismatic fund-raiser. She has the fire-in-the-belly factor. If she can avoid these mistakes, she might well turn Barack Obama into yet another Democratic one-term presidency.

Gun Rights and Slut Rights — An Analogy

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Feminisms main boosters tend to be unmarried, childless women. With the exception of a few professional male feminists (e.g. academics, family law attorneys, politicians), there are virtually no male feminist fathers.

I'm not sure this was always the case; back in the 70s and 80s younger mothers likely identified with feminism far more than today. But now, despite the fact that feminists pushed through a number of policy changes that have resulted in the highest rate of single motherhood in our history coupled with the draconian, punitive laws against their children's fathers, the most active and strident feminists out there are childless women. Sure, wives and single mothers may take advantage of feminist inspired law to nail their chidlren's fathers to the wall in divorce, custody and child support cases, but they do not generally self-identify as feminists. In fact, the women most likely to be particularly vicious to their baby-daddies tend to come from the lower socioeconomic segments of society, in which feminism is a vague concept at best. These are also the women who have arguably been done the most wrong by the ideology, as the power to inflict harm granted by feminism is disproportionate to their ability to judge whether doing so is a good idea.

So feminist family law and policy has served as a sort of statutory arms proliferation, analogous to flooding volatile inner-city neighborhoods with guns. This shows how conservatives and liberals are more like each other than they would like to admit. Your typical conservative in a rural part of the country where gun violence is rare strongly holds onto his gun rights, while the urban liberal surrounded by violent crime is convinced that gun control is a necessity. Feminists and their supporters, for their part, live in a world of moderate sexual activity where everyone is responsible about birth control, children are not the expected outcome of the overwhelming majority of sexual relationships, and the power granted by feminist family law is not seen as a dangerous tool that can cause real harm to innocent people, including children.

As the rural conservative looks around at his community and the people he knows and comes to the conclusion that guns are not the problem, the feminist looks at herself and her friends and decides that feminist policy is perfectly reasonable. She and her friends practice safe sex, plan their pregnancies and generally consort with mild-mannered, well-educated men. Although she may extoll the virtues of sexual freedom, she cannot possibly conceive of what the implications of that are for the less restrained members of our society. As for false rape accusations, neither she nor her friends would ever falsely accuse a man of such, so why would anyone else do it?

In the feminist's world of responsible use of birth control, family planning and "progressive" relationships the laws and policies that have wrought so much havoc throughout the lower socioeconomic strata of society are seen as beneficial and – at worst – harmless. She doesn't see the real effects of being a slut, which include impoverished single motherhood, sexually transmitted diseases, fatherless children and social welfare burdens. Not having children, she doesn't understand how a woman leaving a man on a whim can be a very bad thing. Failing to understand that a great many women act impulsively (as do plenty of men), she can't see why one would make up a lie about rape or domestic abuse.

Perhaps I am giving feminists a bit too much credit here — many of them probably do understand, and through a selfish sort of justification process have convinced themselves that the problems other people face as a result of their policies are due to their inferiority as people. This is one of the fundamental problems with liberals; they tend to dismiss people negatively affected by their actions and politics as stupid and ignorant, and therefore deserving of it.

However, whether or not the people negatively affected by feminism are "stupid," one might think that good people would rather see their children grow up in stable families in which they can know their fathers and respect their mothers. If this is not more important to feminists than the right of women to have sexual gratification with the fewest consequences possible, then it is a failed ideology that must be rejected by anyone with a healthy sense of morality.

Inane in Spain: The Gender Agenda Forges Ahead

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Ruben Noe holds the distinction of being the first male transsexual in Spain to become pregnant. Born Estefania, the woman began hormone treatments designed to shrink her breasts, stay her cycle, and eventually become a man.

But then the maternity urge struck, with predictable results. In Ruben's words, "They induced the female hormone cycle with pills and prepared my womb so that it would once again be suitable to carry an embryo. Then they inseminated me."

Ruben Noe is not a medical freak. Hospitals across Spain now offer sex-change services as part of their standard package of healthcare services.

In Malaga, the Carlos Haya Hospital has 800 patients who are in the process of switching their sexual identity. These sex-change services are made available to persons as young as 15 years. In Barcelona, the Gender Identity Unit at the Hospital Clinic has already altered the sex of 25 minors, according a January 24, 2010 article in El Pais.

One 15-year-old girl told the reporter, "I only know I want to have the operation. I hate what I've got. I don't want my vagina in order to f___, but just to be myself." One young man recounted his sexual epiphany: "I looked on the Internet and when I entered transsexual forums, I said to myself, 'That's me.'"

These persons have the Spanish Gender Identity Law to thank for their sexual re-awakening. Passed in 2007 at the behest of socialist Prime Minister Rodriguez Zapatero, every Spanish citizen now has the "right" to select his or her own gender identity.

As feminists willingly explain, "gender" is the social construction of biologically-based sex roles. "Sometimes people of one sex or another disagree with the gender identity that society assigns to them," according to Spain's controversial Manual for Citizenship Education.

Following this logic, acolytes in the Religion of Gender view the maternal instinct as just another tool of the patriarchy: "The myth of the maternal instinct is a clear example of the use of biological facts…in order to confine women in relation to their biological function," the Manual goes on to explain.

Once sex roles become fluid and interchangeable, the basis for heterosexual marriage begins to crumble.

Within the space of a month in 2005, Zapatero succeeded in revamping the country's Civil Code, allowing homosexuals to wed and adopt children, and altering the country's divorce code. Dubbed the Express Divorce Law, the new policy eliminated the waiting period until the divorce becomes legally effective, and allows either person to break-up the union without cause. The new law also contains a provision mandating husbands to "share domestic responsibilities and the care and attention" of children.

The effects of the new policy were immediate as they were devastating. Over a four-year period, the number of marital dissolutions more than doubled, climbing to 121,923 in 2008.

Not to be passed over is the Act for the Effective Equality of Men and Women. Despite its innocent-sounding the name, the law soon became a basis for construing every social difference between men and women as proof of sex discrimination.

But Zapatero's monumental quest to reorder the traditional family remained incomplete, because women seeking an abortion still had to travel to a specialized facility, a requirement that was viewed as burdensome and stigmatizing.

So the Zapatero government instituted a series of measures that made the Morning-After Pill available — without a medical prescription and at no cost — to girls as young as 16. But even early-teenagers can also procure a pharmaceutical abortion because the law contains no requirement to inform the parents.

On the very day that the Spanish Upper House passed the new abortion law, Zapatero was able to declare with

Orwellian insouciance, “Nobody has the right to take life away from another human being.”

The effect of these policies was breath-taking. From 1997 to 2007, the number of abortions in Spain increased 49%. Not surprisingly, by 2010 the country’s fertility rate plunged to 1.5 children born per woman, making Spain’s fertility rate one of the lowest in the world.

On a historical scale, the Zapatero Project can be likened to the October Revolution of 1917. But while the Bolsheviks merely sought to realign Russia’s economic structure, Zapatero’s gender agenda is far more ambitious — it seeks to recast Spain’s social order according to a feminist and totalitarian vision.

As Ignacio Arsuaga and Miguel Vidal Santos explain in The Zapatero Project, “faced with the fact that it is impossible to bend the family to its will and make it serve its own interests, the Zapatero Project has decided to destroy it.”

On March 29, 2009, Spain experienced its moment of moral re-awakening. On that day, a half million persons joined the March for Life in the streets of Madrid. One hundred other demonstrations were held throughout the country and outside Spanish embassies around the world.

But Rodriguez Zapatero recognizes a historical opportunity when he sees one. As of this writing, his government is now preparing to introduce the Equal Treatment and Anti-Discrimination Law, an act that would serve to criminalize criticism of his radical gender agenda.

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Woman Caught in Fraud, Loses Lifetime Alimony

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A woman who took her husband for a house and lifetime alimony payments after a judge ruled that she was disabled and unable to work was caught boasting of her dancing exploits on Facebook and promptly brought to court by her ex-husband.

Dorothy McGurk, the belly-dancing alimony recipient, was fond of showing off to her friends, telling them "My belly-dancing is the reason why I adore myself so much … Even though I dance everyday, it's not enough. It won't be enough until I dance for you all, until you feel my euphoria."

When asked why she didn't post photos, she wrote "Gotta be careful what goes on line pookies. The ex would love to fry me with that."

Apparently, that was enough. When asked to explain herself in court, she claimed she was prescribed belly dancing, a claim her doctor denied under oath.

The judge stripped her of her alimony payments, ordered her to pay $5,000 in attorney fees, and told her to get out of the house.

Imagining this scene playing out in court, I think I can feel her ex-husband's euphoria.

How the Liberated Feminist Slut Created the Pick-Up Artist

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I've written before about women's sexual "liberation" and how Game provides similar "liberation" to men. What I didn't get around to discussing is that Game is in fact a *direct result* of said women's liberation. The feminists themselves have created the pick-up artists and players they are now so fond of despising.

Back in the "good old days", people got married. If they didn't get married, they by and large didn't have sex either. This applied equally to men and women. Infamous womanizers in those days were not looked upon kindly by society at large. For a bunch of them to get together to exchange tips and tricks for bedding women faster would hardly have been publicly tolerated. "Players" of the time, like the eponymous Giacomo Casanova, largely made their trade by seducing unsuspecting damsels with promises of marriage and then absconding into the night before their fathers found out. It was a dangerous Game back then.

Then came feminism and women's "liberation" – these women, for some reason, felt that the old rules were not so much for their own protection as for the sick enjoyment of evil patriarchs who got off on oppressing women by making them submit to possessive patriarchal desires. A discussion of those claims will not be included in this article, because, frankly, I like to spend my time discussing things that make sense. In any case, these women wanted the freedom to have sex with anyone and everyone with impunity, and the evil patriarchs, being the sadistic bastards they are, gave the women exactly what they wanted.

Now, it was okay for a woman to be as big a slut as she liked, and consequently, it was also okay for a man to sleep with one without any designs for marriage. This opened the field for unapologetically professional players. Those men who found the lifestyle of a serial conqueror alluring could now practice their craft with impunity, and "liberated" women were available in ample supply to give them all the practice they wanted.

Now, "The Game" was truly born. Regular Joes could avail themselves of the practically inexhaustible slut supply of their home cities without having to run from shotgun-wielding fathers while doing their day jobs on the side. Players' reputations could spread, and they could find each other and network, and no one had anything to say to that. The "seduction community" was formed.

Wherever information gathers, innovation will flourish and scientific progress will accelerate. So, too, in the seduction community – it didn't take long before its pooled talents had distilled the process of getting into a girl's pants into very pure and very effective forms. Armed with unprecedented tactical knowledge, players of a new breed never before seen flowed forth into the streets, bars, nightclubs and grocery stores.

Before the new breed of trained players, women were rendered powerless. The sluts and the shy girls alike fell before the might of the industrially optimized players – right onto their beds with their Birkenstocks in the air.

Women are slowly starting to wake up to the fact that it's getting difficult to secure commitment from men any more. Not all of them are ready to face the fact that giving the milk away for free isn't the greatest way to sell the cow, and even those who face facts can do little about the abundance of free milk available to any man willing to learn Game.

What women really ought to do if they want to make men commit again is push for the reversal of their original "liberation", but I'm not holding my breath for that one. What they are doing instead is further shooting their own gender in the foot with dating advice that'll guarantee a lonely cat-filled future.

The feminists made their bed, and now their daughters lie in it with men who won't remember their faces a month and ten more girls later.

Oh, and if any of the women I refer to as "sluts" here take offense, it's wholly unjustified, because – haven't you heard? – "slut" is now an empowering, positive term!

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Jodi's Gettin' Off

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Max tipped me off to a term – "Jodi" – that pertains to guys who screw soldiers' wives while they are in theater. These slutty wives are a dime a dozen on base, and big business for certain parasitic attorneys who specialize in removing soldiers' pay. I feel for the poor boys — they come home from war and get hit with something even more devastating than a mortar round.

Well, I'll let this marine bring it home to us:

Marine Veteran Snaps, Beats Wife Brutally in Divorce Court

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USMC veteran Paul Gonzalez, representing himself in court, had just heard that he would be ordered to pay Catherine Scott-Gonzalez, his wife and the mother of his children, ages 1 and 3, child support and follow a restrictive visitation schedule. He walked out of the courthouse quietly, but something made him change his mind about leaving, upon which he rushed into the courtroom, knocked his wife out with one blow, and began to pummel her mercilessly. The beating continued until police stormed in and tazed him twice, at which point his wife lay crumpled on the ground in a pool of blood with multiple facial fractures.

The wife had attempted on a couple prior occasions to obtain a restraining order against Mr. Gonzalez, but he had apparently never laid a hand on her before, so it was not granted. Nevertheless, there will doubtless be more calls for even easier restraining orders, despite the fact that in some cases it appears these orders actually provoke rather than restrain people.

In looking over the ABA article concerning the attack, I noticed that the comments make a lot of hay over Gonzales being an "abuser," repeating the same crap that is gospel to those who want to justify their pecuniary interest in perpetuating crazy American family law. Here's an example:

> Absolutely nothing to do with child support guidelines provides even a remote justification for what happened. And what happened here is that this spousal abuser reacted to being systematically stripped of power and control by his spouse with the help of the court by trying, however briefly, to reassert his dominance by physically battering his wife.

Gonzales was *not* an abuser until he attacked his wife in front of the court, and attempting to explain the rage of a man who had just been ordered to pay his wife a large chunk of his take home salary and have restricted access to his children by saying it was only to "reassert his dominance" is patently stupid. Obviously, he attacked the woman because he felt the order was unfair, and he reacted as warriors sometimes do in response to provocation — violently. In fact, it's a miracle that so few men react in this manner, and lawyers and judges know this well (there's a reason metal detectors in courthouses followed right on the heels of Bradley and VAWA).

What likely happened in that courtroom is that Gonzalez, representing himself, got the shaft. That's what happens when you don't know your way around court rules. Lawyers will eat you for lunch. We don't know what the child support order was, but it was probably pretty hefty (as usual), and the visitation quite meager. Add to that the fact that his wife was already living with another man, despite having so recently given birth to Mr. Gonzalez's daughter, and the situation must have seemed absolutely upside-down to the former marine. It was upside down. His wife is obviously a little tramp who has no problem swinging from one dick to another even while raising two babies, and there she was about to get rewarded with an upgrade in lifestyle while the chump father loses his kids and wallet. That's why Mr. Gonzalez lost it.

Here she is blubbering in front of the camera.

Now, beating your wife is always a bad idea. Even if it weren't for over-the-top DV laws, grown-ups should know a lot better than to attack people in their family. And in the above example, the divorcée gets to go on camera making herself out to be a poor, innocent little victim. I highly doubt this woman is innocent. It seems pretty clear she left her husband for another man; how could it be otherwise if their daughter is only one and she already has a new boyfriend before her divorce was finalized? But now how does it look? She looks like the victim and these scumbags in the DV industry get to use this as propaganda for more laws that treat divorcing husbands and fathers like garbage.

So, men, if you face something like what caused Mr. Gonzalez to snap, don't lose your cool. Don't attack the woman; don't go after the judge. Keep yourself out of jail and fight back intelligently. It's hard at first, but in time

you'll learn how.

However, I'm afraid that more and more men, like Mr. Gonzalez, won't get the message that there are other options until it's too late.

Paul Gonzalez is currently in jail with bail set at $1 million (!), and faces years behind bars for a felony domestic assault charge.

Palin's 'Fight Like a Girl' Quip Endorses Female Violence

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Across America, teenage girls increasingly are resorting to physical assaults, dating violence, bullying, and sexual violence inflicted upon their fellow classmates.

On April 9, April Kuchta of Valparaiso, Ind. reportedly lured a 17-year-old boy with special needs into her house. The boy was led at knifepoint to the kitchen where he was handcuffed behind his back. Kuchta then sexually assaulted the youth and forced him to make humiliating statements while recording the incident on her cell phone.

The boy allegedly was left in handcuffs for two hours covered with a blanket. Kuchta invited others to her house to witness the confinement.
Then an unknown male reportedly freed the boy. He was recaptured at knifepoint and placed back in handcuffs, only to be freed again and bitten on the arm by Kuchta during a struggle for the knife.
Earlier this week the female was charged as an adult on counts of criminal confinement, intimidation, and sexual battery.

April Kuchta is 16 years old.

A mere five days after the shocking assault, former Alaska governor Sarah Palin journeyed to Madison, Wisc. to deliver the keynote speech at a Tea Party rally. Exhorting Republican leaders to push for hefty budget cuts, the charismatic speaker exclaimed the University of Wisconsin women's hockey team should tell "GOP leaders they need to learn how to fight like a girl!"

When I talk with local high school teachers, they tell me the last thing students need is an exhortation to violence. Schoolyard bouts of fisticuffs are becoming more widespread among girls, teachers say.

These observations are supported by a 2010 Department of Justice report, Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Court, which documents a doubling of female juvenile offenders since 1985. Looking specifically at assaults and other offenses against persons, the female scofflaw rate soared by a sizzling 233%.

Dating violence is another area that cries out for attention.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control sponsors a national survey of high school students to find out whether they have engaged in dating violence. In 2003, the results were even-steven – girls were just as likely as boys to have "hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose" their dating partner.

When the survey was repeated four years later, physical aggression by boys remained the same. But physical aggression by girls surged ahead, making girls 25% more likely than boys to be the instigators: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5704a1.htm#tab11

Then there's the problem of bullying, which has become so widespread among girls that the federal government now has a website devoted to the problem. The website reprises common tactics of female bullies, such as hair pulling, biting, pinching, or giving someone the "silent treatment."

The website also states the obvious: "Also, girls sometimes bully boys. Girls may call a boy 'gay' or hit a boy because they know he can't hit them back:" http://www.girlshealth.gov/bullying/

Even in the area of sexual assault, girls have now caught up with members of the opposite sex. According to an article published last year by Bruce Taylor in the Journal of Experimental Criminology, the prevalence of sexual violence perpetration (defined as "pushing, grabbing, shoving, or kicking in the private parts") among 6th and 7th graders in the greater Cleveland, Ohio area is higher among girls than boys.

Alas! Despite these worrisome trends, our society often makes light of female aggression, portraying it as proof of long-awaited female empowerment, and turning it into an atta-girl applause line at a political rally.

Left unchecked, the problem of female lawlessness invariably escalates. Consider the tale of Crystal Mangum of Durham, North Carolina, exotic dancer and drug abuser.

In 2006 Mangum accused three Duke University lacrosse players of sexual assault. Later declaring the players innocent, AG Roy Cooper announced the false-accuser would not be charged with perjury, offering the rather limp explanation that police thought “she may actually believe the many different stories that she has been telling.”

Three years later, following a run-in with her then-boyfriend, police arrested Mangum on charges of attempted murder, first-degree arson, assault and battery, damage to property, and resisting an officer. Mangum was later sentenced to a wrist-slap punishment of 88 days behind bars.

On April 3, 2011 Reginald Daye, 46, fell into an argument with his girlfriend over rent money. The man was repeatedly stabbed him in the chest with a kitchen knife. Reggie Daye died 10 days later.

This past Monday, Crystal Mangum was indicted on charges of first-degree murder in the death of Reginald Daye.

False Hate Crime Reported at UNC

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Report by Una Salus Victus

A UNC student falsely claimed to be the victim of a hate crime last week. According to him, “A man burned his hand and called him an anti-gay slur.”

The student, Quinn Matney, is a freshman at the university. As it turns out, he made this story up. According to Chancellor Thorp, of the Department of Public Safety, “That report, filed with campus police on April 5, was false.” Thorp also went on to say that, “it is important to recognize that incidents of harassment do occur… When they do, we take them seriously. We strive to foster a welcoming, inclusive and safe environment at Carolina.”

The University officials no longer plan to proceed with plans to report the incident as a hate crime to the federal government.

Matney is expected to face charges for filing the false report.

There is an interesting partnership between feminists and homosexual men. What this poor individual did was simply what he has noticed other women in his age bracket do (and get away with) time and again. The big difference is that women have a victim card in their deck while men (homo or hetero-sexual) do not. Considering all the coddling laws that have been passed in favor of both groups, it isn’t unreasonable that he would consider himself within the protected class and immune from ‘retaliatory’ prosecution when the lie was discovered. Ironically, he has found out that, even though he has laws specific for him, he is still a man and expected to be responsible for his actions (see: victim card holders). If this story gets out, perhaps the gay population can see exactly how they are viewed in the eyes of the law and they need no additional support.

In all actuality, I am glad that he is going to be charged as this would have had the potential to become a double whammy for men. Being besieged on both sides with false allegations would only serve to further alienate the already besieged college male.

Love the Soldier

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". . . and I had seen nothing sacred, and the things that were glorious had no glory and the sacrifices were like the stockyards at Chicago if nothing was done with the meat except to bury it."

Ernest Hemingway – *A Farewell to Arms*

There is a strong undercurrent of anti-military sentiment in our part of the web. This community is supposed to be *about men*. The people who come here, male and female alike, espouse certain conservative, traditional values. They do this while grappling with the changing social, political, and economic realities of our rapidly globalizing world. They (*we*) are struggling to understand the role of men in these woeful times, so it saddens and disheartens me to see so many people dismissive of the most traditional male role there is.

The negative sentiments run strong when I write things about the military, or military life. They are *especially* hard when I talk about my own coarse behavior, and some of my internal motivations. At its worst, the criticism calls soldiers stupid, drunken louts and violent sociopaths. Typically it leans on some sort of philosophical argument about the morality of whatever conflict, or of having a military at all. The line goes something like – *I pay taxes, I don't approve of . . .*

This is a far cry from the sentiments I heard in the days after 9/11.

I first enlisted in September of 2001. The American thirst for vengeance was so strong at the time that the military could have turned the whole Eastern Hemisphere into a free-fire zone. Then the reality hit home, and people realized that war is expensive. The economy took a dump, and Americans soon began to equate military spending with their own paychecks.

That led to the sentiment *Love the Soldier, Hate the War*.

You can no more simultaneously love the soldier and hate the war than you can love the whip and hate the sting. To love the soldier is to accept him for who he is. A soldier is a fighter. War is more than what he does. War is who he is.

In his book *On Combat*, Lt. Col. Dave Grossman (ret.) expounds upon the idea that society is made up of certain kinds of people: sheep, wolves, and sheepdogs.

Understand that there is nothing morally superior about being a sheepdog; it is just what you choose to be. Also understand that a sheepdog is a funny critter: He is always sniffing around out on the perimeter, checking the breeze, barking at things that go bump in the night, and yearning for a righteous battle.

Whether you like it or not, there are people who were born with (or developed) what Grossman calls "the gift of aggression". More than likely these people, these men, were mistreated. They were bullied, neglected, ignored. At some point in their lives they were made to experience the worst side of human nature – the side where self interest becomes predatory.

Soldiers are sheepdogs; men with a profound internal sense of justice. Soldiers don't need to ask *why* to fight because they are already predisposed to fight. Just point the bad man out and they will take the fight to him.

Civilians do not hate soldiers because soldiers cost money. They hate soldiers because the existence of soldiers reminds them that the world is a hard place. Somewhere outside the quiet comfort of your home there are people who want what you have. They will steal from you, they will rape you, and they will kill you. Living in denial of this fact will not make it less true.

And yes, the soldier *is* a rough son-of-a-bitch. What would you expect of a man whose reality consists of hardship and discipline? You can no more expect a Joe to be a warrior monk than you can be angry at a dog for pissing on

your flowers. Lock up your women and hide your booze. If a man's life can be bought with hot chow and pretty ribbons, can you really complain?

None of this should come as a shock to anyone. We all know, in our hearts, that soldiers are as they will always be.

The resentment I encounter has nothing to do with justice or budget gaps or money. Resentment is never truly ideological because resentment is felt, not thought. If there is resentment for soldiers in a community of men, it is because the soldier has something many men lack: a feeling of purpose.

I spent most of my life feeling lost and without purpose. I would still feel that way if I had not looked deep within myself and accepted that there was something I felt I *had to do*. To Hell with the risks, somewhere there was a fight and I needed to be in the middle of it. I had no right to complain about the character of the fighting if I honestly thought I could do a better job myself . . .

What could be more manly than that?

Happy Easter!

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Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?

Book Review: Conquer the Crash

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Obligatory disclaimer: I am a heavy equipment operator, not a financial advisor. Do not take anything written here as financial advice. You are a special snowflake, and your situation is equally unique. Therefore, before you act on anything suggested below, I recommend you first consult an actual financial professional, one that is remunerated for performing such a service. For those that wish not or cannot, well, take this advice for as much as you paid for it. Cheers, EW.

Robert R. Prechter's 2002 book ***Conquer the Crash[image]*** ties Elliot Wave theory, Kondratieff Cycle theory, and Austrian economics together to make the case that (a) a big stock market crash is coming, (b) it is completely predictable and unavoidable, and (c) one can not only avoid getting hurt in the inevitable deflationary depression. While the book is dated…it is 9 years old, after all…the theories, principles, and advice dispensed inside is as applicable to 2011 as it was to the days immediately following 9-11.

The Gist: Using Elliot Wave theory, Prechter contends that business cycles are not driven by monetary policy, fiscal policy, or political twiddling with the country's economy, but **by irrational psychological forces driven by the mentality of the human herd**. This mentality does all the wrong things at the wrong time, for instance, buying high and selling low, for reasons attributable to popular sentiment, such as Greenspan's famed "irrational exuberance". It (the irrational herd mentality) also manifests itself via market valuations resembling a regular, repeating pattern that consists of five waves: a slow build (wave 1), a slight contraction (wave 2), a much stronger and economically robust climb (wave three), a moderate contraction (wave 4), and terminating with an apparently strong but fundamentally weak climb (wave 5). These five waves are followed by a three down waves a, b, and c, in which a represents the sharp drop characteristic of a depression, wave b is a moderate "dead cat bounce" climb, and wave c is weaker downward trend. These waves can "nest" inside each other, depending upon the span of time in which one looks at the data; Prechter claimed (in 2002, remember) that we were set up for a "grand supercycle" depression of a wave 5 peaking just as a grand wave III was peaking, meaning that we are headed into a wave 4 downwave. See images of Elliott Waves here.

Translation: America's best times for the next century or so are behind her, as she rides out Grand Supercycle Wave IV, waiting for the bottom and the rush up to Wave V.

The following quote conveniently sums up the first half of the first half of the book:

> The fact that price changes are patterned proves that the collective's net valuations are not reasoned, but it also shows that they are not random, either. The remaining option is that they are unconsciously determined. Indeed, shared mood trends and collective behavior appear to derive from a herding impulse governed by the phylogenetically ancient, pre-reasoning portions of the brain. This emotionally charged mental drive developed through evolution to help animals survive, but it is maladaptive to forming successful expectations concerning future valuation. The only way for an individual to temper the consequences of the herding impulse and to gain independence from it is to understand that it exists. Stocks are not registering a Supercycle top like that of 1929, but a Grand Supercycle top…the entirety of Grand Supercycle wave IV should last a century and comprise two or three major bear markets with one or two intervening bull markets

The second part of the first half of the book explains what deflation is and makes the case for long-term deflation following a Wave 5 peak. He touches on the theory of banking and credit, discusses (in a head nod to the Austrians) how fractional reserve banking contributes to the inflationary booms of waves three and five, and introduces the Kondratieff Cycle, which theorizes that monetary contractions are regularly occurring and predictable over time, and are marked by "several years of declining commodity prices, a few years of newly declining wholesale and retail prices, and a sharp decline in industrial production". It is also in this section where he absolutely pops the

conceit that the central bank or any other centralized entity can control the economy, since, according to Prechter, said economy is governed more by the invisible hand of popular psychology than it is by the relatively meager machinations and interventions of a central banker or politician.

The second half of Prechter's book focused on what can be done to protect one's wealth and even enlarge it, in what he saw as a sustained bear market for the next few decades. To wit:

1. **Bonds**: Buy bonds. Safety is your goal. Stay with a short-term bond ladder. Do not rely on "downgrading" via credit rating agencies to signal when to get out; rating agencies lag market forces, so when a bond is downgraded, it is usually too late to get out.

2. **Real estate**: avoid purchasing or owning real estate until the market bottoms. Real estate is illiquid, and will fall hard when the stock market falls hard. Avoid REITs. Rent if you can, and get out from underneath huge mortgage payments.

3. **Collectibles and Numismatic Coins**: Do not invest in collectibles or art, since the value of said articles goes through cycles too and are usually subject to fads. In particular, get out of rock and roll and other Boomer memorabilia, as the demand for this niche market is set to fall when the Boomers retire. In addition, Prechter recommends that investors not pay price premiums for the numismatic value of rare coins, since in a depression, the value of a coin will be its melt weight, not its rarity. Moreover, there is no guarantee that the government will exempt numismatic coins from future confiscation attempts as they did some 80 years ago during GDI.

4. **Cash**: Prechter claims that the watchword of investing … diversification … is a trap in a deflationary depression because *everything* goes down (as opposed to bonds and stocks moving in opposite directions, as is the typical behavior of these instruments). He advocates that investors have at least some currency on hand, held in certain specific "cash equivalents" that are safe and held in a safe facility. Next to bullion-type gold and silver coins, Prechter recommends holding short-term US treasury debt directly or investing in money markets that themselves invest exclusively in short-term US treasury obligations. For those investors who can and are inclined to invest outside the USA, Prechter recommends opening an account at a stable bank in countries such as Switzerland and/or Singapore, countries who had/have very good fiscal/monetary fundamentals, whose people are financially conservative, and who are unlikely to inflate their currencies.

5. **Find a "Safe" Bank**: According to Prechter, in a deflationary crash, a relatively safe US bank has a good shot at survival or even prosperity. He also recommends, if the investor has the means and inclination, banks in countries that are unlikely to impose exchange controls, wealth transfer restrictions and the banks themselves have a low overall debt-to-deposits ratio. Once again, such banks reside in Switzerland and Singapore. Prechter takes care to warn the reader that not all banks in Switzerland or Singapore are safe; some are laden with the same derivatives and leveraged investments that US banks are, and that investors must do their homework before selecting a safe harbor for their money.

6. **Stocks**: Prechter recommends that you do not invest "long" in stocks, stock mutual funds, stock index futures, stock options, or other equity-based investments. He also discusses investment in bear funds at length.

7. **Commodities**: Unless you are a player in commodities and know what you are doing, Prechter recommends investors stay away from this game.

8. **Precious metals**: Despite the poor performance of precious metals as a "deflation hedge", "war hedge", and "depression hedge", and despite the staggering losses of those invested in precious metals in the two decades prior to the publishing of the book in 2002, Prechter recommended acquiring silver and gold since both were cheap in relative terms and that people could *have it* in their physical possession, something they may find difficult when the mad scramble begins. Prechter recommended against buying gold and silver in paper form, as well as gold and silver stocks. Physical metal in the investor's possession and stored somewhere safe (i.e., not a bank deposit box) is the way to go.

9. **Your Retirement Account**: The track record of countries around the world suggests that countries facing a deflationary depression are likely to seize privately held retirement monies to help balance the books in its public entitlement systems, and Prechter outlined a method by which the USG could do the same without a direct seizure: rule that IRA, 401(k), and Keogh investors could no longer have any portion of their retirement monies in stocks, require that they be invested instead in T-bills, and raise the penalty for early withdrawal to 100%. Bingo…a seizure without a seizure. His advice, get out if you can.

10. **Insurance and Annuities**. Prechter warns that many insurance and annuity companies are invested in junk-grade debt as a way of maximizing their returns, and recommends that investors move their whole life insurance policies to a sound insurer as soon as possible.

11. **Reliable Sources for Financial Warnings**. Prechter takes a jaundiced view of the ability of rating agencies to sound any kind of warning with sufficient time to act; often these agencies lag the initial indicators and waiting for their downgrade to move your money is a bad idea.

12. **Physical Safety**.

> The main social influence of a bear market is to cause society to polarize in countless ways…..social, religious, political, racial, corporate, by class and otherwise. In a bear market, people in whatever way are impelled to identify themselves as belonging to a small ersocial unit than they did before and to belong more passionately. There is always some social unrest, even in the late stages of a bull market, but conflict always escalates in a bear market. One reason that conflicts gain such scope in depressions is that much of the middle class gets wiped out by the financial debacle, increasing the number of people with little or nothing to lose and anger to spare.

Regarding ensuring physical safety in a bear market, Prechter recommends preparing for one's chosen course of action intelligently, asking questions such as "is there a more sensible alternative?" or "is this course of action really necessary?". In other words, preparing for a Zombie Apocalypse may not be the wisest thing to do with one's money. The aim is toward preparing for more likely scenarios over less-likely scenarios, such as the imposition of currency controls in your country or military attack from without.

13. **Preparing for a Change in Politics**. Bear markets generate a "throw the bums out" sort of mentality when it comes to politicians. Third parties, outsiders, and radicals do well in elections during bear markets. Moreover, national and international moods that is are more radicalized than during bull markets. International politics will become increasingly dangerous, while debt, fiat money, inflation, and liquidity turn monetary risk into political risk. If one has political aspirations, one will want to run for office at the market bottom. This way, political hopefuls will reap the benefits of the cyclical upswing in market valuation. This mentality is not fair, as it is the public that controls the social mood, not elected pols, but it is what it is.

14. **Identify a Safe Haven**. Ensure that your passport is current. Prechter recommends Anglophone countries, as well as Ireland and Switzerland, all for their mild politics and political traditions. If you can, move to your safe have country now, rather than wait until after the scrambling starts and the doors close.

15. **Call in Loans and Pay Off Debt**. Ensure that you do not lend your money to a weak debtor, and if at all possible, become debt-free. Governments, particularly municipalities, will probably default on their debt. If you can afford it, the best mortgage is no mortgage at all. Also, do not rely on government programs to feed you or your family, especially in old age.

16. **Businesses.** Locate your business in a state with "at will" employment laws, reduce large business inventories, offer a discount for cash up front if a supplier, and unwind your derivatives if a financial institution.

A Short List of Dos and Don'ts: Prechter recommends taking the following below actions, which sum up the advice given in the second half of his book: **Don't**: Own stocks, own anything but the most pristine bonds, invest in

real estate, buy commodities, invest in collectibles, or trust rating services to give you sufficient advanced warning. **Do**: Talk to parents who may be planning to pass assets to you–help them get safe and liquid, keep cash on hand, open accounts at two or three of the safest banks in the world, invest in short-term money-market instruments issued by the most sound governments, own some precious metals, buy insurance only through the safest companies and the safest banks, sell collectibles, and sell your business(es).

Bottom Line: In all, I found the beginning part of this book the most interesting, as I had previously heard of Elliott Waves but did not know much about them. The second half of his book contains quite a few specific steps and companies to contact to execute Prechter's recommendations; readers may access these recommendations by finding a copy of the book and viewing the companies listed. In the hindsight of the last nine years, Prechter's predictions have been more or less right on, whether he continues to be correct about the course of the next century remains to be seen.

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Marriage Isn't Dying. It's Dead.

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Lot's of people say that marriage is dying because less and less people are getting married. Many men are on a defacto marriage strike refusing to get married. While marriage rates are going down and many men are on a defacto marriage strike, marriage isn't dying. It's already dead.

What we think of as "marriage" or "traditional marriage" is marriage 1.0. Marriage 1.0 was killed a few decades ago by legal changes and marriage 2.0 replaced it. Most people don't understand what the name, marriage 2.0, really communicates. The version number concept comes from software engineering and changing the whole number in a version number says that there were major changes between version 1.0 and version 2.0. When talking about marriage the use of "marriage 2.0″ is correct. There were massive changes between marriage 1.0 and marriage 2.0. Many people who use the term, marriage 2.0, don't really understand this. They think of marriage 2.0 as really being marriage 1.2 or marriage 1.02, minor changes not the major change it is.

When a new version of a software application comes out, no one is forced to upgrade to the new version. They may choose to upgrade. The software vendor may not support the old version anymore but there are no forced upgrades. This is different than the change from marriage 1.0 to marriage 2.0. There was a forced change to the new version of marriage. Everyone who was in marriage 1.0 was forced into marriage 2.0. Since whether marriage 1.0 or marriage 2.0 is available is determined by laws there can be only one or the other available at any time. The only marriage anyone in a Western country can have is marriage 2.0. It doesn't matter if a person thinks there in a marriage 1.0 marriage or "traditional marriage". They are not because it's determined by the law, and the law in all Western countries only allows for marriage 1.0.

This is why marriage is already dead (in the West). In every Western country marriage 1.0 is simply not an option no matter how much someone wants it. Anyone who tries to push "marriage" or "traditional marriage" is really pushing marriage 2.0 and by extension pushing feminism (since marriage 2.0 is feminist marriage) whether they realize it or not. There is no way of having a non-feminist marriage (or marriage 1.0 marriage or "traditional marriage") unless a man expats. (Bringing a woman from a non-feminist country to a Western country is not enough to avoid marriage 2.0 because it's the laws that determine which version of marriage is in force. Thus the man must expat if he wants a marriage 1.0 marriage.)

What does (non-feminist) marriage being completely dead and buried mean for us? Unless a man is willing to permanently expat, he should not get married. Anyone who is pushing marriage even if they claim they're pushing "traditional marriage" is reallying pushing marriage 2.0, a feminist form of marriage. Thus the marriage pushers are either useful idiots for feminism or have no real problem with feminist forms of marriage. If any of the marriage pushers were really interested in rebuilding marriage 1.0, they would not be attempting to shame men into marrying or calling us hedonists or nihilists. They would be in the courts challenging aspects of marriage 2.0 such as no fault divorce, and/or they would be setting up private marriage systems that actually reflect the "traditional marriage" they claim to believe in. (Even if these things didn't work, at least we would know that the social conservatives and traditionalist conservatives who push marriage were actually serious about "traditional marriage" and not attempt to pull a bait and switch on men.) Because of all this marriage in the West is no longer an anti-feminist institution. That kind of marriage is completely dead. The current form of marriage, marriage 2.0, is a solidly feminist institution. To support marriage now (unless said supports are legally challenging marriage 2.0, setting up private marriage systems, or encouraging men to expat to get married) is to support feminism. Anyone in the West who is married is in a feminist marriage whether they like it or not.

A Men's Convention? Seriously?

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Some time ago, we discussed the idea of a men's convention here on The Spearhead, and a lot of men really liked the idea. It sparked a lot of interest, some speculation and a few offers of assistance. Eventually, however, the idea sputtered out, largely because most of us simply don't have the time to organize something like that. Of course, pulling a convention off is a big undertaking. Event management is far beyond the scope of my abilities, and probably most others' as well. It takes someone with energy, zeal and dedication, and those people are not exactly a dime a dozen in this workaday world where most of us come home just plain tired five days out of the week.

But what if I told you there's already someone doing this? Some time ago, a man got in touch with me about his business and his idea. He told me about his work and his dream. Not only is he running a men's convention; he's running one that isn't preaching about how we need to be better slaves to women and big brother government. Even better, it was founded in large part out of respect for a good friend who was dealt a very unfortunate hand. In fact, it's about fellowship, moving forward in life, and respect for ourselves and the men around us. And, almost unbelievably, it's already an international event.

To me, it sounded almost too good to be true. Why hadn't I heard of it before? I wondered…

So I had a few conversations with the man behind the convention, and listened to what he had to say. His name is Anthony Johnson, and it turns out he's young, he's idealistic, and he shares a lot of our concerns. I found myself liking this young man quite a bit.

Although Anthony has been focusing on the challenges facing younger men in the Game/dating arena for some time, he's indicated that he wants to expand into other men's issues as well — a move I think shows a lot of maturity and foresight on his part. When we grow up we find that there's more to life than simply getting laid, after all, and he's committed to moving beyond the simple application of Game to life. This is a step I wholeheartedly support, because while Game has a lot of utility, it is simply a first (however important) step toward creating a new, better place for men in today's society. I also think some of our readers and authors could offer him some assistance in that regard, and broaden the appeal of the event.

After a few talks, I told him to let me know when his events are coming up. I knew readers would be interested, but I didn't want to jump the gun. Additionally, I like to catch the feminists flat-footed. It takes time for their squawking to translate into action, and I know they read this site on a daily basis. No point in giving them plenty of prep time to try to sabotage a perfectly decent men's event.

So, here on *The Spearhead*, I'd like to officially introduce and endorse The 21 Convention, a convocation of 21st century men dedicated to moving forward and taking on challenges.

In 2011, Anthony is holding two conventions. The first, a UK event, will be held in London on June 2. The next will be held in Orlando on July 21.

The respective links follow:

The 21 Convention 2011 of London England

The 21 Convention 2011 of Orlando Florida

Anthony has also been kind enough to offer a discount code for Spearhead readers, which will be offered through the newsletter (sign up through the MGTOW logo and newsletter link on the top left sidebar and the introductory email will provide the code).

Finally, I should add that Anthony let me know that the price will go up incrementally at the end of each month prior to the event due to increased late booking costs, so those who are sure they are interested in attending ought to get in as soon as possible.

Personally, I hope to make it to one of the events. London would be my preference (I've wanted to go to Europe again for some time), but I'll have to act soon and am not sure I can make that one. I'd love to meet some readers, and I think this would be a great venue for that. It would be great to see a contingent from The Spearhead represented at The 21 Convention, and I know Anthony would welcome us with open arms. I'm quite optimistic about this convention, and very pleased to see a young man devoting so much of his time and talent to making it happen. I'm going to keep readers updated on the events' status, and would be happy to have reports from attendees.

Baroness Deech: Immodest Women Responsible for Increasing Use of Injunctions

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Injunctions, which are gag orders, have been on the rise in Britain due to the appetite for salacious details concerning the lives of famous people, and the willingness of many people – mainly women according to Deech – to sell these details to tabloids.

Although voyeurism in modern media has been on the rise for some time, what is relatively new is the absolute shamelessness with which people peddle their stories to the press. British tabloids and American talk shows have grown raunchier and more explicit for years, sinking to levels heretofore unknown. In addition to this, the victim culture that has so thoroughly taken hold of Western womanhood appears to be giving women – including mercenary prostitutes – the sense that they can do no wrong as females, and therefore whatever shameful acts they took part in are no reflection on them, personally.

Baroness Deech:

> I do blame women. In many of the cases of gagging orders we read about, women have sold their favours to celebrities and then have tried to make even more money out of the situation by offering to sell their "kiss and tell" stories to the papers.
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> This is no doubt an unpopular point of view on my part, but I feel quite ashamed by these women's behaviour, although some say they have the right to "speak out" and "set the record straight." What word do we have for women who make lots of money from illicit sex?

Sadly, contemporary society has so thoroughly failed to instill any sense of shame in women that it now falls to judges to order them to shut up under penalty of incarceration. These injunctions are unpopular with many in Britain due to their limitations on speech, and judges are coming under criticism for issuing them, but according to Deech they are in accordance with law that recognizes the right to privacy in family matters.

When one sees judges taking flak for having to deal with women in this manner, it suggests that the consequences of feminism and women's lib are finally starting to inconvenience society at its highest levels.

Baroness Deech is a supporter of divorce reform, and has gone on record saying "Women's position in society [has changed]. If women, quite rightly, expect equality in pay and employment and education, there is a difficulty in squaring that with the way they are pictured in the divorce courts."

MGTOW Rappers?

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I don't generally keep up with rap music, but I recently came across a song called "Bitch Feat," which features Too Short and E-40. The message in the video is pretty clear: "don't marry a bitch."

Sometimes I wonder what feminists think of rap; they certainly don't talk about it much. Perhaps the video below explains why:

It seems the message is getting around out there.

Comment of the Week

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Editor: we've been seeing a lot of criticism here from White Nationalists lately, probably due to someone linking PMAFT's "White Knight Nationalism" post from some time back. I wasn't sure whether a response would be worth it, but commenter "John" left a comment to PMAFT's post that I thought roughly sums up my own views on the matter. Perhaps some of the White Nationalists coming around can read this comment and engage in a little reflection. If you really care about your ethnicity/race/religion, it might pay off to clean up your own house first. That goes for all of us, of course.

By John

The "female" commentators on WN sites are at least as shaming and self-righteous as those on lefty-feminist sites, and I wouldn't be at all surprised if half of them had some sort of moustache getting a bit out of control on the upper lip and hairy armpits. In truth, the majority of their comments are disgusting to read, and that's if you are lucky(?) enough to be able to decipher what they are trying to say because of their almost universal lack of analytical thought process and woeful grammatical skills. I keep thinking "old doublewide trailers" halfway through their first paragraph and simultaneously envision that old hag up on the mountain during the first part of the movie "Rob Roy" presently sitting in front of a computer.

And look at this gem from the article above – "Once again, fellas, the onus is on YOU to please women. Not the other way around. Ghetto Negroes have better wooing, and flirtation skills, than so many White males."

Here we have a supposed W.N. self-imagined "White Goddess" who has experience with being wooed by "Ghetto Negroes" and she expresses admiration for their flirtation skills. Got her thing tingling, I see. Maybe that "tingling" was satiated a few times by one or more of those "Ghetto Blacks", yet some "Bush" swilling W.N. "White Knight" will draw his sword and proclaim, "I will defend this sluts honor to my death!"

Yeah. "Git-R-Done" and all that, Jackass.

Insofar as the WN men go, I'd have to agree that the majority of them are likely bunion-rubbers, drink the cheapest of beer, fondle their Chinese SKS nightly, and do whatever the "Old Lady" tells them to do while they strut around in front of their friends and the mountain of aluminum empties like little Bantam roosters. Almost as a universal, they hold up the WN females as godesses in spite of the fact that 99% of those "ladies" have had their holes punched and left full of biological waste by more men than there are oil companies that have ever drilled wells in Texas. Frankly, it's pathetic. "Yup, I got me a good one down at the used lot! Low mileage but ridden really hard. I like 'em that way. We even goes to church now! Naw, them's her kids from one of them other fella's, I think."

Got an American' flag hanging in the yard over near the pickup, and when properly drunk they sing along with Lee Greenwood, mumbling "and I'm proud to be an American, because at least I know I'm free." Is this a great country or what?

Are W.N.-types correct when they posit that other outgroups are to blame for what has happened in this country? Yes and no. The zeitgeist is the zeitgeist, and indeed powerful and convincing forces are behind it. Yet, no one forces anyone to be a direct participant. Anyone can opt out. There is no "rule" that posits that women must be self-centered, rationalization hamster whores nor does one exist which mandates that men should be layabout cads who "pump and dump" to prove their manhood to themselves. As the Knight Templar stated in one of those Indiana Jones moves, "He chose poorly", and so do women in droves.

I happened upon one of Professor Kevin MacDonalds books, "Culture of Critique" some time back, and this superb work – peer reviewed and footnoted beyond belief (given the topic, a grand idea), left me with absolutely no doubt that what has happened to this country is no accident, but rather by planning and design. Nevertheless, free will is free will, and people chose the immoral and degrading path that was and continues to be followed. Evil forces are

indeed hard at work, but as I argued earlier, no one forces anyone to chose evil over good.

Are there “good women” who are also blessed with high intelligence who are ethnically conscious. Assuredly, whether they are White, Black, Asian or Mestisto. I’ve got no problem with people being proud of their race and culture, and if anything, am chagrined that because of “political correctness” it is almost impossible to express pride in the white race without being instantaneously labeled a racist. Nothing like a pejorative to end an intelligent discussion.

Nevertheless, the few times that I have come across W.N. websites, given the general lack of intellectual consideration demonstrated in the writing, the vitriolic garbage spouted by the little goddesses with the worn-out D.N.A. receptacles, as well as the almost moronic defense of today’s white women by the “White Knights”, I am not overly compelled to return. In general terms, outside of the superb work at “The Occidental Observer” (with generally poor commentary), I am not compelled to return. There’s simply no “There, there.” Pro-active solutions are absent, and what you have is just keyboarded yelling by the men and senseless, self-promoting, male-shaming bitching by the bitches.

Insofar as the W.N. men go, they are almost their own worst enemies. The W.N. women? You may as well go over and hang out at feministing. For a good time call 1-800-BITCH. As a rule they are disgusting hypocrites and beyond disappointing. Hell, the best description is repellent. Yes, repellent.
R-E-P-E-L-L-E-N-T.

United Way: Funding Feminism

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I've noticed recently that a number of the more radical feminists who are active online are working with organizations funded by the United Way. I thought this was a bit curious, so I did some more research, and found that United Way has a long history of dropping large amounts of cash in the hands of some of the most radical women's organizations in North America.

For example, United Way – an organization founded by Christians – has been providing direct funding to abortion clinics for years. Feminist women's shelters, hotbeds of anti-male and anti-family activism, often operate on United Way's dime.

How did United Way come to be a major supporter of virulent feminism? Probably simply from inattention and lack of investigation. A feminist family law/prosecution outfit (women's shelters work hand in hand with attorneys and the DA/county prosecutor) can present itself simply as a charity for homeless battered women, and Christian donors will empty their pockets without question. An abortion clinic can call itself a "women's health center" and United Way will send them a check without question. It's quite a racket, but in recent years this has started to change.

The Catholic Church has disassociated itself from United Way in some instances where there has been a clear conflict of views over funds providing abortions. Some Protestant ministers have begun to raise the issue as well. Feminists are not happy, but this is just the beginning, and it demonstrates that these feminist outfits that rely on charity have some serious vulnerabilities.

For one thing, a great deal of charity, including United Way donations, comes directly from Christians, and feminists tend to be amongst the most anti-Christian people out there. Hatred of "the patriarchy" is usually directed squarely against Christians — probably the group that provides them with the majority of non-government funds. Another one of the odd contradictions of feminism is that Christian political support is often responsible for the policies that have allowed them to operate with so little scrutiny. The old "widows and orphans" refrain of the Old Testament, in the modern day unfortunately applied to single mother households, is a powerful theme in American religious society, and feminist organizations have taken full advantage of that.

However, today it is much easier to research these organizations than it used to be, and exposing the politics of the kinds of feminists who often run women's shelters could have an impact on United Way funding. Particularly important is disseminating information to the congregations that donate to these charities, and prompting some parishioners to bring the issue up with their pastor/priest.

The leadership of many feminist organizations is comprised of die-hards from the 1970s, and although it would be a mistake to underestimate their political savvy, they and their ideology are clearly on the decline. Now is the time to start questioning the basis of the industry that has sustained these ideologues for all these years, allowing them to wreak havoc on the family as they indulge in lesbian affairs.

It is time for donors to start holding charities to account, and to demand that they justify their support for these anti-male harridans who so often receive funds from them. Our readers can help by spreading the word.

Abuse of Restraining Orders Finally Getting Some Attention

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Family law attorney Liz Mandarano recently wrote a column for Huffington Post detailing some of the many problems with court-ordered restraining orders, which have become a potent offensive weapon in the hands of unethical attorneys and vengeful wives.

Although Mandarano argues that the orders can be effective tools, she exposes the fact that they are far too often misused as a tactic to gain an advantage in family law proceedings. Those of us who have been through a divorce already know this, but there remains a stunning amount of ignorance regarding these orders and how devastating they can be to men falsely labeled "abusers."

Restraining orders often apply to both parties during divorce, e.g. one spouse may be ordered to refrain from disposing of property, papers or financial assets, but the so-called "stay away orders," which eject spouses (almost always men) from their homes, are the most damaging.

Below are some of the effects she lists:

> What does the accuser have to gain in misusing orders of protection? A lot of things, including the following:
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> Judicial requests for exclusive use and occupancy of a marital residence are not often granted, and can take up to six months for a ruling. Therefore, unless an allegation of threat of immediate harm is claimed, couples are forced to live under the same roof unless they can come to some form of agreement. Orders of protection force the accused to immediately leave the residence.
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> It sets a precedent for custody. Joint custody is presumed. However, if a permanent order of protection is issued containing a finding of domestic abuse, that finding cannot later be disputed. As a result, in many jurisdictions, there is suddenly a rebuttable presumption that the victim should have legal custody. Also, the longer a parent's access to a child is limited, the less likely that person will be deemed the primary caregiver. In fact, often the accused spouse's children are now afraid of their father. Many upstanding citizens are shocked to find themselves automatically subject to supervised visitation with a social worker. This may confuse children, wishing to "please" their mother, and scar them unnecessarily for life.
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> It serves as a bargaining chip–many men are forced to agree to a permanent order of protection either of the same or more limited scope in return for something else such as lower spousal support or more access to children.
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> It drains resources. It gives the accuser the upper hand in property litigation and spousal support. The ousted spouse has no access to their financial documents, tax forms, personal property, safe deposits, deeds, etc. Although he can always request from his wife's attorney or the court that these items be made available, the process often takes time, and requests for compliance are often ignored.
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> It emotionally puts men on the defense. They have no access to their belongings and family. There is the mad dash to find a new place, new clothes, furniture, etc. He is now known as the "bad guy." And, if he acts too aggressively to refute the allegations, it may make him suddenly seem more menacing. The innocent who are accused are therefore thrown into overwhelming turmoil from which it is difficult to recover.
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> It creates a windfall for the attorneys. Once a stay away order is issued, the parties cannot communicate with each other. All communications must therefore be carried out via the parties' lawyers. As a result, there is a strong incentive for the less ethically minded lawyer to protract a legal battle by encouraging this tactic.

Essentially, if you get an order of protection against your spouse, you will win custody. That's a powerful motivating factor. People can easily justify saying they are "afraid" under these circumstances, even if there was never any threat of imminent harm. An errant wife may well believe that when her husband finds out what she's

been up to (adultery, theft, plotting to rip off her husband), he will react violently, so she may well be frightened whether or not he would do such a thing, and genuine fear is pretty much the only standard for issuing these orders.

Having an order of protection granted stacks the deck so much in the spouse's favor that she'd have to really screw up to lose the upper hand. They are a big part of the reason women continue to outright win in custody cases that might appear fairly even from the outset.

A few statistics:

> A few recent studies examine this problem. One study found that 59% of allegations of domestic violence between couples involved in custody disputes could not be substantiated by the courts as true*****. A 2008 analysis of orders issued in one county in West Virginia concluded that 81% were unnecessary or false******. A 2010 review by Connecticut's Judicial Department noted that ex parte orders increased over 25% from 2003 and 2004, and that nothing was being done to stop frivolous requests*******.

So why has Mandarano chosen to bring this up? According to her, the reason the judiciary hasn't acted is because "…unfortunately, those raising this legitimate concern tend to do so using vitriolic rhetoric. Websites focusing on men's and father's rights abound, and most use bombastic language that pretty much undermines their point that these men are peaceful and non-threatening."

I think that's kind of funny, and totally backward. If it weren't for the rising tide of angry men out there this problem would be ignored. There's much profit in it, after all, and it's ridiculous to think that attorneys like Mandarano would voluntarily give that up out of some altruistic change of heart.

She continues:

> There's pretty much no doubting my feminist camp allegiance, and it was a personal challenge to review many anger-driven websites and commentaries blasting women and still write this article and acknowledge that there is a systemic-wide problem.

Let's drag out the old analytic mind here, and ask why it should be challenging to acknowledge that a "systemic-wide problem" would result in a great deal of anger. Seems fairly self-evident to me…

But leaving aside the petty slight of men who have every reason to be angry about what happened to them, at least Mandarano does seem to have some decent ideas for constructive changes. Personally, I don't think they are enough, but they are a good start, and she ought to get some credit for trying.

Also, I think the angry men out there deserve some credit, too. If it weren't for all of us out there bringing these issues up, they would continue to be ignored. It seems, actually, that we are starting to hit a nerve, and Mandarano does acknowledge that in a roundabout way.

The Feminist Rape of Little Boys

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By Zorro

Americans believe in ideals of equality and fairness. All children, regardless of ethnic heritage, religion, gender or sexual orientation whether straight, gay or transgendered, deserve to be treated with respect and dignity.

How do feminists describe the birth of a baby boy? A crime against humanity.

During 2010, over four million boys, one in five of school age, were victims of feminist rape. (Note 1)

The essential elements of rape are power and control over the victim. Men who rape use physical force to assault their victim. Feminists who rape little boys use psychological manipulation and verbal coercion to assault their victim.

Feminist rape is the sexual attack of an adult woman upon a minor male child either emotionally or physically in an attempt to subtly emasculate a little boy's self-esteem, intellectual and social development. Feminist rape is an attempt to psychologically castrate a little boy from his male identity. Rape is the only word that can describe this crime.

The most vicious and cruelest forms of violence are psychological especially against innocent children. Feminist rape upon little boys is as emotionally destructive, devastating and violent as any male rape attack leaving victims traumatized and debilitated.

Physical rape is a criminal act. Feminist rape is an elusive and insidious act difficult to prove. Little boys do not have the emotionally maturity to realize they are being raped. Feminist rape activities may be so subtle as to appear innocuous and are always rationalized as being in the best interest of the little boy. Feminist rape is the perfect sex crime against little boys.

In Chris Hansen's to "Catch a Predator" there was never an episode of a female predator being caught. Male predators are forced to prey for their victims online. Feminist predators have no need to prey online. They enter education and child care situations where they are in positions of authority, power and control over their victims. Their victims are forced to come to them. Feminist predators are in perfect positions to develop long-term emotional manipulative control of victim relationships.

Feminists dominate education and have successfully gender cleansed elementary schools of male teachers. Over 95% of elementary teachers are women. The primary male academic role model for young boys in elementary schools is the school janitor. Feminist rape culture and shaming language brands any male who wants to teach young children as a male pedophile.

If adult men have been socially bullied, intimidated and terrorized from entering elementary teaching professions then imagine the vulnerability of little boys in feminist classrooms.

Imagine you are a little boy in a feminist classroom. You are going to watch an educational video which will be required in many classes across our country. The reader MUST PROMISE to watch the entire video posted on YouTube. As a little boy in a feminist classroom, you have no choice. It is important to take notes as you watch because I am asking the reader to write a one page essay of what you learned from the video. You will also be required to give an oral presentation of your essay before friends and peers of what you learned. You can go to YouTube and type "Dear Women" in the search box or use the link

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_uRIMUBnvw.

This video represents the core values and beliefs of many American elementary school teachers. If you do not agree with the views in the video it is because you, especially if male, are a sexist, are academically inferior or blinded by

male privilege. If you found it difficult to sit still, you became agitated or couldn't concentrate on the video; it is because you suffer from ADHD. You would be forced against your will to receive Ritalin in this school to help become a more compliant and passive student. You realize as a boy student, you are not expected to provide any independent or critical analysis in you essay or oral report. You know from experience the teacher will eviscerate, mock and humiliate you in front of the class unless you regurgitate the views in the video.

This type of video presentation format was initially seen during the Korean War when American prisoners were brutally, psychologically tortured into making statements against the United States.

One has to wonder, what happened to the men in the video as little boys to possess such feelings of guilt and shame for being male? Did their fathers teach them these ideas? Some of these men were serially raped by feminists throughout their young lives and to this day do not even realize they were manipulated and abused as little boys. Maybe they should change the title to "Unconscious Rape of Little Boys."

In feminist culture, a mind is a terrible thing to waste, unless it is a boy's mind. Feminists modified teaching methods and redesigned curriculums to guarantee the encouragement and support for the exclusive success of girls.

Teachers have the power to influence and alter a young child's life forever. A teacher's encouraging comment to a young and idealistic student may have a lifetime effect of inspiring and motivating a girl to great achievement. A teacher who blames, ridicules, vivifies, and humiliates a young student who is guilty of being born male may have a lifetime effect to destroy and emasculate the spirit of a little boy.

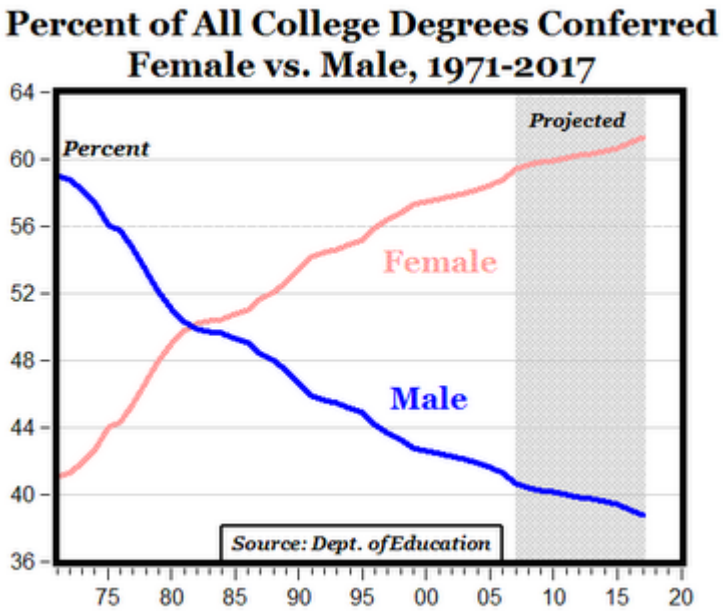
Feminists have imperceptibly programmed little boys for academic and social failure with great success. American education has been designed to oppress achievement, competition and creativity of boys. The cultures of elementary schools are hostile academic and toxic social environments for boys. Boys hate school and rush home to play on video games where they are allowed to express their boyhood.

What real evidence is there that feminists have been raping little boys? The evidence is ordinary common sense applied to social reality.

There was never any real evidence the great American gangster, Al Capone, was ever guilty of any criminal activity but it doesn't mean he was innocent of his crimes. It was the fruits of his crimes, the enormous wealth he accumulated from criminal activity that was used to convict him of tax evasion.

For example, consider "The Graph of Feminist Shame". (Note 2) One would think feminists who preach on the altar of victimhood and believe they represent equality and fairness would be ashamed of the 60%/40% college enrollment of women over men.

In the prior years to 1980, the little boys of the past contributed to landing humans on the moon, developed satellite communications, ushered in the Agricultural Green Revolution, invented birth control pills, the Internet, personal computers and cell phones but in the last two decades have developed serious learning issues.



The graph shows discrimination against girls prior to the 1970's. This became an affront to all fair and reasonable Americans.

Americans agreed that all children, female and male, should have equal opportunities in academics, sports, and all activities in life. During the seventies changes were made and girls began to approach the 50% mark of college degrees conferred. It appeared as though all children were receiving equal educational opportunities.

During the 1970's, feminists lured American society into radical educational reforms saying, "feminism is about fairness and equality " translated "come see the puppy in my van." Feminism was never about fairness or equality. Feminism was and is about power and control.

The changes in degrees conferred since the 1980's in the graph through the present reveal feminists are either the worst teachers of boys in human history and/or the betrayal of feminism to dreams of equal educational instruction demanded by fair and reasonable Americans. There is no other social explanation for the decline of boys in education other than feminist rape and blatant discrimination against little boys. General social problems would apply to both boys and girls yet only boys have been severely impacted. Boys are stupid in not a reasonable explanation. When feminists claim girls are outperforming boys in school because of their academic abilities it is a euphemism for "we've been very successful in raping little boys." Social inequities of the past cannot be used to rationalize or justify rape in the present. The treatment of little boys in the United States today is a national disgrace and tragedy in the enormous loss of human potential.

What do feminist teachers call boys who complete high school and are accepted into college? Damn Survivors. Education in America is stealthy designed to discourage boys from learning and achievement. What do feminist teachers call African American boys who complete high school and are accepted into college? Goddamn Survivors. White feminists in ivory towers have a peculiar hatred of African America boys. What do feminist teachers call effective educational spending for African American boys: build more prisons.

Too many boys do not survive and drop out of school much more than girls. It is boys who kill themselves four times more than girls. It is boys who become promiscuous, abuse alcohol and drugs more than girls. America's boys have lost ambition, lack motivation, lack self-esteem, possess negative self-images, and are depressed even withdrawing from society. America's boys are and have been displaying classic post-traumatic behavior of rape victims.

Social pundits ponder the disintegration of female-male relationships in American society. The tens of millions of

little boys who have been raped by feminists find it difficult to trust or respect women. After thirteen years or more of rape and psychological abuse, little boys who grow into men are incapacitated in their ability to develop healthy intimate and long-term relationships with women. There should be no mystery why there are so many single women and single mothers compared to forty years ago.

Feminists will say only a minority of feminists rape little boys and you can't demonize an entire social group. Only a minority of Nazis gassed Jews to their deaths and other people they considered socially inferior. The culture of Nazism was pure evil and the culture of Feminism today is pure evil.

In the spirit of feminist shamming language, any person who identifies themselves as a feminist should be ashamed of themselves. They should be shunned by decent people who sincerely believe in equality and fairness. Individuals who believe in equality and fairness are called Americans. The term American Feminist is an oxymoron that makes as much sense as a Jewish Nazi.

Feminism has become a Marxist Misandry movement. Feminism is the hate of heterosexual love between men and women, husband and wife, father and daughter. Feminism is the hate of heterosexual family. Feminism hates fathers who love who love their children. Feminism hates the religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam because of their absolute moral standards and ideals of honor and fidelity. Remember, the very first Feminist was Satan. Feminism is a culture of discrimination and psychological castration of little boys. Feminism has become a reprehensible culture of little boy rape.

Those boys who excel in mathematics and logic begin to realize as they mature into young men that: If all men are rapists then all feminists are boy rapists.

Note 1:

According to the Childstats.gov website, there were 42 million school age children ages six to seventeen in 2010 throughout the United States. About half of these children are boys representing a potential victim pool of 21 million boys. One can estimate 20% of boys have exposure to feminist teachers resulting in 4,200,000 victims of abuse. This is a conservative estimate.

http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/tables/pop1.asp

Note 2:

I believe this graph was compiled by Dr. Mark Perry. Please see the blog "Carpe Diem" on June 2, 2009:

http://mjperry.blogspot.com/2009/06/women-dominate-higher-education-at.html

Note 3:

This analysis was not funded by a million dollar federal grant. Nor is this analysis endorsed by the White House Counsel on Women and Girls, the National Organization of Women, the American Association of University Women or the North American Man Boy Love Association.

My only qualification for writing this analysis is that I love my sons.

I am the luckiest man in the world to be joyfully married to a beautiful, intelligent, loving and independent thinking woman but do not feel ashamed for being born a male. I express great gratitude to my teachers, male and female, who encouraged and inspired learning for my family and myself.

Sign the Petition to Reject the SaVE Act

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We respectfully ask the committed readership of The Spearhead to sign the Petition to oppose the SaVE Act, found here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/reject-the-proposed-save-act-absent-amendments-to-protect-the-presumptively-innocent

The proposed legislation in question, officially called The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act) (S.834), has been introduced in the U.S. Senate to combat sexual violence on college campuses. The problem with the bill is that it will enhance the risk of holding innocent young men accountable for sexual offenses they did not commit.

The bill mandates the following regarding college disciplinary proceedings:

"Each institution of higher education participating in any program under this title . . . shall develop and distribute . . . a statement of policy regarding . . . Procedures for institutional disciplinary action in cases of an alleged incident of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, which shall include a clear statement that– (I) such proceedings shall–(aa) provide a prompt and equitable resolution; (bb) be conducted by officials who receive annual training on the issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability; and (cc) use the preponderance of the evidence standard."

In a nutshell: the new law would require schools to switch to the "preponderance of the evidence" standard, which requires only a slight probability that the accused committed the offense in order to punish him. It most certainly will increase the risk of holding innocent men responsible for sex offenses they did not commit. As the Petition says: "It is a hallmark of the American experience and a universally accepted tenet of the common law tradition that it is better that persons responsible for offenses not be held accountable than to hold innocent persons responsible for wrongs they did not commit."

Beyond that, the persons who conduct disciplinary hearings are to receive training about how to conduct a hearing "that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability." Nowhere in the bill is there even a hint, much less any requirement, that these persons should receive training about protecting the critical rights of the presumptively innocent who are accused of these offenses. The words "promotes accountability" is a code for "imposing more severe punishments." It is widely believed among persons who are pushing for measures of this nature that the punishments college men receive for sex offenses are far too lenient.

There are other serious things wrong with this bill, but the aforementioned are so fundamental to our sons' liberty, that it suffices to focus on them.

The purpose of this bill is to hold more college men responsible for sexual assault and related offenses. To the extent it snags some rapists, all well and good. The problem is that the Democrats behind the bill (Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) and Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)) haven't given any thought to whether it might cause innocent people to be punished for offenses they didn't commit. More frightening: perhaps Senators Casey and Murry *have* thought about it, and just don't give a damn.

We are aware that our petition will not change minds. But we are hoping that it will help, in some way, to inject these critical issues into the public discourse. Please sign it here:
http://www.change.org/petitions/reject-the-proposed-save-act-absent-amendments-to-protect-the-presumptively-innocent

Thank you for your help.

White Knighting Vigilantes: Dumb Idea of the Decade

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A recent trend in urban areas has involved vigilantes dressed up as superheroes walking around town, dispensing their own form of street justice in ridiculous getups. In addition to annoying urban folk going about their business, they are giving the police headaches. Cops have enough problems themselves enforcing the law; can you imagine how badly guys dressed like superheroes who think they are actually crime fighters might screw things up by getting involved with civilians?

Meet the NYI (New York Initiative), a group of New York guys with a lot of time on their hands who have decided to take on a role traditionally relegated to pimps. Proudly proclaiming that they are "not affiliated with law enforcement," NYI members have posted an ad on Craigslist offering protection services to prostitutes.

The ad itself is quite solicitous of prostitutes. Here are a few excerpts:

> Hello, pretty lady!
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> I'm writing you on behalf of a group called the New York Initiative (We are not affiliated with law enforcement), and with the hopes that I've created a system that will help keep you safe when you go on dates! You can find our facebook page through Google, as well as Google us with the words New York Press or Superheroes Documentary 2011 to find out what we're about (Craigslist doesn't allow me to post our URL)…yes, we look a little funny, but believe me when I say that we are all quite competent and capable of doing the things we say.
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> So with that out of the way, let me just get down to business… The Long Island Killer is out there. He's a scary bastard, and it's starting to seem like he is focusing on you pretty ladies because some people are slower to report you missing, and also because apparently the law doesn't respect your personal choices and that means cops are slower to follow through when it comes to you. Well, I'm here to say FUCK THAT. We respect you as human beings, we believe in personal freedoms and think that you're doing something that is absolutely your choice to do.
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> So rock on, ladies…We are on your side. With that said, we are here to help.

Furthermore, they offer non-police solutions to deal with "funny" dates:

> OPTION 1: Whenever you have a date, make sure a friend knows the address you're going. Have them write it down in a book made specifically for this purpose, with the times and dates included. If you can, when on the date, text your friend with the address you are at or the general area in case your date takes you somewhere else than he had earlier specified , and let your date know that a friend knows exactly where you'll be if he starts to get "funny".
> Give your friend hourly updates on your location so if anything goes wrong, they can send someone to help you faster. We realize that this could alter the mood of your date, but in these crazy times, a pretty lady that's ready is a pretty lady that's alive. If your date watches the news at all, he will understand. Be wary if he doesn't.
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> OPTION 2.If you absolutely don't have a friend to help you with this, you may use the services of the New York Initiative as your personal log book, as well as your rescue team in the event of an emergency. If you choose to do this, we will provide you with a number to call and a few one-number or one word codes you can say or text to us so that we can contact someone to assist you with a possibly violent date. Another idea is keeping us on speed dial, and if things get weird just call us and let the line open. We'll know what's going on immediately.

If any dim-witted hookers actually take these guys up on the offer (unlikely many will — nothing would scare off

johns faster than the thought of some jackass in a costume) and make use of their services, the outcome could be quite unfortunate, up to and including homicide.

NYI goes on to offer self-defense classes to hookers, promises to “bust asses” and says it “loves” the prostitutes. Isn’t that pimp talk? The obvious question is whether there are any ulterior motives at play here. Probably. A guy who has a decent girlfriend would be content to leave protecting hookers from violent crime up to the police. And even if he did want to help the hookers, it just doesn’t seem that most women I know would want their men rushing off to “rescue” prostitutes in the dead of night or offer them personal self-defense training.

Nevertheless, the NYI has received a number of “good boy!” comments from females on their Facebook page.

Here’s one example:

> I read about you guys on Jezebel. May I just say that I think you’re awesome? It’s nice to know that there are people out there who can see past the external and care about others just because of their humanity! Just don’t get yourselves hurt in the process, mm-kay?

There’s something fundamentally wrong with the approach these guys are taking. Prostitution creates the conditions in which violent, disturbed individuals can operate with some impunity. And, despite what feminists might say, it is not because hookers are stigmatized (the primary source of this stigmatization is other females in any event), but rather because unrestrained, commoditized sexuality is by its nature exploitative of both women AND men. Lust and greed, when combined, create a volatile mixture that needs to be contained rather than celebrated to maintain some order in society.

The sexual revolution of the 60s and 70s, accompanied as it was by rampant prostitution and a lax attitude toward promiscuity, led to the highest rate of sexual violence in US history. If people really want fewer girls to be victimized by sick-minded predators such as Gary Ridgway (Green River Killer), the correct approach is to shame prostitutes and maintain some fairly strict supervision of the occupation. There will always be prostitution in one form or another, but without some pressure from above, including shaming and judgment, it will invariably cause trouble and serve as a breeding ground for vicious social pathologies.

Quite frankly, these NYI “heroes” are clueless, possibly dangerous, and will likely only add to the trouble police have to deal with when it would be better for all of us that they devote their efforts to tracking down the murderer on the loose rather than investigating some deadly incident involving a delusional, white knighting vigilante.

Why we need to stop telling women to settle

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By Dalrock

Received wisdom in the manosphere is that women need to settle. I have to say I enjoy a good hamster carpet bombing as much as the next guy. But in the end the entertainment value isn't worth the human cost. I've touched on this before, but after seeing the article Did You Marry the Wrong Guy? from *Marie Claire* (H/T GudEnuf) I wanted to revisit it.

The problem with telling women they need to settle isn't that they won't listen. The problem is that *they will listen*, or at least use this message as rationalization for wrecking an honest man's life. The problem occurs because women don't think like men. If you tell a man he has too high a sense of his own value in the dating/marriage marketplace, he is likely to be humbled by this. Actually no one needs to tell the typical guy this because they tend to figure it out based on which women are and aren't attracted to them.

Too many women (especially the kind of women the message is aimed at) however hear this message and decide this means they should marry the well off guy they aren't attracted to, ultimately doing him the favor of taking his kids and half his stuff when they figure out *they don't love him anymore*. According to the *Marie Claire* article this is quite common:

> According to recent research conducted by Jennifer Gauvain, a therapist in Denver, 30 percent of now-divorced women say they knew in their gut they were making a mistake as they walked down the aisle — and kept walking anyway. Only a handful backed out.

Being a women's magazine, the article goes on to explain that the women themselves aren't to blame for leaving a trail of wreckage in their wakes because society made them do it. The reality is they feared loosing the option to choose, and wanted the status that came with getting married as well as his money. He wasn't likely to give up half of his stuff and pay for her to have children if she didn't pretend to be in love with him in order to marry him:

> Clark had dated a handsome businessman for four years before they got engaged, and although he didn't make her heart race, she still loved him. "We were best friends, and I thought he'd make a great husband and father, even though I wasn't 'in love,'" she says. "I walked down the aisle thinking, What the hell? During my vows, I wasn't making eye contact with my fiancé."
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> Five years and two kids later, their sex life nonexistent, Clark wanted out. "I'd often wish he would cheat," she says. Finally, her husband, sensing her unhappiness, ended it.

I see this woman as beneath more traditional gold diggers and prostitutes. She isn't just harming him, but putting her children through great pain as well. Aside from stealing his wealth and children, she also stole his opportunity for great happiness. The truth is another woman would likely have found this same man quite attractive and lovable. She had no right to rob him of that because she lacked the capacity to reciprocate love but still wanted all of the benefits of marriage. Some might say that he should have learned game and all would have been well. Aside from the fact that this isn't common knowledge in our culture, had he learned game he would have been able to marry a much better woman. She wanted a man of his appearance wealth and status with game, but none of them *wanted her* or she would have married one of them.

My guess is the root cause of women who are incapable of experiencing reciprocal love and attraction is a blend of the mismatch feminism has created between men and women, the impact of alpha chasing/promiscuity, and an overall entitlement complex. Whatever the cause of the issue, it does appear to be real for a significant percentage of women.

Making things worse, older women consistently advise younger women to pass up men they are in love with and attracted to with the assumption that another better man will be along shortly. We have seen this with Advice Goddess, Amy Dickinson, and the authors of Last one down the aisle wins. The reality is that experiencing mutual attraction isn't a given for women, and should therefore not be abandoned lightly. This also is why the advice to women to postpone marriage and "just have fun" for a decade or more is so detrimental to them. Finding a man who they can reciprocate love and attraction with is difficult for many women, and only gets harder the older they become.

So stop telling women to settle. I beg you! The innocent (but clueless) beta you save may be someone you know.

I think this is the single biggest risk a man looking to marry faces. This is even bigger in my opinion than a woman's sexual history, although the two are often connected.

Hooker Shoes for the 21st Century

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I thought the real-life Cap'n Save-a-Ho superheroes would be enough nonsense for this week, but it turns out that there is already an almost equally ridiculous scheme to outfit hookers with robotic platform shoes.

When I first came across these contraptions I thought it must be a joke, but these people seem quite serious.

Invoking the Greek goddess of love, the shoes are supposed to be a modern day version of special tramp sandals worn in ancient times to leave secret messages for interested men. However, in this case the shoes are gargantuan pieces of equipment with a confusing array of buttons that perform specific operations as well as an LCD screen that allows hookers to advertise contact info to potential clients.

In addition to the putative allure of screen, the shoes are supposed to provide crucial protection features, including an alarm that makes a loud screeching noise and calls either the police or a virtual pimping outfit (her choice). There is also a GPS in the heel so that the virtual pimp can keep track of her movements.

I'd think that one of the most important things to have in the event of an emergency would be some degree of mobility, but from the looks of it these shoes would fail in that regard. I can't imagine even a lithe young ho moving at much more than a rapid shuffle with these bulky behemoths strapped to her feet.

Somehow, I don't think many of these will sell.

Pakistan Hiding bin Laden All Along

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A little off-topic here, but it turns out Osama was living in a large compound just a short walk away from the Pakistan Military Academy in Abbotabad, one of the nicest towns in Pakistan. He was also in close proximity to a golf course and a couple hospitals.

Clearly – obviously – higher-ups in Pakistan knew what was going on. Someone who knew a lot about these things once suggested to me that he was probably living in luxury and under protection, possibly in Bangladesh, but it's still shocking to see that our so-called "allies" were protecting him. All the better reason to get our troops out of the region, go home, and leave these double-dealing scumbags to themselves.

Maybe we should drop a few dozen JDAMs on the military academy as a parting gift…

President Obama Recognizes Efforts of “Men” in Bringing Down Osama

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In a break from the trend of calling all men “soldiers” or “forces” when they are killed or have done something heroic while specifically calling women “women” when they do or suffer anything at all, President Obama explicitly thanked the “men” who took down Osama bin Laden.

The quote is as follows:

> We give thanks for the men who carried out this operation, for they exemplify the professionalism, patriotism, and unparalleled courage of those who serve our country…

The quote starts at 7:39 on the video below:

It may not seem like much, but I was actually surprised when I noticed it on TV. These days, recognizing the heroism of men and identifying them as such is all but taboo, whereas downplaying men’s accomplishments and efforts or outright disparaging them is in vogue.

I have to admit I like the president a little more for these words, but it’s probably his speechwriter who came up with that line. Perhaps the speechwriter is a young man who, in his own subtle way, is doing something to counter misandry in America.

Schools Padding Women's Sports to Comply with Title IX

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In a recent NY Times article, schools were taken to task for using deceptive methods to achieve gender equality as mandated by Title IX, which mandates gender equality in all school programs, including athletics. The author, Katie Thomas, implies that the schools are taking shortcuts to avoid obtaining equality, despite the fact that women now outnumber men by a fairly wide margin in university enrollment.

The idea that schools are deliberately fostering inequality is shortsighted at best. The truth is that women simply aren't as interested in sports as men. This is borne out by the fact that virtually every major sport in history was invented by and played by men. Since when have girls flocked to pickup games at the neighborhood vacant lot or B-ball court? You give boys sticks and a ball and they'll invent their own game on the spot. Sports are part of the masculine nature.

Sure, girls have a tradition of outdoor activities as well, such as double dutch and figure skating, but they tend to be more of a form of dance or display than the hunting/warfare type competitions boys engage in. Title IX is a clear example of a Bolshevik-style push for equality despite clear natural differences between men and women.

So, in order to comply with the unnatural law passed in 1972, colleges are resorting to less-than-forthright measures, including listing male athletes as female, signing up women who are unqualified, and adding women who are not even playing at all:

> But as women have grown to 57 percent of American colleges' enrollment, athletic programs have increasingly struggled to field a proportional number of female athletes. And instead of pouring money into new women's teams or trimming the rosters of prized football teams, many colleges are turning to a sleight of hand known as roster management. According to a review of public records from more than 20 colleges and universities by The New York Times, and an analysis of federal participation statistics from all 345 institutions in N.C.A.A. Division I — the highest level of college sports — many are padding women's team rosters with underqualified, even unwitting, athletes. They are counting male practice players as women. And they are trimming the rosters of men's teams.

As athletic programs are currently interpreted, achieving equal numbers of males and females participating in athletic programs without cooking the books will probably require an enrollment ratio of about 85% female to 15% male. As higher education becomes increasingly feminized, that is possible, but unlikely. However, there is another solution: reclassify certain activities that women tend to prefer as sports. If dancing, double dutch, singing, modeling, shopping, doing hair and applying makeup were classified as sports, female participation in sports could be boosted significantly without the need to cut men's programs or resort to deception.

So, bring on shopping competitions, makeup face-offs, and jump-rope routines! The girls will enthusiastically participate, boys' sports can remain unmolested, and administrators can breathe a sigh of relief.

How the Game Changes

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I've noticed that almost all of the guys who denounce Game are what one might call "mature," whereas those who are enthusiastic about it tend to be quite young. A lot of people might simply assume that it's because older men are jaded and have had bad experiences with women, while younger men are still hopeful and haven't yet been through the worst of it. However, that isn't the entire story.

There's a fundamental shift in the balance between men and women that occurs right around the age of 35. Naturally, it should happen some five to ten years earlier, but we've pushed marriage later and later in recent years by extending education and institutional obligations to some extreme, and women's expectations about when they need to get on the ball and settle down have followed the trend.

What seems natural to a lot of older men, but is still largely unknown to younger ones, is that by the time men and women are in their 30s the mating game tilts decisively in men's favor. There are a number of reasons for this, such as women's beauty being at its height in the late teens to early 20s, men's hormonal peak being around the age of 20, and female status in the workplace being higher while younger (probably correlated with beauty). Men begin to develop self-control and restraint at the same time women's beauty begins to decline — usually in the mid-late 20s. By this time, men and women begin marrying each other in large numbers, having children and starting families, which takes a great many eligible men off the table (temporarily in many cases).

Single women in their 30s suddenly find themselves facing much more formidable and scarce prey, whereas single men in the same age range find themselves in a surprisingly comfortable position with a fairly wide range of choices. This change is permanent — women never regain their advantage ever again. It is this fundamental shift in status in the mating game that makes Game seem superfluous to older men. Why would one need it when you can take one look around at what's on offer and find yourself far from impressed?

Men who have lived in that reality for some ten years tend to forget what it's like to be a sex-starved college kid surrounded by hot young women. They disparage the idea that game is worth anything at all, because for them it often isn't. In contemporary society, desperate women abound who will throw themselves at guys in their 30s and 40s. Men often find that a surprising number of these women are already married or in relationships, which tends to add to their cynicism and detract from their willingness to put any effort into wooing women. Men don't even have to be all that good-looking or wealthy — all you need is a car, a job and freedom from debilitating or disfiguring afflictions. Put yourself out there, and they will come.

However, it's hard to see this as a guy in your early 20s if you aren't one of the athletes or smooth-talkers that scoop up most of the hot girls while young. It's hard to imagine a time when you'll be the one doing the choosing.

This is why I think it's important that men who can tell youths what women are really about can impart their knowledge. There is so much bullshit regarding women out there that young guys have a hard time cutting through it. You've got men out there telling them that being a feminist will help young men get laid, that being "chivalrous" and kissing their asses is the way to go, or that women all really want to go to bed with a nice, subdued accountant type who always does what they tell him to do. Telling women what they want to hear is big business these days — just ask Dr. Phil.

Unfortunately, a lot of young men are confused by this, and think these peddlers of fiction are being sincere. They think that sleazy professor who declares himself a feminist to ingratiate himself with some butch administrator in a humanities department is actually a righteous, honest man.

Almost all of us men learn sooner or later what garbage this is, but sooner is better than later. So, while many of us may already know that women are nothing like what the feminists or white knights make them out to be, we ought to recognize that young men usually have a great deal to learn. In fact, I'd say that the most important element of "Game" is simply *knowing* women.

If we put some effort into teaching young men how to see through the fiction and dissembling on the part of women, white knights, and even society in general, a lot more of them might come around and wise up before it's already too late. Hopefully, fewer of them will have to learn the hard way, and they will gain a better understanding of the women around them a few, crucial years earlier.

Till Death did them Part, Osama's Wife Stood by her Man

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There have been reports that when American operators stormed Osama bin Laden's compound, he used one of his wives as a "human shield" in some last-ditch effort to save himself. This is ridiculous. A seasoned war veteran like Osama who had faced Soviet troops would know better than to use that tactic against America's most dedicated warriors, who could hardly be expected to flinch at the sight of a woman wailing in Arabic in front of their highest-value target.

Nevertheless, some people will buy anything, so I suppose there is some reason the story was pitched in that manner.

However, according to the most recent accounts, the woman stood between Osama and the grim messengers of Hades of her own volition, facing certain death in an act of self-sacrifice for her lord and master, that enemy of the West and murderer of thousands.

Some say that a woman is incapable of love, but this mere woman with her act of self-abnegation proved them wrong. She loved her man with all her heart, soul and being. She made the choice that without him she was nothing, and placed her frail flesh and bones directly in front of the burst of hot lead that cut her and her husband down and sent them to face their maker. And she was only one of his wives…

To our troops' credit, they did not hesitate, and indulged the woman in her quest for martyrdom.

How many men will ever know such love from a woman? How many good, humble, dutiful men will ever earn a fraction of such sacrifice?

A woman's love is one of the mysteries of the universe. It is lawless and unfathomable to us men. All of our notions of right and wrong – even our sense of the order of things – is swept away as a trifle by the passions of women.

It is lessons such as these that should make it perfectly clear that being a good man is not something done for the sake of or benefit of women, but rather, as their deepest feelings too often betray and actions sadly declare, in spite of them.

The Economics of Male Preference

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The neglect of baby girls in Asia is in the news again; these kinds of stories are somewhat popular in the West because they give us a sense of moral superiority while making us feel charitable at the same time. It is true that girls are neglected in Asia when compared to the West. However, this is an overwhelmingly rural phenomenon, and linked to age-old cultural practices that developed around subsistence farming. Male physical labor and technical know-how has always been more highly valued in those parts, because when it comes down to it men put more food on the table. It isn't that women don't bring anything to the table – I've seen Chinese women hard at work in rice paddies – it's simply that pound for pound they don't bring as much. Additionally, since these societies, like almost all societies in the world, are patrilocal, females generally leave when they reach adulthood and get married. Therefore, all that labor invested in raising them is lost.

The articles we see on this subject tend to focus mainly on dowries or other cultural idiosyncrasies, ignoring other, more important reasons for the higher discrepancy between male and female children in Asia when compared to the West:

> Part of the reason Indians favor sons is the enormous expense in marrying off girls. Families often go into debt arranging marriages and paying elaborate dowries. A boy, on the other hand, will one day bring home a bride and dowry. Hindu custom also dictates that only sons can light their parents' funeral pyres.
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> But it's not simply that girls are more expensive for impoverished families. The census data shows that the worst offenders are the relatively wealthy northern states of Punjab and Haryana.
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> In Morena, a sun-baked, largely rural district in the heart of India, the numbers are especially grim. This census showed that only 825 girls for every 1,000 boys in the district made it to their sixth birthdays, down from an already troubling 829 a decade ago.
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> Though abortion is allowed in India, the country banned revealing the gender of unborn fetuses in 1994 in an attempt to halt sex-selective abortions. Every few years, federal and state governments announce new incentives — from free meals to free education — to encourage people to take care of their girls.

First, it should be pointed out in every one of these discussions that Asians naturally have an androphilic sex ratio at birth compared to Europeans, and especially compared to Africans. However, this doesn't make up for all the excess boys, so it's clear that there is some level of preference extended to infant boys. As the above passage suggests, better-off areas have a higher discrepancy, probably because families can afford ultrasound and abortion procedures. Keep in mind that "well-off" is relative in India — basically it means that you have electricity, a telephone and some minimal form of motorized transport.

Secondly, dowries have traditionally been a feature of European society as well, and I've never heard of female infanticide or neglect being a feature of pre-industrial Europe. And in China, bride price rather than dowry is the cultural norm, yet that hasn't stemmed sex-selective abortion in rural China.

So, what is behind the apparent neglect and murder of female babies? The Chinese family planning initiative that began in the 1970s offers a clue. It is largely the introduction of birth control, abortion and family planning measures, enthusiastically promoted by clueless Western feminists who are too wrapped up in their own highly insular worldview to predict what consequences their programs will engender in ancient rural societies.

When there is a restriction on family size, families that would otherwise keep trying will manipulate the sex composition of births to have a son, which often means aborting daughters. Given the reality of life on the farm, condemning them for this is counterproductive, because sons are directly correlated with economic security, which is far more relevant to health and comfort than here in the West (if you are poor, no antibiotics, no surgery — you just suffer and die).

The government and feminist solution to this is socialist measures, which backfired in China and probably will in India as well:

> In Morena, a Madhya Pradesh state government program offers poor families with one or two daughters a few thousand rupees (a few hundred dollars) for every few years of schooling, and more than 100,000 rupees ($2,250) when they graduate high school.

Ironically, socializing responsibility for women eventually leads to a society-wide adoption of male-preference. This is happening in the West as we speak. We often forget that the abusive American child-support guidelines adopted in the late 80s and 90s were largely a result of national outrage about “welfare queens” living off our dime. The burden for women’s welfare was rejected by most Americans, who gladly threw it onto the shoulders of hapless fathers, many of them blameless victims of circumstance who couldn’t afford it themselves. Today, groaning under the load of programs and preferences directed toward women, states are cutting women’s studies departments at universities, closing women’s shelters, and cutting benefits to women’s health services. The “misandry bubble” is nearing its bursting point; the widespread affluence that allowed feminism to thrive is becoming a thing of the past.

So, if socialism is ultimately doomed to failure, what solutions remain? And, in particular, we should ask what *humane* solutions we can implement.

There is only one rational means to increase the value of females in Asia, and, ultimately, our own society: encourage women to be productive, and create realistic opportunities for it.

In India light industry suitable for female work should be promoted in regions where girls are unappreciated, allowing them to earn some of their own income prior to marriage. Despite Western denunciations of “sweatshops” in China and SE Asia, the truth is that the factories around the Pearl River raised both the standard of living and status of girls in southern China. Both their parents and the men around them appreciated them more for their contribution to the wealth of the family. Although not up to Western standards yet, many parts of south China are thriving today, and it’s undeniable that women played a large role in bringing about this state of affairs.

But were these girls pampered and babied, and were preferences extended to them? Not at all. They were put to work and expected to produce, and they did. Since then, female infanticide and preference for male children has started to subside. Most urban Chinese are now content to have a daughter as their only child, and the imbalance in the sex ration has begun to correct itself.

Here in the West, we might want to start thinking about teaching girls home economics again, and offering courses in small business administration that could help them contribute to their future families’ welfare. Give them realistic goals rather than encourage them to become soldiers and engineers. Sure, there will always be exceptional girls who can match boys in primarily male professions, and they shouldn’t be held back, but focusing on the few to the neglect of many is counterproductive. Women have their strengths, and they should be encouraged to work to their potential, but trying to equalize everyone to the detriment of the majority of boys and girls alike is not only misandric — it is misanthropic.

Quarterly Fund Drive and Report

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Since this time last year, numbers for *The Spearhead* have improved significantly. The level of daily visitors as well as subscribers is significantly higher, and interest in the subjects we cover has risen in the mainstream press. All-time peak traffic for the site, excluding a few bursts occasioned by the Assange case in December, came around late February and early March, when for a few weeks average daily visitors numbered well over 4,000. Monthly page views for those two months also approached 400,000 – quite a high number considering the subject – and total monthly visitors over 70,000.

Mirroring last year's trend, April saw a decline in total page views, but roughly the same amount of monthly visitors. The decline in page views can be explained by the fact that posting was curtailed as I prepared for another potential custody dispute, which, when taken into account suggests that post for post the rise in readership has held steady following the steep gains made from December-March.

I would like to consolidate these gains through more writing, and publishing and prepare for another step up in months to come. As internet use seems to be correlated with inclement weather, it may be a while until another significant step up is made, so hanging on and improving through the summer is a goal worth pursuing.

Those who have supported the site over the last year and a half have made all this possible. They have given me the opportunity to put a great deal of work into writing, editing and disseminating content while taking care of a couple young children much of the time. Additionally, they have allowed the site to be independently hosted, protecting it from the malicious shutdowns that have plagued a number of men's sites in recent months, and they have freed up time for me to aggressively promote the site's content behind the scenes on content aggregators and other online hubs. They have even made it possible for our concerns to rise to the attention of mainstream columnists who write for national publications. Men's concerns, in a short period of time, have gone mainstream to an extent heretofore unseen.

Where a mere year ago Feministing could boast a reach some 12 times higher than *The Spearhead*, we have now almost achieved consistent parity with the feminist site as measured by Alexa. Originally, this was one of my goals, but now that we near its fulfillment, there are other, more pressing issues rising to the fore.

Young men still face formidable odds in school, the workplace and the family, and rather than expressions of concern we have feminists crowing as though the demise of the people responsible for our future well-being is a victory to celebrate. This disgusting victimization of those we will all someday rely on must be held up for the world to see. Feminists are still mired in the paradigm of gender war, failing to see, or not caring, that the suppression of our society's males is bad news for all of us, including the girls and women who will need them in years to come. Furthermore, they are poised to strike at the most vulnerable and innocent: the trusting children who don't even know what they are up against.

As a father myself, I can't in good conscience give up the fight, so I plan to see this through. In the meanwhile, support from readers is crucial. Each donation to the site makes a difference, and allows me to continue to work on disseminating the message to the wider world. It has made a difference, and I will continue to push on with resolution as long as I can afford to do so, and, as has been the case at times, even when I can't.

Submissions by authors and guest posts are a part of this effort as well. I would like to thank those who have contributed content as well as those who have supported the site — it's been an effort that thousands have contributed to. In our short time online – just over a year and a half – we've published 1,332 articles. That's enough to fill several volumes. I expect around 2,000 by year's end.

So, in closing, I'd like to extend thanks to all those who have supported the site, and to ask for help in keeping it running for some time to come. It's been an honor working for all of you, and one of the most rewarding jobs I've ever undertaken.

Thank you!

William F. Price

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Comment of the Week: Financial Implications of Being a Non-Custodial Father

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Editor: In a comment in today's Taxes and Child Support post, reader Alan B gives us a breakdown of of his own situation regarding child support and tax issues. Keep in mind while reading the following that Alan actually has legally recognized custody of one out the three children, so his tax burden and support is lower than would be typical in the situation. Nevertheless, his ex-wife receives not only a hefty monthly check (tax free) and a good deal of money toward expenses, but also receives thousands of dollars every year in tax credits, while he is left with less than half of his gross income. Although a high earner, after child support, expenses and taxes, Alan has a working-class disposable income. For many men, it is substantially worse.

All men considering marriage should read these accounts before stepping up the altar, so this comment definitely deserves its own post.

Alan B

if you want exact numbers, here ya go

i live in the NE.

i make just about 100k/yr

i pay medical insurance thru my job for all my kids and myself., invest a HUGE 3k/yr (thats three thousand a YEAR on a 100 thousand a year salary)

my absolute musts are rent $2350 and commute to work $300. therefore i MUST have 2650 a month to have shelter and method of generating income. *note, im not counting food, cars, boats, girlfriends, gas, electric, soap, etc.

i have 3 children. my EX has custody of 2, and i have 1, all under the age of 18. she is re-married. her husband and her just filed jointly this year and they earned a total $11,980

i JUST got out of court last month, so the numbers are current.

for making 12k/yr and owning 2 of my children (25%) of MY takehome, my EX allows me to pay her $1976 per month AFTER TAXES. Her and her HUSBAND earn approx 6-7k in EIC because they make so little. child support is not claimed anywhere on anyone's tax returns.., its invisible money.

so lets do HER math.

she (and hubby) earn 12k/yr, thats 1,000 a month. (hubby earns $$ off the books as well., but we wont count that.)

i pay all medical insurance, PLUS 92% (thats my share of the child care bills) of any co-pays or anything my ex wife says i have to pay.

i pay her 2k/mo for a total of 3k/mo AFTER TAXES (she and her husband dont pay taxes, they GET taxes)

thats 36k/yr TAKEHOME, plus the 6k EIC gift that daddy govt gives them.

my ex wife EARNS 42k/yr TAKE HOME PAY and she works a parttime job as does her husband.

My math. i earn just under $9000/mo GROSS (nice right? watch what happes)

without getting too detailed, my paycheck deductions are as follows (rounded) this is a paycheck, so multiply by 2 to get my monthly figures..

TOTAL $4455

-176, -61 -699 -228 -1.30 -988(c.s) -16 -10 -9 -43 -218(401k) -60 -133

all those are subtractions from my check, twice per month.

my final takehome pay is $1812 or $3624/month or $43,504 TAKEHOME per YEAR.

i leave my house at 7am and get home at 9pm (suburban commute)

i have the PRIVILEGE of keeping $43,504/yr for a 70/hr work week and her and her hubby get to pocket $42k/yr for holding part time jobs 2 blocks from home.

keep in mind, this all happens while *I* have custody of one of our three children.

again. recap…

DAD +1 Kid +70hr workweek = 44k/yr takehome pay

Mom +2Kids+New Hubby+40hr workweek(total for both) = 42k/yr takehome pay

BUT, if my kids want to sleep over (if i ever see them, they are teens, they have FRIENDS), i must maintain a 3 bedroom(at the minimum) apt/home, so that they have a place to sleep.

Now this is the kicker.. ready…

I was not “RAILROADED” in court. the judge followed the guidelines to a T, my ex doesnt harass me, the judge wasnt malicious.

This was STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE. it was a given. a normal day, no big fuckin deal. Thats the part alot of guys dont get.

You think family court is this big production and you have a chance to defend yourself, or at least say SOMETHING… NOPE.. not a chance. this is just how things are. its not looked at as , “YEA, Lets bend this guy over and take his shit.”

Its merely looked at as, “Hey, its your responsibility, like paying any other bill. get in line, dont complain, you’ll get ur turn to open ur wallet”

So lets re-cap yes.

I make 100k. Without any evil, malicious intent, just me paying my CS debt, i must pay close to $24,000 a year in CASH, AFTER TAXES to my ex.

After all deductions and what not i am in the %18 tax bracket or there-around, which i’ll call $15,000/yr

I work 70 hours, i make 100k

i pay the EX 36k

i pay the govt 15k

i KEEP 49k (thats HALF of my GROSS)

So my point is this…Guys… imagine if i got FUCKED in court. Imagine if the judge was having a bad day, or my ex pulled the rape/abuse/victim card, or i looked like an evil gang-member (or a wall-street tycoon, no diff really). What if i had to pay alimony on top of that?? Imagine if they REALLY STUCK IT TO ME. how bad would it be? 30k/yr 35k ?? That’s the roulette game you play with the courts.

btw, this is not a complaint. This is a breakdown of what my payments are so some can get a real-world idea of the numbers.

i pay my CS, it sucks, but yes, i make enough so that i can survive (cant LIVE on $1000 a month in the NE, but i cant make 100k/yr anywhere else). Guys, what if i was Joe Average and made only $50,000 a year and still lived

where i lived? how bad would it be for me and my son then?

My brothers.. NEVER MARRY.. EVER (unless she's the heiress, and you're the pauper, then make sure there's no prenup.. jeez i sound like a woman).

if you must start a family, THINK about it till you're at LEAST 35, then think about it for 7 more years.

If you dont want to be one of them OLD dads that has no energy for your kids, DONT WORRY, your wife will divorce you looong before that happens. and you will spend all your time working to pay for HER nails, hair, shoes, boobs, lovers… um i mean her kids.. yea..

Taxes and Child Support

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I'm sure some readers recently went through the painful process of forking over a substantial chunk of change to Uncle Sam, and for those of us who are divorced and paying child support it can be an exceptionally depressing experience.

Most people don't dwell on taxes too much, so it probably isn't common knowledge that being a custodial parent confers not only a monthly check, but a tax bonanza as well. The overwhelmingly male non-custodial parent portion of our tax-paying population, on the other hand, gets slapped on both cheeks.

While it may not be news to a number of unfortunate guys (myself included) who shell out child support every month and then have to file as though we were single, unencumbered men, it's worth making it perfectly clear to men who have not been so afflicted.

Here's what happens:

When you pay child support, it is considered a personal expense, like buying diapers or clothes for your kids. This expense, however, is spent at the discretion of the custodial parent (i.e. mother), as though she were still your wife and going to the store for you. Plenty of women will probably think that sounds fair. Some men may, too. That's OK, but this isn't where it ends.

Because this transfer is considered a personal expense, it is not taxed. Therefore, the mother receives a substantial boost to income every month while the father takes a substantial cut. Now, this might be tolerable, but unlike alimony, fathers may not deduct child support from their taxes. Additionally, because the children do not live with fathers most of the time, the fathers may not claim children on the earned income credit, and when the mother works they usually cannot even claim the children as dependents, and therefore have no child-related deductions. Of course, they are not eligible for any other child tax credits either.

The mother, on the other hand, can claim all of these things, despite the fact that the father is paying a good deal of the child-related expenses, and often spending a quarter to a third of the time with the child(ren).

So, in addition to higher post-divorce expenses (usually, everyone loses financially in divorce), men are nailed with both child support and a much higher tax burden. A man making a middling income will often find himself post-divorce living like a part-time fry-cook. Sure, he may be making $4,000 a month or so, but after child support, taxes, rent for his crappy apartment and mortgage (for the house his ex-wife lives in), he isn't going to have much left over. In fact, for all intents and purposes the guy is poor.

It often amazes me how little most men know about these issues before they get married. Every single discussion of the merits and drawbacks of marriage should address the most salient facts, and there is little more salient than the prospect of poverty if one's wife decides she feels "unhappy." It seems to me that too often we ignore these very relevant issues in favor of discussing the emotional or spiritual perks, but when it comes down to it marriage is a business in its own right. From a financial standpoint it is a very risky partnership, particularly for men.

Perhaps those who want to revive the institution ought to pay a lot more attention to the flaws inherent in the current setup. Given these flaws, shaming and appeals to honor can only have a limited effect as the wider culture adapts to the penalties by simply avoiding them. If do-gooders and women really want men to start getting married again, they're going to have to come to the table and make some deals.

Eventually, I think they will. Men are starting to wise up, and when enough men know the score, they will be the ones holding the cards.

Review: Athol Kay's Married Man Sex Life

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By Frost

I didn't expect to find Athol Kay's book, Married Man Sex Life particularly interesting.

I've read enough books, blogs and forums to say that I understand game and evolutionary psychology pretty much from ass to elbow. Furthermore, Athol's specialty is relationship game – i.e., getting girls to treat you like gold – which is a skill set I have mastered more than any other. Roosh, Krauser, et al. are probably more effective than I am in the club or on the street, but when it comes to juggling close, loving, but non-monogamous relationships, I'll go toe-to-toe with them or anyone else, any day of the week.

So while I think Athol's a great writer, and I've always had a lot of respect for his work, I wasn't expecting to pick up MMSL and have my mind blown.

To an extent, I was right. I learned very little from Athol about Game and the biological origins of human behaviour. Most of my readers probably won't either, as MMSL derives much of its content from principles that are common knowledge within the Roissysphere. (To his great credit, Athol acknowledges the impolite and un-PC Roissy extensively, even though he probably could have saved himself many headaches by limiting his citations to more palatable sources.)

But whether I learned a lot or a little from MMSL is not a fair test of the book's quality, because Athol is not writing for jaded twenty-five year old rogues for whom marriage is out of the question. Rather, as the title suggests, he is writing for the married man. And for the most part, he is writing for the beta-ized married man, who needs to step up and inject some Alpha into his relationship.

So let's talk about my Dad.

My father is without question my #1 hero and role model in life. I will resist the urge to turn this book review into a 20,000 word post on why.

But per the zeitgeist within which he was raised, he is imbued with a strong and irrational desire to pedestalize and submit to the women he dates. He is what the PUA community would call a natural, but his instincts have always been to address problems in a relationship with conciliation. Athol would have no trouble identifying him as a man with excellent game, but who sabotages his relationship with women via excessively beta "Nice Guy" behaviours.

When I started reading Roissy, Roosh, Fast Seduction, and the major texts of evolutionary psychology, I also made a hobby of proselytizing my newfound truths to those close to me. I sent my father many Roissy posts; I left *Sperm Wars* at his reading table; I did my youthful best to explain to him the principles of game, the Alpha/Beta dichotomy, and my relationship management strategies. My favourite analogy to draw was from our recent foray into Cesar Milan and his dog training philosophy of becoming the pack leader. His reply: "So you're saying we should treat women like dogs?" Marketing was not one of my earlier strengths.

More recently, I started sending him posts from Athol's blog.

My father never told me, outright, that he had read them. But one day, he made a comment that I recognized as straight from the MMSL playbook. We weren't even talking about women. Our dog was misbehaving, and he grinned and said, "Maybe I need to be acting more alpha, less beta with him."

I called him out on actually *reading* something I'd sent him, and he admitted it. We had a long talk about Game, Alpha behaviours, and de-pedestalizing women.

When Athol sent me a review copy of MMSL, I gave it my Dad. He read it cover to cover. He had barely looked at anything I'd sent him about Game before that. Since then, we've had conversations in which he's confessed to

doubting some of his longest-held beliefs. He admits the harm his irrational desire to serve women has caused him in his past. He is more comfortable about acknowledging the legitimacy of pursuing his own happiness within his relationship, rather than just his partners. And he has acknowledged that yes, my very not-nice approach towards getting and keeping women might be a valid one.

But while progress can be made, there are some habits that can never be unlearned. My father will never be me. He will always be 90% Nice Guy. But Athol Kay did more to encourage that crucial 10% of change with one book, than I have in a near-decade of haranguing, book-buying and link-forwarding.

So why did MMSL succeed where so many before have failed?

The distinguishing feature of Athol's book and blog, is his inherent relatability to men with Nice Guy syndrome. There are a lot of men in the world who are instantly repelled by the teachings of the Roissysphere, even though they desperately need its advice. Athol Kay is the ambassador who is distilling those truths into a medium that can be digested, even by men still firmly ensconced in the matrix. His most remarkable achievement is that he has somehow done so without watering them down with pretty lies.

Athol succeeds at delivering his message because is not a smooth pickup artist. He's just a regular nice guy – who also has a great family and bangs his wife eight days a week. Recovering nice guys will listen to Athol, because they see themselves in him – a better version of themselves.

When I came of age, I had the realities of Roissy, Style and Tucker Max to compare against the conventional wisdom that men should be nice, and if that's not enough, well gawsh, they just need to be nicer. I easily concluded that the latter philosophy was crap, and the former had the answers I needed. I faced no obstacles to becoming the cynical realist that I am today.

My father was raised in an era without such resources. He drank the feminist Kool-Aid, and sought to create an equal partnership in his relationships, and eventually marriage. The results would not have surprised Athol, Roissy, or myself circa 2011. But they surprised our family, as we went through a decade of experiences that read like a Men's Rights Advocacy pamphlet. Thankfully, our story ends with my father, my siblings and I living healthy, happy, successful lives. But while reading Athol Kay's Married Man Sex Life, I caught myself wondering: What if Athol had published his book twenty years ago? And my father had found it then?

For many of my readers, the idea of marriage ranges from unthinkable to unlikely. But we are a rare minority in a world full of men and families who will be destroyed by their failure to implement the ideas in MMSL. I think Athol's book is going to save thousands from the fate that my family suffered. I suggest you search your life for people you care about, and add their names to that list.

Buy Married Man Sex Life at Amazon, or visit the website here.

Slut Walks Making the Rounds

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Evidently, there was a “slut walk” Boston yesterday, and there will be one in my hometown of Seattle in June. The walks, which have garnered a great deal of attention – probably what motivates most marchers – were organized in response to a Toronto police officer who said that women should avoid dressing like sluts to prevent sexual assault. This sound advice was met with outrage from the usual suspects, and they have mobilized their slut militia to march around in cities across N. America.

Although the officer probably should have avoided the term “slut” for PR purposes, there’s nothing wrong with giving people crime prevention advice. I receive a monthly newsletter from the police that includes tips for avoiding burglary. For example, civilians are advised to avoid broadcasting events such as an upcoming vacation, we are told to avoid making our houses look like easy targets, etc. Obviously, there’s a similar principle at work as far as sexual assault is concerned. Rapists do not randomly select targets; if they did they would be raping dogs, plants, old men, or anything else convenient at the time. They go after women — usually those perceived as an easy mark. Scantily clad women not only attract their attention, but project accessibility.

Let’s do a little thought experiment.

Which woman is more likely to be sexually assaulted:

a. A fully clothed woman walking down the street

b. A stark naked walking down the street

Anyone who says it doesn’t matter is a fool or a liar.

Dressing like a slut bares as much skin as possible. It’s how prostitutes advertise themselves on the street. It is a fact that it arouses men, including rapists, more than conventional clothing.

So was the cop wrong? No. he was giving the women good advice. Of course it doesn’t always matter, but security is never failsafe; it simply improves the odds.

I’m sure that even the slutwalkers themselves know this. I highly doubt any one of them would stroll around a strange neighborhood in fishnets, pumps and a halter top. No, they are marching in a big crowd to draw attention to themselves and attract male attention in a safe environment. They are simply using the political angle as an excuse to flaunt their sexuality and be cheered on for it.

All they are really demonstrating is that if there ever was any dignity inherent in American feminism, it is long gone.

Is There Hope for Single Women Past 30?

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It's kind of curious to see how so many women complain about men's "extended adolescence" when so many of them put off marriage and children until the very last minute. For a woman, growing up has even more to do with marriage and childrearing than it does for a man. However, as usual, the blame for women's extended period of screwing around in school, some corporate job or whatever they choose falls on "immature men."

A lot of these women could easily have settled down with some decent guy in their twenties and put off the graduate degree and career for long enough to have a couple kids and raise them to school age, when she can go back to work. For a typical woman in her mid-20s, she could accomplish this quite realistically by her early 30s, and then, if she wants, she could go back to work, get that higher degree, or start some small business. In fact, a lot of what people (men and women alike) do in their 20s is a wash in many cases anyway, so it would probably at least guarantee she did something productive during that period.

But there are no do-overs where age is concerned, so we find a large pool of single women in their 30s suddenly deciding that they want the family that would have been best started some ten years earlier. These women are staring the "game changer" right in the face, and finding that although they thought they could hold out for something better, it is suddenly the men of similar age who have that option. Hence all the endless whining and complaining about men being "afraid of commitment" or "immature."

This is the root of all these complaints — the women making them are upset about the fact that men will not commit to them, personally. Ironically, the same men would have been much more eager to do so some ten years prior, but things have changed.

So what is a potential solution for these women facing a ticking biological clock and a much more difficult mating market? Unfortunately, for many of them there probably is none. Too many guys over the age of 35 have grown cynical, know that the pickings are easy, and are far from excited about the prospect of settling down with a harried wife and chaotic children. Young men are idealists, and really clueless. I was one at one point. I loved the idea of family and children, and could only imagine happy times with kids and domestic intimacy as some kind of heaven on earth. The reality turned out to be far different, but I still wouldn't change things — kids often have a very strong pull on one's heart.

This idealism wanes fast for men. Those who haven't had kids by 40 are not likely to ever do so, so what is the career woman in her 30s to do?

I don't know that I should even give women any advice on the subject, because the issue is fraught with danger for men, but the word will get out there one way or the other so might as well.

For women who have aged out of the prime mating market and are approaching the game-changing event that occurs in the mid-30s, there is still some hope, but it involves a betrayal of feminist principles as well as setting aside some of her youthful expectations.

There is one group of men out there who are more likely to look favorably on the idea of a more mature woman with a career, and possibly having a kid or two with her. Given the financial, emotional and practical realities of divorce and custody issues, divorced fathers are a relatively easy catch for a woman who is past her prime mating and marriage years.

Men in this situation have generally proven that they are willing to be parents, settle down and give it a go. Some have rejected the idea entirely, but by no means all. They are also more likely to value a woman who can support herself and will be much more hesitant about getting involved with another young, unproven woman. Most will be emotionally and financially damaged to some extent, but if they survived the divorce onslaught and managed to keep it together to some extent they've proven themselves fairly resilient, resourceful people.

A lot of women dislike the idea of getting involved with a man who already has children, but such a man is nowhere near the liability a single mother is. Although single mothers are almost universally made out to be victims in mainstream culture, these days the opposite is generally the truth — they have victimized some man in their life with no regard for him or even the children she had with him. Men rarely do that, and they are prevented from doing so by the law in any event, so a single father is not much of a risk in that regard.

Finally, the guy already knows how to handle kids. He won't be starting from scratch. This makes a big difference, and if he does go along with the idea to have another kid, it's going to be much easier than it will with a childless man of equivalent age who has already become rather set in his ways and habits.

So, for the women who are complaining about men who "won't grow up," the problem is that they haven't considered that there are plenty of men who already have, and got burned for doing so. These women actually have an opportunity that is better than fair, and gives them a break they never would have had in days past.

Like so many other things today, the field is tilted in favor of women even when they've missed their first chance. So, next time you hear some woman whining about how men won't commit, remember that there's absolutely no reason to feel sorry for her. Due to the reality that divorced men face today, she still has plenty of options, and if she still can't figure that out then, really, who's the one who hasn't grown up?

FIRE Throws Down Gauntlet over Orwellian Campus Sex Policy

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FIRE, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, has sent a strongly worded letter to the Department of Education's misnamed Office for Civil Rights expressing deep concern over new standards of proof to be in used in accusations of sexual harassment or assault. The feds recently passed a law mandating that schools adopt a "preponderance of evidence standard" in such cases, backed with the ominous threat of withdrawal of federal funding, which these days is a grave threat indeed.

Excerpt:

> II. Right to Due Process
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> OCR's April 4 letter mandates that recipient institutions implement certain procedures governing responses to allegations of sexual harassment and sexual violence. While some of these newly announced requirements are beyond the scope of FIRE's mission, others implicate due process rights and call into question the basic fairness of disciplinary proceedings against those students accused of sexual harassment and sexual violence. Given the extreme gravity of such accusations and the potential impact of a guilty finding, FIRE is deeply concerned that OCR's new requirements erode necessary due process protections.
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> A. Standard of Proof
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> OCR's April 4 letter mandates that colleges and universities receiving federal assistance must employ a "preponderance of the evidence" standard within their grievance procedures governing sexual harassment and sexual violence in order to satisfy their legal obligations under Title IX. Specifically, the April 4 letter dictates:
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> > [I]n order for a school's grievance procedures to be consistent with Title IX standards, the school must use a preponderance of the evidence standard (i.e., it is more likely than not that sexual harassment or violence occurred). The "clear and convincing" standard (i.e., it is highly probable or reasonably certain that the sexual harassment or violence occurred), currently used by some schools, is a higher standard of proof. Grievance procedures that use this higher standard are inconsistent with the standard of proof established for violations of the civil rights laws, and are thus not equitable under Title IX. Therefore, preponderance of the evidence is the appropriate standard for investigating allegations of sexual harassment or violence.
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> The letter makes clear that schools maintaining a higher evidentiary standard-such as the "clear and convincing" standard-for disciplinary procedures involving allegations of sexual harassment and sexual violence will be subject to OCR review. As the letter states: "In addressing complaints filed with OCR under Title IX, OCR reviews a school's procedures to determine whether the school is using a preponderance of the evidence standard to evaluate complaints."
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> In mandating that schools adopt a preponderance of the evidence standard in their grievance procedures governing sexual harassment and sexual violence allegations, OCR has broken significant—and troubling—new ground. In contrast to the April 4 mandate, the 2001 Guidance is silent with regard to the standard of proof required of schools' grievance procedures. While the 2001 Guidance stated that recipient institutions must maintain "grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints of discrimination on the basis of sex," it did not specify that a specific burden of proof must be employed in university grievance procedures. Indeed, the 2001 Guidance granted schools considerable autonomy in determining the particular protocols to be utilized on their campuses, noting that "[p]rocedures adopted by schools will vary considerably in detail, specificity, and components, reflecting differences in audiences, school sizes and administrative structures, State or local legal requirements, and past experience." However, the April 4 letter's mandate revokes this discretion-and with it, schools' ability to grant students due process protections that are

> appropriate for the gravity of the offenses of which they are accused.

What is most interesting about the letter is that it indicates that the left is finally starting to take issue with some of the more repressive and draconian measures to enforce militant feminism. When movements start out with some legitimate grievances, the left tends to support their excesses for a period of time, but eventually clearer-headed types begin to see the excesses for what they are: the same supremacism they sought to combat from the beginning.

It is becoming increasingly clear that whatever grievances that existed in the beginning of second wave feminism no longer exist, or are nearing the point of irrelevance, and additional measures are undertaken purely in self-interest to the detriment of innocents. The new policy on sexual assault on campus all but guarantees that innocent men and boys will pay a heavy price for feminist supremacy, and anyone with a sense of social justice and moral balance cannot support it in good conscience.

Although it will likely start slowly, I think we'll see more resistance of feminism from the left in coming years, and soon the aging feminist power brokers will come to be seen as reactionaries themselves.

Single Mothers vs. Single Fathers

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A few readers took issue with yesterday's post suggesting that single, 30-something women were lucky in that they still had access to a pool of decent men — divorced fathers. A couple readers thought I was suggesting that divorced men should take on single mothers, so perhaps I should make myself clear:

Single *childless* women past 30 may be appropriate for divorced fathers, but single mothers are a big liability these days.

Why is this? Well, let's start with the obvious. Single mothers are overwhelmingly so by choice. Aside from the small number of widows and women whose husbands ran off on their families, single women with children made the conscious choice to put themselves in that situation. This is a choice that has been celebrated at least since Murphy Brown decided to become a single mother on TV back in the early 90s.

Single fathers, on the other hand, are overwhelmingly victims of circumstances. Men have no control over female reproduction, so they cannot abort their children. Men who run off from their families are subject to confiscatory measures on behalf of the mother, and most of them know this and avoid doing so. Women overwhelmingly file for divorce, especially when children and custody issues are involved.

These circumstances exert strong pressure on men, forcing them to stick by their families through thick and thin. Men will put up with a great deal before divorcing their wives.

Since the late 80s, women, on the other hand, have choices every step of the way. They can terminate their pregnancies, they can leave their husbands with some guarantee of custody and support, and they are very often recipients of welfare (e.g. WIC — Women with Infants and Children).

Therefore, single mothers are overwhelmingly women who have:

a. Left their children's father

b. Subjected their children's father to state confiscation

c. Deprived their children of a father figure

d. Relied on others to involuntarily support their choice

Why on earth would a man want a woman like that? Only a fool would think such a woman was a safe bet. Even leaving aside the problems inherent in mixed families, what guarantee is there that she won't simply repeat what she's already proven herself capable of at some point in the future?

Single and divorced fathers, on the other hand, are men who have proven loyalty to their children, have "done their duty" despite the fact that the orders and judgments were unfair, and are not generally responsible for the demise of their marriages (most divorces are filed for "irreconcilable differences" – not abuse or infidelity – by the wife).

Given these circumstances, it doesn't matter much whether men or women are different — the realities of contemporary law have created an imbalance that clearly puts men at a disadvantage in divorce and custody. When such an imbalance exists, those who take advantage of it, i.e. single mothers, have demonstrated their own low character, whereas those victimized by it have no reason to feel ashamed.

Today, there is no equivalency between single mothers and single fathers, and men would be well-advised to avoid single mothers in all but exceptional circumstances.

Omega in the Ruff: A Learning Review of “ONE HOUR PHOTO”

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By Ken Knight

ONE HOUR PHOTO ~Directed by Mark Romanek (2002) starring Robin Williams is a “stalker” themed motion picture featuring the comedian genius Robin Williams in arguably the most intense role of his career to date. The Film did relatively well at the Box Office and in DVD sales as a thriller exploring one lonely single man’s voyeuristic life as a Photo-Tech at a “SAV MART” discount department store somewhere/anywhere in suburban America. Watching this film however, whether you are married or single, you will find a little more to it than that!

Seymour “Sy” Parrish is a middle-aged white male living alone in a “downtown” apartment which is furnished for one solitary occupant who is never expecting visitors and whose job defines him identity-wise, working as a Photo-Tech at the department store’s mini-lab, a profession he’s held for 20 years. The film quickly exhibits that Sy has had a decade-long fixation on one particular family whose photos he’s been developing: The “Yorkins”, a thirty-something suburban couple with one ten year old son named Jake. It has been said that children are naturally intuitive so we see in the opening salvos of this film Young Jake sensing that Sy “The Photo Guy” Parrish (whom he visits every time his mother goes to SAV-MART) is lonely without a family of his own, no wife, no girlfriend, etc. and feels sorry for him. At this point the film shows us how really lonely/solitary the character of Sy Parrish truly is, showing the extent Sy has been keeping tabs on the Yorkin family, an entire wall filled with extra copies of the photos the Yorkins had developed over the past 10 years (stealing photo-copies gets Sy fired later on) and that he secretly views himself as their “Uncle Sy”, fantasizing that he’s a part of their family since they have been nice to him over the years.

The character Sy Parrish is painfully portrayed as the ultimate “Omega” male in American society, a man who is never popular, never athletic, no family of his own, never has a girlfriend (i.e. never gets laid!) usually dresses bland, lives alone with a pet hamster, physically soft, “quirky” and lacking in social skills…the kind of guy most other men ignore and women never give the time of day. Seen as pitiful and sympathetic to some viewers of the film and yet “creepy” and irritating by others, Sy Parrish envies the Yorkin family and the seemingly “ideal” family-life he imagines they lead, to the point that he injects himself in stalker-like times with each one of the Yorkins to fulfill his fantasy as “welcome” among them. What Sy fails to see (until it is too late) is that the Yorkin’s family-life is anything but picture-perfect!

The character of Nina Yorkin is an over-spending, “keep up with the Joneses” housewife driving her husband Will to work harder and longer in order to keep up with her expenditures. When Will confronts his wife about her bankrupting habits, she retorts that he is an “emotionally-neglectful” husband and father! (yep, all his fault for working hard to provide for a gold-digger wife). Far be it for Hollywood to portray the wife as the villain in this film, it turns out that Will Yorkin is having an affair with a female co-worker named Maia Burston, an affair Sy Parrish accidentally discovers when he develops photos the mistress turns in. Sy’s idealistic image of the Yorkin couple is completely shattered and on his last day at the photo-lab he puts one of the incriminating photos in Mina Yorkin’s packet for her and Jake to see (yes, a douche thing to do but Sy begins his “revenge” trip after being fired from his beloved Photo-lab job around the same time he finds the Yorkins are not Ozzy and Harriet). Sy then discovers Nina Yorkin doesn’t appear to give a shit about her husband’s affair as he watches them eat dinner in their home as he sits out at the street.(Why ruin a good dinner when she had her husband by the balls anyway?). With the Yorkin family he envied and idealized not being the picture-perfect family unit he so desperately wanted for himself, and no longer doing the job he felt important in doing, Sy’s own loneliness increases two-fold and in typical Hollywood “creep” fashion, he lashes out at his former boss as well as Will Yorkin who is hammering his hot mistress at a local Hotel.

This film has its complicated “villain” in Sy Parrish and the Marriage 2.0 example of The Yorkins he is systematically stalking is shown as the “victim” by the film’s ending, though the real victim in this tale is the single

male “Omega” who should not have envied what other people have, for how wrong he was in his assessment of a married couple! The enigmatic “Loser” who lives alone without wives, kids, divorce-decrees, child-support / alimony payments….became ensconced with the demon of ENVY and sought a taste of someone else’s life! What is not said in this film is the social “pariah” (Sy) is considered a “loser” simply because he is a single man of middle-age. Sy saw a married couple (Marriage 2.0) and in the general social expectation of wife/house/kids-or-else **wanted those things for himself**, or to at least be around such things since he could not seem to acquire wife/house/kids-or-else all on his own.

How many single men have suffered from the same “expectation” and lost their damn mind chasing the lives of others who are married with kids, wives with boob-jobs, kids who may or may not be theirs, subprime-mortgages, et al? (though maybe not physical stalking as Sy Parrish carried out). How many single men have gone green with envy over the lives of couples and families, pursuing that life for themselves because that is what is “expected” of a man? “Marriage 2.0” (as clearly defined by the fictional Yorkin family) is a surrealistic nightmare for countless denizens who may have imagined the same idealistic “family life” Sy Parrish did during his lonely apartment sojourns in the film. *Maybe* if Sy Parrish could have been patient enough to see the end-result of the Yorkin Marriage 2.0 > divorce papers, Family Court Judge, lawyers’ fees, husband kicked out of his house while forced to still pay for it, child support and visitation hours determined by the ex-wife, alimony to the non-working-ex-wife, and the mistress bailing as soon as lover boy’s bank account is drained….Sy would have taken his boss’s advice and gone on vacation to Club Med rather than stalk a married couple.

Whoever said a fictional film can’t be a lesson? ONE HOUR PHOTO points out a great example to follow in hindsight for Single men: do not bother to envy the lives of others ~ particularly the lives of married/engaged couples because the married man has more to lose than you do, and he often does exactly that….LOSE!

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On The Royal Wedding and Female Empowerment

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By Petra

The Royal wedding and accompanying media frenzy are finally over. The masses got to celebrate an opulent, fancy show and can now go back to their reality TV.

The Royal family has presented a fresh, modern face to the world, proving it keeps with the times… with a nice, politically correct wedding. Let's wish the couple a long and successful marriage and hope the very modern, progressive wedding vows will not prove to have been a bad omen for their union.

Now, this may seem a silly little issue to pick on, but, would it have been too intolerably oppressive for Kate Middleton to have kept to the traditional vows including promising to 'obey' her husband? Yes, I know such a thing is not just hopelessly out of fashion but considered almost a crime against their human rights by feminists and millions of brainwashed modern women. But if the Royals won't preserve the last remnants of tradition, who will? And what's the point of Monarchy if not tradition?

Of course Kate Middleton wasn't the first to break with royal tradition. No, she had a great role model at that; Princess Diana refused to promise to obey Charles in her wedding vows thirty years ago. And we know just how well suited she proved to be for her role and responsibilities. Some example to follow…

While Diana's break of protocol caused a scandal at the time, Middleton was praised for her decision to ditch the promise to obey. We've become so much more enlightened and 'progressive' since then, after all. What modern woman could possibly accept such an offensive, oppressive, sexist, paternalistic monstrosity?

Undoubtedly the decision to modernize the vows was taken to show the Monarchy being in step with contemporary culture and to present the new Duchess of Cambridge as a thoroughly modern woman and role model for millions of young women throughout Britain. And that's the biggest tragedy of it all… The country doesn't need any more progressive 'role models' infected with feminist ideology. What we do need, if this society is ever to reverse the present degeneration, are those who stand up for traditional values and mores.

Of course vows don't mean much these days anyway, and barely anyone entering into marriage really takes them seriously. But even the symbolic value is enough to offend feminist sensibilities and so vows must be 'fixed' and politically corrected. Am I alone in thinking that a bride's revolt to say traditional vows (as well as, for instance, the increasingly widespread refusal to take the husband's surname) is a bad sign for the health and longevity of a marriage?

Marriage today is, to many women, just an extravagant social occasion and party, their very own 'princess' fantasy. It doesn't seem to include any consideration on what marriage really means, much less on how to be a good wife. Undoubtedly the mere concept of a 'good wife' would be deemed oppressive these days. *(Are you saying women should have responsibilities and not just rights?!)* After all, millions of women feel entitled to ditch their marriages and perfectly decent husbands for no better reason than feeling bored or 'unfulfilled'. The princesses deserve to be happy – and if they harm their husbands and children in their insatiable quest for fulfillment, so be it!

To see to what extent our decaying society has succumbed to feminist ideas (and cultural Marxism/political correctness in general)… even the church has become completely infested with the misguided, morally bankrupt dogmas. Granted, if any church has eagerly embraced liberalism and political correctness it's the Church of England; so one should hardly be too surprised to hear Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury's views on the vow of obedience.

(In 2006 guidelines) he stated that a wife promising to 'obey' her husband was an outdated concept that could even justify domestic violence (!). Not surprising, I suppose, coming from a church leader who supports women- and gay clergy and gay marriages, in clear breach of Christian principles. It seems only a hopeless optimist could expect the

(Anglican) church to promote traditional marriage and sound morality instead of trying to redefine Christian values to fit the moral inversion of our era. (And anyway, why should we, as the enlightened, progressive people we are, want to promote such an antiquated, oppressive institution as marriage?)

But why are modern women so scared of traditional marriage vows?

Apparently, ditching them is proof of being a strong, independent woman demanding 'equality' in marriage. Of course! What else? Our ever-present equality delusion! Gender is, after all, just a social construct (or so we are told) and no real differences between men and women exist; ergo, all traditional gender roles must be evil, sexist and discriminatory. Has there *ever* been a civilization suffering from as complete a denial of reality as we do?

Of course promising to 'obey' one's husband has nothing to do with being oppressed, a second class citizen with no power or say in a relationship, or a servant to a man. It's a statement of trust and respect, acknowledging the authority of the man as head of family, responsible for and dedicated to his wife's and their children's welfare. Despite us wanting to pretend otherwise, a woman's natural role is to be loving, nurturing and supportive in a relationship. When women usurp the masculine role (power and leadership) and emasculate men it doesn't bode well for marriage.

Women are deluded in thinking they have been 'liberated' from some imaginary shackles, when in fact they've only sabotaged themselves and contributed a great deal to the rotten state of our society. The anti-male bias is ever present in the West today; we are 'empowering' females at the expense of males and conditioning women to disparage men.

The self-absorption and sense of entitlement of today's women make it nearly impossible to form healthy, sustainable marriages and relationships. The results can be seen all around us; disintegration of family, sky-high divorce rates (over 70% of divorces are initiated by women, and nearly 90% among college-educated couples), rampant single motherhood, culture of welfare dependence, damaged children growing up without a father figure, sexual depravity (especially exhibited by young women), drug abuse, and a general lack of values and mores. It is well documented that children brought up by married parents fare considerably better in all aspects of life than those raised by single or co-habiting parents. But who cares about children? As long as women are 'empowered' and feel good…

Of course I don't expect the progressive women of today to agree with any of this. After all, if they did, they would have given up one of their favorite excuses to scream *'discrimination!'* Imagine the catastrophic consequences of admitting women have long been enjoying – and often abusing – a privileged and protected status (as the 'oppressed sex'): less ability to blame men for any and all problems and bad outcomes, less affirmative action benefiting the undeserving, fewer rewards for 'discrimination' claims.

The truth is that a woman *can* be intelligent, independent and strong and yet find it perfectly natural and satisfying to let her husband lead and be the head of the family. You may think that traditional marriage is an oppressive, antiquated institution that should be rooted out. But if you don't, here's an idea: Let your man be a man, show him the respect he deserves… it will do miracles for your marriage. And, if replicated enough, it might just save our fallen society.

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Isn't it ironic that so many self-proclaimed 'strong' women consider themselves entitled to special treatment and privileges yet are unwilling to accept any corresponding responsibility? And what about pride of being 'independent' from any *one* specific man while demanding support (in a myriad different ways) by the state apparatus (paid for by *many* men – taxpayers)? How about intelligence? Would an intelligent person pursue their short term gratification at the cost of destruction of family, morality, social fabric (while dooming their own offspring to suffer the consequences)? So much for the myth of the strong, independent and intelligent modern female.

What's truly sad is that women don't realize they have been serving as an instrument of cultural Marxism and, having swallowed its propaganda, allowed themselves to be manipulated and used to destroy society.

Gramsci and other Marxist disciples realized that the Christian culture in the West was an obstacle standing in the way of a communist conquest, and in order to succeed Marxism had to make a "long march through the culture", discrediting and undermining all foundations and values. The culture and institutions had to be radically transformed and the social and cultural order turned upside down (Gramsci envisioned a 'new proletariat' of women, racial and sexual minorities and even criminals placed in power).

And indeed today our schools, colleges, academia, media, entertainment industry, civic organizations and government have been fully converted to cultural Marxism and are almost universally hostile to family, traditional sex roles, Christianity and traditional morality.

People can't be taken over by Marxist ideas while they have refuge in their religion, families, culture and convictions; once they lose those traditional supports they only have the government to go to, and the path to socialism and communism is cleared. Family is the building block of a nation's middle class; by destroying (family and hence) the middle class one can ruin the economic engine and capitalism itself.

Marxists clearly identified family and religion (as well as nation, property) as targets for destruction. The chief tactics – invalidating traditional gender roles and promoting dysfunctional social structures as normal (including single motherhood, same-sex marriage etc), endlessly portraying marriage and family as oppressive, painting fathers as restrictive and controlling and men as exploiters, propagating sexual revolution and 'free love', legalizing abortion and making it acceptable and accessible, attacking Christian institutions and values, encouraging youth and women to reject Christian morality, monogamy, parental and church authority, etc. Divorce, promoted as understandable and always justified, was made ridiculously easy (no-fault) and wives have been incentivized to leave their husbands (taking their money and children with them).

The bored baby-boomers were the first generation to really have swallowed the cultural Marxist propaganda whole. Hundreds of millions have since been indoctrinated with the new morally inverted 'values'. Today cultural Marxism has completely overtaken Western society.

Women, who eagerly jumped on the 'empowerment' and 'liberation' bandwagon (just as Marx and his disciples foresaw), have been instrumental in the dissolution of family and traditional values. Worst of all, not only are they unaware of what's taken place, they are seemingly proud of the hubris they helped create.

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[Note: Naturally this may not apply to all women; but to shockingly many.]

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Before I sign off, here are just a few of the countless recent examples of the absurdity and intolerance of the sickening brand of feminism that has taken over life in Britain.

Glencore chairman attacked over "sexist and primitive" views (i.e. for stating perfectly obvious truths)

Sky Sports football pundit sacked over "sexist tirades" (off-air comments about female referee)

Outrage over David Cameron's "hideously sexist and patronizing remark" ('calm down, dear')

NAWALT Is True, So What's The Problem?

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NAWALT – Not All Women Are Like That – is in fact true, so what's the real reason this argument has been forcefully rejected by so many men? We all know that there are good women out there, including some who comment here, in our families, at work and in neighborhoods all over the land, so why shouldn't we listen to women who tell us this is the case?

What it really comes down to is risk. The problem is not that all women are horrible — it's simply that a lot of them are, and we have no assurance that the nice girl who is smiling and saying she loves you won't at some point destroy your life. The reality today is that a woman *does* have that power, just like a round in a revolver's chamber.

So, to men who have been through the wringer, when a woman says "not all women are like that," what we hear sounds like "not all chambers in that revolver are loaded." The suggestion, of course, is that because not all women are like that, we might as well give it another try.

If somebody handed you a revolver with three loaded chambers and three empty ones and said, "go ahead and aim this at your head and pull the trigger — not all the chambers are loaded," would you go along with the suggestion? Of course not. It would be sheer folly.

So the issue is not that all women are lousy, but rather that the consequences of marrying one who is are extremely serious. And, unfortunately, young, marriage-minded men tend not to be all that discerning.

Unfortunately, decent women are paying the price for the selfish, destructive behavior of those with no scruples and no sense of responsibility to their families. Many of these decent women may feel hurt by the rejection of the NAWALT argument, because they truly do not see themselves as all that bad, but there is a fundamental flaw in their approach to the issue.

The problem is that, in general, women are reluctant to give up their advantages in family law to even the playing field. Perhaps this is because those women who are not the type to destroy their husbands' and children's lives have some worries that they may be taken advantage of themselves. Perhaps they feel that it isn't an issue because they don't see themselves ever doing something like that.

But the consequences of this imbalance are starting to catch up to those women who really "aren't like that." Today, they are less likely to find a man willing to marry them, and more likely to be used and abandoned at the first hint of commitment. Society at large is increasingly skeptical about the virtues of women, and the word is bubbling up from the grass roots that women are a risky proposition.

The obvious solution would be for women themselves to take a harder line on the less responsible members of their own sex, but unfortunately that will probably not happen until the damage has already been done. People in general tend to react to problems rather than take preventative measures — it's part of human nature.

However, women who care at all about the destruction of the family, hostility toward marriage and the gender war should at least have some understanding of what's behind the contemptuous reaction to NAWALT:

It isn't about you, it isn't about all women, and it isn't even a reflection of any particular man's personal attitude toward marriage or relationships; it simply reflects the very difficult, risky situation today's men find themselves in.

Until the laws are reformed and some balance is restored to relationships, men who care at all about their lives will have no choice but to regard any woman he becomes involved with as a loaded gun pointed straight at him.

Slut Walk Documentation Project

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Roissy recently called for a "Pimp Walk" in response to the national slut walks, and Jack suggested I go take some photos and make a "hall of shame" post a la zombietime.com when they march in Seattle. If I have the time, I think I'll do that, even though I expect the slutwalk in Seattle to be underwhelming.

However, I think it would be fun to post as many funny pictures from these slutwalks as possible, so if any readers want to go out and get some shots I'd be happy to post the photos up here on *The Spearhead*.

The slutwalk schedule can be found here, and from the looks of it these slutwalks are being held throughout the English-speaking world.

So, if you've got the time and a digital camera, and you think the slutwalks might be amusing, go for it and send your best shots here.

Comment of the Week: Women Are All Like That

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[Editor: Laura Grace Robbins offered a very convincing response to yesterday's NAWALT post.

Short and sweet it is, and undeniably true.

I stand corrected...

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Laura:

Women are all like that. It it the default or primal position. If one is to rise out of that they have to continually be consciously aware that they can be “like that” at any minute and have to always keep themselves one step ahead. This just doesn’t happen much though because being so consciously aware takes a lot of work and a willingness to accept a fallen nature. It is much easier to blame men than to look inwards (i.e., “men make me “like that”).

Being like that as a default position is why the same sort of behavior often manifests in the conservative/traditional/Christian women. It is the baseline. Slapping some title on yourself like those does not absolve you of your sinful nature. They think they are absolved though because they are cushioned behind their “traditionalist”, etc., title who believe in morals, family, marriage, etc., so, therefore they can’t possibly be “like that”.

Man Demands Obedience from Women, is Rewarded With Over 100 Wives

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Bello Maasaba of Nigeria, father to 185, husband to 107 so far, receives adulation wherever he goes. An Islamic faith healer, he commands a hefty price for his services, despite the fact that he eschews modern medicine. Although 87 years old, his youngest wife is 19, and he continues to marry new women who take his fancy.

According to Robyn Dixon, writing for the LA Times, he chooses his wives for obedience and submissive qualities. Given his great success with women, perhaps this explains something about what women themselves want. If taking a position of authority were not attractive to women, how could he possibly hope to attract so many?

To be honest, I'm sure there's more to the story than this. However, according to the women themselves, there was never any forcible compulsion in the relationships. I'm sure that most of them are satisfied with the setup, and perfectly at ease submitting to their elderly husband's authority. There is no doubt that, contrary to what feminists would have us believe, women actually prefer high-status husbands who can claim authority. This shows up time and again in high-status women's complaints that there aren't enough men for them, when in fact they have plenty of lower-status men to choose from.

But back to what's really going on with Mr. Maasaba, I can state with some certainty that a high-status African man isn't going to put up all those women without demanding that they provide to some extent for themselves. Additionally, faith healing often involves some "special medicine," so I don't think I'd be going too far out on a limb here in assuming that he is actually a very successful pimp who puts his "wives" to work for him.

It's pretty funny that Westerners seem to take it for granted that he has an exclusive relationship with around a hundred women, but people tend to be unable to see past their own cultural paradigm.

In any event, there's no denying that the man is the master of his own house, and lots – tons, actually – of women are perfectly happy with that.

Again, watch what they do, and don't listen to what they say.

No Laughing Matter

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Evidently, Mary N. Kellett, chief feminist kommissar of Maine, has demanded that a judge shut up men's media outlets and activists so that she may more successfully prosecute men on flimsy criminal cases.

Kellett was denied on Constitutional grounds, but don't think for a moment that this will discourage these people. They don't care about the Constitution, due process, free speech or any of those trivial things that might slow down feminism. They've already proven they'll leverage sympathy for women to obtain whatever power they can squeeze out of it, blithely destroying people's lives in the process. Their sycophants will cheer them on.

In the USSR, making a disparaging remark about Stalin could very well result in a bullet to the back of the head. Mary Kellett and her supporters are exactly the kind of people who would carry out such a program if given the opportunity.

Thank our activists, including Paul Elam and SAVE, for standing up to them. And don't forget for a moment that the people they are battling would sit by and smile to see us beaten and murdered to keep them in the positions of power they currently occupy, funded by our taxes, of course.

Fighting them is not just the right thing to do — it is necessary. In this case, people's lives are at stake. It IS that serious.

Marriage 2.5?

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By Rus Volga

Most of the arguments and articles about the dangers of marriage and the horrors of divorce seem to assume that the man is the primary breadwinner, and that the woman lives in his house.

But what if we stopped playing according to traditional norms and started taking advantage of the new rules? What if one was to marry a breadwinning wife? Instead of spending most of your time on a job, you could spend most of your time on other pursuits – hobbies, research on men's issues or anything else of interest, raising your kids or even just lounging on the couch once in a while.

The potential legal and social benefits are enormous. Divorce is no longer a threat, for one thing. At worst, you lose nothing and the ex loses nothing. At best, you stand to gain half of everything she owns. This will result in a more equitable distribution of power in the relationship. Instead of having to put up with a wifes excessive nagging and being forced to pander to her needs at economic gunpoint, a man can simply decide that she is out of line and leave. This will help keep her behavior acceptable, and remove any fear that a married man might have under more traditional roles. And as primary caretaker, men would be more likely to get primary custody than they are now.

Furthermore – and this is what i consider the most important part – it would put men back in the role as teachers to their children.
Men have always had a teaching role in society, from the earliest times as hunters and warriors to more recent times in the form of apprenticeships and the early educational system. We would be able to turn our daughters into good women, our boys into good men, and teach both to think.

There is no way to legally fight this without dropping the charade and openly making blatant anti-male laws. If enough men do this, things may eventually change for the better. But whatever change comes of this – or doesn't – at least we won't have to live in fear.

It Ain't in the Genes

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By Codebuster

Recently a number of our favourite MRAs have voiced their support for Evolutionary Psychology (EP) as an explanation for human behaviour and how, for example, gender roles arise within cultures. While we applaud their analytical thinking and their efforts to place things within a rational, scientific context, there are problems with EP theory. To put it bluntly, the Neo-Darwinian premise upon which much of EP is founded – with its reliance on genes best described within the context of genetic determinism and genocentrism – is fundamentally flawed. Having said that, though, EP has some redeeming aspects in that it represents the first serious attempt by our contemporary life sciences to integrate biology with culture. Indeed, it was the high priest of genetic determinism, Richard Dawkins himself, who introduced the concept of memetics to explain how ideas spread throughout culture.

But Dawkins is also the progenitor of the bad idea that we've come to know as the selfish gene. Memetics good, selfish gene bad. I suppose that only a person from a selfish culture would project onto the behaviour of genes the selfish priorities that he observes in the people around him.

So what's wrong with this mainstream paradigm that places so much importance on genetics? Some of us might be familiar with the term *reductionism*, as in "reductionist science". I don't like using this term, because I consider myself a reductionist of sorts. I am interested in the synthesis of ideas and their "reduction" to fundamental principles. *Determinism*, as in "genetic determinism" is a more appropriate term to describe the linear, simplistic notion of genes as the all-singing, all-dancing explanation for how life works.

Of course genes and DNA are very important. What is at stake is less their importance than how they work. And of course, how they work is way beyond topic here, but for the intellectually omnivorous, might I suggestbiophysics and quantum biology as good places to start. When we bring interpretations such as nonlocality into the equation, the metaphors borrowed from computer-speak just won't do. The brain is less a computer than it is acolony. Personality is less a program than it is a thought. But I digress.

This discussion about genes, Neo-Darwinism and evolutionary psychology is central to the so-called nature/nurture debate.

So why is genetic determinism such a bad idea? Its most pernicious effect is on our understanding of culture. The reality is that culture's power is all around us, we have to contend with it every day of our lives. And it is because of genetic determinism that we have failed to grasp this significance. We have little appreciation of the inextricable relationship between individual personality and culture.

Notice that my beef is less with EP than it is with genetic determinism. If we were able to extricate EP from its genocentric ball-and-chain, perhaps progress in the cognitive sciences would not be as hobbled as it is today. It's pointless labouring over explanations of this stuff, trying to explain something that I've spent many years putting together. So let's instead take a look at a brief list of simplified examples:

1. Accents, the habitual manner in which we implement our spoken language, is learned. When an adult who has lived in China comes to live in the Anglosphere, they learn to speak English with a distinctive Chinese accent. Is their accent in their genes? If it is, then why do their Anglo-raised children learn to speak English perfectly, virtually indistinguishable from the accent of everyone else from that part of the Anglosphere in which they are raised?
2. The fact that everyone in a culture shares the same accent suggests the broader reality that individual personality is at some basic level indistinguishable from cultural personality. Or, to put it another way, individual personality is a manifestation of cultural personality. Within any one culture there are different personalities, but each personality shares a common understanding as to the way the world works.

3. If you were born and raised in Italy or China or among a tribe of Kalahari bushmen or Trobriand Islanders, you would think, speak and act like an Italian, a Chinaman, a Kalahari bushman or a Trobriand Islander. Or do you really believe that you would still be you, with your same personality, your same motivations and your same accent? Very basic stuff really, and genes have nothing to do with it.
4. Do we know what happens when we raise a normally feral animal, such as a cat, among humans? It becomes domesticated. It acquires a sweet disposition that makes little girls want to lavish affection on it, rubbing their pretty little faces into the flee-infested furry bundle. The animal grows up to interpret our behaviour from the perspective of its own mind-body to behave with civility and companionship. It learns human culture. How could it not, given the affection lavished upon it? Of course our aspiring, furry bundle of proto-human can never be a fully functioning human, because it does not have the biology (such as hands or vocal chords) to acquire cultural sophistication. But one thing that our domesticated cat has left behind, at least in this one of its nine lives, is its feral wildness. Its sweet domestication is not programmed into the genes, and it bears no resemblance to the wildness of its feral counterpart.
5. Do we know what happens when we raise humans outside of culture, or among animals? Humans have their own feral counterpart to the domesticated animal.
6. The original US Constitution of the Founding Fathers, before it became the wreckage that it now stands for, asserted assumptions that were designed to impact on cultural evolution towards a higher purpose. In fact politics in general is a form of cultural engineering, whether their designers realize it or not. Cultural engineering has nothing whatsoever to do with genes. Nil, nada, zip. And yet it has a powerful impact on our personalities and what we become.
7. As Daniel Kahneman suggests, there are some recent developments in the cognitive sciences that allude to general principles, or “laws of mind”. Norman Doidge and Stefan Molyneux know that culture impacts on cognitive processes and how the brain is “wired”. They know, albeit from a rather clinical perspective, that our experiences and the choices we make shape our personalities.

To summarize what’s going on here. The thing that happens to a human in a culture is the same thing that happens to a stem-cell in a body. It lives within a context, and it becomes what it has to be, in order to conform to that context and thus fulfil its role. A chef, a nurse, a tradesman, a housewife, a policeman, an engineer, all are different responses to a context that places demands, and each response has its part to play in the survival of the unity that is culture. A stem-cell that finds itself in the medulla oblongata, or the visual cortex, or the cerebellum, also becomes the neuron that it has to be in order to conform to its context and meet the needs of its colony.

I could go on, but I’m sure we get the picture. Once we get our theory right, a whole bunch of stuff falls into place. What are *we* waiting for? Does this dearth of paradigm for a compelling life science not provide us with an opportunity to make our own mark on history in the most compelling and forceful way possible? At the very least we should try, given that so much of what we are being fed is garbage.

BUT WHY SHOULD THIS MATTER TO US?

The idea that gender roles might be 100% learned supports our case, because it addresses the question of choice, and the habituation of being taken care of versus the habituation of providing. It is because of our natural predispositions, not genetic programming, that equality remains every bit the impossible dream that Manuel Dexter says it is. Genes have nothing to do with it. Saying that it’s programmed in the genes does not add anything to the debate, but rather obscures it. Here are some of the things that women *choose* that impact on the privileges that they are able to enjoy – it’s the relationship between options, choice, desire, and how these things impact on personality:

1. Women *like* being provided-for. Who wouldn’t? And men happily oblige them, because women believe that they have something that men believe that they want. Men also know that the material goodies they want, no-one is going to give them out of the goodness of their hearts. Men know that they have no choice but to work for them.

Women as the provided-for sex are not made to suffer this inconvenience. No genes required.

2. Perhaps the only reason that women ever entertain the idea of "equality" in the workplace is because they've never had to work as a matter of survival, and so they grow up thinking that work is fun, a hobby, a choice, something you do if you like, something you do if your fancy takes you. In exactly the same way, little boys often want to grow up to be firemen – only to find that the reality is never what it seems, an inconvenience that most women need never face. And so women grow up imagining all sorts of fun and adventures taking place in a coal-mine or on a boat in a violent storm at sea. And then of course there are the women most likely to become feminists, too unattractive to enjoy the freebies that are routinely lavished upon their more attractive counterparts. Either way, the realities and demands of the workplace have always meant something quite different to men.
3. Women like and indulge in their rape fantasies. And when they throw caution to the wind to override their concern with being provided for, they are predisposed to selecting the types of men that conform to their fantasies. The women that choose brutes do not do so because selecting for brutes has a positive effect on the gene pool. Quite the opposite. If we left choice-making up to women, our next generation would be swinging from tree to tree, or gang-banging in Bonobo nirvana;
4. Women like taking the easy way out… and men happily indulge them. It's inherent in the condition of all life to seek the easier way out, to minimize stress. Men would do it too, if only an easier option were available to them. The fact that men do not is a matter of necessity, not genetic programming. Men know that they won't get the goodies and they won't get pussy unless they fulfil their side of the bargain. It ain't in the genes;
5. Women habituate irresponsibility, being provided for and allowing someone else to take the lead, because they can. They are simply fulfilling the first imperative that motivates all life, which is to minimize stress, maximize pleasure. Men would do it too… if only they could. But there is always a ready pool of men available to tote that barge, lift that bale. Saying that it's all in the genes is misleading nonsense;
6. Women have an escape-hatch in their role as stay-at-home mom. Men do not enjoy any such culturally-sanctioned permission, and those men that take it learn very quickly that they are about as popular as a beauty pageant at a leper colony.
7. To grasp the extent of the madness that is affirmative action is to understand how absurd it is to push women, for whom being provided for is a birthright, into jobs that they don't even care for, while denying men, for whom not providing is not an option, the work-rights and opportunities that are so important to self-respect and identity.
8. When applied properly, game can work because it enables a man to harness the immaturity of women for his own ends. The immaturity attributable to women not having to take responsibility for the choices they make is the immaturity that makes them predictable, predisposing them to the impulses of their rationality hamster. Game is important insofar as it enables a man to see through women's flightiness/insecurity and cues the appropriate responses that enable him to harness it. Roissy's compelling street-smarts are diminished when he invokes EP to try to explain it all.
9. Children first learn from their mommas what's important. And children take that learnin into adulthood and into culture. That's why child-abuse, that other dimension of domestic violence that everybody conveniently overlooks, is so important to us. Women are the primary abusers of children and so it follows that children first learn violence from their primary nurturer. You would think that this is a fairly important observation. But from MRAs? Nothing. Barely a peep. But the truth is that there is no need for MRAs to become defensive whenever the domestic violence fairytale (man as thug) is bandied about in the media. Whether or not women perpetrate domestic violence at the same rates that men do is irrelevant to the vastly simpler fact that adults get most of their learnin about the things that matter from their childhood, back when their primary nurturer laid down the rules of what is and is not permissible. That's why the genes-as-cause fiction is so harmful to our cause. It ain't in the fucking genes.
10. Ever heard of the schizophrenogenic mother? Or what about Thomas Szasz's Myth of mental illness? There

exists a confluence of compelling ideas that need to be re-examined with the debunking of political correctness. Political correctness has informed the contemporary debate on schizophrenogenic mothers, dismissing the phenomenon as having no basis in scientific fact. No surprises there. Heaven forbid, holding mothers accountable for anything at all, let alone the schizophrenia of their children. Here is a tongue-in-cheek site that provides 32 reasons why the schizophrenogenic mother concept is incorrect.

11. To understand the relationship between culture and personality is to understand the relationship between options and their impact on the choices that people make. It is to understand the ever-shifting laws of supply and demand, and how these relate to the motivations, conceptualizations and narratives that do the rounds within the context of culture and personality:
    - Our contraceptive technologies provided the spark for the sexual revolution, to lay the foundations for a new reality such that the purpose of sex with respect to procreation has been superseded by its purpose as a commodity or leisure activity, something that can be traded and marketed. And thus we can lay the blame for the latest gimmick doing the rounds, the slutwalks, at the feet of the contraceptive pill;
    - US Constitution, in its original form, provided the framework for options that made American freedoms possible and sustainable, to cultivate an American can-do attitude that inspired confidence;
    - Affirmative action and the other insidious revisions taking place in our zeitgeist represent a fundamental attack on the principles of the US Constitution and the options that Americans have enjoyed since the Founding Fathers. The new, starker reality is reflected in an increasing pessimism, men's soaring suicide rates and an economy going down the gurgler;

Explaining everything in terms of genetics sheds no light whatsoever on how these dynamics play out. Genocentrism is a whitewash that asserts, "What's there to explain? It's all in the genes, you dummy." Which of course, it isn't.

Do we see where I'm taking this? It's about choice, not genes. It's about making choices from the environment that we find ourselves in, and defining reality according to these subjective terms. Genocentrism dismisses that idea, confining it to a straight-jacket of irrelevance. But the truth is that we provide a much more forceful, compelling argument by taking genes out of the equation, rather than deferring to the assumption that it's all in the genes. Dexter's argument dismissing "equality" as a pipedream is much more compelling without having to bring genes into it.

Men can never enjoy women's babying privileges. These are forever denied to most men. The pussy-pass is slapped on pretty much every woman, whether she likes it or not, from the moment of her birth and most are likely to carry it with them, flashing it at every opportunity, to the day they die. That's why women have moral imperatives that are very different to those of men. No such pussy-pass is granted to men, and that's why men develop the skills and abilities that make men more competitive. Men are constantly being tested in the competition for survival. If you baby a human throughout his/her life, male or female, then he/she never stops being a baby. It ain't in the genes. If you mother a boy throughout his childhood and teens, then he becomes a momma's boy. It ain't in the fucking genes. Get it?

YOU WILL KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT

Isaac Newton provided the world with a brilliant yet simple paradigm to which our technologies bear testament. We see it and we know it. No such thing exists in the mainstream life sciences. In the mainstream life sciences, there is no equivalent to Isaac Newton's mechanics that we can look to and say, "yup, I get it."

A scientist devoting six years of his life to studying locust legs needs to get a life. He needs to get out more, lest he become a hospitalized autistic. He needs to seek a broader picture that synthesizes ideas from across different disciplines into a single framework of axioms that hang together. The answers to life's purpose are to be found

neither in a locust's leg, nor in any genetic blueprint that might account for it.

Feminists and liberals have already had a go at this systemic stuff. But when they began to suspect that these ideas were detrimental to their cause because no other theory was available that could so compellingly hold women to account, they began to abandon it. Or so it seems to me, anyways. Beyond autistic academics discussing the merits of these theories, the lefties have become silent for the most part. We may notice in my list of examples an absence of references to the leftist culture-gurus in fields such as linguistics (e.g., Ralph Nader, Margaret Mead). There is no reason whatsoever why fields such as linguistics or anthropology should remain the preserve of liberals.

The defensive knee-jerk reaction of MRAs to criticism of EP is misplaced. I used to be a proponent of EP, and I recognize that there is some good stuff there. But it's got too much baggage invested in genocentrism. Either divest that baggage or formulate a new paradigm. Let us take up where the liberals have left off.

In his very recent post, Was Jesus a mangina?, Paul Elam unwittingly enters into this very culture debate, because the question of what Jesus was strikes at the heart of the nature/nurture debate and the importance of culture. Paul is right. Jesus was not a mangina. He couldn't have been, because everything about his attitude and personality suggests a man who has risen beyond his culture. In all his narratives, Jesus was alluding to culture, in the sense of a collective good, except that in his time, the notion of culture was not properly articulated.

Jesus represented something that was from beyond the unquestioning complicity of earthly culture and its dumb, materialistic values. Jesus had as little to do with trumpet-blowing cherubs, Satan in fire and brimstone, or harp-strumming angels on fluffy white clouds as feminism has to do with justice, reason, or commonsense.

CONCLUSION

By focusing on this idea of genes as cause, we lose sight of how our lives are shaped by events. We lose sight of the fact that our lives and our identities are about learning and making choices from culture. We lose sight of the relationship between individual personality and cultural personality, individual personality and cultural heaven and hell, individual personality and cultural karma and nirvana. The reality is that we take our cues from our environment – every organism does – and for humans, that environment is culture. And every organism changes in accordance with what it learns through experience. These are not complex ideas and they are not new, though they represent a radical departure from the established contemporary paradigm ordained within the Church of Scientism.

It is impossible to appreciate how dumb our cultures are until we accept this shift in perspective.

Cultures are wholes. What is happening in one section of a culture reflects what is happening in another. Can we really trust the science of a culture that not only entertains a phenomenon as comprehensively idiotic as feminism, but also allows it to infect our politics and the legal system? Would you trust a thief with your wallet? Would you trust a pedophile with your child? There is no reason why we should place our trust in anything emanating from the Idiotsphere. Indeed, we have a duty to question every last thing about it.

Criminal Manages to Father 22 Children Despite Spending Most of Life Behind Bars

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Donald Holmes, a Seattle-area career criminal and sex offender, is facing involuntary commitment at a sex predator facility at the end of his most recent sentence.

The 65-year-old former sailor has spent over 40 years behind bars for various offenses, including child rape and check kiting. He is suspected to have engaged in pimping underage girls he would pick up from local schools.

Holmes has boasted of impregnating a mother and daughter simultaneously, and has received cash from women on a number of occasions.

One might think that his history and reputation would have slowed him down, but on the contrary it appears that women loved him all the more. Fathering 22 children is not easy even without spending so much time incarcerated, so one can only assume that his criminality had absolutely no ill effect on his success with women. In fact, it may have enhanced his love life.

Here again, we see that being a good man has nothing to do with one's success with women, and often is an impediment. One of the big lies of feminism is that women will shower affection on well-behaved men, and have no desire for the low-life thugs of society. Sadly, this is not the case.

Perhaps the most important message we can get out there to young men is that there is little connection between what turns women on and what is objectively good for society. It may be the most crippling myth of the Victorian era that women in general have utterly pure hearts and desires. Deep down, they are every bit the animals that men are. Which is not to say that they aren't human, but that their flaws are no less than our own.

Custody Bias Reveals Hypocrisy of Equality Feminists

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We often hear feminists – particularly of the male studies variety – speaking of "toxic masculinity," and how we must redefine masculinity to save society. Aside from the fact that the world is a better, safer and more humane place than it ever has been (largely due to the sacrifices of men) which renders this argument somewhat odd, there is precious little work being done on the part of these feminists to actually *reward* men who take on nontraditional roles.

The biggest and most important role, of course, is childrearing. This also happens to be a role that many men, taking into account the vast amount of custody litigation, clearly want. Additionally, given higher male unemployment, you'd think a lot of men could be doing more for society by helping raise their children rather than piling up child support arrears.

However, as much as you'll hear feminists whining about how they have to do all the work raising kids, as soon as a father asks for more time with his children he's immediately fingered as a bum who just doesn't want to fork over the child support.

This one issue – parenting – is the most important of all when it comes to relationships between men and women. In fact, it is the very reason men and women have relationships in the first place. Recognizing men's equal role as parents would do more to promote equality between the sexes than anything else, but when it comes to who gets the kids after divorce or separation, feminists either wholeheartedly support mother custody or remain silent. I can't think of one single prominent feminist who has promoted equal parenting, despite the fact that most of them claim to be all for equality in everything else.

Now, for the most part these feminists would say "it's in the best interests of the child," but they don't really care all that much about children. If they did, why would they reflexively support late term abortion of viable infants, which is legally recognized as murder in most states? Why do they throw their support behind child murderers such as Andrea Yates? No, it isn't that they are worried about the children — it's because it gives women the upper hand. And this is because men tend to care a a great deal about their children.

Gloria Steinem once wisely remarked that the most important thing for feminists to control was reproduction, and although she didn't put it in such explicit terms, this is because having complete control over childbearing and childrearing allows them to hold the most valuable hostages of all — our children.

There is plenty of research indicating that children with present fathers have far better prospects in life, and that biological fathers are less likely than any other caregivers, including mothers, to injure their children (some feminists include boyfriends and stepfathers as "fathers," thus distorting the data), and children who grow up with single fathers tend to do better than those growing up with single mothers. And, of course, ideally both parents participate in raising children, but it's pretty clear that a child's biological father is rarely a risk to his children, and far more likely to exert protective influence.

If feminists really want to force men to do their share of domestic work, there would be no better means of accomplishing that than mandating shared parenting. While I have my kids over, I do the equivalent of a ten hour day every day they are with me. Housework with the kids around is about 500% harder than without them, and that may be an underestimate. You have to do a couple loads of dishes a day, do a wash a day, pick up after them, drive them around, cook, shop, etc. It is real, honest work.

So why don't the Michael Kimmels and Gloria Steinems of the world, if they really care about equality, support equal parenting after divorce? Why do they focus on penal re-education for men, support odd, aberrant and useless things like transsexualism (i.e. castration), and focus on haranguing the relatively few men left in higher ed?

It's because they don't really care about equality. They are hypocrites. What they want is power for themselves and

their confederates. Kimmel wants to sell books and keep his department “relevant.” Steinem has faded from public view, presumably to enjoy an inheritance from David Bale. As much of a disaster as feminism has been for most of us, it’s been a great perk for many privileged men and women alike. Given that it’s been so useful for certain people, why ever would they want to pursue effective solutions when maintaining a high level of conflict between men and women has been so profitable to them?

Schwarzenegger Fathered Child Behind Feminist Wife's Back

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Schwarzenegger's fruitful dalliance with a "household staffer" some ten years ago is just coming to light, and it looks as though his marriage is done for. According to the LA Times, the "staffer" (apparently now a euphemism for concubine) was still sticking by her story that her then-husband fathered the child as of Monday. When confronted with Schwarzenegger's admission of paternity, she declined to comment.

The LA Times has unhelpfully and unnecessarily refrained from naming the staffer in question "to protect [her] privacy." Why an adulteress deserves such protection is a good question; it takes two to tango after all.

This particular staffer was probably only one out of many women Schwarzenegger slept with over the years. She likely was fully aware that he could get her pregnant, and despite being married went along with the sex anyway, possibly as a calculated move. According to a source, Schwarzenegger provided her with cash "from the beginning," and kept her employed until he stepped down as governor.

Now, the question is who spilled the beans? Was it the then-husband? Did he grow suspicious and test for paternity? If so, it would be very interesting to see whether the staffer was collecting child support from both Schwarzenegger AND her ex-husband. Wouldn't surprise me, but it's probably just as likely that the man was paid off — not to do so would be quite a risk to take for a politician. Of course, the staffer would have held all the cards, so that decision would have been up to her.

These kinds of cases demonstrate how sticky things have become since the traditional concept of legitimacy was essentially abandoned some time ago. For unmarried women and adulteresses this has been a blessing, but for wives and adulterous men it is often a serious problem. The solution, of course, is paternity testing at birth, which will obviate both the old and interim systems.

Ordinarily, I sympathize with women who have been betrayed by their husbands. Elizabeth Edwards comes to mind, as does the wife of that pathetic SC governor Mark Sanford. However, Maria Shriver is a committed feminist who has celebrated the victory of women over men, writing A Woman's Nation Changes Everything, a typical triumphalist feminist screed.

Here's an excerpt from her conclusion:

> As we move into this phase we're calling a woman's nation, women can turn their pivotal role as wage-earners, as consumers, as bosses, as opinion-shapers, as co-equal partners in whatever we do into a potent force for change. Emergent economic power gives women a new seat at the table — at the head of the table.

You see, the irony in all this is that Shriver probably really believed she was in charge and in control. Perhaps she acted that way. And what did it take to bring her down off her high horse? Why, just another woman. Probably a younger, prettier one. This is feminists' achilles heel — there's always a woman willing to leverage her sexuality to shove an aging feminist out of the way and claim the resources of the man supporting her. And paradoxically, feminists have given young women carte blanche to do so. I am increasingly entertaining the notion that feminism will begin to die as soon as the youngest feminist cohort begins to age out of the sexual marketplace. This should be all but accomplished within about ten years, as the last of the women born before 1980 hit 40.

Arnold's Babymomma — Arnold, We Hardly Knew Ye...

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Arnold's staffer, Mildred Patricia Baena, has published pictures of herself and her son by Arnold (yeah, the kid's his) on Myspace, and it really has to make a guy wonder what the hell the movie star was thinking. The only thing I can think of that might explain it is that Mildred Baena provided some emotional support that Maria Shriver, as an American woman trained to maintain an adversarial relationship with men, was incapable of providing.

This has echoes of the scandal concerning SC gov. Mark Sanford, who fell in love with an Argentine woman (who was much, much hotter than Mildred), and wrecked his family. Perhaps there is actually something to be said for the emotional basis for affairs, even where men are concerned, because I certainly can't think of any other explanation in this case. Foreign women generally provide a much higher level of emotional support than American women, and I can see how a powerful man could come to rely on that.

This will be humiliating for Arnold and Maria both. Human frailty is magnified by power, and here we are watching a high profile train wreck.

The Spatula

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By Izzey

I cannot look at one sometimes, without the memories of a year in my childhood. A tool used for flipping burgers or turning an omelet; a weapon of choice for discipline by a woman our mother entrusted her children to.

Our house had an unfortunate fire.

I was seven years old.

“Mommy, wake up, wake up! The house is on fire!”

I will never forget those words or the look of disbelief on our mother’s face, as she sprung into wide-awake action within seconds of my little brother and I announcing this fateful news. My sister Cheryl was downstairs in the living room crying with her long curly locks singed off. It was five a.m. and our mother who worked two jobs to support the four of us, was asleep for only three hours before we exploded into her bedroom.

The fire started in the kitchen. It would turn out to be an electrical fire surging through walls within minutes. The house was an old one. A house my father walked away from, for a different life. We were on our own here, with a mother that not only did not hate our father; loved her children more than her own life.

The smell of smoke was overwhelming.

“Where’s Debbie?” she asked, not waiting for an answer. She could hear Cheryl crying at the bottom of the stairs so she knew where she was, yelling for her to stay put. She had Charlie in her arms, me by the hand, and was already running down the hall to Debbie’s bedroom door.

“Debbie, get up, we have to get out of the house” my mother said calmly- while aggressively pulling her out of bed. She had no time to react with my mother leading us down the stairs. We got to the bottom of the stairs, and she grabbed Cheryl by the hand, not able to address her screams or the sight of her hair that had been singed off. She shoved us out the door scooping up the car keys by the entrance, and then literally threw us all in the car. The car was on the side of the house that was burning. She would tell us later the reason she put all of us in the car and drove the car away from the house was because the car was what took her to work. (Save the children and the means to feed them) My mother was the rock of our lives, and the smartest woman on the planet.

One half of our house burned to the ground. The fireman came and saved my puppy in the kitchen before it was completely engulfed in flames. We found out my sister Cheryl was awoken by my brother, who had smelled the smoke. The kitchen had a door that was pulled closed by the vacuum of the fire, but was not a tightly sealed door. The back-draft that occurred when my sister opened it blew a flash-fire that singed her hair and eyebrows off, miraculously sparing her of a severely burned face and body.

We were alive but now homeless, with nothing but our pajamas on. My sister Cheryl was checked for injuries and burns…but not before the neighbors pointed and made fun, from the safety of their front stoops. My beautiful mother’s newly separated status; not popular with the ever-so-insecure dowdy housewives, that thought she might be ‘after’ any one of their husbands.

We stayed in a motel for a few weeks, with friends and family helping with clothing and food. Our mother went to work every day and night that she could arrange a babysitter, but it was too expensive to keep us in the motel and pay for a babysitter. She had to come up with another idea soon or we would be homeless and broke. A co-worker/friend suggested that she could care for us for a minimal amount of money, as long as my mother provided the food for us. She couldn’t work anymore because of some health issues; which her obesity complicated.

She lived in a huge house with her two children that were close to our ages. She was widowed just two years prior

to our dilemma, and my mother considered her to be a friend. Marianne was always overweight, but after her husband died her weight soared at an alarming rate, and we would find out later what an issue that was… her entire life.

My mother saw this as a temporary solution for all. She did not want us split up, and since Marianne lived near one of her jobs she could check on us often. She would sleep at my Nana's house, because she would be sleeping there only. My older sister Debbie would have the watchful eye of Nana, and all would be well until our house was rebuilt.

Or so she thought.

Our first day at Marianne's house was wonderful. It was filled with excitement and laughter. We reveled in our newfound sleeping space and yard to play in. Marianne had enough rooms for us to sleep comfortably, and she even had bunk beds. We settled into our new digs happier than we'd been in weeks. The first night in a bed by myself, I slept like a rock.

The rapid clattering of a spoon inside of a metal pot; woke us up.

"Everyone out of bed NOW!" she yelled while rapidly banging that pot, which reminded me of a homemade New Year's Eve noisemaker; only much louder and accompanied by an angry voice. We all ran towards the noise not knowing what was going on. "Who went into the freezer last night, and ate ice-cream sandwiches?" she demanded. I had never seen her look like this. Her housedress was unkempt from the night before, sporting spills of food or drink on the front of it. Her dark short wavy hair, looked like she was pulling it out or something. She was wild looking, as were her eyes; fixed in an angry stare at each of us, one by one.

I almost peed my pants. I looked over to her children, and they were practically standing at attention. I didn't know what to do, so I said, "I didn't have any ice-cream last night." As soon as I said it, I had a feeling I should not have spoken. What came next would confirm that…"Who told you to talk? Did I give you permission to speak?" she said, in-my-face yelling. "I thought you wanted someone to answer you" I said, ready for tears I was so scared.

She did it so fast; I felt it before I saw it.

The stinging burn on the side of my left thigh made me fall back into my brother Charlie, who was hiding behind me this whole time…scared to death. Charlie was only four years old. He was the last one born after three sisters came first. He was the baby, and we tried to watch out for him. I wasn't doing a great job at the moment; as I had fallen right on top of him screaming. "What did I do, why did you do that?" I asked crying, while rubbing the side of my stinging leg. "I did not give you permission to speak, and if you speak again, I will give you more of this" and pulled it back out from behind her back; a metal spatula. The kind of spatula they made in those days; a heavy-metal square one that had a thick handle just as lethal as the flat-end that swatted me. It was the sixties, when kitchen tools were made so solid they doubled as gardening tools…

This one could have plowed the back forty…without a blemish to its finish.

"Now get up." She said. And I did that quickly, pulling my brother up with me; both of us crying. "I want to know who ate two ice-cream sandwiches out of my freezer, and until the child that did it tells me, you will all stand here at attention…without food, water, or bathroom. That's the way it is done around here."

We were all quiet now. Standing at attention in the living room looking at each other with pleading eyes…hoping someone 'fessed up, so we could end this nightmare. I really had to go to the bathroom, and couldn't imagine the penalty for peeing your pants.

My sister Cheryl was holding my arm; pinching it almost. I was not paying attention to her at all. I knew she was right next to me but I never really looked at her. She was now pinching my arm for real, trying to get me to notice that she had indeed, wet her pants. I noticed it too late; the wild woman saw it first, and just before I was able to jump in front of my sister, the spatula whizzed right by me hitting my sister on the back as she was trying to turn around and run. A loud squeal came from my sister who was trying to stay behind me, holding on for dear life. We

were less than a year apart, but she was so much frailer than I. Plus she had her hair burned off… and I wanted to protect her with everything in my power.

“You can’t hit us, we aren’t your children” I said, as grown up as I could at the time. “Oh no? Who’s going to take you in, while your mother works to get your house back…do you want to go to a home for poor people? Do you want your mother to go away and leave you here with me forever because you are bad children? You will do what I say and live by my rules, or you can live in the street…do you want that?” she asked, but no one answered her; we just nodded “no” shaking our heads back and forth.

Back to the ice-cream we were; with no answers in sight. Marianne left us to use the bathroom herself leaving an opportunity for us to talk to each other. “Did you eat her ice cream?” I asked my brother, who probably couldn‘t even reach the freezer to begin with. “No, I didn’t…. not me, uh-uh.” He said, shaking his head. “What about you, Ann-Marie, Michael… did you?” I asked them like I was much older than my seven years. “Nope, neither one of us did…we know better.” She said, also shaking her head. I believed her, because of that woman. She would scare me into being the perfect child. That left only one of us; poor Cheryl Ann. She knew I was about to ask her and told me in a whisper-like voice, “I did it. I was so hungry when I went to bed. I got back up and ate them…am I gonna’ get hit again? Please don’t let her hit me, please Lisa.” She looked ready to cry again, and I hushed her telling her not to worry. She hadn’t eaten any of her dinner last night. She was a fussy nervous eater. The only one in the family. She hated vegetables, all of them. She would eat corn, but there was none of that. We had liver, mash potatoes, peas and carrots. Everything Cheryl hated.

Marianne came back from the bathroom and we were all hushed-quiet. She looked at every one of us, one-by-one again, and asked;” Okay, who ate my ice-cream?” She had a smirk on her face, like she knew she’d already won this round. “I did” I said, and braced myself for that cast-iron fly swatter to come at me again. It didn’t, and we were told to go to our rooms; she would call us when breakfast was ready–telling me to stay behind.

“Lisa, I knew it wasn’t you. Your love for your sister is to be admired. But that doesn’t mean you got away with anything, it just means I will watch more closely from now on. Your mother and I had a long conversation before you came here. She gave me free reign on the discipline. Maybe you’re not old enough to see it yet, but you are all really bad children. I will make you all good children again, you’ll see.”

I could not believe our mother said she could hit us.

She sent me to the room with the others and proceeded to make pancakes, like nothing happened. I was scared for us now. I was wondering how our mother who never hit us, could let this woman do it. I hated it here already…and we would be here for a couple of months, at least. She also warned me if I told our mother anything about her method of discipline, it would just get worse. There would be nothing to say anyway, if we behaved at all times.

Tell that to three children under the age of seven whose house had just burned down, and now had the devil incarnate as their full-time babysitter.

I will fast-forward to the “spatula game”

This game took place, when the beatings did not. We had managed to be good enough to get away with only a few beatings for things we didn’t think were so bad, like accidentally throwing a dodge ball into a rose bush; breaking off two roses. Two of us took a spatula for that… myself, one of them. She hit us in places not visible to our mother, because our mother didn’t see us undressed at night at that time. The rest of the world didn’t either, so she would not be found out by “accident.” She held emotional blackmail over our heads, like we knew better than to ruin our own lives by telling on her. She played a love/hate mind game…especially with food. The spatula game was a simple idea: beat her to the candy without getting hit…you get to keep the candy.

We would be in a bedroom kneeled around a bed. She would put candy in the middle of the bed. We had to have our hands flat in front of us on the bed at all times. We were kind of in a circle all spaced out around a square bed. She was at the head of the bed, with us spread out on both sides. The idea must have come to her when we were

being too good, because she seemed to really enjoy this game. It took us a while to get good at it, but one of us inevitably got swatted on the hands really hard before the night was over.

We had to try to quickly grab the candy from the center of the bed, one person at a time. She swatted that bed so hard sometimes, just missing our hands…surely taking a finger or two had she made contact. We got to keep the candy we grabbed…our reward for being faster than she.

One day, she was in really bad shape. She would binge-eat like an alcoholic on a bender. She hated herself the most when she did this. We got the spatula the most, when she did this. This one day, was the worst I had ever seen. She was crying a lot and yelling at everyone. We tried to stay out of her way; unsuccessfully.

My brother was running through the house, coming in from outside. She just lost it, right then and there. She picked up the spatula and whipped him hard with it. He was screaming, and she just kept whipping him on his legs and ass. I couldn't get there fast enough….he really got hurt. I was outside running in, as fast as my feet would carry me. I got in there, and just lunged at this obese creature that was hurting my brother. I took the spatula from her, and hit her with it….I couldn't stop hitting her…and her weight kept her from running.

That would be the last day she'd ever hit any of us. I told her I would kill her the next time she raised her spatula again." Just try me" I said…all of seven years old; and shaking from my newfound strength. She called our mother and told her she couldn't watch us too much longer; her health was failing and she had to make fast arrangements to settle us elsewhere.

Our house was almost ready. We moved back home within the week. Life was good again. We had our mother and our home back. We shared a united front for our mother's sake for a very long time.

Marianne beat her children until they took them away from her.

They were raised by her brother, who gave them college educations.

Marianne died alone.

Slate France Defends Decision to Publish Alleged Strauss-Khan Victim's Name

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Coming under fire from American (and probably European) feminists – dedicated enemies of free speech – Slate.fr felt it necessary to defend its decision to name rape accuser Nafissatou Diallo, the 32-year-old divorced Muslim woman who claims to have been attacked by former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Khan.

I've argued against anonymity for both accusers and accused in rape cases, because transparency and justice go hand in hand, and Slate France makes a compelling case for the benefit of the alleged victim. In fact, the more I learn about Ms. Diallo, the worse things look for Mr. Strauss-Khan. Initially, I was pretty skeptical, and of course guilt cannot be established without a trial, but the situation appears grim for Strauss-Khan at the moment. Leaving aside the fact that he fled in a hurry and was snatched off a plane right before takeoff (never looks good in court), more and more examples of alleged boorish behavior on his part have been coming to light.

Our resident French commenter Nico, who would know a lot more about this character than most of us, writes:

> …I believe the accusations against DSK are probably sincere and describe what really happened. The man has already used manipulation and physical strength to try to get sex. Although he chickened out before comitting rape, he went far beyond what most men would deem acceptable.

and…

> When Tristane Banon accused him of rape attempt on French TV and described a real fight on the ground, DSK trying to take off her shirt, he didn't even care to sue her for diffamation, even though most french politicians spend a lot of time and money to sue adversaries for trifles. The mother of Tristane, who is a politician too and knows DSK on a personal level told the press that DSK admitted he went too far and regretted his behaviour.
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> More stories are coming out suggesting that he was abusive with women, even with prostitutes who were paid to please him. So much so that they refused to return with him.

Prior allegations aside, if the press is honest about the victim and she turns out to be unimpeachable, unconnected to Strauss-Khan's rivals, and a woman who is willing to face her accuser, it won't be good for DSK. No accusation made in private and behind an impenetrable feminist wall of secrecy can have anywhere near the power of one made in the open, and with full disclosure. A woman who has nothing to hide is a woman who is far easier to believe.

According to Slate, Ms. Diallo came to the US with her husband, a Guinean trader, and daughter in 1998, after which she divorced at some point. Since then she has been raising her daughter, and for the last three years working for the Sofitel hotel chain.

Here's what a family spokesman has to say about her (feel free to correct me if I bungled the translation — my French is pretty rusty):

> *«C'est une bonne musulmane. Elle est vraiment très jolie, comme beaucoup de femmes peules, mais dans notre culture, on n'accepte pas ce type d'agressivité. Franchement, Dominique Strauss-Kahn est tombé sur la mauvaise personne! C'est un scandale et c'est vraiment triste, cet accident!»*
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> "She is a good Muslim. She is really quite good-looking, like many Peul women [her ethnic group], but in our culture we don't accept this kind of aggressive behavior. Frankly, Dominique Strauss-Khan went after the wrong woman! This incident is scandalous and truly sad."

Her cousin, Mamadou Chérif Diallo, when asked whether she's been used for political purposes, responded:

> *«Non, non, non! Les gens doivent comprendre qu'ici, on vit dans le communautarisme et que Nafissatou vit dans sa communauté, les Peuls de Guinée, et qu'elle ne s'intéresse pas à la politique. Elle n'a pas le droit de vote aux États-Unis et ne participe même pas à nos associations politiques guinéennes.»*
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> "No, no no! What people have to understand is that here, we live in a tight community, Nafissatou lives in her community, the Guinean Peuls, and she doesn't have any interest in politics. She doesn't have the right to vote in the US, nor does she involve herself in any of our Guinean political associations."

I'm sure this isn't the entire story, but from what I'm reading here, DSK is looking more and more like a straight-up asshole. If I didn't know a thing about Ms. Diallo, I can say with certainty I'd feel a lot more sympathetic toward DSK and skeptical of the accuser. Of course, I make no judgment concerning DSK's guilt — the point I am making is that anonymity for the accuser does NOT help make a case.

In their defense, Slate editors answer questions about why they chose to name the accuser, writing, among other things, that answering questions about the woman who accused DSK would protect her against rumors, conspiracy theories and character assassination. Furthermore, her surname is evidently very common throughout West Africa, comparable to an American name such as "Jane Smith," and the editors write that they wouldn't have used it if it were particularly rare [this last one is kind of a lousy excuse, and looks wishy-washy].

Personally, I think Slate France did exactly the right thing. Justice should happen in the open, and, it seems, the women who are the least ashamed about making a public accusation are generally the ones who are least likely to be lying through their teeth.

Now we'll see how this story plays out in court. As of today, Dominique Strauss-Khan is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, as it should be. And, Nafissatou Diallo will publicly give evidence as state's witness without any legal privacy shield. For the sake of honest people everywhere, this is how it should remain, and the caterwauling of feminists to the contrary should go entirely unheeded.

How to Argue with Feminists: Use Facts, True or Not

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By RI Canuck

Arguing with a feminist or any other type of woman is an exercise in frustration, because women feel. Rationality does not work. The subject will be changed. She is never at fault, and if she is it is because of something a man did. Do not try to use logic or rationality, the only thing that can sway them is their feelings. They are the more empathetic sex, don't you know. When a man has to say that he is the boss, he is not. When women say they are empathetic, they are not. They are also herd animals, it is important to show their independence by doing the same things and feeling the same things as their girlfriends. They are not bad or evil, they are just women.

So to argue with a feminist, do not use persuasion, do not try to rationally change their minds, do not share your own feelings, remain confident, cool, collected, and never show hurt or anger. I know that those who are discovering the truth will find the last part very difficult.

The following is an attempt to provide a script to dissuade women from following feminism, and to shake their confidence in revealed slogans. It may be re-used without attribution for those who so wish. Your comments for improvement are welcome. Those who wish to create additional scripts are encouraged to do so:

> I am supportive of feminism. Feminism since the late sixties and early seventies, has achieved momentous accomplishments and social changes. Women are in control of their reproductive rights and have freedom of choice. Women are no longer expected to stay in the kitchen and churn out babies. Women can pursue higher education to reach their full capacities and achieve fulfillment. Women have broken into the man's work world and exercise power in the corporate and government world.
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> Don't you agree that the achievements and social revolution wrought be feminism can never be overturned? That society will never return to the male breadwinner and stay-at-home housewife model of the 50's?
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> Yes, you agree?
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> Good.
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> Now we can tell the truth about feminism, because it can't be undone.
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> During the fifties a generation and a half of women who struggled during the great depression, manned the factories during World War II while the men were overseas, were the first time able to have their own homes, and their own kitchens. A lot of men discovered that many of these women separated from their extended female kin were incompetent to be left unsupervised in the home and kitchen.
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> What were men to do?
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> The need was to get women out of the home where they had the potential to destroy a man's wealth accumulation. The solution was to convince the incompetent women that they were unfulfilled and missing out on the exciting lives that men had. So there was a mass exodus of women into the work force in search of fulfillment. The fact that so many career women continue to complain about being unfulfilled, but if they just work more outside the home they will be fulfilled, indicates that women easily deceive themselves.
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> For us in the patriarchy, our houses and kitchens are safe, now that they are free of incompetent women.
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> Now about 'pro-choice'. Do you think we allowed abortion on demand to give you freedom? We encouraged it, because we are very particular about what type of birth canal we want our sons to come from.
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> Do you think these slut-walks are empowering? We planned them, as a means to let the unworthy women show themselves.
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> Now that it is too late to turn back the clock, we men can tell the truth. Feminists are but putty in the paws of the patriarchy.

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The State of The Working Class

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I took a break for the last couple days, something I haven't done for a long time, and capped it off with a night with a childhood friend out in one of the working-class suburbs of Seattle. My friend works in construction, and things obviously haven't been all that great in that industry for a while. It's taken a toll on him, and I do worry a bit about that.

I met up with him at a small get together with some of his other friends and coworkers, and although they are essentially the same healthy, strong young men you would have seen in years past, they are much diminished compared to those of my father's and grandfathers' generation. There is no sense of mastery, self-assuredness or even belonging. Jobs are scarce and tenuous, and despite the fact that they are surrounded by oversized houses and cars, one gets the sense that they are living on leftovers from the recently vanished prosperity of the last couple decades. They don't really own anything, and the women around them are the ones with the steady jobs with benefits and potential.

For all the talk about the "patriarchy" and "male privilege," I just didn't see any hint of that at all. It's a big lie. The only reason women enjoy their company is that these are attractive, strong and decent men — the kind that make women happy simply by their physical presence and masculine energy. But that only goes so far. People get old and lose these things. If things don't change, in time, these strong young men are going to be poor old men.

I suppose one can only hope that the young men who are getting the worst of it today start to get angry about this state of affairs and work for change. The aging hipsters – those punker wannabes who still have romantic notions of fighting "the man" – are never going to do anything but rub their faces in the mud. It is one of the tragedies of American activism since the 60s that the most self-righteous of all almost universally stomp on those who are too young and naive to defend themselves. American leftism, which used to be about defending the common man, has degenerated into moral grandstanding and self-aggrandizement.

Although I could say it's depressing to think about these things, just spending a night with the guys and seeing their presence actually gives me some hope. The young ones have the hope and and open honesty that is the root of social vitality. Beneath layer upon layer of bureaucracy and control, there is a living, breathing virility that will have its day.

As for the women, it even seemed that they had some faith in that as well, and are looking forward to that day, too.

In Latest Chapter of Schwarzenegger Saga, Actor to Face off Against Disso-Queen

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Maria Shriver has hired notorious divorce lawyer Laura Wasser to handle her pending divorce from the movie star and former governor. The Schwarzenegger fortune is estimated to be in the hundreds of millions, and could result in one of the most costly divorces in history, which would provide a bonanza to California's family law attorneys.

Although the Schwarzenegger divorce is an outlier due to the vast sums of money involved, it still provides some insight into the shady realm of family law, which employs an army of attorneys. In our society, attorneys are a necessity, and not always an evil one, but it's time people began to question not only the moral, but practical aspects of an industry that feeds on family strife.

I have friends who are lawyers, and they are quite open about the fact that their jobs do not create wealth. Of course, this doesn't mean that they don't provide an important service; one could think of attorneys as the grease in the machine that keeps it from seizing up. However, the political influence of the legal industry is, more often than not, directed toward promoting self-serving legislation and policy. This is to be expected, but due to certain characteristics of the American political system attorneys have a huge advantage in promoting themselves over, say, farmers or manufacturers. It has often struck me as odd that Americans tend to reflexively assume that "Big Oil" runs the country when the number of politicians involved in the oil industry at some point is dwarfed by the number who have participated in the legal industry. In fact, there's a better case to be made for big law running the country, and at least oil enhances productivity…

There's little doubt that family law attorneys play a big part in eating away at household wealth in the US, and serve to concentrate wealth in the hands of the few. Given the costs of divorce and custody litigation, it's also fair to say that many of these attorneys are growing fat at the expense of children.

Unsurprisingly, feminist policy has proven to be a great boon to the family law industry, which raises the question of whether attorneys and their lobbying groups ever really believed in it in the first place, or whether it was simply used as a means to slide money into their pockets. For example, providing incentives to women to divorce makes great business sense if it initiates divorce. Creating abusive, inflexible child-support guidelines and draconian DV policies also works in attorneys' favor, because men who refuse to hire them almost always get taken for a ride or railroaded. Winner-takes-all custody policy is yet another example. The list goes on…

Is this a coincidence, or simply some unforeseen side-effect of feminism? Of course it is neither. It is quite clearly a result of unchecked greed. If you really want to find who is pushing this or that policy, follow the money.

Kay's Man-child Revisited

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Kay Hymowitz's piece for the Wall Street Journal, titled "Where Have The Good Men Gone?" drew a lot of criticism from men and women alike. It's old news now, but I just got around to reading her book *Manning Up: How the Rise of Women Has Turned Men into Boys*.
With either help or direction from her publishers, Hymowitz baited readers with a yellow op-ed, insulting cover art and a goading thesis. At least Micheal Kimmel deigned to call his frat-boy scapegoats "guys." Hymowitz refers to those guys as "child-men" and the book cover shows a baby dressed as a man. It was a sensationalistic and trashy move, but we live in a sensationalistic, trashy culture.

The real problem is that this belittling pitch detracted from the more measured — and often sympathetic — tone of the book itself.

Hymowitz knows that the 20-something, Gen-Y guys she is talking about aren't children. Her argument is that they are stuck in an extended adolescence — what she calls "preadulthood" — that was a necessary byproduct of the knowledge economy.

My paternal grandfather never graduated from high school. He went straight to work. After spending WWII in the Navy, he ended up working for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and stayed on there until he retired.

Jobs like that are few and far between these days. Kids raised in the 80s, 90s and aughts were raised to go to college and "find themselves" in some fulfilling career, working with their heads instead of their backs. The stable lunch pail jobs were often outsourced, and replaced with job growth in more creative, exciting jobs.

These jobs require education and many offer no linear career path, so if young people want to be "fulfilled" by their careers, they often have to put off getting married and having children. This is true of males and females alike, and while Hymowitz makes much of the "New Girl Order," she acknowledges that those successful girls are also stuck in a kind of pre-adulthood, too. However, they hear their biological clocks ticking, and they are up against a pressure to get things underway that simply isn't as pressing for males.

Hymowitz overplays the size and importance of the creative class — while those jobs abound in major metropolitan areas (like New York — Hymowitz lives in Brooklyn), there are too many aspiring graphic designers, web designers, script writers and photographers everywhere else. She also seems to inhabit a mental world where everyone went to Brown or Wesleyan or some posh east coast school, and one wonders if she is writing about the sexes in America, or just Sex in the City.

She is correct, though, that the knowledge and service economies demanded skills which matched female tendencies. Hymowitz concedes that whether nature or nurture is to blame — she's not sure herself — "manufacturing's loss has been women's gain" She also notes that while males aged 13-34 have eluded marketers, young females buy a lot of stuff, and it made sense for employers to look for women to help them create designs and promotions that appealed to their target demographics. This is easy enough to verify. I've noted for years that design seems to be getting "cuter" and virtually all of the new businesses in a neighborhood near to me were created by and for women. My favorite is "branch and birdie : retail catering to the modern home, woman and child." (Notice who is missing…) She writes of the "Bridget Jones economy":

> "the uncomfortable truth is that youthful female careerism is closely intertwined with the growth of consumption for two reasons. First, working women make and spend a lot of money. Second, women can find satisfying (passion-filled?) careers centered around the sorts of products on which women like to spend money."

Refreshingly, the author doesn't blame the ad agencies or the media for pandering to women or to her child-men;

she understands that most successful marketing trends exploit an existing demand.

When it comes to feminist heroes and doctrine, Hymowitz is not afraid to criticize Betty Friedan, who she portrays as being a bit spoiled and delusional, or Micheal Kimmel. She dismisses Kimmel's tired 1970s neo-Marxist race and gender "entitlement" narrative tidily:

> "The college-educated inhabitants of Kimmel's *Guyland* never knew a world where women weren't lawyers and managers or where slayers named Buffy didn't take care of the vampires."

Indeed, Hymowitz is a lot more sympathetic to the plight of young men than Kimmel. She acknowledges that there are demographic, economic, technological, cultural and hormonal reasons why young men haven't "evolved" into "postfeminist mensches." Despite the fact that she hysterically called Roissy an "evil" misogynist, she recognizes that the guys who she calls "Darwinians" have "the preponderance of evidence in their corner." Males and females, according to Hymowitz, have biological clocks running at different speeds, and due to feminism, technology and changes in the economy, males and females alike have little motivation to marry early or produce a population-sustaining brood.
Hymowitz matches Kimmel's bitterness, sublimated envy and ideological blindness with a schoolmarmish, obsessive horror of crude boyish humor — which is I imagine how she justifies the "child-man" moniker. But when she's not wagging her finger or harrumphing about Maxim or Adam Sandler movies, she seems to understand that our society has made it clear that men are expendable as fathers and even in the workplace — so they sometimes act accordingly.

Hymowitz believes that most men want families, albeit after the age when women want them, and she says that men will have to "man up" if they want to have those families. This feels like an afterthought, because while she spends the entire book outlining the problems young men and women face she offers no solutions whatsoever. She admits that the modern young man is "free as men have never been free before," but gives no suggestions as to changes that could be made to encourage men to invest in families and careers before they've had their fill of beer and sluts.

Perhaps she realizes the kind of changes that would be necessary, and doesn't dare.

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The Birth of Fatherhood

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By Max Stirner

Since my last article about Dr. Wilhelm Reich the psychiatrist, ex-communist and dedicated rainmaker, the Marxist dream of a matriachial society has been occupying my thoughts a lot lately. The dislike of patriarchy represents a common part of a liberal world view. Although Reich distanced himself from Marxist doctrine in his later years after emigrating to the US, he always had a soft spot for women. After resigning from revolutionary politics, he writes about the human notion to look out for a scapegoat in other social groups and calls the communist movement a red version of fascism.

Still the tendency to associate men or patriarchy with the existence of evil on earth and to believe in a ancient golden age of matriarchy prevails in Neo-Reichian circles. In his book "Sarahasia" James deMeo, another orgone scientist, blames desertification of planet earth for turning a peaceful matrist humanity into a bunch of violent patrist tribes 6000 years ago.

But let us take a short look at the beginnings of the communist movement in the 19th century. Here we find an important work of Karl Marx's closest friend Friedrich Engels, published in 1884, called "The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State" . Here, Engels tries to show that humanity developed out of communist matrilinear tribes into an evil capitalist patriarchy. Engels wanted to find an alternative to a a society where people could become enslaved and impoverished, but while attacking division of labor, money as a medium of exchange and private property, he is practically criticizing every development that led humanity from barbarism into civilization. Should it be a mere coincidence that "tribal communism" ended after the iron age? Is it a coincidence that the monogamous family and the state came into existence at the same time, as humanity was making its biggest cultural, technical and economical progress?

In this book Engels, at least between the lines, provides us with a sexual perspective for a future communist society, in which the compulsory monogamous chains of our capitalist society will be broken. Or at least, he gives us the impression that the social development from a matrilinear communist society into patriarchal monogamy was a big mistake. Or, to put it in another way: Engels thought that civilization was a bad idea from the start, a sentiment we can nowadays find in feminist literature. Engels himself sounds pretty much like a contemporary feminist author, seeing women and men as enemies in a historical class struggle. Still the weakest point of the Marxist/feminist critique of the so called "patriarchy" is its economic naivety and blindness towards female sexual preferences that provide the groundwork for a hierarchical society. It comes to my mind that Roissy the infamous pick up artist used to subsume the connection between matriarchy and poverty with the picture of a primitive mud hut with a roof of palm leaves.

Speaking of palm leaves, I would like to take a closer look now at a primitive society that, until the beginnings of the 20th century, was organized in matrilinear tribes, the people of the Trobriand Islands east of Papua New Guinea. Renowned ethnologist Bronislav Malinovski got stranded for several years on the Trobriand Islands during the first world war. He gained extensive knowledge of the social structures of these savage tribes. One of his books "The Sexual Life of Savages in North Western Melanesia" made a big impression on Dr. Reich who saw two of his main theses explained: that sexual suppression of children and sexual starvation was the cause of most mental disorders in patriarchal societies and that compulsive monogamy was the result of cross cousin marriage, and indirectly of male greed. As I am getting bored by simplistic answers for complex problems, I have read Malinovskis book about the sex life of the Trobriand tribes. For the the readers of The Spearhead I will shed a light on the life of men and women in matrilinear tribes. I hope that in doing so we will come to the conclusion matriliniarity does not have to go along with an egalitarian society. Second, I want to point out that it was to a great part the fact of biological fatherhood and its economic interference with matrilineage that put an end to the matrilinear societies.

That humanity in ancient times was partially organized in matrilinear clans has been documented by Lewis Morgan, who already thought in terms of a historical class struggle between men and women. It is a bold assumption that mankind before reaching a certain intellectual level and understanding of nature had no idea of female conception. At least, for the tribes of the Trobriand Islands, the idea that sex led to pregnancy was a very alien concept. In their world view women just gave birth to babies. Keeping that in mind, it is easily understood how matrilinear clans could have evolved on earth on the first place.

If sex and pregnancy are not connected, men cannot contribute to the birth of a child, and therefore the only "biological" connection in a clan is the female blood line. This blood concept has dramatic consequences for society as whole, economics, sexual taboos and marriage restrictions. It comes as a surprise that marriage on the Trobriand Islands is a well established institution, though the idea of the biological fatherhood is nonexistent. The word "father" has therefore only a social meaning. It is the man married to the mother. The man who builds the house, in which the family lives. Sometimes he is called "tomakawa" – a stranger – because he comes from an alien clan. For a better understanding, we should not speak of "fathers" in matrilinear tribes, and only call them husbands or "social dads". On the Trobriand islands, marriage is patrilocal. That means that a wife moves into the village and the house of her husband. For the kids another male figure plays an important role: the mother-brother. "Mother-brother" is not just another word for uncle, but in a matrilinear clan, the uncle(s) are responsible for the economic well-being of their sister(s), because they share the same matrilinear blood line. Only the "mother-brother", as a caretaker of the clan's wealth and can inherit wealth and status, therefore kids grow up with two male figures – the social dad and the mother-brother. And on the other hand a man has two roles, he is a "social dad" for the "kids of his wife" and a male authority for his matrilinear clan – his sisters and the kids of his sisters. The problems that arise from this split role for males in matrilinear clans will be discussed later on. The assumption that in matrilinear societies, men play a more feminine role than in a "patriarchy", must be refuted, at least what we know from Malinowki's studies. The social dad is in theory the authority at home, but male and female responsibilities are more or less evenly distributed. Trobriand men for example hate to cook, and only do so when making a trip to other islands or while going out hunting. Calling someone "a cook" is considered an insult. There are serveral rituals that are reserved for one sex only. Getting water is a typical female dominion. On the other side taking care of babies is a typical male duty, which may function as a replacement for the lack of biological fatherhood. Second, this male duty is the reason why the children of his wife are obliged to take care of him, when he is old. Children of single mothers without a social dad are regarded as "unhappy". Single-motherhood is generally regarded as a bad thing. In the household, wife and husband have their own belongings. Women usually have 12-20 bask skirts for different occasions, make-up, and the ritual water bottles. Men own weapons, tools, and jewelery and drums for dancing. Immobile goods like farming land, trees, houses, boats and life stock belong to men, or generally speaking it belongs to the clan. Sexual activity starts at an early age, but is not tolerated in the family hut. The sexual activity evolves from a chaotic intercourse during infancy into stable relationships during puberty.

An important institution for stabilizing relationships in the Trobriand village is the "bukumatula" the Bachelors' house, a place where teenage couples move in before getting married. The bukumatula belongs to a group of boys and has a scarce interior which in Malinowskis opinion obviously "lacks the female touch". A Bachelors' house is usually inhabited by 3-4 couples and in a typical Trobriand village about 15 to 20 of these huts can be found. If one of these unmarried couples separate, it is always the woman who moves out – into another bachelor hut to her new lover.

Though sexuality before marriage is not regulated, it comes as a surprise that adultery after marriage is not socially tolerated at all. While the institution of marriage itself is not a necessity to legalize a sexual relationship, it is socially required in order to get accepted as a full member of society. Beside of the handicapped, mentally retarded, albinos and old widowers all adult men are married. Malinowski points out that another important motivational factor for marriage comes from economic reasons. It is the clan of the woman who has to support the new husband. Especially for the chief of a village taking a wife from a rich clan with many brothers is a must. By the way – on the Trobriand Islands every village has a chief, who is always male and lives – as you might have already guessed- in polygamy, a privilege that is reserved for chiefs only. For women the financial gain of a marriage is not that

important as for men because they are already being supported by the men of her matrilinear bloodline. Only a man not being afraid of poverty will woo for a girl with several sisters and only one brother. A social-dad is supported by the clan of his wife in several ways. They help him with the construction of his house, or his boats, join him on the hunt, or help him against magical attacks or real enemies.

If a man wants to marry a woman he has to seek the allowance from the bride's social dad and also her mother-brother as a representative of her clan. As in every other society envy and adultery are the most severe burdens for a marriage. Adultery is met with the same social disrespect as in prewar Europe, but when it comes down to fidelity the Trobrianders are no better than any other society. If a woman commits adultery with another man, it is not rare that she will get a beating by her husband, or that in a dispute the husband will smash her water pots. Likewise, women often destroy the belongings of their husbands as revenge for infidelity.

Divorce is not a rare thing on the Trobriand islands and it is more likely that women vote for divorce than men, because they have less to lose. The formalities concerning divorce are simple. The wife leaves her husband's house, takes her belongings with her and moves into her mother's or her sister's hut. She will take the kids with her — they don't have a biological father anyway. If she is young enough she will start a love affair or two and move into one of the Bachelors' houses.

There are several rituals that can be considered a replacement for the lack of biological fatherhood. If a man dies, his widow is obliged to follow a very strict mourning ceremony for several months, including cannibalism of parts of the corpse. Real responsibility for the well-being of a man can only be expected form his own matrilinear tribe. This might explain why the strict mourning ceremonies are supervised by the husband's clan. Another fatherhood ersatz can be found in the idea that the love a social-dad gives to "his" children will make these children look like him.

Malinowski couldn't answer the question why few children were born out of wedlock, while sexual intercourse normally started long before marriage. Either frequent sexual activity with changing partners prevents conception – an unlikely phenomenon – or the herbal "magic" of the natives was better than Malinowski expected. Sex was not permitted before marriage for all young Trobrianderss. Children designated for a cross-cousin marriage were kept under strict supervision and excluded from going on love trips to other villages or moving to the Bachelors' houses. A married man with a niece at the age of his own son, by enforcing the marriage of both children, had the chance to pass his wealth (the wealth of his matrilinear clan) on to his own biological son. He could accomplish this, because as a mother-brother he had the authority over his niece. This is the meaning of the cross-cousin marriage.

Dr. Reich dedicated a whole book to the cross-cousin marriage and its significance for the sexual suppression in patriarchal societies. In his opinion the sexual suppression of these children served to stabilize the arranged marriage and glue the young couple together. He points out that it was the cross-cousin marriage that made the transformation of matrilinear clans to monogamous patriarchy possible. Between the lines we can read two smears on men here: first, men were responsible for sexual suppression, and second the motive was – greed. (Keep in mind that Marxism knows at least two deadly sins: greed and egoism). Friedrich Engels plays a similar tune "In family, private property and the state" though he puts more emphasis on the clash of clan and state organization. It comes as a surprise to me that both authors ignore the most significant trigger for the end of the matrilinear clans: the fact of biological fatherhood and its interference with matrilinearity. Second, another issue that is consequently ignored by Reich, Engels et al.: the influence of female sexual preferences on the genetic structure of these clans.

The establishment of matrilineage and patrilineage came at the price of man's economic responsibility not only for a wife and his real biological children but also for children that were not his "own". Let us quote stone-age loving Engels himself:

> "With monogamous marriage, two constant social types, unknown hitherto, make their appearance on the scene – the wife's attendant lover and the cuckold husband. The husbands had won the victory over the wives, but the vanquished magnanimously provided the crown. Together with monogamous marriage and hetaerism,

> adultery became an unavoidable social institution – denounced, severely penalized, but impossible to suppress. At best, the certain paternity of the children rested on moral conviction as before, and to solve the insoluble contradiction the Code Napoleon, Art- 312, decreed: “L’enfant confu pendant le marriage a pour pere le mari,” (the father of a child conceived during marriage is the husband). Such is the final result of three thousand years of monogamous marriage.”

Though we have to agree with Engels that the cuckold husband was nonexistent in former matrilinear clans – the children became the economic problem of the matrilinear clan, we can assume from Malinowskis studies: the attendant lover is always around the corner and – adultery is a phenomenon not at all limited to the so called “patriarchy”. Ignoring the fact of biological fatherhood does come with emotional advantages for men. Malinovsky cites the story of a Trobriand man who went on an expedition for one year and after returning home found his woman with a newborn baby. He was overwhelmed with joy.

I have never mentioned the term “matriarchy” and only talked about matrilinearity, because in my opinion feminist historians confuse female status with female power. Who cares if a clan has a female chief? Do female priests really matter? Did Queen Victoria stop the expansion of the British Empire?

The society of the Trobriand natives does not live outside of history. And it cannot be taken for granted that societies in ancient times resembled the matrilinear society structure of the Trobriand Islands. But still the ethnographic studies of Malinowski give us an insight into the problems that arise from matrilinearity. Given the paucity of historical evidence of ancient social structures, ethnographic studies leave less room for speculation than anthropology itself. What more is still left from the ancient past of humanity, than some rocks, cave paintings, smashed water pots and spearheads?

There is still no proof that an advanced civilization can exist without patriarchy.

Where is the Fourth Wave?

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The popular discourse has divided feminism into “waves,” the first of which is the suffrage movement, the second the feminism that accompanied 1960s Marxist liberation movements, and the third the consolidation of the American cultural revolution. So we could see the first wave as setting the stage for female political power, which led directly to the second wave of actively striving for that power, and finally the third of exercising it. Thus, the first was largely a moralistic appeal, reminiscent of the propaganda and agitation that usually precedes revolutions, the second a more ascetic, combative effort, and the third the implementation of the revolutionary program and the expression of feminism’s nature. It is interesting to see how the different waves each had their own distinct character despite all sharing the same fundamental goal: the establishment of institutional female political power.

Finally, we have arrived at a point where victory has been achieved, and there really isn’t any farther to go. Sure, feminists will argue that there are still many decades of struggle ahead, but the reality is that any further gains would eventually come at the expense of women, because structural necessities for feminism, such as maintaining a police state and economic viability, are already taxed to the limit.

So, whither feminism now?

Let’s start by looking at the last wave of feminism — the third wave. Third wave feminists came to prominence in the 1990s as the younger cohort that was educated under the old revolutionaries of the 1960s and 1970s – many ideologically lesbian – who viewed the feminist effort in warlike terms. Unlike their mentors, they never faced real sex discrimination in school or at work, and they had already had the opportunity to benefit substantially from policies that started to come into force in the 1980s, when the affirmative action began to be implemented on a wide scale.

Third wave feminists were women who slid effortlessly into institutions, and began to surpass men academically by the 1990s. Their vanguard would be over 40 years old today (e.g. Elizabeth Wurtzel), and many of them are already in positions of considerable power, having jobs in entertainment, law, medicine, politics and writing. They are most overrepresented, perhaps, in cultural pursuits, such as journalism, opinion, marketing, etc.

In practice, they differed from the second wave by exercising power through sexuality; where the second wave frequently dismissed the notion that men had any utility at all, third wavers embraced sex as long it was on their terms. One could see the second wavers as having adopted the self-sacrificial, ascetic ideology common to militants/revolutionaries, and the third a pragmatic, self-interested approach more common to administrators.

Because the third wave corresponds with what is known as “Generation X,” the youngest are currently in their early 30s. Sure, there are a few academic hangers on who are younger, just as there were still kids calling themselves “hippies” into the 1990s, but these are the exception rather than the rule — there is a fairly clear demarcation between third wave feminists and women in their 20s today. In short, the third wave is getting kind of old.

Now that the third wave has aged out of activist mode, what has come about to replace it? Evidently, very little. As far as I can tell, young women could care less about feminism, and are simply living life as they please. There is no doubt that they are enjoying many of the benefits feminists fought for, such as higher pay than men of the same age, better education and career prospects than men in general, and a very strong legal advantage over any male partner they may choose to cohabit with, but they don’t have the fire in their belly that would lead to any renewed activism. Rather than vigilant, they are complacent; they are characterized more by sass and entitlement than ambition and a will to power.

Will this change? Probably not. There is no indication that some new generation of women will rise up and utterly subdue and conquer men, setting up some militant matriarchy of the sort envisioned by the more radical second wave feminists.

So, from today's perspective, it looks as though 20th century feminism has almost run its course, and there will be no more "waves" in the foreseeable future. As for what the implications of this are, one can only speculate, but I imagine there will be a slow movement toward legal equality and away from the current model of female supremacism, which will accompany a return to a more normal family model as the advantages women can currently accrue from promiscuity and divorce begin to fade away.

Rather than defeat through some spectacular clash, feminism will likely slowly fade away, until it is remembered only by old, single women whose one remaining glory is the memory of their vanished youth.

It's Time to Acknowledge Notable Women in American History

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I think it's high time that the men of *The Spearhead*, offer a conciliatory gesture of peace towards the female gender on teh interwebz.

There's been too much anger towards the fairer sex 'round these parts as of late, and it's time we MAN UP and give some props to notable females in US History, many of whom deserve recognition for their lifetime achievements. For this article, I wish to focus on those women who were successful entrepreneurs, property owners and businesswomen in the 19th century.

One such noteworthy lady is the woman pictured at the top of this piece, Madam CJ Walker.

> Like most Americans, Sarah suffered from scalp diseases and hair loses. She resolutely wanted to find a cure and started experimenting with home remedies. She found that that application of sulfur can heal most of the hair problems cure which led her to produce her own shampoo and hair ointments which soon after she began selling. She traveled to various states demonstrated he products and even attempted door to door sales. As her popularity grew she established her factory at Indianapolis in 1910 and also started Lelia College to train beauty therapists. She was loved and respected because of her philanthropic contributions for education, childcare, rehabilitation programs and her unflinching efforts to improve living conditions of black women. She gave speeches on political and economic problems at major occasions and she was widely appreciated for her opinions and stands.She breathed her last on May 25th 1919 due to complications from hypertension at an age of 52. Her daughter Lelia stepped into the shoes of her mother and became the proprietor of an million dollar empire that she had left behind. Madam CJ Walker Biography till date provides inspiration to millions of impoverished women striving to curve a respectable life for themselves.

A million dollar empire in 1919 was approximately $13 million in today's Fiat Federal Reserve Notes. And not only was she a member of the oppressed womynz gender, but she was also an African-American to boot! According to oft repeated memes by today's feminists, that's impossible!

Or what about Margaret Borland?

> Margaret married at age 19 and gave birth to a daughter a year later. Soon afterwards her husband died in a gun battle in the streets of Victoria. Margaret's second husband succumbed to cholera in 1852, leaving her with

> two more young daughters to support. Within four years Margaret married the richest rancher in the county. She bore four more children and partnered in running the ranch until 1867, when a yellow fever epidemic spread along the Texas coast. Margaret ministered to her ailing family as best she could, but death relentlessly claimed her husband, four-year-old son, 15-year-old daughter, two daughters who had married the previous year, and an infant grandson.
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> **Now sole owner of the ranch, Margaret capably managed operations and enlarged its holdings.** In 1873 she drove her own herd up the Chisholm Trail, accompanied by several ranch hands, her three surviving children, and her six-year-old granddaughter. The group succeeded in reaching the booming cowtown of Wichita, Kansas, but Margaret fell ill with "trail fever" and died in a local boardinghouse before she could sell her cattle.
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> Margaret Borland's life parallels the momentous social, political, and economic changes of 19th century Texas. She was earnest and resourceful until the end.

Now how did she get away with being the "…sole owner of the ranch," and "capably managed operations and enlarged its holdings." in the time before the suffrage movement?

What about Mary Ann Hall? *(No picture available)*

> In 1840, a stagnant canal drained through the center of Washington, dividing the area where the Smithsonian Castle stands from the rest of the city. The area was called "The Island." A few blocks to the east is where Mary Ann Hall settled, started a business, saved her money, and where she eventually built a large, three-story brick home. Mary Ann was just in her early twenties, and the neighborhood was–rough. Nearby neighborhoods were nicknamed "Louse Alley," and even "Murderer's Row." While the census records show that most single women here listed their occupation as seamstress or laundress, Mary Ann's occupation isn't recorded anywhere. But all the physical evidence indicates she was an extremely successful businesswoman.
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> District of Columbia court records show that at the time of her death, Mary Ann Hall was worth a grand total of $87,000, with no debts–that's well over $2,000,000 in today's dollars. The records also show a list of her belongings, which included Belgian carpets, oil paintings, an ice box, numerous pieces of red plush furniture, as well as an inordinate number of sheets, mattresses, blankets, feather pillows and comforters.

Hmmmm….so not only could own property, they could actually do so back in 1840 without ever being married, but simply through their own entrepreneurial efforts? You don't say?

Here's another notable woman from America's oppressive Patriarchal past, Lydia Pinkham

> Some would call her the Ann Landers or Dr. Ruth of the 1800s. In 1875, Lydia Estes Pinkham of Lynn, Massachusetts, converted her herbal home remedies into a big business by skillfully marketing her products toward women and educating them about health issues. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound became one of the best-known patent medicines of the 19th century. Pinkham was deemed a crusader for women's health in an

> age when women's needs weren't being met by the medical community. Cooper Laboratories bought the company in 1968, though pills and a liquid stamped with Pinkham's name are still available at some drugstores.

How about another "impossible" woman from US history?

Elizabeth Arden

> She brought makeup from the stage to everyday life and slowly developed a global empire. Elizabeth Arden, born Florence Nightingale Graham in Woodbridge, Ontario, moved to New York at the age of 30 to pursue her dream of building a cosmetics corporation. There she began working with a chemist to create a beauty cream, something new for the cosmetics industry at that time. After traveling to Paris in 1912, Arden became the first person to introduce the concept of eye makeup to American women and offered the first makeovers in her 5th Avenue salon. Arden died in 1966, but her brand became as well-known across the U.S. as Singer sewing machines and Coca-Cola. At the end of its fiscal year in June 2007, the company reported $1.1 billion in net sales, up more than 18 percent from $955 million in 2006.

Now here we have 5 notable women from the pages of American history, deserving of genuine acknowledgment for their achievements as business owners, property owners and entrepreneurs. Somehow, this actual history of such women is often ignored or glossed over when your average 21st century indoctrinated feminist-sheeple casually repeats the meme: "women couldn't own property!"

For example:

The History Behind the Equal Rights Amendment

> The new Constitution's promised rights were fully enjoyed only by certain white males. Women were treated according to social tradition and English common law and were denied most legal rights. In general they **could not** vote, **own property**, keep their own wages, or even have custody of their children.

Or here: *"Years ago women couldn't vote or own property."*

Or here. *"For years, the social scene at Harvard mimicked the gender norms of an era where **women couldn't own property**."*

Or here: *"In 1848, women obeyed men everywhere, even in their own homes. **Women couldn't own property** either."*

Or here: *"In the past, American women did not have the same rights as men. **They couldn't own property**. They*

couldn't attend the same colleges. And they couldn't vote."

Or here: *"I mean, sure,* ***women couldn't own property*** *or vote or practice law or anything, but I bet they'd trade that for having doors held open for them regularly anytime!"*

Or here: "*For a long time,* ***women couldn't own property****, have jobs, or participate in politics."*

Or here: *"This week I am co-chairing an event for the American Civil Liberties Union in my hometown. It's going to be a wondrous evening full of amazing art and talented people. The ACLU will always need funding to continue their work protecting all of our civil liberties. I don't work in those trenches every day, but I am thankful for those that do. Every issue women face – every obstacle they overcome – was and is a civil liberties issue. It wasn't very long ago that women couldn't vote, that* ***women couldn't own property*** *and that women had very little control over their bodies and its intended freedoms."*

Or here: *"When* ***women couldn't own property****, vote, or be in most professions, someone could have (and many did) made the case that simply allowing divorce for women in abusive marriages wouldn't automatically make things all rosy for them."*

Or here: *"until the 1920's, women couldn't VOTE, in most US states* ***women couldn't OWN PROPERTY****, and often wasn't even the one paid for her labor – no, her husband, father, brother, son, or other male was paid because women WERE NOT CONSIDERED PEOPLE."*

Or here: *"Oh, and the older I get, the more I remind myself and respect how much old-school feminists have accomplished. To see young women utterly unable to understand that* ***women couldn't own property*** *or vote or get credit cards or bank accounts in their own names is a beautiful thing."*

Or how about this Barne's & Noble book review regarding Abigail Adams?: *"In a time when* ***women couldn't own property*** *or manage their own money, Abigail was accruing enormous wealth through speculation on government bonds."*

Or this statement: *"Education Secretary Fiona Hyslop said: 'Without the suffragists and suffragettes, we would still be stuck in an age when* ***women couldn't own property****, they couldn't hold public positions and they couldn't vote.'"*

Or here's another example of the casual way the meme is regularly regurgitated: *"Consider the country's state at the Founding — only landowners could vote.* ***Women couldn't own property.****"*

Or how about while presenting a list of the top 10 richest Women in America in 2011: *"There was a time in American history, that seems not that long ago,* ***where women couldn't own property*** *or even vote. However, times have changed. Women have been elevated to a status where their names can make this list as well as the ten richest people in America."*

All the preceding quotations where taken from a quick google search of the phrase "Women couldn't own property." They represent statements from articles, blog posts, book reviews and anonymous commentary.

Funny isn't it, how the meme that "woman couldn't own property" has become a widely accepted truth by most denizens of our Brave New World Order, and is expressed as a universally accepted statement of fact over teh interwebz?

I guess the Womynz Studies and liberal/progressive Professors in Universities across the land forgot to ~~indoctrinate~~ educate their students about all the wonderful success stories of notable Women in American history who owned property, ran businesses and amassed personal wealth through their own ingenuity and hard work. I guess their stories contradict the feminist's revision of history, so I these ladies will never get there just due in today's ~~brainwashing facilities~~ institutions of higher learning.

How ironic is it that it takes a hateful, bitter misogynist here at this infamous outpost of womyn hatred, to correct this gross injustice, and white knight for these courageous and brave ladies of the past who've been ignored and

marginalized by the feminist zeitgeist for too long?

It’s time to put them back up on their pedestals where they belong!

A Man Is a Rape-Supporter If....

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By Hadamard

We have all heard the old feminist saying "*All men are rapists*" at some point in our lives. This quote first appeared in "*The Women's Room*" by Marilyn French and is spoken by a fictional character in the book. The statement was picked up by feminists of the time and led to many notable quotes such as "*Heterosexual intercourse is the pure, formalized expression of contempt for women's bodies.* " by Andrea Dworkin, and "*I claim that rape exists any time sexual intercourse occurs when it has not been initiated by the woman, out of her own genuine affection and desire.* " by Robin Morgan.

Eventually the feminists realized that making bold statements like "All men are rapists" would be their Achilles Heal and they distanced themselves from it. Recently I saw a new incarnation of this old feminist idea in the form of a radical feminist blog post listing the behaviors that indicate that a man supports rape.

This contradictory list includes enough normal male behavior to ensure that virtually all men fall into the category of rape supporter. So maybe not all men are rapists, but we apparently all support our raping brethren. Here is an abbreviated list of some of the more ridiculous items on her blog:

> A man is a rape-supporter if…
> * He has gone to a strip club.
> * He is anti-abortion.
> * He is pro-"choice" because he believes abortion access will make women more sexually available.
> * He watches pornography in which women are depicted.
> * He watches any pornography in which sexual acts are depicted as a struggle for power or domination, regardless of whether women are present.
> * He characterizes the self-sexualizing behavior of some women, such as wearing make-up or high heels, as evidence of women's desire to "get" a man.
> * He expresses enjoyment of movies/musicals/TV shows/plays in which women are sexually demeaned or presented as sexual objects
> * He supports sexual "liberation" and claims women would have more sex with (more) men if society did not "inhibit" them.
> * He ever subordinates the interests of women in a given population to the interests of the men in that population, or proceeds in discussions as if the interests of the women are the same as the interests of the men.
> * He argues that people (or just "men") have sexual "needs."
> * He discusses the "types" of women he finds sexually appealing and/or attempts to demean women by telling them he does not find them sexually appealing.

So now we as men are supporters of rape if we are pro-life or pro-choice, if we enjoy watching sexy women in movies and TV or if we don't find all women sexually appealing, if we think women are dressing up to attract us or if we encourage women be sexually liberated. We as men are also supporters of rape if we can't get any, give up and turn to (non-rape) alternatives such as strip clubs and porn. Is it even possible for a man to not fall into this feminist definition of rape supporter? No, and that is the point. Radical feminists believe that all men are either rapists or supporters of rape (aka potential rapists). They believe there is nothing men can do to escape their natural evil behavior of raping or helping others to rape.

My favorite part is when she states a man is a rape supporter if he discusses what type of women he finds sexually appealing. She is saying that a man shouldn't have a preference when it comes to how a woman looks, I guess he should just wait for a feminist to assign him a woman to serve and provide for regardless of her looks or weight but

should not expect anything in return (like sex) because otherwise he would be a rape supporter.

It is no longer possible for feminists to state that all men are rapists or even that all men support rapists without receiving significant backlash in the mainstream media and giving MRA material to attack them with. So instead they make a 30 point list of all the behaviors that indicate a man supports rape such that every man violates at least on item on the list. Therefore allowing feminists to say all men support rape without actually saying "*All men support rape.* "

Awash in a Sea of False Allegations

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Washington has been buzzing over the case of Sean Lanigan, a P.E. teacher in suburban Virginia who was accused of sexual molesting a 12-year-old girl. The jury acquitted Lanigan in less than an hour, one juror reportedly weeping in sympathy with Lanigan for lack of evidence.

Much of the outrage centers around the actions of Nicole Christian, the lead detective who threatened to prosecute school staff for obstruction of justice when they gave her evidence pointing to Lanigan's innocence.

Innocence? Not in this cop's vocabulary.

Christian then refused to re-interview a key witness who knew the accusation was a lie and wanted to recant her story. Christian's declined the meeting because, in her words, "if she changes her story, they're [the jury] going to wonder why she changed her testimony."

Then she ordered an investigation of the witness's mother for alleged child abuse. *How's that for bullying the witnesses and manipulating the investigation?*

A year after a jury of his peers cleared him of all wrong-doing, the Fairfax County school district continues to treat Sean Lanigan like damaged goods, refusing to offer an apology or pay his legal bills.

And recall the case of Crystal Mangum, notorious accuser in the Duke lacrosse case. Four years ago North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper pronounced the three men innocent of all charges. Cooper then informed the stunned audience that he would not charge Mangum with perjury, floating the notion that "she may actually believe the many different stories that she has been telling."

Four years later, Mangum, still reveling in her socially protected status, plunged a kitchen knife into the chest of boyfriend Reginald Daye.

Domestic violence is another area where false allegations have become de rigeur. For years the abuse industry has anointed itself with sack-cloth and ashes, meeting with state legislators to expand definitions and lower standards of proof.

Now the system is a shambles. It's like a welfare system with no means testing – all you have to do is claim you're down on your luck and presto, you're in! Women who used to be known as Welfare Queens now go by the somewhat less regal moniker DV Fakers, according to a recent Village Voice expose.

Researcher Denise Hines of Clark University has studied the plight of men who have been emotionally and physically tormented by their wives. These men can't call the police because their partners threaten to accuse them of being the perpetrators of the violence. So the threat of a false accusation serves to trap these men in the nightmare of an endlessly abusive relationship.

There are many reasons for our current epidemic of false allegations. Prosecutors who wink at perjurers shoulder part of the blame. Casey Gwinn, a well-known San Diego prosecutor, has said:

"If we prosecuted everybody for perjury that gets on a witness stand and changes their story, everybody would go to jail…I would say it's in the thousands of people who take the witness stand and somewhat modify the truth."

But Gwinn misses the point. If prosecutors went after only one in 100 women who batter the truth, the resulting publicity would send an unmistakable message to the community at large.

One Colorado mother, her own son accused of rape by a bi-polar woman who couldn't offer a scrap of evidence of wrongdoing, recently penned this cri de coeur:

"The system has supported all women, even those who lie. They've made it easy for them. If it is proven that a woman has lied, they are not prosecuted. They are at most sent to counseling. And being a 'victim' can be

intoxicating to some. It can let them off the hook for being responsible for their own actions."

Civil liberties' proponents aren't the only ones up in arms. Social conservatives wring their hands over the ensuing family break-down and fraying of the social fabric.

Fiscal conservatives take the analysis one step further, pointing out that children in single-parent households are far more likely to become beneficiaries of the welfare state. False allegations of domestic violence cost taxpayers $20 billion a year, thanks to swelling demand for welfare services and public benefits: http://www.saveservices.org/downloads/False-DV-Allegations-Cost-20-Billion

On June 2, a False Allegations Summit will be held in Washington DC, featuring testimonies by persons who have been falsely accused of abuse: http://www.saveservices.org/false-allegations-awareness-month/

I'm willing to bet there won't be an empty seat or a dry eye in the house.

Fewer Young Women Married than Ever

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According to the NY Times, in only 25 years, the proportion of never-married young women has nearly doubled, leaving nearly half of all women from 25 to 29 unmarried.

In the meanwhile, divorce rates have eased, but this is clearly a result of the much lower marriage rate. In fact, the divorce numbers have only dropped a measly 5% since 1980, which suggests that marriage is an even worse bet today than it was when divorce rates were at their highest.

The NY Times article suggests that women are cooling to the idea of marriage, but the recent tsunami of articles disparaging young men for failing to “grow up” indicates that, in fact, it is young men’s reluctance to wed that is the deciding factor.

Girl Shoots Father with Bow for Cell Phone Impoundment

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A 15-year-old Mason County Washington girl used a hunting bow to shoot her father after he took her cell phone in a disciplinary measure. The girl refused to allow her wounded father use of the phone to call for help, and then fled into the woods with a full quiver, whereupon she was surrounded by a SWAT team and arrested without further incident.

The girl was reportedly “despondent” when arrested, and is currently being held at a local children’s hospital pending clearance to be booked into a juvenile detention facility.

Marriage Counseling is Useless

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There's a huge industry devoted to marital problems, and although many of the actors declare that they are dedicated to creating healthy families, the fact that they profit from their dissolution should tell us all we need to know. Marriage counseling is one of these industries that directly benefits from the destruction of the family, so even though some of its proponents may purport to support men, the exercise is a waste of time.

Let's face it: when your wife wants marriage counseling, your marriage is probably over. Men should simply accept that such a request is a red flag, and a clear sign that the marriage is doomed. If she isn't already cheating, she's been talking to her mother or an attorney, which means that the first suggestion of "counseling" is little more than a declaration of war. Women never come straight out and say "I'm about to destroy your life," but when she says "we need to see a counselor" that's about as clear as it gets. No other words besides "I'm not happy" should so obviously prompt men to prepare for the fight of their lives, so rather than spend his money on a counselor any man confronted with them should grab every spare bit of cash he can and find a good attorney.

As men, we have to remember that we are subject to immediate dispossession and possibly incarceration on the word of the women in our lives, so counseling is a very bad bet. In fact, a counselor may be required to testify in court on one's wife behalf, because anything said in confidence to a professional, and even one's medical records, will be handed over to a wife's attorney as a matter of common procedure. Men must understand that any professional is therefore a potential enemy. In fact, even your mother is suspect in this regard — she may well deep-six you in court out of loyalty to her sex or in the hope that it will give her access to the grandchildren.

The sad truth is that no professional who is not legally required to hold your every word in confidence can be trusted. That's not to mention laymen, of course, who should not be trusted much either, but at least if they are male they'll usually (but not always) avoid taking sides.

It is not men in our contemporary society who need counseling and coaching — we have a surfeit of programs dedicated to controlling men. No, it is women who would benefit from a dose of reality, because they simply don't have to face it under our laws. Everything about our society has been arranged to shield women from reality, so men, who have already faced the world and its horrors, simply don't need anyone to tell them how they should change.

If your wife or girlfriend ever suggests that you need counseling, the best practice is to listen patiently, say nothing, and make plans to eject her from your life.

You can talk to your priest, your lawyer and your dog, but never assume it's safe or useful to say anything to anyone else.

Comment of the Week: Why Men are not Marrying

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[Editor: Commenter Tom Smith suggests that the reasons behind the decline in marriage are largely a result of economic circumstances - such as debt and the recession - that leave young men without the means to start families]

Many of you seem to think the lack of marriage in the young (25-29 year old men) is due to "footloose and fancy free" young women. Let me offer the two largest reasons for the lack of marriage (though not addressed by the article):

1) The lack of living wage jobs for Americans, particularly men. For a man to have a desire to get married, he must have a financial base. He understands that there will be financial expectations placed upon him by the woman. A man's expectations for himself in this situation means a) the purchase of an engagement ring; b)setting aside money to buy a house; and c) with an expectation that a child may be born, setting aside money to pay for the medical (and other related) expenses of the child.

In today's U.S. society, real wages have slipped- and by this I mean the entry level workers in the post-war generation made more in today's dollars than entry level workers do now. For people in the 25-29 generation, these are people with limited work experience, high educational debt, and particularly for men, unbelievably high unemployment. Most graduate work was funded for members of the post-war generation. This is certainly not the case today; students must incur massive ongoing debt to attend graduate school (as if the debt incurred in undergraduate school was not enough). And educational debt generally is non-dischargable debt in a bankruptcy — the only way to "beat it" is to die.

Marriage (the ring, the ceremony, and "setting up house") costs. And without money, why should a man take the chance?

2) Men's traditional values. While women may have "changed," men have not. Men realize that some women are for fucking (category 1) and some are for marrying (category 2). While the best place to meet a wife may be in high school or university, no man wants to marry a woman who he has seen "passed around" through all of his schoolmates (such is a category 1 woman). And men – and I happen to be one of them – are generally put off when a woman decides to have sex on the first date.

Women of the marrying sort (category 2) are much harder to find. While most men would like them to put out after a period of dating, if they "go to fast" the man will be equally put off (and put them into category 1).

Women in category 2 understand that a man wants to have his financial house in order before committing to marriage. This type of woman will not push the man in the marriage direction, and she will wait for the man as he gets things together before making such a serious commitment. Once married, she will be understanding if a man loses his job (a typical situation these days) and will be willing to financially support him. She will not withhold sex as a "punishment" but instead realizes that sex in a married relationship is something which is expected and freely given.

Accordingly, because most men of the 25-29 generation borrowed heavily for education (or were lay-offs from skilled trade work due to lack of seniority), they are "not ready" financially for marriage. Given the poor economy, many such men are living with their parents (albeit not willingly). They are working Mc-Jobs which barely gives them enough money to go on dates, much less move out of their parents' home.

Such a man has such a low level of self esteem that he lacks the ability to distinguish between either category of woman. For men who are in this age group and not working, they are ashamed and disillusioned. They cannot make a living, have to depend on their parents, and all they believed in (i.e. work hard, study hard, and get a living wage job) seems to be a big lie.

Men of this age group have two choices if they want to get on their feet and marry. Option 1 is to borrow heavily (again) to start a business, and invest nearly 3 years of sweat equity to make it work. Option 2 is to organize and pressure the politicians in Washington to get the economy back on its feet so men can return to living wage employment. With regard to Option 2, no one in Washington seems to give a damn.

Young Men Face Desultory Job Market, Few Prospects

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Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission Tom Pauken, writing for the American Spectator, draws attention to the fact that 19% of young men are currently unemployed. Keep in mind that this figure does not include those who only have part-time jobs, have simply dropped out of the labor force for one reason or another or those currently in school.

Pauken outlines a few of the reasons young men are out of work in such staggering numbers:

> One reason that men's employment rate lags behind is that there has been negative growth in the types of jobs men historically have occupied. In the last 10 years, 5.5 million manufacturing jobs were lost. That's one-third of our manufacturing base in an industry where men make up 70 percent of the workforce. In construction, where 87 percent of positions are filled by men, more than 1.4 million jobs went away during that time frame. Approximately 4.4 million jobs have been added in the education and health care sectors, but women dominate this growing field as they make up 77 percent of the work force.

What is interesting about the above figures is that they clearly demonstrate that government policy and expenditure has strongly favored women in the "winner" industries of education and healthcare. However, it goes even farther:

> All levels of government now have special programs designed to make sure that women and minority-owned businesses receive preferences in landing government contracts.
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> Pointing this out has long been off limits in polite company, but Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., recently broke the taboo. In an opinion piece published in the Wall Street Journal, he called for an end to the government's preferential treatment programs with the exception of those programs designed to assist African-Americans…

So male unemployment is largely *by design* — it is not simply a result of the "information economy" or some inevitable consequence of "progress."

This is something that the Kay Hymowitzes and Michael Kimmels of the world either can't see or – more likely – conveniently ignore when discussing the plight of young men today. High male unemployment is a direct result of *preferences* that have been in place for well over a generation now.

Nevertheless, one still hears feminists and their supporters blabbering on about male privilege, which is simply a chimera held up to divert attention from their own advantages.

What young men have to understand is that there are real people who are to blame for stacking the deck against them — it isn't the result of some irresistible force of nature or Act of God. The young are often politically naive, but in time they will begin to see the light. We can only hope that it isn't too late for them – or for justice – when they do.

Still They Serve

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Feminist Publishers: Force Men to Read Women's Lit

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Recently, Esquire magazine published a list of "75 Books Men Should Read," earning the wrath of Atlantic writer Ujala Seghal for its failure to include more than one book written by a female author (Flannery O'Connor's *A Good Man is Hard to Find*).

Seghal writes:

> One. One! The only book written by a female on the list was A Good Man Is Hard to Find by Flannery O'Connor. No doubt, lists such as this are always imperfect. And based on the list's above-description, it appears a casually constructed bit of fun, rather than a definitive ranking for posterity. But while there is no reason to take offense to every slanted statistic one comes across, out of the 75 "greatest" books, just one by a woman? Not even Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird?

Although I doubt these book lists motivate too many young men to pick up one of the titles on the list, it strikes me as rather mean-spirited of females in the publishing industry to denounce even ineffectual efforts to introduce men to literature. By all accounts, publishing has come to be dominated by women, and men are reading far fewer books than women these days. Given this state of affairs, you'd think that the women in the industry might be a bit gracious and let the boys pick and choose which titles interest them.

But of course that won't do, because feminists must find fault with any and everything men are involved in. Even as female professors assign and recommend books written by women – going so far as to teach classes dedicated to promoting solely female-authored literature – women in media outlets, publishing organizations and, of course, nonprofits, are denouncing one innocent little reading list cooked up at Esquire.

Joyland Publishers writes on their blog:

> This really does imply that men don't/can't/shouldn't read women and we were pretty sure that wasn't the case among readers. We were also sure that part of the editorial reason for making such a list this way was to generate a response, so here it is. Over Memorial Day weekend we asked Joyland readers, editors, and contributors to come up with a list of 75 Books By Women All Men Should Read. We received over 250 suggestions in two hours.

The implication is that men should be forced by political pressure to read female writers (sometimes these feminists come off as whiny, annoying girlfriends complaining that "he just won't *listen* to me!").

Now let's turn the tables and ask why, if college kids are so often forced to read terrible literature written by women (yes, assigned literature is overwhelmingly awful), there's anything wrong with suggesting that young men (Esquire's prime demographic), should read books written by men? You'd think it would be a good thing if got young men away from the HALO long enough to crack a book and gain some appreciation for the written word. However, it seems that complaining about men is a lot more important in the feminist universe than actually doing anything useful to help them.

Finally, is it even normal for young men to read female literature? How many women have written anything that appeals to a large proportion of post-adolescent boys? I'm trying to think, but all I can come up with off the top of my head is *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle and *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, neither of which is ideal. James Fenimore Cooper, Alexandre Dumas, Robert Louis Stevenson and Mark Twain, among others, capture the youthful masculine spirit in a far more compelling manner than any female author yet to reveal herself. And this isn't sexism, but rather the wisdom of experience. Transsexuals' claims notwithstanding, women just don't know what it is to be a man.

First Female General in IDF to Command HR Brigade

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Despite widely-propagated myths about the Israeli Defense Forces' supposed gender equality, the Israelis have successfully staved off feminist demands for equality in its armed forces for far longer than most Western militaries. However, the pushiness of feminists knows no bounds, and even the Israelis are starting to feel the heat. So, in a move that demonstrates some ingenuity on the part of IDF conservatives, the IDF has created a Human Resources battalion, and then promoted a woman to general to lead an army of paper-pushing bureaucrats.

From Ha'aretz (Israel's left-wing publication):

> …the recommendations of a committee headed by Maj. Gen. (res.) Yehuda Segev that the army itself appointed in 2008 – namely, to adopt a model of full equal opportunity for women – is being advanced only at the margins. The barrier stems from the same source: the high command's tendency to avoid clashes with the religious leadership, which it sees as having its hand on the tap from which high-quality personnel flows into combat units.
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> Moreover, the exclusion of women from field units serves the interests of conservative forces within the army – including secular officers – who see the integration of women as a threat to the army's capabilities, as the religious rationale grants them a convenient legitimization.
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> Under these circumstances, the question arises as to what exactly is intended by the appointment of a female major general to head the Human Resources Branch, of all things.

Israel, of course, needs a top-notch, effective military to maintain viability in the region. Its neighbors – including the tough, Shia Muslim warriors who comprise the fighting ranks of Hizbollah – have no moronic delusions about women's equality in the field, so the Jewish state must remain vigilant to secure its territorial integrity. Perhaps the specter of submission to Allah's fighting men, who certainly wouldn't brook much provocation from noisy, pushy and Godless women, has a quieting effect on Israeli feminists, but Israeli men should keep in mind that these types have a rather limited grasp of the concept of consequences, so I imagine keeping the feminists at bay will involve some struggle over the coming years.

Is Gaming Sapping our Vitality?

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By Hedgewolf

In this day and age, young males are blessed with a mind-boggling selection of entertainment. The past afforded little time for pursuits outside work, the main purpose being mainly survival: putting food on the table.

A unique bond exists between a man and his work. Labour has a special place in his psyche, because it unites different parts of his personality in order to achieve a singular goal. (look up flow and maslow's hierarchy). A sense of camaraderie and achievement is important to mind, body, and soul.

It is known that a few industries survive and thrive in economic droughts. The entertainment industry being one of them. This piece will focus on video-games. It is a unique industry to say the least. The lion's share of consumers being young-males in their teens, to players up to 30 years old and beyond. Unlike movies, it is a male majority market. This has always been the case, and will remain that way for some time.

Stepping outside the borders of the pop-culture wasteland, entertainment can be seen in two ways. 1) A yardstick to the economy and individual vs. aggregate choices of how people spend their time and money. 2) A revealing look into the zeitgeist and underlying social nuances. Both have something to say about us individually, and as a group.

Society is undergoing increasing feminisation and obvious misandry. This snowballing trend has been going on strong, with little sign of slowing down. Video games provide the primary form of escapism for men today. These games champion the male spirit in ways that the modern real world can't compete with. Although the categories differ, all games center on themes of violence, conquest, discovery, exploration, and achievement. Is it any wonder the industry is doing so well? In this digital world men are respected, they are rewarded, and above all: they are given a chance.

In the context of the MRM, there are two specific points to make about videogames: one subtle, the other obvious.

We can see the destruction wrought all around us in different forms. As such, young men have always occupied a high position on the feminazi hit list. The timeline of videogames shows just how much progress they made over the last decade. In reaction to the new feminized society, a digital world exists which young men call their own. But everything has a cost. Faint-hearted and deprived, young men overcompensate, and foster unrealistic fantasy caricatures of men and manliness. Over the years games have changed. Not that long ago, an explosion of WW2 games flooded the market. This offered men a glimpse to an age of bravery, fidelity, and no women. Crime-themed games were major sellers and recently have enjoyed a renaissance of sorts. The industry is now dominated by first-person shooters, most of them with grand and (sometimes grossly) unrealistic depictions of war. A casual trip to your local video game retailer will confirm this. As society became more and more feminised, men were forced deeper and deeper into the fantasy escapism of games. Real world camaraderie and accomplishment are replaced with bland substitutes. Meanwhile your connection to the real world is being severed day-in-and-day-out. The sheer repetitiveness of these games erodes your mind.

Despite this fact, the quality of the games is only part of the story (one can argue that the increase in computing power allowed for this, but I digress). Young men are consuming more and more time playing them. The same men who hold the destiny of the nation's future in their hands now hold wireless controllers instead.

Those who hear this may object by saying that it's just a natural response of a generation shunned by the economy and marginalized by the society at large. MGTOW, and proud of it.

However, take a step back for a moment. Even those who disagree with everything written here must admit a problem exists. How much precious time is wasted by the youth of our nation? How much mental and emotional energy is put into these binary-code illusions? How much money is given to those with no interest in our cause, profiting off of our demise? Men are going their own way, but it's the wrong way.

To the prime-aged and younger men reading this, now is the chance to rekindle the fires that have been left smoldering. Learn a skill, take up a new language, start a business, and above all: DO IT NOW!

I have no interest in seeing Rome burn while Nero fiddles. Nor do I want to run from responsibility and die tired. Young men today will be left holding the check whether they want to or not. I want to deny the feminists their Grand prize: an entire generation of docile, mouth-breathing beta wimps.

What did I do, you ask? I didn't spend another 5 hours of my life frying my retinas respawning in some F.P.S. I wrote an article for a Men's rights site, and got it published.

Enterprising Young Men

Joseph Biden's Abuse Fantasy Tour

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What is it with Democratic vice-presidents who embrace radical schemes, and then do complete a U-turn on the truth in order to mislead and alarm the citizenry?

First was Al Gore's high-profile dalliance with international wealth re-distribution in the guise of stopping global warming. And now comes Joe Biden's crusade to destabilize the family and grow the welfare state, under the benign-sounding banner of eradicating domestic violence.

Admittedly I had to restrain the impulse to belly laughter when the current issue of Glamour magazine with the Biden interview crossed my desk. At first I thought Glamour was doing a beta-test on a new science fiction gig. But no, these people really want us to believe this stuff.

First was the tableau of Mr. Biden in full-gravitas mode, seated by a roaring White House fireplace, eyebrows arched in paternal dismay, with the blue suit, regimental tie, and room decor all underscoring the somber theme: http://www.glamour.com/tell-somebody/2011/05/vice-president-joe-biden-and-doctor-jill-biden-say-abuse-is-worse-than-being-in-prison

And where do we begin? The jaw-slacking half-truths, the none-too-subtle fear-mongering, or the outright fabrications?

OK, we'll start with the half-truths.

It's been less than two months since Reginald Daye died at the hand of girlfriend Crystal Mangum, discredited Duke lacrosse accuser, who plunged a kitchen knife deep into his chest following over an argument over rent money. Mangum has now been charged with homicide.

Surveys reveal Mangum is only the latest example of a galloping epidemic of female-initiated partner aggression. The latest report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control shows teenage girls are now 30% more likely than boys to slap, shove, or try to hurt their dating partners.

But throughout the Biden interview, women are inevitably depicted as victims at the hands of their brutish boyfriends and husbands. Not the slightest suggestion emerges that females may be abuse perpetrators.

This is not a matter of doing a Shake-and-Bake routine on the numbers. It's a case of outright assault and battery on the truth.

True, Mr. Biden sees himself an advocate for women, but does that mean abuse-prone females who need help should be swept under the rug for the sake of political correctness?

Ready for the fear-mongering?

The article alludes to the gallant "fight to keep women safe," and the Vice President floats the notion that any abusive relationship "is worse than being in prison." It's like women need to be constantly at the ready for their daily regimen of bruising and beatings.

But Biden never puts the issue in perspective, failing to inform women that the actual risk of being knocked off by their husband lies on the same order of magnitude as being struck by a bolt of lightning.

Now for the fabrication follies….

Mr. Biden claims the real cause of domestic violence is the "attitude of how society views women as chattel." Of course women in our society benefit from all the legal rights as men, and enjoy endless choices and opportunities. So is Biden's use of the word chattel to be considered absurd, inflammatory — or merely silly?

The Vice President then reports, "when we looked at the statistics for women who are dating, we noticed the

homicide rate has actually gone up." Since I have delved deeply into the domestic violence reports and had never heard this factoid, doubts begin to seize my consciousness.

So I contacted the DoJ Bureau of Justice Statistics, asking if they could confirm Mr. Biden's claim. Michael Rand, Chief of Victimization Statistics at the BJS promptly wrote me back, saying "I am not familiar with the study that was the source of the statement you cited."

In response to Joe Biden's well-rehearsed statistical tom-foolery, columnist Robert Franklin commented, "Someone should tell him to lay off the Kool-Aid."

If you want to know the truth about domestic violence, several good resources are available on-line, such as this compilation of 282 studies: http://www.csulb.edu/~mfiebert/assault.htm and this summary of key facts: http://www.saveservices.org/pdf/Seven-Facts-Every-American-Should-Know-About-DV.pdf

And if you're looking for an unabashed, full-frontal abuse spoof, be sure to peruse Vice President Biden's recent interview in Glamour magazine.

Decline of Masculinity Accompanied by Decline of Liberty

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It's pretty clear that our day to day lives in the US have become far more regulated and dull than the lives of Americans a generation ago. We technically have freedoms, but they have been systematically stripped from us through economic and institutional pressure. For example, political correctness on campus, which was simply an expression of militant leftism back in the 1980s, has been codified at most schools, and both students and professors who run afoul of the speech standards will pay a price. Writing something politically provocative online, or simply saying it to a coworker, can often result in failure to get some job or even outright firing. People are frightened to voice their opinions — and for good reason.

But it goes a lot farther than that. Regulations around parenting are more comprehensive than ever, so consequently we see far fewer kids playing outside than we used to. Another obvious result of the increased regulation of society is our extremely high incarceration rate, but the effects are felt far beyond the walls of correctional facilities.

There is something to be said for this regimentation of society; kids are safer than they used to be, crime has dropped, accidental death rates have declined and productivity has arguably increased. But at what cost comes this nanny state?

I'd argue that part of the price we pay is our very masculinity, which has become suspect and all but criminalized. Masculine values, such as speaking one's mind without regard for social conventions or political correctness, have taken a back seat to "harmony" and getting along. Schools have become utterly dull institutions where young men are bludgeoned into silence by an overwhelming consensus about what is acceptable. Dishonesty has become the norm in media, where platitudes take the place of frank, open honesty. Additionally, while those who have political privileges strive to create extra penalties for those who criticize them (e.g. hate crime laws), those who are out of favor become eternal scapegoats toward whom it is permissible – even encouraged – to direct invective.

Although the rights put in place by the founding fathers still exist on paper, the spirit of those times is utterly gone. We have gone from a nation of fiercely independent, egalitarian men to one of sniveling cowards and scraping sycophants. SWPL social conventions dominate our higher institutions, where there is no room for a dissenting, masculine voice. In fact, even the Tea Party, which is something of a reaction against this state of affairs, has come to be dominated by ambitious women, possibly because nobody can imagine a man getting away with speaking his mind in a radical, confrontational manner.

There will always be those of us who will break the mold and speak our minds anyway, whether it be due to our nature, circumstances or simply lack of concern for the unwritten rules, but it is tragic that so many men do not believe they have this opportunity. However, this can change. Many of the consequences of speaking out are far less severe than people imagine, and in many cases the result is an increase in one's mental health and a rise in perceived quality of life. Being open and honest is liberating, and can lift the spirit. It is also empowering, in that people will often find that others agree.

Finally, there is only one way to gain respect for masculinity: exercise it.

Egyptian Protesters Complain of Virginity Tests

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According to reports from Amnesty International and various Egyptian bloggers, Egyptian women who took part in street protests with men have been accused of promiscuity and prostitution. Some have been detained, where they say they were subjected to humiliating "virginity tests," slapping and taser shocks.

From a Western perspective, this comes off as rather barbaric, perhaps because the overwhelming majority of unmarried women would utterly fail such tests, and the subsequent detention would swamp our incarceration facilities with tens of millions of not-virgins.

It may seem alien to us, but chastity is taken seriously in Islamic countries, and anecdotal evidence suggests that it is supported by women at least as much as men. Even so, as an American, the idea that government officials should be probing people's private parts is repugnant to me.

However, it strikes me as disingenuous to see feminists making so much hay over this particular abuse when they were entirely silent over the depredations of Abu Ghraib. Again, as an American, I find it repugnant when people are gratuitously humiliated by the state — especially when it is our own state doing it.

The Egyptian government is now taking heat for its callous treatment of female detainees. I'm sure feminists are outraged over this. But did they give a damn when it was *men* who were being sexually tortured by "strong, empowered American women" like Lynndie England?

No, if we raise that issue, they'd dismiss it as no big deal. It isn't only that they don't give a damn — they tacitly support this kind of abuse of men they consider their enemies. Muslims are "patriarchal" after all, so in the feminist universe they deserve to be subjected to humiliation and menaced by attack dogs, just like American men back home.

Lorena Bobbitt and the Politics of Hate

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News of the penile mutilation of a Bangladeshi man has elicited some despicable responses by female readers on CBS's Facebook page. To understand this deplorable reaction to unjustified mayhem, we would do well to recall the Lorena and John Bobbitt affair. This is a lengthy piece, but the story is one worth recalling. I promise it will get your blood boiling. It holds a mirror up to modern gender relations, and the image isn't pretty.

Introduction

The mutilation of John Wayne Bobbitt by his wife, Lorena, on June 23, 1993, marks one of the most appalling and reprehensible chapters in modern Western gender relations. The story is well known: Lorena Bobbitt said her husband abused her over a prolonged period of time and that, on the night in question, he raped her. In a moment of what she claimed was temporary insanity, while her husband slept, she went to the kitchen of their apartment, grabbed a knife, came back into the bedroom, and proceeded to cut off most of his penis. She then hopped in her car, penis in hand, and drove away. As she sped by a field, she tossed the severed appendage out the window. The organ was later recovered and, miraculously, reattached to its owner.

The Bobbitt affair was appalling and reprehensible, and not merely because of the gruesome act of mayhem that defined it. It was all the more despicable because of the unspeakable glee, the unbridled delight, and the inexplicable exultation expressed by feminists and, sadly, large segments of the female population, who luxuriated in the vile mutilation of some lower class nobody, a man who had difficulty holding onto a job as a manual laborer. Feminists regarded the event as both a watershed moment in the battle of the sexes and a justifiable assault on maleness itself. Just as ancient warriors sometimes took the penises of their vanquished enemies as war trophies, what better way of trumpeting victory over males in the battle of the sexes than to take a penis from one of its foot soldiers?

In the immediate aftermath of the incident, with *de rigueur*, mindless, knee jerk fidelity, women's organizations branded the perpetrator "the victim" and the victim "the perpetrator," strictly along gender lines, even though the alleged rape was "he said/she said," and even though *there was no question that she mutilated him while he slept.*

This wasn't just a rush to judgment; it was a 60-meter sprint, completed in record time. Before a single scrap of evidence was considered by a jury, for feminists and many women, the trial was over even before it had begun. They arrogated to any woman the right to exact the most gruesome vigilante justice on any "member" of any member of the opposite sex. The Bobbitt affair was feminist stardust wishfulness come true.

John Bobbitt: False Rape Claim Victim

The mutilation couldn't then, and can't now, be rationally justified on any level. It was not self-defense. Ample evidence showed that both Mr. and Mrs. Bobbitt abused each other during their marriage. There is no evidence to believe anything stopped either one from leaving the other, and at the time of the maiming, they had been discussing divorce. By any measure, Mrs. Bobbitt's vigilante "justice" didn't fit the crime, even if Mr. Bobbitt had raped her earlier in the evening, as she claims.

But did Mr. Bobbitt rape his wife? When the legend becomes fact, old cowboys and feminists alike insist on printing the legend. In the Bobbitt case, the legend quickly took hold that *of course John Bobbitt raped his wife!* The problem is, the facts don't support the legend. It seems more likely that John Bobbitt was the victim of not only a horrible bodily mutilation but also of a false rape claim.

Mrs. Bobbitt's version of the facts was the evolving narrative of a woman groping for victimhood. At the time of her arrest, according to the New York Times, she told police: "He always have orgasm and he doesn't wait for me to have orgasm. He's selfish. I don't think it's fair, so I pulled back the sheets then and I did it."

End of case, right? Well, no. Later, she claimed she cut her husband in anger after he raped her, and she told a

psychiatrist that she cut him “really fast.” Later still, at her own trial, she claimed she couldn’t even remember doing it.

“This was all contrived to strike back at him after he said he was going to leave her,” said Mr. Bobbitt’s counsel, Gregory L. Murphy. “She was acting out a fantasy that’s in the psyche of many women.” Mel Feit, executive director of the National Center for Men in Brooklyn, might have hit the nail on the head with his explanation for the mutilation. “This is the result of feminists teaching women that men are natural oppressors.”

As befits a case where the accuser’s story is a moving target, at his trial for marital sexual abuse, John Bobbitt was acquitted. Ah, but that was just the beginning of the misandry.

Lorena Bobbitt: Feminist Hero

From the outset, Lorena Bobbitt was widely regarded as a feminist hero.

Time Magazine said there was a “ripple of glee that passed through the female population when Lorena Bobbitt struck back.” Vanity Fair ran a sultry photo spread of Lorena Bobbitt and branded her a “national folk heroine.”

A woman wrote to the New York Times — and don’t read this on an empty stomach: “Prof. Catharine MacKinnon of the University of Michigan and the writer Andrea Dworkin long ago pointed to the institution of marriage as a legal cover for the act of rape and the permanent humiliation of women. Lorena Bobbitt’s life has been a poignant instance of that nightmare, which elicited a bold and courageous act of feminist self-defense. As one who recently returned from a conference of feminist activists in Europe, I can assure readers that the Lorena Bobbitt case has galvanized the women’s movement worldwide in a way the Anita Hill case never did. No feminist is advocating emasculation as the weapon of first choice. And some women question the political prudence of ‘sociosexual vigilantism.’ But whatever the judgment of America’s patriarchal legal system, Lorena Bobbitt is for most feminists no criminal. She is instead a symbol of innovative resistance against gender oppression everywhere.”

Another woman seemed to sum up the feelings of many women without the pretentious feminist patina: “Every woman I’ve talked to about this says, ‘Way to go!’”

A sexual assault counselor said she didn’t condone the maiming but could “understand it,” and “could sympathize.” The severance of this 26-year-old loser’s penis somehow became, in the words of that sexual assault counselor, “a critical event in the history of women.” Why? Because “violence is done to women continuously and pervasively. And this is a retaliatory act of great dramatic value . . . .”

John Bobbitt’s severed penis was a sacrificial offering for the collective guilt of all men on the altar of political correctness.

The mainstream media was only too happy to mirror the feminist glee with barely any more restraint. Progressive writers (we called them “liberal” back then) dubbed the affair a “cautionary tale” for men. The lesson wasn’t that mutilating another human being is never justified; the lesson was that men had better wise up when it comes to how they treat women or they’ll rightly lose their dicks.

Female features writers couldn’t bring themselves to outright applaud the mutilation, but they went to great lengths to make clear that they were sympathetic to it. One columnist wrote: “Personally, I’m for both feminism and nonviolence. I admire the male body and prefer to find the penis attached to it rather than having to root around in vacant lots with Ziploc bag in hand. But I’m not willing to wait another decade or two for gender peace to prevail. And if a fellow insists on using his penis as a weapon, I say that, one way or another, he ought to be swiftly disarmed.” A not-so-veiled justification for mutilation, so long as the mutilation involves a penis, premised on a thousand modern-day Chicken Little fables and made-up stats that encourage young women to see sexual predation oozing and gushing from every male zipper.

Then there was celebrated columnist Ellen Goodman. Radcliffe grad and Pulitzer Prize winner. One of the darlings of progressive feminism whose column appeared in hundreds newspapers across the nation and who, on the entitlement and privilege scale, was a “ten” to John Bobbitt’s “one.” Ellen Goodman took time out from

polishing the awards on her mantle to make this working class putz her personal piñata. Ms. Goodman, of course, refused to come out and condone the mutilation, but she certainly could "explain," in a decidedly feminist way, both the mutilation and women's celebratory reaction to it. Ms. Goodman concluded that this story became a national sensation only because a woman finally fought back. "Last year," she declared without bothering to support her pronouncement with silly things like evidence, "the police blotter was full of abused and battered wives — an almost unilateral massacre." (Because, you see, in 1993, women did not commit domestic violence. Even today, few progressive female writers accept the indisputable fact, proven beyond question, that women commit domestic violence in significant numbers — against men, and other women.) Now, Ms. Goodman gushed, men "see a dangerous enemy where there was once a victim." And the men squirming at the thought of being Bobbittized? "If women smile at men who squirm, maybe it's at that recognition of power."

Ms. Goodman's take on the matter, of course, proves one thing: even misandrists can win a Pulitzer Prize.

To use the stilted, stick-up-their-ass syntax of Women's Studies majors, trying ever so hard to convince everyone they are actually getting an education in those wretched classes, Ms. Bobbitt was the leveler of gendered power differentials. She was a feminist Batman, without the codpiece. Never mind that none of the women applauding penile mutilation would applaud *any* other type of brutal vigilante justice for any other type of crime. Nothing a woman could do would *ever* justify mutilation of her breasts or vagina. Yet vigilante justice directed at a penis of some below average guy was heralded with a giddy "you go, girlfriend!" heard around the world.

The fact that purportedly enlightened publications were quietly, and sometimes not so quietly, rooting for Mrs. Bobbitt even before a single fact was adjudicated or a scrap of evidence admitted at trial is nothing short of astounding, puzzling, and frightening, all at once.

John Bobbitt Fit the Feminist Metanarrative as Oppressor of Women

What was behind all this contempt, all this hatred for a run-of-the-mill 26-year-old man who, by any logical measure, was the real victim here? He fit the feminist stereotype as an oppressor, meaning he was stereotypically "masculine." He was young and an ex-Marine. The fact that he was anything but "privileged" might be surprising to some, and it belies the notion that it's only powerful men, like Dominique Strauss-Kahn, or presumably privileged men, like the Duke lacrosse players, who are negatively pre-judged in any battle of the sexes. The fact of the matter is that in the court of public opinion, in "he said/she said" cases, "he" always loses. Remember Hofstra? (Read it — it's the most important thing we've ever written at False Rape Society.) The four young minority men who were jailed in that case were less privileged than even Mr. Bobbitt. The fact is, when the men are not powerful, it's an advantage for those predisposed to pre-judge them because they lack the capacity to defend themselves against the Ellen Goodmans of the world.

As Thomas Sowell recently wrote in *Intellectuals and Society*: "Information or allegations reflecting negatively on individuals or groups seen less sympathetically by the intelligentsia pass rapidly into the public domain with little scrutiny and much publicity." Sowell cited two of the more prominent hoaxes in recent history as evidence for this point: the alleged gang rapes of black women by white men in the Tawana Brawley and Duke lacrosse cases. He might also have cited the Bobbitt affair.

The Politics of Hate

But some columnists couldn't accept that women in general embraced the feminist glee over the mutilation. Syndicated columnist Mona Charen explained why Mrs. Bobbitt was chosen as a feminist pinup girl: the mutilation, they believed, was "every woman's fantasy." The case gripped the media because, Ms. Charen lamented, "they [the media] really believe that most women feel that way deep down." But Ms. Charen recognized how utterly twisted all of it was: "If feminists are seething with such hatred for men, that is evidence of a politics bordering on pathology." She continued: "To see the mutilation of a man's body as a political act and to signal secret approval and a vicarious thrill . . . truly deserves the label 'the politics of hate.'"

Charen found the nation's obsession with the mutilation "bizarre, abnormal and sexist to boot." It would be

impossible to disagree with Ms. Charen's observation about reversing the genders: "If a woman were similarly wounded by a man, no one would treat it with ghoulish humor. Men are evidently fair game."

Newsweek nailed it: "Just imagine what [feminists'] reaction would be if someone had tried to cut off a woman's breast. Feminists have a cutting-edge sense of humor…but only if it's directed at men."

Even when Mr. Bobbitt was found not guilty of marital rape, that didn't change the feminists' view that, *of course*, he was really guilty. Kim Gandy of NOW said the verdict "discourages women and gives men a free ride in marital rape cases." It doesn't seem to have occurred to Ms. Gandy that John Bobbitt might not have raped his wife. Ms. Gandy, obviously, knew better than the jury. Or if it did occur to her that perhaps Mr. Bobbitt was factually innocent, she didn't let that inconvenient fact get in the way of her *women-are-always-the-victim* metanarrative.

The Lorena Bobbitt Trial: Things Get Really Nutty

Finally, it was time for Mrs. Bobbitt's trial for maliciously wounding her husband. Much of the nation, and beyond, watched intently with sympathies split largely along gender lines. In Ecuador, Lorena Bobbitt's home country, the National Feminist Association called several news organizations to announce that if Mrs. Bobbitt went to prison for mutilating her husband, 100 innocent American men would be castrated (it is not clear if they really meant "castration," which generally means removal of the testicles, or if they meant they would slice off 100 innocent penises). The organization also staged a large protest outside the U.S. consulate.

The Lorena Bobbitt trial was a feminist Woodstock. A carnival atmosphere swept over Manassas, where it was held. A woman sold homemade, penis-shaped white chocolates outside the courthouse. T-shirts were hawked that said "Revenge — how sweet it is," and "Manassas: A Cut Above." Some feminists sold buttons that read: "LORENA BOBBITT FOR SURGEON GENERAL." Disc jockeys handed out "Slice" soda pop and cocktail wieners "with lots of ketchup."

Hundreds of Lorena Bobbitt supporters cheered their champion outside the courthouse. When the man she mutilated — who likely was the real victim — walked outside, he was greeted with boos and whistles, but he stoically showed no reaction. Isn't that just like a man?

Mrs. Bobbitt's self-defense claim — that she was justified in maiming a sleeping man — would be laughable in any context outside feminist jurisprudence. Here's what Newsweek said about it: ". . . the traditional definition of self-defense wasn't enough for radical feminists. And so in the 1970s, feminist psychologist Lenore Walker conceived the 'battered-woman syndrome.' Women beaten by their mates, she claimed, are so demoralized that they become too helpless to leave or to take steps to help themselves. They become convinced their only option to stop the abuse is to kill the abuser. So even if the woman is in no physical danger at the time of the killing, she's defending herself against future beatings. Get it? Because men supposedly have so much power over women in our society, women should be given the powers of judge, jury and executioner.

"Ideas–especially seminal ideas such as these–have consequences. In 1991, the governors of Ohio and Maryland commuted the sentences of a number of jailed women who had killed or assaulted their mates because they claimed to have been victims of battered-woman syndrome. But reporters turned up embarrassing evidence indicating that 15 of the 25 women freed in Ohio had not been physically abused. Six, they said, had talked about killing their boyfriends or husbands. in some cases months before doing so; and two had tracked down and killed husbands from whom they were separated. If they were capable of that much premeditation, they were certainly capable of picking up and leaving."

The female prosecutor kicked off the trial by telling the jurors, apparently with a straight face, that it was "his penis versus her life." Charles Krauthammer called that characterization a "stark summation of feminist victimization theory." Dr. Krauthammer added that the Bobbitt case wasn't one of self-defense but of revenge. He noted that evidence of self-defense, improper though it was, came in quite handy for Mrs. Bobbitt because it allowed her to introduce "the most lurid allegations of sexual abuse." The trial made the Bobbitt marriage "one of the most highly publicized and minutely scrutinized ever," said the New York Times.

One of Lorena's former co-workers testified that Lorena once said she would chop off her husband's dick if he cheated on her. Witnesses testified that Lorena was mean, violent, and subject to jeolous, unpredictable physical attacks.

In the end, the jury found Lorena Bobbitt not guilty of malicious wounding by reason of insanity and committed her to a mental health facility for 45 days for observation. The New York Times reported that "a gasp went up among her supporters in the courtroom."

Did you get that? 45 days in a mental health wing of a hospital. Until relatively recently, many states punished rape with the death penalty. It is clear beyond question that very few rapes are as vicious, as brutal, as inhumane as the attack on Mr. Bobbitt. But while many men and boys have been put to death for rape, a woman who sliced off her sleeping husband's penis got 45 days of observation in a nice, clean hospital.

Whatever this was, it was not justice.

The verdict elicited the predictable response. Self-described feminists cheered and gave each other high fives that a woman was permitted to get away with what now could, quite literally, and officially, be called an insane act. Kim Gandy, executive vice president of the National Organization for Women, summed up the position for the lunatic fringe, which in this case seemed to comprise a regrettably large segment of the nation's female population: "We're glad the jury rejected the twisted argument that a battered woman should be locked up in a prison cell." Ms. Gandy used the verdict as the occasion to push one of her pet projects: ". . . this whole saga drives home the need for swift passage of a comprehensive version of the Violence Against Women Act . . . ."

In Lorena Bobbitt's hometown of Bucay, Ecuador, hundreds took to the streets, cheering and firing shots into the air the way joyous fans do when their team wins the World Cup or the Super Bowl.

The New York Times chimed in, ever so delicately: "[I]n this case," the Times pontificated, "the jury can be forgiven for finding a reason to excuse Mrs. Bobbitt's brutality . . . ." It also noted: ". . . perhaps the verdict will indeed make some abusive men think twice before they strike again." But, the Times refused to go so far as to invite every self-anointed victim to resort to retaliation: ". . . violence cannot be the standard answer to violence." If violence can't be the "standard" answer, this suggests that, sometimes, violence is OK, and presumably that "sometimes" includes any time it is done to a penis by a self-anointed wronged woman.

But Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz said violence is not OK. Mrs. Bobbitt "pulled the wool over the jury's eyes," Dershowitz said, by claiming that abuse left her unable to take responsibility for her actions. He called her a "feminist Dirty Harry." The "abuse excuse," Dershowitz explained, "is dangerous to the very tenets of democracy, which presuppose personal accountability for choices and actions."

Mona Charen, likewise, was in no mood to celebrate. She knew that the reaction of feminists, and of too many women, was as wrong as can be: "Rarely have I been as ashamed of my sex as I have been in the aftermath of the Lorena Bobbitt verdict."

The brilliant Dr. Charles Krauthammer, a Harvard educated psychiatrist before becoming a political pundit, said it best: this verdict took "political correctness to its ultimate extreme, to the point where for those who claim politically correct victimization, the laws no longer apply."

"Politically correct victimization" sums up the entire affair.

Legacy

The Bobbitt affair ripped off an ugly scab and exposed the even more loathsome oozing pus that mainstream feminism had become. It revealed a worse-than-nasty vindictive streak, so wide and drawn with such bright-lines, that proved feminism is less interested in achieving gender equity than in blindly punishing an entire gender for the unnamed sins of a tiny percentage of its members.

The principal legacy of the Bobbitt affair was to "empower" women by insisting they are powerless; because of that

purported powerlessness, they are excused from assuming personal responsibility for their actions. The problem is, the more we institutionalize the notion that women are powerless and not held to the same standards as men, the more we underscore that women really aren't men's equals. The Bobbitt affair was a setback for women's quest for true equality.

A more immediate impact was that copycat crimes cropped up and continue to crop up to this day, including the crime that led to the Brigitte Harris trial in 2009, where a young woman admitted to researching the Bobbitt case before severing her allegedly abusive father's penis. Ms. Harris made sure to burn the purportedly offending appendage to avoid Mrs. Bobbitt's mistake that allowed John Bobbitt to be reunited with his organ. Ms. Harris' father died in the ordeal, so his side of the story will never be known. (At the young woman's trial, the jurors convicted her of second degree manslaughter and not murder, which prompted the judge to chide the jurors for elevating their sympathies over the law.)

Mrs. Bobbitt's brutal act of mutilation, and the depraved reaction of feminists, the mainstream media, and, frankly, too many women, cannot be justified, or respected, on any reasonable, logical, moral, or other level. The celebratory reaction and tolerance for this most vicious act of vengeance was morally grotesque and seemed an all too predictable response to the systematic maligning of a gender over the course of several decades. Any assertion that "feminism helps men, too" evaporated with the Bobbitt affair. The detestable reaction to the crime was too hateful to entertain such pretenses any longer. The only lesson for men from this ordeal was to avoid women like Lorena Bobbitt, and to realize that maleness is unfairly held in widespread contempt.

Following the mutilation, men, as a class, were exposed to a disdain many had not known existed, and they didn't know how to react to it. But men's bewilderment was understandable. In the days just before the Internet explosion, men didn't know that they were "all" rapists. Nor did anyone bother to explain to them that they were the supposed beneficiaries of a "patriarchy" that made them undeservedly privileged. You see, most men were too busy working to make ends meet, ironically, to support the very people who actually studied those loony things in college. So when women shamefully applauded the vile mutilation of another human being — a man who was not privileged, or especially smart, or wealthy, or lucky — all that men could muster in the face of this fusillade of misandry was a muffled and chivalrous grumble.

It is fittingly symbolic that John Bobbitt slept while his wife was busy slicing off his penis, because it mirrored the slumber of Western men while feminism hacked away at the very concept of masculinity.

But since that awful night in 1993, the men's movement has grown by the proverbial leaps and bounds. The Internet has exposed countless men to an ongoing battle of the sexes that they didn't even know was being waged at the time Mrs. Bobbitt committed her vile act. If something like the Bobbitt case happened today, would it be met with a different reaction? Would it bring to the front burner the issues of female-on-male domestic violence and false rape claims? No one can say for certain, but my guess is that men would actually answer the bell this time, instead of sitting on a stool in a corner of the ring, allowing women to win by default.

Like Mr. Bobbitt, who was very rudely awakened by the cold, sharp steel cutting through his manhood, men, in general, are also awakening. They are still groggy, and they are wiping the sleep from their eyes. But hopefully soon, they will be wide awake, and with a little bit of luck, they will be able to grab the knife before they are completely emasculated.

More on Female Literature

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It seems the feminists really, really care about this issue, so I thought I'd indulge them with a little comparison between female and male poetry. In dealing with feminists, official credentials are always very important, so I chose former US Poet Laureate Kay Ryan, who, having been selected by the government, must surely be the cream of the crop. Ms. Ryan is a 60-something lesbian and English teacher at Marin College (and people wonder why boys are having a hard time in school…) who served as America's official poet from 2008 to 2010, upon which she was succeeded by some guy named W.S. Merwin.

Following is one of her poems, featured in the NY Times upon her selection to be poet laureate.

> HOME TO ROOST
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> *The chickens*
> *are circling and*
> *blotting out the*
> *day. The sun is*
> *bright, but the*
> *chickens are in*
> *the way. Yes,*
> *the sky is dark*
> *with chickens,*
> *dense with them.*
> *They turn and*
> *then they turn*
> *again. These*
> *are the chickens*
> *you let loose*
> *one at a time*
> *and small —*
> *various breeds.*
> *Now they have*
> *come home*
> *to roost—all*
> *the same kind*
> *at the same speed.*

Haunting imagery, I must say…

For purposes of comparison, I'll go with one of my personal favorites — Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Here's a passage from *Kubla Khan*:

> *In Xanadu did Kubla Khan*
> *A stately pleasure-dome decree:*
> *Where Alph, the sacred river, ran*
> *Through caverns measureless to man*
> *Down to a sunless sea.*
>
> So twice five miles of fertile ground
> With walls and towers were girdled round:

> And there were gardens bright with sinuous rills,
> Where blossomed many an incense-bearing tree;
> And here were forests ancient as the hills,
> Enfolding sunny spots of greenery.
>
> But oh! that deep romantic chasm which slanted
> Down the green hill athwart a cedarn cover!
> A savage place! as holy and enchanted
> As e'er beneath a waning moon was haunted
> By woman wailing for her demon-lover!

Is it fair to compare a poem about barnyard fowl with one about Kubla Khan? I'm not sure, but according to the US government Kay Ryan is one of America's most distinguished poets. She is also a woman, and almost certainly a feminist.

Below are a couple videos, including "Turtle," a reading by Kay Ryan (introduced by the insufferably sanctimonious Garrison Keillor), followed by Dylan Thomas reading "Do Not Go Gentle into that Good Night":

Kay Ryan:

Dylan Thomas:

Last Word (for now) on Women's Lit

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It's nice to see how many readers appreciate literature and poetry, and it was also interesting to note how a number of them – including plenty of men – defended female writers and poets. This speaks to the fact that men are inherently fair when it comes to judging achievement. However, this also raises the question as to whether it was ever anything other than a power play on the part of feminists to increase female representation in various fields. Were women ever really held back and prevented from writing poetry, composing music, etc.? Given the fact that so many readers could find quality female artists from decades – even centuries – in the past, it certainly doesn't look that way.

Furthermore, it appears that since feminism's triumph, female achievement in the higher arts has deteriorated substantially. When women no longer have to excel to be read and recognized, but simply have to advertise the fact that they are women to be celebrated for dubious achievements, they won't put as much effort into producing anything of quality. So the sorry state of women today is a direct result of feminist privilege, which absolves them of all responsibility and deflects any criticism. How can we discern which women are of quality when we must celebrate all of them as strong, creative, beautiful geniuses?

Yes, feminism has wrecked Western womanhood, reducing the young women of today to spoiled brats who can't take a hint of criticism, and immediately turn to authorities to bolster their self-esteem. No woman can be too fat to be beautiful, too dense to be intelligent, or too dull to be creative. They are all equally super-duper goddesses, before whom men must genuflect and heap up mounds of praise.

It is this aspect of feminism above all that ruins women. If we men are honest with ourselves, we'll admit that some women are capable of great things, but under feminism they are restricted to a level grade of mediocrity. Just as it is necessary for the female nature to temper some of the excesses of masculinity, without masculine concepts of competition, excellence and achievement women are reduced to the median, and the potential of exceptional individual women is hidden under the skirts of convention and propriety.

First Western Geisha Flounders, Ultimately Leaves in Disgrace

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Fiona Graham, a 47-year-old Australian Oxford grad, somehow convinced an "okiya" (geisha house) in Japan to accept her for training. Enthralled by romantic notions of the profession, in which women train to learn how to be pleasant companions (not prostitutes) in tasteful settings such as dinner parties and tea ceremonies, Ms. Graham decided to take up the flute as her instrument of choice and to call herself "Sayuki," meaning "transparent happiness."

Problems started to become apparent when she decided that the judgment of her superiors at the geisha house, who felt she was not yet good enough with the instrument to perform for guests, did not apply to her. She began skipping practice, clashing with her fellow geishas, and declaring herself "good enough" to perform.

Soon, her disobedience escalated to tantrums and outright insubordination:

> "She says she is a flute player but she does not go to lessons and said she was already good enough," said the fellow geisha. "But to perform in front of guests is very important. You have to be good enough and you need to have permission.
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> "No-one would give her permission because she was not good enough – so she became hysterical, yelling at everyone. That is not our style. We have a traditional way of thinking and we have to obey our older 'sisters'."

Even worse in the eyes of afficionados, however, was her disregard for the conventions of the profession:

> …Peter MacIntosh, a documentary maker who has studied the secretive world of geisha for 18 years, said: "I have refused to call her Sayuki. When she starts acting like a geisha, then I'll call her by her geisha name."
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> He pointed out that geisha did not normally wear the traditional white make-up after around the age of 30 and that "Western guests are not going to want to see a 47-year-old Western woman in makeup."
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> [...]
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> One geisha noted that because the association would not permit Ms Graham to perform in front of customers, she began arranging her own events outside the geisha district.
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> "She organised these parties, but most of the other geisha didn't go because we don't think that she is a geisha," she said, adding that as Ms Graham had no-one to accompany her flute playing, she used backing music from a portable music player.
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> "She played like that in front of the guests – we would not dare do that," the geisha said. "It's embarrassing, but she just does not understand that."

Although there will always be adjustment issues when making the leap from one culture to another, traditional Eastern and contemporary Westen female culture are so profoundly different that it may simply have been too wide a chasm to span even with good-faith effort. Although most of us would probably find the idea that a middle-aged Western woman could pull off being a geisha preposterous, and we might find ourselves holding a derisive attitude toward Ms. Graham, the sad fact is that she's probably better than the average Western woman. She was the only Western woman so far to have been accepted into an okiya, after all…

However, some traits are just too deeply ingrained in contemporary Western women to polish away, such as the eternal need for validation, the overestimation of her own value and the sense of entitlement even without corresponding accomplishment.

It is truly sad to see how Western women's overinflated sense of self has reduced them, diminishing their capacity for introspection and robbing them of the ability to attain excellence.

The Invisible Man

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Marginalized, ignored, and forgotten (until he is "necessary")

By Ken Knight

In 1997 horror-writer Bentley Little published his aptly-titled novel THE IGNORED. It is about a man who is so average and fits into society so well he disappears from view, drifts into a state where his co-workers no longer see him, his friends don't recognize him, his parents die and he's not even invited to the funeral. He joins up with others like him, a tiny cabal of men in their own pocket of reality who validate each other in being ignored by those around them and seek "pay back" for the way they've been treated.

Though not nearly controversial as other man-cave classics like "The Satanic Bible" and "American Psycho", THE IGNORED is a vicarious walk with fictional characters whom secretly lash out at society around them because despite their high education, white-collar jobs, and family-raising qualities, they found themselves "forgotten" by the very social order they've been serving. Art imitates life….or so they say!

Much has been said here at The Spearhead about the dynamics of "Alpha", "Beta", and "Omega" males in the human pecking order, but I'll leave those three definitions to you.

What can't be displayed enough is the ongoing "marginalization" of the American male as a whole from the home to the workplace and in the courts, the media/entertainment pitch on men in general being the least of our concern when it comes to Men's Rights but media/entertainment denigration of men nowadays is at such an all-encompassing rate and delivery it would make Nazi Propagandist Joseph Goebbels red with envy!

What I mean when I refer to as "the invisible man" is a rather new phenomenon that has arisen through the radical egalitarianism to become a "result" few men who supported the feminist movement decades ago would have ever imagined could happen. It is the subtle but real vanishing of men from the College Campuses, the workplace (more especially in traditionally-male professions) and in the home with more and more single-parent homes each year in the US where the father of the children has been cast off to become only a paycheck each month.

Indoctrinated by Feminism, the past few generations of women have been inundated by the "men are sexist oppressors" and "men are replaceable" platitudes that flow freely from feminist doctrine through Congress to the Court room to the offices of media barons and motion picture production companies and of course preached in our schools and universities with casual aplomb. Should one not be too surprised when Susie, Franny, and Lilly act accordingly and overtly dismiss, marginalize, and work against the men in their lives without what appears to be a second thought? When what used to be a personality disorder decades ago is now afforded women from the board room to the gym room and even bar room, as countless men are in fact being viewed (and subsequently treated) as second-class citizens in their own country in a manner that should make civil rights lawyers scream to the heavens…..but it doesn't!

Men are pigs, overgrown "boys", or hawkish devils lurking about the office or workplace looking at Lilly's ass in the tight mini-skirt she's wearing…if he's not her "type" and she notices him looking at her, she'll lodge a formal complaint on the "creep" for "reckless-eyeballing".

Men are harassers and potential stalkers who threaten women's safety…

One too many dates asked for by a (unattractive) male suitor brings Franny into the Police Station to inquire about a "protective order". Men are expendable and can be easily replaced in a woman's life…if Susie becomes "unhappy" at some moment of discomfort in a relationship or marriage she simply ends it and gets police protection as well as Family Law Judges to usually decide in their favor when it comes to divorce.

Men are only good for one thing, making a woman 'happy'… the modern sense of entitlement that abounds in many

of our ladies out there is thick enough to choke a Rhino and despite the fact their demands for a man's house, pension, property, and 18 years of economic slavery is slowly bankrupting a once great nation as a whole, it continues at full-speed-ahead without regard for consequences. Men have had it good for centuries and now it is a woman's turn to 'rule'…such inane entitlement-thinking stems from the darkest pits of personal insecurity and envy only the worst of tyrants take it seriously.

It is "entitlement" that makes one person view another person as "inferior" and allows for the other person to be minimized at first sight. Ask the survivors of Nazi Germany and Stalinist Russia about how this is the very beginning of something much worse later on.

How one group of people view another group of people is tantamount to how the first group is going to treat the second, that's simple sociology sports-fans…now add in a media/entertainment "propaganda" machine intentionally bent against one group of people and the slant becomes far more insidious than simple comedy and fictional scenarios poking fun at men, women, minorities, etc. The score is pretty simple….

Now I could write volumes of examples of this phenomenon as others have written here, but suffice it to say that the "invisible man" is example enough and unless you are one of those rare cats who has a well-paying gravy of a career "on top" with the additional bonus of Clark Gable good-looks with significant amount of fame, a cool (expensive) car, and home/property to make just about anyone insanely envious of you, odds are you have experienced being "invisible" somewhere along the way at work, home, or in public.

The often-ignored "invisible man" is the everyday man, the bee-hive worker doing what he has to do for a paycheck and to stay afloat, viewed by many of the women he might smile at as beneath them, from the Secretary who hates the way the repairman looks at her but is glad the "creep" fixed the air-conditioning so she's not sweating through her blouse, to the female model who grits her teeth every time she comes across an ordinary man she reluctantly speaks to as she yearns for the "alpha" she feels she is entitled to…..

Personally, I think this is where the derogatory term "Tool" fits the most, for that is what many a woman sees the men around her as, a "tool" in one way or another and only called upon when a "tool" is needed. Of course, thanks in no small part to the way Susie has been conditioned to think, she'll likely dismiss you soon after what she needed is accomplished (without any thought to how "teamwork" makes the world a better place).

Catch is Susie…that ordinary guy you take for granted may one day see the futility of being anywhere near you when the shit hits the fan.

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Feminist Moderation in the Face of Absurdity

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By Andrew

I've always been interested in what feminists think of the military draft, given it just kinda goes against the grain of their 'men have always been privileged' view of the world. I guess we need to give them a little credit on this issue (very little, as you'll soon see), as they typically oppose it.

However, in opposing the draft, they trivialize it and turn it in to an issue that's bad for both women and men. Just read National Association of Women's policy statement on the military draft in its entirety:

> "BE IT RESOLVED, that NOW opposes the reinstatement of registration and draft for both men and women. NOW's primary focus on this issue is on opposition to registration and draft. However, if we cannot stop the return to registration and draft, we also cannot choose between sisters and brothers. We oppose any registration or draft that excludes women as an unconstitutional denial of rights to both young men and women. And we continue to oppose all sex discrimination by the volunteer armed services."

Hmmmm, so "any draft that excludes women" denies rights to "both young men and women." I guess that's technically true. After all, Jim Crow, technically speaking, denied rights to both black people and white people.

Why can't the draft just be one issue in which men got shafted and the Selective Service be an example of men getting shafted today? The answer is simply that if such concessions were made, the 'women are always victim' paradigm would fade away into a more nuanced and intelligent view of historical gender relations. And of course there are many such examples of this.

Feministing for one, deals with the old 'women and children first' policy that was sacrosanct in the 19th century and is still used today, by simply pretending it doesn't exist.

Search "women and children first" on their site and you come up with two hits, the first celebrates the 30th anniversary of the charity Women and Children First and the second is an interview with an author who references a bookstore named, you guessed it, Women and Children First.

So feminists take an issue that only affects men directly and turn it into a two sided issue and then ignore another obvious issue that affects men. These examples, however, pale in comparison to my favorite example of feminist moderation in the face of absurdity; feminists ambivalent treatment of the outrageous. Take this article by *XX Magazine* on the horribly difficult question of whether or not to imprison "deadbeat dads."

The article makes no bones about it; it's called "Deadbeat Dad's and Debtor's Prison." They know we're talking about debtor's prisons here, which were abolished in the United States a generation before slavery.

Unbelievably, the story is not about whether it's moral to jail "deadbeat dads" but rather, as KJ Dell'Antonia opens "Can the state jail a "deadbeat dad" without providing him a lawyer?"

That's like asking 'is it OK for a bank to jail a delinquent homeowner without providing him a lawyer' or 'can a property manager to jail a delinquent tenant without providing him a lawyer.' Why the hell is that even an issue? Why can the state jail someone for being delinquent on a debt? Debtor's prisons are an anachronistic form of tyranny feminists appear to be completely comfortable with as long as the only victims are male. (I should note this is nothing new, according to Warren Farrell, back in the early 19th century, husbands were routinely jailed for debts their wives incurred.)

The lunacy of her discussion about these "hard cases" continues:

> And then there's the question of what "can't pay" means. What of the parent who's lost his job and is now

> balancing the mandatory child support payment with supporting children from a new marriage?”

So a guy either provides tribute to his ex-wife and lets his kids starve, or provides food for his children and deal with getting harassed by child support agencies and perhaps imprisoned by them. Why, it seems to me you’re missing something here KJ.

So, if any of you ever find it a mystery how feminists can be so blind to the problems men face, just look at how ambivalent they are toward blatant oppression.

Guilty Until Proven Innocent...Even Then You're Still Guilty

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This past Thursday men and women from around the country convened to share their experiences facing down false allegations of abuse. The event was a sobering testament to how the former War on Crime has morphed into Open Season on the Innocent, or so it would appear.

The meeting was the first-ever False Allegations Summit, held in Washington, DC and sponsored by a group called Stop Abusive and Violent Environments. Yes, there were anguished sighs and tears as persons recounted their daily battles – for some, obsessions — to exonerate themselves and restore their good names.

The Summit led off with the revelation that 11% of Americans report they have been falsely accused of child abuse, domestic violence, or sexual assault. This astonishing number means tens of millions of persons have had their foreheads branded with the scarlet Abuser label.

The Summit then featured presentations by a parade of stakeholder organizations that have witnessed first-hand the effects of false claims.

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers highlighted the "immense, often irreparable harm caused to our clients for false allegations, not only to reputation and personal relationships, but often to the accused individual's livelihood and even health."

The Home School Legal Defense Association documented repeated instances where an anonymous hotline call triggered an unannounced visit by a social worker, sometimes ending in the strip search of a bewildered child. These are not isolated cases – nationwide, over 85% of child abuse allegations are found to be unsubstantiated: http://www.saveservices.org/false-allegations-awareness-month/

The American Coalition for Fathers and Children then testified how an allegation of child abuse or domestic violence often becomes a tactical ploy for an impending child-custody dispute. "When a father can be sentenced to months in jail for simply leaving a gallon of milk on his child's doorstep, we have indeed reached the point of 'hysteria' about the issue of domestic violence," ACFC executive director Michael McCormick commented.

The National Coalition for Men representative recounted the plight of Raul, a ship-welder who was caught in an unhappy marriage with an abusive woman. She began to accuse him of a litany of offenses including sexual abuse of their baby. As the conflict escalated, the woman's family started to threaten the man. Just two weeks ago, Raul was discovered lying in the California desert, a gunshot wound to the head.

Then Encounters International described how so-called Green Card Girls play the abuse card to secure their work authorization and citizenship. Recalling her childhood experiences in the former Soviet Union, Natasha Spivack told the spell-bound audience:

"In Stalinist Russia, innocent people were presumed guilty if reported as 'Enemies of the Motherland.' They were sent to the Gulag or executed without due process. In the United States of America, citizens are presumed guilty if reported as 'Domestic Abusers.'…they lost their jobs, their mental health, their reputation, their trust in justice, and their self-esteem."

Then it was then the turn of the victims, the persons falsely accused, to speak out and break the shroud of silence and shame that too often envelopes the lives of the wrongfully charged.

Cheryl Shanks of New Jersey recounted how her former husband fabricated claims of abuse so he could get special treatment by the immigration authorities: "This ordeal began in August of 2003…The price on my family has been immeasurable. My son has his own therapist who he sees weekly."

Carl Starling of Maryland described how his former wife accused him of repeatedly striking her with his fist, but didn't experience the need to pay a visit to the hospital emergency room to tend to her wounds.

Gordon Smith of Delaware described the Mad-Hatter experience of having an abusive wife who sought to be absolved by accusing him of the very actions that she had committed. When he sought to file perjury charges, the prosecutor demurred, leading Smith to deplore the “state-sponsored protection” of false accusers.

And Terri Quick of Pennsylvania described the ordeal of her son who had engaged in consensual sex with a girlfriend. When the relationship went sour and she decided to re-connect with her previous flame, he suddenly found himself accused of rape. The evidence was all circumstantial, but enough to secure a conviction.

But it was Ben Vonderheide of Pennsylvania who stole the show:
http://www.saveservices.org/2011/06/video-false-allegations-summit-in-america-do-the-accused-deserve-a-hearing/

In 2007 his ex-girlfriend was found guilty of three counts of making false statements to law enforcement officials. Despite the conviction, the ex- continues her campaign to vilify dad in the eyes of her son, and family judges refuse to lift a finger to stop the calumnies. “You’re presumed guilty until proven innocent, and even then you’re still considered guilty,” Vonderheide wryly told the audience.

Are things as bad in the United States as they were in Soviet Russia? *Of course not.*

But accounts of anonymous informants, a galling presumption of guilt, ideologically driven prosecutions, a no-way-out criminal justice system, and the tacit condoning of perjury all point to an abuse industry that is spinning out of control.

The Spearhead Connection to Weinergate: Weiner Crushed Under Foot of Civic Virtue

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Back in January, Pierce Harlan wrote an interesting article featured here at *The Spearhead* on "Triumph of Civic Virtue," a New York City statue that had been neglected for some time due to political correctness. The statue depicted virtue (i.e. manliness) crushing vice and corruption, which were portrayed as medusa-like monsters, beneath his manly feet. Evidently, women took offense that the monsters were female (all bad things must be portrayed as male, of course). Some feminists saw it here, and eventually the article must have made its way to the desk of Anthony Weiner, an up-and-coming NY politician with a "progressive" stance.

Shortly thereafter, Pierce found that Weiner had begun denouncing the statue as "sexist," and in a publicity stunt drew up a Craigslist ad describing the statue as follows:

> Sexist Statue for Sale
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> For Sale: 22-ton (sexist) marble "Triumph of Civic Virtue" statue by renowned sculptor Frederick MacMonnies.
>
> Own a (tasteless) piece of New York City history! Triumph of Civic Virtue created by sculptor Frederick MacMonnies – the artist behind iconic figures such as the Quadriga in Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza – is now up for sale for a limited time.
>
> This controversial and offensive statue crudely depicts a young man with a sword triumphantly standing over the defeated bodies of two women. In 1941, then-Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia had the good sense to banish the figure from its initial location in City Hall Park.
>
> Unfortunately, it ended up in Kew Gardens, where it remains to this day.
>
> Now, community leaders want to see it go.
>
> All proceeds from the sale of this sexist eyesore will benefit the city of New York. Shipping is not included.

Surely, Mr. Weiner must have felt that rather than a statue of a virtuous young man, women across the United States would prefer to view cam shots of his genitalia in various states of tumescence…

Sometimes, justice is sweet. I want to give Pierce Harlan credit and congratulate him for assisting in exposing Weiner for the repugnant creature he is. The irony of Weiner being caught in his own web of lies and vice after denouncing a statue making a statement against just these kinds of scummy politicians is almost as satisfying as it gets. Adding to that feeling, of course, is the fact that he made an indirect attack on the content featured here shortly before being so utterly disgraced.

As for the statue, I'll propose a little change that should make everyone happy: carve little Weiner heads on the monsters under Civic Virtue's feet.

Anthony Weiner's Public Hypocrisy Begs for Investigation

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Despite the damage-control feminists such as Amanda Marcotte and others on the left have attempted to implement to salvage the career of their feminist lackey Anthony Weiner, most of which consists of writing something along the lines of "well, he isn't a *hypocrite* (and he's pro-abortion!)" more and more evidence has emerged demonstrating that he is exactly that.

Of course, the fact that he is a male feminist is enough for me to want to see the guy's political career go down in flames, but for some others a bit more convincing may be necessary.

Consider this: Anthony Weiner sponsored a bill that would require "sexual predators" (often an overly inclusive designation) to maintain a registered online identity to prevent them from stalking online.

There's no evidence so far that Weiner sent any lewd photos to minors, but it's certainly possible, especially considering how close some of those he approached online were to the legal limit. In fact, he was following at least one teenager, and that's something, given the circumstances, that ought to be looked into.

Personally, I'm highly skeptical of sex-offender hysteria, and think the fear of predators is overblown. Many of the people on sex offender registries are there for piddling offenses, such as urinating in public or hiring a prostitute, and the precedent the lists set is chilling.

But what is really outrageous is that a guy who was actively involved in promoting this kind of draconian measure is skating so dangerously close to engaging in the very thing he would have punished by force of law. This is about as disgusting and vile as hypocrisy gets.

Therefore, it would be entirely appropriate to launch a criminal investigation of Weiner to determine whether he is subject to restrictions and/or punishment under the laws that he promoted while in public office.

Weiner himself has already hired an attorney, which suggests that the congressman may be anticipating such an eventuality. In addition to that, the volume and vehemence of his initial lies combined with his refusal to step down indicate that he may yet have more to hide.

It is time to launch a comprehensive investigation of representative Anthony Weiner. His lies and abuse of taxpayer resources to procure sexual gratification should be sufficient justification for this, but above all he deserves it for being such a raging hypocrite.

Conservative Myopia in Regards to Feminism

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I've been reading Robert Stacy McCain on Weinergate, because he's covering it quite well, and, I should add, he's a pretty good writer. Quite funny sometimes, and usually insightful. There's a lot about conservatism – particularly the libertarian brand McCain appears to favor – that appeals to me. However, I can't really climb on board, and one of McCain's latest posts on feminism and Weiner reminds me why.

The article, titled "Feminism and the Friendly Stranger" comes pretty close to the mark, and its conclusion is sound, but it's based on a flawed understanding of feminists and their motives. It even comes dangerously close to portraying feminists as victims, and that right there is the big hurdle conservatives will need to jump before they can effectively tackle this issue.

The gist of the article is that slick pols like Weiner are simply putting one over on women by feigning concern for their issues. Here's the opening premise:

> *Guys who make a big show of being on board with the feminist agenda are just doing it to ingratiate themselves with women, perhaps with the worst sort of ulterior motives.* [italics in original]

Well, of course these guys have ulterior motives. As for whether they are the worst sort or not, I'm not too sure, because having "getting laid" or "getting paid" as an ulterior motive is pretty damn common. McCain goes on to paint the male feminist as a sinister stranger with dirty plans on his mind, which is a nice effort and much appreciated, but we ought to be honest with ourselves here: the feminists know this game better than 99.9% of conservative men — that is to say, they know it instinctively.

Evolution, God, nature or what have you didn't create women to be gullible dupes and eternal victims. There's a natural balance of power between the sexes that has arisen as a biological measure to maintain the viability of the species. For each advantage one sex has over the other there is an opposing trait that neutralizes it. For example, men may be able to exert a great deal more physical force, but women wield the equally powerful force of persuasion in correspondingly greater measure than men.

Political women are aware of this. They know that a man's weakness is often their strength, and Mr. Weiner's online peccadilloes were evidence of a glaring weakness. Yes, Weiner was embracing feminism to ingratiate himself with women, but it wasn't so much a clever ploy as it was a necessity — as a scumbag politician he had no choice. If Weiner wanted to maintain office while engaged in such appalling behavior and hypocrisy, he had to pander to his most radical supporters. They had him right where they wanted him.

The problem is that too many conservative men give these women the benefit of the doubt. They underestimate their savvy while overestimating their sentimentality. McCain asks: "Don't these women see that guys who make a big show of being "feminist" are just running a game?"

Perhaps Weiner thought he was "gaming" the feminists, but it sure looks like he was dancing to their tune. Who's pulling the strings here?

In conclusion, he writes:

> The fact that they keep falling for that same transparent scam might lead us to suspect feminists of naïveté. They are the kind of suckers who are born every minute, and who should never be given an even break.
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> They *deserve* Anthony Weiner.

They aren't naïve — conservatives are. Feminists know exactly what's going on here, and they are milking it to the last drop.

Given what use they've made of Anthony Weiner's shameless degeneracy, it isn't so much that they deserve him, but rather that *he deserves them*.

Feminist Weltschmerz?

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A putatively feminist tract has been making the rounds of the blogosphere, being posted on various men's forums and blogs, as well as a few feminist sites. Titled "Who Cares About Men's Rights," the author, a woman going by the name Ozymandias, answers "I do."

Parts of her piece bring up the old feminist shibboleths about gender identity, but other than that it isn't half bad. The only real problem with Ozymandias' piece is that she has a naïve understanding of what feminism is really about. However, this is an exceedingly common problem; most people just don't understand the true nature of feminism. For their sake, I hope they are never forced to understand, because it's a pretty ugly thing when you learn about it first-hand.

To truly understand feminism, you have to make a study of its obsessions and primary concerns. These include concepts such as dominance, control and privilege, all of which are intertwined and together constitute one thing: power. Feminism arose not in the spirit of liberation, but rather as a quest for empowerment. What makes this dangerous is that the philosophy behind the movement that bloomed in the 1970s was heavily influenced by Marxism, which seeks collective rather than individual empowerment. Such movements, by arbitrarily assigning people to one class, group, race, etc., *always* victimize innocents.

However, it does seem that Ozymandias has at least a glimmer of understanding of this issue:

> Feminists? You know what you are, as a movement, right now? You are that's not my department says Wernher Von Brauhn. I mean, have we learned nothing from when we got black people in the movement, and poor people, and queer people, and trans people, and disabled people? The side of "well, we shouldn't help with that, it's not our thing really" has never, ever, ever, ever turned out to be the right side! You would think we would have caught on to the trend by now!
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> And what's that about "well, men should start their own anti-prison-rape and pro-stay-at-home-dads campaigns"? Oh, no, I have no idea why the single largest and most politically powerful movement about gender issues would have anything to say about gender issues that apply to half the fucking population! Listen, ladies and gentlemen, we are not going to solve this whole sexism thing as long as we're only looking at half the problem. You want women to be equal to men, then you damn well have to make men equal to women.
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> And, no, a bunch of talking about how men need to be more feminist does not count as work on men's rights. I agree, men need to be more feminist. But we're not going to get them more feminist unless we show them what feminism can do for them, and that involves working on their problems in addition to being all "men can fight rape too!" Well, you know what, women can fight gender-policing too.

The only problem with the above is that, aside from a few quislings and kapos, feminism can never include men; that would simply be antithetical to its ideology. Assuming this is possible is as ridiculous as assuming that Marxist-Leninist Communism could welcome businessmen and Christians, or German National Socialism Jews and Slavs.

I'm sure some people who call themselves feminists don't see it that way, but whether conscious of it or not, they are living a lie. What they have to understand is that if they don't want to be part of something that has, as its base assumption, an adversarial assessment of relations between the sexes, they will have to drop feminism. I'd leave it up to them, but to encourage them I'd offer that feminism will ultimately be discredited and abandoned as its true nature becomes apparent to all.

One of the main reasons I've been hesitant to label myself a part of any explicit male-empowerment movement is I'd rather not be a hypocrite in this regard. Sure, I've written plenty of provocative pieces and taken women in general to task a number of times, but I don't think I've ever suggested giving male citizens legal privileges over

women — something feminists seek for women all the time. In fact, my solution to the problems men face today is not more programs, entitlements and laws, but rather the elimination of those that were introduced to give women an advantage. When feminists call for an end to affirmative action for women and the abolition of VAWA, then I will take this talk of “equality” seriously, but that’s never going to happen. In fact, last I checked NOW wanted to reduce the child support arrearage constituting a felony to $5,000, which could easily pile up in less than 6 months for a working-class man who found himself out of work due to the lousy economy.

Think about that: feminists at NOW would have a poor man thrown in jail, stripped of his right to vote, and his ability to find future employment severely degraded simply for losing a job and falling behind on his bills. NOW placed this legislative effort in their “economic justice” category…

That isn’t justice — it’s sheer cruelty, oppression and disgusting disregard for basic human rights. If you call yourself a feminist, these are your fellow travelers.

Finally, after some criticism of MRAs, Ozymandias states that she wants to start her own movement. Maybe here she’s really starting to get it, because women who care about justice and progress for both women and men are going to have to do just that. Feminism has, quite frankly, failed them in that regard.

So, I suppose the question I’d ask Ozymandias is this:

If you care about men’s rights, why are you still calling yourself a feminist?

Slow Expansion of Topics

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The Spearhead was founded by a group of men nearly two years ago to focus more attention on the ill effects of feminism, an ideology that was going nearly unchallenged in the public discourse. Feminist policy has become a real problem for millions of innocent men, fathers in particular bearing the brunt of it, but young, unemployed men, the falsely accused, men seeking a decent mate/partner and ordinary working men are all being exposed to additional burdens and restrictions as well.

The thing is, feminism alone is not responsible for all of this. Yes, it is an indispensable tool in the war on liberty and the growth of the police state, and it needs to be opposed with vigor by all those who want to live life as free men, but it isn't the only force striving for dominance and control over independent citizens. Perhaps it has been the most effective in terms of legislation, especially since the early 1990s, but the string of victories feminists have racked up is coming to a close. At this point, any further gains they make will have to be matched with some concessions; it's pretty much a certainty given the fiscal reality.

That said, I intend to keep an eye on feminists, and will definitely continue to write about these issues, but I'd like to expand the topics we cover to include other issues that pertain to liberty and justice. Although work remains to be done, awareness of feminism and its abuses is higher than it was a few years ago. Now it isn't just a few blogs, but major politicians and media figures who are beginning to seriously question the ideology. People finally recognize it as a threat and a morally bankrupt movement that seeks not equality, but supremacy. Perhaps most importantly, now even prominent men are bold enough to stand up to feminism, and no longer leaving only conservative women like Phyllis Schlafly or disillusioned activists like Camille Paglia to challenge it alone.

Rather than do anything dramatic, I'm simply going to slowly start introducing other issues that pertain to men, and encourage contributors to do so as well. Additionally, I'd like to introduce some ideas for proactive steps people can take to increase their personal liberty and enhance their lives. There's a spiritual lethargy that has gripped our civilization, and it's high time for a new assertion of our humanity and independence in many different areas of our lives.

I'd appreciate ideas from commenters on new topics to cover, and while we'll continue to cover the usual with about the same volume of content, I'm looking forward to writing about a few new issues as well. Personally, I think it's going to be kind of fun, but I thought I'd better warn you guys first so you don't think I've gone off the rez.

Slutwalk New Delhi?

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In a sign that Western culture (the really aberrant kind this time) has again penetrated India, Umang Sabarwal, a New Delhi woman, has decided to follow her "empowered" Western sisters' lead and organize a slutwalk in her hometown.

Sabarwal, a fairly good-looking young woman of 19, complains:

> "Things are getting worse in Delhi for women and we haven't been doing anything about it. You get on a metro (subway) car here and men stare like animals at you, like you're meat. It's weird and yet most women are just silent about it."

Seems the concept of "eye-rape" has made it all the way to India, where poor Umang is under the brutal oppression of the patriarchy's probing gaze. Evidently, her idea to hold a slutwalk in India attracted a great deal of attention, much of it from the West, of course. So far, nearly 12,000 have said they will attend on the Facebook event page.

However, not all Indians are onboard with this. One young Indian man wrote:

> "Women are responsible for the consequences of wearing such outfittings … It is a very sensitive issue … There are other ways of emancipation. They are going back to 5,000 years. How about men start walking on the street exposed. Let's all make the street interesting."

New Delhi is allegedly a dangerous place for Indian women, where there are far more rape accusations than in Mumbai. However, Pavan Kumar, a New Delhi police inspector, says that about 50% of the accusations were false; a result of women lying to their families to cover up for their own indiscretions.

This is really what ought to worry Indian men, because young women are susceptible to suggestion and rape hysteria. Events such as the New Delhi slutwalk could well have the effect of increasing false accusations and vastly inflating the female public's sense of the danger of rape, which is a far less common crime than feminists make it out to be.

Betty Neumar, Bane of Husbands, Escapes Justice through Death

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Betty Neumar, who left a trail of dead men and mourning family in her wake, died on monday at the age of 79. Several of her five husbands (since the 1950s) died of gunshot wounds in mysterious circumstances, as did one of her sons. Although circumstances were suspicious in a number of cases, Neumar escaped prosecution each time.

Finally, in 2008, North Carolina investigators reopened a murder case, and began to try to piece together the details of her life. It proved difficult, because the woman had told so many people different stories about herself and her past. However, some former in-laws said she had a violent temper after a few drinks, and could be abusive.

She collected life insurance on at least three men, including her son, her fourth husband Harold Gentry, and her last husband, John Neumar, who died in 2007.

Although we will now never know for sure, Betty Neumar may have been a serial killer whose murderous inclinations were facilitated by a society and political climate that prefers to suspend justice when crimes are committed by females.

These kinds of stories always make me wonder just how accurate spousal murder statistics really are. How many husbands who die in “accidents,” from “suicide” or “illnesses” were actually murdered? A great many more than we realize, I suspect.

The “Lone Ranger” Aesthetic — Riding high (and Single!) on the plains

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By Ken Knight

A single man is not “expected” to remain single past the age of 30, that is a given even in this more “enlightened” age. It is also a given that a man who makes it past the age of 30 (even more so 35!) is “expected” to have fathered children. Ask anyone who is a parent of a man over 30 and that is typically what they will say, not to mention the man’s peers.

Any straight dude who has made it into his 30s and 40s without having been married with children or at least begotten some rug-rats of his own somewhere in his 20s knows the “stigma” others around him toss his way from time to time (though it is only a “stigma” to them). “What, you’re not married?” “You don’t have any kids?!!”

are just two of the usual questions asked a bachelor in his late 30s, 40S, and beyond, usually followed up by behind-the-back chatter about “something must be wrong with him” and other defamations once the “Lone Ranger” is out of ear-shot.

Of course, one doesn’t have to look too far to discover that the persons talking in contempt of a childless bachelor over the age of 35 are more-often-than-not ones who have themselves been through a tediously soul-wrenching, bank-robbing DIVORCE and/or CUSTODY BATTLE! Thus begs the argument that those who hurl whispered insults toward their single and childless brethren are more ENVIOUS than you might imagine and that they hold “Lone Rangers” in “contempt” only because they technically see a childless bachelor as a sort of “traitor” to the social order! Yes, if you are single and childless over the age of 35 and have made a name for yourself, afford nice things like a cozy condo, hot car, and possess disposable-income that most married men do not, then you have in the married man and woman’s eyes “betrayed” what is “expected” (unlike them).

I fit into the “Lone Ranger” category myself and have heard the words of “betrayed” friends and family over the years who “expected” me to have wife, kids, huge mortgage, and later a divorce and split of the marital assets as well! Only trouble is, for as urgent as it may feel to explain to your detractors about the pitfalls of Marriage 2.0 and the fact the institution is collapsing in on itself, they do not want to hear it and subsequently label you as having an “attitude” if you try to explain it to them (seems divorce and bankruptcy are this “expected” life as well, hmm?). I have to ask how many men have fallen into the snare of self-pity and overreaction to peers and family expectations for them to have a wife and kids, not to mention the “Broham” (male camaraderie) factor of one’s friends

expecting their buddy to have a girlfriend on his arm every time he turns around or they’ll see him as “not getting any” and treat him accordingly with snide remarks and fag jokes?

(If anyone else here recognizes the pain-in-the-ass it is to keep a new girlfriend in your stable at any given time, you might agree that it gets OLD pretty damn fast).

Would it have helped a man like George Sodini who was “not getting any” well past his 30s up to the onset of age 50 and did what he did out of raw frustration over what he was “expected” to have in life? Doubtful, because of the difficulty of explaining how to step beyond what your family and peers “expect” you to have and what YOU want in this one and only life of YOURS, sports-fans. Telling some other guy about how he shouldn’t give one squirt of piss what society-at-large thinks about him “not getting any” and that having a small harem of girlfriends will become far more problematic for him in the near-future than it looks like in the Movies….might be easier to talk a frog out of getting wet!

Of all the “shit-tests” family members, buddies, and especially women have given us all over the years, I have a much simpler and honest one to consider for oneself:

1. Do you enjoy personal liberty to come-and-go as you please?
2. Do you enjoy not having to “answer” to anyone while at your own home?;
3. Do you enjoy eating/drinking/smoking whatever the hell you like?
4. Do you enjoy owning the kind of car or truck you prefer for yourself?
5. Do you laugh at other guys who are cuckolded and/or controlled by a wife?
6. Do you enjoy your disposable-income?
7. Do you avoid controlling, manipulative, and duplicitous women?
8. Do you feel good in your own skin and need no “validation”?

“Yes” to all of these questions places you square in the center of the “Lone Ranger” Aesthetic my friends, and it is really that simple for bachelors over the age of 35 as well as younger brothers who haven’t made the decision yet to go solo or get a female partner to share your horse and buggy. This is the simple test, ask yourself what do you LIKE and then reflect on what you’d be willing to sacrifice in the long term.

Sure, the engaged and married jerk-offs may envy your freedom and imagine a guy like you getting laid “on the fly” as most of us lifelong bachelors tend to do, those same peers of yours will separate themselves from you in short order. It is then that you point your finger and laugh in their honor, because they have far more to lose than you do, and in today’s feminazi divorce-courts, married men do lose more than you ever will, and even Mr. Engaged guy gets hammered if he breaks it off with Susie Sucksalot who sues her Ex for “pain” caused her in the break-up, not to mention any money promised, etc. etc.

Yeah sure Broham, sign me up for that program pronto!

“Expectations” are just that, and having flown through the “expectations” of family and friends over the years without changing one damn portion of who I am for “them”, I can fairly say that despite some difficulty one may discover in living life as a “Lone Ranger” who has his own horse and buggy under his sole proprietorship, the above questions mark the expectations of the only one who really counts in this life…..YOU!

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Grandmothers and Institutional Change

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The second generation born during the feminist era that started in the 1970s is already here, and they are generally small children. Not counting inner-city teen mom baby stacking, the oldest are still pre-teens. For second-wave feminists, this presents an interesting problem. All those advantages and privileges they fought for have been paid for in large part by their own sons, and many of them do have sons. In fact, anecdotal evidence suggests that a high proportion of militant anti-feminist young men grew up with staunchly feminist mothers. However, problems between parents and children are nothing new. Each generation goes through something like this, and the form it takes varies according to circumstances.

On the other hand, the bond between grandparents and grandchildren is rarely characterized by the competing interests, resentments and ideological clashes that so often beset parents and children. Grandparents and grandchildren tend to have an affection for each other that is based on mutual appreciation — it's a nice, easy sort of relationship with few demands or expectations on either side. Children with grandparents are lucky, as are grandparents themselves. Many adults, myself included, look forward to the day they can relax and enjoy time with grandchildren. It's a blessing and a source of joy in old age.

Today, however, one particular class of grandparents and potential grandparents has a lot less security in that regard. Namely, fathers' parents. Today we are seeing the first generation of feminist women become grandparents, and whatever differences they may have had with their sons – even however much they may have rationalized supporting policies that directly harmed their sons – losing the opportunity to be grandmothers is not a compromise they are willing to make. In fact, in all likelihood they never counted on it at all — they were never supposed to become victims of feminism; that wasn't part of the program!

It seems that lately this has just begun to dawn on some of the more intelligent of these women, and it shows in the increasingly unsympathetic attitude one sees from professional second wavers, like Judge Judy, toward young women. Every now and then I watch her court show, and she is often harder on the girls than the male judges.

Here's an example:

According to Wikipedia, she has at least three sons (maybe four — not sure whether "Jamie" is a boy or girl), and many grandchildren, and there's no doubt in my mind that this makes a difference in her attitude toward young women. Also, being a judge, she's probably witnessed hundreds – if not thousands – of instances of women steamrolling their children's fathers in court. As a grandmother whose grandchildren come largely from sons, this must give her some cause for alarm.

Judge Judy probably caught on earlier than many of the others; born in 1942, she's a bit older than your typical boomer second waver. However, there are a lot of women in their 50s or early 60s who are just starting to wake up to the uncomfortable realization that – as mothers of sons – they are effectively second-class grandparents. I used to think that a lot of older supporters of feminism would carry their bias to the grave, but if there's any issue that will change their attitude, this is it. And the beautiful thing about it is that this is more than simply a design flaw in feminism; it is an inherent weakness. By pitting men and women against each other, feminists wreck the family, and eventually even women pay for that.

Feminism sowed the seeds of its own destruction, and those seeds are beginning to bear fruit even now.

Sock Puppetry of the Penis

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What the fake lesbian blogger incidents tell us about misandry in the modern western left

By Peter

Recently, the plight of people resisting the crackdown of brutal Syrian dictator Bashir al-Assad has been in the news. It's not a surprise then that any dissenting bloggers from within the country would be under increased scrutiny and attention. Especially ones belonging to favoured grievance groups. As I'm sure a few of you have heard by now, a blog called "A Gay Girl in Damascus" turned out to have been written entirely by a 40 year old straight American male in Scotland. The blog had been active for over three years.

The deception came to a head when a post claiming to have been by a cousin of the Gay Girl reported she'd been arrested. Alarmed by the news, the blog was traced by one of the administrators of a popular lesbian blog, "Lez Get Real", Paula Brooks, who had given the Gay Girl in Damascus an early platform. The blog was traced, to Scotland, and Paula helped out the fake Syrian Lesbian. In a very ironic development, Paula herself was then outed as a straight male 58 year old retired Air Force veteran and construction worker.

First, let's set aside any easy schadenfreude and just say that such deception is wrong. What personal secrets did these men have confided to them under the guise of their lesbian personas? Who may have put themselves at risk investigating the arrest of the Gay Girl in Damascus? We all place a degree of trust in each other on the internet: imagine if W.F. Price turned out to be a radfem sockpuppet snaking us all? Who then emailed your employers with your names and linked them to all your posts? Creepy to think about, since politically incorrect opinions by straight men are intolerable in society.

But are politically correct opinions by straight men tolerated by the left? Indeed, this is what may have compelled these two leftist men to create these sock puppet personas. The man who pretended as "Paula Brooks" was quoted as saying "I didn't start this with my name because … I thought people wouldn't take it seriously, me being a straight man," he said. Originally, he wanted to start this blog because he noticed some injustice gay friends were facing. The question is, could he have blogged about gay issues openly as a straight man? The answer is no.

As many of you may know, modern leftism is concerned with something they call social justice. Whatever they name it, it's basically a system where people are assigned to castes based on their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion and level of disability. The less white, male, straight, Christian and able-bodied you are, the less "privilege" you have, and perversely, the more your opinions matter. In the world of academia, and its close cousin, the leftist blogosphere, identity politics are the most important factor in whether or not your arguments are accepted. Thus, if you're a straight able bodied white male, you are barred from commenting on issues related to gays, disabled people, and women, since you have straight privilege, ableist privilege and male privilege. Moreover, you're not allowed to criticize any opinions by any gays, disabled people, and women on the left, no matter what the subject. Because you have so much privilege, you see.

It gets worse than that, though. Take, for example, David Futrelle, creator of the Manboobz site dedicated to quoting MRA comments out of context and mocking them. So far, Futrelle is playing by the rules – he's a straight male and he's criticizing other straight males. So he decided to write an article for feminist megasite Feministe criticizing Scott Adams. Even better: straight white male attacking rich straight white male.

But then something strange happened. Even though Futrelle had most definitely paid his feminist dues, even though he'd set up and run his own site and criticized only other straight males, thus making sure he wasn't abusing his privilege, he was still run out of town by the Feministe crowd. Why? Because he used the word "crazy" when describing some opinion Adams had. Obviously this showed what a cruel ableist he was, because "crazy" refers to people with mental disabilities. Check it out, the frenzy the feminists work themselves into in the comment section

is worth a read. For the lulz.

Here's my take on what happened. The crowd at Feministe doesn't just hate male privilege. It simply hates men, period. This explains why they disqualified a guy who played by all their rules on a technicality. And that goes for the rest of the leftist blogosphere too. Within this world, and academia, straight white males, because of their imagined privileges, are the lowest of the low. They're the unclean class.

This brings me back to these straight men pretending to be gay women. Why did they do it? Because, in the leftist world, it was the only way for their voices to be heard. Even if they'd been complete flagellants, constantly ritually purifying themselves by "examining their own privilege", they'd still be unclean. And the messed up thing is, as gay bloggers they were effective! " Paula Brooks" and "her" site was among the most popular, which just goes to show you that when men are allowed to compete on even terms, they win. That's why Futrelle wasn't allowed to contribute to Feministe anymore. Because within a week of posting, it was clear that this man, misguided douchebag that he is, was the best writer on the damn site, period.

All of this reminds me of Robert Connell, male feminist professor and head honcho of the feminist approved "Men's studies" academic association. Or should I say, now the trans-gendered Raewyn Connell. And it made me think – obviously this guy had some transgendered tendencies to begin with, caused by estrogen hitting his brain in utero or whatever – but something had to happen to push him into transitioning at age 60. And maybe, given the man-hating environment of the modern left, it wasn't that he was tired of being a man. Maybe he was tired of being a leper.

Employment Game Part II : Recognizing the Need to Change Your Approach

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By Elmer

In Part I we described the femocratized landscape facing men in search of work and its default process for humiliating decent chaps who don't understand how the game is rigged. We continue now with Part II, which rips the lid off the secret body of knowledge known as Employment Game.

The basic concept here is to change your thinking from being a passive, hopeful job-seeker with hat in hand begging for a job to that of an active work monger. It involves learning techniques of salesmanship to open up work opportunities outside of the interfaces, now controlled by females, that you have been led to believe will land you a job.

In times of yore (well, in the modern age, a brief period between 1949-1979), a guy could scan the newspaper job ads, send in a resume or apply in person, and have a reasonable chance of attaining long-term work or even a career with benefits that could support a family. All of us know that times have changed for a lot of reasons, but the job search approach has remained essentially the same. For many men, it not only doesn't get results, it hits their self-esteem pretty hard. Trying to make sense of it, let alone developing a work-around, is a bit beyond most guys. Their needs are immediate; it can take years to get this right. I learned it because I have been such a miscreant ne'er-do-well for the last 35 freakin years that I managed to get fired, layed off, or tossed from sinking ships so many times that I learned to swim the leech-infested waters of post-industrial America and occasionally surface onto dry land, palm trees, and sunshine. So if I tell you to get a pair of gabardines, just listen to what I am saying, Numbnuts, and go out and do it.

Above the small shop level, the current HR front has little to do with finding qualified workers and more to do with putting up a façade to exclude you and funnel your resume into the trash, as well as to make an appearance to being serious about diversity and other social concerns that, apparently, you are obliged to feel responsible for. That is, out of moral suasion, willing to let some competitor slip through the filter and grab the goods. It gets even worse, as often companies have already identified an internal candidate for the job but go through the charade of interviewing some hopeful chap merely to answer legal requirements for filling the position. "Job Fairs" are PR stunts to project compliance with gender and diversity mandates. Your chance of getting a gig through one of these productions are about the same as scoring a babe through some bar scene. Your probability of getting scorned and rejected are about the same as well, but at least at the bar you can say to her "That's OK, I had to take a shit anyway."

Companies routinely lie in your face, yet you are expected to conform to a stereotype of a "good" employee. Let's examine one of these lies. Nowadays every company has a "career opportunities" web page, 90% of which appear to have been coded by the same people to the point of using the same damn stock photo models. What is the message the corporation is trying to convey? That these people actually work at that company? They do not. Then does it mean that these are the kind of people they want you to believe work there? Or that these are the kind of people they are seeking? Whatever the case, it boils down to one truth: it's a big lie. They are lying to your face from the get-go and to submit to their process you are going to have to suspend belief and play along with the charade, all while letting them examine in lurid detail all aspects of your personal life. This, my friends, is a "crazy maker".

To keep your sanity intact, for young and old men alike it means not playing their game. It means developing a narrative and persona that you can apply on a regular basis to score new work. You are going to define and internalize an honest self-image that will take over the controls when you enter a work selling situation and guide it to a satisfactory conclusion, which doesn't necessarily mean that you are getting the job. This takes a lot of effort but you can start simple and build it over time.

Secondly, it means understanding what your market is and who exactly you are going to approach to sell your skills. This is where you are going to have to do some legwork and research. Thanks to the internet it's a lot easier to do this than previous times. That is one advantage the current paradigm gives you.

For the younger man, learn to identify the manager or business owner and approaching him (not "him or her") directly with a short narrative and contact info. Do not walk into a business and ask "are you taking applications" or "do you have any openings". If you hand your application to some low-end employee it is likely get diverted to the trash or you will be told that the position is already filled (because they want their friend to get it). Your act of salesmanship in contacting and talking to the man running the operation will demonstrate a huge difference in initiative over your competitors.

For the older guy, recognize the inherent prejudices against you and develop tactics for cutting through it. You are going to make a stand that you have endured your last interview. It is almost guaranteed that you are going to get treated badly if you go the job ad/interview route so it's time to put that trap behind you. The methods I'm describing work best with guys around your own age, at least in my experience. They are the ones who are going to be least prejudiced against you. Guys in their 50s and 60s are generally going to treat you ok. The upside of this is that they are also the exact players you want to contact using the methods I will describe; they are the guys running companies or being the chief engineer; they are the entrepreneurs who will be most open to consulting services from the self-employed.

There's another thing I've noticed about some older men who run entrepreneurial companies. They could retire but stay in their game because it's balls; they enjoy being in the game too much. These are the guys you want to get to know and emulate. Learn to speak the language that gets them to think "Out-fucking-standing!" because you are one in a thousand that gets it.

The very act of defining your sales persona, and importantly, taking control of the sales interview, gives you a sense of control over your destiny in the face of turbulent economic forces. It is vitally important to develop high confidence. When you follow their script and engage in their role-playing, it is difficult to maintain your self-esteem. Being confronted with the haughty conceits of the employed and their false self-importance while they ask you inane questions about what you see yourself doing in 5 years, or to describe your biggest weaknesses, or worse, to engage in what-if scenarios or interview tests (devised by some HR twit, to be sure), is unendurable. Trudging home to your family after getting skinned alive like this can really make you feel unhinged.

You are going to develop your own script for your skill base and your industry. Guaranteed you are going to get shot down a lot. Get used to it. At least you are fighting on your terms. Each little paper cut prepares you for the next battle. And when you follow your own rules, at least you walk out with your balls intact.

In the first essay I ranted about the feminization of work and the need for men to learn new methods for dealing with it. The timeless craft of salesmanship provides exactly the template you need to customize for your unique talents. I am advocating "salesmanship" but not sales gimmickry. Google(salesman images). That is not what I am talking about here. This is not telemarketing or magazine sales or trying to con someone into buying 200 gallons of parking lot sealer. (By the way, for any of you ladies reading this who think my observations on the feminization of work and wide-spread discrimination of men are BS, google(saleswoman images) and compare that to what you see when you google(salesman images). The emergent behavior of the internet exposes the hideous lies of the feminarchy. Mwhahahahahaha Mwhahahahahaha)

Originally I had hoped to wrap up this series by now but the more I think about this topic the more material spills onto the keyboard of my Alphasmart NEO, thus I will have to write one final installment to send tears of joy streaming down your cheeks.

In Part III of Employment Game : Tools for Transformation, I will lay out what you need to synthesize a system to work the game to suit your needs. It consists of :

-Developing the Right Attitude

-Your Marketing Process

-Your Narrative and Marketing Materials

-The Killer Wardrobe

-Prospect Discovery

-Salesmanship and Rainmaking

-The Structure for Continual Practice

Weiner Wilts Under Scrutiny, Resigns

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Anthony Weiner finally announced his resignation after weeks of uproar over his online exhibitionism. Weiner's indiscretions are really nothing important in the grand scheme of things, but they were a further humiliation for Americans who used to have some respect for political office.

The resolution of Weinergate should give men some satisfaction, as it has resulted in the removal of a committed feminist white knight, and a raging hypocrite to boot, from Congress. However, there are certainly plenty of others skulking around in DC at the moment, and we should do what we can to bring their insidious deeds to light and give them the opportunity to share in some Weineresque infamy.

I'd like to point out once again that Weiner's fall from power was preceded by enormous hubris, as he took on "Civic Virtue," attempting to cast it out of New York in a gesture to his feminist allies.

He lost.

On a Pilgrimage to See a Moose....

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"Clark W. Griswold": Icon of a bygone era

By Ken Knight

Anyone who has seen John Hughes' 1983 comedy film National Lampoon's VACATION remembers the affable, hard-working husband/father character of "Clark Griswold" (played by actor Chevy Chase) who seeks to take his wife and two kids on a continent-crossing road trip to the (fictional) "Wally World" Fun Park near Los Angeles. In the early 1980s when the film was released in theaters, it was a hit comedy with an R-rating (due to profanity and actress Beverly D'Angelo's nude shower scene) aimed at adults who might subscribe to the mishap-humor in a "family life" setting.

Over 25 years later, the premise of this film is still funny and enjoyable for its off-color shenanigans (and politically-incorrect scenarios) but it also serves as a "reflection" for men who fail to see the typical American family (of four or five) in similar vein like he did back in the good ol' days of yesteryear. The fictional character of Clark Griswold is an overly-optimistic but educated man who is the sole breadwinner for his family, his attractive wife Ellen a stay-at-home wife and mother of their son Rusty and daughter Audrey, both of whom love their parents even if they deride them as "weird" from time to time as teens often do (but the parental respect remains, even in this comedy flick!).

The character of Clark is smart despite his clumsiness and affable naiveté on many common-sense issues, clearly the head of his household as we notice how his decisions rule the roost, usually getting everything he wants done even if the results are not what he intended (comedy plotline) with his wife and kids tagging along regardless, bitching and moaning but doing what Clark sets out to do nonetheless! From inner-city thugs, corrupt local mechanics, an irritating leech of an Aunt in his backseat who dies on him, a freeloading cousin named Eddie taking half his cash, and a smoking-hot sexy blonde driving a Ferrari (Christie Brinkley) prick-teasing him along the highway….Clark and his clan make it to "Wally World" by his sheer perseverance and reckless audacity all the while his wife and kids wanted to give up and go home. Comical and entertaining Clark is for his wit and bumbling naiveté outside his comfort-zone, the character is a MAN who takes-charge of his family and provides for them while denying his own fun. His wife and kids follow his lead because he always manages to lead them to the sunshine despite the rigmarole of mishaps in between. Clark W. Griswold led his family on what he called a "pilgrimage to see a moose" (the moose mascot of "Wally World") with all the tenacity of Don Quixote, and entertaining us for 2 hours in the process!

Comical as Clark is to watch on screen, the archetype male he represents is today seen by many in a slowly collapsing western civilization as a "dinosaur", "misogynist", and even "oppressor" then scoffed at by the younger generation who might (or might not) catch the movie VACATION on Blue-Ray or late night Cable-TV. Clark Griswold for all his funny actions and mishaps was the patriarch of his family of four, the husband and father whose primary purpose in life was to provide for his wife and two growing children, even if it meant working longer hours to keep their lifestyle intact.

If VACATION was to be re-made by Hollywood today, I would suspect the plot would be scripted differently in order to provide the "corrected" view of family life for the Griswolds and better appeal to a "wider audience" (i.e. women and teens) and it might likely go something like this…. Clark would be living in an apartment following an unexpected divorce from Ellen where she cleaned up in Family Court with full-custody of Rusty and Audrey as well as the house and ¼ of her ex-husband's income in alimony and child support since she was a "stay-at-home" wife all those years, subsequently turning Rusty and Audrey against their father who incessantly plans to take them with him to "Wally World" during "his weekend". Clark's ex-wife Ellen would discover his plan to take the kids to Wally World and naturally be furious about such an adventure, getting her new boyfriend to go sabotage it somehow and follow them along the way (and if the boyfriend fails to thwart her Ex-husband's plans for "family

fun" she will get a new boy-toy to take warm showers with her instead). Yes, Generation-Y audiences might laugh at such a premise, enjoying the sight of Clark as the defrocked husband and father, "exchanged" for a boyfriend-thug and half his assets taken out from under him without Clark having done anything wrong besides….getting married in the first place!!

My point is this: fictional stories, movies, and their iconic characters like Mr. Griswold are fast becoming "icons" of a bygone era, examples of what family life used to be like for real (not funny mishaps that normally wouldn't happen) when a man was the head of his house, and provided for his wife and children cheerfully without fear of it all coming to a devastating divorce soaking and end-game thievery that Marriage 2.0 has delivered (without anything to laugh about). Perhaps the fictional example of the comical but seriously-dedicated "family man" of Clark W. Griswold with his loyal wife and kids might be the final televised example of the lost family-man of a bygone era….that is, if there will be anyone of intelligence left in the "modern family" decades to come.

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Before Father's Day

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Although I support Father's Day and think it's a nice gesture, I'd like to remind people of the other men who contribute to our children's welfare but still so often go overlooked. Unfortunately, these days men are increasingly shut out of this role due to paranoia and feminization of education and childcare, but they still exist.

They are the teachers, coaches, doctors, emergency responders and others who fulfill the masculine role needed to care for our little ones and keep them safe. They are ordinary men who, because of their fundamentally good and caring nature, make a positive difference in the lives of children.

As a father, I am deeply grateful to them. The young man who ran my daughter's preschool class, for example — a decent, good teacher whose calm demeanor combined with no-nonsense self-possession gives him the fortitude to command both respect and affection from the children he is responsible for. My children's pediatrician at Swedish Medical Center, who set my mind at ease when my son was an infant with allergies and colic (both resolved, thankfully). A teacher friend of mine, a New York transplant who worked his way through school and now teaches math in local public schools. My stepfather, who is a good man, great teacher and excellent grandfather. There are far more than I can name or count…

It's good to be appreciative of fathers, but there are good men everywhere – fathers or not – and they deserve recognition from all of us. So, as a father, I'm happy for the recognition of my efforts, but Father's Day isn't close to enough to show appreciation for the men in our society.

As we think about our fathers, or our fatherhood, I think we ought to remember that there's a little of the father in every man. Far from being a threat, the majority of men around us are guardians, benefactors and providers for the rest of us, including and especially our children. What a poor, hostile world it would be without the helping hand of men to guide and protect our little ones!

In the meanwhile, we should celebrate Father's Day by remembering all the good men in our lives — they deserve far more credit than they get these days.

A Trip to the Brothel: A Father's Day Story

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By Uncle Elmer

Gavin McInnes wrote a great piece about "old men" which pretty much describes my dad.

One item caught my eye: "They tell great stories. It's not only their war stories that are a barrel of laughs. These guys have been honing their material for decades and have the whole "beginning, middle, and end" thing down to a science."

In my recent employment essays I discuss the need for ordinary guys to learn marketing techniques, one of which is being able to tell a good story. Most of you can probably tell a good tale to your friends, but doing it in an uptight public situation can be a real challenge. It's tough to tell a story without sounding like a braggart, which can be an instant deal-killer. Seems the ones best received are those that share a common lesson or experience.

In the book "Presentating to Win", Jerry Weissman describes crafting a story to make a sales presentation. Technical types tend to focus on minute details of their product which often leaves the audience wondering how it solves their actual problem.

I tried the storyline approach during some recent sales meetings, and it worked! The financial players funding the project liked my simplified narrative after enduring intensive technical discussions that left them disoriented. I gave them a high-level view with guidelines for managing the project and ended up getting a much needed contract.

Ten years ago I asked my dad to write down stories of his youth. Now Dad was a moral upstanding pillar of his community, so I read with interest the following tale. Notice the format Gavin described : beginning, middle, and end. The vignette of 1930s Arizona border life is fascinating. I wonder what the kid's dad said when he returned with the damaged car.

A Trip to the Brothel

In one's life there are those experiences that stand out from the ordinary, some startling, some dramatic, others joyful, yet others frightening, still others coming out seemingly on the verge of engulfing you with you feeling powerless to prevent your going under. In the early summer of 1939, between my junior and senior year at Nogales High School, Jim Thomas, a friend of mine whom I had known in Naco, came down to Nogales from Tucson, in a convertible coupe driven by a friend of his. The car I believed belonged to his friend's father.

It was early evening, and after being joined by another friend of mine, the four of us went across the border in the coupe to a beer garden where we had a pitcher of beer. Not long after we had sat at our table, Jim suggested we go to a large brothel on the outskirts of Nogales, Sonora. I had no inclination to go there at all, nor did my Nogales friend. But Jim persisted, so in the end we four piled into the coupe again and headed for the brothel. It was made up of a large dance hall and a long, single story row of rooms transverse to the hall. Inside there was an orchestra at one end and young women sitting in chairs along the sides of the hall. At the other end there was a bar. After entering, we four stood together close by. A women came up to us, and striking up a conversation in broken English with Jim, reached an agreement with him for the two of them in indulge in her trade. As they left the hall, we three got into the coupe and followed along the row of rooms to hers. We waited there after she and Jim disappeared into her room. Not very long after, seemingly only a minute or two, Jim burst from the room with his clothes on but holding his underwear in one hand and shouting, "Let's get out of here!". He pushed into the coupe onto my Nogales friend's lap with me in the middle, and the other lad at the wheel.

As we started out, careering down the dirt road, the woman ran from the room shouting "Policia!". We turned away from the dance hall on the road leading away from it. I turned my head to look behind us, and as I did I could see a policeman astride the road with his pistol in his hand taking aim at us and shouting, apparently for us to stop. Simultaneously, I saw his pistol jump twice and next heard the third of one bullet striking the convertible

framework immediately above my head. I shouted at the driver to stop the car, that the policeman was firing at us with deadly intention,

Coming to a stop we waited in the car, and in what seemed like an instance a police van had come up and backed up to one side of the car with the policeman along side. We each crawled out the other side the driver's side, and at that point I took the lead in opening up a conversation with the policeman. In an intense exchange, I somehow convinced him that we had the utmost respect for Mexican law, that we had no intention of doing harm, damaging property, or behaving with scorn or indignity against the Mexican people. I added that we would readily compensate anyone having a claim against us. The policeman apparently was mollified by my fluency in Spanish and my respectful attitude towards him, He hesitated momentarily, then said that he had knocked the heel off one of his shoes when he ran down the road from the dance hall in response to the cry, "Policia". I took a collection from the other three, and adding my money, gave it to him. He then let us go. While we were with the policeman, a crowd had gathered. My Nogales friend was crying, and the other two were standing by seemingly in shock. As we left the scene, I felt quite good about myself having maintained my self control and kept my head, and avoided for the four what could have been a calamity. After we got back across the border. Jim and his friend left town heading for Tucson. I can't recall our conversation as we drove back, nor what had caused the dispute between Jim and the woman or if in fact he told us.

The Man who Inspired Fathers' Day

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According to an article I just read in the Seattle Times (unfortunately more of the typical backhanded praise of fathers), it was a Spokane, Washington woman who came up with the idea for Fathers' Day. Interested, I decided to do a bit of research, and found a rather touching story behind the holiday.

In 1909 Sonora Smart Dodd, who lived in Spokane at the time, was annoyed at the common portrayal of fathers as lazy, good-for-nothing ne'er-do-wells. This hardly squared with what she knew of her own father, who had raised six children by himself after his wife died in childbirth.

Sonora's father, William Jackson Smart, was born in Arkansas in 1842. Raised on a farm, he joined the Grand Army of the Republic during the Civil War and served as a gunner in the Arkansas 1st Battery Light Artillery. After the war, he married his first wife, Elizabeth Harris, who died at only 30 in 1878. Two years later, he married again (to Ellen Victoria Cheek Billingsley) and eventually moved to Washington state in 1887 to farm near Spokane.

In 1898, his second wife died while giving birth at the advanced maternal age of 47. 56 years old at the time, Mr. Smart was left alone with an infant and five children (his children from his first wife were already grown at the time). Sonora, about 16, was the oldest child still in the house, and the only girl. She and her father raised the boys together, and she grew to have a great appreciation and love for her father as he held things together through those difficult years.

Years later, when Sonora was a grown woman with a husband and son of her own, she came up with the idea for Fathers' Day after hearing a Mothers' Day sermon. She proposed the celebration to a church group in Spokane, choosing a June date, because her father's birthday was in June. The pastors liked the idea, and on June 19, 1910 Spokane held the first Father's Day celebration.

Soon, the celebration gained traction across the nation, and within a few short years it became a tradition. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson came to Spokane in person to deliver a speech on Father's day, and 50 years later President Lyndon Johnson made the holiday official.

After a brief illness, William Jackson Smart died in Spokane in 1919. All nine of his children were at his side.

On the Tom Ball Incident

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I've been getting a great many emails about Thomas Ball's self-immolation, and some requests to write about it in comments. I think it's an important story, but it's one of those things that I want to think about a bit so as to understand what the lessons are here. Fortunately, the incident has already been fairly well-covered in the manosphere, so it's fairly well known. However, if you haven't yet heard about what happened, it involves a CPS and child support case, and Mr. Ball's struggles with the local bureaucracy and its enforcement arms.

Here's a good article about it, written by William Norman Grigg for Lew Rockwell's site.

I'm going to reflect on this one and see what I can come up. Mr. Ball left us with a fair amount of material in his long essay explaining his decision, and it's not the kind of thing one wants to go off on half cocked.

A friend pointed out how remarkable it is that this incident has received no national news coverage, but actually this doesn't surprise me much. There's a lot here that is extremely uncomfortable for those in positions of comfort and security. In fact, if they have any sense at all, they should be downright terrified, but I'll get to that later.

Seattle Slutwalk

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Because the slutwalk was held on Fathers' Day in Seattle, I was unable to observe the event myself (not the kind of thing one brings young children along to see). Fortunately, the Seattle PI put together a photo gallery of the event, and it doesn't appear that I missed anything but an even raunchier, more tasteless version of the local Pride Parade.

The pictures, if one cares to go through them, are a depressing display of the dregs of Seattle — the city's tattooed, flabby, perverted and ugly who always associate with such causes. Mercifully, the sun did not shine on them. It appears that the "Radical Women" showed up, which is not surprising. They are professional demonstrators associated with the Freedom Socialist Party; a Trotskyite organization comprised mostly of older lesbians and their exotic third world immigrant girlfriends. I'm always a bit bemused by how young feminists will claim that feminism has nothing to do with Communism. In fact, it is a direct outgrowth. The Radical Women/FSP here in Seattle features a stained glass Trotsky on their office window — I saw it myself just the other day while walking up 45th near the University of Washington with a friend whose father was a refugee from the Bolsheviks.

I have to conclude that Roissy was right about the slutwalks:

> There is also the self-soothing psychological angle at work here. Beasts who love to brag about their sluttiness aren't convincing others so much as they are convincing themselves of their imaginary desirability. A grrlpower slut walk is just the medicine for a lonely loser girl who's spent one too many nights with her purple saguaro, which now vibrates in fear. She can bellow at the top of her lungs along with the rest of the sideshow freaks what a DYNAMIC and MAGNETIC piece of ass she is, and for that brief moment — that sweet afternoon escape on the streets of the city — she believes it, and her happiness swells as she fondly misremembers all those depressing, sloppy one night stands as some sort of twisted proof of her femininity and sexiness.

Beasts and sideshow freaks indeed.

On the Use of Force

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Thomas Ball's suicide has prompted discussions about what is an appropriate means of resistance. Because a self-immolation is an act that precipitates a lot of emotion, some people are advocating the use of force (in many cases spuriously, I assume), and some are asking what my thoughts are on "violence" as a solution to political problems.

I don't think it's the right time for men to take on the responsibility that use of force entails. When one takes it to that point, there's no going back, or at least that's what one should assume. If a man is responsible for death, injury or confinement – even if for a just cause – he necessarily carries an enormous burden.

However, accountability goes both ways, and this seems to have been lost on state actors here. Our ideological opponents regularly advocate state violence against men, and it seems that they feel that using the state or the law as a weapon somehow absolves them of responsibility. This is exactly the argument that Pontius Pilate made as he ordered the crucifixion, and it just doesn't wash.

So, rather than speculate about whatever feeble measures individual men could take in retribution for state/feminist abuses, at this point we need to focus on the use of force *against* men, and hold those who advocate as well as perpetrate it responsible.

Arresting and jailing indigent men for their poverty is unjustified use of force.

Seizing men's children on unproven pretexts or accusations is an abuse.

Beating men in their own homes is an unjustified use of force.

Attacking compliant men with dogs is excessive violence.

Shooting despondent men in the face is unjustified.

All of these things are regularly done as a direct result of feminist policy. Feminists are not even subtle about their calls for men to be jailed on their behalf — the New York Model for Batterer Programs, endorsed by Michael Kimmel's NOMAS, conspicuously places a picture of a man in handcuffs on its website's homepage.

The implication is that this is justice; that batterers deserve it. Well, what about the justice for men who have been falsely accused, wrongfully assaulted by police, wrongfully incarcerated and robbed of their property? Why do the perpetrators in these cases escape punishment?

There is a clear imbalance of justice there, and before anyone starts hurting people, this imbalance must be articulately spelled out. It is never a good idea to pick up a gun and start shooting to address some vaguely defined injustice — that is savagery. Before the American Revolution, for example, patriots took pains to spell out a long list of grievances that justified rebellion. Without prior sustained efforts to redress grievances and a litany of legitimate complaints they would have been entirely without moral support, and that mattered a great deal in the course of the Revolution.

We have to make our own lists, air our grievances, and give the state the opportunity to redress them. Likewise, we, too, can demand justice for outrages against our rights and persons. Before anyone resorts to the same methods the state uses against us, we must put every reasonable effort into working with the law and the political system we have. Because this effort is still in its infancy, any calls for armed resistance are entirely premature and counterproductive, and shouldn't be taken seriously.

Single Man Unwelcome

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"No Wife…No Kids…No Dice?"

By Ken Knight

Anyone who is not a cloistered monk has seen signs in restaurants warning that persons must have shoes and shirts upon entering the establishment. (I was always one who wondered why they never included PANTS on the list as well, haha). Anyhow, the warning signs of today still have the clothing requirement but also tend to include weapons, concealed firearms, and tobacco products on their "no-go" lists for entrance into their Mall, restaurant, gymnasium, Movie Theater, etc. Being private-property, I for one can respect such rules since I am entering a domain owned by a private entity that has the legal right to kick my ass out for bringing in something questionable. However, the "barring" of actual people from an establishment just because who they are physically is against the Law, but that little legal formality isn't about to stop would-be tyrants from excluding "undesirables" (men) from the public venue when they get a hard-on in the name of "safety".

Yes it's a given — the single man going into a restaurant alone to dine is often treated to either the worst table or ushered to the Bar (so as to save the tables and booths for larger dining parties and families) and a lone male sitting in a Church without wife or kids beside him is usually viewed as "recovering" from either drugs or alcohol by the rest of the congregation (just ask any Pastor). Nowadays, a couple of men without wife and kids out to play Chess in a New York City public park paid for with his tax dollars can be subject to a fine for venturing into an area of the park where the Chess tables are located, but also happens to be a sector of the park designated for children with parents ONLY! Ask the City about such a regulation and the "protection of children" mantra is foisted as high as one of those rainbow flags in a downtown Manhattan parade.

I don't even need to provide convincing examples (links) of the growing ordinances, legal cases, and police reports posted online, etc. regarding this eerie new "public safety" phenomenon because you've all noticed examples of such creeping draconian Statism on the horizon that clearly does not have MEN in the best interest here in the "free" US of A (I won't even mention what's going on in Europe!). From soft-law tactics such as the "children only" parks and public spaces to the digital communication apps that allows female college students to report "street harassers" (straight men flirting) on their social- network as a quasi-legal "safety" measure, the creeping panther of tyranny directed at a certain segment of the male population in the Western World is becoming undeniable.

Who allows such a thing to grow and creep slowly towards us? WE DO!

Has there been any significant challenge in court to localities like NYC barring single men from taxpayer-funded parks and illegally branding them "suspects" who "might" harm children? NO. Has there been any lawsuit against women who unfairly post pictures of men who say something to them in public on social-networks branding them "street-harassers"? NO. Have single men sued restaurants or even Churches for the way they've been treated or boycotted such places after the first time they were treated like second-class citizens? *Well, if they have, it's not been reported in the major news media!*

Try walking into a Public School as a man without a child and see the response to your visit even though you're a taxpayer…or simply visit your High School Alma Mata as an adult male by yourself and see how you're treated (say hello to the armed police officer).

The fear of sexual predators anywhere near children is defensible yes, but to what extent the Law will eventually go to keep perceived "sexual predators" from places other peoples' children frequent remains to be seen. It is approaching the point that one does not have to be on a sex offender registry in order to be treated like one, as we are beginning to see with single (childless) men being treated with suspicion from public parks to public schools to Boy Scout Jamborees, and even Video Game Arcades in Malls.

Is it too extreme to imagine that single childless men are inadvertently seen “suspected” as sexual predators of some sort simply because they don’t have a fat wife (and another man’s kids) tagging along with them in public? Maybe, maybe not….

In spite of these larger examples of situations/locations where single childless men are clearly not welcome, there are a growing number of places in the public venue where men in general are handed the “no-go” treatment: one being the trend of Gym franchises setting up “women-only” exercise rooms and “women/children-only swimming” pool hours, which would be fine if the men were not paying gym-dues like everyone else using the facility (men being the only “restricted” members!).

Need I even bring up the unspoken / unofficial “no-go” treatment afforded men who do not fit into a woman’s “Captain Awesome” category? The examples would fill volumes!

This is exactly the premise for Susie and Franny to complain about “street harassment”, and feminists pushing for laws and ordinances against (straight) flirtation in public from men whom the women may not find attractive….it’s coming~just that little road block called the First Amendment has kept “street harassment” codes from being passed here in the US up to now, so they’ll “soft law” it to death, mark my words.

All in the name of “Public Safety” laws and regulations are triumphed and forced to become the law of the land because most people want to feel “safe” and if that means someone else has to be inconvenienced, fined, or jailed to ensure such “safety”, then so be it! A single (straight) childless man over say…30 or 40…oh he’s just got to be up to no good and Hillary-forbid if he somehow comes across the line of sight of Sensitive Susie and her Partner Paula whose adopted kids are playing 1,000 yards from where the “creep” parked his car to read something on his Blackberry® then “911” it is!

And here we thought there were no second-class citizens in America….

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Now and Then — The Declaration of Independence

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In yesterday's piece on the use of force I included a link to the declaration of independence to make the point that before taking any drastic action people ought to have a lot of very good, well-articulated reasons. In looking over the document, it struck me that there are a number of parallels between the colonists' and contemporary men's grievances. Some were uncanny. I suppose I should have known this all along, but we tend to live in the moment and ignore history (at our own peril).

So, because our American Independence Day is nearing, I thought I'd highlight a few lines from the original text for purposes of comparison.

The declaration is fairly long, so I'll just link it here and paste selected complaints against the king, then give modern examples (feel free to add to them in comments):

> He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

EEOC, Social Services, court-appointed special advocates, etc.

> He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:
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> For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:
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> For protecting them, by mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these states:
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> For imposing taxes on us without our consent:
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> For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury:

The contemporary police state resembles in many ways a "large bod[y] of armed troops," and it is well-known that police misconduct is rarely if ever tried in a court of law.

Alimony and child support are, for all intents and purposes, taxation. Consent to this tax is irrelevant, and nonpayment is punishable by prison (further establishing that it is in fact a tax).

Men are routinely sentenced to jail without the benefit of trial. With family law, we have clearly been subjected to a "jurisdiction foreign to our constitution."

Our government has not yet "plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burned our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people," but is that entirely unthinkable given the naked plundering of American men that has become a feature of contemporary family law?

As we celebrate the 4th of July, we men ought to keep in mind that we are celebrating freedom from the kind of tyranny that is creeping back into our lives under the false front of "equality" for women, which is simply an excuse to subjugate men. When a government privileges one class of people over another, those without protection are inevitably exploited and subject to abuses. The time to stand up and call for an end to special privileges is at hand.

Question for Readers

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A friend of mine is a defense attorney who asked me whether there is any financial incentive for law enforcement to arrest men (as opposed to women) in domestic disturbance calls. This would seem to be a blatantly sexist policy, but then again VAWA is a blatantly sexist law, so I think it's possible.

If anyone has any information regarding that it would be appreciated. Feel free to share in comments.

The Woman in the Dark Street

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By Oliver Guerrero

I was walking at night by the streets of Vancouver. It was a Friday night and people were drinking and partying. While walking, I entered into a dark and empty street. Then, at the other end, I could make out the figure of a woman walking in the opposite direction. She was more-or-less in shape I can recall by her silhouette. As we got closer and closer, I realized she had started moving towards me. I thought she might be drunk initially, even though she was walking rather straight. Suddenly, with less than two meters between us she literally invaded my personal space in an unexpected move. I stopped in order not to collide with her and then a car passing by illuminated her briefly. It was only a moment, but I was able to see her in detail. We were within centimeters of each other.

She must have been at least 45 years old, youthfully dressed and in relatively good shape, but her face was filled with wrinkles as well as her arms. She stared me with those defiant blue eyes I might never forget; standing as straight as she could and raising her head so her eyes could match mine since I was taller. It was as if she was presenting herself to me claiming with all of her body: “I am here!” without saying words. By mere instinct, I almost jumped to my right and walked faster away from her. I glanced quickly at my back to make sure she was not following me, but all I could see was her silhouette again melting in the darkness and disappearing in the street.

Later, in the safety of a bus stop filled with people, I started thinking about that woman and about our close encounter. She might have been probably an 8 in her prime as a typical classical blue eyed blonde. Now, she literally throws herself at men in the street just to freak the hell out of them. In retrospect, I draw some parallels with many of those women in the slut walks: almost no men would even think of raping them. All those displays of rage and indignation looks more to me a display of bitterness by players who are literally left out of the game…out of the sexual market. Women soil their pants with fear, just at the thought of the day that will come when men will pass by, next to them, without even noticing them…as if they were mere ghosts. This might not be that much of a problem if she is able to clinch a good deal (good husband, kids, etc.) but the sad truth is that there are millions who fail at this; and since the number of committing men is decreasing, well…you can imagine the result.

At some point, the game will be over. The rose will lose her petals and they will never regrow; newer younger flowers will attract the bees to keep the cycle of life going…and like someone else said: “God always forgives, man sometimes forgives, but time never forgives.”

Clooney Girlfriend Starts Talking Babies, Marriage, Actor Swiftly Dumps Her

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Despite being attached to a very good-looking, apparently sweet younger woman, 32 year old Elisabetta Canalis, George Clooney has confirmed his commitment to bachelorhood by telling her to hit the road shortly after she started dropping hints of marriage and children to an Italian tabloid.

In an interview with Italian gossip magazine *Chi*, Canalis said she "wouldn't be with someone who didn't want to get married or have kids."

Although celebrity gossip is a mere distraction from the issues at hand, there is some reflection of society in general in the behavior and statements of movie stars. 40 years ago a public figure likely would have been far more reserved about his commitment to bachelorhood, but Clooney, who went through a divorce in the early 90s, has openly declared himself to be dead-set against marriage.

It seems that Canalis thought she'd be the one to break him, but when she laid it on the line Clooney stuck to his guns and cut her loose:

> Sources said the Ocean's Star flipped after being being 'pressed' about marriage by Canalis – who two weeks ago had given a gushing interview about how she was 'living a fairytale' and hoped to wed the actor.

As more and more prominent men unashamedly declare their abhorrence of marriage, and others are put through terrible ordeals for being married, the institution inevitably loses its luster for the humble masses who take their example from those above.

The Problem With the Stodden-Hutchison Marriage

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51 year old actor Doug Hutchison (*The Green Mile*) recently married 16 year old Alexis Stodden in Nevada, setting off a wave of complaints from women about how "creepy" it is for such an old guy to marry such a young woman. Well, it is a bit odd, but neither of the two looks their age in all fairness, so they don't make a terrible couple on camera at least…

A lot of women might make the point that a woman that age doesn't know what she's getting into, but I'm not sure that's the case, and in any event I haven't heard many feminists complain about underage boys getting hit up for child support owed to older women. Alexis is from Washington state, where the age of consent is 16 (which is reasonable IMO), so if all Mr. Hutchison wanted to do was sleep with the girl he would be in the clear. Is it morally worse to marry her than to simply have a fling?

We shouldn't be in the business of deciding how people want to live their lives, and if a person can consent to sex why should they be unable to marry? This would verge on religious discrimination, as some faiths consider marriage to be essential prior to sex.

However, there are other problems with the setup, and they affect Doug Hutchison rather than his young bride. While some men may be congratulating Mr. Hutchison on his "score," given contemporary norms and laws I think the guy made a terribly risky decision. A woman that young and that attractive is probably going to sleep around. Sure, some older men may be comfortable with that setup, but say the girl decides to divorce him in a couple years. This is where it gets tricky.

If a woman is under 18, she cannot be held to a legally-binding contract, so even if Hutchison drew up a prenup, it will be entirely unenforceable. All she has to do is show that she signed while a minor, and any judge will throw it out. This means that Alexis can divorce her husband and take him for half of all his assets at any time. He has no protection whatsoever, and she has every incentive to leave as soon as she gets tired of him.

It is kind of ironic that today an older guy has a much bigger incentive to simply use a young woman for sex than he does to actually take responsibility for her, but women got what they wanted. Frankly, most of the women complaining about this marriage probably know deep down that they would have been lucky to pull off what Stodden did. So perhaps it's all just sour grapes.

As for Hutchison, I hope he has fun while it lasts, because when that little birdie flies off it's going to be pretty painful.

UK Child Sexualization Reaches New Low

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By Gilgamesh

While mothers, teachers, and police fight tooth and nail to keep men as far away from children as possible, one woman in Northampton is teaching children how to poledance. According to the daily mail (Link above) “Parents pay £5 an hour for their daughters to learn pole dancing at the Little Spinners classes. Instructor Carly Wilford insists it helps youngsters keep fit and boosts their self-esteem.” I expect a lot of these “Parents” are single mothers, and according to one of the captions on he page, “Many pupils want to copy their mothers at the pole dancing classes.”

Given what we already know about western families, I expect that the fathers of these kids were either run out of the house, or are to pussywhipped to put a stop to this. Claude Knight, the director of the charity Kidscape, warns that “The children will innocently enjoy copying the raunchy moves they learn, but be completely unaware of the sexual messages these send out which inevitably can have dangerous results.” I suspect that these girls will not be the only ones at risk-these miscommunications could lead to boys getting in trouble for “Attempted rape,” like the two boys who spent 8 years in prison for a game of “I’ll show you mine if you show me yours.”

Meanwhile, this raises another question. If pedophiles are supposedly lurking around every corner, why are these moms sexualizing their kids by sending them to this class?

The classes are held at the Make Me Fabulous Dance Studio.

Carly Wilford can be reached at carly@makemefabulous.co.uk (business email taken from the Dance Studio Website).

Latest Feminist Triumph: Black Family Finally Destroyed

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When feminists first set their minds toward the destruction of the family, they focused their attacks on the most vulnerable segment of American society: African Americans. Eleanor Roosevelt, notorious feminist icon, put a great deal of effort into creating the social programs that ultimately eroded the black family as early as the 1940s, but the killing blow was matrifocal welfare programs put in place during the Johnson Administration. Rather than focus on keeping black men employed and able to provide for their families, Johnson passed the Civil Rights Act with full affirmative action for women (white women benefited from affirmative action more than anyone) and created a welfare system that rewarded women for illegitimate births and single motherhood. As black men were cast off, rootless, America's remedy was to build an enormous incarceration industry. Today, the primary form of "welfare" for black men in the United States is the criminal justice system.

Now, in an article trumpeting the feminist victory over the black family, Laura Speer of the Annie E. Casey Foundation reminds us, as though we need to be told, that it isn't the 1950s any longer:

> We're moving toward an acknowledgment that we're living in a different world than the 1950s, where married or two-parent heterosexual couples are now no longer the norm for a lot of kids, especially kids of color…

Of course, there were men who saw this coming from the beginning. Dr. Thomas Sowell, a libertarian economist and senior fellow of Stanford's Hoover Institution, was an early critic of government programs that he saw as creating exactly the conditions that prevail today. Born into a poor black family in North Carolina, Sowell served in the Korean War and managed to bootstrap himself into Harvard, where he graduated magna cum laude. Overcoming his naive, youthful embrace of Marxism, he eventually became one of the foremost critics of government intrusion and social engineering.

I was delighted to find the following video, in which Sowell eviscerates a do-gooder white feminist on camera back in 1980. Although it is fun to watch him destroy her in debate, it is sad to see how much of what he predicted has come to pass.

Congratulations, feminists! You have finally succeeded in destroying "patriarchy" in one segment of American society. With one third of young black men under some form of penal supervision and well under 50% growing up with their fathers, you really have something to clap your hands about.

Next target: the white working class.

Lesbian Law Professor has Second Thoughts About Marriage

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Now that gay civil marriage appears poised to become a reality in more and more states across the US, some homosexuals are starting to question whether they really want to be locked into the same nightmare that afflicts so many straight Americans.

Writing for the NY Times, Katherine Franke, a lesbian, asks whether gays ought to be "forced" to marry to have the same "benefits" that straight couples receive. Her vacillation in the following excerpt speaks volumes:

> It's not that we're antimarriage; rather, we think marriage ought to be one choice in a menu of options by which relationships can be recognized and gain security. Like New York City's mayor, Michael R. Bloomberg, who has been in a relationship for over 10 years without marrying, one can be an ardent supporter of marriage rights for same-sex couples while also recognizing that serious, committed relationships can be formed outside of marriage.
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> Here's why I'm worried: Winning the right to marry is one thing; being forced to marry is quite another. How's that? If the rollout of marriage equality in other states, like Massachusetts, is any guide, lesbian and gay people who have obtained health and other benefits for their domestic partners will be required by both public and private employers to marry their partners in order to keep those rights. In other words, "winning" the right to marry may mean "losing" the rights we have now as domestic partners, as we'll be folded into the all-or-nothing world of marriage.

Hmmm, getting a bit worried about the specter of family law here, are we Ms. Franke?

As a lesbian, she is comfortable seeing men destroyed by marriage, but what if she ends up in the same situation? Child support… Custody litigation… Alimony… Domestic violence accusations (lesbians have highest rate of DV in the US)… Asset forfeiture…

"Domestic partnership" is starting to look a lot safer than marriage, now, isn't it?

You know, as a straight male I'd like to have "a menu of options" myself, now that she mentions it. Somehow, I doubt that will be forthcoming…

Still avoiding getting to the point, Franke claims people might have a hard time understanding her position:

> What's difficult to explain is that for some lesbians and gay men, having our relationships sanctioned and regulated by the state is hardly something to celebrate … we've created loving and committed forms of family, care and attachment that far exceed, and often improve on, the narrow legal definition of marriage. Many of us are not ready to abandon those nonmarital ways of loving once we can legally marry.

How on earth is that "difficult to explain?" Perhaps for Franke, "a professor of law and the director of the Center for Gender and Sexuality Law at Columbia Law School," it is difficult to explain to her probably lower-earning partner why she doesn't want a civil marriage, but it certainly doesn't take an advanced degree to wrap your head around that one if you're a straight man. Actually, I doubt Franke herself has any difficulty understanding the drawbacks of marriage — she works in a field that has actively implemented them for decades.

This is a pure, unadulterated case of avoiding a dose of one's own medicine. Now that I think about it, Franke deserves marriage. She and her fellow feminist law professors should walk the line through that "narrow legal definition of marriage" and see how it works out for them.

The Rising Waters of Feminine Penury

Featured Guest · 24 June 2011 · Archived copy · Original

By meistergedanken

There was an article in the *Raleigh News & Observer* recently (authored by Mandy Locke) about women from the Boomer generation, who were (coincidentally?) "single, retired and broke". It contained a revealing combination of facts that delineate an imminent dilemma for American Society while offering specious explanations for that dilemma.

A few key statistics:

• "About 40% of female baby boomers are currently single (up from 30% in 1989)."

• "Nationally there are about 17 million single females ages 46 to 64; about two-thirds of them separated from, divorced or buried their spouse."

• "The Federal Reserve Board found in 2001 that only a third of single women had any sort of retirement savings account; at the same time, fewer than 10% of single women had a pension through their jobs. This compared with about two-thirds of married couples and 42% of single men with retirement accounts."

First, it must be said that often women don't take or deliberately seek jobs that provide retirement accounts, unless it is some government post with a "guaranteed" pension (the quotes here denote the fact that in this day and age, there are no more guarantees). Thoughts of retirement not being a priority, they would rather secure "fun", glamorous or sociable employment that has a lot of inter-personal interaction, where profits are irrelevant or where their schedules are accommodated. The wife of a friend of mine works as the only employee at a high-end jewelry shop, where she has no retirement benefits and poor medical benefits with large deductibles. There is really no future for a career in such an establishment. But she doesn't care: she likes her boss (the owner), is beloved by the clientele, and best of all, gets to regularly travel to New York on buying trips for the shop. She pays for her car, the internet and phone and spends the rest of her money on gifts for her friends and family, and toys for herself. My friend, as the husband, can worry about paying off the house and saving for their old age.

Indeed, it has long been the province of men to shoulder the burden of saving and planning for retirement. Women are typically happy to defer to their husbands in these matters, because financial stuff is BORING. Not fun at all. It does not occur to them that men don't find it exactly stimulating, either. Yet somehow it seems to get lumped in with other manly pursuits, such as watching football, as things men inexplicably like to do that women won't willingly endure. When you take this into consideration, it is not surprising that not only do single men have more retirement resources than single women, but married men are even ***more*** likely to have those resources, as they are no doubt well aware that with a woman along for the ride, their expenses went up dramatically.

The article employs – and this will astonish no one – the usual suspect arguments to deflect financial responsibility from retiring women. The old chestnut that women earned only "77 cents to the man's dollar" was regurgitated, for example, so *naturally* there couldn't save as much as they needed to. Another is that women returning to the workforce after divorce or child rearing are confronted with workplaces that don't "have space or patience for them, " from which the reader can infer is due to a soft form of gender discrimination. Another excuse is that Boomer women weren't properly informed about retirement planning, implying failure on the part of the education system, perhaps. To that I can only say that it is ironic that the very women who scorned Home Economics and banished it from school systems everywhere, when it was the most reliable way to convey to young women the value of a dollar and how to budget for expenses, are the same women who could have benefited from its lessons in frugality and thrift! Next we will hear the wailing of "why didn't you stop us from squandering our money!"

""I never thought about retirement. No one ever talked about it and what I needed to do," said Katrina Philips, 62, of Clayton, N.C. "I guess I was stupid about it.""

Yeah, no kidding – along with all the other chicks who imagined themselves clones of the fictional populace of "Sex in the City", who only swilled drinks and swapped tales about their tawdry escapades!

What is left unsaid is the fact that women in general have poorer impulse control, which ultimately means most of them can't handle money. Obviously, advertisers know this, and craft their pitches accordingly. They succeeded beyond anyone's wildest expectations, skewing the economy and perverting the culture in the process until spending on frivolous consumer items is absolutely necessary just to keep everything from crashing down around us. By its very nature budgeting involves stifling the desires of the present (and curtailing spending) to obtain a measure of security in the future. What the "experts" who cheered the entrance of women into the workplace fail to understand is that it doesn't matter how much money you earn; if you can't handle money, then you ***never have enough of it***. Many men, but to an even greater degree women, have been mortgaging the future to enable buying sprees in the here-and-now.

I can assure you all that this is a temporary state of affairs. As a civilization, we are rapidly approaching the point where that which cannot work, will no longer work. Consumption that is not sustainable will cease. The debt that is too excessive shall be defaulted upon. And the society that adopts leftist-feminist principles will collapse. The refusal to acknowledge this certainty is one of the governing delusions of our times.

And of course – OF COURSE – these women will turn to daddy government, looking to the State to fill the void once filled by their husbands. But guess what? The pockets of the State will be empty, the proverbial cupboard bare. Behold the ongoing fiasco that is the Congress of the United States of America (or the parliaments of most European nations, for that matter)! Does anyone believe that the current fiscal situation can persist for another 10-20 years? Or that our national debt problems will be peaceably resolved in an orderly fashion? Or that we can continue to coast on the fumes of borrowed funds like we have for the last 30 years?

What is going to happen to all these old women living in abject poverty? Some will have to go begging to their children, if they have any, whether they are equipped to take in their mothers or not. Doubtless many a guilt trip will be embarked upon. Maybe they will try and sponge off of their male siblings, if any are still alive (as women tend to outlive men). Others will populate hastily assembled communes and institutions cobbled together from the dwindling resources of cities, others will find religion, return to God and seek shelter in charitable facilities sponsored by various resurgent religious orders, and some will simply become homeless. Ultimately, it's not our problem. And furthermore, the government will be too broke and powerless to MAKE it our problem….

Try not to be overcome with *Schadenfreude*.

Demographic changes are typically powerful but slow; they tend to sneak up upon us much like rising flood waters: in the morning you look outside and the river looks high. Later on in the afternoon you see the river again and you think to yourself, "Hmm, the river is rising – it seems to be higher than it was this morning." That night you drift heedlessly off to sleep as the murky water creeps up to your doorstep. And in the morning you wake up to find your first floor has four feet of water in it. Now you are fucked.

Women of the Boomer Generation: you have truly fucked yourselves.

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Female Guard at Notorious Prison Pleads Guilty to Sleeping with Inmate

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A female jailer at the Washington state Reformatory at Monroe pleaded guilty to custodial misconduct for sleeping with an inmate. This is the same prison where, a few months ago, another female guard was strangled to death by an inmate, prompting the usual calls for castration.

Guard Danette Skelton would bring special meals to her inmate lover and gave him access to a cell phone, which is a serious security breach.

Female prison guards are in fact far more likely to have sex with inmates than male prison guards, and also more likely to be assaulted by inmates. However, due to the gender laws foisted upon us by feminists, our prisons must indulge the desires of women to work in close proximity to hardened male criminals, no matter how much additional crime, violence and corruption it causes.

Outside the Shop Window

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By Ken Knight

Who doesn't overtly (or covertly) notice the lives of others around us from time to time in detail enough to "learn" from what is seen or draw conclusions that may influence how we as individuals handle and conduct our own lives? It has been said that this life is a "learning experience" in and of itself, so watching others and learning from them may be a little better than memorizing some text book or listening to a cloistered professor in the halls of Academia (who really doesn't know shit about how the real world operates).

How much of your adult life-learning has been gleaned from the deeds, wins, losses, and experiences of other around you, and how much have you learned by simply watching and listening, not to mention "game" people around you so as to benefit yourself later on?

On the subject of marriage, an associate of mine I'll call "Davis" for this article's sake, likes to remind me how he's been married twice (and divorced twice) in the past 10 years, that he's had three big-ass houses in the past 10 years, as well as two successful children and gets women thru online dating sites by lying to them about how much of a "war hero" he is. Nearly ¾ of his gross financial worth has gone to the two divorces and as a six-figure salary man right now he's tight as a snare drum because of divorce court rulings against him….though he likes to refer to himself among his single and less-financially-ruined buddies as a "p*ssy gettin' m#therf*cker" because he bangs single moms met on internet dating sites. Good ol' Davis enjoys reminding MGTOW guys like me that he has kids by saying shit like: "My DNA will go on~blah-blah-blah…." I sit back and look at my friend saying to myself: THAT IS NOT A LIFE I WANT! And I remember the experience of my pal Davis and how he was taken advantage of and unceremoniously dumped-on over just a ten year stretch when he could have avoided it!

As a lifelong bachelor, I have gone through many married friends, and I say "gone through" because after awhile married people eventually stop inviting single friends over and leave them off their rosters for block parties, birthdays, etc. Of all the married couples I have known in the past 20 years or so, I have seen more nasty divorces, infidelities, and stranger stuff such as one guy who enjoyed watching his wife getting hammered by another man (no, I was not one of them! haha) and one guy I was in the Army with indulged the "swinging" lifestyle with his hot wife although that ended when the wife discovered she wanted to be with one of the other swinging husbands full-time!

Other examples are of men I know whose wives take on a "mother" role with them in almost every way except the fact they're sleeping together, then there is one man I used to work part-time with who knew his wife was cheating on him and did nothing about it, saying it was "cheaper to keep her" (but he was screwing someone on the side himself anyway so he just let it go on for years until they divorced over his gambling problem).

I have also seen numerous friends and co-workers locked up in jail over false assault accusations, child-neglect allegations, and failure to pay child support, their lives ruined in more than one way due to the choice they made in getting married and having a family like one is "expected" to. Seeing the trials, tribulations, failures, and fallacies of other people around us (as well as their triumphs!) has and continues to be a valuable learning experience and I cannot stress how important it can become to remember what you see in other people so that you may avoid making the same damn mistake later on in your own personal life.

As a lifelong bachelor who has no children, I cannot tell you how many married and engaged friends, associates, and family members have chided me over my single lifestyle, and one remark from a "happily" married colleague of mine stands out: "You're living outside the Shop Window of life, looking in through the glass while the rest of us are inside". Yes indeed, I see the "life" of most married people I know and they've all convinced me that I have not missed out on a damn thing and by doing so, have dodged more than one bullet. Another friend of mine remarked this past Father's Day weekend to me saying "Happy Bulletproof Day" in reference to me "dodging bullets" of

marriage and child-rearing. These days, it is not worth going there unless you're willing to take an awful risk. Don't believe me? Just sit back, relax, and watch your friends and neighbors for awhile and you'll see for yourself. As for "Davis"? Oh he stills considers himself better than me because he has kids and Match.com (looking for wife #3). Since he is trapped inside the "Shop", I'll wave at him from outside the window just before I drive off in my new car.

MGTOW: the time has come.

Slate: NY Women Now a "Higher Species"

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Writing for *Slate*, Ron Rosenbaum hails the choice of Jill Abramson as NY Times executive editor as evidence that NY females are no longer merely human, but have evolved into something superior:

> Here's my theory: Women in New York City have evolved into the equivalent of a higher species. Not quite the leap from Neanderthal to Cro-Magnon (especially since Neanderthals have recently been getting props from anthropologists for having bigger brains than previously suspected and for not being quite as cave-mannish as they once were seen). Still a step up the ladder, not just from men, but from women elsewhere as well.
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> So when I say New York City women have evolved into a higher species I'm not speaking in a strictly biological, genomic way. (Although I call your attention to a recent Scientific American paper called "Urban Birds Boast Big Brains," which posited that the challenges of urban life to avian intelligence have resulted in an increase in the capacity of their brains to cope with the struggle for survival in the city.)

When I read the first paragraph of the excerpt, I thought Rosenbaum was just kissing ass, but the second suggests he is at least somewhat serious about this "higher species" idea, which says something about Rosenbaum and his head.

Rosenbaum goes on to advocate a full-court press for more feminist legislation from the *Times*, perhaps in the hope that it is a sufficiently powerful instrument to give feminism a decisive, total victory over American society.

When he isn't praising his new, transhuman overlords, what does Rosenbaum have to say about us men?

Apparently, we are cranky whiners:

> I don't think any similar study has been done on urban birds of the human persuasion. But I think an anecdotal case can be made that if our urban birds aren't smarter than nonurban birds, or other urban birds, New York women are smarter than New York men. Or at least that there are far fewer dumb New York women than dumb New York men. But this is what has always puzzled me: The evolution of women has made them not merely more fiercely intelligent and multitalented, but more sophisticated, witty, charming, and seductive. What's not to like? And yet few were the celebrations of the new realities by New York men, at least in the early years. In fiction, film, nonfiction, and memoirs by New York men, one sees so much crankiness and whiny complaint about the terrible inconvenience the women's movement has caused. Consider Roth, Updike, Mailer, Bellow. Consider, even, the enduring cruel image of the liberated woman in Kramer vs. Kramer. A major portion of the last century's literary history has been written by men unable to deal with the loss of subservience. And by women trying to deal with the inability of men to deal with it. (Even now in the new century, look at all the male literature devoted to whiny men flummoxed by female accomplishment. It's the new whininess. Neo crankiness.)

Rosenbaum isn't fit to lick the boots of the writers he disparages in the above passage, yet he has the gall to declare them inferior to no-name feminist writers.

What garbage. If, as he predicts, Jill Abramson will herald a new era of feminist dominance in our nation's paper of record, the New York Times will cease to be relevant to anyone outside of Manhattan's tiny little world.

Feminist Sentenced to Life for Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity

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Pauline Nyiramasuhuko, a prominent Rwandan Hutu and former minister of family affairs and women's advancement, has been sentenced to life in prison by an international tribunal for a variety of heinous crimes, including mass rape, war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

According to a 2002 article originally published in the NY Times, Nyiramasuhuko followed a fairly standard feminist routine before become a mass-murderer:

> Before becoming Rwanda's chief official for women's affairs, Pauline was a social worker, roaming the countryside, offering lectures on female empowerment and instruction on child care and AIDS prevention. Her days as minister were similarly devoted to improving the lives of women and children. But at the stadium, a 30-year-old farmer named Foster Mivumbi told me, Pauline assumed a different responsibility. Mivumbi, who has confessed to taking part in the slaughter, told me that Pauline goaded the Interahamwe, commanding, "Before you kill the women, you need to rape them."

But Pauline's role went beyond mere encouragement:

> Tutsi women were then selected from the stadium crowd and dragged away to a forested area to be raped, Mivumbi recalled. Back at the stadium, he told me, Pauline waved her arms and then observed in silence as Interahamwe rained machine-gun fire and hand grenades down upon the remaining refugees. The Hutus finished off survivors with machetes. It took about an hour, ending at noon. Pauline stayed on, Mivumbi told me, until a bulldozer began piling bodies for burial in a nearby pit. (When questioned about this incident, Pauline's lawyers denied that she took part in atrocities in Butare.)
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> Shortly afterward, according to another witness, Pauline arrived at a compound where a group of Interahamwe was guarding 70 Tutsi women and girls. One Interahamwe, a young man named Emmanuel Nsabimana, told me through a translator that Pauline ordered him and the others to burn the women. Nsabimana recalled that one Interahamwe complained that they lacked sufficient gasoline. "Pauline said, 'Don't worry, I have jerrycans of gasoline in my car,' " Nsabimana recalled. "She said, 'Go take that gasoline and kill them.' I went to the car and took the jerrycans. Then Pauline said, 'Why don't you rape them before you kill them?' But we had been killing all day, and we were tired. We just put the gasoline in bottles and scattered it among the women, then started burning."

Although Pauline Nyiramasuhuko's depravity was extreme even for a feminist, it shouldn't be surprising that the first woman in history to be sentenced to prison for genocide was so keen on the idea of female empowerment before she turned machine guns on innocent people.

In the feminist world, there is a simplistic, black and white narrative of power and victimization. Men are in power, women are victims, and the idea is to turn the tables. Feminists have grown so accustomed to seeing the world in this way that redress of their imagined grievances includes implementing a retributive system whereby former "victims" wield the kind of power they see the patriarchy as having held. Hence human rights abuses against innocent men in the United States are seen as a kind of collective justice by our feminists.

It isn't much of a stretch for a person who believes in feminist ideology to replace one class of victims/perpetrators with another, in Nyiramasuhuku's case Hutus/Tutsis. Unfortunately, no matter what form this kind of thinking takes, innocent people are always victimized when it becomes prevalent in society.

On Friday, Rwandans received some measure of justice in the conviction and sentencing of Pauline Nyiramasuhuko; we can only look forward to the day that innocent male victims in the West receive some of the

same.

Founder of Women's Seder Dead at 83

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Last week, Esther Broner, known as the "Mother of the Women's Seder," died after a long struggle to subvert Orthodox Judaism and create a feminist alternative to the millennia-old celebration of Passover.

According to "Rabbi" Susan Fendrick, women's seders are necessary "to add a feminist, woman-centered dimension to the observance of the universally Jewish holiday of Passover."

This raises the question of why, if Passover is a universally Jewish holiday, there needs to be a separate seder that is *not* universally Jewish.

According to Fendrick, many children have already been trained in feminist Judaism, and now they are growing accustomed to gay Judaism (represented by a juicy, succulent fruit) as well:

> Women's seders and other Jewish feminist practices in connection with Passover have had their impact on the shape of the seder experience as a whole in many homes and institutions. Already there is a generation of children who would be confused if there were no Miriam's cup on the table, filled with water (and often paired with Elijah's cup of wine)—a symbol of redemption and possibility. And in many homes the placement of an orange on the seder plate—whether to represent the importance of women's full inclusion in Judaism, or to symbolize the need for gay and lesbian equality in Jewish life—is already de rigueur.

Looks like it's time to wheel out the golden calf again…

Feminist subversion of traditional religion is nothing new, and has been a thorn in the side of Christians as well as Jews for some time now; even Muslims are running into it these days. One might ask why feminists are so insistent on attacking "patriarchal" religions in a country such as the United States, where freedom of religion gives them the opportunity to start their own faith. The answer is that if they did, it would last at longest for one generation, as the feminists would be too busy ensuring that they did not create stable families, instead aborting many of their children, engaging in lesbian relationships and alienating the boys among them to the point that they would utterly reject their mothers' faith.

Therefore, as with so many other institutions, feminists choose not to innovate and compete, but rather play the role of parasites, leeching off the shortsighted tolerance and goodwill of the men who keep them running. Inevitably, once an institution has been totally compromised by feminism, it fails and the feminists run off to find a new one. In the meanwhile, you-know-who gets really pissed off.

GUY-FLICKS II: The Days of "Nice"

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by Ken Knight

The man's name is Cody Abilene, and he pulled into his own reserved parking space at the shooting range first thing this morning to target-practice his Dan Wesson .44 Magnum revolver with 8-inch barrel. Well at least he hit the board that held the target!

Not the best shot in the world, he shrugs it off and leaves the range to drive out to California's Willow Springs Raceway, no one saying shit about his bad range score because no one talks shit to Cody, he's just way too damn cool. Once he reaches the raceway in his red DeLorean sports car, he watches as his lady friend June Khnockers (yes, spelled with an h!) qualify in her stock car on the track, getting there just as the female racer finishes her final lap. Cody's a likeable guy, enough so he's even welcome inside the locker room as June slips off her helmet and peels down her racing jumpsuit from her otherwise nude body, turning to look at Cody sitting in a chair taking his sunglasses off and asks him what he thought about her driving, to wit he remarks:

"I think they're dynamite…the driving and the body."(in reference to her plump tits she's displaying right in front of him now). June Khnockers walks up to him with a kittenish look and says: "You're such horseshit at showing emotion, but I like that in a man!" then she falls into his arms for a passionate embrace and kiss (i.e. "friends with benefits").

This is the opening scene of an R-rated "Guy-Flick" written and directed by the late Andy Sidaris in 1985 entitled MALIBU EXPRESS. Chances are if you were old enough to stay up late during the mid-to-late 1980s watching Cable TV you likely caught this underrated guy-flick around midnight and enjoyed its outlandish humor and gratuitous nudity (provided by former Playboy® Playmates playing the female roles in the film).

B-movie Potentate Andy Sidaris produced straight-to-video feature films starring such notables as 80s femme-fatale Sybil Danning and famous sex-therapist Ava Cadell (Ava was also the busty motel room chick in the 80s action film COMMANDO). What really stands out in Andy Sidaris' sexploitation films is not just campy "action" with hot chicks and guns but also rather positive (also humorous) male character roles in each of his films that are increasingly non-existent in films made these days. Sidaris' male characters almost always saved the female characters from dangerous trouble, and always…and I repeat…always….got the girl! B-movies yes, with less than stellar acting and usually outrageous situations that would never occur in real life, but that is the bread n' butter of "guy-flick" entertainment: reality sucks and doesn't apply! You want to see reality???

Turn on one of your ex-wife's "cooking" shows or go to Macy's with your cupcake and carry all those shopping bags of over-priced shit to your car for her.

Andy Sidaris' films can be found in a DVD box-set nowadays and I recommend adding them to your guy-flick collection for the simple reason of their "historical" value…what I am referring to is not just the fun action sequences, cheesy sex scenes, and loads of well-shaped naked female bodies not found just anywhere….but also NICE female attitudes and behavior toward men portrayed therein! Seriously guys, how many recent motion pictures produced in the past decade or more have female characters that interact with their male counterparts with nice respectful camaraderie? *As opposed to the snarky "all men are pigs" attitude, "grrrrl-power" trip, or "I'm gonna kick his ass"(and then she is shown doing so) parley showcased in more Hollywood films than I can personally count!

Past B-movie Directors such as Andy Sidaris, Fred Olen Ray, and Dan O'Bannon would show a femme-fatale more as "sexy villainess" and yet still manage to keep blatant misandry from rearing its head in their plotlines and created some of the most memorable (among B-movie fans) female characters who are no feminist heroines by any means, and contrary to most female characters portrayed in major films today: LIKED MEN!

It has been discussed quite extensively here on *The Spearhead* about women of the western world developing (and getting away with) an increasingly hostile and blatantly androphobic attitude toward men in general, an outlook taught them by a liberal media and feminist-savvy entertainment arenas (and I won't even go into what goes on at College campuses). As a bachelor myself, I see the "men are pigs" attitude in virtually every single woman I meet, and yes…the married ones are even worse. We could fill volumes detailing examples of this growing hatred and poor treatment of men in our decaying western culture, but that is a subject I'll leave to another writer and stick to my point here: "Guy-Flicks" (films that straight men tend to enjoy for action, adventure, sexy chicks and nudity as well as outrageous fantasy fun) may very well become historical points of reference even though they are fantasy-based for men now and in the future to view and see women acting nice and sexy toward men in the storylines without any misandry or the current "you-go-grrrrl" shit thrown in with lesbian love tokens, not to mention the portrayal of male characters as heroic warriors, good cops, valiant citizens, and just plain manliness as a positive. Who hasn't experienced the increasingly hostile and negative attitude from women around you whether at home or in the general public? Even that "Captain Awesome" guy who thinks he's got himself a harem of female admirers in his life has been snapped at by a soccer-mom when he drove too close to her mini-van or got ignored by a secretary whose only love is the 8 cats in her apartment.

With men portrayed as drunken saps, cheating liars, and perverts on the prowl in TV shows like LAW AND ORDER or as weaklings and cuckolded dummies in current major movies such as HALL PASS, is it a stretch to determine that looking into films and entertainment of the past will become an "escape" from seeing men in general portrayed in such ways as well as a "historical record" of the way life used to be between the sexes? No stretch at all, really.

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Michele Bachmann Rejects Feminist Label

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Following speculation that Michelle Bachmann would lead a new "Evangelical Feminism," the Minnesota Representative objected to the "feminist" label, saying instead that she is "pro-woman and pro-man."

From The Daily Beast:

> Unlike Sarah Palin, who has brandished the feminist moniker and spoken of an "emerging conservative feminist identity," Bachmann told me in an interview Tuesday that she wouldn't call herself a feminist—instead, she simply described herself as "pro-woman and pro-man." When I pressed her on the matter, the Minnesota congresswoman said she sees herself as an "empowered American."

Perhaps Bachmann has seen how well Sarah Palin's embrace of the term worked out for her; liberal feminists scorned her, and conservative men abandoned her. However, for some reason feminism has become such an overriding preoccupation in the United States that everyone seems to think any woman in any position of power or responsibility must necessarily be a "feminist" in one way or another.

Because feminism is all about "empowering" women at others' expense, it's an insult to women who have achieved anything to suggest that only feminism is responsible for their success, and undermines their achievements. It looks as though a few female politicians are starting to catch on to this, and avoiding the label for fear that not only could it alienate potential male supporters, but detract from their popular image as well.

Finally, Americans are starting to recognize that feminism is not an inclusive, positive term, but rather a supremacist ideology that justifies oppression for the benefit of a special class of elitist, female ideologues.

Strauss Kahn Accuser Story Disintegrating Under Scrutiny

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According to the NY Times, investigators have discovered serious inconsistencies in the rape charges against Dominique Strauss Kahn. Accuser Nafissatou Diallo has allegedly lied repeatedly, and prosecutors no longer believe her story.

Further complicating prosecutors' case, Ms. Diallo has been having problems with her asylum application and may be linked to drug dealing and money laundering.

Lawyers are discussing whether to dismiss charges, which could sink the case.

Fortunately for Strauss Kahn, a great deal of scrutiny and effort went into the investigation, which is not always the case. Given the sloppy prosecutions that have put so many men behind bars on false accusations, one wonders whether he would have had a chance if he were some ordinary Joe plucked off the street.

Also, despite the fact that the criminal in this case is increasingly looking like the accuser rather than the accused, the continued MSM-imposed anonymity for Diallo makes little sense. False rape accusations are so ubiquitous at this point that possibly the only thing that might reduce them at all would be full public disclosure of the accuser's identity. Anonymity for accusers is a relic of a time when virginity was expected before marriage, and ought to be done away with to prevent spurious accusations, just as it is in all other criminal accusations.

If Ms. Diallo's accusation can be proven to have been made with ill intent, the woman should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, and subsequently deported to her home country.

UK Public Sector on Strike, Makes Little Difference

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All around the Western world governments are looking for ways to cut bloated public sector payrolls and expenses, and government workers have met these measures with outrage. In the UK, hundreds of thousands of public sector workers went on strike to protest pension changes, but according to the government the strike has had little effect, and it is largely business as usual, which suggests that a great many of the people on strike are redundant.

The public sector in Britain is largely female, and not productive. As affirmative action and other feminist policies have come to prominence, female participation in the labor force, rather than spurring innovation and growth, has resulted in a higher tax burden on men and an artificial cap on men's wages. This has led to the revenue crisis, as the productive members of society have less to tax while the non-productive public sector workers and consumers of welfare and other government-funded resources take an ever-larger share of the pie.

The budget crises happening in the UK and other Western countries are clear evidence of the failure of government programs to equalize some groups of people by handicapping others. Rather than lift the economy as a whole, these policies have stunted it, leaving governments broke and unable to provide for the legions of non-productive employees they have been supporting.

Although it would be pleasant for many to think that men and women are equally capable of creating wealth, we ignore reality at our peril. Although in the past women often had productive jobs, the fact is that women have always relied on men economically to a greater extent than men have on women, and this is probably more true today than it was 150 years ago. A farmer's wife, for example, produced more wealth simply by churning butter and selling it at the market than a contemporary grant writer with a master's degree, whose job is to persuade the government to give various organizations money for projects of dubious value.

The point has often been made that government has become the surrogate husband for many women, both protecting and providing for them as well as providing them with the guidance and discipline they need. However, it seems this husband is going broke, as his peasants can no longer provide enough for his enormous harem.

Feminism as a Subsidy for Daughters of Wealthy

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I've made the point a number of times that today, strident feminists are often from successful, well-heeled families. Having attended a private school for some time as a kid, I've long been well aware that wealthy urban women and girls embrace "progressive" feminism as a matter of course. At first glance it would seem to be an entirely superfluous commitment, as they have the world at their fingertips and lead the most privileged lives on the planet, but I'm starting to think there are practical benefits to it as well.

In the old days, wealthy families always faced the issue of marrying off daughters. If lucky, their daughters would marry a successful man while young and no longer be a burden on the family finances, but if she didn't find a suitable mate, or had to marry down, she could end up being quite expensive long-term — even possibly a scandalous, destabilizing influence on the family.

Today, however, daughters of the wealthy glide right into nonprofit jobs paid for with government grant money, some get jobs as directors of this or that government program "for women and children," and others take on fairly important positions in corporations or government agencies that are now increasingly dominated by women due to affirmative action.

For a wealthy or upper middle class father, having an adult daughter with a considerable income is a huge source of relief. Many of the girls I grew up with who, to put it tactfully, had quite ordinary capabilities and talents, obtained advanced degrees and well-paid jobs in make-work positions that are overwhelmingly female. That wealthy men would support this is perfectly natural; if their daughters can earn a nice government or corporate salary it takes a great deal of pressure off them. Girls who grow up accustomed to luxury cars, vacations in Aspen and platinum cards don't give these nice things up without a hell of a fight, and from daddy's perspective it's far better for Uncle Sam or the local corporate behemoth to be paying for these things than him.

For the women themselves, it allows them to pursue their luxurious, hypergamous lifestyles without having to settle down at an earlier age and without having to answer to daddy. For them, feminism has come to be another entitlement that comes along with the privilege they've always had. I think this explains why feminism is so overwhelmingly embraced by the urban upper classes.

Minnesota Shuts Down Government, Keeps Essential (i.e. Male) Employees

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The AP reports that Minnesota's state government has been effectively shut down, however, the governor is keeping the absolute essentials in place, including state troopers, emergency workers, prison guards and court workers. Not surprisingly, the "essentials" are overwhelmingly male.

If all government workers are taken into account, females almost certainly outnumber males, so these kinds of emergency measures make it pretty clear who is most important for keeping things running. They also highlight the fact that government jobs are, in many cases, little more than welfare for beneficiaries of affirmative action.

Although doing away with all but the essentials would be neither realistic nor desirable, the value of these situations is that they force governments to recognize that there is a hierarchy of government functions, and this helps identify superfluous programs. Unfortunately, we'll probably have to face a lot more economic pain before politicians are forced to do away with them, but at least this is a start.

Stepmother of Groom Puts Bride-To-Be in Her Place, Blogstorm Ensues

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Carolyn Bourne, a 60-year-old British florist, decided that she had had enough of her stepson's tacky, sassy fiancé, so she sent her a scathing email taking her to task for her atrocious manners.

One of the problems with contemporary young women is that, rather than receive proper training from the older women in society, they were pampered and told what precious treasures they are from infancy. This probably has something to do with the fact that their mothers weren't around enough to teach them how to avoid acting like little savages, but it also has a great deal to do with the fact that their mothers embraced second wave feminism. Somewhere along the way, women of the second-wave generation forgot that their own manners and sense of propriety came from their non-feminist upbringing, and now that they see young women's behavior they are shocked.

The letter is biting, but rather amusing from a male perspective:

> from: Carolyn Bourne
> to: heidi withers
> subject: your lack of manners
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> Here are a few examples of your lack of manners:
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> When you are a guest in another's house, you do not declare what you will and will not eat – unless you are positively allergic to something.
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> You do not remark that you do not have enough food.
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> You do not start before everyone else.
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> You do not take additional helpings without being invited to by your host.
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> When a guest in another's house, you do not lie in bed until late morning in households that rise early – you fall in line with house norms.
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> You should never ever insult the family you are about to join at any time and most definitely not in public. I gather you passed this off as a joke but the reaction in the pub was one of shock, not laughter.
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> You regularly draw attention to yourself. Perhaps you should ask yourself why. No one gets married in a castle unless they own it. It is brash, celebrity style behaviour.
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> I understand your parents are unable to contribute very much towards the cost of your wedding. (There is nothing wrong with that except that convention is such that one might presume they would have saved over the years for their daughters' marriages.)
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> If this is the case, it would be most ladylike and gracious to lower your sights and have a modest wedding as befits both your incomes.
>
> One could be accused of thinking that Heidi Withers must be patting herself on the back for having caught a most eligible young man. I pity Freddie.

However this turns out, Freddie should thank his stepmother for the warning if nothing else. His fiancé's manner of response should also set off alarm bells, as a woman who makes such a matter public is likely to do the same in the future during a divorce. If she'd responded graciously and with concern it would have been one thing, but she made it a whole lot of other people's business, and that's a very bad sign.

In the haze of love, the groom has probably lost sight of practical concerns, but dealing with a poorly-behaved wife is like having a wildcat in the house, and eventually it breaks even the strongest among us. Freddie would be wise to

call the wedding off — he'll be grateful to his stepmother in the long run.

Will MSM Finally Name Nafissatou Diallo?

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Now that Ms. Diallo, known to most only as "DSK's accuser," has been exposed as a liar, a con artist and hooker, isn't it about time to shine a bit more light on this false accuser? She is a criminal in her own right — an extortionist who fraudulently claimed another woman's child to increase her tax credit, part of a pyramid scheme that shakes down ignorant immigrants from her home country, and a false accuser who couldn't keep her stories straight.

From the NY Post:

> Allegations that she worked as a hotel hooker may explain why Strauss-Kahn insists their encounter was consensual. His defense attorneys refused yesterday to comment on the damning evidence — or say whether he paid her for sex.
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> Sources also told The Post Strauss-Kahn's probers uncovered evidence that she was part of a pyramid scheme that targeted immigrants from her native Guinea.
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> "We have people who have been victimized, who have claimed she ripped them off. Nice working people from her neighborhood," a source said.

A compelling dissembler, Diallo shed tears and showed great emotion when recounting a fictitious gang rape in her home country of Guinea. She made a fool out of the prosecutor, subjected an innocent man to a terrible, humiliating ordeal, and cheated the US government on her asylum application, her stated income, and the number of children she had. In short, she is a crook and a thief.

So why isn't the NY Times printing her name? Why is the media still granting her anonymity?

The epidemic of false rape accusations is so out of hand that it's time to repeal the old policy of withholding alleged victims' names. There is no law in the US that grants anonymity to accusers — it is simply a policy adopted by the media long ago, when premarital sex was taboo.

Today, the policy serves as a shield for criminals such as Nafissatou Diallo, Crystal Gayle Mangum and countless others who use rape accusations as weapons or tools of extortion. As long as mainstream media outlets continue to follow this policy, they are providing a shield for opportunistic criminals such as Ms. Diallo, and casting a shadow of doubt on those who are making honest accusations.

In the name of transparency and justice, and to do something to stop the epidemic of false accusations, we must demand an end to media-sanctioned anonymity for sex crime accusers.

Careerism and Fidelity

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Roissy recently wrote a post comparing careerism to infidelity, and while some of his critics panned him for it, I think it was an uncommonly astute observation, especially considering he's never even been married. While he approaches the issue from personal experience with individual women and the sexual angle, I see it as more of general trend with broad implications for which plenty of exceptions exist. However, I think we can get to the root of this, and offer some convincing proof that he was correct from a look at the realities of the modern marriage and workplace.

The seminal issue is authority (and the concomitant sense of security it engenders), which has been seen as essential to marriage across cultures throughout the ages until very, very recent times. I've previously argued that authority is not something men always aspire to, and is often a burden only grudgingly accepted, but it's undeniable that in general terms it makes a big difference in the success of marriage. A man without authority over his wife cannot be said to be a full husband, but rather something between that and a child (is it any wonder that American women are so fond of referring to husbands as "childlike?"). Today, a husband has negative legal authority over a wife, so he starts out at a disadvantage as soon as he signs the marriage certificate.

On the other hand, a boss has a great deal of authority over employees, whether they be male or female. A woman who displeases a supervisor cannot threaten to "divorce" him; the best she can do is threaten a lawsuit. These days that trick has run out of steam as HR departments run interference for the company, preventing such offensive measures in the overwhelming majority of cases. She cannot spend the company money without being subject to prosecution. She cannot quit and claim ownership, nor can she expect to continue to receive monthly funds. When a woman's relationship with her place of employment is terminated, her support is severed and she is on her own.

This guarantees that women who want to continue to receive support will behave themselves and follow instructions. They may often be grumpy about it, and sometimes they complain, but for the most part that's all it amounts to, and in fact they tend to derive a great deal of satisfaction when praised for doing a good job. They also enjoy the security afforded by employment, and look up to their superiors. The fact that there is an authority figure at work *comforts* most women. It comforts them a great deal more than it does men, who are far more likely to strike out on their own and start their own businesses or go freelance. From this, we can conjecture that women tend not to make it to the top ranks of management not because they are being held back, but rather because most of them prefer being under authority more than most men.

Now, let's take a look at the contemporary marriage. A husband has no legal authority over his wife. If anything, the opposite is true. A man who attempts to exert authority over an unwilling or insubordinate wife is subject to dispossession and possibly arrest. If the marriage is dissolved, the ex-wife is given civil and sometimes criminal authority over the husband; judges will order him to provide for her whether he wants to or not. A husband, therefore, has a position in marriage that is even lower than a common employee, and is more accurately compared to a bondsman.

Under such a setup, a man cannot have any meaningful authority over a woman, and in many – if not most – cases a wife will come to feel a great deal of contempt and resentment. How can such a humble, lowly man possibly provide her the comfort and security she craves? He is barely better than a child, and doesn't even begin to compare to a superior at work.

Therefore, many working women will instinctively feel more attraction for their superiors at work, and it is not uncommon for affairs to ensue. In the United States, it is only strict sexual harassment laws and corporate (and military) non-fraternization policies that prevent this from becoming an outright epidemic.

For most men there is little that can be done about this, and the ordinary man can only hope that his wife has enough common sense and decency to overlook his degraded position as husband — a feeble consolation at best.

However, for some it is possible to restore some authority, but only by merging the office of husband with that of employer; in short, one must hire one's wife in order to establish something approaching the natural definition of marriage. Although this may seem like an odd solution to contemporary ears, some of the best marriages I have ever known of employ exactly this method, and it is far closer to the old definition of marriage than what is currently seen as a "normal" marriage.

Unfortunately, in the current norm of wage slavery, cubicle farms and massive corporations, it is not an option open to most people, but perhaps a bit of reflection on the natural relationships between men and women as analyzed from the universally understood paradigm of the workplace can help us move toward a more realistic appraisal of marriage. Maybe it can even help us edge a little closer to sorely-needed reform of the institution of marriage itself.

Happy Birthday, America!

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"…We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness…"

Is School Really That Important?

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Trollking linked a much-discussed (on Reddit) article about the dilemma facing boys in early life. They are failing in school, being eclipsed by girls, feel no sense of belonging, etc. These articles have been coming out with tiresome frequency for some years now, and although I'm not happy with the turn higher education has taken since the advent of state-enforced feminism I think I have a rather different take on this issue from most others:

There are already plenty of boys in school — perhaps *too many*.

Higher education in the West has become something of a cult. A college degree is supposed to "open doors," but as far as I can tell all this hype about school is only closing doors to people who do not have, and do not want to have, college degrees.

As for female success in school, this is a monumental waste of effort. STEM subjects, more important to innovation and economic progress, are still dominated by bright males. Young women major in psych, English lit. and other soft subjects and then end up in some corporate HR department, which wouldn't even exist without legislation demanding adherence to federal equality laws. While obtaining their degrees, they drink themselves silly and ruin themselves for potential husbands by sleeping with any "hot" guys they can get their hands on. They also ruin humanities programs by eliminating any remaining traces of masculinity, turning classes on Shakespeare and the like into feminist gripe sessions.

College has become a monstrous energy sink, and the requirement that people have degrees is humiliating to many young men who are perfectly capable of hard work, even if they aren't star athletes or math and science whiz kids. Except for a few limited areas, such as the aforementioned STEM subjects and college sports, higher education has become a female ghetto that any normal young man would find a highly annoying, if not painful, experience.

So I'd argue that there really isn't anything "wrong" with young men who are supposedly slacking. They have good reason to avoid college, but the dunderheads in HR and government have decided that it must be a prerequisite for anything besides digging ditches alongside illegal immigrants.

Most young men and women would be better served by trade school following high school. A four year degree is something only about 25% of the population can use effectively, but the common line is that your kids must attend college or fail. If a young man shows promise in engineering or an uncommon talent for logic and verbal analysis, sure, college might be a good idea. But if he really just likes to work on cars, pilot boats or draw pictures of machines, why not let him get to work as soon as possible?

I suspect that the real source of the malaise young men feel is the *withdrawal* of the opportunity to do something useful. What normal young man feels that listening to some professor drone on about "gender" and then being forced to write some garbage proving he has actually read the mind-numbing subject material is in any way productive?

Give young men the opportunity to do something, and they will seize it. For the majority of young men, school does not and cannot provide that opportunity; it is simply a kind of purgatory where the masculine spirit goes to wither away.

The Better Davis Society

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The "better-than-you" crew and the women who love (using) them

by Ken Knight

Having mentioned my buddy "Davis" in a recent essay here on The Spearhead I thought I'd better explain the satirist idea of "The Better Davis Society" of which I named for an associate of mine who despite having been through two divorces in the past 10 years and having lost 2/3 of his net worth and two homes in the process continues to this day to see himself as "better" than single, childless men who have NOT fallen into the traps he so willingly sprung upon himself in less than a decade's time. Davis likes to refer to himself as a "p*ssy getting motherf*#ker" (a la Match.com and his "war hero" profile) who incessantly reminds his single buddies about his two children and the fact his "DNA will go on" etc. etc. etc. solely because he reproduced with a woman (who is now another man's wife).

Marriage 2.0 was lost on Davis because he bought and paid into the "expectation" of wife, kids, big house with picket fence, hook-line-and-sucker…and this is an example of a dynamic amongst men who are single (and particularly men who have no children)….their male peers may often prove their membership in the "Better Davis Society" by simply refusing to see outside the "shop window" where they currently reside and view men who have NOT been married or have not reproduced as "inferior" to them! Yes sports-fans, it is the "betrayal of the social order" thing again, and it is in full swing out there in La-La-Land where white knighting men "shame" their no-nuptials brethren with subtle taunts such as "Hey man, you're thirty-five now…might want to get to reproducing!" or "You like women don't ya?" and the "You can't live all by yaself, you just need to find yaself a good woman and settle down!" (ad nauseum). In short, Davis is "better" than his single and childless associates because he has done what is "expected" of him even though in doing so he lost nearly everything he had in two back-to-back divorces and despite being a $150,000-a-year man, Davis had to get a loan from Mommy and Daddy to complete his court ordered wealth-redistribution to wifey #2.

Amazing dichotomy…and I am sad to say this mental defection is not by any means confined to just one suburbanite named Davis (name changed to protect the guilty~haha).

Unless you married straight out of high school and had no bachelor years to speak of, you may remember seeing buddies get engaged/married and subsequently drop you as a friend because well…you just weren't "in" like he was since you were still swinging- single (and perhaps didn't have a girlfriend his fiancée/wife got along with). The single buddy of a married man gets the pink-slip as soon as cupcake demands it: "Your pal Jimmy is single and weird, I don't want him coming over anymore!" or the oft-used female tirade: "Your buddy Dean must be gay since he's forty and never been married!"

Note to the paladins of political-correctness: many married women flagrantly point the "fag" stick at men who aren't married (conservative and liberal!)

Even the "happily" married men will discriminate against their single brothers on a whim (no invite to their block party for July 4th because well, you're not married!) and these cats are the ones who will tell you that you "just need to find a good woman to marry!" and incessantly point out their life achievements in their marriage from the kids' soccer game scores, honor-roll accolades, junior proms, as well as their wife's weight loss and the fact they have "forgiven" one another for a lot over the years (can you say "cuckolding"?) how marriage is a work of art to be sculpted over the years, blah-blah-blah…then they'll remind you that you should have what they have and that you're f*cked up if you refuse such a life (the reason single men are not welcome in Churches).

Yes, Davis goes to Church because he pathologically operates under what is "expected" and despite not adhering to the dictums of Christianity in his personal life (sorry bro, but the Jesus of the Bible would not approve of you getting your lance waxed by a hooker at the Airport) he goes to Church anyway!

As for the wifey of a man in the “Better Davis Society” of holier-than-thou marsupials, she’s got him by the balls for the most part and will vigorously defend her turf from any and all freedom-loving single men who might happen to drive by their picket fence in a shiny new sports car or on a chopped-out Harley. Cupcake cannot have hubby unduly influenced by “free men” out there, least of all former pals of his who might convince him that he should not be married at all or (clutch the pearls) give him sage advice that may be used in his favor during the future divorce proceedings! Catch is, freedom does exist from the current Marriage 2.0 pitfall and it lies in what more and more men are finding to be little more than a pretty lie wrapped in wedding-cake white, and the ability to say NO to it now and when they’re forty, fifty, sixty: MGTOW.

The Better Davis Society or “BDM” is my new moniker for these married and later divorced guys who continue to view themselves as “better” than single/childless men simply because they went through the hell of marriage (often more than once!) and divorce without reflection upon their colossal poor choice in women as they carried out what was “expected” of them by society at large. Oh there are legions of women who just “love” men in the Better Davis Society because they’ll fall into the same trap time and time again (it is “expected” remember?) and the cycle will continue though it is decreasing in its evolution. Put another way, it’s tantamount to an indentured servant pointing at a man who is walking off the plantation and feeling “better” because he (the indentured servant) has a “master” to tell him what to do and makes decisions for him and the free man does not. The Davis I know likes to tout himself as a “p*ssy getting motherf#*ker” (i.e. being a serial-husband) and I laughed last time he said it, replying to his braggadocio with “Sure, it’s paid dividends for you hasn’t it bro?”

The Better Davis Society (BDM) deserves to become a new term for an entire legion of our brothers out there who lovingly wear blinders over their eyes and wear shackles of compliance for a society that is much like the Titanic on its maiden (and final) course and interestingly enough, doesn’t give a squirt of piss about them!

A Disgusting Sight

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I don't really know what happened to Casey Anthony's daughter Caylee — that's a secret only Casey and her father can answer. But lie upon lie, damaging photos and stories that don't match up give me a pretty strong suspicion that at the very least Casey had some hand in her death.

Now that the jury – which was mostly male – has spoken, she is considered "not guilty" in the eyes of the law, and after serving her sentence for lying to investigators she'll be a free woman.

Sure, this is a disappointment, and probably an injustice against the deceased child, but perhaps the most offensive thing from my perspective was the triumphant smirk painted on Anthony's face after acquittal on murder charges. It was a slip-up in the otherwise penitent performance she's put on, and betrays, at the very least, a lack of sincerity.

She let the mask slide during sentencing as well.

This woman is a shameless liar, a manipulator and a sociopath at the very least. She is sadly common in the ranks of young American women of today, who still, if the jury's verdict is any indication, get the benefit of the doubt even in highly suspicious circumstances.

This behavior will not change until Western women are held to the same standards as men, and innocents will continue to pay the price for their misdeeds.

Marriage No Longer Exists

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By Andrew

The Spearhead has been ripe with discussion over the so-called marriage strike. Some time back Zed argued that the word "strike" does not describe what should be going on. The word "strike" implies this is a temporary arrangement instead of a permanent state of being. He preferred marriage disbeliever or something to that effect, and with the status quo intact, being a marriage disbeliever is justified. However, I think he's focused on the wrong part of the phrase "marriage strike." A strike implies not that one day we will just give up and "go back to work" but that once our grievances are addressed, then we'll consider returning. The problem with the phrase is not the word "strike," it's the word "marriage."

Because marriage no longer exists.

Which is too bad, because most men would at least one day like to get married. Surely they want to "play the field" while they're young, but survey data , historical evidence and experience tells us that men want to get married and grow old with one partner. Perhaps it's simply tradition and social pressure, or perhaps our polygamous instincts give way to monogamous ones as we age. Regardless, it's needless to say men want to get married. They just can't because marriage doesn't exist.

The reason marriage doesn't exist is relatively simple; it's not a contract so it is thereby nothing. The talk of marriage being a "covenant" or something "divinely ordained" is all well and good on a relational or even spiritual level, but on a legal and political level, it's nothing more than a contract; A contract that binds two people together, ostensibly for the purposes of raising a family.

Legally speaking, contracts–as all contract law states–must hold both parties accountable to the stipulations of that contract. So if one party violates the contract, the contract is now void and the other party can sue for remittance. If the two parties agree to a dissolution and the terms of that dissolution voluntarily, then so be it. But what cannot happen is for one party to break the contract for no reason and be rewarded for it by the other party. To call such a thing a contract is to commit a vicious act of violence against the English language itself.

And here's where "marriage," as practiced today, fails miserably. Today we have a regime of unilateral or "no fault" divorce. One party (usually the woman) can divorce their spouse for no reason and be rewarded for it with the kids, the house, child support and perhaps even alimony. Fortunately for the man being divorced, the courts are usually gracious enough to let him keep the mortgage.

I can think of no better resource on the American family courts than Stephen Baskerville's book *Taken into Custody*. He documents how fathers (and occasionally mothers) are routinely separated from their children, forced to pay exorbitant sums of child support, forced to pay for attorney's, psychotherapists and social workers they have not hired, jailed without trial for being poor (the modern resurrection of debtor's prisons), prohibited from publicly discussing the trial and an assortment of other outrages.

This process was not agreed upon up front as a method of arbitration, nor is there a stipulation in a marriage contract for it. Indeed, who in their right mind would sign a contract if it was explicit and honest about how the divorce process would go down? Instead, the extraordinarily corrupt family courts do whatever they want through simple fiat.

So in essence, the mother (in the typical case) can break the contract with no reason and be rewarded for it. The father (in the typical case) can uphold the contract and be punished for it. Thus, marriage is not a contract. Marriage is nothing.

Oh, but it is something alright. While marriage is most certainly not a contract under any definition at peace with the English language, it is what I'd like MRA's to start referring to it as; a **Politicized Relationship**.

A politicized relationship is like any other relationship that is recorded nowhere other than on one's Facebook status. Namely, the parties involved are not *contractually* obligated to each other in any way whatsoever. The difference with a politicized relationship is that the state will decide what happens when the couple breaks up. The courts invade the most personal aspects of your life, not to enforce a contract but to desecrate upon the facade of a contract. How surprising they almost exclusively decide in a way that allows them plunder the father for all he's worth while standing up as some White Knight who's protecting women from their broke, broken-hearted and often suicidal ex-husbands.

We cannot strike against something that does not exist. We can be disbelievers if we like, but let's not disbelieve in the instruction of marriage, but in the politicized relationships that are disingenuously referred to as marriages. We are striking against the regime of unilateral divorce, family court criminals and a vicious gender bias. We are striking against politicized relationships. If marriage–as a legally enforceable contract–were to ever return, I think most of us would be glad to consider it again.

“Hey man, that’s my girlfriend you’re lookin’ at!”

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A new couples-dynamic (and other roadside attractions)

By Ken Knight

Who here has been humored by some (usually younger in age than you) guy walking along with his girlfriend/fiancée/wife in public responding negatively to you checking out his snookem’s rear flank or perky melons up front? Such a reaction to another man’s eyes on the shapely girlfriend or wife belonging to the grieved party is a classic sign of not just being a putz but being an insecure putz that is clearly at the mercy of the two undeniable factors in the relationship of putz and snookems: 1) she has proven her infidelity before 2) worry about hypergamy occuring. Now putz and snookems are just a passing thought as you go about your business but the guy whose babe you just ogled has suffered yet another blood pressure spike as he traverses the public landscape with his scantily-clad honey who insists on dressing like a street-walker because “it’s hot outside” etc. etc.

I have witnessed more and more young men getting amped over other guys just LOOKING at their girlfriends, wives, etc. in recent years than ever before, and I for one feel it is yet another facet of modern living that should be addressed and perhaps a few of our brothers out there can correct such an insecure and “reactionary” way of thinking/acting before it makes their lives even worse. One point in particular is that you may say something aggressive to a lot of male tail-watchers who ogle your girl hawkishly and most won’t respond beyond verbal banter, however you will eventually come upon some dude whose last nerve you’ll step on with your “What are you lookin’ at?!” remark and he’ll likely be that one guy with the strength and training to stomp you into the mall pavement. As for the girlfriend/wife response to her boyfriend/husband being such an insecure douche who gets peeved over other men eyeballing his “honey”: she’ll either LIKE it and take full advantage of the control she has over her paranoid lover using his weakness against him and even getting “revenge play” on him by sneaking out with someone else when he’s not around or she eventually leaves his ass for being such a possessive douche!

If you hold onto someone too tightly, she’ll squeeze through your fingers like grease. Really dude, you get pissed off seeing other men look at your wife or girlfriend? If she’s that attractive, why not be proud of the fact she gets attention? But that can be a snare for men as well! Take my buddy Davis, who considers himself “better” than just about any man he meets and is in total denial over the fact some women I know refer to him as “Waldo”. Davis prefers “in shape” women because he says he “rates that” and enjoys being in public with good-looking (well, “good-looking” in his mind anyway) women he meets on the internet, and he’ll stay attached to the woman either by holding hands and half-hugging her the entire time they’re out of the car, giving her the “Siamese twin” treatment to make sure everyone around them sees that HE is her date and she is with HIM! Same basic insecurity as the aforementioned “putz”, only the “Siamese twin” phenomenon of a man incessantly attaching himself to his female date in public results in the dude using women to prop up his “status” (if he had any to begin with) and therefore falling square into the pitfall that has been discussed here before on THE SPEARHEAD: men who seek women more than anything else to “validate” them as “successful” or not.

The guys I know in either of the aforementioned relationship archetypes are the unhappiest scoundrels I have ever known, and their female partner does not respect them for it, even using their insecurity against them! Some people, both men and women actually, cannot be “alone” for five days let along a few weeks, because of their insecurity…the thought of being “single” for any length of time irks them more than a bullet wound, and the mere idea of their perceived social circle seeing them WITHOUT someone “hot” on their arm is unthinkable! (Internet dating sites make millions off these people). And woe unto any man who merely LOOKS at snookems while she is with Paulie Putz, his dark insecurity oozing out of him as the idea of being without his “validation” (his girlfriend who might run off with another dude) weighs heavily on his mind….when it really shouldn’t!

So think about it Broham, should you really depend on a woman to “validate” you or impress others around you…others like myself who don’t give a damn who you’re hooked up with? Come on, we really don’t care enough

about you for it to be worth getting your boxers in a twist….and your girlfriend's tits will be forgotten seconds after we get a glimpse of them.

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Respite

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It's July in Seattle, and I've been taking advantage of the sunny days to spend some time with a friend and relax a bit. Here in the Pacific Northwest, we have a relatively short window of opportunity to enjoy our beautiful surroundings in pleasant weather, so I try to take a bit of a break this time of year when possible.

Nevertheless, I'll continue to keep the site running and will be posting something regularly, but for the next week or so it will be pretty low-key.

I hope all readers are enjoying their summers as well, and rest assured that there's plenty to come.

Feminist Atheism?

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The story is a bit old already, but it's always instructive when various factions of the left clash with each other, and nobody beats the feminists for causing trouble and drawing attention to themselves.

Rebecca Watson, an atheist groupie and feminist, took offense to a late-night invitation to coffee from a fellow atheist, and subsequently used the experience to engage in feminist posturing and pedantry.

What's kind of funny about these things is that feminists love to talk about how creeped out they are by men who pay attention to them, and they love to carry on *in detail* about the particular experiences. What they are doing is offering proof of their attractiveness (important even to feminists), making a stir, and calling for people to come to their defense — natural behaviors that females indulge in from time to time.

Somehow, people took the bait in this particular case, and it became a raging issue in the atheist community. Even atheist high priest Richard Dawkins addressed the incident, making light of Watson's outrage:

> Dear Muslima
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> Stop whining, will you. Yes, yes, I know you had your genitals mutilated with a razor blade, and . . . yawn . . . don't tell me yet again, I know you aren't allowed to drive a car, and you can't leave the house without a male relative, and your husband is allowed to beat you, and you'll be stoned to death if you commit adultery. But stop whining, will you. Think of the suffering your poor American sisters have to put up with.
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> Only this week I heard of one, she calls herself Skep"chick", and do you know what happened to her? A man in a hotel elevator invited her back to his room for coffee. I am not exaggerating. He really did. He invited her back to his room for coffee. Of course she said no, and of course he didn't lay a finger on her, but even so . . .
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> And you, Muslima, think you have misogyny to complain about! For goodness sake grow up, or at least grow a thicker skin.
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> Richard

Feminist atheist PZ Myers, however, was not all that amused. Myers, who engages in stunts designed to offend Christians, may not believe in a patriarchal God, but he certainly behaves as though he is in awe of the transcendent feminine:

> There is an odd attitude in our culture that it's acceptable for men to proposition women in curious ways — Rebecca Watson recently experienced this in an elevator in Dublin, and I think this encounter Ophelia Benson had reflects the same attitude: women are lower status persons, and we men, as superior beings, get to ask things of them. Also as liberal, enlightened people, of course, we will graciously accede to their desires, and if they ask us to stop hassling them, we will back off, politely. Isn't that nice of us?
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> It's not enough. Maybe we should also recognize that applying unwanted pressure, no matter how politely phrased, is inappropriate behavior. Maybe we should recognize that when we interact with equals there are different, expected patterns of behavior that many men casually disregard when meeting with women, and it is those subtle signs that let them know what you think of them that really righteously pisses feminist women off.

Isn't it odd that Myers thinks nothing of desecrating the host – a serious provocation to believing Catholics – yet he demands that people recognize "subtle signs" that might offend women? Of course, as he explains, this is because "liberal, enlightened people" are "equals," as opposed to those benighted religious types, who deserve no such sensitivity.

This is why I, despite my rather unconventional take on religion, am an atheism skeptic — the faith has all the

trappings of an elitist cult with its own taboo, ritual and dogma. Furthermore, an irrational belief in qualitative equality is a faith in and of itself.

People who simply don't believe in God or anything beyond what they know shouldn't, as Dawkins suggests, have much to complain about in the West, where they have freedom of conscience and remain unmolested. Myers, however, is not content to leave well enough alone, but instead has made it his mission to eradicate alternative faiths in favor of his own hard-left feminist theology.

PZ Myers has tenure at the University of Minnesota, Morris, where he is supported by taxpayers.

Amidst Budget Cuts, Political Programs Prevail

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Universities across the US have been struggling with state budget cuts, and many are being forced to cut programs and even entire disciplines. In California's public universities, however, a certain class of programs is untouchable, and even thriving amidst the carnage.

According to Heather MacDonald, writing for City Journal California, the "diversity machine" has been immune to cuts, and is expanding in many cases:

> Not only have diversity sinecures been protected from budget cuts, their numbers are actually growing. The University of California at San Diego, for example, is creating a new full-time "vice chancellor for equity, diversity, and inclusion." This position would augment UC San Diego's already massive diversity apparatus, which includes the Chancellor's Diversity Office, the associate vice chancellor for faculty equity, the assistant vice chancellor for diversity, the faculty equity advisors, the graduate diversity coordinators, the staff diversity liaison, the undergraduate student diversity liaison, the graduate student diversity liaison, the chief diversity officer, the director of development for diversity initiatives, the Office of Academic Diversity and Equal Opportunity, the Committee on Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Issues, the Committee on the Status of Women, the Campus Council on Climate, Culture and Inclusion, the Diversity Council, and the directors of the Cross-Cultural Center, the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center, and the Women's Center.

In the meanwhile, other degree programs are going under the axe:

> UC San Diego is adding diversity fat even as it snuffs out substantive academic programs. In March, the Academic Senate decided that the school would no longer offer a master's degree in electrical and computer engineering; it also eliminated a master's program in comparative literature and courses in French, German, Spanish, and English literature. At the same time, the body mandated a new campus-wide diversity requirement for graduation. The cultivation of "a student's understanding of her or his identity," as the diversity requirement proposal put it, would focus on "African Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, Chicanos, Latinos, Native Americans, or other groups" through the "framework" of "race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexuality, language, ability/disability, class or age." Training computer scientists to compete with the growing technical prowess of China and India, apparently, can wait. More pressing is guaranteeing that students graduate from UCSD having fully explored their "identity." Why study Cervantes, Voltaire, or Goethe when you can contemplate yourself? "Diversity," it turns out, is simply a code word for narcissism.

And what is the real purpose of these programs?

> The one observable activity performed by these lavishly funded diversity bureaucrats is to pressure academic departments to hire more women and minorities. (Even that activity is superfluous, given the abundant pressure for race and gender quotas already exerted by campus groups, every accrediting agency, and external political bodies.) Should a department fail to satisfy—as it inevitably will in every field with low minority participation—only one explanation is possible: a departmental or campus "climate" hostile to diversity, which then requires more intercessions from the diversity bureaucracy. The fact that every other college and university in the country is scouring the horizon for the identical elusive cache of qualified female and minority hires is not allowed into the discourse.

California tends to lead the nation in trends, and if its universities are any indication we are in for a period of substantial decline in higher education.

The author brings up the issue of sinecures. A sinecure is a position that provides easy income without any real

responsibility, and has traditionally been used by politicians to provide patronage to supporters. It may be that California, which is evolving toward the Latin American model, is more susceptible to this than other parts of the country, but given our political climate and the degeneration of the American republic into a diverse hodgepodge of competing interest groups, it's probably inevitable that the rest of the nation will follow to some degree.

Universities, like so many other institutions, are taking on the job of providing welfare rather than performing their putative function. One sees the same happening in government institutions across the land, from the military to county governments. This colossal waste saps the vitality of the private sector, feeding itself at the expense of the productive members of society.

Unfortunately, as long as there is anything left for the beast to consume it will grow and strengthen itself. I'm afraid there cannot be a good end to all this, because at this point it looks as though the only thing that could put a stop to it is bankruptcy.

Back to Court Soon

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I don't usually get into personal issues, but I thought it might be illuminating for some of the younger, never-married guys out there to hear about various aspects of family law from time to time. I'd also like to let readers know what I was dealing with last week.

People tend not to think of all the messy details that go along with divorce, instead focusing on the most obvious fact of the separation, new partners, etc. However, when children are involved a divorce is never final. It goes on, and on, and on…

So, although my divorce was finalized over two years ago, and I'm pretty much over the emotional and psychological stress that accompanies such an event, it still presents problems on an ongoing basis.

On Monday, I was served with a "notice of intent to relocate," which is required when a parent (usually the mother) wants to move the children away from the other parent (usually the father) for whatever reason. In my case, it's because my ex hitched up with a foreigner, so she wants to move the kids to another country.

I've been expecting this for some time, but it's still a source of some stress to think that one's children might be going away pretty much permanently. When a parent is served with this notice in Washington state, the burden to object is on the parent with less physical custody, so it's up to him to go to court to argue against the move if he opposes it. That is, the presumption is that the mother will get her way, so it's an uphill battle from the beginning.

In relatively close moves (e.g. to a neighboring state), a man might as well simply give up, because he will routinely lose his objection, but when the issues become more complex, as in international cases, the bar is set considerably higher. However, this doesn't so much mean that a father has an advantage in these cases as it does that he will have to shell out a lot of money to an attorney to work through the complexities of international law to either prevent the move or draw up an enforceable, acceptable parenting plan.

Men often complain about how difficult it is to get their ex-wives to comply with visitation even when they live in the same county, so think of how much more difficult it is when she is in another country. It's a logistical nightmare, and for guys with a working or lower-middle class income (i.e. most young fathers) an international move often simply removes them from their children's lives permanently.

The rising numbers of international moves are having one positive effect: they are exposing the problems inherent in the feminist extremist position in child custody cases. That women are presumed to have the right to permanently remove children from blameless fathers is morally appalling, and this system does not hold up to the kind of scrutiny that accompanies international treaties, such as the Hague Convention on international child abduction.

No fault divorce opened up a huge can of worms that has global implications, and is turning out to be an obvious failure. My hunch is that the problems it has introduced will fundamentally weaken the practice of civil marriage, perhaps eventually leading to its disappearance and setting the stage for a new, more functional form of marriage based on mutual responsibility rather than female supremacy.

India's First Slutwalk Takes Another Tack

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In an attempt to bring Western-style feminism to India, some female Indian students have been organizing slutwalks to protest sexual assault in India. On Sunday, the first Indian slutwalk was held in Bhopal, but it was plagued with problems from the outset. First, the name didn't sit too well with Indian women, who decided to change change it from "slutwalk" to "PrideStride." Evidently, Indian women still have enough self-respect to refuse to associate themselves with sluts.

The next problem was the style of dress. Rather than the revealing, raunchy clothes sported by Western slutwalkers, the Indian women chose to dress conservatively rather than – in their words – "provocatively."

Finally, the numbers and sex ratio were a disappointment to organizers:

> The numbers, however, fell below expectations with organizers estimating that between 60-70 people turned up. "Yes, we were expecting more people…we were expecting at least 150 people," said Radhika Shingwekar, the main organizer of Bhopal's Slut Walk. Their Facebook page shows that about 450 people wanted to attend it.
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> Among those who attended, there were more boys than girls. "I was disappointed to see few girls but, on the other hand, it was good to see so many boys…

It strikes me that the entire point of slutwalks, which in Western countries is to offend and provoke while occupying the moral high chair, was undermined in India, which is still apparently a traditional country.

The stark contrast between the slutwalks in the West and the Indian version lends some perspective to the movement. The Western phenomenon of women marching around baring as much flesh as possible and getting in people's faces with it clearly indicates that women occupy a privileged position in society. They are free to be offensive and provocative while intimidating others into silence.

Contemporary feminist displays in the West show little – if any – restraint, and are no more than an exercise in social power and dominance. In countries where some balance remains, women eschew such naked displays of power and aggression.

In the West, and North America in particular, women have adopted a truly ugly, confrontational manner that consists of displaying their private parts to the world and declaring that there's nothing anyone can do about it. When seen for what it is, it's really quite shameful and a major embarrassment to our civilization.

From the Moon to the Gutter

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As I go through it all over again, I'm reminded of how utterly wasteful family law procedure is in the US. The loss of productivity, the missed chances for children of divorce and the unnecessary conflict it creates are such a hindrance that I wonder how we can afford it at all. In a sense, it's a return to savagery, where, rather than turn their minds toward human progress, people wasted all their efforts on passing fancies, petty squabbles and vendettas.

Perhaps it's significant that, over 40 years after the first moon landing, as of yesterday we no longer have a space program capable of launching people into orbit. Today, for most Americans, it's all about the newest reality show, celebrity scandals and the next orgasm.

As for me, however this turns out, I just want to get back to work…

Off to the Mountains

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Sometimes you need to put it all in perspective. The mountains and clear nights under the stars are very helpful that way. Every man ought to get out into the wilderness from time to time.

Above is a photo of Mt. Shuksan in the North Cascades, near where I'll be camping through tomorrow.

Female Judges Making their Presence Felt on Supreme Court

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Not long ago, a very important case concerning divorced fathers facing incarceration for inability to pay child support went before the Supreme Court. the issue at hand was whether or not men could be jailed for arrears without the benefit of counsel.

In Turner vs. Rogers, a South Carolina mother took her children's father to court to force him to send her money. He had already been jailed a number of times for child support arrears, and finally received a 12 month sentence. Turner then challenged the sentence on the basis of the Sixth Amendment, which guarantees the right to counsel in criminal prosecutions, including criminal contempt proceedings.

The court ultimately found that because child support cases such as Turner's are civil rather than criminal contempt cases, Turner is not entitled to legal assistance. However, it also ruled that Turner's due process rights had been violated, because the state of South Carolina had failed to notify him that inability to pay is a valid defense in child support cases.

The majority opinion, written by Breyer, was tortuous and vague. Andrew Cohen, a legal editor for CBS, wrote a piece for *The Atlantic* that was fairly critical of the decision, suggesting that it could have implications that extend much farther than family law:

> … there will be plenty of other people in Turner's position, men and women both, who will be sent to prison for up to a year after a legal proceeding in which they were not given the opportunity to confer with a lawyer. You can call it "civil contempt" instead of "criminal contempt," as South Carolina and many other states do. You can call it whatever you like, actually, to skirt the letter of Sixth Amendment precedent. But no matter what the proceeding is called, the defendant still faces serious prison time if he doesn't comply. Didn't the fabled Gideon opinion, handed down nearly 50 years ago now, mandate counsel in those circumstances?
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> I think it did. Yet I acknowledge the delicate dance that justices Breyer and Kennedy performed in the case. Justice Kennedy maybe helps rescue Turner by signing on to the opinion. And Justice Breyer maybe helps rescue Justice Kennedy with an opinion that neither guarantees nor precludes due process protections for future defendants in these sorts of cases. At the very same time, therefore, Turner v. Rogers stands both for the proposition that there is no due process protection for a defendant like Turner who doesn't get counsel and for the proposition that a defendant like Turner may, in fact, have his due process rights violated by not having counsel.
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> This issue will be back–even if Turner is not. Like many compromises in law and life, the one at the highest level of this case only delays to some near-future Court Term the resolution of the tough questions about how far the Sixth Amendment, or the due process clause, ought to extend into these hybrid cases. If debtor's prisons indeed are back in vogue in America, the law surrounding them surely won't be too far behind.

Cohen certainly makes a good point, and all Americans – not only fathers in arrears – should find this decision worrisome, but what I find rather curious is that he didn't even give a passing mention to the female justices, who to a woman voted against counsel for men in child support cases. The majority was only 5-4, so the female vote obviously was the critical factor here. Additionally, the decision to *limit* the rights of defendants came from the so-called "liberal" wing of the court, with the most vigorous opposition coming from Clarence Thomas, who argued that finding that Turner's due process had been violated while rejecting the applicability of the Sixth Amendment was a non sequitur.

Wolves in the Wilderness

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During my little sojourn to the North Cascades, I decided to stay at Loup Loup Pass north of Twisp, which is in high country bristling with pines. It is the kind of place where ravens croak noisily throughout the day, the pines are filled with songbirds and elk bugle in the woods. At just over 4,000 feet, it is cool and pleasant when compared to the nearby valleys and canyons of the Columbia basin, and it is one of the wildest places in the lower 48. Therefore, it wasn't surprising to find evidence of elk and bears scattered around the campground, but when sun went down I heard a delightful and unexpected climax to the symphony of nature.

While sitting in front of the fire under the sparkling vault, the night sky so clear the stars looked as though they could be plucked right out of the heavens, a long howl pierced the cool air, lingering for some time before another answered. Two wolves were calling each other after the long day; perhaps one was letting the other know he was coming home after a hunt. Then, much to my surprise, a warbling, musical little howl rang out from the same direction as the responding howl and carried on quite excitedly for a while. It was a pup, responding to his returning parent, happy to hear daddy coming home. It was an endearing sound, and it reminded me that in a few noble species the bond between father and child is forged by nature itself.

Wolves, like humans, pair bond to raise their young, and only deviate from that family model in unnatural circumstances, such as captivity, disease and overpopulation.

Hearing the wolf family was reassuring, as it reminded me that nature is resilient. Wolves were eradicated from Washington state by the 1930s due to government bounties and systematic extermination, but they have been returning in recent years. When the state sets its efforts to suppressing nature, the results can be devastating, but when it relents there is hope for recovery.

The return of the wolves to the high country of the Okanogan offers us a hopeful example. Someday, the state assault on the natural family and program to eradicate the father child bond can be reversed. Efforts to domesticate and stunt the natural man, bending him into a servile cur who exists solely at the pleasure of his masters, will eventually fail, and when a father calls to his family his children, like the wolf pup at Loup Loup Pass, will cry out with joy, and not sorrow.

Feminist Bookstore Runs Into Financial Trouble

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In Other Words, a feminist bookstore in Portland, OR has run into financial trouble. The organization that runs In Other Words, the Women's Community Education Project, ran $18,743 in the red last year. Last month, the store laid off its only two employees. Sales at the bookstore are down 73% compared to four years ago. A plan to redefine the bookstore as a "resource center" has not stemmed the tide of financial losses.

The financial trouble In Other Words is having can be traced to one source, a law that took effect last summer that made it illegal to force college students to buy their textbooks from a single source. Before that law took effect, In Other Words had an exclusive contract to sell textbooks for women's studies classes at Portland State University. All students at PSU taking a women's studies class had to buy their textbooks from In Other Words until last summer. Given that PSU is a state university, In Other Words effectively survived on a government subsidy. Given that the law in question was passed in 2008 and didn't take effect until 2010, the management of In Other Words had a long time to come up with a plan to deal with the lost income from not having a captive market. However, management of In Other Words has been unable to stop the financial losses. Because of this, it is likely that In Other Words will be closing in the near future.

How Many Lesbian Parades Does Portland Need?

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It has been a tepid Summer of Sluts.

Organizers of the first SlutWalk in Toronto might have hoped that drawing attention to the common-sense but politically taboo remarks of a Toronto policeman would ignite a blazing rage in women across the world who'd simply "had enough" of men who believe that sexually provocative attire is meant to be sexually provocative. But it didn't. Average women didn't take to the streets and demand men stop leering at their heaving cleavage or panty-revealing mini-skirts. Just as grown men know that no one will take them seriously if they walk around with their dicks hanging out (dick display is apparently what cell phones are for) smart, beautiful women know how to use clothing to attract attention when they want it, and cover up when they want to elicit an intelligent conversation. Several women around the world have publicly questioned the wisdom of these walks, and wondered aloud if average women would truly benefit from this kind of petulant feminist activism.

Heartiste at Citizen Renegade noted early on that SlutWalkers tended to be fat or ugly hags and their proudly moobed fags. In city after city, the SlutWalk scene has looked more like a gay event than a display of outraged hausfraus and successful businesswomen. Condoleeza Rice, Hillary Clinton and Angela Merkel were presumably unavailable to join their sisters on the streets, and Sara Palin never managed to break out a pair of her Naughty Monkey come-fuck-me pumps for one of the events. They're all very busy and important women, so that's understandable. In Seattle, as Mr. Price noted, it was the Trotskyite "Radical Women" who were able to attend.

I've been keeping an eye on developments concerning Portland's SlutWalk. I even donated a Saturday afternoon and designed "Whoregon" t-shirts to help men welcome the sluts to Oregon.

Sadly, it seems that the strippers of Portland will not be sliding down from their poles and taking to the streets to show men, once and for all, that looking does not mean touching, even in the champagne room.

That's because the Portland SlutWalk will be another lesbian parade.

It was a fresh-faced petunia named Abigail Vernon who first jumped on the bandwagon and decided that Portland should have its own SlutWalk. She got to work and aggressively promoted the idea on Facebook. However, she was inexperienced, and didn't realize that the City of Portland was going to want a cut of the SlutWalk action. Abigail changed the date for the walk and tried to raise funds to pay for permitting. Even though there are over a million women in the greater Portland metropolitan area who may be at risk of suffering the burden of male sexual interest, she could only manage to scrape together a little over $300 bucks.

More experienced sluts stepped in and tried to help poor Abigail realize her dream of whoring it up downtown. However, on June 28th, they asked Abigail to "step aside" and issued a press release stating that they "refused to handle lack of understanding or care of race and class politics around sexuality and organizing with empathy or apathy." I've pasted the documentation of this dramatic hen coup below for posterity.

> **For Immediate Release**
> **June 28, 2011**
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> Four individuals (Sterling Clark, Ryan Basille, Sophia St. James, and Abigail Vernon) came together with a shared interest in holding and facilitating a Slutwalk event in Portland, OR. Three of us, Sophia St. James, Ryan Basille, and Sterling Clark's vision and history as community activists, and anti-oppression politics gelled quickly. Over the next two months, however, it became obvious that the team was not working well together and that our vision was not adopted by all as cohesive, fully inclusive, and decidedly understanding the class and race politics of significant importance to this event, epecially because it is happening in the state of Oregon. Considering these two factors, the three of us understood the subsequent need for us to continue our

> consciousness-raising work and to stand firm as anti-racist allies in this event. We did our best to bring the team into alignment on this issue and over time found this was not possible. As a result, we asked Abigail Vernon to step aside. In our late 20s and early 30s, we can only imagine what a daunting task this all could have been for someone as young as seventeen, with limited organizing experience. However, the three of us refused to handle lack of understanding or care of race and class politics around sexuality and organizing with empathy or apathy.
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> We would like to collectively express that we handled this matter as thoughtfully and privately as possible, until we felt an explanation was owed to our community and to the event itself. Many factors played into our decision, including: the misrepresentation of our organization and its mission, mismanagement of accounts holding the name of Slutwalk Portland, sponsorship communications while these accounts were under their control, and communications not handled thoughtfully as written by survivors and allies of survivors, slandering of members publicly, and dishonesty as to prior organizing experience.
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> We apologize to our communities, survivors, and allies for any confusion surrounding the conflicting event pages and multiple event dates. Upon the joining of forces at the inception of the group, we found the date had been selected at random by this member without permits.
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> We would like to sincerely thank our community for receiving this event so fully, enthusiastically, and lovingly! As a team of dedicated organizers who collectively are queer, sex workers, underemployed, class aware, anti-racist white allies, people of color, women identifying, cis-gender, non-cis gender identifying, survivors, allies, domestic violence advocates, and parents, we want to embrace all of the facets of these identities and more in our aim to represent and serve the diverse array of experiences reclaiming sexual identity, refusing rape culture, and revolting against sexualized violence as a means of policing gender and sexuality, reinforcing patriarchy, racism, transphobia, homophobia, fatphobia, and perpetuating the criminalized status of sex workers and women of color.
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> In Solidarity
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> Clark, Sterling, Ryan Basille, and Sophia St. James. “Structural Changes – For Immediate Release.” *http://slutwalkportland.com*. Slutwalk Portland, 28 June 2011. Web. 21 July 2011. <http://slutwalkportland.com/structural-changes/2011/06/20/>.

Sophia St. James, Ryan Basille, and Sterling Clark are hardly suburban soccer moms.

Sophia St. James runs http://www.sophiastjames.com, which is NSFW. She describes herself as a “curvaceous, fun, playful, intelligent, lifestyle top heavy queer femme switch, well mannered, sassy, exotic, pervert with an insatiable hunger for all things sexual.” As far as I can tell, she fancies herself a fetish photographer and wants people of ALL GENDERS to come and help her produce poorly lit, trite pornographic images that belong on http://youarenotaphotographer.com/.

You can find Sterling Clark on MySpace under the name “amorous addictions.” She describes herself as a lesbian swinger from “la la land” as well as an “exotic panhandler/ love warrior/ dream builder.” Sterling appears to be (or have been) a member of “Portland’s Premiere All Queer Burlesque Troupe,” the Rose City Sirens.

There is less information available online about Ryan Basille, but on twitter she describes herself as a “Sex Workers’ rights advocate. GV, queer cultural worker” as well as a “Public policy and yoga enthusiast.” (On July 15, she tweeted that they had raised $1200.)

Here’s a photo of the girls (and a drag queen friend?) kicking off their SlutWalk promotional efforts at the Dyke March.

On June 7th, it was announced that SlutWalk Portland was being officially sponsored by qPDX—a local gay organization. It is co-sponsored by Casa Diablo, Portland’s only vegan strip club (A strip joint without roast beef curtains??), and Aslan Leather, a retailer that guarantees “the best in strap on sex.” REALLY NSFW.

The Portland Gay Pride festival was only about a month ago. I remember it, because I had to re-route a trip to the bookstore that day so that gays, lesbians and transsexuals could stomp around the city in (often) sexually explicit or revealing outfits. If you peruse this photo set, you'll see that many gays and lesbians took the opportunity to dress like sluts.

The Portland SlutWalk isn't a grassroots effort organized by average women, or even average feminists. It's a lesbian parade, organized by professional lesbian exhibitionists and sponsored by a queer organization—and a strap-on company.

How many lesbian parades does Portland need?

SlutWalk is supposed to be about social stigmas that all women struggle with, but why is it only lesbians who care enough to get involved?

If SlutWalk was a movement for average women, spurred by a deeply felt need to comment on a persistent social problem, it would at least be interesting. If it were what it sounds like, it would be of particular interest to the average Joe. However, as another excuse for lesbian exhibitionism, SlutWalk Portland is just boring.

The best SlutWalk Portland has to offer the public is the comedy of dyke infighting and the drama of absurd far-left victim posturing. And maybe a few dirty pictures.

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Mirth in the Mutilation of Men

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No one disputes the facts of the case. After a brief marriage, a 60-year-old California business owner filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences. He allowed his wife, Catherine Becker, to remain in his condominium while the divorce was finalized.

But Becker apparently became consumed by a jealous rage over the man's new-found romantic interest. So last Monday she drugged the man, lashed him to a bed, severed his penis with a 10-inch knife, and tossed the appendage into a garbage disposal.

Most were appalled and outraged. "It's hard to believe what would motivate a person to do this sort of thing," said Susan Kang Schroeder, chief of the Orange County District Attorney's Office. "It's one of the worst things you could do to a person short of killing him."

Ali Ammar, who handles hundreds of divorce and domestic disputes a year with Orange Detective Agency in Irvine, commented, "I've seen people with their heads blown off, but this story makes me cringe," Not surprisingly, Judge Debra Carrillo ordered Becker held without bail.

But for some, the incident was cause for merriment and glee.

Veronica Roberts of California made light of the incident, headlining how Becker made "mince meat" of her victim's appendage. "Another women performed a 'Bobbit' and goes for the cleaver," she wrote cheerfully.

Leigh Moody, anchor at KSPR-TV in Springfield, Missouri, prefaced her blog entry with the words, "Revenge Attack." Apparently Ms. Moody was not troubled by the notion of vigilante justice implicit in her headline.

At SodaHead News, the attack was cause for ribald hilarity. "What's up with all these severed penises? It's like the new go-to punishment for unruly husbands."

The blogger at Hegemony Heights was inspired to pen this light-hearted limerick:

There once was a woman called Becker
who cut off her poor husband's pecker
On her way to divorce
she used drugs and some force
to become the ultimate home wrecker

But some dispensed with the façade of facetiousness.

At The Stir, Maijken Brence wrote, "some men deserve things like this happening to them." And over at the Online Dish, Kim commented, "the jaw dropper is the garbage disposal part…hahaha."

And the inevitable Facebook page offering approving "You go girl!" call-outs for Becker:
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Catherine-Kieu-Becker-Fan-page/111461202282860

When Wendy Williams was asked about the incident, the TV personality quipped,
"When you cross a woman, all is fair." Finding humor in the garbage disposal, Williams joked, "It was more efficient than throwing it in a field, where they could pick it up."

Over at ABC's The Talk, Sharon Osbourne decided it was time to goose her audience ratings. So after averring she didn't know the circumstances for his decision to file for the divorce (did the reasons really matter?), she described the incident as "hysterical" and summed it up with the remark, "it's quite fabulous."

A couple days later Osbourne issued an apology, stating, "I do not condone genital mutilation and I didn't mean any harm by laughing about it and I'm sorry that I offended people 'cause that's not my intention or the intention of the show – it's not what we are about."

But that apology misses the mark. The issue is not whether Osbourne intended to offend her viewers or whether people were in fact offended. The point is, Osbourne indulged in grossly inappropriate behavior in a way that minimized the grotesque incident and ridicule men.

Let’s call it woman’s inhumanity to man.

Summer's Eve "Hail to the V" Ads Stir Up Controversy

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In what appears to be a tribute to Eve Ensler's Vagina Monologues, Summer's Eve has started marketing feminine hygiene products with hand puppets representing talking vaginas. The vaginas, which represent various ethnicities, have been characterized by outraged women as maudlin stereotypes. Furthermore, the suggestion that there's anything wrong with a filthy vagina, according to some women (and the putatively male author), is highly offensive.

Perhaps it was a bit risky to portray the black vagina as a club-hopping, hair-obsessed freak, and the latina vagina as a spanglish-talkin' baby-making machine, but in all likelihood this was simply a result of market research.

All I can take away from this is that women have entirely too little to complain about in this day and age, as the ads, which were probably created by female-saturated marketing teams, are neither particularly racist nor shaming of women, but rather simply crude and stupid, like the Vagina Monologues that inspired them.

A couple examples:

Jive-talkin' vagina

Spanglish vagina

"You're a Bunch of Whiners"

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One of the most common insults hurled at men who have a problem with the family law regime as it's set up today is that they are simply "whining." It's a typical insult, and one might expect it from feminists, but the odd thing is that a whole lot of men use it as well. I'd say these men fall into three camps:

(1) The head-in-the-sand men who are clinging to the illusion that there's something inherently worthy about civil marriage as it exists in the West today.

First, a clear distinction needs to be made between contemporary civil marriage and traditional marriage. There *was* a great deal of value in traditional marriage. It was crucial for the success of our civilization. However, the sham that passes for marriage today is a far, far cry from that. For some reason, a very large number of men can't seem to grasp this simple concept, and resort to shaming and insults whenever anyone undermines their noble – if wrong-headed – ideals.

Certainly, traditional marriage still exists, but not in law. It is solely a cultural practice that is sadly slipping away year after year.

When men who have seen the light for one reason or the other (most of us after getting burned very badly), go after "marriage," they are not talking about salt of the earth pioneer couples striving together to raise a family and wealth from the ground up. Rather, they are attacking a cynical set of laws designed to force men into penury to maximize tax revenue and minimize social spending on women who made poor or wicked choices in life. Of course, that isn't even taking legal and court fees into account.

The men who don't understand this tend to see criticism of marriage as an excuse to live a libertine lifestyle, griping from cads and, importantly, a repudiation of their own sacrifices for family. However, it is no such thing. Most of us, despite the invective that results from getting the shaft, have a nostalgic, positive attitude toward the old-fashioned institution. Some reject even that, to be sure, but there have always been men going their own way, and they have always had their place in society and out; we'd be a far poorer people without them.

(2) Men who directly profit from the family law regime/feminized society.

It should hardly need to be mentioned, but the attorneys, social workers, politicians and counselors who have a financial stake in the status quo are perfectly willing to disparage men — for a fee or a favor.

Politicians will gladly throw fathers and husbands to the wolves for the female vote, lawyers will stand up in front of judges and smear them for a share of the wealth their wives stand to gain, and marriage counselors, Dr. Phil, etc. will perform the psychological equivalent of "pelvic massage" for female clients/audiences.

When such men throw insults around, all one needs to remember is that they are being paid to perform; they are essentially turning tricks for the female public.

(3) Lesbians trapped in men's bodies.

Although these men represent a fairly small portion of the male population, they are surprisingly common nonetheless, and very vocal where men's issues are concerned. Typically, they are the guys who have daddy issues, or who were mistreated when young for being perceived as strange, effeminate or awkward. Some of them, especially the male-to-female transsexual types, are mentally ill to some extent and have fantasies of self-mutilation, castration, etc.

Many of us are familiar with these types, as they can be quite vocal online and in the "men's Studies" departments of various universities. They typically have a sublimated self-loathing that expresses itself as hatred for their fellow men.

These are, in my opinion, the most dangerous of all our detractors, because they are so often fanatical ideologues, and, if my inbox is any indication, prone to homicidal ideation.

So, when confronted with the “you’re just whining” smear from a man, remember that he is either (1) in denial; (2) profiting from the current system; or, (3) a damaged individual.

For the first category, I would suggest initially gently pointing out his error, and if he persists in his fantasies, leaving him to them without belaboring the point. For the second, simply call out his motive and deal with him as you would with anyone whose interests are at odds with your own. And for the third, exercise caution and avoid him if at all possible — you do not want or need to deal with such troubled individuals.

British Writer Points Finger at Breivik's Father

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In an appalling example of shaming, Katherine Birbalsingh, a British schoolteacher, has thrown some of the blame for the Norway massacre on Anders Breivik's father, who was absent for most of the confessed killer's childhood.

Some commenters have noted that he was raised by a single mother, and Breivik himself evidently wrote about this fact in his manifesto, but given that a number of other mass murderers (e.g. Timothy McVeigh) were raised in intact homes, I'm not sure we can draw many conclusions from this. However, people are always interested in the family lives of the infamous, so there is sure to be speculation.

Given the state of family law in the West for the past 40-odd years, blaming a man for "abandoning" his children is akin to blaming a factory worker for losing a hand in an industrial accident. Evidently, the elder Breivik did in fact fight for custody of his son. Naturally, he lost. Birbalsingh compares his attempt to gain custody of his son with "treating him like some kind of football," which is to say he was kicking the infant boy around:

> I wonder whether he thought about his son's peace of mind when he thought it best to move to Paris and then put his son through the ordeal of a custody battle where he and his new wife fought to take him from his mother and half-sister (his mother had a daughter when she married his father) and his homeland, in order to attempt to raise him in Paris? Anders was only one year old at the time his parents separated with his father treating him like some kind of football. Such traumatic events in a child's life so early on can have life-long effects.

Even worse, she goes on to blame him for not being there for the boy, when it was Anders' mother who moved him away from his father. Throughout her entire piece, there is not a mote of criticism of a mother who would separate a child from his father, but only contempt and blame for the father dispossessed of his child.

Far too many of us know first-hand the cruelty of a system that allows women to rip children away from their fathers for any and every reason, but, believe it or not, it was even worse 30 years ago when Anders Breivik was a small child. At that time, fathers hadn't a chance, and "visitation" was extraordinarily meager. I grew up with a number of young men in that situation. Their fathers were, for the most part, ordinary, decent people. I can't say the same for most of their mothers, unfortunately, and the outcomes for these men were mixed, but usually far from ideal, and undeniably worse than for those in intact families or who had continuing contact with their fathers.

Perhaps we'd like to think that fathers still have some means to foster a relationship with their children despite having an unreasonable ex, but the obstacles are very steep. The most straightforward route offered by the law is disengagement from one's children and payment of child support. Fighting an unwilling ex for time with one's children is expensive and fraught with uncertainty — it is a martyr's cause that can lead to poverty and possibly incarceration.

The callousness of Ms. Birbalsingh in attacking a father who is losing his son all over again is breathtaking, but at least it shines a light on one of the ugliest aspects of contemporary Western society: the utter contempt in which fathers are held.

Orthodox Heterodoxy and the Tragedy in Norway

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Yesterday evening, I stopped by the local vigil for the Norwegian victims of Anders Breivik's rampage. It was held at the Nordic Heritage museum in Ballard, which is Seattle's Scandinavian neighborhood. The event was attended by hundreds of people, as Seattle is still home to many Norwegian nationals and people of Norwegian ancestry (I am part Norwegian myself). Norwegian Consul Kim Nesselquist was there, as were Dr. Loren Anderson, the president of Pacific Lutheran University, and a couple Lutheran pastors. It was a Lutheran service, including prayers, some singing and music, a speech by the consul and what was essentially a sermon by the president of PLU.

It was a heartfelt vigil, especially for the Norwegian Consul, whose voice broke as he expressed gratitude to the people of Seattle. It is saying something when a Norwegian man expresses such emotion. To me, what was most touching was hearing the churchgoing women around me sing Amazing Grace in soft tones.

I looked around at the largely Scandinavian crowd, seeing a couple people I recognized, and felt very much at home, despite the fact that I was raised Catholic. Although emotions were subdued, as is the Scandinavian custom, the sense of grief was real and palpable.

My own feelings about the vigil and the tragedy in Norway were those of resignation. Having worked for years cataloging countless atrocities and massacres in the volatile Middle East and other conflict areas, I couldn't help but feel a sense of inevitability about the killings. When I first heard about it, it struck me immediately that it was a sectarian slaughter, the likes of which occur on a regular basis in places such as Kashmir, Northwest Frontier Province in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, etc.

As I listened to Loren Anderson give his sermon, endorsing the lofty liberal ideals of FDR, imploring us to cherish diversity and individualism, and to contemplate the balance between freedom and responsibility, I felt nostalgia rather than hope. The days when these ideals worked tolerably well are drawing to an end.

Dr. Anderson, president of a university, is clearly a proponent of the liberal orthodoxy that has prevailed in the West since WWII, and is the only true bond that unites the elites of our civilization.

In a society that mirrors the demographics of the people I saw yesterday evening, it is a humane, progressive and functional governing philosophy, but in its endorsement of cultural heterodoxy (i.e. diversity and multiculturalism) it contains the seeds of its own destruction. It is essentially a program of atomization and dissolution in the name in the name of freedom and individualism on the one hand, and a heavy-handed repression of any communal resistance to it on the other. The result is that all balance and natural restraint is thrown to the wind, and political and social movements take on the character of tribalism, which is the default (and savage) form of social organization amongst human beings.

Therefore, we have an elite that not only endorses, but actively strives to create a society that lacks cohesion, is suspicious of others in its midst, and necessarily takes an adversarial position over any and all differences. Is it any wonder that some depraved individual may take this to its extreme conclusion and attempt to wipe out the next generation of his perceived rivals? How, in a "diverse, multicultural society" full of competing interests could we expect there to be a sense of obligation to one's neighbors, let alone compatriots?

I know how, but it's nothing like what the Western elites have in mind. In the kind of society they are busy creating, the only solution to endless conflict is an overriding, supreme ideology of some sort, such as Islam, Communism, Christianity or Imperial China's emperor worship. But they will have none of this. Inevitably, the proposed solution will be *more* heterodoxy, *more* multiculturalism — more tribalism in short. And they, and we, and everyone else around us, will get it.

Look to a West that increasingly resembles a sectarian frontier; the kind of place Osama bin Ladin lived out the

final years of his life. When the resources of the state dwindle, it will be a much harder place to handle than it used to be.

False Alarm — Roissy/Citizen Renegade Online at heartiste.wordpress.com

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Roissy's blog is indeed preserved, albeit under another domain.

It can now be accessed @ heartiste.wordpress.com

Fortunately, we still have access to all the archives as well as today's post.

Roissy's Site Down — End of an Era?

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Roissy's blog, Citizen Renegade, appears to have been deleted by the author. The site contained hundreds of articles, many of them very well-written and thoughtful, and we can only hope that they are preserved in one manner or another. Roissy has a particular talent for iconoclasty and exposing the "pretty lies" that are so commonly served up to us for the falsehoods they are.

Although he most recently went under "Heartiste," most of us know the author in the original "Roissy" manifestation, which is a reference to the French novel "The Story of O."

Although Roissy certainly doesn't owe anyone anything after all the work he's put into the blog, I'm sure many of us are very curious about its sudden disappearance and are awaiting some news.

Doing Something Constructive — Marriage Reform

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For some time there's been a fair amount of criticism of the lack of "action" amongst men who are fed up with the status quo as regards the family, marriage, relationships with women and fatherhood. It's actually a fair point, but I'm not sure very many people could offer examples of action that would have a lasting, positive effect. Lashing out violently, for example, is unlikely to result in any long term benefits, and it might simply lead to more drastic laws and heavy handed police measures. Ordinary political activism along the traditional lines (i.e. special interest lobbying) does work, and is already having some positive effects, but it is limited by the fact that it's simply an extension to the current system and cannot fundamentally change the paradigm, but rather reinforce it.

However, there is the potential for revolutionary change without violence, especially where sexual politics is concerned. And why not? Men and women do not want to literally go to war with each other, because, despite the eternal reality of sexual tension, they want very much to join together — it's a biological imperative.

Given this compulsion, we have to stress the fact that the current feminist family law regime is nothing natural at all. Take away the draconian laws surrounding domestic relations, the incentives for wives to leave their husbands, and the subsidization of promiscuity, and something approaching traditional marriage will return on a wide scale without any additional effort. However, changing the institutions and laws would be an uphill battle that would take too long for our purposes. So what can be done?

Having personally dealt with the consequences of a disastrous marriage, I've been mulling over the idea of marriage reform for some time. As it turns out, I'm not the only one. As the rest of the country slides into the abyss of single motherhood and unstable partnerships, the upper classes have been strengthening their marriages and enjoying the lowest divorce rate in decades. What is the key to their success?

Aside from the fact that they tend to be better at seeing the negative consequences of divorce, they have begun to regard the institution as a contract, and have been arranging their marriages as exactly that.

Some might be surprised to learn that the idea of marriage as a legal contract is actually very old. The first example of the widespread existence of written marriage contracts is the Ketubah, a Jewish marriage contract that lays out the terms for marriage and divorce. Ketubot (pl.) apparently originated during the Babylonian captivity, where the highly legalized nature of Babylonian society and mobility of Jews combined to create the need for a well-defined, legally binding marriage. Religious obligations were naturally included as well, and over the centuries the Ketubah came to be seen as an essential element of a stable marriage. Ketubot fell out of favor for some time during the libertine 20th century, especially in heterodox forms of Judaism such as Reform, but have made an amazing comeback in recent times.

Whether written down or not, marriage has always been seen as a binding contract, and it is only in recent times that this universally accepted basis for marriage has been undermined and rejected in favor of the modern civil marriage, which cannot be called a marriage at all, but rather more of a tax classification. Marriage does still exist, but none of its conditions are fulfilled by what is known as marriage under Western civil law. It is the only contract that rewards a party for unilaterally breaking it: a wife is under more of an obligation to fulfill the terms of a cell phone contract than to fulfill her marriage vows.

However, too many of us assume that there is no solution to this problem; that the problem lies with marriage itself rather than the backward, ill-conceived mess known as civil marriage. This is not the case. Marriage is the natural state of relations between men and women who cohabit and engage in sexual relations, and has been for thousands of years across a wide variety of cultures, races and faiths. It comes in many different forms, but in all cases there is a contractual element, and the needs and feelings of each spouse are taken into account.

Although laws surrounding domestic relations – VAWA and other incentives to accuse in particular – present some obstacles to marriage contracts, prenuptial agreements could remove some of these incentives and remain

enforceable. Men and women can still enter into legally binding agreements under civil law, efforts of feminists notwithstanding, and many of the incentives to unilaterally break promises and vows could be removed with well-conceived contracts.

Furthermore, in the free societies of the West, contractual marriages could render the arguments over the definition of “marriage” moot, as the state’s role in defining the institution would decline as people increasingly defined it themselves. Lawyers who now profit from dissolutions could turn their efforts toward strengthening marriage and defending agreements, therefore contributing to families’ well-being rather than living off their destruction.

A transition from a society in which standard civil marriage is seen as the norm rather than a contractual, natural marriage may take time, but it is already happening. Civil marriage was unnatural and anarchic from the beginning, and represents a return to savagery rather than the progress it promised. Its time has come and gone, and now we have the opportunity to move on.

Because I’d like to offer something positive and constructive here at *The Spearhead*, I’m going to devote a page (and ultimately much more) to resources for those interested in restoring some sanity to domestic relations. I truly believe that contractual marriage, while it cannot solve all our problems, can make a big difference in coming years as we move away from the anarchic, transitional 20th century and toward a more civilized mode of existence.

Female Teacher/Male Student Sex Trend Continues

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It seems that there is a new scandal involving teachers and underage students having sex every other month, and that's just locally. Although unheard of 30-odd years ago, female grade school teachers are sleeping with their male students in prodigious numbers these days. Many of the female teachers are actually married.

I'm sure the usual feminist and white knight suspects will blame the women's husbands for not adequately "providing for their needs," but what's left out here is that these women are clearly exploiting young men for sex. It seems to a trend for older women these days to assume that they are owed sex from very young and underage boys and men, and this is only encouraged by feminists who seek to turn the tables and give females privileges that they imagine men enjoyed at some misty moment in the past.

The truth is that men have never enjoyed unrestricted access to young women, but rather had to pay for sex every step of the way, as they do today. Middle-aged women, on the other hand, seem to have absorbed the idea that sex is a privilege they are *owed* regardless of the consequences to men. In fact many of the underage child support cases, where boys as young as 15 have been ordered to pay much older women for the privilege of inseminating them, involve teachers who were ostensibly in a position of authority and barred by law and job duties from engaging in coitus with students.

In this latest local case, a teacher takes a "troubled" boy under her wing, and opens her vagina to him. Certainly, there can be nothing better for ensuring the future stability of a 17-year-old boy than having a 37-year-old married woman offer him her vagina. Is this sex ed? Are our teachers being paid to be state-sanctioned whores for teenage boys?

If so, would it be appropriate for middle-aged male teachers to introduce teen girls to the wonders of the mature penis?

Honestly, I'm not all that outraged by an adult having sex with a 17-year-old, but why the hell should we pay for it? Why should extramarital sex be a side benefit for female teachers? The boys would be better off experimenting with girls their own age rather than their mothers' friends. This trend is bound to cause some serious psychological damage in the long run. But I guess it's all in the interests of female empowerment…

Marriage Reform Page Up

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In the first step in my effort to make a positive change, I've started collecting and linking material relevant to marriage reform. I'd like to invite others who have some interest in the issue, especially those who have written on the subject, to visit the page and post links. Attorneys with experience writing prenups or simply in contract law are also very much welcome.

The goal is to give people who want a better form of marriage the guidance and tools to make it possible. Default civil marriage as it exists today has become an evil and destructive institution that must be changed. People who remain in civil marriages do so despite the incentives to divorce and engage in gender warfare. For the weaker and less sensible it is too often a disaster that literally ruins lives, including those of the most innocent — our children.

Feminism may have done a wrecking job on the Western family, but I am optimistic that this can be turned around. The fight against feminists must continue, but it's time to start discussing reconstruction, and reforming the devastated institution of marriage is where it should begin.

Reviving the Mailing List

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I have had an email subscription in effect for some time now (it can be accessed on the lefthand link on the MGTOW logo), but shortly after I started it I shut it down after some bastards started subscribing and then immediately trying to label me as a spammer, which is a cheap smear that can cost the victim considerably due to anti-spamming laws. After that, I put it off, but have received assurance that such tactics are now well-recognized for what they are, so there's no longer an issue.

This being the case, those who have signed up for the email updates (over 600 people now — about a quarter of the site's subscribers) will once again start receiving them in digest form (10 per message) at the rate of one or two per week.

Catholic Heretics Still Pushing for Priestesses

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Despite repeated warnings from the Catholic hierarchy, liberal Catholic activists continue to call for the ordination of priestesses in the Catholic church. Most of these left-wing Catholics are from an older generation that rose to some prominence during the sexual revolution of the 1960s, which followed the Second Vatican Council's unprecedented reforms. Their mouthpiece, Call to Action, was founded in Chicago by Dan and Sheila Daley, a priest and nun who abandoned their vows and got married.

One priest, the conservative Rev. Anthony Branklin, characterizes Call to Action as "aging feminist nuns and their hangers-on clerics," but evidently some younger female lay Catholics – probably feminists – are involved as well.

Although dissent in any large organization is unavoidable, as is a certain degree of heresy and apostasy in large religions, the United States offers a solution to all who are tired of their church: start a new one. There are hundreds – if not thousands – of variations on Christianity in the US, and there would be no bar to liberal Catholics starting their own offshoot, as some conservative Catholics have done. If they please, they can even set up a giant pink unicorn and have followers worship it — there are no restrictions so long as they do not commit crimes.

The problem for them, however, is that they want to keep the wealth and congregants and have their way with them rather than going through the trouble of convincing people that a feminist church is better than the traditional one. Perhaps they have seen the example of the Episcopalian Church in the US, which has withered on the vine following its adoption of liberal, anti-scripture values, and want to make sure they can seize the money and property before the flock inevitably disperses and heads for more Christian churches, or stops attending church at all.

The problem with churches that deviate from scripture and orthodoxy is that they seldom last many generations before they are abandoned. This is because they are built on hypocrisy rather than a solid foundation. When children raised in the church are told that the church is originally based on scripture that has no meaning in its contemporary incarnation, they wonder as adults: what's the point of even attending if it's all based on a falsehood?

Attempts to change very old traditions to suit temporary trends are often simply self-indulgent efforts on the part of people who can't let go of their traditions, and then try to pick and choose those that suit them personally. If they get their way, they can and will wreck institutions simply to feel more comfortable about themselves and their lifestyles.

Cheating is Deadly in New Video Game

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Atlus games has come out with a new game, referred to in an MSN review as a "dating simulation and a puzzle game with a splash of survival horror," that takes the main character, a 31-year-old "slacker" named Vincent, through a struggle for survival.

Evidently, some witch is responsible for cursing the men of the city for having been cheated on, and now young men are having terrible nightmares and dying in their sleep. If they fall in their dreams, they die. In the nightmares, they are pursued by ravenous babies or furious women, and they must somehow climb up and out of their horrible predicaments.

From The Daily:

> The skinny: In the sluggish late hours of a recent episode of the "Today" show, host and overbearing mother-figure Kathie Lee Gifford quipped that men over 30 shouldn't play video games. These supposed puerile playthings, in her opinion, distract from adulthood and its responsibilities. Gifford would no doubt take offense, then, to Catherine, a puzzle game dressed as an erotic thriller and designed exclusively for adults.
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> Vincent doesn't remember how he bedded Catherine, when he impregnated Katherine or why he's having dreams in which he must climb a mysterious blood-soaked tower of steel cubes. In fact, Vincent doesn't remember doing much of anything; life has just sort of happened to him.
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> In that way, Vincent is the archetypal man-child, only outdone by his friends, each more affected and heartbroken than the last. They join him nightly in their dingy watering hole, the Stray Sheep, where the player pounds beers, plays video games and has revealing conversations.

Although the reviews provide one with the sense that the game exposes some of the perils of contemporary manhood, it is a bit disappointing that the only ones paying for cheating are men, but perhaps that is simply a nod to current reality.

As culture increasingly delves into men's issues, expect to see more such efforts emerge in games, film, music and other forms of popular culture.

Check out the game here.

The End of the Future

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By Petra Gajdosikova

I'm not known for overt sentimentality, but watching the TV coverage of the last Space Shuttle returning to earth last Thursday morning was one of the saddest moments I can recall. Once Atlantis touched down it was all over; there would never be another Shuttle.

I've always had a penchant for all things space related. As a child I dreamt of space ships, aliens and far flung galaxies, religiously followed every NASA mission, and was glued to the TV screen each time a Shuttle rocketed into the sky or landed. I'd often wished to have been born some years earlier, to have witnessed the thrill of watching Neil Armstrong step onto the moon. (Undoubtedly influenced by my dad's recollection of that incredible event as one of the most memorable of his lifetime). It didn't matter that we were in the then Eastern Bloc; we watched the various US advances into space with awe and pride, just as millions of Americans did. It was yet another milestone for Western civilization and human achievement. The greatest of human adventures.

I was convinced some years later we'd get to Mars and beyond. Alas, it was not to be. I suppose it's fitting that all this is over now. The US (and the West) have given up. The end of manned space flight is just one more symptom of the cultural, moral and economic decline.

The space program was an expression of the energetic, vigorous, optimistic, united America of the late 1950s. It symbolized the country's ambitions, aspirations and hopes for a better future, its belief that Americans can achieve great things and do them better than anyone else. All that is history now. Today's America lacks a sense of identity and vision, its confidence is on the wane, exceptionalism has become a nasty word, unity has been replaced by tribal rancor, idealism and pioneer spirit are long gone, substituted by all-pervasive bureaucracy and political correctness.

Is it surprising that instead of reaching out to the stars manned space flight is returning to where it started – science fiction?

The landing of Atlantis ended the 30-year Space Shuttle program. The entire US space age lasted just five decades: it was May 5, 1961 when Alan Shepard's 15 minute sub-orbital flight made him the first American in space. Just eight years later Apollo 11 blasted off for the Moon.

The Space Shuttle fleet began setting records with Columbia's launch on April 12, 1981 and continued with Challenger, Discovery, Atlantis and Endeavor. The Shuttle has, during its 135 missions, carried people into orbit, launched and repaired satellites, conducted cutting-edge research and built the largest structure in space, the International Space Station. One of its key successes was the deployment of the Hubble Space Telescope (launched into space aboard Space Shuttle Discovery in 1990); the Shuttle and its astronauts were also crucial for each repair and servicing Hubble needed over the years. (Hubble, aside of giving us hundreds of thousands of awesome images, has revolutionized our knowledge of astronomy.)

Countless technological innovations we take for granted today are also result of the US space program and Shuttle research. The Space Shuttle program alone has generated more than 120 technology spinoffs, including miniaturized heart pumps that save lives, thermal protection system materials, bioreactors (help chemists design new drugs and antibodies), compact laboratory instruments, sensitive hand-held infrared cameras, light-emitting diodes for treatment of cancerous tumors, lighter and stronger prosthetic limbs, an extrication tool to remove accident victims from wrecked vehicles, and many more. (NASA has an entire website dedicated to spinoff technology.)

Now the Shuttle is gone and there is nothing to take its place. The US no longer has the ability to put astronauts into orbit. NASA will have to rely on the Russians to hitch a ride to the International Space Station – on the old-

fashioned Soyuz spacecraft, at some $50 million per ride.

It wasn't supposed to end like this. A few years ago George W. Bush announced the return to manned space exploration with the Constellation program. Missions to the Moon (by 2020) were to be followed by a manned flight to Mars and beyond. Then came Barack Obama who, believing in social programs and wealth redistribution rather than science and exploration, promptly cancelled Constellation, the country's only chance at continuing with human space flight.

In any case the space program no longer seems appropriate for today's America. Space exploration was a symbol and inspiration for Americans who believed in excellence, courage, self-reliance, achievement, science (hard science, not the politically correct pseudo-science of today). That country no longer exists; its spirit has been broken. The "virtues" America, and the West, worship today – equality, diversity, feminism – are a fast-track to a third world status, not to the stars.

As much as we may want to convince ourselves otherwise, it seems clear we no longer have the ability to achieve great things, space flight or otherwise. I suspect Bruce Charlton is onto something when he writes that *"human capability reached its peak or plateau around 1965-75 – at the time of the Apollo moon landings – and has been declining ever since".*

*"This may sound bizarre or just plain false, but the argument is simple. That landing of men on the moon and bringing them back alive was the supreme achievement of human capability, the most difficult problem ever solved by humans. 40 years ago we could do it – repeatedly – but since then we have *not* been to the moon, and I suggest the real reason we have not been to the moon since 1972 is that we cannot any longer do it. Humans have lost the capability. "*

The US space program started on its downward trajectory in the early 70s, slowly drifting away from further development of deep space missions and new technologies. (The Shuttle itself is 1970s technology and should have been replaced by a new generation of spaceships years ago.) NASA has been gradually taken over by technologically and managerially inept bureaucrats lacking any vision and imagination. Instead of attracting the brightest engineers, scientists and innovators, the agency has cared more about politics and displaying its commitment to 'diversity'. Well, at least now that manned space flight is no longer, NASA can work on its preferred mission – Muslim outreach.

Those who claim the US could no longer afford its space program would be well advised to look at the actual NASA budget. While during most of the 1960s NASA spending came to between 2-5% of the annual federal budget, since mid 70s it's been less than 1% and in the last few years only about 0.50% of the federal budget ($17-18 billion p.a.).

So you can't afford to spend a minuscule share of the annual fed budget – one half of one percent! – on space exploration, but consider it a good use of money to waste a couple of trillions on entitlements and welfare programs and $700 billion on stifling bureaucracies (i.e. various executive departments and agencies, most of which would serve the nation best by being abolished)? Not to forget the estimated $3 trillion cost of ObamaCare.

And what about the supposedly too expensive Space Shuttle program itself? The total cost of the Shuttle program over its entire four decade lifespan (including 10 years of R&D) was just under $200 billion. Expensive? Well, the US federal government, at present rate, spends $200 billion every three weeks!

I don't see anything that has brought taxpayers a comparable return in industrial and technological advancement, increased understanding of our world and universe, as well as prestige, pride and inspiration as the manned space program.

But this isn't about money or savings… it's about a nation's priorities. An America that spends trillions of dollars a year on welfare, entitlements and bureaucracy is an America that lacks any purpose, identity or belief in future; a space program is something such a nation has no use for.

Mankind has always felt the call to explore and push back the boundaries of human capability. I have no doubt there were people in Columbus's day who wanted to find a 'better' use for the money that was to finance his voyages. Thankfully King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain had more vision and sense than Barack Obama.

We can only hope that a more enlightened people, perhaps the Chinese or Russians or Indians, are going to take over space exploration and become a beacon of hope and inspiration to those in the rest of the world, as America once used to be.

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Thank you, Space Shuttle, for all the memories.

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NASA – The Shuttle Program: A tribute in pictures (mission by mission)

Major moments in the Shuttle program (incl video)

NASA's Space Shuttle pages

Hubble website (awesome images)

Atlantis – final landing (video)

Mother Horrified that Child Killer Deemed “Not a Threat”

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20 years ago, Kristine Cushing obtained a .38 special and used it to murder her daughters, aged 4 and 8, as they slept. Her husband was a USMC fighter pilot who was on duty overseas at the time, and according to the NY Times she presented the facade of a model mother. Shocked neighbors wondered how it could have happened, and in court Kristine Cushing blamed a bad reaction to prozac.

It being the 1990s, when women could do no wrong, Cushing’s legal gambit worked, and she was sentenced to a mere four years in a mental institution.

In the meanwhile, her husband divorced her and married Trisha Conlon, with whom he had two sons. Eventually, the two divorced, and then, for whatever reason, John Cushing decided to get back together with the woman who killed his first two children.

It took Ms. Conlon a few years to discover that Mr. Cushing had rekindled his relationship with his ex wife, and when she did she immediately filed for a change to the parenting plan. At the hearing, the court commissioner, Leonid Ponomarchuk, ruled that any change would be unwarranted, as there had not been problems for the past several years.

Naturally, Ms. Conlon is upset by the fact that her sons are staying with a child killer much of the time, but there is nothing she can do about it for the time being.

What I’d like to know is whether the commissioner would have made the same judgment had Kristine Cushing been a man with a statutory rape charge on his record. Probably not; there are laws in place that all but guarantee that men who are marked as sexual predators are subject to restrictions around minors. However, it appears that a woman with a history of murdering helpless children is deemed no threat, because she has allegedly been “cured” of her mental problems.

Although we don’t know all the details of this case, it appears to reflect the stark double standard where child custody is concerned. All it takes for a man to be forced to have “supervised” visitation with his own children, where he must be watched over by state workers (and pay for it) is a mere accusation. It doesn’t even take a conviction or finding of guilt. Yet here we have a woman who admits to having murdered her own children being allowed open access to another woman’s children.

Blogging Family Law

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As I've alluded to a few times over the past few months, I'm in the middle of yet more custody litigation. My ex wants to move my kids to Canada, and this being Washington state, where there is a presumptive approval of relocation, she'll probably get her way. Online, I've remained fairly tight-lipped about it, because making an issue of the details would probably have negative consequences for me in court. However, I've been putting a lot of work into the latest round of litigation, because it will determine my relationship with my kids for the next 12 years or so. The implications will be permanent, obviously, but not necessarily disastrous.

I'd really like to give readers a taste of what's going on, but I've been advised to wait until the pleadings have been put on the record. So, it's going to take at least a few weeks before I can publish anything from the court, but I will definitely do so when the time is right. I have always thought it was a tasteless to publish one's personal travails, but given the state of family law I'm starting to see it as a duty. I was so thoroughly smeared in my divorce that I stopped caring what people said about me or thought of me, and that has a lot to do with this site's existence.

However, there have been some recent cases in which men have been unconstitutionally ordered by judges to take down websites when they criticized judges' decisions, and I can't afford such an order until I am legally in the clear. Nevertheless, there will come a time, and that time is soon, when I can voice my own opinion without fear of censure about what happens to non-custodial fathers in a typical courtroom.

The last thing I want to do is air dirty laundry, but given the way fathers are treated this is very much a public issue. When the rulings come in, I will go ahead and publish them, so men who are thinking about marriage or facing divorce can have an idea of how this works. Additionally, I'll be perfectly happy to offer my own opinion on what the commissioner decides.

I've come to the conclusion that until men are willing to take these deeply painful personal experiences to the public, those who perpetuate the injustice will feel that they are operating in a climate of impunity. I'd like to play some part in changing this sense of security on the part of our black-robed would-be gods. It's time for the courts to be held accountable.

Portland SlutWalkers Reveal Themselves (Even More)

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Recently, I had the pleasure of having some of the distressed damsels and hopeful he-men of tomorrow from the SlutWalk "like" my Facebook page, so that they could share their feelings about my article "How Many Lesbian Parades Does Portland Need," as well as my response to some criticisms of said work, posted to QPDX's official web site.

> Elijah Daniel Raven Im liking your page so that I can tell you to suck my tranny cock, and shuve it down your jerk face asshole. kisses. hope you like the taste of my meat. ♥

> Sophia St James I fucking love you Elijah. Here's the thing-> you (jack) thrive off of attention. If you had a boyfriend or lover, you might actually be able to enjoy life and not be so bitter and jaded. Your stories are completely inaccurate and lack true evidence. You take an entire article and twist 85% of it to fit your sad and sorry 'agenda'. WE are not all lesbians who organized the event, get your facts right. For being a homo, you sure are uptight. You need some dick in your world dear one. There were male reporters at the event, in addition to the female ones. Again, if you're gonna TRY and be an 'author' at least have your facts rights. If you knew anything about the event, you would know what it was REALLY about and why it was needed. You are a sad, sad 'man' who lashes out because you are truly not fulfilled in your own boxed in, closed off, outcasted world. I avoided putting my 2 cents in because you are not worth my time, however because you continually attack us for no reason other than to APPEAR larger than life and to add some kind of sorry ass meaning to your existence I chose to reply. You could never organize or be part of any worth while cause. That would mean you'd have to have a spine and actually have some tact. Oh… and I notice you closed the comments on your 'so-called' reply to Q-PDX. Nice one buddy. As far as our funding-> lots of the money came from community members. Q-PDX DIDN'T give us money (again, know your shit before you talk). The crowd at the event was filled with many different races, genders, and styles…. not just lesbians my dear Jack Donovan-> one who does not do their research before typing a hate fill rant. Children were present for simple reasons, instilling true and honest values is for every age. Our message was one for everyone to here. You have zero feelings or compassion for anything or anyone except your own sad state of affairs. Maybe you should go to 'straight camp' and leave the homo stuff to us. You clearly need your gay card revoked.

> Sophia St James Oh-> and being assaulted, raped is not a laughing matter. Y'all are sick f#*ks for even joking about such things.

> Dawn Lynnelle Higgins Dear Mr. Donovan: You seem to make a blanketed staement about everyone who was there and you are making assumptions you REALLY know nothing about. It wasn't just lesbians there at this march, there were bisexual, trans, queer, and even straight women as well as straight, bisexual, queer, and trans men all standing together against rape. Rape is not a funny thing and rape does not discriminate, maybe if you were actually there you would actually not be making these types of bullshit statements. You sir, are a complete idiot who should turn in your queer card at the door IMMEDIATELY!

> Leila Hofstein Rape culture does not imply that all men are pigs. It puts a name to the phenomenon that allows our young men be misogynistic and needlessly violent instead of thoughtful, mature and self-possessed while perpetuating the cycle of victimization for our young women.
> The only people who think all feminists are man-hating pigs are the actual pigs themselves. You make REAL men ashamed to share a gender with you.

> Elijah Daniel Raven To the men who were joking on here about rape…I get it, you HAVE NO IDEA what its like to feel unsafe, to have your body threatened, to have your life threatened, yes in Portland, it happens everywhere every 3minutes to be exact. My friend was brutally rapped last month, another by a cop 3 months

> ago. So You also have no idea how good it feels to march in solidarity and scream “NO” at the top of your lungs. You’ve never had to say no while fearing for your life.
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> Jack Donovan It’s interesting that two of you have said I should have my “gay card” revoked. However, Alley and Perry said I am part of their feminist queer community whether or not I share any of their values. Could you gals figure out where you stand on that and get back to me? I’d like to know where to send it.
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> Elijah Daniel Raven We can be friends, I just really want to change your mind on some of these matters, please stay as gay as possible, as it is the only redeeming quality I can see thus far.
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> Leila Hofstein Just shove it up your ass. It’ll save on postage.

Additionally, I received this email from one “Jeff Starring.”

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> to jeff <jeff_starring@yahoo.com>
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> date Tue, Aug 2, 2011 at 4:35 PM
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> subject [JD - READER CONTACT:] what
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> why do you care so much about the slutwalk? if you hate it why didnt you just go so you could wear your t-shirt? you know you are hiding behind your computer. be a man and stop being a passive little fuck.
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It seemed confused to me that a man (presumably, one never knows) would challenge my manhood on behalf of a group of anti-patriarchal feminist women.

Despite their protests, the angriest person — who technically threatened to orally rape me — was a female-to-male transsexual. Not sure how that would work, maybe one of those strap-ons from Aslan, co-sponsor of the SlutWalk? Or maybe I got my acronyms wrong, and the FTM was an MTF. It’s not always easy to tell from Facebook photos. While I did refer to SlutWalk as a “lesbian parade” and at various other points, a “gay and lesbian parade” or possibly even a “a parade for hags and fags” I think the general gist of the article was that there was no need for another parade for queer exhibitionists in Portland, since Gay Pride 2010 happened about a month before the SlutWalk. Lesbians tend to consider themselves a part of the broader LGBTQI community. Bragging that there were also transsexuals and queers present is not a refutation of my claim that SlutWalk was basically a queer event, and not a grassroots effort attributable to everyday women.

At least two of the three organizers are still, to my knowledge, proud queer-identified exhibitionists.

Now, I will respond to a few of the concerns these spirited women have raised.

First, to our Hottentot Venus, the Lady Sophia St. James, Portland’s Sensual Sadist and Fetish Goddess Extraordinaire and “professional FemDom”–

Dear Ms. St. James,

I would like to thank you for your concerns about my sex life. I cannot see how being single or celibate would invalidate my objections to your parade. For the record, I have been living with the same fellow for about 13 years now. As per the terms of our arrangement, I also have another fellow whose company I’ve enjoyed regularly for quite some time. Rest assured, my carnal needs are being tended to thoroughly. I’ve never had much of a problem in this area, so your assumption that I do is off target. Is it possible that your assumptions are based on faulty logic? My home life is a happy one, and while I have no interest in your “queer” culture, I do have as active and rewarding a social life as I can manage in the free time I have available.

Regarding the “facts:”

1) The two articles I saw in the two Portland weeklies were both written by women, and both weeklies (the Mercury and the Willamette Week) are proudly left wing. If your event was covered favorably by any heterosexual men who do not self-identify as liberals (who would be, it can be reasonably assumed, biased in favor of your cause), please do forward a link. Otherwise I think it is safe to conclude that your event was covered favorably by those who were predisposed to support your cause. That’s OK. The media has never really been objective. Objective journalism has always been more of a myth for the gullible than a reality. It’s a game.

2) Your web site proudly announced that QPDX was sponsoring your event. In most cases, sponsorship implies the donation of funds. If they did not financially support your parade, they were your primary promotional partner—along with the strap-on company and the vegan strip club. I must confess that I fail to see how this kind of sponsorship makes the event less lesbian or “queer” oriented.

3) Prior to writing about what I expected to see at the Portland SlutWalk, I did look at photos of other slut walks. Having now seen the photos from Portland SlutWalk, I see very little difference. The majority of people in attendance appeared to be openly lesbian, gay or trans. If there were hoards of average soccer moms and outraged accountant dads bussed in from the ‘burbs, it is strange that they weren’t deemed of particular interest by those documenting the parade.

4) I’d also like to say that Perry’s article about me was also riddled with factual errors. The first being that I am the “principle writer for THE SPEARHEAD.” In fact, I am merely an occasional contributor — you’ll see that W.F. Price, the heterosexual father of two who founded the site, has something like 808 posts to my 49. The verbiage attributed to me in the article was also his.

As I briefly mentioned, I’ve been trying to give back my gay card for years, Ms. St. James. I even wrote a book about it (the first run sold out but it is available on Kindle). I think it is also available through several libraries, though I somehow doubt it would appeal to your tastes. I am anti-feminist, and anti-trans, and I believe that the majority of gay and queer advocacy organizations are self-perpetuating institutions and symptoms of inevitable Western decline. Alley and Perry both insisted emphatically that I was part of their community whether I liked it or not. I disagree. If you agree with my disagreement, we have found some shared ground, and I can get back to the business of being *an enemy* of your community.

Thank you for mentioning that children were encouraged to come to your lesbian exhibitionism parade. I’m sure you won’t be surprised if I say that strikes me as inappropriate.

For the record, I do not accept comments on any posts on my personal web site. Internet commenting is usually cathartic but rarely productive. I’m a writer, so I like my writing time to be productive.

Finally, I find it inconsistent that you applauded Elijah Daniel Raven’s sexual assault humor, and then scolded others for using the same kind of humor.

And now to you, Ms. Hofstein,

> “The only people who think all feminists are man-hating pigs are the actual pigs themselves.”

Are you an expert on identifying pigs, Ms. Hofstein?

This sounds a lot like the “I’m rubber and you’re glue” argument. You’re a crafty *Fräulein.*

I also find it curious that while feminists assert that men are not supposed to tell a women how she should behave,

you are imply by your statement that I “make REAL men ashamed to share a gender with [me]” that you know what makes a man a “real” man and an “unreal” man. Transsexual feminist R.W. Connell wrote in *Masculinities* that twentieth-century research “failed to produce a coherent science of masculinity.” (Ch.3) Would you disagree with this statement? Do you believe that there is a such thing as a “real” man and a lesser man? If so, how do you define a “real” man. Are you attempting to coerce or manipulate my choices or beliefs by holding the definition of masculinity hostage to your own political agenda? Again, you are a crafty little thing.

Ms. Megan Elijah,

Of course I can’t comment on crimes about which you’ve provided no proof or information. Rape is considered a very serious crime in our culture, and is punishable by law. It is my duty to advise you to report any possible crimes to the appropriate authorities. Your statement that claiming that I “have no idea how good it feels to march in solidarity and scream “NO” at the top of your lungs” while correct, leads me to believe that SlutWalk is some kind of cathartic group therapy exercise for rape victims.

I found it a little disingenuous that you would say that we could be friends if I changed my ideas on certain topics.

Isn’t that like saying I would have to change who I am to suit some externally imposed standard?

Spearhead readers :

I hope you’ve enjoyed seeing how women associated with SlutWalk represent themselves. I’m not in the habit of getting into protracted Internet exchanges, much less sharing them in article form. However, the point of writing about SlutWalk was to show who these women are, and what they really believe, and make it a searchable public record. They are free to respond to my comments here, of course. I prefer finished replies, and if this discussion continues, I will respond again in finished article form.

SlutWalk is a flash-in-the pan trend, a feminist fad. In the big scheme of things, it doesn’t mean much at all. It is interesting because it sheds light on the many contradictions and hypocrisies of the modern feminist movement. These women are privileged members of a feminist society, but they are not elite east coast media feminists. These women are not Gloria Steinem or Hanna Rosin or even Jessica Valenti. They are the feminists on the ground, the worker bees of modern feminism. SlutWalk is a good opportunity to get to know these gals and see what they are all about.

And, in the spirit of the “This is What a Feminist Looks Like” campaign, well, now we have pictures.

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Politicians Tweaking the Nose of Radical Feminism

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Two weeks ago Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Democratic National Committee chair, met her match in one Rep. Allen West. It seems that Wasserman Schultz waited until West left the House floor, then cut loose with a liberal jeremiad for the congressman's support of the GOP-supported Cut, Cap, and Balance Act.

Apprised of the incident, the former Lieutenant Colonel fired back, calling her "the most vile, unprofessional, and despicable member of the House of Representatives…If you have something to say to me, stop being a coward and say it to my face."

It wasn't the first time the libber-turned-congresswoman saw her grandstanding tactics backfire.

A couple months ago Wasserman Schultz accused House Republicans seeking to cut off taxpayer abortion funds with waging a "war on women."

In the past, the slightest suggestion of a GOP "war on women" would be enough to bring out the white flag a-flutter. But this time the stiff-spined GOP refused to be buffaloed by the high-octane rhetoric. Within days a group of Republican women fired back, calling Wasserman Schultz's demagoguery "baseless" and "inaccurate."

For years, feminists have succeeded in dictating the parameters and vocabulary of the gender debate. By trotting out a sympathetic victim, playing on lawmaker chivalry, or resorting to outright falsehoods, feminists have been able to maintain hegemony over the public discourse. Politicians, newspaper editors, even university presidents learned to toe the feminist line, or else become tagged with the "anti-woman" moniker.

All that changed on February 18. That's the day the U.S. House of Representatives' continuing resolution bill scrapped the funding for Planned Parenthood's abortion business.

In short order, revenue-pinched state legislatures took up the same refrain. Planned Parenthood funding cuts were approved in Indiana, Kansas, and North Carolina. Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels signed HB 1210, prohibiting abortion providers from receiving state funds.

Another sacred cow of radical feminism is the near-automatic award of child custody to a divorcing woman. The fact that children who lose contact with their loving fathers are far more likely to drop out of school and get in trouble with the law doesn't seem to register with feminist logic (forgive the oxymoron, if you will).

But in recent weeks, a bevy of Republican presidential candidates, including Herman Cain and Gary Johnson, lined up to pronounce the current system deeply flawed. Newt Gingrich castigated the "extreme anti-male bias" of family courts.

Another gem in the feminist diadem is the Violence Against Women Act, which is used as a slush fund by domestic violence groups to support lobbying efforts for a broad array of radical causes. But two weeks ago, House Judiciary Committee member Ted Poe vowed to make the law gender neutral. "I certainly agree with equal protection under the law. And maybe a name change is in order," the Texas congressman explained.

And it's not just politicians who are poking holes in the feminist catechism of gender victimhood.

Following its embarrassing overtime loss to the Japanese women's soccer team, Bryant Gumbel of HBO Sports revealed the double-standard that permeates sports reporting these days. "Had a men's team turned in a similar performance," Gumbel commented, "papers and pundits nationwide would have had a field day assailing the players, criticizing the coach, and demanding widespread changes to a men's national team that flat-out choked."

Then the cheeky "Everything I Do Is Wrong" campaign by the California Milk Processor Board that lampooned clueless men and hormone-addled women. The campaign triggered the wrath of the feminist Politburo, with Ms. Magazine demanding an immediate end to the "sexist" campaign.

The Ms. Magazine antics elicited this rejoinder from columnist Jenn Taylor: “What better way to expose portrayals of women as irrational whiners and hysterical bitches than by whining irrationally and bitching hysterically?”

It gets worse.

It’s one thing when conservative knuckle-draggers delight in the excesses of feminism. But when a fellow liberal debunks a feminist sacred cow, that’s hitting below the belt!

That’s exactly what the current issue of Time magazine does – it puts to the lie the shibboleth that working women pull a second shift when they come home, facing a pile of dirty laundry and shrieking kids, as dad lounges on the porch to watch the Dodgers game. According to Ruth Davis Konigsberg, “Quantitatively speaking, we have no grounds to stand on. And it’s time that women — myself included — admit it and move on.”

It’s getting harder and harder for the gender guerillas to play the victim card. Things are looking grim.

Spooked Horse Trips, Insane Female Meltdown Ensues

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A friend sent me a video in which a New York woman is party to an incident with a confused horse, who gets spooked by something and trips, taking a minor spill. The woman subsequently has a full-on meltdown one might expect from a little girl, replete with heaving sobs and accompanying hysteria. It's shameful, and as a father it annoys me exceedingly to see a grown woman engaging in the kind of behavior that my five-year-old daughter has grown out of.

As you will see at the end of the video, the horse is fine. It was the horse equivalent of a guy falling on his butt while carrying something. Big deal. But it becomes the equivalent of a natural disaster to this hysterical woman. Sometimes, you've got to wonder how *anyone* can put up with contemporary urban American women. Without a degree in clinical psychology, you're going to have your hands full.

Watch it here (she's made an issue over copyright so I won't embed).

You can see more of the fat lady's psychotic antics here.

It's really unbelievable.

Chinese Get Serious about Debt

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China has a huge stake in the US economy, and holds more treasury bonds than any other country, so it's hard to blame the Chinese for finally tiring of the antics of our politicians and telling it to the world straight.

Xinhua, the official Chinese media outlet, lists some depressing figures:

> As for the details, the debt deal calls for spending cuts of roughly 900 billion U.S. dollars over 10 years, followed by a second phase of cuts to bring the 10-year total to about 2.4 trillion U.S. dollars. If achieved in full, this is only a little more than half of what is required to stabilize the ratio of public debt to gross domestic product at a safe level.
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> The U.S. has long been facing the same problem: living beyond its means. At present, the country has debts as high as 55 trillion U.S. dollars, including more than 14 trillion U.S. dollars of treasury bonds.
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> National debts equate to 176,000 U.S. dollars per person, or 670,000 U.S. dollars per household.
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> It seems the country will struggle to pay off the debts as its annual tax revenues just average 3 trillion U.S. dollars while the average annual incomes of middle-class families reach around 50,000 U.S. dollars.

According to the Chinese, cuts must be made to defense and welfare:

> Without any plans to increase taxes in the debt deal, spending reductions will be the only means to cut the country's deficits.
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> There will be a clash of opinions in Congress about this. The Democrats will firmly oppose reducing welfare expenses, while the Republicans will refuse to cut national defense budgets, as they always do.

Well, I'm glad the rest of the world is finally saying it. This time, we can't fight or spend our way out of problems of our own making. Who is going to give us the money now?

For a certain class of Americans, the hubris that has taken hold of America's elites in the past couple decades has been disastrous. That class happens to be traditionally the most productive: the young middle class.

Rather than provide young men with incentives to start families and contribute to the nation's economic and social well-being, affirmative action, parasitism and ruinous family law has decimated the ranks of what should have been the pillars of society. There is no way that females in government make-work jobs can replenish the country's coffers. With a great many young men impoverished by having to maintain two separate households for themselves and their babymommas, innovation and productivity has been stifled.

Slutwalkers march down our streets, purses full of borrowed money, and fathers – potential taxpayers – languish in jail. The rest of the world is watching, and starting to grow impatient.

America used to be a beacon of hope in a dark world, and now it just looks trashy. Time to call in the chips.

NiceGuy's Site Turns 10!

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By Solaris

How time flies… Recently, NiceGuy's American Women (mostly) Suck celebrated its **10th** anniversary! Who would have thought that what started as an early blog on Angelfire would become one of the web's longest continually operating men's sites, with thousands of readers and community members. As a tribute to the longevity of NiceGuy's writings, I thought it would be rewarding to recount the history of the site. I hope it will serve as a trip down memory lane for older readers, and a chance for new readers to get the whole story for the first time.

The eponymous NiceGuy first started a small website he simply titled "NiceGuy's WOMEN SUCK Page!" on the 1st of August, 2001 with page host Angelfire. Although he started writing as a means to deal with his frustrations with American women in his own day-to-day life, he soon found that he had an audience, and they started writing to him in increasing numbers. Within the first month, many of the site's seminal articles had been written, and NiceGuy had posted several sets of reader feedback.

Wouldn't it have been great to be able to see the site's beginnings for yourself? Well, thanks to the magic of the interwebs, we can do just that! If you'd like to see an image of the original site from September 2001, click here, or if you'd prefer an interactive version from the Web Archive, you can click here to check it out. With new articles coming thick and fast, there was always something new to read on the front page.

By early 2002, NiceGuy's site had come to the attention of veteran men's advocate Zenpriest, who wrote to NiceGuy with words of encouragement, and expressed his hope that the site would continue. Prior to his self-imposed retirement, he noted that "NiceGuy's site was one of the first self-sustaining men's communities I'd seen appear online." If you'd like to read more about Zenpriest, his famous essay "Hate Bounces" has been republished many times around the web, and continues to be quoted to this day. An archive of his entire old Geocities site, "eye of the mind" can be found here.

In July of 2002, after his move to Japan in April, NiceGuy met the lovely Haruna, and by September of that year found himself in a steady relationship with her. Concerned about her possible reaction to the site's content (specifically, the story he posted about their first date), he decided to scale back the pace of his writing and focus on his new relationship. An image of the modified front page that greeted readers from September 2002 onwards can be viewed here, or alternatively, you can view the archived page itself here.

The site was put on hiatus until December of 2002, with some readers concluding in the mean time that NiceGuy no longer had any intention of posting updates. That was not the case of course, and new posts once again began to come through steadily during the first half of 2003. It was about this time that NiceGuy met Joshua Dearing of dEaringfilm, who graciously volunteered to move the site to his web host, and set up a subdomain dedicated to it. Angelfire was left behind and most of the content was moved to the new address at http://niceguy.dearingfilm.com/. For an image of the site as it appeared in July 2003, you can click here, or click on the link above to view an archived version of the page.

The most notable addition to the site of 2003 however, was the forum. A large number of the site's regular readers quickly registered, and were able to communicate with each other for the first time, finding out just how much they had in common, and that they came from many countries, ethnic backgrounds and social groups. Although the forum's official name is "NiceGuy's MGTOW Forum", older members simply refer to it as "Mancoat" (for reasons that are known only to Joshua Dearing I'm sure!). The forum proved so popular with readers that by December 2003, a list of the latest forum topics was integrated into the site's front page. You can view an image of the site from that period here, or you can view the archived page by clicking here.

2004 and 2005 were busy and prosperous years for the site. NiceGuy returned to America, with Haruna following close behind and new members continued to pour in to the forum, many directed there by the screams of outrage

coming from various feminist blogs. Among those to join during that time were the founders of the philosophy of "Men Going Their Own Way", known to others by their forum handles "Ragnar" and "Meikyo". Ragnar would later recount after the 2006 Mancoat Christmas party that he contributed the distinctive MGTOW road sign, which has become well recognised in the modern Men's Rights Movement.

The end of 2005 saw the site finally move to its own domain at www.the-niceguy.com, separating itself from dEaringfilm. The front page was again redesigned accordingly, though the layout was much more utilitarian that before. For reference, you can view an image of the site from late 2005 here, or browse an archived copy of the site here. Unfortunately, the move caused a severe impact on the site's Google ranking due to a problem with redirection of the old web address. This reduced the influx of potential new readers noticeably. At the same time, other men's issues sites had begun to crop up, and the explosion of services like Blogger and WordPress meant that there were suddenly many blogs vying for the same readership.

2006 and 2007 were difficult years. The site, now titled "The NiceGuy's Women / Ameriskanks (mostly) Suck Page!" was being constantly hammered by spam, and several serious hacking attempts forced the closure of forum registrations to general readership. The forum become invitiation-only and the site effectively went into "stealth" mode in an effort to protect it from being flooded. Additionally, a number of long-time members moved on to start up their own activism projects. The loss of experience came as quite a blow, though of course those departing left with the goodwill of the entire Mancoat community.

Further bad news for readers and forum members came when NiceGuy announced his intention to retire. He posted a final update in January 2007, and made his final forum post on 17 December the same year. There was no grand send-off, but many forum members took the time to wish NiceGuy the best in his life ahead during the lead up to his departure.

With the site's founder gone, NiceGuy's American Women Suck languished in limbo for the better part of 9 months until the most active group of remaining senior members realised they would either have to let the site gradually turn into a sepulchre or make a concerted effort to bring it back to life. In late 2008, a quiet effort was launched to totally revamp the site's content and structure. As most of the original essays written by NiceGuy were contained in a (now partially broken) database, and others had been lost during the various site transitions, a lot of time was spent looking through old backups for content that had vanished. Further, it was decided that the actual html coding of the site's articles, much of it originally generated by Microsoft Frontpage, desperately needed to be re-written to be compliant with modern web standards.

The result, launched 5 months later in March 2009, was a much more professional-looking and reliable site. You can view an image of the site as it appeared then by clicking here. Unfortunately the copy held by the web archive does not render correctly, so the image will have to suffice. The 5 months of hard work paid off, and the forum was once again opened to member registrations. Traffic began to increase, and the site was saved from near-death. Shepherded by the remaining senior members, the site added a Chat Room, RSS Feed and the Contributors Corner section during the following 18 months.

Today, NiceGuy's American Women (mostly) Suck Page is just one voice in the choir of sites devoted to men's issues, but I feel privileged to have been a present for a small part of the history of the Men's Movement. To celebrate the occasion of the site's 10th anniversary, a new site header was commissioned, and produced by the talented Bobby N. For posterity, I also include an image of the site's front page as it stands today, and hope to raise a glass to its continued existence in another 10 years.

Onward and upward!

Talk of America's Demise Greatly Exaggerated

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I'm not an economist, but the hysteria over the financial crisis and debt strikes me as misplaced. Sure, New York has put us in a pickle, but the way everyone is going on about this it's as though the rest of the country doesn't exist.

I recently took a trip through northern Washington state, and the vast, productive land inspired awe. As I drove toward highway 20 to cross the Cascades, logging trucks rumbled by loaded with timber on a regular basis. Further along, there was a large hydroelectric plant that supplies the majority of our electricity in Seattle. On the other side of the mountains, in the idyllic Methow Valley, there were fields of hay and alfalfa. Down along the Columbia, orchards with ripening fruit followed the river. Everything was well-run, clean and productive, and there was potential for plenty more.

Here at home on the west side of the state airplanes are being assembled, fishermen's terminal is full of boats, and ships steam into port like clockwork. This is a land of plenty — not some backward banana republic, as some are saying.

The problem is that all this natural wealth and human capital has taken a back seat to "finance," which seems to be mainly about making money out of thin air. The gang in New York is responsible for pumping up the value of anything convenient to prop up this phony system, and apparently has no real understanding of where wealth actually comes from.

From my perspective, outside of New York, it seems as though we'd be fine without these people. Perhaps there will be some pain as we readjust, but the United States has plenty of potential, and I can only see a benefit to discrediting and cutting loose the speculative crooks who have dug us into this mess. They've had their boot on our collective neck for years, and even now as they are called to account by the rest of the world they scream that we need them.

It's really no wonder that Manhattan has become the center of everything weird, parasitic and freakish in our culture. Sex in the City and these pirates go hand in hand — the suspension of reality and defiance of nature have gone so far that the New Yorker who called New York women a new species (although I wouldn't say "higher" as he does) may have been correct. Well, they may have "evolved" themselves right into another dimension, but in all likelihood they simply deluded themselves into believing they've crossed the threshold into godhood.

Make believe systems have a way of propping each other up. Removing the creation of wealth from productivity frees people to come up with all sorts of other stupid ideas. For example, the idea that men and women are essentially the same, that homosexual lovers typically form stable nuclear families, and that single mothers are somehow "empowering" themselves and their children. When the money just drops from the sky like manna from heaven, perhaps a healthy society does look like something you'd see on the Lower East Side's streets at night.

This is why we shouldn't be all that worried about the financial crisis. It's all based on a fantasy, and the foreigners throwing tantrums over it are simply angry that the little scheme isn't going to be enriching them any longer. How did ordinary Americans really benefit from the enormous amount of wealth we've transferred to China, anyway? Of course the Chinese, Europeans, Russians and all the rest were benefiting from the great sellout of the American people.

Well, the party's over, folks — we aren't going to pay for it any longer. As for the idea that we'll all be working overtime the rest of our lives to pay that phony money back to Chinese bankers, I'm afraid the Chinese are going to be disappointed, because so many potentially productive Americans have already divested from the dollar — how can we pay what we don't have?

It's about time this all came to an end, and I think we ought to be relieved that the end is finally here. Things will be better on the other side of this, and the wasteful excesses – both cultural and financial – will be greatly curtailed.

Might be rough for a while, but hey, to a lot of us men here that’s nothing new. We can deal.

Fun at the Viking Festival

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I went to the “Viking Days” festival at the Nordic Heritage Museum here in Seattle a few weeks ago, and my favorite part was the viking craftwork. There were these guys who make a living off blacksmithing, metalworking and other related stuff. I really enjoyed looking over the swords, spears, axes, chainmail and helmets. Brings out the boy in a guy. These are great events for guys, and even some women enjoy them, so it’s good for a date (with the right kind of woman).

While I was there, I found a few spearheads, and thought about buying one, but settled for taking a picture with one instead. Naturally, I thought it would be fun to post on the site.

In the background you can see some armor and polearms, and a couple flags, including the Vinland flag.

Guy-Flicks III — Revenge of the "Slackers"

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By Ken Knight

Alas, the vicarious thrill of motion pictures…who would have known just 100 years ago during the advent years of the film industry that men would one day sit in a movie theater (or in the comfort of their own homes) and watch a fictional film that tells a story far too fantastic to be "real" but in the same vein spark imagination in the viewers that might just spill over into reality. Life imitates art….if only HG Wells and Jules Verne were alive right now to see the machines, vehicles, and technology they fantasized about in their science-fiction, now fully-functioning in our reality (submarines, spacecraft, etc.).

As previously discussed here at The Spearhead, the trend of women writers, activists, and journalists "shaming" men as a whole by pointing dirty fingers at men's' video-game play, movie and sports watching among other leisure time activities and crying that "men won't grow up" along with other bullshit "slacker" derivatives is growing louder and louder. These female town-criers squawk about men going their own way and NOT catering to women as they "should" (i.e. marriage, procreation, divorce, legalized-theft).

Think it's an over-simplification? Well what happened soon after that banner year of 1920 but the prohibition of alcohol? The biggest lobbies against men having a drink were the Protestant Churches and Women's Groups, both ever-determined to make sure men DO NOT HAVE A GOOD TIME outside the home, church, and sweaty places of work!

Also discussed here on The Spearhead before is the current "town cry" over enjoyment of video games and other electronic leisures, citing "effect on children" whereas in reality it is grown men playing the hell out of video games the most as gaming statistics show.

The Motion Picture Industry and it's Hollyweird crew churn out some really disgusting and stupid films full of misandry and unbelievable sissy-acting held up as "this is what the modern male looks like" not to mention the fact Hollywood cranks out more and more "child-proof" films within the "safe" PG-13 scope claiming a "wider audience" when really they are engaging in a form of soft censorhip that panders to the soccer-mom and "Twilight teens" crowd of movie-goers where no (real) man dare tread. So easy it is for them to ax "Guy-Flicks" that entertain straight adult males and produce more "women-friendly" (i.e. feminist-oriented) films that portray men in a negative light!

GUY-FLICKS are (generally) R-Rated adult-themed action films, erotic-thrillers, and funny-as-hell "Bachelor" storylines are fewer in number these days and mostly delegated to the straight-to-DVD market. And don't say THE HANGOVER (that sort of "men are pigs" film is no Guy-Flick by any means).

However, for those of us "slackers" who do not willingly fall into the modern bear-trap of Marriage 2.0 to overweight hens raising a house full of (another man's) kids, watching movies that portray life different than the norm here in reality, one's imagination is fired…struck on the anvil inside of intelligent minds much like our predecessors who worked on rocket ships and space craft not to mention modern medical procedures such as heart transplants previously thought to only reside in fiction such as 'Frankenstein'. After first IMAGINING the possibility in fiction and doing the research and study, men brought fantasy into reality! And in there lies the hope for a reversal of fortune in these times of blatant misandry that makes men second-class citizens in their own country….

Men will continue to "imagine" as they read books, play video games, and watch movies, imagining life portrayed in certain films where the man is a hard worker and dutiful protagonist who wins the day, gets the girl, and rides off into the sunset a hero…and more importantly as movies portraying straight men in a positive, realistic light become fewer and fewer in number, all is not lost because the "Guy-Flicks" of old are still out there and in-demand to the point they are cheaply mass-produced on DVD.

Men will continue to IMAGINE what it was like before they became wage-slaves and forced-welfare-providers for the “superior” class of women who did not always treat them like they do now, because they’ll see a far better example in films of the past.

Men will continue to IMAGINE what life was like before the advent of state-sponsored misandry, and even as they’re called “slackers” for watching movies over spending their hard-earned dollars on dinner-whores (whom offer nothing in return) and do not actively inspire to become some cupcake’s “Captain Awesome”, these guys might just experience a light-bulb popping inside their heads and then stand up to bring fantasy into reality just as the rocket engineers and medical researchers did decades ago….heralding a new age of men and women as partners in life without an abridged justice system screwing one for the benefit of the other, and individuals as a whole (clutch the pearls!) will be held accountable for their own actions or lack thereof! It’s not impossible my friends, for most revolutions are started by a select few people whom others emulate and follow later on.

I daresay it might just be the so-called “Slackers” (as feminist writers like to call them) who could suddenly realize that they’ve been had by the very society they’re living in and that women were not always antagonistic toward men as the media and justice system pushes them to be now….some will see it in “Guy-Flicks” of the past they pick up for a reduced price once they’re sick of the “men are idiots” plug found in just about every motion picture released to theaters these days. It often just takes a little push for a revolution to begin, and it begins in the mind. Perhaps with the increasing popularity of cheap movies on DVD (and downloads) not to mention video games among grown men and the inevitable feminist push to curtail or censor such fictionalized entertainment, the die will be cast, and life will begin to imitate art….remember my friends, the submarine was once only a tool of fantasy-fiction, so why is mankind’s return to harmony seem so out of reach when all it might take is fiery imagination inspired by an example seen on a theater or television screen?

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Judas goats: How feminism is a great business

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By Max Henrich

Nowadays, there are many people (mostly female) studying subjects like (Women / Gender / Queer) studies. Some data first: Undergraduate women's studies courses enrolled nearly 89,000 students in 2005-06. Undergraduate majors enrolled nearly 4,300 students, while undergraduate minors enrolled nearly 10,500 students in 2005-06 (source: nwsa.org). Now you'll be aware of the fact that people don't learn anything in these courses besides blaming straight men and stroking their female / queer egos. Still, they'll have to pay for their degrees in useless studies – nowadays, many students in the anglosphere start with a five-figure debt into working life. (Even more if they aren't able or willing to be thrifty, like all of those who max out their credit cards.) According to Mark Kantrowitz, who publishes the financial aid websites Fastweb.com and Finaid.org, while the average 2011 graduate finished school with about $27,200 in debt, many are straining to pay off significantly greater loans. A debt of $80,000 isn't uncommon. Even if the lenders of student loans take lower interests than credit card firms (where people who decide for the minimum payment will end up paying their original debt several times and *never getting rid* of their credit card debt, as Cracked knows): Since student loans are *not discharged during bankruptcy*, they provide a credit risk free loan for the lender, averaging 7 percent a year. (Source: Wikipedia) Quite a nice business if you have enough money to lend out, isn't it?

So much about the situation of students. Now let's talk about the small minority of these graduates who'll be so lucky to snatch a cushy government job as a women studies' professor or something comparable. These few ones play the important role of the "judas goats". Explanation: Judas goats were used in old slaughterhouses to lead the lambs (or other animals) to the slaughter, so that said animals wouldn't be afraid and run away or cause trouble. The judas goats later run free – so they could be used again later, to lead more animals to their fate. Same thing applies here: A few lucky feminists will get well-paid jobs, and all other students of Women Studies and such will have to pay off their student loans, for many years. That's what feminism's good for: Allowing a few intellectuals to spread their agenda, maybe even without them being aware that their only purpose is driving many clueless women into a life of exploitation.

Is there a way out of their situation for unlucky Women Studies students, at the moment? This is one, albeit not one their feminist professors would be happy with.
Will this go on forever? Definitely not. Every bubble can and will break. It's just a question of time. And it has been suggested that after the US government has to make cuts in education now, this amount of time won't be that long.

White Knighting in The ‘Hood

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Steve Sailer pointed out a video in which some brainless thugs in Philadelphia decide to avenge some babymomma (Penny Chapman) who was criticized for smacking her kid on the bus. A man on the bus named Lefenus Pickett (the one in the maroon shirt with a shaved head and beard) told her to stop, and then she called up the babydaddy and relatives, who arrived with automatic rifles and subsequently pumped a dozen rounds into the bus in an attempt to murder Pickett. Miraculously, nobody was hurt, but this demonstrates how male violence is so often sparked by female demands for revenge. Part of the reason this is such a widespread problem is that the women who provoke these incidents rarely receive more than a slap on the wrist.

Same thing happened in Seattle not long ago, when an old man who tended a garden in a traffic circle told a woman to drive more carefully, and she subsequently had her fellas beat him to death.

Affirmative action brigade meets a real life riot

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By Dalrock

Our favorite paper the *Daily Mail* has an article out filled with pictures of the disturbing riots which are occurring in the UK. One thing which really struck me was the small stature of the riot police in the photographs. Maybe it is just me, but these don't look like a very intimidating lot. Then I saw this picture, which is even more surprising. I think an appropriate caption would be: *We'll have this riot sorted out in short order!*

I know this was an emergency, so perhaps they were *short staffed*? Or could it be that they had to assemble a riot squad on *short notice*? Perhaps this is a demonstration of their new *small unit tactics*? Feel free to play at home and suggest your own explanations in the comments section. Some of those riot police are so small, it reminded me of a jackass skit (NSFW):

Elsewhere in the article they show this picture of what they call a *female robocop* standing watch. I'm guessing the editors saw this as projecting an exciting image of girlpower. To me she looks unimpressive, and in fact appears frightened. I'm sure the feminists in the audience will disagree, but to me it looks like she is *playing* riot squad. Shouldn't she have been equipped with a big enough truck and a belt fed weapon, so she could whoop with glee and intimidate the rioters?

All of this reminded me of a story *Oz Conservative* noted in his recent post on the topic of the riots. As the *Daily Mail* explained several months ago, Insp Diane Bamber sued for discrimination because she felt that the physical requirements for the riot squad were unfair to a woman of her age:

> For 30 years it has been used to test the fitness of officers who police riots and other outbreaks of serious public disorder.
>
> The so-called 'shield run' involves officers covering a distance of 500 metres in less than two minutes, 45 seconds while wearing full riot gear and carrying a shield.
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> But when Inspector Diane Bamber, 51, failed to meet the time limit, she claimed she had been left humiliated.

That's right! Physical standards humiliated her! Unconfirmed reports have it that her girl power and moxie were both seriously bruised by having to actually do more than dress up and pose in the gear of a riot officer. She was further aggrieved by the officers who would have to ~~make up for her unfitness~~ *serve with her* should a riot ever occur:

> When Insp Bamber applied to retake the shield run, it is alleged that one of her colleagues remarked: 'She's got no f****** chance.'

Fortunately, this travesty did not stand and the tribunal ruled in her favor.

> Judge Hilary Slater said Insp Bamber's claims of indirect sex and age discrimination were 'well-founded'.
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> Noting that the officer had 'suffered humiliation at being sent away from the course', Judge Slater added: 'The tribunal concludes that the claimant was put at the disadvantage suffered by women and persons of her age group in that she failed the test and was not able to complete the training.'

She could recieve up to £30,000 for her bruised girlpower and the department has now lowered the standard enough that even she was able to pass the newly watered down test. This opened the floodgates for similarly ~~unqualified~~ *discriminated against* women in the police force:

> The Mail on Sunday understands that the Association of Chief Police Officers is now reviewing the lawfulness of the physical training formats for 13 specialist operational roles, including those for firearms officers, which could discriminate against women and older officers.

Edit Aug 11: Commenter ruddyturnstone pointed out that the picture I linked to from the original article is not in fact of Insp Bamber, but of her neighbor. From the bottom of the *Daily Mail* article:

> The newspaper version of this article on June 12 carried a picture said to be of Insp Diane Bamber. In fact the photograph was of a neighbour. We apologise for the mistake.

See Also: Dying to be treated like one of the guys.

Felonious Munk puts it to Babymamas and Dumbass Skirt-chasers

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Over the last couple days, Felonious Munk has attained some notoriety for his denunciation of the government's vacillation over the national debt. It's pretty funny and worth seeing, so take a look if you're interested.

However, more appropriate to *The Spearhead* is his opinion on gender relations in 2011. He takes both skanks and those who chase them to account. Felonious has plenty of raw talent, but he needs to polish up the delivery a bit. In any event, I know exactly what he's talking about, and so should most of us men.

More people ought to take the man's advice. In a particularly encouraging line (one we all ought to take to heart), he makes it clear that "before I'm an African American, I'm a man." Check it out:

With Liberty And Justice For Alphas

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A lot's been written on the unfairness of feminist-lobbied laws designed to void the traditional marriage contract, transfer wealth from men to women, and generally "empower" the female half of the population to fulfill their instinctual desires with impunity and not have to worry about any negative consequences to their behavior.

Many who call these laws generally "anti-male" fail to make the distinction as to exactly which males are paying to keep the hypergamous carousel spinning. Understanding this is key to understanding why the men in positions of power who have the ability to stop or reverse this legal trend allow and even encourage it to continue.

You can look fondly back at the old days – the days of constitutional rights, equality before the law, liberty and justice for all… but you can only do this as a beta male. The working stiff, the dutiful husband, the loving father, the family man, the good guy – that's who's getting screwed here.

Being a philandering alpha male has never been easier. The man who controls a woman's emotions is beyond the reach of the newly lengthened arm of the law. He doesn't get falsely accused of rape. He doesn't get divorced. He doesn't get sued for child support. He gets what he asks for in the backseat of his pickup truck and then he gets to drive off to his other baby mama's house where a home-cooked meal waits for him like it's still the fifties. The women he's left raising delinquent teens in the public housing projects where the welfare checks keep coming in courtesy of the clueless masses of working betas, the women whom he's given the very short end of the stick, the women who could seek legal recourse and use the heavily skewed "justice" system against him… *don't*. Because… *they love him*, and who knows… *he still might come back*. He doesn't have to worry. The clueless masses of working betas will pay to raise his accidental kids and "liberated" society will stand idly by and watch him continue to make sport of its daughters. Life is good, and the "anti-male" laws work in this man's favor.

The men who own this place, the men who make the real decisions behind the ballot box puppet show and have the power to override anything an actual elected representative manages to get written down in law – how many of those men do you think qualify as "working stiffs", or have the slightest amount of sympathy for one? In comparison, how many of them are sociopathic egomaniacs with zero sense of caring or fairness, driven only by an all-consuming thirst for power, conquest, mistresses on a conveyor belt and a citizenry of suckers to clean up after them? Consider this before you label something "anti-male".

It's not quite right to speak of a conflict of interest between men and women, although it can often be tempting to reduce the conversation to those terms for the sake of simplicity. The conflict here is more accurately between two different modes of thinking – between the people who produce, provide and support, and the people who exploit their labors. The provider group in this case may be predominantly male and the exploiter group predominantly female, but if you think of this as a "men vs. women" thing, a crucially important fact gets lost in translation. Men cannot choose to become women no matter how much of a sucker's bet being male becomes, so if you choose to see this as a "men vs. women" thing you will quickly reach a conclusion that doesn't make sense: men are being exploited here, yet men hold all the cards. Men produce, men provide, men lead in politics and business, all the real sources of power lie with men – it seems a foregone conclusion that men should have no trouble at all subduing women and "winning". If you look at it as a "gender war", the fact that the "war" wasn't concluded with a decisive male victory the same day it started is absolutely unexplainable.

The only way to explain a "war" where the more powerful side loses is to conclude that members of the superior force are, for some reason, choosing to defect to the other side in large enough numbers to shift the balance of power. It can't be a "men vs. women" thing because men aren't changing into women. It's a producers vs. exploiters thing, and men are in control on both sides. As the exploiter side scores victory after legal victory, being a producer becomes more and more of a sucker's bet, and more and more men decide that the only smart thing to do is to join the winning side. The population-base of producers built by what used to be, in many ways, a pretty healthy and constructive civilization is still the majority, but every day a fraction of it moves over to the other side, and the

worse the producers' prospects become the more this shift will accelerate.

The spirit of the times we live in is not simply "anti-male". A man's chances in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are greater than ever – if he's an alpha.

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From White Supremacy to Female Supremacy?

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[Editor: Dr. Davd Martin, a retired professor who currently resides in Canada, has offered some of his essays as material for The Spearhead. They are written in the academic style, fully annotated and researched, and are a great resource. I'll publish one today as a post, but the style is better suited to another format, such as pdf, so when they've been converted I'll upload them to the library and offer them through links on the main page. In the meanwhile, enjoy!]

From White Supremacy to Female Supremacy?

The Status of Canadian Men and Families Compared to the Former Plight of Black America

Davd Martin, PhD

The “Moynihan report” was controversial from its publication. Cited as

Anonymous, 1965. ***The Negro[1] Family: The Case for National Action***. United States Government Printing Office.

..this centimetre-thick paperback book was written (as acknowledged by the US Department of Labor website, 2010) by Daniel Patrick Moynihan, previously co-author with respected American sociologists and later US Senator from New York.

The purpose of the ‘Moynihan report’ was to urge that

"*The policy of the United States is to bring the Negro American to full and equal sharing in the responsibilities and rewards of citizenship. To this end, the programs of the Federal government bearing on this objective shall be designed to have the effect, directly or indirectly, of enhancing the stability and resources of the Negro American family.*"

The chief problem Moynihan saw in [we would now write Afro-American] families was a tendency toward fatherless, matriarchal household structure. That tendency has spread to society in general, arguably more-so in Canada than in the United States. Given the concerns the report expressed about the effect of family structure on individual accomplishment and societal well-being, we might ask if society in general is now worse off for the change; while given a "morally neutral social science disclaimer" included in the report, we might also ask if the ill effects of a substantially matriarchal family structure as described in 1965, have been remedied by making matriarchy common throughout “society”. These two hypotheses, which can not both be true, are implied by different parts of “the Moynihan report”, and perhaps time did indeed tell, or research could soon tell, which of

them be valid.

During the 45 years since the original was published on paper, the matriarchal tendencies it deplored have become much commoner among "non-Afro-American" families; and perhaps especially among the families of “subjects of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Windsor”: It seems that the dominance of women and girls in the most-Anglophone, most-British-in-ancestry, and most-Monarchist parts of the British Commonwealth, is greater than that in the United States and much of Continental Europe (though some anecdotal reports could be heard to indicate that in Sweden and Finland, women rule in as great a percentage of households as in Canada.)

Tucked away in Moynihan’s text is a "morally neutral social science disclaimer" typical of the 1960s: *"There is, presumably, no special reason why a society in which males are dominant in family relationships is to be preferred to a matriarchal arrangement. However, it is clearly a disadvantage for a minority group to be operating on one principle, while the great majority of the population, and the one with the most advantages to begin with, is operating on another."* [ch IV, near the beginning]

Moynihan continues, "*This is the present situation of the Negro. Ours is a society which presumes male leadership in private and public affairs. The arrangements of society facilitate such leadership and reward it. A subculture, such as that of the Negro American, in which this is not the pattern, is placed at a distinct disadvantage.*" From my own observations and reading during the 1960s, i would say that Moynihan exaggerated the extent of post-World-War II patriarchy in working class American households[2], and that the median and modal distribution of power in American marriages was very close to equality. Though husbands did exercise some ritual headship, much of it was more courtly than real (for example, driving the car when they were in one together, and opening doors and waiting for their wives to pass through first.) In public affairs, male leadership was indeed the norm. Since 1965, the power of women both in public and in private has increased, and that of men has declined.

Today Canada is not “a society which presumes male leadership in private and public affairs” nor one in which “the arrangements of society facilitate such leadership and reward it;” rather the reverse. There is some residual male predominance among leaders over 40 years of age, but this can be best understood as “societal inertia” (cf. Grant, 1969: 115; Martin, 2011). It is more advantageous to be born a girl in Canada today, than to be born a boy; and that has been the case for about a generation. Much rhetoric between 1965 and the present extolled gender equality; but the actual social change has been from near-equality or modest female dominance in the home, and male dominance in the workplace, to[ward] female dominance in both spheres[3].

Looking at changes in Canadian family law and family statistics since 1965, one might plausibly conclude that

Feminists, reading “the Moynihan report”, chose a very different action plan than Moynihan, a high-status Irish-American man, proposed; and that rather than accepting Moynihan’s goal of making the men more prominent in Afro-American family life, they set out to make women more prominent, and men much less, in "non-Afro-American" family life.

Looking at the legal and ‘educational’ treatment of men today, at marital [in]stability and the proportions of single-parent [family?] households, one might conclude that Moynihan failed and the Feminists prevailed—and not only in the US, but even more in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, perhaps also the U.K. In Canada today, with women a strong majority among university students and entrants to the professions, with women advantaged by criminal and “family” law (cf. Martin, 2011), it is more accurate to say, “Canada is a society which presumes female leadership in private and public affairs; the arrangements of society facilitate such leadership and reward it” .. than to say that male leadership is presumed and facilitated[4].

(Might it be relevant that during the intervening years, and for more than a decade before 1965, the Head of State of all these “British Commonwealth” states, has been a woman who, by customary British Royal usage, is explicitly styled as superior to her husband?[5] It does seem to be a truism that the arrangements of the elite are to some extent aped by the middle and even sometimes the lower classes; it has been the case that Canadian and “Commonwealth” ritual has treated Her Majesty Elizabeth II as somehow better than all other people; and what little reference to the Royal Family i myself have read, seems to indicate that Her Majesty’s son Charles, rather than being strengthened as Her heir, has been deprecated. One should probably not infer from this that Her Majesty is a principal influence; but one might well infer that being so deferential[6] to a woman of regal bearing, for over half a century, and seeing the men of her family dominated by her, has had some effect.)

Today, i perceive Canadian family life to be more like the "Negro" family life Moynihan sought to change, than it is like "White" family life in 1965.[7] Moynihan wrote, "Almost One-Fourth of Negro Families are Headed by Females", what is the proportion today in Canada? Men are a decided minority among university students and entrants to the professions, and their rate of representation is falling. As it is advantageous today and has been advantageous all this 21st century, to be born a girl rather than a boy in the Nice countries… so it was advantageous in the first two thirds of the 20th Century, to be born "white" rather than "Negro". Only in the treatment of Afro-Americans before *Brown v. Board of Education*, and possibly the Canadian "Residential School" scandal, can i find parallel within the common-law tradition before 1965, to the treatment of male Canadians today in criminal and "family" law[8].

In the Afro-American case, false stereotypes of inequality were believed for generations: Blacks were believed to be inherently lazier, of lower intelligence, more violent and criminal; one main task of “the Moynihan report” was to show that differences which might be taken as proof of these stereotypes were better understood to *result from* discrimination, than to represent inherent differences between races. It is entirely plausible that, if legal gender

discrimination is accepted for a generation, most Canadians born after 1990 would come to believe that men are inherently inferior to women in much the same ways as “Negroes” were once held inferior to “whites”: For instance, Clark and Clark (1947) found that Afro-American children downgraded their own race in conformity to prevailing cultural biases.

There appears to be a systematic effort to stereotype men along lines eerily similar to those followed by racist stereotypes of “Niggers” in the early 20th Century. As Jeremy Swanson (2009-2010) has detailed but not yet systematically tabulated, men are often treated as guilty until proved innocent by mass media and police, and sometimes by courts of law; while women are treated as innocent until proved guilty and often excused for homicides of husbands or “lovers” if they testify that the victim threatened them—even if that testimony is not corroborated by a neutral witness or strong physical evidence. Considering the temptation to perjury entailed in a risk of criminal conviction, this practice falls far short of the quality of logic normal to Canadian and Common Law; but it parallels rather well the treatment of “Negro Americans,” and especially of male “Negro Americans,” before 1954 (and for some years afterwards in parts of “the South”.)

Comparing the status of Canadian men with some past racial prejudices in a neighbouring country, we can readily see that conventional stereotypes about gender relations left over from the time of “the Moynihan report” are no longer valid and should be corrected. Specifically:

- gender equality in educational and legal treatment and outcomes, would require an improvement in the status of boys and men! (Where are the Affirmative-Action programmes and Legal Reform programmes for males?)
- demands for favouritism for girls or women cannot be supported by appeals to gender equality; and arguments along those lines have been false for all this young century.
- "Patriarchy" is either a foreign phenomenon, as exotic to the Nice Countries as foot-binding or worshipping carved wooden idols[9]; or else it is pre-industrial history with a few present-day manifestations in numerically small subcultures and pre-industrial societies.

As the disadvantaged gender, men can benefit from less-defensive, more honest “strategy-and-tactics”:

- *we should adopt gender equality as a criterion*, but perhaps not as a goal[10].
- we should refute and even scorn the misuse of gender equality by Feminists seeking to increase their privilege, years after they reached and passed equality in treatment[11];
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- we should look to the U. S. Civil Rights Movement for models we can adopt or adapt;
- we should also look at the Feminist actions of 1966-2006 for models we can adopt or adapt[12];

([these two lists are not necessarily complete; additions are invited])

We might benefit if we adopt a label for ourselves other than merely “Canadian men”; and a case could be made for ironically calling ourselves eunuchs. More affirmatively, if one were to ask, *what shall we men call ourselves in analogy to "Negro"*? the parallel treatment would be to translate *man* into Spanish: ***Hombre***. (I like that word because in Spanish speaking countries, the phrase "*muy hombre*" is a compliment.) The rhetorical meaning of taking a foreign word would be somewhat comparable to Afro-American men discarding a foreign word for the plain English “Black”, and also implicitly claim the respect ***hombre*** connotes [and “negro” did not in 1965].

Functionally, adopting a [nickname?] would –

- – acknowledge that we are now subject to systematic and oppressive discrimination;
- – imply that the discrimination is wrong and we do not accept it;
- – show sympathy and solidarity with the Afro-American men who led the Civil Rights movement, but in a way different enough that we are not offending them by using a word they consider to be theirs to employ or not [as Nigger and Negro have become].

– abd also show solidarity with Hispanic Americans, who are perhaps the nearest US ethnic analogue to the Canadian Métis.[13]

The "Moynihan Report"s portrayal of matriarchy seems well worth re-reading in context of today’s marriage laws and differential criminal law enforcement by gender—and of today’s female prevalence in education which, combined with pro-female-biased criminal and family law, leaves us the disadvantaged gender–and to an extent women haven’t been disadvantaged in a hundred years, perhaps far longer. That portrayal also invites a test of the merits of matriarchy, as implied above.

In his ‘morally neutral social science disclaimer’ that "There is, presumably, no special reason why a society in

which males are dominant in family relationships is to be preferred to a matriarchal arrangement," Moynihan presented an hypothesis to the effect that consistency of family structure across ethnic groups was important but the difference between patriarchy, matriarchy, and gender-equality was not[14]. In summarizing statistics on education, employment, income, and [social disorganization], Moynihan presented an implicit hypothesis to the effect that matriarchal, fatherless families were cruelly disadvantaged. Both hypotheses cannot be true together. Canadian family changes since “the Moynihan report” appeared, if their consequences can be identified, may indicate which hypothesis is more true:

- Has shifting social leadership toward female predominance and family leadership toward matriarchy done overall societal good?
- Has it done overall societal harm?
- Or, has societal well-being remained effectively unchanged, with women now clearly better off than men?–that is, have women gained and men lost, in close-to-identical amounts?

Moynihan entitled his "report": ***… The Case for National Action***. The national action was not taken; instead, the matriarchal bias he deplored has become more general. How has social well-being changed over the same span of time, and how much of the change is best understood as the consequence of increasing matriarchy? This is a subject well worth the attention of sociologists, psychologists, and criminologists, and might well contain many good thesis topics for graduate students. (It is also a subject where research design must be especially wary of potential biases.)

The results i have noticed, refute Moynihan’s ‘morally neutral social science disclaimer’: The past 45 years have shown us some special reasons “why a society in which males are [equal or] dominant in family relationships[15] is to be preferred to a matriarchal arrangement”—have they not? Children are less well off. Moral standards have declined, and the declines in honesty, respect and charity are in my humble opinion, comparably and perhaps more harmful than the declines in sexual restraint.[16] Men have lost common-law rights whose value cannot be measured in mere money. Millions of foetuses who could have become healthy, happy children and then socially contributing adults have died for the convenience of adult women, many of whom may wish in old age that they had children to come by and help out. The refutation is not absolute; there can be many kinds of egalitarian, many kinds of matriarchal, and many kinds of patriarchal family structures; our experience has compared one largely egalitarian and two significantly matriarchal examples. It does indicate that matriarchy wastes men and boys contributory potential more than an egalitarian system with a few patriarchal bits, wastes women’s.

Our family and moral declines have parallels, perhaps to some extent consequences, in the huge increases in the importance of and in respect for Islam since 1965. Mainstream Islam is not harshly patriarchal, though some sects may be; it is patriarchal in some ways, and usually gently, as mainstream Christianity was when the world was more

Christian than anything else. We cannot go back and re-live the last 45 years, to see if forming a gently patriarchal or keeping a carefully balanced gender-egalitarian Canadian society might put us in better stead today than our present predicament; but we can and should compare today's conditions with those of 1965. From what i have lately heard about crime and addiction rates among the young, from what Moynihan wrote and i knew from other sources by the time he wrote, about the effects of fatherlessness on school performance and social pathology; from the criminological truism that men who go to prison don't have fathers they can honour…

… "it is putting it mildly" when i doubt that the changes we have seen, were optimal or even desirable and conclude that the 'morally neutral social science disclaimer' was in error.

It is time "and past due", for men to formulate a vision of the future that is better than matriarchy.

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1As those who read Spanish or Portugese recognize already, "Negro" is simply "Black" in a different language. In the mid-20th Century it was deemed more polite to say "Negro" than "Black"; the custom has since changed at the initiative of Afro-American activists: They said they wanted "Black" in English, and we non-Afro folks, from Aboriginals to Euros to Asians, generally went along with that wish.

2In the 1960s i resided in the United States and earned my Ph.D. There. In 1971 i moved to Canada and have lived here since, excepting one year in Finland. I noticed no significant difference between Canadian and US family power balance either on arrival or in anecdotes from people in both countries; but that might be affected by the specific places i lived.

3In the professional workplaces of 2010, there is female dominance among the young and male dominance among the old. Since the old inevitably retire and die and the young inevitably replace them, and since the schoolchildren of today seem to be continuing the girls-above-boys patterns that brought about female dominance among professional entrants today, the pattern is set toward a Canada [and a US, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe] where women dominate the work world as well as most households.

4Female and male dominance, like “matriarchy” and “patriarchy”, are matters of degree, not matters of “kind”. More formally, they are continuous variables, not dichotomies [nor trichotomies, *etc*.]—hence, “more accurate”.

5… and to a greater degree than her father the King was styled superior to her mother the Queen? Her husband is titled Prince Consort, not King; while the title of the wife of a British King, is Queen.

6It is a criminal offence [cf *felony* in US usage] to startle the Queen, a lawyer recently told me.

7I don’t have the data i’d need to compare Aboriginal or Asian ethnic groups in the same way; and in 1965 Moynihan had similar difficulties. If any reader should have such data, i hope he’ll start writing them up.

8Apartheid might be adduced. I do not know those old long-replaced laws as well as i know the US “segregation” and Canadian Residential School stories; and i am not sure if South Africa should be considered part of the common-law tradition in the way the United States is. It should perhaps be stressed that i refer not to the harshest days of “Jim Crow” in the Southern US, but to school segregation, and generally to discrimination as experienced in the northern and western US between 1945-1965, as analogous to men’s legal disadvantages in Canada today.

9The ‘totem poles’ of the Northwest Coast of North America are not idols and they are not worshipped, they may be used analogously to Orthodox ikons, but i am not informed enough of Wakesian practice to say for sure. Carved wooden idols are worshipped in parts of Asia (Yohannan, 2001: 58)

10Why not a goal? I have seen indications, as yet not enough for me to form a conclusion [much less write-up formally], that women in power misuse that power and mistreat other women as well as men, to a greater extent than do men in power. It may be that in a decade to a generation from now, if these indications are confirmed, that a predominance of men in holding some forms of power, will prove to be the wisest political arrangement. That said, using gender equality as a criterion remains worth while: If men should return to dominance, it ought to be with good cause and good and documented reason. We have now seen in both race and gender relations, the baleful effects of selfish political oppression.

11Gender equality “on balance”, with women advantaged in the domestic sphere and men in paid employment, may

have existed in working-class Canada and “white America” well before 1965.

12The difference between “look to” and “look at” is intentional. Afro-American men are our brothers in spirit [and for some, brothers or at least cousins in genealogy as well] while Feminist activists seeking still-more-preferential treatment while already advantaged, are our oppressors. We can learn from our oppressors, as for instance many believe the founders of the State of Israel learned from the *Wehrmacht* of World War II; but we should do so more warily than from our fellows—as the State of Israel has perhaps to some degree, failed to do, resulting in greater hostility from the Muslim world, than was needful.

13As there are at least two Hispanic subcultures in the United States (e.g. Chicano, Puerto Rican, Cuban) so there are at least two Métis subcultures in Canada (e.g Prairie, Acadian, rural-Québecois). Métis in Spanish is, of course, *mestizo.*

14Since such disclaimers were conventional in social science in the 1960s, one cannot tell if Moynihan believed what he wrote or simply “genuflected” to a custom of his time and line of work.

15Oddly, “the Moynihan report” hardly mentions gender equality; yet my observations of dozens of marriages and households from 1955-1980 indicated to me that rough gender equality was commoner than matriarchal or patriarchal household organization—and thus, the median as well as the modal form in working and middle class Canada and USA. We should not despise nor avoid equality! We should neither, mis-label arrangements to our disadvantage, as equal.

It might be worth mentioning, that declines in the crime rate and particularly the rates of some violent crimes, should not be “credited” to Gun Control nor to the degradation of men—but to ***ageing***. It has long been a criminological truism that crime generally and violent crime especially is far commoner among the young than the old; and that the effect of long prison sentences in reducing recidivism is largely due to aging. (At the extreme, of course, the recidivism rate among those who die in prison, is zero.) Canada’s population has grown noticeably older since 1965; and in accord with the ageing hypothesis, Canada’s crime rate has fallen (CBC News, 2010b).

16That is not to minimize the declines in sexual restraint: When prostitutes become “sex trade workers”, real trades are denigrated through no fault of their own; when sexually transmitted diseases become common, public health in general suffers. It is to say that privileging the least moral of women to lie and drive innocent men to suicide (*London Daily Mail*, June 25, 2010), and then protecting their identity so future victims cannot be forewarned, represents moral decline comparable to that which marked the last years of the Roman Empire.

London in Flames: The un-PC Truth

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[Editor: this isn't exactly our focus, but as we have a lot of British readers, and I promised some time ago to expand topics somewhat, I thought it ought to be posted anyway (and Petra's fired up -- it's a fun read). The points she brings up are also relevant in that this event is another example of the failure of PC ideology, which encapsulates feminism.]

By Petra

It's been three days and three nights now that London has been burning, and there is no end in sight. An orgy of violence, destruction and looting has been raging across the capital; gangs of mostly black youths continue to smash up and plunder shops, vandalize and torch properties and set cars ablaze.

Yet politicians and much of the media (including the BBC, the bastion of political correctness) persist in ignoring the facts while dishing out fashionable propaganda. And so gang members and criminals become poor, misunderstood and 'socially deprived' young people, and looting and violence are justified as alleged consequence of government spending cuts, poverty and inequality. Not surprisingly, the fact that vast majority of these savages (sorry, disadvantaged youths) belong to certain protected minorities has barely been noted by our PC, diversity-worshipping media and politicians.

Let's put things straight. Spending cuts (which are in any case more imaginary than real – public spending will continue to increase each year for the next four years, according to the government budget) and inequity have nothing to do with what's been taking place in London (and now other UK cities as well). The criminal gangs of looters and arsonists are not victims of the economy or society; they are worthless, feral thugs who never had any interest in honest work, choosing instead to live off welfare and proceeds of crime.

That they – and many millions more – have been allowed to make such life choices, paid for by one of the world's highest tax rates imposed on the hard working and productive Britons, is a consequence of the suicidal policies the UK has adopted in recent decades. Britain has bred (and imported) a vast underclass of savages and degenerates lacking any moral values, oblivious to ideas of hard work and social obligation, ingrained with a sense of entitlement with zero responsibility, and indulged in instant gratification.

Such people should have no place in a civilized society. But then, the UK can no longer claim to be one. It is a crumbling nation that has slowly but surely been descending into utter madness, with its celebration of moral inversion, non-judgmentalism, tolerance for the intolerable, support and protection of all that is evil, criminal, ugly and destructive. What we're seeing in London is the product of a self-indulged, decaying society lacking any moral codes and sanctions or penalties for unacceptable behavior.

Unsurprisingly, even staring reality in the face (in the form of torched buildings, burnt out cars, wrecked buses, Molotov cocktails, and looting gangs) is apparently not enough to wake people from their carefully constructed delusions. The escalating violence has – predictably – brought out a growing army of apologists reveling in an orgy of excuse-making for the widespread lawlessness and violence.

There are also those who blame the feral violence and mass thuggery on alleged police brutality and – what else? – 'racism'. The police certainly have plenty to answer for. They could start by explaining why they have been standing aside, allowing wholesale looting and violence in broad daylight. Their lack of intervention led to a complete breakdown of order, sending out a message that gangsters can act with brazen impunity. From there it was only a matter of time for the attacks to spread across the capital (and now other UK cities).

The British police, courts and justice system have long been a joke, going out of their way to protect and appease law-breakers, while denying both support and any right to self-defense to the victimized, law-abiding citizens whom they unleash the criminals on. It is the soft policing approach coupled with laughable sentencing (no

incarceration even for serial violent offenders) and focus on the 'human rights' of the perpetrator that are partly responsible for the plight of all those who were made homeless, had their businesses destroyed and their lives ruined over the last three days (and counting).

Then there is the pervasive culture of political correctness that has, over the years, fatally wounded all British institutions, police force including. That the police made little attempt to restore order in the streets or intervene as looters were lining up to plunder stores and torch buildings has much to do with the 'sensitivities' of the minority population. For years police have been trained to be oversensitive to issues of race and to gently 'engage' and 'reach out' to those who use imaginary discrimination and grievances as excuse for criminal behavior. Police, much as everyone else in the UK, are paralyzed by fear of being called racist. It's safer for their career to stand aside when it comes to minorities' crime.

The Hate Crime guide published by the Association of Chief Police Officers in 2002, and periodically updated, dismissed the strict impartiality principle on the basis that impartial justice was unfair; "*colour blind*" policing – described as "*policing that purports to treat everyone in the same way*" was deemed flawed and unjust because it "*fails to take account of the fact that different people have different reactions and different needs. Failure to recognise and understand these means failure to deliver services appropriate to needs and an inability to protect people irrespective of their background*." Officers who practiced such policing were to expect disciplinary action.)

Years of 'sensitivity training', health & safety focus and false priorities (such as being non-threatening, non-confrontational, and non-provocative instead of effective in crime fighting) have also created a new breed of police officers who are simply too cowardly and unable to do what their job requires.

Hence the appalling scenes of police standing by watching violent mobs destroy vast swathes of the capital. Despite the 16,000 officers on the streets, London has descended into chaos, anarchy and brutality, and law-abiding, tax-paying citizens are getting zero protection as their lives and property are being threatened and ruined. The cops, although fully armed and armored, are not reacting (unless one considers retreat an appropriate response) even as teams of young men are throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at them.

Today, after three days of mayhem, Home Secretary Theresa May ruled out the use of more appropriate tactics: *"The way we police in Britain is not through use of water cannon. The way we police in Britain is through consent of communities."* Not that this comes as a surprise; the elites have long proven to be completely out of touch with the reality of ordinary Britons. After all, Ms May et al don't have to suffer the consequences of their delusional and evil policies and decisions.

The black community, unwilling to control its youths and happy to tolerate the criminal activities of its members, rarely accepts any responsibility, yet is always eager to voice indignation against the police. The death of Mark Duggan, a North London gang leader allegedly involved in drug dealing and gun crime (but of course praised by some as a leader of his community) was no exception. His killing on August 4, in an apparent shoot-out with officers from Operation Trident (a unit that deals with gun crime in the Afro-Caribbean communities) sparked a protest rally that soon escalated into demands for vengeance and the mass violence that has now spread across London, Birmingham, Bristol, Liverpool, Nottingham and Manchester.

If Britain was a civilized country with its priorities right, the police would have stepped in immediately and with full force, arresting every looter, arsonist and gang member. Were the police unable to do so, the army should have been sent in to wipe out the scum.

But of course this being a 'caring' and 'compassionate' nation (instead of say zero tolerance, low crime Singapore or Japan), David Cameron et al will instead continue to spout their touchy-feely "hug a hoodie" garbage and throw billions more on 'disadvantaged' and 'disenfranchised' special groups. Meanwhile, the country will keep spiraling down into the depths of moral and spiritual poverty and degeneracy.

And if London's burning now, just wait to see what happens in the coming years, once the economy collapses and the welfare checks stop coming. If you happen to live in the UK and haven't left yet (as I thankfully did earlier this

year), better start preparing for war.

London Riots: Feminism No Excuse

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I've seen some MRA talk about how the riots in London were a result of fatherlessness, poor treatment of boys, etc. Maybe they were to some trivial extent, but I don't really buy it. In fact, what I see is a politically privileged group of people acting out because they know they can do so with impunity.

These kinds of riots are familiar to Americans. We've had them since the 1960s. Typically, they develop after some confrontation with police, as they did in London. Our most recent spate of mass disorder was a response to a natural disaster — hurricane Katrina. Katrina was shameful. Groups of looters took advantage of the breakdown of law and order to steal and kill. Some of them were NOLA police officers themselves, which just goes to show how much of a joke the law can be in the US.

Sure, there's a racial component, but that certainly doesn't excuse the murder and mayhem. Nor would fatherlessness or unemployment. And in the UK, it's especially appalling, because the community that kicked it off was never dragged over there in chains, but rather welcomed by native Britons. Not good enough, I suppose…

About ten years ago, there was a brutal riot in Seattle during Mardi Gras. Having seen some indication that gangbanger types were showing up in large numbers, I avoided the festivities, because I knew trouble was brewing. However, it was even worse than I expected. A young man, Kris Kime, was beaten to death for trying to intervene in the vicious beating of an innocent person. Another man was similarly lynched in London a few days ago, and several South Asians protecting their neighborhood were deliberately run down and killed by a truck-driving rioter. Yet, unbelievably, we have some MRAs making excuses for these animals.

In Seattle during Mardi Gras, the police were ordered by the mayor to take a hands-off approach. Former Mayor Paul Schell has blood on his hands for that. Police have been so politicized as to be almost useless in these matters. When the putative point of contention is about some cherished grievance, the cops are not going to intervene meaningfully to restore order. This is nothing new; when southern whites under Jim Crow terrorized black communities, they routinely got off the hook. However, we're dealing with a new kind of tyranny, and this ain't the old South. Today, it's the leftists' pets who are unleashing mayhem.

It doesn't matter whether the thugs in the streets are blacks, huns or low-class whites — they could have been Nazis invading from Calais in 1940 considering the way they behaved, and that's exactly what they should have been treated as. Perhaps the most shameful thing about it is that those tasked with protecting the English people failed them so miserably. The English people themselves could have done a far better job protecting their cities than the so-called police, but they've been disarmed and pacified by their "leaders," who will simply use this as an excuse to pry even more money out of the hands of responsible citizens in an effort to placate the bullies who conducted the mayhem.

Fortunately, some Englishmen did stand up, and there's some video to prove it (HT Quartermain). These are the men I'm going to stand behind, and I hope their spirit picks up steam and challenges the sleazy crooks in Whitehall who fiddled as London burned:

The Prosecution of False Rape Accusers 'Must Be Stopped'

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Lisa Longstaff of the UK's Women Against Rape bemoaned the fact that some women are prosecuted for making false rape claims. "Such prosecutions must be stopped," she declared. "It is a galling diversion for women to be jailed when the vast majority of rapists are not – 90% of rapes are never reported and only 6.7% of those that are reach conviction on a full charge of rape. The prosecution of women and the disproportionate media coverage they get are putting rape victims off reporting and leaving all of us more vulnerable to attack. Is that what they want?" Source: http://www.guardian.co.uk/law/2011/aug/12/layla-jailed-after-reporting-sexual-assault

Longstaff once said this: "Every prosecution [of false rape claims] puts women who have been raped off reporting it." Another time, she called such efforts "a concerted witchhunt."

Longstaff's is not the advocacy of a serious social reformer; it is the advocacy of ugly gender get-evenism that has no place in the public discourse about a critical issue. The notion that society can only combat one form of criminality, namely rape, by ignoring other serious criminality, namely false rape reporting, or that society can only wage the "war on rape" by elevating the victimization of one group of our citizens, our daughters, over that of another, our sons, is as puerile as it is patently unjust.

Holding criminals accountable for their crimes is *not* a zero sum game, and Longstaff's suggestion paints her as an extremist whose pronouncements are not to be taken seriously.

If some women are being unfairly prosecuted for false reporting, such unfairness is as deserving of society's attention as is the unfairness in wrongly prosecuting persons for rape. In fact, women are rarely prosecuted for false reporting, and typically, charges are lodged only where the evidence is clear and manifest. Instances of unjustly charging women for false reporting are extremely rare and receive inordinate media attention. The problem isn't that too many false accusers are being prosecuted but not enough.

In addition, the suggestion that rape victims are put off from reporting because a few women are prosecuted for making false rape claims is posited without any supporting evidence, and is absurd on its face.

As a general matter, the unfortunate gender politicization of rape renders it impossible to discern whether serious underreporting even exists, much less its extent. See, J. Fennel, Punishment by Another Name: The Inherent Overreaching in Sexually Dangerous Person Commitments, 35 N.E.J. on Crim. & Civ. Con. 37, 49-51 (2009). Yet, paid sexual assault counselors posit every imaginable percentage of alleged underreporting as if there were a scientific basis for it, and none of those figures can be reconciled with the numbers of women they claim are actually raped. For an interesting, and even-handed, assessment of the games played when it comes to claims about the prevalence of rape, see Chad Hermann's landmark One-in-One-Thousand-Eight-Hundred-Seventy-Seven.

Beyond this, there is no evidence whatsoever to support the proposition that holding a liar accountable for her lies will significantly deter women from reporting legitimate rapes, any more than prosecuting some people for arson deters people from reporting fires.

At last year's Specter rape hearing, a feminist writer live-blogged the testimony of Scott Berkowitz, President and Founder of the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN). Berkowitz's testimony cast an interesting light on Longstaff's claims as to why women don't report:

"On reporting [of rape]: More victims may not be reporting their rapes, but the reasoning has changed over the past few decades. 'A generation ago,' the reasons were things like, 'fear of not being believed; fear of being interrogated about and blamed for their own behavior, and what they were wearing. In short, they feared that they would be the one on trial.' Today, 'the perception of many victims has evolved.' Now they don't report for these reasons: 'they don't want their loved ones to know what happened; they're ashamed themselves; they just want to put it all behind them.' Today, 'fear and shame of how the police wil [sic] treat them' has moved down on the list of reasons victims

provide for not officially reporting the crime. As much as we need to educate police to take reports seriously, Berkowitz says, we also must 'educate victims on the importance of reporting.'"

Ironically, claims that "only 6.7% of [rape claims] reach conviction on a full charge of rape" may be contributing to whatever underreporting exists. Last year, the Stern Review in the UK said that claims by rape advocates that rape is not being properly prosecuted might actually put women off from reporting. Here is why: in the UK, the Home Office, and politicians seeking to jack up rape convictions, have long cited the attrition rate for rape, which is the number of convictions as a percentage of number of reported crimes. That rate is 6%. But, the Home Office, and everyone, uses the conviction rate (the number of convictions secured against the number of persons brought to trial for that given offence) for all other crimes. In fact, the conviction rate for rape is 58%. The result of such dishonest advocacy has been to make it appear that law enforcement is terribly, and uniquely, ineffective when it comes to rape. The Stern Review noted that use of the attrition rate instead of the conviction rate "may well have discouraged some victims from reporting." Stern Review, see page 45 (emphasis added).

Refusing to prosecute rape lies hurts not just innocent men and boys, but actual rape victims. For every criminal act, our society accepts the notion that punishing the wrongdoer will promote, among other things, deterrence. In false rape case after case after case, judges and law enforcement officials bemoan the harm to actual rape victims done by the lies of false accusers. With every rape lie, the integrity of every rape claim is diminished. In order for rape to regarded as a serious social malady, the general public, including prospective rape jurors, must be assured that the police are not unfairly prosecuting innocent men and boys and are holding rape liars accountable for their crimes.

Violence Against Women Act Must Stop the Hateful Stereotypes

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The Senate Judiciary Committee recently held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Americans certainly should do all we can to stop partner aggression…but does that mean it's fine to batter the truth?

In order to convince over-burdened taxpayers to pony up the nearly $400 million for VAWA's wide-ranging criminal justice programs, proponents have tucked into the law a series of alarming findings designed to play on the chivalrous impulses of male lawmakers…and the darkest fears of their female constituents.

To put the issue into perspective, every good study has found that women are as likely as men to haul off and slap, kick, or punch their partners. And when women are maimed, more often than not, it's the female who started the melee.

Professor Martin Fiebert at California State University has compiled the results of over 250 studies, concluding "women are as physically aggressive, or more aggressive, than men in their relationships with their spouses or male partners." The problem is especially worrisome with high school girls who, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, are 25% more likely than boys to be the instigators of partner abuse: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5704a1.htm#tab11

So welcome to the world of VAWA-land, where statistics are blithely sliced, diced, and cherry-picked to the point that they bear little resemblance to the truth. Here's just a sampling from the make-believe smorgasbord….

First, the over-wrought generalizations. One of the VAWA findings avers, "One out of every 3 Indian women are raped in their lifetimes." But that statistic is based on the responses gathered from a grand total of…ready for this?…88 women.

Second, the creative mangling of the truth. VAWA claims, "There is a strong link between domestic violence and homelessness. Among cities surveyed, 44 percent identified domestic violence as a primary cause of homelessness." But according to the U.S. Conference of Mayors report that is the basis of the claim, domestic violence is only the fifth leading cause of homelessness.

Next come the weasel words. One finding states solemnly, "the former United States Advisory Board on Child Abuse suggests that domestic violence may be the single major precursor to child abuse and neglect fatalities." But according to the far more authoritative National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect, children living in single-parent households face an 80% higher risk of experiencing serious injury or harm from neglect. In other words, breaking up a family on account of minor abuse constitutes a far greater risk to kids than the initial incident of partner abuse.

Then we come to the one-sided claims: "40% of girls ages 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend." Shocking indeed, except it fails to mention the percentage of teenage boys who know of someone assaulted by a girlfriend, which is somewhere in the neighborhood of 40%.

This brings us to the gross misrepresentations: "Each year about 324,000 pregnant women in the United States are battered by the men in their lives. This battering leads to complications of pregnancy, including low weight gain, anemia, infections, and first and second trimester bleeding."

Outrageous? Now do you want to hear what the research really says? According to the analysis published by Julie Gazmararian in the Maternal and Child Health Journal, in her words, "we can estimate that between 152,000 and 324,000 women experience violence during their pregnancies."
So VAWA conveniently omits the fact that the actual number may be 152,000, not 324,000. And most incidents of "violence" consist of a minor shove or slap – a far cry from what most people think of as "battering."

Ready for the galloping falsehood? “37% of all women who sought care in hospital emergency rooms for violence-related injuries were injured by a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend,” the VAWA finding screams. But the US Centers for Disease Control says the actual percentage is less than 1%. But hey, when we’re talking about a subject as important as domestic violence, any number will do.

And now the grand finale, the gender vilification: “in a national survey of more than 6,000 American families, 50% of men who frequently assaulted their wives also frequently abused their children.” This claim is based on the 1985 National Family Violence Survey. Look closely at Table 14.2 of that study, and you’ll see that child abuse rates for abusive moms and dads are nearly identical.

Overall, VAWA contains dozens of alarming findings that depict a nation of women besieged by loathsome men incapable of containing their abusive impulses. Each year the federal government spends $84 million on domestic violence education and training programs that spew flawed statistics, one-sided claims, and undeserved stereotypes.

It’s time we stop the misinformation and hate.

Guys like him are dangerous...

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Single buddies of married men (and the women who hate them)

by Ken Knight

I have mentioned this phenomenon in previous articles and posts here yes, but I have been thinking perhaps I should expand on the subject a bit more. Yes, it is a well-known derivative of marriage that a man's buddies (especially the single ones) are usually dismissed by their newly-married friend as soon as cupcake makes her view of them known and presses hubby to mind his ball-and-chain (household / wifey chores) and act accordingly. Single male friends are seen as possible "saboteurs" by an insecure wife because, to put it simply he's like the escaped slave, he brings news of freedom! (to quote comedian Bill Maher). To toss kerosene onto the fire of argument even more, I'd daresay it is a single man's "freedom" that may indeed make the married buddy re-think his position, with the exception of "smug marrieds" i.e. men who think they are better than their single, unattached, childless brothers because they have "what is expected of a man" and like my buddy Davis who calls himself a "p*ssy getting motherf*cker" because he's been married twice in ten years and is bankrupt to prove it. Hubris may cause blindness!

In my own experience as a lifelong bachelor I have had friends and associates who were single for years, gotten married then divorced, and even ones who got married and (willingly) settled into being "locked down" as soon as the honeymoon was over and never seen again by his male buddies. To wit I have seen/heard wives of married buddies deride single men they knew as any one of the litany of insecure woman's pet-monsters:

1. "He's a creep; no one else hangs out with him! (even though she doesn't see the guy but once in a blue moon and assumes her hubby is said single guy's "only" friend in the world).
2. "He doesn't have a girlfriend, what is he queer or something?" (no girlfriend the wife has ever seen because single guy doesn't want to bring his date/girlfriend anywhere near the bitch).
3. "All he does is drink and party!" (although cupcake has only seen him at a party and finds it convenient to defame the single guy as a raging alcoholic based solely on one or two party-scene observations).
4. "He's a never-been-married loser, why be pals with him?" (yet another example of cupcake playing to a smug husband's bravado in attempt to get him to see his single buddy as a "loser" for NOT having a ball-and-chain).
5. "Guys like him are dangerous…reminds me of Timothy McVeigh" (probably the worst shaming of a single guy I've heard so far from married women I know, and it was based on the fact the guy was single and liked firearms as well as rugged outdoor camping but did not have a wife to "restrain" him).
6. "You think your friend is gay and doesn't know it yet?" (more fag shaming from a wife about one of her husband's never-married single buddies who she doesn't let come around enough times to bring a girlfriend with him, playing on hubby's dislike of homos to get him to drop single buddy).

Far be it for me to assume every dynamic of couples-living because I for one have avoided marriage my entire adult life, but I have seen and heard these very instances of married women shaming the hell out of single men who happen to be friends with their husbands, enough to draw a very definitive conclusion: To the married couple a single man is "kryptonite" and in most cases gets dropped from the invite-list after awhile as many of you already know.

The lesson here for single men comes forth as a looking-glass "powerpoint" where one can view a crystal clear picture of what married life would be like for them by the way he is treated by the wife (and often his recently-married buddy) once the wedding ceremony is over and snookems has sent out her thank-you cards to all the suckers who bought her something pricey for her "special day".

One more lesson to ponder in this regard….what do you think could happen in the latter days (soon to come) of an

American Matriarchy with this “kick the single guy out” phenomenon sliding further out into a society-wide spectrum in this growing “public safety” culture?

- Single men without children not allowed being in areas where children congregate
- Single men prosecuted for “street harassment” (flirting w/ uninterested women)
- “Bachelor’s Tax” money-siphoning (backed by Evangelicals of course)
- Single men shamed increasingly more so in media (a la “Our Idiot Brother”, etc.)

For all the freedoms a single man does enjoy, he will always be top of the hate list for married women, single feminists, lesbians, and the men who look down on them because they’re not doing “what a man should do”. If these folks could build a concentration camp and toss men like me in it, they would!

In the thick of it

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In an attempt to break my will over her proposed international relocation of my kids with her new husband (the guy she had an affair with), my ex is hammering me with motions right now, demanding attorney's fees, etc., despite the fact that she knows I'm broke after paying for an attorney. In fact, that's the point — women know they have the advantage and can beat a man down through extended litigation. It's the same tactic she pursued before, except this time she can't pull the CPS/police card without being censured by the court, which allows me to at least sleep at night.

However, it's pretty distressing all the same. In order to keep some sanity, I have to take a lot of deep breaths and remind myself that there's only so much that I, as a human being, can do. Of course, she found this website and is trying to use that against me in court. I'm not really all that concerned about that, but we'll see what that gets her. It's all fair game now, I suppose, but I still have to wait for it all to be on the record before I can mention any details.

As usual, I'm getting smeared, and as a man I have to play the moderate even as I'm being called a foaming at the mouth psychopath. This is part of the game — women are given carte blanche to smear, accuse and generally attack while guys are expected to behave as St. Francis of Assisi.

My kids are blissfully unaware, and I will continue on as though nothing has changed until it has. So, I'll keep the posts coming to the best of my ability and wish the best to all men and women of goodwill out there. All we can do is try to do good works and fight evil, and have some faith that our lives on this earth have some meaning. There's really nothing more to it, and if you can accept this there's solace and comfort even in the worst of circumstances.

An inherent disadvantage

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One of the problems men face in court is ingrained human nature. When you're facing a judge who has 15 or so minutes to decide the fate of your family, it can present some serious problems. Perhaps the most common of these is the instinctive tendency of humans to have a protective attitude toward women, and a dismissive attitude – even containing some elements of humor – toward female on male aggression. People are so unconcerned about female aggression that radio show hosts will crack jokes about men having their penises cut off and ground up in the garbage disposal.

The upshot of this is that a man facing a judge who goes on the offensive against a woman will be disliked on an instinctive level, whereas a woman who does the same will be indulged, and possibly even garner some sympathy, even if her claims verge on incredible. It's a pernicious problem, and due to the American legal system, which is adversarial, it is tacitly encouraged.

There's really nothing new about this, and for centuries there was a safeguard, known as spousal privilege, that barred spouses from testifying against each other in court. Spousal privilege still exists in law, but is greatly modified from its roots, and is now generally restricted to protecting the confidentiality of private communication between spouses during a marriage. However, as family law stands today, there is now a fairly strong *incentive* to smear one's spouse.

The problem for men is that that incentive doesn't really apply to them. In fact, it's in a guy's best interest to soft-pedal even serious issues, such as a wife's addiction issues, her parenting skills (or lack thereof), or her general irresponsibility. This may seem counterintuitive, but judges just won't like you if you stand in front of them and attack your wife, no matter what kind of nasty person she may be. The wife, on the other hand, incurs very little risk when she engages in character assassination, and often gains the upper hand through such tactics.

Given the law as it exists today, there's little men can do about this but try to eat it calmly, and hope that the attacks go overboard and into the "obviously false" category. After a certain sustained volume of these kinds of allegations, judges will begin to grow annoyed, and eventually may lose patience entirely. But you certainly can't count on it — the sad fact is that luck always plays a big role in these matters.

As for how this problem could be dealt with, it might be worthwhile to re-examine the concept of spousal privilege, strengthen it, and suspend it only in cases of violent or property crime against a spouse or children. If a spouse wants to trash her husband, she'll have to go all the way and accuse him of a crime — at least that way he'll have due process and a public defender. As for denigrating his habits, parenting skills, political views, etc., this should all be inadmissible. Let a parenting evaluator come and make a determination, and that can be entered into evidence. This would eliminate much frivolity and save families a great deal of money during the very expensive process of separation and divorce.

Furthermore, it would go some ways toward leveling the playing field for fathers, and that's something everyone ought to support for the good of children and families.

Incidents in China Suggest Further International Destabilization

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Joe Biden's recent trip to China is turning into a farce as petty diplomatic incidents erupt in Beijing. A Chinese basketball team playing a "friendly" match with Georgetown literally beat down and stomped American players over a disputed foul, forcing the Americans to cut the game short to beat an ignominious retreat under a hail of missiles hurled by patriotic Chinese fans. At one of Biden's speeches, Chinese officials told reporters to leave before he finished, and when American reporters objected beefy Chinese guards started shoving them around.

> Only minutes into Biden's remarks, Chinese officials had begun to direct reporters toward the exits. Most reporters and the vice president's staff objected, saying it was important to cover the entirety of Biden's opening statement, as had been the agreement between officials beforehand.
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> Soon the stern shooing turned into forceful shoving. As reporters tried to stand their ground, Chinese officials locked arms and pushed forward in a show of overwhelming force. Soon enough Biden did finish, but reporters had difficulty hearing the entire thing because of the fisticuffs.
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> Hours later, Biden held another meeting with the chair of the National People's Congress, Wu Bangguo. And again, Chinese officials attempted to force reporters from the room even as Biden was still speaking.
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> Though there would not be the kind of physical interaction as in the earlier meeting, the vice president's staff was not pleased with their Chinese counterparts, who they felt were showing disrespect to the office and to the country.

Recently, the American press was singing the praises of Gary Locke, former governor of Washington state and Chinese-American ambassador to China, because the Chinese were impressed by the fact that he carried his own luggage at the airport. Of course, what they don't mention is that Locke is favored by Chinese in large part *because of his Chinese ethnicity*, which is why he probably shouldn't be the ambassador to China. Locke will be favored over other Americans, and Chinese will assume that his true allegiance and duty is to China — this is entirely normal in a civilization that simply doesn't operate on the Western premise of multiculturalism. It is also why Locke gets special treatment and praise while other Americans get beat up.

The basketball brawl was quite a spectacle. It was clearly instigated by the Chinese players, who started slapping one of the Hoyas around. This cleared the benches, and then the Chinese team and spectators proceeded to give the Americans a beatdown.

See for yourself:

This level of disrespect is far beyond the pale, and must be sanctioned by higher-ups in China, if not in word in spirit. When I lived in Beijing, there were occasionally political incidents between the US and China which the PRC government would use as an excuse to whip up nationalist, anti-American hysteria. Sometimes it would get pretty ugly. Following the bombing of the Chinese embassy in Belgrade (allegedly by mistake) a mob tried to storm the embassy in Beijing, and another torched the US consular residence in Chengdu right about when I left in '99. But engaging in this behavior during an official visit, absent any violent provocation, is different.

China's government is facing some very serious problems, and is trying to shove blame onto the US — a common tactic over there. But given the economic situation and the mutual reliance between the US and China, this renewed acrimony does not bode well for either country. It looks like relations are set to deteriorate for some time, and the US is going to face more collection calls from the Chinese.

The Allure of Romance Draws Women Away from STEM

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Laura Park, an assistant professor of psychology at SUNY Buffalo, is on the verge of publishing the results from a series of research projects that explored the connection between romance and women's interest (or lack thereof) in math and science. In one study, she showed young men and women romantic images, and then surveyed their interest in STEM subjects and degrees. After viewing the images, the men were unmoved, but the women expressed less interest in math and science.

In another study, she found that when women indulged in romantic fancies, they felt happier and more attractive, but shunned their math studies:

> female undergraduates in a mathematics course were given a mobile device on which they could record their strivings and activities in various areas, including romance and academics. They might note a crush, or calling someone they liked (romantically) or various academic accomplishments (related to finishing assignments, doing well in class, etc.). Likewise they answered questions about their senses of how attractive they found themselves.
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> The results: when the women were focused on romance, they felt good about themselves, but were not invested in their math class. And whenever they considered themselves attractive or desirable, the next day they would be disengaged from the math courses.

Naturally, this must be a **very bad thing**, because it is an obstacle to the ever-elusive goal of equality.

So who's responsible? As usual, it is society, what with those pernicious romantic "scripts" that infect young women from a young age:

> So if bright, college-aged women can easily be discouraged from interest in STEM fields, what should be done? Park said that the first thing to do is to start talking about these issues, and to make clear that talking about them is not a matter of blaming women for their choices. "This is about the cumulative impact of romantic images and scripts for women's lives" that women are exposed to from very young ages, Park said.

Park speculates that there are two potential solutions: one that simply reduces the possibilities for romance (sex-segregated education), or another that attempts to portray science as romantic. The first solution might actually work — if the will existed to enforce it. However, most young women are sufficiently interested in romance (with men) that they will avoid the largely lesbian women's schools, and would probably avoid college altogether if it didn't provide at least the hope of some romantic interludes.

As for the second idea, any attempts to portray science and female scientists as attractive would simply degenerate into a war between various feminist factions over what exactly constitutes "attractive."

Of course, the most humane and reasonable course of action would be to simply allow young men and women to follow their nature, and stop trying to shove them into roles they do not want. But our official ideology of absolute qualitative equality has gone so far that our social engineers really don't care what people want any longer — all that matters is that we are indistinguishable on statistical charts.

The bias against fathers in U.S. custody and child support

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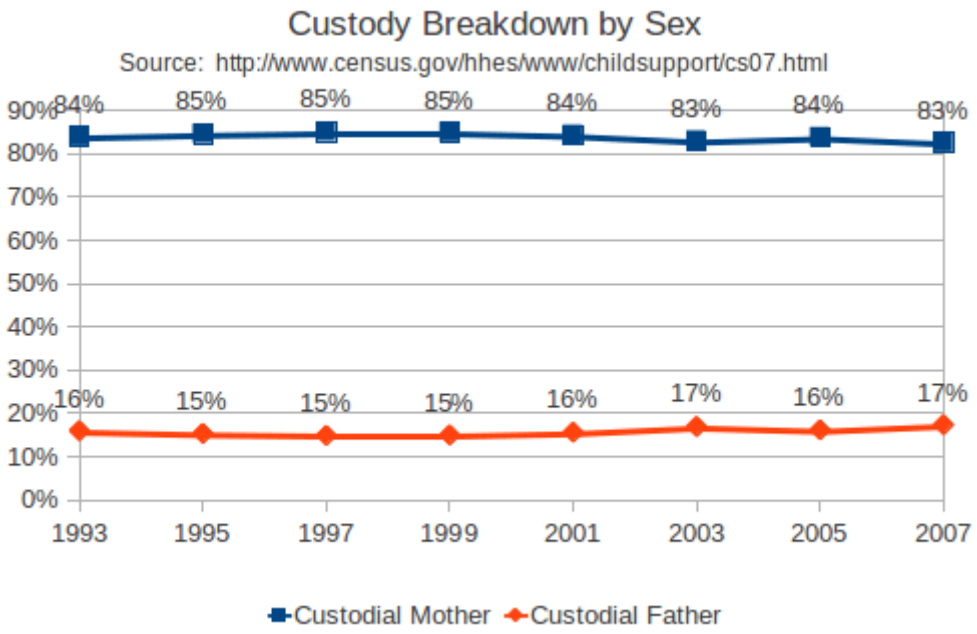
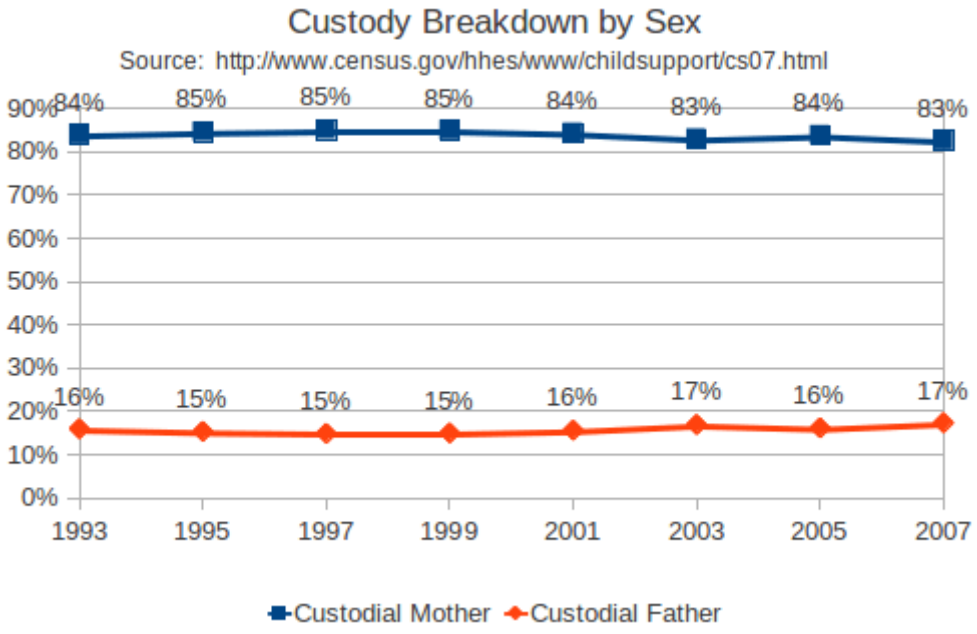


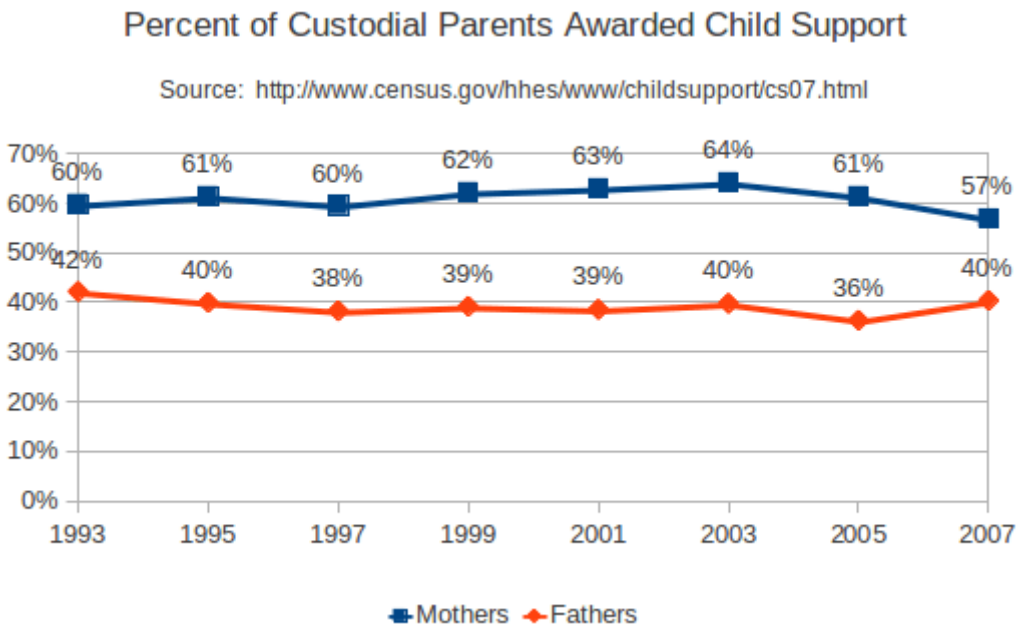
We all know the system is biased against fathers, but the actual data is important when discussing this with those who are skeptical. *It can't be that bad, can it?* Here is the data I pulled together from Table 1 in the latest US Census Bureau report on the topic, Custodial Mothers and Fathers and Their Child Support: 2007

All of the steps of the process are biased against men except the percentage of support due which is collected (the two are roughly equal).

It starts with who is granted custody:



For those few fathers granted custody, they are less likely than mothers who are granted custody to be awarded support:



For those few fathers who are awarded support, they are awarded less on average than mothers who are awarded support:

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The percent collected is the only area where there isn't a clear bias against fathers. This looks to be a wash:

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However due to the bias in the amount awarded, the average amount received by fathers (per year) is still lower:

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When I shared this data on my own blog, several of the commenters were surprised at how low the average yearly support amount was. Commenter *Clarence* shed some light on this based on his work experience in the area*:

> I used to work as a temp (for almost a year and a half) for a child support agency in a large city. I was data entry, so pretty much every case they did in the office went through me. Now things might have changed since then, but when I left they were just getting the ability to garnish licenses. What I experienced with the data I entered was this : most of the cases were from single mothers where the father was either unemployed, part-time employed or employed at minimum wage. Such men got very low orders, somewhere around 25 dollars per week. About 30 percent of the cases were middle class or above, usually earning at least 15 an hour. These men were getting socked with child support of at least 700 per month and, most commonly, support orders of around 1400 per month.
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> Yeah, that 70 percent skews the data a lot.

As a result of all of these biases against fathers, the percentage of all child support dollars paid is *extremely* biased. Roughly 90% of all child support dollars received are received by mothers:

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Looking at the figures for 2007, it appears to me that there may be a sampling anomaly. The percentage of custodial mothers awarded support dropped by 4% between 2005 and 2007. This is 3% lower than any other year in the series. I'm not aware of any sweeping changes which occurred in this time frame, and since parents receive

child support for between 18 and 21 years it seems highly unlikely that the makeup of the population would change this much in just 2 years. I'm also not sure why they don't have data beyond 2007. Since they publish this every other year they should have data out for at least 2009. Once they publish the 2009 and 2011 data we will have a better understanding of if the 2007 data shows a trend towards *slightly* less bias against fathers or if it was in fact a sampling error.

*Clarence's experience makes sense, as Table 2 shows that 47.6% of all custodial parents with support agreements in 2007 were on public assistance. In these cases the state is generally the recipient of the child support payment, although some states do pass $50 a month or a similar token amount on to the parent. This also shows up in the numbers, as only 27% of custodial parents who stated they were due support payments in 2007 were on public assistance. Those parents who didn't receive anything aren't included in the average figures reported by the Census, but those who received $50 are.

The Economist Suggests Western-Style Family Law as Solution to Asian Marriage Crisis

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In one of the most insane suggestions to appear in the press in recent years, a writer for *The Economist* argues that the solution to plummeting marriage rates in Asia is to introduce Western-style divorce and family law. The writer points to trends that have been ongoing in Asia for some time now as it develops, but comes to the wrong conclusion about how to solve them.

> In most of Asia, marriage is widespread and illegitimacy almost unknown. In contrast, half of marriages in some Western countries end in divorce, and half of all children are born outside wedlock. The recent riots across Britain, whose origins many believe lie in an absence of either parental guidance or filial respect, seem to underline a profound difference between East and West.
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> Yet marriage is changing fast in East, South-East and South Asia, even though each region has different traditions. The changes are different from those that took place in the West in the second half of the 20th century. Divorce, though rising in some countries, remains comparatively rare. What's happening in Asia is a flight from marriage.
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> Marriage rates are falling partly because people are postponing getting hitched. Marriage ages have risen all over the world, but the increase is particularly marked in Asia. People there now marry even later than they do in the West. The mean age of marriage in the richest places—Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Hong Kong—has risen sharply in the past few decades, to reach 29-30 for women and 31-33 for men.
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> A lot of Asians are not marrying later. They are not marrying at all. Almost a third of Japanese women in their early 30s are unmarried; probably half of those will always be. Over one-fifth of Taiwanese women in their late 30s are single; most will never marry. In some places, rates of non-marriage are especially striking: in Bangkok, 20% of 40-44-year old women are not married; in Tokyo, 21%; among university graduates of that age in Singapore, 27%…

Asian studies departments in the West have become bifurcated, with one faction following the traditional historical, political and economic course of study, and the other the anthropological, artistic, religious and, yes, gender course. The former is still a fairly comfortable place for a young man, but the latter has become the typical neo-Marxist feminist domain. The writer of this article has most likely studied anthropology in the context of Asia, which has become stuffed full of genderist garbage, and is probably a committed feminist (who else would advocate Western-style divorce as a "solution?").

According to the article, women won't marry because work is a better alternative:

> At the same time as employment makes marriage tougher for women, it offers them an alternative. More women are financially independent, so more of them can pursue a single life that may appeal more than the drudgery of a traditional marriage. More education has also contributed to the decline of marriage, because Asian women with the most education have always been the most reluctant to wed—and there are now many more highly educated women.

The author is incorrect. What we are seeing here is not women fleeing the drudgery of domestic life, but rather plain old hypergamy at work. In many parts of Asia, young women now earn more than young men. Asian women are as happy as ever to marry up, but that's becoming increasingly difficult as men no longer have an advantage as providers. In fact, in a *return* to tradition, Chinese women are now increasingly turning to polygamous arrangements as disparities in wealth become wider. It's better for them to share a rich man than to have a poor man all to themselves.

In addition to the marginalization of young men, property prices have gone through the roof in Asia. Young couples – especially more modern-minded ones – tend to delay marriage until they can afford a place of their own.

However, rather than address the issue of the declining status of the average male in Asian society, the author argues that the solution is to further empower women relative to men by introducing Western family law:

> Can marriage be revived in Asia? Maybe, if expectations of those roles of both sexes change; but shifting traditional attitudes is hard. Governments cannot legislate away popular prejudices. They can, though, encourage change. Relaxing divorce laws might, paradoxically, boost marriage. Women who now steer clear of wedlock might be more willing to tie the knot if they know it can be untied—not just because they can get out of the marriage if it doesn't work, but also because their freedom to leave might keep their husbands on their toes. Family law should give divorced women a more generous share of the couple's assets. Governments should also legislate to get employers to offer both maternal and paternal leave, and provide or subsidise child care. If taking on such expenses helped promote family life, it might reduce the burden on the state of looking after the old.

All one has to do to see that this arrangement won't work is take a look at what happened to marriage in the West following the implementation of these "reforms." Giving Asian women the legal upper hand over husbands would have roughly the same effect it has in the West: illegitimacy would skyrocket, and it would no longer be only women who were skeptical about marriage, but men as well. A further exacerbating factor in Asia is that prostitution is culturally tolerated to a degree unknown in the West. Men who felt that a wife was too much of a risk or bother would simply hang out with their friends and use hookers for sex. If marriage is made riskier and more expensive, the prostitution industry will grow to monstrous proportions.

If there is anything about Western society *not* to emulate, it is our insane divorce laws. The solution to the marriage crisis in Asia is not to legally castrate men, but rather to restructure the economy so that they have more opportunities to provide for a family. It's quite disappointing to see *The Economist* taking such a wrong-headed approach to this problem, but I suppose this is the result we ought to expect from our feminized universities and the vapid pundits they promote.

Let Them Be Whores: Catherine Hakim Argues for Sexual Empowerment Through Prostitution

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Catherine Hakim, a Senior Research Fellow in Sociology at London School of Economics, just came out with a book titled *Honey Money: The Power of Erotic Capital*. Her latest work argues that women should take full advantage of the short window of opportunity during which they have significant "erotic capital" to wipe the floor with their male and elderly competition.

According to Hakim, young women have a surfeit of erotic capital, but the "patriarchy" has perniciously devalued it. She postulates that despite this enormous power wielded by young women, it is young men who seize the opportunity and go on to greatness. Christians, traditionalists – and, she says, feminists – have all conspired to devalue women's erotic capital, presumably for selfish reasons.

I haven't read the book, and probably won't, but reviewer Will Self does a fairly good job of debunking her solution, which advocates for the deregulation and proliferation of prostitution:

> by advocating that the undoubtedly existent "sex deficit" be made good with prostitution, she exposes the neoliberal calculus implicit in the very term itself. Reading Honey Money, I was reminded again and again of The Communist Manifesto: "It has resolved personal worth into exchange value, and in place of the numberless and feasible chartered freedoms, has set up that single, unconscionable freedom – Free Trade. In one word, for exploitation, veiled by religious and political illusions, naked, shameless, direct, brutal exploitation." We all know what Marx meant by "it", and it certainly wasn't some conveniently inter-sex individual.
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> No, the examples of female empowerment quoted by Hakim that have real force come from traditional cultures, rather than those infected by sexually transmitted free-market "sexonomics" (another ugly coinage of hers to explain the beauteous premium). Besides, what would a society look like in which everyone exploited their own erotic capital to its fullest advantage, while ties of affection, responsibility and – dare I say it? – love, were concomitantly downgraded? Surely, among the losers would be roving mobs of poor and plug-ugly sex-starved men … Hm, plus ça change, as one of Hakim's grandes horizontales might well put it.

I'd add that prostitution doesn't work in some free-for-all market — even when legalized it requires strict supervision to prevent a host of social evils from permeating the business. Unfettered sexual competition begets violence, disease and treachery. There is a reason that the occupation of pimping is a logical outgrowth of prostitution. It may be arguably better to have the state act as pimp, but obviously there will be problems with that setup as well. For example, who trusts the police not to keep files on legal customers and occasionally indulge in blackmail?

Hakim may take a certain kind of feminist to task, but her argument is essentially what has already been embraced by third wavers and slutwalkers. Feminism in its current incarnation is more concerned with maximizing erotic capital than with equality, so no new ground is broken with this book. If anything, it is simply a gussied-up academic rendering of the depraved idea that the vagina should be the standard currency of civilized society.

Family Law Proceedings: Act II

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I've been busy this morning reviewing and writing up declarations, making sure I'm adhering to the court schedule, and generally poring over the details of the current relocation case. For those who might be curious, when you are preparing a case it's a little like writing a play or a book. Actually, it's two parties writing two conflicting stories, which ultimately become one book that the judge reads.

Studying drama and fiction might be of some use to an attorney, because having an understanding of what makes one character more sympathetic than another could be very helpful in preparing a case. You might think that nailing someone on a technicality can win the case, but this doesn't seem to work in family law. Instead, what the judge will inevitably see is two flawed characters who had a flawed marriage, and what might leave the strongest impression in the long run is some pattern that, subtle at first glance, begins to take on greater weight as the story develops.

When one gains some perspective on life, it is difficult to escape the feeling that we are all merely characters in some grand drama.

Shakespeare said it best:

> All the world's a stage,
> And all the men and women merely players:
> They have their exits and their entrances;
> And one man in his time plays many parts…

The child support catastrophe

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Child support is typically framed as state intervention on behalf of children. However, it is more accurately an alternative to marriage for women. Traditionally, women would find a man willing to formally commit to them before having children. By marrying (and staying married to) the man who would be the father of her children, women would ensure investment from the man and the provision of resources both to her and her children. Note that child support isn't *needed* in the traditional model, and that it isn't *relevant* in the case of the death of the father. Even in the case of divorce, child support isn't needed if parents share equal custody. Where child support is needed is if women want to expel the father from the household (or never bring him in). When the facade of *Its for the children!* is stripped away, child support is all about removing fathers from the lives of their children.

If anyone has any doubt as to the *true purpose* of child support, they need only look at how it is enforced in practice. In theory whichever parent can better raise the children should be given custody, and the remaining parent would then be compelled to pay child support. In practice it is almost exclusively a way for women who expelled their children's father from the home to extract money from the man. While the law is written under the guise of being gender neutral, this is a sham; the system is strongly biased towards women at nearly every step of the process. I've created a separate post to share all of the data, but here is a quick summary:

Mothers are far more likely to receive custody (over 80% of custodial parents are mothers). Those few fathers who receive custody are less likely than custodial mothers to have support awarded to them. Those fathers who have support awarded to them have less awarded on average than mothers. Due to all of the biases in the system, **roughly 90% of all child support dollars are paid from fathers to mothers.**

But still there are those who will claim this isn't about money, it is about the best interest of the child. They say this even though the money goes to the mother, not the child, and **the mother is under no legal obligation to spend the money on the children**. If it were about the best interest of the child, the system would concern itself with maintaining the child's relationship with the non custodial parent. But while the system is draconian in its enforcement of money (which almost always goes to the mother), it is generally uninterested in enforcing visitation (which almost always would be for the father). If the system were about protecting the child, it would enforce support and visitation equally. A parent who denies visitation is denying their child access to their parent. A system acting on behalf of the child would work vigorously to ensure that the child isn't denied something which money can't buy; access to and guidance from their father.

Not only does the system not take vigorous action to ensure that visitation orders are enforced, the system is designed to estrange fathers from their children. It uses draconian measures on the father while acting in the name of their children. Support is said to be based on the income of the father, but often it isn't the father's actual income which is considered. The court will often make up a figure which it assumes the father should be able to earn, and assign (impute) that income to him when setting the amount of support to be paid. W.F. Price described his own experience with this in the comments section of a recent Spearhead post:

> There is really no cap on % of income a man can be ordered to pay. Being unemployed when my ex divorced me (she demanded I indulge her and help her get the job she wanted by watching the kids, and I stupidly went along with it thinking this would be temporary and would save my marriage), I was imputed, and therefore the child support was infinity percent of my income. I was imputed at the standard earning for a man my age in Washington state, despite the fact that we were in a recession and nobody was hiring.
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> There is no limit, therefore. Inability to pay is no excuse. You might as well be asking for mercy from the mob. I watched "The Departed" recently, and when one of the bookies said he didn't have the money the enforcer said "this is America — make it" after beating the crap out of him. This is exactly how fathers are treated.

Keep in mind that men can be thrown in jail for failing to make these payments. Fathers all around the country are put in jeopardy of going to prison for money they don't have, based on actions which are taken in the name of their own children. Undoubtedly the vast majority of fathers make every effort to not allow this injustice to poison their relationship with their children, since they know that their children are merely pawns being used by the child's mother and the system. However, this kind of heavy handed tactic combined frequently with denial of time with and influence over their children has to impact the relationship negatively. Not surprisingly fathers who are less cut off from their children are more likely to pay support. In 2007 the Census found that 78% of non custodial parents who had joint custody and/or visitation privileges with their children made their payments, compared to 67% for those who didn't have either (source, P9).

But the ultimate proof of what child support is all about is the end result for children. While there is a grain of truth to the old canard that divorce is caused by philandering or abusive men who either abandon or mistreat their children, the vast majority of divorces are actually requested by women. Professors Margaret F. Brinig and Douglas W. Allen set out to understand why this was in their paper "These Boots Are Made for Walking": Why Most Divorce Filers Are Women:

> Because of the financial and social hardship faced after divorce, most people assume that generally husbands have instigated divorce since the introduction of no-fault divorce. Yet women file for divorce and are often the instigators of separation, despite a deep attachment to their children and the evidence that many divorces harm children.

Here is what they found (emphasis mine):

> Our results are consistent with our hypothesis that filing behavior is driven by self-interest at the time of divorce. Individuals file for divorce when there are marital assets that may be appropriated through divorce, as in the case of leaving when they have received the benefit of educational investments such as advanced degrees. However, individuals may also file when they are being exploited within the marriage, as when the other party commits a major violation of the marriage contract, such as cruelty. Interestingly, though, cruelty amounts to only 6% of all divorce filings in Virginia. **We have found that who gets the children is by far the most important component in deciding who files for divorce**, particularly when there is little quarrel about property, as when the separation is long.

Keep in mind that getting custody not only determines which parent has their children ripped away from them, but that because of the child support system the children also often come with a hefty payment stream the 'winning' parent can spend however they want. The 'loser' on the other hand is compelled at risk of imprisonment to pay amounts which can exceed their actual ability to earn. While this money is extracted from them in theory on behalf of their children, it robs them of their ability to be seen as wanting to take care of their children. Fathers can't spend money on their children which the mother has already taken by force. Making this winner take all game even more lopsided, in the US the receipt of the payments is considered tax free, since the support payer must pay the income tax on it.

This system which is supposedly about the children encourages mothers to expel their children's fathers from their lives. One divorcée explains how many women think about this:

> The problem with my life, as I saw it then, was my husband, and I imagined divorce as a process that would remove him but change little else — a sort of neutron bomb that eliminated men but left the rest of the world intact.

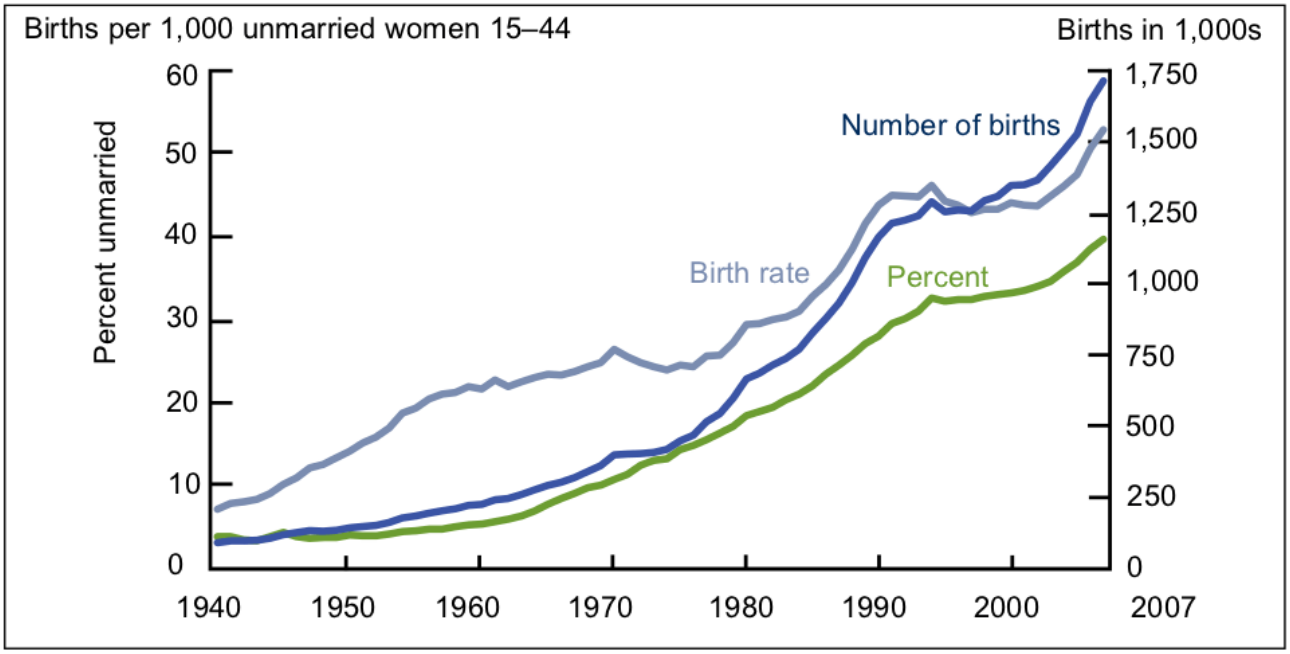
But divorce is only one way that child support encourages women to become ~~unwed mothers~~ *single parents*. The direct route to unwed motherhood is to simply get knocked up without getting married. This wouldn't have

guaranteed unwed mothers child support in the past. However, the rules were changed in the latter part of the 21st century, as Betsey Stevenson and Justin Wolfers explain in their paper Marriage and Divorce: Changes and their Driving Forces:

> Supreme Court rulings in the 1960s and 1970s also changed the nature of family relationships by eliminating many of the legal distinctions stemming from the marital status of a child's parents. In 1968, the Supreme Court ruling in Levy v. Louisiana (391 U.S. 68) granted equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment to "illegitimate" children. Five years later, the 1973 ruling in Gomez v. Perez (409 U.S. 535) overturned state laws exempting men from financial responsibility for "illegitimate" children. These rulings reduced both the social and economic cost to women of bearing a child out-of-wedlock…

Not surprisingly, this along with welfare payments has lead to an explosion of children being born out of wedlock. You can see the impact in the chart below from NCHS Data Brief No. 18 May 2009, Changing Patterns of Nonmarital Childbearing in the United States:

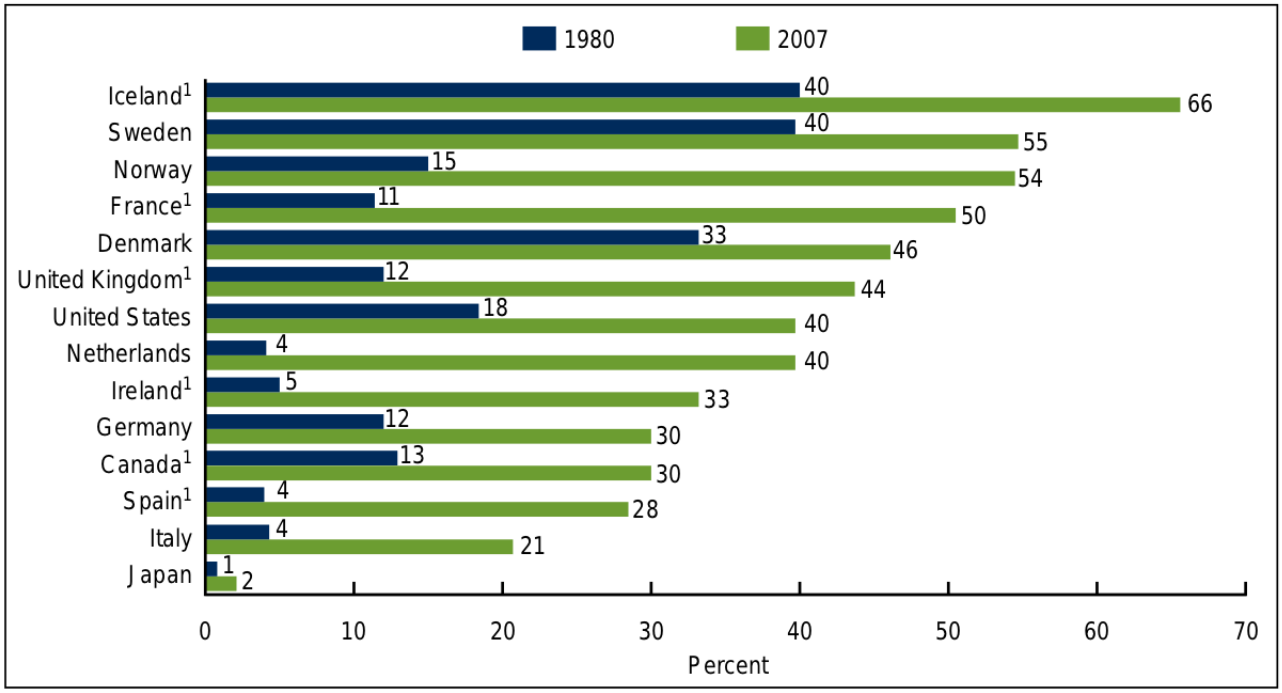
Figure 1. Number of births, birth rate, and percentage of births to unmarried women: United States, 1940-2007



SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System.

The 2011 Statistical Abstract of the United States provides the breakdown of out of wedlock births by race (Table 86 pdf or image) for 2007, the latest year data is available. 40% of all babies born in the US in 2007 were out of wedlock. This figure was 51% for Hispanics, 28% for whites, and 72% for blacks. The US isn't exceptional for its out of wedlock birth rates either:

Figure 6. Percentage of births to unmarried women, selected countries, 1980 and 2007



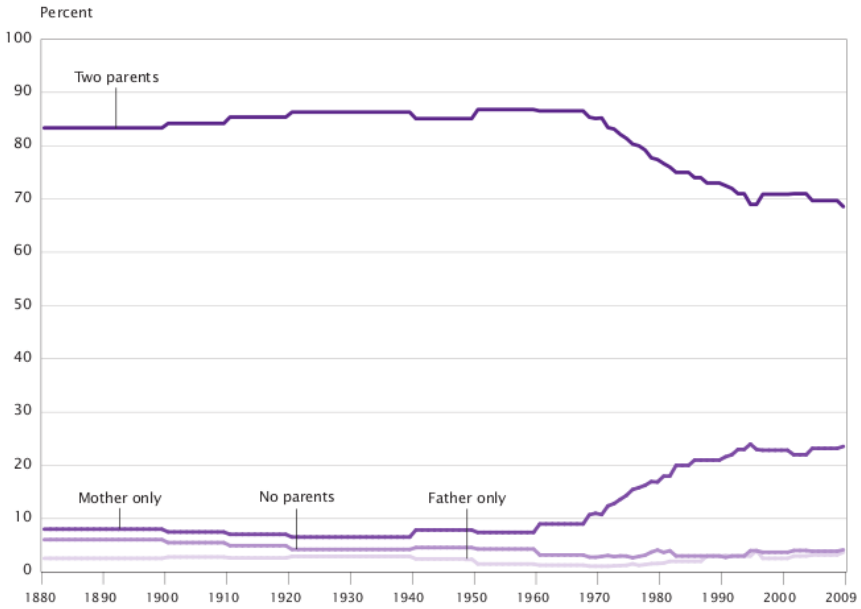
[1] Latest data are for 2006.
SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System; Stat Canada; Population Statistics of Japan; European Commission. Eurostat. Accesesed 3/11/2009.

But the direct approach to unwed motherhood isn't preferred by all would be baby mommas. Some have a strong sense of tradition, and prefer the classic approach of marrying the father and then divorcing him after the children are born. Fortunately for them child support along with biased family courts makes this nearly as easy as the direct approach. As an added bonus, they get to attend a big party held in their honor, where they (get this!) promise in front of everyone they know to stay married to the father for life. This more classic approach to baby mamma-hood is also on the rise, as you can see in Figure 1 in *Marriage and Divorce: Changes and their Driving Forces*.

Divorce has gone from almost unheard of to extremely common. According to the US Census 2009 SIPP data, 39% of all white women aged 50-59 had divorced at least once. This works out to 42% of all white women that age who ever married. For Hispanic women the figures are 27%&30%, and for Black women the figures are 38%&48%.

All of this action supposedly in the interest of children has resulted in millions of kids growing up with little or no access to their fathers. A small percentage of these kids are better off because of the system. They had fathers who either abandoned them or were abusive. Far more have lost something irreplaceable; the chance to grow up with both their mother and father (chart source):

Figure 1.
Historical Living Arrangements of Children: Selected Years, 1880 to 2009



Source: 1880–1940: Integrated Public-Use Microdata Series: Version 2.0 1 percent microdata files made available by the Historical Census Projects. For 1880–1940, children in group quarters are included (1 percent or less of all children). For more information, see <http://usa.ipums.org/usa/design.shtml>; 1970–1990: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), Annual Social and Economic Supplement 1970, 1975, 1980, and 1990. For more information about CPS, see <http://www.census.gov/apsd/techdoc/cps/cps-main.html>; 1996–2009: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), 1986, 1996, 2001, 2004, and 2008 Panels, Wave 2 Topical Module. For information on sampling and nonsampling error, see <www.census.gov/sipp/source.html>.

There is a huge body of research showing how detrimental this is to children. In the interest of space I'll only share one small quote from Dan Quayle Was Right (emphasis mine):

> Even for fathers who maintain regular contact, the pattern of father-child relationships changes. The sociologists Andrew Cherlin and Frank Furstenberg, who have studied broken families, write that the fathers behave more like other relatives than like parents. Rather than helping with homework or carrying out a project with their children, nonresidential fathers are likely to take the kids shopping, to the movies, or out to dinner. Instead of providing steady advice and guidance, divorced fathers become "treat" dads.
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> Apparently–and paradoxically–**it is the visiting relationship itself, rather than the frequency of visits, that is the real source of the problem**. According to Wallerstein, the few children in the California study who reported visiting with their fathers once or twice a week over a ten-year period still felt rejected. The need to schedule a special time to be with the child, the repeated leave-takings, and the lack of connection to the child's regular, daily schedule leaves many fathers adrift, frustrated, and confused. Wallerstein calls the visiting father a parent without portfolio.

This is built into *any* child support scenario, and simply cannot be changed or wished away. The profoundly negative result of fatherless children is widely acknowledged, even by those who enthusiastically support the new family structure child support encourages. However, instead of blaming the process which created the problem, most now blame the very fathers who had their children ripped away from them. This is the final insult by a system which sees fathers as no more than a walking wallet. Instead of blaming the concerted social push to allow women to raise children outside of marriage, the fathers themselves are blamed for being *absent*! Following the London riots many have pointed out that a major cause of the out of control youths is a lack of fathers. The headline of *The Telegraph* reads:

London riots: Absent fathers have a lot to answer for

Unsurprisingly, Fathers Now Getting Blame for London Riots

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Cristina Odone, writing for The Telegraph, has taken aim at absent fathers in a piece titled "London riots: Absent fathers have a lot to answer for." As an American, I fully expected this development, and it is why I knew that trying to score a political point against feminists with the riots was doomed to failure.

Odone is something of a conservative who has been critical of efforts to portray the rioters as members of a disaffected community, but as a devotee of contemporary Christianity she cannot bring herself to view single mothers as anything but hapless victims.

One of the biggest problems men have had in Western society is that they have been sandwiched between two opposing world-views that demand contradictory roles. On the one hand, there is secular liberalism, which advocates for equality of outcome, and on the other there is the conservative Judeo-Christian point of view, which advocates for men taking greater responsibility and having authority over the family. So while the liberals will push to empower women at the expense of men, conservatives will demand that men fulfill their duty as head of household. It's a catch-22 that your average guy can't adequately cope with, and this is what's behind the increasing trend of fatherlessness.

The danger currently facing British men is that linking the riots to fatherlessness will prompt American-style child support laws, which are brutally enforced without regard to circumstances. There will be more talk about how the riots are a result of broken families and mothers on the dole, and people will start to demand that fathers step up and fulfill their responsibility. This responsibility will, naturally, be reduced to cash. Additionally, the laws will be applied evenly across the country, so men in communities that had nothing to do with the rioting will suddenly find themselves facing the same draconian laws meant to solve big city problems.

In a comment on my previous article concerning the London riots, Keyster made the point that the system we have in the US is essentially applied eugenics, and I agree. Unfortunately, it is a very harsh measure that punishes a lot of perfectly innocent people, the overwhelming majority of whom are men. There is something to be said for holding a guy who sires bastards with various women accountable, but the law is just as harsh on men whose wives simply left them to pursue some fancy. So, in practice, the US child support enforcement system punishes both cads and the merely unfortunate. Typically, the unfortunate end up paying more.

Britain will likely see calls for welfare reform emerge as a consequence of the riots, and men will have to be extra vigilant about preventing the burden of funding the legions of single mothers from falling on fathers. It will be a difficult fight, because politicians will find it both expedient and popular to blame fathers, but there are so many unmarried fathers in the UK at this point that with some effort they can be spurred to take political action to prevent this from occurring. First, they will have to argue that having an absent father is no excuse for mass criminality (the logical conclusion people draw from such an opinion is that the absent fathers are therefore the real criminals), and then they will have to demonstrate that men who have more residential time/visitation with their children offer them not only more guidance and stability, but more financial support as well.

A more humane approach to welfare reform in the UK would be to offer all single women under 40 the option of receiving cash for taking Depo-Provera shots on a quarterly basis, and providing more benefits to households where the father lives with the children than otherwise.

“I just called to say....”

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Jim Carrey’s “creepy” video message to Actress raises ire of feminized media

by Ken Knight

Having spent the past 20 years watching Actor/Comedian Jim Carrey’s funny antics on TV (“In Living Color”) as well as on film (“Dumb and Dumber”, “The Cable Guy” etc.) I just cannot take the man seriously at all. Arguably the most affable comedian of his time as well as over-acting extrovert, Mr. Carrey has made it to the top of his field and is one of those Hollywood cats who cannot go anywhere in the world without being recognized by a fan. Just the other day, Jim Carrey posted a video of himself professing adoration for young 22-year old Actress Emma Stone who is starring in the new film “The Help”. Being that he is a Comedian I can’t take seriously, my first impression of Jim’s video was as he says it is: a joke! But far be it for a joke by a man professing affectionate kudos to a sexy actress 26 years his junior to slip by the major media and feminist critics without a misandry-oriented slam!

“Creepy” is the term they use against Jim Carrey and his joke video aimed at a younger (but very much an adult) female actress because feminist critics and the liberal media in general eye unsolicited male affection toward women as “suspect” and would love to label it as a near-criminal act. And there lies the rub: the media and feminist critics want such behavior (even a joke) to be doused with gasoline every time it rears its head and therefore push friendly contact between men and women further apart. More especially so when a man addresses a woman without her solicitation for such attention thus making it politically-incorrect for a man (even a wealthy actor/comedian like Jim Carrey) to proposition or make intimate gestures to a woman unless she instigates it first!

The “shaming” in the articles about this “creepy video” Jim Carrey posted centers around the 26 year age difference between Jim and Emma and the “creepy” face-only video the comedian made (the media reporting this conveniently forgot that he is famous for his facial expressions and dark humor roles). Since when does anyone care about age difference as long as the two people are both consenting adults? Well it is convenient boogeyman-bullshit to throw at men in general with the famous Jim Carrey as the “creepy” example…telling the public that unsolicited kudos from a man to a woman is bad ju-ju even for someone on a Hollywood pedestal.

Now if Miss Stone had done the same video at Jim Carrey (or even Ernest Borgnine for that matter) it would not have made the news like this and been just another funny YouTube celebrity video watched by her fans nor would anyone be shamed over the “age difference” if the woman initiated the contact rather than the man. Will we see a day when even “Captain Awesome” is censured and defamed for making a pass at a woman who wants him to? Well if the millionaire Hollywood boys don’t get a pass……

Department of Ed Rewrites the Constitution, at the Expense of Men

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If college administrators were turning a cold shoulder to rape victims and female students were dropping out like flies, the recent Department of Education sex mandate might begin to make a little more sense.

But here we are. The once-unthinkable has become a Brave New World reality, in which a bewildered Alice quakes before an arrogant Queen proclaiming, “Sentence first — verdict afterwards.”

Let’s say you’re a student at Cal State-Monterey Bay. There, any sexual “innuendoes made at inappropriate times, perhaps in the guise of humor” can get you into trouble with university administrators. At Alabama State University, any “behavior that causes discomfort, embarrassment or emotional distress” is deemed to be harassing.

You may wonder if such vague definitions are constitutional, and indeed they are not.

In Davis v. Monroe County Board of Education, the Supreme Court ruled that only behavior that is “so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive, and…so undermines and detracts from the victims’ education experience” can be considered to represent sexual harassment.

Nonetheless, such far-reaching concantations of student misconduct have become the norm. According to a recent survey by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, 67% of top American colleges have enacted speech codes that are unconstitutional under First Amendment standards.

Which means if your son utters a gratuitous “son of a bitch” remark, that could land him in a load of trouble. And a professor teaching a course on 19th century erotic art could be accused of inflicting embarrassment on overly sensitive students – a concern that recently compelled the American Association of University Professors to demand the DED Office for Civil Rights withdraw the regulation.

Or let’s say a student and his new-found paramour share a celebratory glass of Pinot Noir and indulge in a frolic of consensual sex. Surprise! The Office for Civil Rights directive astonishingly dictates the woman (or man) is unable to give consent “due to the victim’s use of drugs or alcohol.”

We’re not talking about a drunken lovefest or even getting a little tipsy — the mere “use” of alcohol now renders the person a “victim.”

It gets crazier, because university disciplinary committees originally were set up to hear cases of cheating or plagiarism, not adjudicate cases involving potential criminal misconduct that arise from murky ‘he-said, she-said’ disputes.

So now it’s your day in court, so to speak. Knowing that the accusation is utterly baseless, you didn’t bother to engage an attorney to argue your case. You plan to cross-examine your former girlfriend on your own behalf.

Sorry, the Department of Education will have none of that. The delicate-as-a-wallflower victim is now deemed too distraught to answer your questions.

In the past, such cases were decided under the “clear and convincing” standard of proof, which means the lay jury needed to be about 75% sure that wrong-doing had occurred. But now, the college must comply with the “predominance of the evidence” standard, which only requires a 51% level of proof.

Fortunately, the disciplinary committee found you innocent of the charges. Now you can go back to your normal routine, hoping your classmates will stop giving you those dirty looks.

Hold on, Joe, because your ex- can still appeal the decision. Double jeopardy is prohibited under criminal law, but in the DED’s Alice in Wonderland universe, she gets a second bite at the apple.

Such Kangaroo Court proceedings do not take place in a vacuum.

Student orientation programs alert doe-eyed coeds to the looming specter of date rape. Women's studies programs hold frenzied "Take the Night" marches. Faculty members indulge in diatribes about "rape culture." And at Arizona State University, students are ominously warned to "avoid parties where males greatly outnumber females."

The effects on the falsely accused can be far-reaching. A recent Wall Street Journal editorial lamented, "Not only is he likely to be expelled, but he may well be barred from graduate or professional school and certain government agencies, suffer irreparable damage to his reputation, and still be exposed to criminal prosecution."

In short, the Department of Education DED Office for Civil Rights is working to remove the constitutionally rooted due process rights of the accused.

Fortunately, the solution is simple. We take away their money.

The Office for Civil Rights enjoys a $103 million budget, including a cushy $730,000 for employee awards and overtime. Right now Congress is searching high and low for ways to trim the federal deficit. I say we cut their budget to $50 million.

And for good measure, we'll mandate the remaining OCR employees to take a course in Constitutional Law 101.

The Problem Is Choice

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Helmut Bakaitis as The Architect

I have been critical of Kay Hymowitz in the past, most recently for her "manning up" shaming language missteps, but I have to say that she did an excellent job in a recent article for the Wall Street Journal where she adeptly dismantles "pay gap" agitprop for the lies, damn lies, and statistical manipulation that it really is:

> …the 75-cent meme depends on a panoply of apple-to-orange comparisons that support a variety of feminist policy initiatives, from the Paycheck Fairness Act to universal child care, while telling us next to nothing about the well-being of women. In 2007, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 27 percent of male full-time workers had workweeks of 41 or more hours, compared with 15 percent of female full-time workers; meanwhile, just 4 percent of full-time men worked 35 to 39 hours a week, while 12 percent of women did. Since FTYR men work more than FTYR women do, it shouldn't be surprising that the men, on average, earn more. [Also], proofers often make the claim that women earn less than men doing the exact same job. They can't possibly know that. The Labor Department's occupational categories can be so large that a woman could drive a truck through them. Among "physicians and surgeons," for example, women make only 64.2 percent of what men make. Outrageous, right? Not if you consider that there are dozens of specialties in medicine: some, like cardiac surgery, require years of extra training, grueling hours, and life-and-death procedures; others, like pediatrics, are less demanding and consequently less highly rewarded. [W]hen you control for such factors as education and hours worked, there's actually just a 5 percent pay gap. [Y]ou can't rule out discrimination. Neither can you rule out other, equally plausible explanations for the gap…for instance, it's extremely difficult to find accurate measures of work experience. [In addition], men had taken more finance courses and received better grades in those courses, while women had taken more marketing classes…women had more career interruption [and]…mothers worked fewer hours. When working mothers can, they tend to spend less time at work. That explains all those female pharmacists looking for reduced hours. It explains why female lawyers are twice as likely as men to go into public-interest law, in which hours are less brutal than in the partner track at Sullivan & Cromwell. Female medical students tell researchers that they're choosing not to become surgeons because of "lifestyle issues," which seems to be a euphemism for wanting more time with the kids.

Ms. Hymowitz is just warming up. What comes next is sure to make feminist heads explode, for Ms. Hymowitz lays the blame for the pay gap myth at the feet of women themselves and their maternal choices. Yes, she's referring to the so-called "mommy track", and claims that it's not some oppressive, omnipotent patriarchy making women shoulder all the burden at work and at home. Rather, the mommy track exists because, well, women want it that way, thank you very little. And not just in the USA, either, but in feminist paradises such as Sweden and Iceland:

> Do women want to be working more, if only the kids-and their useless husbands-would let them? And do we know that more government support would enable them to do so and close the wage gap? Actually, there is no evidence for either of these propositions. If women work fewer hours than men do, it appears to be because they want it that way. About two-thirds of the part-time workforce in the United States is female. According to a 2007 Pew Research survey, only 21 percent of working mothers with minor children want to be in the office full-time. Sixty percent say that they would prefer to work part-time, and 19 percent would like to give up their jobs altogether. For working fathers, the numbers are reversed: 72 percent want to work full-time and 12 percent part-time. In fact, women choose fewer hours-despite the resulting gap in earnings-all over the world. Feminists can object till the Singularity arrives that women are "socialized" to think that they have to be the primary parent. But after decades of feminism and Nordic engineering, the continuing female tropism toward shorter work hours suggests that that view is either false or irrelevant. Even the determined Swedes haven't been able to get women to stick around the office.

It appears that, once again, feminists have arrayed themselves in opposition to human, in this case their very own female nature, and are POed that they are losing their fight against the invisible hand of the natural world. Again. Their denial of forces beyond their control and comprehension doesn't stop there though, for the arguments about the pay gap and how women are supposedly paid less than men for doing "the same work" (a contention I demonstrate to be false here) appear to overlook one simple fact: in a free market system unperturbed by government intervention, businesses that hire more expensive labor cannot compete with ones who have cheaper labor. They either substitute capital for labor, or find cheaper/more productive labor. Putting this into the pay-gap myth dynamic, think offshoring of American jobs to China, only rather than jobs going from Detroit to Shanghai, the work flows from more expensive men to less expensive women. If it were true that women really were paid 75% of a man's wages, the economic invisible hand would ensure very few men in the country would be able to find work and there would be 100% feminine employment.

The problem, as the Architect put it, "is choice". The choice that, Simone de Beauvoir notwithstanding, women choose to make.

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Book Review: Glenn Beck's "Broke"

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The Book: Glenn Beck's *Broke*[image]

The Gist: This book makes the case for the American nation's current state of moral, spiritual, and financial poverty, and suggests ways to "restore trust, truth, and treasure". It starts with the pre-revolutionary war period and chronicles the attitude of the Founders and their contemporaries toward frugality, thrift, debt, and hard work. This book accentuates its narrative through the quotes of the individuals under discussion, and a trio of quotes from the late eighteenth century well characterizes the Founders' zeitgeist as it pertains to money and governance. The first quote is from legendary classical economist Adam Smith:

> Little else is required to carry a state to the highest degree of affluence from the lowest barbarism but peace, easy taxes, and a tolerable administration of justice; all the rest being brought about by the natural course of things. All governments which thwart the natural course are unnatural and, to support themselves, are obliged to be oppressive and tyrannical

These next two quotes well characterize the Founders' attitude toward debt in particular, that is, if Jefferson's attempt at having a balanced-budget amendment weaved into the Bill of Rights wasn't signal enough:

> [debt is] an ingenious substitute for the chain and whip of the slave driver – Ambrose Bierce

Moreover, after the United States acquired a large amount of debt as a consequence of the Revolutionary War; Andrew Jackson, noting that debt was a "national curse" that destroyed individual liberty in favor of the monied and powerful elites, had this to say about the yoke the country had placed around its neck:

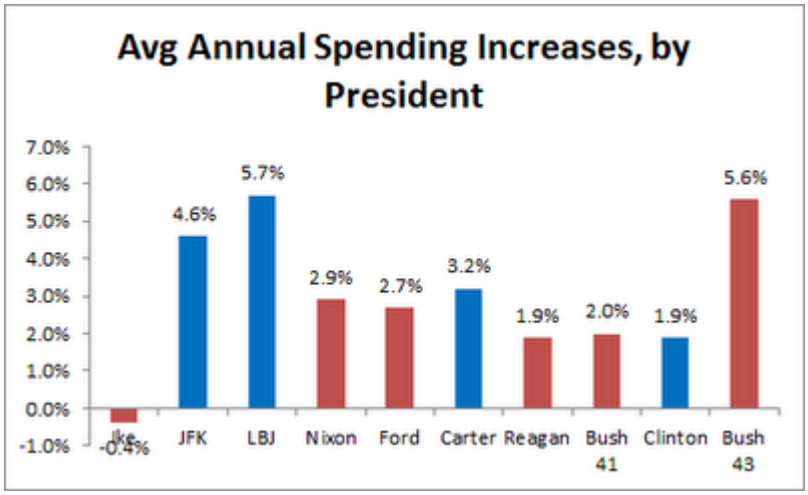
> My vow shall be to pay the national debt, to prevent a monied aristocracy from growing up around our administration that must bend to its views, and ultimately destroy the liberty of our country

This hostility to debt remained through the country's early history, as presidents from Jackson onward sought to drive our debt down to zero. However, at the close of the nineteenth century, the elites' attitude toward debt changed with the advent of the economic theories of Lord Keynes and debt-driven growth. These economic theories were music to the ears of a new crop of intellectuals who broke with the traditions of Classical Liberalism and favored more "State" when considering the rights of man vis-a-vis the State. Although this shift in America started during the Wilson administration, with his social gospel and big spending, big government, big welfare agenda, it was further incubated by Hoover and fully implemented under FDR. Indeed, the governing class' attitudes toward the role of government as a service provider rather than a mere guarantor of natural rights is best characterized by FDR's so-called "Second Bill of Rights". But the Great Depression wasn't enough to pressure Americans to fully accept the newly muscular State; it would take a total war for that. Enter WWII, which offered Progressives their big chance to redraw the American citizens' relationship to his government, to turn the responsibility society into the entitlement society. Beck writes:

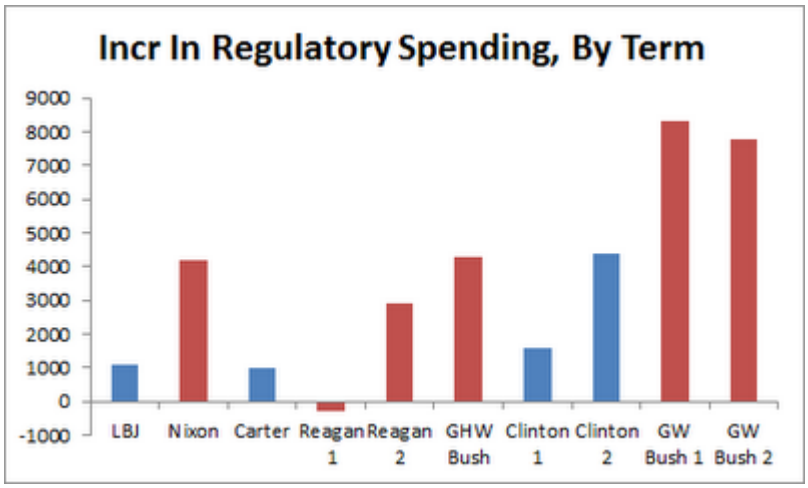
> Before the New Deal, most Americans were strongly suspicious of federal power. The grand tradition of self-reliance, free enterprise, local control, and a strong civil society voluntarily helping neighbors in need has persisted throughout American history. While the New Deal presented a more activist government, it was WWII that fundamentally altered the relationship between the American people and their government. In order to defeat Germany and Japan, federal power expanded like never before. Washington decided what goods industry would produce, and when it would produce it. The federal government even provided Americans with ration books specifying how much meat, gasoline, sugar, and other items they could purchase. It was a scary

> combination, but big business and government collaborated to run the economy for the sake of the war. After the war, some feared another depression. Instead, the American economy continued to prosper. In what journalist Robert Samuelson called the “cult of Affluence”, the American people came to take economic prosperity for granted

Fast-forwarding to the 60s and the 70s, Beck continues this thread of a debt-driven expansion of the State at the expense of individual liberty. His narrative now centers on Progressive presidents LBJ and Nixon; the former’s Great Society merely extended FDR’s New Deal, while the latter president completed LBJ’s reforms while cementing the deal by taking the USA off of the gold standard for good.



Beck writes how debt continued to soar under presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton as the elected leadership lied, broke campaign promises, or just plain succumbed to the culture of Washington corruption. Party affiliation did not seem to matter when it came to expanding the role of government and engaging in a spending spree; in fact, by most measures, Republican administrations expanded the government further and spent more profligately than did Democrat ones, particularly during the term of “compassionate conservative” GW Bush. As a result, America ran deficits in 44 of the last 50 years, and in 9 of the last 10. Total federal spending rocketed 242% in the last 40 years, while household income only climbed 29%, as Congress and the executive branch engaged in accounting trickery (“on budget”, “off budget”, and deceptively titled “pay go“) and brinksmanship and pork barrel spending (“emergency omnibus spending bills”) in their desperate attempts to keep the entitlement society running. Yet, as Beck writes, this debt-fuelled expansion cannot go on forever, if for no other reason than interest payments on the debt will triple (as a share of the budget) and quadruple (in absolute 2010 dollars) between now and 2020, choking off discretionary spending as a proportion of the budget.



After having told the sad tale of the squandering of America’s treasure and abuse of the American public’s trust on the part of her administrators, the last third of Beck’s book lays out a plan of sorts to set America back on the path.

Consisting of seven parts, Beck suggests we:

1) Return the government to the Constitutional Republic it was established to be, and re-align the concept of civil rights with the natural rights of man versus the rights government grants men

2) Return to equality of opportunity versus equality of outcome

3) Restore the role of religion in American society, particularly where religions exhort us to care for each other, rather than task government to accomplish this for us

4) Decentralize government power away from Washington, as designed by the Constitution. This will save money, enhance freedom, permit the "laboratory of democracy to function once again", and make difficult the re-distribution of wealth at the Federal level

5) Use these times of emergency and crisis to pass balanced-budget, term limits, and line-item veto amendments, as well as returning "impoundment authority" to the executive

6) Just start cutting, starting with DoE and DoEd, but also going after DoD as well, as not only is the national debt a national security issue, but a vulnerability that our adversaries seek to exploit:

> We are continuing this policy in bleeding America to the point of bankruptcy. Allah willing, and nothing is too great for Allah – Osama bin Laden

7) Replace the present redistributive and special-interest loophole-laden tax code with a flat tax.

Overall, this is one of Beck's better books, particularly in his description of how America has transformed from a society of self-reliance to one of entitlement. Recommended reading.

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In court tomorrow...

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I'm headed off for a very important hearing in my children's international relocation case tomorrow morning. As usual, you never know how it's going to turn out until it's over, so the only thing to do is hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

For educational purposes, I'll let you all know what happened as soon as I'm able to do so (probably tomorrow afternoon).

Result of hearing

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Perhaps the most bizarre thing about these custody hearings is that they are so predictable. I sat down with an attorney about six weeks ago, and he told me pretty much exactly what would happen, and it did.

Fortunately, it isn't as bad as it used to be, but it's no picnic. Here in Washington, when presented with a relocation petition and revised parenting plan by a custodial parent, the non-custodial parent has a month to respond, otherwise the proposed move and accompanying parenting plan goes through.

So, the non-custodial parent has to come up with two parenting plans, one of which proposes change of custody (hardly ever granted), and another which proposes a revised plan in case the move is approved, which is likely to happen. I looked over the terrible parenting plan my ex proposed, which would have stripped me of legal custody of my kids and about 60% of my parenting time, and drew up a new one. My plan in the event of a move included much more extensive vacation time, video conferencing, continuing legal custody, and the opportunity to visit the kids when I want in Canada (which is about three hours away) plus a weekend here a month, so it all worked out to roughly the same amount of time with the kids that I have now. I basically reversed it in the event that custody would be changed.

Commissioner Leonid Ponormarchuk went down the list of factors that determine whether relocation would be permitted, then reminded everyone that there is the presumption of an approval, and proceeded to tick off which ones were pro and which con. It was essentially a wash, so presumption won the day, which I expected, although I was hoping he'd delay the move to give me some time for negotiation.

However, although I was disappointed by losing a substantial amount of leverage, the commissioner chose the parenting plan I proposed, in which I keep legal custody and roughly the same amount of time with the kids, right on the spot. Given that my proposed parenting plan prevailed, the end result will likely be that my time with the kids will be contained in more discrete blocks of time, and during the large majority of vacation days.

I can't say I'm thrilled about the outcome, but given the circumstances and the reality in family law, it wasn't half bad. Aside from the fact that my kids will be fairly far away much of the time, what bothers me most is the idea of having to drive an extra 5-10 hours a month during the school year. It could have been a lot worse; it's actually better in some ways than my current situation, in that I'll have more quality, stress-free time with the kids, and they'll have more time with the extended family here in Seattle.

Now, for those who have never been through this, here's the lesson:

If you put effort into staying with your kids and stick to your guns, you can usually do it. Yes, the deck is still stacked against men, and it's a pain in the rear, but the days of sole maternal custody and discretion are drawing to an end. Furthermore, many of the presumptions that favor mothers run up against the emerging consensus that fathers and children do, in fact, have the right to substantial time with each other, and create logistical problems that make unilateral decisions on the part of mothers less attractive — women are now having to bear some of the costs of their choices as well.

I certainly can't claim to have "won," but I didn't walk out of the courtroom feeling like I'd lost either. We've still got a lot of work to do, but finally some light is emerging at the end of the tunnel.

Sitting in on Family Law Hearings

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I'm still pretty drained from my hearing a couple days ago. These are life-changing events, and the fallout is pretty heavy stuff. However, as I sat in the courtroom, I saw a few other proceedings that were worth commenting on, and may give readers some important perspective.

Family law is messy business — not for the faint of heart. One way or another, families die, and commissioners and judges are butchers of sorts who cut the carcass into what are supposed to be salvageable pieces. If young men were forced to attend these hearings as part of their education, I think we'd see even less enthusiasm for marriage than currently exists.

In the first hearing, a man was dragged from Spokane to Seattle – some 300 miles – on short notice to attend a contempt hearing on child support. Evidently, he had been taking care of the kids himself until a month prior to the hearing, and as soon as the ex got them back she took him to court for money. The man was disheveled and tired, and asked the judge for some time to respond. He was given three weeks. Presumably, he drove five hours back to Spokane that day and began looking for the money to pay an attorney to represent him in court. Now he'll be even farther in the hole.

Next, came a young Singaporean Chinese woman, looking humble and dressed in modest, cheap clothing, represented by a seasoned lawyer. Turns out she was sitting on a Ferrari, a BMW and about a million Singapore dollars (roughly $800,000 USD), and her ex-husband wanted at least half of the value of these assets back. Problem is that she'd hidden the money very carefully, and nobody could find a trace of it. The ex-husband was demanding the sale of the cars, which she refused to do (how's a girl to get around without her Ferrari and beamer?). The lawyers for both put in long arguments in the case, but the result was inconclusive, because the commissioner ultimately said he couldn't make a decision either way until he saw the hidden assets. He ordered the woman to show where she was keeping the money, but as far as I could tell there was not much in the way of coercion involved. The ex-husband in Singapore will likely never get anywhere near half of these assets.

Perhaps most relevant to the average Spearhead reader, there was a separation hearing as well. This is the hearing that, for all intents and purposes, determines custody. In this particular case, the husband and wife had a falling out, and there had been some domestic scuffles, apparently initiated by the wife, who was clinically diagnosed with mental problems. The man, under intense pressure during the separation, had recently taken to drink. For some reason that I cannot fathom, he decided to tell his estranged wife about it, saying he'd sober up. I can only speculate that perhaps he was making some attempt at reconciliation, and thought that with some effort at a clean lifestyle they'd both be OK. Very big mistake. Naturally, her lawyer chewed him up over that, calling him an "alcoholic" and "an extremely heavy drinker" for admitting to putting away a six pack every night for a few months while under pressure from a deranged, violent wife. Needless to say, he lost custody, but in all fairness the drinking was just a convenient excuse for the court — he would have lost anyway. Where he is really screwed now is that his ex can demand that the state monitor him for compliance with various treatment programs for years, whether he had a long-term problem or not. In being open with his wife about this issue, he has now handed her a big hammer with which she can repeatedly bludgeon him as long as their children are minors.

Mine was the fourth case. Now, after reading my results from my hearing, and comparing them to the three that came before, perhaps skeptical readers can understand why I did not leave feeling that I had "lost."

For young, unattached men out there, I highly recommend a two hour visit to the local courthouse to watch what happens in there. Just knowing how it works will give men a good basis on which to make a decision about marriage and children, and a realistic idea of what to expect if things turn sour. Also, it will help them avoid the most common mistakes men make when they have to go through it themselves. Fortunately, court is public, and anyone can see these hearings for free.

Why a woman's age at time of marriage matters, and what this tells us about the apex fallacy

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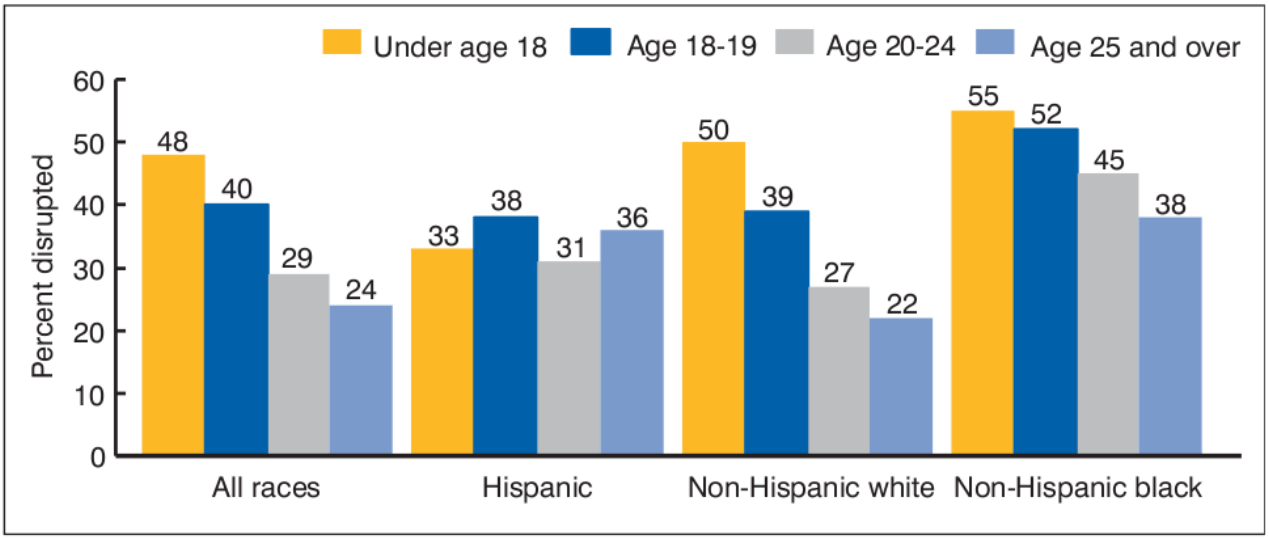
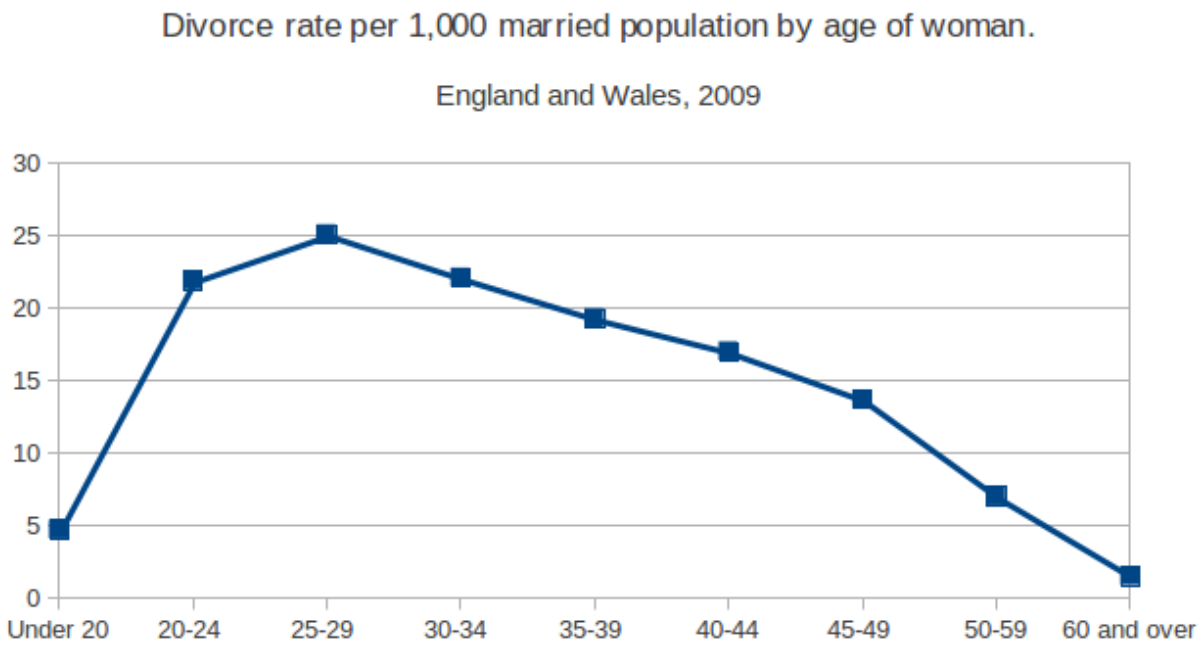
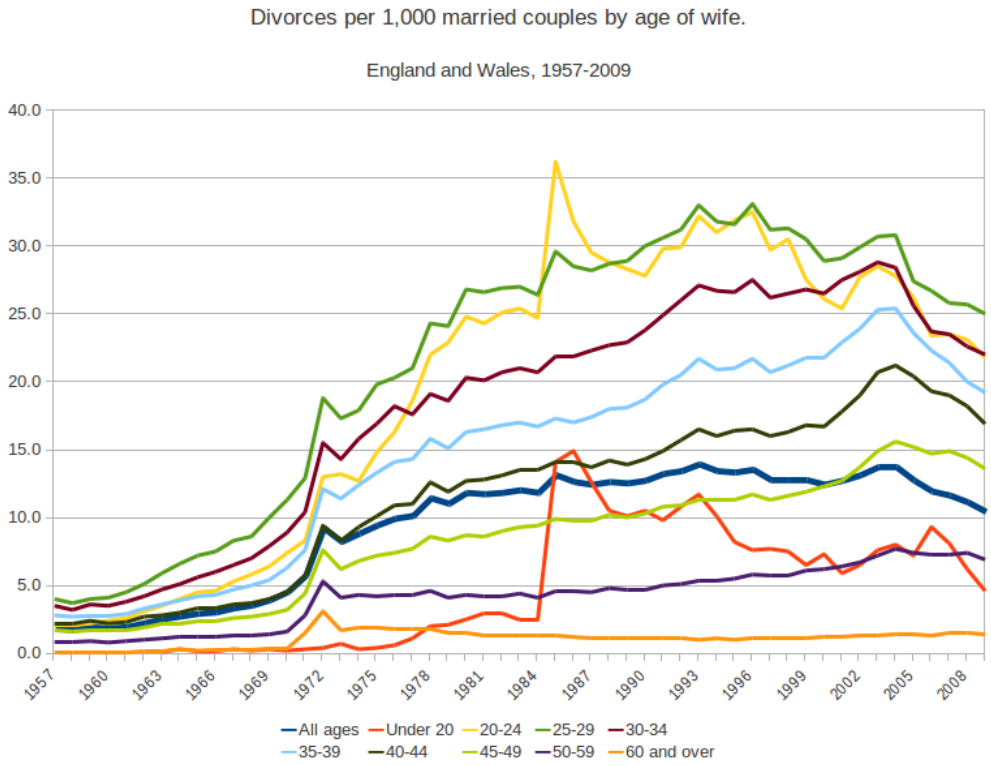


Figure 19. Probability that the first marriage breaks up within 10 years by race/ethnicity and age at the beginning of marriage: United States, 1995

The basic relationship between a woman's age at the time of marriage and her likelihood of divorcing is fairly well known. As the chart above (source) shows, women who marry later are less likely to divorce within the first ten years of marriage than those who marry when very young. However, what is seldom discussed is *why this is the case*. The standard assumption is that women who wait longer are more mature, better able to pick a husband they can remain faithful to, and more ready for marriage. Also, women who attend college generally marry a bit later, and college attendance correlates strongly with IQ, which has a very strong inverse correlation with divorce. Undoubtedly there is some truth to these reasons, but there is something else very important going on. *A woman's likelihood of divorcing in any given year is inversely correlated to her age*. Young women in the peak of their sexual marketplace power are far more likely to divorce than older women are. The chart below demonstrates this using data from the United Kingdom's Office Of National Statistics (view table):



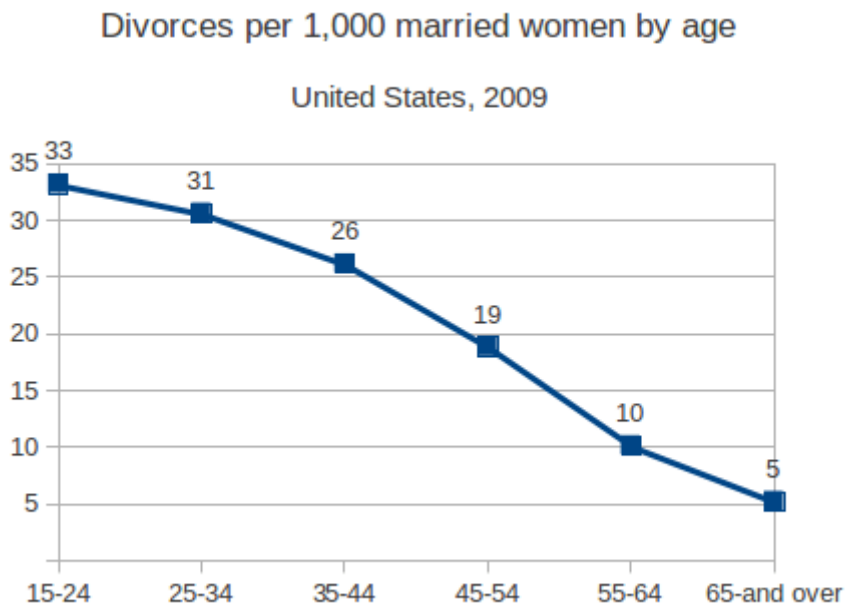
Note how aside from the very youngest age brackets, a woman in the UK's likelihood of divorcing correlates strongly with her perceived ability to remarry. The UK under 20 and 20-24 age brackets are perplexing, because they defy conventional wisdom on very young marriage, the US data on early marriage divorce rates, as well as expectations based on the sexual marketplace. With this in mind, I suspect that women who marry that young in the UK are bucking the trend enough that they are a much more dedicated group regarding marriage. The last chart was just a snapshot in time, but the basic effect has been remarkably stable in the UK for as far back as data is available:



Leaving aside the volatile under 20 age bracket, the lines almost never cross. The only change is that the 20-24 year old bracket has moved between being the most likely to divorce, the second most likely to divorce, and the third

most likely to divorce. But the trend for women starting in their late 20s has always been the same; the older they are, the less likely they are to divorce. This has remained the case even as the age of first marriage has continued to grow. This isn't simply about divorces occurring in the very beginning of marriage. There is a much stronger pattern involved here.

I have yet to find anyone who splits the US data out this way, but just this week I found the missing component I needed to roll my own chart:



The chart above combines data from the 2009 spreadsheet from the US Census (all races) on the percentage of women by age bracket who were married, with the data on divorces by age in 2009 from Table 2 in this recent census paper.* Notice that while US divorce rates are significantly higher than UK divorce rates across the board, the same basic pattern we saw in the UK data exists in the US data minus the unexpected behavior for younger age brackets.

Taken together, this data soundly disproves the apex fallacy regarding divorce. The common belief that divorce rates are driven by men discarding older wives for a younger model simply doesn't fit with the data. This is reinforced when you consider that the AARP found that 66% of the divorces in middle age were initiated by women (figure 2 on page 15). This fits with the historical trends of women of all ages initiating divorce, as shown in page 3 of this paper. **Even in middle age women are still the ones driving divorce rates.** The myth of the unloyal husband dumping his hapless wife once he feels it is to his advantage is generally just that (a myth). This won't stop women from pointing over and over again to the rare case they know of in the media or in person where this has occurred, but in the scheme of things this is clearly an outlier. Across age ranges divorce is being driven by women, and the likelihood of a couple divorcing in any given year tracks very strongly with whether the wife feels it would be to her advantage not to keep her promise.

*The specific rates for each group in the US chart may not be exact. The figures in Table 2 from the new report on the total number of women in each age bracket vary slightly from the figures in the 2009 census report. This appears to be due to the nature of the sampling they did. Also, table 2 shows slightly different numbers of women and men divorcing and marrying in the same year. This would be expected when looking at different age brackets, but not the overall figures. At any rate, the differences aren't large so the data still appears to be generally valid. Lastly, using the figures in Table 2 I calculated the overall rate of divorce per 1,000 married women in the US in 2009 at 19. This other source calculates it at 16.4 for the same year, however that report omits data from California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota.

Do Mothers Want Feminist Daughters-In-Law?

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Having come to realize how much grandmothers care about grandchildren, I recently wondered how much women would like to have feminist women be mothers to their grandchildren.

Do women like the idea of their grandchildren's mothers being sexually liberated, careerist types who will hand the care of their children over to the fathers? Do they want them taking their children to slutwalks?

When you view feminism in these terms, it starts to look a lot less like a valid social movement and a lot more like plain old selfishness and irresponsibility. I'd even be willing to bet that women who were straight-up second wave feminists in the 1970s would be highly put off by a daughter in law who refused to do her duties as a mother.

Additionally, what mother in her right mind would want her son to marry a feminist? Unless she really hated him, I can't see the idea doing anything besides giving her chills.

Because feminism is all about "ME" it looks great to a lot of women when they come of age. But when ME comes at one's personal expense, the shine starts to wear off. Today, it comes at the expense of virtually everyone besides fertile women. This is why feminism will never become an entrenched value in society — it will fail the generational crossover test as soon as large numbers of second wavers start to have grandchildren, which is happening right about now.

Employment Game Part III: Prospecting

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By Uncle Elmer

Amidst criticism that my previous essays were long on rant and short on practical advice, I am switching up the sequence slightly to provide some useful tips on how to find work. Also, let's make the distinction that these essays are about marketing your existing skills to find work, not about developing those skills. That is a topic worthy of its own series, and given the feminization of education and the workplace, would be a lively discussion at the Spearhead.

We are putting the cart ahead of the horse here as there a few things you need to get in place before you attempt these moves. Specifically, you need to get your sales package together and implement a continual marketing process so you can handle the interviews that will result from the actions I am about to describe. By "sales package" I mean whatever it takes to make a good impression and leave them with contact information. For some of you guys a clean pair of shoes would be a good place to start. As you grow in sophistication you can add a pair of gabardines and and executive-style hairdo. Part IV of this series will discuss developing your sales narrative, marketing materials, attire, attitude, and presentation skills. Let's assume for now that you have all that in place and are ready to not completely screw up your interviews.

A couple of things to keep in mind : developing your marketing process is a long-term activity. You need to work it continually for the rest of your days. Get the basics in place and hone the details over time. Secondly, there is the *sales cycle*, the time lag between prospecting and landing the work. This typically takes many months. With that in mind, you can start looking for work and preparing your marketing materials at the same time. But at the least before you begin, have a business card and capability sheet (often referred to as a "resume") prepared so if a prospect calls you or you speak to him directly, the interaction flows smoothly and you come off with some level of confidence and professionalism. The interview is the wrong time to begin practicing your salesmanship. When that happens, you will depart feeling like a chump for not having practiced just a little bit, which would have made all the difference.

Let's also talk about what doesn't work. No doubt you have seen the occasional "jobs concern" storyline, which has an opening anecdote about some poor individual who has sent out hundreds, nay, thousands of resumes and has not gotten one bite. These stories are often acommpanied by a photo of about 2,000 consternated people standing in line at a "job fair". Complimenting these essays are useless 10-point lists for finding work, identified by preposterous directives to "demonstrate your social networking skills" or 'extend your network through family and friends". The taglines for these essays often claim the author as a leading employment search expert, though from the uselessness of their information one can discern that they have not actually spent years toiling in a trade or selling their services as a consultant. Their career is selling "career advice" or "personal success coaching", along with books to sell. The generality of their advice doesn't help you see through the fog and give you tangible actions that make you fel like you're climbing out of the pit. Similar to a lot of "get rich in real estate" books.

Look, I'm just your Uncle Elmer and I'm not selling anything. We're out in the garage looking at an old motor and you just endured Elmer taking an excruciating 4 and half minutes to empty his bladder into the piss jug. He knows you guys are laughing behind his back and elbowing each other to get him to scald your ears with some ribald tales. What he has to say is non-compliant and that's why you think it's so entertaining, but there's a kernel of truth buried cynicism.

And I don't want to dump my crusty negativity on some of the women "career" bloggers out there but my gut sense is that they are short on actual decades of trench experience. The hard-boiled ladies out there who have actually started and operated businesses don't seem to be sharing their experiences. Generally you should ignore advice coming from women because it is just part of their nature to talk up insecurity and social pecking orders.

What I have seen lately are essays advising the use of social media and career link websites to look for work. This, in addition to mass resume mailings, is a shotgun approach that only dilutes the effectiveness of your marketing. The lousy feedback coupled with the high volume effort is likely to cause you to question the fulility of it all. Aesop had a fable with the moral “he who has many friends has no friends”. That applies to social media. Most older men (and that’s really who you want to target) don’t use “social media” anyway. My advice for you is to “link out”, and come up with an alternative method for finding prospects that will actually talk to you.

One other caveat. If you are enjoying long-term employment in a stable industry, or have a trade in such high demand that you don’t have to seek out work, what I have to say may be of little use to you. Whatever industry you work in though, an understanding of how the gears turn coupled with some salesmanship and presentation skills can make the difference between stagnation and self-actualization. If you’re in the habit of keeping your head down and waiting for assignments to process you may be headed for extinction.

To find work opporunities, one needs to look for signs of economic activity. Marketing is understanding the money behavior of your target industry. Just as when you are fishing you look for spots in the water where food may be concentrating and likely have fish to catch, to find work you need to spot where the money is concentrating and new work opportunities will be opening up. What I am about to tell you is a few ways, by no means all, on how to identify the money stream. I am hoping some of the readers offer their own tips. For example, I have not made much use of company business profile or industry reports, but think that could be a valuable resource so long as you don’t pay too much for it.

Let’s get started. This is the hard part and I don’t have all the answers. I will relate what has been working for me, a technocrat with many years experience, but the methods will work wherever you are in the food chain. In fact, I am addressing this essay to my 23 yo son Shemp, who is probably like a lot of younger guys on this site; limited job experience, some community college classes, frustration in finding work while observing that young women appear to have all the advantages. This essay was stalled as I tried to counsel him on how to approach a business looking for work with techniques I used 30 years ago. What Shemp tells me about his work search now is that when he shows up at some place, they say “apply online”, which sounds like a brush-off, and sure enough, he was getting no response until recently when he actually got an interview. But he describes the online processing as immensely frustrating, echoing my own experience in the past few years where I entered my data into a company jobsite and promptly got an email saying “while your qualifications are impressive…”

I no longer even attempt that approach but you may want to do it as a background task as long as you don’t put too much hopefulness in the outcome. Sometimes you will get a bite from the oddest fishing attempts and haul in the big one.

The key point for increasing your probability of getting work is that you have to make human contact with a man placed high enough in the target organization to extend you a job. You identify this man through intelligence gathering. Your primary means of gathering information is of course, your local internet. The important thing is to get in front of the guy who is able to give you work. You accomplish this by careful research and targeting, followed by an attempt to contact. Usually this gets ignored. If you develop a continual process and learn from your mistakes, eventually you are going to get a response. When I finally got it in my head that this was the only way, I made the simple goal of “one act of marketing per week”. That’s really not much effort and has paid off well, with about 51 rejections a year yet at least one contract to keep me alive. But even the rejections have expanded my network and increased my salesmanship potential.

The second thing is once you have gotten audience with a contact, you are going to give a him brief narrative of what you do and what you are looking for, while spinning it as “value added” to his business. A tough thing to pull off, all within 30 seconds before handing him your card and offering him your capability sheet, which you will have ready to fork over. The conversation may continue or he will cut you short, it’s his call. Act like a pro and minimize projecting a bullshit image. Here again, practicing a little before jumping into the stream will pay off. Be prepared, be relaxed, and conversational. When you approach him you want him to sense from your style and body language

that your pitch will be short and unpressured. A positive aspect of this approach is that he has likely encountered a steady stream of job seekers which causes him to set up defensive walls from the sheer difficulty in turning people down, not to mention employment legalities he has to worry about. When you approach him as a consultant/free agent (even if you are really seeking direct employment) then the conversation is more relaxed and fluid. There will be a freer exchange of industry knowledge and ideas and possibly some new leads for you. Almost always you leave with a “maybe in the future” handshake. If he has a project in the works you have just bumped yourself up into the realm of real candidacy.

Methods

Here I have also gotten stuck while writing this essay. In no way can I write out a comprehensive list of techniques that works for everyone in all contexts. What I am about to describe works for me, based on my trade skills and industry. Take it as an example, then do the legwork for your particular situation. The basic theme is this : identify the money and players in your industry, craft an approach, execute it, review your mistakes and successes, then repeat.

For low-experience guys approaching small businesses, you may be able to get owner/proprieter info from your local online municipal data. You also may need to get to the right man through trusted low-level contacts, who often can be helpful in getting you mentioned or passing along your capability sheet. The following methods are really for more experienced guys but still have usefulness to low-end seeker in that they help identify companies that might be hiring. If they have received funding they may be looking for people at various levels. So rather than a shotgun job search approach you will narrow your search to companies that are experiencing growth or new projects. Furthermore, on the low end jobs, if they have advertised it you can be sure they have been deluged with applications. Using the following tactics can help you identify those companies before they get the ad out, giving you a huge leg up on the competition.

Though contract job ads can be a good indicator of activity at a company; even if the prime isn’t listed you can usually find our who it is with a web seatch, then find the players, then get your resume directly to him.

Blind internet search. I actually found my last string of work this way. First I crafted a customizable cover letter, capability sheet printed with professional looking header, and business card. The cover and capability sheet cast me as an independent consultant, ElmerTech Services. Also I had some envelopes printed up with my company name and address because running an envelope through your printer usually ruins it. My home address sounds like it could be a business; if yours sounds a little too suburban you might want to consider a PO box. Now the next thing was to search online for tech companies in my city with google(mytown mytrade careers) or google(mytown mytrade employment opportunities) to find local company job listings. Often these are quite old as they don’t update the sites often. Now this might find you some useful info, but you need to work up the chain a little bit and find who the head tech or engineer is, often listed somewhere else on the site. Look at their “in the news” page or “company history” page and you might find someone. Also you want to drop the “career” search and look for companies doing your trade, like “welding suppliers” or “caterers”, whatever. Anyway, after getting all the envelopes and cards printed up, the first guy I sent one to called me in to talk! But it took months to actually get work out of him. He even sent me a “sorry, we gave it to someone else letter”, then when I was overseas, sent me another one offering me the job.

Publications. Most companies in technical industries will routinely publish “white papers” and journal articles about their topic of expertise, usually some research or product development they have done. The authors of these papers often have their contact information listed. You can send the type of letter I described, or just an email (or even a phone call, if you dare) showing interest or mentioning related work you have done. Again, simply use your search engine to find publications. Very often you will only get a citation or first page, but that may be enough to get some contact data. These journal articles also provide a lot of insight into the work going on at the company, such as existing or new projects. The more you dig the more you will find. Reading the article before talking to them is also great preparation and helps you ask intelligent questions or guide the discussion.

Federal Money Spigots. After I got the job with the tech company the owner gave me quite an education in entrepreneurship. He had been working “SBIR” contracts for a number of years, and every cycle submitted several proposals. SBIR means Small Business Innovation Research, a federal program mandating that a percentage of government research dollars goes to small businesses. He lost the contract I was hired to work on, a real letdown for me after a long dry spell. So I attempted my own SBIR proposal, and damned if I didn’t win. After that I started pursuing SBIRs with a vengeance and wrote proposals for several companies. Turns out it was beginner’s luck and the game is much tighter to win than that. But anyway, for you the point is that the SBIR sites list awards given to companies, and from there, you can get a lead on new business. If they have won a Phase II award, there may be greater need for your services. Check out http://www.dodsbir.net and http://www.dodsbir.net/awards

Now there’s another source that has a lot of this kind of information, known as Federal Business Opportunities, or fedbizopp. This is the central website listing all goods and service contracts for the US government. It lists upcoming contracts to be awarded and how to submit proposals or capability statements to win them. I have written quite a few of these with a lot of feedback but little actual award. Apparently by the time it makes it to fedbizopp, the contract is already “wired” even more than a SBIR. At least with a SBIR you have a chance outside the main proposer, whereas for fedbizopp there is only one, and they usually have the inside scoop. However, it is still a great source of award information. A nice thing about their site is that you can set custom search filters and it will automatically send you emails when new contracts appear for that topic or locality. Take a look at https://www.fbo.gov and set up a “general public” account.

Networking. OK, nothing new as everyone says to do it. But you need to take your business card and put it into action.It takes time, perhaps years to build it up, the same for marketing any product. Try to look like you’re a pro and not some desperate job seeker. Join a local trade group, attend trade shows and seminars, and start talking to people. Keep it low key and do it when you have work. You are seeking industry intelligence, not job openings.

Publish. Getting something in print is a big help. If you are in a technical field you should work towards getting journal publications. If you aren’t at that level, putting together a professional looking website with some of your portfolio work is helpful. You don’t have to be a great writer, just demonstrate your work. Take photos of some of the work you are doing and put it in there. Build it up and polish it over time. Put the URL on your business card. Otherwise reduce your internet footprint and get rid of your facebook and other trash.

This is just a beginning and really only a few methods to start with. What I hope to have impressed upon you is the need to gather your own intelligence and craft an approach that will get you in front of people who can hire you. This can be painful as you will be met with no small amount of rejection, but the few successes you will enjoy provide a sense of vindication and confidence that you can pull in the work no matter the current business climate.

Social Media Star Trey Pennington Succumbs to Divorce Tactics, Kills Self

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Trey Pennington, a 46-year-old father of six who made a name for himself in online marketing and social media, shot himself in the stomach in a church parking lot in Greenville, SC, ending his life and shocking fans.

Trey was facing divorce, and as a father of six who was very close to his family, must have been under a tremendous amount of pressure. Information concerning the suicide is sketchy, and it appears that a restraining order may have been involved, as the suicide was precipitated by a police standoff, as is so often the case in these events.

Unfortunately, the news affiliate WYFF 4 (wyff4.com) has erased the only article describing the events, which supposedly mentioned what looks like a no-contact order.

Divorce is stressful enough without police involvement, but for fathers, the idea of armed men standing between them and their families is often too much to bear. One possible solution to these senseless tragedies would be to demilitarize the divorce process, and, rather than start off by denying fathers access to children (at gunpoint) for some period of time, guarantee them time with their children at the first ex-parte hearing. If a wife does not want to see her husband, that's fine, but the children should not be included in any such order unless he is demonstrably an imminent threat to them.

A man who loses his children suddenly and senselessly can be a very serious danger to himself; there is probably little that can guarantee a consistent trickle of tragedies more certainly than contemporary separation procedures.

Tavis Smiley and Cornel West on White Women Teachers

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From the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement, the "struggles" of white women have been linked to the plight of black Americans. A little-known fact is that this was formalized by Howard Smith, a segregationist senator who opposed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Although the alliance has never been ideal, it worked for many years as the United States was an ascendant nation with plenty to spare for both groups. But in recent years, things have changed, and conflicts have emerged.

First, the issue of child support and welfare reform began to expose rifts, as white women scored huge victories by legally subjugating men in general, while black women found themselves cut off from government aid and their menfolk, many of whom ended up on the run or in prison as a result of the tough new laws. Additions to the 1994 crime bill (VAWA) turned men in general into a criminal class, with black men bearing the brunt of it, and the professionalization of the government workforce proved to be a huge boon to white women.

Now that the gains from the Civil Rights movement have ground to a halt, and there's little more to offer, competition between black men and white women has become a zero-sum game, and neither group can advance without it being at the expense of the other. Given that white American women have always had it better in the United States on just about every measure of well-being than any other demographic, and black men have had it worse, it would be only fair for white women to graciously give up some of the unearned gains they made by hitching themselves to the Civil Rights bandwagon. However, as anyone who has been married to one knows, that ain't ever gonna happen.

No, white women, especially of the liberal sort, are perfectly happy with their *Gone with the Wind* version of Civil Rights, where they manage the plantation for the "benefit" of all others.

However, it seems that the benefit is rather dubious on the face of it, and some grumbling has made it all the way from the field to the inside of the house.

Recently, I happened to be listening to NPR, and caught part of the Smiley and West show, in which Tavis Smiley and Dr. Cornell West pontificate on matters of interest to black Americans. West was in Seattle, so the show was given a prominent time slot by KUOW, and I heard it while driving around with the kids in the afternoon.

At issue was a recent incident in New Jersey in which a white, female teacher got in hot water for writing that she was teaching "future criminals" on her Facebook page. Most of her students were black and Hispanic, which is probably the only reason it made the news; many men my age and younger of any race can probably remember similar statements from female teachers (and male feminists) concerning male pupils — not all teachers are very good at concealing their opinions. Nevertheless, at least a good number of white and Asian students have fathers who are willing to stand up for them, whereas black kids are – thanks to feminist welfare policy – notably deprived in that regard.

In a rare example of black liberals criticizing their putative allies, both West and Smiley took issue with the fact that while black boys are farther behind than any other group of students, they are overwhelmingly in the charge of white females:

> Smiley: … One of the things, very quickly, that we examine in this prime time special, Too Important to Fail, again on Sept 13th, one of the things that we point out and investigate and find solutions for, Doc, is this simple statistic. The majority of kids being left behind, the group, I should say, of kids being left most behind, never mind this law Leave No Child Behind, they're all being left behind. The group being left the farthest behind are, no surprise here, young black boys. That's a reality; the numbers bear that out. We're losing most black boys in the third or fourth grade we find in this investigative report.
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> But consider this, Doc. The majority of teachers in this country happen to be white women. To be exact, 83

> percent of teachers in this country are white women. What we ask in this special, does that mean that the future of black boys in America is in the hands of white women? We dig deep into that question.
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> West: Interesting.
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> Smiley: **Black boys being left the farthest behind. Eighty-three percent of teachers white women. The future of black boys in the hands of white women. What does that mean? What are the challenges to the system, to black men becoming teachers? The tentacles shoot everywhere off of that one factoid.**
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> [emphasis added]

What does it mean? Well, my take on it is that it means that one of the most powerful political coalitions of American political history is coming undone, and given what a failure it's been, it's about time.

I'll try to stay tuned for "Too Important to Fail" so I can write it up. Should be an interesting show, but I'm afraid Smiley will chicken out and water it down, then go back to the old standbys. We'll see.

Too pretty to do homework!

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We live in a strange time. Female entitlement is rampant as a result of feminism, yet sometimes the female entitlement message runs afoul of feminists. JCPenney™ recently pulled the this shirt from its online store following a petition drive and outrage from feminists. The shirt said:

> I'm too pretty to do homework so my brother has to do it for me

The copy on the page said:

> Who has time for homework when there's a new Justin Bieber album out? She'll love this tee that's just as cute and sassy as she is.

The strange thing is this kind of *I don't have to do anything because I'm a woman* theme is extremely common today exactly because of feminism. Given the choice between teaching women and girls real skills and teaching them moxie, feminists chose the latter. Feminists didn't think Amelia Earhart needed to do her homework and learn how to use navigation equipment or communicate in Morse code; there were men for that. All feminists cared about was that she was *cute and sassy*, just like the girl the shirt is aimed at.

[image]
Too pretty to do homework?

Amelia Earhart photo from Library of Congress (LC-USZ62-45002). Creator unknown.

Man Sues University over Feminist Indoctrination

Featured Guest · 8 September 2011 · Archived copy · Original

By Peter The Great

Most guys going to college are not aware of the feminist atmosphere and indoctrination to be found on today's college campuses.

Tom Martin, who matriculated at London School of Economics, which used to be one of the premier colleges of economics, quit after 6 weeks and is now suing the LSE.

He is asking for 50,000£ claiming breach of contract, misleading advertising, misrepresentation and breach of the Gender Equality Duty Act.

Mr. Martin, age 39, states that while attending LSE last year states the university's lecturers ignored male issues.

LSE, after an internal investigation, found (naturally) no evidence of bias.

Martin, who is representing himself in the Central London county court, said there was "systemic anti-male discrimination" and , "The core texts we had to read before each class were typically packed with anti-male discrimination and bias – heavily focusing on, exaggerating, and falsifying women's issues perspectives, whilst blaming men, to justify ignoring men's issues. There was no warning of this sexist agenda in the prospectus."

He states ""They simply refuse to acknowledge the research which contradicts the 'women good/men bad', or the 'women victims/men perpetrators' storyline.

"Science does not come into it at LSE's Gender Institute. Like a religion, the curriculum simply insists, by repetition, attempting to drum the anti-male agenda into the students."

LSE's legal team is asking that the suit be dismissed:

> The university's legal team has asked for the case to be struck out, claiming the core texts were not compulsory, merely recommended readings, and that the texts were equally available for both men and women to read, so therefore did not directly discriminate against men. The team also argues that "any discriminatory effect [against men] was plainly justifiable".

In other words, it is clearly justifiable to slander men, and be biased against them. We should applaud Mr. Martin for his laudable stand against the standard university feminist party line, and hope that his suit will proceed on its merits.

Pissing on Trey Pennington's Grave

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After writing up the Trey Pennington suicide, a number of comments came through denouncing the recently deceased man, suggesting that he was a philanderer, bad guy, etc. They mainly came from South Carolina, so I think it's fair to say that some may be actual acquaintances of the man or his wife. I was denounced by some commenters for an inaccurate summary of the events (I was going on a deleted article, so the info was third-hand), but the only detail that was clearly incorrect was where he shot himself. Police told him to put down the gun, so there *was* a standoff. As for whether there was a no-contact order, nobody has denied or confirmed that, but one commenter said he was being painted as a monster by his ex in court, which suggests that there was. No-contact/restraining orders are *routine* in separations, and often applied to both parties.

The point of the write-up was that including children in a no-contact order is inhumane, and can drive men to suicide. I don't know whether that happened, but again, these orders are routine, and even when children are not specifically mentioned, a no-contact order barring the man from the residence in the absence of a parenting plan effectively cuts him off from his children. Although none of Mr. Pennington's detractors have confirmed or denied the existence of any such order, they have taken it upon themselves to smear a dead man.

Although this is an especially egregious example of the unfortunate American tendency to gang up on the abandoned husband, which is particularly common amongst the white-trash segment of society, similar stories play out across the US every single day. Wife abandons husband, gang of women immediately goes into full-on attack mode to destroy his character in the community and in court.

This is one of the most shameful and damning characteristics of the American female; there is little more disgusting than a mob of women collaborating to deliver the death blow to a family, but it happens all the time. In this instance, even the man's death was not enough to stop them. Incidentally, this is one more reason fathers should not commit suicide — they will be smeared and denounced after death by the infernal gang without any regard even for their children's feelings.

For many, many men out there, Trey Pennington's story hits very close to home. Suicidal thoughts as a result of the treatment men receive are not just common, they are typical. I ran through much the same gauntlet myself, despite the fact that it was my wife who was having an affair — not me. That didn't stop a number of women, several of whom I'd never met in my life, from denouncing me to the court. I never imagined that people would so eagerly involve themselves in another family's travails, and took pains to keep friends and family out of what I saw as a deeply private and personal matter. However, women don't tend to see it that way. This is something every man who is going through a divorce should know. While there are still decent women who will not drag a man through the mud during a divorce (e.g. Courtney Cox), for too many of them the temptation is too great, and indulgence in the basest kind of vindictive behavior is all too common.

Although one might be tempted to make the case that as social creatures, women will inevitably engage in this sort of social lynching of husbands, there is no adequate excuse. Opportunistic, gangster-type interference in other families' travails is a social evil that deserves only condemnation. Such women (and men) who engage in it are no better than a pack of feral dogs, and deserve to be treated as such.

So, if any ladies are reading this, it's nothing personal, but if you are one of those types who gets between fathers and children and husbands and wives, you are trash. Of course, this applies to the women writing comments denouncing the departed father.

WH Smith Bows to Pressure from "Sisterhood," Eliminates Women's Fiction Category

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Two 29-year-old British women, annoyed that the bookstore WH Smith had a section devoted to women's fiction, wrote Kate Swann, WH Smith CEO, to demand the removal of the category. They wrote that the section was too pink and fluffy, and lacking in classic authors, and therefore presumably demeaning to women.

Their appeal to the "sisterhood" paid off — Swann agreed and changed company policy:

> WH Smith is many things. Quintessentially British and comfortingly familiar. It's also the one place where you can buy – unplanned, suddenly and right here, right now at the till! – the most gigantic chocolate bar in the world for only £1. A horrific decision where either way feels like the wrong call.
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> Until now, however, WH Smith has not exactly been seen as an ovary-pulverising bastion of rampant misogyny. But following an appeal by two female customers from Tonbridge, Kent, written "in sisterhood" to WH Smith's chief exec, Kate Swann, from October the store will remove all reference to "women's fiction" at points of sale.

I find it ironic that Kate Swann, a female CEO, decided to put politics before profits with so little prompting, which would suggest that women are indeed less competent in serious matters, such as classic fiction, big business, etc.

The thing is, women's fiction sells — a lot. So do the comic book, self help book and DIY book genres, each of which also has its own category. It is a perfectly logical category for the millions of British women who *buy* women's fiction, as well as the authors who sell it. Therefore, one would think that a complaint about such a category from a couple pedantic feminists would be "taken under advisement" at the very most rather than instantly become corporate policy.

What is happening here is that even as the "women's fiction" category is removed from the store's floor, another equally fluffy and pink one is being created in the business world: women CEOs.

Chinese Pass Reasonable Divorce Law, Feminists at NY Times Resort to Yellow Journalism

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Worried by the rising incidence of divorce in the Middle Kingdom, Chinese authorities passed a law preventing a divorcing spouse from seizing property obtained by the other spouse prior to marriage. The NY Times naturally took the feminist position and ran a sensationalist article suggesting that Chinese women will end up homeless as a result of the new rule.

What the Times failed to mention is that this law reflects the norm even in US family law. Even in community property states, property obtained before marriage is not generally considered community property. Nor is inheritance. In Washington state, for example, a man who purchases property before marriage can keep it, although the wife could claim half of the equity built up following the marriage. Of course, if a man buys a house *after* getting married, he is taking an enormous risk unless his wife is contributing equally to the mortgage, because in a divorce with children wives almost always keep the house (and men keep paying for it), but people are starting to catch on, which is one important reason young professionals do not favor homemaker wives these days, preferring instead that their wives work, too.

However, things have changed far more quickly in China than in the US. In the last twenty years the country has undergone a capitalist revolution, and modernization came about so quickly that customs and laws have not been able to keep up. In the current climate, Chinese women have leveraged their newly liberated status to the hilt, and generally refuse to marry a man who cannot provide the family with some real estate. Naturally, there will be plenty of mercenary Chinese women in a country of over a billion people, and seizing a house through divorce is a perfectly rational thing for self-interested types, which even the NY Times should concede exist in China. So, given the exploding divorce rate in China, a lot of men will be taken to the cleaners without some reform.

Therefore, Chinese authorities passed a perfectly reasonable and normal law – one that is on the books in many states in the US – and with the help of US media outlets Chinese feminists are throwing a tantrum. Here are a few choice quotes from outraged Chinese feminists:

> “Feudal society is back again. How many hundreds of years will it take before women are free again?”
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> [...]
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> “That’s feudalism. We smashed that already. Broke it. For them to advocate traditional family structures is a joke!”
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> [...]
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> “Since the new marriage law came out, the equilibrium has been shattered in countless families. This stone has caused more than a thousand waves.”

There are a couple Chinese cultural references there that I ought to explain to the Western reader. The emphasis on “feudalism” is a relic of the Communist line that China has emerged from the “old society,” in which feudal land owners oppressed the peasants, women, workers, etc. The reference to the stone causing waves draws from Buddhism, which posits that all actions cause “waves” like a stone thrown in a pond.

Chinese are very lively online, so this kind of hyperbole is quite common, and it’s more than a bit dishonest for the Times to use strident online comments as an indication of general outrage. In fact, knowing the Chinese sense of propriety, the new law is probably considered a perfectly sensible measure, especially considering that so many Chinese parents provide their children with the means to purchase property. How could it be fair for some ungrateful wench to make off with half of a house her husband’s parents helped purchase for the express purpose of assisting their son in starting a family?

Nevertheless, it does appear that entitlement feminism has gained a strong foothold in China, and despite the traditional, conservative nature of Chinese this will be a major problem for many Chinese families. Of course, the NY Times cheers this development, and provides support by painting a lurid picture of Chinese damsels in distress for domestic American consumption.

To my fellow American men, I'd like to explain that this kind of underhanded propaganda is one of the most direct causes of anti-Americanism around the world. Not only are feminists causing trouble for Chinese men with their political support of the international sisterhood; they are breeding ill-will and resentment between American men and others around the world. Of course, feminists aren't the only ones doing this, but in recent years they've become some of the most pernicious actors in this regard.

Media “Shaming” Carte-Blanche

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A “sensational” weapon aimed at men

By Ken Knight

Everyone remember a man named Richard Jewell? He was the Security Officer who saved an untold amount of lives after he noticed a suspicious backpack in a public area during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta Georgia, pointing it out and getting many people away from it before the device exploded. For doing his duty, the stocky Richard Jewell was rewarded with official suspicion following a leaked FBI “profile” pointing out how males such as he would typically pull a “false flag” event such as a fire or explosion then “save the day” by stopping it (or just saving lives) to become a “hero”. Jewell was questioned, tracked, searched, and harassed by Investigators of the domestic terror incident for months leading up to the eventual determination that another man by the name of Eric Robert Rudolph was responsible for the bomb placement at Olympic Park.

Up until that point and the Justice Department’s official release that Jewell was no longer a suspect, the man was utterly roasted alive in the news media from NBC to Jay Leno who jokingly referred to the wrongly accused man as “Una-Bubba” (comparing the overweight Mr. Jewell to the Unabomber) during one late night show airings. Some of you may remember what was broadcast about Jewell at the time, reporters remarking about the fact he was single and childless as well as living with his mother at the time when he was 34 years of age, highlighting his spotty career record and “failure” to become a Police Officer up to that point which was his career goal. The “trial by media” also ran what past employers said about him, the fact he had no girlfriend at the time, his fascination with Police work, etc. etc. Simply put, Jewell was an easy target despite the fact he did nothing wrong and saved lives, something he was later commended for by the Governor of Georgia in 2006 (one year before his death from natural causes). Richard Jewell was easy media prey because: 1) He was male 2) He was single and unattractive 3) He was a “loner” 4) Investigators pinned him as the “type” to commit such a crime.

The Olympic Park bombing and the defaming of Richard Jewell happened 15 years ago before the Internet became the beast it is now and the western media became even more vicious in its defamation of men in general, the situation far worse now with “sensation” carrying the day from CNN to Joe Sixpack, Boston to Budapest, Youtube to Facebook.

What do we have now and what have we seen up to this point but anything less than blatant SHAMING of men in the news whether (or not) rightly charged with a crime, infidelity, etc. whether the man is a famous movie star or some railway worker from Pennsylvania “threatening” his ex-wife. It is “sensational” to report not the facts of each story but the juicy stuff such as some guy’s allegedly “violent” past, his poor luck with girlfriends or lack-thereof, things he said in anger, crap his “friends” say about him now that he’s in the news, and even the word of ex-wives that typically paint him in a bad light no matter what he has (or hasn’t) done. The man in the news for the slightest accusation or “suspicion” is painted with a tar brush in blatantly biased stories that would make a 1940s Nazi propagandist drool with envy. Now my friends, name one female of the species who has been treated by the modern western media in such a way…..

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Tea Party Politician Attacked for Child Support Arrears

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Illinois Representative Joe Walsh, a Tea Party freshman, is coming under fire from the left-wing blogosphere for owing child support. According to "Think Progress," which refers to the man as a "deadbeat," Mr. Walsh is over $100,000 in arrears.

Child support enforcement in the United States is guaranteed to create a very large population of debtors due to the inflexible nature of the system. There is literally no excuse not to pay, despite the fact that it is a debt that few men willingly expose themselves to. In fact, it is a very handy political control mechanism, as it criminalizes men simply for having had the misfortune to be left by their wives — a very common occurrence in today's climate.

When I was a naive kid, I believed leftist slogans about "social justice" and the like. The Think Progress site itself has "Justice" emblazoned on the header. However, any rational person can see that there's nothing "just" about a system that doesn't take circumstances into account and punishes fathers simply for their misfortune. It is this kind of hypocrisy that disillusioned me over the years, and led me to develop a deep distrust for the political left in the US.

Nevertheless, I think I'm relatively moderate compared to a lot of men out there. I have never signed on with the Tea Party; men of my generation tend to be a bit skeptical of mass movements, which are almost always dominated by those our parents' age, and rarely yield any benefits for us. I thought the Tea Party might be useful in providing some balance to Obama-style Democrat politics, but other than that never felt too excited about it.

But when I read about Mr. Walsh, it struck me that a great deal of the anti-government sentiment is a direct result of family law in the US. I don't know the exact numbers, but it's likely that somewhere on the order of 30 million American men have been put through the wringer by ex-wives and their state agents. That's a lot of men. Is it any wonder that a great many of them dislike – even hate – the government that put them in this position? Should anyone be surprised by this upswell of anti-government sentiment from middle America?

Governments can get away with oppressing people for a long time, but the effects are cumulative, and eventually there will be consequences. Perhaps the popularity of the Tea Party can be explained in part by the absolute disregard for American men that has become standard since the early 1980s.

Enslaved Men Freed in English Raid

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24 male slaves were found in a Bedfordshire Traveller encampment living in extremely cramped and filthy conditions. Travellers are an itinerant ethnic Irish caste, also known as “tinkers” and “pavies,” who have gained something of a protected status in recent years by virtue of being disliked by majority populations, including and especially ordinary Irish. The enslaved men, mainly of English and Eastern European origin, were down on their luck when they were lured to the caravan site (essentially a trailer park) from soup kitchens with the promise of food and fair pay. When they arrived, their heads were shaved and they were deprived of contact with the outside world, then put to work for a pittance if anything at all. The freed slaves had been on the site anywhere from a few weeks to 15 years.

Evidently, people had been complaining to the police for some time, as there had been some escapes, but nothing was done for at least three years. It is thought that a number of men may have died and been buried on the site, which would be unsurprising given the poor state of health of many of the slaves.

The Traveller gang bosses were living in expansive houses, and would send their slaves as far as Scandinavia to perform manual labor.

Although this is clearly a criminal case in which the majority of the blame falls on the Traveller bosses themselves, the fact that they could get away with enslaving men – including native Englishmen – for years speaks volumes. Most criminals are opportunists who prey on the weak, vulnerable and unprotected. It seems that today, there is no group in England so disempowered as Englishmen themselves, who can expect little succour when they fall on hard times.

As countless articles are devoted to the plight of alleged female slaves half a world away, these incidents serve to remind us that many of our men, right here in our own countries, have it just as bad. Hopefully, the men will recover from their experience, but it’s likely that many will end up right back on the street when they are released from the institutions currently caring for them.

Video Game Designer Secretly Attacks Feminism

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By Eincrou

The release of multi-platform zombie brawler Dead Island on September 6 has been contentious and controversial. The initial reason for the ire of gamers playing the PC release through the Valve Corporation's Steam content distribution system were technical problems rendering it nearly unplayable. Players also had the bizarre ability to press the "Y" key, thus allowing them to fly and pass through terrain as if they were the brain-eaters' incorporeal cousins.

The open PC platform allows for clever and resourceful consumers to investigate, modify, and fix games on their own. Gamers quickly discovered that the release distributed through Steam was in fact an incomplete development build which still had debugging tools enabled. Developer Techland acknowledged this and quickly released a Day 1 patch to remove these tools.

However, fans eager to make the game playable had not waited for the official patch. Dozens of knowledgeable gamers were already scouring the game files to find fixes to the various issues impairing their enjoyment of the game.

One gamer found some surprising code hidden within a file inside an archive named 'Data0.pak.' He posted his findings to a thread on Steam's Dead Island forum, which now now seems to have been deleted. I saw the thread when it was created on September 8, which described where the line of code was. I was able to find it in my own copy of the game by using a source code editor.

[image]

A file named "default_player_setup.scr" lists the skills of all four playable characters. Purna, a woman who is a former officer of the Sydney police department, has on line 174: **"Skill("FeministWhorePurna");"**

Gaming site Kotaku was able to receive comments on this line of code from both developer Techland and publisher Deep Silver.

An e-mail from Blazej Krakowiak, Techland's International Brand Manager, stated, "The line in question was something a programmer considered a private joke. The skill naturally has a completely different in-game name and the script reference was also changed."

The in-game name of the skill is Gender Wars and it allows Purna to deal additional damage to male zombies. And no — of course neither of the two male characters has an ability allowing them to deal additional damage to female zombies. The vast majority of violent video games have zero females the player can kill. Zombie games are one of the few that do, in keeping with the lore that some magic or virus has indiscriminately transformed the civilian population into undead monsters.

Krakowiak went on to say, "We deeply regret that fact and we apologize to all our customers or anyone who might have been offended by that inappropriate expression."

It's not clear who would be offended by a single line of debug code hidden within a file deep inside a compressed archive, but we can be sure of who would be offended by the Gender Wars ability *as it appears front-and-center in the game itself*. Listen carefully enough and you might be able to hear the wind rustling leaves. As expected, nobody even notices the irony that men should be the ones feeling offense.

Krakowiak ended his email to Kotaku with, "The person responsible for this unfortunate situation will face professional consequences for violating the professional standards and beliefs Techland stands for."

Apparently Techland's professional intentions are not only to avoid offending feminists and their sympathizers, but

also to pay homage to the mythical “gender war.” Giving the skill this name plays into the fantastical notion that, in pursuit of justice and their rights, women have fought a dangerous war with men in the same manner Purna drives heavy pipes into male zombies’ heads. To the extent that there has been a war between the sexes, a woman felling a zombie in 30% fewer blows doesn’t symbolize or represent the true history at all.

A more appropriate function of the Gender Wars ability would be to have it summon a legion of supplicating white-knights and manginas to fight the zombies as she sits back and watches. Also accurate would be if, upon use, male zombies started fighting among themselves in a vain attempt to remain the last ‘man’ standing and gain Purna’s affection.

Publisher Deep Silver made it clear in their response to Kotaku that: “These unfortunate actions were of one individual… [sic]” The man (while undisclosed, it is safe to say a man is responsible) who wrote this line of code reveals his way of thinking by giving the ability this name.

Most of the other skill names in the file are not the exact titles that appear in-game. Rather, they are descriptive of their functions. This means this programmer was presented with the concept of an ability for a female character allowing her to deal extra damage to male zombies.

His thought process connected the idea of a woman hurting men to feminism; an idea that is strongly suppressed in the mainstream. The addition of “whore” could be in jest, as Krakowiak suggested, but it is also possible is that it was an intentional dissent from the common wisdom that feminism is morally unassailable.

These circumstances are certainly unprofessional from the perspective of the developer, publisher and the man who did the coding. However, this incident highlights how an arguably misandric character skill can pass without notice in a male-dominated hobby, *even though it is clearly and directly linked to the object of controversy.*

Athena Bodyguard Academy: Who Needs Blackwater When You've got These Ladies?

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Athena Academy, founded by a severe-looking Greek woman, provides training and motivation for women aspiring to join the security/mercenary industry. According to Athena's promotional video, demand for female bodyguards is growing, although it doesn't say whether that's due to affirmative action or true interest.

However, at least one world leader has made extensive use of female guards — the former Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi. Now, that may not have worked out all that well, but hey, you've got to start somewhere.

Athena claims to use special forces training, including American and Israeli commando techniques:

> Athena Academy helps females learn how to become professional bodyguards. Our programs are unique, challenging, and top of the line. We provide specialized training using a combination of former Special Forces and American – Israeli counter-terrorism operatives.

To be fair, Israel has long used female agents, but when it comes to outright combat, the IDF has always been an exclusively male fighting force. US special forces, too. I wonder whether women are even capable of implementing many of the special forces fighting techniques, as they often require a great deal of physical strength and speed to execute.

Athena also teaches women about security and safety, including tips on "dressing conservatively." What would the slutwalkers think of that? (It's probably OK because a woman is saying it rather than a man)

What I really wonder is whether the female bodyguards bring anything to the table that men could not. Do they also include babysitting in their services? I can see someone like Bill Gates hiring a nanny who knows how to use a 9mm, but if I felt truly threatened (and could afford it), I'd rather have these guys at my side.

Athena has provided an inspirational (and entertaining) video, which I'm sure will convince at least a few dozen little girls around the world that they want to grow up to be bodyguards:

Fall Fund Drive

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It's time for my quarterly fund drive again, and this time it's pretty crucial. My recent court case with my ex drained my reserves, and bills are waiting — ah, the colorful life of the divorced father!

Stats are headed back up after a decline over the months I was focusing on my kids' relocation case. Quite sharply up in the last couple weeks, in fact, which just goes to show that in online publishing, like so many other things in life, you get back what you put into it. Now that I have a lot more time on my hands during the work week, the site will be brimming with content once again, and I'll have time to look for and publish a broad range of articles.

Reader support is what has kept the site alive for the last two years (that's right — *The Spearhead* is almost two years old). It has given me the opportunity to keep the site running and prolific — we've published over 1,500 articles. Hopefully, there will be many more, because I know that all this content has made an impact (between 1,500 and 2,000 people access the site from search engine results per day).

I greatly appreciate the support readers have provided so far, which has given me the resolve to continue publishing material on men's issues. Apparently, there is a real demand for this content, and I am happy to crank it out as long as I can afford to do so.

So, once again, thank you all for keeping the site alive and well. I look forward to publishing thousands of additional articles, and keeping men informed for years to come.

-WF Price AKA Welmer

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Men Biologically Respond to Fatherhood

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A study conducted in the Philippines has found that men respond to babies with hormonal changes, including a drop in testosterone. This suggests that like mothers, fathers are primed by a birth in the family to take on the role of parenting.

From the BBC:

> The lead investigator of the work carried out in the Philippines, Christopher Kuzawa, said: "Raising human offspring is such an effort that it is co-operative by necessity, and our study shows that human fathers are biologically wired to help with the job.
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> "Fatherhood and the demands of having a newborn baby require many emotional, psychological and physical adjustments. Our study indicates that a man's biology can change substantially to help meet those demands."
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> Dr Allan Pacey, senior lecturer in andrology at the University of Sheffield, said the findings were fascinating:
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> "Testosterone levels in men generally don't change that much. They can slowly decline as men get older and change in response to some medical conditions and treatment. But to see dramatic changes in response to family life is intriguing."

Humans are one of a few mammal species in which the father maintains an intimate connection with children. Without two parents, it is very difficult to raise human children, as they require enormous parental investment compared to other species. The one thing that makes us special – our high intelligence and ability to create and maintain culture – was likely made possible by paternal investment in children, because human mothers cannot raise children alone in a natural state — both are too vulnerable.

Most mammal species are featured by very low paternal investment — if any. For these animals, it is not much of a problem, because the young need only learn to walk and a few other rudimentary skills. Additionally, they mature very quickly compared to humans, so the mother can handle them by herself. For people, on the other hand, learning has almost entirely substituted for instinct, so the parenting process is very involved.

Ironically, rather than celebrate and cherish this unique human characteristic, the special bond between fathers and children is ignored, and sometimes even treated with suspicion. Public policy readily separates fathers from children, as though fathers are some vestigial organ, like the appendix. Nothing could be more shortsighted.

Perhaps authorities believe that due to socialized welfare fathers are no longer necessary, but anyone who studies outcomes in intact vs. broken families knows this is not at all true. Now, finally, we are starting to see some of the biology behind the human family. Feminists are not known for respecting biology, so they'll probably ignore mounting scientific evidence of the importance of fatherhood, but eventually the truth will prevail.

A Father Cannot Be a Mother, and He Should Not Try

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From the beginning of the identity politics era, which is when women and men began to see each other as rivals, there's been a lot of one-upsmanship over parenting, and who is the more important parent. In the public sphere, women won hands-down, but this has turned out to be a disaster for the millions of children who, as a consequence, grew up in broken, fatherless homes.

Concerned men have responded to this by saying that they are every bit as good at parenting as women. Many have embraced the concept of *equality*, suggesting that women are no more capable of raising children than men. In a sense they are correct, as children raised by fathers seem to do better than those raised by single mothers, but they are also wrong in some regards.

Mothers and fathers are both important, but they are complementary; each has a role to play. The tragedy of the modern family is that the father's role has been overlooked, replaced by the idea that children need only mothering and material provision to be properly raised. This attitude has become so thoroughly entrenched in our culture that even men who defend fatherhood have internalized it, and often their responding argument seems to suggest that men are just as good at mothering as women.

The truth is that men, in general, make inferior mothers. Men can care for infants and small children in a pinch, but they aren't very well suited to it. Mothering comes to a man about as well as fixing cars does to most women, which is to say it's a forced task. When an infant comes into a man's family, he will feel a great deal of tenderness for the child, he will be protective of it, and he will go to work ensuring its safety. However, he doesn't understand the baby's vocalizations as well as women, the nonverbal communication eludes him, he cannot nurse, and he is usually clumsier with the details of cleaning, dressing and feeding the child. With infants and small children, emotional communication is standard, so women's tendency to think with their feelings is an advantage in dealing with them.

However, just because men don't make very good mothers does not mean that they have no role to play. In fact, it is *because they are not mothers* that fathers are important to children. Childhood is temporary; along with physical growth it is a time to prepare for adulthood. As children grow, they must learn to think rationally, communicate directly and navigate the physical world. Humans, as cultural beings, need to learn to do these things. Nobody has to teach a baby to cry or suckle, or even walk, but as children grow the number of things they need to learn increases exponentially, and it is up to parents to teach them.

Although encouragement and emotional support may be helpful, rational, deliberate teaching is a very different process from caring for a baby. And the best teaching is both rational and deliberate. Teaching a child to ride a bicycle, for example, involves some encouragement, but instruction is far more important. When it comes time to learn to drive, it is crucial. As adults, we take many of these tasks for granted, but for children they are significant challenges. For most of us it was our fathers, or other men in our lives, who taught us to do many of these things.

Another important role fathers play is setting a behavioral example for their children. There is little more pathetic than a young man who resorts to emotion whenever he faces a problem. Temper tantrums and physical aggression may be the norm for toddlers, but the adolescent who engages in this behavior is on the path to prison. Young men who grew up without a rational, calm male presence in their lives are handicapped in that they have not had the benefit of a good example to follow. It is therefore no surprise at all that our penal institutions are generally filled with men who grew up without father figures in their lives.

Because infants and small children relate to their mothers on an emotional level, it sets a pattern for life. This emotional bond is crucial to the well-being of infants, and to becoming an emotionally functional human being, but if it is not balanced with another kind of relationship, it can hinder maturity. This is where fathers step in, providing a refuge from the emotionally demanding and taxing relationship between mother and child. As the child approaches maturity and begins to take steps toward independence, it is indispensable. Arguably, this is good for

mothers as well; without a father to step in and provide an emotional time-out, mothers will often exhaust themselves in a fruitless effort to manage their adolescent children with the same techniques they used when they were smaller.

Because of the psychological power of the mother-child bond, people tend to think of the mother as the default parent, and this has influenced public policy. Sentimentality tends to have a great deal of influence in democratic decision making, so we've enshrined the mother with child as a sort of holy, inviolate icon. This is nothing new, and examples of this thinking can be found throughout the world. Catholics venerate Mary mother of Jesus, Buddhists Kuan Yin, and the Chinese character for "good" (hao) is an ideogram of a mother with a child (left part of character woman, right part child):

So, we can see that it would be futile to try to undermine or replace the mother figure in the common mind, because it appears to be innately associated with our most basic concept of parenthood and all that is good in the world. However, this is more of a rebuke to feminist concepts than it is to the idea that fatherhood is important. The idea of the hard-driving woman who takes on a masculine role and eschews motherhood is repugnant to our deepest sense of propriety; fatherhood is not.

The question this leaves us with is what can we do to restore respect for and recognition of the importance of fatherhood? We cannot achieve this by claiming that there is no qualitative difference between mothers and fathers, because that would be a false, deceptive argument, just like the feminist claim that men and women are innately the same except for "social conditioning." Although it may be counterintuitive given contemporary politics, the best way to restore a respect for fatherhood would be to emphasize the *difference* between mothers and fathers. We have to reject the idea that men can and should be motherly, and instead emphasize how important it is to children that fathers be men, and provide them with those things that mothers cannot. Rather than argue that the role mothers play is overrated and easily substituted for by a man, we should concede that motherhood is unique and essential, and then point out that it precludes women from adequately taking on the father's role.

Fathers may not be able to suckle their children, and they may not be very good nannies or nurses, but women are not as good at teaching their children practical skills and to be independent adults. Perhaps a good way to put it is this:

Mothers are essential for healthy, well cared for children; fathers are essential for healthy, functional adults.

As men, we do not need to pretend that we can be mothers, nor should we want to. Our role as fathers is perfectly respectable, and our parenting is just as important over the many years of human childhood.

New Masculism / MRA Wiki

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By Max C. Henrich

Good news for our movement: The English WikiMANNia is ready for you! Wondering what WikiMANNia is? WikiMANNia is an independent wiki (mostly in German so far) where masculists, antifeminists and men's rights activists can gather information without being censored or banned. You can find it at http://en.wikimannia.org/Main_Page (and you may want to bookmark this!). The goals of WikiMANNia are: to give anyone quick access to the most important issues regarding discrimination against men and favoritism towards women in politics, laws and society, and to offer an overview of antifeminism and the men's rights movement. It is dedicated to everyone who has to defend himself against feminist injustice, providing them with information for discussions on the web and elsewhere.

The name was chosen to avoid confusion with the Wikipedia conference Wikimania, and because in German, "man"/"the male" = "Mann". The software used is MediaWiki, the same which Wikipedia is based on – hence, no changes for the WP contributors among you. During the last two years, WikiMANNia has become one of the most important sites for German masculists, and many men's rights blogs are linking to it. May WikiMANNia gain the same importance internationally!

Our staff (including the author of this article) has spent the last month creating the first bunch of articles and making sure that there's a working structure, including help for wiki initiates. All the masculists, MRAs and antifeminists out there are cordially invited to join us. Just register yourself and create some new articles, and spoil a feminist's day!

Chicago man harassed by child support enforcement for 20 years, court knew kid wasn't his for last 10

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Proving that child support enforcement is an extraordinarily draconian, unfair system, a Chicago man has been subjected to state harassment for 20 years despite the court finding that he was excluded from paternity in 2001. When Sean Harbin suspected the child was not his and stopped paying support, the state began to seize his money, which prompted him to litigate over custody. He was proven by testing not to be the father, but when he showed up at court he was stonewalled by procedure. Unable to afford an attorney, Mr. Harbin would stand in front of the judge with the proof that he was not the father, but according to the Illinois Division of Child Support Services "Sean's biggest mistake was not knowing what petition to ask for. When the genetic test came back, all he had was the results. He never had the order to end the support or vacate the order."

In other words, he had proof, but that wasn't enough. It never is. This is why the term "justice" should not be associated with US family law. The system is designed to trap men in a well of debt, no matter what the circumstances. In 2009, the court suspended his driver's license. To this day, despite everyone in the Cook County court system being fully aware that he is not the father, Sean Harbin is still on the hook. This is America, folks.

If you're ever tempted to consider a feminist's position, just remember that you could be in Sean Harbin's shoes, and feminists are to blame for this state of affairs.

Dear Salon Letters

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by Uncle Elmer, noted MRA humorist

Many of you are probably aware of the liberal-minded website “Salon”, which in terms of traffic, ranks about 570 in the U.S. At one time many years ago they had some pretty good journalism, the feminist overtones notwithstanding. There was a section called “Broadsheet” relegated to a corner of the website, which featured daily compilations of man’s inhumanity to women, which of course was real troll bait. Eventually Broadsheet came out of its closet and took over the entire site, which now features daily first-person women’s sex narratives, pillow-biting over obscure anti-woman outrages, and the ever popular searing confessionals to the advice column, from which issues much useful counsel from Salon’s female readership on how to handle the situation. Typical outrage themes include : American Men/Asian Women, Creepy Old Men/Young Women, Men Being Creepy in General, Men Not Taking Women Seriously, Women Underrepresented in Arts and Letters, Women Underrepresented in Industry and Finance, Fashion Trends that Exploit Women, Women of Colour and Why We’re Just Like Them, Look Out : The Cougars Are Coming, My Lesbian Wife, The Men’s Movement : Why it Will Fail (because women won’t take it seriously), Why Don’t Men Read Women’s Writing?, Why Aren’t There More Women on “Serious” Talk Shows?, Why are Women Politicians Subjected to Sexism?, The DSK Scandal : All Men are Pigs (at least all rich, White men, that is), Let’s Talk About “Sluts” Again, and on and on and on, every day.

Being a self-made troll I would stop by to offer at a contrasting viewpoint to some of these essays. My comments were always thoughtful and considerate, and never devolved into ad-honinems or all-caps directives. Of course, as a troll, bellows of “Fuck You” in response were like troll crack, and the biggest stroke I got from one reader in response to Elmer’s Law was : “Congratulations, that’s the stupidest thing I have ever read on the internet.”

At one point I asked the editors if they would be interested in paying for one of my first-person sex narratives but I never heard back from them. At least they demonstrated their open-mindedness by publishing my comments, save for the one they deleted detailing my initial encounters with my foreign-born wife in response to the “Creepy Old Men Buying Foreign Brides” outrage meme.

Then last week they ran the periodic domestic-abuse outrage meme :

Do a “Glee” star’s photos glamorize domestic abuse?

A series of controversial images ignites debate over the line between art and exploitation

http://www.salon.com/entertainment/tv/feature/2011/09/06/glee_star_heather_morris_domestic_violence_photo_shoot/index.html

To which I posted :

blame women for this

As TV and media are controlled by women, this was created of women, by women, for women.

It’s women exploiting women.

Leave the men out of this.

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Promptly deleted by the brave feminists of Salon. Three follow-up comments, in no way abusive, just pointing out that females are responsible for this propaganda towards further extraction of money from males, also promptly deleted. I guess they weren’t really interested in “debate” after all.

Perhaps they provided me with an epiphany. Why the hell was I doing this? Offering my genius before swine,

really, only to see it trampled underfoot and forgotten. Maybe it was time to stop trolling, climb out of my mother's basement, and do something positive with my life.

But I thought perhaps the astute readers of the Spearhead would enjoy the hit parade of commentary I offered Salon, for free mind you, over the last few years. Taken in the context of their essay titles, jaded Spearheaders may get a chuckle.

So without further ado, here they are. Elmer offers his personal insight on massage, strip clubs, prostitutes, breast augmentation, masturbation, sexual harassment, domestic violence, and other topics of import to the Salon staff. Mind you, it was all in jest and I never, repeat, never engaged in these activities or would advise any young man to do so. Just wanted the Salon readers to consider alternative and possibly valid perspectives over their standard "men are scum" narratives.

Original article: I'm a nude dancer trying to finish my Ph.D.

Stripping in America is not dancing

It is a pathetic mockery of everything dancers hold sacred.

Our culture of sexual hyperstimulation and frustration of men ensures that the parking lots of porn shops and strip clubs are always full, where they endure unerotic travesties of dance as fake as the silicone bags implanted in the women's chests.

It is demeaning exploitation of men, and that is the reason you should get away from it. If dancing is in your soul, then start dancing for the joy of it and share yourself with men without the stain of money and acquisition.

Original article: How does a single father ever get laid?

advice from you, ten years on

Get another pocket pussy, if you didn't salvage the last one. The ladies will also enjoy your discreetly stashed and artfully presented realistic love toys.

Keep in mind that excessive masturbation irritates your prostate. Also switch to an alkali diet for your prostate's well-being. At your age you need to start thinking about this, and divorce can aggravate prostate difficulties.

Do not allow yourself to be manipulated and demeaned by American sexual culture. Become a man's man. Cut the ex loose from your dwelling and sexual imaginations.

Forget yoga, museums, renassaince fairs, and other such static suggestions for meeting females. Learn to dance; tango, salsa, swing, and all other forms. When you acheive dance actualization, women will approach you. Women, when exerting themselves in the close contact of dance, give off microchemicals that stimulate your corpuscles and enhance prostate function. When you are not dancing, you will have immense power over them, and they love it.

Work continually on building your man's wardrobe, as it makes your job of attracting femals much easier. Read men's work on this, R.Don Steele is a good starting point.

And yes, make the kids absolute number one in all considerations. The rest will flow from that.

Original article: Should I get my breasts enlarged?

don't do it

Sexually experienced men prefer small breasted women.

Fake breasts destroy the nipple's sexual sensations and frankly, look and feel terrible. A man wants you to enjoy the feelings you get from his mauling your breasts. Smaller breasts have more intense nipple sensations than big ones because the nerves are more concentrated.

To make a man love your breasts, enjoy and give him loud, continuous verbal feedback (moaning and groaning) whenever he touches or kisses them. His satisfaction with your breasts really depends on your true enjoyment of them.

Original article: Have I ruined my karma by sleeping with prostitutes?

ladies, can we please masturbate?

Being "allowed" to masturbate is a feminist shame-tool, whereby you may only participate through corporate approved masturbatoriums such as porn shops and stripclubs, where you can be properly monitored and controlled in order to keep you sexually frustrated and willing to open your wallet in support of western females, and by extention the corporate super-organism.

By consorting with prostitutes you are committing a subversive act against the feminarchy, as the prostitute is a free-agent and willfully gives you shame-free sex for an agreed price. The thought of an American male simply enjoying sex cannot be tolerated, thus the venomous, self-righteous insults towards you and the prostitutes that you are reading here.

Now think back dude, you were a good husband and your wife's sexuality declined while yours was still roaring with passion. So you went to a working girl and there enjoyed her feminine charms; the lingerie, the quiet, respectful talk, the touching, the acceptance, the humor, the contemplation of karma.

You felt better after this basic human interaction. Only later did you allow shame and guilt conditioning to cause you grief.

Shake it off and go back at 'em.

Original article: Have I ruined my karma by sleeping with prostitutes?

@reader

As you know, women are way ahead of us in terms of manipulation, subjecation, and exploitation. Men are only starting to awaken.

Masturbation by males is disgusting and creepy. Even a nocturnal emission triggered by dream imagery of American sweathogs is blatant objectification of women.

Whereas, like women's farts, which are petite hints of potpourri or even extreme-o free-range herbs&spices, women's masturbation is an empowering act with their bodies, themselves, where they get all in touch with their inner vaginalogue.

But masturbation is unhealthy for an older male, and he needs the soul-completing contact with a caring female, so seeking a prostitute or concubine while honoring his wife by staying married, even as her sexuality has all but vanished, is acceptable and should be pursued without stupid guilt trips imposed by absolute moralizers.

Original article: NOW: No more "massage" ads

"I don't like these unsexy and racially offensive ads

because the thought of beautiful asian women cheerfully upending western sexual power structures enrages me"

In Asia, massage is everywhere, and often provides sexual services as well. Within a few hundred meters of any population there is excellent, accepted, and universally patronized massage services. During recent visits my fiance took me to massage parlors in her well-to-do neighborhood and would treat me to two pretty girls while she watched and learned. There were many female customers as well.

In China I have been to huge family-oriented massage spas where everyone gets a huge soft chair and a fabulous massage. A little off-topic, but I have had some of these masseuses correctly identify my physical conditions through my feet and hands.

In the east, sexual release through massage is widely and cheerfully available. In the states massage is anti-sex, expensive, and served up with a crystal-worshiping feminist attitude.

Original article: The two-boyfriend problem

the factor you are all missing

X spent a year in rural China teaching English?

Came back “invigorated” did he?

I know the feeling; being awash in hot young females is very invigorating for a man.

He is ruined as far as western females are concerned.

The only reason he is looking up his old flame(LW) is that he has returned to the dried-up men’s penal colony affectionately known as America. He is disoriented by the sexual disparities and needs some action soon.

Unless the LW is asian, she is history with this guy. He will run off with the first asian grad chick he can find, or simply return to Asia next time he gets the chance.

Original article: My fiancée attacks me because I don’t earn enough

her script = other people’s script but needn’t be your script

Women at this age (26-27) feel a lot of anxiety about taking care of the marriage grail.

She is basing much of her rage on your inability to live up to the life scripts defined by her family and friends. She is more interested in pleasing them than you.

Here’s an alternate script for you : drop out of this situation, get your act together (and it sounds like you are on the right track), stabilize yourself financially, and later on, say at 35-40+, find a third-world babe who will love genuinely you as a person and act out her cultural script, which to summarize, is take to care of her man.

You will of course have to match third-world babe’s script requirements that you be a decent, caring, hard-working man. This you are programmed to do and you will thoroughly enjoy it.

Good luck.

Original article: Of course we have a headache

Girls Gone Wild?

Any female who behaves like that is cold as a dead fish in the sack. Her sexual energy is dissipated in attention-seeking antics. Not an orgasm in a truckload.

The quiet, ordinary, modest, and discreet gal who would never be so vulgar is the type that makes dreams come

true.

Original article: Hear that biological clock, guys?

wishful thinking based on phony science

“All those silver-haired sex symbols, and balding sugar daddies, and average-Joe divorced guys who are on their second families because they can be while their exes are raising their first set of kids”

The usual condescending stereotypes about men. Does it make you ladies feel better to spew this garbage? I am sure the men on this forum could come up with similar pleasant descriptions of older women. But then, men tend to keep their mouths shut unless they have something nice to say.

“what if all of them became, in women’s eyes, too darned old?”

Ain’t gonna happen; young women are very attracted to us older guys.

Original article: Does the UN need a “super-agency” for women?

feminist pork

however, if they can increase the rate of Asian female immigration to developed countries, it will be worth it

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Original article: A right-wing writer on how to be a real man

and yet he is fundamentally correct

A man who does not dominate his wife is miserable, and so is his wife.

For that observation Salon posters shriek and wail about his dick and sexual orientation while hurling chewed up pages from the Catalog of Male Shaming Tactics.

Original article: Go to her already, Mark Sanford!

Mark Sanford is the victim in all of this

Politics aside, his behavior is just a symptom of a man driven over the edge by the feminarchy.

In a sane society, the governor would have a harem or concubines while honoring the social construct of his marriage.

As it is, he is a western male trapped by the constraints of marital expectations, to which he was only vaguely aware of when he entered that contract. In typical fashion, he remained robustly sexual while his wife became disinterested, and then had to endure increasing demands on controlling his lusts in the face of her decline.

Forget what any women are telling you now. Here’s what you do Mark, bro : get off this bus and fade into anonymity, then book a flight to a foreign land where you can swim through a thousand brothels. When you awaken on the dark side of the moon you will understand that it was not your fault.

Original article: SingleSexEducation.com

re : online school for girls

I like the part where Coach Reardon has to spank all the cheerleaders.

There begins the first of many Palin comments. I will spare the gentle readers….

Original article: No more Mr. Nice Guy

yer missing R.Don's point about being "nice'

If you haven't read his books, you are guessing at what he means.

His point is that young women, especially attractive ones, are bombarded with "nice" come-ons from men. Furthermore, young women test a man repeatedly, and if he accommodates her she loses respect for him.

It's not about being a jerk towards women, it's about being a man.

That's what women like.

Original article: Miley Cyrus: Too young to pole dance?

How can we educate young women on true eroticism?

This stuff is so flaccid compared to good ballroom or tango.

Original article: You're a bitch, but a good soldier

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The physical performance metrics for female soldiers are far below that for males. Men performing at the level of females would be eliminated. The very argument against female combat soldiers is written into the performance requirements.

If women were drafted into a conscript army in equal amounts and held to the same physical standards, statistically the burden of combat would fall on the men.

Original article: Clean up this Wall Street mess, woman

the difference between men and women

Men create, women scheme.

Men create the institutions, structures, and technology. Women seek security and comfort.

The only thing women create are petty rules to provide security and transferrance of wealth to women.

Women are destroying the economy by feminizing man-created institutions so they can have safe, comfortable, secure jobs where someone hands them easy assignments that they can process with their feminized educational training.

No woman will risk her job for any reason. 93% of men in our feminarchy are the same. 7% of men routinely take risks and are thus the engines of creation. In earlier times 50% of men had balls; the feminarchy has effectively castrated the modern male.

A feminized organization becomes rigid and ossified, spiraling towards death in pursuit of gender fairness and opportunity for women's "careers".

The media is now fem-controlled. The spike in pundit whining and denigration of men is really just the sound of

neutered males nervously trying to please their female overlord. They are manginas and traiterous to ballsy men everywhere.

The only thing women can do is kill Wall Street.

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Original article: Google censors “cougar” ads

I agree completely

College girls having sex with older men is definitely sex-positive! Given that the gender balance at U.S. colleges is overwhelmingly female, it’s pretty much a necessity. Sex with Cougars has got to be very creepy though.

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Original article: ”Hung”: A parable for crass times

waiting for “Tiger Town”

I hear there is a new series coming out about a bunch of middle-age guys who dump their fatass wives and run around roguring hot young chicks, including one gal code-named “Tight” for a certain anatomical feature that the men are all clamoring for.

Lotsa laffs.

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Original article: ”The Real L Word”: A real straight male fantasy

wrong demographic

“You mean someone created a reality show targeted to the 18-29 jackass, drunken, UFC/NFL-watching, fratboy moron demographic?”

If that’s the target it will fail, as all heterosexual men perceive real western lesbians as the most boring cunts on the planet.

Yeah, all men would like to rogure a couple of chicks at the same time but actual lesbians are major woodie killers.

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Original article: Portland police re-open Al Gore sex case

she has no case

A flimsy charge, no evidence, no cooperation, refuses to press charges, “her lawyer”, taking “her case” to the media, then produces “crime scene” evidence 4 years later, sold it to the National Enquirer, demands justice (at least $1M).

She has no case. It’s just this week’s skankwhore “I rogured a celebrity” cash grab.

This has nothing to do with Al’s politics and everything to do with extortion. All men are targets, and any celebrity or athlete had better start paying attention and taking measures to protect themselves.

As for the laughable massage services, her ribald fabrication is a good example of why a western woman cannot properly administer a massage to a man.

Massage is hard work. It takes selflessness, generosity, and a compassionate appreciation for a man’s natural need to get his dick milked. Most western females are devoid of these traits. Oh sure, you may find one that will cuff your carrot, but she’ll do it with all the zen passion of a lunch lady stirring a vat of instant potatoes.

And that brings me to another complaint : Why do all the resort photos always show a young female getting a massage, while the guy is shown swinging a golf club? It’s the damn hard-working dude that needs the massage for

crying out loud. Just once I would like to see some middleage guy getting the strokes.

Original article: Lady Business: Cleavage in the workplace

your baggy cleavage is sexual harassment

Haven't read all the comments but I suspect they concur with me : women's revealing attire is sexual harassment of men, but only men get fired for sexual harassment.

Ladies, show your tits and I may or may not check them out, depending on quality and freshness. Usually it's the ones I ignore that get in a huff about it. As for the others I will stare if I want and you can eat shit if you don't like it.

Most office skanks are stomach-turners when the clothes come off anyway.

Original article: When customers attack: America's restaurant rage

it ain't the food it's the goldern music

Can't go anywhere without hearing some angry adolescent screaming, followed by Kenny Rogers, then a chorus of screeching black chicks, inevitably followed with "Hotel California" until I feel like smashing someone's face in. I just wanna eat dammit.

Whatever happened to easy listening?

Original article: Club announces ban on "fat girls"

look at the club's perspective

It's a business and probably has a narrow profit margin. Herds of fat chicks would put a load (no pun intended) on the plumbing when they defecate, not to mention all the wasted toilet paper.

Also they are awfully hard to manage when they gets shit-faced.

Original article: Study: Strippers have brains, too

strip clubs exploit men

I've said it here before and I'll say it again : strip clubs exploit men, not women.

Also please can the description of them as "dancers". They are "strippers" and have no concept of sensual dance moves. Add the dick-wilting music, plastic tits, crappy chairs, and watery drinks and you can see why men are so angry these days.

Original article: Study: Strippers have brains, too

pieces of meat my ass

"A very large number of men who go to strip clubs view the women there as pieces of meat."

Wrong. Most of them just want contact with an attractive and feminine woman. For this they are exploited by the clubs and strippers and held up for scorn and ridicule by everyone else. Always with the same angle of pedestalizing the women ("working their way through school" "providing for their kids" and other lies).

We need to council these men to save their cash, travel abroad, and enjoy authentic feminine women and their charms. Perhaps there's funding for a grant or study to empower men in this direction.

Original article: The argument against ladies nights

guys, listen up

smoke em if you got em.

Bars are the worst places to meet women. And why demean yourself buying drinks for sloppy-ass hos? If they're not out on the dance floor rubbing tit with you you have no business trying to interact with them at all.

Please refer to R.Dn Steele's seminal classics : "How to Date Young Women for Men Over 35″, volumes I and II.

Original article: The argument against ladies nights

it's the exploitation, stupid

Wow. A lot of angry women here.

The reason men are complaining about this is the exploitation that many of them have realized after falling for the implication that going to bars will get them laid, and then hearing feminist whining as if men, the real victims in all this, are responsible for the whole construct whereby women can leech drinks and other favors off men while refusing in the end to spread their harry laigs for a good rogurin. Or if they do spread 'em it's such a nightmare you'd be better off fukin a hole in the mud.

I mean, what're you supposed to do at a bar? Look suave, make eye contact, go over to her and try to yell something clever in her ear over the deafening music? If she's in a hen house you are guaranteed an extra dose of scorn and humiliation.

Original article: The argument against ladies nights

@reader

My point is that going to bars and buying drinks for chicks is a stupid waste of time, unless you're a dancin fool, in which case you can feel em up and no need to buy them a drink. Also less chance she will vomit in your car on the way home.

Original article: Spike.com ranks the "cutest feminists"

you know what?

Men are not lusting after smart, opinionated women.

A mangina wrote this for his femrag employer.

Original article: To my sister I bequeath my massive porn collection

redundant

"massive porn collection" and "active in church"

Original article: Domestic abuse on “Teen Mom,” again

you fems just don’t get it

It’s not that men are stronger than women or that women’s assaults don’t hurt.

It’s that women instigate most episodes of domestic violence by ceaselessly nagging and berating their partners, and if that doesn’t get him to take a swing at her, will start pushing and slapping him until he defends himself. At that point he becomes a criminal and the mangina law services descend to remove him from the house he paid for, deprive him of his children, brand him a predator, and garnish his wages for the duration to pay the ex-wife as well as the domestic violence industry.

The marriage rate is plummeting in this country. The domestic violence industry is one of many reasons why sane men are walking away from western women in droves.

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Original article: ”Mad Men” recap: “I’m drowning, here”

feminists long for the 50′s

I’m thinkin of opening a spa chain called “MadMenz” where women can discreetly be subjected to all the depredations of the 1950s patriarchy.

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Original article: I’m infatuated at work

avoid workplace females

Avoid female coworkers and their infernal flirt games like the plague.

They cannot help you but most certainly can and will hurt you.

Hire a hooker or go to a titty bar if you need proximity to some strange, just avoid female coworkers. Don’t look at them, don’t talk to them. Do not ever be alone with one of them. If you are in a situation where you feel required to “socialize” with them, you have been feminized. It happens to the best of us. Just recognize it, let your nuts drop, and walk away from it.

You sir, and all other men, are targets. Watch out.

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Original article: Men who clean house are happier

actually, the truth about life-work balance

is that it’s up to the individual to establish it.

Employers won’t change their “life-work balance” because it’s not conducive to making a profit.

For a professional man. a third world babe what enjoys sex, cooking, and cleaning is the best bet for happiness.

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Original article: Men: The new romantics?

an expert explains

I’m a relationships expert; here’s an explanation :

Match.com publishes a bogus “study” about young men looking for marriage to attract women to its website and make money.

Original article: Men: The new romantics?

whistling past the graveyard

“Massive survey” cough cough, “women feel entitled” cough cough, “women feel independence more important” cough, hack, caphuthe.

Here’s the ugly truth : young American men are walking away from marriage in droves because it’s a bum deal for a man and they know it. No amount of shaming or trumpeting women’s superiority will turn this back. The word is getting out, and it doesn’t follow the grand theorems mandated by feminist science.

Soon to follow, another repeat essay about men being “dicks” because they are intimidated by strong, successful women (when in fact they just want to come home to a woman, not a coworker).

These b.s. studies and essays may bring you smug comfort but fact is you are not helping young women at all.

Original article: I married a gay Muslim

let’s talk IMBRA you hypocrites

As this is a feminist site and feminists perpetrated the IMBRA abomination, whereby American men seeking foreign brides must submit to Draconian background checks to prove they aren’t perverts and abusers, it is hypocrisy in the extreme for you to publish this essay on blatant immigration fraud.

Men, listen up, understand IMBRA and its implications. Education will help you work around this blatant insult to your rights as an American citizen.

Original article: The Russian brides next door

IMBRA : The Big Lie

Jeanne Smoot is the policy director at the Tahirih Justice Center, and the center’s mission is to provide legal protections from abuse for immigrant women and girls. They offer direct legal services (leveraging both in-house and pro bono attorneys) as well as national public policy advocacy.

No, the center’s mission is to provide taxpayer-funded high salaries to feminist busybodies who can’t stand it that American men don’t want to offer up their testicles to the feminarchy.

Original article: The Russian brides next door

comments that don’t fit the narrative will be removed

The narrative : vulnerable foreign women are exploited and abused by the American men who bring them to the U.S. on fiance visa.

My true comment describing the strong, successful Vietnamese woman that reluctantly left her beautiful country and culture to come live in this feminist shithole to live with me, her loving and supportive husband, was promptly deleted by the dessicated man-haters of Salon. Off-narrative, not allowed.

Of course, a few weeks ago they were breathless about a “study” published by match.com proving that young men are romantic and hot for matrimony; just what the unmarriable hags who might be match.com customers want to hear.

Original article: The Russian brides next door

At Salon, the juggernaught of feminist hypocrisy spews forth

Salon at one time published fairly decent journalism. It has now descended into a fetid feminist shit-rag.

In just the past few months alone you published an essay about the virtues of “big dicks”. This was about the same time you were screeching at American men for “being dicks” because they were “intimidated by strong, succsessful women”. Not long after you had a story about that Australian news-cunt that viciously joked about her co-anchors small penis. Never mind that she probably had a big pussy, large enough to park a fleet of sausage tricks with room left over to film a bottomless cave movie.

Then it was the Lara Logan affair, in which you chastised American men for not leaping up to defend the rights of American women to dress and act however they like anywhere on the globe while trying to “do their job”. Except that being a self-promoting media whore constantly putting herself in danger to make the story about her being in danger is not a job but a gig. It’s not like she was working at the chicken processing plant or the retirement home.

Then a few days ago you were positively atwitter about Kay Hymowitz execrable screed calling American men immature babies for avoiding marriage to 30+ hags who screwed away their youth and now demand some man show up to sweep them off their feet and provide house, kids, and retirement.

Now this, trying to breathe new life into the old feminist corpse of IMBRA. When I posted my anecdote about my happy marriage to my lovely Vietnamese bride you promptly removed it.

Off-narrative essays or comments are not allowed at Salon.

Original article: The Russian brides next door

the real risk about foreign women

many of these mail order brides learn to game the system by spending maybe a year or two in the marriage and then taking half of her American husband’s assets in a divorce.

In fact, IMBRA and other initiatives such as VAWA are overt attempts by feminists to destroy American men who have the audacity to seek marital happiness with a foreign bride.

They are actively counseling foreign brides to falsely accuse their husbands of abuse in order to garnish his wages and property, obtain protected status and income from the state, and funnel still more money towards profligate feminist “careers”. This is done to the man without any evidence or due process.

Original article: Is the men’s rights movement growing?

admit this : you’re a fool

more girls are more qualified. They work harder and are more disciplined, and this is the case at all levels. There needs to be a male movement of some kind that encourages young boys to seek success in the classroom and later. Men also need to hear that women still need them. Women may no longer need a breadwinner to support them, but they definitely want and need the support of a partner.”

The schools have been utterly feminized. There are very few male teachers at the primary level. Any movement to encourage young men to succeed in classrooms designed for and run by females is destined to fail, as it has so demonstrably.

If you want young boys to succeed then perhaps we should Title IX college Education curriculums to mandate 50% males, then establish quotas for men primary teachers, and while we’re at it, how about all-male schools and

classrooms so that boys are provided an academic atmosphere where they can thrive and reach their potential without the dead weight of rule-following females to hold them back.

As for the partner crap, men want a wife, not a co-worker.

Original article: Is the men's rights movement growing?

Wow. Just Wow.

Wow, there are guys with some female problems here. I guess they are not getting laid."

Actually I get laid every night, as I traveled abroad and found a foreign bride. We are very happy together.

And when I posted a comment on Salon saying as much in response to an essay disparaging men who marry foreign women, it was promptly removed. Just too crazy for Salon and its fudge-packing readership.

As an older man, I face blatant discrimination in the workplace due to government mandates for promoting women. I have two young sons who also will face lifelong discrimination and I have been discussing it with them so they understand how to work around it. In no way am I counciling them to litigate their way through life, as the Womyn of Walmart are attempting to do.

Women are competing for jobs but are not creating them. Other than providing a mass market for their vanity products, they are not forging new industries or technologies. They are marginilizing that small percentage of men who passionately innovate, destroy, and create ideas and take the risks to drive them to actualization

Though men shank me and insult me, only men provide me with opportunity. Women can only insult me and deprive me of opportunity. Only men, and only a small fraction of them, take the risks that create industry and opportunity. Women can only serve as mere functionaries in man-created structures. When an organization becomes feminized, priority shifts from efficient and profitable production of goods and services to development of labyrinthine rules for the comfort and security of women. Ossification and organizational death are inevitable.

Sam Walton, a man and an entrepreneur, conceived and created Walmart, which has provided jobs to millions and good product value to countless families. The Womyn of Walmart act as if they turned down lucrative careers in other industries to give their all to Walmart, when in fact they were damn lucky that Walmart provided them opportunity in the first place. If they succeed in their bullshit lawsuit it may well be the straw that breaks the camel's back in the feminist war on American men.

Original article: Your best take: Sex life returns at 38

right on sisters!

I too was deeply, deeply moved by the original piece but was hesitant to post a detailed comment about the hot young asian chick I imported for marriage when I was 50 and all the great sex we have been having.

Original article: The worship of female pleasure

feminism and erectile dysfunction

Forget women's disorgasm. Take a look at what feminism is doing to men's boners :

google(slutwalk images)

Original article: What does "slut" mean, anyway?

I prefer “amateur”

This is the ultimate insult.

Instead of bellowing “asshole” at someone who has dared grab your turfspace in traffic, yell “You amateur!”

The look on their face is priceless. Usually they are momentarily stunned and by the time they figure out that you insulted them, you are long gone.

As for “slut”, you dumb cunts aren’t reclaiming anything. You’re pushing the envelope of female histrionics while normal humans have to deal with the aftermath of sweeping cultural feminization.

You can’t even get your marketing message straight. The slutwalker’s message seems confused as they carry densely-written placards while exposing their cellulite to an uninterested public. Top it off with the Womyn of Yale calling in the feds because some piss-soaked adolescents said they loved Yale Sluts and you have a very erratic and poorly focused advertising campaign.

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Original article: Russell Crowe’s anti-circumcision rant blows up

google(foreskin beauty cream)

in case you missed my last post

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Original article: Russell Crowe’s anti-circumcision rant blows up

I’m not Jewish

But I left my sons Shemp and Hermann intact.

I know as a young child I mourned the loss of my foreskin before I even knew what circumcision was. Found out later when I was reading a “Life” magazine book showing a bunch of robed guys crowded around “performing a cicumcision”. I ast my dad, what’s circumcision? When he told me I ast, Why? He said, “don’t need it.”

Later when my first son was born my mom called my uncircumcised brother to have him pressure me into getting my newborn circumcised. He called me. We talked about fishing and backpacking, but not about circumcision.

I was telling Hremann how cruel it was to hack off part of a little guy’s genitals at birth and how I made sure it didn’t happen to them.

He was silent for awhile, then said quietly “Thanks for not circumcising me.”

I said I was thinking of converting to Judaism for the business contacts and he would have to get circumcised.

He said “No thanks.”

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Original article: Are “sugar-daddies” really johns?

another side to this is the exploitation of men

Countless men have financed their girlfriend’s college tuition only to get dumped when she acquires her diploma.

And in less sexually repressed culture, it is common and accepted for young women to provide sexual services to older men in exchange for money. The Japanese practice of enjo kasai being one example. In China it is not unusual to see a very young women with a retired older gentleman and nobody cares.

So tiresome to hear feminists and gay-marriage advocates try to shame older hetero men seeking to enjoy younger females, as if that was perverse and immoral.

As for “trophy wives”, for a western woman, her husband is a trophy if ever there was one. And an older man just wants to enjoy a younger female. Not so much “a trophy” as just something he deserves without having to answer to anyone else’s objections.

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Original article: How sexists find love

“science has answered my question” – what a laugh

It’s junk science. You did not even post a link to the bullshit “studies”, which are no doubt penned by some matriculating fine-arts or psych majors.

PUA tactics work on a tiny fraction of bar skanks and are useless to the majority of men who do not spend their time in bar-holes.

And once again you are making sweeping conclusions to the effect that women who go for pickups are “sexist”, thus stupid cunts in betrayal of the sisterhood.

R.Don Steele in his seminal “How to Date Young Women for Men Over 35, Volumes I and II” exploded the PUA scam twenty years ago. It only lives on because the internet provides a vast audience of dupes who still think bars are the place to meet women.

On the plus side though these guys at least get some training in chick psychology, which can be played to advantage when they mature towards more effective fishing techniques.

But the goofy hats and other contrivances are just retarded. A pair of gabardines, clean matching shoes and belt, an executive-style hairdo, and one or two glittery but refined accessories are all it takes to get the women stampeding like crazed bovines in your direction. “Dress for Success” by John Malloy is a good place to start for all you young bucks still wearing stupid graphic-tees and cargo pants.

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Original article: How sexists find love

I never bought drinks for chicks

Who’s bitter and angry here? The women who are so hostile and disdainful of men applying techniques of persuasion towards getting laid, that’s who.

The whole psychology of western women is wrapped up in packaging for male attention and subsequent ego-stroking. There exists a gigantic industry, staffed and promoted by females, vying for market share to offer them advice and products towards that end. That a few books and websites exist to offer a contrary view for men struggling to plumb the shallow depths of modern female psychology is enough to send women into paroxyms of rage and shaming in an attempt to shut them down.

The pros know how it works.

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Original article: The hunt for my affair

Dear Salon Letters…

I was walking to my job as Assistant to the Traveling Women’s Outreach Coordinator at a small midwestern college when it dawned on me : I am such a Ho!

But it’s OK because my husband is a member of the Patriarchy, and of late has not been paying attention to my needs. So when my best friend, who has an exciting job as an intern for a famous ladies website, told me about her affair with Raoul, a roguish Brazilian mullatto, I was intrigued.

So begins this ribald tale of self-discovery…

Original article: Is marriage for white people?

taking the situation as it is

Black or White it's the same, and White Men are following the lead of Black Men as evidenced by plummeting marriage rates across the tide of Albion!

It truly is indicative of the "success" of feminism in destroying American families. Emboldened by their victories at home, they want to export this madness globally. And my god, another homo writer disparaging the functionality of straight marriage.

Now regarding economic trends vis-a-vis misguided efforts to push women females into the workforce, women are competing for jobs but are not creating them. Other than providing a mass market for their vanity products, they are not forging new industries or technologies. They are marginalizing that small percentage of men who passionately innovate, destroy, and create ideas and take the risks to drive them to actualization

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Original article: Is marriage for white people?

it's always about "the women"

As always, White Cats are following the fashion initiatives set by Negroe Gentlemen, like some honky suburban kid blowing hot jazz Cornet.

We are witnessing an emergence of a huge White Male Demographic intent on avoiding marriage in lieu of building a stable of "hos" for for their selfish pleasures.

Original article: Is marriage for white people?

Black Men would agree with me

No white feminist can offer anything to a Brother other than to act as a receptacle for his baser intentions.

Virtually all feminist writings at some point try to make a false link between the struggles of white suburban females with that of Black Folks (whom they refer to as "people of colour").

If they truly cared about the plight of the Black Man they would resign from their government-sponsored nonjobs so that Black men could fill the void and have a seat at the table. This would enable many of them to support a traditional family rather than the typical funneling of tax dollars to lesbian marriage or cat husbandry.

Original article: Dad's on the bong and won't come out

you self centered twit

Parents usually want to bed down pretty early as the demands of children tax their energy.

Dude works his ass off all day takin care of the kids and being a good dad while the wife is off having fun at work.

When the day is done all he wants to do is put on a little Bix Beiderbecke and do a few bong hits to help him contemplate the challenges of parenting.

Imagine how he feels when he looks out the window and sees his wife's haughty tub of lard friend showing up to cast aspersions on his lifestyle.

You are an annoyance to him, not the other way around. It's his household, and you are a boring female that can't compete with his reefer-induced reveries.

Though maybe if you offered to join them for a threesome he might lighten up a bit, no pun intended.

Otherwise, butt out you meddlesome, moralizing wench.

Organization Pushes Feminist, Gay Oil

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"Ethical Oil" is an organization that is pushing people to buy oil from feminist/liberal countries rather than countries with different value systems. A quick glance at the website indicates that the oil the organization is promoting is largely that derived from the Athabascan oil sands, a vast deposit of heavy crude mixed in with soil in western Canada. The oil sands comprise one of the world's largest reservoirs of oil, but there is a catch: the crude must be mined and separated from the sand and clay before it can be sent to the refinery, unlike the light sweet crudes of Arabia. This is a huge industrial undertaking, requiring some of the world's heaviest machinery and a great deal of energy which, necessarily, creates a lot of pollution.

Because of the dirty nature of the extraction process, a lot of environmentalists are opposed to mining this oil, and political resistance is growing. Apparently, someone figured that the solution would be to market this oil as feminist and homosexual oil, which morally elevates it above sexist (Muslim) and chauvinist (South American) oil.

Here's what Ethical Oil has to say about itself:

> EthicalOil.org encourages people, businesses and governments to choose Ethical Oil from Canada, its oil sands and other liberal democracies. Unlike Conflict Oil from some of the world's most politically oppressive and environmentally reckless regimes, Ethical Oil is the "Fair Trade" choice in oil.
>
> Countries that produce Ethical Oil protect the rights of women, workers, indigenous peoples and other minorities including gays and lesbians. Conflict Oil regimes, by contrast, oppress their citizens and operate in secret with no accountability to voters, the press or independent judiciaries…

In an ad condemning sexist oil, ethical oil condemns Saudi sexism, saying we have to choose Canada's oil, because unlike Western women, Saudi women are not allowed to drive around town and disobey their husbands:

I'm sure their motives are pure, and profit has absolutely nothing to do with this political ad…

Australian child welfare program placing boys with lesbian gender-benders

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After a couple lesbians dressed up a six-year-old male foster child in girls' clothing and posted pictures of him on Facebook, questions have arisen in New South Wales about how the decision was made to place the child with this family. The two lesbians were selected by Barnardo's Find a Family program, which placed both the boy and a girl with the women. When initially placed, the boy was 3 and the girl 12. The girl soon expressed displeasure with the arrangement, and was removed from their care, but the three-year-old boy was too small to advocate for himself either way, so he stayed.

A psychologist who investigated the "family" reported to the court:

> Overall, [names not published] impressed as a young couple who have had quite a turbulent period through the course of Campbell's placement. This period has included a separation and reconciliation, ongoing difficulties with Abby resulting in a subsequent breakdown of her placement, a large wedding and honeymoon, fertility treatment and preparation for gender transformation for [name not published], as well as a current house move."

So Barnardo's placed the boy with a tranny… I know it's fashionable these days to advocate for transsexual rights, but transsexuals are not normal people. They are far from ideal parents. People who cannot accept their natural sex *have a mental illness*, no matter what the weirdo gender theorists say. Furthermore, lesbians are very questionable as mothers of boys. Many of them have deep-seated problems with the entire male sex, and this can easily translate to problems with boys.

All else being equal, a three-year-old boy is far better off with a normal single man than he is with a couple lesbians.

But today, both contempt for fatherhood and idiotic political correctness have combined to create the kind of situation where a couple of unstable, mentally ill lesbians are given equal consideration in adoption. Additionally, perhaps misandry has given the people at Barnardo's an excuse to not worry about placing a little boy in a situation with a high potential for abuse.

The responsibility for this lies largely on the shoulders of a few strange, family-hating academics and activists, who still cling to the belief that "gender is a social construct." Now, it's starting to become apparent that these people are actually dangerous, but still they retain tenure at public universities and often work for government-funded agencies (such as Barnardo's). Would we hire muggers to our police forces? If not, why hire those who advocate that children be placed in highly abnormal, potentially abusive situations? It's time to put these people in their place, and remove them from any positions of authority over children and families.

Feminist nostalgia for traditional gender roles

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After writing my last post on Cord Ivanyi teaching boys chivalry I found a story on the same topic by *ABC News*. It had a hilarious quote by the acting VP of NOW:

> NOW Unsure of High School Etiquette Lessons
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> But Erin Matson, acting vice president of the National Organization for Women, said she wonders if singling out the boys for good manners is the way to go, even though she called the idea of old-fashioned manners "adorable."

They had a quote by the mother of one of the girls in the same class which was similar:

> "I was a little torn to begin with as a child of the 1970s and growing up with women's lib and women's rights," she said.
>
> But now, she said, it's almost like a "lost art form" seen only in old movies.

This nostalgia by feminists for the *good ol' days* is surprisingly common. In December of 2009 Hanna Rosin, perhaps the most hairy legged feminist of them all, bemoaned changing gender roles in her article The rise of the kitchen bitch. She opened the article with:

> Ladies, it's time to reclaim cooking.

A little later on she writes:

> I first heard this term in Sandra Tsing Loh's recent *Atlantic* story about her divorce. She used it to describe a friend's husband who was anal and fussy and altogether too feminine—he belonged to an online fennel club, for God's sake. Loh's bitch was wholly unsavory, a prop designed to justify universal divorce.

Granted, many would argue that her feminist credentials come out entirely untarnished. After all, she was emasculating her husband in the feminist submagazine he let her create after he became editor of *Slate*. Plus, feminism's core philosophy is about women bitching. Still, I find this rather strange.

Loh wrote about her own nostalgia for traditional gender roles in her *NY Times*

Op Ed piece My So-Called Wife:

> I am stricken with the peculiar curse of being a 21st-century woman who makes more than the man she's living with …
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> …I seem to have an ever more recurring 1950s housewife fantasy. In this magical Technicolor world, the breadwinner husband, Brad, leaves home (where his duties are limited to mowing the lawn and various minor home repairs) at 7 a.m. When he returns from work at 6 p.m., aside from a savory roast with mashed potatoes, his homemaker wife, Nancy, has pipe, slippers and a tray of Manhattans ready.

And who can forget the quote by feminist Pamela Haag from the Daily Mail piece I referenced in my Trapped in a not unhappy marriage! post. Ms. Haag complains:

> From a historical perspective it's a departure. Go back to the Fifties and husbands and wives had many different roles – as hostess, decorator, breadwinner, volunteer.

Likewise all of the women complaining about reversed gender roles in Alpha women, Beta Men. You may also recall how blogger *Big Little Wolf* feels that men should offer women chivalry, although she feels this has nothing to do with gender roles:

> My planet is called *Fred* – where I get to pick and choose the typically masculine or feminine behaviors that suit me…
>
> Pick up the tab for a date? Yes – I *will* expect that….
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> Guys – is opening doors not your thing? No problem. I'm *not* going to hold it against you.
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> I'm capable of opening doors, pulling out chairs, and so on. However, if you drive a truck or SUV, given my diminutive stature, you *are* going to have to offer me a hand to climb up into the seat, and a hand to get back down. (*At five feet, it's either that or a step stool.)*

I was confused by this at first, because if you offered a short *man* a boost into your truck or SUV you would have a fight on your hands. After much consideration, I came up with a handy way for men to remember what she expected:

> chivalry means giving the little lady some extra help

I thought she would be delighted that I had made sense of her seeming contradiction, but later in the day I noticed she had a new post up about how people can be mean on the internet. To this day I'm at a loss as to how she ended up with a picture of me.

But I have saved the best for last. I found a blog by a women's studies major discussing Cord Ivanyi teaching boys chivalry titled, Bringing Old-School Back (emphasis mine):

> …when I read the article"Teacher Emphasizes Old-Fashioned Etiquette"by David Knowles, I couldn't help but hope that Old School was trying to make another comeback.
>
> ..the boys became accustomed to anything from pulling chairs out for the girls to sit, to standing up whenever a girl entered the room–something I hadn't come across since I read *Pride and Prejudice* last year. And **I was happy to read that the girls loved it.**

Happy indeed. Men waiting on women, what's a feminist not to love? She continues:

> As a women studies major who is familiar with feminist criticism, I have a good feeling that many would view

> these practices as sexist. Such behavior from men may imply that women are weaker and more helpless. That if women begin to accept this behavior as normal, they will believe in and become comfortable with their dependence on men.

She is of course right. The charming ladies at *Feministing* may have required medical attention after reading about this. But as I said, I saved the best for last. The women's studies major blogger continues (emphasis mine):

> But I would like to offer another level of insight. **When men and women are seen as the same, men somehow always seem to get the upper-hand**…
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> More than ever now we are realizing that men and women are not quite the same, after all. And Ivanyi's lessons from the past are finally being called in to shed light on a problem we have been unable to solve.

See also: Training Boys to be Dogs

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Help Keep The Spearhead Alive

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More support is needed for The Spearhead to maintain operations through the fall quarter. Some generous readers have already come through, but more is needed to keep the site running consistently through the next few months. The Spearhead has become a community site that publishes a consistent stream of content, which requires regular maintenance and a lot of time-consuming writing and editing. I'd really like to keep it running at the same level, but that won't be possible without adequate funds — I'll have to drastically curtail the time I spend working on the site to stay above water.

The site provides a unique perspective on men's issues in the West, and has already made a substantial impact on the MRM, inspiring many men to come out in the open and speak in favor of their interests. Where men used to be confined to fora and other relatively isolated communities, they are now expanding into other forms of media. This is why I named the site "The Spearhead" — it was intended to thrust men's issues into the popular consciousness. It has worked in this regard – better than I expected, in fact – and even the mainstream media has begun to take notice.

One idea I've come up with to justify the time I've put into the site is to sell my own services here, because, after all, the site does get a lot of traffic, and it wouldn't be very smart of me to waste that opportunity. So, for those who are interested, I'd be happy to write, edit and publish (electronically and in print) for hire. I'll expand on that with a "hire me" page, but for now anyone interested in the service should simply contact me by email (through the contact page) and I'll be happy to talk about what I can offer.

I'd like to thank those who have supported The Spearhead — I am very grateful. Every donation helps, and if every regular reader gave the cash equivalent of eating out once a year (or, alternatively, one café latté per month) it would be entirely adequate, but this being the internet, it's necessary to ask from time to time.

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Cunning Women in Hindu Tales

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Recently, I was reading about India to fill in some gaps in my understanding of the world's civilizations, and came across a peculiar and captivating prose story, originally written in Sanskrit. It is a story that I thought might interest contemporary men, as it is so similar to the narrative we have come to be familiar with.

The story is contained in the Dashakumaracharita, which is a Sanskrit romance concerning the lives and adventures of ten young men of high rank. Much of the text pertains to the relations between men and women, and there are some choice excerpts that lay the truth of human sexuality bare.

Often, feminists claim that what they call "sexism" and such are Western inventions, but men who have the time and inclination can easily find examples of what they decry peppered throughout the literature of all the great civilizations over the span of history. When one knows enough about these things, feminism starts to look like little more than a minor bout of insanity on the historical timescale, and it becomes much easier to put the movement in its proper place; as the aberration that it is.

I've chosen a couple excerpts that will illustrate two sides of the female: one evil, and the other wholesome and good. Both present the true nature of women, and demolish feminist values.

The first is about a loving husband and his ungrateful, scheming wife. The story begins with one of the princes, a young brahmin, meeting a Raksha (demon) who demands he answers questions in return for his life (translation by PW Jacob):

> As I came out of the water, carrying a large root on my shoulder, I saw standing on the bank a terrible Rakshas in human form, who called out, in an angry tone "Who are you? Where do you come from? What are you doing here, destroying my flowers?"
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> Without showing any sign of fear, I walked boldly up to him, and said: "I am a brahman, who has just escaped many dangers. I was treacherously thrown into the sea, rescued by a merchant-ship, then attacked by pirates; and now, after conquering them, we have put into this island for water. I have much enjoyed my bathe, and wish you good morning."
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> "Stop!" said he. "You will not get off so easily. You seem a bold fellow, however, and I will give you a chance for life. I shall ask you four questions. If you can answer them, you are free; if not, I shall devour you immediately."
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> "Very good," I answered; "I am ready to hear them." Then he began:
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> "What is cruel?"
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> "A wicked woman's heart."
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> "What is most to the advantage of a householder?"
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> "Good qualities in a wife."
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> "What is love?"
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> "Imagination."
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> "What best accomplishes difficult things?"
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> "Cunning. Dhumini, Gomini, Ratnavati, and Nitambavati," I added, "are examples of what I have said."
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> "Tell me," said he, "who they were, and how they prove the truth of your answers?"
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> "Certainly," I replied; "you shall judge for yourself.
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> "There were formerly in the country of Trigarta three brothers, all wealthy, having several wives, many servants and slaves, and numerous flocks and herds. In their time it happened that there was a great drought; no

> rain fell for several years; the streams and fountains ceased to flow; the pools and lakes were turned to mud, the beds of rivers almost dry, plants burned up, trees withered; all mirth and festivity were at an end; bands of thieves roamed about; the dead lay unburied or unburnt, and their bodies were scattered over the fields. At last the famine was so great that men began to devour each other. The three brothers, from their great wealth, were able to hold out a long time; but when their stores of corn and rice were all consumed, and their cattle all slaughtered, they, like the rest, were driven to cannibalism. First they killed and ate their slaves; then, even their wives and children, till all were gone but themselves and their three favourite wives. The famine still continuing, they were driven to eat them also, and drew lots which should be killed first. The lot fell on Dhumini, the wife of the youngest brother, who, unable to bear the thought of devouring her, escaped with her in the night. After walking a long way, till they were quite exhausted, they came to a large forest, where they found a well of water, and many fruits and roots, besides deer and other animals, on which they were able to live without difficulty; and they built a hut there.
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> “One day when the husband of Dhumini was going about in search of game, he found a man who had been cruelly treated by robbers; they had cut off his hands, feet, and nose, and left him to perish. Having compassion on the poor wretch, he bound up his wounds as well as he was able, and carried him with much difficulty to his hut. There he and his wife nursed him till his wounds were healed, and took care of him afterwards.
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> “Now such is the depravity of women, that Dhumini fell in love with this poor mutilated wretch, and determined to have him whether he would or no.
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> “One day her husband came home from hunting, tired and thirsty, and asked her for water. She answered: ‘I have a very bad headache, you must go and draw for yourself.’ Then walking softly behind him as he went, she waited till he stooped down over the well, and pushed him in.
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> “Having thus, as she thought, got rid of her husband, she took the maimed man on her back and carried him till she reached an inhabited country, where there was no famine, telling those who asked her, that this man was her husband, and had been mutilated in that manner by a spiteful enemy.
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> “She thus became the object of much compassion, and praise, for devotion to her husband, and the king of the country bestowed on her a small pension on which she lived in the city of Avanti. Meanwhile her real husband had managed to climb up from the well, and wandered about a long time, not knowing where his wife was gone. At last he came to Avanti in great distress, and was begging for food when she chanced to see him. Going at once to the king, she said, ‘That wicked wretch who mutilated my husband is now here; I have seen him going about as a beggar.’
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> “Upon this he was immediately seized, and, notwithstanding his protestations of innocence, condemned to death, and led away to execution.
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> “On the way, with but faint hopes of saving his life, he said to the executioner, ‘I have been condemned on the evidence of one witness only; let that man whom I am accused of injuring be questioned; if he says I am guilty, then indeed I deserve to die.’
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> “The executioner saying, ‘Perhaps he may be innocent—a few minutes’ delay can do no harm,’ took him at once to the house of his wife, and there the poor mutilated wretch, with many tears, declared the kindness with which he had been treated by the supposed criminal, and the wickedness of the woman who had forced him to live with her as her husband.
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> “Thereupon the execution was stayed, and the king, having been made acquainted with the whole affair, ordered her to be cut in pieces and given to the dogs, and showed much favour and kindness to her husband.
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> “I say, therefore, there is nothing so cruel as the heart of a wicked woman.”

The next story follows right on the heels of the first, and is also about a cunning woman, but instead of using her arts for wicked purposes, she uses them for her own and her husband’s good:

The Rakshas appeared to be satisfied with this story, and said: “Go on, tell me about Gomini.” I continued therefore:

“There was formerly in the country of the Dravidas a young brahman of great wealth. Somehow he was not married when a mere boy, as is often the case, and when he grew up he thought to himself: ‘Those who have no wives and those who have bad wives are equally unfortunate, I will not let my friends choose for me, but travel about and look out for myself till I find a girl who may suit me.’

“Having formed this resolution, and changed his name, he set out alone, taking very little with him, but a small bag containing two or three pounds of rice in the husk.

“Whenever he saw a maiden of his own caste whose appearance he liked, either in the houses where he was admitted or elsewhere, he would say to her: ‘My dear, could you make me a good dinner with this rice?’ This he did many times, but though parents in general would have been willing to give him their daughters, he was always laughed at, and often treated with contempt. One day, while sitting in a public place in a town which he had lately entered, he observed a young girl whose parents had fallen into poverty, which was shown by her scanty dress and slender ornaments. She passed by him accompanied by an old woman, and stood for a time very near him.

“The more he looked at her the more he was pleased, and thought to himself: ‘This is just the wife to suit me; she is neither too tall nor too short, too stout or too thin; her limbs are rounded and well knit; her back is straight, with a slight hollow; her shoulders are low; her arms plump and soft; the lines of her hands indicate good fortune; her fingers are long and slender; her nails are like polished gems; her neck is smooth and rounded as a slender shell; her bosom full and well shaped; her face has a sweet expression; her lips are full and red; her chin small and compact; her cheeks plump; her eyebrows glossy black, gracefully curved, meeting in the middle; her eyes are long and languishing, very black and very white; her forehead, adorned by beautiful curls, resembles a piece of the moon; her ears are delicately formed, and well set off by the ear-rings; her hair is glossy black, brown at the ends—long, thick, and not too much curled. My heart seems to be drawn towards her; if she is what she seems to be, I will certainly marry her; but I must not act rashly; I will first try her with my test. Then approaching her with a polite salutation, he said: ‘My dear, are you clever enough to make a good dinner out of this bag of rice;’ Without answering a word, she looked significantly at her old nurse, and taking the rice from his hand, signed him to sit down on a terrace close by; and sat down herself near him. Then, first spreading out the rice in the, sun that it might be quite dry, she rubbed it gently between her hands, so as to get off the husk unbroken, and giving it to the nurse, she said: ‘Take this to some goldsmith; they use it when prepared in this way for polishing their gold, and you will get a few pence for it—with them buy a little firewood, a few cheap dishes, and an earthen pipkin, and bring also a wooden mortar with a long pestle.’ On this errand the old woman departed, and soon returned, bringing the things required.

“Then the girl put the rice into the mortar, and very gracefully moving the pestle up and down, separated the rice thoroughly from the remaining particles of husk and awns; which she carefully winnowed away.

“After this she washed the rice thoroughly, and the old woman having meanwhile lighted a fire and placed the pipkin full of water on it, she threw the rice into the water as soon as it boiled, in such a manner that the grains lay loose and separate. When they began to swell and burst, she took the pot from the fire, which she raked together, and set it with the lid downwards near the embers, first carefully draining off the rice liquor, and stirring the grains several times with a spoon to prevent their sticking together.

“After this she put out the fire by throwing water on it, and taking the charcoal, sent the old woman to sell it, and with the money to procure some herbs, ghee, curds, tamarind fruit, spices, salt, myrobalan, and sesamum oil. When these things were brought, she mixed the myrobalan, finely pounded, with salt, and desired the nurse to give it with the sesamum oil to the young brahman, and tell him to go and bathe and anoint himself; and he having received these things, went to bathe.

“When he was returned and comfortably seated, she gave him to drink rice liquor, mixed with spices and

> cooled by fanning, and he was much refreshed by it; afterwards, soup made with some of the liquor, a few spoonfuls of rice, butter, and spices; and, lastly, the rest of the rice mixed with curds, buttermilk, and several condiments, and he had plenty, though some was left.
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> “When he had finished, he asked for drink. She gave him water in a new cooler, sweetened and perfumed with lotus and other flowers; and it looked and felt so cool, gurgled so pleasantly, and tasted so sweet, that all his senses were gratified, and he drank eagerly again and again.
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> “After waiting on him in this manner, as soon as the dishes and the remains of the meal had been removed by the old nurse, she sat down beside him, arranging her scanty patched dress as well as she was able.
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> “The young brahman having thus satisfied himself of the capabilities of the maiden, made known his real name and position to her parents, and they having gladly accepted him, he married the girl in due form, and took her home to his own house.
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> “Not very long afterwards, with very little consideration for her, he took to himself another wife, a woman of bad character; yet such was the sweetness of temper of the first, that she showed no anger at this, but continued to treat her husband with all due honour and respect, and so gained over her fellow-wife that she became her dearest friend. At the same time she managed the household admirably, keeping everything in order, yet making all the servants attached to her. In short, she acted in such a manner that she entirely gained the respect and affection of her husband, and he enjoyed great happiness, and trusted and consulted her in all affairs.
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> “Therefore I say that the best thing for a householder is to have a good wife.”

It is always refreshing to find that people have gone over our material long ago, and effectively rebuked feminism long before it ever started. The real tragedy is that we have not sufficiently instructed our young men in these matters, but finally there are a few of us making some effort to do so in our time and our own vernacular. Hopefully, thousands of years from now, scholars will be able to sift through the feminist garbage that litters our culture and find a few similar gems written by some as-of-yet unknown Western man.

Tennessee Supreme Court Rules Against Lifetime Alimony

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By Peter The Great

In a case that is sure to be a precedent setter, the Tennessee Supreme Court ruled Friday that a man does not have to pay lifetime alimony to his ex-wife.

In 2009 the Tennessee Appeals Court had ruled that Craig Gonsewski had to pay his ex $1250 a month in alimony for life or until she remarried.

The news is saying that this is different from most cases because the ex-wife was employed, worked the whole time of the marriage, and was in her 40's at the time of the divorce.

Mr. Gonsewski appealed the Appeals Court ruling claiming that the decision went too far in giving her alimony for life.

At the time of the divorce Craig Gonsewski made $137,000 as a controller for a corporation, while Johanna Gonsewski, who worked for the state as an information manager, made $72,000.

Johanna's attorney had argued that Craig had "struck gold" with his job, while Johanna had topped out; and also claimed that she had helped put him through college.

The Tennessee Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the lifetime alimony was inappropriate because Johanna Gonsewski held a stable job, earned considerable income and was awarded a significant amount of assets in the property settlement.

The Court of Appeals found that Johanna was unlikely to earn any more as a state employee, that she needed more money, and he had the ability to pay.

The Supreme Court stated, "In many instances, the parties' assets and incomes simply will not permit them to achieve the same standard of living after the divorce as they enjoyed during the marriage" – Chief Justice Cornelia A. Clark wrote.

The Court also found that the ex-wife was not entitled to the lump-sum alimony award of her attorney fees because she was partially responsible for generating them and had the financial resources to pay them.

Taking on the Appeals Court, the Supreme Court also ruled that trial courts have broad discretion in awarding alimony, and that "an appellate court should not reverse a trial court's alimony decision unless the trial court has abused its discretion."

It noted that the lower court did not abuse its discretion when it decided to award no alimony to either party, and reinstated the judgment of the trial court.

Johanna Gonsewski's attorney said that his client "will be extremely disappointed."

This case can well be a real precedent in overturning automatic alimony and lifetime support everywhere due to the status of the Court. It was a good day for men!

As Feminism's Poison Does its Work, Anti-Female Brutality Explodes onto the Scene

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Feminists asked for a gender war, and sadly it is starting to look as though they got what they wanted. Repeated provocations against men, systematic discrimination against men, and state-sanctioned debt slavery are starting to have the inevitable effect. In a triumph for the feminist movement, men are lashing out violently against women, fulfilling the feminist fantasy of a gender war.

For feminism to exist as a valid movement, there must be violent conflict, so many of the efforts of feminists have sought to provoke just that. For example, in teaching that women must "take back the night" from men, women were encouraged to be militant against all males, which can only have unfortunate results, given the hands-down male superiority in combat. Women have further been encouraged to fight men in all areas of society rather than cooperate with them, which is guaranteed to create some violently anti-female men. Unsurprisingly, more mentally unstable and out-of-luck men are lashing out violently against women, just as feminists have always hoped for.

You see, for a feminist to justify her job there must be some degree of brutality against women. Gender war is essential to feminism. So, if you are a feminist, the hapless women murdered or assaulted by the damaged men feminists have created are necessary sacrifices for advancing the feminist agenda. It's a pretty simple concept. Too bad for the girls who ended up on the wrong end of these men's rage, but hey, if you're a female senator or staffer it's good business for your cause. And we all know that feminism has never been about the typical woman who lives a humble life, but rather the ambitious elite who want to have access to the big boys and big money on Capitol Hill and Wall Street.

Here are a few very recent examples of the results of the feminist gender war campaign:

Trucker murders hookers across South.

Florida man kills wife, shoots two pastors.

Arkansas man attacks courthouse.

Women's best bet for security is not in denouncing and fighting men, as feminists would have it, but in cooperating with them and taking on their proper role. Feminists would willingly sacrifice women for their own power, but ordinary men *will sacrifice themselves* for the women in their families.

This is why the arguments one often hears that women are stupid and inferior sometimes seem to carry some weight — what woman would give up this natural protection for an uncertain guarantee of government support? Only a foolish, stupid, shortsighted one. But perhaps that is the point — the most economically secure, educated and privileged women in Western society rarely leave their husbands. It is overwhelmingly the hapless, unintelligent and disadvantaged who believe the lies about "empowerment" and strike out on their own, only to fail in the overwhelming majority of cases.

Disadvantaged women are truly the cannon fodder of feminists. For Machiavellian types, this is a net bonus, but for anyone with a shred of morality, it's a despicable path to power. The United States will once again be a righteous society only when feminists are jailed for interfering with families, and their academic apologists are removed by security from their jobs in taxpayer-funded educational institutions. This would be the most humane course of action to take. Far more humane, in fact, than provoking men and women to physically attack one another, as feminists would have it today so that they can unleash state agents on confused and demoralized families.

Straw Dogs — A Learning Review

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by Ken Knight

The recent 2011 re-make of the controversial 1971 film "STRAW DOGS" captures the base storyline and over-the-top characters of the original only instead of rural England the backdrop is the American South (the "deep" south) and the characters are American in this re-make. When nerdy writer David and his hot young wife Amy move to her backwater hometown for him to write (and her to go jogging in skimpy attire) the local roughnecks (one of whom is Amy's old high school boyfriend) see this as a testament to upscale outsiders "taking" what is "theirs" and rubbing their faces in it. Basically, this is the clichéd "jock-versus-nerd" tale only with a rape scene and the ambiguous rapport between the nerd's hot wife and the more "alpha" roughneck guys who take it to the next level and attack her as well as her hubby and the town pervert in a climatic attack that rivals the one in the equally-classic (re-made) film "Assault on Precinct 13".

There are a few points in both the original and this re-do that is worth considering in the vein of real life parallels: the first being the hot young wife "Amy" shit-testing her brainy husband David as soon as the more rugged and physically-imposing men begin working for the couple, instantly pitting him against them to try her husband's manhood against the men working outside on their barn. Amy even goes so far as to sexually tease the men working outside by disrobing in front of a window the guys have full view of.

The second is Amy's response to her ex-boyfriend invading her home while her husband is gone, her half-hearted resistance to the thug forcing himself on her then "giving in" to her former lover as he gets totally carnal, freaking out when one of his buddies comes in for "his turn". Everyone from you, me, and the milk man would consider what happens to the character of Amy in this scene to be a rape, but in the film Amy keeps what happened to herself, not reporting it at all nor telling her husband even as she has flashbacks of the crime, she does and says nothing. In the 1971 original STRAW DOGS starring Dustin Hoffman, the "rape" scene was controversial with critics because of that time period's censorship, but also with feminists who felt that the character of Amy "enjoyed" the intrusion by her ex-boyfriend (as portrayed in that scene by actress Susan George).

The character of Amy in both the original and the re-make clearly "sparks" the hostility between her husband and the roughnecks working for the couple, creating a dynamic where the more physically-strong males are chomping at the bit for the female who is paired with a physically-weaker man. In both films, the character of Amy is exasperated by her nerdy husband's "cowardice" (she even openly calls him a coward) when faced with stronger, sexually-aggressive men and she ramps up the hostility by taunting her ex-boyfriend who eventually goes overboard to commit a felony in pursuit of her. Having watched both versions of this film, the main question I had to ask was WHY did the character of Amy move back to her hometown with her wealthy new husband, the place where she would know her past lover would be??

So are the two versions of the film STRAW DOGS a subliminal tale of "Alpha-versus-Beta" or one showing the ambiguously-complicated dynamics between a woman who cannot make up her mind as to what type of man she wants…the wealth and comfort of the talented intellectual (her husband David) or the poorer roughneck "Marlboro Man" whom she has been with before? Precisely, and that dynamic shown within a fictional realm such as the film(s) STRAW DOGS is worth noting. Walking out of the theater the other day after watching the re-make, I couldn't help but to reflect on how such a violent tale kicked off between the characters and who was really responsible for "lighting the fuse"….then I decided that it all really went south after the character Amy intentionally flashed her bare bod out the window at the roughnecks working for her, her ex-boyfriend among them. Of course culpability not withstanding, the character of Amy reminded me of the type of human personality who causes friction between others and does not see such friction reaching critical mass until it is too late. So if you'd like to view a cinematic example of a very timely "couples dynamic" this film is worth catching along with the original STRAW DOGS that is available on DVD.

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Iowa Attorney General's Office Pulls No Punches in Rape Suit Defense

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Despite American Universities' cowardly capitulation to federal demands that male students are afforded no legal or constitutional protections when accused of sexual assault or harassment, when it comes to safeguarding their own pocketbooks schools are more than willing to scrutinize every detail of an alleged victim's story:

> DAVENPORT, Iowa — Attorneys defending the University of Northern Iowa are heavily scrutinizing the life of a former student who was sexually assaulted by two football players in 2004 and is now accusing the school in a civil lawsuit of mistreating her and mismanaging its athletics department, court records show.
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> The Iowa Attorney General's Office has been seeking details of the woman's history on social media sites like Facebook since 2003, years of her cell phone records and personal photos and records detailing her mental health treatment before and after the assault, records show. In addition, the office has repeatedly asked for records about her employment as a dancer at a strip club, a copy of her personal journal, and documentation related to her father's mysterious death when she was a young child.
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> The woman filed a civil lawsuit in 2007 alleging that most university administrators treated her with "great animosity" after the assault. She claimed they failed to make academic accommodations she requested, declined to let her move to another dormitory and did nothing when she reported receiving harassing calls from players. After she quit school weeks later, the university sent her tuition bill to a collection agency and the dean of students told her she was disappointed "she didn't tough it out," according to the lawsuit.
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> The lawsuit seeks damages for the loss of her access to education at UNI, pain and suffering and an order requiring the school to reform policies on assault and harassment to rein in what her attorneys call a culture where football recruits are more likely to show violence toward women. UNI has broadly denied her allegations in court documents.

The original case involved the usual college he-said she-said rape case, in which the two accused men were tried multiple times, resulting in hung juries and eventual pleas for relatively minor sexual assault convictions. Given the way colleges are run today combined with the new legal and cultural confusion regarding legitimate sex, these incidents are pretty much unavoidable on campus. For example, athletes are treated as royalty on campus, but it is against the rules to pay them, so part of the assumed tradeoff is in access to young flesh, most of which is entirely willing, of course. But now and then, there's bound to be the odd mistake, and what's a school to do?

If you're in administration in a typical school, the solution, obviously, is to hang the boys out to dry and wash your hands of the matter. But it didn't work in this case, possibly because the victim didn't get enough special treatment, and now she wants some cold, hard cash.

However, the state of Iowa, which is tasked with defending the school, is not rolling over. No, they are fighting back hard, and using what appears to be the "she's a lying slut" defense.

There's nothing that quite illustrates the hypocrisy of government like when it is hoist on its own petard. The same state that fought so hard to convict her accused rapists – going so far as to try one *three times* – has done an about face and is digging up every bit of dirt on the woman it can find.

What this teaches us is that as soon as the state can no longer count on men to foot the bill for feminist policies, they will be abandoned post-haste. In coming days, we're going to see a lot more of this, and we men can sit back and chuckle as it plays out.

First Wave Antifeminism: E. Belfort Bax

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I came upon the works of E. Belfort Bax last night while reading about John Stuart Mill, the English philosopher who published an early feminist treatise known as "The Subjection of Women." Bax responded some 50 years later with "The Legal Subjection of Men," which details the highly privileged status of Anglosphere women in the Victorian era.

Bax was a lawyer who knew quite well what men faced when facing a woman's accusation in court, and he offers us a very detailed picture of a familiar legal regime. It's uncanny how similar contemporary legal practices are to the Victorian ones. There are differences, to be sure, but the end result is the exact same: women have the upper hand under the law.

Here's an excerpt concerning Victorian alimony/child support:

> 3. MAINTENANCE.
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> As against her husband, the law confers on a woman who has married him the unilateral privilege of maintenance. The earlier law made this privilege dependent on her obedience, cohabitation with her husband, and 6 her observance of outwardly decent behaviour. The present law has set her free from all these restraints. Since 1857 the Secular Court, which then assumed juris- diction in matrimonial matters, has given up all attempt to enforce obedience, but the most violent methods, in- cluding imprisonment and sequestration of the property of the husband are employed to enforce her claim to maintenance. By a recent Statute (the Act of 1884) the process of imprisonment to make a wife obey an order to return to her husband was abolished. By the famous decision in the Jackson Case the husband was prohibited from himself using force to compel her to return. But the deserted wife by magisterial order can get her deserting husband sent to gaol [jail]. And neither legislature nor the Courts, which took away her duties of obedience and cohabitation, ever dreamt of depriving her of her privilege of being maintained by the man whom she can flout and insult with impunity. As a successful lady litigant (May, 1896) remarked to her husband, "There is no law which compels me to obey or honour you, but there is a law that you must keep me." This woman tersely sums up the position. In the case of a man of property the Courts will expropriate him for the benefit of his wife. In the case of a wage-earner the Courts from police magistrates to Supreme Court will decree him to be her earning slave, bound to work for her or go to prison. A wife, no matter if rolling in wealth, is not obliged to contribute a penny to her husband's support, even if he be incapacitated from work through disease or accident. The sole exception which the law makes in derision is that if he be actually in such destitution as to go to the workhouse, then the wealthy wife is obliged to pay, not to her hus- band, but the local authorities, the cost of his main- tenance at the exiguous scale usual in such cases. Even a wife who, against her husband's wish, leaves his house after assaulting and insulting him can obtain 7 against him an order for restitution of conjugal rights. This is a mere preliminary to form a basis for a claim for sequestration of his property for her maintenance. The Act of 1884 forbids the Court to order imprisonment for refusal to obey an order of restitution of conjugal rights, but enables such a refusal to be made a ground for confiscation of the husband's property in favour of the wife. No reciprocity here. Imprisonment before 1884 affected both husband and wife. Sequestration of property, the husband alone. Now imprisonment is abolished for the wife, and so the wife goes scot free, while the husband is as much bound as ever in person and in property. This iniquitous statutory rule is made use of by women who have no wish whatever to return to their husbands. After overbearing ill-usage and desertion of the husband for years, the wife applies to the Court for an order for restitution, well knowing that her unfortunate victim will not obey the order. Then the robbery of his property is completed by a second order in Court. But no disobedience to a like order on her part enables her property to be confiscated, or herself to be sent to prison.

Amazing. Seems there's a lot of precedent for contemporary family law.

Bax was an early socialist and Marxist while socialism and Marxism were still largely men's movements, as both concerned the lives of working men. Although there was some proto-feminism incorporated in early-20th century Communist movements, feminism never made as much headway in Marxist societies as it did in Anglo-capitalist societies. The direct association between Marxism and feminism seems to have developed in the 1960s, possibly under the influence of the CIA, which is known to have funded feminist Marxist organizations. This raises the question of what exactly the point was in associating feminism with Marxism. Although I never thought of this before, it may be that the CIA wanted to present Marxism as something disadvantageous to the average American/Western working man, and feminism, which has always been hostile to working men, was quite capable of doing just that.

Bax's writing is fascinating, in that it fills out the picture of the development of feminism in the Anglo world. We are lucky that his works survive, and I intend to collect and concatenate his writings concerning feminism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

More of Bax's work can be found at marxist.org, where his writings have been archived.

Still Panhandling

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Thanks to the readers who've bought some time with generous contributions, I can guarantee that the site will be running strong for a while, but I'm still cutting it too close for the quarter. So anyone out there who enjoys the site and wants to help assure its continued operation can help with a donation of any amount. Any financial support to the site goes directly to work on its content and maintenance, which is a job I enjoy performing for our thousands of readers.

For those who are interested, the renewed effort following the resolution of my latest custody case has paid off with rising traffic and page views, and we are back over 10,000 page views per day during the work week, and 3,000+ uniques, in addition to nearly 2,000 RSS subscribers.

For future projects, which should help with the site's income, I have been spending my spare time learning another typesetting program so that I can produce quality e-books for both sale and free distribution. This is a project I've been wanting to take up for a long time now, and it looks like I finally have the time to put it into motion (learning the markup takes a lot of sustained effort). If the books are compiled from open source content, I'll give them away for free, but those with fresh content will be for sale (lower prices for regular readers/subscribers, of course). Ultimately, I'd like to produce books from a wide variety of writers, including some of the authors who have contributed here, and others whose subject matter dovetails with the site's focus.

Finally, I'd like to thank those who have already helped out, and express optimism about the continued viability of *The Spearhead*, which has started to become something of a cultural feature in the blogosphere. I think it can safely be said that it's made a real difference out there, and things are slowly but surely starting to change in men's favor as more and more people come to see the double-standards and injustices that face ordinary men throughout our society.

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Domestic Violence and Death Sentences in Imperial China

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Sometimes it helps to have a little historical and global perspective on how other cultures have approached marital strife and domestic violence over the years. Non-Western cultures have an entirely different attitude toward culpability in such matters; i.e. the husband is not considered automatically guilty, and women are not generally given a pass on crimes they may commit as they are in Anglo countries.

I recently remembered a passage I read some time ago about the Kang Xi emperor of the Manchu (Qing) dynasty of China, which ruled from the mid-17th to the beginning of the 20th century. By the mid-18th century, Qing China was the most powerful, wealthy country on earth. By the end of the 19th century, overcome by Western industrial powers and internal corruption and disorder, it was a mess, but this is the common life cycle of Chinese dynasties, so we can't necessarily draw any conclusions about the superiority of Western customs from the decline of the Qing.

The following passage concerns death sentences, which the emperor would review at the end of the year to see which cases might merit a reduced sentence. In 1699, Kang Xi remarked upon several domestic violence murders to distinguish between those sentences worthy of reduction and those that should be upheld:

> Each year we went through the lists, sparing sixteen out of sixty-three at one session, eighteen out of fifty-seven at another, thirty-three out of eighty-three at another. For example, it was clear to me that the three cases of husbands killing wives that came up in 1699 were all quite different. The husband who hit his wife with an ax because she nagged at him for drinking, and then murdered her after another domestic quarrel — how could any extenuating circumstances be found? But Pao-erh, who killed his wife for swearing at his parents; and Meng, whose wife failed to serve him properly and used foul language so that he killed her — they could have their sentences reduced.
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> [From "Emperor of China: Self Portrait of Kang Xi" by Jonathon D. Spence]

Chinese justice in the late 17th century seems more humane and fair than contemporary American, which recognizes no extenuating circumstances in such crimes when they are committed by men, and often excuses women for outright murder of husbands.

Another example from the text further illustrates the difference:

> Sudden murders without a cause could sometimes be forgiven — deaths resulting from drunken brawls, for example, or a lover killing his mistress in anger when her husband tried to dun [sue] him…

Here, the culpability of the female is taken into account — a foreign concept in our culture.

What the above passages illustrate is that our own culture, which defers to women at every level of justice, is not universal, and is actually aberrant by other standards. In fact, it is probably odd and aberrant from Kang Xi's English and colonial American contemporaries' perspective as well.

Thus, we see that the legal superiority of women is not a constant in human society, but rather an odd feature of contemporary Anglo-American law; one we can and should work to change.

Man-Bashing On The Road to Serfdom

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Selwyn Duke postulates the theory–misandry leads to authoritarianism–thusly:

> [W]hat would you do if you wanted to grow government? I think you would try to remove any hope in women's minds that they could find security through a husband. You do this by destroying the man. You need to make him look weak, ineffectual, feckless, and buffoonish.
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> Here is how you would proceed: Portray men in sitcoms, movies, and commercials as inept, foolish, and pusillanimous. Make sure these overgrown Hollywood boys are always outshone by the female characters. Also ensure that there are at least as many female characters in action roles as men — and don't neglect to make them as hard and as tough, if not more so, than the fellows. And definitely show them beating men up as much as possible. Then men certainly won't seem very strong.
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> This perception is far easier to instill if you can actually bring men and boys down. To this end, make sure you feminize the curricula and atmosphere in schools so that boys receive neither the stimulation nor the discipline they need to succeed. And when these little outside-the-box male creatures' (boys are more likely to be revolutionary-minded, for good or for ill) energies are misdirected due to this lack of discipline, you can pickle their wills in psychotropic drugs such as Ritalin. The idea here is to lower boys' grades and college-graduation rates so that they're less capable of being a family's breadwinner. And then they certainly won't seem very intelligent.
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> There must also be institutionalized discrimination against the lads. So be sure to have affirmative action, quotas, and set-asides for women. For instance, you can have government aid for female-owned businesses but not male-owned ones; if this is done right, a situation might even arise in which women start four times as many new businesses as men do **[Ed: they already start twice as many]**. The idea is to, as much as possible, work towards a point where men aren't very wealthy or powerful.
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> By sexualizing everything in society and presenting girls as objects of pleasure, we can instead make the boys more predatory. Then they will leave a trail of broken hearts in their wake, ensuring that girls' hopes of bonding with a man are crushed; this causes women to harden their hearts to avoid being similarly hurt again, which reduces the chances that they will ever truly bond with a man.
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> The result of all this will be men who seem weak, powerless, and unintelligent, and who are poor. Women must feel that the only reliable source of security and resources in their lives, the only strong man, is Uncle Sam.

In other words, misandry is functionally the same as hating freedom. If you love freedom, then you fight misandry wherever you find it. If you love liberty, then you labor tirelessly to restore and protect the position of men as fathers and as patriarchs of their families. If you crave independence, then you work to foster durable marriage and ensure interdependence between husbands and wives.

On the other hand, if you welcome the yoke, if you want your sons and daughters to be serfs, if you enjoy the boot heel of authoritarian rule pressing against your neck, go ahead and suppress men, masculinity, and dispose of patriarchal marriage and family.

I've argued before that while women are the center of gravity of a civilization, it is individual men operating within a framework of other men who transmit the technology of civilization from one generation to the next. Reading Mr. Duke's line of reasoning, it seems I need to extend my argument a bit and claim that it is the male-led family structure that enables freedom and liberty and that the female-led family drives a society toward tyranny and serfdom. A society based upon the female-headed family fails to bring men into the fold of marriage and family, fails to secure their investment into their children, and fails to direct men's surplus energies toward socially productive ends sans the use of government force.

It is this failure to capture male investment that makes Mr. Duke's observation about sexually predatory boys and hard-hearted girls especially salient. For our society is increasingly failing to efficiently capture male investment while at the same time establishing a moral ecology wherein evo psych and game theory justify the despoiling of the womenfolk…making them progressively poorer candidates for marriage with each happy roguring.

Speaking of marriage, Mr. Duke also had this interesting observation about how the marriage calculus has been stood on its head by all this man-hatin' going on:

> [W]omen have been sacrificing liberty for security for thousands of years — in an appropriate context. This context was marriage, when a woman would accept a man's protection and his headship (with today's hen-pecked Western man, it's different; upon getting married, **he sacrifices liberty for insecurity**) [Emphasis mine].

So on top of the postulate that misandry leads to tyranny, we see, through several degrees of separation, that all this bustin' on the guys has had the effect of negating the marriage contract for men. It still brings a (temporary) security for women while failing to secure for men what it used to. But it's worse than that, for it is not only a lack of security, men who marry face an insecurity, a negative security…they risk more by marrying than by not. And by not marrying, they feed into Kay Hymowitz' SYM stereotype, which in turn begets more misandry and so forth.

Thus does misandry circle back around in a self-sustaining spiral down into chains. The message is clear: a free society that makes a habit of disrespecting and suppressing and repressing its men won't remain free for too much longer.

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E-Books: A Question for Readers

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I was up all night last night working on typesetting for both e-books and print, as one can now produce files that serve both purposes quite well. As I was doing so, I came across a program that allows for conversion of files to formats compatible with various e-book readers, such as the Amazon Kindle, the Nook, etc.

As I was tinkering with the program, I wondered how many Spearhead readers use an e-book reader.

So, the question is, do any of the readers here use these devices? And if so, would it be more convenient for them if I offered texts in particular e-book reader files?

Washington Times: Fall TV Features Rotten Women

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Yesterday, commenter Rocco posted a link to a Washington Post article that expressed a good deal of disgust over the "post-feminist" fare that is filling up this season's TV Lineups. Written by Hampton Stevens and titled "Fall TV's mean women, milquetoast men," the article takes aim at a number of new shows that portray men as a bunch of ineffectual wimps and women as, well, "jerks:"

> If the fall TV season is any guide, the sexual revolution that was supposed to liberate men and women from traditional sex roles seems to have resulted instead in a straight-up role reversal. The male characters are messes — insecure, jobless, barely able to dress themselves without a wife or girlfriend and/or living in mom's proverbial basement. Their female counterparts, meanwhile, are flaunting the same selfish, boorish ways that once got men called "chauvinist pigs." The only difference today is that when these female characters act like jerks, we are expected to cheer them on as "empowered."

Heroines on TV are portrayed as tough, pitiless bitches who think nothing of being abusive and demeaning toward those less powerful than them. They are even meaner than male heroes from the bad old days, who at least wouldn't stoop to bullying the stupid and weak. Today, anyone who is pathetic in any way – almost always a man – is a fair target. And, according to the author, the men on the small screen are really pathetic:

> As many critics have noted, 2011 is the season of emasculation with a bevy of new shows about the purportedly dire state of American manhood. For example, "Man Up" (which premiered Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. on ABC) features a Judd Apatow-ish bunch of latte-sipping best friends in their 40s who go on a quest for their inner "Iron Johns."

Perhaps TV here is a reflection of society at large. Women have a higher employment rate, more money, and are better educated. And, as many of us know all too well, they can be really, really mean. Nothing new here.

However, what is new and different is the fact that a man is actually expressing some disgust with this state of affairs in a mainstream media outlet. And Mr. Stevens pulls no punches:

> Unlike their broke, wimpy male counterparts, the women on these shows are mostly strong and self-sufficient, and critics describe them with glowing words such as "assertive," "edgy" and, heaven help us, "sassy." However, what these women actually are, generally speaking, are utterly awful human beings. They may be inspired by "Sex and the City's" Carrie Bradshaw, but they act like Samantha, openly bragging about how badly they treat men. They make the sorts of crude jokes that are rightly decried when men make them on prime-time network TV, yet are celebrated for women as signs of emancipation.

Awful human beings indeed…

George Orwell wrote that power corrupts, and our women, empowered as they are today, have become thoroughly rotten. When a movement starts to lose steam, the first thing to fall of is its moral standing. Just a few years ago, women could still count on near-unanimous support in bashing men, but that's starting to change. Today, too many of them have just turned out to be too awful, and finally it's too obvious to ignore.

Violence and “Real Men”

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Two Lessons from Human Evolution

By Davd Martin

Human nature formed in hunting and gathering societies, where all adults were producers. Men hunted (e.g Harris, 1989: 278-281), and mostly they hunted co-operatively. Women gathered—foraged roots, berries, and sometimes other edible or useful parts of the natural environment. Most of what they gathered were plants or parts of plants.

Human evolution shifted from being primarily biological to being primarily cultural “at some point during the last 100,000 years, and perhaps only within the last 40,000 years” (Lenski, Lenski and Nolan, 1991: 92) while big-game hunting as men’s work and gathering as primarily women’s work began much earlier (ibid.: 89-90). Hunting shaped men’s nature, and gathering shaped women’s*.

Hunting is inherently violent. Those neat styrofoam trays of meat in the supermarket contain cut-up portions of the dead bodies of animals. A few days ago i spent 3-4 hours turning 47 recently killed mackerel into stored meat; i have killed and butchered fish and game many times, and farm animals a few times. As the meat providers in prehistoric human societies, men used violence to feed their communities. Real men are violent—but disciplined and restrained in our use of violence. Lack of discipline can cause injury, and it can cause tainted meat.

Undisciplined men don’t have the reproductive—the evolutionary—fitness of disciplined men. Men who resort to undisciplined violence have lost some of their humanity. They are not “real men” in the full sense. For anyone, and especially for a Feminist purporting to be expert, to describe a violent rampage as typical of man-nature, is—if not a malicious lie or a self-deception—ignorant to the point of folly.

Real men are co-operative. During the thousands of centuries when humanity evolved, there were no rifles, no shotguns, no compound bows or fiberglass arrows. Our earliest ancestors [and here i refer to the first Homo sapiens, as well as Australopithecus and H. erectus] didn’t even have crude longbows. Clubs, spears, maybe slings were the weapons available, and with those weapons, teams of our ancestors killed elephants!—as well as aurochs, bison, caribou, elk, moose, pigs [which can be both large and deadly], and zebra. Even elk and zebra are too large for one man, armed only with spears, clubs and stone knives, to reliably kill alone.

During those hundreds of millennia of human genetic evolution, human nature was formed. Men [and male pre-humans] needed co-operation, discipline, and restraint to provide high-protein, immensely valued food using tools and weapons we would find incredibly crude. Men would not be on Earth today if we did not have co-operation, and discipline including restraint, bred into us.**

* During these hundreds of centuries, perhaps millions of years of evolution, women seldom if ever hunted big game. The co-operation, discipline, and restraint that was bred into men could possibly have their main loci “on the Y chromosome”, such that women are less co-operative, less disciplined, less restrained by nature, not merely for cultural reasons associated with civilization. “Charles Martel” (on The-Spearhead, January 2010) summarized neurological research indicating major differences between men’s and women’s brain anatomy: It is virtually certain that important gender differences in personality are “inborn” rather than learned. Whether men’s co-operation, discipline, and restraint are genetically based in brain features that differ from women “is not [to my knowledge] yet established”. We should keep in mind that they very plausibly might be.)

** If there were instead, some species of big-brained ape that lacked co-operation, discipline, and restraint, it would not be human as we know humanity.

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On The Road

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Headed to Canada today to see the kids. I'm hoping to find some cool things to do with kids in the Vancouver area. Today, we'll probably go to the beach and hang out there, but the weather is not going to permit those excursions for too much longer.

Any readers familiar with Vancouver and have ideas for fun things to do with a couple little ones? This is going to be a monthly trip for me, so any ideas would be appreciated.

Canada Compared to the US

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I had a nice time taking a day trip to Canada to see my kids. It's kind of a long drive, but not all that bad by West Coast standards. My folks live in San Francisco, and they often drive up here to Seattle, so I don't think I have much to complain about in that regard. However, I would really appreciate one of those fast, European-style trains that could make the trip in an hour and a half or so.

It's been a while since I've been to British Columbia, but one of the things I remember about the place from my youth still applies: it is very British. However, it isn't British in a crass, fatass manner, but rather in a more natural, healthy style. I'm not sure what Canadian men's take on this is, but British Columbian women – despite being very Anglo – are not half bad. I'm sure many readers are aware of the SWPL acronym — "Stuff White People Like." BC residents are SWPL without affecting it. That's just what they are. I found this kind of endearing, despite my tribulations at the border (more on that later).

Although the climate in Vancouver is almost identical to that of Seattle, there were palpable differences between the cities. First, Canada is very white. Not to say that there aren't minorities, but it isn't the same. There are lots of Chinese, Hindus and other minorities in the Vancouver area. All over, in fact. But the working class is overwhelmingly white Canadian. This difference was obvious to me despite the fact that Seattle is one of the whitest big cities in the US.

Another thing that struck me was that the Canadian men are affable and gentle. There is little evidence of the bravado and menacing that is common in the states. However, in my recent experience, the women can be fairly harsh.

This part of the world – the Pacific Northwest – is kind of unique. Americans aggressively grabbed the best land and squeezed the British long ago — Thomas Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark out here to stake a claim to the good land, and then William Seward sealed the deal by buying Alaska from the Russians seven decades later. One result of this is that BC's agriculture is squeezed into a small area just north of the border. I'd forgotten how many farms there were in the Fraser River valley, but drove past many yesterday. In contrast, Washington state produces huge amounts of grain and fruits east of the mountains in its inland west, which is far more fertile and productive than east BC due to the soil-depleting effects of glaciers during the last ice age, which stopped advancing just south of the border. So, Vancouver is sort of an island in the wilderness, boxed in by mountains, the sea, and the United States. Despite the handicap, the Canadians have done very well.

The final contrast I'll mention applies to the officials. I had to cross the border twice yesterday, so I had the opportunity to compare officials on both sides.

For some reason, the Canadian inspector in the border booth decided I needed extra attention, so sent me to be checked out. I was assigned a couple of female agents, one of whom was in her twenties and another, must have been her superior, who was a broad, thick woman of about 50 with a bleached blonde crew cut and wire-framed spectacles. The latter was almost a caricature of butch. So, the two started grilling me, upon which yet another young female joined in, and then they went to search my car. I felt confident at first, but then it turned out that I had not inspected my car very thoroughly and had left a half-empty box of .45 ACP in the trunk from the last time I took target practice. This prompted more intensive searching, more harsh, rapid-fire questions, etc. Eventually, they let me go (ammunition is apparently not contraband), and even seemed a little contrite, but it was not a particularly pleasant experience.

One thing I sensed from the search was that the young women involved were making a big effort to be tough, but were perhaps in over their heads. As for the butch one, she seemed entirely self-assured, but it was a little surreal to have two young, fairly attractive women giving me the third degree. I'm sure they are adequate for most situations, but as in the case where Ahmed Ressam was caught by American inspectors at the same border crossing with a

bomb in his trunk, I'm not sure they would have been ideal.

The American border was, as one might expect, militarized. There are thermal imaging devices, lots of cameras, and uniformed men with dogs going up and down the lines of cars. The beefy American guards were self-confident and relaxed, which gives one a calm feeling, as though you'd probably be fine if terrorists or criminals suddenly burst onto the scene (unlikely, but it definitely could happen). When I came to the booth, the guard asked me only two questions: "Where are you from?" and "What were you doing up here?" I told him I was from Seattle and visiting my kids, and he just said "see ya," casually waving me through. It was nice to be home.

Australian Rape Political Prosecution Going to High Court

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Political prosecutions often say a lot about who wields power in a country, and they are often pursued on dubious grounds. An 80-year-old Australian man is currently facing prosecution for allegedly raping his wife nearly 50 years ago, despite the fact that the crime of "spousal rape" did not exist at the time (such laws were first introduced in the West in the 1970s).

In the United States, such prosecutions are precluded by the Constitution, which expressly forbids ex post facto laws. In Europe, only the UK's parliament (under parliamentary sovereignty) reserves to the right to pass ex post facto laws, but this is in contravention of the European Convention on Human Rights, to which the UK is a signatory nation. Even Iran prohibits such laws — virtually the entire civilized world holds the practice of retroactive prosecution in abhorrence.

Australian courts, however, are under no such restriction, and feminist-driven prosecution has taken advantage of this to pursue its agenda. Given that spousal rape claims are notoriously difficult to prosecute, as sex is a given in marriage, it's fairly likely that any attempt to make a prosecution on an *old* spousal rape charge, in which evidence has been lost and memory faded, is based on political motives.

Whether the man is prosecuted or not, the case will have a chilling effect in Australia regarding human rights. That such an attempt at prosecution has even made it to the high court should give us all pause, as cultures and customs change, as what is perfectly legal at one point could be used to punish us at some later date. Say, for example, that animal testing were banned in the future as cruel and inhumane. Could scientists then be punished for having taken part in research decades in the past? Under Australian law, apparently so.

However, in most cases reasonable people would decline prosecution even if they were able. What this particular case demonstrates is that *feminists are not reasonable people*. They do not care about the principles that uphold civilization, but rather only concern themselves with power. This is a truly dangerous precedent, and it should give us a clear idea of why feminism should not be taken lightly.

Hugo Schwyzer on Consent

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In giving Hugo Schwyzer a platform, the Good Men Project has lost whatever credibility it may have had. Although Schwyzer stirs up some controversy and thus garners pageviews, his questionable personal morality and willingness to collaborate in deception have already tainted the publication. Founder Tom Matlack, on the other hand, strikes me as a fairly sincere person who just happens to be incorrect about some things.

Sincerity, however, is not Schwyzer's forté. In an article that enraged many an MRA, he argued that it doesn't really matter whose kid you're bringing up — "…it is love, not sperm, that makes a great dad." In the article he reveals that he may have fathered a child with a woman, and then collaborated with her to deceive the other man she was sleeping with at the time into thinking the child was his. This is a disgusting thing to do to both the other man and the child, and a sneaky way to disguise parental irresponsibility and selfishness as some sort of noble act. I accuse Schwyzer of insincerity because I'm pretty sure he'll ask for a DNA test if he gets socked with a paternity suit for years of back child support some years down the line (assuming the story is true). I can see him in front of a judge arguing: "your honor, it was just my sperm, and that doesn't mean anything…" I'd fork over some cash to sit in on that hearing.

He later defended that piece by saying that guys who felt differently about a child upon learning that he or she was fathered by another man are "contemptible," and then proceeded to shamelessly excuse himself for his act of deception because the woman he conspired with was "not in an exclusive relationship when she last slept with me." Well, duh.

In his latest piece, Schwyzer touches upon the issue of "accidental rape." From a legal standpoint, this could be an interesting issue, because fudging the notion of consent has resulted in prosecutions where there is no clear indication of mens rea — usually a requirement for a crime to have occurred (in fact, I think statutory rape is one of the very few crimes where mens rea is not required). However, rather than clarify the issue, Schwyzer further muddies the waters by offering a deceptive etymology for the word consent:

> The root of consent is the Latin consentire, which means "with feeling." Consent is not just about words "no" or "yes"—it's about the unambiguous presence of desire.

This is sleight of hand. The Latin root sentire means "to feel" or "to hear," but it does not mean emotion or desire, as in "I feel sad," or "I feel horny," so much as it means "to think" (e.g. "sentire cum ecclesia" — to think with the church). A more accurate translation would probably be "to perceive." In any event, Latin terms generally entered the English legal lexicon through French or the church. Given the fact that the word "sentient" (conscious, perceptive) also derives from sentire, it can safely be assumed that the meaning of the term consent is much closer to "accept with awareness" than it is to "agree with 'the unambiguous presence of desire.'" For example, I consented to a search of my car at the border on Sunday, but I certainly wasn't overcome by desire at the prospect.

In fact, what Schwyzer is describing is not consent at all. We already have a word for it: assent. If feminists want to change the standard for rape to sex without assent, they should be honest about that, but I don't think it would work, because the term consent has just enough neutrality to it to be acceptable to the ordinary female sensibility, which recoils from the idea of "assenting" to sex, because that's just too slutty.

Semantics aside, the article is just another example of Hugo's disingenuous hand-wringing over the finer points of female sentiment. As a "gender studies" teacher, he is paid to do that, so no surprise there, but what we must keep in mind is that what Mr. Schwyzer is propounding could have some very nasty blowback, including inducing one of his young female students to say that she had been "raped" because she didn't enthusiastically assent to sex and (in retrospect, of course) realized that she only reluctantly went along with it (i.e. consented). After her friends convince her to call the cops and the boy's name is dragged through the mud in the press, maybe the poor sap will

be “lucky” enough to avoid prison.

Would such a scenario bother him? To answer that, we need only ask whether it would bother a man who has no moral qualms about hiding the fact that another man may be raising his child from both the man and his child. This man demonstrates that claiming to act on behalf of women is the perfect cover for utter scum, and that’s exactly what we should expect to find in gender study departments across the land. “Good men” my ass.

Commenting Policy Reminder

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Because some of the comments have been getting out of hand (again), I'm going to start enforcing the commenting policy more rigorously for some time, and will put people who repeatedly violate it on moderation. Of course, it's going to be arbitrary, but that can't be avoided. Now that comment volume has gone down to a reasonable level (a year ago there were just too many to handle, and winter of 2010 was insane), it should be easier for me to do this without simply hacking away blindly.

The majority of commenters should just carry on as usual, but those who frequently violate the commenting policy in deed and in spirit will have to calm down.

A few things that have been bothersome:

1. Excessive crudity, disgusting imagery, graphic obscenities, etc.

2. SHOUTING

3. Making arguments too personal

4. Drunken rants/excessive belligerence

5. Racial, ethnic and religious slurs/baiting

Please keep in mind that I really dislike moderating comments, so it would be nice if folks would not force the issue. I should say that I've been tempted at times to either (a) eliminate comments entirely or, (b) put everyone on moderation and only approve good comments. I don't do this because I like and appreciate most commenters, and I know that they appreciate being able to comment in real time.

Therefore, I'm willing to do the unpleasant job of moderating to ensure that valued commenters can continue to have the opportunity to have their say. And, now that the site has matured, I think it's time for a little more civility and an emphasis on thoughtful commentary.

Feminists as Bolsheviks

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Can a good look at Leninism and Stalinism help us improve on "Feminazi"?

Davd Martin,

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Feminism began (a rather unfriendly Feminist told me 30-40 years ago in Thunder Bay, Ontario) with a "Marxist class-analysis of gender relations". Feminists, she said, viewed men as a bourgeoisie and women as a proletariat. I don't recall her going on to assert "the dictatorship of the proletariat" as the Bolsheviks did, but it may have occurred to her. Other things she said indicated that she considered me—and men in general—unworthy of equality with her gender.

Marx foresaw the bourgeoisie shrinking (through financial competition) to a tiny minority, too small to hold power over a huge proletariat (which huge proletariat then took over.) In fact, the first "communist" government took power in Russia, where at the time there were: A small pre-industrial ruling class, a smaller, separate bourgeoisie, a rather small proletariat, and a peasant majority… which history that Thunder Bay Feminist knew, or ought to have known.

The Russian Marxist-Leninists who took power were known as the Bolsheviks—a word meaning, approximately, "the majority party". They claimed that name based on winning one particular vote; and they were skillful enough at propaganda that they managed to make Bolshevik their name. Two parallels with Feminism can be argued: Women do outnumber men [though not on as fluctuating a basis as votes in an assembly], and Feminists have been deadly skillful at propaganda and politicking. Trey Pennington and Tom Ball are two of their better-known victims.

"The dictatorship of the proletariat" in Russia and "her satellites" turned out to be a dictatorship of the bureaucracy (Djilas, 1957; Komarov, 1980). The average Soviet or Yugoslav proletarian probably was better off under [bureaucracy wearing the name of "communism"] than a pre-Soviet, Russian serf; and maybe as well off as a pre-Soviet, Russian peasant with enough land to feed his family but too little to think of having serfs of his own[1]. The bureaucrats lived and dictated, not as a proletariat but as a ruling class.

This is a blog and not a book, so the details of the analogy between Feminism and Bolshevism are too many "to go over". It does seem "obvious" to me, that Feminism rules through political intrigue and a bureaucracy which is more a ruling class than a representative of the population. It distorts facts in a manner reminiscent of Soviet-bloc "intellectualism" and government prose: This site and other men's sites have seen dozens, perhaps hundreds, of refutations of Feminist-promulgated invalid statistics, especially as to wage levels and gender violence. Sakharov, Solzhenitsyn, Djilas himself, were treated not that differently from how men are treated who challenge Feminism today. Marx may or not be amazed at how his vision has been warped; I am more than 90% sure he is disgusted—and i'm not even an admirer.

I don't even believe Marx, from his house-arrest somewhere between Purgatory[2] and Heaven, really approved of Lenin. (Nor do I believe Jesus approved of the Inquisition and the sack of Constantinople—bureaucracy is, my best guess anyway, inherently inclined toward evil. Distance bureaucracy from public control and you invite worse than mere "trouble".)

There are important flaws in the analogy. Marx's notion of the bourgeoisie shrinking though competition that evicts bourgeois "losers" into the proletariat, doesn't work with biological gender[3].

Women do constitute a majority of the adult population in many modern States, thanks largely to medical advances

that have made death in childbirth and lactation, extremely rare. Men contributed immensely to those advances, and applauded them—we have been friendly to women most of the time, and with very few exceptions, we have been unfriendly only with good cause. A Bolshevik bourgeoisie is not so friendly to the proletariat… nor so nearly as large.

Those flaws must not be crucial, because the parallels are disquieting. Having beaten the Soviet system in the economic "cold war", the West finds itself today, arguably "more Soviet than the Russians"—subject to a bureaucratic ruling class that shamelessly misuses "gender equality" as Soviet bureaucrats and propagandists once misused "the dictatorship of the proletariat."[4] What must the old "anti-Communists" be thinking? Some of the old "communists", such as Djilas, Komarov, and Solzhenitsyn, warned us, not about Feminism perhaps, but definitely about bureaucracy.

In the "Soviet bloc", those who had Party membership were privileged, and those who had important Party offices and connections were very privileged. There isn't a major Feminist Party—at least, not yet—in Canada or the US; but there are elite networks within Feminism who get more of the benefits than ordinary women get, and who (one might infer from horror stories including Tom Ball, Timothy Emerson, and Vladek Filler) persecute enemies (the Soviet officials once sent theirs to Siberia.)

Bolshevism fell. Russia may not be a perfect democracy today—but neither is Canada or the USA. (Switzerland may well be the nearest thing to a perfect democracy among "nation-states", and Finland seems to do better than North America.) If we take notice of the substantial analogy between oppressive Bolshevism 25-75 years ago, and oppressive Feminism today, we might learn some useful ways to restore the democracy and freedom which Jefferson, Adams, Franklin and the rest, had in mind (as had the men of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden, as had Gabriel Dumont and Louis Riel).

At the least, i believe the analogy gives a valuable warning, and a valuable guide to attitude for us men.

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1. The word kulak, as best this non-Slav can tell, includes both "big peasants" who exploited the landless and those with too little land; and smallholders who were independent of exploitation but had only enough to live in modest security.
2. I doubt Purgatory exists—Orthodox Christianity regards it as a pagan importation made by Augustine of Hippo. Augustine was a Platonist before becoming Christian, and Orthodox scholars generally believe he mistakenly treated some of his early Pagan beliefs as Christian. However, Purgatory is a very handy, well-known image for where a merciful God might put an abrasive atheist who loved the poor, rather than throw him into Hell. Since i do serve Jesus Christ partly for His strong emphasis on love and mercy, i imagine Marx's Purgatory as resembling the house-arrest where Hitler wrote Mein Kampf (and better deserved than by Hitler, who i might imagine in Hell continuing his battle with Stalin, this time in their own bodies…?)
3 Homosexuals born boys, aren't women; and even "trans-sexuals" are anatomical contrivances who lack ovaries and uteri. We have not seen men becoming a tiny fraction of the human population in the States where Feminism has prospered (though a few Feminists have advocated reducing men to a small minority, i know of none having

said it will occur by competition among men—certainly not by men turning other men into women.)
4. “The dictatorship of the proletariat” never actually existed. Might the same be true of gender equality, or at least of stable, enduring gender equality? I’m not going to judge, certainly not today.

French Feminists Object to “Mademoiselle”

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A French feminist group calling itself “La Barbe” (the beard) has taken a stance against the term mademoiselle, preferring that all women be called “madame.” Feminists say that the former carries negative connotations, and can result in women not being taken seriously. Back in the 1970s, American women similarly rebelled against convention by demanding that they not be referred to as “Mrs.”

Controlling language has been a favorite cause of feminists, not only because they appear to feel that calling people or things by different names can qualitatively change them, but also because it is often relevant to legal status and whether or not people are willing to give them what they want. In the US, this has led to all unmarried women with children being called simply “single mothers” regardless of the reason they are single, and has resulted in government and public support for single mothers whether they are at fault for their status or not. For example, most would agree that a widow deserves more support than a single mom by choice, but public policy no longer discriminates. This is really what is behind the feminist obsession with language.

Men tend not to understand what is going on here, because our family status cannot actually benefit us from a hiring/public policy perspective (although it can certainly harm us). However, when one relies on public largesse and opinion for jobs and benefits, these things take on much greater importance.

The reason American women rebelled against “Mrs.” was that employers generally didn’t want to take on married women, because they were seen as more likely to get pregnant and drop out of the workforce, and it was assumed that their husbands would support them in any event. Calling themselves “Ms.” gave them the opportunity to hide their marital status. According to French women, mademoiselle suggests frivolity and lack of maturity on the one hand, and is insulting to older unmarried women on the other (suggests they are old maids).

At its root, this desire to control language is about freedom to conceal and deceive. Feminists like to be able to manipulate others’ perceptions in order to portray themselves in the most convenient light at any given time. A feminist who was interested in a man at a social gathering would likely prefer to be referred to as Mademoiselle in that context, but when applying for a public sector job she would prefer Madame. The goal is endless options.

Police Put Pressure on Josh Powell by Removing his Children

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The travails of Josh Powell, who is a "person of interest" in his missing wife Susan's case, have been all over the local media in the Seattle area. Powell moved to Washington state shortly after his wife went missing in 2009. In these cases, spouses are naturally suspected, so Powell has been under a great deal of scrutiny for the last couple years, but so far absolutely no physical evidence has emerged to suggest that he harmed his wife, and without a body there's no conclusive evidence a crime was even committed.

Most recently, police arrested his father in a peeping tom investigation, following cooperation with West Valley Utah police to put pressure on Josh. His father, Steve Powell, has allegedly been taking naughty pictures of women and girls for some time.

In the wake of Steve Powell's arrest for voyeurism, Josh's children were removed from his custody, because they lived with Josh together with Steve, but the local media is reporting that the children have been removed because their father is under scrutiny in the missing person case. Although family courts have a great deal of leeway in taking children from parents, the legal reason for the removal of the kids is likely Steve Powell's arrest, as allowing police to essentially kidnap children when they merely suspect someone of a crime (and Josh has never even been named a suspect) would be too blatant an abuse of police power.

Nevertheless, removing the kids even for that reason is going too far, as Josh has neither been arrested nor charged with anything.

What appears to have happened recently is that Steve Powell, who worked for the Department of Corrections before his arrest, was sticking his thumb in the eye of the police. He had access to Susan Powell's diary, and was threatening to publish portions of it. He involved himself in the investigation, invited media attention, and generally acted in a provocative manner toward the cops. Police tend to hang together, so local police in Pierce County cooperated with Utah's West Valley PD to stick it to him, raiding his house and seizing his computers, in which they allegedly found illicit photos.

Cops really don't like it when people make them look bad, and the failure of the West Valley PD to find anything to pin on Josh Powell in his wife's disappearance was making some cops look pretty incompetent. Steve Powell was rubbing this in their face, hence the raid.

Now, the police have effectively punished Steve Powell, and they have succeeded in putting enormous pressure on Josh, who is broke, and given his reputation has no chance of finding work. In showing up at the custody hearing he argued without an attorney, and the judge, naturally, turned custody over to his wife's parents. This is a temporary custody hearing, but when men lose temporary custody hearings, they often turn out to be permanent — especially in Washington state. Furthermore, if Steve Powell is financially drained defending himself, Josh could well end up homeless, which would further complicate any efforts to get his children back.

Although the police went after Steve Powell in part because of his provocative antics, ultimately, the target is his son, Josh. This kind of pressure is designed to induce a confession, so the West Valley PD can achieve their goal of resolving the Susan Powell case. However, these tactics raise serious questions about police power in contemporary society. Should police use child dispossession as an investigation tactic? Should they take sides in custody cases? Cops and prosecutors know that there is no right to an attorney in these cases, so it's an easy end-run around basic protections.

When looking into "exceptions" to the US Constitution and Bill of Rights, many (if not most) of them are found in family law. Although Josh Powell's wife's disappearance could easily lead reasonable people to suspect him, it is exactly these cases that test human rights and civil liberty. All Americans supposedly have the right to due process, a fair trial, and the assumption of innocence. But what does any of this mean if the police can seize one's children merely for suspicion?

Tyranny has arrived in the guise of protecting women and children.

Nothing is more subversive than the truth

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The culture war is over. Feminism won.

Feminism has completed its long march through the institutions of the west. Even the church is collaborating with an enthusiasm which would have made the Vichy French blush. The war is over. It is time to accept facts. Its all over but the crying.

Those looking for a leader to rally our forces and launch a bold new counterattack on feminism are misguided. There will still be opportunities for individuals and small groups to win isolated victories, but neither men nor women are going to take any meaningful action en masse. There simply are no institutions left which could facilitate this.

But the completeness of feminism's victory is also its core problem. They control all of the institutions, but **we are still here**. Millions of men and women still haven't accepted the mantra of feminism. Despite all of their efforts and having all levers of state and society available to them, the glorious new breed of woman they envisioned hasn't come to be. And she won't come to be. What more can feminists try except more of the same?

Now is the time for the insurgency. While there won't be mass coordinated action, this doesn't mean that individuals won't respond to the post feminist reality and make choices which are in their own best interest.

For men the key will be to avoid the worst effects of the sexual revolution and the corrupt family law system. This means only marrying a woman if she demonstrates the ability to keep her promise. Many men who understand the current landscape will choose not to marry. For such a man the options are to disengage from women entirely (MGTOW) or to learn enough game to tilt the uncommitted sexual marketplace in his favor. To the great dismay of sluts and social conservative women, those women looking to use uncommitted sex to manipulate men into falsely believing they have commitment will find the men with game (the men they most want) turning the tables on them. Their planned McFling with an unsuspecting paypal will turn unexpectedly into joining a soft harem or pump n dump. Their attempt to snare an unsuspecting beta provider after riding the carousel will be haunted by the prospect of the men who might turn their own con against them. But not all men will immediately learn about the realities of the post sexual revolution sexual marketplace (SMP), and still others will hear the truth but refuse to believe it. We can only try to educate men to make better choices. Some will listen, some will not. All we can do is remain prepared to patiently share the message to those who are ready to hear it.

For women the choice will be to make a conscious decision about how they want to participate in the SMP as well. Some will undoubtedly decide that marriage isn't important to them, and will knowingly ride the carousel. Others will decide that marriage really is important to them, and will take it seriously early on. Some will marry but then falsely assume they can continue to re-choose without consequence. Just like men, many will either not hear the message, or will refuse to accept the reality of it.

So the bad news is not all men and women can be helped, and we won't be able to spawn a mass cultural movement. The good news is we don't *need* to convert anyone else to be successful. We have an essential advantage; our message happens to be the truth. We don't need to win the argument. The truth is the truth, whether others believe it or not. Feminists need to convince *everyone* that their view of the world is correct, or individuals will continue to peel off to follow their own best interest. All we have to do to win is accept the truth, and act in our own best interest. Ideally we should attempt to help others with this as well. If we can do this, we will change the culture one good choice at a time. However, we don't need to convince others of anything to take practical measures for ourselves.

This isn't to say that all of the effects of feminism and the sexual revolution can be merely ignored. The laws and courts are still biased. Men will continue to have their children taken away and their role as father reduced to that of walking wallet. Other men will be forced to pay support for children they never fathered. Other men will be

falsely accused of rape or domestic violence, and face a legal system designed to placate feelings over justice. This is all true, and will remain true until and unless enough of the population acknowledges the truth. In the meantime, all we can do is figure out the best way to protect ourselves, our families, and (if they are willing to listen) as many other men and women as possible.

But what do you say to a man who is about to marry an alcoholic party girl, foolishly thinking that putting a ring on her finger will turn her into a wife? And what do you say to a young woman who is ready to choose the allure of the carousel instead of taking the search for a husband (and her own chastity) seriously from the beginning? You of course should try to help them see the light, and try to be patient as they resist the uncomfortable truth. If you can convince them, fantastic! This is one more life spared (or at least somewhat sheltered from) the awful effects of feminism. If not, their election not to take the wise path actually makes it easier for another man or woman to do so. Each man who marries a party girl leaves a virtuous woman available for another to marry. Each woman who rides the carousel leaves another greater beta available for a virtuous woman to marry.

Life's wisdom delivered in a joke.

Once there were two hikers, and one of them spotted a bear. His partner immediately knelt down and started retying his bootlaces. The other hiker chuckled at his folly:

> You fool. You can't outrun a bear!

His partner replied:

> I don't have to outrun the bear. I only have to outrun you.

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Utopian Dreams

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by Ken Knight

Much has been written and spoken in regards to the failed doctrines of communism, socialism, fascism, and feminism which will fill volumes and make for endless hours on any college speaking circuit. Personally, I take the "Ferris Bueller" approach: "I don't condone fascism or any 'ism' for that matter," as the character in the movie joked.

The one thing all of the "ism's" have in common is their purported "dream" for humanity and the future society to come out of following its tenants and "savior" doctrines.

Pipe Dreams have a way of getting out of hand and for the most part should remain in the confines of one's imagination due to the simple realization of humankind's base nature being what it is. That Quixotic dream of a "Utopia" still haunts mankind like a scar that won't completely heal, and there are legions of people who for one reason or another (often to try quenching a personal insecurity!) embrace a Utopian dream such as Communism, Nazism, Feminism, Theism, etc. holding fast to the idea that they can affect the future and "save" their fellow human beings and make life "better" as they see fit for generations to come. Whether it be financial and social salvation of the working-class or "saving" the white race from an existential threat, or perhaps "saving" the souls of everyone around them for God, many people will take up such banners and sacrifice everything they have in pursuit of their cause no matter how unpopular such a "cause" is in the mainstream populace. What drives such an obsession on the personal level? The possibility of success at the end of the tunnel…though I suspect the original Bolsheviks – who numbered no more than 25 originally – didn't see the axe swinging once a blood-thirsty dictator named Josef Stalin took their "cause" to the extreme.

For most of the population experiencing such Utopian Dreamers who eventually delight in FORCING their dreamy agendas upon the general public once the jig is up and the bullshit actually doesn't work very well (i.e. communist collectivism) the "Utopia" becomes a Dystopia! Though it may sound "reactionary", I think it is the right-thinking man's duty to remain watchful of and guard against extremist "causes" that creep into the mainstream however most people do not and before they know it, tyranny is sitting in the big chair and the public is wondering what the hell happened while they were asleep?! Feminism for example, has become more "evolutionary" than overt revolutionary in its crawling progress toward complete hegemony over the West, showing up in the folds of mainstream court decisions, media entertainment, and even workplace etiquette to the point where most men never saw it coming until such unfair practices and one-sided policies became enforceable law. "Give a mouse a cookie, it's gonna want a glass of milk!" as the old saying goes. Once the blood of the "enemy" of such a "cause" is tasted, the revolutionaries only want more and more….justified by past "victimhood" and nowadays in the name of "safety" Whoever doesn't like "safety" please stand up!

Is it entirely a "male" point of view that encompasses LIBERTY as defined by the coolest cats in our history, the American Forefathers? Is it a man's point of view that there are inherent inequalities in life one has to accept or work around to achieve a life one is suited for and can enjoy? I may not drive a Porsche like my neighbor, I may not have a 12-inch tool or a girlfriend who posed in Playboy® nor may I be a Movie Star or the CEO of a Brewing Company, but hey…fair (fare) is what I pay to get on the Bus! Maybe it is an entirely male point of view, but it makes me remember the quote from Teddy Roosevelt: "Far better it be to dare mighty things than to take rank with those poor timid creatures who know neither victory nor defeat". If Teddy wasn't referring to "manginas" I'll eat my cigar…

Realistically, all one needs is an open field of opportunity (as Libertarians speak about but rarely get quoted on) where you begin at the starting line of life and take off all on your own accord to win, lose, draw, or flush….no hand-outs, no guarantees, no special rights or quotas, nothing at the expense of others, and the only thing that is enforced upon individuals is one's own responsibility (or lack thereof). However, this "Agoge" credo is not

acceptable to those legions of people whom inherently fear life and its endless dangers, uncertainties, unfairness, meanness, and sometimes catastrophic consequences that may or may not affect them as individuals.

Many want the Utopian Dream of total “fairness” enforced by the State so that they as individuals do not have to worry about discrimination, financial collapse, or the inherent differences between men and women, and when some politico tyrant-wannabe offers such a plan for Utopian fairness and future dreams of easier living, they vote that way!

Karl Marx is over a hundred years in his grave, Susan Sontag and Betty Friedan no longer with us, but the alluring “Utopian Dreams” continue to be formulated, mapped out, and acted upon with clever processes by people who think they have their fellow humans in mind as they try to implement such foolish designs one way or the other!

When the rest of the populace resists, the iron glove of tyranny gets pulled out of the old dusty drawer once again… how dare the masses disagree with such a grand plan for their own salvation?!

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California Prison Program Granting Mothers Early Release — Fathers Need Not Apply

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As budget cuts force reductions in corrections budgets, America's love affair with incarceration is starting to fade, and for the first time in four decades the prison population is actually shrinking. The incarceration rate is so high in California that inmates are packed together like sardines, with prisons and jails far over capacity, leading courts to demand reduction.

To save money and ease crowding, California has decided to release women, specifically mothers, despite the fact that far more fathers are incarcerated than mothers. In an interview with KCRA news, the constitutionality and fairness of the program was questioned, but CA Department of Corrections spokesperson Dana Toyoma said "we don't have the resources" for fathers. This has got to be a lie, because not only could the state save *more* by releasing imprisoned fathers, who are far more numerous, it will have to spend more on social services for the mothers upon release, because mothers consume far more social welfare than fathers.

Mexico City Assemblyman Proposes Temporary Marriage Contracts

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In a surprisingly frank piece of legislation designed to deal with divorce, Mexico City assemblyman Leonel Luna has introduced a bill that would allow temporary marriage contracts with agreements on property and child custody in the event that the marriage does not work out in the first few years. The idea is to avoid the trouble inherent in divorce, but such a setup could have other implications as well.

Although traditionalists may frown on this kind of arrangement, renewable contracts could remove some of the advantages of divorce that wives typically enjoy, especially if the contracts were enforceable in regards to custody and and property. Couples whose marriages work out could renew the contract.

Temporary marriage contracts are an interesting idea that could have significant influence on the behavior of wives, who would be obliged to at least make some attempt to be accommodating if they counted on their husbands for support. Rather than increase the divorce rate, my hunch is that they would actually reduce it, given that the overwhelming majority of divorces are initiated by women.

Occupy Wall Street Protests: Real Movement or More Party Politics?

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One of the biggest problems with post-60s American activism is that protest movements have been consistently encapsulated by elites and professional activists. In the 60s, the huge protests against the Vietnam War were driven by the draft, which was highly unpopular at the time. However, the narrative young people are presented with today minimizes this very important, populist component of civil unrest, giving, for example, the feminist and gay rights movements equal consideration, despite the fact that these causes simply hitched a ride on the much larger and more powerful anti-war movement. The most massive and effective protests of the 1960s, including the half-million strong Moratorium Protest in DC in 1969 were, essentially, draft protests. Since then, protests have tended to be conducted by and for minority interest groups, and have had little populist appeal.

Today, we don't have a draft, and casualties in our foreign wars are nowhere near as high as they were in Vietnam, so the issues young people face are qualitatively different. Most importantly, the young are burdened with debt and poor employment prospects, and they live in an extraordinarily repressive environment that would have been foreign to young activists of the 1960s. Ironically, many of the young protesters of the 1960s went on to occupy positions of power a generation later, and they then created the most comprehensive police state the US has ever known. Today, incarceration remains near its all-time high of a couple years ago, the Constitution is regularly ignored, and young people routinely start out in life indebted to the federal government. It's a pretty lousy time to be young, and it's clear who is responsible for this: the three most recent occupants of the White House are definitely among them.

But amazingly, the young protesters tend to be involved with exactly the same people and policies that have created this situation, and this undermines the legitimacy of their protests. An article from the Crains New York points to the SEIU as being heavily involved in the protests, and the SEIU is a major Obama supporter:

> Some of the biggest players in organized labor are involved in planning for Wednesday's demonstration, either directly or through coalitions. The United Federation of Teachers, 32BJ SEIU, 1199 SEIU, Workers United, Transport Workers Union Local 100 and the Communications Workers of America are all expected to participate. The Working Families Party is helping to organize the march, and MoveOn.org is expected to mobilize its extensive online regional networks to drum up support.

Americans have a lot to be upset about these days. Civil rights abuses have been escalating for nearly a generation now, but they have been largely supported as the majority tended to see them as little threat. However, now that joblessness has reached a critical level and ordinary people have cause to protest, they are finding themselves attacked by the police and arrested en masse.

For divorced men and non-custodial fathers, the police state is nothing new. Civil rights abuses and involuntary debt are entirely familiar. Arrest and incarceration is a constant threat. Although the young people protesting Wall Street may have entirely different issues on their minds, they are reacting to similar circumstances. When the state is allowed to act in a repressive manner toward one group of people, it tends to extend this to others over time, and the US government has taken full advantage of "innovations" in family law, the war on drugs, and the war on terror to treat its citizens like serfs. Deals between politicians and corporations have also granted disproportionate power to big business, which has subsequently introduced even more control over workers in the private sector, where employees are regularly subject to intrusions into their private lives.

The students and youths who are protesting Wall Street certainly have a right to complain, but in collaborating with organizations closely allied with the President and party politics they are playing right into the hands of those in power. Neither the left nor the right – Democrats or Republicans – have done anything substantial to stop the rising

tide of the police state and the reduction of the American people to peonage. Young men and women who value their freedom and economic security must first oppose government power, which has grown tremendously in a short period of time and has had disastrous effects on both our economy and civil liberties.

As man who has faced the business end of the police state first-hand, I would stand with the young protesters in solidarity, but if they are simply stumping for the powers that be I want no part of it.

Amanda Knox Freed on Appeal

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Amanda Knox, the young American woman tried and convicted in Perugia, Italy for the 2007 slaying of her roommate Meredith Kercher, has been released following an appeal. The appeal saw her murder conviction overturned due to shoddy police work and questions about DNA evidence used to convict her.

Knox, who was a 20-year-old exchange student when arrested, was very much in the public eye during the original trial. Every detail of her private life was scrutinized in the press, and her behavior and online antics, which were fairly typical for an American college girl, served to paint a damning picture of the young woman. She was portrayed as vicious, frequently intoxicated and a shameless slut; essentially how the rest of the world sees American women.

Despite the circumstantial evidence pointing to Knox, such as the garbled “confession” and her allegedly odd behavior during the investigation, I was always skeptical of the story the prosecution told – that of a satanic blood ritual sparked by jealous rage – and preferred the simpler explanation that implicated Rudy Guede as a lone assailant. Amanda Knox certainly could have been involved, as Kercher was her roommate and her alibi was shaky, but it just doesn’t seem as though such a brutal murder involving multiple stab wounds and spraying blood could have occurred without an abundance of physical evidence, and the evidence police relied on to make their case was found to be entirely insufficient.

If Knox is innocent, then justice has been served, but lest we forget, innocent men are released from our prisons every single year without anywhere near the fanfare that has accompanied the Knox case. There are, without a doubt, thousands of innocent men languishing in America’s prisons and jails. This fact has far more moral significance than the reversal of Knox’s conviction, but is shamefully underreported by the press, which attaches far greater weight to the salacious details of a young American woman’s sex life.

Dr. Who – the last positive male role model on television?

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I remember when I was very young and my father introduced me to Dr. Who. My first recollections of watching the show begin around 3 or 4 years old, but I'm sure he exposed me to it before then. This was in the days before cable was widely available, and I hadn't learned the value of harmless escapism. Two decades later, having entered my father's profession, and watching hardly any television or movies in my free time, I still watch Dr. Who to relax. And with Steven Moffat running the show for the last two years, I often feel like a child, as an impossibly complex and dramatic sequence is resolved in an obvious-though-seemingly-impossible conclusion.

For those unfamiliar with the show, The Doctor (his name is unknown, thus the semi-eponymous title "Dr. Who") does not die, but instead regenerates any time he is critically injured. This allows the franchise to continue beyond any one actor, and the character to evolve, as different facets of the Doctor character are explored with each one of its iterations. To date, the Doctor has been depicted by 11 actors, the latest and current one of which is Matt Smith (the "11th Doctor").

The 11th Doctor. Promotional image courtesy BBC; all rights reserved to same.

The Doctor is a classic hero, one who comforts the afflicted – saving them from situational and often intra-dimensional harms – and fights against classical enemies representing oppression and evil. In one episode, the Doctor will travel through space and time to help a young boy overcome his fear of his wardrobe closet – which, of course, has an extraterrestrial twist that endangers everyone else on the show. Over longer arcs, the Doctor will fight Daleks and the Cybermen, competing robot factions seeking to eliminate and convert all life forms in the universe, respectively. Still other threats that the Doctor fights, such as religious fanaticism that aims to kill the Doctor himself so that he cannot challenge the sect's dominance over space and time, represent the Doctor character's equity and pursuit of the common good.

The Doctor's positive traits are innumerable but subtle. He is skilled with technology and navigation. While a bit

awkward and bumbling – due more to the professorial nature the character has assumed under Smith's tenure – the Doctor is not an oaf and is not depicted as a dull white male, nor is his physique unnaturally exaggerated like most protagonists'. The Doctor is loyal to his companions and allies, though strategic enough to know when debts must be called in, and prudent in placing his friends out of harm's way when necessary. Most importantly, the Doctor is fallible. He errs. He fails to protect them close to himself, and he appropriately feels remorse – but does not let it consume him or derail him from his tremendous duties to save humanity.

This is in stark comparison to… Are there comparable shows on television these days? Are there similar movie protagonists. Even the fictional characters who ultimately do the right thing in American popular culture, such as Homer Simpson and Hank Hill, are besieged with inherent flaws. Homer is cavalier in his stupidity and, while entertaining, is demoralizing to males. Hank Hill is less flawed, but the victim of naivete most men – and most people – wish they could embrace. Hank is an optimist who believes in the system, and that public officials a) care, and b) are there to serve the public good. While small components in the pastiche of Hank's character, they are flaws that anyone who has lived in the last 40 years, and especially men – men who have suffered through divorce, the loss of their children, and ruinous alimony and child support payments that were used for anything but their intended purposes – cannot believe.

What makes the Doctor particularly surprising, though, is that he is a product of the BBC. Granted, the Doctor is a holdover from his creation in the early 1960′s, and his consistent portrayal as a white male likely owes more to the British regard for tradition and institutions than the prevailing political beliefs of the show's writers. (*See also*, the royal family.) Still, in a country that all but antagonizes men – particularly fathers victimized by divorce – and blames them for all stripes of social ills (while rabidly defending culpable women), it is impressive to see that a positive role model can emerge in a position so prominent in Britain's pop culture and national psyche. Even if he is an anachronism, we are desperately in need for more role models like the Doctor.

Invisible Men: Mark Simpson's *Male Impersonators* and the Misandry of Gender Studies

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By Quiet Riot Girl

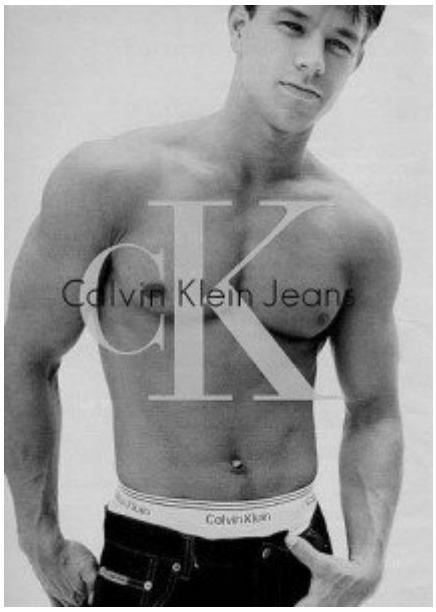
Tom Martin is becoming quite well know in the feminist and anti-feminist blogosphere. He has taken the unprecedented action of suing a Gender Studies department – the renowned LSE Gender Institute in London, UK – for discrimination against men. As Martin has said:

'When "women's studies" became "gender studies" departments, it signalled a new era of inclusion for men's issues – a rejection of this now is a betrayal of men and equality.'

I have a PhD in gender studies, and my view is that no matter what the subject is called, it will always be based on feminist dogma, and on a misandrist view of the world. Again, as Martin has pointed out:

'Patriarchy theory – the idea that men typically "dominate" women – is omnipresent, when research shows women tend to boss men interpersonally. Texts highlight misogyny but never misandry, its anti-male equivalent'.

It is in the light of this bias in gender studies that I came to read Mark Simpson's 1994 classic Male Impersonators . And to examine how and why it has been omitted from the reading lists of gender studies courses, including modules on 'masculinity'.



'Marky Mark' Wahlberg was famous for being a Calvin Klein model back in 1994

In *Male Impersonators*, Simpson undresses the idea of the 'natural man' and shows us how men perform masculinity, in popular culture in particular. Gay strippers and drag artists, 'macho' body builders, pornography, sport, The War Movie, reality television, rock and roll. They all reveal, as examined by Simpson, the complexities and subtexts of modern masculinities. One of the many striking things about reading this book in 2011, seventeen years after it was first published, was that it seemed as 'fresh' and new as it must have done in 1994. I think this can only be because the subject it focuses on- men, and their representation in culture, is one that has been ignored and distorted by subsequent gender theory, and by day to day feminism.
Feminism has done three things particularly in relation to masculinity that relate to how gender studies has come to ignore and belittle men's experiences and perspectives. And these three things explain why books such as *Male Impersonators* are not on gender studies reading lists:

1) Whatabouttehwimmin?

Feminism has been based on the assumption that men are 'catered for' by society at large, and within academia, and so any treatment of gender has been focused on the disadvantages faced by women, and how women have been 'omitted' from research, arts, literature, history etc.

An example of this assumption can be found in another book published in 1994 –Angela McRobbie's *Postmodernism and Popular Culture*. The book has many discussions of women, girls and 'femininity', but look for 'masculinity' in the index and you will draw a blank. She justifies this glaring omission with statements such as this one:

'It is in buying and selling clothes that girls and young women have been most active. The *male bias* of subcultural analysis has relegated these activities to the margins…'

(McRobbie 1994:163). (my emphasis).

2) Men are Monsters

Feminism, when it has considered masculinity, has tended to treat it as 'a problem'. Heterosexual masculinity in particular has been 'pathologised' by feminist gender academics, with heterosexual men being portrayed as the oppressors of everyone else: hetero women, queer women, queer men. In 1995, Raewyn Connell (Then Robert W Connell) published *Masculinities*, and this became the 'bible' of masculinity studies. Its core idea of 'Hegemonic masculinity' gave the 'problem of heterosexual men' a fancy name.

The idea that straight men have power that they use to oppress women in particular, has been used by feminist writers such as Elaine Rapping, an American media and film analyst, to justify statements such as this:

'Everywhere you look there are books, movies, discussions and news reports about male violence… Faced with the deadly serious question: 'why are men such creeps?'…' (Rapping, 1993:114)

3) 'Masculinity' is Gay

The only aspect of masculinity that feminism has allowed to be considered without completely dismissing its value, has been 'queer' masculinities, and this has been left to 'queer theory' and considered an issue for gay men to worry about. Mark Simpson for example tends to be categorised as a 'gay' writer on 'gay' men's issues, and when he is mentioned in books about masculinity, it is often in relation to his work on gay pornography. Feminist writers suggest there is a definite line between 'straight' and 'gay' men, and in doing so they are endorsing 'gay' men as somehow better than straight men, suggesting they deserve consideration as people, not just 'oppressors'. But at the same time they are marginalising any positive representation of masculinity into the box of 'queer theory'. In other words, feminism suggests that taking an active interest in men and masculinity is 'gay' in itself.

Mark Simpson's *Male Impersonators* is an interesting case study then, because, far from actually ignoring it, feminist academics have in fact taken its ideas and effectively stolen them and manipulated them for their own, feminist ends. In doing so they have 'erased' Simpson himself, by deliberately failing to cite his work in their bibliographies.

A number of feminist academics have made it clear they must have read *Male Impersonators*, but have not acknowledged just how much his book has 'inspired' them, and in some cases have not mentioned Simpson at all.

The most well-known of these is probably Susan Faludi. Her book *Stiffed: The Betrayal of the American Man*, published in 2000, the year after Bordo's *The Male Body*, certainly draws on the themes introduced by Simpson in *Male Impersonators*.

In particular, Faludi's chapters on 'hood ornaments' – men's newfound 'decorative' role in culture, and 'waiting for wood'- men in pornography, seem to owe a great deal to Simpson's *Male Impersonators.* Anecdotal evidence tells of an interview with Faludi, where Simpson's name was brought up and she declared 'Oh Mark Simpson. I'm his biggest fan!' But not such a big fan that she could include his book in her huge bibliography.

Other academics who have obviously drawn on *Male Impersonators* with little or no reference to Simpson include

Susan Bordo, whose *The Male Body* (1999) completely ripped off Simpson's earlier book (I explain how here), Germaine Greer (2003), Ros Gill et al, (2005), Harris (2007) Eric Anderson et al (2009) and Hall (2010).

Though its lack of recognition saddens me, there is something about the fact that *Male Impersonators* is a 'lost' treasure that makes it so much more precious. Not only does it seem as radical now in its ideas as it was when it was written 17 years ago, but it also provides a clue to 'how we got here'. The book is particularly precious to me because the thing that has been hidden from view and from our understanding, the thing it uncovers, is something I love dearly: men.

Male Impersonators gives us a clue to why David Beckham is now such an iconic man.

Male Impersonators blows the lid off our preconceptions and the lies we tell ourselves about men and masculinity. It blew it off back in 1994, but feminists and gender academics and 'masculinity experts' and queer theorists have spent the last seventeen years trying to force it back on. Unfortunately they succeeded.
But *Male Impersonators* is back and it is as explosive and as dangerous as ever. Maybe they won't be able to get the lid back on this time. I hope not, for all our sakes.

Metrosexy by Mark Simpson is out now on Amazon Kindle. Male Impersonators is being re-released soon in the same format.

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Men's Issues on The Simpsons

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When something appears on The Simpsons, you know it's finally become part of the mainstream consciousness, so I was happily surprised to see that the last two episodes aired were about exactly what we've been discussing on men's sites for a while now. In fact, the first episode – a brand new one – was actually *sympathetic*.

In the October 2nd 2011 episode, titled "Bart Stops to Smell the Roosevelts," superintendent Chalmers accepts Principal Skinner's challenge to educate Bart. Here's the plot synopsis on Wikipedia:

> Principal Skinner challenges superintendent Gary Chalmers to take over the education of Bart after one of his pranks leads to a school fundraiser debacle. Meanwhile, Chalmers takes an unconventional approach to teaching American history which sparks a fascination of President Theodore Roosevelt. Encouraged by the educational renaissance of Bart, Chalmers takes Bart and his band of "Rough Riders" on an overnight excursion to Springfield Forest, however after a minor accident, the school administration fires Chalmers for taking the boys on an unauthorized field trip. Determined to get Chalmers' job back, Bart and the boys hold the school hostage until the administration reinstates Chalmers, and they stand up for the teacher who made a meaningful impact to them.

What isn't included in the Wikipedia writeup is that the show dealt directly with the feminization of schools and how it negatively affects boys. It also included a few jokes about how degrading marriage can be in contemporary America (Marge frequently forces Homer to monitor the boys for what she considers suspicious, boy-type behavior).

The next episode aired was from last winter (Feb. 13, 2011), and featured elements of Game. Titled "The Blue and the Gray," it portrayed Homer as a "wingman" and Marge as a crazy cat lady.

Plot synopsis:

> After spending another Valentine's Day alone, Moe attends a seminar led by Dr. Kissingher in the hopes of gaining more confidence with women. Moe takes the doctor's advice and asks Homer to be his wingman. Meanwhile, Marge discovers her first gray hairs and surprises both her family and the neighborhood by going completely gray and sporting a brand new mature hairdo, but Bart is not humored when the neighborhood kids tease him about Marge's look. Later, Marge confronts Homer when she learns that he is becoming increasingly popular with the young ladies, but Homer helps Marge realize that he only has eyes for her and proves that love is still in the Springfield air.

The Blue and the Gray panned Game a bit, including a Game coach (Dr. Kissingher) and concepts such as the "cockblock." It was a light-hearted episode, and notable only in that it included material straight from the world of PUAs and Game writers.

However, the October 2nd episode had a message that was both positive toward masculinity and critical of the way boys are educated and their needs overlooked. I was encouraged to see this, especially the sympathetic treatment of Chalmers and the boys. Perhaps even pop culture is starting to wake up to the fact that there's something good about men being men and boys being boys, and that it's time for us to take a more critical look at the effects of institutionalized feminism.

North Carolina Courts' Odd Interpretation of Equal Protection Clause

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Eugene Volokh, a law professor and prolific blogger who writes about interesting and controversial legal issues of our time, exposes the North Carolina crime of "Assault on a Female," which, all else being equal, can result in significantly more jail time than a similar assault on a male. However, women are not only granted a greater degree of protection, but more leeway as well: only men can face more serious sentences as a result of assaulting a female.

Volokh explains:

> North Carolina, it turns out, makes "[a]ssault[ing] a female" a class A1 misdemeanor, if the attacker is "a male person at least 18 years of age"; female-on-male, male-on-male, and female-on-female assaults are generally class 2 misdemeanors. This can translate into a substantial difference in sentencing — for instance, someone who has no prior convictions would face up to 60 days in jail for a class A1 misdemeanor, but only up to 30 days for a class 2. And the statute seems to be used often; searching for "assault #on #a female" & date(= 2010), for instance, uncovered 37 appellate cases just last year.

One thing I like about Volokh is that he is consistent and strict in his interpretation of law, and that, at least, does not work against men. Courts routinely give women greater consideration despite the fact that laws are often written to appear neutral in regards to sex, but where there's a clear example of discrimination (e.g. VAWA's name), the result will obviously be worse. Often, the best we can hope for is a moral victory, which could be achieved through consistency in interpretation of the law, but even that often eludes us.

Below, Volokh offers his opinion that the North Carolina law is inconsistent with the Supreme Court's findings in Equal Protection Clause cases:

> I don't think this is consistent with the Supreme Court's Equal Protection Clause cases, both before 1979 (Craig v. Boren (1976)) and since (United States v. Virginia (1996)); but North Carolina courts obviously disagree with me.

Reader Responses to Bill Bennett's "Man Up" Piece

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A number of readers brought up an article penned by former Secretary of Education William "Bill" Bennett, a conservative pundit who has evidently been living in a cave for most of his adult life. Bennett addressed the crisis besetting men – young men in particular – by telling them to get a job and get married. he concluded, naturally, with "It's time for men to man up." Although it has always annoyed me when leftists refer to religious Americans as "American Taliban," Bennett, who has expressed approval of the idea of suspending habeas corpus and beheading narcotics offenders, may actually fit the bill.

I like to give people the benefit of the doubt, but if one assumes Bennett means well here we'll also have to assume that he's either been completely isolated from reality for the last 40-odd years, or has developed an age-related cognitive impairment. All one has to do to see the utter futility of his advice is turn on daytime TV or take a look at the women's magazines on the rack at the grocery store, but Bennett blithely proposes the idea that young men can overcome two generations of feminist depredations by grabbing the nearest woman and saying "I do."

Bill Bennett is showing signs of a peculiar affliction that has a tendency to strike aging, socially conservative males. The condition results in a selective sort of aphasia, which deprives them of the ability to understand what is coming out of women's mouths, and even renders them unable to consciously perceive any nonverbal cues, such as exposed cleavage, pumps, or even lack of underpants.

For example, men with this disease are unable to distinguish between a fat, heavily made-up babymomma screeching on TV and an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It may be that Bennett's problem involves this particular condition, which remains unnamed (although I would propose "dinosauric dementia" until some bright young researcher comes up with a medically recognized term).

But rather than speculate on what exactly is wrong with Bill Bennett, the man, I should let the readers themselves expose what is wrong with his article. Below are some selected passages that do a good job of deconstructing the nonsense:

First, Lyn87 (full comment here):

> I just read the article by that bloviator Bill "Lucky 7s" Bennett. Since he claims to speak for guys like me (Christian, conservative), I thought I'd give a brotha' a little help and clarify a few things for him:
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> > While women are graduating college and finding good jobs,
>
> By which he means, "Jobs that pay far more than they're worth, like the glorified babysitting that passes for primary education, teaching worthless subjects to undergrads, or shuffling papers in an HR department."
>
> > This has led some to ask: do we even need men?
>
> Well, unless you want society to regress to the point where everyone is living in grass huts, then, yes, Bill, you do.
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> > So what's wrong? Increasingly, the messages to boys about what it means to be a man are confusing. The machismo of the street gang calls out with a swagger.
>
> Since mothers routinely use judges to eject fathers from the family, and schools react to masculine behavior by boys with massive doses of Ritalin, where will boys get different messages?
>
> > Video games, television and music offer dubious lessons to boys who have been abandoned by their

> fathers.
>
> And by “abandoned” he means, “Ejected from the lives of their children by the legal profession acting on behalf of women who initiate most divorces.”
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> [...]
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> > We may need to say to a number of our twenty-something men, “Get off the video games five hours a day, get yourself together, get a challenging job and get married.”
>
> Get a job to support a family from which you may be ejected for any reason or no reason at all? Get married to an Ameriskank who is likely to take your children, and your income? Really?

And, GT66 (full comment):

> Men have been legislatively forced to play ball with one hand tied behind their backs; castigated as oppressors and rapists and pedophiles to the point that many men fear for their freedom just by leaving the house; badgered into corners of the work force with “harassment” hysteria, blacklisted on campuses across the country for being the wrong gender, run out of the church and all but locked out of any rational dialogue…
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> [...]
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> Men are walking away in droves, going ghost, striking marriage and letting the ship wander in ever more hostile seas because the thanks for putting up with any of it boils down to attitudes expressed by types like the pack of hateful shrews on the View or the Talk or whatever inane program it was laughing over a man having his penis severed by his deranged wife, by clowns like Maria Shriver gloating over the marginalization of men, by giving national attention to the hypocrisy of feminist “equality” and the lie that violence is never okay in a relationship unless it happens to men…
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> [...]
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> Ever seen a ribbon campaign for fighting prostate cancer? See any women wringing their hands that 95% of workplace deaths are male? That three times as many men commit suicide as women? That more men suffer from mental illness? That more men suffer drug addiction? That more men are victims of violence? That more men are homeless? And with all this, the best you can do is be another platitude spewing doofus admonishing men to “man up?” Well we did, by walking away from angry hateful fools, rigged games and sucker’s bets and finding peace for ourselves. We don’t refuse to grow up. We refuse to be society’s pinata…

Both are strong responses, and worth reading in their entirety. Maybe if enough men have the courage to raise their voices in this manner, those in high positions will eventually hear them. That’s really the point of this site, and it’s inspiring to see the conviction and passion behind the above comments.

The Childishness of the Public Discourse About Rape

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I stumbled upon an assertion posited with such in-your-face buffoonery that it encapsulates the childishness of the entire current public discourse about sexual assault. Abbey Francis, Class of 2014 and Opinions Editor of the Wesleyan Argus, posited the following breathtaking assertion, in print, no less: "One partner seductively convincing another to have sex might indeed be romantic—but if the person being convinced instead feels coerced, it's sexual assault." See here: http://wesleyanargus.com/2011/09/15/the-new-rules-reexamined/

Read it again: if she "feels" coerced, it's sexual assault.

You see, for too many gender warriors who happily spew their uninformed opinions all over us, sexual assault is not a crime that needs to be defined with sufficient due process specificity to put the public on notice about the conduct it proscribes, it is a 1970s mood ring, a free floating clearinghouse designed to redress any sexual encounter deemed unsatisfactory at the caprice and whim of a self-anointed victim.

But, of course, what else *should* we expect? We are stranded in an era where gross distortions of the truth about rape–from "women don't lie about rape," to "one-in-four college women are raped" (sometimes it's "one-in-four *Freshman* women before *Thanksgiving*" or "one-in-four women by the time they enter college," or" one-in-three women" or "one-in-five women" or "one-in-six women" or any number of other manifestations of this canard), to "only two percent of rape claims are false"–have become the accepted narrative. Where "take back the night" participants stomp about shouting angry, puerile slogans into a bullhorn. And where young men shakily "walk a mile in her shoes," thinking they are actually making a difference about rape instead of what they're really doing, helping the sexual grievance industry justify its existence.

Diatribes replace dialogue. Ranting at one another replaces reasoning together. Lashing out replaces listening. And anyone who dares to take issue with any of it is deemed not just backward — in a good old-fashioned progressive "guns and religion" sense – but evil, too. Few things engender as much anger as telling the truth about rape. To quote Ronald Reagan talking about Jimmy Carter, "I sometimes think he's like the witch doctor that gets mad when a good doctor comes along with a cure that'll work."

And it isn't just extreme leftists. The other side that insists all rape claims are lies is scarcely any more intelligent, it's just not as smug about it. (And, frankly, it's voice has been so marginalized in the public discourse, it's not worth giving it equal time in this post.)

When it comes to rape, it is difficult enough to maintain that delicate balance between (1) punishing the guilty, and (2) insuring the innocent aren't punished with them, without having to entertain the idiocy of extremists on either end who would insist only one half of that balance is at all pertinent. But idiocy is the hallmark of the public discourse on rape, and it's time to elevate the dialogue to an adult level.

Let's focus on two of the more complicated areas where there needs to be an adult discussion.

Sexual Coercion

Colleges are branding certain behavior that has never been classified as criminal as "sexual misconduct" in an effort to construct a progressive, supposedly female-friendly, sexual utopia. Perhaps the most extreme manifestation of this trend is found in the effort to punish males for engaging in consensual sexual behavior obtained by emotional or verbal "pressuring" (*e.g.,* cajoling, coaxing, or nagging). Such conduct is punished even though the woman assented to have sex, was not physically threatened, and had reasonable alternatives to engaging in sex but chose not to exercise them. Despite the fact that the policies are gender neutral, men have a monopoly on being punished for these purported offenses.

In the Department of Education's infamous April 4 "Dear Colleague" letter addressed to American institutions of higher learning, the Obama administration made clear that "sexual coercion" is a form of sexual harassment

covered under Title IX.

What's wrong with making sexual coercion an offense?

First, by punishing men for sex procured by emotional and verbal pressuring, colleges are lumping into the definition of sexual assault acts long considered by law to be consensual. Men who do what society has been telling them to do for decades — ask for sex — are punished for asking in a boorish, immature, selfish, or annoying manner. And, no, I am not condoning such behavior, I'm merely asserting that, like many things I find morally reprehensible, it should not be made a punishable offense.

The closest concept in the common law to sexual coercion is duress, a concept employed to invalidate contracts. Duress need not involve a loaded gun pointed at someone's head with a threat that "either your brains or your signature will be on the contract" per *The Godfather*. A contract is voidable for duress if a victim's manifestation of assent has been induced by an improper threat, and if the victim has no reasonable alternative but to agree. At the very least, that last part — the "no reasonable alternative" – is missing from sexual coercion.

The only pertinent inquiry should be whether the woman manifested consent to engage in the sex act when she had a reasonable alternative not to. Once such consent is found, Big Brother/Sister should stay out of the bedroom. In the absence of improper threats, to try to undo her manifested consent by inquiring into her subjective motivations is unworkable, and flat-out wrong on a multitude of levels. In no rational world does nagging rise to the level of an improper threat or sexual misconduct.

Second, sexual coercion policies are so vague they do not pass Constitutional muster. Our criminal law should not be a guessing game. A valid criminal statute clearly puts the public on notice as to the conduct that is forbidden. This is a component of due process. "The test is whether the language conveys sufficiently definite warning as to the proscribed conduct when measured by common understanding and practices." *Jordan v. DeGeorge*, 341 U.S. 223 (1951). A law that does not meet that standard is unconstitutionally vague.

In the realm of sexual coercion, "seduction," whatever that means, is OK, but, apparently, too much "seduction" is bad because it can become "coercion," which even the purported experts have a difficult time defining. The guy can ask for sex, but he can't ask too much *(and just how much is too much?)* because that would cross some indistinct line that's about as clear as a dense fog in Maine. When does asking become nagging? When does "seduction" turn into "coercion"? There is no mistaking midnight for noon, but at what point does twilight become night? To say that the contours are fuzzy is an understatement. No one — *no one* — can be sure at what point the line is crossed.

As a law, it is wholly unworkable; as a policy, it accomplishes the seemingly impossible task of insulting both genders at once. It insults men by telling them they are akin to rapists even when they ask and get permission for sex before proceeding because they asked *too much*, and it insults women by telling them they are not free moral agents capable of saying "yes" when they want sex, and "no" when they don't. That is political correctness run amok, a policy bordering on pathology.

Preponderance of the Evidence

Despite an avalanche of well-founded concerns, colleges are now required by law to adjudicate sexual assault and similar claims — but no other offenses — using the lowest standard of proof, preponderance of the evidence.

If a student is accused of stealing a small sum of money from another student, he or she likely will have a disciplinary claim adjudicated under a clear and convincing evidence standard (which is higher than a preponderance of the evidence standard). If a student is accused of the far more serious crime of rape, the claim against him must be adjudicated under a preponderance of the evidence standard, the lowest standard of proof in our jurisprudence. In what world does that double-standard make sense?

To put it plainly: a college disciplinary board needs only to be 50.0001% certain that the accused committed the offense of sexual assault in order to expel him. If someone told you that a parachute was only 50.0001% certain to open, would you jump? Of course not. Yet, the Obama administration thinks that an almost 50% level of

uncertainty is acceptable when it comes to our sons and sex offenses on campus.

For the sexual grievance industry, the April 4 directive was an almost unparalleled triumph. Its members believe that the absence of hard evidence in many rape claims makes it too difficult to punish rapists and, thus, justifies the lower standard of proof. They have it backwards. The absence of hard evidence to prove *any* crime is a sound reason to be wary about convicting persons accused of it, not a valid justification to make it easier to convict even the innocent with the guilty.

As Cynthia Bell pointed out: “Lowering the burden of proof in these cases puts more college students at risk of being wrongly found guilty and having their reputations permanently damaged. How many innocents does [the Department of Education] want to see mistakenly expelled as rapists in the name of getting tough on crime?”

Conclusion

The older I get, and the more I write False Rape Society, the less sure I am about anything. Do I think I have a monopoly on the truth about these issues? Nope, I know I don’t. What I’d really like to see is a serious dialogue about them, not being smugly dismissed as a misogynist by angry people who don’t bother to take the time to actually inform themselves about the subject.

What is lost in the entire discourse is any recognition that the above issues, and many related issues, are both complex and serious matters that are ill-served by screeching, or by shrill pandering to powerful interest groups. I am not sure about many things, but I am sure about this: basing a public policy on the desire to punish the guilty without protecting the innocent from being punished with them is not just childish and mean-spirited, it is morally grotesque.

Elderly Spanish Duchess Weds Again

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Maria del Rosario Cayetana Alfonsa Victoria Eugenia Francisca Fitz-James Stuart y de Silva, the 85-year-old Spanish woman known as The Duchess of Alba, got married for the third time, this time to Spanish civil servant Alfonso Diez, a man 25 years her junior.

Ordinarily, I don't pay much attention to these things, but the pictures of the duchess are just too much to ignore. The woman looks like a plastic surgery horror show, and one has to wonder what Mr. Diez – not a bad looking guy – is getting out of the deal. When old men marry younger women, we often hear howls emanating from the usual suspects about how awful and exploitative it is, but really, it doesn't get any worse than this (click the picture for a gallery):

These images should be enough to silence complaints about older men with younger women for at least a decade.

Domestic Violence Misdemeanors Going Unprosecuted in Shawnee County, Kansas

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Fights between the Topeka City Council and county officials have resulted in a budget impasse, prompting DA Chad Taylor to announce that he will no longer prosecute domestic misdemeanors in Topeka. In response, the city council has threatened to decriminalize domestic violence misdemeanors in city limits, forcing the county to bear the financial burden and political fallout.

The spat goes to show how vast the resources devoted to regulating domestic relations are in a typical American jurisdiction, where a significant proportion of budgets are devoted to policing families, lovers, etc. The breakdown of social norms and marriage as an institution has greatly aggravated the problem, as decreased family stability inevitably leads to more stress and, sometimes, physical aggression. Essentially, we have subsidized hypergamy and "free love" by creating a police state that enforces docility in the face of infidelity, betrayal, theft and other provocations despite the fact that these things *normally* agitate humans of both sexes.

To both save money and lower DV rates, courts should follow the age-old practice of giving people *legal* redress for grievances in domestic disputes — i.e. at fault divorce, alienation of affection suits and the like. There is no reason that at fault divorce cannot exist along with no fault, and men and women who thought they had some recourse in the event of adultery or some like betrayal would be less likely to lash out with physical violence. In fact, civilized peoples have allowed for this outlet for thousands of years, because without it the ensuing social disorder becomes bothersome and expensive.

The law in question is misdemeanor domestic battery, and criminalizes the following behavior:

> (1) Intentionally or recklessly causing bodily harm by a family or household member against a family or household member; or
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> (2) intentionally causing physical contact with a family or household member by a family or household member when done in a rude, insulting or angry manner.

The first part looks reasonable; the second, ridiculous. In fact, the latter act is probably more commonly committed by females, who initiate aggressive physical contact more often than men. If being physically contacted in a "rude, insulting or angry manner" by a girlfriend or wife is a crime, I've been a victim many times over, and I'm sure just about every male reader who has been in a relationship can remember something along those lines. I wonder, would feminists have supported arresting my ex wife for shoving me out of the way when she came to my place to look for things she wanted weeks after she vacated the premises? Of course not, and neither would I — she was just being rude, pushy and vindictive (and also giving clear evidence she wasn't afraid of me in the least, which is a helpful thing for a guy to have on the record). But that isn't the point — the law is intended to be used to prosecute *men* for *anything*.

It's the kind of thing that can be used as a "gotcha" in divorce disputes, typically against the man. Get in an argument with a girlfriend, she's using some object as provocation (e.g. car keys), snatch it away in anger and that's domestic battery! Push her out of the way when she's blocking your way out the door — you're going to jail! Also, any physical contact could be "rude" if she isn't in the mood. You might not even know that by putting your hand on her shoulder when she's grumpy you are committing battery. If she's snoring at night and you nudge her to make her stop, that's against the law, etc.

The second part of the law should be thrown out for sure. Intentional harm should be a crime – and already is under plenty of other laws – but when people live together there's bound to be some unappreciated contact at some point, some time, and if that's a crime we're all criminals. Therefore, tossing the Topeka law is entirely justified. Intentional harm is already covered by common assault/battery, so the domestic version isn't even needed: it's just a

perk for vengeful wives and an excuse to arrest men on no evidence (“victim said suspect poked her arm”), removing them from property to set the stage for the typical divorce scenario — she gets the kids and house and he pays her a chunk of his income in return for her taking back the accusation.

Aggravating the situation in Topeka, there is evidently a feminist on the council:

> Rinker told commissioners that while Councilwoman Sylvia Ortiz said last month that council members needed to “man up” and let commissioners know they won’t tolerate a continued lack of domestic battery prosecution, “I’m here to ‘woman up’ to this body.”

Unfortunately for her, somebody is going to have to pay the attorneys handling the cases, and that includes attorneys for the accused — a necessary expense in our country. I expect feminists, in frustration, to start demanding that those accused of DV no longer be afforded legal counsel. They will not take lack of funds for an answer, and they are too unimaginative and ideologically bound to think of the obvious solution: remove the tortuous “domestic” laws written to give women the upper hand and replace them with standardized, uniform criminal law. Assault is assault, battery is battery: lover’s quarrels are not a police matter unless they meet the same criteria as other crimes.

White Knight Electrocuted in Paris Metro Station

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A recent news story in France, in which a Sikh named Rajinder Singh was electrocuted following a confrontation with an Egyptian man who had approached a young female in a Metro station, prompted a flurry of outrage. French were hailing the Sikh – also known as Babu – as a hero for defending the honor of French women on the metro.

Press conferences were held, the man was hailed in France and abroad in the subcontinent, and the miscreant who shoved him onto the high voltage rail was arrested.

But all is not as it appears at first glance, and a video of the incident has surfaced that allegedly shows Babu starting the fight with Mohamed, a smaller man, and going after him with several other men. According to his attorney, Mohamed was accosted by an aggressive Babu and several other men, and did not strike the first blow.

Evidently, Babu was enraged by the hapless Arab, a small time hustler, junkie and gigolo, who was handing out packets of candy for some reason or other (skittles man?). After the Arab tried to give some candy to a young woman, Babu and some friends followed him onto the train and accosted him in a "menacing" way. When he tried to get away, they pursued him, a scuffle ensued, and Babu was pushed onto the live rails, where he was shocked to death.

This story demonstrates the futility of interceding on behalf of women for what are, when you put it in perspective, trivial annoyances. If the interpretation of the video Mohamed's attorney gave is correct, Babu's white knighting bordered on criminal, and although he didn't deserve to pay with his life, it was a dumb decision. Of all the ways to go, scuffling with an Egyptian street hustler ranks fairly low on the scale.

What's really unfortunate, however, is the approval French officials immediately bestowed upon this stupidity. A couple of ministers – Frédéric Mitterrand and Thierry Mariani – gave a eulogy of sorts, replete with flowers and babble about "compassion" and "courage," for the late Babu. Hopefully, French men will see this posturing for what it is, and decline to put themselves in danger over some perceived slight of a woman.

On the Road Again ... Free-Range Men

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I'm going to begin with a small personal note. One of the regular readers here – one of the rare females who gets it – that I have known on-line for several years (going back to the Niceguy's forum) emailed me recently noting that some people had commented on my absence from the on-line world. The reasons for that are more mundane that some people might be thinking – life, as it has a tendency to do, shucked me out a couple of jokers to try to fit into my hand.

Early in the summer I experienced an episode of having 4 strokes one evening. I was on vacation in Washington state and ended up in one of the hospitals in Bill Price's home city. As a result of Bill doing me an extremely large favor while I was incapacitated, we finally met face to face – which was a great pleasure for me, despite the circumstances leaving much to be desired.

The largest of the 4 strokes was in the language processing area of the brain, leaving me unable to form a sentence or even say my own name. At the hospital all I could do was to take my ID out of my wallet and point to it. When I tried to write down some of my family's phone numbers, I got all the digits right, but could not get them in the right order. Fortunately I was visiting friends who provided the needed information to the hospital personnel.

To make a long story short, my recovery has been – to me, at least – nothing short of miraculous. Fortunately, my motor skills were not affected and I didn't lose control or use of the muscles on one or both sides of my body. Compared to what might have been, my circumstances are so favorable that when anyone asks me how I am doing – my only response is **"FANTASTIC!!!"** So, if anyone has the urge to offer condolences – save them. I fell into a dung heap, and came up smelling like a dozen roses.

Congratulations for my excellent luck are the only order of business on the table for me.

I related that story as a sort of sideways introduction to a whole lot of thoughts inspired by the September 28, 2011 edition of Paul Elam's (and other's) A Voice For Men radio show. Anyone who hasn't listened to it yet really should do so – http://www.blogtalkradio.com/avoiceformen/2011/09/28/men-going-their-own-way

The topic for that evening was Men Going Their Own Way. Paul started out the show talking about how much he hates the acronym MGTOW. There is no phonetic way to pronounce it, so it must either be spelled out or the words spoken individually. He prefers the term "Zeta Male", which may be useful to reduce the concept to a sound bite in order to explain to someone who doesn't know what is going on – what is going on. In some ways it is like the term "Marriage Strike" – a catchy term that people remember and eventually come to understand that it means something a little more than it actually says.

Except, MGTOW isn't like that – it is exactly, and only, what it says. It is too simple for a lot of people to grasp.

It is the social, and cultural, equivalent of men hanging out a "Gone Fishing" sign, closing and locking the door, and disappearing to mental and emotional whereabouts unknown. And the most salient and significant characteristic is that those men who have done this don't feel much need to explain or justify where they went – they just left.

So, for Paul's benefit and for anyone else who finds the acronym MGTOW a bit of a mouthful, and doesn't want to try to explain all the "Game" and "Red Pill" terminology and background which underlies it, I would offer the simpler alternative – **"Free-Range Men."**

Paul went on to explore the phenomenon emerging in Japan of the men that are being called "Herbivores" or "Grass Eaters." No one started out a few years ago and said "Hey, I have a great idea – I'm going to start a mass movement of the men in this country and I am going to call them 'Herbivores'." Men, millions of them, individually and on their own initiative, decided to "leave" the cultural values of their own culture behind. And, what coverage I have seen of the phenomenon gives me the impression that these men are fully aware that they don't really need to explain or justify what they are doing – they are just doing it, and leaving everyone else to figure out how to get the

load hauled that these men are now refusing to be the human mules to haul.

Explaining what MGTOW, or what being a Zeta Male or Herbivore, is all about is a bit like Lewis Armstrong responded when someone asked him what "jazz" was – "If you have to ask, it's probably going to be really difficult to explain." But, Paul does an exceptional job of capturing it's essence -
"Those men are taking a look at the realities of their lives as it relates to women, and are taking the action of embracing lives of indifference toward women"- and, toward the traditional values of the host culture as well.

Because all this discussion is taking place in the context of the gender war, most discussions about men always circle back to women and how they are affected. The problem is that this obsessive, compulsive, focus on women – their wants and their needs – has blinded people to the reality of what is happening. It is like people are looking out at the ocean and saying "Hey, see that little wave out there? Doesn't it seem to be getting bigger?"

When asked about the herbivore phenomenon, a 22 y/o college dropout describes it as a "diverse group of men who have **no real desire to live up to traditional social expectations** in their relationships with women, their jobs, or **anything else**." Simply put, they have stopped going the culture's way for men and defined their own. And worse, for women and the culture, they "… don't care **AT ALL**, about what people think about how we live."

It is the "anything else" in that sentence which should make the average so/trad/con's blood run cold.

Paul goes on to point out that these Herbivores are leading lives of "**Personal Abundance**, according to their own tastes." And, Captain Capitalism points out that men here, in the US, are doing it too.

> Once we pay our taxes to subsidize other people and other people's children, we still have the majority of our money to spend on ourselves. More importantly we have the majority of time to spend on ourselves. And better than that, society has advanced to the point there are LIMITLESS intellectual, physical, video, artistic and other pursuits to pursue and enjoy a happy, fulfilling life. We got our pals, we got our friends, we got a life.
>
> And that (and you need to sit down for this) IS WITHOUT YOU!
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> No nagging, no crying, no drama, no divorce, no child support, no "my child comes first" BS, no jumping through hoops for sex, no abuse, no slapping, no flaking, no psychotic behavior, no mind games, no half my assets, no nothing.
>
> You're gone, you're outta here, you're irrelevant.
>
> Congratulations! You "won" the battle and men have surrendered! Now leave us alone.

Let's get out a measuring stick and see if we can get a sense of how big this cultural tsunami which has been building for the past 50 or more years is going to turn out to be. Don't worry about the Grass Eaters, Herbivores, Zeta Males, Men Gone Their Own Way, or Free-Range Men – they have figured out in which direction the higher ground lays and have headed for it. It's everyone else standing on the newly-expanded shoreline thinking how convenient it is for them that all these previously hidden treasures of the deep are now lying totally exposed, and are so busy watching their feet that they can't be bothered to look towards the horizon, that need a clue.

So, let's try to give them one, shall we?

All these males, who are part of "the movement which has no name", who have individually decided on the best course of action for **THEIR OWN LIVES** – women and their own cultures can go hang – are the Phoenix rising from the death throes of their cultures.

And, let us hold a preliminary coroner's inquest, even though the body has not stopped twitching yet.

Everything that men have done for the past 20 years or so has been covered over by the term "backlash", popularized in 1991 by Susan Faludi in her book *"Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women"* This hyperbole, this hysterification, of the fact that social change wasn't occurring as quickly as some women wanted, is

totally indicative of the the Solipism of the Female mind – any and all actions of men must only be considered in light of how they affect women. Some people claim that "the movement which has no name" (is "TMWHNN" any better than MGTOW, Paul?) is only a "backlash" against feminism.

Nope, folks, this is not a bug of feminism, it is a feature.

These men, whatever you choose to call them, are EXACTLY the kind of men that feminism set out to create. The fact that women, cultures, and governments don't know how to factor such men into their cultural survival is not those men's problem.

Remember a couple of years ago during the first period of the now on-going "global financial crisis" when Harriet HARM-MEN made the statement that "If Lehman Brothers would have been Lehman Sisters, then none of this would have happened." In other words – all that nasty competition between men is to blame and the world would be a better place if it was gotten rid of.

The Grass Eaters of Japan are the implementation of that theory, and the preliminary indications are that Japanese women don't really like the result all that much. These men are not part of a "backlash" against feminism, but rather the **result** of the collision between feminism and the traditional cultural values which feminism purports to oppose – while at the same time desperately hopes will continue because they provide both the continued rationale for feminism and for the continued survival of women and their children.

Now, never mind that men who spend their lives as "salary-men" in a culture in which death from overwork is so common that they even have a name for it – "Karōshi" – after retirement became such an annoyance to their wives, now that they were not acting like pack mules supporting wifey's consuming habits, that they were called "wet leaves." And, never mind that the definitions of "sexual assault" and "sexual harassment" have been so broadened that if "the person being convinced instead feels coerced, it's sexual assault" that men are still demanded to engage in pursuing women – if relationships between men and women are going to still continue to be formed – "manning up" as it were.

Except, the Grass Eaters aren't doing it – and they are not the least bit concerned about the bloviations of the likes of Bill-Bennett-San.

Paul went on to ask why there was such an apparent reaction in Japan while the western cultures have swallowed the cultural-poison-pill of feminism with barely a hiccup. While I think what he said was very valid, I think there is a hidden part of the picture that people have to look for if they are going to find it.

OK, Roll Call – sound off.

Who isn't here?

We know who is here, because they just announced themselves. We don't know who **isn't** here because… well, because they **AREN'T** here.

Bueller? Bueller?

There are dozens of reasons why a western response, and particularly an American one, will look quite different than a Japanese response. One of the biggest is that Japan is an extremely conformist culture, while the United States in particular was populated mostly by renegades. The American character is fundamentally different than the Japanese character.

Another hugely significant reason is population density. The population/area ratio is more than 10 times for Japan than for the United States – 870/sq mile in Japan, and 82/sq mile in the US.

Putting these two characteristics together – in the US one has to search 10 times as much area to figure out who isn't there. And, if they never signed up in the first place, then their name isn't even on the roster – which makes it that much more difficult to track them down.

Bueller? Bueller?

Now, in Japan, the tradcons used the same attempts at shaming men into following in their traditional mule, or man-bot, role that western cultures have used. They call them “Grass Eaters” with connotations of passivity and lack of effort and “Manning Up” that led older generations of men to work themselves to death.

The biggest problems for the so/trad/cons is that they are eating their own, practicing cannibalism. The persons hurt the worst by the current system are the same ones who follow the so/trad/con way – like Twogunner in this comment.

But, the problem comes in when the cannibals realize that men are practicing free-agency and are **not** signing up to be cannibalized by the tradcon values. And, when some Bill-Bennett-San or Kay Hymenzipped tells them to “Man Up” – **they aren’t around to listen**.

I just returned from a 10-day motorcycle trip through Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. Shortly before I left I was talking to a guy about which motorcycle I was going to take – the big one, (Thunderbird – 1700 CC) or the small one, (Bonneville – 865 CC.) He asked my how I got “the wife’s” permission to buy 2 motorcycles. I told him – “no wife, no one who thinks they have the power to give or withhold ‘permission’ from me.”

After 10 days, 2700 miles, 3 rainstorms, and 1 snow storm, I decided that a good name for the US version of “the movement which has no name” might be something more like “Rock Eaters” or “Wind Eaters.” Over the years I have known a lot of men who like putting their faces into the wind and seeing what lies beyond that next hill – or the one after that, or the one after that one. I have a friend who just turned 60 – whose 60th birthday party I made extremely memorable by stroking out in the middle of it – who has never been married and spend most of the past 35 years as an engineer on multiple ships all over the Pacific Ocean. Damn, he has had an interesting and fun life!! And, he never had to ask permission to do that, either.

In the USA, with its “Wild West” history, and its “Don’t Fence Me In” philosophy, there is a type of man known as the “Ramblin’ Man”, or as I tend to think of him, a **“Free-Range Man.”** They are a fundamentally different type of men than those men who organize school districts or public water supply districts, and the second type of man is often hugely threatened by the first – which is why they do everything they can to get them tied down to a resident “warden” – the only escape from which is the financial devastation of divorce court.

Now, one would think that a culture interested in preserving itself would value the second type of man – a man like

Bill Price – over the other type of man. And yet, we live in a culture which reserves its harshest punishment for the men who would try to be good fathers.

I have come to the conclusion that the Internet was invented in order to give the Chattering Classes a more effective means of chattering. Eventually, it starts to seem that there are only a dozen "conversations" recycled endlessly with different titles.

One of the most tiresome of these is the argument about "activism." There is a significant group of men whose definition of "activism" sounds remarkably close to "why haven't you already taken the action to make the world the way I want it to be, and save me the trouble of doing it?" – in other words, a slightly different permutation of "manning up."

It's as bizarre a conversation as arguing with a compulsive gambler about "manning up", or a compulsive adulterer about being a "Promise Keeper." It seems that most scumbags assume that all men are as big a scumbag as they are, and arguing with them is truly an exercise in arguing with an idiot – they drag you down to their level, and beat you with experience.

A fundamental question which comes to mind when confronting people like this is – why should I spend the time and energy to make your world the way you want it to be, when a fraction of that energy already expended has made my own life the way **I** want it to be?

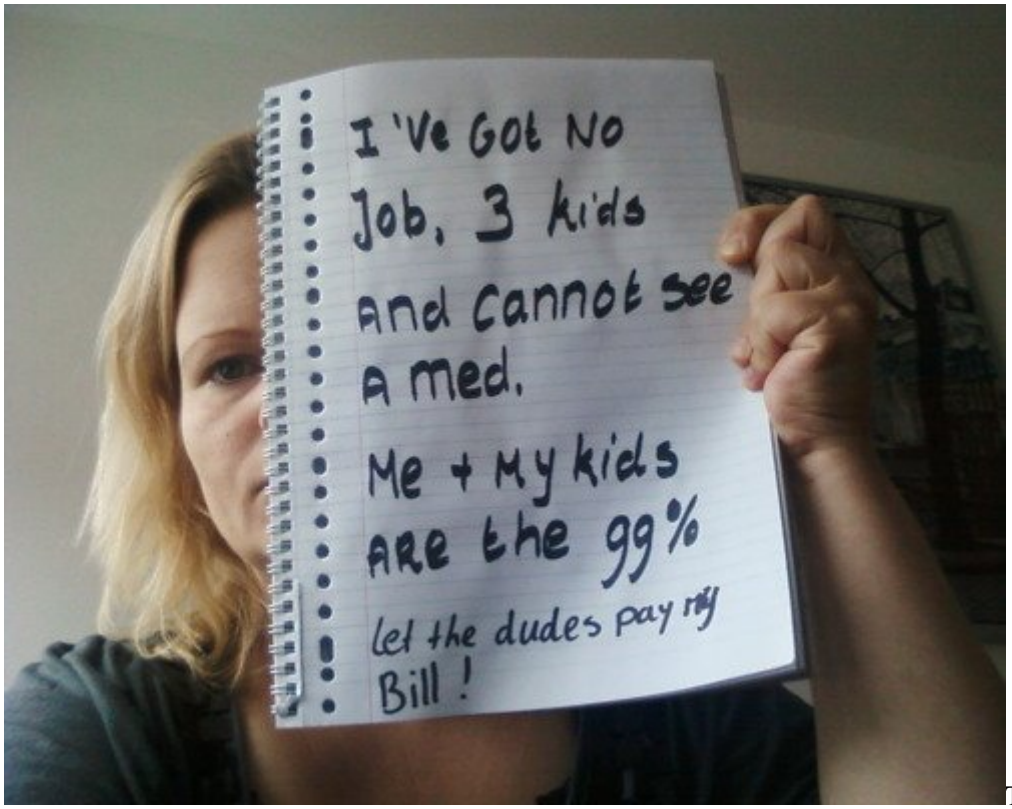
One of my favorite quotes is that no one ever looked back from their death bed and says "Oh no! I wish I had spent more time at the office." When I was lying in a hospital bed 3.5 months ago, unable to make a coherent sentence come out of my mouth and not certain that I would ever wipe my own ass by myself again, it certainly never crossed my mind that I wished I had spent more time at the office; or arguing with pig-headed so/trad/cons, idiotic feminists, or newly minted MRAs whose major contribution is to piss on what everyone who has come before them has tried.

The saddest thing to me to contemplate is that guys like Bill Price are much better people than I am. He "manned up" and fought the good fight in the family courts for the sake of his children. What kind of screwed-up culture punishes him so severely for trying to keep it going, and rewards deadbeat-non-dads like me with visions of complete double rainbows?

Occupy Wall Street Is Just Another Vehicle For Misandry

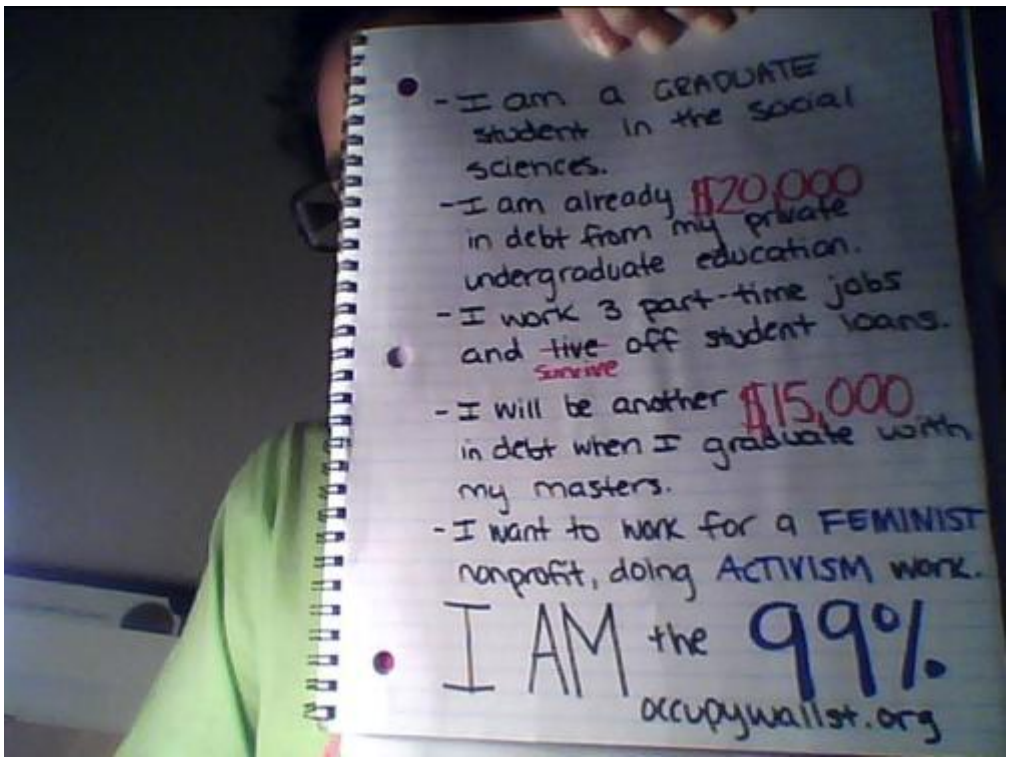
Pro-male/Anti-feminist Tech · 11 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Whatever the other positives and negatives are of the Occupy Wall Street movement, it is another vehicle for misandry. Some examples of misandry in the Occupy Wall Street movement, can be found at its We Are the 99% blog which showcases people who believe they are the victim of the richest 1%. That blog has a high number of single mothers and other women demonstrating high levels of entitlement as can be seen in the following examples:

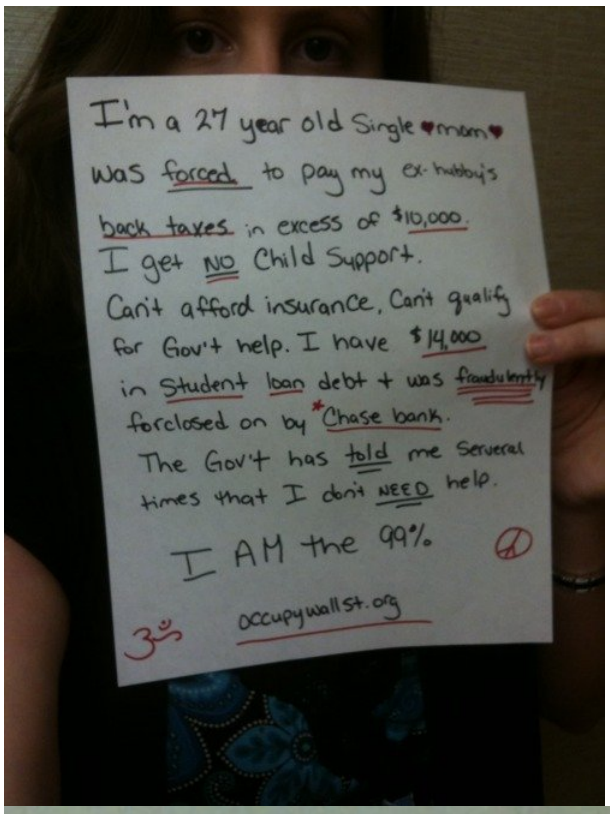


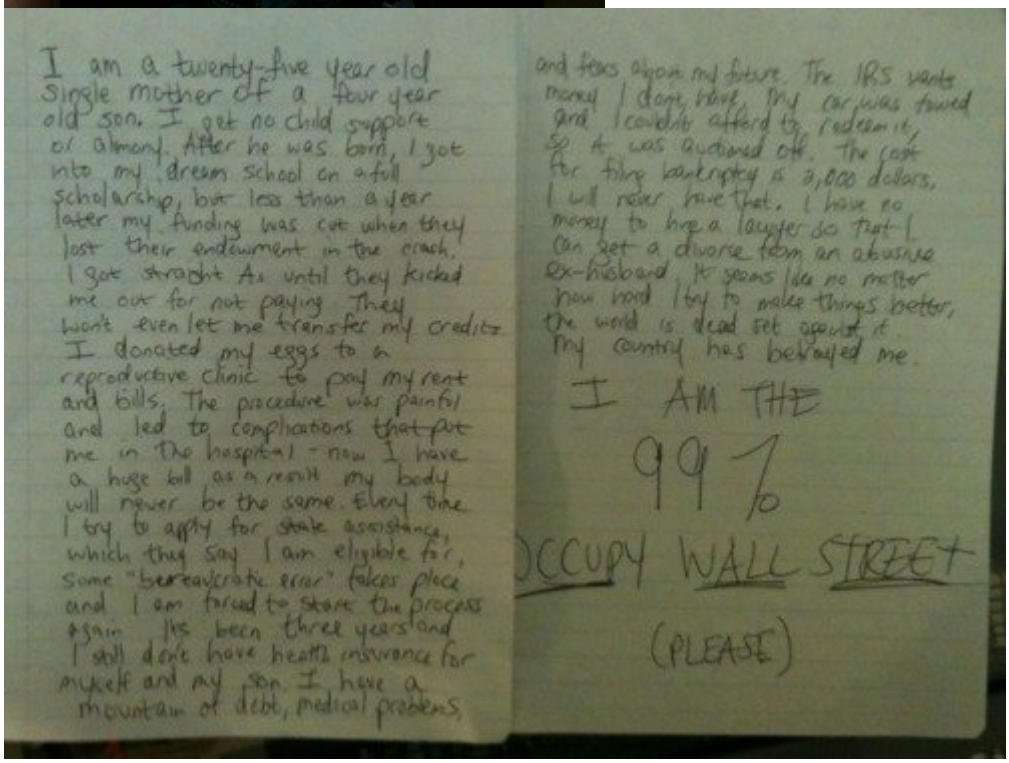
This woman says, "Let the dudes pay my bill!" In other words, she is demanding men subsidize her, not rich men or billionaires (which would be questionable enough) but men in general. This is a repeated theme that can be seen with this woman who says, "men lied". Again, it's all men she is blaming.

This woman is complaining that she is going heavily into debt in college because she wants to work as an "activist" at a "feminist non-profit":



Single mothers and soon to be single mothers are seen a lot on the We Are The 99% blog. The following examples have a common theme of how the bank bailouts should have been given to single mothers or women in general to subsidize their bad decisions:


I'm a 27 year old Single ♥mom♥
was forced to pay my ex-hubby's
back taxes in excess of $10,000.
I get NO Child Support.
Can't afford insurance, Can't qualify
for Gov't help. I have $14,000
in Student loan debt + was fraudulently
forclosed on by *Chase bank.
The Gov't has told me Serveral
times that I don't NEED help.
I AM the 99%
occupywallst.org


I am a twenty-five year old
Single mother of a four year
old son. I get no child support
or almony. After he was born, I got
into my dream school on a full
scholarship, but less than a year
later my funding was cut when they
lost their endowment in the crash.
I got straight As until they kicked
me out for not paying. They
won't even let me transfer my credits.
I donated my eggs to a
reproductive clinic to pay my rent
and bills. The procedure was painful
and led to complications that put
me in the hospital - now I have
a huge bill as a result my body
will never be the same. Every time
I try to apply for state assistance,
which they say I am eligible for,
some "bureaucratic error" takes place
and I am forced to start the process
again. Its been three years and
I still don't have health insurance for
myself and my son. I have a
mountain of debt, medical problems,
and fear about my future. The IRS wants
money I don't have, My car was towed
and I couldn't afford to redeem it,
so it was auctioned off. The cost
for filing bankruptcy is 3,000 dollars,
I will never have that. I have no
money to hire a lawyer so that I
can get a divorce from an abusive
ex-husband. It seems like no matter
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the world is dead set against it.
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99%
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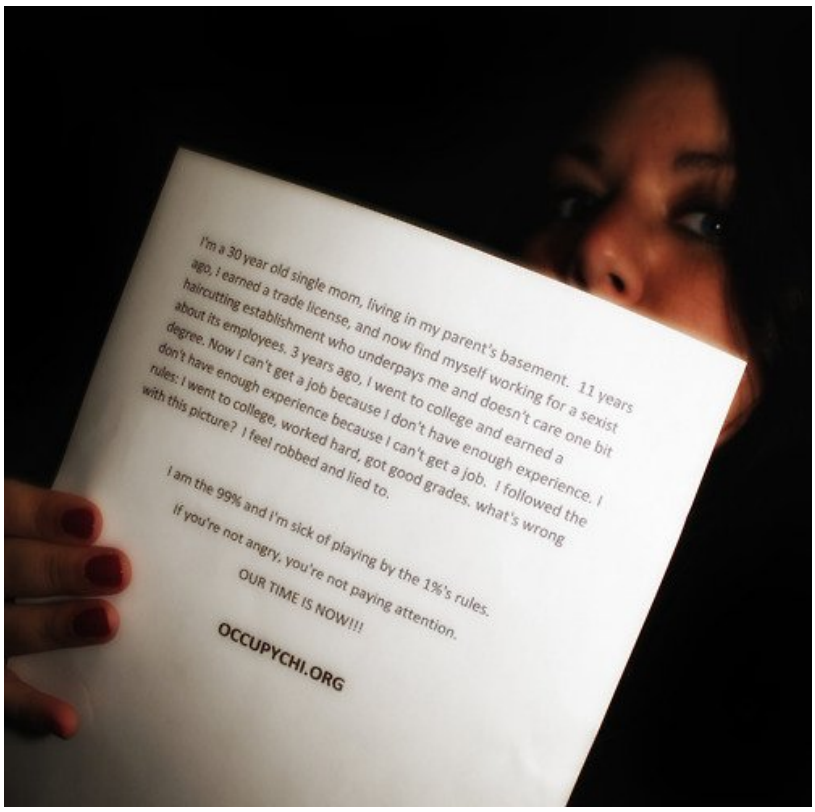

There are many more examples of female entitlement such as women complaining that a degree in fine arts doesn't guarantee a job, women who talk as if they randomly ended up in prison, etc. Some of you may be thinking that this is not representative of Occupy Wall Street because it's easy to cherry pick a few blog entries. The misandry in Occupy Wall Street goes much deeper than this. Their demands include a "gender equal rights amendment", and how they are organized is explicitly anti-male:

> Occupy Wall Street's General Assembly operates under a revolutionary "progressive stack." A normal "stack" means those who wish to speak get in line. A progressive stack encourages women and traditionally marginalized groups speak before men, especially white men. This is something that has been in place since the beginning, it is necessary, and it is important.
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> "Step up, step back" was a common phrase of the first week, encouraging white men to acknowledge the privilege they have lived in their entire lives and to step back from continually speaking.

All of this adds up to Occupy Wall Street being another arm of misandry. As far as they are concerned, if you are male, then you are part of the 1%.

Dr. Pepper Ad's Reverse Psychology Working

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Dr. Pepper recently came out with an ad that has been denounced as sexist against men by a number of female commentators, such as Jessica Wakeman of "The Frisky:"

> You're probably expecting an avowed feminist like myself to put a diet soda commercial marketed to men with guns, ATVs and snake attacks on blast. It's true, Dr. Pepper Ten's new ad declaring "It's not for women" is dripping with machismo like beads of sweat pour off a gator hunter in the Florida sun. But the commercial is a lot more sexist towards men than it is towards women. Yes, men are victims of sexism, too. Can Madison Avenue really not sell a 10-calorie soft drink to men without sweeping gender generalizations?

Sure, the ad stereotypes men, and is obviously tongue-in-cheek, but even though it's kind of a lame joke I don't see men getting too upset about it. Men are not programmed to take immediate offense at any joke at their expense, so the ad might actually work on teenage boys who find the idea of being outlandishly masculine both funny and appealing at the same time (why else would so many men watch pro wrestling?)

Here's the ad:

When I first heard about the ad, I wondered whether Dr. Pepper might score a lot of female consumers who wanted to prove "I can drink whatever I want." Reverse psychology works very well on women — tell them they can't have something and they want it all the more. Feminism has thrived off this, a prime example being women in the military: "Are you telling me I can't put on a uniform and get blown to pieces? I do what I want…" Of course, reality sets in as soon as basic training starts, and next thing you know we have pregnant soldiers and army clerks sashaying around base with their blouses half open.

So, I did a little search to see what women are saying about the ad, and came up with a nice little gem, in which a young woman proudly tells Dr. Pepper to "F— Off!" by, of all things, drinking Dr. Pepper:

Perhaps Dr. Pepper's marketing team has discovered the perfect method for manipulating feminism. If nothing else, the company at least gained a lot of attention — it seems baiting feminists is actually profitable these days.

Ryan Gosling as Feminists' Uncle Tom

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Ryan Gosling has become something of a feminist icon for portraying a sensitive guy in various movies. Supposedly, he represents the kind of accommodating, nice man who would make a great husband or boyfriend. Gosling is pretty convincing in this role, which is why he was perfect for the film *Blue Valentine* (2010), the most anti-feminist movie since Dustin Hoffman starred in *Kramer vs. Kramer* in 1979.

Blue Valentine is the story of a very beta, romantic man who wants nothing more than to be a family man, and falls for a young woman who is about to become a single mother. He marries the girl, accepts the child for his own, and the new family gets on with married life. Not long thereafter, the woman he married begins to tire of her unambitious, sensitive, beta husband, starts picking fights, becomes frustrated, and eventually dumps him. Gosling plays the beta sucker to a T, which leaves one wondering why feminists see him as an icon.

It appears that he represents their utter triumph — their victory in the gender war. Essentially, he is the contemporary equivalent of the harmless, cheerful darkie of antebellum Southern nostalgia — a conquered man who may be taken or left, bought or sold, and yet retains a baffling complacence and innocent trust despite horrendous maltreatment by contemporary women.

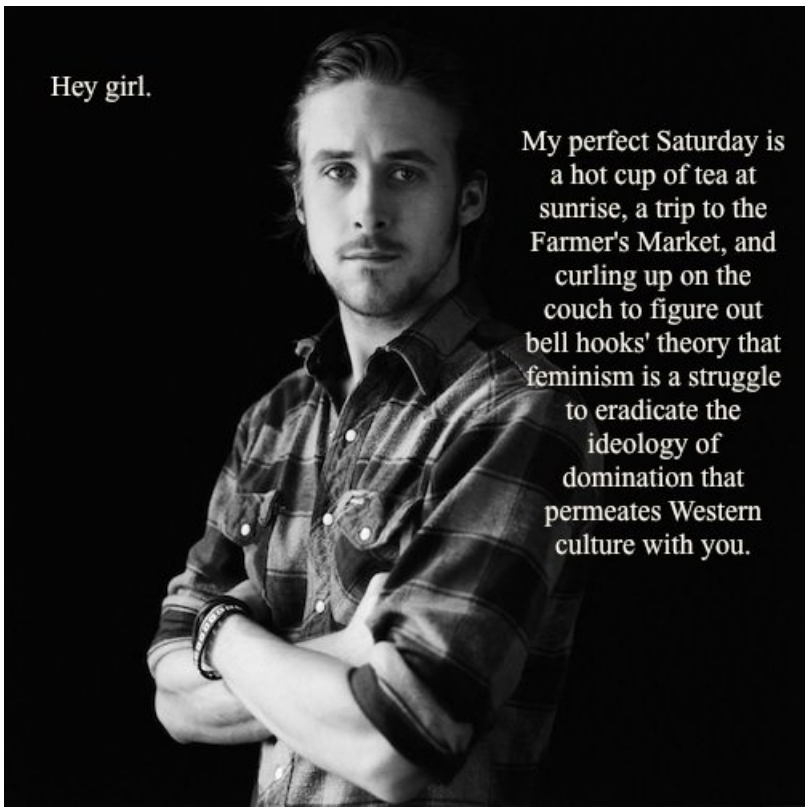
Ryan Gosling meme sites have sprung up highlighting this sentiment, and although they are somewhat amusing in a twisted way, one wonders how they are any different from the campy old advertisements, so thoroughly denounced by feminists, that portray women as willing, docile servants to their husbands.

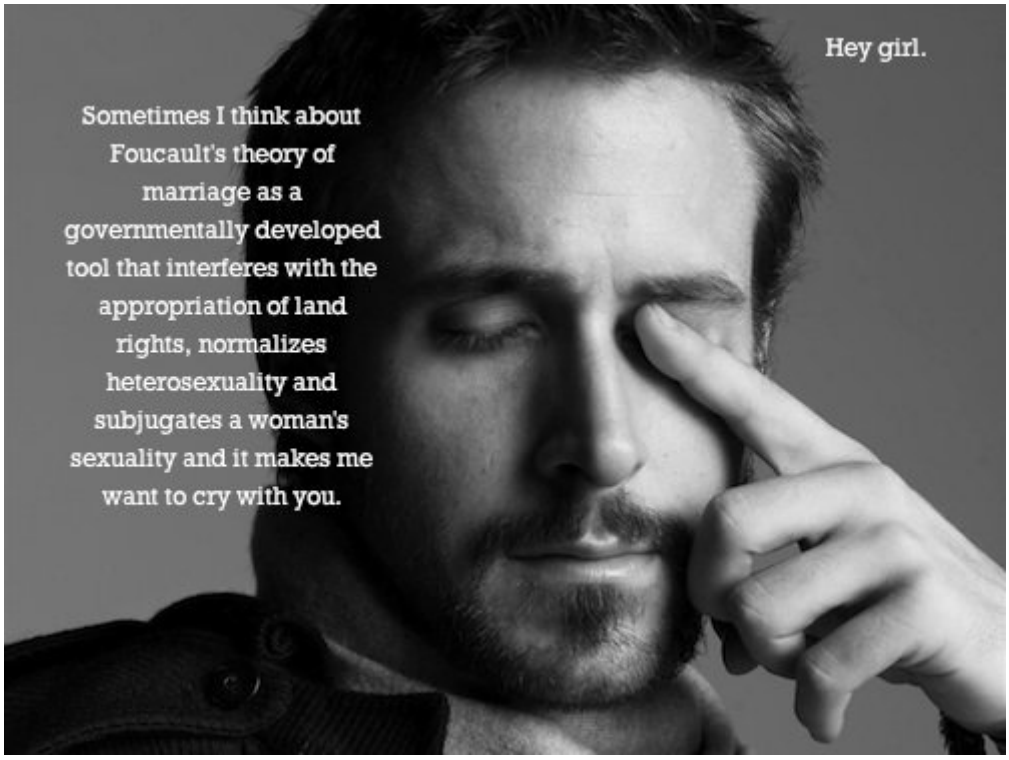
The first meme site is the "F— Yeah! Ryan Gosling" site, which displays pictures of Gosling with various snips of text written to accentuate his sensitive guy appeal.

Follow the thumbnails for examples:

[image]

Next, we have a meme site that is explicitly feminist, "Feminist Ryan Gosling" in which the text goes beyond cute sentimentality and into feminist dogma:





The descent of Ryan Gosling, from a sympathetic, good character who is martyred to the realities of modern feminism – i.e. female supremacy – in *Blue Valentine*, to campy feminist icon mirrors the journey of another character from American culture: Uncle Tom. First, Tom was a good Christian who is martyred for doing the right thing, then over time he becomes a stock minstrel character; a target of derision for blacks and whites alike.

Although it's a curious progression, perhaps we'll end up having the last laugh, as neither side of the actor reflects all that well on feminism.

Superhero Vigilante Breaks up Fight, Gets Smacked Around by Enraged Female

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Ben Fodor, who dresses up as superhero “Phoenix Jones” to patrol the streets of Seattle and fight crime at night, was recently arrested after breaking up a drunken fight between some drunken revelers near downtown Seattle’s waterfront.

Fodor, an athletic young man armed with pepper spray and wearing a ballistic vest, has been annoying the Seattle Police Department for some time with his vigilante patrols, and when he intervened in the fight a few days ago police finally arrested him. The “victims” indicated that Fodor attacked them with pepper spray when they were just dancing around in a lighthearted manner. However, video has emerged that tells a different story.

Shortly after Fodor breaks up the fight, a young woman violently attacks him with a shoe, falling flat on her face at one point. After this, there is some more hurly burley involving multiple drunks, brinksmanship, vehicular assault and much excitement:

Phoenix Jones Stops Assault from Ryan McNamee on Vimeo.

For men, there are a few lessons here:

(1) American women – especially drunk ones – have no fear of men and will attack without compunction. They will also *incite* attacks; it appears that the women in the video were willing spectators of the fight Fodor broke up, and may have been encouraging it, then they subsequently try to incite an attack on Fodor and his companions.

(2) If women are involved in an altercation and you get involved as well, you will likely end up arrested by the police even if you did a good deed.

(3) Trying to do the job of police provokes police anger and will also probably lead to arrest.

So what’s a man to do? Well, if there’s a fight or any kind of crime involving women – even if they are “victims” – it’s best to simply stay out of it. White knighting can easily lead to attack by other men or the woman, and you could well end up in jail.

Waitress Reacts to Insult With Online Lynch Mob

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[image]
Victoria Liss -- fat shaming avenger

Victoria Liss, a waitress at the ever-classy “Bimbo’s” Cantina (AKA Bimbo’s Bitchin’ Burrito Kitchen) in Seattle, flew into a rage after a customer not only neglected to tip her, but scrawled a note suggesting she drop a few pounds as well. Her response was to reach out to the sisterhood to form an online lynch mob, which quickly coalesced through the efforts of websites such as Jezebel and The Stranger. Soon, a man named Andrew Meyer was being tormented with thousands of nasty emails. However, in one out of the many errors with the mob’s approach, and probably the most egregious, it went after the wrong Andrew Meyer.
For a little background, Bimbo’s is located in the Pike-Pine corridor – the beating heart of Seattle’s freak scene – near the headquarters of The Stranger, across the street from the old dive bar The Comet (AKA The Vomit), directly above the subterranean, cavernous “Cha Cha” lounge, and next to the lesbian Wild Rose bar, where a man was once chased down and beaten with tools for fogging the windows and drawing a picture of a penis as a joke (the lesbians were not amused). I’m not going to say the people involved in that scene are a total loss, because I know a few of them personally, but they have a tendency to get carried away with their own, shall we say, “different,” view of propriety, and this time they went too far.

Ironically, our online gadfly, David Futrelle, recently took our very own Jack Donovan to task for venting about an obnoxious customer. Jack, who speculated that perhaps men may not be as good at dealing with abuse from customers, nevertheless did not name his customer, post her information online, or do anything vengeful at all. That didn’t stop Futrelle and his commenters from denouncing him for daring to write about how unpleasant the experience can be.

However, in the case of Victoria Liss, the insulted waitress, we had legions of feminists assisting her in an entirely disproportionate act of blind vengeance. Of course it’s a woman’s right to smear a man and attempt to destroy his life if he dares insult her! Why, the “fat shaming” alone is grounds for summary castration…

How many men would be so petty, so vindictive, and so morally depraved that they would launch a personal vendetta over a minor slight suffered in the course of a day’s work? Very few, obviously — such men would be instantly fired, and likely castigated by the courts (if not jailed) for harassment.

As for the victim, a man who just happened to have a certain name, we can hope that some compensation for the trouble is forthcoming. Although it is doubtful whether Liss has much in her pockets, according to The Stranger, bar owners may have been involved in the online lynching, and they likely have a little something to lose. Jezebel, likewise.

Holly Grigsby, Race Warrior, Defends Killing Innocent Man

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Holly Grigsby and David Pederson decided that they would launch a racial vendetta, and started with, of all people, Pederson's father and stepmother. According to David Pederson, who is now in jail in California, this was to avenge alleged molestation of his sister and cousin, an accusation that, if not entirely fabricated, may have come from his mother. Then, the couple decided to kidnap Grigsby's son and kill the father, who had custody. Fortunately, Grigsby had second thoughts and did not carry out this part of the plan.

However, later, on the run and in need of a car, the couple murdered a random young Christian named Cody Myers in Oregon, then, upon searching his wallet and finding his name, retroactively justified the killing by saying he could have been Jewish. Another man, Reginald Clark, a black man who was found dead in his car in Eureka, CA, is also thought to be one of their victims.

Of 19-year-old Cody Myers' death, Grigsby said:

> It's unfortunate he was a white man, but it was to facilitate further action. In every war, there are going to be civilian casualties, and he was one of them.

Unfortunate indeed, but apparently no cause for remorse, according to Ms. Grigsby.

Her estranged husband, considering he was named as a target, has been rather more forgiving than one might expect:

The tragic story illustrates two common trends in contemporary America:

(1) Women's propensity to fall for badboy thugs like David Pederson, who is nothing more than a depraved criminal using the most convenient ideology to justify his crimes

(2) The common refusal on women's part to accept moral responsibility for their misdeeds

Perhaps at some point in the future we will see Grigsby start to defend herself, which will surely involve putting all the responsibility for her actions on Pederson, despite the fact that she carried out at least one killing on her own. She will likely say she felt intimidated by him, was "under his spell," etc.

Finally, the story demonstrates a few of the problems with white nationalism as practiced by the lower sorts of adherents: First, one of the most cherished principles is the sanctity of the white female as the race-bearer; it is no coincidence that Pederson chose to justify his patricide in terms of defense of women. Secondly, the subordination of all other moral principles to the survival of the white race.

Although most white people, myself included, have no problem with efforts to preserve our ethnic and material heritage and culture, I think most would accept the fact that the value of our people is largely dependent upon whether we are good or not: there is nothing worth saving where there is no virtue.

Even Jehova, the God of the Jews, made it clear to his people that if they repeatedly broke the covenant and continued to engage in all forms of evil, He would abandon them.

Therefore, white people who want to preserve their people should start with themselves, and follow the principle from which the Law is derived:

The Golden Rule

David Pederson and Holly Grigsby violated that precept most egregiously, and now they are lost.

Men Batter, Women "Use Force"

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I followed a link at Reddit the other day that led to a discussion about domestic violence, and came upon yet another sad example of double standards. In fact, this one is so blatant and so removed from reality that it raises the question of whether some of these feminist domestic violence activists are not merely ideologues, but outright liars.

Because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Michigan's public radio network decided to air a program called "Safe at Home," in which the hosts speak with various "experts" on the subject. Sadly, the experts clearly have more than just domestic violence prevention in mind, they have an ideological axe to grind:

> Larance explains that it is important to make the distinction between the ways men and women use violence in their relationships. Even the language is different. Men "batter", women "use force."
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> "The term 'batterer' is actually a gender specific term that refers to coercively controlling tactics…That power and control dynamic that really defines domestic violence is often not a power and control dynamic that women are able to access."
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> Some might argue that violence is violence—regardless of who throws the blow—and that changing the language around it minimizes the experience of male victims. However, Larance explains that women use physical force differently, often to take short-term control of a chaotic situation with their partner, rather than to maintain long-term power and control.
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> Research shows that women are more likely to take responsibility when a violent incident is first reported and less likely to identify as survivors of domestic violence if they have a history of abusive relationships. "They do so because they see themselves as very strong and it's important for them to believe in that sense of agency," Larance says.
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> The RENEW program provides support and advocacy for these women.

Read this closely, and it's apparent that Larance sees female domestic violence as, at least in part, a positive thing. It gives women "agency." They are "taking control of a chaotic situation."

And, of course, it's different because women are not "able to access" the "power and control dynamic," except in the "short term," which makes it OK.

If anyone still believes that feminists are dedicated to equality and domestic harmony, the above passage should clearly dispel that notion. In fact, the implication is that women who beat the crap out of their partners should expect "support and advocacy" — hardly an egalitarian sentiment.

Men who strike out, on the other hand, will naturally be treated as criminals. This is clearly the intent of the language distinction: Men are "batterers" because battery is always a crime. Women "use force" because use of force can be justified. It's such a transparent attempt to manipulate language to favor violent women that even a child could see through it, but the feminists shamelessly persist.

Given the disaster domestic law has become, it's high time we reevaluate the programs in place to alleviate domestic violence, particularly when some of them actually *condone* what they claim to be opposing.

If police are forced to take a zero-tolerance approach to domestic violence, often disregarding the circumstances, then we should expect a similar standard from those who work with the courts and social services, because otherwise taxpayers are funding two groups that are working against each other. It is not only inefficient when government encourages the same crime it prosecutes; it is unconscionable.

Private Investigator Under Investigation for Setting Up Men to Help Wives in Divorce Cases

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In the latest bit of news highlighting the disgusting nature of American family law, Christopher Butler, a Californian PI, has come under investigation for using honey traps and DUI setups to give wives the edge in custody disputes. Setups are very common in divorce, and are usually aimed at guileless husbands. Manufacturing domestic violence "incidents" is very common, and quite easy when emotions run high. I've spoken with men who have noticed strangers staking out their houses when their wives came over, and I've personally been subject to provocation while being taped by third parties (it didn't work). People get dirty in divorce.

However, in most cases setups are carried out by the individuals involved (and often their friends and family). Where this story is different is that a man was running a business and making good money by setting men up during divorces. Although it sounds shocking, I find it difficult to believe that this is an isolated case. Evidently, Mr. Butler would hire attractive women to ply men with drinks and then encourage them to drive somewhere, upon which he would tip off the police and have the men arrested for DUI.

Butler worked not only with the women, but their attorneys as well. His services proved effective in giving wives the advantages they sought in custody cases, which is where the real money comes into play:

> Reporting from Martinez, Calif.— David Dutcher met Sharon on Match.com in late 2008, a few months after separating from his wife. "We had a lot in common," he recalled. Sharon loved four-wheel-drive trucks and sports.
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> They met for coffee, then dinner. Sharon was tall, slender, blond and beautiful. She moaned that she had not had sex in a long time. She told him he had large, strong hands and wondered if that portended other things. She described his kisses as "yummy."
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> On their second date, Sharon suggested they join one of her friends "who was partying because she had closed a real estate deal," Dutcher said. They drove to an Italian restaurant in a suburb near San Francisco. Sharon's friend, "Tash," was a loud and raucous brunet who was pounding down shots.
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> [...]
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> Sharon had trouble finishing her tequila shots and asked Dutcher to help, he said. When the women went to the bathroom, two men at the other end of the bar peppered Dutcher with questions.
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> "Are you a celebrity?" they wanted to know.
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> The women suggested going to a house with a hot tub that Tash was housesitting, Dutcher said. He followed them in his truck. Within a few minutes, a flashing red light appeared in his rearview mirror. The officer said he had been swerving.
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> Three months later, Dutcher's wife filed a motion in their divorce case, telling the court that her soon-to-be former husband had been arrested on suspicion of drunk driving and that she feared for their children's safety. The judge ordered that Dutcher's visits be supervised.

Yes, it is that easy for a man to lose normal access to his children. One mistake during a night out and he will be ordered to have "supervised custody," which means the children are not allowed to be alone with their father, who is judged too dangerous to be around his own children.

Fortunately, a man who had previously worked for Butler cried foul and an investigation was opened. The FBI got involved, and it emerged that some cops had been taking bribes to arrest the hapless husbands. The women Butler

hired were often prostitutes, so the cops may have been receiving sexual services as well.

Butler was flying high — even Dr. Phil promoted him:

> In May, the FBI took over the probe, interviewing Dutcher and other ex-husbands arrested on suspicion of drunk driving. A federal grand jury indicted Butler and two of the officers in August and September. The charges included drug dealing, running a prostitution business and illegal possession of a weapon.
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> More indictments are expected. A third officer, implicated by Butler in the DUIs, faces state charges of accepting bribes to make arrests.
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> Stunned prosecutors combed through pending criminal cases and eventually dismissed charges in at least 20 DUI and vice crimes, tainted by the involvement of the accused officers. Two of them had once worked with Butler on the police force of the East Bay city of Antioch.
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> Butler also apparently hoodwinked reporters. His agency received national attention for employing gumshoe "housewives" who juggled soccer games with undercover spying. People magazine and Dr. Phil did stories. An East Bay magazine reporter who went on a ride-along with Butler later discovered that everything he had witnessed had been staged.

It would be hard to imagine a sleazier line of work than separating children from their fathers, but amazingly, in today's America one can actually be celebrated for such efforts.

As the evidence is collected in the Butler case, hopefully people will become aware of the deep sickness that has come to characterize American family law.

Technical Issues

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Something has been crashing the server from time to time recently. Traffic has increased recently, so that might be it, but it doesn't seem to have increased *that much*, so I suspect something's amiss in the code — probably a plugin.

In the meanwhile, I'm testing the plugins and other software to see what's causing these memory usage spikes, so if you notice some features changing that's all that's going on.

Risky "Sexual Marketplace": Beware Loathsome STDs

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Wake Up to Risk:
The Sexual Revolution has Badly Fouled its Nest
by Davd, 2011

To invent a name, let's call her Linda. She's at least half smart, lively, and [as the name Linda implies] good-looking. You and she meet at a public event of some kind, and discover two or three common interests. There is an ambiguous ring on her third finger, left hand, which might or might not indicate that she's married. Accordingly, though you're single and she's attractive, you're merely friendly.

Not so Wally: He is what the Latinos call *mujerigo* and the Anglos of the 1980s called a lounge lizard. He doesn't care if she's married, he does care that she's good-looking; and so he invites her out that very evening, while you go home to cover the tomato and cucumber plants against a risk of frost.

Three weeks later, you and Linda are in a task group together, working on one of those common interests; and you find out she's widowed. You meet for lunch, and you ask what came of her date[s] with Wally.

"It was a fun weekend but I knew there was no future in it," she replies. "*Does that mean you need some STD tests in another five months?*" you ask. It isn't the most endearing thing to say-far from it-but it is the most practical. If she had repeated intercourse with a man you estimate to have had 200-500 'partners' in his 20 sexually active years, then to rush into a similar intimacy amounts to nonviolent Russian roulette.* There's no point in pursuing "courtship" until after those STD tests, unless and until you're convinced she either did not become intimate with Wally, or that condoms were rigorously employed if she did… and that what she and Wally "did" was of such nature that condoms constituted adequate prophylaxis.

"It was a fun weekend", since 1980 or earlier, implies intercourse. "But I knew there was no future in it," implies availability. The "epidemiological risk environment" of the 21st Century, implies danger.

My point is not to complain; rather to warn: I've been sexually abstinent for eight years now and i will quite likely remain abstinent for life: I'm not in the game Linda and Wally were playing; and while at my age that's an easier choice, one powerful motivation for abstinence is that it's a far more dangerous game than it was in 1970.

The STD risks that four decades of "the Sexual Revolution" have generated, add up to substantial reason to be monogamous or abstinent. During the same two generations that civil "marriage" has become more of a trap and far less of a promise, promiscuity has become dangerous not just for "pregnancy extortion", but also for risk of ugly, painful, often deadly disease.

If that "fun weekend" was indeed 'sexually active', it has spoiled Linda's legitimate chances for a more-than-fun relationship until she's sat out six months and "passed the tests"-unless, of course, Linda's lifestyle resembles Wally's and she was "dangerous fun" before tangling with him. (In that case she had little or nothing to spoil-and she's still unsafe for sexy-dating unless and until she waits out the months and passes the tests. There are more tests to pass today than there were in 1970, too.)

AIDS, Hepatitis, Herpes, HPV-and even gonorrhea and syphilis, which naughty Aunt Laura told you penicillin would cure-are dividing us into the prudes and the promiscuous. The middle ground is turning to quicksand. The "Venereal Diseases" of 1970, which penicillin could cure back then, have evolved into the "STD"s of 2010, which are resistant to penicillin and which include the carcinogenic "HPV" and an especially insidious viral disease, AIDS, whose existence hadn't even been documented in 1970.

In 1965-75, it may have seemed to many young adults-and even some "experts"-that STD risk was comparable to the risk of catching the 'flu or a mere common cold. Penicillin was standard treatment for syphilis and gonorrhea and usually it worked. Herpes was an annoyance, and not that common; hepatitis and HPV were very rare; HIV was

not even known to exist.

“Liberal” sexual habits formed on the basis of what was known then were minimally dangerous then; today they are quite dangerous: It turns out that the sexually “free”, are not and were not free from the processes of epidemiology, and their fun spread STD germs-including drug-resistant strains-raised STD infection rates, and decreased the treatability of those STDs.

The dangers of the “Sexual Market Place” are not all emotional and financial-and they are much greater than they were when sexual “liberation” began-directly because of all that “liberated sex”. “Prudish” attitudes and habits that were ridiculed on the basis of what was known then are wisely prudent now. Devout religious people who held to the old wisdom of faith rather than trust in the medical treatments of the time, have some cause to say that their old wisdom is more trustworthy than the medical assurances. More precisely, the medical assurances turned out to be quite transitory-the treatments mostly worked then, but not now. Monogamy and abstinence still work.

Most revolutions last months or years rather than decades; and the “sexual revolution” was already longer than most political revolutions by 1990. Most revolutions end-up more like they began than like “the height of them”, and the “sexual revolution” – we may hope – is doing the same. To continue the promiscuity of the peak years, will entail a lot more misery and early death.

It’s much more than a mere shame, that Feminism has done monogamy so much damage. There are public health reasons as well as fairness reasons, why the law should support lifetime marriage promises and discourage divorce and adultery.

And those men who “shop in the sexual marketplace” need to keep in mind, that whether they think goods or services are on offer, an unknown percentage-a much higher percentage than two generations ago or even one-are infected with dangerous, loathsome diseases. Becoming infected yourself will *not* make you a better nor a happier man.

* Russian roulette really existed: During World War II and perhaps earlier, Soviet-Russian soldiers would put one live round in a 6- or 8-chamber revolver, spin the drum, point the muzzle at their heads just above the ear, and pull the trigger. Allied troops who saw this done were flabbergasted.

How the Female Sentencing Discount Works

Elusive Wapiti · 23 October 2011 · Archived copy · Original

Is starts just like this…with loaded, presumptive language that casts females as weak victims-in-waiting and men as perps:

> A cashier at a McDonald's on West Fourth Street in Manhattan was captured on video savagely beating two female customers with a metal rod on Oct. 13, 2011.
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> NEW YORK (CBSNewYork/AP) – A McDonald's cashier jailed for beating two irate customers with a metal rod says he was only trying to defend himself.
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> Rayon McIntosh was arrested Oct. 13 after a wild fight inside a McDonald's in the Greenwich Village neighborhood in Manhattan. Video recorded by a customer showed two furious women vaulting a counter to attack McIntosh after some sort of dispute. McIntosh grabbed a metal bar and fought back with savage force, continuing to deliver crushing blows even after the women were incapacitated on the floor. McIntosh, 31, was arrested and charged with two counts of felony assault and criminal possession of a weapon while the two women were charged with menacing,
> disorderly conduct and trespassing.

Note the tone and diction of the headline and first line of the story. "Cashier who beat customers claims self defense" and "Cashier…savagely beat…two female customers with a metal rod". If you didn't read any further you might conclude that this fellow started whaling on two (don't forget female…ergo the beat-down was extra-special bad) customers for no reason whatsoever, and is cravenly using the legal refuge of the violent scoundrel: the claim of self-defense.

Only those who bother to read further discover that these two female customers initiated the entire episode by *vaulting over the counter* and *attacking* a McDonald's cashier, after which he proceeded to strike them with a metal rod. Even then the loaded language continued: "grabbed a metal bar and fought back with savage force", "deliver crushing blows", etc.

Now perhaps I'm reading into this a little bit, but it sure seems as though the article, the way it is worded, goes out of its way to paint the cashier as the aggressor and the two women as victims, despite their aggressive and threatening behavior (key mitigating facts we do not discover until later).

Now I'll grant you that one's right to self-defense stops as soon as your assailants lack the ability to continue the attack, and this fellow apparently, allegedly, kept whacking away after his two attackers fell to the ground, but as a commenter to the article pointed out, that legal precept has been shown to be a bit flexible as there are many cases where police officers continue to use force after the subject is down *cough* Rodney King *cough*, are not effectively resisting, and are let off the hook. Perhaps his actions–allegedly continuing to swing away–after they allegedly fell to the floor and posed no further threat, explains the disparity in charges.

As for me, despite this fellow's prior criminal record which at this moment appears to have no bearing on the present case, these two females had it coming to them. If more hood rats of either sex had their offers of violence matched with equal and/or greater violence, I daresay there would be less of it, for they would suffer the consequences of their breaches of the peace.

It is also interesting to consider how the pass our society grants to female violence only leads them inexorably to greater violence…and this time their violence was met with equal violence by a male mentally and physically prepared to dispense it.

Last, I hope this case goes to a jury trial. For if the comments to this article are representative of the attitude of McIntosh's peers, he'll walk.

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Life in the NKVD

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Feeling a bit lethargic over the last couple days from fasting (hunger does not incline one to prodigious output), I took a little break from writing and focused instead on reading. After finishing up a book on Captain Richard Burton, a famous linguist, spy and adventurer who worked for the British Empire in the 19th century, I found an odd little paperback titled *I Was an NKVD Agent* (Anatoli Granovsky), and read it in a night.

Although I can't corroborate the man's story, it was a fascinating book published in the early 60s, about 15 years after Granovsky defected to Sweden. In it, Granovsky tells the story of his life as a child and young man in the most oppressive and chaotic era of Soviet history — the great purge of the 30s and WWII.

After his father, a high-ranking bureaucrat, was liquidated in the 1930s, Granovsky tried in frustration to reason with the NKVD, eventually earning himself an extended stay in Lubyanka prison, known to Russians as "the tallest building in Moscow… one can see Siberia from its basement."

Finally, after making an appeal to NKVD head honcho Lavrentiy Beria, a cruel, tyrannical Georgian who presided over mass murder and appalling massacres, notably the Katyn massacre of the Polish elite in 1940, Granovsky was recruited as an NKVD agent to spy on his former elite friends, with whom he had spent his childhood before his family's fall from power.

The NKVD, later to become the KGB, was the Soviet Union's secret police, and was the domestic arm of state control. Due to Stalin's enormous paranoia and lust for power, the NKVD grew into a monstrously powerful organization that permeated every niche of Soviet society. The chekists, as NKVD agents were known, had enormous power and privilege, which they ostensibly used to further the goals of Communism, but also to enrich and enjoy themselves in various manners according to their tastes.

What I found most interesting about the book was the picture it gave of the life of a chekist, and of the organization as a whole. Although it's fairly well-known that brutality and lack of concern for human life characterized the Soviet secret police, I hadn't been aware that the organization was comprised largely of very young men (and some women). Granovsky himself began his career as an agent in his late teens, and ended it in his mid 20s. In some ways, the NKVD resembled a Los Angeles street gang more than a Western-style bureaucracy. Rule of law was essentially nonexistent, and authority rested upon one's ability to liquidate opponents. True friendship and comradery existed to some extent, but ultimately a fatalistic attitude toward all tender human emotions prevailed, and one's ability to get by, indeed, to *survive*, often depended upon a man's willingness to betray, abandon, and sometimes even destroy, those he cared about.

If the book is an accurate account of a chekist's life, and I have no reason to believe it isn't, there was no matriarchy in the Soviet Union. Feminism played no part in Soviet power politics, and it appears that nobody took it seriously in any event. Women may have had it a little better than men, but this was only because of the unchecked brutality with which men treated each other; where men were ruthlessly beaten and then murdered, women were simply raped or forced into sexual service. And rape was exceedingly common, often used as a tactic to humiliate husbands or intimidate them into confessions. In one anecdote Granovsky relates, a prisoner was forced to watch his pregnant wife beaten until she lost the baby, all while agents were screaming at him to confess.

WWII occupies the latter half of the book, and the picture the author gives us of the Great Patriotic War is one of chaos, deprivation, and barbarism of the highest degree — on both sides. Rather than a front that rolled along neatly to the war's conclusion as in Western Europe, the Soviet march to victory was marked by messy conflagrations that continued for some time after Germany's surrender. Breslau, the site of a prolonged siege lasting months until the city finally surrendered, was evidently defended largely by Soviet POWs who fought the Red Army to the last man, fully aware of what fate awaited those who allowed themselves to be taken prisoner by the enemy. Eastern European nationalists continued to engage in attacks on the Russian rear, which continued for

several years after the war.

All in all, it was a good read, and I'd recommend the book to those interested in the history of Communism and the Soviet Union. Although not a comprehensive history by any means, it is a compelling story and lends some insight into Soviet society.

What I took away from the book is that in societies where men do not respect or value each other, everyone suffers. A lack of respect for men's human rights – for their very *humanity* – does not result in a better society for women or children. Quite the opposite, in fact. Feminists, who would improve women's condition by degrading men's, are doing their sisters a grave disservice. Although men, as always, will bear the brunt of the abuses, women eventually pay a terrible price as well.

Misandry for Profit: Why so much TV was gynocentric

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There's a powerful, subtle irony when some Feminists attack capitalism. Capitalist funding [and through funding, substantial control] of television, was one of the major 20th Century supporters of feminism and female supremacism, if in a very backhanded way. The first widespread misandric themes in 20th Century mass media were—as best one can estimate—framed, choreographed and broadcast to pander to women's control over—shopping.

Capitalism tends to have a narrow social focus: It pays too much attention to the money and too little to the "side effects".

As television became widespread, programming was soon guided by the Profit Motive: The programs that were broadcast were those that advertisers would pay the most to broadcast. There were some social-policy restrictions, such as "no pornography where and when children might watch", "don't insult people's race or religion"; and some imprecise limitations on violence. These restrictions probably caused more "domestic situation comedy" programs to be shown than would have "aired" without them.

Advertisers pay for television—as they pay for any advertising medium—because they expect to get more profit from increased sales, than they pay out. Most of them aim the advertisements, and choose the programs with which to broadcast them, with shoppers in mind. Excellent television content that does not appeal to shoppers, is a "bad bet" for most advertisers.

"Domestic situation comedies" were perhaps the commonest type of programming. They were mostly free of taboo erotica; they were nominally pro-family, but they were not very respectful of husbands. Why not?—because of the money. As regular comment-poster "Rebel" wrote, T.V. will continue to cater to women unless men start outspending women.

Men shop less than women and have done as long as i've been alive. The TV programming aimed at men—sports, especially—tended to be sponsored by the likes of shaving products and beers. There's a lot less money spent on shaving products and beer, than on all the things women buy, especially food, household supplies, and women's clothing. (Ever go through the print advertisements in "content-analysis mode", counting up the amount of space given to women's *vs.* men's clothing?)

After World War II, as television was becoming common, came the "Baby Boom". Prosperity enabled men to support nuclear families without their wives having to earn money. Housewives became the chief shoppers and television programming catered to them—because they were the ones who spent the most money.

As a student or junior professor in the 1960s or '70s—i no longer remember just when—i first met the phrase "The Jackass Formula", a scripting type in which husbands were portrayed as bumbling fools and wives as smarter and wiser. It became the conventional structure of "domestic situation comedies", and the obvious reason why television programming followed it, was that the advertisers wanted to please the main household spenders—who were wives.

Since "The Simpsons" is better known to most readers than the television programming of decades past, i'll quote a passage i read recently about that program:

'The Simpsons' follows the middle-class, Springfield-dwelling Simpson family. Homer Simpson is the caring but moronic head of the household, who works at the Springfield nuclear power plant for maniacal Springfield billionaire Montgomery Burns. His wife Marge puts up with his constant hair-brained ploys which have taken the family around the world and in contact with celebrities, famous athletes, and even presidents of the United States. Lisa is a know-it-all who's dream is to become the first woman president and save the world of all its evils. Unlike his idealistic sister, Bart is a troublemaker at Springfield Elementary, always avoiding the bullies with his best

friend Milhouse. Maggie is the youngest Simpson, always sucking on her pacifier, and who regularly seems to be forgotten by her family which gives her time to explore and cause her own mischief.

[http://www.chacha.com/topic/the-simpsons; accessed 14 October 2011]

Fair characterization of men *vis-a-vis* women? *Not at all*. It might be just silly fun satire, if there were as many programs showing men as wiser and smarter, and women as silly-goofy—but are there?

The sponsors—the marketers and retailers of commercial goods and later, services—were not keen to alienate The Shopper. Most of those silly and goofy women *shopped*. And so, the frailties of men, especially American men, were much more emphasized on the TV screen than were those of women. The "media image", and especially the television image, of the average man, was inferior to that of the average woman—because men didn't shop much, while women spent most of the discretionary income their husbands earned.

Because television was paid-for by advertising, it was consumer-"driven". Because women shopped more than men, the TV producers and advertising agencies that determined what would be shown, catered to women—including presenting a biased picture of the genders and their relative competence. Men were seldom portrayed as evil, but often as inept. Women were seldom portrayed as inept, often as superior to their menfolk, and as far as i recall, never was an American [or Canadian] woman portrayed as evil.

This was the imagery of regular men-in-general and women-in-general that the first TV generation of children "grew up on". The advertisers did not promote careerism to women*; their interest was in getting money from those women as shoppers. But they did promote a self-image to women of competence and superiority; while to men, they promoted a self-image of relative ineptitude and error-prone-ness—and being much more often, the butt of the jokes. They didn't likely believe what they broadcast about men (a majority of advertising and TV executives *were* men) but because women shopped, women held power over the broadcasting industry via their buying decisions, and the programming pandered to their egos.

The kind of power women held, the "power of the purse," is most easily influenced by catering to the purse-holder, and not at all easily influenced by rational criticism of that person. Putting the funding of television in the hands of advertising agencies and advertisers, whose goals were money (which money was spent by millions of individual women, much of it on mundane things like laundry soap and coffee), led to a mundane woman-pleasing style of programming. It led to what Feminists later called "gynocentric values" receiving priority over men's values and perspectives.

The first TV generation of children soaked up those implicit, contextual, gynocentric messages. To the extent that parents chaperoned their children's television viewing, nearly all treated "situation comedies" as innocent fare, and were likely to censor the usual, traditionally-not-for-children "sex and violence". (There were more masculine themes, especially Disney's Davy Crockett series and "Westerns", of which "the Lone Ranger" was perhaps the most prominent.** However, masculine themed programs were often set in the past [or "Outer Space"], most domestic situation comedies, in the present.)

Television taught the generation that reached adult age between 1960 and 1985 consumerism, self-indulgence, and a gynocentric mindset that included female superiority. They were taught by example, much as the storytellers taught before even radio existed. But the storytellers were usually wiser, more disciplined, more answerable-to and representative of community wisdom as well as their own, than dependence on shopping decisions, made television.

Storytelling is effective: How many hours did you spend in school and how many listening to real live storytellers? How much of value did you learn, from each "medium of communication?" By simple arithmetic, my own experience tells me my time with storytellers was more efficient learning time than my time in compulsory-school classrooms.

It's high time the men's movement took up storytelling and setting examples for boys.

One simple way to work at this, could be to restore the Boy Scouts [which are in trouble in Canada today because

of some “bad apples”] to what i remember when i was one. We did the old-fashioned Scout things: Hiking, camping, fishing, learning outdoor skills. I never got past First Class, partly because i entered late, but i do well remember our Scoutmaster, a university student and a fine example of young manhood, taking us camping in the winter as well as the warmer seasons. I remember campfire storytelling—about as good as my grandfather’s storytelling, which means mighty-good—and learning to work with other boys, to recognize that each of us had his own distinctive strengths to contribute, and to organize ourselves accordingly.

I never got that from television. It was in that Scout troop (and from my grandfather) that i learned the “Jackass formula” was cheap biased thinking, or as a fellow student later said at university, “whoring after money with their pants on”.

When Feminism bankrupts the government, or however post-Feminist governance comes into being, part of our reforms should restore to good grandfathers and Scouters, the honour they deserve.

Notes:

* One popular situation-comedy, “Private Secretary”, did have an office setting—but it too, followed the usual formula and portrayed boss Peter Sands as less competent than his secretary [whose name i recall as “Susie”, and who was played by Ann Sothern].

** . The Lone Ranger” was sponsored by Cheerios, a relatively nutritious breakfast cereal and a product abouut which children could influence even their mothers.

False Rape Accusation, Murder Coverup Suspected in Sailor's Death

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Kyle Antonacci, a Navy sailor who was helping clear another sailor of a conviction for raping a female marine, was found dead last year, supposedly in a self-inflicted hanging. However, he was reportedly injured in other manners inconsistent with a hanging, and questions about what really happened have emerged. The medical examiner found that he had a broken nose and facial contusions, as well as cuts on his hands, and wrote: "I was not 100 percent convinced this was a self-inflicted hanging."

When the fellow sailor was initially charged, Antonacci offered evidence that seemed at first to support the prosecution, and his friend Mike Pineda was duly convicted and given a dishonorable discharge. But when Antonacci revealed the full story, Navy investigators started to suspect that the female marine may have been lying, and he offered to help them clear Pineda by secretly taping conversations with the woman who had made the accusation.

When it emerged that Antonacci was supporting Pineda, the woman's marine corps friends began to threaten him, carving an X on his door and menacing him with a knife. Despite the threats, Antonacci continued to support the investigation, calling the woman to gather evidence. Two hours after the last call he made to her, he was found dead.

When the Navy first contacted his parents to let them know about the death, they told conflicting stories. First, it was a car crash, then an aneurysm. When his parents saw the corpse, they said it "looked like he was tortured." Post mortem photographs mysteriously disappeared and when, months later, they had the body exhumed and paid for another autopsy, it was discovered that his hyoid bone, which could have provided crucial evidence pertaining to whether he was hanged or not, was missing.

Although at this point suicide can't be conclusively ruled out, murder as revenge for rape (or false rape accusations), is not rare. A significant number of young men who are murdered are killed due to a rape accusation. Due to the enormous emotional power of a rape accusation, any man who finds himself so accused is in grave danger. In fact, false rape accusations are often attempts by angry women to commit murder by proxy, as in the biblical story of Potiphar's wife, and many other examples from classical literature. Therefore, there is a distinct possibility, especially given the post mortem evidence, that Antonacci was murdered by men attempting to avenge one of "their women."

This incident further details problems with integrating women in the military. When young men and women are together in intimate settings, such as the military, sexual drama inevitably occurs, and sometimes this can have very messy outcomes. Feminists, in their typically simplistic approach to problems, will say "the solution is for men to stop raping women," but that is to ignore the fact that human sexuality is a powerful force that is often accompanied by extremes of emotion, both positive and negative. To foster an environment that encourages this instability in the military is not only unwise, but reckless, and displays a lack of concern for troops and effectiveness as well. One would hope that our leaders – both military and civilian – could have the courage to stand up to those advocating trendy policy based on puerile notions of "how the world ought to be," but that hope would most likely be in vain.

Ruminations from Seat 22D

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By Lyn87

Airports are great places to watch people. A few decades ago commercial air travel was the province of the wealthy and the social customs of the upper classes generally applied. That is no longer the case: the culture is coarsening and the TSA has made getting to the gate so abominable that dressing for the occasion just means you have more things to strip off and put back on in the "Security" area. Of course most airline seats are built for the small-of-frame rather than the typical obese Western traveler, but that's the free market at work, so I won't complain about being squashed by fat seat-mates here.

I recently took a long trip for work and spent a lot of hours in the air. One of my fellow passengers really stood out in my mind: a 20-something lass a few rows ahead of me. She is a natural-born beauty in that "launch a thousand ships" kind of way – slim, near-perfect symmetrical features, piercing blue eyes, and a shapely body. She is, simply, stunning. But there's more to this story than a retired soldier admiring an exquisite example of female flesh young enough to be my daughter.

It was actually her tattoo that first caught my attention.

She was wearing a low-slung top that revealed a HUGE eagle inked across her chest and extending down under the front of her shirt. And then I noticed her hair – what little there was of it. I've always kept my hair short, even by military standards, and her hair was shorter than mine. Few things de-feminize a woman more than buzzing off her hair, which is why it is considered to be shameful in many societies. She was wearing ratty, ripped jeans and far too much costume jewelry. And then I noticed the piercings. As I stood six inches behind her for several minutes waiting to de-plane I counted seven, and that was just what was visible. I wondered what else she had done to herself. A tramp-stamp is a given, but who knows what other "body art" was hidden out of my view.

She immediately reminded me of a punk-rocker chick I went on a blind date with in the 1980's: a young woman with a fabulous body with too many holes in her head, deliberately raggedy clothes, and her hair arranged like an angry orange porcupine. She was actually pretty nice, but men like me, the kind of man women say they want – responsible, courteous, masculine, respectable, upwardly mobile – avoided women like her even as long-term girlfriends, let alone wives.

Over the years I've learned that people are not always what they seem at first, but if a person goes to great lengths to project a certain persona, especially in a way designed to attract attention, it says something about him/her. I asked myself what would cause the stunningly-beautiful young woman on my flight – at the height of her Sexual Market Value – to do that to herself? Women dress for us, so what does she intend for us to infer? I'm easy? I'm rebellious? I can drink you under the table?

I can think of no message that her chosen facade would convey that would be in her long-term interest. In a few years after her looks fade she is likely to be just another tatted-up skank wondering where the good men are.

It didn't have to be this way. In a different social environment a woman like her would have learned to be (gasp!) feminine. She would have observed the older women in her surroundings and absorbed benevolent patriarchy in the air she grew up breathing. With her beauty she could have married above her economic station and lived a comfortable life. We can't know if she would have been happy, but she almost certainly would have had stability, security and comfort. But she doesn't live in that society; she lives in a "Slut Walk" society, thanks to feminism. When she chose the "Suicide Girl" look nobody stopped her. Now she has mutilated herself with enough ink and metal trinkets to repel the kind of man most likely to give her the life she wants, because no matter what she does to the outside of her body, she will eventually want what women have always wanted on the inside – stability, security and comfort.

The fruits of feminism: what a waste.

On Becoming a "Deadbeat Dad"

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It's fairly taboo for guys to open up about how they end up in child support arrears, because so many of us still harbor old-fashioned ideas about our duty to provide for our family, whether it's possible or not. In fact, it's a huge source of shame for a lot of men, and there isn't much in the way of pity out there, so the stories aren't often told.

Well, I figure I ought to break the ice in this regard, as I am currently in arrears, and let people – young men in particular – know how it can happen.

I've never been a high earner, nor have I ever been very ambitious about making money, although I've worked for the overwhelming majority of my adult life and can't really imagine not working in some capacity or another. I'm sure my lack of financial motivation had something to do with the breakdown of my marriage (although, actually, it was probably psychologically more of a problem for me than my ex), but before being divorced I wasn't aware that it was a potential crime.

As is often the case, separation and divorce were a shock to me. I saw it coming out of the corner of my eye, and was resigned to it in a way, but like the typical man I was in deep denial and avoidance. When my ex finally ran off to begin her affair with the then-married man she now lives with in British Columbia together with my children, I was pretty much left prostrate. It turns out the event had been planned, and her mother was involved. Unfortunately, I had fostered a friendship between my boss and my ex-wife's family after obtaining a job for my ex's sister, and my ex mother in law used this relationship to my ex's advantage, essentially cutting me off from employment at exactly the point my ex left me. She would later tell my own mother that she felt justified in this tactic, because "it was war." Of course, for me it was more like Pearl Harbor, where you don't know it's war until the bombs are falling right on top of you, but people have all sorts of justifications for whatever they do.

So, I found myself unemployed in the middle of the worst recession since the 1930s, with limited means, and alone facing a hostile wife, my children having been seized by her parents. Shortly after I filed for divorce to obtain a visitation schedule so I could see my children on some legal terms, I was falsely accused of making death threats while armed and had tactical officers approach my house with AR-15s. Mercifully, my ex recanted her lies under police questioning and the officers withdrew before I was shot to pieces in one of those humdrum "domestic disturbance" incidents, but my elderly neighbor nearly had a heart attack from fright and I learned that men armed with automatic rifles had questioned my neighbors about me in the meanwhile, which was humiliating to say the least.

Obviously, this was going to be an expensive divorce, and quite frankly I didn't have the money to last long. After my attorney exhausted my retainer within a few months, I was on my own, and I was outclassed. After first admitting that I had never laid a hand on her in anger, my ex, under the guidance of her mother's lesbian, feminist friends, started claiming abuse. There being no evidence, no corroboration and no arrests, the judge ignored her (this is a pro forma accusation in custody disputes), but I was totally demoralized. About six months after the separation, under the strain of being broke, under accusations from my ex, with a touch of PTSD from the SWAT incident and taking care of two toddlers alone much of the time, I started having severe anxiety attacks. It got to the point where I had episodes of dissociation — all of the sudden I'd feel as though nothing around me was real. I'd hold onto the nearest branch, rail or whatever was convenient just to ground myself in reality. I was a mess, but somehow I persevered and maintained some semblance of functionality. I don't know how I pulled it off, and this is one of the times I've managed to surprise myself, but I was a pretty responsible and competent parent throughout all this, taking care of my children while their mother worked.

During this time, my ex's attorney started working me, and I did my best pro se, but I had no idea about court schedules, rules, deadlines, etc. It was all a mystery to me, and I didn't have the time in any event. Nevertheless, I managed to present some facade of resistance, so my ex decided to administer a killing blow. What she did was call CPS (child protective services) on me and accuse me of assaulting my son. She did this exactly as I was undergoing

an evaluation by the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), in what was a calculated move to deep-six me prior to the trial, which was scheduled for a couple months down the line. Like her earlier attempt to have me arrested, the call had little immediate effect — the CPS agent checked my son and talked to him, interviewed me and determined the report "unfounded." I breathed a sigh of relief, but of course I was even more stressed and demoralized than ever. Then, unbelievably, she called CPS again two weeks later, this time accusing me of assaulting my then two-year-old daughter. Again, I had to deal with CPS, and this time they said that, since my daughter was only two, they would be referring the case to the police. I called my former attorney, who told me to relax, but I couldn't. And of course, I didn't have the money to pay him, so he did little besides try to reassure me. Fortunately, once again the CPS agent declared the report unfounded, and the police declined the case, but the damage was done. The CASA worker – a grad school volunteer – decided to err on the side of caution, and before the CPS agent finished the investigation (she had a deadline) recommended I attend a domestic violence course for six months (typically reserved for convicted offenders) which would cost me thousands of dollars, and have supervised visitation of my children until its completion, which meant that I wouldn't see them for all that time in any event, since I had no family to stay with me at the time.

I was shattered, broken, beaten down. An attorney friend suggested I go to trial pro se, since I couldn't get a worse deal either way, and he was probably right, but I simply couldn't handle it — I was spent. About this time my ex's attorney approached me with what looked like a reasonable parenting plan with decent time with the kids and a minimal amount of conditions. I would have to attend a ten-hour parenting class (so would my ex) and sixteen hours of anger management, and there would be no supervised visitation following the parenting class. There was only one catch — I would be imputed with income I didn't have and pay more child support than I could afford. Thinking of the alternative, which could mean six months of an expensive domestic violence program that would mark me as admitting guilt for something I never did and possibly compromise my parenting time permanently, I signed. After all was said and done, in one of the strangest and most unexpected incidents of the entire affair, my ex's attorney actually called and offered something like an apology — she said, in a roundabout way, that the CPS and police calls weren't her idea. I really have no idea what prompted this, but I can only imagine my former attorney must have said something to her about playing dirty.

Of course, being broke and unemployed, it didn't take long for arrears to start to build, and it took me some time before I could start paying in full, by which time I was already months behind. My meager bank accounts were seized in the dead of night, I have been threatened by the child support agency, and my credit was reported to all national agencies. There's a hold on passport renewal with the State Department, my tax returns are subject to seizure, and I could be jailed or have my licenses seized at any time. Given that I am also paying off student loans, becoming "current" will be a rather painful process. Although it's not a pleasant place to be, at least I know that I am merely one of millions in the same situation, and many have it a lot worse than I do.

Yes, it sounds like an awful mistake, but to me, the time with my kids was worth it. They can throw me in jail, make a pariah out of me, or proclaim me a worthless deadbeat to the entire world, but I am not in the least bit ashamed — my conscience is clear.

However, I still want young men to learn from my own travails. Never go into marriage or fatherhood without being fully aware of the risks they entail. Never look at a young, willing woman without a critical eye, and always be prepared for the worst. And, if you should ever find yourself in this position, don't lose faith or despair — they can take all your worldly possessions, your children, and even your freedom, but they can never make it right, and there are such things as honor and goodness in the world. Believe it, for yourself and your kids if for nobody else.

The Extemporaneous Narrative

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By Izzey

On occasion, I am asked to speak. I may know what I want to say, but have not a clue exactly how I will end up saying it. If I had it all written down first, I would probably say it with less emotion and stark articulation.

However, I am an emotional person that usually reacts to not only the subject at hand, but also the manner in which it is already being discussed. I don't think this is a bad trait to have; insomuch as an undisciplined one. I have a feel for people. I am a people watcher, and have been for years and years. I know when I am going to be uncomfortable in a room, simply by observing the body language around me.

I am usually very uncomfortable around women. So if you see me speaking to a woman, it is usually in a professional capacity, or a condescending one. I mean no harm by it, but I have 'a past' that gives me an insight that many other women just do not understand. At times, I catch myself 'dumbing down' to some women that are just plain clueless. It puts me in a precarious position. And I don't like myself much when I am doing it. It makes me want to give them a subliminal video reel of my life. Maybe then, they would understand some things. Maybe then, I would not have to speak at all.

This brings me to the issue of, and plights of; *men*. A topic I have been not only been ostracized for, but alienated by many women because of my passion connected to it. I have women in my family that no longer speak to me because I speak against 'them' simply because I advocate for men's rights.

My active vocal position on the rights of men, has pissed off a lot of women. I aim to please (couldn't help that one)…but would much rather enlighten.

The irony of all of this is, that I have not had many men as mentors in my family. There's just a whole bunch of women in it. Luck of the draw, which I had absolutely nothing to do with. And the funny thing about that statistic, is that the men that don't care for me on some websites seem to think I had something to do with my own personal genealogy….or early deaths of the men that came before me. My father passed away two years ago. My brother is currently ill. I lost the love of my life. I do not have many uncles, and my male cousins and half brothers (most of whom I have never met) live in other parts of the country. One cousin, was shot four times a couple of decades ago, survived, and now runs a program that helps over four hundred men 'get back on their feet'. If only his mother had lived to see it. She would be so proud. But his father has, and I know he is proud, as am I.

I have said it before, and I will say it again; I don't hate women. I just hate what they do to men. It is almost as simple as that. But behind its simplicity is a complex roller coaster of gender biased favoritism and prejudice. Women have outsmarted men. Feminism has influenced which way the wind blows when it comes to passing laws that give women the ultimate entitlement 'loopholes'. Do you know why? I do. And it's not pretty. As a matter of fact, it is almost prehistoric. Men still seek the approval of women. (Emotionally, physically, and politically) Men yearn for that validation that they are indeed men…through the women they think will punch that ticket for them. (Please see the clerk outside, and she will validate your parking for you)

I have voiced my views here many times with expletives that either grab you by the balls, or make you wish I did not speak at all. Either way, I have spoken my mind, and stand by my sometimes emotionally/grammatically flawed narrative…regardless.

But that does not mean I know it all. I still have much to learn. And the more I learn, the more I know I need to be here. I do pay attention. Now you need to make other women pay attention. Or you are doomed to stand in that very long line with so many others…. still waiting to get validated.

The unfortunate thing about that is…
There ain't no free parking in any woman's parking lot.

And they know it.

You know it.

Comment of the Week — “Breaking The Paradigm” in McDonald’s Incident

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Rocco reminded me of the comment of the week recently, so I thought I ought to make it a more regular feature, as comments are often good enough to be posts of their own. This week, because the comment ratings were down for testing for a few days, I have to do without the benefit of counting votes, but fortunately I found a comment by Keyster that offers a good analysis of the McDonald’s beating incident and meets the criteria:

By Keyster

If a man instigates a violent response from another man, “he had it coming”.

If a woman instigates a violent response from a man, he should have better controlled his emotions and galantly taken the abuse, you know “like a man”.

We have a society that wants to make it illegal for men to exploit their physical advantage to better control women, while allowing women to use any means possible to provoke a reaction. We’re biased against men because of their propensity to “do more damage”, which justifies allowing women to do whatever they want…because they’re weaker and incompetent at fighting (although we won’t admit this).

This young man at McDonalds, just trying to make it, was never conditioned socially (or through our education system) to treat a threat any differently just because it was coming from a woman or women. He had no “feminist prism” or filter to view it through. He was not about to suffer the chivalric mangina’s fool. He was all about equality of the sexes. He is a truly “organic” feminist!

It doesn’t matter who instigated the fight, if an “aggressive, violent and angry man” ends up winning (or controlling hysterical women through physical means), he’ll go down for it. He should have known better; that women aren’t held accountable for violence against men. When men do it to women it’s “a HORRIFIC crime”. When women do it to men, “he probably did something to upset her and therefore deserved it”.

Women have been given carte blanche to ridicule and abuse men without threat of any inkind physical response, and they know it and they use it. The young McDonald’s employee was heroically “breaking the paradigm”, created by our feminist society and chivalric legal system. Either that or he was simply not gonna let himself be “dissed by a coupla nasty lil hoes”.

Ryan Gosling Running with Girly Meme

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Ryan Gosling, aware of his popularity with female fans, has decided that androgyny suits him, declaring "I think like a girl" to The Independent:

> "I think like a girl, I think," he says, in answer to a question about growing up with his mother and sister (his parents had divorced). Having been bullied at school thanks to his early TV success, Gosling was home-schooled by his mother for a year, which meant an ever greater female presence in his life. "I was literally raised by my mother and my sister. And I just feel like I wouldn't know how to think any other way. My sister was my best friend and my hero growing up. Because I was home-schooled I didn't have a lot of friends and I did ballet, which was always just girls. All of that had an effect on my brain."
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> Though he insists he has "no free time" currently, when he does, he is often found at a Los Angeles ballet studio. "I practise whenever I can," he says, without a modicum of embarrassment.
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> Have myriad LA mums not spread the word as to exactly where Hollywood's latest heart-throb can be readily observed putting in his pliés? He seems not really to have considered the prospect.
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> "A lot of the students are young girls so they're there with their mums but they just kind of watch and tell me to keep it up. They try and be positive but I'm so bad. I don't even know what I like about it but it's like acting, I'm just compelled to do it and I do it to find out why. The not knowing is interesting."

Generally, effeminacy in men is popular with very young women and girls (e.g. boy bands, some pop stars), but it doesn't appeal as much to other demographics, so I'm not sure this is a good career move for an actor past the age of 30. That Gosling practices ballet is not necessarily an indication of anything, as the art is very physically demanding and probably a better means of keeping in shape than, say, yoga, but unfortunately it has less than manly connotations in our culture.

However, it may be that Gosling is actually being sincere here, and not simply trying to play to his fan base. That he ascribes his effeminacy to being raised by a single mother raises a very interesting question:

Is single motherhood and the lack of men around children causing boys to develop effeminate characteristics? Could it be that the lack of "manliness" that women often complain of is a direct result of feminist victories in the war against fathers?

I Gave GMP Permission to Re-post my Deadbeat Dad Piece

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After I posted the “Deadbeat Dad” story, a reader suggested to Lisa Hickey that she post these kinds of stories, and she agreed, then asked whether she could post the piece. Thinking that it could be of some benefit to other men out there who might not see it otherwise, I said “go ahead.” It went up shortly afterward.

I didn’t mention it immediately, because I didn’t relish the idea of a comment war, but I thought I ought to ask readers what they think of this. Of course, there have been some angry feminists denouncing GMP for running it, but otherwise no negative fallout.

As I see it, some stories simply must be told, and I’ll use even potentially unfriendly venues to do so. While we may object to a lot of what is posted in the Good Men Project, as so much of it is recycled material from the same paradigm that has put us men in the tough situation we find ourselves in today, it does seem to me that the main point of the site is publishing material that will attract an audience, and I can’t argue with that.

However, I still want to hear thoughts from readers, as it isn’t always easy to come up with answers concerning what to do with our content here, and how to best use it. So, feel free to let me know what you think.

A Unique Sacrificial Manner

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From a pop song not long ago:

> I wanna man by my side
> Not a boy who runs and hides
> Are you gonna fight for me?
> Die for me?
> Live and breathe for me?
> Do you care for me?
> 'Cause if you don't then just leave

A fairly common value in our society, particularly inside Christian circles but also without, is the expectation that men, the not-so-expendable expendable sex, are to be ready to risk their lives and sacrifice themselves for others around them, particularly for women and children, even if neither are related to them. So common is this value is that when men sacrifice themselves for others, say, by defending their families, intervening in a street brawl, or dashing into burning buildings to rescue complete strangers, actions such as these are so unremarkable as to maybe merit a brief mention in a news article or a nightly news broadcast. Conversely, the absence of this value is also noteworthy, as is when men elect to not intervene despite a stranger's (usually a woman's) cries for help.

But what about women? Is there not the expectation that they should sacrifice of themselves for others? Even their men? Sometimes not even their children?

Sadly, not much in this day and age.

Thus it is highly unusual to read of stories such as this:

> In July, a CT scan revealed that she had head and neck cancer.
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> Now she had to choose between her life and her baby's life. Phillips said she agonized only for a while before deciding against taking potentially lifesaving chemotherapy in hopes that she would soon hold a healthy baby in her arms.
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> Crimm collapsed at her home in Ryan and was rushed to OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City on Aug. 16. Doctors said that the invasive tumor had begun wrapping around the brain stem, slowly squeezing the life out of Crimm.
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> At noon [2 days later], the baby's heart rate plummeted. Then Crimm's heart stopped 90 minutes later. With "code blue" issued, doctors and nurses rushed to resuscitate her and decided it was best to take the 2-pound, 1-ounce baby, Dottie Mae, by C-section.
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> When his sister regained consciousness later that day, Phillips asked what she thought about possibly seeing Dottie. Crimm's eyes popped open and she raised her hands as if to ask where was her child. They placed the baby on her mother's chest. Mother and child gazed into each other's eyes for several minutes. She smiled at the baby who at last lay in her arms.
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> Stacie Crimm died three days later.

I suspect the usual response for those situated similarly to Ms. Crimm would be to sacrifice the baby in a last-ditch effort to save her own life. It would be easy, and few would have judge a woman poorly for it. But she didn't take this route; she consciously made the choice to save the life of her child in exchange for sealing her own (very imperiled) fate.

For this act, I commend Ms. Crimm. She displayed an uncommon selflessness and acted positively to assure the life of her child, even when doing so took a probable death and made it all but certain.

Yet I am also troubled by Ms. Crimm's action, not for the act itself, but in wondering why we do not hear of more incidents such as these. Is selflessness and self-sacrifice a virtue largely limited to the male sex? Why do we not hear of more women making exchanges such as these, let alone risking their lives to save strangers, or even their own husbands? Is it hypocritical to demand the ultimate sacrifice from another for one's own benefit, while demurring when the same sort of cup passes by your own lips?

This brings me to my final point, and that is to exhort my fellow men to eschew relationships with unrepentant abortionettes. Let's set aside for a moment issues of suitability for marriage for those women who have had previous abortions. Considering the woman who esteems herself so highly as to take an innocent life so she would not be inconvenienced, how is such a woman likely to treat the sacrifice that, like the musician queried in the quote at the beginning of this post, women routinely demand from men? Will she treat it lightly, or worse, with a sense of entitlement? Or will she treasure it, with all the importance and gravity such a gift deserves? And even more importantly, is it reasonable to expect a woman who esteems herself in such a lofty manner to sacrifice of herself–money, time, her body, or even her life–in favor of her mate or her children if/when faced with dilemmas featuring such hard choices?

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Arab Spring Ushers in Polygamy, Shariah — Western Leaders, Press Offer Only Feeble, Feminist Critique

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Now that Qaddafi has been duly sodomized and lynched by our brave, new Libyan allies, leaders of the new government have said they intend to restore Shariah (Koran-based) law, and noted that "Shariah allows polygamy." The NY Times, which previously offered relatively uncritical support for the Libyan rebels, ominously declared:

> It looked like a sizable step backward for women at a moment when much here — institutions, laws, social relations — is still in play after the end of Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi's 42 years of authoritarian rule.

But is polygamy really as much of a step backward for women as it is for men? No, it isn't. Polygamy ensures that women will always have a place in society as some man's wife, whereas many men will necessarily be left out in the cold. Usually, it is the younger, poorer men who must do without as older, wealthier men marry up the local maidens.

However, French foreign minister Alain Juppé sees the issue in feminist terms, stating:

> This is a problem for us, especially in regard to respect for the dignity of women.

Even from a feminist standpoint, this is an arguable position; women who are married, even those in polygamous marriages, will not be forced into prostitution or other dubious occupations to support themselves. No, as Financial Times columnist Tim Harford pointed out in Slate five years ago, the real losers will be single men:

> …A lot of the knee-jerk reactions against polygyny are from people who can't add up. In a society with equal numbers of men and women, each man with four wives gives women the additional pick of three men—the poor saps whose potential wives decided they'd prefer one-quarter of a billionaire instead. In the Sahel region of Africa, half of all women live in polygynous households. The other half have a good choice of men and a lot more bargaining power.

Much of the power of the so-called "Arab-Spring" revolts that have swept the Arab world derived from dissatisfied young men. Without their passion and outrage the social movement never would have made any headway, but the annihilation of the decrepit, authoritarian regimes of old Araby may not represent "progress" in the contemporary, Western sense of the word. In fact, it's looking more like this is the beginning of another long jihad, the likes of which have periodically swept the world since the introduction of Islam, rather than the move toward "democracy" and modernity that the West foolishly expected.

Shariah is essentially a recipe for jihad, which is a sacred duty in Islam. Polygyny all but assures strife, as young men are forced to compete violently for the resources necessary to secure women. How are these young men to secure wives when the local girls are all married off to wealthy sheikhs? Why, by conquest, of course! Usually this takes the form of raiding a nearby village, but it can also result in massive campaigns, such as those that took the Arabs as far as China to the east and Spain to the West.

Cynics in high places surely knew what was going on in the revolts, and perhaps they are starting to get a bit nervous about the new strongmen in North Africa, but if the only critique our leaders can muster is on the basis of feminism we are going to be in for a rough ride, as that is an entirely insufficient response to the threat of resurgent jihad. Any way you look at it – and you don't have to be a believer to recognize what stirs the hearts of men – God (or Allah, if you prefer) trumps effete Western handwringing over women's equality in the Maghreb or the Pamirs. In fact, if our leaders keep up this pusillanimous finger-wagging over women, even as they provide air cover for Al Qaeda-trained jihadis, they may as well invite these modern-day Umayyads back to Tours for another round.

Herman Cain Breaks Taboo in Accusation Response

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In days past, when male politicians were accused of sexual misconduct, they would only issue denials, and let others take care of the character attacks on accusers. Bill Clinton, for example, never said much about the women who accused him of using his position as governor of Arkansas to have affairs with numerous women, instead allowing James Carville to make remarks on TV about trolling trailer parks with $20 bills.

Clarence Thomas, for his part, cast his ordeal as part of a "high-tech lynching," and likewise avoided taking Anita Hill on directly, saying:

> This is not an opportunity to talk about difficult matters privately or in a closed environment. This is a circus. It's a national disgrace. And from my standpoint, as a black American, it is a high-tech lynching for uppity blacks who in any way deign to think for themselves, to do for themselves, to have different ideas, and it is a message that unless you kowtow to an old order, this is what will happen to you. You will be lynched, destroyed, caricatured by a committee of the U.S. Senate rather than hung from a tree.

Thomas may have had something of a point, but the truth is that politicians can always be targeted with lurid accusations no matter who they are, and a white politician probably would have been equally vulnerable to a similar charge in that political climate, when feminists were just beginning to flex their muscles on the national stage.

However, like Clinton, he avoided confronting his accuser. Even today, men are reluctant to directly challenge a woman when she makes an accusation, and for a compelling reason — people, including judges, will often take such a stance as an indication that the accused man is a bully, and efforts to defend himself may therefore end up appearing incriminating, but this perception is on the wane.

Cain, on the other hand, has decided to nip this "scandal" in the bud by going on the offensive and labeling the sexual harassment case a "false accusation." It's probably the wisest course of action, and one that is increasingly acceptable given changing views concerning gender and the dawning public awareness that many accusations are in fact deceptive and made with ulterior motives.

Here's an excerpt from Cain's statement:

> while at the restaurant association, I was accused of sexual harassment. Falsely accused, I might add. I was falsely accused of sexual harassment, and when the charges were brought, as the leader of the organization, I recused myself and allowed my general counsel and human resource officer to handle it.

I don't know much about Herman Cain, aside from the fact that he's a good businessman and a conservative. But I do think it's a positive sign to see a man standing up for himself in a direct, open manner, and putting the ball back in his accuser's court rather than avoiding the issue and handing it off to some PR team. Calling the harassment case a "false accusation" may not seem like a big deal at first thought, but it's actually very significant, as it is a departure from the typical evasion and deference to the accuser.

Hopefully, more men will take this example to heart and, no matter what their status or position, finally realize that actively and openly defending themselves from spurious accusations is both acceptable and effective.

It's Not Sex, It's a Legacy

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In which an otherwise excellent critique of Kate Bolick's hamster-ridden call to write off 49% of the population and set up women-and-their-children communities stumbles a bit on the reason why men seem to be in an irrecoverable nose-dive:

> Women cannot raise expectations for men by retiring into all-female "families." They can do so only by refusing to provide commitment-free sex — by treating sex not as a perk of dating relationships whose destination vis-à-vis marriage is unknown, but as a shared marital reward.
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> Bolick's fascination with matriarchal arrangements must be resisted, not explored. It contributes to the lowering of women's expectations of men and men's expectations of themselves. The sexual availability of unmarried women, which can only be exacerbated by a more matriarchal social structure, plays a key role in promoting male decline. Men who begin having sex in their early teens do not effectively absorb the lesson that they will need a job – or any accomplishment besides physical attractiveness or charisma – in order to have sex. By the time they are old enough to learn otherwise, many of them have fathered several children and failed to make themselves employable.
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> Respect for the bodies of women, and for their desire for family and commitment, must be accompanied by respect for the dignity of men. This would encourage men not only to commit to women, but to raise their standards for themselves, reversing the very problem leading to the supposed need for female support networks.

Ms. Halim implies that the free-flowing nature of female sexuality inhibits society's ability to make men perform in exchange for access to sex. And this is not an altogether unreasonable conclusion; after all, why marry a cow when milk is (more cheaply) available? With all that cheap/free milk around, why work to buy any?

But I think her conclusion is spoiled by one simple fact…not all single men are having all the sex they can stand; in fact, only a very small minority are, while the majority have much less, and a growing minority aren't having sex at all…witness the conventional wisdom-confounding fact that male virgins now outnumber female ones in college. Yet male performance, as measured by income and/or achievement (two metrics by which women, and therefore our feminized society as a whole, measure male worth), continues to decline. Why?

I think it starts in the womb, where Western women appear to prefer girl babies over boys. From there the lucky-he-escaped-the-womb-alive boy-child is exposed to misandrist messages his whole childhood, from nursery rhymes to clothing and books to television programming and movies (which feature socially approved female-on-male violence and strong female/weak male roles. At school he is educated like a girl by women in a facility that has the look and feel of a prison, and outlets for his masculine energies are "Title IX'ed" in favor of bolstering opportunities for less-interested girls. As an adult, the climate and curricula in college are thoroughgoingly feminist and misandrist, in the workplace women are hired preferentially and paid more for less work, and in society in general, women's health and life choices are subsidized to the exclusion of men, all while men like him pay the bill. These are just a few of the factors that serve to depress modern male performance.

But the one big factor that I think dominates them all is this: our society no longer cares to protect the tie of a man to his children.

Yes, the lack of a meaningful and enduring marriage commitment means that a fellow's ties to his kids, really the only reason outside of religion for a man to pair bond with a woman at all, *especially* in an age of loose women and commodified female sexuality, are easily dispensed with. Men and the investment of a father in his children are "optional". These optional fellows, guys without legacies, without a reason to produce more than they themselves consume, don't. Guys can exist quite frugally, as a cursory look at any bachelor pad can confirm. Why should they

act differently? Can anyone give them a reason?

Once started, the social decline accelerates as the spiral death-dive tightens and self-sustains. Boys raised without their father in the home are at a much higher risk of lowered educational performance, a life of crime, antisocial behavior, and marital disruption. In other words, the sort of low-quality guys that both Ms. Bolick and Ms. Halim find unsuitable for marriage. Girls raised without their father have sex at a younger age, all while internalizing the message that fathers really aren't that important–because theirs wasn't. They go on to have kids out of wedlock, and perpetuate the cycle. See how easy this is to start? And how difficult it is to stop once it gets going?

Viewed in this way, Ms. Halim's call for the sexual trade union to make men jump through more hoops so that men will respect themselves more–and therefore be bedded more frequently by women–just doesn't seem sufficient. More effective I think would be restoring the potency of a fellow's connection to his kids. Instead of disposable, make him indispensable. Give him a legacy to care about. This–not the lame promise of more sex, a "product" which he can get for cheap cheap–gives him a reason to be a better man.

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FEMEN Back at it in Naughty Maid DSK Protest

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Recently, we heard some windy talk from the French foreign minister about "women's dignity" in the Arab world. Perhaps what he has in mind is something like the following video, in which Ukraine feminist group FEMEN shows up in Paris to defend women's dignity — in revealing naughty maid outfits.

After crawling around on all fours for a while, the girls bare their breasts, demonstrating to the world what modern, Western feminism is all about.

I suppose I'd rather have these ones marching around town than our American slutwalkers, but I'd be pretty embarrassed if one of those girls was my daughter.

Assange Appeal Fails, Extradition Imminent

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Today, Julian Assange lost his appeal of an extradition order for rape and sex charges in Sweden, and now can only hope that the British Supreme Court will hear his appeal. Failing that, Assange could be extradited within the fortnight.

Assange has been wanted for questioning by Swedish authorities since two women he slept with discovered he was two-timing them and then went together to the police to accuse him of sex crimes. He denies rape or any other sex crimes, but Sweden allows for rape prosecution in a wide variety of circumstances, many of which would not be considered crimes anywhere else in the world. In fact, he appealed in part on the basis that whatever he did, it would not be considered a crime in Britain, but the argument was ultimately futile.

Assange maintains a website, swedenversusassange.com, where he provides the details of the case. One alleged rape happened after Assange had already had sex with one of the women, and then proceeded to do so again when she was drowsy. Upon awakening, she let him continue, but because she had not been awake (so she says) at first, it was nonconsensual, despite the fact that she was in bed with him naked and had already been having consensual sex with him that evening:

> Note: For the description of this allegation in the original police interrogation, and an explanation of the definition of rape in Sweden, see Sexual Offences.
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> - There are different 'versions' of the state of the complainant at the moment of penetration: 'half asleep' or sleeping (lightly, as opposed to deeply according to the prosecutor).
> - When she awoke to find his penis inside her vagina, she decided to let him continue even though she knew that he was not wearing a condom.
> - Section 75 of the 2003 Act has a 'rebuttable presumption' of non-consent in various situations – including "The complainant was asleep or otherwise unconscious at the time of the relevant act".
> - Even if it was established that the complainant was asleep, complainant SW had previously in the night (before the alleged rape) engaged in several sexual encounters. In one of them, she had seen that Julian Assange had not worn a condom properly but 'let it be'.
> - These surrounding circumstances make it quite plausible that Julian Assange may have reasonable believed she was consenting, even if he did penetrate her when she was asleep (if that is established).

One might think that a grown woman removing her clothes and getting in bed with a man would indicate consent, but apparently this is not so in Sweden, where women are held to be such delicate flowers, such naive, trusting, inviolate children, that they are to be protected by force of law from the vile depredations of the dirty-minded, dastardly men they so innocently jump into bed with.

Herman Cain's Self-Defense Pays Off

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It looks like Herman Cain's choice to stand his ground and defend himself from sexual harassment allegations has gained the candidate sympathy. After Politico came out with the sexual harassment story, Cain received over $350,000 in campaign donations, mostly online:

> The news media's focus on past accusations of sexual harassment this week hasn't been all bad for Herman Cain. His presidential campaign raised at least $350,000 since Politico published its story Sunday night, a source close the campaign told Yahoo News.
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> Mark Block, Cain's chief of staff, said Tuesday that the campaign had raised $250,000 online, but the latest information shows that contributors have given at least $300,000, campaign spokesman J.D. Gordon confirmed.
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> "It will take a while to determine exactly how much," Gordon told Yahoo News. "It was well over $300,000."
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> Fundraising reached an all-time high for the campaign while Cain and his staff were doing damage control over the Politico story, which revealed past allegations of sexual harassment against Cain when he served as head of the National Restaurant Association. At National Journal's 2012 Election Preview in Washington, D.C., Tuesday morning, Block said Monday had been one of the campaign's "best fundraising days ever."

The support for the conservative candidate suggests that the decades-old trend of male helplessness in the face of female accusations may be coming to an end. Although the shift in public attitude may not be immediately apparent on the ground level, it could have profound effects in the workplace and in family law in coming years.

Bill Bennet Responds to Feedback, Ignores Men, Bashes them Again

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Bennet remarked that he received a fair amount of reader response from his recent piece excoriating young men for failing to "man up." He says that he received responses from both men and women, and then proceeded to ignore what men had to say in favor of listening to the females:

> My first CNN column on this subject identified what I think are the common problems with some men today: deficiencies in work, marriage and faith. The overwhelming response I received, from men and women alike, worries me.
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> Many women told me the problems are much worse than I described. They explained to me how they have to lower their standards to find a man. Young women, in particular, complained that men are dragging them down and holding them back. As one woman told me, if 60 is the new 40 for men, then 25 is the new 13…
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> etc…

After going on for some time about how bad the poor ladies have it, he lays into men yet again:

> In developed Western countries, man has unprecedented freedom to chose, to a degree heretofore unknown, a life of his own wanting and design. A mere hundred years ago, man couldn't afford to dawdle in limbo between adolescence and manhood; manhood was thrust upon him for survival. Today, more opportunity lies at his feet than ever. Yet with this increased opportunity comes increased confusion, and the response on the part of some men has not been encouraging.
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> Take the Occupy Wall Street movement, for instance. While diverse and scattered, some of the mottos and slogans on display are in stark contrast to the traditional and time-tested ideas of manliness. Instead of industriousness, responsibility and entrepreneurship, these men demand free college education, required living wages and greater distribution of someone else's wealth. Rather than look inward and rely on their own self-sufficiency, they look for a handout. A man's livelihood once depended on his hands, back and brain. Today, the government can do all that for him, if he lets it…

Mr. Bennet, if you are not a career government worker, *what does the government do for you?* Nothing! Young men have *less* economic opportunity than they had 40 years ago, they are far more likely to be thrown in jail, and they are legally discriminated against in both employment and education. The government has actively *oppressed them*, not only in the outside world, but in their own homes.

Young men are, objectively speaking, far less privileged than they used to be. This is what bothers women. Their men have been beaten down, and it's always frustrating for women to be with men who occupy a lower social status than they do. It disgusts women, in fact, and Bennett's solution is simply more shaming and blaming, which obviously won't help matters at all.

Bennett is getting old, and will not matter much at all very soon. What's important today is that younger men regain some of the self-respect that characterized the many generations of men who fought for their rights and built our nations. That will involve standing up to men like Bennett, and taking back our patrimony.

We owe nothing to these doddering old fools who sold us out for women's approval and blowjobs from interns. It's high time we shove these old bulls out to pasture, and we must stay vigilant against any younger men who would try to mimic them.

Comment of the Week — Coming of Age, Standing Tall

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The following comment fits the bill perfectly for "comment of the week" — it is a well-written, well-rated and thoughtful account of a man's spiritual evolution and realization that resolutely standing up for oneself in the face of the unwarranted opprobium often aimed at men is the honorable thing to do, and also the most effective defense. "YoungWiseMan" is an apt moniker in this case.

By YoungWiseMan

I am in my mid-30′s, but have always been at the very frontier of this type of thinking. Perhaps it was due to my own father raising me with a keen understanding and appreciation of masculine values, and no doubt also to my mother, who was hardworking, efficient at all the tasks with which a noble and honorable woman should aspire to (homemaking skills, adept at child rearing, nurturing and loyal to my father).

I have seen and contemplated these issues for over 15 years now, since I was wrongfully accused of rape as an undergrad (thankfully no formal charges were filed) however, the girl in question told many other girls and also male students that I had raped her, I suspect mostly for attention, and the fact was, I wasn't just innocent, I was beyond innocent. She had pursued me physically on the night in question and introduced me to marijuana, which I had never even been in the presence of before.

My response was two fold: first, when confronted by her male friends who made snide remarks to or sought to "tell me off" so to speak, I reacted physically, as I had been taught to do by my father when one's honor is insulted and you are clearly in the right. Secondly, I wrote a passage for the college paper called "a male perspective on date rape" which was published rather surprisingly, albeit with my head shot right beside the title. Needless to say, I caught a significant amount of criticism from the feminist types. Strangers would come up and run their mouth off at the dining hall. It didn't get to me — I knew I was right. As will surprise no one on this site, the number of attractive coeds that approached me at parties, and that I eventually ended up sleeping with only increased.

As men, when confronted with these issues, we must stand up loudly and maintain our innocence. If someone accused you of a robbery that you didn't do, would you just stand there silent?

The PR machines that handled the Kobe Bryant deal, the Duke Lacross deal, and the DSK deal handled it horribly. No common sense. You can never back down or show any weakness. Do not acquiescence and do not supplicate and do not apologize for anything.

Even though I have had a wonderful education and some financial success in life, I know that I have failed in many ways to become the honorable man type of man that my father is. I have been into "game" since the early 2000′s, and have had my share of "strange". I think that most of us here know how enticing that lifestyle can be, but now I am beginning to think how shallow and selfish that is. Whatever it is, it is not that which defines a man. Slowly, I think I have become more activist than gamer, and hopefully, I can contribute something in the future.

Texas Family Court Judge Revealed as Thug

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The Honorable William Adams, a Texas family court judge, a man who has likely issued innumerable restraining orders, thrown any number of men in jail for arrears, ordered psychiatric evaluations of allegedly “violent” men and held the fate of many, many families in his hands, is in a great deal of trouble now that his daughter has released a video of him administering a prolonged whipping with a belt.

His daughter was caught illegally downloading music and videos for free, which may have prompted the judge to worry about his own job. Being angry about this is only natural, but putting the belt to a 16-year-old with cerebral palsy (including threatening to whip her on the face) is something I’m sure your average guy would pay for dearly if ever caught, likely with some prison time. Of course, Mr. Adams, being a family court judge, is fully aware of this.

What is truly deplorable about the video is not only the beating, but the fact that so many innocent, gentle fathers are terrorized in courts presided over by the likes of William Adams. The hypocrisy on display is a blazing indictment of American family law. The fact that American men are so often at the mercy of such brutal characters should give any family man chills. If the judge is willing to deal with his daughter in this manner, how could any men in his court expect any mercy?

Is Masculinity a Matter of Money?

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In a column for *National Review,* conservative radio talk show host Dennis Prager recently identified four legacies of feminism. His legacies are:

1. **The belief that women should have sex like men do**, even though it seems to lead to depression and sexual disinterest over the long term.
2. **The belief that women should postpone marriage** until they have developed careers.
3. **The belief that women should work outside the home.**
4. **The demasculinization of men.**

Praeger offered a few reasons for why these legacies were negative, but his assertions were vague and could be expanded substantially.

The postponement of marriage and family is obviously at odds with biological reality. By the time women are financially successful, they have only a short, desperate window to sort through potential mates, build a relationship and have a healthy baby—let alone the two or three children necessary to maintain replacement level population growth.

Feminism valorized careers, but the reality in this global economy is that most jobs suck. For every woman enjoying sex in the city as she pursues an exciting and fulfilling career, there are a bunch of women working the checkout line at Wal Mart or pouring over financial records in some accounting office. Feminism was pushed by a lot of women with designer educations and high career expectations. Betty Sue who stocks shelves at Target would probably rather spend more time at home with her kids, and her kids would probably be better off if she did.

Like Bill Bennett and Kay Hymowitz, Prager was also concerned that men were "demasculinized" because they were no longer interested in working to become husbands. He wrote:

"For all of higher civilization's recorded history, becoming a man was defined overwhelmingly as taking responsibility for a family. That notion — indeed the notion of masculinity itself — is regarded by feminism as the worst of sins: patriarchy."

His qualifier "higher" there is interesting, and I wonder what exactly he meant and where the delineation is between higher and lower civilizations. His assertion that masculinity is defined most conspicuously by becoming the head of a household is both Judeo-Christian and bourgeois.

Manliness — as a way of being and behaving — has very little to do with whether or not one has married and produced children.

Praeger associates "demasculinization" with the loss of the male sex role in the context of family, and believes that men "want to be honored in some way." This is a misuse of the word honor. A better word would have been "valued." Saying that men want to be honored implies that they want some kind of special treatment, that they are by testicular possession entitled to some sort of special treatment or high esteem.

It would be more accurate and less ridiculous to say that men want to be valued. So do women. Women want to be treated as if they are special and irreplaceable in some way. Basically all recognizable romantic gestures involve a man showing a woman that she is special and irreplaceable to him. Romance is telling a woman "of all the vaginas in the world, yours is most magic."

(Though, as a direct statement, I doubt that would go over.)

From an evolutionary standpoint, romance is making a woman feel secure in your commitment to help her through the vulnerable periods of pregnancy and child-rearing. Women needed men, and men wanted women.

Now, women don't need men — at least on paper — because women can work to generate income, because they are protected from other men by police, and because when they fail to generate enough income, the State will invest in their reproductive endeavor. Anthropologist Lionel Tiger refers to State investment in reproduction as "bureaugamy."

Men know that they are replaceable. An "equal partner" is little more than a co-applicant, a business partner — a *domestic partner*. And when women decide to change partners, men can expect to go through the kind of experience W.F. Price recently wrote about, especially if they don't have a lot of money.

I was talking to a guy the other day who was dating an older, financially successful woman. This young man has been to Africa several times working for humanitarian organizations, he spent seven seasons working on fishing boats, he's been a newspaper photographer, and is searching for an experience to write his first book about. After several dates, the woman told him he was "unambitious." He was completely flabbergasted as to how anyone could say he was unambitious.

I said, "Dude, she means money."

A woman in her late thirties is eyeing up a house in the suburbs and she wants an additional income. She's not a lesbian, so she can't very well shack up with a woman. She has to find a man to buy the house and have the kids with her. Sure, it would be nice if the guy was handsome and interesting and good in bed, but if he's going to be a successful co-applicant, he'd better bring some chips to the table.

It's a persistent theme in this fretting about the decline of the male role. Hymowitz and Bennett and Prager are all worried that fewer and fewer men will have enough money to become suitable husbands for the women of tomorrow. They're concerned that men are too busy hanging out with other men and doing what makes them happy, and too lackadaisical about building careers that will generate sufficient income.

For so many "end of men" writers, masculinity seems to be all about money. For them, "manning up" is about giving up what is best in life to chase dollars and invest in some woman's dream. They are concerned that men are "emasculated." The failure of manhood that concerns them, though, is not a loss of virility. It is not a loss of strength or courage. Their "emasculated" men merely suffer from low net worth.

Is masculinity just a matter of money?

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Book Review: Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire

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The Book: Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, by Edward Gibbon

The Gist: This was a massive, and I mean massive, set of books that chronicled several centuries of the Roman Empire from immediately before its apogee to the breakup into the short-lived Western empire and comparably longer-lived Eastern Empire. While Gibbon's eighteenth-century prose was somewhat archaic, it was still quite readable as it drew an outstanding and detailed picture of life within the Roman Empire at the time, as well as cataloging the political and cultural forces that contributed to its rise and drove its fall from power. Rather than attempt to poorly encapsulate what Gibbon wrote, I will instead discuss some of the key take-aways I had from the book–takeaways that may speak more to my own preferences and prejudices than to the book itself, but no matter–and some of the other topics that I found interesting.

My first takeaway from *Fall* was the role that (im)migration and multiculturalism played in the demise of the Roman Empire. Whereas the Romans used their techniques of cultural and ethnic cleansing to great effect during the expansion of the empire, namely insisting that conquered peoples speak Latin (much culture is embedded in a language), utilize a Roman-style civil and military government, and no longer practice their religions, my sense was that Rome grew too large to effectively implement this course of action.* Indeed, if there was anything to conclude from Gibbon's history, it was that, in the end, the far-flung roman empire collapsed under the weight of attempting to implement an *e pluribus unum*. The Greeks proved too proud to give up their language and culture, the Celts kept theirs due to the difficulty of the terrain they inhabited, the Egyptians too truculent, and the tribes of the Eastern Steppes were too different in skin tone and morphology to assimilate into a Southern European culture. It was diversity, it was multiculturalism that did them in:

> multitudes of secret enemies, insolent from favor, or desperate from oppression, were introduced into the heart of the empire

and the sort of chauvinistic tribalism of the sort that we in the West are experiencing today precluded the cultural consensus that sustains a large empire, and ate out the substance of the Roman Empire from within.

* One advantage of Roman-style polytheism was that the Greek, the Roman, and the Barbarian all alike were easily convinced that they worshipped the same deities, just under a different name. This eased integration of conquered tribes and nations into the Roman fold and reduced the need for the sort of forcible conversions so common in Egypt, Celtic Gaul, and in Scythia.

The second take-away from Gibbon's tome was the corrosive effect that "arriving", of achieving what it sought to achieve, has on a culture. At the apogee of their culture, their hunger sated by luxury, Roman citizens had settled back into a comfortable and languid existence, much to their detriment:

> Long peace and uniform government of the Romans introduced a slow and secret poison into the vitals of the Empire. The minds of men were gradually extinguished, and even the military spirit evaporated. Their personal valor remained but they no longer possessed the public courage which is nourished by the love of independence, the sense of national honor, the presence of anger, and the habit of command

This "slow and secret poison" combined with the blessings of luxury, the hardships associated with the colonization of foreign lands, an aversion to marriage, increased acceptance of homosexuality, and what Gibbons called a "depravity of manners that interfered with procreation, birth, and the rearing of children", served to depress birth rates and turn the minds of Romans away from the harder business of patriotism and toward voluptuous dissipation. In a similar manner the inclinations of the populace shifted too, away from the honor of public service to the State and toward more personal and commercial ends. Nowhere was this more obviously felt than in the military, a

province which was once dominated by citizens who “had a country to love, property to defend, and some share in enacting the laws” and which it was the interest and duty of the citizen to maintain. Instead, just like today in the West, the upper classes came to shun military service, and as a result the military became more ‘democratized’, more plebian, and more foreign, and thus the former strength of the empire became one of its greatest vulnerabilities:

> The more polished citizens of the internal provinces were alone qualified to act as lawyers and magistrates. The rougher trade of arms was abandoned to the peasants and barbarians of the frontiers, who knew no country but their camp, no science but that of war, no civil laws, and scarcely those of military discipline. With bloody hands, savage manners, and desperate resolutions, they sometimes guarded, but much often subverted the throne of the emperors

Thinking it beneath them or not worth their time, the citizens gradually delegated their collective defense to the mercenary servants of despotic princes. They would come to regret having done so, once their liberties had long departed the land.

Speaking of the collective defense, the relationship of the military to the State and the form of State government is another take-away from Gibbon’s work. For it was Gibbon’s considered opinion that the lack of an orderly mechanism for the transfer of power, coupled with a mercenary army staffed by the ruder classes and by foreigners, opened the door to repeated military coups and the wars of succession that roiled the empire after the golden age of the Antoines. Gibbon again:

> …the temperance of soldiers, habituated at once to violence and to slavery, renders them very unfit guardians of a legal, or even a civil constitution. Justice, humanity, or political wisdom are qualities they are too little acquainted with in themselves to appreciate them in others

It is against this backdrop that the elite Praetorian Guard, an elite cadre of military men who fancied themselves as guardians of the realm, caused much mischief during the Fall. For instance, because they rose through the ranks by merit, they thought themselves–nay, they deserved–to be the “true” representatives of the common people. For certain they were more representative of the Mob than the stuffy and privileged nobility, and this “popular mandate” of sorts led them to adopt the conceit that they alone were the entity best positioned to elect the chief of the Empire

> [T]he meanest of mankind might, without folly, entertain a hope of being raised by valor and fortune to a rank in the army, in which a single crime would enable him to wrest the sceptre of the world from his feeble and unpopular master

Thus, for a people with no tradition of civil control of the military, a weak mechanism for the transfer of State authority from one ruler to the next, and whose upper classes had abandoned the military to proles and to *barbaricum*, the loss of the Republic quickly resulted in martial despotism.

The fourth take-away is that Roman society succumbed to pressure by more dynamic and vigorous cultures. Rome had the misfortune to peak just before the *Volkerwanderung*, or the “Great Migration”. Weak, tired, effete, and decadent, Rome was unable to defend her frontier provinces from the virile and martial Nordic and Eurasian hordes that pushed their way into the vacuum created by Rome’s decaying and retrenching political and economic power. That a once powerful and mighty culture would yield to a more masculine, a more martial, and more aggressive culture is a lesson repeated throughout history and we Westerners would do well to consider the application of such a take-away to our present lot.

I now adjust course slightly, and discuss not “take-aways” but rather subjects that I found merely interesting. For instance, many other authors interpret Gibbon’s barely concealed hostility toward Christianity–typical of

Enlightenment-era thinkers–as an indicator that he attributes the rise of Christianity as a contributing factor to the Fall. I am not so sure that Gibbon did so. Sure Gibbon extolled the virtues of so-called pagan tolerance of Christianity, a claim easily refuted by considering the cruelties of pagan rulers toward their Christian subjects. But I think that Gibbon located the enfeebling of Roman virtues and corroding of Roman civic institutions prior to the arrival of Christianity; indeed, Rome was already on the downward slide when Christianity began to metastasize through the provinces. For sure, in some ways Christianity gave a teetering pagan Roman society a shove. It degraded the legitimacy of polytheism (Gibbon relays the dilemma of Christian legionnaires prohibited by their faith from participating in pagan prayers and practices prior to battle…doesn't take too much of that to erode unit cohesion), while the ranks of Christians swelled through the generosity of Christian alms "which paid less regard to the merit than to the distress of the object" and through the rescue and adoption of infants abandoned to the elements in the Bronze Age version abortion. Another factor Gibbon cited as contributing to the rapid spread of Christianity was its relatively favorable reputation when compared to another monotheistic religion originating from Palestine…Judaism. In contrast to Jews, Christians were possessed of fewer onerous and strange habits, lacked the Jew's conspicuous ethnic tribalism, and were other-oriented, whereas Judeans were famous for their inwardly focused insularity. In short, I think Gibbon saw the rapid spread of Christianity as a secondary symptom of a spiritually bereft people responding to the evangelistic zeal of the early Christians, rather than a primary cause of the sort of unmanly softness that make Rome so vulnerable to invasion.

I also found Gibbon's description of the Germanic tribes to the north of the Alps to be quite interesting, if nothing for the study in contrasts that such a description provides. The Romans were a complex, hierarchical, agricultural society, and as such were technologically, socially, and culturally advanced. This level of civilizational advance stood in stark relief with the egalitarian primitiveness and rude condition of the barbaric cultures that Rome encountered to the West (Gaul), North (Germans, Danes, and Britons), and East (Scythians and Dacians). Gibbon:

> If we contemplate a savage nation in any part of the globe, supine indolence and a carelessness of futurity will be found to constitute their general character. In a civilized state, every faculty of man is expanded and exercised; and the great chain of mutual dependence connects and embraces the several members of society. The most numerous portion of it is employed in constant and useful labor. The select few, placed by fortune above that necessity, can, however, fill up their time by the pursuits of interest or glory, by the improvement of their estate or of their understanding, but the duties, the pleasures, or even the follies of social life

Indeed, Gibbon characterized the character of Rome's barbaric neighbors, especially that of their Germanic neighbors to the north, thusly:

> The languid soul, oppressed with its own weight, anxiously required some new and powerful sensation; war and danger were the only amusements adequate to its fierce temper

The Germanic tribes to the north were particularly warlike in Gibbons' account. Their system of governance was a sort of tribal democracy, where war chiefs were chosen from the ranks of warriors by popular election. The way to gain influence and power was to fight, and fight well, and the way that the German war chiefs garnered wealth was through the booty captured by raiding and/or subduing neighboring peoples. According to Gibbon, this social inclination, combined with a harsh climate, want of learning, arts, and laws, the Germanic notions of honor, gallantry, religion, fierce independence and sense of freedom, contributed to form a people to whom military heroism was a way of life.

Furthermore, I found the role of women in German society, as described by Gibbon, to be interesting, if not instructive, study in the effects that sex roles have on the prosperity and living standards of the society (or lack thereof). Consistent with the role of women in hunter-gatherer civilizations, Germanic society at the time of the Roman Empire was quite egalitarian and featured a variant of fertility worship that ensured women were held in high esteem by the violent and hard warrior

> The Germans treated their women with esteem and confidence, consulted them on every occasion of importance and fondly believed that in their breasts resided a sanctity and wisdom more than human

Like the German warrior male, the German woman was deeply concerned with honor, such that while male honor came from success on the battlefield, honor for the German woman was tied to her virginity upon marriage and fidelity thereafter. Moreover, prefiguring my contention that women are a civilization's center of gravity, that the state of women in a society determines the direction of the society, Gibbon wrote similarly of German women in the Tribes some 2,000 years ago that

> the sentiments and conduct of these high-spirited matrons may at once be considered as a cause, as an effect, and as a proof of the general character of the nation

Thus, similar in effect to the Spartan woman's famous exhortation "return with your shield or on it", did the German woman's own example of honorable conduct, high social stature, and insistence that her man behave similarly, reinforce and sustain the warlike character of the aggressive German tribes. It also stalled civilizational advancement: In societies where women are egalitarian, are equal partners on par with men, and where their sexuality and fertility is an object of worship, persistent material poverty follows. In contrast, when inegalitarian sex role specialization characteristic of agrarian (or more advanced) societies takes root, the sort of wealth and high standard of living that comes with civilization accompanies.

Last, the below quote of Gibbon's was attention-getting for me, as a fellow interested in the power dynamics between clergy, the State, and the people and the interaction of these three with freedom and liberty:

> …so intimate is the connection between the throne and the altar, that the banner of the church has very seldom been seen on the side of the people. A martial nobility and stubborn commons, possessed of arms, tenacious of property, and collected into constitutional assemblies, form the only balance capable of preserving a free constitution against enterprises of an aspiring prince

While this viewpoint probably well reflects the post-Enlightenment, deist-bordering-on-atheist *zeitgeist* of the time in Britain (Gibbon's work was published in 1776), I highlight it here as a civics lesson, passed down to us moderns from our forefathers. Of course a mere cursory examination of history reveals evidence that Gibbon was correct on the tendency of the church/temple/synagogue/mosque to ally itself with the state in opposition to the people or liberty, rather than protect the people from state abuse. Examples abound, and three that immediately come to mind are (a) the modern church of sec-humanism, where, riffing on Louis XIV, *l'etat, c'est Dieu*, (b) the nexus of mainline "right hand of God" Protestantism and Progressive statism in late 19th / early 20th century America, and (c) the entangling of the Roman Catholic Church with various princes throughout history, both pre- and post-Reformation, more recently in the Church's comfortability with state force to accomplish "churchy" ends, such as un-Biblical welfare, or most recently in calls for a global, one-world government just last month. Moreover, Gibbon's mention of the natural rights of self-defense ("possessed of arms") and property rights ("tenacious of property") were fundamental, foundational rights upon which American-style Republicanism was founded. Both are under progressively more intense Progressive attack, and both are in decline. In a similar manner, Gibbon would be hard pressed to locate his martial nobility in modern-day America, the elite having long since abandoned military service, and his stubborn commons has mostly melted away into a more pliant mob.

In summary, Gibbon's long tome was a worthwhile read, and my few excerpts here do not do his work justice. Gibbon seemed to attribute the Fall to multiculralism, luxos, to upper class abandonment of service to the State (in favor of presumably commercial ends), and to the feminization of the culture. In addition, I found Gibbon's characterization of the role that Christianity played in the Fall to be interesting, as well as the implications that the organization of barbarian Germanic tribal society have for us moderns, especially as it pertains to religion, to family structure, and to sexual role specialization in a culture. Finally, Gibbon's observations regarding the

interaction of the church, the state, the elite, the commons, and natural rights such as the right to self-defense and the right to property remind us all of the fundamental tenets upon which Western civilzation in general, and American society in particular, were founded.

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The Shifting Perception of Feminine Desire

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I alluded to Sir Richard Francis Burton recently, as I reread his autobiography a few weeks ago, and this evening, on reading a book on the hedonistic pursuits of classical Athenians, I recalled a particular quote from the Burton book, in which he offers some thoughts on female circumcision:

> Circumcision of both sexes is a very ancient custom among the Arabs … Now, the cause of this practice in a man is cleanliness and health, in a young woman, it seems to be a preventative for unchastity. Asiatic peoples … all consider sexual desire in woman to be ten times greater than in man…

What brought this quote to mind is that the ancient Greeks apparently felt the same way, attributing excessive lust and hedonism to a feminine nature. The Greeks were so convinced of this that an Aristophanes play depicting Athens after a fictional female coup that put women in charge has the society degenerate into a sexual free-for-all in which hideous old hags fight over a handsome young man. There may have been a hint of the idea that excessive lust is an effeminate characteristic even in modern America (I have heard my WWII vet grandfather contemptuously refer to men who sleep around as "oversexed"), but it seems that the dominant view for some time – at least since the Victorian era – has been that women are the purer sex where carnal desire is concerned.

This was not always the case in the English-speaking world. As recently as the 18th century, Henry Fielding's novel *Tom Jones* has a handsome young man engage in amorous liaisons with several lusty seductresses before he finally settles down with his true love. Additionally, the Puritans who settled New England held women to be more sexually voracious by nature than men. However, by the time Dickens appeared on the scene, the trope of the sexless female, which remains in use even today, had been established.

But it appears that this old stereotype is on its last legs, having been thoroughly discredited by the explosion of women's sexual freedom allowed by efficient contraception, social welfare and no-fault laws that guarantee provision regardless of their behavior.

As I read the views of the ancient Greeks and Muslims, I began to wonder whether their recognition of the reality of female lust and hedonism wouldn't soon filter into our own post-Christian, Anglo society. Certainly, there is a generation coming of age right now for which denial of this fact would take an almost superhuman effort, so it's probably inevitable that within another generation there will be no question as to whether women are governed by their passions at least as much as men.

The really interesting question, then, is how our culture managed to keep up the illusion as long as it did.

Bieber Scandal Demonstrates Absurd Nature of Child Support Laws

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Mariah Yeater, the 20-year-old tramp who claims to have given birth to Justin Bieber's child, probably has no idea who her baby's father is. Perhaps she had a fantasy that the baby is Bieber's, and has managed to convince herself it's the truth. Given how often women are wrong about the true identity of their child's father, this sort of thing is likely a common occurrence. However, it is conceivable, although highly unlikely, that Justin Bieber is in fact the baby's father.

If this is the case, Yeater will be set for at least the next 18 years. Given Bieber's wealth, she will have an upper-middle-class income without having to do a lick of work — all for seducing a 16-year-old boy. If Bieber's career stalls, as often happens with child pop stars, he will find it very difficult to reduce child support. He may end up in debt, crushed under a burden he cannot afford. Yeater, like most women, will not have an ounce of pity for him. In her mind, she will have earned every penny of the support she receives. "30 seconds," as she claimed, will translate to millions of dollars. She will have hit the jackpot. The common logic is that it's the male party's fault — the stock response from feminists (and almost all women, actually) is that he "had a choice."

A grown woman who seduces an underage boy shouldn't be entitled to anything, but under current law she will receive child support no matter how she got pregnant. Teachers who slept with students have been awarded child support. Vili Fualaau, who impregnated the infamous Mary Kay Letourneau at the age of 12, probably ultimately married his former teacher to *avoid* having to pay child support. In other words, the working class Samoan kid *had no choice* (other than grinding poverty, that is) but to marry a woman over twenty years his senior — I wouldn't believe for a minute the ridiculous stories about "eternal love" between the unlikely couple.

Does anyone really believe that women will not abuse the law as it stands today? That they will not try to seduce and entrap hapless men and boys? Because there is absolutely no disincentive, and because of the sham "best interests of the child" doctrine (if this were really the issue, women would be forced to stay in unhappy marriages), it is inevitable that some women will do exactly this. The easier the victim the better. Rich youths, like Bieber, make good targets. Overpaid athletes with questionable intellectual capacity are easy marks, too. As obvious as it is that these women are predators, our courts still place the blame on their prey.

But perhaps something good will come out of this latest tabloid story about Justin Bieber and the woman who claims she caught his sperm — at least Bieber's underage fans will know a little more about the harsh reality of family law than previous generations of children. Better the boys learn early – before it's too late – that they can expect no mercy if and when they father children.

Paint the School Buses PINK!

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Anyone who thinks that the women of North America were subjugated by some kind of patriarchy back between 50 and 100 years ago, need only look at the traffic on rural roads in the morning, to know better. (If you want further confirmation, look at the sinking of the *Titanic*.)

Those school buses have been running mornings and afternoons for as long as i can remember—and i'll soon be 70. They are a symbol of women dominating men and boys [and perhaps girls as well, though girls seem more able to wheedle adult women than we are]. A few paragraphs worth of reflection should clarify this for those of you who haven't yet said *Aha! Egad! Eureka!*, etc.—or known it for years already.

Finland is not a patriarchal state, but men seem to have more freedom of expression there. Finland also values social efficiency—as they have had to do, especially during the years when the USSR imposed "reparations" [which more accurately were the spoils of victory] at the end of World War II. When i was in Finland in the 1980s, i saw rural buses instead of school buses. Schoolchildren received passes to ride them as part of their free public schooling; but they were not limited to children. Because the children provided a large "ridership", the buses were economically viable.
Because there were rural buses, rural people did *not* need to own cars—which made rural living much less expensive than in North America. It's a very good example of *social efficiency* as distinct from technological efficiency.

Finnish rural buses did not have big bright flashing lights fore and aft. They did not have STOP signs that stick out from the driver's side. They did not stop all traffic, they acted like non-school buses act in North America. When the schoolchildren got on and off the buses, they needed to know how to deal with the traffic. Of course, rural children need to know how to deal with the traffic on the roads next their homes anyway.

So why do Canadian and US school buses have big bright flashing lights fore and aft, and STOP signs that stick out from the driver's side? I don't remember the children who rode on them, including four of my sons, being all that grateful for the fuss; and i don't remember them being all that frightened of the traffic. (We did not live along major highways, but there were some fast drivers—they just didn't come by every minute.) It was obvious enough to me and my sons, that the School Buses were *babying* the children.

So who babies children—Mommies or Daddies?

Eureka?

There may be a few Daddies who baby their children, but for every such Daddy there are several to very many, babying Mommies… especially if the children are boys. The School Buses with big bright flashing lights fore and aft and STOP signs that stick out from the driver's side, are the spoils of political victory for babying Mommies, well over half a century ago, not anything remotely patriarchal. Let's give credit to the Mommies who lobbied for them… and paint the school buses pink.

Pink school buses will be truth in packaging: School biases against boys are more important than the babying bus lights and STOP signs, and a larger reason to paint school buses (and school doors) pink. I plan to make those biases, and some thoughts about giving boys schooling better suited to male biology, the topic of one or two separate postings.

Assange and the anti-coalition

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What is the anti-coalition?

Many people nowadays complain (for quite some time now…) that all the power in the world seems to belong to rich, old, white (Christian, protestant, straight) males. Women, foreigners, racial, religious, sexual and cultural minorities are claimed to be oppressed and discriminated against.

Theoretically, in a democracy there should be an easy solution to this: Half of the population are women, and many men belong to aforesaid minorities. So all they'd have to do is forging a coalition, made up of these diverse groups, against the supposedly highly privileged native males. As said, an anti-coalition.

But in practice, there is more than enough antagonism between these groups to prevent a coalition, even on paper. Many women don't like people of other races, many blacks and latinos don't like gays, many gays don't like women.

That's why you need a charismatic candidate (like Obama) to unite them, even for a moment. And actually, even he almost wouldn't have made it, because of one case of said antagonism: During the primaries in 2008, a group of radical feminists endorsing Hillary Clinton threatened to rather vote Republican than letting Obama "steal" their opportunity to see a female POTUS in their lifetime. "Party Unity My Ass" indeed.

And even if the anti-coalition has a leader like Obama, the problems remain. Whenever there's a major fight where both sides can claim to represent an oppressed sex/race/culture/religion/sexuality, the fault lines of the anti-coalition become visible. And there are enough occasions:

- Example Assange: The hacker genius who fights the unpopular secret services vs. two radical feminists.
- Example Strauss-Kahn: The Socialist European counterweight to the American finance business who was hoping to defeat the conservative Sarkozy (also Jewish) vs. a poor Muslim black African woman.
- Gays vs Muslims

Who is right in such cases? Whichever solution you prefer – for people who have made political correctness their *ersatz* religion, this is a moral dilemma.

And there's no end of these conflicts in sight. The good will among the members of the anti-coalition won't last forever. It will run out one day. Even worse (for them), the grudges may last and prevent a renewed collaboration for some time. And this will spell the end of the anti-coalition.

No Man's Land — A Brief Treatise on Contemporary Masculinity

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My respected colleague Jack Donovan, a writer and a working man, has released a study of masculinity that offers a much-needed counterpoint to the feminist hegemon. The e-book is free for download in both pdf and kindle format (consider a "tip" for the effort), and can be read in about the time it takes to go through a good magazine.

In addition to analyzing feminist positions, Jack quotes from our material, introducing some of the concepts from the manosphere and bringing up the points we strive to make. The book is well-crafted and makes a great addition to our growing source material — it's a great example of the kind of effort it will take to turn things around and provide men with an argument and position in their defense. Of course, there will be points of view other than Jack's, but he *wrote a book* (not his first), and that's saying something.

Below are a few excerpts:

***No Man's Land* on the modern family**

> The patriarchal kinship system that demanded paternal investment was dismantled by feminists, technology and the legal system. It was replaced with a system that gave women control over virtually all aspects of reproduction, and where a woman could rest assured that the state would step in and provide for her children in the absence of a husband or father. Divorce, most often initiated by women, offered a way for women to seize control of their families at-will, even when a man had chosen to make a paternal investment. Men had become peripheral players in the lives of their offspring, and they could be cut from the team by coach mom at any time. The managing bureaucrat would then determine what role the father would have in his children's lives—at best he might be offered a co-parenting role, at worst he could be reduced to a mere paycheck.

On MGTOW

> While relatively few men would recognize the MGTOW acronym, it is true that many young men are "going their own way." And that's exactly what feminists like Rosin, Kimmel, Garcia, Romano, Doupkil, Gabler and Hymowitz have been fretting about. While there will always be exceptions— the ascetics and the passive, herbivorous "bonobo" boys—young men who were raised by women, processed through a feminist-friendly educational system, who see that women probably have better prospects than they do, and who have been relieved of the responsibilities associated with patriarchy see no reason to toil to help women get the things they want, especially in a society that aspires to "equality" between the sexes. As Rosin and others trumpet a future where girls are for the first time more desirable than boys, they must see the gall in asking men to get excited about speeding the plow.

On Game

> …young men have discovered that good grooming and the appearance of affluence is not all they need to get laid. Pick up artists and advocates of "game" like the pseudonymous authors of the popular blog Citizen Renegade (now "Heartiste") advise men to take advantage of evolutionary psychology and appear to be "alpha"—a primal group leader—when dealing with women. Game advocates say that a man can run game inside a marriage or a long term relationship, but they generally take a dim view of a married man's chances for well-being and fulfillment—especially financial well- being and sexual fulfillment. Game as a sexual strategy seems to be geared toward providing short term gratification for men and women, but also avoiding long term misery.

Well done!

War Against Boys Continues Apace in Academia

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Now that boys have fallen well behind girls in college admissions and completion, you'd think they'd give the assault on them a rest, but efforts to shove them out are still going strong. In the 1980s, standardized testing came under attack for favoring boys, because they generally do better on the SAT than girls, especially on the math section. Girls, who are more obedient and detail-oriented, tend to get better grades, but boys still test a little better. The first measure taken to eliminate the male advantage in college admissions was to make grades more important for admission and lower the importance assigned to test scores. Later, the SAT itself was changed, with an essay added and a "renorming" of scores designed to take away boys' advantage.

The results were predictable. Girls began to be favored in college admissions, and overtook boys by the 1990s. The reasons for this are not at all mysterious; there was a concerted effort to give girls an advantage, and it worked. The hand-wringing over "problems" with boys is disingenuous — there was a deliberate policy to handicap them. There really isn't a problem with boys, rather, institutions created problems for them. This is precisely why females dominate today's college campuses.

Now, a new book – *SAT Wars* – has come out suggesting that the anti-male policy hasn't gone far enough. The author, Joseph Soares, declares "the SAT and ACT are fundamentally discriminatory." The reason? They favor white males (actually, they favor Asians more). Although parts of the book deal with racial disparities, much of the research focuses on male testing advantages. Soares argues that the math in SAT tests is fundamentally sexist:

> In another chapter of "SAT Wars," Jay Rosner, executive director of The Princeton Review Foundation, addresses the gender gap on the SAT. Mr. Rosner asserts that the math portion of the test is "male-leaning," citing data from 1998 and 2000 which found that men performed better than women on 97 percent of math test questions whereas women performed better than men on only .8 percent of them.
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> Mr. Rosner suggested that the composition of questions is unfair, and that the percentage of questions skewed toward men versus those skewed toward women is unnatural.

Is it really "unnatural," or is it simply nature that has made boys better at math in general than girls? Of course, in today's academic environment to suggest the latter is career suicide (ask Larry Summers), so perhaps the question is rhetorical.

But how about another question: If girls make up nearly 60% of college grads, why are we fussing over a test that gives boys an advantage, however slight it may be? The only answer can be that it is tolerated – even encouraged – to discriminate unfairly against boys.

Let's be clear about the "problem with boys" — it is a purely manufactured issue, and one for which certain bureaucrats and ideologues are personally responsible. People don't tend to take feminists all that seriously, but they've certainly done a lot of damage over the years, and they still do.

Is Avoiding Fatherhood an Indication of Responsibility?

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Of course it's always best to rely on statistics rather than your own lying eyes, but amongst my acquaintances, mainly middle-class professional males, fatherhood is quite rare. The ones who do have children have few, and even the married men seem not to be very thrilled about the idea of becoming fathers.

Perhaps it has something to do with the fact that I live in an expensive city, but not all of them live here. It seems that there is a real, palpable wariness about fatherhood amongst professional, educated men under 40.

Interestingly, these are not men who have "dropped out" — for the most part they are productive workers, and many have advanced degrees. They are in the upper quartile of earnings, and perhaps higher where education is concerned. They are adults in every sense of the word, not mere "guys" as feminist academics would paint them.

This is why it seems so surreal to see feminists droning on and on about the refusal of men to take responsibility. The ones who are, objectively speaking, *less responsible* are those most likely to be fathers (yes, that includes me).

Has anyone else noticed this trend? Am I simply seeing things, or is it true that the more conscientious, responsible men are the ones who are least likely to be fathers today? If so, what does that say about the incentives surrounding fatherhood?

Men who are more responsible tend to be more risk-averse. My take on the situation is that these men have weighed the options, and are declining fatherhood because it is a very risky bet. Hence, the refusal of some men to take on the burdens of family and fatherhood is not an indication of immaturity and irresponsibility, but rather of foresight and clear thinking.

Therefore, the children of the future will be the progeny of us reckless romantics who followed our hearts rather than our brains. The feminists have it all backward. If they really want men to do as they wish, they should pray for a nation of fools, and preach abdication of responsibility. Only then can they hope to find men willing to buy the raw deal that's on offer.

Public University Prof: Stop Taxing Women

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Gina Barreca, an English professor at the University of Connecticut, proposes that men be taxed more and women not at all in what must be a tongue-in-cheek (but half-serious) piece in *Psychology Today*. The sentiment is doubtless quite common, and she gives a litany of reasons women shouldn't have to pay the government:

> After all, women are not the ones wrecking the nation's whole infrastructure. We're not the ones shooting at the "No U-turn" signs on rural highways. It's not women who are trying to make our names as graffiti artists. You'll rarely find a bunch of broads gathered together attempting to create weapons of mass destruction or figuring out how to really get ahead in next year's arms race.
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> We're not ones running Fortune 500 companies into the ground or manipulating the stock market. As many people have noted, had the firm been called Lehman's Sisters it might not have gone down the fiscal toilet, taking Wall Street's profits with it.
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> Rebuilding our public schools? If we need to rebuild our public schools, it's not because of what little girls have done to them. Put it this way: Do we spend $12,846 per school district per annum erasing drawings of male anatomy on desks, walls and bathroom stalls because of little girls? No. Girls just don't do this. You rarely see little girls drawing pictures of their own reproductive organs while, for example, in the elevator. It simply isn't how we mark our territory. It would also take too long.

Barreca is a sterling example of a second wave feminist; the type who has a great deal of contempt and hatred for men and boys and a swollen sense of pride and entitlement. She is a professor, after all (of English), and makes her living off of the people's taxes.

She may be a thoroughly odious human being who uses her publicly funded position to launch attacks on the male sex, but in this instance I'd like to call her bluff and recommend that her proposal to stop taxing women be implemented.

Men may still pay more taxes than women, but as younger men are being purged from the ranks of the middle class, I'm sure the disparity is narrowing, and women probably pay a higher share of taxes today than ever. Were women to be entirely exempt from taxpaying, the government would go bankrupt immediately. Women like Barreca would lose their jobs, police forces would shrink to shadows of what they are today, jails would release hundreds of thousands of prisoners, and courts would be forced to stop prosecuting all but the most serious of crimes. The little money remaining in government coffers would be used to pay off and maintain essential strategic forces and crucial infrastructure, leaving almost nothing for the myriad petty bureaucrats who enforce female supremacy in the United States.

Men, who are already taxed to the hilt, could hardly be expected to make up for shortfalls, and slave labor would be fruitless because slaves themselves cannot pay taxes, and there are cheaper sources of labor abroad anyway.

The thing is, if it weren't for the enormous public expenditure that is currently directed toward women in our society, they wouldn't be on top of things — women like Barreca would be bagging groceries instead of terrorizing college boys. Men, in general, could do without, and in many cases we already are. The tax base is already pushed to the limit, men are increasingly broke, and without taxing women the entire facade would come crashing down in no time. If current trends continue, and men are marginalized even farther, women are going to have to pay the majority of taxes to keep their dominant position in society.

Somehow, I don't think "Dr." Barreca has thought this through, but at least if her proposal is implemented the current system would fail sooner rather than later, and that would likely be for the better.

The Greatest Tragedy of Oscar Wilde's Life

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Oscar Wilde, a Victorian era Irish playwright, poet and novelist, is well known for the art he bequeathed to posterity and, to a lesser extent, the scandal that sent him to prison and subsequent exile in France. At the height of his career, Wilde made the mistake of entering into an affair with Alfred Douglas, the young, flamboyant son of a brutal Scottish noble, the Marquess of Queensberry, who was distinguished by his godlessness and passion for physical combat. When the affair was brought to light, the enraged Scotsman threatened to "thrash" Wilde, and embarked upon a vendetta, dedicating himself to the artist's destruction.

After a sustained barrage of threats and denunciations from the Marquess, Wilde finally lost his composure and pursued a libel suit against Queensberry, who had publicly called him a "somdomite" [sic]. The suit was particularly ill-advised, as private detectives were able to uncover considerable evidence of Wilde's homosexual dalliances with a variety of male prostitutes, some of whom were hauled into court to testify against him. Confronted with more than he could deny, Wilde lost the suit. Vindicated, the Marquess received substantial compensation from Wilde, leaving the author bankrupt. Even worse, he now faced prosecution for gross indecency, which had been made a crime some ten years earlier in 1885 (as odd as it may sound to modern ears, sexuality was not generally regulated by criminal law before the 19th century). Ironically, the law that prosecuted Wilde was described as "An Act to make further provision for the Protection of Women and Girls…."

Soon, Wilde was arrested, and due to great public interest and the usual, hysterical outrage of crowds, he was prosecuted vigorously. Although the first jury deadlocked, another trial was held, the writer was duly convicted, and he was sentenced to the maximum – two years hard labor – by a properly indignant judge.

The famous author was now just another Irish convict in a London jail. As a convicted homosexual and an aesthete, he must have faced a great deal of abuse from the other inmates, and he was not well suited to the rigors of prison labor. But of all the discomforts and disappointments of confinement, none could have weighed as heavily on him as his separation from his two sons, Cyril and Vyvyan, to whom he was devoted.

For all the contemporary discussion of Wilde – Wilde the author, Wilde the unjustly persecuted homosexual, the aesthete, the dilettante – there is precious little concerning Wilde the father. If his fatherhood had little relevance to his work, this would be understandable, but in fact it suffused his art. Many of his stories were written for children, and some for parents as well. The aesthetic elements of his work do not so much suggest the fancies of a pure hedonist as they do fantasy and fairy tales written to stimulate the imagination of little minds.

In some passages, it is clear that he saw children as a source of redemption, the key to greater joys than any that exist in this mortal world:

> 'Who art thou?' said the Giant, and a strange awe fell on him, and he knelt before the little child.
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> And the child smiled on the Giant, and said to him, 'You let me play once in your garden, to-day you shall come with me to my garden, which is Paradise.'
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> And when the children ran in that afternoon, they found the Giant lying dead under the tree, all covered with white blossoms.
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> –From *The Selfish Giant*

Such sentiments spring from the love inspired by fatherhood, which was apparently a great source of inspiration for Wilde. Were it not for this part of his life, this experience that gave him a connection to the greater part of humanity that dwells in a more conventional world, he may never have made a lasting impact in literature. Without that crucial component of his character – Wilde the father – he may have remained nothing but a queer dilettante, a minor man of letters, an obscure sybarite flitting from one party to the next, today little more than a flickering ghost

haunting odd libraries kept by eccentric old men.

Although Wilde may have had fatherhood in common with a great many men, he was clearly of a different type from most of us, and not only for his talents. But his experience as a father, and especially the tragedy that came of it, binds him to us, today perhaps even more than ever.

After he was convicted, Oscar Wilde never saw his sons again. It was a terrible price to pay for his indiscretions, but his wife held firm and, even after she died, her family barred the fallen man from his children.

His sons remembered him fondly, but they were still schoolboys when he died in 1900 at age 46, and they never had the chance to see him of their own accord.

Some years after Wilde's death, his younger son Vyvyan received a letter from a Frenchman who, as a child, had known Wilde when he was in exile in France, following his release from prison and shortly before his death. In his book *Time Remembered*, Vyvyan published the contents of the letter:

> One Autumn evening, while putting on my overcoat after finishing my meal, I clumsily upset something, perhaps a salt-cellar, on Monsieur Sébastien's [Wilde went by "Sebastien Melmouth" while in France] table. He said nothing, but my mother scolded me and told me to apologize, which I did, distressed by my clumsiness. But Monsieur Sébastien turned to my mother and said: 'Be patient with your little boy. One must always be patient with them. If, one day, you should find yourself separated from him…' I did not give him time to finish his sentence, but asked him: 'Have you got a little boy?' 'I've got two', he said. 'Why don't you bring them here with you?' My mother interrupted … 'It doesn't matter; it doesn't matter at all,' he said with a sad smile. 'They don't come here with me because they are too far away…' Then he took my hand, drew me to him and kissed me on both cheeks. I bade him farewell, and then I saw that he was crying. And we left.
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> While kissing me he had said a few words which I didn't understand. But on the following day we arrived before him and a bank employee who used to sit at a table on the other side of us asked us: 'Did you understand what Monsieur Sébastien said last evening?' 'No,' we replied. 'He said, in English: "Oh, my poor dear boys!"'

As we look back across more than a hundred years of "progress" that have elapsed since Oscar Wilde wept over the loss of his children, it is remarkable to see how little some things have changed.

How Did Jerry Sandusky Get Away With It?

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Now that Jerry Sandusky has finally been arrested for raping boys, details of previous investigations are coming to light. As early as 1998, authorities were already aware that he may have been engaging in inappropriate activity with young boys. Just two years later, a janitor saw him assaulting a boy in the Penn State football locker room. In 2002, Mike McQueary, then a grad student, saw him raping a boy in the locker room, and reported the incident to his father, and then Joe Paterno.

Finally, in 2008, a mother reported Sandusky to police after her son admitted that Sandusky had been abusing him. This is what finally led to an investigation.

Obviously, plenty of people knew what was going on. Why didn't they put a stop to the crimes?

It all comes down to priorities and costs. College football is enormously profitable for schools in terms of both commercial revenue and donations from alumni. For major universities, it has become an essential cash cow, and Sandusky was a central figure in Penn State's football program.

If the higher-ups at Penn State had thought that Sandusky's behavior would cost the school more than what his contribution to the football program brought in, they would have forced him out long ago. However, schools do not have the Justice Department breathing down their neck about homosexual misconduct, but rather heterosexual. If Sandusky had been caught raping an adult coed on campus, he would have lost his job immediately. In fact, if he'd so much as said something inappropriate to a female coed he would have been in trouble. But it turns out his victims were just 10-12-year-old boys, who weren't even students in any event.

Sexual assault on campus is officially tied to explicitly feminist legislation, namely Title IX. Sexual assault is considered, under Title IX, to be "discrimination on the basis of sex." The implication is that rape on campus is essentially a matter of victimization of women; homosexual rape is not covered under federal anti-discrimination law, which can trigger withdrawal of federal funds and federal lawsuits — a very painful proposition for public universities. Rather, in the Sandusky case, it will be an entirely criminal affair as far as the feds are concerned, although the victims may well be able to sue the school in civil court. For the school, this is unfortunate, but ultimately the state of Pennsylvania will pick up the tab, and federal funding to Penn State will remain uninterrupted. Therefore, from a cost-benefit perspective, rape of boys is a far less serious matter than, say, sexual harassment on campus.

Under federal law and school policy, homosexual rape is not a matter of "discrimination," and therefore of far less consequence than any discomforts that may be suffered by females on campus. So, the reason Sandusky was allowed to get away with raping boys on campus for years is that the federal government, the major patron of our universities, doesn't care all that much about rape if the victims are male.

Unfortunately, we may have to conclude that, given the law and incentives, the behavior of higher-ups at Penn State, who ran cover for their boy, was probably rational, and they were, in fact, doing their jobs. We must recognize that we live in a society in which the value assigned to most males is extraordinarily low.

Scars of War

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Veterans Day is supposed to be a day of remembrance.

A day in which Americans remember the sacrifices made by our armed service members, both past and present, for the benefit of our country.

The glory…the immortality a man can be achieve on the battlefield is to be recalled and commended on this day.

War heroics are generally lauded.

The bravery and self-sacrifice of US servicemen are lionized.

But far too often, the scars that permanently alter a life are not considered.

The saying “war is hell” may seem to be cliche, but if you get to really know any man unfortunate enough to have lived through one (or more), you realize that the supposed glory and honor afforded them by things such as a National Holiday like today, declared in their honor, is nowhere near the compensation for the horrors they witnessed and participated in…many of them, often too young to even begin to comprehend what they became a part of, let alone contemplate the lifelong impact it would have on them.

As a man who never joined the military nor fought in a war, you may wonder how I would come to this. In short, I’ve known a few men who have been permanently scarred by their war experiences, and I’ve seen the personal devastation such hellish experiences create.

My Grandfather was an infantry machine gunner in World War II. He fought at Guadalcanal and in the Phillipines.

My entire life, I would beg my Grandfather to tell me WWII stories. He refused to. Over and over again.

Until 3 years ago.

He told me in macabre, horrific detail, the horrors he lived through. No sugar coating. No glorifying or self-edifying revisions. The brutal, ugly truth, that reflect the old maxim “war is hell” perfectly.

My Grandfather told me that he waited until I was old enough to understand the realities of his experience. I was 36 years old before he finally sat down and related the worst days of his life to me.

As a young boy, starstruck by the idea of the warrior ideal and the zeitgeist of war heroism as the ultimate manifestation of masculinity, I used to repeatedly request my Grandfather tell me his stories. The horrors of war to my juvenile mind, were nothing but an abstract idea. I was filled with romantic notions of glory and heroism, twisted by Hollywood portrayals of the glories of war.

I’m grateful my Grandfather waited until I was much older before he told me his anecdotes. When I was younger and filled with a sense of the irrational immortality of youth, I would not have appreciated the true gravity of his experience. I think he knew that, which is why he waited until I was a grown man before telling me.

He passed away two years ago, but his words still haunt me.

One particularly memorable story he told me, was of an event when he and his best friend had guard duty in a foxhole in the Phillipines. His best friend was also his ammunition caddy for his BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle – the forerunner to the M60 machine gun). One night, their camp was ambushed by a night attack in the middle of a conversation they were having while on night watch, by Japanese troops.

My Grandfather manned his machine gun until he came close to running out of his belt of ammo. He bellowed for his partner to load up another ammo box. When he got no answer, he looked down and realized his buddies brains were splattered all over his body. His friend had taken a Japanese round in the head.

My Grandfather had to crawl over 100 yards to the next foxhole to get more ammo to continue firing his machine gun at the Japanese ambushers.

He cried when he told me he had to eventually find his buddies young wife and infant son after the war was over to tell her about how her husband had died.

My Grandfather was in his late 80′s when he told me this story.

Yet the horror in his voice, and the tears he shed, indicated that the horrors of his experience were undiminished by the passage of time. While he was calm and matter of fact about it while describing it to me, I could sense that the experience still shook him to the very core of his being.

Despite the old saying, I don't think time really does heal all wounds.

War scarred him for life.

Many times after he told me this story, I wondered how I could have managed to survive such an ordeal at 19 years of age like he was.

I couldn't even handle my liquor at 19…let alone the bloodshed and trauma the likes of what my Grandfather experienced. When I was 19, the first war in Iraq, "Operation Desert Shield" was over and the next war the US was to get involved in (the War on Terrorism in the name of 9-11,) was still 10 years away.

Yet, I've also talked to the veterans of the wars of our generation. Veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. I've come to understand something: no matter the era, no matter the level of war technology employed, nor the locale…war is still hell.

War may be more technologically advanced, but it's still hell for the men forced to fight in it.

So, on this day of remembrance, our national holiday of commemoration for our country's warriors, what war stories of your families, loved ones, or yourselves do you have to share? What sacrifices of the men of your family have made that should be shared and told to future generations so as to ensure their sacrifices were not made in vein?

To all those who have served this country and paid the price in years of torturous nightmares caused by the hellish experiences of modern war, I salute you. I may disagree with the war mongering political decisions of our cowardly, craven politicians…but I certainly respect the sacrifices many individual military personnel have made in the name of the people of this country.

What stories of remembrance of war do you have to share?

Revealing Post on Reddit's "TwoXChromosomes"

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Every now and then feminists reveal something that's obviously a men's issue, usually when it affects them personally. In a post on Reddit's TwoXChromosomes section, a woman posts "People were asking me about my boyfriend all day. I couldn't figure out why, then I remembered…"

She then links to a picture of her with a black eye that was a result of getting hit in the face with a ball.

Many posters recount similar stories. One man, who goes by "phifty" on the thread, says he has been physically assaulted because his wife is a martial arts instructor and has had similar mild injuries in the course of her work:

> My wife is a martial arts instructor. I am a software engineer. Imagine LaFaunda and Kip from Napoleon Dynamite. Got that picture in your head? Good. Now imagine my wife takes a shiner from one of her students. This happens once or twice a year. In her line of work, it's normal.
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> Regardless that my wife is an Amazonian warrior that could pop me like a pimple if she wanted, who do you think gets the stinkeye when we go anywhere when she's wearing the black and blue and yellow eyeshadow?
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> I've had everything from old ladies coming up to us and asking if everything is ok to dudes shoving me to the ground at a shopping mall. For the latter incident, my wife of course further confused everyone's idiotic preconceptions by dropping said dudes to the floor with a single jab to the throat.
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> Anyway, I guess what I'm saying is that a black eye on a woman is a death sentence for her man, regardless of how she got it.

Some people may laugh about this, but it isn't really very funny when you think about the implications. The same thing happened to me when I first started dating my ex-wife. She was a majorette in the college marching band, and would vigorously spin a baton, checking it with her arm. This showed up as obvious bruises on her fair skin. Naturally, when I wasn't around, people asked whether I was beating her. Neither of us took it seriously, and we laughed it off.

I was quite young and in good shape at the time, and weighed well over 200 pounds, so nobody tried to attack me. But in hindsight having people think about harming you because of this kind of assumption is pretty disturbing. In most cases, when a woman is hurt for some reason or another, it is not because of her lover or husband, but rather some random accident. However, in our society, because of incessant propaganda, the default assumption is that the man is beating her. This surely gives women ideas, and results in a great deal of confidence where making false accusations of abuse is concerned.

Here's another account of a similar situation:

> My young, pretty coworker's 3 year old son, while sitting in her lap, jumped up and accidentally head-butted her in the face. She had to work the cash register for three days with a massive case of raccoon eyes.
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> Every single male customer who came in responded with some variation on the same statement: "Who did that to you? Where does he live? He can try giving ME a black eye…" bluster, bluster, bluster, and so on.
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> She got so tired of explaining, she finally started answering, "My 3 year old, and he doesn't even know he did it." The guys all calmed right down when it was explained. The lady from local women's shelter, did not. She harassed my coworker to tears with threats of police action and child protective services if she didn't turn in the perpetrator, until two of us who were working with her stepped in and told her off. She was so pre-programmed by her daily activity to believe that there had been abuse that she refused to let the situation go. I really felt that the behavior was more abusive than helpful.

The above account is indicative of how there is an *assumption* of evildoing on the part of men. Guilty until proven innocent. In the DV industry, there's a political mandate to find any possible hint of physical assault, and assume that it has occurred until it can be proven that it didn't. This is a very nasty intrusion into families, as any little common bruise can justify state intervention. It is also an invitation to make accusations during divorce/custody disputes, because they automatically give the accuser an advantage. Of course, there is absolutely no consequence for making a false accusation.

It's nice to see women calling BS on this paranoia, but I'm afraid they will not go so far as to oppose it, because the advantages they get from the current state of affairs are just too good to give up. Keeping men in line is generally seen as a good thing by women, and if there are a few innocent victims it's justified as a necessary evil for maintaining women's continued supremacy in the family.

Special needs employees

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The Spearhead doesn't normally cover business related topics, but I saw an article on this issue recently on Forbes.com and this is too important not to cover. The article covers the special needs of employees suffering from BWV syndrome*. BWV is a genetic condition and those who have it must deal with it their entire lives. In the past many employers avoided hiring people with the condition, or limited them to positions which didn't cause them undue stress.

Now employers know they can and should hire people with BWV for every role within the enterprise. The problem now is that employers are making the mistake of treating employees with BWV as if they were any other employee. This isn't fair to employees with BWV, because they have special needs which the employer needs to consider. Chief among these is the problems those with BWV experience when forced to make trade offs between competing priorities, or when they are forced to make and stand by long term decisions.

For example, someone with BWV syndrome will be caused undue stress if they have responsibilities both inside and outside the workplace. A normal employee could handle say a position as account manager while also performing common tasks at home such as yard work, painting, and basic repairs. However, those with BWV would find such an arrangement unbearable. Employers must take this into account with BWV employees, and work with their caretaker to make sure their combined workload isn't excessive. While a BWV employee may have no trouble handling basic office work, if this is compounded by adding tasks outside of work such as dusting and vacuuming this will often cause them undue stress.

The special needs of BWV employees must also be considered when looking at their motivation for working. BWV employees function best when their employment is purely optional. Unlike your other employees it is important that they not feel compelled to work to meet their financial needs. HR departments need to take this into consideration when devising BWV friendly policies.

Another area where traditional HR policies cause undue stress on BWV employees is in the area of vacation time. Other employees are able to plan ahead and arrange to take their vacation time as needed. However, this kind of policy puts the BWV sufferer in the position they are least able to manage. It forces them to make a decision between two competing priorities, and also forces them to engage in long term planning. In the Forbes article the author (who herself suffers from BWV syndrome) described the stress this caused her when her family moved:

> Years ago, as a corporate VP in a large national marketing firm, I was "put down" by the head of HR for my choice to take a week off to move my family, including my husband and our two small children, to another city. This HR leader said to me, "I moved to another town with my kids last month and only took a half day off."

Clearly the normal policy of having the employee schedule their vacation time in advance was not a BWV friendly policy. This forces someone with BWV to both plan ahead, and to make an excruciating trade off in whether they would rather take their vacation time to relax vs to make their life outside of work go smoothly. This kind of thoughtlessness by employers must stop.

She gave another example of how well intended HR policies can be downright cruel to BWV sufferers. One firm had a policy which allowed those with BWV to take time off when needed to focus on their home life. This would seem to be extremely BWV friendly because it removes the need to make a decision requiring trade-offs. However, those with BWV who took this option found that they weren't given credit for the time they weren't at work when it came to career advancement. So the promised avoidance of making a tradeoff decision was in fact a lie. Only if companies pretend that BWV sufferers were in fact working in the office while actually not working can we offer an equitable solution to BWV sufferers. If you run a business, you need to talk with your HR department immediately

about this and the other issues mentioned in the Forbes.com article (H/T Uncle Elmer).

*”Born With Vagina”

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An Idea for Occupiers

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The Occupy Wall Street issue has been of some interest to me, because I actually sympathize with their plight. Young people – young men in particular – have a raw deal today. And young here is fairly inclusive. Those of us who missed out on the booms in the 90s and 00s run from early 20s to around 40. The deck really is stacked against the young, and they have plenty of reasons to be upset about the great swindle.

However, the people running OWS look like naïve tools with their "inclusiveness" and such. It's straight-up 1970s activism, but this is an entirely different era with an entirely different set of problems. These kids' poorly-conceived efforts are straight from some script dictated by a college professor who still lives in the glory days of America's cultural revolution of the 1960s and 70s, and for those of us who came of age under its shadow there's nothing more tiresome than that.

If the OWS kids really want to make an impact, they ought to reach out to veterans. Male combat veterans in particular. It's really hard to get a job these days when your sole work experience consists of fragging people, driving an APC or manning a machine gun. There are tons of pissed off, unemployed vets out there, but all I see at the OWS protests are a bunch of soft-skinned coeds.

You want someone to keep your camp safe? Get a USMC sergeant on board and assign him security duty. Need some men who aren't afraid to stand their ground? Invite some soldiers to come hang out. You can bet they'll keep the camp clean and chase out the degenerates, and that way you can get the message out there without having to call the cops because the occupiers themselves become occupied by street trash.

As for the teenage girls hopping from tent to tent, give them a stern warning about slutty behavior and what it can lead to, and for the most part they'll behave themselves. This cooperation with feminists is just going to cause more problems than it solves, as it encourages license amongst the girls. Being denounced by feminists is really nothing to worry about — women instinctively line up behind whatever men they perceive as being in charge, and feminists tend to go after those they think will be moved by their demands. After a failed attempt or two, they usually give up.

Unfortunately, the men running these "Occupy" camps don't have a clue — they let the women call the shots, and that's what makes it so easy to discredit them. If you want to get a job done, you've got to take a firm stand against the inevitable female whining, and the OWS organizers have failed miserably in this regard.

I'm not going to tell these boys to "man up," because who knows what that means these days. But it does look like they need to "woman down."

OWS Rape Statement Reveals Slutwalker Mentality

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A couple weeks ago, a woman reported a sexual assault at the New York Occupy Wall Street encampment, prompting a lengthy statement from the OWS "survivor's support team." Despite the rambling statement accompanied by an extensive list of anti-rape groups, it seems that the suspect was dealt with by the NYPD rather than the OWS crew.

The Occupy protests have been in the news out West, as well. The mayors of Portland, Seattle and Oakland have had their hands full with the camps, which, if news accounts are to be believed, have degenerated into filthy drug dens. The characterization may be a bit unfair; in all likelihood the real problem is that a bunch of kids accustomed to living in a bubble have tried to implement the "enlightened" social theory they learned in college, and naturally they can't manage the result.

The alleged NY sexual assault is a sterling example of this. It appears that an 18-year-old female from Massachusetts had a fight with her boyfriend, and another man, one Tonye Iketubosin, offered his tent to her, in what was surely a gracious and altruistic gesture. She accepted the offer, something subsequently happened, and the man was accused of rape. Iketubosin was also accused of repeatedly groping a 17-year-old girl. Following the accusations, he returned, and when confronted by OWS members, he ignored them. Eventually, the OWS organizers had to turn to their nemesis, the NYPD, to deal with the man.

As time goes on, those who might have supported the movement are growing skeptical of the ability of OWS protestors to do anything at all effective, and their statement concerning the sexual assault only reinforces this skepticism.

Here's an excerpt:

> On the morning of October 29, a woman participating in OWS was sexually assaulted at Liberty Square. The person who she identified as having assaulted her was arrested on November 1 for a previous assault and is currently incarcerated.
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> On the morning of the assault, the survivor was accompanied to the hospital by a group of women from OWS, including a social worker, to support her and act as advocates. From the moment the incident was discovered to the present time, the survivor has been surrounded by a network of allies and trained advocates offering resources to provide emotional, medical, and legal support. At every step of the process, and in line with the core principles of survivor support, her wishes as to how she wanted to proceed have been honored, and information from a range of sources has been provided to her about her options.
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> We have been saddened and angered to observe some members of the media and the public blame the survivor for the assault. A survivor is never at fault. It is unacceptable to criticize a survivor for the course of action they chose to take or their community for supporting them in that choice. Additionally, we were troubled at the time of her report that responding police officers appeared to be more concerned by her political involvement in OWS than her need for support after a traumatic incident of sexual violence. A survivor is not at fault for being assaulted while peacefully participating in a public protest to express their political opinions. We are aware that this is one of several known cases of sexual assault that have occurred at OWS. We are dismayed by these appalling acts and distressed by the fear among many Occupiers that they have caused, as well as their negative impact on our ability to safely participate in public protests. We have the right to participate in peaceful protests without fear of violence.

For one thing, if the protestors have to spend all their time chaperoning teenage girls in the camps, they are not going to have much time for anything else. Additionally, while the alleged victim may not be at fault in a strictly

legal sense, it sure was stupid of her to jump in a strange man's tent at night, but all the "Occupiers" can do is bleat on about victim-blaming, all while they denounce the very police who are dealing with the problems they invited and can't handle. Slutwalkers in a nutshell…

If the OWS protests are run according to the principle that women have "rights" to safety and such, but no responsibilities and no obligation to exercise discretion, and it appears they are, the movement is going to fall apart in short order. Running a camp based on feminist principles is very expensive and requires a great deal of policing, and these kids just aren't up to the job.

If OWS really wants to be effective, it has to be militant and organized. Having adolescent females traipsing around will not contribute to this, and will only invite the kind of trouble demonstrated above. Women like to believe that we live in an "equal" society, but for all of feminism's accomplishments, men still rule the street. The NYPD, an overwhelmingly male force, showed that quite clearly — without the boys in blue women are at the mercy of any thug who wants to take advantage of them. If the men running the OWS protests cannot demonstrate some real authority and take control, they will fail miserably. Of course, if they tried, in all likelihood the female protestors would call the police *on them*.

It's a catch-22. Occupy Wall Street will fizzle out because the ideology underlying their movement is a sham. Hopefully a few of the men involved will learn a lesson from this, and next time they'll forget about what they learned in gender studies class.

Mounties face Harassment Accusations

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A rash of sexual harassment accusations has erupted in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police force as one woman after another claims victimization at the hands of Mounties. Catherine Galliford, who first broke the story, was the British Columbia RCMP's official spokesperson for years. She claims unwanted sexual advances drove her to drink and gave her a case of PTSD. She describes the harassment as very common, saying "If I had a dime for every time one of my bosses asked me to sit on his knee, I'd be on a yacht in the Bahamas right now."

Following Galliford's accusations, more female mounties followed with similar stories, painting a picture of an out-of-control force filled with sex fiends.

However, on a closer read it appears that what's going on isn't necessarily sexual harassment, but rather the typical workplace dynamic in a mostly male environment, which women tend to perceive as "bullying."

> The officers, who have more than 100 years of combined experience on the force, all say they worked under corrupt supervisors at one time or another who bullied their way to promotions.
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> "They will do anything to get that next promotion on the backs of whoever. To me, that's where the force is sick," one officer said.
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> "Because a supervisor wants to be noticed by boss, they've got to find somebody to pick on, and really it's bullying to the extreme," another Mountie said….

Yes, it's true. Men are competitive and not always very nice in work environments. Some can be mean – even abusive – and most men understand that this is just part of the job. Sure, it would be nice if everyone could just be friendly and easy to work with, but such a tame environment does not usually characterize any workforce that is under pressure to perform.

Take the recently departed Steve Jobs for example. He was not a nice boss. In fact, he could be a real asshole. Bill Gates was a brutal taskmaster when he was building Microsoft. General Patton was not a "nice guy." The list of nasty, but effective bosses goes on and on.

Men are generally more productive than women because they are more competitive, and being competitive is very nearly the opposite of being nice. Sometimes, male colleagues or employers use sexual innuendo to jibe other men at work. Athletes do it to each other on the field. Men do not generally behave this way around women, but when they work together it's bound to happen from time to time.

When men face this kind of treatment, it's just one of the things you have to deal with to get the job done. However, when women are exposed to it, it's sexual harassment.

As a society, we have to ask ourselves what kind of compromises we have to make where efficiency and effectiveness are concerned in order to accommodate women. Should police forces be held to the standards of Estée Lauder's HR department? Should we expect cops to act like perfect gentlemen despite the ugly reality of their job?

There are always going to be compromises and tradeoffs in the real world, and choosing which ones we make is a matter of priorities. To put it to women, I'd ask "would you rather see fewer women treated rudely on the job in the RCMP, or fewer women robbed, beaten and raped on the streets in Canada?" Sure, feminists will argue that you don't have to be rough and mean to do effective police work, but that just isn't true.

Why is Gabby Giffords Still in Congress?

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Many of us have probably had jobs that weren't all that important, that didn't require a great deal of ability, or that were fairly mundane. How many could say that we could have kept them after taking a bullet through the brain?

Obviously, very few of us have that kind of job security. For the overwhelming majority of Americans, our ability to perform on the job is crucial — no employer is obliged to keep us if we can't.

So why is it that a woman who has one of our nation's most important jobs retains her duties despite having severely impaired mental abilities?

Now, before anyone accuses me of callous disregard for those who've been dealt a bad hand, I should say that I spent a year teaching adult basic education as part of a work-study program in college. I've got hands-on experience with brain-damaged people, and I admire their courage and perseverance in the face of their misfortunes. These were people who had been involved in some tragedy, and they were struggling to become functional again. Helping them was something I really enjoyed doing — these folks were committed to becoming productive and self-sufficient despite terrible setbacks. In some cases their efforts were heroic. One man was a former race car driver, and another a bartender who'd taken a bullet to the head when some moron pulled a gun and let loose in a bar fight.

Gabby Giffords is not too different from the people I worked with, but her impairment is worse than theirs. She took a 9mm through the head front to back, and her wound was devastating. No matter what the feel-good reports proclaim, she'll never be the same again. And she's a US representative who casts votes of crucial importance…

The House and Senate may have cheered Gabby Giffords' vote out of solidarity, but the rest of America shouldn't have been too thrilled about it. How could the woman have adequately understood what she was voting for if she can hardly string together a sentence?

Watch the following video and contrast Giffords before being shot and after:

Gabby Giffords has done a lot better than could normally be expected. She's obviously an exceptional woman. But she's been left with the mentality of a child, and she's got a job that requires a great deal more than that.

Sentimentality should be the last consideration when the fates of so many souls are in one person's hands. Unfortunately, priorities have been inverted in the new America, and now it is those with the most responsibilities who are held to the lowest standards. There's really nothing that can predict collapse better than this. Chinese dynasties fell when children were placed on the imperial throne. As Gabby Giffords struggles to understand a world shattered by a bullet through her brain, we, the people, are obliged to struggle with her.

Saddest of all is that nobody dares point out the obvious.

Fortunately, Mrs. Giffords and her husband see the issue more rationally than the press, which has never openly questioned the decision to finish her term, and speculated in August that she would run again.

When asked whether she would return to congress, Gabrielle, indicating she needed more time, responded "No. Better."

She really is a remarkable woman. Not to sound trite, but it takes a valiant spirit to recover from her devastating injury, and she and her husband deserve better than to be used as props in a political game.

Beware Christian marriage doublespeak and hair trigger for wife initiated divorce.

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One of the more dangerous assumptions I see men making is that if they marry a Christian woman they will be somehow shielded from the epidemic of divorce. I've stated in the past that most churches *talk like Christ but act like Oprah* on the issue of divorce. I've also shown how Christians like Glenn Stanton from *Focus on the Family* are actually proud that devout Christians only divorce 38% of the time. More recently I've shown that the movie Christians cherish for representing their values on marriage is actually barely dressed up divorce porn for women.

Yet with all of this even I was stunned by comments left on my blog yesterday by a respected Christian author and speaker on the topic of marriage. In my post Promiscuity is good, so long as it is done on the woman's terms I pointed out that there is no backing for the popular belief that the female preferred form of promiscuity (serial monogamy/ serial polyandry) is more moral than the male preferred form of promiscuity. I used the example of Christians arguing that the wife in *Fireproof* was justified in her attempt to swing from marriage to marriage:

> This is similar to the argument by the Christian women that the wife in Fireproof wasn't being whorish because she planned on divorcing her husband and marrying the other man she was after before having sex with him.

Sheila Gregoire is one of the Christian women I had in mind when I made that statement, and she noticed the post and defended her position:

> But I just want to clarify: I do believe that she had grounds for divorce because of his pornography addiction. I think that's where the fundamental disagreement comes in. I don't think she SHOULD have divorced him, anymore than I think a woman should leave a guy because of a one-night stand. Jesus never said that we SHOULD divorce. He only said that in cases of affairs, divorce is permitted.
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> And so in the movie Fireproof, she was in a relationship where divorce was permitted, and she was planning on divorcing, and planning on remarrying. Thus, I wouldn't say that's whorish. He's the one who cheated.
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> I'm just uncomfortable with you saying that Christians are allowing people to "whore" around because we're permitting divorce, when I don't think that's the case. I believe there are very narrow grounds for divorce: abuse, affairs, and in some cases, addictions. In many of those cases, I'd argue that they should separate and not remarry, such as the case of addictions.

Note that she states that there should be only a few very defined reasons for divorce, and then proceeds to expand the definition to the point where nearly every wife initiated divorce is justified. Adultery is expanded to the point where a man watching porn qualifies: *He's the one who cheated*.

While Sheila uses the term *pornography addiction* in her comment, this is outside her primary justification (porn as adultery) for the wife's plan to line up husband number two while still married to the first one. She states that addiction would be grounds for separation without remarriage, not to divorce and find another man. Based on her own standard even if the husband had indeed been shown as a porn addict, the wife's actions would not have been justified on those grounds. Her justification is that watching pornography is adultery. This may be why the creators of the movie *Fireproof* were so murky on exactly what the husband's transgression regarding porn really was. They didn't feel the need to make a solid case for porn addiction before they showed the wife shutting off entirely towards her husband and actively pursuing another man. As I pointed out in my review the wife didn't even accuse the husband of being a porn addict, and while the term was used later in the movie there was nothing which showed the husband as being an addict. Here is the exchange from the movie where we are told the husband is viewing porn:

> Catherine: If looking at that trash is how you get fulfilled, then that is fine. But I will not compete with it.
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> Caleb: Well, I sure don't get it from you!
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> Catherine: And you won't. Because you care more about saving for your stupid boat and pleasing yourself than you ever did about me.

The fundamental problem is that Christian women are being given *get out of marriage free cards* while Christian men are being told man up and marry these Christian women. This selective moral softness from Christians combines with our legal system which rewards women who commit divorce theft and creates millions of fatherless children. *Your husband looked at porn? Dump him and find another man!* Keep in mind this isn't some corner case example I've made up. This is from the movie Christians profess shows their views on marriage. Moreover, Sheila isn't just another commenter on the internet, she is a respected author and speaker on the topic of marriage for Christian women. All men need to understand this; **if your wife decides to divorce you for another man, there will be well respected Christians lining up to justify her decision and place all of the blame on you.** If that means conflating viewing pornography with actual adultery, so be it. This is true even in cases where the wife was withholding sex in an effort to control the husband. She even excuses the wife lining up the other man *while still married*.

It isn't just men viewing porn which gives women a get out of marriage free card though. Sheila also listed *abuse* as the other fundamental justification for divorce. In one of Sheila's video blogs she reminded women that they shouldn't assume husbands are the only ones with obligations. This brought her a chorus of emails from angry Christian women complaining that she was telling them not to be true to themselves. That Christian women would feel comfortable spouting such nonsense to her should be proof enough of what is so terribly broken in Christian culture. To Sheila's credit, she did a follow on video blog post where she gently reminded these women that being true to yourself is not actually a biblical value. One of the youtube commenters on the original video countered with the following:

> Your advice is nice, in thought, but unrealistic in practice. I did that exact thing for 7 years, as a married Christian woman. It got rough after the first year. I doubted my marriage. But I stuck it out. I convinced myself it was ME who needed to change. So I did. I completely revamped my entire being. And I did it several times over the next 6 years.
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> I will say, I was extremely emotionally abused. What do you suggest in those circumstances? I got out. And my life is happier than ever.

What exactly is emotional abuse? I'm not sure, but ladies you will be excited to learn it also counts as a get out of marriage free card! Sheila responded with the following:

> Of course, if there is abuse going on, that is a totally different story. But changing yourself doesn't mean that you change who you fundamentally are. It just means that you change your expectations and go to God to help you be the person He wants you to be. That's a good kind of change. Changing so that you tolerate abuse is something else entirely. But abuse was not the issue in this woman's letter; she just felt like she didn't love him.

So now we know emotional abuse fits in her definition of abuse. Again, she states that only two very specific reasons justify divorce and then proceeds to expand the terms to the point where nearly every wife initiated divorce is justified.

Sheila also had the following criticism for my approach in this blog:

> I find that you talk a lot on this blog about how people should never divorce (which I more or less agree with), and that women shouldn't expect so much from their husbands (which I also agree with), and that women are

> asking their husbands to be both betas and alphas at the same time (which I also agree with), and that women leave their husbands too much (again, in agreement). But what I don't find is you dealing honestly with genuine problems that couples have with communication, with distance, with betrayal of trust, with porn, etc. I agree with everything you're saying, but I don't think marriages can be fixed with a simple "suck it up and put on your big girl panties". That might make someone STAY in the marriage, but it won't make the marriage thrive, and what I'd like to see is couples who are genuinely attached and intimate.

Sheila misunderstands me. I don't believe people should *never* divorce. My concern is that the definition of justified divorce has been so expanded as to make a mockery of the concept of marriage. She is also missing a fundamental point; putting on your big girl panties really does lead to happy marriages, at least in the majority of cases. Moreover, if Christians were serious about holding men *and women* to their vows they would then have the moral authority to try to assist these couples in good faith. While religious leaders may disagree, secular scientists have studied the issue and found that brute force willpower to stay married actually solves surprisingly difficult marital problems. It's almost as if God designed marriage that way. I've covered this in detail here, but here is one of the key quotes from one paper which studied this:

> **Many currently happily married spouses have had extended periods of marital unhappiness, often for quite serious reasons, including alcoholism, infidelity, verbal abuse, emotional neglect, depression, illness, and work reversals.** Why did these marriages survive where other marriages did not? The marital endurance ethic appears to play a big role. Many spouses said that their marriages got happier, not because they and their partner resolved problems but because they stubbornly outlasted them. With time, they told us, many sources of conflict and distress eased.

One factor which undoubtedly plays a role here is the widespread adoption of feminism by Christian and secular women alike. The knee jerk blame the husband tendency which I have described above shows how immersed modern Christianity is in modern feminism. Fellow blogger Laura Grace Robbins captured my own thoughts when she wrote:

> I'm starting to think the feminism in Christianity cuts much, much deeper than I originally thought.

This is relevant both because a general sense of unhappiness is the philosophical foundation for modern feminism, and because we know that women who try to be the leaders in their marriage are very likely to be unhappy as a result. As I mentioned earlier, Christian women hold some truly outrageous beliefs when it comes to marriage and being "true to themselves". It is no wonder that millions of these women are unhappy. Like the wife in *Fireproof*, many have decided that their husbands should submit to their leadership. Christians could of course address this if they weren't deeply mired in the very feminism at the source of the problem.

I'll close with a brief defense of both Sheila Gregoire and Christian women in general. Sheila is actually one of the stronger pro marriage voices in modern Christian culture. This is what makes her fundamental weakness on the issue so deeply troubling. She isn't on the pro divorce fringe, she is one of the speakers churches bring in to strengthen marriage. She writes some of the books Christian wives read on the topic of marriage. I have focused on her arguments because she is proof of how incredibly soft on marriage Christians in general have become. If this weren't the case, she wouldn't be seen as pro marriage by mainstream Christians. As for defending Christian women, there are many women who comment on my blog who do not believe that a woman is justified in divorcing one man and marrying another because the first husband viewed pornography. Single men looking to marry shouldn't write off all Christian women. Just like there are atheist women who truly believe in marriage there still are Christian women who feel the same, and the statistics bear this out. What a man looking to marry needs to do is test for this trait in the woman herself, and not assume it comes with regular church attendance or even a seeming deep devotion to Christianity. More difficult is the question of church attendance itself. Studies have shown that

divorce tends to spread like disease. Attending a church which is soft on divorce puts a man's marriage (and therefore his children) at risk. Unfortunately no one has yet been able to identify a congregation for me which isn't soft on marriage. I have seen one so I do know they exist. Christianity doesn't have to be soft on marriage, the vast majority of Christians have merely chosen to be.

Note: I originally posted this on my own blog on November 8th. I have encouraged other bloggers to repost the original in full or in part if they feel that the warning would be of benefit to their readers.

Teen Boys Pose as Girls to Lure Men, Film Confrontations

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Vancouver BC — three teens went online to lure men into liaisons with fictitious teen girls, then met with them dressed as superheroes and denounced them on camera.

Of course, it's a bad idea to meet underage girls online, but in most of these stings it is the "girls" who are taking the initiative, which is entrapment. It really isn't very hard to find men willing to take the bait when sexually mature (i.e. post-pubescent) females offer sex, so there's nothing heroic about luring guys in such a manner. It's actually a pretty lousy thing to do, and likely only encourages those who are not caught to make a go of it. It's akin to offering drinks to former alcoholics.

The boys who filmed the encounters must have thought it was funny, and a good way to get some positive attention, but if they'd pulled this stunt on the wrong man they could well have ended up dead. If I ever caught my son doing that as a teen, I'd be pretty angry about it, mainly because I'd be worried about him. Unfortunately, the message a lot of young men are getting these days is that this kind of dangerous, amateur white knighting is acceptable and to be commended.

Here's a video of a confrontation the boys filmed:

In my opinion, the best (and most humane) way to cut down on older male/teen girl sex is to discourage sexual precocity and promiscuity amongst unmarried young females. Having a society in which teen sexuality is blared from every TV screen (e.g. Miley Cyrus) is only going to encourage men to see girls as sexually available. Today, the solution is draconian statutory rape laws to discourage people from acting on impulses, but this is akin to flooding the country with cocaine and threatening people with very stiff sentences if they buy a rock of crack.

Professional Women "Burning Out" By 30

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According to yet another Forbes article about working women, "millennial" females are having a rough time in the corporate world, flaming out early, unhappy, stalling, etc. That women comprise the majority of entry-level workers yet grow progressively rarer as the ranks rise is cited as evidence for this supposed trend, but of course that could simply be because they are younger.

The fact that men allegedly take more breaks is also held to be a contributing factor, but don't men work more overtime, too? The girls are also said to have spent themselves in school, where they "worked like crazy" (all those drunken flings must have been terribly taxing, too).

However, there's at least one good quote in the article. Says PR company president Kelly Cutrone:

> College is nothing more than a baby-sitting service. These students are totally unprepared for the real world. The reality for women who want to work in PR is that they are going to be working with 24 catty [women] who will backstab and compete with them. No one will say thank you. You will eat lunch at 5 p.m. It sucks and it's hard work…

I guess the daydreams of Don Draper romancing them in his office aren't panning out, and the reality is rather disappointing… Could it be that these professional millennial women really just don't like spending all day with a bunch of other professional women?

If that's the case, I guess they're out of luck:

> Simply quitting or changing careers isn't an option because the education for their professional jobs has burdened them with substantial student debt. Also, while earlier generations may have opted out of the workforce through marriage or motherhood, these paths aren't viable for these self-sufficient women, who either are still single or unwilling to be fully supported by men.

That last part about "unwilling to be fully supported by men" is a real howler. Most men their age couldn't support them if they wanted to, and in general they don't.

Women are burning out because they got what they asked for, and a lot of them are finding out (too late) that it wasn't what they really wanted.

The Bachelor Aesthetic

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A Single Man's Only Refuge of Sanity

By Ken Knight

No need to write about how to properly beef up one's "man-cave" domicile or basement chamber of freedom here, entire volumes have been penned on the subject elsewhere and with good content to boot. If one is single and living alone, then he has sole prerogative to customize the interior of his dwelling as he sees fit (but for those whom want to house exotic pets such as King Cobras in your den I suggest checking local ordinances).
Of course, I have known numerous single guys who just had to do the opposite and decorate their home according to what they "thought" visiting women might prefer to see on the walls, in the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom, which was something I had to chide them about whenever I saw such pandering to female aesthetic tastes by bachelors.

I recommend a total interior environment that is pleasing to only ONE man alone, the occupant whose signature is on the lease or mortgage! The prevailing idea of pleasing the visual and mediocre tastes of some femmes who happen to stroll through your domicile is about as stupid as buying a gas-grill you'll never use to put out on your patio just because your neighbors all have one! A bachelor's pad is just that….the home of a BACHELOR, also known as a single man living alone, a concept that is not seen as ideal these days because the Single Happy Bachelor is viewed as "suspect" by misandrists and mangina white-knighters alike whose rebuke of such a lifestyle is loudly trumpeted in the form of shaming rhetoric deriding the single bachelor as "irresponsible", "loser", "weirdo", etc.

Living alone requires one to surround himself with a pleasing aesthetic interior specific to the man who lives there and has to enjoy what he sees every morning and night while he is inside his lawful domain: sports-memorabilia, baseball cards, autographed photos, work-related awards or past accolades, movie posters, framed photos of family, friends, and past glories, shadowboxes filled with the accomplishments of military or police service, a gun rack and maybe even custom furniture comfortable solely to the owner.

Married men….you know, those smug "I got mine" yahoos who like to insist upon walking you through their oversized cookie-cutter households to show you what you're "missing out" on? Yeah, those indentured servants….surrender is the norm there, mostly the cupcake bride getting to pick what goes where, what queer color scheme is slapped on the walls and her hubby's "man cave" possessions all delegated to either a dark and damp basement floor, a rental-storage unit out in Kansas somewhere, or the nearest dumpster!
Whatever you are "in o" fits in your bachelor pad domicile, and absolutely no one else should be allowed to convince you otherwise just for what "others" may "think" if and when they traipse through your man-cave, who cares who they are! Think about it, if someone is "offended" by something you have on your wall or in your living room which pleases you and is there for your enjoyment, then kick them the hell out and call it a day.

A couple of years ago I had a professional photographer and a female model in my home taking photos I wanted for use on the cover and back cover of a book I was getting published that year. The model saw the autographed 24×36 framed poster of Playboy's 1987 Playmate of the Year I had on my bedroom wall and questioned me about it, saying she didn't like it, asking what other women I had over thought about the signed nude poster framed inside my home like that. I just laughed and told her that I didn't care what visitors thought about it, I was the one living there and that I enjoyed looking at such a pleasant female shape every day when such a "fit" lady is not so commonly found on the streets of America today. *Truth be told, I am an avid celebrity-autograph collector and have many signed photos framed on the walls of my home as part of my 'aesthetic' so it falls under the category of "hobby" and not just pornography!*

Regardless of what others may think of your bachelor pad's interior and your own personal enjoyments, displays,

and entertainment items spread throughout your domicile, ENJOY and keep a thick skin when it comes to any nay-sayers who think your “motif” isn’t female-acceptable! Gentlemen, we are currently deployed in a world fast on its way to formally becoming a Dystopia, with Feminism and its pink-bellied enforcers trying to goad free men in general into a more “pliable” form for their slave-labor tax base, and clearly the “culture” we are enduring is increasingly hostile to free expression of OTHER IDEAS, entertainment and personal aesthetics included. In order to remain free, all a single man really has to do is keep his personal tastes and ideals intact; the first boundary no one else should be invading is his household and what he has inside it.

I dare say we’ve all experienced the Indentured Servant mantra of placating women‘s tastes to the detriment of all you enjoy (just so your buddies will think that you’re “getting some”) and that is stir-fried bullsh*t with the kitchen knife in your back.

With all that is going on around us (as many of our brethren polish brass on the Titanic) shouldn’t we hold our tastes sacrosanct, allowing no outside interference to force us to give up such a personally-pleasing refuge so as to be devoured by the soul-draining insanity that stands outside our doors?

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Report From Occupy Protest

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Yesterday, I thought I'd head down to check out an "Occupy Seattle" protest scheduled for the late afternoon to see what it was about. I drove to the Montlake neighborhood, making sure to stay on my side of the Montlake Bridge in case it was "occupied," which would have obliged me to take an inconvenient route home. There were a couple dozen cops suiting up in riot gear at a nearby grocery store, which confirmed that I was close to the occupiers, so I stopped near there and walked across the bridge toward the protestors on the other side.

It was one of those typical November days in Seattle, with temperatures just above freezing and driving rain, and I wondered whether anyone would show up at all, but when I arrived at the protest site a couple hundred people were milling about. There were some tents, signs and representatives from various unions. However, despite the fact that the protest was being held on the University of Washington's campus, precious few students.

The crowd was actually quite old. Although there were a few of the usual younger, radical types, there were more who were middle-aged and above. Speakers had been set up, and they were playing Bob Dylan; a 50-something woman was toting a "Save Medicare" sign, one woman was pushing around an oxygen tank and grey-haired old hippies were walking around in ponchos. There were only two or three young guys with the "anonymous" masks, and they were outnumbered, believe it or not, by Somali women in chadors. I overheard a young woman saying something about how attending the protest was part of her gender/women's studies class.

It was a motley, uninspired crew, and I wondered why the cops even bothered with the riot gear. For an idea of what the protesters looked like, check out the photos accompanying this article. Geriatric…

After spending some time in the crowd and getting quite wet, I decided there was not much more to see and walked back to the car. I passed a group of easygoing, polite cops on the way back, who, despite their menacing gear, acted as though they were tasked with protecting rather than confronting the fragile demonstrators.

After seeing yesterday's occupy protest, I realized that there's really nothing revolutionary about the movement — it's actually more of a plea for charity from the folks who have grown accustomed to being taken care of by a government that is losing the ability to be generous. Political demonstrations in the US used to be characterized by youth and vigor, but if Occupy Seattle is any indication, they are now little more than beggars' armies, extending their hands for alms from a nation that has been looted penniless.

Occupy Opportunity?

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Some readers may be tiring a bit from the focus on “Occupy” movement, but I find the phenomenon interesting for a few reasons, including the fact that it has some parallels to the Arab Spring revolutions (although the outcome is not likely to be similar at all), and it offers us some potential lessons.

The new style of social protest is fueled largely by online material and social media. The protests against Arab regimes were organized with blogs, twitter and text messages. Social media allowed protests to be coordinated almost spontaneously, as local events became international within minutes rather than days or weeks. This started with the WTO protests over ten years ago, but as handheld devices have become ubiquitous, it is no longer a few people keeping close track of their PCs who can participate in coordinating protests online, but also ordinary people on the street with cell phones/smartphones.

The mainstream media has lost control of the street where the under-30s are concerned. Local and international news outlets are doing all they can to keep up with what’s going on, and have lost the ability to shape opinions and reactions to news. In some of the Arab regimes, the response was to try to shut down the internet, which turned out to be an exercise in futility.

So how can this help men? I think it’s pretty clear. We should have our own demonstration alerts, and get involved in the protests with our own messages. The feminists have been doing what they can to insert themselves into these protests, and they’ve had some success, despite the fact that outrage at banks has nothing to do with feminist concerns, and feminists themselves have been relying on government bailouts for half a century.

A lot of men may be reluctant to take time off to get involved in these protests, but it takes precious few to get one’s message across. A dozen men in one demonstration would be entirely adequate to get some attention, and if the message is well-conceived and suited to the general protest it may well be adopted by other attendees. I, for one, think a message such as “Men (or Fathers) Against Debt Slavery” would be perfectly appropriate. There’s plenty of material to work with.

So, I’ve been thinking about starting some protest network for those who would be interested in showing up at demonstrations to get our issues addressed. Perhaps a number of twitter feeds in various locales that all follow each other would work, but despite my predilection for blogging, I am a bit of a luddite where handheld media is concerned, so I’d appreciate any suggestions from readers as to what the most effective platform would be.

Is Christianity Salvageable?

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It's probably confusing for a lot of people to hear that Christianity has essentially become a female sect, because for years we've been hearing about how awfully patriarchal and sexist Christian denominations (and other Abrahamic religions) are, and how the religion is a tool used to subjugate women. Given that churches are now about as female as college campuses (about 60%), folks must be scratching their heads and wondering what happened.

Many of the men writing on this issue, including Dalrock and Elusive Wapiti, are Christians themselves, and they've done a great job exposing the rampant man-bashing in contemporary Christianity. Dalrock recently pointed out how Christians even go so far as to excuse female-initiated divorce for trivial reasons, and cannot boast any more success in keeping families together than secular society.

So what's the deal here? Why have Christians failed so miserably across the board in their sacred duty to uphold the sanctity of matrimony and prevent dissolution?

What's happening is that Christianity has become an industry of sorts, and it caters to its consumers, who are overwhelmingly female. As wealth has transferred to women, who are the biggest discretionary spenders in the US by a wide margin, churches and preachers have turned to supplication to earn their daily bread. Supplication for women is probably the defining service performed by Evangelicals, who make a tidy profit from the practice, the basis for which can be found in James 5:

> 13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.
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> 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:
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> 15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
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> 16 Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

The tipping point for Christianity in the US likely occurred when supplication became the church's most profitable enterprise (as opposed to a backwoods hustler's game), or at least when aspiring young preachers realized what success it could bring them. From there on out, a more female-oriented faith was inevitable.

If preachers had merely stopped there, it would be bad enough, but in their eagerness to please female congregants they've taken things a step farther, and many have progressed to the kind of outright man-bashing and shaming one would normally expect from a lesbian apostate such as Mary Daly.

They've gone from forgiving women's sins, faith healing and praying for money to playing the part of a drill sergeant for husbands, who, as we all know, will never be quite good enough for wives, guaranteeing plenty of work for the energetic preacher.

Pro-Male Anti-Feminist Tech, one of my favorite bloggers (he wrote the infamous "War on Science Fiction and Marvin Minsky" article that helped launch *The Spearhead* into some renown), has been doing some investigation into contemporary churches, finding that church is fertile grounds for women seeking a particular kind of husband. Of course, PMAFT's mission will likely upset more than a few Christians, but what he has found should be of considerable interest to Christian men, even if it may not be music to their ears.

As Christ Himself said:

> 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that

> are in the house.
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> Matthew 5:15

So, it would be rather foolish for believing Christians to snuff out the light of truth that exposes what's going on in houses of God, even if what they see does not please them. With that in mind, let's see what exactly is happening in church today (excerpt from "The (Not) Virgin From The Sunday Morning Nightclub"):

> Many of you have been waiting to hear about my Sunday Morning Nightclub (aka church) exploits. Your wait is over. I have been investigating various Sunday morning nightclubs here in the DC area, many of which are Sunday afternoon nightclubs, since the latest mass on Sunday is the best for this which is often technically in the afternoon.
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> At one of the Sunday Morning Nightclubs, I picked up a hot chick. Let's call her Molly. She's in her mid to late 20s and obviously one of those women who decided to go back to church to look for a husband chump to marry. Thus picking her up was not difficult. We were having coffee (technically I don't drink coffee, but that's beside the point), and Molly tells me that she is a virgin and waiting to have sex until she is married. She wanted to be clear upfront so there's no miscommunication down the line. I could tell Molly was full of BS on being a virgin, so I called her on it. She admitted I was right. What she's really trying to do was "makeover" her life by taking morality "more seriously" so she's going to wait until marriage for sex now.
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> I told her I was fine with this for several reasons. Many of you are wondering why because doesn't this mean she won't put out? She will put out, and it won't be long before she does. I'm not even going to push the issue of sex. I am going to wait for her to beg me for it. I will not be waiting long. This way I will be able to show you how women who go to church in their late 20s/early 30s haven't changed. They are just desperate for a chump before their looks fade…

Clearly, Molly has decided it's time to find a proper husband, who she intended to deceive regarding her chastity. Why church? Because she knows that church is where men receive training regarding how to behave as husbands. Additionally, she knows that churches no longer treat marriage as a contract between those who enter into it and God, but rather a contract between the parties themselves, with God (whose advocate is the preacher) as the judge. And, as in family law, women will push the contract in their favor at every opportunity, resulting in ever more excuses for breaking it if she so chooses. As Dalrock has demonstrated, many Christian leaders will oblige her.

Given that most Western churches are funded mainly by women today, the situation is probably insoluble in the foreseeable future. As long as preachers are working for their mainly female congregants, they will inevitably begin to support the instinctive female tendency toward serial monogamy, and offer excuses for women who decide to leave their marriages for whatever reason. This isn't really Christianity, but even preachers need to make a living, so there's little that can be done.

If true Christianity is to survive, it may need to reintroduce some of the characteristics of the early church, including segregation by gender. Male-only services may be of some value, as would removal of women from the altar. Supplication for profit must be eschewed, too. It's a tall order, and probably more than Western Christians are willing to take on. The future of Christianity in the Western world looks tenuous at best.

Mediation on Wednesday

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I'm going to be mediating a finalized parenting plan for the post-relocation custody arrangement on Wednesday afternoon. Although I'm not terribly optimistic, at least I have some decent guidelines handed down from the court commissioner in my August hearing. Most importantly, he ruled that I should keep the same amount of parenting time with my kids, which means, practically speaking, that I should have them for the overwhelming majority of holiday time.

However, I'm not sure my ex will honor this ruling, as she's been doing her best to limit my time and conversation with the kids since they moved to the Vancouver area.

In the meanwhile, I'll be getting my papers in order and preparing to address whatever might come up in mediation. As I think it's important to enlighten men who haven't been through this, I'll write up the experience and try to explain what happened. At this point, I have no idea how it will turn out, but I tried mediation once before, and it didn't turn out very well. In that case, the mediator, an attorney named Barry Rose, seemed to think the proper method was to bully and threaten the father while white knighting for the mother, which only had the effect of giving me a fatalistic attitude toward the process.

Hopefully, this time the mediator will be more reasonable, but they each have their own technique, and I don't know the man. We shall see.

How the sin of addiction can lead to seduction and abandonment

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The topic of pornography addiction in Fireproof has me thinking about the issue of addiction in general. Addiction is serious business. The addict loses all sense of perspective, and will do *anything* to get their next fix. This profoundly corrupts their sense of morals, and therefore makes them untrustworthy. Very often the thing which the addict craves is something which would be healthy in the right context. The power of their addiction however can turn what should be wholesome and beautiful into something dark and shameful.

There is one kind of addict which we have discussed but haven't given enough attention to in this space. This addict is on an obsessive search to secure as many notches as they can. They are fueled by the high they receive when they convince their victim to *go all the way*. Taking what they want by force wouldn't have the same impact; the rush comes from the victim's *willing consent*. In their amoral attempt to get their next fix, they will say or do *anything* to seduce their mark. The mark for their own part typically never sees this coming. They think if they offer themselves in good faith they will be loved and accepted as a result. But while the addict isn't acting out of malice, once the mark has gone all the way the addict has no more use for them. The mark is left bewildered, hurt, and rejected. This experience can be absolutely devastating and life altering. What did they do wrong? Why did the addict drop them as soon as the deed was done, only to pursue fresh meat? Did the discarded mark never really mean anything to them after all? Was all of the wooing and effort to make them feel at ease only a ruse to get them to consent? Unfortunately, often the answer is yes.

We've all known the victims of this kind of cruel use of the innocent. We've seen the life long pain this can inflict. I must stress that there is nothing inherently dirty or wrong with the victim's choice to consent. They were merely offering their most precious gift, hoping to be loved and accepted in return. Their only fault is having been too trusting of those who said all of the right words but never really meant them. Had the addict not discarded them once it was done it could have been something of great beauty.

I assume everyone reading this knows *exactly* what I'm talking about. The Church's addiction for grooms is a not well kept secret. They most often woo the young, promising acceptance if he only does *this one thing* for them. While innocent the young mark still might sense something is amiss with the seducer. Many will offer to give up something lesser instead, keeping their *one true gift* for when they are certain their love will be returned. *What if I call her my girlfriend, maybe even live together with her? I promise to remain faithful.* But the seducer is adamant; he must go all the way, and it must be done in public. *Once you do this*, they tell him, *you will be loved as one of us.* But the mark is suspicious, he's heard of other men who went all the way only to be treated with contempt afterward. This is all part of the game for the seducer, who knows the conquest is near. *This time it's different. Those other grooms meant nothing to me.* The mark still isn't sure, but the seducer knows all of the right words. *I'm not that kind of church. I'm the kind which actually values marriage. You can trust me.*

How can they ever trust again?

Ad Companies Trash Boys in Pro-daughter Campaign

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Fast Company, a marketing company that runs an online design magazine, asked ad agencies to run what they describe as “mock campaigns” to re-brand girls. In the process, the companies dump on males, and male children in particular. A few of the ads are targeted at China in particular, where more boys are born than girls (particularly in the countryside), but others are simply gratuitous man-bashing, and imply that boys are dangerous and unhealthy and lack compassion, loyalty and self-control.

Sometimes I wonder whether we have reached the height of misandry, only to find that corporate America and politicians are all too willing to dive to new lows.

If companies created campaigns trashing baby girls, we would never hear the end of it, but when boys are the target nobody bats an eyelid. Furthermore, it’s considered bad form for men to flaunt their advantages, but when women do it somehow it is acceptable. However, these campaigns will probably backfire, as they make women look like very poor sports, and quite arrogant to boot.

One company even set up a website called “Hope it’s a Girl” that features anecdotes and pictures of boys behaving badly. Ironically, it makes boys look like more fun, and girls like insufferable bores, but perhaps the guys tasked with creating the site did that on purpose.

Internet erupts on news of Spearhead and Forbes Woman alliance

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Thanks to a recent Spearhead essay that helped send the Forbes Woman Millennial Burnout meme viral, the men of Forbes have stood up and taken notice and are asking, what's behind this amazing success story?

I could not help but feel a sense of pride in finally seeing a payoff from my tireless efforts to promote a discussion between the two seemingly disparate yet mirror image web sites of Forbes Woman and The Spearhead. Not a day passes without the Women of Forbes posting a thoughtful essay seeking answers to fundamental life issues that the commentators of the Spearhead can so adroitly explain to them. The service the Spearhead Men are providing is immeasurable; very often in the Forbes essays and readership comments, a plaintive whine goes out that "we were brought up to…" and "no one ever told us…" that can only men of patriarchy can puncture towards epiphany.

And there's big money in it, as the Forbes Men examine the entrails of the phenomena and calculate the payouts. Naturally enough I want my cut, so posted a quick comment and am awaiting further instructions :

What was responsible for the astonishing success of the Millennial Burnout essay?

Why Elmer's provocative comments, which helped fuel an internet firestorm. After I passed the link to the editor of the Spearhead, the blog world exploded with controversy.

I am seeing a real synergy developing between Forbes Woman and The Spearhead. The complimentary attitudes are forging a new creative paradigm, and I have been personally been taken aside by both Forbes Women and other blog luminaries who have informed me that my name has come up in numerous discussions on the future of this alliance.

Kindly have your people contact my people regarding remuneration for my prior comments as well as establishing a dialogue on future essay ideas.

Death of Marine Highlights Questionable SWAT Tactics

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There's an uproar in Pima County Arizona over the SWAT killing of a USMC vet who may or may not have been involved in marijuana dealing. Jose Guereno Ortiz, a copper miner who served a couple tours in Iraq, was riddled with 22 bullets (out of 71 fired) seconds after SWAT officers battered down his door. According to the police, he confronted officers with a gun after the heavily armed SWAT team broke into his house.

> An ordinary morning was unfolding in the middle-class Tucson neighborhood – until an armored vehicle pulled into the family's driveway and men wearing heavy body armor and helmets climbed out, weapons ready.
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> They were a sheriff's department SWAT team who had come to execute a search warrant. But Vanessa Guerena insisted she had no idea, when she heard a "boom" and saw a dark-suited man pass by a window, that it was police outside her home. She shook her husband awake and told him someone was firing a gun outside.
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> A U.S. Marine veteran of the Iraq war, he was only trying to defend his family, she said, when he grabbed his own gun – an AR-15 assault rifle.
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> What happened next was captured on video after a member of the SWAT team activated a helmet-mounted camera.
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> The officers – four of whom carried .40-caliber handguns while another had an AR-15 – moved to the door, briefly sounding a siren, then shouting "Police!" in English and Spanish. With a thrust of a battering ram, they broke the door open. Eight seconds passed before they opened fire into the house.
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> And 10 seconds later, Guerena lay dying in a hallway 20-feet from the front door. The SWAT team fired 71 rounds, riddling his body 22 times, while his wife and child cowered in a closet…

SWAT tactics have become increasingly common since the 1980s, when they were used in minority "ghettoes" to deal with populations that were resistant to ordinary policing. They were a feature of the "War on Drugs," and accompanied the rise of the American police state that saw extremely high rates of incarceration and heavy handed tactics become a feature of American law enforcement.

By the 1990s, SWAT tactics began to be used in the context of domestic disputes, and then in school incidents. Some of the enthusiasm for SWAT operations has been scaled back in cities, but SWAT teams continue to be a common feature of policing.

In another era, such routine state incursions into citizens' homes would have been unthinkable, but something has changed a great deal in the American character. Years of vilification of the American male, ideologically-driven campaigns to equalize people, and the idea that family business is also state business have opened the door to the strongarm tactics that resulted in Jose Ortiz being shot to death in front of his four-year-old child.

Whether Ortiz was a marijuana dealer or not is not really the point here. Even if he were, why couldn't the police have arrested him at work and simultaneously served a search warrant on his house? That may have been difficult for his wife and child, too, but it wouldn't have involved traumatizing the boy for life. Serving a warrant with a battering ram and heavily armed SWAT team shows the judicial process to be a farce, and a very dangerous one at that.

We ought to ask those who support unlimited state intrusion into people's private lives whether they think these kinds of incidents are acceptable "collateral damage." Do feminists, for example, believe that police should be allowed to invade Americans' private homes as though they were raiding insurgents in Afghanistan to investigate a domestic disturbance? Do anti-drug crusaders think suspicion of marijuana smuggling justifies it? What is worth suspending our constitutional rights to security in our persons and property?

Action That's Not Activism:

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One Man's Meat is Another Man's Hot Sauce

I honour Men's Rights Activists, but i'm not really that kind of man myself. In different—especially, in more urban circumstances—i might be; but i think i'd still give my main time, attention and sweat to action that many activists wouldn't see as their calling. I suppose that goes back to my grandfather, my Dad, my boyhood Scoutmaster, and the joy of gardening and building. I really like to produce results that can be seen and enjoyed by the locals.

Instead of calling myself "MRA", i call myself "Men's Interest Worker" (because "Advocate" would produce the same acronym as "Missing in Action", which i ain't.) I believe that the way up and out of the hole Feminism has dug for men, includes activism but is even more a matter of teamwork achieving practical tasks, mentoring boys and supporting wounded boys and men, designing and confirming by trial, social patterns that will define the post-Feminist world.* My guess is that thousands and perhaps millions of men would [like me] give more time to such action than to activism, just as we put more meat, salad and bread [or rice] on the plate than we do hot-sauce.

Let me honour a little specific activism: The "outing and shaming" that A Voice for Men has done with "Vliet Tiptree" and the Swedish SCUM organization, is, methinks, valuable work. If i were the sort of old man who sits home, plays classic-flick videos and Mozart CDs, and sends money for others to do the actual work [and lived in the US banking system], then i'd send check for a few hundred dollars to AVfM, a larger check to the Spearhead—and a few thousand to shovels-in-the-ground, hammer-and-nails, men-and-boys-around-the-campfire action efforts.

As it is, i intend to spend a few hundred hours each year writing and working with other men "on the ground" (and in rural life, that really means with my boots on the dirt, in the snow—and, come spring breakup, in the mud.) I plan to put most of the money i spend on men's-interest work—and i plan to spend 10% of my after-tax income, maybe more—in support of my work and the work of men i know personally.

If enough local men get together to have a "Motherhood Is Serious Work—Not All Women Qualify" protest come Mother's Day, i might well be there carrying a sign (and if the language is English, perhaps making a short speech.) Along with that day or two of work on activism, i expect to spend a week or two that same May, on practical action. And because there are fewer than 10,000 Anglophone men within an hour's drive of my home [and about the same number of Francophone men], the likelihood of such a protest isn't what it would be if i lived in Halifax or Winnipeg—never mind Toronto, Houston, Seattle or WDC.

As a rural man, i'm not so much averse to activism, as located in the wrong place for it, and even more fond of practical action. You might say, if action is my meat, then activism is more like hot sauce with more jalapeño than tomato in it; and writing is the good stuff from the garden—Cardinal lettuce, Scotia tomatoes, homegrown arugula and chives, Honeycrisp apples, chocolate mint tisane, and dandelion wine. (The apple trees are still too young to produce enough for cider.)

I'm glad there are activists; i'm glad there are Greek oregano and jalapeños and even [in very small amounts] habañero and cayenne and Scotch-Bonnet peppers. I wouldn't fill my salad bowl with any of them, nor make them more than a wee fraction of the total volume of my next batch of salsa-picante.

* The sinking of the ***Titanic*** is a classic example of pre- or early-Feminist gender relations: At least 90% of the men passengers, 24% of the women passengers, and 51% of the children died. (Many men of the crew were saved because their work included "manning the lifeboats". One lesson is, *if you travel by ship, know how to sail*; sadly, it doesn't work for air travel.)

At that time, a century ago, men had their privileges and women had theirs—the privileges of the sheltered gender. Feminism has brought women out of the shelter of the home; but has not accepted the costs that "going where the

hot action is" implies. The result: Where there was a balance in 1912, there is substantial overall female privilege and male disadvantage in 2011.

Still in Negotiation

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I'm still occupied with working out a new parenting plan for my kids' relocation to Vancouver, but hopefully I'll have that out of the way within the week (trial is scheduled for early December). It is not an easy process, and takes up a significant amount of time and energy. Dealing with exes is often slow, painful and expensive. The costs of divorce to our nation's productivity must be absolutely staggering.

However, I'm optimistic that we can work this out soon, and then get on with life. As for mediation, which I attended last week, I'll tentatively recommend it. It's much more effective than ordinary litigation, which too often is characterized by threats, brinksmanship and communication breakdown.

The main problem with mediation is the cost, which is prohibitive. However, if you can use it to cut future costs it's probably worth it. I'd be happy to explain further, but it's confidential at this point, so that will have to wait until the papers are signed.

Why is Anglo Feminism so Virulent?

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There's been some controversy over what exactly is going on with Swedish/Scandinavian feminism, with some claiming that it's worse than the Anglo version and others claiming that, actually, men have it better over there than in Anglo countries. I tend to favor the latter position, possibly because I'm a father and I know that Scandinavian countries are not nearly so punitive toward fathers as the legal regimes in the Anglosphere. However, due to the extremely broad definition of rape in Sweden, some claim that it is akin to fundamentalist Muslim regimes.

I'm not sure the rape hysteria in Sweden is entirely a feminist creation, however. It's more likely that it's a reaction to a trend that has been ongoing since the Swedes, in their infinite wisdom, imported a very large Muslim community, which has, to put it mildly, very different sexual norms from the native Swedes. In Islamic countries, a woman who sleeps around, bares her skin, dances at clubs, etc., is a whore. According to Islamic (and earlier Christian) custom, rape does not apply to whores, ergo Swedish women are free for the taking. When one combines this attitude with extreme cultural relativism as practiced by Swedish "enlightened" liberals, there are bound to be some misunderstandings.

My take on it is that Swedes have attempted to legislate Swedish cultural norms surrounding sex as a response to this problem. For example, a typical Swedish man would not assume that because a woman shows some skin and acts in a sexually provocative manner she is consenting to sex. In Muslim countries, men assume exactly that. Therefore, the rape laws are instructive in nature, designed to "civilize" the Muslims into the norms of a sexually libertine society. Feminists may have supported these laws, but the impetus for their passage likely derived from outrage native Swedes felt about their women being used by foreigners. This is an entirely normal feeling, but naturally Swedes don't want to seem xenophobic or restrictive, so they dress the laws up in feminist language and thereby retain their progressive aura.

However, child support and custody in Sweden are handled far differently than in Anglo countries. Joint custody is much more common, and men are never thrown in prison for inability to pay child support. In fact, if a man can't afford child support, the state will actually help him. Fathers' rights are taken seriously, and fathers are given leave to spend time with children along with mothers. Men are almost never killed by the police for their wives or girlfriends, divorces are less expensive and usually not very acrimonious, and marriage is neither demanded nor punished as it is in the Anglosphere.

Evidently, the situation is even better in Finland. The national government in Finland takes men's rights seriously, and fathers are given a great deal of consideration.

So although we see that feminism is real, and sometimes annoying, in Scandinavia, it isn't as much of a threat to the average man as it is in Anglo countries.

Why not?

I think it has something to do with the Anglo form of government, which is based on an adversarial relationship between the government and the people. From the Magna Carta onward, English speaking people have sought to define themselves apart from their rulers. Americans enshrined distrust of government into our Constitution, and to this day we remain extraordinarily suspicious of government power.

In Scandinavia, the people – including men – feel that their government is for their benefit rather than opposed to their interests. They are not only less suspicious of it, but less inclined to see themselves as at odds with it. Their government is also less inclined to view the people as a threat.

Our governments, on the other hand, have a tendency to exist in an uneasy state of truce with the people. This creates a lot of opportunities for special interest groups to ally themselves with the government against the people. Feminists instinctively understood that they had a willing ally in the state against the men the state taxes and rules.

As women entered the political world, they began to see the state as a very powerful tool for extracting concessions from men. The result was a very aggressive form of feminism that has proven over and over again its willingness to support the most punitive confiscatory regime the United States has ever had, under the guise of protecting women and children of course. Additionally, feminist family law has provided a great many constitutional loopholes, rendering any man who lives or works with a woman – that is, the vast majority of men – defenseless against civil rights abuses.

The question this raises is whether Anglo-style democracy can long survive following women's empowerment. I'd argue that it probably cannot, and that our democracies will degenerate into something closer to Latin regimes, where votes are simply bought and sold and rule of law is tenuous at best. In such a scenario, women's status will necessarily decline, as tax revenues will shrink to levels that can no longer support the police state required to keep them "equal." Companies that don't want to pay women higher wages will simply grease the palm of some official, and women's complaints will be in vain. Police will stop regularly responding to DV calls, as the money to arrest, prosecute and incarcerate women's lovers over domestic fights simply won't be there any longer. Child support will be reduced as more and more men, the elderly in particular, end up on welfare (when many divorced men, made poor by their ex-wives, are old and unemployed they will be an enormous social burden).

When seen in the context of the traditional Anglo antagonism toward government, it's pretty clear that feminists are, for all intents and purposes, allies of the state against the people. It is akin to a symbiotic relationship between two parasites feeding off the same host; something like the relationship between the mosquito, the plasmodium parasite (malaria) and the human being.

Perhaps we'll have to accept that the very structure of our society and the nature of our ideals contained all the elements necessary for their eventual collapse. If the adversarial relationship between ruler and ruled – the state and The People – becomes a characteristic of the relationship between our men and women, and our brand of feminism gives us every indication that it has, our society in its current incarnation is doomed.

Outrage mounts as Forbes Woman tries to export Millennial Burnout Syndrome (MBS) globally

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After my first day on the staff at Forbes Woman, I am exhausted. The editors thought that bringing a man's voice to the conversation would boost their viewership while positing Forbes as a progressive media outlet appealing to the new gender-neutral Millennials.

I have to admit, the gals all perked up when I walked into the office in my gabardines and projecting my trademark swagger. They certainly weren't used to having a ballsy Alpha man strutting around the halls of Encorpera like a spring chicken. Hey, I'm used to female attention, but when the boss dumped a pile of their essays in my cublicle and tole me to "add a masculine voice" to their writing, I quickly remembered why I never lasted more than 6 months at a corporation.

I really was trying to help those ladies, but shit hit the fan when I made a few suggestions on improving their grammar and narratives. Then the inevitable lusting from the younger hotties towards my robust, hairy-armed presence. The older, single, successful gals did not like it one bit. I knew when they headed out together after work (late in the evening, as usual) to chug boxed wine over food component assemblies, that there would be a self-emergent conspiracy to get me ousted. I've been through it so many times before that I merely shrugged off the implications and drove my Monte Carlo home to my wife for some Pho and hot sex.

Well, it didn't take long for them to realize their plan. After I arrived in the morning I saw their diabolical handiwork on my desk :

Success And The Single Asian Woman

Obviously a nefarious plot to "get" Uncle Elmer so they can smirk as security walks him to the door. Sorry gals, I don't back down. I promptly fired off an inter-office memo expressing my outrage over this innapproriate sexist, racist "joke".

From the desk of Elmer E. Elmerson, III :

Typical feminist shaming to imply that men are insecure or threatened by a "successful" woman. A man wants a wife, not a co-worker. Better to be poor with a humble, traditional wife than shackled to a haughty female who thinks her job fashioning paper clip sculptures at Encorpera is more important than taking care of her home and family.

I traveled abroad and found a beautiful, successful vietnamese woman for matrimony. Now she stays home and takes care of my needs, and she is happy. To hell with the extra money. I want a woman who enjoys cooking and sex.

As for unmarried mothers, it's still a major social disgrace in Asia. Typical feminist writing to try to sugar-coat this cultural atrocity by implying that "wonderful, high-power women in New York" are raising bastard children and lovin' it.

Let's face it. Western women hate Asian women, and are eager to export feminism to their countries so those hot Asian chicks can be equally miserable as liberated, successful, single, Millennial Burnout American women.

Guys, we know how this will play out. Rather than wait for the axe I will take a proactive approach and send some feelers to another publication to scrounge up some work.

In the meantime, you may enjoy some of my editorial suggestions to the Forbes Woman staff, all in a day's work :

Getting more women in the boardroom — should the U.S. use mandatory quotas like Europe?

Elmer offer his timeless wisdom :

Women are not excluded by a "good old boys network". The numbers of women who can compete for executive level positions dwindles precipitously each year because of their own choices to focus on their children rather than spend every waking moment clawing their way to the top of Encorpera.

And the Economoist warning that padding corporate boards with diversity quotas will have poor results is exactly correct. Of course feminist mandates to ensure high-flying corporate jobs to women may backfire when the growing legions of stay-at-home husbands, who have been jerking off to porn and shooting hoops for 20 years, return to the workforce after the kids have grown and demand that they too, get those top slots in recognition for life-long experience. As you are advocating legislation to ensure that those who take the mommy-track have a seat on the

corporate board, you will, in the name of equality and gender fairness, have to provide a chair to those men as well.

The Financial Benefits of Babies at Work

Elmer brings his work-life experience to the discussion :

The point of work is to provide goods and services to sell in a competitive marketplace, not to provide “work-life balance” to privileged females who are obsessed with their pointless careers fashioning paper-clip sculptures at Encorpera.

I got laid off from my corporate job soon after they had spent 6 months and tens of thousands of dollars renovating the ladies restroom near my cubicle to provide a “breast pumping” station for working moms. Can’t say I agree that turning the factory into a nursery will help Encorpera meet its shareholder expectations.

And as if workplace women do not already spend too much time throwing parties for some gal transferring to a new position in the next department or hosting stupid-ass holiday gift exchanges, allowing them to bring in their nose-pickers is sure to demolish what productivity still exists. It won’t be the men causing the loss in profit, but women and their ceaseless fawning over babies as well their inherent competitiveness towards each other. The childless women will hate your guts over this.

Busting the Myth That Women Aren’t As Ambitious as Men

Elmer busts… well, never mind :

Now you want to legislate “likeability” to ensure that society has nicer feelings towards aggressive, ambitious

women.

And there's a "Center for Work-Life Policy" providing "facts" that employers should listen to?

Ladies, listen up. Nobody gives you work-life balance. You take it. Stop pleading for this nebulous "society" to provide it and a portfolio of career comforts for you. If you want to reach the top you will make some difficult trade-offs whether you are a man or woman. When you get there, no one will like you.

Your advice for women to approach their Encorpera overlords for executive grooming support as well as to instigate "change" is laughable. Anyone who pulls that stunt will get quickly shunted into a position of high diversity and low relevance.

An Encorpera CoWorker, "womanable", provides her insight :

Great article, thanks for this contribution. I agree with your points, but I also believe that the way that ambition, climbing the corporate ladder and entrepreneurial growth are discussed are put in very testosterone-charged terms, and posited as an either-or, zero-sum game. Women lead, manage, and grow differently from men, and talk about ambition and business goals using different terminology. In addition to your excellent suggestions, I think we need a new lexicon that is more inclusive, and an acknowledgement that there are multiple paths to greater business success.

Elmer likes her attempt to retool the King's English, but warns :

Good luck with that. I tried and tried to get my colleagues at The Spearhead to adopt the word "rogure" (which, roughly translated, means to fornicate rudely, though not unpleasantly) but to no avail!

"hydee", who works in Encorpera's Data Processing Center, has an unusual perspective. I will have to find a reason to drop by and discuss personally. Maybe bring a stack of punchcards or something :

I'm embarrassed to be a woman in Corporate America based on this article. Let me apply this logic to another issue:

Many women are overweight even though they want to be skinny. Why aren't they skinny? It's the cost of being skinny that gets to them. If you work out a lot you got sweaty and people don't like sweaty women. Also if you get too many muscles you'll look like a man and people don't like manly woman. Another way to be skinny is for women to watch what they eat. If they watch what they eat then they can't eat chocolate and everyone knows women love chocolate so it's not an option to give that up. So you see woman really want to be skinny but it's the cost of being skinny that they struggle with.

You cannot have ambition if you are lazy and don't want to put the effort. Ambition requires sacrifice. In fact, I'm

pretty sure anything that requires hard work requires sacrifice.

Science Proves That Women Are Mean (Again). Thanks Science!

Elmer, can you proof this for me? Thx, Meghan

Last night, while having drinks with some ForbesWoman friends, one made a statement that stuck with me. While describing a falling out she had had with a cofounder of a recent startup and the subsequent attention it received in the press, she said, “If it had been men, it would have been all business. But because we’re women, it’s always portrayed as a catfight.”…

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Elmer inquires :

While quaffing boxed wine at dinner did you feel a flush of anger and resentment when one of your Encorpera co-workers mentioned her recent private correspondences with Elmer?

The Bargain Hunter’s Guide to Great Wine

Elmer observes :

Boxed whine : the drug of choice for treating Millennial Burnout Syndrome (MBS).

Mom Models Represent On The Runway For Victoria's Secret

Elmer gives them the Man's view :

Victoria's Secret is in the business of covering up flaws, so it's just good marketing to include some fatties and moms on the runway to appeal to their demographic. While I applaud their inclusiveness it can be a little irritating for men to have this shoved in our face along with demands that we perceive it as "sexy" while being shamed and vilified for enjoying to look at what we truly find appealing (cheerful naked young women who have not borne children). We sure as hell don't care to hear about some former model's great postpartum body. And if I see another graphic with a self-satisfied pregnant woman with her hand on her belly I'm gonna puke.

I'm serious. Runway models and their cold robotic stares are complete boner-killers.

The Rise Of The Female CEO And The Folly Of Men Who Just Don't Get It

Elmer is outraged! :

Typical feminist essay, even in the title using phallic double-entenders ("rise") to shame men ("who just don't get it") as if our entire worth as human beings rests on whether or not we are successful with females. It's a subtle, insidious form of power abuse against men, reducing them to mere sexual objects, and wholly innappropriate to the culture of inclusiveness and valuing of each coworker's individual diversity that we are striving to create at Encorpera.

True Tales Of Love And Startups: When Things Get Complicated With A Co-Founder

Elmer shares his experiences :

My head spins now…stay calm, focus, try to beat the stampede of commentary.

Hot Asian chick (well she's Asian, that' for certain), beta male "friend", business partnership. Did she really have to ponder so hard to figure out what went wrong?

Let's hope after numbnuts recovers emotionally he travels abroad and finds a lovely Asian bride that will satisfy his needs and empower him towards business success!

Close Your Eyes: How Meditation Can Help Your Career

Elmer questions :

How come the stock photos never show a sweathog meditating?

Same for "massage" photos. Always the attractive lady gettin a massage while hubby is out on the links swinging a Large Marge.

Just once I would like to see the middle-aged guy gettin a rubdown from the hot Asian chick while his wife is shopping at the boutique.

Criminy. You know what? I have seen that guy :

http://www.the-spearhead.com/2011/09/15/dear-salon-letters/

And he does the "meditation" thing too :

http://www.the-spearhead.com/2011/09/05/employment-game-part-iii-prospecting/

The Psychological Warfare of Women: Are We Our Own Worst Enemy?

Elmer helps out :

Baloney. If you try to change the world by making an example of yourself as a "nice" girl, the mean girls are gonna walk all over you like you're a piece of moldy carpet.

If you want to survive at Encorpera you need to hunker down and hone your skills at feminine infighting. You got many decades of this ahead of you so you better get used to it and learn to fight like a woman.

Why Being Successful And Independent Will Ruin Your Marriage Prospects (And Why The Media Love To Tell You This)

Elmer simplifies it for her :

It's not hard to figure out.

A man wants a wife, not a coworker.

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Frieda Klotz, Contributor

Hi Elmer,

That is intriguing — could you elaborate?

She is intrigued, Elmer provides more detail :

Man, who once toiled alone in field and factory. sought in woman the exact opposite to soothe his wounded soul. He was willing to commit his paltry wages to her upkeep in exchange for a few simple rewards such as cooked food and a backrub.

Now that legions of women have eagerly sought out Paper Clip Sculptor positions at Pan-Encorpera and have been poisoned by a constant diet of diversity-based inspirational programming, modern woman has become just another Co-Worker.

For many men it's a waking nightmare. Like when you work on the burger-flipping line and you finally lay down to sleep exhausted you dream you are back on the job cranking out squirt burgers. It's no wonder they would rather jerk off to porn rather than expend the energy embroiled in a tug-of-war with a female that is just like the angry, competitive gals back at the office.

photo courtesy Mrs.Elmerson

Absent Fathers — Whose Fault?

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Having just finished up a parenting plan for my kids' relocation, I'm feeling pretty drained. The process is slow, painful, expensive, emotionally draining and time-consuming. As a father, it was almost entirely up to me to put the effort into keeping my time with my children. In Washington state, there is a "presumption" that the custodial parent (i.e. the mother) can have her way, and whatever parenting plan she submits upon a relocation, even one that removes the father entirely from the children's lives, becomes law if the father does not oppose it within 30 days. Previous custody agreements are irrelevant.

This law gives women the ability to erase fathers from their children's lives as easily as submitting a new parenting plan and moving to the next school district. If the father is too poor or too busy to show up and fight it in court, he's out of luck. If he already lives elsewhere, he's pretty much screwed. And even if he can fight it the first time, the mother can simply repeat the process until he gives up.

For all the talk of progress in father's rights and equality, the brutal reality is that a determined woman can still remove her children from their father's life simply with some persistence and knowledge of the law. Men have the option to fight it, but realistically speaking, most men don't have the means. The typical separation and/or divorce happen when both parents are young. All the young single mothers clogging up the hookup/dating sites are clear evidence of how common this is. In most cases, they left their children's father; they were not abandoned.

Young men in particular, especially these days, do not generally have the wherewithal to fight for their children, and I've learned from personal experience that if you don't fight for them you *will* lose them. I count myself one of the lucky ones. I was tenacious, and would have been no matter what the circumstances, but friends and family, which I have an abundance of here in my hometown, were essential to my ability to persevere. I really feel for young men without this advantage — there's often nothing they can do. This is why I will always give the benefit of the doubt to men who are estranged from their children.

And yet we still have politicians, pundits and producers bemoaning the plight of the poor, abandoned single mother and fatherless child, pointing the finger of blame at men, despite the fact that women are given options all along the way. They have the option to leave their children's father, they have the option to continue to demand support from him, and they have the option to cut him off from his children. Not one of these options results in a penalty, so a great many women pursue them.

The unspoken truth about fatherlessness is that in most cases a woman chose to remove the father from his children's lives. Fatherlessness is not, when it comes down to it, about a problem with men, but rather a problem with women. There may be some men who willingly abandon their children, but these are a small minority compared to those who have been disposed of by the mother.

Our society needs to stop asking "what's wrong with men?" and start inquiring into what's gone wrong with women. Fatherlessness is a major crisis in our civilization, and the blame for it lies almost entirely at the feet of our women.

Northern Europe: The Ideological Front Line?

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The critical response to my article on Anglo Feminism, which suggested that feminism is nastier in Anglo societies than Scandinavia, was pleasantly instructive. Although I was aware that there was some dissent against the state feminism of Northern Europe, I did not know that it was so strongly felt. More importantly, I didn't realize that feminism was such a crucial component of state ideology.

The picture that is emerging is one of a bureaucratically-entrenched soft totalitarianism in Scandinavia, as compared to a more lawless, rapacious and violent form of feminism in Anglo countries. Perhaps this is because in Scandinavia the state has been more successful in efforts to socialize feminism, thereby drawing support from society at large, whereas in the Anglosphere the burden falls most heavily on individual men who have exposed themselves to the risk of marriage or cohabitation.

Whatever the reasons, according to Henry Laasanen and other Finnish commenters, with a few exceptions, dissent against feminism is notably absent from the mainstream Scandinavian discourse.

Henry Laasanen:

> In the USA you may grind teeth with radical "feminazi" writings. We have no feminazis (maybe one or two), which is – paradoxically – a catastrophe for the Finnish MRM: there are no critical discussions of equlity in the media, only feminist propaganda.
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> [...]
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> There are no feminist blogs (one inactive) or feminist columnists (other than official propaganda) in Finland. In the British newspapers Guardian and Daily Mail there are gender debates every week – we have no gender debates, because feminism holds the absolute "truth".

Vortac:

> …I think Finland is one of the world's hardest countries to talk about men's rights. In USA, it seems to be much easier, because there are so many more people, which means there are so many more MRA's, and there is so much variance with all kinds of different states, different environments from mountainy places to plains and many things inbetween, that even men's rights can be discussed seriously. Even when there is the expected ridicule, there are more people to rise against the ridicules, and challenge their viewpoints. In the little Finland, it's a very difficult thing to do, and the consequences are less challenged – especially in the 'real life'.

Finndistan, an (American?) expat living in Finland:

> As a foreigner in Finland, following the finnish news in english, the media attack is impossible to avoid.
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> Articles on how the recession forces women back into the kitchen, articles on comparing all women and all men's salaries not divided by occupation etc, articles on how men have more free time when the data clearly showed that men work more (from a survey spanning the ages 10-65), the president saying that the real victims of war and conflict are women and children, etc… In a small country, in the main news outlet, when these kinds of articles appear multiple times a week, its can get overwhelming, and with what Henri says, the consensus politics, it is impossible to show people that "Look, the survey showed men worked more. It is in the data". Talking to a brick wall gets more response.

The atmosphere described in the above comments sounds like what one might find in an American gender studies classroom, but nowhere else. Family court may be hell for men in the US, but for the most part people have

stopped cooking up ideological justifications to defend the strong-arm robbery that passes for “justice” in our courthouses. Instead, they simply say something like “bend over and take it like a man.” However, this is recent development, so perhaps Scandinavia is simply a few steps behind in this regard.

Because Scandinavia has traditionally been the testing ground for progressive policies, its societies have had a disproportionate impact on the Western world’s political discourse. This suggests that if men’s rights advocates gain some political traction in the Nordic nations, it could significantly raise the profile of the movement throughout the West.

Despite the awful political climate for MRAs in Finland, it looks as though there’s actually a lot of potential there. The frustration is palpable, and the thing about a consensus, we humans being what we are, is that it is made to be broken. Paradoxically, one of the advantages we Americans have in regards to speaking out about these issues is that so many of us men have very little to lose. When you’ve already been destroyed by your ex, denounced as an “abuser” or “monster,” and had your children and property seized, what more can they do?

Although it may not be that bad in Finland now, if the feminists continue to get their way, it will get worse. If I were a Finn, this is something I’d tell my fellow men. Point out how American law metastasized in the 90s with the passage of VAWA and the unholy feminist/conservative alliance. Stress the need to fight feminism before it takes things that far. I’m sure plenty of Anglo men would be willing to tell their own personal horror stories to Finnish MRAs, who could use them as an example of what feminism has the potential to do.

Given the remarkably strong position feminism has in Scandinavia, it looks like the perfect place to take a stand against the ideology which, despite its claims, is supremacist rather than egalitarian. In fact, this may be the single best argument for the egalitarian Scandinavians: feminism ultimately leads to a society that is anything but just and equal. Through its pursuit of radical equality of outcome, it undermines legal equality, and eventually will replace rule of law with rule *by* law, which would erase the distinction between Scandinavia and its eastern neighbors, and thereby destroy the distinct civilization of the North.

Bringing The Manosphere Closer To You

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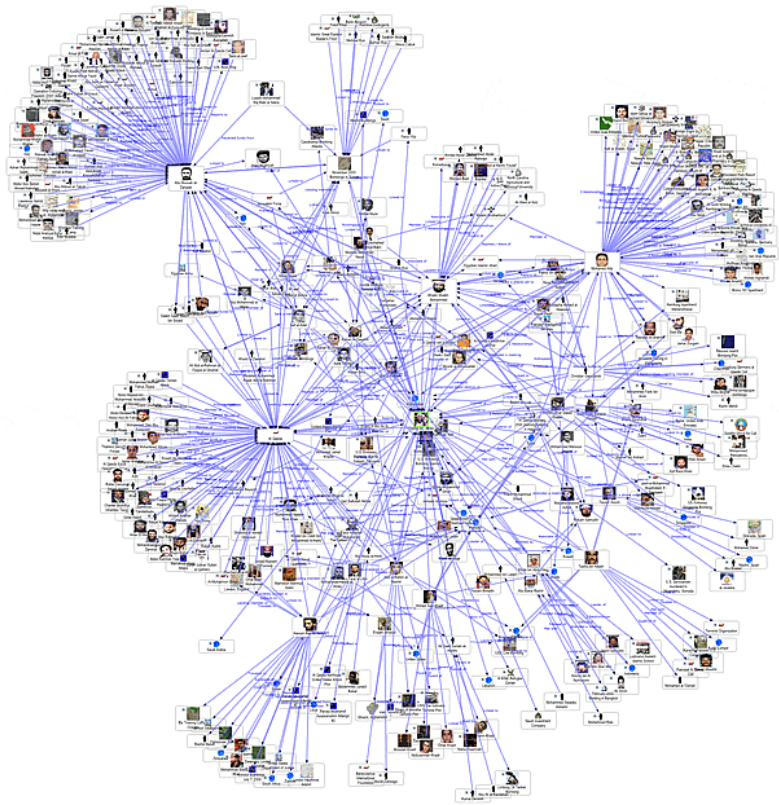
What exactly is the “manosphere”?

We all know the stock answer: it’s “a loosely connected web of blogs dealing with men’s issues”… but that failed to satisfy me, so in an effort to find a more scientific answer to this question, I just spent something like 4 hours plowing through some 200 or more blogs – starting with the blogs I (at least occasionally) read, then looking at everyone those blogs link to, then everyone *those* blogs link to…

I bottomed out about two and a half hours into it, seemingly free-falling into an ever-expanding ocean of blogs, but then… somehow, the threads I was following started coming together again. You’d expect that if there is such a thing as “the manosphere” then going through the blogs you’d eventually find most of the ever-increasing number of links pointing back to each other in a somewhat circular fashion – and that is indeed what happened. The final quarter hour of my adventure on the open seas of blog was the strangest part – I would run across a new blog I’d never seen or even heard of before, and every link in its sidebar (save one or two of the blogger’s personal picks) would already show the purple “previously visited link” color. And this happened a lot, even with blogrolls several tens of blogs long.

So there you go, the active “manosphere” is, according to my calculations, comprised of around 120-140 blogs, with several tens of old, abandoned blogs still lying around as well. It’s somewhat divided into smaller and quite heavily overlapping spheres (centered around Game, marriage issues, legal issues and MRA, antifeminism, whining, MGTOW, cultural commentary, self-improvement, etc.) and bleeds rather profusely into a distinct alt-right blogosphere through both spheres’ shared interest in the ongoing cultural decay of the Western world and how to live with that.

It basically looks a lot like one of these:



A realization I had in the process that, although not really logically surprising, still *felt* counter-intuitive was that a lot of the uncharted blogs I usually never ventured anywhere close to were *not bad at all*. I suppose we all imagine

that we've personally *picked the good ones* to follow, but the truth seems much more likely to be that we simply picked those which seemed *the closest,* judging by whatever virtual social connections brought us into the "manosphere" in the first place. It's the "friend of a friend" phenomenon transferring from real life onto our blog reading habits. Depending on which blogs they've found first, bloggers and readers both cluster into smaller groups even within one manospheric subgroup – I found at least two, or depending on how you count, possibly three distinct "Game" subgroups of blogs, all writing about the exact same stuff, but mostly separately from each other, not linking to or discussing posts from the other groups. Probably not even reading them. Maybe not even knowing they exist.

Fascinating stuff… so what do I intend to do with this information? The only thing a man possessed of his natural male instincts and drives can do in a situation like this: **build the biggest auto-updating manosphere blogroll ever**.

… now it's two weeks later and I've done it. It was no easy task in either the labor or the technical sense, and I crashed the server at least twice, but I finally found a way to make it work: I am now linking to updates from over 140 blogs in real time.

I'm fairly confident that all the "major" manosphere blogs are covered, but that said, if some obscure blog isn't on the list that doesn't mean I decided not to include it. The more likely explanation is that I've never heard of it and didn't find it even when I went three layers of links deep from the blogs that I usually read. That's exactly what inspired the point of this whole exercise – to gather together the currently pretty loose web of the "manosphere" and let readers find all those good writers they don't even know are out there, and let those writers find new readers. This is what needs to happen if the manosphere is to grow and flourish.

I'm donating the most valuable piece of internet real-estate I have – the home page of my blog – to this cause, and that's where you can now find between 50-100 new links to freshly pressed blog posts every day. I'm betting quite a few of those will be stuff you'll want to read, especially since many of the writers contributing to this very site write their own blogs as well, and a lot of those are featured.

Having been a bit out of the loop lately, I'm going to be using it myself to better stay on top of what's going on in the 'sphere, and to discover the valuable offerings of blogs that I haven't much been exposed to before. I hope you have a great time doing the same.

Happy reading!

Comment of the Week: Parental Alienation Syndrome on Display

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Most of the "comment of the week" entries are chosen due to their popularity, but some unpleasant ones are worth a second look, too. Especially when they are instructive.

The following comment, posted by "JG," is shrill, angry and confrontational. The post she was responding to – my recent post on absent fathers – must have hit some nerve. One might see some humor in the over-the-top response, but for divorced fathers it's pretty depressing.

Here's the text:

> You guys are so wrong, wrong, wrong!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Shut the f**k up with your f*cking lies about women!
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> My father was in my life until I was eight and then got remarried. Then, poof! Gone from my life completely. No explanation, nothing. He had a drinking problem and was averse to regular working hours; thus, he was out of a job quite a bit. My mother held a full-time job the whole time they were married (seven years, and she's never been out of a job), while his back would magically go 'out' every time he got a new job and he would go on several day 'benders,' come home drunk and beat the hell out of my mother. And no, that is not a figment of her imagination; I recall a couple of instances from when I was about five.
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> My mother did not FORCE him out of my life; he just couldn't be bothered to be in my life later. Oh, and before he got remarried, he blew off several weekends where he was supposed to have me. So no, he didn't make much of an effort at all.
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> And not that I give a sh*t what your opinion is of me, but I'm married to a great guy (no he's not a wimp). We've been married for seven years, and have been together for 10. Not that you archaic trogs care, but I thought I would leave my two cents on your crap site, since many of you see fit to go where you're not welcome a lot.
> I'm sure you'll find a way of blaming my mother, as ALL WOMENZ IS BAD, even the ones who purr and curl up at your nasty, fungi-infested feet and do whatever you want. I'm sure if my mother had just been a 'good' woman and made pies while my father brought home the bacon (we would have been out on the street), everything would have jake. Or you'll blame me because I'm not a boy and don't have the golden penis between my legs. Enjoy them boys ('cause you're definitely not men). Hope you will be happy together as no woman with a working brain stem would ever want to be with you. And if by some grace of divine providence you are involved or married, then I really pity your S.O.s How often do you beat them? Did they have a lobotomy before or after they met you? Pieces of sh*t! All of you! Go ahead, bring on your frothy, foaming hate into my e-mail, mad dogs! Bring it on, losers!

JG states that she's seen nothing of her father since she was eight. She's been married seven years, so I'm going to assume she's 30 or above. This means it's been over twenty years since she saw him, and she only had a short window of time between infancy and pre-adolescence to get to know him. In all likelihood, she can't really remember what it was like to live with her father, and doesn't know him from personal experience.

So how does she know what a piece of garbage the man is? Why, her mother told her, of course. He was a drunk, he went on benders, and he blew off weekends with his daughter after his wife ditched him. He was also a wife-beater and lazy bum. We've all heard a similar story at one point or another. It's so common it's cliché. Sometimes it's even true, but what always makes me suspicious is when the child never got the chance to see for herself.

My parents divorced when I was very small, and I heard some nasty things about my dad, some of which were true, and some exaggerated. I think it's unrealistic to expect women not to trash their exes — the compulsion to do so is probably too strong to fight. It's also unrealistic to expect women not to portray themselves as blameless saints. I

have yet to meet a woman who will willingly take the blame for anything serious. This being the case, some degree of Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) is probably inevitable in the typical, mother-custody divorce.

PAS is described as follows:

> PAS is characterized by a cluster of eight symptoms that appear in the child. These include a campaign of denigration and hatred against the targeted parent; weak, absurd, or frivolous rationalizations for this deprecation and hatred; lack of the usual ambivalence about the targeted parent; strong assertions that the decision to reject the parent is theirs alone (the “independent-thinker phenomenon”); reflexive support of the favored parent in the conflict; lack of guilt over the treatment of the alienated parent; use of borrowed scenarios and phrases from the alienating parent; and the denigration not just of the targeted parent but also to that parent’s extended family and friends

There is one way to limit the damage: let children get to know their fathers themselves. I’ll be eternally grateful to my own mother for never getting between me and my father. I learned the truth myself, and it wasn’t all easy to swallow, but it was enormously important to me. Without it, I think I’d have some serious issues, like JG, who flies into a fury when discussing the subject. It’s almost as though she has a Pavlovian response where her father is concerned.

To avoid psychologically damaging children, significant and ongoing paternal custody should be mandated by law. People who grow up hating their fathers suffer from psychological damage as adults and, as JG demonstrated, their hatred and anger are sometimes turned on others. Sometimes, they turn the negative emotions on themselves.

We all know that fathers aren’t perfect, but it is tragic to encounter someone who is unable to feel any compassion for a parent. My own father was far from ideal, but having an ongoing relationship with him gave me the opportunity to both love him and learn from his mistakes. To deprive children of this advantage is cruel, and to deprive fathers of the opportunity to tell their own stories and redeem themselves is inhumane.

Rayon McIntosh Freed Following Outpouring of Support

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Rayon McIntosh, the McDonald's cashier who beat down two women who attacked him while he was doing his job, has been cleared by a NY grand jury, and will spend Christmas at home with his family.

After hearing evidence from witnesses, the grand jury declined to prosecute Rayon, prompting cries of "Hallelujah!" from family members.

In addition to his family, much of the public was relieved to see Mr. McIntosh released from custody. Because the attack and subsequent beating were caught on video, the case drew widespread attention, most of which was sympathetic to Rayon. As the news spread, supporters set up a "Free Rayon McIntosh" Facebook page, and numerous people weighed in with their opinions on YouTube. Most defended Rayon, and had harsh words for the women who attacked him without provocation.

As the general public tires of the entitlement mentality of women who think they can assault men with impunity, officials are beginning to catch on, and are no longer parroting the line that it is "never OK to hit a woman." While using force is always a solution of last resort, self-defense is a fundamental human right, and should not be denied to men simply because their attackers happen to be female.

A higher-quality version of the video has been posted by the Free Rayon folks, and it gives a better idea of what was going on. For one thing, it's clear that the "extra" licks he got in were actually to prevent his assailants from getting back up. This is exactly what the police do in a similar situation — as long as the subject shows any resistance force is applied.

Additionally, one can see an apparent feminist enter the scene near the end (the blonde woman) and have a meltdown, then scream for McIntosh's arrest. Tellingly, she demands the police rather than an ambulance, which demonstrates that her main concern was that a man was defending himself from women rather than the fact that the women were in immediate need of medical attention.

“Captain Sav-a-Ho” gets the call!

Featured Guest · 6 December 2011 · Archived copy · Original

By Ken Knight

How many guys do you know who have deliberately thrust themselves into very compromising circumstances just to try and “save” someone who didn’t deserve the attention and life-risk (on his part) in the first place? As a Bachelor for the past 20 years myself, I have seen buddies, associates, and a few vaguely-known denizens around me throw an arm around some feckless parasite just because it happened to be female and the tune of going to bed with her played in the dude’s head like a harp. Anyone with an IQ above Forrest Gump-level knows there are hustlers of the opposite sex out there, but it seems that untold numbers of men tend to want to “rescue” women in “trouble” in order to win their hearts, and man I gotta say I’ve seen some really decent lives turned upside down by this sort of thing playing out. My Friends…the “damsel in distress” thing is only a win in an Edgar Rice Burroughs novel, because in reality Susie Sucksalot is not the shapely and honorable “Dejah Thoris” of Burroughs’ sci-fi novels!

My buddy Davis was married twice and divorced twice in just ten years, his $130,000 a year salary and $500,000 worth of real estate divvied up between the two ex-wives in the subsequent divorce settlements and he is living on only half of his previous net income thanks to court-imposed wealth redistribution. Trick was, he should have seen the second one coming, having met her in his Church’s “Divorce Care” class while he was on the horns of his first divorce but NO…..Davis had to “rescue” the soon-to-be-divorced woman because he couldn’t stand to be single for five minutes and she poured on the honey-mustard with her sob story of woe-is-me, her two bed-wetting kids, mountain of debt, etc. etc. and well, since she was a “looker” (in Davis’ eyes) he absorbed her debt, married her within a year of his last divorce, bought a house with her and paid $35,000 for her kids’ benefit….and she repaid him with physical violence and having a motel room sex romp with a Bail Bondsman. Yep, good job “saving the day” there Davis!

My buddy Chris was what we call a “smug married” guy who dropped his single pals after marrying a gorgeous member of the female species who was so damn fine she could’ve posed in Playboy® and Chris found himself content with just having her around, all of his buddies banished from his sight by him and his new cupcake, who he accepted despite her severe gambling debt and penchant for spending the rent money on lottery tickets. But hey, Chris “saved” her from her gambling debt before and he was proud to have such a “hot” wife on his arm, proud to have “saved” her from herself and her gambling addiction. Thing of it was, such addiction is not so easily cured by the act of getting married and wiping the slate clean finances-wise like Chris did. He woke up one day with a team of thugs banging on his door demanding money owed them by his wifey whose gambling addiction launched into a darker corner of illegality. Needless to say, Chris ended up giving away half of what was in his house that day to stave off further beatings once the thugs got through his door.

Another associate of mine named Jeffrey “rescued” a woman from an abusive boyfriend by getting the boyfriend arrested, testifying against him in court, and moving the femme in with him for she had no other place to go since she couldn’t live with her slap-a-ho boyfriend any longer. I remember Jeffrey telling me that he was smitten with this chick “at first glance” (and my only regret is that I didn’t kick him in the cajones right then and there for being so goddamn stupid). Needless to say, poor Jeffrey found out how his loyal effort was to be re-paid by his new girlfriend when he was stopped from going inside his own home by a couple of guys who were friends of his girlfriend’s abusive ex-boyfriend. As it turned out, the two men were keeping him from entering his own house because cupcake was inside “making up” (in the bedroom no less) with her abusive ex-boyfriend!

These stories are not embellished for they need no embellishment…they are simple examples of observations seen from the position of a third party (me) and I am 100% confident that readers here at The Spearhead have seen eerily-similar situations take place amongst the denizens in their own town! Now I am sure I will hear ravenous tales from women about male parasites and hustlers galore in response but that’s not my point here.

It is a sad phenomenon I think that natural human altruism is so easily usurped and taken advantage of by people who are more endangered by their own bad conduct and habits than by any other “ogre” life throws them into the pit with. Weighing the pros and cons of entering into a relationship with someone is not taken seriously these days or stories like these would be delegated to pulp fiction novels instead of Maple Street USA. Taking on a woman with severe financial problems, reckless behavior patterns, an “ex” boyfriend who they can’t give up, a felony criminal record and/or a talent for conning men out of their money is not worth the short-lived “companionship” and sexual congress the guy typically sees as the net pay-off for his effort. “Saving” someone is not an easy thing considering the fact that you may end up on the chopping block in their place!

Some older more traditional folks might call you “selfish” for being discerning and skeptical to the sad and tragic (sales-pitch) tales of a member of the opposite sex in their attempt to win you over and “help them out”. It’s not being selfish guys, its self-defense!

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Back to Vancouver

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I'm headed up to Vancouver in a minute here, and should have my new parenting plan signed off and ready to submit tomorrow. I am already feeling relieved, and once it's finalized I'll write a more detailed explanation of the process.

Hopefully my border experience will be less troublesome than the last one, but if anything comes up I'll be sure to write about it.

In the meanwhile, if any Vancouver readers have any suggestions for downtown establishments (pubs, museums, etc.), I'll check comments once I get there. I haven't been to downtown Vancouver in some ten years, so I'm out of touch with the scene.

Be back tomorrow.

Inequality in Canada

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While in Vancouver, I noticed something that surprised me a bit: there is more poverty on display than I'd expected. Perhaps it was just the part of town I walked through (Chinatown and East Downtown), but I saw a lot of poor old men, and the churches that served the homeless/poor were packed full. Needless to say, the overwhelming majority of these people were men, many of them old.

In the evening, when I watched TV back in my room, I saw a report on house prices in the Vancouver area and was shocked to learn that the average cost of a house in Vancouver is well over $700,000 — more than twice what an average house costs in Seattle. The only thing I could think of that might account for the inflated price of real estate in the area is the recent wave of immigration from Hong Kong, which brought tens of thousands of wealthy Chinese to Vancouver. Perhaps the geography has something to do with it, but Vancouver is no San Francisco, and it looks like there is plenty of space available for development in the near suburbs.

Here in this extraordinarily wealthy city (on paper), there were many obviously poor old men. For all I've heard about Canadian socialism, it certainly didn't seem as though all the people were thriving, and the inflated real estate market bears the hallmark of speculative capitalism.

In Vancouver's defense, I should point out that poverty there does not appear to be accompanied by the same level of social dysfunction and mayhem that one finds in the poorer parts of the US, and the city felt remarkably safe even in the seedier areas. I'll be headed back from time to time, so I'll get a clearer picture over the months, but despite the fact that I enjoyed the visit, it was disconcerting to see so many abandoned old men.

“Microaggression” and Free Speech on Campus

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Vassar college, a liberal arts school originally founded for women, recently hosted a sexism teach-in in which the concept of “microaggressions” was discussed, prompting a couple opinion pieces in the school newspaper. Apparently, microaggression has something to do with power, privilege, patriarchy — you get the drift…

From themicroaggression.com FAQ:

> What is a microaggression?
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> Microaggressions are the subtle ways in which body and verbal language convey oppressive ideology about power or privilege against marginalized identities…

One student, a young man named Josh Solomon, took issue with the teach-in for squelching free speech. Josh indicates that he supports politically correct causes, but writes in a very apologetic tone that he thinks free speech is also important:

> For me, the Sexism Teach-in—hosted by Vassar’s Feminist Alliance Nov. 3—was an extremely strange event. I completely agree with the sentiment that sexism is a problem on campus and that recent occurrences such as the Davison graffiti are extremely troubling and not acceptable. Yet, after listening to the panel’s articulate discussion of a wide variety of related topics, I felt I had to express a slight dissenting point in a respectful manner. I thought that they had neglected to take into account the importance of free speech in their comments on the power of language. However, my comment was dismissed as trivial by most of the respondents of the panel. Of course language has power, but I don’t think it excuses the silencing of thought that emerges from the strong emphasis on political correctness at Vassar.

In response, a feminist named Alexandra Deane wrote an article titled “Feminists must monitor free speech content.” The article argues that in order to have true free speech, what people say must be closely monitored by feminists so that “marginalized groups” can feel free to say what they want:

> His suggestion that we as a marginalized group stop talking about microaggressions in order to encourage discourse basically means that our discourse is less important than the male discourse, which shouldn’t have to examine itself because “excessive self-regulation…potentially limits campus-wide discussion about controversial topics.”
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> [...]
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> An emphasis on political correctness does require people to examine the things that they say and how those words affect other people; it requires us to check our own privilege and encourage people to speak up about their experiences of discrimination so that we can try to build a better community in which no one feels silenced…

Given Josh’s very apologetic – almost whipped – tone in his article, one might wonder how feminists could possibly be considered “marginalized” at Vassar. The short answer is that they are not. Feminism is “mainstream” on campuses across the US, thanks in large part to federal laws such as Title IX. In fact, males are becoming a marginalized minority on campus, particularly in liberal arts schools, and in liberal arts disciplines in general. However, this doesn’t stop feminists from flexing their muscle when and where they can, and doing what they can to force men to shut up.

Of course, they can’t really force men to shut up, but they can give them lower grades, intimidate them with veiled threats, and appeal to authorities by saying they feel “threatened” and the like. When these techniques are used

against young, naïve men – mere boys, actually – they are quite effective. Even outspoken young men can easily be cowed by the threat of failure or official disapproval. This is how feminists rule on campus. If they were dealing with grown men who have faced the world and all it throws at them, they wouldn't get far, but they can still boss the boys around.

Vassar is probably worse than your typical school, as it was an all-girls school until 1969. As part of the "Seven Sisters," it was one of the schools where lesbianism was essentially the campus religion in the 90s. But radical feminism is alive and well throughout US colleges, including the Ivy Leagues, state schools, and even religious schools. Yet despite the emphasis on female equality, it appears that women are not actually performing any better in hard science disciplines than they did in the bad old days (although they are better represented in medicine). Instead, they are wasting their time in expensive schools arguing about what people may and may not say.

Perhaps making an effort to educate women really wasn't worth it, after all. If the final result is less freedom on campus, a volatile combination of sexual hysteria and promiscuity, and alienation of the men in our society, what's the point?

Dick Proenneke — Ultimate MGTOW

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PBS is doing another fundraiser, and therefore airing the content that people actually like as opposed to the pedantic, offensive stuff that characterizes their ideologically-driven programming. So, as usual, they are showing some of the footage that Dick Proenneke filmed while living alone in Alaska in the late 60s and 70s. They've recently come out with a sequel to the original "Alone in the Wilderness," which features Dick building his cabin at the remote Twin Lakes site, near the root of the Aleutians.

Proenneke was an extraordinarily resourceful man from an era in which men, out of necessity, were generally more resourceful and independent than today. He was formally educated only in trade school, and made his living working as a skilled laborer, first in carpentry, then as a mechanic, a rancher and fisherman.

For some reason, he never settled down to domestic life like the vast majority of men of his generation. Instead, he preferred to live alone in remote corners of the world. Perhaps something happened during the Pacific war, where he contracted a very serious illness, or perhaps some relationship left him with a sour taste in his mouth. There is some evidence for the latter; at one point in the original documentary Proenneke refers to women as fickle and capricious, like the weather in Alaska.

Having decided to live the solitary life, he saved up enough for a modest retirement, and in 1967, at the age of 51, had his friend Babe Allsworth, a bush pilot, fly him and his supplies up to Twin Lakes, where he set about building his cabin and documenting life in Lake Clark National Park.

What's remarkable about Dick Proenneke, and what sets him apart, is that despite his life away from the crowd, he left a treasure behind. Here was a true MGTOW – a man who left it all behind – but he ended up leaving more to posterity than the average family man. His cabin, his photography and his detailed journals provided artistic, scientific and practical material of great value.

Although it isn't for everyone, such a lifestyle is, and has always been, a perfectly honorable option for men. Many of the greatest contributions to humanity have come directly from these types of men, but for some reason, rather than respect men who make the choice to go their own way, society all too often shames them.

However, as the popularity of the documentaries of Dick's life demonstrates, there is something powerfully appealing about what the man did. The real shame isn't that a man decided to make his way alone, but that so few of us will ever know the peace and satisfaction such freedom affords.

Here's a clip from the first documentary:

Fourth Wave Feminism

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When Cynthia Cockburn and Ann Oakley wrote about the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women this year, they decided to skip writing about violence against women. Instead, they criticized the "culture of masculinity"—and men, generally—for perpetuating all forms of violence.

Feminists have nursed a perverse obsession with what men think and do for decades. They've had to, because the success of the feminist program has always been completely dependent on what bell hooks called "the will to change." The female strategy has always been to nag and manipulate until men stop doing what men want to do and start doing what women want them to do. Men caving and giving women what they want is as natural as salmon swimming upstream. It's painful to watch but almost everyone does it eventually.

Industrialization, birth control, globalism and a First World shift to managerial and service economies allowed women to push past old boundaries and upend the balance between the sexes.

First Wave Feminists marched for the vote and property rights. Feminists love marches, walks, and long candlelight vigils on the beach. Second Wave Feminists shouted "I am Woman" and stomped around for more exciting employment opportunities and the Gaia-given right to kill their babies. Third Wave feminists stripped off the polyester pantsuits of yesteryear, got painted up like trash and went genderqueer.

Forth Wave feminism, already well underway, is a female coalitionary effort to control male behavior through public policy while wielding the threat of state-sponsored violence.

Feminists have long dreamed of a gender-neutral world of peaceful security, pleasure and plenty. For years, they held to the idea that men and women were essentially the same and that traditional ideas about gender were as "lightly linked to sex as are the clothing, the manners, and the form of head-dress that a society at a given period assigns to either sex." Patriarchal male culture could be blamed for all of the evil in the world, and our ancestors were all peaceful goddess-worshipping pansies.

Now that St. Margaret Mead has been all but discredited, only pink-haired stoners believe in peaceful prehistory, and "SCIENCE" keeps validating both tradition and common sense, feminist gender theory has run aground on the rocky shores of reality and punctured the hull of her Big-Boned Barbie cruise ship.

Feminists have needed to change directions to stay afloat, so they have slowly been conceding that men and women are, in fact, different. Today's feminists brag about the things women do *better* than men. The traveling sisterhood of the New Girl Order is proud that women have the kinds of traits that 21st century employers say they want.

Cynthia Cockburn and Ann Oakley want to you to understand that women are more peaceful than men, and men are more violent than women.

Men aren't always content to march with candles; men are more likely to riot and loot. Oakley and Cockburn noted that 92% of the UK rioters this summer were male, and all of the rioters charged with violent offences were male. Cockburn and colleague then reported that men were responsible for 87% of traffic offences and 81% of speeding offenses. Citing prison statistics, they suggested that if men committed crimes leading to custodial sentences at the rate women did, their nation could save about £3.4 billion every year.

Cockburn and Oakley concluded with some conflicting commentary about testosterone and violence.

First, Cockburn and Oakley explained that, according to SCIENCE, testosterone is associated with status-seeking, but not necessarily with violence.

I've read the same studies and this may in fact be true. They failed to address the logical progression of status competition. As I've written, *violence is golden* because while it may not be the only way to resolve a given conflict, it is a definitive way to resolve a conflict. Violence beckons from the end of a path of escalation. You can beat me

at checkers 30 times in a row, but somewhere in my frustrated gut I know that if I stand up and shoot you in the face, I win. Game over. Violence is "the nuclear option."

Violence is not merely a criminal or "anti-social" action. The use of force against criminals is merely the violence of the many against the one, disguised by the pretense of "justice."

The same logic of escalation plays out in state vs. citizen conflicts. Even the most soft-spoken regime must carry a big stick. For instance, a gay liberal mayor can ask some protesters nicely again and again to stop camping in the park, but if they refuse again and again, eventually some kind of physical action—however "non lethal"—will be required to restore order. Likewise, if kids are going to sit in the road and block traffic, eventually you have to break out the pepper spray and "negotiate" more aggressively.

There may be more chemical links between maleness and violence, but since Cockburn and Oakley are willing to accept that testosterone increases status competition, one could simply say that:

Male violence is the continuation of status competition by other means. (h/t Clausewitz)

After saying that testosterone doesn't *have* to increase violence, for good measure Cockburn and Oakley suggest ways that male testosterone can be influenced.

Here's the whole quote:

Testosterone, the male hormone, the "metaphor of manhood", is portrayed as driving men inexorably towards aggressive behaviour. Yet studies show that testosterone is related to status-seeking but not directly to aggression. Many other factors are influential. Testosterone levels are increased or diminished in both males and females by diet, activity and circumstance. The opportunity to interact with guns, for instance, appears to increase testosterone, while men's testosterone levels fall when they are involved with the care of children.

The case we are making is that certain widespread masculine traits and behaviours are dangerous and costly both to individuals and society. They are amenable to purposeful change. The culture of masculinity can be, and should be, addressed as a policy issue.

Some researchers believe that the average man's testosterone level has plummeted over the past 20 years. According to the MAYO clinic, normal testosterone levels help men maintain healthy bone density, fat distribution, muscle strength and mass, red blood cell production, sex drive and sperm produc tion. Testosterone can be increased naturally through weight training, and while most men experience a gradual decline in testosterone after age thirty, evidence suggests that weight training can help men can keep their levels higher for longer and possibly stave off some of the negative effects of aging. Unusually low testosterone levels in men are associated with coronary artery disease, aortic atherosclerosis, metabolic syndrome, obesity, diabetes, and depression.

Policy initiatives aimed at pacifying men by lowering male testosterone are a kindler, gentler alternative to castration, with the same net effect. Men will have lower sex drives, lower sperm counts, and they will more often be fat, depressed and diabetic. Feminist dreams of sleek, gender-neutral utopias will inevitably lead to more doughy bonobos and chunky Chaz Bonos playing out their endless manic-depressive melodramas in a big bean-flicking circle of sterility, sickness and desperation.

As far as I can tell, we're half way there already.

It is true that Cockburn and Oakley did not state outright that male testosterone should be reduced as a matter of public policy. After addressing sex differences and testosterone, Cockburn and comrade slid back to the safety of Second and Third Wave feminism and recycled, blank slate rhetoric about changing the "culture of masculinity."

However, if feminists recommend policy-based cultural and behavioral changes that lead to reduced testosterone, they achieve the same sickening, emasculating end. Fourth Wave feminism is about wielding the principal's paddle—state power—as women attempt to mother males into helpless and obedient second class women. The feminists of the 1970s made moralistic arguments and pleaded for fairness and equality, but as women came to

power their impatience with maleness and the reality of sex differences was evident.

The changes Cockburn and Oakley seem to recommend have already been made. The average man in the UK is not armed, and has probably never fired a handgun. In America, any hint of male interest in violence is frowned upon in the classroom. Christina Hoff Sommers brought an institutionalized anti-male bias in education to national attention over a decade ago, but little has changed. Males who show what in Mark Twain's day would have been seen as a normal interest in fighting and combat are recommended for counseling or flagged as problem children. Boys with high energy are routinely diagnosed with "ADHD" and drugged. 8 year-old boys are suspended from school for possessing 4-inch toy guns made for action figures. A 7-year old was recently accused of sexual harassment for kicking a bully in the nuts. Professional feminists like Cockburn and Oakley are paid to advise schools and speak to young people about sexism and sexual harassment. Public and private universities run "My Strength is Not For Hurting" campaigns and seminars. Feminist Jackson Katz is even paid to teach the freaking Marines about "toxic masculinity."

If men already have far lower average testosterone levels than they did a few decades ago, and males still act like males, how much more enforced cultural retraining will be necessary for feminists to be satisfied?

In light of obvious and persistent differences between the sexes, will feminists simply give up on their dream of a gender neutral world, and work towards a cultural harmony of the sexes instead of an artificially imposed "equality" of apples and oranges?

Not likely.

If men and women are different, the new feminism will simply conclude that men must be "fixed."

For feminists, the answer to any problem with feminism is always *more feminism.*

** If you enjoyed this article, please click "like" on my Facebook page to keep up with my work on this and other sites. My most recent book, *No Man's Land*, is a short summary of the way masculinity has been maligned, reimagined and misrepresented. It is available for free at jack-donovan.com.

Nightmare Mother-in-Law Shoots Man in Custody Dispute

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Although typically the butt of jokes and a source of sitcom comedy, mothers-in-law can cause real problems for their children's spouses, and these problems aren't always a laughing matter. They can wreck marriages by undermining their daughters' confidence in their husbands, spreading gossip, belittling spouses, behaving in an abusive manner toward sons' wives, etc. In traditional society, the potential for damage was clearly recognized, and malicious behavior was kept in check by religious indoctrination and guidance from moral authorities. However, now that we've thrown tradition aside, a number of older women are acting on their worst instincts and contributing to the problems that beset the modern family.

However, Cheryl Hepner, a 66-year-old Florida woman, stands out as particularly vicious. Not only did she get involved in her daughter's custody dispute, she brazenly tried to murder her son in law when he showed up to pick up his child. Brandishing a Beretta, she fired three shots at Salvatore Miglino, striking him twice. Fortunately, the pistol was only a .22 caliber, and he was not hit in the head.

Mr. Miglino, who knew there might be some trouble, recorded the shooting with his iPhone, which may have saved him from being arrested himself. Immediately following the shooting, Hepner called the police and claimed that he had tried to shoot her. The contrast between her voice while yelling at him after the shooting and her tone with the 911 operator is instructive (the 911 calls can be heard at the original article).

The following video shows the shooting itself:

Men who have never been through a divorce should pay close attention to this story. A mother-in-law who has been pleasant and apparently helpful during a marriage can quickly become a formidable enemy, especially when children are involved. In the old days, in-laws were prevented from involvement in divorce due to the disgrace divorce brought to the family, but that sense of shame has vanished, and now they will often deliberately turn a divorce into clan warfare.

Cheryl Hepner is an extreme example, but not as far from the norm as one might think. Although in-laws usually refrain from outright brutality, they will often resort to very nasty tactics in an effort to destroy the husbands their daughters have decided to dump.

Women Surpassing Men, Poor Women Suffering For It

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Writing for the NY Times, Luisa Lopez Torregorosa points to statistics that show the ascent of women relative to men, which is evidently now called "the reverse gender gap." Women are better-educated, better-paid, have better jobs, etc. (we've heard it all before). Of course, this is all great (go team woman!), but there's still a problem: the poor ladies are having a hard time dating.

According to the article, some women have taken to lying about their jobs to attract men:

> This reversal of roles, evolving over the past decade or so, too often comes with a certain stigma. "Many couples are perfectly content and well adjusted, but for the stigmatizing opposition of friends, family, in-laws and even religious traditions," said Liza Mundy, a fellow at the New America Foundation and author of a new book, "The Richer Sex: How the New Majority of Female Breadwinners Is Transforming Sex, Love and Family," due out in March.
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> The stigma, sometimes subtle, sometimes blatant, undermines relationships between high-earning women and the husbands or boyfriends who are secondary earners or "househusbands," and it is playing havoc with the dating game, Ms. Mundy told me.
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> She met high-achieving women who, afraid to put men off, devise strategies to play down their affluence. One woman carries small bills to pay for tips, drinks, parking and other dating expenses rather than whipping out her high-limit credit card.
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> "Some of these women had learned the hard way that when they went to bars, they were better off lying about what they did — saying that they were a cosmetologist or music teacher rather than a software consultant or lawyer," Ms. Mundy said.

Other women are forced to "marry down:"

> Faced with a shrinking pool of men on their level, some young women are settling and marrying "down," but others will jump on planes for "dating excursions" to cities like New York, San Francisco and Boston where the male market is more promising.
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> What is to come out of this new world? "I think women are going to have to abandon the traditional 50-50 everything-must-be-equal feminist mind-set," Ms. Mundy said, "and learn to value husbands and partners who are becoming more domesticated and supportive."

And after the women have consolidated their careers, Prince Charming is out of the picture:

> The writer Kate Bolick, culture editor of the lifestyle magazine Veranda, sees a grimmer picture.
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> "As women have climbed ever higher, men have been falling behind," she said in an article, "What, Me Marry?," in the November issue of The Atlantic. "We've arrived at the top of the staircase, finally ready to start our lives, only to discover a cavernous room at the tail end of the party, most of the men gone already, some having never shown up — and those who remain are leering by the cheese table, or are, you know, the ones you don't want to go out with."

Oh, the horror… Women got what they wanted, how dare men allow this to happen!

One can only imagine millions of women diligently obtaining degrees in communications, marketing, etc., all believing that after they slept their way into a high-paying job some handsome, independently wealthy man would choose them for a bride. At this point, it's increasingly difficult to feel sorry for them, but from a female

perspective this does pose a real problem.

The problem, of course, is that “settling” always makes women miserable, and these girls have no other choice. For the corporate, careerist types, it’s especially problematic, because they have been trained to equate status to earnings and job title, and the kinds of guys who have status but less money (e.g. professors, classical musicians, some artists, junior officers) generally won’t touch them with a barge pole. The high-status males in their own milieu have access to sweeter types who work in childcare and the like — far more attractive women they can’t hope to compete with.

The article ends on an equivocal note:

> Ms. Bolick laid it out, saying, “If, in all sectors of society, women are on the ascent, and if gender parity is actually within reach, this means that a marriage regime based on men’s overwhelming economic dominance may be passing into extinction.”
>
> A cause to rejoice? Only future years will tell.

Marriage has never really been based simply on men’s “overwhelming economic dominance.” As long as men were economically dominant (a period that only lasted a few generations in any event) they were not allowed to divorce without very stiff penalties. However, marriage has always been based on male dominance in general, because it is the only setup in which women feel secure, happy and content to stay with their men. As soon as women are made dominant – or even equal – in their marriages, marriage self-destructs.

As the awful truth about human nature begins to reveal itself, an entire generation of women find themselves crying into their chablis as the credits of the latest episode of *Mad Men* roll by. It is becoming apparent that what we are witnessing is not so much “The End of Men” as it is the desolation of the feminist dream.

“Beeswax”

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Not mine to know, thank you!

By Ken Knight

Remember the old schoolyard remark: “None of your beeswax!” when some kid asks another about something personal? (maybe it was just a 1970s saying haha). Anyhow, I think this is a good word that makes my point here about the familiar yarn between men regarding the women in their personal lives or (assumed) lack thereof! How many times have you heard brothers comment about another guy’s gal or lack of a gal and/or confront another man about whether or not he’s dating Susie Sucksalot? You know what I’m getting at here: that often-shaming ribbing between guys about whether or not the other is “getting any”. I’ve been guilty of it myself in the past, teasing a pal about him not having dates or bugging some other single friend about who he is screwing or not screwing. Of course married men are exempt from this kind of social one-upmanship because they’re assumed to be “getting it” at home with the wife or as in most cases ~ married men are no longer allowed to hang around their single comrades once their brides place them in “lock-down”. I was wrong back then and recognize it now as a social habit of “shaming” other men about their personal lives by chiding them into chasing women who are likely to be trouble. The solution to this old habit of teasing buddies about their personal life?

Simple: just mark it up as “none of my friggin’ business” when it comes to the dating habits of buddies and male accomplices. Nowadays if my friends want to mention their personal dating lives I’ll listen but I won’t goad them into making foolish mistakes getting hooked by the wrong women who later ruin them (unwanted children, divorce).

There are two things a man should never…and I repeat…NEVER assist another man with no matter what: 1) choosing a career 2) getting a woman.

Both of these are the end-all recipe of disaster and usually ruin the friendship post haste.

Some things in life should irrevocably remain behind the wall of none-of-my-business for obvious reasons, with the business of friends and their sex lives being one of them!

Why should I care who my buddies are screwing (unless it’s my girlfriend! haha) and why the hell should I have the slightest damn thought as to why a buddy, partner, cousin, or friend is not frivolously getting laid out there in Suckersville USA?
A friend of mine remarked the other day about the grocery clerk we paid when we did a beer-run for a party that night (the clerk was rail-thin at about age 30, braces on his teeth and a revenge-of-the-nerds look about him) laughing “I bet you that guy never gets any!”

The comment made me wonder how many young men have fallen into horrible goddamn relationships just because they don’t want other men seeing them as “not getting any”??

I told my cohort that the geek in the grocery store might not have “getting laid” as a priority in his life but he still prattled on about how “guys like that don’t get any”.

Yeah, that means a lot coming from a guy who has been divorced three times and uses Match.com as often as an old lady uses suppositories. Shaming other guys into “getting some” (no matter the female they may end up with!) is what they refer to in the US Army as being a “buddy-f*cker”. So how is this phenomenon avoided in the best kind of way?

By not giving one squirt of piss who other guys are going horizontal with (or without).

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Next Steps for The Spearhead

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Now that I've finally finished up the latest (and hopefully last for a while — these things never end) round of my custody saga, it's time to get on with things, so I thought I should let readers and potential contributors know what's in store.

By now, The Spearhead has become well established online. As long as posting remains consistent, daily visitors run in the mid 3000s range, and RSS subscribers around 2,000. Page views are directly tied to the amount of content on any given day, and articles have reach that goes significantly beyond the site and occasionally influence larger, mainstream sites. Given the stability *The Spearhead* has achieved, I think it's an institution worth keeping.

However, that doesn't mean it can be neglected; it is a content-driven site that needs fresh material on a regular basis. So, having signed off on a new parenting plan last week and ended the recent uncertainty over my custody arrangement, which will allow me a great deal more time for editing work, I'd like to once again start putting effort into bringing new content to the site.

The Spearhead was founded to be an open platform for ideas, opinions and thoughts that are not commonly voiced in the mainstream. Aside from the focus on men's issues and interests, it did not have a strict agenda or ideology — the point was to give men the opportunity to be heard. Conflicting points of view were perfectly acceptable, and with few exceptions were published.

This has bothered some people, who were frustrated that the site did not have a particular line or narrower focus, but from the beginning I've seen it as my job to provide readers not with indoctrination, or even ideological guidance, but rather engaging content. The value in the site is not in forging a consensus or political movement so much as in that it provides food for thought — mental fuel so to speak. Those who take issue with any particular article are always invited to write a cogent, civil response. I believe that progress is best made through dialogue and the open comparison of ideas.

The site succeeded in this effort for quite a while, but editing can be painstaking and time-consuming, and over the past months I've spent much of my time and effort drafting and editing court documents, negotiating and dealing with attorneys. Fortunately, this process is finally over, and now it's time to start bringing more new content online again.

Thanks to previous effort, *The Spearhead* has a significant web presence now, and we won't have to start from scratch, as in the beginning. Aspiring authors have a guaranteed daily audience in the thousands, and contributors with their own blogs can make a name for themselves and draw readers to their own sites with articles here. And, in addition to readers, the site offers editorial assistance and a significant SEO advantage.

So I'd like to invite more submissions and new contributors to enrich our content and provide readers with more thought-provoking material. *The Spearhead* offers a platform, and I can now provide much more assistance with editing and formatting (which often makes a crucial difference). If traffic stats are any indication, any renewed effort can only increase the site's stature and lead to more readers, so I'm perfectly willing to put the work into it.

In the meanwhile, I'll trim the list of contributors to streamline workflow, and start reviewing new submissions. Anyone interested in contributing may contact me and I will provide details and guidelines. I'm looking forward to getting the ball rolling again, and taking the site to new heights, starting immediately.

-W.F. Price

Christopher Hitchens Dead at 62

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The pugnacious British author, scholar and atheist finally succumbed to cancer Friday, dying at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Hitchens was a man who was not afraid to make his views known, and he fought tenaciously on behalf of his favored causes as well as against those he deplored. Despite (or perhaps due to) being an atheist, he was passionate in his beliefs, and supported them with a missionary zeal.

Although Hitchens had a tendency to ruffle feathers, his intellectual power and outspoken, engaging style won him many admirers. He tended to focus his most scathing attacks on fundamentalists of various religions, but no dogma was immune to his criticism, and nothing holy.

The following video is an amusing example of Hitchens at his irreverent best, arguing that women aren't very funny:

I do not by any means agree with all Christopher Hitchens has said and written over the years, but that's never stopped me from reading one of his articles or watching him argue his point on TV. There's something about a man who takes on all comers and stands his ground that is worthy of respect and admiration — especially when he does so with such skill.

Additionally, and although it may be something of a cultural conceit, I like to think that Hitchens embodied the true spirit of our Anglo-American civilization. He was never afraid to speak his mind, he was a fierce defender of liberty, and he knelt before no man.

Famous Pearl Harbor Female Firefighter Photo a Fraud

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Having adopted the tactics of Communist regimes, well-known for fake propaganda, retouched photos and outright lies, feminists and their progressive allies have been caught slipping misleading photos into history books in an effort to portray women as heroic in the face of battle and mayhem.

The above photo, suitably multicultural with a touch of the lesbian aesthetic, is an example of how feminists like to see themselves: taking charge, wearing work clothes, bravely looking forward and up, and straining together with her sisters, turgid, gushing hose in hand. Supposedly, the girls were fighting fires set off by Japanese bombs, braving enemy attacks in a stalwart effort to stanch the fires of imperialist aggression.

However, it seems the photo was simply taken at a training exercise, and had nothing to do with the attack on Pearl Harbor. The women were workers at a pineapple factory, and they were training with equipment in case of a warehouse fire.

If you rub off the feminist sheen and look at the picture for what it is, it's actually a pretty good photo. Just a few Hawaiian girls on the job, perhaps having a bit of fun (The hefty one on the right – Hilda Van Gieson – may be having a little too much fun), doing some routine training in case they have to cover for young men sent off to war.

Turns out one of the girls in the photo, Katherine Lowe, is still alive. She's the second from right in the photo, and looks to be enjoying herself. According to Katherine, who is now 96 years old, the girls were having a good time, and horsed around while practicing, sometimes spraying each other with the hoses. Mrs. Lowe insists that she was not fighting fires at Pearl Harbor, but rather attending a church service when the attack happened.

Many will probably say it was simply a mistake, but there is a pattern here, and mistakes don't happen nearly as consistently as feminists lie. In fact, feminists have relied on lies from the beginning. Famous feminist/Marxist anthropologist Margaret Meade, for example, told countless whoppers about the poor, simple Pacific islanders who had the misfortune to host her. After she was done with these defenseless people, the world thought they behaved like bonobo chimpanzees.

After one has been exposed to enough of these lies they are easy enough to identify, but the problem is that they are often inserted into textbooks specifically to influence young, impressionable minds. My generation in particular (those of us born in the 1970s) was subject to an immense amount of false propaganda about absolute gender equality, and as I look around at the women my age the unfortunate results are obvious: the weaker minded sorts ended up as single mothers, while the more competent ones took on a masculine lifestyle and are often childless careerists.

Misleading children in an attempt to advance one's political cause is questionable at best, and has the potential to do long-term damage. These are not white lies, but rather have consequences, and those who perpetuate them are doing us all a disservice.

The Expat Test

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In this part of the internet there are many traditionalists and others who attack the idea of going ghost and try to promote marriage. They will repeatedly say that they are "defending marriage". For those of us who know the score about marriage 2.0 and how marriage 1.0 is already dead in Western countries, these "defenders of marriage" are either intentionally or unintentionally pushing men into the feminist institution of marriage 2.0. Many of these "defenders of marriage" will claim that they are just trying to protect "traditional marriage" (i.e. marriage 1.0) from those who are trying to "destroy marriage" (which typically means MRAs to them, even though MRAs aren't trying to "destroy marriage," but warn men of the dangers of marriage 2.0). How do we know whether these "defenders of marriage" are legitimate in their defense of marriage, or are just trying to force men to submit to a conservative/traditional form of feminism? The answer is the expat test.

In these arguments for and against marriage, the debate is presented as getting married vs. not getting married. This is an inaccurate way to frame how men are dealing with the current situation regarding marriage. There are more than just those two answers — there are actually three options:

1. Get married in a marriage 2.0 (feminist) country
2. Get married in a marriage 1.0 country (which by definition involves expating, because bringing a woman to a marriage 2.0 country ends up being option 1)
3. Don't get married whether you expat or not

Anyone who claims to defend "traditional marriage" should love option 2. They should love the idea of a man making sure that he gets a traditional marriage by expating to a marriage 1.0 county. It shouldn't matter to them where a traditional marriage happens as long as it happens. This objectively does more to preserve "traditional marriage" – by any definition that the "defenders of marriage" would use – than getting married in a marriage 2.0 country, which does nothing to preserve traditional marriage.

If you confront "defenders of marriage" with the expat test, what will their response be? Typically, they will be against the idea of a man expating to another country to enjoy a traditional marriage. They will come up with all sorts of nonsense to argue against expating to contract a marriage 1.0 arrangement. The arguments range from culture to, in extreme cases, white nationalism/racial obligations. In other words, in nearly all cases, a "defender of marriage" will fail the expat test, proving that their real goal has nothing to do with "traditional marriage;" instead, it is about placating the women in their churches and producing more babies. Their push for marriage is really about white knighting for women and/or their fear that their group or race is not having enough babies.

If you're reading this, it's likely none of this is is new to you. However, the expat test still has value because it can be used as a tool to prove objectively that nearly all "defenders of marriage" aren't actually defending marriage, but have other goals, none of which take men's interests into consideration.

Passing the Hat

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Another quarter has rolled by, and once again the bills are coming in. Running *The Spearhead* is a labor of love, but it incurs expenses in both time and money, and I am not in a position to support the site without help from readers. Advertising revenue helps, but due to the politically sensitive nature of our content, it is difficult to rely on the standard sources, such as Google Adsense, which pulled the plug over a year ago.

As I pointed out in the "Next Steps" piece a couple days ago, the site has stabilized and has a solid reader base in the thousands. With almost 1,700 articles published, it has become an online institution, and has significantly influenced the debate on feminism and gender issues. In just the last couple years, we have helped smash a number of taboos and given more and more people the courage to stand up to and challenge politically correct dictates. Some of our articles have had a lasting impact and remain widely read long after they were published.

It is deeply satisfying to see how so many people's eyes have been opened by our commitment to disseminating the truth. For too long, unconscionable abuses have been swept under the rug, but people are finally starting to recognize that men are human beings, fathers mean more than a monthly check, and even men who have been accused of crimes by women have civil rights. The changes are subtle from day to day, but in looking back over a few short years they are obvious.

I am committed to keeping the site going as long as it has loyal readers and a purpose, but I'll need your help. Compared to feminist sites of similar size and reach, many of which are supported by corporate foundations and government grants, *The Spearhead* runs on a very small budget. In fact, it's pretty amazing how much it's achieved with so few resources, and this speaks to the power and truth of our message. Every donation goes a long way here. For example, when I first made a call for support two years ago, I was at a real crossroads, and the support the site received is what convinced me to stick with it and build it to what it is today. I can't thank the generous people who have helped out enough, but I can promise to stick with it and keep writing, publishing and promoting content that defends our interests.

One thing I've learned running this site is that we are in this together, and that's a great source of faith in mankind — I've become a great deal more optimistic about what we can accomplish.

Thanks to our authors, readers and benefactors, *The Spearhead* has done an admirable job over its two years of existence.

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Thank you

-W.F. Price

Gender Violence Campaigns Violate Men's Rights

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by Alphabeta Supe

Gender violence campaigns like White Ribbon Day and the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence by the Centre for Global Womens Leadership are two examples of campaigns that attempt to shame men into acknowledging that they're all violent criminals by the fact of their birth. Like Josh Jasper's baby ad campaign and Verizon's recent Monster campaign, they present ideas in such a way that provide men with no other response but those society is already primed to see as disingenuous. This view blinds society to the fact that men are also victims of violence and that perpetrators are just as often women. It's frustrating that no matter how easily and how often this fraud is exposed, most women prefer to keep their delusion.

In Australia, according to the organisers of White Ribbon Day, the data source behind the campaign is the Australian Bureau of Statistics in their Personal Safety Survey 2005 (reissued 2006), which states that 39.9% of women over 15 have experienced at least one incidence of violence in their lifetime. It is supported by an Australian Institute of Criminology national survey (Mouzos and Makkai, 2004). These studies are publicly available here and here.

When one studies these documents, however, it becomes clear very quickly that the statistic is part of a broader picture about violence in which men are the greater victims. One can't blame female victims for ignoring the forest for the trees in the aftermath of a traumatic experience but organisers of campaigns have no excuse. Using these statistics only in reference to women makes it easy to forget that violence affects everyone, especially men. It's also easy to forget that women are violent too, and often excessively. This social blindness makes it easy for feminist ideologues to emotionally manipulate the public, which is exactly what the gender violence campaigns are intended to do.

The feminist narrative is loaded with all kinds of discussion-ending, ironclad "arguments" that use cherry-picked statistics that "prove" men are solely at fault. This makes it easy to justify wildly disproportionate public funding for women's programs at the expense of that for men in all areas of public spending. Disturbingly, it also allows feminist ideologues to press forward with man-hating legislation such as the Australian Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2011 which seems to endorse the idea that all men are guilty of violence merely if a woman fears it.

Let's look more closely at the ABS report:

> "An estimated 35% (5,275,400) of men and women have experienced physical assault since the age of 15."

In other words, one-in-three **people** (men and women) experience violence in their lifetimes.

> "In the 12 months prior to the survey, there were an estimated 443,800 (5.8%) women who experienced an incident of violence compared to 808,300 (11%) men."

In other words, **twice as many men than women** experienced violence in the previous 12 months.

> "Since the age of 15, there were an estimated 3,065,800 (39.9%) women who experienced violence compared with 3,744,900 (50.1%) men."

In other words, **more men than women experience violence**. This is no doubt a primary source of violent behaviour in men, yet there are no mainstream anti-violence programs aimed at helping male victims. Public spending on anti-violence programs for women is an order of magnitude higher than those for men in most western

countries.

> "29% (2,243,600) of women experienced physical assault compared to 41% (3,031,800) of men."

Yet violence against women is increasingly labelled a *crisis*, while violence against men is increasingly *mocked* – e.g. "man up", "don't be a wuss" etc.

> "11% (833,200) of women experienced physical threat compared to 22% (1,675,300) of men."

In other words, **more men than women face violence**, yet a man is expected to simply deal with it or face ridicule and revulsion, while a woman's mere **fear of violence** is sufficient for the Family Court to undermine the very foundations of a civilised justice system (the presumption of innocence for men accused of violence).

> "17% (1,293,100) of women experienced sexual assault compared to 4.8% (362,400) of men."

> "4.6% (353,700) of women experienced sexual threat compared to 0.9% (69,500) of men."

> "Since the age of 15, 5.5% (408,100) of men reported experiencing sexual violence compared to 19% (1,469,500) of women."

One-in-five women and **one-in-twenty men** experience sexual violence or threat in their lifetimes. Clearly, sexual assualt centres for women are necessary, yet there are twenty times as many government subsidised centres for women as there are for men despite the fact that men are sexually assaulted only four times less.
The second source (Mouzos/Makkai, 2004) used by the White Ribbon people is more sociological in nature, but the figure it cites – i.e. that 57% of women suffer abuse in their lifetime, is too broad to apply only to violence and is clearly stated as an inference only. There also appears to be no evidence that the population samples used in the analysis were independent or unbiased. This information must therefore be treated with caution.

The conclusions I draw from this very brief analysis are threefold:

1. There is nothing to suggest women are special victims of violence, although sexual violence is four times more likely to be against women than men. The opposite is, in fact, true – men are victims of violence in greater numbers than women, and more often.

2. Men are severely neglected in all areas of public discussion and spending when it comes to violence, sexual or otherwise. While there are a few agencies that help men who have been assaulted in terms of legal recourse, there are very few programs that adequately assist men psychologically and emotionally. There are no government programs in Australia to assist men who have been raped. NB. The average man is no better equipped to deal with violence than the average woman – the feelings of anger, fear, neglect, low self-esteem and acute sense of social injustice are the same, possibly more since society tends to feel revulsion towards victimised men.

Read about how rape affects men here.

3. Violence is not just a women's issue nor can it be said to just be caused by men. The feminist narrative avoids describing the extent to which female victims of violence might have initiated, contributed to, or exacerbated it. Feminists encourage such misnomers as "victim shaming" in an attempt to discredit any evidence that might point to a woman's guilt, while disavowing any responsibility by the woman, exhorting even when such evidence is irrefutable that "a man must have made her do it".

Read a list of 275 scholarly articles that indicate violence is committed as often, if not more, by women than men, here.

The Myth of Equal Suffering

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When someone is talking about mens' rights issues or anything that only affects or disproportionately affects men, a common response is some derivative of "women have it just as bad." This response will be used no matter how absurd it is when applied to the issue or issues being discussed. For example, if an MRA is discussing what happens to men during and after divorce, someone will respond that women suffer just as much from divorce. Obviously, this is not the case, because women wouldn't disproportionately initiate divorce proceedings otherwise. What these people are doing is promoting a myth of equal suffering.

Why do we have a myth of equal suffering? It is because feminists – and even many anti-feminists (who are really anti-feminist in name only, or AFINOs) – don't want to admit that there are certain issues (such as divorce) where men bear the overwhelming brunt of the negative impact. Feminists will use this myth in an attempt to shut down any effort to show that their policies and actions are attacking men. AFINOs will also use the myth to hide the fact that women who don't claim to be feminists are still benefiting from feminism. For them, it's an attempt to pretend that the benefits of feminism are going to some far away group of feminist women instead of both feminist women and AFINO women. This can be seen with divorce where women who don't claim to be feminists divorce as often as self-admitted feminist women do. It can also be seen when someone says, "But feminism hurts women too".

The myth of equal suffering is not used in the opposite direction. If something were to disproportionately affect women, these people will not talk about how men are suffering just as much from the same problem. This is because the true purpose of the myth of equal suffering is not to demonstrate that men and women suffer equally: it is to diminish problems experienced by men so that women can be shown to be *suffering more*. This serves the purpose of adding more power to women via victimhood. It is similar to how feminism in general claims to support equality when in reality it is promoting an agenda of female supremacism.

Firing On All Cylinders

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By Nemo

"Firing on all cylinders" is a metaphor of the machine age that means that everything is working at its optimum capacity. It refers to the cylinders of an internal combustion engine in a gasoline-powered automobile, which provide maximum power when all of them are firing in perfect synchronization. This requires the vehicle to be well-maintained and finely tuned to near perfection.
It has been observed that most great scientists, who are almost exclusively men, make their greatest discoveries when they are unmarried and in romantic relationships with young women. There seems to be something about young love that simultaneously energizes a man's creativity and relaxes his anxieties. He then can focus his mind almost exclusively upon his work, for his body and his spirit are at ease. He labors to experience the joy of creation and wastes no thought upon the avoidance of pain.

This phenomenon is not unique to science. The ancient Greeks went so far as to deify ideal young women in the nine Muses of antiquity, who were held to inspire men and women to create in the fields of poetry, history, astronomy, song, dance, and drama.

Older and wiser cultures once exerted pressure upon young women to marry young men with promising talents in useful fields of human endeavor. Wealth was often more desirable than talent, but a young man with "prospects" was often a close second to a young "man of leisure" in the esteem of society. It was assumed that his success would create enough wealth to satisfy the needs of his bride. Even a casual survey of Victorian literature reveals this as a recurrent theme.

Sadly, this ancient wisdom has been discarded by modern society. Today women are "empowered" to choose their own mates as soon as they reach legal adulthood. In practice, it's next to impossible to rein them in after they reach puberty. By and large, they choose the young men with the highest status in adolescent subculture rather than adult society.

Athletes, movie actors, rap artists, and above all else "bad boys" are desired by young women. Poets, historians, astronomers, and playwrights are not even on the radar of the modern young lady. Engineers and computer geeks are actively avoided. Purely rational men of science and technology have the same level of appeal to nubile women that garlic has to vampires. Emotional and unstable men have "passion" and are a hot commodity among women who have no constraints upon their own desires. Like seeks like.

As a result, we have a chronic shortage of muses. Young men who are inclined to be an asset to society rather than a liability are, by and large, shunned at precisely the age when they should be making their greatest discoveries. Albert Einstein was 26 when he invented the theory of special relativity. Can anyone imagine a hip young urban lady in modern America dating a patent clerk with bright ideas?

At the same time that we have a shortage of muses, we have a superabundance of banshees. Some women who are nearing their reproductive expiration date will hold their noses long enough to marry a rational man, but only if there's enough money in it. Few of these marriages are happy or durable, because women who crave passion and have sampled it from dozens of men are rarely content to settle down and stay faithful to one boring, tediously logical man. Some will fake it just long enough to become "fully vested" and cash out in a divorce with the maximum alimony and child support.

In the meantime, life for their husbands is fraught with strife and turmoil. Almost every man has, at some point, put in a bad day's work because a woman has added stress and strain to his psyche that exceeds even the most stoic man's limits of endurance. On a personal note, I once donated blood a few hours after an argument with a female and was shocked to discover that my pulse was still racing at 100 beats a minute rather than the usual range of 56 to 84. Men who are badly stressed before they arrive at work are poorer performers. They also age faster – most

married men turn gray years before their bachelor counterparts.

There is a price to be paid for this. Innovation seems to be slowing in most fields of science and technology, and the West is slipping backwards in some areas. The “Next Big Thing” seems elusive, and the current candidates are a scrawny lot. Facebook is valued at twice the market capitalization of Boeing, which appears to violate common sense and is an indication of the distortion of not only our financial values but also our societal norms. NASA needs to bum rides from the Russians to get astronauts into orbit. We are even having trouble maintaining existing technology, such as the electrical grid that is the skeleton of the information age.

Failure to inspire the creativity of our young men, which is the prime impetus for progress in a technological society, causes our entire civilization to fail to fire on all cylinders. Economic malaise leads to social crises and civil unrest. Other nations such as China seem to have their act together better than Europe and America, and we are falling behind them in a relative sense and may soon fall behind them in an absolute sense. Their economies and societies are firing on all cylinders and catching up to us. In ten or fifteen years, the West may be passed by as our engines of innovation and growth sputter and blow clouds of smoke.

Perhaps, someday, a generation of women will be re-taught the ancient wisdom of the Greeks and the more modern customs of the Victorians and rediscover the charming attributes that elevate a mere female into a celestial muse. Until then, our young men will be forced to endure the scorn of the banshees and must persevere to advance society in spite of the opposite sex rather than in the cause of our womenfolk.

North Korea and Dynastic Decline

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Now that Kim Jong-il is dead and his son installed on the throne, we have the third generation of the hermit kingdom's Juche-inspired dynasty to deal with. I knew some North Koreans in China, and saw first-hand what the regime did to its people. North Korean refugees of about my age and younger were much shorter than they should have been. North Koreans are ordinarily quite tall for Asians, but many of the young men and women I saw working in Beijing's Korean restaurants as servers were severely stunted from malnutrition during adolescence (Beijing has the largest population of Koreans outside of Korea, and many North Korean refugees go there to find work). Hopefully the regime will pay for its crimes some day, but now that the Kims have nukes we may have to wait a while for that.

Nevertheless, the Kim family provides us with a modern example of how hereditary rulers tend to decline over the generations. Typically, the founder is a very energetic, masculine warlord who comes as a conqueror, sword in hand. As his reward, he has his choice of the most feminine, beautiful ladies of the land, but usually has the sense to breed an heir with a woman of some substance. If all goes well, the successor is a responsible type who is content to follow in his father's footsteps and complete his father's work. However, the corrupting influence of power starts its work immediately, and the young heir grows up accustomed to beautiful women, fine food, liquor and all the other trappings of wealth and power.

He has children with a delicate beauty (in Kim Jong-il's case a dancer named Ko Young Hee), and produces effeminate sons that further dilute the masculine vigor of the founding patriarch. If things go well, the next generation at least has the savvy to rule the realm, but as courtesans and their bastards multiply, intrigue, corruption and incompetence eventually overwhelm the regime, paving the way for another stern, disciplined warlord to march in and seize power.

The following pictures demonstrate a clear progression from manly alpha conqueror to effete omega descendant. One can see something of the family resemblance down the line, but Kim Jong-un, the latest scion of the Kim dynasty, is a sorry specimen compared to grandfather Kim Il-sung:

Kim Il-sung (alpha):

Kim Jong-il (beta):

Kim Jong-un (omega):

It has been suggested that sexual reproduction provides balance to the species, preventing either sex from becoming too distinct and risking the health of the population. It appears that here we have a living example of an infusion of feminine characteristics – from the women preferred by powerful men – sapping the vigor of the ruling caste. Perhaps sex is the great equalizer, forever churning humanity from top to bottom.

A whole new “Just Say No”

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By Ken Knight

A lot has been discussed about the ever-increasing push for “domestic violence” awareness and tighter and tighter laws to handcuff those who police are called in to investigate for such. No need to get into the semantics of navigating through the channel of that dynamic once it happens to you, plenty on the subject has already been covered.

What I’d like to touch on is a “rule” that I have been steadfastly holding on to during the past few years of my single life in the dating pool only because it is working out in regards to keeping Police from coming to visit me face-to-face. I call it a “Just Say No” self-defense technique that I apply to women I date and that is I just say **NO** to those whom exhibit quick-tempered, violent, and/or aggressively demeaning behaviors toward me or other men throughout the course of dating and putting it gently, I don’t return their calls, **ever**! I have to admit it was a lady friend of mine who applied it to her own dating life who gave me the idea, having never really thought about it myself since I had put up with a lot of crap over the years dating some slap-happy cursing femmes to get some tail.

Dating as you all know is that time spent “getting to know” someone else and finding out if that grinning member of the opposite sex is worth continuing a rapport with or not.

Simply put sports-fans, here is what I am talking about:

She curses at you for little or easily-aggravated reasons

She berates men in general in your presence

She prefers one-liners she thinks are humorous such as “You’re so stupid!”

Raising-of-the-voice is easily achieved for little to no reason

She instantly calls you profane names during any disagreement

She pushes or slaps at you without provocation

Any of these six (this is my personal list, so bear with me) displayed by a date, don’t drive to Peyton Place or the friggin’ wedding chapel….RUN!!

Don’t return her calls, don’t go out with her ever again, and maintain the force of will to keep this standard (or something similar according to your own personal threshold).

Me personally, I tell women whom I date that I will **not** push, slap, raise my voice, or call her out-of-her-name even if there is a disagreement…and I expect the same in return.

I consider a woman calling me an “@sshole” so frivolously as a BREAK-UP (on the spot) and conduct myself accordingly….no matter how smokin’ hot she looks.

Cursing is the key, because consistent and increasingly demeaning verbal abuse inevitably leads to physical abuse (i.e. domestic violence) and of course a white-knighting Policeman tapping his baton on your front door approximately 5 minutes later.

As you guys are already aware, one can spot many of another individual’s proclivities and peccadilloes during the dating process (some even right away!) and you should have your list of “just-say-no” reasons to hold fast to in order to avoid problems with the person in the not-so-distant future. Can you tolerate a violent chick who likes to get drunk and throw utensils across the room in order to get her into bed and walk proudly through the mall with that shapely physique of hers strolling alongside you? Its your call brother, but you may lament not holding to a list of “deal-breakers” from the very beginning and never being afraid to go without a girlfriend for a few weeks (Oh

my god, can Davis do that? Nope, he's working on his third match.com wife!).

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Feminists Take Up Arms in War on Christmas

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Feminists have recently adopted the tactic of exhuming relics from the past to look for new material to criticize, perhaps because complaining about how awful women have it today has begun to result in incredulity on the part of normal people.

In the following video, a feminist criticizes songs, most of which are from a half-century ago, for their "sexist" content. The songs are old Christmas classics, such as Dean Martin's "Baby it's cold outside," ("date rape song") and Bing Crosby's "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," (stereotypes toys by gender).

There is an associated twitter discussion of the Dean Martin song where some feminists are discussing the lyrics and offering their own versions. One suggests the following: "you've got to go home" "but baby its cold outside" "get out of my house" "but baby its cold outside" "I'm calling the cops…"

Oh, what a knee-slapper! Feminists are *soooo* funny…

The feminist narrating the video gives away her Christmas wish list, which includes a Buffy the Vampire Slayer doll with what appears to be a pole-axe. In this case, a lump of coal might be more appropriate.

Leftists like to claim that there has never been a war on Christmas, but in their unending criticism of how people choose to celebrate it, it's pretty obvious that a lot of them hate the holiday with a passion.

Why must they do everything their mothers do?

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Title from a Henry Higgins quote in *My Fair Lady*

By Matt K

Sometimes on our travels across the far reaches of cyberspace, we chance upon a story that encapsulates the very essence of what we are trying to say. Here is such a story. It is, perhaps, the single best possible rebuttal against feminist claims that the reason that almost everything around us was invented by men is due to women having been discriminated against:

According to a study* by AC Nielsen, 70% of women in India just can't afford sanitary napkins and resort to using dirty rags, newspapers, dried leaves, and even ashes during their periods. Now you would have thought that there were few areas of life, if any, where women had a stronger incentive to invent a solution, of a problem common so many women and having existed for so long as to provide a huge pool of potential inventors, or which, except in the most indirect way, men could, if they chose, ignore, or where women's direct and recurrent experience, and their ability to talk to other 'sufferers' about such a sensitive matter gave them a greater headstart over men, and yet despite all these advantages, it took not a women but a man to solve the problem. A man, I might add, whose sisters refused to help him, whose wife abandoned him (…until he became successful/famous of course), and even whose own mother left him, but who still persevered. This story really does have it all.

Gentlemen, from Fast Company magazine:

An Indian Inventor Disrupts The Period Industry

* According to "Sanitation protection: Every Women's Health Right," a study by AC Nielsen

ForbesWomen Ask : Why?

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You gotta hand it to those ForbesWomen. They never stop asking : Why?

[image]

Such as “Why can’t I have a career and a Co-Equal Partner?”, “Why aren’t women, who are 50% of the workforce, be at least 50% of corporate boards?”, “Why Aren’t There More Women in Tech?”, and the ultimate “Why can’t employers provide better Work/Life Balance?”. These questions are usually followed by a flourish of “until society makes massive changes in its gender structure women will continue to be suffer unfair…”. It’s this kind of inquisitiveness and search for solutions that drives the culture forward and stokes the engines of innovation and job creation.

For the male reader however, it can be disorienting. As R.Don Steele advises men in his seminal classic “How to Date Young Women for Men Over 35, Volumes I and II” : Don’t answer “Why” questions. You may not have verbalized this concept but most likely have experienced some female demanding “Why?” to some unanswerable question. It’s a way to put you on the defensive while demanding that you explain yourself. If you comply to their demand you enter the passive apologetic beta zone from which you will not likely emerge. Just a tip from the Elmer Files.

[image]

Let’s talk about what’s in today’s ForbesWoman :

I Hate My Teenage Daughter: Comedy at the Expense of Women and Girls

Sabrina writes :

The moms are portrayed as the dumbest, most insecure, petty, women. They are terrible parents, and even worse, incompetent women. They apparently can’t dress themselves (in the first few minutes of the pilot one of the moms is unaware she is wearing a pajama top to work), and certainly can’t parent or even support themselves. The teenage daughters are also dumb, dress like sluts, and don’t do anything but be mean to other kids, skip school, and plot how to be horrible to their mothers.

She asks, Why?

By why is there not more of an outcry from women to get this show that demeans women and girls off the air? Why are advertisers so concerned about whether they advertise on a reality show about Muslim Americans (that actually tries to depict the experiences that Muslim Americans have every day here in the US) but not one word about advertising on this horrendous show that depicts women as stupid, silly creatures?

Elmer drops his guard and tries to help her understand :

Why, why, why? ForbesWomen ast : Why?

I tell you why.

This show is of women, by women, for women.

It's women exploiting women.

Get used to it.

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Elmer asks : Why?

I am not above asking, "Why?".

[image]

Such as "Why do all the massage ads only show the young babe getting a massage. Why don't they ever show the middle-aged dude getting a rubdown?"

[image]

Of course, long time Spearhead readers know the answer; just another opportunity for Elmer to slip in his famous Elmer Massage photo. But this time with a funny twist. Of course the "massage" sign grabbed my attention as I hurtled past the strip mall while commuting to the ForbesWomen office. Did it really say that or was I filling in the blank with my own puerile thoughts? I went back for a second look. It really does say "Massage My Jewels"!

And I'm askin : Why Not?

[image]

Why the Marriage Rate Will Continue to Decline

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Unless some fundamental changes are made to family law, (legal) marriage will continue to lose popularity for one fundamental reason: it is financially disadvantageous for most people of prime marrying age. Although we've spilled plenty of ink on the topic of divorce and its costs to men, one fact that is often overlooked is that marriage itself is not a financially sound decision for many young people, including women, for a variety of reasons.

It was the black American community that first began to reject marriage, and for a practical reason: married mothers received less state support than those who remained unwed. As soon as providing welfare to unwed mothers became the norm, black women began to see having children out of wedlock as a better alternative to the traditional family. In many cases, married black families were poorer than those who avoided marriage, because women with husbands were not eligible to receive state aid. This prompted great numbers of black women to leave their husbands, and eventually led to the contemporary state of the black family, in which only a minority of black parents ever bother getting married.

The same process eventually filtered into the white working class, and now it is beginning to affect young whites from middle-class families, as youth employment and wages have dropped precipitously over the past couple decades, and companies no longer provide the same level of benefits they once did.

The result is that younger people are avoiding marriage in order to take advantage of the tax breaks and benefits afforded to single mothers, or avoiding parenthood altogether. A poor young couple can qualify for state subsidies for healthcare, but a two-income household usually cannot, and the majority of young women now work just like the men. However, if a woman can claim to be a single mother and show only half the household income she'd have if married, she and the children will be eligible for much more support, thereby removing a significant burden from the family.

This also applies to student aid. A young couple in which one partner is contemplating going back to school for another degree or some training would be well-advised to avoid marriage, because the other partner's income will be used against the prospective student, and grants/student aid will be much less generous. Additionally, before having children there is no tax benefit to being married.

We often discuss the drawbacks of marriage for men, but it's clear that women – particularly young women, including mothers – also have financial incentives to remain single, especially if they won't be able to reap a windfall through divorce, and when young they usually can't.

Given the state assault on the institution, what is truly astonishing is that marriage survives at all today. Perhaps this is evidence that marriage is actually rooted in human nature, and will survive in one form or another despite feminist and government depredations.

Feminists vs. Good Men Project: Matlack Makes a Stand, Then Disappoints

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Tom Matlack, who founded the Good Men Project in part with the well-meaning, if naïve, idea that a process of self-improvement, introspection and mutual respect between the sexes could solve many of the problems that beset men and bring about some resolution of the gender wars, has sailed directly into a feminist broadside unleashed by the usual suspects.

Matlack, apparently frustrated by pervasive man-bashing, wrote an article in defense of men titled "Being a Dude is a Good Thing." It's actually quite reasonable, and could only be interpreted as provocative by those who ascribe to radical feminism.

A few quotes:

> Why do men get blamed for everything? Well, the cynical response is, "because we can really be assholes sometimes." I'm going to set aside gross acts of what I would call evil: rape, sex trafficking, murder, and felonies of pretty much any kind. I'm more interested in the petty shit that fills our day-to-day and ends up defining us normally imperfect human beings.
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> [...]
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> Here's my theory, and it's nothing but a theory. Men and women are different. Quite different in fact. But women would really like men to be more like them.
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> In the locker room, in the bathroom, on the walk out of the board room, in my conversations with men of all kinds, that's what I hear more than anything. The resignation that to be a man is to be unacceptable at some level to the woman in your life.
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> [...]
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> My unscientific theory is from a fundamental disconnect between men and women at the micro level. Men know women are different. They think differently, they express emotion differently, they are motivated by different things, they think about sex differently, and they use a very different vocabulary.
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> Why can't women accept men for who they really are? Is a good man more like a woman or more truly masculine?

While I don't really believe women want men to be more like women, it's no mystery why many men, like Tom Matlack, would come to that conclusion. The problem is that they are listening to what women say, and not watching what they do. Additionally, they are conflating feminist demands with the desires of real women, whereas what feminists say women want is often the exact opposite of the truth.

Take, for example, the unending complaints about "objectification." Feminists have long been complaining about the objectification of women. One theory I have is that much of this angst is simply due to the fact that *other women* are being objectified — it's demoralizing for women to see other females soaking up attention from males. Being the "object" of sexual attention is both psychologically gratifying and sexually arousing for women, so when feminists complain about women being objectified, what they are really saying is "it is a terrible injustice that it is not me who is the object of universal desire" (see Sailer's Law of Female Journalism).

So, having written a piece in which he admits to being frustrated and a bit confused by mixed messages – in other words, an entirely normal male reaction to women's conflicting demands – but not going after women or feminists in any direct manner, Tom is promptly attacked by all manner of feminists for not being the kind of "Good Man" they expect him to be.

For our benefit, Amanda Marcotte, in responding to and attacking Mr. Matlack, lets us know what she thinks qualifies men as good. In a piece titled "The Good Men Project I used to Know," she calls his article "a risible, sexist piece of garbage," advocates censorship and throws around a few slurs.

Here's Amanda at her feminist best:

> It's a real shame to see that a steady campaign of misogynist blather from so-called "men's rights activists" in the comments at Good Men Project has poisoned founder Tom Matlack's mind. Personally, I'm a big fan of just banning MRAs. They have nothing of value to add to a conversation, and exist online solely to disrupt any conversation they fear might lead others towards reaching the conclusion that women are people. The whole mission behind the Good Men Project is presumably to advocate for good men, and while they do publish writings by actual good men, they also publish writings by overt misogynists like Paul Elam, who by definition cannot be good men, any more than members of white supremacist groups can be called "good men". Differing viewpoints is one thing, but promoting the work of open bigots is just fucked up.

One thing about Amanda is that she can be remarkably candid. Her Chekist tendencies are on display as she demands that one subset of men be banhammered from any discussion about good men, because "by *definition* [they] cannot be good men."

As much as I dislike them, I don't even ban feminists from The Spearhead comments, and I wouldn't even think of demanding they be banned from a women's forum/website. In fact, it strikes me that anyone who would make such demands – especially a member of an outgroup – must have an enormously entitled attitude and a huge sense of superiority. It would be as though I were to walk into a mosque and demand certain Muslims be excluded because I, personally, despite not being Muslim, didn't agree with their views on Islam. It is this kind of behavior that really snatches the "equality" veil off the feminist face, and Marcotte does us all an unintentional favor by putting it out there for all the world to see.

Futrelle, over at his Manboobz online feminist peanut gallery, inveighs against Matlack as well, but as usual he is too lazy to rise above his signature snark, and fails to produce any worthwhile quotes.

However, there is an element of humor to this story, as a clearly clueless Roseanne Barr rises from the morass to take poorly-aimed potshots at men through Twitter.

A few of Roseanne's tweets (T. Matlack exposes himself a bit here as well):

> @feministfather @TMatlack @jennpozner what is MRA???
> TheRealRoseanne 8 days ago
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> @TheRealRoseanne MRA is for men's rights and the fringe is pretty crazy about how men have been mistreated in divorce and elsewhere
> TMatlack 8 days ago
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> [Hugo Schwyzer weighs in]
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> @rugcernie @amandamarcotte no, it's not one organization. A loose and disparate movement of the deadbeat and the desperate
> hugoschwyzer 8 days ago
>
> @jennpozner @feministfather @TMatlack you mean closet case whiners, right?
> TheRealRoseanne 8 days ago
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> @TheRealRoseanne @jennpozner @feministfather yeah that's a good summary.
> TMatlack 8 days ago
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> [...]
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> @jennpozner the judges in this country are giving kids to their sexually abusive fathers everyday over their

> underemployed mothers-yet-
> TheRealRoseanne 8 days ago
>
> @TheRealRoseanne @jennpozner fake male “feminist” whiners have yet 2 mention that fact EVER.
> TheRealRoseanne 8 days ago
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> [...]
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> @jennpozner i understand-R difference is that I don’t believe that women have allies in men, or they would already hve dismantled patriarchy
> TheRealRoseanne 8 days ago
>
> @jennpozner I also believe its men who R marginalized- they choose to live outside of reality-like #1 marginalizd group-the mentally ill.
> TheRealRoseanne 8 days ago

Whew, Roseanne is a real specimen, isn’t she?

As for Matlack’s comment – that he essentially agrees that MRAs are “closet case whiners” – I’m going to give him the benefit of the doubt and assume that he reflexively tries to ingratiate those he perceives as famous. However, given the whipping he’s getting from the likes of Marcotte and various other feminists, you’d think he would have learned the lesson that you can’t satisfy them until you’ve so debased yourself that you are at the level of Hugo Schwyzer.

As for the rest of us, we should just let Roseanne’s hatred sink in a bit. This is feminism. Anyone who wants to confirm that men are in fact blamed simply for being men can do so simply by reading the twitter exchange linked above. Too bad Tom couldn’t resist the impulse to join in.

Feminist Concerns With Male Self-Evaluation or Brothers Gonna Work It Out

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One of the major "hot-button" topics in the gender dialogs is how men are changing in the 21st Century or what some people refer to as "the New Masculinity." This can be defined as an alternative or future set of male or masculine values in Western society that are meant to deviate or separate themselves from historical and/or traditional male or masculine values. The "old or traditional masculinity" is often defined by feminists as one that has been destructive and/or harmful toward modern society in general and women and children in particular. The one facet of this discussion that has been in particular focus is how men are rejecting the traditional gender roles and dropping out of the societal expectations that have "defined" masculinity.

As many people who follow MRA dialogs may have noticed, social discussions of gender roles and "so-called" masculine values are secondary to the mainstream MRA debates of legal inequality. However, it stands to reason that we take up that angle of discussion, especially because of the recent attacks against men based on many of us (especially our younger brothers) rejecting their traditional roles as family providers and even rejecting the concept of the traditional family. In light of the current economic and social changes in the western (US in particular) gender arena, the fate of the "New Masculinity" is of major interest to feminists of all stripes and if we wish to remain relevant in our own future, it should be of major interest to us as well.

When women began to reject their historical roles in the "traditional family," it was lauded as a progressive step forward for women and equality. But when men began to do likewise, suddenly it is being framed as another way that men are hurting women. Feminism is touting itself as being the gatekeeper of gender re-examination for both sexes and quite a bit of evidence demonstrates that there is a significant opposition against men taking the same steps toward rediscovery that women did — especially without feminist supervision. You always read about feminists seeking to eliminate the gender roles that bind both men and women. You would probably expect that they would celebrate that men are seeking paths beyond traditional gender roles. But as the two articles show, that is anything but the case.

I posit that the above articles illustrate and typify a significant feminist viewpoint about men reexamining and redefining their idea of masculinity, as well as rejecting the traditional feminine expectations. And what these articles and others like them show is that feminists like Hymowitz, Marcotte, and others (including male feminists like Jackson Katz and Hugo Schwyzer) don't like it one bit. And thus the true motivations of a significant number of feminists (second wave and beyond) are revealed. Their "feminism" was a movement meant to redefine the conventions of gender in favor of women. According to their feminism, the political and social changes that were being implemented were meant for women to better themselves.

However, the needs of men were not considered with those broadly-wrought changes in Western society and even now, male concerns and needs are an afterthought by those who continue to advance and maintain those changes. Furthermore, as these two and many, many, other similar articles by like-minded feminist thinkers suggest, the considerations and needs of men are still only second to the considerations and needs of women. But now that men are doing the same thing, it is a huge problem…for women. Like the women in the 70s, men do not want to become "family providers" or even engage in the act of creating families. Furthermore, they do not wish to embrace the historical roles that men have held in human society. They seek to look to their own interests and learn to enjoy life outside of the occupational "rat race" which has been the traditional direction of western men. But worse yet, those men who still choose to follow that traditional path have found more and more economic, legal, and social roadblocks preventing them from doing so. Despite the issues regarding the changes that men have lately experienced with economics, mental, physical, and social health, the primary motivation for these recent articles which examine these problems with men "dropping out" of society and becoming unemployed and uneducated, is how these issues affect women.

Still don't believe me about feminists getting riled up when men start asking the "wrong questions?" Scoot on over to the Good Men Project and holler at founder, Tom Matlack. His former feminist "allies" have collectively like a wounded piranha because of a conversation he had with them (Marcotte, Harding, Ponzer, Schwyzer, among others…including the culturally irrelevant Rosanne Barr) regarding a simple question he asked: "***Why can't women accept men for who they really are? Is a good man more like a woman or more truly masculine?***"

This whole situation is telling of one truism: male feminist allies are welcome as long as they are useful and they know their place. Tom Matlack got a little too cozy with his so-called equity feminist friends, forgot himself, and the result has been an ugly mess over on the GMP. Matlack and his CEO, Lisa Hickey have been doing everything they can to try to salvage the incessant slamming that GMP has been getting by the feminist sphere. If they would listen to me, I would tell them to grab their collective cojones, weather the storm, and stand by their convictions. But I expect that they will do anything but….

More and more of the public perception of men is colored in a far less favorable light than in the past. Commercials show men as hopeless buffoons or cruel-hearted hecklers. Fewer and fewer "relationship movies" paint males in an equally elegant light as their female co-stars. However, some directors are breaking away from that stereotype and showing more realistic men. Men like Judd Apatow (who Ms Hymowicz also mentions in her above article), Greg Mottola, and Seth Rogen, have made a career of lampooning the "new masculinity." But these movies make a point of showing their male foils moving past their personal flaws and at the same time, embracing their own maleness in a manner that eventually showcases in good faith the men that they truly are. In short, these filmmakers are using their movies to examine masculine values and viewpoints outside of feminist oversight and therefore, certain feminists (like the ones I mentioned) choose to take issue with these movies.

What this all reveals is that there is a problem within feminism with men trying to achieve awareness and transcend the historical limitations placed upon our gender. While there are feminists out there who probably do not agree with what is being done to men in their movement's name, until they finally gain the courage to speak up and do something about their misandrist colleagues, they are equally complicit in this act of blatant marginalization.

However there is something else that all of this is saying: we are becoming effective enough to worry many of these feminists to the point where they are actively working to try to deter us from seeking our own enlightenment outside of the feminist paradigm. More and more men are seeking out their own paths to transcending the traditional bindings that have been placed upon us and that many of these feminists are trying to keep on us.

And finally we get to the title of this article. With the coming of the New Year, men need to find a way to sort out the mess that masculinity has become. And the first step is putting paid to the quaint notion that the answer to men's rights is "more feminism." That's like saying the answer to lung cancer are more cigarettes. All of us as "brothers" need to work it out; we need to get ourselves together and solve the problems surrounding our gender. We need to seek out those people who are asking those questions and work with them to find the answers. We need to support each other as men and males. We need to be mentors to our boys, brothers to our fellow men of all creeds and colors, and most importantly, we need to be willing to embrace the newly emerging modes of masculine life. And more importantly, we need to do it before the feminists do it for us.

We can do this…as men and as brothers.

Like the song by the late Willie Hutch says: "Brothers gonna work it out! Brothers gonna work it out!"

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo: Hate Porn for Feminists

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The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, known in Swedish as Män som hatar kvinnor, or "men who hate women," was recently released in an English language version, starring renowned drag queen and James Bond actor Daniel Craig. So far, despite the success of the original in Sweden, the film has been doing poorly in the US, perhaps because most Americans don't care much about Sweden.

However, it is possible that the theme has been overplayed in recent years, and people are no longer willing to buy into the conspiratorial premise. A Steve Sailer review in Takimag calls it "*The Da Vinci Code* of the 2010s, only with more anal rape," and in describing the heroine suggests the film is a bit dated:

> The second is his young research assistant, Lisbeth Salander, who comes equipped with every add-on that turned on geeky former sci-fi fanzine editors such as Larsson in female fantasy figures back in the 1990s.
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> Think Trinity in The Matrix, but with even more attitude. Lisbeth has genius computer-hacking skills, a black wardrobe and a black motorcycle, hand-to-hand combat techniques that let her deal out cruel vengeance upon men twice her 100 pounds, piercings, a mohawk, and lesbianism (until she's exposed to the journalist hero's recessive charm).
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> But this isn't the 1990s anymore, so the appeal of such dusty clichés has drifted up the age range.

Due to the hubbub over the movie, I watched the original (Swedish) version to see what it was all about, and found it even worse than I'd anticipated.

Although Swedish professionalism is evident in the execution, the story itself is such pure fantasy that it's difficult to suspend disbelief, and it quickly degenerates into a Nazi exploitation porn flick, in which monstrous Swedish, Christian, white-supremacist, racist, capitalist, billionaire Nazi misogynists murder and rape with impunity for some seven decades, mainly targeting religious and ethnic minority females.

The book the film is based on was written by Stieg Larsson, a Communist graphic designer with a persecution complex who devoted much of his life to attacking the Swedish right wing, hence the obsession with the postwar left's usual bogeymen. But Larsson takes it to a new level, reviving the Bolshevik propaganda he thrived on as a young man, when he spent time arming and training African female soldiers (i.e. cannon fodder) for the Marxist-feminist Eritrean People's Liberation Front.

In Larsson's fantasy, Sweden is a dangerous place, especially for women. Heroine Lisbeth Salander, a techno-punk type who could have come straight out of The Matrix, is attacked in the beginning of the film by right-wing hooligans in a subway station, and despite being outnumbered and underweight, fights them off. She is then sexually abused by her "guardian" (she is apparently under state supervision for being a head case), who forces her to perform oral sex in return for access to her own money, and then anally rapes her when she comes back for more. In addition to being tough and sexy (and lesbian!), Lisbeth is a genius computer hacker. Her character, as Sailer pointed out, is essentially a cliché of the typical computer geek fantasy girl.

The hero, Mikael Blomqvist, is a left-wing journalist (a stand-in for Stieg Larsson himself) who has been set up by a wealthy capitalist pig and subsequently convicted of libel. Following his conviction, he is hired by Henrik Vanger, a wealthy, elderly man, to solve the 40-year-old murder of his niece. Lisbeth, who was tasked with checking out Blomqvist for Vanger, hacks into his computer. When she sees what he is doing she helps him with the case, and soon the two are both working and sleeping together.

Together, the duo uncover a serial murder spree stretching over decades. The murders are tied together by a Christian theme, which is uncovered by Lisbeth, who has a phenomenal memory and recognizes the Bible verses jotted down by the victim they are investigating. Soon, they learn that the Vanger family has Nazi connections, and

that some of the victims were Jewish, and were sacrificed according to Deuteronomy's codes. The film goes on along these lines until the end, portraying Sweden as a dark, bigoted place, plagued with incest, drunkenness, rape and murder.

Despite the Nazi background, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* is above all a feminist work. The original Swedish title – Men who hate women – makes that clear, and the overriding concern is with victimization, penetration, power — all the usual feminist tropes. There is plenty of symbolism, as well as a bit of gender-bending; the sex scene when Lisbeth first sleeps with Blomqvist has her on top, and she is the tough, confident partner in the relationship. Lisbeth also lacks Blomqvist's compassion, and has little compunction about despatching villainous men. In one scene, which may have inspired Tiger Woods' ex Elin Nordegren, she smashes the windows of a fleeing villain's car with a golf club. Her tattoo, from which the English title is derived, is a grotesque, hideous affair that covers her entire back, and her face is festooned with metal hoops and trinkets in the techno savage chic that was popular until some ten years ago. She looks, to put it bluntly, like the kind of dyke junkie one might have found in some basement punk club on the West Coast circa 1997.

One might ask why, given the fact that Sweden may well be under the most feminist regime on the planet, a lefty author would go to such great lengths to depict the place as a hotbed of rape and misogyny. You'd think that since gender equality is the law of the land in Sweden, and women have become the more equal of the two sexes there, there would be little need to frighten people with fairy tales about sadistic Nazi misogynists. But this would be to assume that feminists are rational, reasonable people rather than paranoid, power-hungry zealots. Without a burning hatred for and fear of men, feminism would burn out in short order. The only way to keep the movement alive is to stoke the fires of this hatred, and *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* is meant to do exactly that. With its blend of pornography, vengeance and victimization, it stirs the passions that have long fueled feminism in the West.

Why It's Worth It

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I've been spending time with my kids over the Christmas break, and it vindicates all the effort I've put into keeping them. I feel blessed, happy and fortunate. All the practical problems of life pale in comparison when a man has this kind of love and family in his life, and the sacrifices he makes are not in vain.

On that note, I think we should offer our prayers and best wishes for all the men out there who have been deprived of the opportunity to be with their children by the injustices that have unfortunately become the norm in family law.

Because this is a religious holiday, I'd like to offer a passage from Psalm 34 for the broken-hearted men out there who are alone, torn apart from their children by the wickedness of the feminists:

> **15**The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.
> **16**The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
> **17***The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
> **18**The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
> **19**Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Hang in there.

So Close, Yet So Far

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Ross Douthat accurately characterizes the connection between the decline of marriage and the increasingly threadbare American social fabric, then badly lapses into utter statist banality on what should be done about it:

> At Christmastime, we like to tell stories about resilient families. The Cratchits of "A Christmas Carol," for instance, who subsist on love, hope and 15 shillings a week. The Baileys of Bedford Falls, who survive wars, bank runs and bankruptcies because they have friends, one another, and a guardian angel watching out for them. The first couple of the New Testament, who manage to cope with a supernatural pregnancy, a murderous king and the necessity of delivering a child in the bleak midwinter, half-out-of-doors and far from home.
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> In 21st-century America, the well-off and well-educated have the best odds of enjoying the domestic stability that the Yuletide stories celebrate, while the very people who most need resilient families – the Cratchits and Baileys, the working poor and the hard-pressed middle class – are less and less likely to have them. This domestic dissolution plays a role in a host of socioeconomic ills: stagnating blue-collar wages, weakening upward mobility, stalling high school graduation rates, even the increase in juvenile obesity and diabetes. But it isn't an issue that politicians of either party are particularly comfortable addressing. Liberals worry about seeming paternalistic and judgmental; conservatives recoil from the idea of increasing the government's role in the most intimate of spheres. Thus America has a crisis of family life, but no family policy to speak of.
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> [T]here are costs to the European approach. Government-guaranteed leave often gives less financial relief to a mother or father who is already at home full time. And Europe's overall web of regulations and job protections makes the labor market more rigid and less accommodating to part-time work – which is the kind of work that mothers, especially, tend to want. (A recent survey of American parents found that 58 percent of married women with children preferred part-time to full-time work, compared with 20 percent of husbands.)
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> A more flexible alternative, championed by the conservative writers Ramesh Ponnuru and Robert Stein, would change the way we tax families, dramatically expanding the child tax credit in order to ease the burden on parents with young children. Their proposal would leave contemporary Baileys and Cratchits with more disposable income and more options without favoring one approach to parenting over another.

Yes, quite unimaginative. A more penetrating analysis would have discovered that government policies themselves dis-incentivize marriage and subsidize divorce, producing the sort of domestic destabilization that Mr. Douthat describes. Yet, after cataloging the downside of a divorce culture, the best Mr. Douthat could come up with is to double-down on government intervention.

Since an operative definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, yet expecting different results, a much more sane alternative would be to do the opposite of what's been tried so far…instead of more government, let's try less of it, to include removing Federally financed enticements that encourage single parenthood and closing down the government funding sluices that shunt taxpayer monies in the direction of marital dissolution. I know it will be counter-intuitive for most of us who have grown up in the age of government-as-universal-problem-solver, but in public policy matters, often the best thing government can do is…nothing.

Imagine for a moment what would happen were a marriage to dissolve, threatening poverty for the mother and two children, and the State did nothing except to let the estranged couple, their families, and para-governmental civic institutions sort things out on their own. What would that look like? Who would look after the children? Dad? Mom? Grandparents? The Church? Orphanages? Faced with such daunting and thorny and distasteful questions, would such a marriage dissolve in the first place, or would the estranged partners stick out their rough patch and arrive in a happier future? Would the divorce rate drop if husbands and wives, and their relatives and neighbors, directly felt the sting of marital implosions, rather than sticking some unknown, faraway taxpayer with the bill?

What sort of public policy, then, reinforces marriage? A policy that intervenes to facilitate parendectomies, and then intervenes again to recapture otherwise lost household income by selling the divorce-suit respondent into state of semi-slavery? Or a policy that, by virtue of a policy of non-intervention, refuses to get sucked into quarrels between husbands and wives, thus ensuring that divorcing spouses bear the full brunt of their decisions?

Of course such out-of-the-box thinking would be anethema to people like this commentator:

> Carolyn Egeli, Valley Lee, Md.
> Children that are well cared for are society's best investment in the future. Children need their parents, but mostly they need their mothers. European governments seem much better at recognizing this simple truth. Fathers are needed too of course, but in nature's scheme of things, the father plays a secondary role in the early years. He doesn't have breasts. And there is not much evidence to support that substitutes for women's breasts are as beneficial to very young children. And ditto for the pure attachment that children and mothers feel for one another. Most mammals replicate this phenomena. Our economic system strains gnats and swallows camels to justify the destruction of the most fundamental human relationship of mother and child. Mothers escaping in no fault divorces, are forced into shared custody of their abusers and a deeply divisive and unfair division of property, ultimately skewed in favor of the fathers. The men have off of the top, in 90% of the cases, a much higher income, on average 25% higher, yet the women must share equally in the burden of child care. Most children don't want to live 50% one place and 50% another, but again, the property rights of fathers are more important to the legal system. Cut the child in half seems to be the solution. Making it possible for the mother to continue to spend her time mostly on the care of her children is not even possible, most of the time, even with a very well off and often revengeful former spouse.
> Dec. 26, 2011 at 1:54 a.m.

Whew, where to start with this one? First, the data is overwhelming: children do best with both parents, not just the one with the breasts. A policy that emphasizes mothers over fathers, while feeding Ms. Egeli's inflated sense of maternal superiority, flies in the face of this simple fact. Furthermore, men also attach to their children, via vasopressin rather than oxytocin, and it would be a mistake to sideline this bonding process early on, not because breast-challenged men can do the kind of feeding breast-blessed women can, but because bonding between father and child takes time, and this bond will progressively become more and more important, even overtaking the bond between mother and child in some cases, as infants wean into toddlers and children.

Second, while it is true that most of the animal kingdom's families feature mothers and their brood in isolation, with dad nowhere to be found, is it not also true that in such a "state of nature", life is solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short? Does not such a "natural" family configuration in the animal world feature males who pump-and-dump, who practice polygyny, who are "rewarded" with sex, status, and offspring for anti-social behavior (fighting, killing other males, who kill the offspring of other males, who copulate with estrous females, whether she desires the coupling or not, etc), and who generally can't be counted on to stick around, leaving the mother to carry all the burden? Why then does Ms. Egeli think such an "natural" family model is to be preferred over one where children enjoy the full, active, present contribution of both biological parents, parents that contribute to the household in their own distinct and complementary ways?

Third, when one examines the divorce statistics, as I have, it is clear that DV accounts for a very small fraction of divorce suits. So the canard of "mothers escaping in no-fault divorces" is just that–a canard, used to justify the far more prevalent reason for divorce: simple unhappiness. As for the evil of shared parenting, if she'd like, we can simply award full custody of children to fathers, the way it used to be done until fairly recently in our culture, and the sex more likely to be able to support their children financially. In this way, the children aren't bounced back and forth between houses. Moreover, awarding children to fathers has the happy side effect of heavily suppressing the divorce rate, which would do much to mend the social fabric that Mr. Douthat frets about in his article. Furthermore, father custody would better protect the interests of children and women than the sole mother custody model. Somehow, however, I don't think that Ms. Egeli would cotton well to this alternative.

Fourth:

> The men have off of the top, in 90% of the cases, a much higher income, on average 25% higher, yet the women must share equally in the burden of child care. Most children don't want to live 50% one place and 50% another

Well duh. As the more productive sex, the sex that works longer hours, labors harder, does more dangerous jobs and who commutes further to get to them, and the sex less likely to choose or be afforded the choice to be a haus-herr, no kidding that husbands are the partner more likely to have a higher income in a divorce suit. And her objections to shared parenting can be solved pretty simply: don't divorce, or award primary custody to fathers and be done with it. Again, somehow I don't think she'll cotton well to this idea either.

So we see that Mr. Douthat's unfortunate failure to dig deeper into the root causes of marital instability only results in more calls for government intervention, intervention that will further sideline marriage, promotes marital dissolution, and appears to feed the solipsistic egos of women like Ms. Egeli who think that mothers alone are the relationship that matters most, and fathers are an accessory, value-added, fashionable, helpful (at times) but not critical. I suppose I can't fault her, though. Our social policy for the last 100 years has taught her that she's right.

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As Recession Drags on Young Women Too Picky for Jobs, Choose School

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A recent NY Times article pretty much gives the game away as far as the wage gap goes:

> Workers are dropping out of the labor force in droves, and they are mostly women. In fact, many are young women. But they are not dropping out forever; instead, these young women seem to be postponing their working lives to get more education. There are now — for the first time in three decades — more young women in school than in the work force.
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> "I was working part-time at Starbucks for a year and a half," said Laura Baker, 24, who started a master's program in strategic communications this fall at the University of Denver. "I wasn't willing to just stay there. I had to do something."
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> Women still earn significantly less than men. And in the two and a half years since the recovery officially began, men age 16 to 24 have gained 178,000 jobs, while their female counterparts have lost 255,000 positions, according to the Labor Department.
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> Apparently discouraged by scant openings, 412,000 young women have dropped out of the labor force entirely in the last two and a half years, meaning they are not looking for work.

From the above passages, it would appear that women have it harder, but the following shows what's really going on:

> Some studies suggest that women are pickier about their job choices than men. Already earning lower pay, women are less willing to work when wages fall further, especially if they are able to rely on an employed (and these days, often newly re-employed) husband. Women are also more reluctant to work night or weekend shifts, according to government data on how Americans spend their time, partly because they have more family responsibilities.
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> "The jobs out there just aren't very good, and men seem more willing to take them for whatever reason," said Jonathan L. Willis, an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. "The women are looking at those same jobs and saying, 'I'll be more productive elsewhere.'"

It appears that young women aren't as thrilled about work as young men. The suggestion is that these women have more "family responsibilities," but if that's the case, why are they going to school?

> Both men and women are going back to school, but the growth in enrollment is significantly larger for women (who dominated college campuses even before the financial crisis). In the last two years, the number of women ages 18 to 24 in school rose by 130,000, compared with a gain of 53,000 for young men.

As the young woman profiled above demonstrates, family responsibility rarely has anything to do with it. Women with young children are less likely to be in school than working part time to cover expenses; usually they have little choice. The women who are dropping out of the labor force and going back to school are mainly those without children, i.e. they have options, and they just don't like the jobs that are available.

Any wage gap that exists, as has already been proven, is a direct result of choices women make. Because men and women are not the same, women have different priorities, and comfort is often higher on a woman's list than a man's. School is more comfortable than starting work at Starbucks at 5AM, so many women will choose school

instead of an uncomfortable job.

It's an understandable choice, but is it a good idea?

> Those attending more expensive private schools, like Ms. Baker, will have an even tougher time guaranteeing that their educational investment pays off. Including the loans that financed her undergraduate education at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, she will complete her master's program next year owing about $200,000 in debt.
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> "I have to have faith that I will eventually get a good job that pays enough to pay my living expenses and pay back my loans," she said, "and hopefully make me happy in the process."

She'll owe 200,000 at age 25, and expects to find a job that will make her "happy"…

Supposedly, women will have an overwhelming advantage over men in coming years as education "pays off." Somehow, I think a lot of young women are going to be sorely disappointed in a decade's time (or less). It's easy to point and laugh at girls who are putting themselves in debt bondage for a dubious degree, but let's be honest here: they've been swindled, and that's a pretty nasty thing to do to the young and naïve.

American Sex Roles Unnerving to Eastern European Women

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In looking into the phenomenon of culture shock, I recently came across a 2004 study that examines the problems Eastern European women have while adjusting to life in American society. The study is valuable in that it gives us a perspective rarely found in the English language, and suggests that American women themselves may be damaged (possibly more than men) through an enforced sexless environment.

It opens with a provocative question:

> How do immigrant women from patriarchal cultures adjust to life in the Great Plains, where gender equality and feminism prevail? Do they feel that they have freedom from sexism and more social opportunities, or do they long for the female role that they left behind in their home culture? There are few places in the world where the women's movement has been as vocal and active as in American culture. Gender equality is highly valued, and Americans believe that they have made more advances in this area than most cultures around the world (E. Kim 2001). As a result, many Americans assume that immigrant women will embrace gender equality and prefer to be women "in the American way." Because American feminists perceive traditional women as oppressed, they seek to educate them about feminism and try to help them shed the traditional female role they were socialized to fulfill. How do immigrant women respond to American attitudes toward gender? How do they change as a result of living in a gender-neutral envi- ronment? Do encounters with American feminists help or hinder their cultural adaptation?

Apparently, despite the patriarchal nature of Eastern European society, women are treated with a great deal of respect, and deferred to in many situations. Men may be overrepresented in the public world, and women not taken as seriously there, but in private women are given a great deal of consideration and treated like ladies:

> Writings on Eastern Europe stress the patriarchal nature of society, in which gender roles are distinct but complementary, with apparent respect for the role of women (Richmond 1995). Gender relations in Eastern Europe exist on two very different levels. On the one hand, the world of public institutions is patriarchal and male dominated. Even though men and women participate in the workforce in equal numbers, men receive higher salaries and hold most positions of power. On the other hand, interpersonal relations between men and women are either egalitarian or women receive preferen- tial treatment in them. Politeness toward women is highly valued. Men are attentive to the needs of women and seek to protect them from harm. Men are attentive to the needs of women and seek to protect them from harm. Gestures of respect such as opening the door for a woman or giving up one's seat on the bus for a woman reflect a positive attitude toward women's feminine qualities within the interpersonal realm. "Eastern Europe is still very much a man's world. Women are flattered to excess, have their hands kissed, are presented with flowers, and are given other deferential treatment, but traditional attitudes toward the female sex still prevail. Women attempting to work professionally must prove themselves before they are accepted as equals"

I find it amusing that the need to "prove themselves" in the professional world is seen as a burden; the same is expected of Western men. However, the attention, affection and deference must be a source of comfort to many Eastern European women in their home countries.

In addition to the different attitudes concerning equality, the concept of feminism is not the same in Eastern Europe as it is in the West:

> Most East Europeans associate feminism with gender equality in the legal sense. They feel that feminism cannot have much impact on their lives because during the past 50 years socialist ideology already promoted gender equality, women worked alongside with men, and equal opportunity clauses guaranteed their rights, in

> some countries earlier than in the West (Rohrlich 1979), yet discrimination in the workplace still prevailed.
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> Most feminist research in the United States is based on the assumption that treating men and women differently has a detrimental effect on both individuals and on society (Wood 2002). Efforts are being made to decrease the presence of gender in professional interactions and to avoid sexism, the discriminatory treatment of women. As a result of feminism, changes took place in notions about what is considered feminine and masculine, and in what is appropriate work for men and for women. Women strive to become more assertive and to enter formally male-dominated areas of life (Hofstede 1998). Gender-neutral use of language is expected in public and professional interaction (Lakoff 1975; Murphy and Zorn 1996)…

So, in E. Europe, gender roles are recognized, and reinforced to some extent by culture, whereas in the US, they are seen as a source of great evil, artificially implanted upon humanity by the "Patriarchy" (feminist version of Satan and his minions), which must be stricken off through a sort of mechanical de-sexing process. Hence, we see that the US is not so much gender-neutral as it is gender-neutered.

It seems that this is a source of distress to many women from Eastern Europe, who are not prepared for the strange new world of American gender relations.

> Some western feminists argue that men open doors for a woman because they assume that she is weak and cannot do it for herself. East European women emphasize that in their culture such gestures of politeness are a sign of respect accorded not only to women, but also to those of higher status. The same expressions of respect may be used by a student toward his or her professor or by a child toward her parent. As a Bulgarian woman sums it up: "Women are treated like flowers, but are respected for their strengths." Participants explain that these gestures of attention make women feel appreciated and noticed. Women expect and accept such privileged treatment, and bask in the sunshine of attention whenever they can…
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> Even though these expressions of politeness seem trivial, they fulfill a very important role in the culture because they validate gender identities of women in everyday life. Men treat women with distinction, and this allows them to fulfill the appropriate masculine role. Women invite such politeness by behaving in a feminine way, and when they accept privileged treatment they fulfill the appropriate feminine role. The validation of femininity that these gestures provide is one of the things that East European women miss most after moving to the United States. They feel unnoticed and unappreci- ated without them. Many women also miss compliments about their physi- cal appearance, which are common and are not regarded as sexist in Eastern Europe.

The irony here is that American women actually expect chivalry, politeness and the rest (as thousands of wistful articles, comments and blog posts attest), but they do not invite it, and in public they excoriate men for acting in this manner. Nor are they capable of behaving in a feminine manner; even if they were naturally inclined to do so, the tendency was eradicated when they were young.

Further along in the study, Eastern European women report being demoralized by the "sterilized" relationship between men and women, particularly in the workplace, where they lose interest in interacting with American men. One reason for this is that when they behave according to their cultural norms, America men tend to avoid them, probably fearing job loss through a sexual harassment claim. One woman, originally from Belarus, said that at work men "are afraid to look at a person who is female." The EE women also report that although it appears that equalizing gender roles has worked surprisingly well in the US, they do not like it in their own lives.

They see American men as henpecked, inattentive to women (in terms of traditional manners), and less traditionally masculine, and American women as mannish, bossy and dominant. Some of their negative associations are left over

from Communist times, when women in positions of authority were brutal and expected to behave like men. Over time, a negative stereotype about these kinds of women led EE women to prefer a more feminine role.

Despite their distaste for American-style feminism, EE women tend to strongly support legal equality for women. However, they do not think, as American feminists do, that this means that men and women should behave and treat each other exactly the same. Another difference is that EE women tend to view feminism in terms of caring for women and children rather than thrusting women into traditionally male spheres, such as the armed forces.

In other words, to these women feminism means something entirely different from what Americans understand. We must keep in mind that when an EE woman calls herself a "feminist," she is not the same species as the frothing-at-the-mouth pit bull type we are familiar with here in the US. Rather, she is a milder, gentler breed with an entirely different set of priorities, and not really a feminist at all in the American sense of the word.

In some ways, feminism was first field-tested in the USSR. Radical gender equality programs were put into place very early on, but the harsh realities of the 20th century prevented their realization. Certainly, there are examples of effective Soviet female snipers and pilots from WWII, but the overwhelming brunt of the hard fighting was borne by men, and women exposed to the brutality of war liked it even less than their male counterparts. Despite the Cold War stereotype of the mannish, unattractive EE/Russian woman that was prevalent in the West, feminism never really took root because of real physical and economic constraints that got in the way. This probably explains why the movement has had such success in post-Cold War America: as the dominant nation on earth there is little sense of want or insecurity here, and the extra expenses involved in enforcing gender equality don't seem all that difficult to bear (but they will in due course).

The differences between American and EE women make for some amusing anecdotes in the study, including one where an American woman tries to ram her idea of feminism down a Bulgarian woman's throat.

Here is the quote in full:

> And I had this argument, with [an American woman] recently. I was trying to explain to her that I am an educated person, I come from a very liberal background, I certainly read a lot of stuff about feminism…. The misunderstanding between me and her comes at a point where she refuses to realize that I feel my mind, my body, I'm free as a bird. I want my rights, my civil rights. I, however, do not insist in bearing arms, on being asked to do things that I do not enjoy.
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> And I tried to tell to her that the feminist movement in Bulgaria is not as popular as it is here precisely because of some history of gender relations, precisely because they are quite different than gender relations in the United States. She jumped from her chair, and she declared that I was not correct, and that the movement, the feminist movement in Eastern Europe is very strong…. I've read many feminist writings and it seems to me that they equate their experience with women throughout the world.
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> [She implied] that I wasn't understanding what American feminism was about. I think I perfectly understand. And the other thing that struck me was her aggressive attitude. We weren't discussing at a point. She was patronizing. She was telling me that I don't understand. And I think I do understand. And I backed up, and I thought it was not worth it, because she wasn't listening to me. (Bulgaria, 35, 6 years in the US)

The goal of the study was to ease transitions to American society, and through the quote selection one can detect a certain distaste for the behavior of American feminists from the author, who is named Nanda Dimitrov, and obviously of EE origin herself. She suggests that the aggressive behavior and bigotry of American feminists causes difficulties for the EE women by giving them a motive to resist adaptation to American values and norms. Dare we call it "chauvinism?"

I would recommend that any Eastern European – male or female – who plans to live in the West, and the US in particular, give this study a serious read. Likewise, an American man who has an EE woman (or one from any non-Western culture, for that matter) for a partner would do well to pay attention to it, because it could promote a better

understanding of difficulties she may face, and also allay concerns he might have. For example, the sterile nature of interpersonal discourse between American men and women is not the norm in the rest of the world; when a woman acts in a friendly manner toward a man in the US it is usually taken as a sign of sexual intent, whereas this is not normally the case worldwide. Instead, American women are generally expected to act in a hostile or indifferent manner toward any and all men except those they intend to sleep with. This, as I see it, would probably be one of the biggest potential sources of misunderstanding.

Shortly after reading this study yesterday, I drove my kids back up toward the border to hand them off to their mother, and while waiting to be seated at a restaurant, I noticed a young man and young woman talking to each other. They were obviously colleagues, and the totally functional nature of the conversation, lacking any expressed emotion or concern for anything besides the practical subject, struck me as quite an unnatural way for a man and woman to relate to each other. I wouldn't have thought much of it if I hadn't read the study, but there it was on display, and it was indeed an example of what's happened to gender relations in the US today. It is quite repellent from a human perspective, but we live in odd times, and these cultural norms have been dictated to the young for their entire lives.

Fortunately, not all of us live or work in such an environment. I am convinced that young men are avoiding the campus and the cubicle precisely because they find this kind of atmosphere abhorrent. It is only the professional class that has truly adopted it (the study indicates that professional EE women may have some of the most difficulties in regards to American gender roles — probably because of the professional workplace environment in the US), and even these well-behaved types chafe under the restrictions. And, it is not necessary to live this way at home. Despite their best efforts, there is not a feminist in every living room (unless that's where you keep your TV), and men and women are free to take on natural roles away from the public enforcers.

Cultural differences often provide a lot of food for thought, and I've gained some interesting perspective on the plight of American women in particular, who are going to face a terrible reckoning in coming years, as they learn that being a second-rate facsimile of a man will be worth a lot less than being a full woman. Just as westernization was a terrible trauma to Eastern European men, the disintegration of feminism is going to be very difficult to bear for our women.

Veteran in Midst of Custody Dispute Kills Ranger, then Himself

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There are a lot of things wrong with our contemporary culture, but this story highlights a number of them. Benjamin Colton Barnes, an Iraq War vet, had been dealing with various psychological issues for the past year or so, and at a New Year's party got involved in a gunfight, prompting him to flee with survival gear into Mt. Rainier National Park. When he passed a "chains required" checkpoint without stopping, a ranger tailed him while another set up a roadblock down the highway. Upon encountering the ranger blocking the road, a married mother of two named Margaret Anderson, he stopped his car, got out with a rifle, and shot her to death.

Apparently, Barnes fathered a girl with a woman last year, and when the relationship went south, likely right before his first episodes of depression and suicidal ideation, he was issued a parenting plan. In July, the mother of his child demanded a new parenting plan, claiming that he was agitated and potentially violent. The new plan enforced supervised visitation, and required him to complete the standard courses that come along with accusations of that sort.

Generally, people tend to hear about these things *after* the tragedy, so they appear to vindicate the accusations. However, they often fail to realize that it could be the accusations and court orders that ultimately provoked the final explosion. Separation and custody disputes are psychologically very traumatic events, and combined with PTSD too much for many men to bear. Soldiers, who have been trained to react to threats with violence, are likely at the highest risk of acting out in an aggressive manner in response to these provocations.

What is particularly difficult for soldiers in particular is how deeply alien the civilian world is to men returning from war. Feminization of our culture has likely only aggravated this problem. Warfare is a hyper-masculine environment, and the US military still does a very good job of producing warriors. Young men in a developmental stage of life are hammered and chiseled into kill mode, and then sent out to enforce our nation's will on other peoples.

Then, when they return home, they suddenly find themselves in the midst of a culture where everything they have been taught to be is held to have no or negative value. This has always been the case for returning soldiers, but now it's worse than ever. Imagine a veteran facing the loss of his wife or girlfriend along with his child, being treated like a serious threat by authorities, and ordered to endure a number of punitive procedures put in place to "protect" his child and the woman he loves from him. Add to that the promiscuity of many young females – especially the sort who like young servicemen – and the entirely natural sentiment of jealousy, and we have explosive situations building all around the country.

Perhaps the saddest part of all is that exactly what could help these men calm down and return to civilian life with some hope and purpose – the presence of children in their lives – is what is first taken away from them. I remember well the torment I went through during separation and divorce. It is psychological hell; one of the most painful things a man can endure. Yet I had my children much of the time, and we saw each other through it. There's something about children, especially little ones, that calms and civilizes a man more than anything else — they bring out love and feelings of tenderness, along with an overwhelming desire to protect, that many men never knew they had before. This bond between grown men and children, what we call "fatherhood" is, in my opinion, the strongest civilizing force in humanity.

We can't say for sure whether Benjamin Barnes would have behaved differently if he'd had more time with his baby daughter, but what is certain is that removing children from so many war veterans is certain to result in tragedy on a regular basis. The love and protective instincts men have for children have another side: when their children are removed, it is instinctively perceived by men as an existential threat, and the passionate feelings for their children can quickly become stormy and violent. There can be no moral judgment about this; it is simply a natural instinct, and for the most part beneficial for children over our species' existence. But today we choose to defy nature, and tragically people like Margaret Anderson and her family sometimes pay the price for it.

How the Tax Code Punishes Marriage

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A friend sent me a link to an article with a detailed breakdown of why, for a lot of people, it's a bad idea to get married. The author, Jeff Schnepper, is writing with wealthier couples in mind, but the same applies to the poorer, younger sorts, as I outlined recently.

I'm glad I came across this article, because I wasn't aware that richer Americans take a hit for marrying as well. It's really pretty amazing the damage the government does to a natural human institution; it's almost as though the state sees marriage itself as a source of tax revenue…

From the article:

> Say two single individuals lived together in 2011, each with a taxable income of $83,600. They each would pay federal income tax of $17,025, for a total of $34,050. If they got married, their total taxable income would be $167,200, with a tax of $34,886, an increase of $836.
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> This "marriage penalty" is the result of our progressive tax system. As your income increases, additional dollars are taxed at increasingly higher rates. When two people get married and file jointly, the income of the second spouse is taxed at the highest rate of the first spouse. In the example above, the first dollar earned by the second spouse would be taxed at a marginal rate of 25%. The second spouse has no income taxed at the lower 10% and 15% rates.
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> The hit gets more painful as your income increases. Two single individuals, each with a taxable 2011 income of $379,150, would pay tax of $110,016.50 apiece, for a total of $220,033. If they married, the tax cost would become $235,277, a marriage penalty slam of $15,244 — each year!

It gets worse as it goes on.

Indian Lower House Stalls Female Parliament Quota

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In 2010, the Indian upper house of Parliament passed a bill that would guarantee one third of all seats in Parliament to females, but the bill, which feminists expected to pass easily, has been stalled by bickering amongst different political factions. Parties supporting lower castes and Muslims are afraid that the bill will result in replacement of their representatives with upper-caste females.

What is interesting about the dispute is that the more democratic lower house is providing the most opposition to the bill, whereas the upper house, which consists of unelected members, supports it. Perhaps this is because quotas are, when you get down to it, anti-democratic. Forcing one third of seats to go to females would mean that people are losing 50% of their potential choices where seats have been handed to females, so in this case it is a direct power-grab from the voters of both sexes on behalf of female politicians — mainly feminists.

Feminists often frame the debate in terms of fairness, democracy, and freedom. However, they never balk at taking people's choices and freedom *away* when it gives them an advantage.

An example is the feminist law in Norway that forces corporations to stuff their boards with at least 40% women. Although Norway is a wealthy country and can afford this, the fact is that shareholders have been deprived of significant power, in the name of "gender equality," of course. Other claimed benefits are that Norwegian companies now have "more pleasant meetings" and "the preparation material is tidier." Of course, they probably have a lot more meetings now, and that isn't always a good thing.

Given that the costs of enforcing "gender equality" are borne by all, shouldn't we have every right to question the value of giving up our freedoms in order to achieve it? Is gender equality something we want? Is it objectively beneficial? Is it worth restricting our choices and limiting our lives? Democracy is about asking ourselves what is in our interests and having the opportunity to act in accordance with them.

Feminists, however, don't think we should be able to freely act according to our interests. What they call "equality" trumps all else, even when it negatively affects the majority of men *and* women. Theirs is a profoundly anti-democratic philosophy, and they will never hesitate to remove our freedom to live and vote as we please.

Comment of the Week: Lebanese Woman Speaks Truth

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In response to my post on how American feminism is viewed with distaste by Eastern European women, commenter Robert Griffith shared a story about how his Lebanese wife shut down a bitch session about some poor little hussy who got knocked up by her boyfriend.

Middle Eastern culture is supposedly "primitive" by our standards, but they don't have much of problem with single motherhood and its attendant social ills. Mr. Griffith's wife shows us why:

Robert Griffith

Very good read. I myself married a woman from a non-western country. Lebanon to be exact. For the first 5 years of our marriage we lived in my hometown of chicago. My wife took virtually zero interest in making friends with the women she worked with. My wife is a Muslim. (as I am also a Muslim after converting from Christianity) Therefore I suppose the difference in cultures may have played some role in her relationship with the feminists.

That being said, my wife found most American woman to be attention whores who sought the spotlight. She was also astounded as to how they spoke of men. American men in particular. I recall one incident that happened at a Christmas dinner that her company had thrown. We were eating dinner while one of her workmates was going on and on about how one of her female cousins had a boyfriend who knocked her up and then left her. My wife replied to the effect of "well if she was not acting in a way that would bring shame to herself and her family, then she would have never gotten pregnant".

Everyone at the table fell silent for about 30 seconds. My wife did not mean to insult the woman who was telling the story either. She simply stated in a matter of fact sort of way, something she felt was the root of the problem. Namely that the girl took part in behavior that one should feel great shame in. Her opinion is (as is mine), 99% of the blame of a unwanted pregnancy lies at the foot of the woman.

Unfortunately, contemporary American women are unacquainted with the concept of shame. Nor, after decades of coddling, do they understand the law of consequences.

Slate Advice Column Condemns MRA as "Ugly Obsession"

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Since the demise of the Slate-supported "DoubleX" magazine a couple years ago, the feminists on the payroll were resorbed into Slate magazine itself, effectively rendering Slate a feminist publication. Or, at least, strictly feminist where all gender matters are concerned.

A reader sent in a link to Slate's advice column (written by Emily Yoffe), which bears the somewhat retro name "Dear Prudence," and bills itself as "advice on manners and morals." While the name may be old fashioned, the advice certainly is not, as it is the standard fare dished up to women for the past 40-odd years.

In one exchange, a young woman writes in, apparently annoyed that her father has discovered MRA, and is talking about it to her and her brother. She says her mother ditched her father ten years previously for another man, tearing away his children in the process, which made her father a "bitter man" (ya think?), and now he visits MRA sites that, among other things, advise men to avoid single mothers.

Here's the exchange (scroll down a bit):

> Q. Dad-Related Dilemma: My mom left my dad for another man 10 years ago, when my brother and I were in grade school. She took us with her, and the loss of his family turned my father into a bitter man. He now considers himself a men's rights activist. From what I can tell, the men's rights movement my dad belongs to believes that American law and society has institutionalized misandry. One website my dad frequents warns men not to date single mothers because their children might accuse the boyfriend of molesting them to reap the benefits of victimhood. My dad speaks often about the men's rights movement, and when my brother and I don't want to listen, he accuses us of being brainwashed by feminists. His behavior doesn't come across as crazy so much as it does misogynistic. Now I'm 18 and could stop seeing him if I wanted to. But my brother is younger and still has to see him. My mom doesn't know the full story because we don't want her to overreact. What should we do?
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> A: Your mother leaving him may have caused your father's personality change—it may also be that his personality was in place and your mother couldn't take it anymore. Both you and your brother are old enough to have some direct discussions with your father about your relationship with him. Talk to your brother and see if he wants to join in such a conversation, and if he doesn't, make some time alone with your father. He needs to be told that his activism is his business, but you don't want to be his audience anymore. Say that you both understand he has strong feelings about women and the legal system, but being lectured to is poisoning your relationship. Reassure him that you love him and want to spend time with him, but you want to talk about things that are less painful and volatile. If he won't curb his enthusiasm, then you can start peeling off from your visits. Now that you're 18, spending less time with your father would be bound to happen anyway. But if you do that, be a sounding board for your brother on how to deal with Dad's ugly obsession.

Notice how, in the advice, the mother's betrayal is never directly blamed for the father's anger (it "may have caused [his] personality change"). Actually, "Prudence" suggests that his being an MRA may retroactively justify the mother in behaving like a vicious whore. This is typical in divorce, BTW: when a woman screws a man over, betrays him and sticks the knife in his back, and the guy is legitimately pissed off, the woman points and says "See? Look how *angry* he is! This is why I left him." This works pretty well in most cases, because rather than standing up and saying "you bet I'm angry — I have every right to be upset about what she did," most guys go on the defensive, and that just whets the appetite of the sharks in family law.

What's encouraging is that the daughter doesn't seem to want to cut her father off, but Prudence helpfully suggests that option as a perfectly reasonable step. It's the girl's choice, of course, but I hope she doesn't expect any support if she abandons her father. She is over 18, and the mother is about to stop receiving child support, so she ought to

take careful consideration before making any drastic moves. Mothers who are accustomed to receiving child support don't generally adjust well to supporting their own children financially.

Additionally, it seems the children do not tell their mother everything, so there is some loyalty to dad. I bet the daughter is just a little angry over something daddy said, which brings up the one thing the advice columnist got right: fathers shouldn't bring their children into political disputes that affect the family.

It's probably difficult to resist sharing a newfound enthusiasm for MRA with those one is close to, but doing so isn't the wisest idea. For one thing, most people are unaffected by these issues and don't really care. Additionally, one person's passionate cause can be an annoyance for others, who have different interests. People raised with overtly feminist mothers often have a revulsion for feminism, and much of this stems from resentment from being forced to participate in a movement that held no special appeal or meaning to them.

It's one thing to warn one's son about what could happen in the event of divorce, but trust me, if your ex screwed you over your son will instinctively understand. In my experience guys whose fathers got jacked up in family court are the young men who are *least* likely to get married. In fact, this may be the root of the daughter's concern. She's afraid daddy is poisoning her little brother against women. But she should rest assured; the advice to avoid single mothers is sound and her little brother should follow it.

If you're an MRA and have children, I'd simply avoid the subject around them. Not out of a sense of shame, but rather because they are kids and it simply isn't their fight. If they ask about it, feel free to tell them your position and leave it at that. As for what the ex wife thinks, who cares? She obviously doesn't care what your opinions are, so don't worry about hers. If she tries to bring it up in court, simply tell the judge that she screwed you over so badly you've decided to devote considerable effort to insuring that other men don't have to face the same thing, and that's your right.

And this brings us to the final point:

Would Slate dare call it an "ugly obsession" if a woman got her teeth knocked out by an abusive husband and then devoted herself to feminist causes or domestic violence prevention? Of course not. So why is it when a man gets a multi-decade financial raping because his wife decided to slut around with the kind of scumbag who fools around with married women with small children, and decides to do something about it, he is just a "bitter man" with an "ugly obsession?" This, Prudence, is why MRA exists, and why it is necessary.

How Do We Know There's an Education Bubble?

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It should have been obvious to anyone with any sense that loaning vast amounts of money to poor and working-class people during the real-estate boom wasn't going to turn out well, but still there were armies of enthusiastic promoters out there dragging anyone they could in to sign on the dotted line.

Now, as students with dubious degrees rack up tens – even hundreds – of thousands of dollars of debt, it's time people started pointing out the obvious problems here. The top problem is that the United States cannot afford another massive bailout, but without one there are going to be a lot of impoverished young people as soon as the party ends.

However, just like the real-estate boom, there are legions of enthusiastic shills out there, including universities themselves, which have become increasingly parasitic as they have grown addicted to government funding.

The following article is about a program, known as the "dream project," in which University of Washington students teach high school kids how to apply for financial aid and student loans. The pictures really say it all. The middle class UW students are telling working-class students in the poorer suburbs around Seattle what a great opportunity school will be for them, and getting them used to the idea of indebting themselves to pay for school before they've even been accepted anywhere.

> One day in mid-December, a purple-clad army of college students prepared to sweep through Renton High School, bringing snacks, drinks and most of all, information.
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> Laura McDowell marshaled the forces — about 50 University of Washington students — in the school's counseling center, making sure they were all working on the same thing before they fanned out across the building.
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> "Have your students go to fafsa-dot-gov," McDowell rapped out in a commanding voice. "Can anyone tell me what it stands for? Anybody?"
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> "Free Application for Federal Student Aid," the students responded, not exactly in unison. Filling out the form is a necessary step to getting financial aid for college.
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> "Why do you have to fill it out?" McDowell asked.
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> The response was immediate: "Money!"

The "dream project" reminds me of the American Dream Downpayment Initiative, which the Bush administration used to encourage low-income people to buy houses. The federal government would provide downpayment assistance, and then the buyers took on loans to finance the rest. These new homeowners, unfortunately (although predictably), had a much higher rate of foreclosure than those who did not receive assistance.

The same thing will happen with student aid and loans. First, the students will be enticed into college with student aid, then they will take out loans as their expenses grow. It will keep schools propped up for a while, but eventually they will have to pay back these loans, and not all students will be able to do so, as there is already a glut of "credentialed" workers.

The parallels between higher education and the mortgage crisis are starting to become uncomfortably clear, but as usual politicians and educators are planting their heads firmly in the sand. A better solution would be to give students realistic, useful and affordable alternatives to the typical college education. Most Americans do not need a four-year degree, and many are simply wasting four or more years in school that would be better spent learning a trade at a vocational or technical school and starting work within two years. It's time we started asking ourselves whether it's more important to keep gender studies professors on the job, or to provide young Americans with the means to make an honest, productive living.

For an alternative, perhaps we should look to Germany, which has one of the lowest college graduation rates of all developed, Western countries, yet has far lower unemployment than the US, and has managed to keep a healthy industrial and manufacturing base. One of the keys to its success is worker training — not useless degrees.

There's a lot to be said for a university education, but it really isn't for everyone, and it shouldn't be pushed on those who can't make good use of it. That so many females are in college, for example, says little about their real productive potential, whereas the men who are avoiding college are, for the most part, making a reasonable decision. Unfortunately, there are signs that when the education bubble bursts, men will shoulder the burden as always.

Support Reminder

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I put out a call for support right before Christmas, and thankfully received enough to stay above water. However, I need to remind readers again now that the new year has begun. First, thanks for the support that's come in so far. It was crucial to paying recent bills, but I'm still going to be short for the quarter without more.

I'd like to continue writing and posting daily, and keeping the site running at a steady clip, but it needs some revenue to justify the time I put into it, and given the non-PC subject matter ad revenue is never going to be all that impressive, despite a healthy number of pageviews and monthly visitors. I really enjoy writing and providing content for readers, so I'll do everything I can to keep the site running, but I will need your support.

Some readers have asked for a subscription plan where they could support the site on an ongoing basis, so I've set up a page for that with a few options. In the meanwhile I'll post reminders every now and then until I'm in the clear for the quarter.

All donations are helpful and much appreciated. Although a few substantial ones have been crucial, the site would be very healthy if every frequent reader put in the equivalent of a Starbucks latté per month. So, if you enjoy reading the site, please consider sending some cash this way. In return, I'll keep the content flowing and continue to serve as an advocate for men in our society.

Veteran in Mt. Rainier Shooting Depressed Over Losing Daughter

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As I suspected, Benjamin Barnes, the veteran who shot and killed a ranger in Mt. Rainier National Park and then ran off into the woods, losing his own life shortly thereafter, was upset about a custody issue. After you've been through it yourself, it isn't all that hard to recognize these things.

It seems Barnes was not the best-behaved young man, but evidently not an irredeemable criminal or anything of that sort. After completing a tour in Iraq, he was discharged from the army for DUI and transporting a private weapon (i.e. he had his own gun in the car, which is prohibited on base). He had struggled in school while younger, and likely thought the army would be a way for him to begin anew, so it must have been quite a disappointment when he was kicked out.

In the case of psychologically fragile young men, like Barnes, a disputed custody case is often enough to effectively ruin their lives, and at that age it can be very difficult to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Following DV allegations by the girlfriend, who claimed he had PTSD and once drew a knife and threatened suicide, he was ordered to have only supervised visitation with his baby daughter. We don't know whether the girlfriend was telling the truth or not, but Pierce County Sheriff spokesman Ed Troyer contradicted her claims that Barnes had PTSD, effectively calling her a liar.

Anyway, it doesn't matter whether a woman is telling the truth — her mere accusation is almost always enough, especially when the man doesn't have a lawyer representing him, to obtain a supervised visitation ruling. Apparently, in Barnes' case it was also enough to force him to take DV classes, which, because they are punitive in nature (not to mention expensive — the cost falls on the attendee), should never be ordered without a conviction.

Naturally, his life fell apart after the summer ruling, he lost his apartment (the accompanying child support order is likely what put him on the street), then his job, and he grew increasingly despondent. His friends, Lucio Garcia and Junior Juarez, clarified the situation for the Seattle Times reporter:

> "When I first met him he was very respectful, a good guy," said Junior Juarez, 22, who said he considered Barnes his best friend. "But everything just got to him. Life got so hard. He was so stressed. He would say, 'I feel like nobody's trying to help me. I feel like everybody's against me.' "
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> Another friend, Lucio Garcia, said, "He was going through a lot. He didn't even have a roof over his head."
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> Juarez said he tried to help, inviting Barnes to stay at his house, but he refused.
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> "He just kept telling me how bad he felt, especially about his baby," Juarez said.
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> They last spoke on New Year's Eve. Juarez invited him to a party near Tacoma. Barnes declined.
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> What happened next, Juarez said he still can't process.
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> "I don't understand it," Juarez said.

Hopefully, Junior Juarez never will come to understand it. I do, and it's a damn shame. It wouldn't surprise me to find out that Barnes himself came from a broken family, which would complete the circle of tragedy.

The point isn't to excuse Barnes for murder; that is a crime no sane society can tolerate. But what we can do is try to prevent incidents like this, and one way to do so is to eliminate the high-pressure tactics in custody cases, which are resorted to a lot more frequently than most people realize. We need to take away the incentive for women to use the full force of the court against their children's fathers to secure a favorable custody and child support order. Obviously, most men won't lash out like Barnes, but the damage the current system does is incalculable, and some will.

It's time for the courts and policymakers to start listening to men who have been through it themselves, and stop

sweeping the problem under the rug.

Quantifying the Cost of Quotas

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As feminism has dispensed with the notion of legal equality on favor of measures that actively enforce equality of outcome, gender quotas have become the tool of choice for dealing with perceived "inequality" in any venue that women find desirable. This is why we see a push for quotas in management, cushy government jobs, school and such, but not so much in trash collectors, taxi drivers or front-line soldiers. The push for women in combat is an example of the hypocrisy here, because rather than actively put women in combat situations or dangerous assignments where they will stand a higher chance of getting shot or blown up, what the feminists are trying to do is expand the definition of combat so that women can put "combat experience" on their military resume and be favored for higher command.

It's gone pretty far in the US, but in Norway they've taken it farther and legislated that all publicly listed companies reserve 40% of board positions for females. Norwegian companies were not pleased about the move, but of those that remained public or did not flee Norway, all have complied. A study by the University of Michigan took a hard look at the figures to ascertain the effect of this new legislation, and came up with some numbers that demonstrate that the fears of companies were quite rational: the companies that were forced to stuff their boards with women performed significantly worse than they had before.

Here's an excerpt from the intro:

> In this paper, we present new evidence on the relationship between firm value and board characteristics by exploiting a natural experiment in board structure created by an unprecedented exogenous change to corporate boards. In December of 2003, the Norwegian Parliament passed a first-of-its-kind law requiring all public-limited firms to have at least 40 percent representation of women on their boards of directors by July of 2005; at the time women held only nine percent of board seats. After voluntary compliance failed, the law became compulsory January 1, 2006, with a two year transition period. Firms that did not comply by January of 2008 would be forced to dissolve. Notices to comply were given to 77 delinquent firms in January 2008, and by April all public limited firms were in compliance with the law. Figure I presents the time series of this dramatic transformation in the composition of Norwegian boards of directors. Though more women were elected to boards, the numbers of female directors serving as chairman and CEO remained steadfast at less than five percent, consistent with press reports of the unpopularity of the law among existing board members and executives (Goldsmith, 2002).
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> In a panel of 248 publicly listed Norwegian firms from 2001 to 2009, we find a large negative impact of the mandated board changes on firm value. First, we run an event study on the stock price reaction to the initial announcement of the quota. As discussed in detail in the paper, the announcement of the law was made in an unusual manner, which created a highly unanticipated news event. On the days around the announcement, we find that the average industry-adjusted stock return for firms with no female directors was −3.54%, compared to −0.02% for firms with at least one female director. The difference of 3.52% is economically and statistically significant. These findings are robust to controls for board size, firm size, and are significantly different than benchmark industry-adjusted returns of firms in the U.S. and other Scandinavian countries.
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> Second, instrumental variables estimates indicate that the quota caused a substantially large negative effect on industry-adjusted Tobin's Q. A forced 10 percent increase of women representation on the board led to a 12.4 percent decline in Tobin's Q from the average. Reduced-form estimates suggest that relative to 2003 benchmarks, firms with at least one female director in 2002 had industry-adjusted Q values in 2007 that were 0.26 higher than firms with no female directors in 2002; a substantial difference when compared to the average Q of 1.53. Additionally, placebo tests reveal no relationship between pre-quota female board representation and subsequent changes in firm value for U.S. firms. The results suggest that the constraint imposed by the law

> had a large negative effect on firm value, commensurate with the massive reorganization of corporate boards imposed by the gender quota.

To be fair, part of the problem was that the new female board members had less experience, and that will change over time. However, due to the universal nature of the legislation, by the time that happens there will be no means by which to compare the female bords to the male (unless one compares private firms to public).

But even if integrated boards are found to perform as well as overwhelmingly male boards, we ought to ask ourselves why it should be the government's role to force these things on companies, which operate independently from government. Isn't this a net loss of freedom and choice?

Farther on in the paper, it is revealed that rather than comply, a number of companies simply delisted or fled abroad, presumably because they couldn't afford the decline in performance:

> If the negative effects of the gender quota on firm value were as large as our evidence suggests, we would expect to see firms try to avoid the law altogether. There are at least two ways that firms could do this. First, existing firms could change their form of legal organization to private limited, rather than public limited. Second, firms could incorporate in another country. In this section, we provide evidence that both changes occurred following the introduction of the law.
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> Using data from Statistics Norway, Figure II presents the time series of the number of all public limited and private limited firms in Norway from 2001 to 2009. There are, of course, many more private limited firms, so we normalize the time series to 1 in 2001. We also present the time series of total employment in Norway over this time period for comparison.
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> The figure shows that there is a steady decline in public limited firms starting in 2003 and continuing throughout the period. By 2009, there are less than 70 percent as many public limited firms in Norway as there were in 2001. In contrast, the number of private limited firms increases beginning in 2003 and continues throughout, ending in 2009 with over 30 percent more private limited firms than existed in 2001. These changes occur at a time when employment is increasing, with the exception of 2009. This indicates that, while the economy was growing, firms were more likely to choose to organize as a private limited firm rather than a public limited firm starting in the years after the announcement of the gender quota law, which only affects public limited firms.

Readers with a knack for statistics could probably do a better job than I can identifying the most salient points in the publication, so I'd like to invite commenters with some expertise on this subject to offer their own analysis.

Feminists are often touting the "benefits" of equality of outcome, but it's time they were confronted with some if its costs, and asked to justify them. Why should we accept less wealth and poorer performance simply because they want to leverage women in a very small, but powerful segment of society?

Jezebel Weighs in on MRA Dad Issue

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In a sign that someone at Jezebel must be reading The Spearhead, Gawker's feminist publication has also chimed in to address the "Dear Prudence" advice column I wrote up the other day wherein a daughter asks for advice about her MRA dad.

Jezebel, being the balanced, unbiased publication it is, decides to ask Hugo Schwyzer and David Futrelle for advice. Schwyzer is actually half-reasonable, but the solutions he offers are missing the point.

> In terms of advice, it's not easy for a son to challenge his Dad. But drive the conversation towards individual women — not the "bitches" and "harpies" of his father's imagination, but the women Dad has loved. A mother? A sister? An ex? There is inside every MRA I've ever met a stopped-up well of compassion and love for women. It's getting to the good stories (and there are always GOOD stories) about women that is so vital. And from those stories about individual women Dad has loved, perhaps the son can talk about what those women went through and experienced.
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> It's also important for Dad to be able to talk about his own pain — not his rage, which is a response to pain, but the pain itself. Men's Rights Activism is the public manifestation of an experience of betrayal (whether that betrayal is "real" or not, it's perceived as real.) Getting to the source of that rage is vital.

While I'm sure there are some men out there who despise all the women in the world, I haven't actually met one, so I think he has a point. However, it's the wrong one. Getting over pain and loving women in one's life are really irrelevant to the issue at hand, which is *preventing* the pain from happening in the first place. An analogy would be car accidents. We should help people who have suffered terrible injuries from car accidents, but we should also try to prevent them from occurring.

Unfortunately, the situation regarding marriage and parenthood today is akin to giving every new driver a bottle of vodka and faulty brakes and coating the roads with oil. As you might imagine, there are a lot of smoking wrecks littering the streets.

Feminists, for their part, still attempt to say that they support equality, and put the blame for the problems men face on the nonexistent "patriarchy" that reinforces men's roles. That's just smoke. I've never, ever seen a feminist support an equal parenting law in the real world, but I did see them support gender-specific laws like the Violence Against Women Act, which gives the lie to their equality claims.

Here's a typical feminist comment from one "opifex umbratili":

> And actually I think the bulk of the problems listed are caused by patriarchy more than anything else (and before you get your britches in a bunch Mr. MRA, that does not mean individual men). The belief that women are basically soft, fluffy, nurture beasts (ergo better mothers, bad soldiers, not criminals etc.) is a a patriarchy thing. I think you would be very hard pressed to find a feminist who doesn't think that men can be good fathers, or that women shouldn't be viewed as equals to men in terms of capability (even if that is a capability for violence).

In real patriarchy, the children are always under the authority of the father (this was the norm throughout the West prior to industrialization). That is the definition of patriarchy — father rule. How could default maternal custody possibly reflect patriarchal values? It's ridiculous on the face of it, but feminists really are a one-trick pony when it comes to the blame game.

As for what feminists say, that doesn't matter at all. It's what they do that counts, and anyone who knows the score

can see that they consistently support laws and policies that *favor* women rather than promote equality. The feminists are directly responsible for much of the trouble that befalls men in divorce, but as usual they blame men in general or the individual victimized man. Finally, however, people are challenging their narrative, and as the article shows they are trying to think of ways to squelch the protest.

We should take the fact that feminists are starting to push back against MRA as a good sign. There is a real problem in the way the West, and the United States in particular, treats its men, and it's going to have to be dealt with one way or another. With these kinds of social problems that involve one group of people profiting from the misery of another, there's always a lot of reaction against an emergent protest movement (people hate losing privileges), especially when it begins to become somewhat coherent. Eventually, however, people take a harder look at the problem, and then a more reasonable dialogue can emerge in the middle. I think we're just getting to the stage where feminists recognize that they aren't the only ones in the room now where "gender issues" are concerned, and they're beginning to react.

Bankrupt

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Behold the New Year's Eve fleshcapade in London and other cities across England, as laddettes stumble their way through the evening in a half (or quarter)-dressed stupor. (Note: pictures lifted from here, in the Daily Mail). Used to be, only hookers gussied themselves up in whore's uniforms. For these sexual capitalist exploiters of lonely or bored men, dressing like this made sense: it (a) readily identified a woman as a purveyor of sex for money, and (b) coaxed a fellow's mind into thinking about having a romp in the hay by bombarding it with sexual signals so clear and so loud only the blind and stone deaf couldn't see or hear

them. Used to be, other women, "good" girls, who realized that a portion of their value pivoted around virtue, didn't want to be mistaken for a slut, whose value as a wife was steeply diminished. Yes, they wanted to signal their beauty, but they didn't want their comeliness to overshadow the other qualities that made her attractive to a potential husband. Not today. "Pretty", as this authorcalls it, is dead. Enter hotness":

> Young women today do not seem to aspire to pretty, they prefer to be regarded as hot. Hotness is something altogether different. When women want to be hot instead of pretty, they must view themselves in a certain way

> and consequently men view them differently as well. Pretty is cherished. Hotness, on the other hand, is a commodity. Its value is temporary and must be used. It is a consumable.
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> The merits of hotness over pretty is easy enough to understand, they made an entire musical about it. Who can forget how pretty Olivia Newton John was at the beginning of Grease. Beautiful and innocent. But her desire to be desired leads her to throw away all that is valuable in herself in the vain hopes of getting the attention of a boy. In the process, she destroys her innocence and thus destroys the pretty. What we are left with is hotness. Hotness is a consumable. A consumable that consumes as it is consumed but brings no warmth. Most girls don't want to be pretty anymore even if they understand what it is. It is ironic that 40 years of women's liberation has succeeded only in turning women into a commodity. Something to be used up and thrown out.

What happened in Manchester over New Year's Eve, and repeated in several other cities across England and doubtless here in the States, is what you get when an entire generation of young women, when asked "what else you got?", look at the empty cupboard of their life, only to realize they had little else to offer. So they double and triple-down on the only attribute of value they have left, cheapening all in a sexual signalling arms race to the bottom. I find it ironic that the greatest SMP advantage to be had is accrued by women who don't offer themselves up for sale in the sexual meat market, but instead cultivate those eternal qualities of faith, virtue, chastity, fidelity, thrift, industry, integrity, a nurturing nature, and contentment. Sexuality

is merely part of the package, not the whole thing, and it is certainly not packaged and traded upon in hopes of attracting the attention of that hot guy who yourself find hot. I found humorous truthiness in thiscomment over at Hot Air:

> For me, *hot* is what happens after *pretty* strips off. martin.hale on January 1, 2012 at 10:31 AM

Yup. Note the order here: *Pretty* first, then removal of modesty-enhancing clothing, then comes *hot*. Something else, too. Hotness is more than signalling. It's a state of mind. It's an environment, it's surroundings, it is a climate of trust and safety and intimacy. It's not simply just dressing like a streetwalker. For the latter is rude, off-putting, disrespectful, and transparent in its naked attempt to manipulate. In the end, if your response to "what else you got?" is to strip off most of your clothes and parade around in a bid for male and female attention, you're in the sort of predicament that no amount of flesh-baring will help.

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New Energy Breakthrough on Horizon?

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I've been following a few of the outlandish energy schemes out there for a few years now, largely because it's evident that fossil fuel sources are beginning to show diminishing returns despite more extraction effort, and what remains in large quantities is unattractive, dirty stuff like coal and tar sands. Although I remain skeptical, the fact that we came up with some spectacular, unprecedented new sources of energy only recently, such as nuclear power, suggests that we could potentially do so again.

Unfortunately, for the past couple of decades since the failure to replicate the Fleischmann-Pons cold fusion results, it's been a series of disappointments, and nobody has come out with a working product. The lure of cold fusion was that it could conceivably produce enormous amounts of power without the kind of danger posed by conventional nuclear reactions, which require many layers of protection to prevent meltdowns and radiation leaks, and can be used to produce atomic bombs.

Now, it seems that an Italian fellow from Bologna named Andrea Rossi has built a working contraption, and has apparently sold a number of them. He says it's not actually fusion, but rather a "low energy nuclear reaction" between nickel and hydrogen, helped along by some proprietary catalyst, that produces the energy, which is released as heat.

Mr. Rossi has teamed up with some Swedish physicists to sell the device, and plans to sell home heating units within a year or so. He claims that he intends to manufacture millions of them, and will keep the price low to ensure that copycats (which are already emerging) cannot compete with him. Apparently, he has already sold a scaled-up version to the US Navy:

> A physicist in Italy claims to have demonstrated a new type of power plant that provides safe, cheap and virtually unlimited nuclear power to the world, without fossil fuels or radiation concerns.
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> The only hitch: Scientists say the method — cold fusion — is patently impossible. They say it defies the laws of physics.
> Andrea Rossi doesn't seem to care. He told FoxNews.com that his new device takes in nickel and hydrogen and fuses them in a low-grade nuclear reaction that essentially spits out sheer power, validating the strange science.
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> Sterling Allan, CEO of the alternative energy news agency Pure Energy Systems, told FoxNews.com he attended Rossi's demonstration and the E-Cat is self sustaining.
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> "What Rossi demonstrated was 470 kilowatts of continuous output in self-sustain mode — meaning the output was enough to keep the thing running on its own," he told FoxNews.com.
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> Allan hinted on his blog that an unnamed "customer" of Rossi's device is a military organization that starts with an N. Rossi said this customer measured and verified the test — and told FoxNews.com that Paul Swanson with the U.S. Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems unit (SPAWAR) can vouch for the demonstration.
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> FoxNews.com spoke with a man at SPAWAR who identified himself as Swanson, and who said only that he was "not in a position to talk to the press." Several other sources within the Navy and the Pentagoneither declined to comment or did not return messages.

This is one of those things where I really hope it's true, but I'll believe it when I see one working.

Whether this new source of energy pans out or not, it's always encouraging to know that there are still men out there putting their life's work into projects that could benefit all of mankind. For all the trashing men in general get from feminists, when it comes down to it humanity always pins its hopes on its men and puts its faith in them.

Were Neanderthal Women Gender Equalists?

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Many of the more ridiculous and outlandish claims made by feminists involve events in the distant past, conveniently before there is any decent documentation. For example, it has been hypothesized that prior to civilization, we all lived in a gender equal utopia, or, as some have suggested, an outright matriarchy. Fortunately, we have rather recent examples to debunk the idea, as there are still people living in hunter-gatherer societies in some parts of the world. It seems that, rather than a matriarchy or a gender equal society, there is a very clear division of labor. The men hunt and protect, while the women gather and process "safer" but lower-quality food.

In a 2006 article, John Hawks, a paleoanthropologist at the University of Wisconsin Madison, addresses the notion that neanderthals were gender equalists in which women and men hunted together. Hawks is skeptical, mainly because he thinks that hunting was even more risky for neanderthals than for recent humans, yet we still don't find recent human females engaging in hunting on a significant scale.

However, the study he is holding to the light is interesting in that it proposes that neanderthals died out because there was no significant sexual division of labor. Whether this is true or not as far as neanderthals are concerned, the fact that division of labor has played a significant part in modern human development is undeniable.

Science has accepted that gender is far from a mere "psychological construct." Long before humans even imagined the concept of patriarchy – back when people had only a vague notion of fatherhood – sex roles were well-defined. This doesn't mean that women should never work or take the lead in any endeavor (quite the opposite, in fact), but rather that the sexes are distinct, and not "equal" in the feminist sense of the word.

The "patriarchy" theory that holds that women were prevented from being warriors and such and forced to be nurturing by some shadowy cabal of men has always been tenuous, and now we can say with some conviction that science has thoroughly debunked it.

Canadian Currency Features Feminist Revisionism

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Commenter Thos has discovered that the new Canadian $100 bill, which commemorates the discovery of insulin, features a picture of a young, attractive woman in front of a microscope, suggesting that she is the person who discovered the hormone, which has saved the lives of countless diabetics.

However, the person who actually discovered insulin was a man (surprised?). Frederick Banting, who was born on a farm in Ontario, was a war hero and orthopedic surgeon at a children's hospital in Toronto. Later, he became a painter, and then contributed to the WWII war effort, meeting his untimely demise in a plane crash en route to a test of a new flying suit he'd developed. He was an all-around impressive man, and someone Canadians have every right to be proud of. So why was he left off the bill commemorating the discovery of insulin in favor of some fictitious female scientist?

The only answer I can think of is that to some Canadian bureaucrat, historical accuracy and national honor take a back seat to pushing a deceptive agenda. If any man deserves better than to be snubbed in the furtherance of a lie, it is Frederick Banting, the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Prize in Medicine.

Here's the real discoverer:

It was bad enough when MSNBC deceptively portrayed female factory workers in a training drill as heroic Pearl Harbor firefighters, but in stealing the legacy of a national hero, this is worse. Some feminists suggested I was hyperbolic in comparing the Pearl Harbor fake to Soviet tactics, but I wonder whether even the Bolsheviks would have gone so far as to put such a blatantly deceptive picture on their currency.

Ryan's Daughter: Worth the Time

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As long-time readers know, I like to revisit classic cinema from time to time, as there can be a wealth of material there that is too often lacking in the overpoliticized climate of today, which tends to stifle truth in favor of dogma.

Ryan's Daughter, a 1970 film about a young Irish woman in county Kerry during WWI, caught my interest because it was described as having beautiful, dramatic cinematography. Directed by David Lean, who also directed *Lawrence of Arabia*, it doesn't disappoint in that regard. The west coast of Ireland is a beautiful strip of land that has all the moods and passions of a young woman: at one moment bleak and sorrowful, and another lush and bright; one day stormy and tempestuous, the next all sun-dappled calm and tranquility.

This is why it was such a good setting for the story, which deals with the turbulent nature of a woman's love. The movie revolves around the passions of Rosy Ryan (Sarah Miles), a publican's daughter who is just coming of age in Kirarry, a village on the Dingle peninsula that hardly suits her worldly dreams. The Dingle peninsula is remote, but it is a starkly beautiful place overshadowed by Mt. Brandon, named after Brendan the Navigator, the famed Irish monk and seafarer. Saint Brendan is alleged to have set sail from the peninsula on a voyage to the Americas in 530 AD in a currach, one of the skin boats one can still see upturned on the sand in the sheltered coves.

Young Rosy falls in love with the village teacher, Charles Shaughnessy — a middle-aged widower who tries to talk her out of it. Eventually, they marry, but ennui soon sets in, and Rosy's passions and imagination begin to cause her frustration — the "unhappiness" that so commonly destroys marriages these days. She begins to despise the kind, staid ways of her schoolteacher husband (played by Robert Mitchum), whose hobbies are botany and classical music.

The village priest, the most powerful character of all, is a grizzled older man who sees what's going on with Rosy, and confronts her on the beach. She confesses to being unhappy, and the he asks her what she has to be so upset about. When, instead of dealing with her feelings as a married woman was expected in those days, she begins to indulge her self-pity, Father Hugh (played by Trevor Howard) angrily strikes her across the face, leaving her weeping on the strand.

Soon, a handsome young war veteran named Randolph Doryan (Christopher Jones), wounded in battle in WWI, is sent to a bleak outpost overlooking the village. A recipient of the Victoria Cross, he has been sent to recuperate from shell shock and an injury that left him with a bad limp. Although the post in Kerry is considered recuperative, Ireland was not a particularly pleasant place for British soldiers in the early 20th century. The Irish independence movement was heating up at the time, and even out in the remote countryside there was strong anti-British sentiment. The townspeople both deride and mock the soldiers when the opportunity arises.

The young war hero eventually makes his way to the pub, where Rosy is covering for her father at the bar. Attraction between the two is instant, and it takes no time for them to be locked in a passionate embrace. Despite the danger, an affair begins immediately. Here is where the film really shines, as the grand, dolorous scenery provides an excellent backdrop for the obviously doomed (and damned) love affair.

I won't give away the ending, because I think the movie is worth watching and would like to encourage readers to find it and see for themselves, but some of the themes are worth discussing.

Father Hugh, the rough old priest, is the wisest man of the village, and its source of both moral and practical guidance. Despite being a virgin, he is the manliest figure of all. Some may cringe when he strikes Rosy, but eventually it is revealed that he alone is watching out for the errant young woman, and only he can help her when her ill-advised dalliance with the foreign soldier finally puts her in harm's way. Father Hugh, as a strong-willed, righteous man, is the father figure women yearn for — the shepherd of the flock.

Charles Shaughnessy, the schoolteacher husband, is the beta provider archetype. A kind, gentle man who would

never hurt a fly, he offers the security, loyalty and devotion that comforts women. He has a silent strength, but when he learns of his wife's affair, he is devastated and deeply hurt, but neither vengeful nor enraged. A deeply sympathetic character, he is nevertheless the target of ridicule for being cuckolded. Only father Hugh stands up for him and cares enough to comfort him.

Randolph Doryan is the damaged bad boy. A handsome warrior, wounded both in body and spirit, he embodies passion, adventure and danger. Underlying his callous, selfish behavior is a deep disappointment with life, and a fatal cynicism. This darkness combined with physical beauty is a potent mix for women, who are aroused by the protective and nurturing instincts they evoke, along with the promise of drama and forbidden pleasures.

Ryan's Daughter explores the psychology of women with both compassion and honesty, leaving the viewer with sympathy for the wretched girl. It is a quintessentially Western take on the feminine, and, in some sense, a Western take on men. I'll leave it to the viewer to make his own sense of the trinity of male leading characters, but for those who haven't seen it, particularly young men, I heartily recommend watching the movie.

The Impending Doom of RINO Dads and their Daughters

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Whatever Happened to Good Ole Hypocrisy? As America looks down the barrel of 2012, I'm hoping to bring back one precious but forgotten tenet of our society.

By Denise Odie Joseph II

In the past few years, after the election of Barack Obama seemed to shock thousands of spendy and progressive-friendly (they call themselves moderate) Republicans out of their complacent stupors, I started hearing a lot about RINO (Republican in Name Only) Republicans. And I was thrilled. Like a minority of conservatives who were not satisfied just to have a President we'd want to go have a beer with, I had been waiting with bated breath for this collective realization. I hoped it would be a rallying cry for fiscally responsible, individualistic, and religious conservatives to take back the Republican Party. However, while the Tea Party movement has done much to reinvigorate the party's morale, it has done precious little for the party's morals.

What I mean is—If the new band of Republican Party revolutionaries are so disgusted by RINO Republicans, why no word on RINO men? After all, RINO politicians are nothing more than RINO men with unbridled blood thirsts for power. Perhaps, this is exactly why. Who likes to look in the mirror and see the picture of Dorian Gray? See the rot and decay of society on their collective conscience? See something that if they stopped to think about it, is unraveling the fabric of American society as fast as mass immigration sans assimilation.

To date, Rick Santorum has been the only candidate to acknowledge, if not with terrible clarity and if not to much avail, that the family unit is the cornerstone of American society. Santorum meekly hints that the horrific number of single-mom (pause to pay homage) headed households are, in some way, shape, or form, a symptom and cause of our crumbling economy. However, unlike Santorum who timidly proffers his thesis, (unless I'm missing something) I would like to stand up and stick my figurative finger in the face of every RINO politician and man ask, "Whatever happened to good ole hypocrisy?!"

Why? I'll tell you.

RINO Republicans are analogous to fathers who proudly proclaim their conservativeness at dinner parties or perhaps during early afternoon phone calls to El Rushbo's show, but let their "independently-minded" wives (translation–women who get their marching orders from St. Oprah or more recently, *The View*) pump their teenagers full of birth control and encourage their daughters to live the lives for which their bra-burning foremothers fought so valiantly. RINO Dads are those guys who will sheepishly to proudly, fill out Republican ballots on Election Day while their wives self-righteously mark their "principled" support for things like, "freedom of choice" and "freedom from poverty." RINO men are dangerous men because they unconsciously traverse the world as wolves in sheep's clothing. RINO men are out of touch with the very ideology to which they claim to adhere.

Among the Ten Conservative Principles the Clare Booth Luce Policy Institute lists is the principle of "The Wisdom of the Ages," #6. "The past is a great storehouse of wisdom," it reads, "modern people are dwarfs on the shoulders of giants." These words go directly to the heart of conservatism—to the veneration of the preservation of traditions that have made our country great. When our men (and women) cannot even remember the principled widespread women's opposition to women's suffrage because they never even learned about it in the first place, but can instantly recall which American president freed the slaves without also recalling the importance of his most seminal quote—"A house divided cannot stand," our society is in trouble. And yet, it is these same men, when faced with higher taxes from increased spending and entitlement programs, who angrily wave their fists at their television screens asking, "Doesn't Congressman (insert RINO name here) know that Republicans are supposed to be fiscally conservative?!" The old adage goes that you "get him where it hurts" and where it hurts is his wallet. Unfortunately, what these RINOs (and the adage) do not realize that Santorum apparently does, is that they have indeed got you

men where it hurts the most and where it can do the most damage—they've got you by your balls. They've got you beside your hearth, they've got your wife and your kids and it hurts so bad you can't even feel it because like a phantom limb, they're already gone.

In the 1960s and 1970s, feminists and liberals of other stripes started pointing out the hypocrisies of what they termed "patriarchy." Time and again, they urged us to recognize human's natural "animal instincts" in relation to traditional morality and therefore, to reject traditional institutions like marriage as outdated because now these intellectual elites had things like biology and sociology, things like women's studies, gender studies, and critical race theory, to back them up. They pointed to infidelity or infamous sexual desire surveys (conducted by homosexuals) among traditionally married couples to "prove" their theses. Limb by limb, they tore the traditional family to shreds until they reduced us to the shining bastion of cesspool equality that we have now in every American ghetto and which is seeping out into the middle and upper classes in less animated ways. For instance, we have raised an entire generation of boys who, permanently scarred by their parents' divorces, (perhaps over issues such as infidelity) cannot emotionally connect or commit to any one woman in any meaningful way and so we also have an entire generation of girls for whom that coveted diamond solitaire comes later and later in life, with more and more contractual caveats (prenups). Somehow, when it happens after 5 years of living together, after 1 year of non-exclusive dating followed by another 3 years of recurring breakups over the male's unwillingness to "commit," getting that ring for which you girls will surely be paying your hard-earned half doesn't feel quite like the fairytale it used to. But maybe that's ok, since both modern versions of "Alice in Wonderland" and more recently, "Snow White," (and this has nothing to do with the feminist agenda I'm sure) historically revise both heroines to be hard-assed soldiers.

It is entirely fair to say that the number of broken homes and otherwise "modern" families reflect an unquestionable victory for the feminists/liberals who intended to destroy and transform that sacred cornerstone of American society—the traditional family. While RINO Dads and men are often heard snickering about feminists around the water cooler, they do not realize that by virtue of being RINOs, they are complying with the same feminist/liberal system of social engineering they sneer at when manifested in more obvious forms like the black single-mother society, and are setting their own sons up to be the "playas" and their daughters up to be the "played." RINO men should realize that by failing to do the job their Republican foremothers cherished, their wives are leading Republican culture to its demise. They should realize that non-black youth today speaks the language of bitches and hoes as well as black youth and that non-black youth males expect the same level of promiscuity from their female peers. Take, for instance, pop-star and young white girl idol, Ke$ha. Her breakthrough music video, "Tik Tok," which incidentally utilizes about as many syllables as an ADHD-ridden culture can handle, features her waking up in her parent's bathtub, filthy, fully-dressed, and hung-over after a long night of partying. Without bothering to attend to hygiene (granola-brand feminists should love this), Ke$ha, who, like black ghetto youth, refers to the police as "po po" and who is apparently still young enough to be living with her parents, drunkenly stumbles downstairs to her well-dressed, clean-cut, conservative-looking nuclear family, sneers at them in all her godforsaken glory, and walks out. This behavior causes her video mother to drop the stack of pancakes she is serving and provokes her helpless family to follow Ke$ha onto their perfectly manicured lawn while her video father, who reminds me of a debutante about to faint, follows the rest of the family out of doors with the loyalty of a fuzzy Golden Retriever. This video reportedly rose to fame because of the "irreverence" it displayed to a catchy tune and Ke$ha's interesting enunciation (she doesn't sing in the song at all but singing is probably a social construct anyway).

"Tik Tok" might as well be a Discovery Channel documentary on the behavior of that intriguing species known as the RINO Dad. Apparently, though her video father seems capable of amassing enough wealth to afford his family a shiny, comfortable lifestyle, he is completely powerless against the will of his monstrous teenaged whore child. Perhaps Ke$ha's father learned along the way that if he beat the hell out of Ke$ha like she deserves and then sent her to a convent, he would become a social pariah and end up in jail. Perhaps he never even thought about convents because after robotically repeating "Happy Holidays" at Christmastime each year, he forgot that God exists. Or perhaps, more likely, he became "enlightened" along the way and learned that Ke$ha is just experimenting with her

sexuality and that he could not possibly judge or rebuke her because after all, doesn't he himself fantasize about getting plastered and engaging in coitus with a young, blonde female from time to time? Upbraiding his daughter who is brave enough to do this openly would be pure hypocrisy, right? And he couldn't possibly be a hypocrite, right? An enabler, an accessory, a castrated, dumbfounded puppet, but never a hypocrite, right?

Unfortunately for the feminist/liberal agenda to dismantle civilization as we know it and replace it with a new world order, man has been aware of his all too human tendencies from the earliest times. Indeed, every religion has been aware of these tendencies, and has acknowledged and appreciated them accordingly with blessed things like the 10 Commandments. St. Augustine of Hippo, who is a veritable goldmine for words of wisdom wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." It is indisputably appropriate to acknowledge human frailty but it is also indisputably appropriate to acknowledge man's inborn striving for that which is higher, better, more beautiful, and holier. Just as man's desire for sex and food is beyond doubt, so too is his desire for the ideal, in all the forms he recognizes, in all the systems in which he partakes. Tragically, the intellectual elites of our era seek to destroy and demean the cherished truth of the ideal and they prey on post 1960s women, who are supposedly more educated and freer than all of their foremothers combined, to do it. From extreme vanity sizing to demands that magazine models (anorexic and unattractively thin models notwithstanding) look like the "real" size 8 woman, who historically would measure in at a size 16 to 20, modern women of the West are on the apocalyptic "Wild Hunt" for the ideal and are leaving terrific destruction in their wake. As women spearhead the demise of the ideal, the alternative to hypocrisy, they spearhead the demise of social order as we know it and love it. Henceforth, all of us will be staring down the barrel of life in a hip hop video or government-funded project where no one makes pretenses about "wat they be." Where no one has to succumb to sin because sinning is the status quo and where no one need ridiculously pretend to be faithful because well, we would have wisely outgrown such primitive notions about nuclear families as individual economies. We would have outgrown capitalism itself because government entitlement spending would have to grow ten-fold to accommodate and assist the burgeoning hoards of single-mom children born of the scarred sons of divorce who accidentally inseminated their female sex partners, or couples who themselves participated in that modern American rite of passage we call divorce.

A few months ago, I heard relentless accounts of affairs Sarah Palin had earlier in life. Apparently, she was quite the man's lady. If one were to believe the accounts, she also "took cocaine," whatever that means. What's funny and so beautiful is that I never knew a thing about Mrs. Palin's exploits until she was recently "exposed" I never even had a clue that she was such a potentially bad example. For some strange reason, Mrs. Palin never publically, (or privately, to my knowledge) encouraged her daughters or anyone for that matter, to engage in libertine sex or snort drugs. In light of these revelations, I'm now thinking that she exhibited some pretty strange behavior when, instead of flouting the bonds of marriage like she purportedly did in her alleged moments of human frailty, she encouraged her daughter to marry *wait for it* THE FATHER OF HER CHILD! That BAREFACED HYPOCRITICAL HUSSY! She didn't even give up her stance on abstinence. *Sick, Deluded, Bigot.*

Maybe it's just possible, being the rogue Grizzly Momma that she is, Mrs. Palin has not yet allowed her brain to be washed by the liberal guard. Is it possible that she is actually a red-blooded human being who makes mistakes and not a middle-management tool or a candidate (not that I'm advocating her election) straight from the Elect Your Local SocioPath video? Could it be that regardless of whether or not she is able to live up her ideals 100% of the time, she still holds them dear? Could it be that this supposedly stupid woman, who never attended an elite college in her life, has some uncanny insight into the practical societal consequences of an unmarried teen mom America? Could it be that she knows right from wrong, her elbow from her… ? And for those of you who will snidely parrot, "She did it for her political image!" why is it that Cheney's daughter parades around as a lesbian, or that Cindy McCain, Barbara and Laura Bush have all gone public in favor of homosexual marriage? Maybe it's because they're RINO women married to RINO men who will publish and publicize themselves taking controversial positions opposing their husband's and conservative doctrine's most fundamental beliefs? House divided, anyone? These are the people you're entrusting with our children's futures? In these desperate times? In the words of our American Beauty Ke$ha, in her homage to bestiality, "This place about to BLOWW UPPP AAHA AHA UH OHH!"

I hope we're all as drunk and prettily dressed as her when it happens.

So, let us take this moment to reflect on the lessons Mrs. Palin has taught us and the great tradition of hypocrisy so many of you have left behind:

RINO Dads, the next time you see your daughter bounding (or sauntering) down the stairs in a pair of booty shorts with messages like "juicy" emblazoned on her backside, please stop her, turn her around, and force her to go upstairs and change. As you march her room-ward, tell her why she can't dress like this, school her on the consequences of her behavior. Do it even if you were on your way to your man cave to watch porn featuring teenaged-looking girls dancing around in booty shorts with messages like "juicy" emblazoned on their backsides. Do it for your daughter, yourself, society, the ideal, but most of all, do it because you now remember that hypocrisy has always been our last, best hope.

Comment of the Week: Affirmative Action and Law Enforcement

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In response to the recent post on quotas, Mickey T relates an anecdote about a robbery at his store in the 90s. He calls the cops, and they send out a female officer to do the job:

> **I'd like to point out another area where female quotas come at a high cost, which is law enforcement.**
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> Back in the early 90s my store was robbed. It was a busy day of the week when two perps came into the store to do the job. They had obviously "cased " my place (or whatever they call) prior to the robbery. because they picked a busy day and knew exactly where to find what they wanted.
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> Anyway, that day, I went into my office to make change after a sale (I was a hands on proprietor and loved it) and there was no cash in the cash box. I immediately went out to the showroom to ask wife if she moved the money etc. She looked at me with total surprise. At that point, I noticed that the man (he didn't fit the profile of a typical customer) who she was talking with, hurried out of the store. Long story short, they waited until I was busy while one of them kept my wife busy, so other one could sneak into the office to steal the cash and my wife's purse. A lot transpired before the police responded to our 911 call. By the time I learned there was a second perp, and figured it all out, the first had left the store. Well, a policewoman shows up in a patrol car along with her shotgun and hi capacity side arm. As she pulled up to the front of the store (by that time I realized that the guy talking to my wife was one of the perps),left the store. I ran out to the policewomen, naturally very excited, and yelled to her "there he is let's go get him" as I attempted to get in the car to show her who he as.BTW he was not more than 100 yards away. The "officer" locked me out of the car and said, "wait a minute,I have to write all this down" as she picked up her pad She made sure that she took long enough to to give the perp time to get away, which he did.
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> They got away with about $150.00 and my wife's purse with her wallet in it and the usual important papers.C/Cs etc. But what bothered me the most was that a criminal was not more than 5 feet away from my wife while in the process of a crime. He could have been armed.
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> Obviously, that woman is responsible for a criminal being on the loose to rob again,or who knows what else he is capable of doing. All because she was too cowardly to do her job.
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> The price we pay is putting the citizenry in peril.

Same thing happened to me around the same time (the 90s were probably the height of AA in police and fire departments). When I was a teen, my friend and I were attacked by a gang during a festival. I managed to break away, but my friend was still in the middle of the melée. Spotting a female officer nearby, I asked for help, but she just stood there and watched in dumb fear. Finally, a male officer dealt with it, and the gang dispersed. Fortunately, my friend was fine, with the exception of some scrapes and bruises, but I was disgusted by the behavior of the policewoman. She was worse than useless; she made the cops look like they will do nothing in the event of a crime.

We pay the cops to enforce the law, not to make some point about gender equality. If someone can't do the job, they should find another one.

Men Don't Need To Prove Themselves To Anyone

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By Joe Zamboni

I've been doing some inner work, investigating why I feel separate and isolated from others. Until recently I haven't really understood why I feel like I needed to be separate and isolated. Today I'm getting that it's directly tied-in with the cultural conditioning that goes along with being a man in America today. This brief article explores some of those investigations, and it is offered without any claim that these ideas are the full answer. Instead, I'm suggesting that this area is a very fruitful area for other men to investigate, and that such an investigation can lead to the emancipation from the cultural conditioning that we men have internalized, and so often by default simply assume to be "the way things are."

I've been asking myself, "Why would I feel as though must keep setting myself up as separate and isolated?" The word on the street is that men are supposed to be independent and self-reliant. We are supposed to be able to do all sorts of things (change our car's oil, fix the leaky plumbing, kill gophers in the garden, etc.) all by ourselves. This is totally unrealistic, and it only leads to undue pressure on men. A friend of mine had migraine headaches because he felt like the martial arts center that he headed-up was totally dependent on him. In reality we all need other people, and we always have. There is nothing shameful about getting help from others, although many of us men have been indoctrinated to believe that we cannot accept such help. Why else would we keep driving around the neighborhood, when we know damn well that we are lost, all the while refusing to ask for directions?

There is support all around us, if we will open up to receiving and working with that support. There are friends to remind us of our priorities, accountants to help us prepare our taxes, priests to help us find God, etc. Men need to allow themselves to be who they are now: imperfect, incomplete, not knowing some things, unable to do some things, and needing help. To many of us men, even considering such a possibility seems unmanly and childish. We hold rigid requirements for ourselves, we staunchly believe we must be the provider and protector (or whatever your story happens to be). We have told ourselves stories about how "people critically depending on us," and we make those stories a source of our belief in our self worth.

If you're a man, whatever your story about who you think you have to be, that rigidity makes you unhappy, makes you separate, makes you isolated. If you mix in a little pride, like "I'm the only one who can do it," or "nobody else knows what I know," then you've got a further reason to keep this unrealistic image of who you are in place. The simple fact is that we are vulnerable human beings, we don't have it all together, we don't really have the big picture about what's happening, we can probably be replaced pretty quickly, etc. While embracing those and related truths may seem like a fall from grace, it is also emancipating and relieving.

Thus many of us American men have been laboring with a misconception, which has been taught to us from birth: that we are not worthy of love as we are now, that we must earn the love of others, that we must somehow prove ourselves. This idea was supposedly how we got our parent's love, how we made ourselves eligible for marriage, how we proved ourselves as a good father, and much more. In reality, to think that we are not worthy of love — just as we are right now, no matter what our station in life happens to be, and no matter what we have done or not done — that thought has been a tool used by others to enslave us. Even worse, it has been a tool that we used to enslave ourselves. The core of this is the idea that we must be someone other than who we are.

To prove that we are this imaginary man, we men go to extreme lengths, such as being willing to be maimed or die in wars that we don't even believe in (Iraq for example). Somewhere in times gone past, it probably became apparent that this distancing from our inner world, this being somebody other than who we really were, that was a necessity. In order to have a large number of men willingly go kill other people, in a war for example, it seems as though this notion must be adopted as part of the culture. Likewise, in order to prepare men to go "do battle" in the jungle of the modern economy, men must be ready to sacrifice themselves for their families. It is no wonder that men die six years younger than women do in America today. No doubt there is some chivalry mixed into this notion

of who men have to be, but those notions are outdated and only hold us back today.

For many of us men even to admit that we want to be loved, that seems incredibly shameful. It seems weak, vulnerable, childish, and unevolved. It is uncharted territory for most of us, and therefore seems dangerous. But everybody is worthy of being loved. And we men make ourselves into hardened, isolated, and separate unhappy men by denying this fact.

The irony is that this hardening, this twisting of ourselves so that we live up to the imaginary standards of society, that makes us weak, that makes us vulnerable, that makes us childish, and that makes us unevolved. By steadfastly holding onto this ideal of who a man should be, we make ourselves manipulatable by advertisers, relatives, women, and others. The size of a woman's engagement ring provides a good example. How many of us heterosexual guys have thought that we must get a big rock for that special woman, and that the bigger the diamond, the more worthy we are as men? In the process we have enriched the diamond mine owners, the jewelers, and the advertisers, and we have made ourselves considerably poorer. And the women are in on this game as well; they for instance believe that a man is more of a "catch" if he has done a better job distancing himself from his real self (in other words he has more fully embraced this cultural conditioning, and is thus able to buy his woman a bigger rock).

By this hardening, this superimposition of the ideal man, onto the reality of who we really are, we make ourselves weak. We are then brittle and rigid, unwavering and positional. Life is not like that. Life changes, all the time. By being out of touch with life, we create all sorts of unhappiness for ourselves. For example, a man who thinks he can't cry, who suppresses all displays of his feelings (except anger perhaps) because he believes them to be unmanly, such a man isolates himself from himself. With this hardening we men become more self-alienated, and we thus loose track of what we really want, what's important to us, what we care about, etc. Why else would a single young man so often give up his personal life goals to completely buy-into the life goals of a woman who happened to be pregnant with his child? Why else would so many young men so readily "do what a man has to do" and get married, become a father, devote himself to supporting his family via a relatively high-paying job that he hates, etc.?

By this distancing of ourselves from our true selves, we actually make ourselves more childish and unevolved. Children do not have a sense for the big picture, and they don't understand the complexity of the world. Instead, they have formulas, or simple concepts, basic ideas of how things work. By using the formulaic stories we have heard about what makes for a successful man, and using those to run our lives, we men make ourselves simple and childish. By consistently adhering to these stories, we also block our own personal development process from proceeding. In that respect, we make ourselves relatively unevolved.

To become more adapted to the world, we need to change, we need to flexibly and dynamically alter our concept of who we are so that it is trued-up up with reality. For example, the belief that we must be the provider in order to be an attractive man would have us pay for dinner dates. But with women earning pretty much as much as men these days, this practice of paying for dates not only makes the man poor relative to the woman, it also sets the stage for a disproportionate male assumption of financial responsibility in romantic relationships (think of alimony, child support, etc.).

So how can men start the process of overcoming these misconceptions? A good place would be to start giving ourselves the love and respect that we deserve. We have been withholding this love and respect from ourselves, because we think we aren't good enough, we aren't doing enough, we aren't delivering the goods that others have told us we must deliver. Whether or not anyone gives us the love that we deserve, right now we can give this to ourselves. As we open to receiving this love, this approval, this allowing, so too will we become more open to receiving it from others. And in the relaxing about the stories regarding who we think we have to be, in that there will be an opportunity for us to embrace and inhabit our true selves. Through embracing and inhabiting of our true selves we can find our liberation, in addition to a new connectedness with other people.

Why She Can't Negotiate

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I am tendering my resignation to ForbesWoman. I cannot continue to work in a sexually hostile environment that does not respect my need to contribute my unique skills towards the greater good while developing my career and work/life balance. It didn't help that Spearhead commentator "Zorro" mocked me mercilessly in front of my co-colleagues after I submitted the gender-studies report that I had worked so hard on, even during my own boxed wine time. After I regained my composure I stumbled back to ForbesWoman and opened my trench-coat for them with a few feeble posts, but the thrill was gone.

Finally, the last straw. That Victoria Pynchon lady, who's been at Encorpera for decades, and not about to let some new blood show up and steal the limelight she has been aggressively cultivating, viciously deleted my thoughtful comment in reply to her latest outrage Fragile Manhood Requires First-Rate Negotiation Skills. I had put a lot of effort into that comment and felt so humiliated when she denied my voice by coldly removing my submission.

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She writes about negotiating tactics for women, a worthy topic really as everyone should know the basic negotiating scams that will get you kneecapped while you still have a pleasant smile on your face. But, like the rest of the ForbesWoman hen house, advice for women is stitched to a framework of "how things ought to be" and "studies have shown" while trumpeting what women really want, need, and should be provided for because they are just as, no, more than, capable as men. But no matter the final gender gotterdammerung , the business world will always be dog-eat-dog; a shark tank. Everyone thinks it their patriotic duty to swindle you. Advice to females that fly in the face of this reality is only fattening them for the kill.

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And Victoria wants to lecture women on how to negotiate with men, with a fundamental assumption about men's vestigial masculinity and fragile, feminized egos. Rather than blindly accept the study about men getting pegged that show them to have a sensitive, fragile grip on their masculinity, she would do well to ask men for feedback on what it is like to deal with women now that Encorpera is over 50% female. You have to negotiate *everything* or face a full on (though subtle and quiet, as if with stick up ass) shit storm.

She begins

"There go those social psychologists again, confirming beliefs we already held. This time, it's about the fragility of masculinity and the lengths to which men will go to protect it.…

…how can we use this knowledge to help us better negotiate with men?"

Later, in reply to a reader's agreeable comment :

"I have to frankly admit that I haven't a clue what "masculinity" means.

I like smart. I like funny. I like an individual who is capable of self-reflection and self-correction. I respect anyone with the guts to admit error readily, apologize and make it better and I respect greatly those men who have learned a broader range of feeling states than horny and angry.

*So, I don't know. What IS masculinity anyway? Having a hunting dog? Pitching a tent? Rafting a Class IV river? Most women can and do all of these things. Raw physical strength seems to be the only significant difference between us when it comes to getting s*** done and it's not uncommon for some women to possess more physical strength than men.*

Most of the ballyhooed masculine traits seem to me to be pretty passé. Not backing down. Providing physical protection

for people (not women, people) who are weaker than they are. Knowing how car engines work and what to do when the fail. Changing flat tires. I don't think most men want to be known for these abilities.

I ready willing and able to be enlightened. Enlighten me!"

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Well I tried to show her the light :

elmer 1 minute ago

Why bother trying to enlighten such a flaming sexist bigot?

Your essay and comments are full of sneering condescension towards men.

If men are so fragile, why is there such a huge industry proffering cosmetics and push-up bras to women? I know your answer : "men and society" are forcing you to do it.

There is so much BS here (and you will delete my comment anyway, because you are a tough, strong woman who can take it like a man) that it hardly warrants a response. But your claim that "it is not uncommon" for women to be stronger than men really takes the cake. I am 55 years old and can still slap the crap out of 99% of women. About the only men I can do that to are near my age and moving just as slowly.

And stop with the tiresome lists of what you like in a man. "Smart, funny, ready to apologize". Anyone reading such tripe knows that the qualities you claim to desire are the exact opposite of what women find attractive in men. They want a brute to dominate and control them and hate to the depths of their soul any male who exhibits feminine tendencies

You will never know Victoria. Hope you get plenty of page views for your ugly, hateful essay proclaiming your superiority to those sissified males.

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She promply deleted my comment. Like a classic office player, while claiming to want "feedback" she savagely suppresses unapproved commentary. This demonstrates why you can't negotiate with modern corporate women. A woman has an assumption about useless male strength and character traits coupled with her own agenda about what she wants. What's fair is what's fair for her. Fact is, men inherently negotiate from their physical strength. We have an assumption that if we don't act honorably, our adversary may inflict bodily harm on us. A woman on the other hand, will disregard some verbal agreement that she made with you merely to conclude some "negotiation". Men call it "their word". Women call it "I just decided I don't have to do that" or some other permutation that is the opposite of what she just agreed to.

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Granted, men will lie in your face in anticipation of providing you future ass-roguerings, but our recourse remains the same and tempers their excesses. No doubt also that many of you have had to restrain your violent impulses in the face of some feminized Encorpera male who depends on the corporate rules to protect him in the face of a scurrilous, cowardly act (s)he has pulled to best you. When a woman does it the frustration can be disorienting, and you find yourself struggling not to respond like a female, which is the only Encorpera-approved method for coming to a co-worker consensus. The modern woman sits atop a a societal structure built from the cornerstone of male rivalry while declaring men's strength and masculinity as passe'. Were it not for men's inclination to fight and form alliances to pillage from their fellow men it is unlikely she would have a job washing loincloths, let alone being a corporate attorney.

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NASA Clears the Air on Low-Energy Nukes

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Following Monday's post on a potential new energy source, NASA released a short, hastily-produced video to give laymen an idea of what we might expect from the new technology. It seems last week saw an increase in queries to various agencies concerning LENR (low energy nuclear reaction), which prompted NASA to release the clip on Thursday.

Dr. Zawodny confirms that in time we should be able to use safe nuclear reactors in our homes for heat and power generation. I've embedded the YouTube version (NASA hosts the video here):

Having recently joked to my son that "daddy will get a nuclear-powered car" I now find myself in the position of being able to tell him that he may well be riding a nuclear-powered bicycle in the not-too-distant future.

Actually, if Zawodny is correct, this will be as revolutionary to power generation as the internet has been to media. It's a good analogy, but the economic implications could be even more profound, as energy is an even more important factor than the free flow of information.

It's good to know that the men at NASA and SPAWAR are on the ball here and keeping us up to date on this enormously important research.

Feminist Neighbor Unleashes Police on new SF Sheriff

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Ross Mirkarimi, San Francisco sheriff-elect, was arrested about a week ago following an argument with his wife, during which he allegedly grabbed her arm. Following the argument, a neighbor videotaped Mirkarimi's wife, and then called the police, leading to the arrest. However, this was not just your standard nosy neighbor, but rather a bona-fide feminist named Ivory Madison, who has headed the San Francisco chapter of NOW. Additionally, she knew Mirkarimi and his wife personally, and actually campaigned for Mirkarimi during his run for Sheriff.

Before Marrying Mirkarimi, Eliana Lopez was a Venezuelan telenovela star. She is a recent immigrant to the US, having lived here for only a few years. It's unlikely that she really understands the implications of American DV law. Like many women who get caught up in these incidents, she probably didn't understand how consequential it can be in the US to get someone else involved in one's marriage, but it seems that she did at least realize that involving the police would be a bad idea, and urged Ms. Madison to withhold the video, which ultimately proved futile, as the police easily obtained a warrant based on the 911 call.

Now, Mirkarimi faces three misdemeanor charges, and his career hangs in the balance. His entire family could well end up disgraced in San Francisco, and his wife's stock in local society will drop dramatically. Now that the implications have sunk in, she is insisting that her husband is not abusive and that the incident was "taken out of context." Unfortunately, however, she initially put her faith in a feminist, and if there's anything a feminist knows how to do it's destroy men and their marriages. If a woman also suffers as a consequence, well, "you have to break a few eggs to make an omelette…"

Plenty of people are asking why a woman would stay with "an abusive man." First of all, nobody knows whether Mirkarimi even committed domestic violence under our laws. He's been charged, but not convicted. Secondly, this could well have been a very minor incident of mutual violence, e.g. his wife made a scene, got physical, and he restrained her by grabbing her arm. However, under current law this would still imply guilt for one party or the other — any physical contact whatsoever in the context of anger or annoyance is a crime. In the overwhelming majority of the world's cultures, such incidents are not considered police matters, but thanks to people like Ivory Madison the cops will be in your home ready to throw people in jail minutes following such an allegation.

Having grown up in a neighborhood that had its share of dysfunction, I learned this lesson early. I'd hear a woman fighting with her husband or boyfriend (typically she was the more aggressive party), and soon enough cops would show up and haul the guy out in cuffs, the triumphant woman standing proudly on the porch with her hands on her hips. Knowing the score probably saved my bacon in my own divorce, as I knew exactly what to expect if I let myself get drawn into any physical altercation with a female. Here in the states you can safely cheat on your wife, betray her or give her AIDS, but God forbid you push her away when she's screaming in your face.

Because he enlisted the support of feminists in his campaign, it's mighty hard to feel sorry for Mirkarimi. Additionally, as a sheriff, he is personally involved in the enforcement of the draconian laws that resulted in his own arrest. He's like the KGB officer who ends up in Lubyanka. Not an enviable position, but one in which there is some inherent justice at work.

Mirkarimi's hapless wife and innocent child are the real victims in this case, but it is the law and her feminist neighbor that have hurt them the most, not the husband. As a Venezuelan, Eliana Lopez probably had no idea this could come about. She never would have expected that her neighbor would destroy her husband's career over what she sees, from her own cultural context, as an inconsequential domestic squabble — one that she may have started herself without understanding the implications.

Finally, I strongly suspect that some envy was at work here. Ivory Madison, a woman who is obviously full of herself, must have resented the hot Latina married to the handsome politician. What better way to take that foreign bitch down a notch or two than to wreck her husband's career?

Will Women and Children Have to Wait in Line Now?

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By Lyn87

By now, everyone has heard that the Costa Concordia, the 26th-largest cruise ship (formerly) afloat, ran aground off the Italian coast. Details are sketchy, and it will be some time before we get the full picture, but a few things are known about this mishap, nearly 100 years after the RMS Titanic went down in the Atlantic.

Some things have changed since 1912 – other things have not.

What is known is that there was a lot of chaos as the ship was being evacuated – chaos caused in no small part because the senior leadership failed to provide direction. It is in high-stress situations that one learns one's measure, and being on a 115,000 ton piece of machinery filling with cold water with a few thousand people is one such situation.

While nobody was visibly in charge, there was a generalized expectation that women and children should be the first on the lifeboats. Equally apparent is that not all the men were keen to follow the script. The foreign press was filled with outrage that some men (invariably described as that subset of men known as husbands), were unwilling to be separated from their families in what looked like a life-and-death situation.

We've all heard the shaming language: those men were cowards, doncha' know? Both women and, to a lesser extent, men, were piling on these guys. It's not enough that they were protecting their families: they apparently had a duty to die for the benefit of women and children they don't even know once their own families were safe.

Most of us know that there are no feminists in a burning building. We can now add "or on a sinking ship" to that. Even in 2012.

The sinking of the RMS Titanic almost exactly a century ago invites comparison. Sure, there are great differences, such as the body count, the availability of rapid rescue, and the actions of the crew, but some things remain, like insufficient deployable lifeboats and the all-important, "Women and children first!"

The good news is threefold: 1) the ship ran aground and did not actually sink, so the magnitude of the disaster appeared far greater while it was happening than it turned out to be, 2) the number of deaths was a fraction of what it might have been under slightly different circumstances, and 3) a lot of people who responded to the reports berated the people who said the men had a duty to stay on board until the women and children were all safe.

It is those comments that struck me most. The MRM is getting more vocal, and a lot of guys are now saying, "You wanted equality. This is what it looks like." And they are saying it aloud and in public. Even a few women chimed in, saying that men have no obligation to die for women if women want equality. (Somehow I suspect there wasn't much, "I am woman, hear me roar, watch me drown" on the Costa Concordia itself, but hey, it's a start.)

Needless to say, there were a few hamster wheels in hyper-drive, as feminists tried to have it both ways. I even saw the "77-cents-on-the-dollar" argument thrown out, as if being more productive somehow makes your life worth less. But now many people know the "77 cents" argument is bogus, so every time somebody brings it up it has fewer defenders and it gets shot down with facts, so even more people learn the truth about it.

Quite a few commenters still stuck with the idea that men should stand aside while able-bodied women are rescued first, because women were less physically capable and aggressive and more prone to freezing up under extreme stress. A few guys pointed out that people who could not function under stress did not belong in all sorts of places, like boardrooms and battalions.

Ouch. That's gotta' hurt.

On the other hand, if they truly are our equals, let them queue up for the lifeboats like everyone else. When they do

that, they can make themselves some new shirts with this message:

This is what a feminist looks like

I'm not going to hold my breath waiting for that to happen.

Annoying, But Necessary

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There's an internet "blackout" going on right now over the SOPA and PIPA bills that are making their way through congress.

Evidently, these bills will place the burden for policing user-contributed content on site owners, and that would really suck for me. In fact, it might mean I'd have to shut off open comments and moderate every single comment, which would not only negatively affect user experience, but would also be an enormous waste of time. Furthermore, I'd have liability for what any nut posted in comments, and that just isn't fair. Feminists have long wanted to hold me responsible for what totally independent, random posters comment, and so far I've been able to simply tell them to go to hell. These bills may change that.

Please contact your senators and representative and urge them to oppose this stupidity. Individual responsibility is at the heart of our republic, and freedom. This means that citizens should not be held liable for the actions or words of others, over whom they have no power in any event.

Lifeboat Feminism in Practical Application

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This article by Rich Lowry over at NRO heaps shame upon the men of the *Costa Concordia* who allegedly jostled women and children on the way to the lifeboats. While I can relate to the author's assertion that we as a society have lost something valuable when the strong push aside the weak, for indeed we have, it is but the natural and predictable consequence of decades of equalitarian social engineering that released women from the requirement to behave in a ladylike and chaste manner, and declared men and women absolutely equal and fungible. The author laments the lack of chivalry amongst the men; I assert it is merely what happens when men, having witnessed the liberation of women from their duty to act like ladies, decide that it is quite silly to die like men of auld for unrelated women and children:

> [An] Australian mother said of the scene, "We just couldn't believe it – especially the men, they were worse than the women."
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> Another woman passenger agreed, "There were big men, crew members, pushing their way past us to get into the lifeboats." Yet another, a grandmother, complained, "I was standing by the lifeboats and men, big men, were banging into me and knocking the girls."
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> Guys aboard the Costa Concordia apparently made sure the age of chivalry was good and dead by pushing it over and trampling on it in their heedless rush for the exits. The grounded cruise ship has its heroes, of course, just as the Titanic had its cowards. But the discipline of the Titanic's crew and the self-enforced chivalric ethic that prevailed among its men largely trumped the natural urge toward panicked self-preservation.

I have argued several times on this blog that this is the logical end of equalitarianism and sec-humanism. When women are declared the equals of men, their inherent biological vulnerability is papered over, and they are seen as just another male. Better smelling and better looking, but the same worth as men. And no more worthy of preferential treatment in the mad dash for the exits than the next guy. On the *Costa Concordia*, it was every human for him/herself. One would think women, the sex for whose benefit feminism tirelessly toils, would be overjoyed at this indicator of equal consideration. At long last, they have arrived! But they are not. Funny how feminist equalitarianism goes out the window when in mortal danger. Seems the two gals quoted above really don't want to die like men, despite living as an equal to one.

It was also interesting to contrast the tenor of Mr. Lowry's slightly anachronistic article and that of the vast majority of the comments. While they do not explicitly connect the dots wrt the lady-gentleman dynamic that is part and parcel to chivalry, the comments tended to pin the tail of responsibility for this present state of affairs on the feminist donkey. Thus, as far as the readership to NRO is concerned, there is at least a vague awareness that if chivalry is dead, it wasn't men that killed it but feminism. And that it is quite presumptuous to demand preferential selection for a lifeboat when you demand equal-or-even-preferential treatment in all other facets of life as well.

Something else, too: Chivalry doesn't mean preferential treatment for women, although it is frequently cast as such in contemporary culture. Neither is it necessarily manners, although that is a component of it. At its heart, chivalry was/is a code of conduct that sought to shape the behavior of warriors (who also enjoyed a superior social position) so that the strong protected the weak who could/would be harmed by untrammelled violence.

Viewed in this manner, in a way it is not unreasonable to appeal to chivalry when recommending the behavior of the physically strong (men) vis-à-vis the physically weak (women and young children). However, as political and social violence is force just the same as physical violence, given the socially inferior position of men in our society when compared to women, the principles of chivalry would require that women (the strong) yield to men (the weak). Let that bake your noodle for a while…feminism, by socially advantaging women in all aspects of life, and technology, by neutering the historical advantage of brawn, has flipped the script such that we should instead be

saying “men and children first” rather than the converse.

I’ll close this post with a poem, supposedly written in 1912, submitted by a commenter to Mr. Lowry’s article:

> “Votes for women!”
> Was the cry,
> Reaching upward to the Sky.
> Crashing glass
> And flashing eye-
> “Votes for Women!”
> Was the cry.
> “Boats for women!”
> Was the Cry.
> When the brave
> Were come to die.
> When the end
> Was drawing nigh-
> “Boats for women!”
> Was the cry.

Indeed. I do wonder how much more time cultural lifeboat feminism has left. For it doesn’t seem sustainable to demand manhood from men while not making a symmetrical demand for womanhood from women. And for far too long, womanhood has been an empty vessel, something one does not strive toward but is simply arrived at. If we are to have manhood once again–something I think our society won’t long survive without–it seems to me that we as a society will need to start demanding something more of womanhood as well. For manhood is the complement to womanhood, and if womanhood is an empty ~~suit~~ skirt, then the organism isn’t wholly complete.

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Women Weigh In on Men's Issues

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As a commenter pointed out yesterday, a number of women have become interested in men's issues recently. One in particular, who goes by "girlwriteswhat", is pretty articulate, and seems to have a good understanding of why some men are as upset as they are. Her video is a refreshing departure from the usual "man up" refrain coupled with the "male privilege" lie, so I'll embed it here for viewers who have the time (it's almost 20 minutes):

I think she gets it mostly right, however she should take into account that different men have different styles, so while some may sound shrill and profane, others who are just as fed up may communicate in a different manner. However, because it takes all sorts, it's good to see that some people are beginning to understand why there is this level of anger out there amongst a growing segment of the male population.

I found a number of responses from young females to girlwriteswhat's video. Some support her, others do not. It surprised me a bit to see this level of interest in men's issues amongst young females, but that's probably because as I get older I pay even less attention to their opinions than I used to.

King County Family Court Exposé Reveals DV Profiteers

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The Seattle Weekly, a middle-brow, usually liberal Seattle publication, has come out with a long article about the abuses men are subject to in family court. Those of us who have been through it are already all too familiar with what happens, but people are still surprised by the blatant anti-male bias. After you learn about it first-hand, it's hard to understand how it could possibly not be common knowledge that men face something akin to a medieval inquisition during a custody dispute, but I think it's because divorce is a bit like death — people just don't want to think about these things. It's taboo. The "it will never happen to me" mentality is pervasive, and for good reason: one's mental health might depend on it.

Nevertheless, it's an issue that can't be swept under the rug forever, because the price is too high. The current system is creating a class of children who will grow up traumatized by the fact that one of their parents, almost always the father, has been arbitrarily branded a social deviant and forced out of their lives. It is also turning a number of productive, otherwise healthy men into impoverished emotional wrecks whose ability to contribute to society, not to mention their children's welfare, is severely compromised.

So it's with some guarded optimism that I see a local publication publish a hard-hitting piece that reveals not only the deplorable tactics, but some of the people who profit from them. Because states and counties have jurisdiction over the courts, a great deal of the fight to rectify family law will have to occur at the local level. This is why grassroots effort is just as important as any national attention, and why I'm just as happy when I see local media addressing the problem as when national media takes it up.

In the Weekly's article a couple characters are exposed to the light, including Doug Bartholomew, a man who runs one of the state certified domestic violence programs. Here is a picture of Doug. If you are a married or cohabiting man in King County Washington, especially if you have children, this man is not your friend. If at all possible, avoid him.

Page four of the article explains why:

> Given their extremely rushed proceedings, family-law commissioners often punt to such "expert" evaluations to make recommendations that can be heard in later hearings. Smith did that in Richard's case, ordering a "risk assessment" from a counselor who specializes in domestic violence.
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> Richard says he welcomed the assessment. "OK, great," he says he thought. "Now I'm going to go to somebody whose job it is to ferret out the truth." He says he didn't even mind paying the $1,000-plus fee.
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> But when counselor Doug Bartholomew came out with his report a month later, Richard was even further in the hole. The counselor did say that he couldn't determine whether Richard had assaulted his wife. Yet Bartholomew still recommended that Richard attend a domestic-violence treatment program, as well as a class called "DV Dads."
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> Why? For one thing, he held out the possibility that Richard was dangerous. He attached extreme importance to the engineer's attempt to have the counselor look at a mental-health self-evaluation his wife had done. "Since submitting someone's private records against their will is so inherently antisocial, it raises the question of whether or not he's capable of similar 'stop at nothing' behavior," Bartholomew wrote.
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> Richard's personality and background were also suspect, according to Bartholomew. For one thing, he was successful. "The downside of success, and he's been very successful, is that we tend not to learn compassion, empathy, or insight." Richard, he wrote, "has never experienced tragedy."
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> Richard suffered from a "Puer complex," the condition of being an "eternal boy," in Bartholomew's estimation. The engineer was unable to describe his son in an "I-Thou manner," an apparent reference to philosopher Martin Buber's description of seeing other people as possessing distinct wants and needs. This seemed to

> account for Bartholomew's finding that Richard posed "some risk of further psychological abuse." As the counselor put it a year and a half later at trial, "the most conspicuous feature" of his evaluation was Richard's "indifference" to his wife's "feelings and needs."

Too many men still believe that the state cares about truth, justice, etc. Richard was one of them. Unfortunately, he learned the hard way that the state does not care about these things — it simply wants results consistent with its mandate. Any tool that can be "legally" used will be brought to bear. When you allow yourself to be examined by any state agent, the state will simply use this to achieve its goals — what's fair to you, personally, is irrelevant. If the court orders you go through an evaluation, hire your own evaluator. Do not under any circumstances use the state service if you can avoid it. If it's optional, decline. In the majority of cases, the report will harm you much more than it will help.

However, Richard had the resources to eventually take the case to trial, where he won. Bartholomew, apparently so used to simply destroying men's chances and pocketing the money, had been sloppy in his methods. He didn't proofread the report, his logic was found to be faulty, and his claims contradicted the law.

Bartholomew, for his part, whines that he is being targeted by a "hate group:"

> In an interview and follow-up e-mail, Bartholomew says that dads like Richard aren't the only ones being targeted, but that he too is a victim, calling his persecutors a "homegrown hate group of men . . . whose stated intention is to destroy the [domestic-violence] intervention system."
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> Turning to Richard's case, Bartholomew claims his report was misconstrued: "First of all, I said the guy didn't do any domestic violence." No matter that those words aren't in his report, that he referred to further psychological "abuse," and that the judge and the attorneys understood the exact opposite—the counselor points to his line saying that he couldn't determine whether Richard had assaulted his wife. Although at trial Bartholomew argued that assault is not a necessary component of domestic violence, he now says that it is.

Doug Bartholomew is a very typical representative of what is termed the "domestic violence industry." The man is the domestic equivalent of the arms dealer who profits from third world conflicts. Rather than ameliorate family conflicts, he introduces weapons that escalate them and then, when all that remains is ruinous misery and despair, pockets a check.

1949 Feminists Predicted Race of Amazons by 2000

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Sometimes we find evidence that even in the supposed heyday of traditional gender roles there was a wider sense of anticipation about a different future for women than we might expect. Of course, the idea that all people would become a race of supermen (and women) had been around for a long time by the postwar era, and had already showed up in all sorts of places, such as sci-fi books and Bolshevik and Nazi propaganda, so it's no surprise that some huckster selling weight-loss formulas would make outlandish claims. But what stands out to modern readers is that some women envisioned a race of superior females; that is, the women would grow to challenge men physically, and even surpass them.

The Smithsonian's "Paleofuture" blog quotes a couple of women who contributed to an AP article titled "How Experts Think We'll Live in 2000 A.D."

One, an editor at the AP named Dorothy Roe, declared that women would be competing with men on the field in sports such as football, boxing and wrestling:

> The woman of the year 2000 will be an outsize Diana, anthropologists and beauty experts predict. She will be more than six feet tall, wear a size 11 shoe, have shoulders like a wrestler and muscles like a truck driver.
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> Chances are she will be doing a man's job, and for this reason will dress to fit her role. Her hair will be cropped short, so as not to get in the way. She probably will wear the most functional clothes in the daytime, go frilly only after dark.
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> Slacks probably will be her usual workaday costume. These will be of synthetic fiber, treated to keep her warm in winter and cool in summer, admit the beneficial ultra-violet rays and keep out the burning ones. They will be light weight and equipped with pockets for food capsules, which she will eat instead of meat and potatoes.
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> Her proportions will be perfect, though Amazonian, because science will have perfected a balanced ration of vitamins, proteins and minerals that will produce the maximum bodily efficiency, the minimum of fat.
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> She will go in for all kinds of sports – probably will compete with men athletes in football, baseball, prizefighting and wrestling.
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> She'll be in on all the high-level groups of finance, business and government.
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> She may even be president.

Perhaps this represents Ms. Roe's personal fantasy, but I don't see how a woman built like a wrestler could fairly be described as a "Diana." Ironically, women in 1950 were probably stronger pound for pound than contemporary women. They walked more, performed more physical labor, and generally had to do a lot more by hand than modern women. They may not have been quite as tall, but since the 1960s women have expanded rather more horizontally than vertically. Even considering improvements in cosmetic dentistry, American women were probably somewhat more attractive in the mid-20th century than today. As for "the minimum of fat," well…

The predictions demonstrate how the notion of "equality" has shifted over the decades. In 1950, equality meant that women could compete with men on their own turf, playing by the same rules. The "emancipated woman" would grow to match men, and even go toe-to-toe with them in the ring. This earlier notion of equality was still around to some extent when I was a pre-schooler in the late 70s; I can remember Sesame Street playing it up from time to time. But by the time affirmative action rolled into full implementation in the 80s, the kind of thinking that inspired the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) was cast aside in favor of legally handicapping men so as to give women all the benefits men had without having to actually compete by the same rules and on the level.

By the 90s, the old idea of equality was totally abandoned in favor of the sanctity of victimhood, whereby men were held to be such an all-powerful, evil force ("The Patriarchy") that their legal handicaps had to be correspondingly

severe. Today, equality has little to do with improving the lot of some for the benefit of all, but rather leveling society to our shared detriment.

The aspirations of the 20th century seem quaint in retrospect, but we still live live with their legacy, albeit in a twisted form.

Eliana Lopez Distraught, Says American Law "Destroying my Family"

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Although San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi's Venezuelan wife pleaded for her family to reunited, Judge Susan Breall extended a protection order separating Mirkarimi from his wife and son pending the outcome of trial. Lopez insisted that she was not in danger, that she was not a "little poor immigrant," and that she loves her husband, but the judge, at the request of prosecutor Elizabeth Aguilar-Tarchi, insisted the protection order remain in place.

When Eliana went to her neighbor Ivory Madison, a prominent San Francisco feminist, to tell her side of the story in a domestic dispute she and her husband had had, she insisted that the police not be involved. Demonstrating her naïve understanding of American law, she asked whether the police would arrest him or "just come and talk to him." Evidently, there had been some talk of divorce, which is usually the precipitating factor for police involvement in a marriage. Perhaps Lopez was considering divorce, or she may simply have been making threats. In any event, her stated concern was custody, as is often the case. Her concerns may have been aggravated by the prospect of an international custody dispute, which underscores the importance of talking about this issue *before* marriage, especially the international kind.

It seems she wanted some dirt on Mirkarimi in case she ever chose to divorce him and take the child back to Venezuela, but she didn't actually intend to do so at the time. She must have figured a feminist would be a good ally in any such eventuality, but she certainly didn't count on the series of events that followed her session with Ms. Madison.

This case demonstrates the rigid nature of the American legal system where family law is concerned. If, for example, two business partners were involved in some minor altercation that led to a police call, say, at a party after having had too much to drink, the prosecutor would drop the charges without a second thought if the "victim" refused to cooperate. If a protection order had been issued, it would also be dismissed at the request of the victim. However, families do not have this option. This is because, according to feminist-inspired family law, wives have no "agency." What has happened is that the twisted logic of feminism, in insisting that the goal is to give women "agency," has argued that they do not in fact have any at all, because they are all victims of "The Patriarchy," which is a sort of stand-in for Satan in the feminist cosmology.

Therefore, in their dealings with the opposite sex, because individual women cannot resist The Patriarchy, it is up to the "benevolent" institutions of government and law to make decisions for women (and sometimes against their will), thereby "empowering" them and striking a blow against the oppressor. This is the reason the judge really had little leeway in continuing the protection order. Judges rubber-stamp protection orders because even if the women themselves demand they be dismissed, they will ultimately be held responsible if anything goes wrong, *because the women have no agency*.

In the real world, women do have agency. Women are held responsible for following the law, showing up to work on time, feeding and dressing themselves, and even behaving themselves in public. It may not be very sexy, but it's true: women are independent human beings capable of taking both practical and moral responsibility for their lives, and making their own decisions. It is only in their intimate relationships with men that this is questioned. And only to this extent here in the Anglo world. This is why Eliana Lopez is so shocked and bitter about what has happened. Where she came from, her decision would be respected, whether for good or ill.

In explaining to Eliana why she was extending the protection order, the judge gives us a hint of what's behind the policy. Although Judge Breall says that Eliana is "educated, intelligent … a strong individual, and quite charming," she goes on to point out that "When you cry out for help, you don't always cry out for police intervention. But the police are involved in this case… I'm going to treat this case, at this point, like every other."

What Breall is saying is that when you get the state involved in your marriage, it's out of your hands. It's truly a

Faustian bargain women have made with their erstwhile allies.

Comments Poll

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I've been tinkering around with some software that will give me the option of granting access to certain categories of content only to those who are subscribers to the site (those who have created a profile and can login). The content I have in mind is comments, which have long been an issue. The problem now is that anyone can comment, and therefore lots of people ignore the commenting policy for whatever reason. Additionally, I am getting tired of having comments from the site used by detractors to build up their own sites. Frankly, it's kind of an abuse of intellectual property. It may be legal, but it is not in the spirit of the law.

So, although I'm definitely leaning toward making changes very soon, I'd like some feedback from readers as to what their preference would be, so if you'd care to provide some feedback you can put your vote in here:

Gender Neutral Baby Revealed: It's a Boy

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A British couple that decided to raise their child in a 'gender neutral' environment has finally revealed that the kid is a boy. This doesn't surprise me at all. Knowing these kinds of nuts, it makes perfect sense that they did it to their son, because they usually try to make a point at the expense of a boy, and raising girls like boys is already common throughout the Anglo world.

They had the boy cross-dress, and when he tried to run around naked in the yard (little kids love doing that), they hustled him back in to hide him from the neighbors and gave him dolls. His mother is making him wear the girls' school uniform, and won't let him wear combat trousers.

Not long ago, gender identity problems in children were considered a mental disorder. There's a reason for that. It can cause serious mayhem when puberty hits. It's unlikely that this kid will think of himself as 'gender-neutral' for much longer, but if he walked into the girls' locker room in middle school and took off his clothes, we all know what would happen to him. So does his mother, and I'm sure she supports boys being punished for such behavior.

This is why she doesn't really believe in this garbage; she's just using the boy to bolster her progressive cred. Pure selfishness at her son's expense.

Halle Berry Treating Babydaddy Like Sperm Donor

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Halle Berry is petitioning the court to ban her daughter's father from having any contact whatsoever with their child. She has already accused Gabriel Aubry, a Canadian model, of abuse, and had the judge order supervised visitation with a nanny of her choice and under her employ. Inevitably, some problems have arisen between Mr. Aubry and the nanny, who is now accusing him of assault and child abuse. If the judge who went along with this ill-conceived plan didn't see this coming from a mile away, I'd be highly surprised. Almost looks as though the judge collaborated in setting Mr. Aubry up, which is beyond the pale even in the sordid realm of family law.

Sadly, Berry's vindictiveness is common amongst women following breakups with their child's father. But in this case, the racial angle is contributing to tension. Although it isn't a well-known fact, white fathers of children with black women face even worse odds than your typical father. The traditional "one-drop rule" that posits that all Americans with black African ancestry are strictly black tends to put a barrier between the father and child, because people assume that children should be raised amongst their own. This may be why one of the main points of contention between Aubry and Berry has been over whether their daughter is "black." If so, as the tradition goes, then he has no real claim to the child. The reason white mothers of mixed-race children don't have to deal with this problem is that default mother custody prevents it from arising in the first place.

Although it's unlikely Berry will succeed in cutting Aubry off from all contact with his daughter (even prisoners convicted of violent crimes have some visitation rights), she will probably have little trouble making it difficult for him to maintain a normal relationship with her. Additionally, she'll be able to force him to spend a great deal of money, and she's far wealthier than he is. This case will be a good test of whether California judges have any respect at all for fathers' rights. In a just world, a woman who tries to cut her children off from their father entirely out of vindictiveness should lose majority custody, but because that will never happen here, we can at least hope the judge tells Ms. Berry to back off.

Halle Berry may win a few rounds here and there, and she may ultimately be able to shove Gabriel Aubry largely out of his daughter's life, but cases like these are seen in a different light today, and she runs the risk of permanently tarnishing her reputation. The photos of a handsome Gabriel Aubry caring for his cute, happy daughter don't exactly jibe with the feminist stereotype, which casts fathers as vicious, brutal troglodytes. As comments below the Daily Mail article indicate, even women think Halle is out of line.

Super Bowl Sex-Trafficking Hysteria Back in the News

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Greg Zoeller, Indiana's Attorney General, is making noises about sex trafficking in connection with the upcoming Super Bowl in Indianapolis. It's a political gimmick that has been used for a couple years now, and has replaced the Super Bowl domestic violence campaign that eventually fell flat when feminist claims about mass beatings of wives and girlfriends during the Super Bowl were exposed as lies.

The Indiana AG has enlisted cabbies in the effort, and they dutifully attended training, which they will ignore if they want to keep their jobs. Calling the cops on paying customers is definitely frowned upon in the cab business, which derives significant revenue from hookers.

> "Whenever there's a large event like the Super Bowl, we know there's an increase in sex trafficking," said Valerie Schmitt, coordinator of a human-trafficking outreach effort in Indianapolis. "There's an increased demand for [commercial] sex and that leads to an increased risk that someone will be victimized."
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> On Friday, as a House committee heard testimony on a bill that would ramp up criminal penalties for sex-traffickers in Indiana, Schmitt was meeting with about 100 cab drivers to ask for their help.
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> She described some of the classic victims of sex-traffickers, including illegal immigrants forced to work off their debts by working as prostitutes or teenagers sexually exploited by adults. She predicted Indianapolis will see an influx of prostitutes, including many who are underage.
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> "You're our eyes and our ears …" she told them. "You meet a lot of people and overhear a lot of conversations that might be helpful in recognizing someone involved in [sex] trafficking."
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> She asked them to put the human-trafficking hotline phone number of 888-373-7888 into their cells phones and use it if they suspect anything. Some of the cab drivers looked skeptical; while others pulled out their cell phones to program in the number.

What's really shameful about this campaign, which should rightly be called a crackdown on prostitution, is that it suggests that vast numbers of women will be working the streets against their will. The overwhelming majority of hookers are essentially independent contractors. They go where the business is, and usually that's where a lot of men are staying in hotels away from their families/girlfriends. The typical underage hooker is a runaway, and serves a lower level of clientele than the men who can afford to stay at hotels and watch the Super Bowl. Underage hookers are also more likely to be male than those over 18, and addicted to hard drugs.

Will some of the prostitutes in Indianapolis be illegal aliens? Certainly, but were they "trafficked?" Unlikely. Most illegal alien prostitutes came to the US of their own volition, and are working as hookers because it's a high-paying profession that doesn't require a green card. Where foreign hookers are concerned, the main problem here is illegal immigration, not "sex trafficking."

When I lived in Beijing, my neighborhood was home to a lot of foreigners, Koreans in particular. Because North Korea is such a mess, large numbers of North Koreans cross the Yalu to live in China as illegal immigrants. Beijing, which has historically been a destination for Koreans in China, is where a lot of them end up. Because of their illegal status, many of the females turn to prostitution. Every six months or so, the local police would do a sweep, and clean out entire apartment buildings full of Korean prostitutes. They weren't being targeted for prostitution, which is so common in China that the police hardly bother to regulate it, but rather for illegal entry. Even if they were being enticed by pimps, the profit potential could hardly be considered very great given how saturated the market is there. In fact, there are so many hookers in Chinese cities that keeping them *out* of any given venue is far more difficult than luring them in.

If Zoeller were being honest, he'd admit that this is the real problem faced by Indianapolis: hookers from all the

neighboring counties will be coming to town to take advantage of the potential business. Nobody has to traffic them — they'll come of their own accord. Rather than "victims," they will primarily be a nuisance. However, they will represent a windfall for the cabbies, who will almost certainly *not* call the cops on them, even if they are illegal aliens.

African American Men and Feminism: A Zero Sum Proposition At Best

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As I look at the journey to manhood for the African American male, I see it as a journey across a tightrope over the abyss. One wrong decision and you end up dead, incarcerated, or otherwise rendered unable to prosper in modern America. Positive role models for our young men are far and few in between. Even with our nation's first African American president in charge of the nation, we see him helpless against the slings and arrows of a racist political infrastructure and at the same time, a collaborator in the condemnation of males that is routine in American society. But seeing as he only has daughters, I would guess that President Obama has little stake in improving the lot of African American men or men in general.

But furthermore, the very concept of a competent and positive African American male has been broken in our country and more importantly, in our communities. When Bill Cosby had his award-winning sitcom "The Cosby Show," more non-African Americans viewed the show than African Americans. The main reason cited by African Americans, especially those in the lower income brackets was simple; stark disbelief. Men and women alike could not suspend their belief that an African American couple could be so positive and successful. Moreover, there was a massive disbelief by African American women that Bill Cosby's character, "Dr. Heathcliffe Huxtable" could be that successful in both his career and as a father. But to understand why that idea could still hold weight in today's society, you have to look at where it came from in our past.

Historically, we have been taught that African American men are not only dispensable, but nearly unnecessary; especially in the lower economic class communities. During the slavery era, the male would be the one sold as often as a child, in order to break up the slave family. After the Southern Diaspora, many men left the home in order to seek work for their families; this included African American males as well. Later on, poor African American men were stripped from their homes when Women in those same poor African American communities learned via positive reinforcement from the government and the media that they were financially better off without their husbands than with them. And the natural extrapolation of that idea led to men only being needed for their sperm as these women found that the more children they bore, the more money they could receive from the government…and again, just as long as the man did not live in the home.

Then, mainstream feminism came into the picture and told the African American woman that she didn't need her African American man in her life at all. And again, the government came in and reinforced the idea by providing countless incentives for African American women to remain single. Oprah Winfrey, a newswoman from a Tennessee news station made her bones (and millions) by demonizing African American men to African American women (and White American women). The early episodes of The Oprah Winfrey show repeatedly showed America how horrible African American and poor White men were to their women. Add to this the patent criminalization and incarceration of African American men that has been part of American culture since the late 60s and the net result; a large part of an entire generation of African American children who grew up fatherless or otherwise without a responsible male role model in their lives.

History has proven that the imagery of identification is a very powerful force in the development of children. Going back to television; in the late sixties, one of the landmark television shows was "Julia" starring Diahann Carroll; a show about a single (widowed) African American mother who was a nurse. This had personal relevance to me as I was in elementary school during the period of time in which the show aired. Nearly every girl in my school had a Julia lunchbox; not Barbie or any other "white" marketing item, but Julia. As a result, a large number of African American women in my generation were influenced into nursing as a career. But even then, people recognized the danger of the show to the African American community. The series came under criticism from African-American viewers for its depiction of a fatherless Black family. Excluding a Black male lead, it was argued, "rendered the series safer" and "less likely to grapple with issues that might upset white viewers."

And while we are still on the subject of feminine identification and going back to “The Cosby Show;” that show was credited for inspiring a large number of African Americans to consider collegiate-level study and attending HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) based upon the Huxtable Alma-mater, Hillman College. It’s funny that the spinoff show “A Different World,” featured the Huxtable daughter, Denise (Lisa Bonet) rather than the one Huxtable son, Theo (Malcom Jamal Warner). Especially considering the unstable acting career and decisions surrounding Bonet at the time. Warner would have made a more stable choice and would have been more likely to remain with the cast of the show…but I digress.

Going back to the sixties and seventies in TV; at least the young African American women in that period of time had somebody they could identify with, as many of their mothers were also single and raising them. Unfortunately, the young men weren’t so lucky. They didn’t have “Paul Winfields” or “Fred Williamsons” to look up to in real life. Instead they had less scrupulous men like “Comfort (Clifton Davis’ role as a pimp in the 70s ABC “movie of the week” “Little Ladies of the Night”) as role models. Without respectable father figures in or around the home, the young African American males had to look elsewhere for their icons. In those poor communities filled with fatherless male children, the only men who demonstrated evidence of prosperity were the criminals and hustlers. Thus you see the “gangsta” or thug culture that is endemic in African American society today.

Once, I worked with young men in “at risk communities” and I saw the results of this everyday. I saw these young men who dumbed themselves down because intellect is now considered an emasculating trait in their neighborhoods. All the math you need to know is how to count your money and the number of shots you fired out of your gun.

At the same time, I see countless opportunities available for young African American women to better themselves. Foundations, scholarships, organizations, and more. Where are these things for the young men? The only government sanctioned youth organizations I see for young African American men are Job Corps or the detention home. There’s a lot of “unsanctioned” ones though. The Vice Lords, The Black Gangster Disciple Nation, The Crips, The Bloods, Zoe Pound…there are “youth organizations” like these for young Black men in nearly every major city….

Despite all this, I see African American men who are willing to defend mainstream feminism at all costs. I ask those men to take a look at what has been done to us in feminism’s name and at least see their responsibility in the troubles that have beset the African American community. The Slutwalk is the latest demonstration in how mainstream feminism does not even consider the issues of our sisters, but claims to speak for them. If mainstream feminism cannot even address the needs of African American women, then how can you as African American men even think that the movement as a whole has our best interests at heart? The answer to saving this generation of young African American men is not going to be found in mainstream feminism…not alone. There have to be masculine interests and viewpoints involved.

I’m not completely damning feminism in this indictment of what has been done to our children, but until we can eliminate some of the zero-sum politics that feminists use to divert attention and funding from helping young men in need, this is only going to worsen and eventually the powder-keg that is the African American male youth is going to blow up.

As always, I thank you for reading my words.

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Comments Decision

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Readers have spoken through the poll I put up on Tuesday concerning comments. A plurality preferred open comments, but slightly more than half wanted some additional controls on the comments. Some readers suggested simply making some minor changes to the rating system and the organization of comments. Taking all into account, I've come up with what I think is a reasonable compromise: comments will remain open, but only registered subscribers will have the option of voting on them. Fortunately, I've found some software that will allow me to implement this.

However, because we technically have over 800 registered subscribers, many of whom are probably only occasional users, I'm going to have to pare the list down to those who have contributed either content or support to the site, because they should automatically have a vote. I'm not sure exactly how I'll do this yet, but it will probably involve emailing all subscribers and asking whether they want to remain registered users. Additionally, I'll contact those on the email list and ask if they want to participate.

I'd like to run the site as something of a republic, with all those who have a stake in it having a say. With this setup, it will be easier for me to get an idea of what supporters expect and want regarding content and direction (there will be some important tools besides simply voting available to registered subscribers). When it comes down to it, I am working for our readers, and to do a proper job I have to have a better mechanism in place whereby I can hear them.

Feel free to add additional thoughts below.

The gift transformed into a debt.

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> Blessed is he who expects no gratitude, for he shall not be disappointed.
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> – W.C. Bennett

Back in 1852 the troop ship HMS *Birkenhead* sank in shark infested waters off the coast of South Africa. There weren't enough lifeboats to save everyone, and the captain made the extraordinary decision to reserve them for the women and children aboard. The crew followed the captain's order even though it meant his and many of their own deaths. This incredible example of men sacrificing for others has made what otherwise would have been an obscure shipwreck a famous event in history.

Even a century and a half later, women still understand the meaning of the profound sacrifice made by those brave men:

> Men owe us.

A similar event occurred in 1912 when RMS *Titanic* struck an iceberg. Well over a thousand men stood aside and died so that mostly women (and a lesser percentage of children) could survive. Women understood the meaning of that sacrifice as well:

> You got off easy. The women who survived are the ones who had to suffer. We didn't ask you to do this for us anyway.

And of course:

> Men owe us.

One of the videos I saw after the sinking of the *Costa Concordia* had an overweight American woman with a short haircut complaining:

> It certainly wasn't women and children first!

She said this in the form of an indictment, with the obvious expectation that all listening would see it as proof of an outrageous dereliction by the men on the ship. She and countless other women believe that since some men have volunteered to die in shipwrecks in the past, all men will forever have an obligation to do so. What men in the past did was an incredible act of graciousness; it has been met with an equally incredible lack of grace in return.

I've searched the web looking for a copy of the video to share, but unfortunately I couldn't find it. What I found instead was even more powerful however. Sheila Gregoire wrote a post/syndicated column shortly after the *Costa Concordia* went down titled: Women and Children First? A Feminist Tragedy (emphasis mine):

> In the comments I've been reading on the news reports, people seem to agree that children should be given priority, but there's a heated debate about the women. We're equal, so why should a man lose a place to a woman? Why should a man have to help a woman when he's in danger, too?
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> And, as disgusting as I find that question, it makes sense. In 1912 it was a different world. Personal responsibility was still the main ethos of the day. People took care of their neighbours; they did not wait for government to do it for them. And people had a code of honour that included helping others when you could.

> Somehow we have lost that. It is no longer about honour and what we should do for others; **it has become what others should do for us**.

I assume the irony is lost on her that her response to men having shown incredible selflessness is to be upset that men might at times elect to take care of themselves instead of focusing on *people like her*. As I have written before, making chivalry mandatory or expected destroys the very concept. It isn't just feminists who destroyed chivalry, but feminist-lite women who view themselves as traditional.

Even so it wasn't Sheila's blog post which really startled me, it was the comments from many of the women who read her blog. Several of the women understood the issue and why men made different choices on that wreck than on certain shipwrecks in the past. But others took an attitude of incredible entitlement, assuming that men in general exist to serve them. Commenter Rachel started by explaining that men owe this to women because women's lives are worth more than men's:

> Women and children do not go first because they are weaker; they go first because lets face it, you need more women than men to keep the population going (men can make millions of babies in a day, women can only make 1-2 per year at best and our fertility is limited)and children are our future to continue the human race.

She then describes how she rudely bumped into a man recently in an elevator because she assumed he would understand that she has a special right to exit elevators first, even though of course *she is his equal*:

> That being said, I was just thinking of this topic last night. I was sharing an elevator with a man about my age. When the elevator stopped, I automatically started to get off and he almost ran into me! I am so used to men letting me get off the elevator first, it hadn't occurred to me that he wouldn't. Once I righted myself, I got thinking about it and why would he let me off first? I am his equal. I started to think if there was a scientific reason, and I could not come up with one. In fact, I thought maybe the man should go first to let him see if it's safe (I've watched too much late night drama and seen too many people get attacked getting off elevators).

Even though the uppity man in the elevator didn't know his place, she graciously suggests that there are times when it is acceptable for a man to enter a lifeboat:

> The thought process led to thinking about the "women and children first" policy and I do still think that applies, unless the child who is getting on the life boat is only accompanied by his/her father. I think then the dad should be able to get on the life boat with his child(ren).

I want to back up and remind you that before 1852 there was no such expectation that men should stand by and drown in order to save women who in most cases are strangers. The sense of entitlement so many women now have because of acts of incredible selflessness by men in the past is astonishing.

Another commenter named Britiney who writes a blog called Consider the Lillies read Sheila's post and it reminded her of a time recently when men she didn't know failed to snap-to and be her personal unpaid valet. It happened when she exercised poor planning while taking her computer in for repair:

> Along the same lines and under the heading of "Chivalry is dead" I had to take my computer to the repair shop last week. I took it to the Apple store in our local mall and, not knowing that there was a "secret" entrance close to the store, I lugged it all the way through the parking lot, and then all the way through the mall and then BACK because I decided to take it somewhere else. I don't know how much it weighs, but by the time I got all the way back to my car I was nearly in tears because it was SO heavy and I was SO frustrated. And here's my point: I cannot even tell you how many able-bodied young men I passed while I was carrying something that was OBVIOUSLY too heavy for me. When I finally got to my car I called my husband and told him that my

> boys will NEVER pass someone who needs help and not offer to help them. I was so disgusted that not one single man offered to help me! So so so sad. I can't influence any of the men who passed me by, but I can certainly influence the 3 young men God has entrusted to my care and if I have ANYTHING to do with it, they WILL put women and children first!!!

It reminded me of a comment Hestia made on a previous post on this topic about a woman who saw a group of servicemen returning from active duty, and was upset that they didn't volunteer to carry her load for her:

> Basically here is a group of largely men who have been sacrificing on behalf of the nation (or so the story goes) who haven't done enough for this pampered princess. So it seems to go not only with soldiers in particular but men in general when it comes to chivalry.

One thing men need to understand is that in the event that they make the kind of sacrifice women are demanding, not only will it lead to even more entitlement, but many women will still detract from the noble nature of your choice. Commenter Amanda wrote:

> Not to undermine your point, but when the Titanic sank, women and children were NOT put first. Sure, they started the evacuations like that, and there were men of honor, but there were also the men who locked the doors to the third class section so that those people wouldn't take up lifeboat space, and the coward who pushed women and children aside in their haste to get into a boat.

After Sheila challenged her on the historical accuracy of this claim, Amanda replied with:

> Well, it's been a few years since I did all the reading I did on the Titanic, but I was pretty interested as a youngling, and the picture I got from the books was one of polite, subversive cowardice slowly escalating to outright anarchy and panic.

Understand that if you sacrifice yourself for women you don't know that most women will simply take your act of ultimate selflessness as proof that *men owe them*. A significant number will also deny the bravery of your dying act.

Note: This post first appeared on my blog.

Female on Male DV in the Daily Mail

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In the "femail" section, no less:

> According to recent British Crime Survey statistics, a third of domestic violence victims are male. That's 400,000 men a year. At least.
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> 'All the evidence suggests it's much more widespread than the figures suggest,' says John Mays of the equal rights organisation *Parity*. 'Between one third and 40 per cent of domestic abuse cases are female perpetrator and male victim, and it's a sad fact that this isn't generally known.'

Assuming that American sociologist Murray Strauss' research on DV holds in the UK, we can expect the number of male victims of female-perpetrated DV to slightly dominate that of male-perpetrated DV, with a majority of the cases involving "mutual combat" in which both sexes aggress more or less equally.

But what I found most noteworthy about this article was its matter-of-fact tone, and the clearly one-sided nature of the comments…comments which found credible the claim that female-on-male violence does not only exist but is a huge problem deserving of serious consideration. Moreover, a good many of the comments recognize the special situation that male DV victims find themselves in when it comes to reporting: less likely to report due to shame and social stigma, less likely to be believed, and less likely to receive public support when escaping violent situations, to include being turned away from women-and-children-only DV shelters.

Kudos to the Daily Mail for publishing the facts and not letting themselves be carried away by the feminist conventional wisdom.

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Male Training Through Emotional Abandonment & Inferiority Conditioning

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By Joe Zamboni

Hundreds of years ago, in the United States of America, slave owners blocked and severely punished all efforts on the part of slaves to educate themselves. Slave owners knew that if slaves learned to read and write, then they would thereby gain the keys to their own emancipation. Men in the USA, the primary economic slaves and workhorses of modern society, now find themselves in a similar position vis-à-vis women (their slave owners once these men become married).

Slavery is of course much more sophisticated these days, and it relies primarily on boyhood conditioning, social pressure, plus psychological manipulation, and legal enforcement methods. This is contrasted with old-fashioned methods involving ropes, chains, manacles, and other forms of bondage, as well as beatings, and other physical enforcement methods. Many if not most modern American men have been systematically worked so hard, for such a long period of time, that they have virtually no personal time to investigate how it was that they came to be enslaved. They are often educated to become functional as men, more specifically to make money, and to adequately perform other designated roles, such as physically protect women. Unfortunately, for the most part, they do not learn about the relevant history, specifically the antecedent events and attitudes that led to their enslavement. Likewise, they are often so pressed by their manly duties, that they have no time for self-reflection. Even though it may at first seem diversionary from one's life goals, is important that American take the time to fully appreciate the ways that society has trained and forced men to be both economic slaves and workhorses, as well as take the time to do their own personal psychological emancipation work.

Focusing the balance of this article only on the conditioning of males, consider the psychological disorder called "Self Sacrificing Personality Disorder." This condition never made it into the DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, the compendium of psychological disorders used by insurance companies, psychologists, psychiatrists, and others in the mental health field). This diagnosis, which the author believes he has, was proposed by a bunch of male psychiatrists, including Richard Simons. The diagnosis applied to those people who "remain in relationships in which others exploit, abuse, or take advantage of him or her, despite opportunities to alter the situation." To this author, that pretty much sounds like a slave who thinks he can't do any better elsewhere, so he might as well remain in his slave owner's house (the modern situation takes the form of marriage, and after that, divorce with alimony and child support). Or, using MGTOW vernacular, such a man would be a "mangina."

It is no mistake that a number of women's groups were outraged by the proposal to include such a diagnosis in the official part of the DSM. This diagnosis ended up being put in an appendix, and thus officially relegated to obscurity. Supposedly the objection that these women's groups had was that this diagnosis was coming from a group of men. We all know that men are generally far more creative than women, but according to feminists, anything coming from a bunch of men is suspect and untrustworthy. To this author, this proposal could have only come from a group of men, because women have no idea of what it means to be forced to be an economic slave and workhorse in America today. Granted, modern American women can choose to play this role, but they can and often do soon thereafter opt out of it; they are not coerced to live it.

The fact that this diagnosis was never officially endorsed, due to political pressure from feminists, further underscores the pernicious and pervasive power of feminist groups, in this case their power to block some information that might lead to the emancipation of men from their cages [they also blocked information that might lead to the emancipation of some women, but since when did feminists care about individual women?]. Given the many ways that feminist groups attempt to stifle dissent and free thinking among males, it not surprising that the male psychiatrists who originated this diagnosis were accused of "gender bias," and later humiliated by their own professional association. In fact, it is this author's opinion that it was not "gender bias" but "gender insight."

While many examples of feminist attempts to stifle the dissemination of information that might emancipate American men could be cited, I will mention only one here. In George Will's column, in Newsweek's 25 December 2000 issue, Dr. Kathleen Dixon, Director of Women's Studies at Bowling Green State University is quoted as saying: "We forbid any course that says we restrict free speech!" This author is grateful for the Internet, and web sites such as this, that assist men in their efforts to adopt an alternative point of view, with which they can then emancipate themselves. Collectively we forward-thinking men can break the grip of the slave-masters.

Getting back to "Self Sacrificing Personality Disorder," perhaps the feminist women had a point in that this diagnosis is not properly speaking a "personality disorder." It would be more correct to say that it is a systemic cultural disorder — it is the "prevailing male reality." In this author's opinion, this condition is the natural result of emotional abandonment, repeated gender shaming, gender discrimination, unfair gender expectations, and the related cruel and insensitive conditioning experienced by males as they are "socialized" to become accepted in the USA. This diagnosis, termed "offensive and regressive" by feminist opponents, was supposedly viewed as a threat to women. While the author won't go into the details of their arguments here, and the logic of their objections is as bizarre as many feminist objections are, this author believes that the real reason it was found to be so offensive was that it would put women at a disadvantage. Their role as slave owners, as the supposedly superior gender, would thereby officially be called into question. So again we see how truth is stifled in order to "protect women," when really what is happening is that the institution of male slavery, and the status of men as workhorses, is being protected from challenge.

That feminists who are not psychiatrists should be able to have such a profound impact on a professional matter that should have been handled exclusively by a special committee of experts working for the professional association is disturbing enough. But this should be no surprise to men's rights activists, because the misandry and influence of feminists has become entrenched in American culture, for instance in so-called "gender studies" in the curriculum at universities. Of course feminists pressure groups would not want an official declaration that this state of mind is pathological, for it would call into question the ways that males are indoctrinated, trained, and pressured to perform in this culture. This diagnosis, as the male group of psychiatrists stated when they advanced the proposal, is much more common in males than females. The gender imbalance, the feminists probably thought, would tip people off that there was "something rotten in Denmark." It would lead to additional research, publications, speeches, and other visibility about the psychological control techniques used to coerce males into taking on the traditional male role.

The fact that the psychological literature has become twisted and distorted, due to many a feminist influence, points to the fact that many men are best advised to avoid psychologists and psychiatrists all together. The feminist influence is not only profoundly felt in the professional associations, it is entrenched in the universities that trained these people too. Men are better off managing their own emancipation. There is considerable information on the web describing the Self Defeating Personality Disorder and other DSM diagnoses, and this author recommends that you the reader review it. Do your own work, talk to men's rights activists, discuss your situation with your male friends, attend men's groups, go to men's workshops, study the MGTOW lifestyle as discussed at www.mgtowforums.com, and participate with men's rights organizations. Bring a suspicious attitude to any therapy provided by the establishment (clinics, hospitals, employer health plans, etc.), and note where, and whether, this officially provided therapy is tainted by the hate speech and slavery conditioning that feminism attempts to foist on males.

It is also important that you do your own research, and not take anybody's word for it when they give you a diagnosis (including this author). Everyone is different, and everyone should have a chance to manage their own emancipation, recovery, and healing process. But American men are nonetheless invited to consider whether the following symptoms describe their relationship with women. According to the male psychiatrists who proposed the Self Defeating Personality Disorder, those who would get the label must have at least six of the following nine behavior patterns (taken from DSM-III-R, published in 1985 by the American Psychiatric Association, pp. 133-134; note that bracketed comments are from this author):

(1) Remains in relationships in which others exploit, abuse or take advantage him or her, despite opportunities to alter the situation [consider the way that so many men remain married to wives that use and exploit them for money],

(2) Believes that he or she almost always sacrifices own interests for those of others [consider how men are still supposed to act with chivalry, for instance paying for dates; and also consider how only men are subject to the military draft, and how the vast majority of war wounded and war deaths are men]

(3) Rejects help, gifts or favors so as not to be a burden on others [consider the conditioning that says men must be independent, must keep their feelings to themselves, must not receive help, etc.]

(4) Complains, directly or indirectly, about being unappreciated [consider how men are in fact unappreciated by women, and expected to give more than women do, for instance in the realm of financially supporting a wife and children]

(5) Responds to success or positive events by feeling undeserving or worrying excessively [male success is these days deemed to be an indication of gender discrimination, while male failure is deemed to be an indication of male inferiority; if an individual male broadcasts information about his success, he makes himself a target, not only of feminist critics, but also of gold diggers]

(6) Always pessimistic about the future and preoccupied with the worst aspects of the past and present [consider that men do not have the safety nets that women do, and here we are talking about domestic violence shelters, aid for the homeless, university scholarships for single parents, and many other institutionalized sources of aid that go predominantly if not exclusively to females]

(7) Thinks only about his or her worst features and ignores positive features [consider that males have been conditioned to be ashamed of their gender, and how they then competitively seek to show that they are “not like those other men,” in the process pathologically cater to female desires and opinions, thereby indirectly further enslaving themselves to women]

(8) Sabotages his or her own intended goals [consider how so many men give up their own life goals, and do what is expected of them, like getting married and having children when a girlfriend gets pregnant by “accident,” even though they did not really want to do these things]

(9) Repeatedly turns down opportunities for pleasure [consider that female pleasure is the goal that both males and females should be seeking, according to this culture, and this shows up in an emphasis on female day spas, female exercise classes, female jewelry, female fashion clothing, female TV programs, and so many other goods and services intended primarily if not exclusively for women; male pleasure is a distraction that keeps slaves and workhorses from doing what they should be doing, like making money for females, and like protecting females]

In summary, consider how large and powerful animals are controlled by humans. The elephant in India has a skinny man riding him, working him until death does them part. The elephant pulls logs, and does all sorts of heavy lifting, and for what? A little food the elephant could have obtained without help? Why would they do that? It’s conditioning; it’s training; it’s indoctrination. For a baby elephant, first it’s a heavy chain and a stout stake in the ground. After the elephant has tried and tried, but has repeatedly failed to escape, it’s spirit has been broken, and he gives in to his chained existence. Like a trained horse, the young elephant has been broken. Later in life, only a small chain with a small stake in the ground, that an adult elephant could easily uproot, is nonetheless sufficient to keep him in place. Men in America have been conditioned in a manner not too far different (in fact a number of women’s advice books discuss conditioning “your man” using dog training tactics). Their early years dominated by women in positions of authority (mothers, teachers, babysitters, etc.), young human American males are totally dependent on females, and as a result they become hooked on female approval and praise. That is the stake in the ground, later reinforced by sex, affection, and societal approval. But the difference between elephants and humans is the ability to self-reflect, and then potentially to change. Will American men live up to the name that scientists gave us (“homo sapiens” – wise and rational man)? It remains to be seen.

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Server Outage Today

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My host had a very long outage that was just resolved. Nothing is wrong on this end with the site, in case anyone was wondering. I'm not happy about the disruption, but these things do happen from time to time, and if it doesn't happen again anytime soon I'll stick with the current host. However, if another outage like this *does* come up in the near future, I'm switching hosts. This one was just a little too long for comfort.

At least it was a Sunday…

Shame and Dehumanization Prevent Reform

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Most men don't know much at all about post-separation issues such as child support prior to having children. I suspect the reason for this is that most men who are dealing with them don't like to talk about these things. There are good reasons for this, and not-so-good reasons. The best reason for keeping one's mouth shut is that the mother of your children may become angry, and it is entirely within her power to make your life miserable. Why? Because the current system of child support puts non-custodial parents – overwhelmingly fathers – essentially on parole. As soon as a child support order is entered, they enter the criminal justice system. This happens whether they are current or not. Their social security number, selective service number and a number of other identifying pieces of information are entered into a state database. Then, the father is assigned a child support enforcement officer, who is something akin to a parole officer.

The enforcement officer keeps track of cases, makes decisions about bank account garnishments, deals with fathers' employers and reviews cases from time to time. He or she refers to both custodial and non-custodial parents as "clients," but in truth the officer's job is to work for the custodial parent — usually the mother. The officer may or may not have compassion for "obligors" (those ordered to pay), but his duty is solely to enforce "compliance." It is an impersonal relationship, as all relationships between the state and citizens are. This puts non-custodial parents at a fatal disadvantage, and is why child custody is often so absolutely crucial to parents during divorce.

It may not be a nice, comfortable reality about custody, but there are strictly practical, financial factors that influence parents' decision to fight for children. It is probable, however, that women are more aware of these factors, as they usually have a public and private support network that informs them throughout their lives. Mainstream media, for its part, does a good job of ignoring the fact that decent men are often ruined by women of less than stellar character, which probably goes some ways toward keeping men unprepared for what awaits them following separation from their children's mothers.

These factors combine to create a climate of ignorance on the one hand, and fear on the other, that conspires to keep young men ill-informed about the realities of life as an abandoned or separated father. However, there is one more problem, and it is what gives this site, along with others like it, an opportunity to make some change: shame.

Too many men who fall into arrears or are put in impossible situations are burdened with a deep sense of failure. Not only have their wives left them, but now they are unable to "support their children." For many men, it is simply too painful to admit they can't keep up with their "obligations," even though they are artificial and arbitrarily imposed. For example, playing with the kids in a park is absolutely irrelevant to legally-recognized obligations. Child care such as changing diapers, feeding kids, and driving them to events and activities, so important in the feminist arguments, means nothing to the law. A father who can contribute a great deal of work and love to raising his children, but who doesn't have much money, is a deadbeat, while a man who abandons his kids and sends the monthly minimum in the mail is an upstanding father.

It is a brutal, inhuman system, but a lot of selfish people, from feminists and their single-mom cannon-fodder to bureaucrats trying to increase revenue, are invested in it. The only way it can be overcome is if men start to see fatherhood and being a man in a different light. Men and fathers have the same basic human rights and dignity as anyone else, and they have to recognize that they, too, can be oppressed by injustice. As it stands today, our most serious weakness is our illusion of strength, which prevents us from acting in our own interests. If men had never stood up and demanded some recognition of their humanity, we would still mainly be slaves and serfs, bereft of any legal protection and no better treated than common draft animals.

Today, unfortunately, we are falling further and further toward just that status. Our illusion of strength is our yoke. Our shame is the whip that drives us on. They prevent us from advocating for ourselves and our brothers, and prevent us from taking any steps that might give us real, human political strength.

The Problem with Socializing the "Best Interests of the Child"

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One of the most commonly used arguments to support the destruction of fathers' lives is that it is in their children's best interests. For those of us who are familiar with the personal implications, it conjures up images of a black widow spider consuming her mate to nourish her eggs. It is, in effect, a justification for doing one person harm for the benefit of the other. However, it really *isn't* the children who benefit from the arrangement. It isn't even necessarily the mother, as women who follow the largely sexual impulse to separate from their mates don't generally fare any better than those with superior self-control. But because it's about money – *taking* money, to be precise – someone is getting something out of the bargain.

The logic of the argument goes something like this:

Children are our future, so there is a common interest in their well-being. However, children are not self-sufficient and need provision and care. Therefore, it is in our interest to make certain sacrifices to ensure their well-being. Men, typically fathers, have traditionally provided for children, so it is most rational to assign this duty to them. Women, who care for children, are holding up their part of the bargain.

It is a simple argument, and one that women almost universally adhere to. A great number of men ascribe to it as well. So what's the problem?

The problem, when you get down to it, is that it ignores the concept of marriage and the family and treats children as little more than manufactured goods. If men are simply provider machines and women baby rearing machines, each man and each woman is essentially just a worker in a giant, nation-wide baby factory. One worker shovels coal into the furnace while another works the assembly line. Both are simply "doing their job" and have no further obligations.

What this does is encourage mothers to see themselves as discrete individuals performing a job, for which they are owed monthly pay. This is why feminists in the US, despite all the hot air about equality, treat parenting as a union-guaranteed position — their job is their birthright and no man will take it from them. Instead of a private partnership, marriage and childrearing become a public occupation, sort of like working for a state-owned factory in the USSR. The implication, of course, is that the workers are interchangeable, and the guy loading the furnace doesn't really matter to the female's personal interests.

To be fair to women, they really don't care where the money comes from, as long as they are getting paid for their "job." If the checks come from the state, that's fine. But if not, they damn well want it from someone, hence the father as convenient victim.

There really isn't anything fundamentally wrong with seeing a particular duty as a sort of work, even if it isn't a very sentimental way to look at motherhood and childrearing. In fact, with a little tweaking, the "job" mentality applied to childrearing might work pretty well in the majority of cases, but there's a big problem with how it's interpreted today: the obligation to the marriage is severed by the pernicious pairing of division of labor with a "separate but equal" notion about parenting, which destroys the concept of the family. This is the inevitable outcome of socializing the "best interests of the child."

The result is that the best interests of children are not well served at all by the current regime, because despite how "happy" parents are in any given partnership, kids do better in intact families in study after study in both subjective and objective ratings. Separation of parents is clearly bad for children, so how can a system that treats parents as independent units of child production possibly be in their best interests?

As it is, the policy *encourages* women to create a less-than-ideal situation for children, because marriage is not part of her "job." Beyond birthing and caring for children, she has no obligations, and if she has to "work on her marriage" it is simply considered more work for no additional benefit.

In the end, what has happened through socialization of “best interests of the child” (making children’s welfare a public issue), is that we have trained women to see themselves as just what feminists claimed to be rebelling against in the first place: baby-making machines. The only difference is that now they are not performing this labor for their family, but rather the state, and the result is that children’s interests have taken second place.

We must remember that morality is not the business of the state, and never will be. As always, it is simply power and self-preservation that motivates its institutions, and any benefits we derive from them are only achieved by keeping the state subordinate to the people. In allowing courts and government to decide what is best for our children for us, we have handed them a terrible power and made a fatal mistake. As it is, the state has now turned our children into weapons to be used against us, and it cloaks its new authority and power in the feel-good phrase of “the best interests of the child.”

It's Time to Nurse Our Grievances

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I've been writing a bit about how brutal our regime is in regards to fathers, and how it's the kind of information that ought to be spread around so that young men know what can happen to them. It seems that the reality is starting to make its way out there, somehow or the other. However, I've noticed some hysterical resistance on the part of women, who have been leaving some pretty ruthless comments on the site recently. I haven't published all of them, because as a divorced father myself I'm not sure I want to contribute to other men's pain and anger. But maybe that's a mistake. Maybe it's best for us to simply see this hatred and contempt for men's lives unfiltered.

Here's an example from some bitch calling herself "EC":

> This article makes a very poor attempt to represent that "one decent" man that was ruin by that "less than stellar character" of a woman. My guess is they hope that more of these "decent men" would crawl out of their caves and bellow in unison whatever incoherent motto they represent. I dont know who IS this 'decent man'. HOWEVER, the majority of men contribute to the "lone man's shame" in that the majority represent the same 'character flaw(s).' They make promises that they do not intend to keep and eventually leave the home. A man who decides to leave his wife not only abandons the woman but his own kids as well. AND this is the reason for the so called "parole officer" because any man who can abandon his children is in fact a moral criminal. That is where the shame is born. Where, I ask, do those men who abandon their own children go? They would save face if they instead went back to their 'caves' to think this thru. But they Instead abandon their children to go and live with another woman in a similar situation. I've no problem with a man pursuing his happiness if he aint got it with his kids' mother. But to go and live with another set of kids other than your own and contribute to those kids' well being (because you can possibly contribute to your own at the same time) while your own kids are being deprived of their right to the man who helped conceive them. Then I guess those very very "less than stellar character" flaws warrants policing. How many of us felt the feeling of dread at our father's departure? Wanting to run up to them and say, "hey Dad please dont leave. I'll be good. Just you wait and see, I'll make you proud of me." How many of these "decent man" hang around after that or even come back knowing that their own kid(s) are waiting for their return. So to say that all this boils down to is the "vindictiveness of the women" or that women are scheming with the system for financial gains is just truly an insult. These men ignore the reality of a real "brutal, inhuman system" and refuse to see what we as women are left to deal with, and see and feel and live with the emotional side effects of the kids pain cause by the betrayal of their father and our helplessness in these situations. Dont you think that this may well be the unspoken reason for the "wardens"?!!

This woman leaves out the fact that most divorces are filed by women simply for "unhappiness." She also suggests that men are abandoning their children. She says women are "helpless."

She's a liar. She's scum. I know these types too well. I avoid them at all costs, because after what I've been through I'd be highly agitated if I heard this come out of a woman's mouth and she were standing right in front of me.

But of course, the truth is that these people have us in a halter. They've got our kids, and they know it's a terrible weakness of men. Men are wired to sacrifice for their children, and the subtext is that if we do anything rash our kids will suffer, and they will. The current regime makes it perfectly clear that children will be punished if a father doesn't behave according to the wishes of the state. All this talk about "best interests of the child" is little more than a threat. Perhaps the most frightening thing, and all separated fathers are aware of it, is that if you don't fight for visitation and parental rights on their terms, your son may be beaten and your daughter molested by their mother's new flame. It's what keeps social workers in business, after all, so these state agents have a vested interest in keeping fathers on their toes.

This is why Firepower was right in commenting that fathers make lousy warriors. Well, in the current setup at least. If we're fighting to protect our kids from imminent harm, we are ferocious fanatics, but when they've already got our kids as hostages, we're lower than slaves.

I'm embedding a video from the new Discovery Channel series on men recently sentenced to prison. One man, a tax lawyer, was destroyed financially in a divorce and then after going into arrears sentenced to six months for contempt. he couldn't afford to pay his alimony and child support, so he's going to jail for a pretty long time. A childhood friend of mine was busted on federal charges of trafficking cocaine in bulk and did six months (it was fair — he cleaned up and paid his dues), but this guy gets the same simply for being broke. The trashy woman he unwisely married doesn't give a damn, as usual. Women are harder-hearted than executioners when it comes to the fathers of their children. It's evolutionarily hard-wired — if they feel an impulse to mate with new cock eliminating the prior man becomes a top priority. They can rationalize his extermination without any difficulty whatsoever, which is why hits on spouses are overwhelmingly contracted by wives. Unfortunately, our own government is all too willing to take on the role these days.

Watch the video and ask yourself whether you still feel any loyalty toward your own government, and whether you still feel like negotiating with feminists:

Vietnam Vet Forced to Leave Country to Avoid Alimony

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By Peter The Great

A decorated Vietnam veteran has returned his medals in protest of an alimony decree by a civil court judge. Scott Cameron is one of 300,000 wounded vets of the Vietnam war Mr. Cameron is permanently disabled and unemployed, yet the judge ordered him to pay his ex-wife $500 per month in alimony.

“My ex-wife didn’t serve in Vietnam, I did. She wasn’t forced to killed people, I was. She wasn’t the one severely wounded, I was. She didn’t experience the pain I did. She doesn’t have the disfiguring scars I do. She doesn’t have to take the long list of medications I do, and she will probably out live me because of all of this. My ex-wife is not entitled to any of my combat related disability benefits. My veteran’s disability compensation belongs to me, and only me, and no one is going to take it from me,” said Scott Cameron of Duluth, Minnesota.

In protest to this immoral and unlawful decree, Mr. Cameron has returned his Purple Heart and Bronze Star to congress in protest.

A member of Operation Firing For Effect’s AREA 5301, a group of disabled veterans currently protesting the use of veteran’s disability compensation as “income” in a divorce settlement and divided with an ex-spouse. WWW.AREA5301.NET

OFFE National Chairman Gene Simes states that Scott Cameron’s disability compensation is protected by a federal law which was written over 175 years ago. Simes said civil courts are routinely violating the absolute protection of veteran’s benefits from attachment as stated in; **USC, Title 38, § 5301. Nonassignability and exempt status of benefits, (a) (1) Payments of benefits due or to become due under any law administered by the Secretary shall not be assignable except to the extent specifically authorized by law, and such payments made to, or on account of, a beneficiary shall be exempt from taxation, shall be exempt from the claim of creditors, and shall not be liable to attachment, levy, or seizure by or under any legal or equitable process whatever, either before or after receipt by the beneficiary.**

In an effort to avoid arrest for contempt for non-payment of the decree, Mr. Cameron has left the U.S. OFFE states that currently there are 153 cases of 5301 abuse in the U.S., and to date 9 members of OFFE have been jailed for refusing to give up their disability payments to their ex-wives.

It is hoped that these men, who honorably served and were granted disability for their war wounds, will be able to stop this abuse. Further that when won, this crack in the door of a man being able to keep what is his, will spread to other areas of financial freedom for men, including the ability to keep the fruit of his labors.

Female Sexual Power

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By Henry Laasanen

"Female Sexual Power" is the title of my book (2008, in Finnish only!) and part of the title of my master thesis (2006) in sociology (Female sexual power: The critique of feminist equality paradigm). This article is an introduction to the ideas of the book.

The book received a very angry response, especially from women and feminists. I was labeled as a "basement wanker who couldn't get laid". Bashing me (argumentum ad hominem) was more important than fighting my arguments (I received bashing like this first comment against Roy Baumeister).

Finland's biggest newspaper, Helsingin Sanomat, has a board of 100 "intellectuals" who declared, by majority vote, that women don't have more sexual power than men.

My book has the same basic idea as Catherine Hakim's book "Erotic Capital: The Power of Attraction in the Boardroom and the Bedroom", but I draw different conclusions (note: my book has nothing to do with Jessica Valenti's book with a similar sounding title). The starting point of my (and Hakim's) theory is that *men want more sex than women*. In economic terms you could say that there is much more demand for female sexuality than for male sexuality.

The old saying "*Women need men like a fish needs a bicycle*" is right. Men need women more than women need men. And feminism has succeeded in reducing female dependency of men still further.

Scientific backbone of the theory comes from the Baumeister and Vohs article " Sexual economics: Sex as female resource for Social Exchange in Heterosexual Interactions" (2004). Thet theory is build by combining evolutionary psychology, social exchange theory, economic theory of sexuality and Emerson's power-dependency theory.

There is an old (2005) discussion of female sexual power in Alas-blog, which you may find interesting.

The critiques of the theory

The idea of female sexual power gets lots of criticism. Two main critiques come from opposite directions. Some people (usually men) say, that "*while the theory is very true, the idea of female sexual power is not a great scientific breakthrough, because it is self evident. Everybody has known it for ages*" (one that kind of critique in English is here).

Other people (usually women) say the opposite: "*The idea of female sexual power is bullshit. Women want sex as much as men. And even if the idea of female sexual power is somewhat right, it's not a real or useful form of power.*"

For me the idea of female sexual power is at the same time (1) self evident and (2) important. It's important because it brings the female power in to the scientific and political discussions. It's important to the men's movement, because it shows that patriarchy is not the only gender power structure in the world.

You can say that female sexual power is part of the "common knowledge", but common knowledge has not much value, until it's written as an scientific theory. You cannot fight feminist science with common knowledge.

Men want more sex than women

Comment sections (in Hakim's book discussions) are filled with the politically correct claim, that women want sex as much as men. The claim is untrue.

There are lots of studies of sexual desire, and all of them point in the same direction: men want more sex than women. Men want sex faster, with more partners and they want more casual sex.

Universal Sex Differences in the Desire for Sexual Variety: Tests From 52 Nations, 6 Continents, and 13 Islands.

“This study provides the largest and most comprehensive test yet conducted on whether the sexes differ in the desire for sexual variety. The results are strong and conclusive – the sexes differ, and these differences appear to be universal. Men not only possess a greater desire than women do for a variety of sexual partners, men also require less time to elapse than women do before consenting to sexual intercourse, and men tend to more actively seek short-term mate ships than women do. These sex differences are cross-culturally robust and statistically significant regardless of whether mean, median, distributional, or categorical indexes of sexual differentiation are evaluated. These sex differences are robust and significant regardless of the measures used to evaluate them.”

If you don’t believe in scientific studies, you can make your own experiment, like Simon Owens. He wanted to find out, how hard it was to get laid using Craigslist. Here are the stats on how many people responded to each person.

New York:

Straight female looking to have sex with a male: 165 responses

Straight male looking to have sex with a female: 0 responses

Bi-curious male looking to have sex with a male: 9 responses

Bisexual female looking to have sex with a female: 2 responses

Chicago:

Straight female looking to have sex with a male: 200 responses

Straight male looking to have sex with a female: 0 responses

Bi-curious male looking to have sex with a male: 6 responses

Bisexual female looking to have sex with a female: 2 responses

Houston:

Straight female looking to have sex with a male: 54 responses

Straight male looking to have sex with a female: 1 response

Bi-curious male looking to have sex with a male: 10 responses

Bisexual female looking to have sex with a female: 1 response

Bisexual female looking to have sex with a female: 1 response

Sadly, for a heterosexual male it is easier to find gay partners than female partners.

Amanda Marcotte has claimed many times, that women want sex as much as men. She has attacked the straw man argument “*women don’t want sex*“. No one has claimed that women don’t want sex; women just want much less sex than men. And women’s sexual desire doesn’t create the same kind of demand on the market that men’s sexual desire does.

Benefits and costs

Sexual power has two main dimension: benefits and costs. A person with sexual power gets benefits and possibilities; a person without sexual power gets costs and reduced possibility.

The person with sexual power (for example beauty pageant contestant) has possibility…

1. …to have sex whenever and with whoever she wants.
2. …to marry up.
3. …to make money through prostitution.
4. …to feel sexually desired, get invitation to parties and so on.

5. …to get benefits in worklife.

The person without sexual power (typically a man without status, looks, and money or PUA skills) has the possibility to choose…left or right hand.

The person without sexual power has a choice between 2 main costs:

1. The psychological costs of unwanted celibacy.
2. Costs of getting sexual relationships.

The choice is same kind as the choice between PUA and MGTOW. If he chooses option number two, he faces different costs:

1. Search costs (going through bars, writing in internet dating sites and so on)
2. Marketing costs of learning PUA skills.
3. Investing costs (raising your market value by getting money, muscles, status and so on).
4. Psychological costs of getting rejected.
5. Opportunity costs (he could do something else pleasant instead of chasing women).

Whatever you do, there is no escape from costs, because biological sex drive is the root cause of the costs. MGTOW lifestyle offers no solution, because it brings the costs of unwanted celibacy.

Gender structures in the society

The third important dimension of female sexual power lies in its structural effects. Have you ever wondered why…

1. …female romantic sexuality is an acceptable form of sexuality, while men's sexuality is sick and perverted?
2. …women's magazines dominate the official politically correct sexuality, but PUA guides are morally questionable?
3. …men are the more disposable sex?
4. …men must usually make the first move in the relationships and risk the rejection?
5. …men must pay on dates?
6. …laws are against men's behavior and not against women's behavior?

The answer to all those gender structures lies in female sexual power. Women's sexual resource (Erotic capital) manifests itself in gender structures that are beneficial for women.

It's also possible to explain female sexual power structures in society by using Marx's terminology of "*gender classes*", if you put women in the position of the *bourgeoisie* (sexual capital) and men in the position of *proletariat*. The male-female relationship becomes as a system of *exploitation,* where women get the *surplus value* of men's work.

Marx has also the concepts of *base* and *superstructure*. Base is the women's sexual domination in the base of mating market, which produces the women-friendly ideologies (women's sexuality is good, men are disposable sex…) in the superstructure.

Theories in the book

DOUBLE AND TRIPLE PAY THEORY: Women can get income from (1) their own work and from (2) men's work. Therefore, it is not adequate to compare only work wages – you have to take all the income into account. And there is also the triple pay theory. Women get much more welfare benefits from the state. So, if you want do economic comparison between men and women, you must take account of women's triple pay.

WOMEN'S LIFE STRATEGIES: Women have more available life strategies than men: (1) The wife strategy; (2) The blond strategy (prostitution, modeling, short relationships with wealthy men…); (3) The feminist strategy

(make your own money and advance feminist politics); (4) The glamour feminist strategy (combining the sexual power and work life power). Women can use those strategies opportunistically in different phases of life.

FINNISH LEVEL THEORY OF MEN: In Finnish discussion the alpha-beta terminology is not the standard. Instead we have level theory, in which men are divided in 3 levels: higher, middle and lower level, depending on the sexual success (idea is similar to rich, middle income and poor). The problem with alpha-beta terminology is the double meaning of words: alpha and beta refer to the certain types of men – dominant and submissive, but sexual success doesn't always go hand in hand with the types: beta can have lots of sexual success.

PORN IS MORE EQUAL THAN ROMANCE: Think about it. In mainstream porn everything is equal: no one has clothes, man is in the top, woman is in the top, woman gives blowjob, and man gives cunninlingus…Romance is very unequal. Cinderella is very poor, the prince owns everything. And when they marry, Cinderella gets huge economic benefits.

WOMEN'S SEXUAL MARKET VALUE AND RELATIONSHIP MARKET VALUE ARE VERY DIFFERENT: Women's sexual market value is usually much higher than her relationship market value, which means, than women can get high quality partners to short sexual relationships, but she have to lower the bar for longer relationships. For men thing are just the opposites. If a man want just sex (now, today), he must usually settle for the much lower quality partner than himself.

MARKET VALUE THEORY'S 7 THESIS:

1. Market value is the potential demand for the person in the sexual marketplace.
2. Market value predicts the quality of the persons partners.
3. If partners have same level of market value, relationship has good chance of lasting long.
4. Women's market values are generally higher than men's market values.
5. Women's sexual market value is usually much higher than her relationship market value.
6. Women arrive at their market value peak younger than men.
7. Men's market values are more spreader than women's market values.

Older Women and the Susan G. Komen Abortion Debacle

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The decision by the Susan G. Komen Foundation to cut Planned Parenthood's funding has caused a lot of shrieking from the feminists. The two female senators of my state (Washington) – both staunch feminists – weighed in with condemnation of the move. Feminists in Portland, Oregon are making vague threats and lots of noise. Local news has covered it more thoroughly than I expected, and one might think it's a national crisis of sorts from all the attention it's getting. All the hysteria did finally force Komen to reverse the decision, but it's remarkable that it happened in the first place.

While I'm no fan of abortion, I'm not a fanatic right-to-lifer, and might even be inclined to tolerate Planned Parenthood for its clean, safe provision of birth control and sexual health exams for women (men have a stake in this, too, for obvious reasons). However, I've known a couple people who worked there, and it is part and parcel of the feminist movement, and has a hostile attitude toward men. In fact, the organization shouldn't be called "Planned Parenthood," but rather "Planned Motherhood;" there's nothing about it that helps fathers at all.

But regardless of how men might feel about it, why would Susan G. Komen cut off Planned Parenthood? The reason the anti-breast cancer foundation gave was that Planned Parenthood is under investigation for using taxpayer money to provide abortions (probably true — since when have feminists turned down public funds?), but I think there was more to it than that. Breast cancer, although supposedly a feminist issue, is actually more of an older women's issue. It's true that breast cancer sometimes strikes younger women with tragic results, but the overwhelming majority of its victims are post-menopausal, the median age of onset being 61. Feminism, which is more concerned with leveraging female sexual power (including fertility) than anything else, is primarily a younger woman's cause. Yes, there are plenty of older feminist fanatics out there, but the ordinary women who supported feminism politically in the 70s and 80s have largely aged out of it, and are no longer so enthusiastic about "right to choose" (i.e. right to exterminate one's children) and other feminist causes.

I've seen this change happen first hand in some women I'm acquainted with. Prior to menopause, many women are blasé or enthusiastic about abortion, but after their own infertility is undeniable, they change their tune. Suddenly, children take on more importance. Not their own children, because they can't have them any longer, but children in general, and grandchildren in particular. Now, they no longer have anything to fear from an "unplanned pregnancy," but they do face the prospect of never having access to children ever again, and that is not a happy thought for normal women.

Given that the average age of a Susan G. Komen donor is probably somewhere north of 60, I'd be willing to bet that there is a lot of opposition to funding any organization dedicated largely to the extermination of potential grandchildren. A significant proportion of these older women, many of whom no doubt suffer from breast cancer themselves, want to at least have the opportunity to hold a baby again before the disease kills them, so funding Planned Parenthood creates a conflict of interest.

This is a terrible dilemma for Susan G. Komen, which has wilted under an overwhelming attack from the "save the whales, kill the children" faction on the left. However, the absolute freak-out we have witnessed over the last couple days coming from the feminist camp suggests that this move really scared them. They do not have absolute hegemony over women's issues, and that's got to be a frightening realization for them. Many of their former rank-and-file supporters, loyal troopers in decades past, are not so excited about the program any longer, and this rift will only grow.

Time to Reopen Debate on Prostitution

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Growing up in the American environment, I was trained in the school of thought that holds prostitution to be an unmitigated evil that no good society can tolerate. This attitude came to be so culturally ingrained in me that when I went to China and, after living there in the blissful ignorance of the "honeymoon" stage for some months, finally realized that prostitution was *everywhere* in the Middle Kingdom, it was as though I'd been dealt a staggering blow. I distinctly remember innocently wondering why there were so many "hotels" with red lanterns festooning their doors. Why were all these men going to "beauty salons?" All I knew of prostitution was skanky crack hoes on street corners and the occasional call-girl I'd see downtown with an old man who obviously wasn't her daddy, so when I realized that it surrounded me everywhere I went I was really, truly shocked. This realization probably contributed more to culture shock than anything else I encountered in China. Being in my early 20s, it was profoundly demoralizing to know that so many of the women my age were hookers, especially when I'd been raised to see prostitution as such a horrible, wicked thing.

How could I know that the girl smiling at me wasn't a hooker? Was the girl I was dating making money on the side? Was *any* pretty girl not engaged in prostitution in one form or another? As I look back on it, I'm still amazed how much influence cultural conditioning had on me as an American male. Eventually, I came to question whether my revulsion for certain practices was innate, or whether it was inculcated in some manner. After considering how little the Chinese were bothered by the state of affairs, I had to accept that, somehow, my native culture had very powerfully shaped my sense of morality and propriety. I realized that I was not "my own man," so to speak, and that was a pretty demoralizing experience. However, it was also a fantastic lesson, and I don't think I could have learned it better anywhere else. For that, among other reasons, I'll be eternally grateful to China for being the best teacher I ever had.

So, although I haven't internalized the Chinese attitude toward prostitution, I have a perspective on the practice that few Americans share. For one thing, the idea that the prostitutes are being exploited by customers is true only in a tiny minority of cases. Many prostitutes are pushy and aggressive about plying their trade — far more so than your typical hot dog vendor on a city street. This is the only real problem they present to the general public: prostitutes can be quite a nuisance. In addition to this, there is the public health issue, STDs being a pernicious (and sometimes deadly) problem. As for morality, however, one can only make the case that prostitution encourages adultery and fornication. But so does feminism, birth control, women's magazines and television shows, countless pop songs, movies, websites, etc. Other than those issues, what exactly is wrong with trading money for sex? A husband who visits a prostitute is doing no more harm to his marriage than a wife who has an affair with her boss (a relatively common occurrence), so why is he committing a crime while she is "empowering" herself?

Another question I'd like to ask is why is it any better for a woman to give it up for free with multiple different men? Is a slut somehow more honorable than a prostitute? One thing guys ought to ask themselves before committing to a woman is whether they want one who will simply give it up for free to all comers. If that's the case, a former hooker would make a better bet for a committed partner, because at least she's used to demanding something before she takes her pants off. Get involved with a slut, and what's to stop her from giving it away to some random guy at the most convenient opportunity for any reason at all?

As it is today, American parents *pay* to send their daughters to what are essentially free brothels when they ship little pumpkin off to college. For some young men this can seem to be a bonanza, but ultimately it doesn't do them any good, either. If, as a young man, you get used to free sex with no investment or commitment, you start to take it for granted that things will always be that way. This is how young men get set up. Having grown accustomed to easy and free sex, they are totally unprepared for what happens when they get married or knock a girl up and suddenly the boom is lowered (thought that sex was free? think again, sucker!).

I'm of the opinion that most women, including feminists, prefer legal prohibition of prostitution for this reason. In

the current setup, women can retroactively determine the price of sex, and not only in marriage, divorce and child support — false rape accusations and sexual harassment accusations are, as often as not, a means to have the man "pay for it." And what a price…

Furthermore, social recognition of the occupation of prostitute creates a clear division between wife, maiden and prostitute: you can be one, but you can't be any other. In abolishing the distinction, women are free to choose to be whichever they prefer at any given time. Take, for example, the phenomenon of fornicating women going to church as their fancy suits them and calling themselves "born-again virgins." Or adulterous wives — a very substantial proportion of married women these days. Because the prostitute class is suppressed but the demand remains, many women, married and unmarried alike, leverage their sexuality in one way or another — just like prostitutes. This also calls into question the disease issue. Because a larger pool of women are behaving like prostitutes, it may be more difficult to contain STDs.

It may surprise some people, but prostitution was not a crime until recent times, and even today it remains legal in most of Europe, India, almost all of Latin America, Canada, Australia, Turkey, and a number of other countries. In many of the parts of the world where it is illegal, such as China, Russia and practically all of East and SE Asia, it is ignored by authorities. In Western countries, there is some correlation between feminism and prostitution laws, and this is no accident. Just like prohibition of alcohol, prohibition of prostitution has been high on women's agenda since universal suffrage was obtained, and even before.

However, despite over 100 years of prohibition, the profession just won't die, and is thriving in a town near you. Thanks to the internet, prostitutes are more available than ever, and can be found online within seconds. Rather than eradicate the practice, it appears that feminist efforts to prohibit prostitution have only created a sort of online free-for-all, wherein women vie for clients in an unregulated market. If you check the ads these women put up, it's clear that most of them are simply moonlighting (sometimes for a thrill, I imagine), and prostitution is not their sole occupation. This almost certainly skews the numbers; when you read figures on prostitution the only ones included are typically those who are whores by trade. In reality, there are far more women out there dabbling in it than the official figures would suggest. Rather than timid victims of "trafficking," what you will find is apparently enthusiastic females looking to stuff a few hundred extra bucks into their purses per week.

It's time we started recognizing that, while prostitution may not be an ideal solution, it does address an ancient problem, and it would be far better to deal with it openly, honestly and humanely than to continue with this charade of prohibition. All we've really done by criminalizing it is spread it out over a much larger number of women than would otherwise be the case; instead of a regulated, isolated profession, it has become something millions of women are involved in to some degree, which has caused a great many young American women to internalize the hooker attitude, which they then apply to their marriages (and divorces). Legalization of prostitution, perhaps along the lines of the Dutch model, would solve more problems than it would create.

Preparing for the Super Bowl

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America's most important sports event is about to start, so I thought I should remind men not to neglect their last-minute preparations. As we all know (thanks to feminists), the Super Bowl is not only a time for enjoying a great game, but also for beating and enslaving women. When shopping for your Super Bowl party, you should keep in mind that you'll need more than just chips, salsa and beer.

So, I've prepared a handy little checklist you can take to the store, so as to better beat your wife and torture your underage Cambodian sex slave during commercial breaks and halftime:

1. "wife-beater" tank tops

2. hickory rod (follow the "rule of thumb")

3. brass knuckles

4. cattle prod

5. CIA interrogator's phrasebook (Cambodian/English)

6. manacles

7. chains and padlock

8. duct tape

9. ball gag

10. large, portable dog kennel

Most of these items can be found at your local mall, so if you aren't already prepared get out there and get ready! Without a hefty dose of patriarchy-style sadism, the Super Bowl just isn't the same.

The Racism and Sexism of Diversity Mongers

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While "pale, male, and stale" is a catchy paean for those apex fallacy-afflicted gender warriors and their itchy quota fingers, it does tend to belie the straight-up racism and sexism inherent in the motives of those who push for more "diversity" in corporate boards. As Exhibit A, I give you how Facebook's all-male board has recently drawn the ire of the diversity brigade:

> Most of Facebook Inc. (FB)'s more than 800 million users are women. You wouldn't know it from looking at the board, whose seven directors are all men.
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> "We're long past having to defend or explain why women should be on boards, given all the data that shows how companies with female as well as male directors perform better," said Anne Mulcahy, former chairman and chief executive officer of Xerox Corp. and a director at Johnson & Johnson Co., Target Corp. and Washington Post Co. "It's unfortunate when companies with a large percentage of women constituents don't reflect that in their boardrooms." A Catalyst survey of Fortune 500 companies found that those with three or more female directors outperformed those with fewer between 2005 and 2009, achieving on average 43 percent better return on equity. As Facebook prepares to raise $5 billion in an initial public offering, the composition of its board shows its business strategy is faulty, said Susan Stautberg, co-founder of New York-based Women Corporate Directors, which promotes female board membership.
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> "It doesn't make sense for a company that claims to be so forward looking to not have any women directors," she said. "If they just have an old boy's network in the boardroom, they won't have access to diverse ideas and strategies."
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> The other directors are Donald E. Graham, chairman and CEO of The Washington Post Co.; venture capitalist Marc Andreesen, co-founder of Netscape Communications Corp., James W. Breyer, CEO of Breyer Capital; Peter A. Thiel, co-founder of Palantir Technologies Inc. and a fund manager at Clarium Capital LLC; Reed Hastings, chairman and CEO of Netflix Inc.; and Erskine B. Bowles, president emeritus of University of North Carolina.
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> [Facebook's board is] drawn largely from the male investor community as is often the case at Silicon Valley start-ups, said Mulcahy, who groomed Ursula Burns to succeed her at Xerox, where four of 11 directors are women. As Facebook and other young companies mature, "they need to break out of this pattern and have more diverse representation," said Mulcahy, who is chairman of Save the Children Inc. "And women also need to be better represented in the private equity industry."

I'll get to the sexism/racism inherent in this passage in a moment, but first, permit me to address Ms. Mulcahy's claim that "we're long past having to defend or explain" the business case for female representation on corporate boards. A quick google of "women corporate boards" yields a slew of various economic and law journal hits in support of greater female representation in corporate governance. Two noteworthy documents in support of bolstering female representation on corporate boards include this one by McKinsey & Company, a company dedicated to promoting diversity in management and corporate performance, and this one by Lord Davies, a former Labour MP who has also taken a personal interest in boosting female representation on corporate boards. Both reports cite the greater return on equity of companies that have women on their boards (e.g., 41% better RoE, 56% higher EBIT margin in the McKinsey study), as opposed to companies with male-only boards. Both reports also suggest ameliorative measures to boost female representation on corporate boards, to include set-asides, special processes to access, select, groom, and promote female managers. The Davies report, apparently impatient with the glacial pace of increases in female participation on boards, even goes as far as suggesting quotas:

> All Chairmen of FTSE 350 companies should set out the percentage of women they aim to have on their

> boards in 2013 and 2015. FTSE 100 boards should aim for a minimum of 25% female representation by 2015…
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> The Financial Reporting Council should amend the UK Corporate Governance Code to require listed companies to establish a policy concerning boardroom diversity, including measurable objectives for implementing the policy, and disclose annually a summary of the policy and the progress made in achieving the objectives.

So then. The mask is off, and equality of opportunity isn't enough. Those old-boys-clubs must be, well, clubbed over the head and forced to permit women into their li'l rascals treehouses. But is Ms. Mulcahy's vaunted business case that clear?

The short answer is no. Here's why: First, the entire dataset is suspect because the research presented in these reports was conducted by organizations and individuals potentially biased in favor of promoting the phenomenon they were measuring.

Second, just as in the "pay gap" myth, which pivots around the ludicrous idea that companies in a dog-eat-dog competitive marketplace sacrifice profitability to maintain more-expensive-yet-equally-skilled men on the payroll, if sexual diversity is such a slam-dunk driver of profitability, why aren't companies jamming women into their boards and into their management ranks like crazy?

Third, there is the problem of causality, in that the direction of causality may be reversed. We are told that companies with women on their boards outperform those without. But consider this: Perhaps it is true that companies with women on the boards are large and successful enough to afford women on their board and withstand the costs of female preferences and set-asides in hiring and selection processes in their company? Or maybe that interested, available, and sufficiently successful female board members are such rare birds that only the most successful companies can attract them? Or perhaps that more successful companies seek female board members and female middle- and upper-managers as talismans to ward off brand-destroying scrutiny by government regulators and social grievance advocacy groups?

Fourth, could it be that the entire diversity meme, usually pushed as a means to avoid groupthink among staid, calcified corporate boards populated by silver-haired white men, is itself groupthink on a massive, societal scale?

> Our relatively small sample of interviews (36) provides no evidence of the emergence of what might be reasonably called a master narrative of board diversity. One plausible candidate-a business version of Justice Powell's *Bakke* narrative-appears from time to time. Our subjects have mentioned their beliefs that diversity creates a "richer conversation," "an entirely new perspective," "different points of view," and "a very positive dynamic." But it is a theoretical narrative without concrete detail, a story without substance. When invited to elaborate, subjects have digressed into instances that had little to do with race or gender, and in fact have often distanced themselves from demographic variables. And none expressed anything more than a hope that diversity would correlate with business performance. Overall, our subjects tell a story that amounts to little more than "it seems like a good thing to do."

Now that the business case for diversity on corporate boards has been well called into question, I will now address the blatant sexism and racism inherent in the entire Bloomberg article. First, let us evaluate the article's title: "…board shows white male influence". I suppose the headline could be a reference to how Facebook is successful *because* it is run by white men, but how likely is that? More likely, I think, is that the headline is meant as a slam on clubby white boys keeping those girls out because they can. It's a race- and sex-baiting attack against one of the only groups which is still a legitimate target for sexist/racist offensive comments in the present PC climate.

Second, Ms. Mulcahy is quoted as saying "if they just have an old boy's network in the boardroom, they won't have access to diverse ideas and strategies". Now, if I were a woman or a non-white, and if I believed that I should be

judged by my ability and the content of my character, this statement would make me quite unhappy. For the very implication that my skin color or the fact that I possess a vagina versus a penis expresses itself in certain attributes, attitudes, traits, skills, abilities, or behaviors is by definition sexual or racial stereotyping, if not straight-up sexism or racism. This headline implies that those presumed liberals who push illiberal diversity measures are using race and/or sex as a proxy for whatever qualities they are seeking, something that if done by others in other contexts, would be roundly and accurately denounced as sexist or racist.

Third, let us assume for a moment that such stereotyping and racism/sexism is now permitted. Let us also assume that the sort of sex-based grooming that Ms. Mulcahy herself engaged in is now permitted for white men. We would then have a culture in which white male executives and managers are hired, selected, and groomed for no other reason than *because they are white and male*. Somehow I don't think Ms. Mulcahy and her ideological fellow-travellers are prepared for that reduction-ad-absurdum outcome…yet this is what she practices by her own admission.

I'll wrap up this post with this observation: the champions of diversity, as exemplified by this article, have apparently abandoned the principles of equalitarianism upon which they formerly stood. They now, nakedly, advance openly racist and sexist ideals and advocate for State-enforced discrimination no different in character and tone of the sort which they claim they opposed two generations ago. Rather than having progressed to the next higher plane of human existence, they have merely swapped one form of prejudices for another, and one form of State oppression for another. They are truly Orwell's pigs from Animal Farm.

Exit questions: At what point have we achieved enough diversity? If "diverse" is defined as "not a white dude", is "completely diverse" the complete extirpation of white male presence in an organization?

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UK Legal Reform Brings Children Closer to Fathers

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If there's anything good that came out of London's recent riots, a pending law guaranteeing fathers access to their children following separation or divorce may be it.

Christopher Hope reports for *The Telegraph*:

> Ministers intend to rewrite the law in an attempt to ensure that fathers get improved access to their offspring after a marriage breaks down.
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> Currently, family courts decide to leave children with their mothers in the vast majority of divorce cases.
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> Campaigners have long complained that without a legal right to see their children, fathers can be excluded, particularly when a split has been acrimonious. By creating the new right for children, ministers hope that judges ruling on custody disputes will ensure more equal access for both parents.
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> A ministerial working group will be announced on Monday to decide how the Children's Act 1989 needs to be amended.
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> According to the Office for National Statistics, one in three children, equivalent to 3.8?million, lives without their father. Ministers are particularly concerned about boys growing up without a strong male influence.

However, there is opposition — "single mothers' groups" (actually, this is just a euphemism for radical feminists):

> Ministers are bracing themselves for a backlash from single mothers' groups that are concerned about the possibility of aggressive fathers intervening in the lives of their children.
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> The working group, comprising education ministers Tim Loughton and Sarah Teather, and justice minister Jonathan Djanogly, has been asked to come up with proposals on how the law should be changed within two months.

One nice thing about this article is that fathers' rights groups – Fathers4Justice in particular – are getting some credit for their efforts.

> Campaign group Fathers4Justice claims that every day 200 children lose contact with their fathers because of decisions taken in family courts. Under the plans the 1989 Act could be amended to include a "presumption of shared parenting", this newspaper has learnt.

It seems that, in Britain at least, MRA does actually work. It has actually been working for some time, but it's been only in the last couple years that we've started to build a more widespread public awareness of these issues, which will make it a lot easier for lobbyists to find support. Finally, some results are emerging, and that's a positive sign. A victory of sorts.

So let's give a hand to the men working in the trenches in Britain and elsewhere, and continue to support reform as time and resources allow.

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Author's note : I wrote this a few months ago but never submitted it as it seemed too self-absorbed. But with the recent "Komen"controversy I saw it as a good chance to draw attention to myself.

So here it is

"What Would Norman E. Brinker Do?"

I was traveling last week on business. My client took me to an "Asian" restaurant. Of course I recognized it as Vietnamese when we went inside, but the lady was Chinese. She said her husband was Vietnamese. I spoke to her in *Pimsleur Speak and Understand Vietnamese* : "I speak a little Vietnamese, but not very well". She was not impressed. Then I spoke to her in *Pimsleur Speak and Understand Mandarin* : "I speak a little Chinese, but not very well". She merely grunted. Then I identified that she was from Cholon, the Chinese district in Saigon. Still not much reaction. I recalled the time I bragged to my sister-in-saw that I spoke Khmer, they being puzzled why I had traveled to Cambodia before our wedding (to produce Khmer music videos! that's another story) . So they brought forward a Cambodian woman while we were eating lunch. I spoke to her in *Modern Broken Cambodian* : "I speak a little Khmer, but not very well". She smiled politely and left. I thought "I am such a clever chap who speaks many languages." Afterwards my wife tole me the lady said she did not understand what I was saying. Later that day the electricity went out. We sat there in the darkness. A woman on the radio news was talking. My sister-in-law ast me if I understood. I said "Yes, she said the power had gone out and will be restored in 20 minutes." They were awed. 20 minutes later the power came back on. I didn't tell them it was a wild guess, because it always takes 20 minutes for power to be restored.

Back to the restaurant story. I ordered "Sea Cucumber". The lady said it contained no meat. My client and I argued that it was an invertebrate, and indeed was meat. So I called my viet wife, who said it was a vegetable. I ordered it anyway, having heard somewhere that it stimulates prostatic function.

The restaurant was a hideous "Olde English" theme festooned with paintings of ribald men clutching beer steins and frolicking with pock-marked, cleavage-busting wenches. A gigantic unused salad bar dominated the center of the claustrophobic Elizabethan architecture, which had hints o' 1970's love for simulated wood paneling. The lighting was cold and ghastly. I nervously considered if I would catch plague or get kneecapped before my dinner was served. I guessed it was an old "Steak and Ale". I ast the lady, what was it before they bought it? She said "a Steak and Ale". My client was impressed with my command of trivia.

I pondered, who the hell gets an idea to create an olde English theme restaurant and sell it to American midwesterners? The "sea cucumber" was too salty, but I ate as much as I could stomach. When we returned to work, I googled (Steak and Ale).

It was started by one Norman E. Brinker, who among other things, invented the concept of the serve-yourself salad bar and later took the "Chili's" chain to success. He also coached many executives in the restaurant industry and was indirectly responsible for such outrages as the "Applebees" chain, but I won't hold that against him. When he died his business operations possessed assets of $4 Billion and employed 100,000 people.

His sister-in-law was Susan G. Komen, who died of breast cancer at the age of 39. Norm established the breast fund in her honor, and other charities as well.

My client was working on a tech report. I started relating details from the biography of Norman Brinker. He told me to get back to work, so I pretended to fiddle with the instrumentation while glancing at Norm Brinker information. I pull up ForbesWoman and find a Susan G. Komen essay, profiling of Nancy Brinker and her efforts to take the Komen initiative global. No mention of Norman E. Brinker. Then I get on the official "Susan G. Komen

For the Cure" website and look for evidence of Norm amidst the surrounding clutter, but find nothing. I use their search function on "Norman E. Brinker". Result : your search match any documents. I get back on Forbes Woman and post some stupid-ass comments, then remember that Price has requested full-on essays instead. So I recrafted the Komen comment and turned it into this essay.

Oh yeah, that reminds me. I suspect, but can't say for certain, that the sea cucumber was responsible for vivid and disturbing erotic dreams throughout the night after I ate it. So I google (sea cucumber). It's an invertebrate related to the starfish family and one of the oldest life forms, with many fascinating features that I will leave to the readers to explore.

Men who Dared

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By Carnivore

A friend sent me a link to the YouTube video below over 18 months ago. It's a leisurely stroll down the El Camino del Rey, or the King's Walkway, which is in Spain. I don't have acrophobia – the sky deck of the Sears Tower doesn't bother me. Take away the protection, such as guardrails and a sturdy floor, and it's a different story. I can attest to the fact that watching this video in full screen mode is, ummm, interesting. Give it a try. The video starts out a little slow, but once the soundtrack picks up, it gets more exciting around 1:30.

The man doing the taping, Daniel Ahnen, is able to walk quickly because he is not using a safety harness as others do whom he bypasses. You can see some of Daniel's art at his web site, youclimb.de. He's an example of a ballsy guy taking risks. It's men with a vision taking risks who bring about advancement, progress, art and the many things we take for granted in civilization.

Consider the risks taken by the men who originally built El Camino del Rey from 1901 to 1905. The path is only a meter wide and rises over 350 feet above the river below. It was built to allow workers to quickly travel between two dams. Without the walkway, they had to climb up and down the mountains which was both time consuming and dangerous. It is currently unused, in very poor repair with sections of the walkway missing and most of the guardrails gone. The early form of the walkway wasn't much better:

I remembered the video when I recently came across a book in my collection, *Ten Who Dared* which hasn't been cracked open in 20 years. Received as a gift on my birthday in 1977, it was the companion book to the television series, *Ten Who Dared*, aka *The Explorers* in the UK. (Not to be confused with the 1960 Disney movie, *Ten Who Dared*.) The series made an impression on me as a young man at the time. Each week, it related the story of an explorer, ten in all. They were:

- Christopher Columbus – discoverer of America
- Francisco Pizarro – conqueror of the Incas
- James Cook – circumnavigated the globe and Britain's greatest maritime explorer
- Alexander von Humboldt – explorer of the Orinoco river in South America
- Jedediah Smith – explorer of the American West
- Robert Burke and William Wills – first to cross Australia from south to north
- Henry Morton Stanley – led the first expedition of the Congo from east to west
- Charles M Doughty – first western explorer of the Arabian Desert
- Roald Amundsen – first to reach the south pole

Ten explorers, however, Burke and Wills are paired, so that only makes nine. Ah, yes. The series and book were produced in the mid-1970′s don't forget. So there had to be, take a guess, a token female. In this case, none other than Mary Kingsley who explored Gabon. Whereas the male explorers listed above made treks measuring in hundreds and thousands of miles which lasted months and years, Kingsley's expedition of 70 miles was a bit more modest:

Her trip – just seven days among the cannibals of Gabon – was one of the least extensive in the annals of discovery, but it revealed a brave woman, not only in the physical hardships she endured, but in her forthright, farsighted expression of ideas of brotherhood.

So writes Desmond Wilcox, author of the book and head of the BBC department which produced the series. This attempt at political correctness was only a feeble first step, in line with the late 1970′s. Note the naiveté in the use

of the word “brotherhood” which would be totally unacceptable today. For that matter, near the end of the book, one page contains a chronology of exploration listing 63 explorers including the featured eleven, with only two out of the 63 being female. The other female is Florence Baker who is listed along with her husband, Samuel Baker. I don’t know if Samuel is the only real explorer with his wife as a tag-along; I have no interest in researching her further. Perhaps even more unacceptable is the fact that the chronology is a list of white males. A much greater faux pas these days. Such a book would not be written today nor would such a TV series be produced.

One might argue that the contributions and the discoveries of the ten explorers overshadow the work of Daniel Ahnen. Perhaps that’s true. But, they have something very important in common – that male spark and drive to challenge the unknown. The narrator of the TV series, actor Anthony Quinn, put it best in the book’s preface:

When I signed on to narrate the television show on which this book is based, it wasn’t just another job. I feel a tremendous sense of kinship with people who dare to give shape to the unknown.

I get this feeling partly because I am an actor and I think of acting as exploration. To me, getting into a part is a voyage.

But I have a much larger reason for my feelings about the ten people in this book.

It’s sad that most of us live our lives trying to play it safe, taking few risks. As children we are used to constant challenges from other kids – the games of “I dare you” that force us to find courage to expand our world. But as we get older, fewer and fewer know how to turn the game into a way of life.

This knowledge is the key to daring on the highest human level – an artistic level. Certainly Paul Gauguin (an artist I played once in a picture) had it. He sacrificed a comfortable, safe life as a banker to go off and commit his life to painting. But so does any obscure writer facing a blank sheet of paper and preparing to expose his deepest feelings in words.

And so did these ten explorers – some famous, some obscure. They put their lives on the line to meet a challenge.

To some, the urge to face hardship and death was a raw compulsion to be first. But in any competition that has meaning, the most important thing is the competitor’s will to compete with himself – to get the best out of himself.

All of the ten, even the losers, had that will. In having it, and showing us that they had it, they help stretch everybody’s capacities for life.

While making movies, I’ve been to some of the places mentioned in this book. I’ve walked in the Arabian desert and felt the heat simmer up from the sand. Once, I was lost in the dunes for a while. I was overwhelmed by a sense of solitude and beauty. So I can see why a man might be enchanted and driven by the spirit of the land he was exploring.

But that’s not essential. What counts is the dream each of the ten had. We all have dreams, but for the most of us they remain just that.

These ten people had the rare ability to reach out of the dream and touch reality. That’s what we really mean when we say they dared.

Daniel Ahnen, the man who taped the King’s Walkway video, perished in May of 2011 while trekking in the Chamoli district of India, at 35 years of age. He accidentally slipped and fell into a gorge. He, too, was a man who dared.

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Age of Consent in Mexico

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By Anonymous Age 69

At least a few men here are considering expatting. You can encounter many cultural differences in a non-English speaking nation. Differences in laws, and in mores. Mores are cultural rules that are usually not part of the nations laws, but can get you in deep trouble if you violate them.

I am going to write here about the laws on age of consent in Mexico, because that is the only foreign nation whose AOC laws I know. I realize some poorly informed men believe only a pervert would even investigate age of consent laws. Not so. There are under age girls who look like adults. Some years ago, in the US, I knew two girls who everyone admitted looked as if they were 25 years old. They used to get asked for dates by adult men. One was Hispanic; the other was 3rd or 4th generation Scandinavian. They were 12 years old.

If adult men can confuse 12 year olds for adult women in the USA, how easy will it be in a nation where people have a different ethnic appearance to confuse a 17 year old for an adult woman. Beware.

In November, news from the city of Puebla was reported, perhaps world wide. A 10 year old girl gave birth. Of course, there were comments on the news articles, trashing the nation of Mexico, and all men.

Anyway, one US female hack writer reported the age of consent in Mexico is 12. I live in that same state, I have the criminal codes, and while consent is complicated, it would best be described, simply, as age of consent at age 18, not age 12, but depending upon her family's wishes. But, let me explain in detail the laws of my state.

If you have sex with a girl below her 12th birthday, this is a criminal offense of the same nature as forcible rape or forced prostitution, and you can be sentenced up to 40 years in prison. But, the important issue is, the cops or prosecutors can press charges, without regard to what the girl or her family think, just as they can in the US. This is the same concept as statutory rape in the US. If you did it, you are going to prison and no defense exists.

And, when I say 12th birthday, that is the general rule where the ability to press charges changes to the family. In at least one state, it is at menarche. So, if she is shown to be menstruating at age 8, the cops are out of the picture, in that state. Unless there has been a recent change.

From her 12th birthday to her 18th birthday, it is only a criminal offense if 'estupro' is involved. Not being a Mexican attorney, I would translate estupro as 'dirty tricks'. fraud; lies; false promises of marriage; or something like that. Such that afterwards she realizes you were using her in an unacceptable manner.

But, here is the big difference, and probably why the stupid female hack writer (i.e. – 'journalist') thought 12 was the age of consent.

AFTER THE 12TH BIRTHDAY, ONLY THE GIRL OR HER PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OR REPRESENTATIVE CAN PRESS CHARGES OF WHAT WE CALL STATUTORY RAPE. If the 'family' does not press charges, nothing happens to the man/boy. Period.

There is also a break-down for 12 to 18. If the girl or family presses charges, and she is past her 12th birthday, but not yet had her 14th birthday, 'estupro' is a legal presumption by the court, due to her age. You did it, appropriate person files charges, she is 12 – 14, 5 years in prison.

To make that clear, 12 – 14, you cannot defend yourself against charges of estupro if they are filed. Nor can she speak up in your defense, even if she wants to.

After the 14th birthday, if charges are filed, you can try to defend yourself by proving the absence of estupro. If she is on your side, I assume she can testify she was your willing partner in sex. I am guessing on that, but it is consistent with other legal issues.

If you disprove estupro after the 14th birthday, likewise you go free. If not, five years in prison maximum.

The problem is, Mexican judges, like American judges, are always loose cannons on deck. If the judge doesn't like you, he can rule for estupro even if she wanted to have sex with you, just because he wants to.

After her 18th birthday, the only thing you might have to worry about is a false rape charge. But, the police ask the embarrassing questions that are prohibited by law in the US. So, the odds are much smaller that a false charge would stick in Mexico.

And, of course, yes, if a retarded girl is involved, that can put you in trouble by special protective laws. But, the judge will have to be shown the girl was truly incapable by mental insufficiencies, it is not automatic, which means you can mount a defense if you have one.

Now that I have told you the laws as I understand them, let me say anyone who dinks around with young girls, in this case, under 18, does not have my sympathy when he ends up in prison. I have high risk aversion, and see no reason to mess around with underage girls, when there are billions of adult women in the world. Don't do it.

A few months ago, a niece, her cousin, and a friend, were found at a dance in another town at 3 am. They are around 14 years old. Though humans are unpredictable, if they had been caught having sex with an older boy or man, there is a good chance the family would not file charges, because here they understand young females better than the dummies in the US do. And, if those girls were willing partners for sex, the typical Mexican family will question why a young man should go to prison for their daughter's slutty behavior. Mexico is very judgmental of females.

One other thing I forgot to mention. If you bang a young girl over 12 years old, the men in her family may well administer machete justice. Another means by which the family deals with such issues. Don't do it.

Of course, the family of an underage girl definitely has the power to blackmail you since it is their call to press charges. There is always the possibility of being set up for blackmail by a criminal family. Or, a family may demand a shotgun wedding to preserve their daughter's reputation.

And, I also mention American law, which says any American citizen or resident who has sex with a girl under 16 years of age in any nation in the world, goes to prison in the US for 15 years, no matter what the law in the other nation says. And, if a prostitute happens to be under 18, under U.S. law you get 30 years in prison.

And, no matter how old she appeared to be or you thought she was.

I recommend intensive study of laws and culture of any nation you might want to visit or move to, before you do either. Cost of mistakes is just too high.

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How the State is Also Responsible for the Powell Tragedy

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On Sunday, Josh Powell, long suspected in the disappearance of his wife, immolated himself and his children in Graham, Washington following an unfavorable court ruling. His particularly brutal killings of his children, which involved subduing them with a hatchet at about the same time he set his house ablaze, removes a good deal of doubt about the fate of his wife Susan. Not all, to be sure, but not just anyone has it in them to take a hatchet to little kids, particularly their own.

Now, here in Washington state, we are being subjected to the media hand-wringing that accompanies the death of a child who is under any degree of CPS (child protective services) supervision. Sadly, this happens from time to time, and although people are always angry when CPS "failed to protect the children," it is exactly these families that are prone to tragedies, CPS involvement or not.

However, this particular case bears extra scrutiny, because although CPS may have done all it legally could to protect the children from being harmed (not much given the circumstances), precious little was done to prevent them from being placed in harm's way in the first place. And by this I don't mean they should have been removed from their father at the first whiff of suspicion (which is illegal for good reason), but rather that they were used as pawns by a number of adults both within and outside of the family to pursue their own goals, which ultimately placed them in grave danger.

From the moment Josh Powell's wife's disappearance came to light, there was ample reason to suspect him of a foul deed. He had been gone overnight, skipped work, and his wife vanished without a trace. Somehow, for whatever reason, West Valley police in Utah were unable to find any clear evidence of foul play. No blood, weapon or signs of a struggle were evident. Most importantly, there was no body. It is very difficult to successfully prosecute for murder when there is no body, because people do sometimes disappear, only to show up years later if at all.

Despite the lack of evidence, West Valley police stayed on the case. They grew increasingly frustrated as, after Josh moved up to Washington, the case grew colder. Enter Chuck Cox, Josh's father-in-law. Sure of his son-in-law's guilt, Mr. Cox pressured police in Utah and Washington to stay on the case. He engaged in a public feud with Josh Powell and his father Steve Powell, who also decided to get involved, provoking police and the Cox family. The end result was a grudge match between the Powells, the Coxes and police in Pierce County, Washington and West Valley, Utah. Unfortunately, but perhaps inevitably, the children became the point of contention.

Last fall, after Steve Powell took his provocation of the police one step too far, he was arrested for his alleged habit of taking inappropriate photographs of local females. Chuck Cox smelled victory, and stepped in to seize custody of the children. Josh, of course, "temporarily" lost custody as police and prosecutors worked in tandem to use the children in an effort to pressure him. It has also come to light that the police and Chuck Cox were working together to provoke Powell.

So, what we had here was a custody battle that was being exploited by police to advance their investigation, and an investigation that was being exploited by one party in the custody dispute. It was a sort of double-pronged assault on Josh Powell, with the children used as the primary weapon. This is where things went terribly wrong, and where any intelligent person truly concerned for the children should have stepped in to protect them.

First, the police and prosecutor shouldn't have been involved in the custody case. The prosecutor did not charge Josh Powell with any crimes in relation to his father's arrest, and it was highly inappropriate to cynically use the custody issue to pressure him in an unrelated matter.

Secondly, if the state were to remove custody, handing the children over to their grandfather was an enormous mistake — they should have been placed in neutral foster care. As it was, Chuck Cox immediately began trying to turn the children into state's witness against Josh Powell in his wife's disappearance. This was a very bad idea. Along with the fact that the two-year-old recollections of preschoolers would have extremely limited use in trial, if

you really suspect someone of being a killer, why on earth would you give them a motive to kill children they have legal access to? This could have been prevented if Chuck Cox did not win temporary custody of the kids. His feud with their father and his family should have been reason enough to keep him away from the kids, but he was working with the cops, and they pushed the issue.

Finally, ordering the "psychosexual exam" was a step too far — the judge who went along with it was a coward. Josh Powell may well have been a murderer, but there was no direct evidence to suggest he was a pervert. It was just another investigative tool and pressure tactic, again using the children as the excuse, and the humiliation factor (including the use of a plesmograph, I assume), was virtually guaranteed to create a great deal of anger. The police in this case did everything they could to create an explosive situation with the children right in the middle. Without evidence, police use pressure tactics to elicit confessions. This is what they had been doing for the last six months, *and they were using the children as the lever*.

This is why some of the police involved have been angrily denying even a trace of responsibility for the outcome. One went so far as to say we shouldn't call this a tragedy, presumably because it implies that factors in addition to Josh Powell himself may have contributed to the outcome.

Sure, in a cop's perfect world we could always wrap up blame in a tidy little box – or a couple little coffins, in this case – and dispose of it neatly. But that isn't the way the world works. Sometimes, when you put enormous pressure on people, they snap. Sometimes you might want them to snap. But when you push them right up to the brink when there are innocent children involved, and then push them farther, you bear some responsibility for what follows.

As soon as the state started using the children in the Powell case, it took on some responsibility for their fate. Unfortunately, given contemporary family law, children have become an irresistible tool in the state's arsenal, and this will go on until we put a stop to it. Quite frankly, if the police had not chosen to use the children in their murder investigation, they would be alive today.

As for Josh Powell, he deserves no sympathy at this point. I and countless other men have been through the same custody process he went through with even less support than he had (he had a lawyer, family and a pastor to lean on), yet somehow the overwhelming majority of us never even think of hurting our children. Nevertheless, feminists will exploit this tragedy to their best ability to make the situation even more difficult for fathers than it already is. Ultimately, what Powell did was extremely selfish and hurt not only his children and immediate family, but all the rest of us as well.

The Evolving Western Matriarchy

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By Dicipres

This post is not written as opposition to the growing power and dominance of women, relative to men, in the western world. I am beginning to believe that 'gender-patriotism' feminist or MRA is illogical, since men and women are inseparable groups. Some 'gender-patriots' only understand this when they have a child of the other gender, for some even this does not help. I do support the MRM, for now, since… well… I just hate the hypocrisy of modern feminism and its religious-like followers.

The goal of this post is to describe this huge swift in power between the genders, which will have significant effects on the lives and relationships of men living in such western feminist countries.

There are differences between men and women, differences emanating from different sexual organs and thus different sexual agendas. Maybe women are more fit in the current market? Maybe the current state and trends are due to feminism? Probably, this is a combination of the two. Whatever the reason may be, our sons will grow up and will go into a world which we never knew. A world which feminists didn't even dream of in the 70s. A world in which our boys will grow up to be, on average:

1. Less educated than women

2. Earn less than women (this is currently the case for young men and women)

3. More vulnerable in divorce and family courts

4. There is an unclear and ever increasing definition of what sexual harassment is and laws which see two drunken people having sex as rape

5. Men are to be less healthy than women and die younger, yet get less health budgets

6. There are less and less marriages and the bonds between men and women tend to be shorter, easily dismantled, based on less emotions and more sex.

7. Most children are born out of wedlock (this number is currently 42% and is expected to keep growing).

8. Boys are raised more and more without the presence of a father, and the men figures are replaceable while the woman is not. Most boys will not have a male family lineage; girls will have a female one.

Point 8 is crucial. Due to this reason I believe we are currently seeing the creation of a matriarchal society, since such societies (such as the Masuo matriarchal society) are characterized by the elimination of the father from the family. This gives the women the power within the household and boys are raised without masculine guidance and under the authority of a woman. This is already the case today in the vast majority of single parent homes. Furthermore, social help by the state is effectively transferring wealth from traditional families and men (on average) to these woman-led households. Women today can get the support of men, due to taxes and child support, without giving men any say within the house or on the way that the money is spent. This arrangement does seem to be sustainable.

This data is unprecedented in the western world. We are in a new world, with different rules and different power structure. The feminists may as well have a victory parade and celebrate in the streets (they won't because they need women to feel like victims, not powerful matriarchs, in order to gain public support).

You can love it or you can hate it, it doesn't matter. Reality has changed, this is not a man's world anymore and our sons will grow into a basically matriarchal society.

I guess some boys do not care if they are more and more powerless, there is porn (for now at least) and video games. But that is not what I want to teach my son.

Our sons will need to adapt. This does not mean for them to accept having low status, low power and judicial intimidation. The world has changed, but they can control their close environment. My suggestions for my son include things like I. disengage as much as possible from the current culture II. Keep your body healthy. III. Keep your mind sharp. Learn inner game. IV. Know that there is an innate part in every woman that wants a strong dominant man. V. Try to create patriarchy in your life, by the leader in your relationships and your work. VI. Bow to no-one. Be careful but don't live in fear from going to prison. VII. You probably can't change the entire world, but you can definitely control the part of the world that is close to you.

We need to reach to young men today and guide them in a way that no politically current school curriculum can.

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Under the Hood

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Just to let readers know, I'm going to be fine-tuning the site a bit today to try to speed things up. This includes trashing some old scripts, disabling some unnecessary features (mainly invisible ones) and possibly streamlining the database.

Hopefully, everything will work fine and you won't notice any glitches, but I am interested in knowing whether anyone notices an improvement in speed. Let me know if the site's loading faster for you, or if anything else changes.

As Mancession Fades, Women "Suffer"

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I saw a news story the other day asking why men were getting most of the jobs in the economic recovery, which has been slow and meager in any event. Evidently, when men no longer have significantly higher unemployment than women, it is a national tragedy. Throughout the recession, and even today, men have had higher unemployment, but now they have reached near parity with women.

The culprit? According to Daily Kos, public sector layoffs. Due to decreases in public revenue, government had little choice but to cut these positions to avoid default. The lower public revenue was a direct result of men's inability to pay tax, which goes to show that women, even when working, rely heavily on men. This brings up the question of why, when men were disproportionately suffering in the recession, feminists were crowing about their supremacy and men's misfortune. There can only be a few answers to this:

Ingratitude

When men support women in any way, rather than appreciate it, feminists tend to feel this support is a privilege they deserve simply for being women. We often call this the "entitlement mentality." This sense of entitlement, however, is rarely paired with any efforts to make it convenient for men to support women, or any reciprocity whatsoever.

Hatred and lack of empathy

Seeing men suffer seems to give a great number of feminists pleasure. They write articles about how pathetic men are, proclaim themselves more "evolved" and better suited to the modern world, and generally abuse the unfortunate — when they are men. However, when the tables turn ever so slightly, immediately one can hear wailing, tales of woe and proclamations of victimhood.

Short-sighted stupidity

You'd think that feminists would take a look at the reality of the situation, wherein the huge majority of the funds directed their way are a result of wealth creation, an overwhelmingly male endeavor. From Norm Brinker's founding of the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation to the millions of men slaving away as private sector workers and businessmen to pay taxes, the money feminists feel they are entitled to comes from men far more often than not. However, rather than try to *preserve and foster* that income stream, they do everything in their power to destroy it by denying men opportunities, kicking them when they are down, refusing to give them any breaks, demanding they be handicapped in schools, the workplace and business, etc.

The reaction to the mancession and recovery proves feminists to be moral cretins with a third-rate understanding of consequences and the most basic economic principles. If anything should entirely discredit them, this ugly reaction to national hardship is it. Not only are they incapable of sound judgment and bereft of decency, they cannot even take the necessary steps to take care of themselves.

So why, again, do feminists have any authority in any institution at all? Their net effect is damaging, not only to men but to themselves and decent women as well. It's time to put a stop to the pandering, and to deal with feminists as the dysfunctional, self-destructive borderline cases they are.

Day by Day

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By Day by Day

All Men are Official Suspects

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Reddit recently featured an article by Scott Henson, a man who has had some run-ins with the police for taking his granddaughter out and around. He's a blogger who covers the criminal justice system, so, rather than simply "deal with it" as most men do, he wrote about it and drew a lot of attention to a problem that is all too often ignored.

Although it's fairly typical these days for any older man alone in public with a child, particularly a girl, to come under some suspicion, in Henson's case the circumstances were aggravated by the fact that his granddaughter is black. He adopted a black girl some years ago, and now that she is grown up and has her own child, he does what good grandparents often do: he spends time with the little one and takes her around town to have fun and learn about the world. In the following incident, she learned a lesson about the American police state that, while not fun, may come in handy when she grows up.

> Perhaps at 7:40 p.m. or so, after she'd had her fill of skating (if the event were put to music, the appropriate theme song would have been "Slip Slidin' Away"), I asked Ty if she'd like to walk home and let Grandma take the car. It was cool but pleasant out, and we were just a short distance from the house, with a city-bike path where we often walk dogs together taking us most of the way there. She was elated: This sounded like a big adventure, and within moments she was bouncing off the walls with excitement, making me think a walk home was just the thing to burn off some energy before bed time.
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> This was a terrible mistake on Grandpa's part. Not because we live in a relatively rough neighborhood. I know many of my neighbors, saints and scoundrels alike, and I did not and do not fear becoming a crime victim walking that route, even with a five year old in tow. No, apparently the only folks Ty and I had to fear were in uniform.
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> Our interaction with law enforcement began after we left the Millennium Center on foot, with the giddy five year old racing ahead and me trotting along behind admonishing her to stay out of the parking lot and stop when she gets to the sidewalk, don't run into the street, etc.. She was in a good mood, obeyed, and we held hands crossing the street and as we walked down the bike path toward Boggy Creek and back home.
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> Then behind us I heard someone call out, though I couldn't make out what was said. We stopped to look back, and there was a dark silhouette crossing the street who Ty thought was calling out to us. We waited, but then the silhouetted figure stopped, crouched down for a moment, then took a few steps back toward the rec center, appearing to speak to someone there. I shrugged it off and we walked on, but in a moment the figure began walking down the path toward us again, calling out when she was about 150 feet away. We stopped and waited. It was a brown-suited deputy constable, apparently out of breath from the short walk.
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> She told me to take my hand out of my pocket and to step away from Ty, declaring that someone had seen a white man chasing a black girl and reported a possible kidnapping. Then she began asking the five-year old about me. The last time this happened, Ty was barely two, and I wasn't about to let police question her. This time, though, at least initially, I decided to let her answer. "Do you know this man?" the deputy asked. "Yes," Ty mumbled shyly, "he's my Grandpa." The deputy couldn't understand her (though I did) and moved closer, hovering over the child slightly, repeating the question. Ty mumbled the same response, this time louder, but muffled through a burgeoning sob that threatened to break out in lieu of an answer.
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> The deputy still didn't understand her: "What did you say?" she repeated. "He's my Grandpa!," Ty finally blurted, sharply and clearly, then rushed back over to me and grabbed hold of my leg. "Okay," said the deputy, relaxing, acknowledging the child probably wasn't being held against her will. (As we were talking, a car pulled up behind her on the bike path with its brights on – I couldn't tell what agency it was with) Then she pulled out her pad and paper and asked "Can I get your name, sir, just for my report?" I told her I'd prefer not to answer any questions and would like to leave, if we were free to go, so I could get the child to bed. She looked

> skeptical but nodded and Ty and I turned tail and walked toward home.

That was just the beginning. Henson knows that he doesn't have to comply with police demands that he answer questions, but he probably also knows that they do not like it when citizens refuse to answer. Nevertheless, he did the right thing. One of the few checks on police behavior is citizens exercising their rights, which include not talking to police when they do not want to.

However, soon thereafter Mr. Henson received the kind of treatment usually meted out to suspects fleeing a crime:

> As soon as we crossed the street, just two blocks from my house as the crow flies, the police car that just passed us hit its lights and wheeled around, with five others appearing almost immediately, all with lights flashing. The officers got out with tasers drawn demanding I raise my hands and step away from the child. I complied, and they roughly cuffed me, jerking my arms up behind me needlessly. Meanwhile, Ty edged up the hill away from the officers, crying. One of them called out in a comforting tone that they weren't there to hurt her, but another officer blew up any good will that might have garnered by brusquely snatching her up and scuttling her off to the back seat of one of the police cars. (By this time more cars had joined them; they maxxed out at 9 or 10 police vehicles.)
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> I gave them the phone numbers they needed to confirm who Ty was and that she was supposed to be with me (and not in the back of their police car), but for quite a while nobody seemed too interested in verifying my "story." One officer wanted to lecture me endlessly about how they were just doing their job, as if the innocent person handcuffed on the side of the road cares about such excuses. I asked why he hadn't made any calls yet, and he interrupted his lecture to say "we've only been here two minutes, give us time" (actually it'd been longer than that). "Maybe so," I replied, sitting on the concrete in handcuffs, "but there are nine of y'all milling about doing nothing by my count so between you you've had 18 minutes for somebody to get on the damn phone by now so y'all can figure out you screwed up." Admittedly, this did not go over well. I could tell I was too pissed off to say anything constructive and silently vowed to keep mum from then on.
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> As all this was happening, the deputy constable who'd questioned us before walked up to the scene and began conversing with some of the officers. She kept looking over at me nervously as I stood 20 feet or so away in handcuffs, averting her gaze whenever our eyes risked meeting. It seemed pretty clear she was the one who called in the cavalry, and it was equally clear she understood she was in the wrong.
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> Ty told me later that back in the police car she'd been questioned, not just about me but about her personal life, or as she put it, "all my business": They asked about her school, what she'd been doing that evening, to name all the people in her family, and pressed her to say if I or anyone else had done anything to her. Ty was frustrated, she said later, that they kept repeating the same questions, apparently hoping for different answers. She didn't understand why, after she'd told them who I was, the police didn't just let me go. And when it became clear they wouldn't take her word for it, she began to fear the police would take me away and leave her alone with all those scary cops. (I must admit, for a moment there I felt the same way!) On the upside, said Ty, when they were through questioning her one of the officers let her play with his flashlight, which she considered a high point. Don't you miss life being that simple?
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> Part of the answer, of course, to Ty's Very Good Question about why I wasn't released when she confirmed my identity is that I was in handcuffs and she was in police custody before anybody asked anyone anything. "Seize first and ask questions later" is better than "shoot first," I suppose, but it's problematic for the same reasons. I found out later police had told my wife and Ty's mom that I'd refused to let them question the child – a patent lie since they'd whisked her away into the back of a police car while I was handcuffed. I wasn't in a position to refuse anything at that point.

Chances that a man in public with a child is a kidnapper are remote (most kidnappings are carried out by mothers,

actually), but such paranoia about men has gripped our society that people are willing to put up with routine violations of civil rights to make sure the men aren't up to no good. This is not normal around the world, but rather specific to Anglosphere countries, which have the most repressive policies and negative views regarding men and their intentions on the planet.

Part of the problem is that every time there is an incident involving one particularly problematic man, an exception to the majority normal men who are perfectly trustworthy around children, a panic sweeps the land and new policies and laws are adopted targeting all men. As these policies and laws have escalated, the result has been to make any man with a woman or child a de facto suspect who may be roughed up by the police with impunity, so long as they are "protecting women and children." It is exactly this justification that has made a mockery of the US Constitution, not only in the private family, but on the public street as well.

The Golden Uterus Syndrome

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By Joe Zamboni

I'm taking a class that meets every six weeks for three-day weekends. The dates have been arranged many months in advance. One of the students is a single mother, with three young children, who is an entitled princess. She sent out an email to all the other students, saying that she wants to change the class dates to another weekend, and that she's checking to see whether we the other students were OK with that. She proposed another weekend date, and that generated an extensive volley of emails. A few people had conflicts. She then proposed another weekend date, and again we had another prolonged round of emails. This time it could work for everyone in the class except one other woman. That other woman would have to miss one of the three days in a three-day weekend.

What got me going is the way this mother just plowed ahead, as though we of course were all going to change our schedules for her. She didn't even bother to check with this other woman to see whether it was OK with that other woman. She just assumed that it was going to be OK with that other woman. After all, the other woman was only giving up one of three days, so that she, the mother, could avoid missing the whole weekend. I objected to her assumption that, of course, all of us other students were going to knock ourselves out in order to accommodate this mother. I got into a sparring match with her when I suggested that she deal with her own scheduling problem, and that she had no right to impose a cost or inconvenience on anyone.

I wrote in one of the email exchanges that this situation was like someone having poison they didn't know how to get rid of. They must not simply pour it in a river, and then forget about the fact that people down river are going to drink that poisoned water. Like many American mothers, this mother seems unable to realistically consider the cost and impact of the demands that she is making on others.

Apparently I hit on a nerve, and then another student, who was also a mother, came to the aid of the one who was asking us all to change our schedules. This other mother took exception to the pollution analogy, although she could not come up with a better one. Although she won't cop to it in front of the class-members, I'm pretty sure that her upset is in part a function of the fact that she has a disabled child. For years she has believed that everyone should be dropping whatever they are doing to come help her care for the disabled child. She even divorced husband number two (not the father of the disabled child) because he didn't provide enough help caring for the disabled child. He says he married her, but did not agree to be caretaker to the disabled child.

With both of these mothers there is an assumption that everybody should come and help out, whenever the mothers ask for it. It is as though the mothers of the world sit next to God, and whatever they wish should be our command. It turns out that the first mother, the one who wanted us all to change our schedules, undertook this schedule change as a matter of preference. Through further discussions it later came out that she wanted to go to a school event with her child, a festival that lasted all weekend. In other words the requested schedule change was a preference; it was not a need. I would seriously consider mobilizing and helping out if her kid were in some sort of serious danger, or if there was some genuine and pressing need here. But this is just a social matter. And she thinks nothing of the fact that she inconveniences everybody, so that she can have her way.

Which brings us to the topic of the Golden Uterus Syndrome, a label first coined by Dr. Tara J. Palmatier. As Palmatier defines it, Golden Uterus Syndrome (GUS) occurs when a woman thinks she deserves special privileges just because she has given birth to a child. These women have an over-inflated sense of themselves, believing that everyone else owes them something just because they are mothers. For example, women with this syndrome, which is all too common in America these days, use the term "for the benefit of the child" as though it is reason to get their own way. Supposedly all sorts of things (like a mother not taking a job, and instead staying at home) are for the benefit of the child, when in reality they are simply a cover for the woman manipulating others to get her way.

As my interactions with my classmates revealed, it is apparently taboo to confront a mother on her selfish behavior.

The fact is that other people, be they men or women, owe nothing to mothers. As the recent Italian ocean liner accident (Costa Concordia) dramatically revealed, chivalry is dead. I won't give my seat on the bus to a mother who's standing, and I certainly won't give my sinking-ship lifeboat seat to a mother. The social contract between men and women is dead, and feminist women are the ones who killed it. Mothers in general don't do anything for me (although I appreciate my own, God rest her soul). So many of these mothers just take, take, take — like parasites. For example, women all over world are blatantly getting pregnant so that they don't have to work at a job, so that they can be supported by a man. I'm not going to act like I approve of their behavior to ensnare and enslave a man, so that this man is then forced to pay eighteen years of child support at the very least.

American mothers have milked their close association with the young for all it's worth. Things have gone way overboard. Mothers now enjoy many unwarranted preferences, and it's time to reestablish a new and more equitable balance. I agree that the young do need special protection, training, and other assistance, but the same cannot honestly be said for women who have had children. I have personally witnessed the bizarre claims to special treatment coming from mothers who don't work, who have a wealthy husband, a maid, a nanny, and other servants. Their claims of being so incredibly burdened by their children are about as hollow and self-serving as they come. While this type of toxic mother is an extreme case, I seriously question whether I should give any type of mother with children any more special consideration, aid, support, or exemptions from the duties of life, than I give to any other person with children. Why should I treat a baby-sitter with a child any differently? Why should I treat a teacher with a child any differently? Why should I treat a father with a child any differently? The Fourteenth Amendment talks about equal protection for all people, and that is my approach to relationships with mothers (actually I employ that approach with gusto in those instances where a mother has GUS).

Once upon a time, there may have been good reason to protect mothers, to support mothers, etc. (I don't know, I wasn't there). But that is one hundred or more years ago. Today's American women claim to be the equals of men, if not better than men. At least in this instance, I am pleased to give them what they say they want (equal treatment). The fact is that modern mothers have a choice to have a child or not. When they have a child, it is their own personal burden that they are taking on — it is their decision to have that baby. I had no part in their past baby making decisions (unfortunately even if I was the contributor of DNA material), and I do not now agree to allow them to off-load the baby-related responsibilities and costs onto me.

Women these days have decided that they prefer the support of the government (which really is for the most part ultimately support coming from working men who pay taxes, child support, alimony, etc.) rather than the direct support of a father and/or husband. Women now initiate 70%+ of American divorces. So when I meet a single woman with a child, I know that she's the one who probably opted to break up the family. Or perhaps she never even considered marrying the guy — she just wanted the 18-year gravy train that comes with having a child. Since when am I supposed to step-in and be her surrogate protector and provider? As a third party, I do not need to, in fact I refuse to, step-in and help out just because she rejected her traditional source of support with the child-raising experience (husbands and fathers).

In general, the GUS problem involves mothers attempting to transfer their problems onto other people, so that they don't have to deal with them. This is fundamentally a question of self-responsibility, and women in general seem loath to take on true self-responsibility. A friend of mine calls it "congenital female selfishness," but I think it is more like an acculturated selfishness, and a "pussy pass" so that they can get out of trouble, so that they don't need to grow-up. As long as we men keep playing the mangina and white knight roles, as long as we keep giving all sorts of special treatment to mothers, going out of our way to protect mothers, doing all sorts of special favors for mothers, we feed and perpetuate the GUS fantasy.

The fact is: the world doesn't need more children. There are plenty of humans on the face of the earth, and those humans that we have now are doing an effective job of screwing up the environment and using up the remaining non-renewable resources. Women don't need to have children. They want children. Having children is a preference, and men are supposed to endlessly indulge women in the fulfillment of this wish. It's time that the women-having-babies conversation was brought into the realm of public conversation, and then dealt with rationally and

responsibly.

It's time that men got a backbone and refused to endlessly indulge women in their desire for, and rearing of children. In large measure, it is the continued willingness of men to indulge this selfish female desire that has led to our overpopulation problem. It's time for all men to say "no" to women that selfishly keep having babies. It's time for third party men to say "no" to providing support and protection to mothers who have quite clearly rejected any sort of partnership with a man. It's time for all men to say "no" to the exploitative demands of these GUS-infected self-serving mothers.

Valentine's Day: if it isn't Mutual, it isn't Worth it

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Valentine's Day may be one of those manufactured celebrations cooked up by advertisers, but it has become a cultural reality nonetheless, and it can be a nice way for couples to show their appreciation for each other. However, in recent years people have lost sight of the fact that it is supposed to be a day of *mutual* appreciation, just as love is ideally a mutual feeling. Instead, the holiday has been infected by the princess syndrome, and women have come to feel that it is a special day all for them, and woe to the man who doesn't put some major effort into making princess feel appreciated on "her" day.

While there's nothing wrong with women expecting some token of love on Valentine's Day, men who are in relationships should have every right to expect the same. Unfortunately, too many women see the holiday as a test of how much their man appreciates them, and rather than put some effort into doing something sweet, they sit back and judge the man for his effort and performance in pleasing them alone. This makes the holiday little more than another chore for most men, who know that although they cannot expect anything, they will have more work to do than usual come February 14th.

It doesn't have to be this way. What men can and should do is ask, nice and reasonable, whether they will get anything for Valentine's day. In most cases, I think wives and girlfriends will think about it and make some effort to please the man. If, however, she refuses and says something along the lines of "that's your job," then the man shouldn't put any effort into the holiday at all. Don't make any plans, don't try to pamper her, and don't waste time or money. Additionally, start thinking about getting another woman. A selfish attitude concerning love on love's holiday is a very bad sign.

So, those who have women in their lives should think about what they deserve for Valentine's Day, and not be ashamed to ask for it. The only way men and women in our society are going to come to terms with each other is if they learn to return each other's favors. Men in the West have this down pretty well, but our women could use a reminder, and that's up to us.

Readers out there with women in their lives should put this into practice today. They might find that, rather than offended, their women will be pleased and stimulated by the request, and their Valentine's Day will be far more pleasant than it would have been otherwise.

If The Genders Be Reversed:

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… a Test for Equal Treatment

Even when we know intuitively or from reading that something "is so" or "isn't so", it helps to have a measure, or at least an indicator of the fact. When arguing over gender [in]equality, a good indicator is all-the-more needed, because one side's intuitions aren't likely to be honoured by the opposition. Here's a test, an indicator if you prefer that word, for Gender Equality: If the genders were reversed, would the outcome be the same? Methinks it will unmask most Feminist claims that "gender equality" means giving more to women; and become a valuable tool for men seeking fair (equal-opportunity) treatment. A few examples may help readers see how to apply this "Gender-Reversal test"; using double standards of violence, accusation, sexual consent, and child custody that should all be familiar to most men.

Violence:

Gerry and Leslie are names given to both boys and girls. Suppose there is a domestic fight involving the heterosexual couple Gerry and Leslie. Each is being equally violent. The police want to break up the fight, and the power they have available to use, is arrest. Who will the police arrest and take away to jail?

I'd be willing to bet—if i could be assured of a true answer—that as you read this, most of you who answered, thought or said "him". I might lose a few bets, but i'd win many more—and there would probably be many who wouldn't answer, just because you didn't know which one of them was the male…

.. and "him" is the correct answer.

When i talked with people involved with law-enforcement, from criminal lawyers to pastors who counsel inmates and Salvation Army officers, in 2010 and 2011; they agreed that with equal violence on both sides, the male will be arrested 90% or more of the time anyone is arrested. (I live in Canada and arrests are not mandatory, or weren't until very recently.)

This is especially unfair if—as seems more likely than not—equal violence on both sides, means the man is restraining himself more than the woman is restraining herself! The poor man is fighting back just enough to defend himself—and he's the one that gets hauled off to jail?

If instead of male and female, the categories involved were "Native" and "white" and both combatants were of the same gender, such systematic favouritism would be called "racism" and would be forbidden by law.

This stereotypical example is almost comical, but it is no joke. I begin with it because it is an obvious, extreme negative answer to the "Gender-Reversal[1] test" question: If the genders were reversed, would the outcome be the same? If they would not be the same, there is inequality. Think about that: If there were gender-equality in the legal treatment of domestic fights, as many women as men would be hauled off to jail, when police responded to he-she battles with equal violence on both sides. Obviously, that's not true: Women are privileged—privileged to do violence to men they live with.

To stay with violence as subject-matter for two more examples, let's consider pre-pubertal children and opposite-sex pairs of adults who do not "have a sexual relationship."

About 60 years ago, my boyhood playmates and i would occasionally get kicked-in-the-shins, hard, by a girl who then danced away chanting "Can't hit a gir-rul, can't hit a gir-rul". Many parents discouraged their daughters from this kind of aggression (some mothers seemed to believe that such aggression was a legitimate way for girls to respond to merely verbal insults); but boys who fought-back after being attacked were generally punished more harshly than girls who attacked. I have not seen this happen lately; but then, old men hanging around playgrounds are sometimes treated as potential "perverts", so i am "prudently intimidated" from going to observe where i might

most likely see it.

Can you even imagine a boy aged 8-10 kicking a girl of the same age in-the-shins, hard, and dancing away chanting "Can't hit a bow-ee, can't hit a bow-ee"?

The double standard of childhood verbal insulting was less clear, but again, favoured girls.

That small-child double standard i experienced, existed at a time when most girls expected to grow up to be housewives and mothers. Those were the Diefenbaker-Eisenhower years; and the girls who kicked me in the shins represented the first "Baby Boomers" and their older sisters. Many of their mothers had waited through World War II to be able to marry and have children. (In the 1950s, having children outside marriage was shameful.) The daughters saw mothers and housewives as positive examples partly because most of those older mothers[2] were very glad to be stay-home mothers rather than Depression girls or spinsters, and wartime workers, such as they had been before marriage.

"The protection of the home" was then the normal milieuof women and girls; adventure and violence were male business to which only a small fraction of women aspired. Most homes were protected, not only by the law and the Police, but first and foremost by a husband-father. If the home protected a few female privileges, they were plausibly "balanced" by men's greater access to the wider world, and by the practice, then common, of brides vowing to obey their husbands.

Today, girls and women still have their privileges, including the privilege of violence without the violent response that same-sex violence often provokes—but men's privileges are gone.

For a third example of violence between the sexes, let's be conventionally old-fashioned, and recall a "standard movie scene", which can happen in ordinary life, of a woman slapping a man's face, hard, for using "naughty words", impugning her virtue [sexual or otherwise], or showing affection in a way she finds offensive. Men were and are expected to take such violence without complaint, much less even think of hitting back… though few if any men would dare slap another man in like manner unless he were inviting a fight[3]. If a man who a woman slapped were to call the Police, and if they both told the exact truth about the incident, she would be vanishingly unlikely to be arrested, far less punished as a criminal. Few if any men would be fool enough to try dialling 9-1-1 because a woman slapped their faces, even several times, no matter how hard.

Now imagine that a man slaps a woman's face, only half-hard, for using "naughty words", impugning his virtue, or showing affection in a way he finds offensive. She can call the Police, and if they both tell the exact truth about the incident, he is rather likely to be arrested and punished as a criminal.

There is a Double Standard of violence displayed in these three examples: Women's acts of violence against men are tolerated when, if the genders were reversed, the same acts would be punished with vigor and severity.

The obvious, logical test for gender equality, to repeat, is: If the genders were reversed, would the outcome be the same? For violence, the answer is often, perhaps always, no. The sexes are not equal; women and girls are privileged. To achieve gender equality, either girls' and women's violence against men and boys must be punished more severely, and condemned more, morally; and-or boys' and men's violence against women and girls must be punished less severely, and condemned less, morally.

Men have the moral right to demand that, in the name of "Gender equality".

Now on to a very non-violent kind of Double Standard: Accusation.

Over 20 years ago now, i criticized something a woman had done and she responded with "Why do you hate us?" It wasn't logical, it wasn't true, it wasn't fair—but because she was a she and i was a he, she got away with it. If she had criticized me the same way—complained, for instance, that i had made her wait two hours after saying i'd show up at a particular time—and i had replied, "Why do you hate us?"—do you think i would have got away with it? If the genders were reversed, would the outcome be the same?

For accusing the opposite-sex of hate, the answer between 1980 and 2010, was almost alwaysno. The sexes were not equal; women and girls were [and apparently still are] privileged. To achieve gender equality, either girls' and women's [untrue] accusations against men and boys must be punished more severely, and condemned more, morally; or boys' and men's accusations against women and girls must be punished less severely, and condemned less, morally.

"Sexual Freedom":

If women's privileges to do violence to men without suffering consequences, are hold-overs from when women were usually sheltered in the home, their present-day sexual privileges constitute reversals of the restrictions that sheltered women were supposed to accept "back then." In the 1950s, there was said to be a double standard of sexual freedom: Men were considered to have more license to "screw around" than women. Since 19-sixty-somewhen, the "conventional wisdom" says, women have had about the same license as men—but is there perhaps a different double standard emerging?

Suppose a different Gerry and a different Leslie meet at a party. Alcohol is freely available. They get quite intoxicated and "have sex" by mutual agreement. Next morning both regret their mutual decision to "do it". Who is guilty of what?

Again, as in the violence examples, "he" is deemed guilty in legal systems influenced by Feminism. Specifically, by a crime-reporting re-definition recently promulgated by the famous United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, he is guilty of raping her (though as yet, most US State laws differ from this recent redefinition.) This is not a logical attribution of guilt; it is ideological.[4] It blames men for consensual sexual relations between intoxicated partners—and in so doing, nearly reverses the Double Standard of the mid-20th Century. If the genders were reversed, obviously, the outcome would not be the same: Women are privileged. To achieve gender equality, women must reach equal probability of being found guilty of rape [and other sexual misconduct] in such non-violent encounters, either by reducing the number of men deemed guilty or increasing the number of women.

Someone from another intelligent species, free of the influences of Feminism (and of other earthly ideologies), would probably say that Gerry and Leslie are both and equally guilty of lack of discipline with respect to alcoholic beverages. The event wasn't a rape at all—and the regrets should be directed at the face in the mirror, not the sex-partner.

Parenthood:

For the final example of this little essay, let me refer to the subject that is most painful for many men: Child custody and fatherhood. If in the case of conflict involving equal violence, the poltically correct answer to "who will be punished" is he; in the case of conflict in court over custody of children, involving equal merit, the politically correct answer to "who will be given the children" is she. If the genders were reversed, would the outcome be the same? Obviously not. The sexes are not equal; women are privileged. To achieve gender equality, men must reach equal probability of winning custody.

One way to effect gender equality in child custody, would be to give each parent custody of same-sex children. There is much to be said for such a rule: Children do grow up; and boys become men while girls become women. Much of our social learning involves imitation. Boys, therefore, have more need of men than women as "role models"; while girls have more need of women than men.

Such a simple rule can also be attacked as "too crude". A wise judge, whether in a courtroom, a family circle, a tribal circle, or the gates of Paradise, might well take into consideration the moral conduct of both parents and what kind of precepts each would offer for guidance, and what examples for imitation. A good father might raise even a girl, better than a bad mother. An athletic father might raise a child with athletic talent, even a girl, better than a "couch potato" mother.

The test remains the same: If the genders [of the parents] were reversed, would the outcome be the same? When

child custody decisions reach equality by that standard, children as well as fathers will benefit.

All the above examples, turn out to show women and girls to be privileged over men and boys. If we were to consider publicly funded education, women and girls would be seen to be privileged there as well. It is difficult in the second decade of the 21st Century, to find an aspect of social life in Europe and North America, that exhibits male privilege[5]—but banally easy to find examples of female privilege. The "Gender-Reversal test" looks to be a powerful way to bring that excess of female privilege to wide public attention.

My purpose in writing is not to "say the last word" on the subject. (These days, as two generations ago, women usually claim the last word.) My purpose is to invite and encourage men, and women who truly value gender-equality, to take up the Gender-Reversal test, and apply it often.

If the genders were reversed, would the outcome be the same? If not, how shall we fix the situation so that male and female humans have the equality of opportunities that led many men to support "women's liberation" fifty years ago? I recall my own first reaction to that phrase, "women's liberation", was "Why not? I value liberation for people, and women are people."

Of couse, my intention was that both sexes would benefit—that liberating women would further liberate men, rather than alter men's condition in the direction of confinement and slavery. The "Gender-Reversal test" may yet imaginably move things toward mutual liberation and equal opportunity.

If not, then "society", in failing such an important test, may be on the way to flunking out completely.

1Some readers may be inclined to "quibble", that the word gender should read sex. However, "sex reversal" can have a connotation of "sex-change"; so idiomatically, "gender-reversal" seems preferable.

2(relative to the age of their daughters)

3One formulation of "Chivalry" states that a man who slaps another, often with an empty glove, is challenging the man slapped to a duel to the death.

4The re-definition specifies that rape constitutes "penetration without consent", and that one who is intoxicated cannot lawfully consent. The male genital organ "sticks out" while the female genital organ is inside the body outline, and thus the word "penetration" specifies that females who initiate intercourse, do not commit rape however drunk or unwilling the man with whom they copulate—indeed, a man on whom a drunken woman forces intercourse, could be defined to have raped her. (A woman could, by this tendentious "definition", commit rape by "goosing" a man (or another woman) with her thumb, a trowel handle, etc..)

5Two examples did occur to me: Senior executive office in business and politics, and competitive spectator sports. Elite leaders and elite "commercial athletes" are mostly male. (The easiest explanation of this, is the "flatter distribution curve" of male than of female ability.) Top leadership and big-league sports are both elite-only "areas of work", to which ordinary men and women cannot realistically aspire—and if male predominance there reflects a larger number of men of extremely high [and extremely low] capability, then it may well derive from fair competition for the top spots, and not from any gender inequality of opportunity.

I do not regard military service as a privilege—it is more nearly a burdensome obligation, and obviously carries a far higher risk of death and maiming, than any work voluntarily taken up or sought by a majority of women.

F. Roger Devlin Reviews Murray's *Coming Apart*; Murray Apparently Lives in a Bubble, Too

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I read *The Bell Curve*, written by Richard Hernnstein and Charles Murray, when it first came out in the 90s, and was impressed mainly because it addressed issues, such as the heritability of intelligence, that are usually swept under the rug or vociferously resisted by the PC brigade. Today people pretty much take it for granted that smarter people tend to have smarter children, but not long ago there was still a strong, widely-accepted conviction that environment was the determinant in just about every human difference. Murray and his co-author Richard Hernnstein were largely responsible for shattering this myth, which, incidentally, formed the basis for second wave feminist ideology. Perhaps it was *The Bell Curve*, among other associated trends, that persuaded feminists to finally drop the absolute equality dogma in favor of playing the perpetual victim and bashing men as evil, irresponsible trash.

Unfortunately, if F. Roger Devlin's review is any indication, Murray is only adding to the invective, describing working class men in very unflattering ways, and suggesting that what they really need is just more good old fashioned virtue. To a divorced or never-married guy, that just sounds like another social conservative threat; e.g. "what they really need is a good ass-whipping, then they'll get to work and support those poor, pure little ladies."

Devlin writes the following in response to Murray's description of the working class "Fishtown" neighborhood of Philadelphia:

> Murray writes that "being a single mother is tough, and it is appropriate to sympathize with women who are in that situation." He does not say it is appropriate to be sympathetic to the manchildren of Fishtown, and most readers will be left with the impression that what they need is a good kick in the pants. Yet I wonder whether the same factors did not produce the undesirable behavior of both men and women that he notes today.

No, Murray, it is not appropriate to be sympathetic toward "single mothers." Widows perhaps, but not those who are single mothers on account of their own choices. A woman who left an impossible marriage may be morally neutral, but these days, given the guarantees of support, there's no reason to be particularly sympathetic to her, and one who left her husband to have an affair or got knocked up out of wedlock in hopes of securing the resources of some victim (the man or the taxpayers) deserves no sympathy whatsoever.

If Murray holds that the "virtues" are men's responsibility alone, he is simply contributing to the problems that have devastated the American working class. In fact, *he is part of the problem*. Anyone who refuses to hold single-mothers-by-choice accountable is part of the problem. If women don't need men, and men have absolutely no guarantee that honest, dedicated labor will reward them with a fulfilling family life, then no amount of coercion or high-minded lecturing is going to convince them that it's worth it to act like responsible husbands.

It's getting to the point where I'm tempted to just write these older conservatives off. If they haven't been through a contemporary, post-Bradley Amendment divorce themselves, they will never get it. Younger men, on the other hand, seem to understand it intuitively. Men under 30 are far more clued in than I was at their age, and it hasn't even been a decade since then.

Following the above quote, Devlin really gets into it. He is one of the only academics out there who writes honestly and accurately about the real problems. Whatever one may feel about his politics, Devlin's critiques of feminism are some of the best out there. The only other professionals who eloquently and honestly address the issue from time to time are family law attorneys themselves, because unless they are clinically delusional, it's impossible to ignore the inherent dysfunction of the system. The main problem with academics is that feminist power in universities is so entrenched that the overwhelming majority of social scientists dare not breathe a word in dissent against feminist orthodoxy.

More from Devlin:

> beginning in the 1960s, women became convinced marriage was an imposition to be 'outraged' about. Helen Gurley Brown began whispering in their ears that an independent career path could be filled with exciting romances involving attractive men, free of the 'drudgery' to which marriage consigned their mothers. The family income was abolished in favor of 'equal pay for equal work.' The law was changed to permit women to divorce their husbands unilaterally and without grounds. (Wives are responsible for around ninety percent of divorces.)
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> None of this much affects the men at the top of the income and status hierarchy. They make enough money that even women with personal incomes perceive them as supporters and are willing to marry them. If a wife leaves after the baby is born, child support payments are manageable and a replacement wife is easily found.
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> The Fishtown girls who might have married working men in 1960 may well be earning more than such men today just by sitting at desks entering data. They can obtain higher quality sperm from more desirable men without submitting to the constraints of lifelong monogamy; the 'ex' and/or the taxpayer is made to provide for any resulting children. They even enjoy the sympathy of male commentators for the terrible hardship all this supposedly represents. Is it any wonder such women are reluctant to devote their lives to raising the children of ill-paid construction workers?
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> The contemporary Fishtown man, his wages reduced by female competition and the ever-decreasing market value of upper-body strength, has correspondingly slim chances of earning enough to make himself an acceptable suitor to any woman with an income of her own. These men are not 'retreating from the marriage market'; they are being driven from it as a matter of deliberate policy.
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> Even if a particular working class man beats the odds and finds a girl to marry, he cannot expect the satisfaction of supporting her; she may well end up supporting him. And what self-respecting man wants to end up like that poor sap uselessly tagging along behind his wife who just bought all the groceries?
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> But this is still not the worst. Prospective husbands stand a good chance of losing everything in the divorce settlement within a few years of the wedding. Child support is not so easy when it must be paid through low-skilled labor. Even if you avoid being jailed as a 'deadbeat dad,' you will certainly not have enough left over to contemplate a second marriage.
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> In short, the American dream of a home and family through honest labor is now far out of reach for an increasing number of low-status men. Under these circumstances, what is such a man to do with his life? I'd say an unconstrained bachelor existence with plenty of time for amusements looks very much like a rational choice. The male commentariat may make you out to be a bum, but that sure beats years of performing all the hard work traditionally required to support a family and then not getting the family.

What Murray doesn't understand, and Devlin suggests (although he doesn't emphasize it strongly enough, I think), is that living according to the old virtues will, as often as not, result in *punishment*. What else could you call loss of one's children and forced servitude to an adulterous wife? It's about the most humiliating thing that a man can face, yet it is taken for granted in the US that this is how we should deal with those men who get married and have children.

It's good to see that Devlin is still calling foul when women get a free pass from the likes of Murray. Although I respect Murray, and am sure he means well, like most of his generation he's got a huge blind spot where women are concerned. You have to reach all the way back to the Greatest Generation before finding more than a meager handful of older men who have a realistic attitude concerning women, and they are mostly dead by now; if not they are typically in some stage of senility.

However, this is why I remain optimistic that things will change soon. The older boomers, who are set in their ways, are on the way out. This is probably Murray's last great work, for example. The younger ones are not as fixed in

their ways, and younger men, influenced by men like Heartiste, are going to have an entirely different attitude. Murray describes, but fails to understand their behavior, so perhaps his book may have some value as a portrait taken from a different place — from inside a bubble.

Hugo Schwyzer: Under the Bus or a Warning to All Male Allies of Mainstream Feminism

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I can't make this stuff up.

The Atlantic has just published an article regarding the exile of Hugo Schwyzer from the feminist camp. America's most vocal male feminist ally has just been kicked to the curb by the feminists who he so worshiped. Schwyzer has made a career of writing articles that have promoted a self-emasculating viewpoint in favor of promoting feminist ideas. Until recently, he wrote a series of articles on the Good Men Project, politely telling men how horrible they were and particularly telling the world that "the answer to men's rights was more feminism."

According to the article, Schwyzer's excommunication came about partially from his admission of past indiscretions with female college students and a recounting of his attempted murder/suicide that led to his eventually becoming a born again feminist. He discussed that part of his past during an interview of him by sex-positive columnist, Clarisse Thorn. The gang at Feministe took special exception to him and his past during the interview and it went south from there, with Thorn having to eventually close commenting on the article.

What I wonder is why Schwyzer's past indiscretions are an issue now? Schwyzer has never lied or covered up this facet of his past. Countless critics of his work (including myself) have always called him out on this fact. When other men/MRM advocates voiced observations concerning Schwyzer's past, they were simply scoffed at and ignored, but now that feminists are presenting these issues, there is suddenly a major problem with him being a feminist ally. Schwyzer's hubris, which he shares with other noted male feminist allies like Jackson Katz, Tony Porter, Byron Hurt, and David Futrelle is that they were victims of individually "tragic" pasts and they present those personal problems, tragic pasts and the subsequent issues they presented the women in their lives as being endemic of all men.

After some research, the other factor behind the "hate Hugo campaign" is being driven by a response/smear article written by Flavia Dzodan of Tigerbeatdown in reply to his Jezebel article about facials. The "jizz" article is some of the most inane shit I have ever read (even for Hugo), but it is not truly offensive to feminism as he is trying to (in his own deluded and twisted manner) describe the reasoning behind something that only some (not many) guys do so women can understand it.

But before the Tigerbeatdown article, we have one article criticizing his approach to feminism calling him a "paternalistic feminist" and calling attention to his particular spin on feminism (especially his language when he was quoted as saying that he was "herding sluts" while working at a Slutwalk). With this new movement to exile Hugo from femdom, we now see Schwyzer being declared a "male abuser," we see a facebook page devoted to a feminist condemnation of Schwyzer as a voice for feminism, and other feminist blogs (like this one here) in full support of silencing poor Hugo and other men in general from being voices for feminism.

By the way; does anyone remember the smackdown that Good Men Project CEO Tom Matlack received at the end of last year at the hands of Amanda Marcotte, Kate Harding, Jenn Ponzer, Hugo, and others? When Matlack began asking questions about being male and feminine condemnation of those male traits, certain feminists (including good old Hugo) felt that he was out of line for asking those questions openly. Because of this and his having a subsequent article for the GMP (criticizing Matlack and the chirpstory about that whole discussion) called into question by editor, Lisa Hickey; Hugo resigned from the website as a contributing writer. In fact, he was the first of the GMP feminist cadre to do so (openly and publicly).

In short; Schwyzer has been everything that a good male feminist ally should be; self-emasculating, willing to openly admit to his overtly male flaws, humble toward his female overseers, and stalwartly supportive of everything feminist. Hugo did everything that feminism told him to do as a male ally and then even preached the gospel of feminism to the rafters and tried to get as many men to convert to his new-found faith as possible.

And like a used tampon, he has now been thrown into the trash as the disgusting thing that many feminists feel that most men are.

Thus my message to all male feminist allies who are reading this.

My lambasting aside, Schwyzer's actual crime was trying (and mostly failing IMHO) to bring a male context (mostly his own) to feminine and feminist issues. According to Flavia from Tigerbeatdown as related in the source article from the Atlantic:

[Schwyzer] "systematically presents feminist issues, but his proposed 'solutions' to the problems he posits almost always involve the feelings, status, and outcomes for men."

If good old Hugo Schwyzer isn't safe from being condemned for his maleness by feminists, then who is? Schwyzer didn't actually do anything wrong other than try to explain to his feminists why some men get off on facials, but he's now being trotted out as evidence that most feminist male allies should just sit back and shut up. Perhaps, you all should review why you feel a need to so valiantly defend a movement that does not value you for what you are and is so ready to discard you.

And if you feel that you are a special little snowflake of a male feminist ally and that your female feminist allies wouldn't do it to you; step outside your door, look under that feminist campaign bus and talk to good old uncle Hugo about his feelings on the subject. He might still be there, clinging to the undercarriage; hoping for forgiveness and redemption….

James Taranto Takes on Hypergamy

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It looks like some of the ideas from the manosphere have finally made it big. The arcane term "hypergamy," for example, was given new life by F. Roger Devlin, who wrote the review I discussed yesterday. It was virtually unknown until Roissy/Heartiste popularized it on his widely-read blog, but now it has appeared not only in the NY Times (right before V-day), but in the Wall Street Journal's online edition in a piece by Taranto that could almost have passed for Heartiste's daily fare.

Taranto addresses a couple of articles, including the Bennett "It's time for men to man up" piece that came in for criticism here a couple months ago, and the recent NY Times op-ed by Stephanie Coontz that attempted to put a positive spin on the crashing marriage rate by pointing out that, relative to others, college-educated women aren't doing so bad. Bennett's simplistic piece lauded women for their achievements, then took men to task for being a bunch of immature losers. Coontz, for her part, suggested that educated women have it better, because now they can demand that their men scrub their floors, bake cakes and knit doilies.

In her conclusion, however, Coontz gives it all away:

> I am not arguing that women ought to "settle." I am arguing that we can now expect more of a mate than we could when we depended on men for our financial security, social status and sense of accomplishment. But that requires ditching the Lois Lane syndrome, where we ignore the attractions and attention of Clark Kent because we're so eager for the occasional fly-by from Superman.

Yep, there it is. If you become a "kitchen bitch" for your wife, she's going to be lusting after other men, and if she gets a "fly-by," we all know what will happen…

Fortunately, Taranto takes both Bennett and Coontz to task with a good dose of reality in his "Girls gone hyper" piece:

> She makes a fairly persuasive case that educated women are at an advantage over uneducated ones in today's mate market. That shouldn't be surprising. As Charles Murray shows in his new book, "Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010," marriage has declined much less sharply among the educated and affluent than among the so-called working class. But it has still declined, and it can be expected to decline more absent a reversal of the trend toward greater female education and accomplishment.
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> The statistics Coontz marshals are less impressive than they seem. Of women who graduated college before 1900, 3 out of 4 never married. By 1950, she notes, a female college grad in her late 50s was nearly five times as likely never to have married than a nongraduate. Today, that gap has almost vanished, and there is no gap for women in their late 30s.
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> What Coontz doesn't say is that this seemingly encouraging trend is almost certainly the result of selection bias. College-educated women were statistical outliers in 1900 or 1950. As the proportion of women who have college degrees expanded enormously, one would expect a convergence with the overall female population. In other words, married women were much more likely to have college degrees in 2010 than in 1900 or 1950. But when you put it that way, it's a commonplace.
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> Most important, the problem that female education poses to marriage is a product of female, not male, mate preference–of what Coontz calls "the cultural ideal of hypergamy–that women must marry up."
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> That is where Coontz goes badly wrong. Any evolutionary psychologist will tell you that female hypergamy–more broadly defined as the drive to mate with dominant males–is an animal instinct, not a product of human culture, which can only restrain or direct it.

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> For young ladies anxious about spending their lives alone, Coontz offers this advice:
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> > Valentine's Day is a perfect time to reject the idea that the ideal man is taller, richer, more knowledgeable, more renowned or more powerful. The most important predictor of marital happiness for a woman is not how much she looks up to her husband but how sensitive he is to her emotional cues and how willing he is to share the housework and child-care. And those traits are often easier to find in a low-key guy than a powerhouse.
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> > I am not arguing that women ought to "settle."
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> That last sentence is both funny and poignant. Coontz has just advised young ladies to marry short, poor, ignorant, obscure, ineffectual men who will help with household chores. If that's not settling, the word has no meaning.

The cultural shift has begun. The Victorian myths of women's unassailable purity are on the way out, and a more realistic interpretation of female sexuality is finally beginning to enter the mainstream. This will have profound consequences for policy in the long term, but there's still work to be done.

Davis-Bacon "Equality"

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I entered the air conditioned, job site office trailer for our first safety meeting and orientation. It was my first day on the job working for a sub-contractor hired by a US Mainland-based Marine Engineering Firm that had secured the winning bid on a major renovation project at the Pearl Harbor Naval Station.

I removed my hard hat and looked around the walls of the trailer as I waited for the meeting to begin. I immediately noticed a sign on the trailer wall, notifying employees that they would pay a bonus for any referral of women interested in working on the project. This sign was right next to the sign declaring:

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

I had a vague sense of *deja vu*, hearing the sounds of the construction site outside. It's been over a decade, but here I was, back to the blue collar trades to pay the bills.

During the present economic Depression 2.0 era, I've discovered that all of the experience gained from the carpentry, painting, roofing, masonry and concrete work I did in the late 90′s to pay my way through college, ended up serving me far better than my BBA Degree when it came time to look for well paying employment in today's ailing job market.

The business-to-business sales company I've worked at for the past decade went bust last October, after 40 years of business in the Downtown Honolulu financial district. I went from hacking away on my keyboard and talking on the phone for eight hours a day in an air conditioned office and a leather bound chair, with a window view of the Pacific Ocean and Honolulu Harbor…to now donning hard hat, steel toed boots, and a reflective safety vest, for a new construction job in a high security area of the Pearl Harbor Shipyard.

(As a side note: I had to endure a two week vetting process of background checks, fingerprinting, photographing and procedure training to gain access to this job…also had to sign a non-disclosure agreement about the work we are doing and the location on Base we are doing it, which is why I'm being intentionally vague about it here).

I turned to the Quality Assurance Officer and inquired about the sign asking employees for female referrals. He grimaced and noted that the company had been threatened with fines for not employing enough female workers.

Some of the current workers had brought their girlfriends and relatives in to work so the company could reach the appropriate quota our US Feministed-Federal Government deemed sufficient for fulfilling the new societal ideal of gender equality in Federal Public Works Projects.

I shook my head and turned my back to the signs reinforcing the Gender-Role Directives of our Government's Brave New World Order, as our orientation and safety meeting began. I was soon to learn precisely how Gender equality really works on a Prevailing Wage Scale job site for the US Federal Government.

We worked alongside a modern crew of 21st century contract labor…multi-ethnic men and women working together in the sweltering, salty Pacific air and hot Hawaiian sun. Such diversity! Progressive worker's utopia manifest!

All wore safety gear and head to toe covering to protect from sunburn from working long shifts in the sun.

It was hard work, menial and sometimes dangerous. Yet here were the women, working alongside the men, all making the same equally mandated, Davis-Bacon wages. The Equal Pay for Equal work ideal, realized by Federal Government Dictate.

That was the theory anyway.

The practice was a little different.

I watched with bemusement as it became apparent that there were certain, unofficial gender roles assigned to the tasks being done by the work crew. The men did all of the physically strenuous and dangerous work with heavy machinery, pneumatic tools, jackhammers, pick axes, shovels, blow torches and pavement saws. All of the women were essentially doing nothing more than apprentice-level assistance to the tradesman. Holding and coiling hoses, cleaning up debris with vacuums and rags. Touch up painting with small brushes. Pouring water on the saw blade as the man made cuts into the concrete and asphalt; sweeping up concrete dust with a broom, vacuuming up sawdust, priming exposed iron works with a brush, pushing wheelbarrows of material around and running errands with the company van for the Foreman. This is primarily the work I observed these ladies doing for an entire month I've been working there. I was a bit shocked (but not really surprised) when I found out that they made the exact same wage as the men doing the truly laborious work.

I guess this is what gender equality means in the industrial construction zone of our brave new world order.

It brought to my mind Orwell's double-think slogans in *1984*,

WAR IS PEACE
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY
IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH

These women were mostly friendly, hard working, and fit into the job site with no appearance of interpersonal social problems amongst the crew. I've got no complaints with the ladies themselves. There was just too much work and the need for cooperation in doing physical labor for the usual office politics that emerge when men and women work together in close proximity. Things also went smoothly because of the unofficial gender roles for task assignment. The men did the really hard work, the women did the support work and cleanup.

But in my past experiences on any civilian construction job site, all of that light labor would have been done by a young apprentice getting paid $10-$15 an hour as they observed the tradesmen in action and received hands-on training in the process. Eventually, the apprentices would become tradesmen themselves and in turn mentor other young men as their apprentices. Only after years of on the job training would they finally reach a Davis-Bacon Act type pay scale. Hell, that's precisely how I learned the skills that landed me my current employment opportunity.

But things got even more equal as the major phase of the project began to wind down a month later. After all of the physically demanding and dangerous work had been completed, we pulled up to the job site last week to find it virtually empty. 75% of the contractors had been laid off. All of those laid off were male.

But all the female workers were still on the site working with a few of the men who were not laid off, doing cleanup and last minute detail work for the final inspection punch list. Apparently when it came time to lay off workers, even though some of the men where more skilled, experienced and competent, the company was afraid to lay off the women and skew their quota for EQUAL OPPORTUNITY HIRING.

This is not just conjecturing on my part…but the exact words (off the record, of course) of the Project Manager, when I asked where all the boys had gone and if they were going to start work on a new project soon.

He told me that they only carry a small crew of full-time employees between projects. The men get laid off, and called back when a new job is about to begin. But the women workers were kept on the payroll in between jobs so they could avoid further censure and possible fines by the Federal Government.

This is our Federally Mandated Gender Equality in Action.

Men do the harder, more laborious and dangerous work, women do the easier, safer tasks…and they all have the same pay. When it comes time for layoffs, it's not based on seniority, experience, or actual value to the company, but rather the gender of the employee so as to avoid running afoul of the gender quota of the Federal Government.

Time to cue up the oxymoron's of Orwell's double-think slogans in describing this state of affairs, and now add a fourth one that reflects our new Feminist Equalitarian Paradigm:

WAR IS PEACE
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY
IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH
EQUALITY IS FAIR

Men Have Spoken: Jessica Valenti More Attractive than Amanda Marcotte

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Although many – perhaps most – regular readers refused to participate in yesterday's poll (which I expected), enough people responded to conclusively demonstrate that Jessica Valenti is better looking than Amanda Marcotte. This also should have been expected, as Valenti looks more like a real woman than Marcotte, who is built like a boy. However, a few readers thought Marcotte would be better in bed (a plausible assumption), which may explain why she received at least 20% of the vote.

Several readers asked why on earth I would introduce such a poll. Opus, who suggested that women, including feminists, tend to see the world as a beauty pageant, was closest to the mark. Men respond to female attractiveness on a primal level, in much the same manner they respond to food. However, the social implications are far more profound for women. Being attractive is at least as important to women as being "respected" is to men. A woman who wins a beauty contest feels the same rush and euphoria that a man who wins a sports championship does. This is really what's behind women's anger about objectification paired with persistent attempts to make themselves the object of attention. It's frustration about not being the only object of desire. One will never hear a beauty queen complain about objectification; she's too busy basking in all the attention from her admirers.

If you think about it, feminism is a sort of female attempt to democratize female sexuality. Ironically, the goal is similar to Christian monogamy, which attempts to guarantee that every man can have a a wife, but it has a distinctly female twist: it attempts to create a sort of "hypergamy for all," which is impossible in the long run, but does work to some extent for young women. Unfortunately, this subjects young men to intense competitive pressure, as their sexually liberated female counterparts can carry on with several higher-status men simultaneously. The real feminist rage over objectification, slut-shaming, foreign brides and the like is that it might advantage some women at the expense of others (feminists in particular). They really don't want to have to compete for the desirable men — they want equal access.

However, in the spirit of fair play, I think as long as feminists demand that lower status men (many of whom are young and horny) face more intense selective pressure from potential mates, it's only fair to turn the tables and subject feminists to the same scrutiny. If it's fair to judge a man according to his status, why not a woman according to her beauty? Perhaps the most common feminist pejorative directed at men is "loser." If that isn't a status judgment, what is? Is it any worse for a man to call a woman a "dog" than it is for a feminist to call a man a "loser?" Not at all. The two are equally judgmental.

So, from here on out I'm going to have regular "pageants" comparing feminists to each other solely based on sex appeal, and I will publish the results. They will be noticed, because the results will be honest and to the point instead of the kind of feel-good "we're all beautiful" garbage the feminists deceptively say to each other to create a sense of "solidarity and sisterhood." When it comes to this kind of thing, women actually want to know the truth, and it's now been fairly conclusively demonstrated that Jessica Valenti is more attractive than Amanda Marcotte. Sorry Amanda — you lose this round.

Readers should feel free to submit other feminists for future pageants. I'll try to make them at least somewhat competitive, and let's try to keep the real dogs like Dworkin out of it so as not to induce nausea. I think this will turn out to be a fun little feature, and it will make a nice little point.

A Man Wants a Wife, Not a “Co-Worker”

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Recent big media essays have admonished men to choose “brainy” women over less-educated ones. While an intelligent, talented spouse is certainly desirable, efforts to push women into the career-force have created generations of females incapable of rudimentary home-making skills. It is no small wonder that the growing obesity epidemic has swollen along with the rise in women’s employment as millions of families make do with convenient preassembled synthi-food and hamburger franchise takeout. Working women don’t have time or inclination to purchase, prepare, and cook delicious home meals. A steady feminist propaganda campaign has also cast women’s kitchen work at best as servile domesticity and casually, as flat-out paternalistic abuse. Men are also advised on what they want via “studies” showing that they prefer intelligence and education vs. “a good cook and housekeeper”, qualities that had allegedly dropped to the bottom of an 18-point scale “marital desirability” scale.

Like many of today’s men, I had developed a utilitarian food preparation system that while somewhat industrial, was economical and nutritious. With a bread machine, rice cooker, “crockpot”, and some decent knives I managed to keep food costs down while providing a diet far healthier than restaurant fare.

So when my *ForeignBride* finally arrived, I expected her to share equally in the house and kitchen chores. She had no such interests. In fact, we had quite a bit of argument before she relented and allowed me to warsh the dishes every night.

Like most Asians, she has a passion for food culture, but her enjoyment of cooking borders on art. And while every Viet restaurant in town has offered her a job on the spot because for some reason they know automatically that she is a great cook, I prefer she stay home and take care of the house. For me it is worth the reduced income to have a cheerful wife preparing great meals at home.

Rather than wax about the meaning of it all, in the spirit of a Forbes Stock Photo Gallery, I provide photos of her cooking here as a Spearhead Photo Essay :

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At The Intersection of Racialism and Misandry

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This man was metaphorically pulled over for "parenting while white and male". Twice. The first time was in 2008:

> Two-year old Ty particularly loves a nearby neighborhood park, so off we went around mid-morning with her tiny hand wrapped around my index finger. After a fun time, we took a different route going back, at Ty's suggestion, in order to pass by a house where she knows she'll often see (and get to pet) a couple of friendly cats. Two blocks from home, an Austin police officer pulled up and, to my surprise, got out and announced she was there to question me. Someone had called 911, she said, to report a suspicious looking white man walking down the street holding hands with a black toddler. (I could tell where this line of questioning was headed.) She said this as though it were the most natural thing in the world for police to investigate,as though my race and Ty's, in and of itself, was reason enough to stop and question me. I asked if we could leave, but the officer kept me there demanding answers. "Someone complained," she declared, "we have to follow up."

While the second time was last week:

> Henson, who describes himself as "an almost stereotypical-looking white Texas redneck," said he was walking home from a roller skating rink with his 5-year-old granddaughter Ty, who is African-American, on Friday night. "The officers got out with tasers drawn demanding I raise my hands and step away from the child," Henson said. "I complied, and they roughly cuffed me, jerking my arms up behind me needlessly. Meanwhile, Ty edged up the hill away from the officers, crying." Henson said he provided officers with phone numbers they needed to verify that Ty was his granddaughter, "but for quite a while nobody seemed too interested in verifying my 'story.' How hard would it have been to perform a safety check without running up on me like I'm John Dillinger and scaring the crap out of a five-year-old? I hated for a five-year-old to be subjected to such an experience," Henson said. "I'd like her to view police as people she can trust instead of threats to her and her family, but it's possible I live in the wrong neighborhood for that."

Rarely do we see anti-White and anti-male bias, two facets of the same lib-theology stone, depicted in such sharp relief. Really, they come from the same place in the soul, that place that demands an Other to hate, the foil against which an entire political edifices are defined. Feminists demonize the malevolent male,then define themselves as opposite of the half-truth strawman they've erected. Ditto with whites; to people of European origin are attributed the ills of the modern world, and whites (particularly white males) are liberal fascism's *juden*.* This episode strikes me as the poster-child expression of both of these bigotries. *Weissenhassen* of the sort that can't countenance a white raising a non-white child, and a misandry that reflexively eyes with suspicion any male in a caregiver role, despite the fact that the safest place in the world for a child to be is in the arms of his or her biological father.

"Someone complained". Anyone care to hazard a guess as to the demographics of that "someone"? Although I suppose one could argue that he was asking for it, since he was so blatantly race- and sex-baiting (e.g., white male in a high-crime neighborhood walking hand-in-hand with a 5 yo black girl).

* These incidents happened in Austin, no slouch as far as left-liberal burgs go.

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Chris Brown and Miranda Lambert: When Pigs Wrestle

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A Twitter feud between Chris Brown and country singer Miranda Lambert has erupted over Brown's assault of Rihanna, who has come back to Brown despite his fists of fury. Lambert sings a number of songs trashing men, including one called "gunpowder and lead" where she suggests the proper method for dealing with domestic violence is to escalate it with a shotgun. She urged Chris Brown to listen to that song in particular, and told fans that her father taught her to use firearms on lovers with whom she had conflict.

Feminists, for their part, are shocked that many young women have expressed a willingness to be beaten for the privilege of spending time with Chris Brown. Perhaps they still haven't learned that hypergamy trumps even feminist dictates.

Oddly, Browns supporters and detractors are both confirming that domestic violence is often mutual, and women are willing to seek it out, engage in it and escalate it to suit their purposes. This is why domestic violence will, unfortunately, probably never entirely go away — too many trashy people – men and women alike – have found that it serves their purposes.

Practical Advice for Young Fathers

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One of the missions of this site is to offer young men advice, and although one frequent piece of advice directed at young men is "never marry and don't have children," the reality is that a lot of you will have kids. If and when you do, I personally expect you to make some effort to be involved in their lives, because children *need* their daddies, no matter what's up with their mother. This doesn't have anything to do with handing checks to the mother either — that doesn't count for much in the eyes of a child (feminists will say otherwise, but they lie shamelessly to serve themselves rather than children). No American or Western child will starve these days, so what's most important is your time.

As a father, you've got some very important jobs. One is to play with your kids. Play not only allows them to bond with you, but serves as a vehicle for teaching both physical and social skills as well. Play socializes, exercises and satisfies kids. Next, it's your job to instruct them. This includes both moral and practical matters. Teach them to be decent little people to other children and adults, including you. The first rule is to be a decent person yourself. Don't swear in front of them, don't insult people, and be kind to the unfortunate. In this manner, lead by example. But it goes farther than that. As a father and a man, you should also be brave. Stand up for your principles, and do right in your kids' eyes. Expect the same standards from other adults in your presence that you would expect from your children. If, for example, a feminist is running men down in front of your son or telling your daughter that she is going to a slutwalk to expose herself to strangers, firmly tell her what you think of such behavior, and that you disapprove. The children will be impressed by such a show of fortitude and maintenance of standards on your part.

Fathers can also teach children a great deal about the seemingly mundane, but fundamentally important aspects of human life. Safety is a good example. Among other things, you can teach them about traffic safety and how to avoid accidents. I must admit that perhaps nothing worried me more than the prospect of one of my kids darting out into the street and getting hit by a car. I spent a lot of time teaching them, quite sternly sometimes, about the consequences of ignoring traffic. One time, my son displayed blatant disregard for the rules and dashed out into the street to retrieve a ball. He was fine, but I was quite upset, as it was rush hour and he could easily have been hit by a car. I was frustrated because I couldn't impress upon him how serious this issue was, but soon an opportunity for improvisation presented itself in the form of a dead squirrel on the road. I pointed to the squirrel, obviously a victim of a car, and asked my son what had happened to the squirrel. He responded that it must have been run over by a car. I then asked him to think about what might happen if he were hit by a car. He said "I'd be squished like the squirrel." I then asked whether he still wanted to run out into the road without looking, and after a moment's thought, it sank in. After that, he was a lot more careful.

This brings up the issue of discipline. Some go by the saying "spare the rod, spoil the child." I don't entirely dismiss the aphorism, but there's always the danger of taking it too far. As I interpret it, fathers have a duty to discipline their kids, but that doesn't necessarily entail corporal punishment. Spanking is legal, and works in some circumstances, but it's fraught with problems. For starters, a lot of parents don't know how to do it properly. Next, there's a sordid tradition of using it in Anglosphere countries to "toughen up" boys as a form of exercise. Whipping boys and young men was standard practice for much of American history, and it wasn't by any means limited to whipping slaves. Young sailors – cabin boys and the like – were often subjected to whippings with the "colt," which is a short, thick rope with a handle. It was really quite a brutal implement. Young soldiers were lashed for minor infractions. Slaves were whipped at their masters' whim. Finally, boys were belted and whipped by their fathers regularly as recently as the late 20th century. It's even common to belt kids today in some places. I can say from personal experience that getting the belt is a terrifying experience, and is not so much discipline as it is sadism. As a father, the last thing you want to do is give your children – little people you love with all your heart – the impression that you enjoy hurting them, so think twice before you resort to corporal punishment.

That said, if you are going to administer any corporal punishment (which I don't recommend), never do so without

following a few rules. First, if you are truly angry, don't lay hands on your child. Step away until you calm down. Go outside if you have to, but don't touch him or her until the passion fades. Secondly, if you've been drinking – even just one or two – don't consider it. Alcohol dulls nerves and blunts sensations, so you can't judge the force you are using as well as you can without any booze in your system. It also compromises judgment, and when dealing with a fragile child you want to have all your faculties intact. Finally, and this is why I strongly recommend not using corporal punishment, you should always consider the alternatives. There will almost always be an alternative. Unless you are dealing with an emergency, there's always another way to deal with an unruly child.

So what methods do men have besides corporal punishment? Quite a few, actually. In fact, fathers are naturally equipped for non-physical discipline, which explains why mothers more frequently resort to physical coercion than fathers. For one thing, men are larger and have deeper voices. This commands respect. Of course, most experienced fathers are aware that this isn't always enough. When "command presence" fails (and it will from time to time), there's the simple matter of willpower. Is the child throwing a fit? Well, that isn't your problem, but the child's. No need to soothe and comfort a screaming, obstinate toddler — just let them know that their screaming is totally ineffectual by putting them in their room and ignoring them until they get over it. They will simply cry it out. Crying takes a lot of effort and energy, and it will typically be spent within a few minutes. When the kid is done, ask whether he or she is feeling better, and if you get a nod pick the child up and administer a hug. Everybody is happy and all is well in the world.

However, when out and about this technique doesn't always work. It's one thing to put a screaming kid in his or her room at home, but it's quite another when it happens in the car. There, it seems like you can't get away from it. However, the experienced father knows he can. Some of us may like the sport of shooting. What does one wear when firing guns? Ear protection! Nothing takes the edge off a screaming kid in a car like some good shooting earplugs or muffs, or, best of all, a set of headphones that allow you to listen to soothing music while they holler in the background. Just put on the ear protection, and act as you would when at home. In fact, when the screams are muffled, they can actually be somewhat amusing. I know, it sounds cruel to laugh about a kid crying, but it is ridiculous sometimes when they get hysterical over things like not getting a popsicle, and when kids see you laughing it off they get the message.

If one of your kids loses it in public, you've got another problem on your hands. This is not as common as people might think, because children, even when very little and still largely unsocialized, do tend to understand that behaving oneself is more important around strangers than in the privacy of the home. However, it can be a problem to one degree or another. It may be anything from whining and bickering at the park playground to a full-blown meltdown in a store or restaurant, but the technique for dealing with it is fundamentally the same: don't indulge the child. One warning is enough. If that doesn't suffice, it's time to go. No explanations or questions are necessary — it should be clear to a child that proper behavior in public is not a negotiable matter. It doesn't matter if he hasn't finished his hamburger or even eaten his birthday cake — if he doesn't calm down immediately the fun's over and he's going home. Being firm about this from the beginning will prevent a lot of trouble down the line.

These are just a few things I've thought of, but I wish someone had taught them to me from the beginning. I think we're entering another era in which men will once again be a strong presence in their children's lives. The absolute dominion of the mother in home and childcare that began with industrialization was not the human norm for most of history, and it is coming to an end. Some women hail the end of that paradigm, and I think they should, because a father can be a very handy thing to have around. Kids will benefit from more time with daddies, too. However, it will continue to be hard for young men, as the laws are still stacked against them as far as custody is concerned, and too many women still fall into the "empowered single mother" trap these days. But I will continue to support all young men who want to be there for their kids, and offer all the advice I can muster. Hopefully, some readers with experience can add to it in comments. I'll definitely write more about it in the future, as it can be kind of a fun subject. Taking care of kids as a father may be a pain sometimes, but it's ultimately quite rewarding. Dads and their kids can have a lot of adventures, and, let's face it, it's fun to be able to do kid things sometimes even when you're a grown-up.

When it comes down to it, getting the basics of childcare down can make your life as a father much easier. Too much of the advice out there is aimed at mothers, who have an entirely different parenting style, so it's up to those of us who have some experience as fathers to pass along what we know to the younger men who will soon join our ranks. There's really nothing that would make me happier than seeing more thriving kids out there growing up with loving fathers.

“Empathy Belly” Helps Soldiers Connect with their Inner Uterus

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Remember the Army recruitment ads that went “be all that you can be?” Apparently, that now includes being a pregnant woman. Due to the epidemic of pregnant women in the US armed forces, most of whom are destined to be single mothers, male NCOs are being ordered to undergo a kind of sensitivity training that will supposedly help them understand the trials and needs of their pregnant troops. Actually, part of the program is to ensure that the pregnant “soldiers” maintain some level of fitness, probably to cut the costs associated with birth complications, which are more common in flabby, out of shape women.

Of course, calling pregnant women soldiers is a joke and an insult to taxpayers, but we’ve taken “equality” so far that people will actually use the term with a straight face. The NCOs, for their part, aren’t too excited about the exercises, but orders are orders.

> Sgt. Michael Braden, a helicopter crew chief who has served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo, said he was less than enthusiastic about taking part.
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> “I didn’t want to do it,” said Braden, 29, of Everett, Wash.
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> The 78th Aviation Battalion mechanic said he was ordered to do the training even though he doesn’t have any female soldiers in his unit and doesn’t see himself as the right sort of person to run the aerobics classes that make up a large portion of the PPPT training.
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> Despite his misgivings, Braden strapped on the empathy belly and spent Tuesday morning learning low-impact aerobics moves like the “grapevine” and the “V-step.”
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> “This whole thing is pretty uncomfortable,” he said of the 25-pound pregnancy simulator. But, “body armor is a lot heavier.”

I know a lot of people out there want “equality” in the military, but this is just a big scam, and little more than taxpayer-funded welfare. Why do all these women in the armed forces get pregnant? Because they get to take an all-expenses-paid break from uncomfortable work and the taxpayer supports their kid, who more often than not is illegitimate.

Despite the fact that this is no longer the Cold War and we don’t need an enormous military, we have more women in uniform than ever, and they are more expensive than comparable male soldiers. Furthermore, their legendary promiscuity undermines morale and spreads disease, and, most importantly, they fight like girls.

The only reason women are recruited into the military as soldiers (rather than into sex-segregated auxiliary units, where they belong) is so that they can receive yet more government goodies. It’s a scam, and no, women will never be deliberately sent into heavy combat situations — there will **never** be combat equality.

How old do you have to be to have human rights?

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by Lillian Dell'Aquila Cannon

Every human being has the right to bodily autonomy and self-determination. These rights do not come from the government; they are natural. This right is so basic that we often aren't even aware of it, but think for a minute: does anyone have the right to permanently alter your body without your permission? Could a stranger force you to get a tattoo? If someone did drug you and tattoo you, they would have committed a crime against you. Recently a parent was arrested for allowing her 10 year old son to get a tattoo of his choice, and yet she likely legally forced the permanent body modification that is routine infant circumcision on him at birth. It is illegal to cut an infant girl's genitals and has been since 1997. Every year, though, 1 million baby boys are circumcised in America. Their rights have been violated, and no one cares, and no law protects them. Routine infant circumcision is a human rights violation.

The UNESCO Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights states:

> "The autonomy of persons to make decisions, while taking responsibility for those decisions and respecting the autonomy of others, is to be respected. For persons who are not capable of exercising autonomy, special measures are to be taken to protect their rights and interests."
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> "Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information. The consent should, where appropriate, be express and may be withdrawn by the person concerned at any time and for any reason without disadvantage or prejudice."
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> "In applying and advancing scientific knowledge, medical practice and associated technologies, human vulnerability should be taken into account. Individuals and groups of special vulnerability should be protected and the personal integrity of such individuals respected."
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> "The fundamental equality of all human beings in dignity and rights is to be respected so that they are treated justly and equitably."

Routine infant circumcision violates all these principles. The patient cannot consent to the treatment, and no one is representing his rights in the decision to circumcise. It is commonly assumed that the parents' wishes are congruent with the child's wishes, but since the child cannot speak for himself, we have no way of knowing if this is true. Saying that "He'll be happy with the decision when he's an adult" is NOT prior consent.

Babies most definitely qualify as specially vulnerable – they can neither speak nor act. Their inherent powerlessness makes them the most vulnerable members of society, which we recognize in every other aspect except for routine infant circumcision, and protect with child abuse laws.

And that brings me to the last point: are babies human beings, or not? Does their age make them have less rights? Is it just to abrogate their rights simply because they cannot speak nor act? Do males have fewer rights? Is it equitable to deny male babies the right to bodily integrity which females have enjoyed in this country since 1997? It is absolutely not. Commonly held perceptions of the comparative degree of harm of female and male circumcision are irrelevant: the only issue is basic rights and consent. Female circumcision is seen as beneficial in the cultures that practice it, yet is illegal under all conceptualizations of human rights law and U.S. law.

Could a parent take his adult child to the doctor, tie him to a table, and have him circumcised? Of course not. The very idea is abhorrent because we understand that the man himself is the owner of his body. What if the child was 14? Would that be okay? How about 6? This is the age that circumcisions are commonly performed in Turkey. They have a big party and take lots of photos full of the anguished faces of the young boys. Take a moment to

follow that link. Does it disgust you? Would you do that to your school-age son? If not, why not? Is it because he is aware of what is happening? Is it because he will remember? Does a lack of awareness or memory make an assault okay? Of course not. Rape is punished even when the attacker drugs his victim.

At what age does it become okay to tie down a baby and cut off part of his genitals? How many or few years or days old does a person have to be to not have the most basic human right? Apparently in the U.S., the commonly accepted answer is infancy, in its original meaning of "not talking." Not being able to talk means (usually) not having conscious memory, and that is why we circumcise babies. We know it is terrible – even the most pro-circumcision parents know that their son is going to suffer – but somehow, we pretend that causing them pain and violating their most basic right is okay when they are very young and most vulnerable, perhaps because this is the only time where we could get away with it.

Babies are human beings, and all human beings have the same rights. Age and sex do not determine one's rights, and parental ignorance, delusions or wishes do not abrogate those rights. Routine infant circumcision violates the rights of men and should be illegal based on all human rights law. Many other developed countries like Sweden and Holland understand this and are moving to make all circumcision illegal. We in the U.S. like to think that we're the guardians of human rights, yet we cannot keep our own house in order.

Note: A common argument against my position is that "parents make decisions for their children all the time." The two examples usually given are haircuts and vaccinations. I dismiss the haircut argument out of hand because hair grows back. The vaccination argument appears at first blush to be more persuasive, but falls apart under scrutiny. Most vaccinations given during infancy are to protect the child from diseases that are only dangerous during infancy. If you don't vaccinate your child against these childhood diseases during infancy, many of the vaccines won't be required or given in childhood or adulthood. The few vaccines that are given during infancy for diseases that don't occur until adulthood are very controversial; these include Hepatitis B (transmitted through blood and sex) and HPV (transmitted through sex and hotly debated now.) Circumcision is not time-sensitive – you don't have to do it in infancy or not at all. All of the purported "benefits" of circumcision either:

- Are spurious, like the idea that a circumcised penis is easier to keep clean. The infant foreskin should not be retracted for cleaning and is much easier to care for than a circumcised penis.
- Would redound to the patient in adulthood and thus could be delayed until the adult can make the decision for himself, such as the claim for lowered STIs.
- Or could be achieved through much more conservative and less invasive measures, such as the claim of lowered UTI rates, which is based on one contested study and could be treated more conservatively with antibiotics; or achieved by simply wearing condoms, which men should do anyway in non-monogamous encounters.

Judge Orders Man to Post Facebook Apology to Ex-Wife

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Mark Byron, of Cincinnati, OH, wrote of his frustration with his ex-wife Elizabeth on his Facebook page after she'd accused him of domestic violence. Although acquitted on the criminal case, he was still ordered to have supervised visitation with his child and his wife was granted a restraining order against him (this is standard when wives make accusations). Evidently, family law magistrate Paul Meyers found his Facebook post to be in violation of the restraining order, and told him that to avoid two months in jail he would have to post an apology on Facebook for 30 days.

Here's what Mark wrote regarding his ex-wife Elizabeth:

> If you are an evil, vindictive woman who wants to ruin your husband's life and take your son's father away from him completely – all you need to do is say that you're scared of your husband or domestic partner and they'll take him away!

He is exactly right. That is all a wife has to do to have a child removed from a father. No conviction necessary. Making DV accusations is incentivized for vindictive wives who want to remove their spouses from their lives and their children. Although the magistrate who ordered the apology may come off as a tyrant here, keep in mind that he could have simply thrown Byron in jail without any other options, and that probably would have been it.

Here's the text of the apology:

> I would like to apologize to my wife, Elizabeth Byron, for the comments regarding her and our son [redacted] which were posted on my Facebook wall on or about November 23, 2011. I hereby acknowledge that two judicial officials in the Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court have heard evidence and determined [not in trial] that I committed an act of domestic violence against Elizabeth on January 17, 2011. While that determination is currently being appealed, it has not been overturned by the appellate court. As a result of that determination, I was granted supervised parenting time with [redacted] on a twice weekly basis. The reason I saw [redacted] only one time during the four month period which ended about the time of my Facebook posting was because I chose to see him on only that single occasion during that period. I hereby apologize to Elizabeth for casting her in an unfavorable light by suggesting that she withheld [redacted] from me or that she in any manner prevented me from seeing [redacted] during that period. That decision was mine and mine alone.
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> I further apologize to all my Facebook Friends for attempting to mislead them into thinking that Elizabeth was in any manner preventing me from spending time with [redacted], which caused several of my Facebook Friends to respond with angry, venomous, and inflammatory comments of their own.

I'm glad the judge ordered the apology, because it reads like someone held a gun to his head while he wrote it. It's actually more of a forced confession than an apology — very transparent and ham-fisted on the part of the court. It's like when Saddam Hussein ordered American airmen in the first Gulf War to make apologies on TV. What a bunch of goons in family court! It would be laughable if there weren't real families being torn to pieces this way every day.

Another Naughty Teacher

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The LAUSD teacher-student sex scandal added another suspect after an 18-year-old boy reported having been seduced by 42-year-old Gabriela Cortez of Montebello. Soon, another "victim" was found, and the Spanish teacher was arrested soon thereafter. Cortez is youthful looking, and her booking photo is surprisingly flattering, so it doesn't appear that the boys were subjected to any serious trauma, but nevertheless teachers having sex with students is still considered a crime, even when the students are past the age of consent.

Unlike the allegations against against Mark Berndt, who is alleged to have done truly vile things to very young children, this case is quite minor, but it does bring up a couple of issues. First, there is the question of whether it should even be a crime when adults sleep with adolescents. This is not to say that it should be acceptable for teachers to do so, but wouldn't termination be more appropriate than arrest and incarceration? Parents should have the option of suing the adult, but when the youth is past the age of 16 criminal prosecution should probably be off the table.

Secondly, it exposes a contradiction inherent in our law regarding sex. Supposedly, a male of any age is equally as responsible for sex as a female when it comes to child support. In fact, he is *more* responsible, because he has no choice as far as carrying the child to term. This being the case, how can a woman be held criminally liable for sex with a male of any age? In this case, if Cortez had been impregnated, the student would have been liable for child support, even as the teacher is charged with a crime. How does that make any sense?

Who is More Responsible for Sex?

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One of the reasons I brought up the naughty teacher in LA and the contradictions in the law is that something that's been on my mind is this idea that there is equal responsibility for sex. It's something feminists will never fail to bring up when one suggests that it isn't fair that a guy is on the hook for 18 years when he slept with a woman without intending to have a child. What they consider a rock-solid, ironclad justification for demanding the support is "he didn't have to sleep with her." Well, no, he didn't. But take a 17-year-old boy and a mature woman of, say, 29, and who has more control over the sex act? Who is the gatekeeper? If the woman isn't in any position of authority over the boy, it's a legal sex act in most states, so she is free to sleep with him if she wants. However, realistically speaking, the woman has far more control over whether sex will actually happen. A boy of 17 has very little self-control over sex.

So why is it that the law puts the burden of child support on the boy when the responsibility for pregnancy lies overwhelmingly with the woman? It's another one of those contradictions that characterizes feminist thinking.

Another thing that highlights this is the feminist claims of mass rape throughout society. If as many rapes happen as they claim, chances are someone on your street has been raped recently. There must be multiple simultaneous rapes occurring at any given time within your zip code. Can you hear the silence screaming around you? (this is probably what goes through the minds of feminists). Anyway, the point is that if men are so irrepressibly prone to rape and so sexually voracious, and women so prone to being unwilling, then who really is most responsible when *consensual* sex does happen?

One of the most sacred and cherished rights of feminists is the right to say "no" — that is, the right to *deny* sex. Do men value the ability to deny sex as much as women? Perhaps when it comes to forced sodomy, but that isn't a common issue. One rarely sees men marching down the street with placards declaring that "NO MEANS NO," and when they do, they are generally just holding signs for women. So, if women actually like denying sex, and are more likely to exercise that power, who has more choice when it comes to whether or not a given sex act will occur?

When a woman gets pregnant as a result of consensual sex, who bears the bulk of the responsibility?

Let's break it down:

- Men have a higher sex drive than women
- Men have less control over their sexual impulses
- Women value the ability to deny sex
- Women are far more likely and able to deny sex than men

If the above are true, then barring outright rape, surely women are more to blame for pregnancy than men. So why does the law treat males and females as equal participants in the sex act, and why does policy hold the man to be *more* responsible? Clearly, the female has more control.

Additionally, it creates a double standard where statutory rape is concerned. If women have more control over whether a sex act will occur, then older women who sleep with with adolescent boys are guilty of a more serious crime than older men who sleep with adolescent females. The adolescent female has more control over whether she will have sex than the adolescent male, who is hopelessly overwhelmed by surging hormones. However, men who sleep with underage females are generally punished more severely than women who do so with boys.

There's been a lot of hand-wringing over the disintegration of the American family and marriage, but few people dare to point out the obvious reason America is fast becoming a nation of bastards. It's actually fairly clear: women are not being held to the appropriate level of responsibility where their sexual choices are concerned. In the old

days, it was understood that, barring rape, women were more responsible for who they slept with than men, and if they screwed up they had to deal with it. This is why the rate of illegitimacy was so low for so long. However, today, women can get pregnant and receive guaranteed support from not only the government, but whatever random man they permitted to have sex with them.

Holding men more responsible than women for sex has been an abysmal failure, yet the policy remains in place despite thousands of years of received wisdom that lets us know it is a bad idea. Holding men and women equally responsible would be inappropriate as well, but we've gone past even that. Without some change in policy soon, the majority of all births in the United States will be illegitimate in a decade or so. The current system, which absolves women of responsibility for a choice that is largely in their hands, and for which they have even more options and tools at their disposal to deal with the consequences than ever, is unsustainable.

Taking the Men's Rights Movement Forward

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By Ethical Justice

Since the days of sufferage, across all western democracies women's rights movements have made mad progress in promoting the rights of women. Sensitivity towards the rights of women and girls is now enforced rigidly in the workplace, as well as now being taught in schools right from kindergarten on up. Decidedly feminist messages have even become a mandatory part of television, radio, and all other media. The Father's rights movement is like an under-performing bastard step child in comparison. The movement's been around since at least the 1950′s, a quick survey of your friends will likely confirm your suspicion that few men know anything about the issues behind it.

Why this huge difference in visibility? Some will say it's because the Father's Rights movement is newer. Others will say it's because the issues facing men are not comparatively as important or limiting. To some, a father wanting to see his kids more than the standard every other weekend doesn't seem to be a matter of life and death. A father haing to pay more in spousal support or child support than he thinks is fair doesn't seem like something that would prevent most fathers from being able to pay their rent or eat, and if it did … couldn't they just move to cheaper accommodations or eat less? The fact is the same argument could be applied to most women's rights issues and this hasn't slowed them in the least. On top of that, the rate of suicide and depression for men after divorce is significantly higher than for divorced women. The argument that the issues aren't a matter of life and death is misleading. In an unfortunate number of cases they can be.

I argue that the reasons for the difference in the visibility of the Women's Rights and Men's Rights causes are more subtle, a mixture of biology and the democratic process itself. Regarding biology, the developing field of evolutionary psychology reflects on behaviours that the human species evolved to better adapt to its environment, paying particular attention to how gender differences in behavior reflect different evolutionary strategies. Whether gender differences in behavior are innate or a result of environmental influences is a controversial topic to be sure, but there is no debate that the differences exist. Men overwhelmingly tend to be more strongly motivated by the desire to accumulate resources (money and power) and thereby increase their access towards potential mates, while women tend to be more strongly motivated by the desire to harness the money and power of men.

Accordingly, the problem with men's rights is not that men are lacking in political influence or lobbying muscle, its that all their lobbying efforts and interests are dedicated to furthering their interests in ways that will increase their capacity to compete against other men. Women simply are far more motivated to contribute to social causes that require cooperation in the interests of other women.

That brings us to one of the fundamental limitations of democracy as it currently exists. Lobby groups are an important component of democracies as they ensure visibility of issues between elections. However even modern democracies fail to account for the fact that groups representing different demographics have differing predispositions to organize and work cohesively. Therefore two lobby groups representing the same proportion of the population may have WILDLY different levels of influence on government. A lobby group's success at having their position become adopted into public policy has less to do with what the majority feels is more just, than it does with the group's political impact. One demographic acting as a cohesive group may have greater impact, while another being far more individualistic may look to solve its own problems outside the political process and have little impact whatsoever. A quick comparison of the most influential american lobby groups, and the relative proportion of the corresponding demographic in the population will confirm this.

In general men very conspiciously ignore mens rights issues until they themselves are directly victimized. Historically it's always been true that once their individual complaints have been resolved most men again drop out of the men's rights movement. But we are now at an interesting point in history.

Marriage rates have continued their steady decline while divorce rates have hovered near all time highs. The issues

surrounding divorce and separation that have rallied men's rights groups around the world are now personally affecting more men than ever before. The result is that slowly consciousness is emerging about the financial impact of a split of assets resulting from divorce, and from the ongoing payment of spousal support and alimony. This impact makes divorce a bigger financial event by far than any investment, any promotion, any career change, and any business venture that the vast majority of men will ever experience. It even has a bigger impact on one's future prospects; with divorce many men effectively lose the legal right to choose their own careers, to pursue lifelong ambitions, or even to retire, not to mention the emotional impact of the loss of any meaningful role as a father which can be devastating.

Equally devastating is the feeling of being abused by the court system. Most of us grow up swallowing the coolaide of our society's lofty moral position. We look condescendingly on countries like Iran and China, believing that our governments are models of fairness and democracy. For many men family court will be the first time they deal with the justice system. Before that, without examining evidence to the contrary, they have faith in the court system and believe that the law is fair and dedicated to justice. Afterwards, the realization that their children, possessions, and labor can be stripped from them at the whim of a judge is a brutal shock that leaves them feeling desperate and victimized. Some men never quite recover from learning that in reality, there are no rights that are "inalienable".

Luckily some men will never have to face this kind of adversity in court. But it is dangerous for those men to believe that their positive outcomes reflect the fairness of the system. Judge's neither have the time nor the inclination to exhaustively review the facts of every case, and even if they did the sad truth is that courts have not yet evolved to the point at which they can add up the facts of any case and objectively come to any conclusion. In fact a judge's right to make any ruling they see fit, or to essentially rule at their whim, is absolute law in most jurisdictions. Judges call this "judicial discretion" and defend it unrepentantly, saying they must have this latitude if the judicial system is to work properly.

Yet its a fact that judges are generally appointed or elected as the case may be because they have one bias or another and that their bias heavily prejudges most outcomes. The statistical correlation of outcome with the leanings of each individual judge is indisputable. Worse still, the bias can completly subvert justice. It is virtually impossible to discipline a judge for ignoring evidence, for ignoring the law, or even for colluding with their colleagues to ensure litigants have no recourse against an unjust sentence.

The stories of the kind of injustice that result are horrific. Men have come home to find their partner in bed with someone else only to have the courts evict him from his own house then force him to pay spousal support and child support so that the ex can live there with her new partner. The father may be lucky to get supervised visitation while the boyfriend sees the kids more than he does. Sons grow up either believing that men are uninvolved fathers or that father's have no rights to their children. Then there are the stories of men going to prison or being made homeless because of child support owing for children that paternity tests show are not theirs. And of course there are many stories of men who just give up fighting and accept that they will never see their children again.

Researching how to make the inherent randomness of court proceedings more predictable might be a challenge we won't solve immediately, but the wisdom of avoiding court in the first place if possible is something we can all agree to right now. A presumption of shared custody is one of the most central tenets of the father's rights movement. It is in all of our interests because this presumption avoids puttting judges in the position of adjudicating on family matters which by any and all measures judges have shown themselves to be very poor at resolving.

Perhaps making this link between men's rights issues and an equitable divorce being more important in any man's financial well being than any other issue he will face in his lifetime, will finally help bring this issues the visibility required to make a change. Time will only tell.

The Few, The Proud

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Sometimes, when you see how things have changed, you've just got to have a good laugh. What I wonder is how the recruiters are going to get around this one.

“Anger Management Husband” Doll Causes Stir in NZ

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A group calling itself “Positive Men” has expressed outrage over a doll featured on a “Trade Me” auction. The doll, which is also listed for sale by Oh Boy! Toy Company, is described as:

> …a great stress relief gift for your favorite “desperate” housewife. Press the button on his hand to hear a typical insensitive “Husband Comment”. Then grab his neck and throttle the doll to elicit a more “politically correct” response.

I’m kind of curious about what he says that drives women into a fury. I suppose it’s something like “honey, haven’t you already had enough donuts today?” or “can we have sex tonight?” Of course, it could be something he read here, as last night we got a string of violent comments from a woman who didn’t like the post suggesting that women should be held more responsible for who they have sex with than men (guess we hit a nerve).

Also, I wonder what the politically correct responses he utters after a good choking might be?

Danica Patrick Steals Show at Daytona 500

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As predicted, Danica Patrick was nowhere to be seen when the checkered flag waved at the Daytona 500, but she was featured in a spectacular wipeout involving Jimmie Johnson after only one lap. In the video below, you can see her bright green GoDaddy car colliding with Johnson's car in a shower of sparks, after which she zips across the track and deftly threads the needle between two other spinning cars before coming to a stop.

As the announcers pointed out, Patrick is a tough gal who really knows how to crash.

Men Not Rushing to Kate Gosselin

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Ball-busting harridan and mother of 8 Kate Goslin has revealed that she is “lonely,” and the life of a single mother is not quite as empowering as it’s cracked up to be. After divorcing her husband Jon, who has since stayed out of the limelight and moved on with his life, TLC canceled her show following tanking ratings. Kate herself was not particularly popular, and many felt that she was unnecessarily harsh on her former husband and an overbearing taskmaster.

Watch the video below to get an idea of the hell Jon Gosselin went through:

With all this evidence of what a pain in the rear the woman is, I can’t imagine any man who isn’t severely damaged in one way or another doing anything but turning tail and running hard in the opposite direction if he came across her on a blind date.

It’s a shame Jon had to go through the divorce and loss of being with the kids full-time, and he’s probably financially flat on his back from the child support, but sometimes these things are worth it. Those of us who have been through it before know that the price, as steep as it is, can be worth every penny when you cut the chain and make a run for it. It’s like regaining your soul; rediscovering the essence of manhood. And then there’s always the schadenfreude of seeing the next poor fool have to deal with it.

In that spirit, let there be an empowered single mother for every white-knighting mangina. For Kate Gosselin, only the most strident male feminist will do. We can only hope she finds him, and Jon gets to have the satisfaction of watching the sucker deal with her.

Raising Conservative Daughters

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By Anonymous age 69

From time to time someone on *The Spearhead* will comment that conservative men are manginas, or have some similar defect, because they have daughters. And, worry only about their daughters to the exclusion of defending men's basic rights.

I guarantee you I am pretty conservative. Some years ago, my best friend really laughed when I told him I thought Attila the Hun looked like a left winger from where I sit, and was shocked to see he was viewed as the epitome of a right winger.

My daughter, the one I got to raise, got no slack at all. Why? Because I cared about her and wanted her to be a functional adult, able to marry and be a mother and a wife, as her biology would dictate.

Fathers who give their daughters a P-pass are harming them, and good fathers know this almost instinctively. Don't confuse bad fathers who happen to identify themselves as conservatives, with good fathers. They are terrible fathers. They couldn't do a worse job if they hated their daughters. In fact, of my generation of conservative fathers, all the men I knew took the same approach to their daughters that I did. I guess those days are gone?

When she started at the community college, I assume she was facing the Womyn of the college. She came home one day, and asked me, "Dad, why don't you think women can be in the miiltary?"

I told her, "Imagine with me that we turn out the lights, in the big park down the street, give you and your brother both loaded M-16′s, and shove you into the park. How long do you think you would last?"

She thought a minute and said, "Probably not very long."

I said, "You are probably absolutely right. Now understand you are a grown woman, as big and strong as you will ever be, and your brother is a little eleven year old boy with a sunken chest. Do you have any idea what he is going to be like when he is 18?"

She thought a minute, gave me a big smile, and said, "Thanks, dad. I wanted to understand."

I didn't want to be cruel, so I didn't point out that if had given her a loaded M-16, and him no more than a combat knife, she wouldn't have lasted much longer. But, there is a chance she understood that anyway.

I never heard one feminist word from her mouth, ever. Not one.

She is a Christian, a real one. Some time later, I gave her a book, "ME? OBEY HIM?" It is a book written by a Baptist pastor's wife, with his permission, to teach Christian women why it is for their own good to submit to their husbands. She married in 1997, and has told me, as verified by her husband, they have never had so much as a verbal quarrel in these 15 years. When they have a decision to make, if they do not agree, she says, in a clear voice, "You are the husband. We will do it your way, since you are responsible for us." Her professional training was as a scientist, She has observed, and almost always when they disagree on something, he was right and she was wrong. And, the very rare time he was wrong, the cost was trivial. She told me "In exchange for this, I get peace in my house!"

Most women do not want peace in their houses. They want to fight, fight, fight, and then get a divorce because the husband is a nasty bastard, always quarreling with her about trivial things. [/sarcasm]

Anyway, that is how a good father raises his daughters, not to be nasty entitlement princesses who are good for nothing and are unable to marry and stay married.

Update: Her brother gained a lot of weight in med school, but is back to 160 pounds, and in UAE runs 7 miles in 125 degree heat. He was upset when he visited McAllen in October, and at 95 degrees couldn't work up a sweat.

With martial arts, he is even tougher than I predicted. Yet, flabby dearies imagine if it weren't for evil discrimination, they could be"sojer boys", too.

What if Your Daughter Divorces?

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There's been some discussion in comments about what men would do if their daughters divorce, and for those who have adult daughters it's an important issue. In fact, if your daughter marries, there's a 50-50 chance she will divorce, and she'll probably be the one to initiate it. So, as a father, what should you do?

I can only speak as someone who had to deal with former in-laws as the divorcing husband, but that's a pretty close perspective. First, I should say that I have entirely written those people off, and could care less about what happens to them. As far as I'm concerned, they mean less than a ditch-digger in Calcutta does to me. This is because they got intimately involved in the divorce, and did their best to wreck my life, with some success. My former mother-in-law had a lot of lesbian, feminist friends, which should have been a major red flag. But of course I was totally unconcerned with feminism and these issues before they kicked me right in the teeth. My former father-in-law hated his own father, which was another issue. The happiest I ever saw him was after his father's funeral — he obviously had a problem with other men. But to be honest, I didn't really know them all that well before I got married, and like most young men, was very naïve.

Although there were problems on both sides of the marriage, my ex and I being fundamentally incompatible, her parents' partisanship raised the stakes considerably, and helped create a very hostile environment in which there was little hope of dialog and compromise when it broke down. Her feminist mother urged her to call the police on me in an attempt to jail me before our first hearing (which nearly ended very badly), smeared me in court both personally and through proxies, and generally acted as though it was a "war" (her words). Her father derived some perverse satisfaction in bullying me and withholding my kids from me. At one point he ordered me out of my house under threat, after which he and his daughter removed whatever property they saw fit. As I see it, the man was engaged in robbery.

For the next couple years, my ex's mother and father continued to back her in her assault, providing her free lodging and childcare as well as hands-on legal work. They were very loyal to their daughter and acted as her protectors and my persecutors throughout the process. In the meanwhile, my mother, stepfather and father offered me moral and financial support at critical junctures, but never got directly involved, and held me responsible throughout. As far as my folks were concerned, it was between the two of us. They cared about me and the children, but ultimately they recognized that both my ex and I had made individual, adult decisions to get married, and that the dissolution of the marriage was between us.

What was the result? Well, I got pretty well wrecked, as is the norm for husbands, but my parents managed to keep themselves out of the worst of it, and because they never tried to take control they've maintained a pretty normal relationship with me and their grandkids. Additionally, they never impugned the children's mother, and she has no particular grudge against them (although, of course, she doesn't really give a damn about them either).

So what's up with my ex and her parents? Well, she took their support, but chafed under her mother's authority, and moved the kids away against her wishes, partially motivated by the desire to get out from under her smothering wing. Her father is the same as he ever was, but as he grows older his influence and intimidation capacity is fading to insignificance. The kids may have less time overall with me than their mother, but most of their vacation time is spent with me and my parents. We take them skiing, camping and on trips across the West, and I'm looking forward to taking them to San Francisco on spring break to visit grandma and grandpa. My folks really made out OK — they've got a great relationship with their grandkids. The parents who fought hard for their daughter and against her husband – the ones who turned it into a vindictive feud – make do with a couple weekends a year if their daughter bothers to bring them down from Canada to see them. Her new husband, the adulterous older man who dumped his perfectly decent wife for a much younger married woman with another man's small children, doesn't like the in-laws much himself.

In my experience, fighting dirty for your daughter is likely to do little besides guarantee that you will incur

significant expense, and may well alienate you from your grandkids. The kind of woman who runs off on her husband isn't generally the kind who has much in the way of filial loyalty. I saw this in my parents' generation as well. It is the women who sacrifice for their family who tend to think of their parents, and the women who run off to "fulfill" themselves simply aren't those types.

It really doesn't matter much whether it is a son or daughter; the kind of person who pulls the trigger on a marriage because they are "unhappy" is likely to do the same concerning filial responsibilities. However, due to policy and incentives, women deliberately wrecking their marriages outnumber men by some 9 to 1 at this point, so it's far more likely that your daughter will do it than your son. If it happens, I'd simply suggest saying "you chose to get married — you deal with the divorce." That way, at least you won't alienate the other spouse, and at least you won't end up wasting enormous effort only to get shafted like your child's ex. We really ought to be honest with each other here: the kind of person who screws over their spouse is exactly the same kind of person who screws over their parents.

When your son or daughter gets married, you "give them up." Getting involved in their divorce doesn't bring them back. Quite the contrary. So, unless you fancy yourself a Hatfield or McCoy, i.e. trash, stay out of it.

Teacher and HS Student "Follow Their Hearts," Move in Together

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I heard about this story on the radio yesterday, accompanied by the typical conservative chest-thumping along the lines of "if that were my daughter, he'd have something coming, I tell you!" To their credit, the on-air morons at least pointed out that the student – sweet, innocent, blameless little Jordan Powers – didn't happen to have a father at home, which may go some ways toward explaining her attraction to a much older man. Her former teacher, 41-year-old James Hooker, quit his job and left his wife and kids to move in with his teenage flame, acknowledging that he was hurting a number of people in the process. However, he justified this act of selfishness with the "happiness" excuse, which is curious in that it's almost always used by women, and shamelessly at that.

Mr. Hooker's sleaziness aside, something's been missing from the dialog. Namely, the fact that Jordan Powers bears some responsibility for her behavior here. As a legal adult, she is currently in an adulterous relationship with a married man. She is, to put it plainly, a homewrecker. However, what do we hear from her mother? That Mr. Hooker is a "pervert" and should be thrown in jail. Conservatives make noise about beating him with a baseball bat. Much shock and outrage is being expressed across the land, and Hooker is portrayed as the sole villain, acting alone.

If Jordan had a father (he died some years ago), and he did beat Mr. Hooker with a bat, he would go to jail, and rightly so. I personally would feel little pity for a man who acted in that manner in response to his daughter's sluttiness. On the other hand, if he apologized to Hooker's wife and children for not raising his daughter correctly, I would feel quite a bit of sympathy for him. As I pointed out recently in comments, holding men responsible for your daughter's sexual behavior is the stupid, caveman approach to raising a girl, and doesn't work. American men are terrible fools in this regard, and this is why the "slutty preacher's daughter" stereotype is so often true.

Most people have never been teachers, but perhaps some women can think back to that time they had a crush on a teacher. It's a natural, common occurrence. Most students and teachers are pretty good at controlling themselves, but not all. I've seen teachers messing around with underage students before. Once, after hours in the darkness of winter during my freshman year in high school, I walked past a well-lit student lounge, and looking through the window saw one of the teachers and a student inside, locked in a passionate embrace. Later, as a junior and senior, rumors floated around about one of the English teachers, who would attend non-school events with female students on weekends. Even as a kid, I could tell what was going on, but back then (early 90s) people tended to keep their mouths shut about these things — it was kind of shameful and the girls involved in it knew that, too.

Later, I did some teaching myself, when I was in my early 20s. Some of the girls quite literally threw themselves at me, and very openly. It was more embarrassing than anything else. There was one 14-year-old girl who would embrace me at every opportunity, including once when her parents visited her class(!). I remember looking helplessly at her father while she clung to me as if to say "I have nothing to do with this, really!" The father looked amused, although slightly embarrassed himself. She gave me a picture of herself in a field of flowers (a perfectly innocent one, I thought) which my girlfriend of the time soon discovered and ferociously ripped to shreds before my eyes; women have far fewer illusions about adolescent girls than men. Aside from her schoolgirl crush, she was a sweet girl, and very bright; I'm sure she grew out of it soon enough. However, to pretend that young females are completely passive actors in the relationships that occasionally occur between students and teachers is no more than willful ignorance.

Examples of this kind of thing abound. Male teachers developing relationships with female students may be frowned upon, but it has always happened, and there's probably no stopping it as long as mixed sex education is the norm. I personally know at least one teacher who married a former student; he grew close to her as a young teacher on a cycling tour in Europe, if I remember correctly. Their marriage has lasted, and they have children. Nobody was arrested, and the man kept his job, although I'm not sure he still teaches at this point.

In the case of Mr. Hooker and Jordan Powers, however, there is a bit more of an age difference than usual, and he

happened to be a married man with children. The age difference, although it may strike some people as odd, really isn't anyone's business. The marriage, on the other hand, is problematic. Both Mr. Hooker and Jordan did something wrong in that regard. That is the only aspect of this affair that is worth making any fuss over. As for why Mr. Hooker did it, we can only speculate, but he certainly doesn't come off as a particularly empowered man. Powers' mother, who is expending effort to have the man jailed, called him an "arrogant pervert," presumably because of his attraction to a young adult female. Are women really that clueless? Do they really believe it's abnormal for a man to be attracted to young women? What a bunch of sour grapes!

If the mother succeeds in having Mr. Hooker brought to trial, I'm afraid she's going to do little more than expose her daughter as a shameless tramp. After those thousands of text messages and photos she sent go public, little Jordan isn't going to come off as such a sweet, innocent little thing, I'll bet. The mother is the arrogant one, and if she knew what was good and proper she'd apologize to Hooker's wife and children for having raised a daughter who would do such a thing, and then cut her losses by shutting up about the affair.

One of the lessons of this story is that there are only a couple ways to prevent young women's sexuality from having an inordinately disruptive influence on society. Either we can follow the Saudi method, which absolves women of all responsibility, covers them up from head to toe, and shuts them up in the home, or the traditional Western method, which granted women relative freedom balanced by responsibility. Unfortunately, it appears that we are moving toward the former, which is a shame, because I'd rather not be tasked with being my daughter's jailer. However, if women continue to insist on never being held responsible for their choices, that's inevitably where we will end up.

Rush Misses Point in Slut Controversy

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Rush Limbaugh has been getting a lot of attention for calling Sandra Fluke, a feminist Georgetown law student, a "slut" and a "prostitute" for demanding taxpayer funding for her contraception. Fluke disingenuously suggested that most students are not able to make ends meet due to the supposedly high cost of contraception. Most college students are not from poor families, and contraception is available for free (condoms) or at low cost through Planned Parenthood and such. Rush pointed this out, but he made the entire issue out to be akin to theft from the taxpayer, and that's an oversimplification of the issue.

Whether or not employers fund birth control, it's widely available, and the funding isn't really the problem; it's cheap even for employers. The reason Fluke and others care so much about this issue is that they see it as extending "empowerment" and "choice." Also, like many feminist causes, it absolves women of the responsibility to pay for something. In the feminist utopia, women can have and do whatever they please without having to work for it, pay for it or suffer any inconvenience whatsoever because of it. This is the feminist movement in a nutshell. It's all about infinite options and zero responsibility.

However, there's something to be said for keeping women like Ms. Fluke sterile. First, it lowers the risk to some dupe (and the collective dupes known as taxpayers) she might decide to put on the hook for support. An ounce of prevention here could be a good thing. That said, I don't think it should be entirely in Ms. Fluke's power to demand that others give her whatever option she wants. Instead, she should be given an incentive to take birth control, but not without proving it.

Here's the idea:

Give women like Ms. Fluke the option of getting paid to get quarterly Depo-Provera shots at a government clinic. After each shot, she could take a ticket to the clinic desk and receive a check, perhaps enough to cover the next three monthly iphone bills. This way she could fool around to her heart's content, and as long as she's taking the shots we don't have to worry about "unintentional" pregnancies. However, if she wants to use contraceptives on her terms, she can pay for it and the potential consequences.

The reason it's necessary to set something like this up is that women will take contraceptives only when they want to, so employers providing them for free won't cut costs in the long run. Contraceptives are so widely available these days that any responsible woman – the kind who can hold a job or stay in school, for example – should have no problem avoiding pregnancy, no matter how many different men she consorts with per day (which is why you can safely bet that very few pregnancies are actually "unintentional" these days). However, if the companies and schools provide both prenatal coverage AND contraceptives, she'll simply toss the contraceptives when she decides to have a baby and hit up the employer for costs associated with pregnancy.

Therefore, if the goal, as Obama puts it, is to save taxpayer money and increase revenue by preventing pregnancies amongst working women, the birth control should be both incentivized and conditional. That is, women who take it receive some benefit, but if they refuse to do it on the employer's or government's terms they have no right to coverage and receive nothing. Additionally, if they cheat on the birth control and get pregnant, they should be liable for the prenatal costs. If they didn't cheat and the shots simply weren't effective (very rare), there would be a record of that at the clinic. With a good system, cheating could be effectively prevented (so long as nurses didn't collaborate, which is always a risk) in any event.

The problem with the Obama proposal, as with so many other policies directed toward women, is that it simply expands their options while removing yet one more layer of responsibility. This has not worked up to now. In fact, the only thing that did work, as one can see from declining birth rates among women on welfare since welfare reform in the 90s, was making support conditional.

The Problem With a Gay-Tolerant Military

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A lot of people defended the homecoming kiss featured on a post a while ago, saying if people have a problem with it they don't belong in the military. I'm sure it's a pretty common point of view that if a homosexual man wants to join up and serve his country, he should be able to do so without facing any restrictions heterosexual men don't face. It's a natural sentiment. Fair's fair, right?

On the face of it, this seems to be a pretty reasonable outlook. Common human decency definitely suggests it is. However, problems remain, and the acceptance of open homosexuality in the armed forces will have long-term, adverse consequences on the effectiveness and integrity of the US military.

Most of the studies that suggest the effects will be short-term and limited project only a couple years into the future. It's difficult to make projections much farther than that; our ability to plan for and predict the future remains limited (for example, the People's Republic of China is stretching it with its "five-year plans" and often screws up). However, there are a few examples and current trends that give us an idea of what we can expect long term.

First, let's take a look at another mostly male institution that became notorious for having a large number of homosexuals: the Roman Catholic Church. Some time after WWII, homosexuality came to be tolerated in the Catholic Church, and within a generation or so it became entrenched. The result was a very powerful gay lobby within the church itself, rising costs associated with the proliferation of AIDS throughout the priesthood, alienation of majority heterosexual seminarians and a string of scandals, mainly involving adolescent boys, that have cost the church incalculable losses.

Why did tolerance of homosexuality in the church have this effect? Is it something about homosexuals themselves, that they are particularly bad and salacious people? No, not really. It isn't a gay problem, but a human problem. In fact, in large part it is a *men's* problem.

The problem is sex. It's already a huge issue with straight servicemembers; fraternization is out of control. The costs in terms of health (pregnancy, STDs) and morale are already high, and will only rise as the military becomes a gender-equal environment. However, straight fraternization is self-limiting to some extent. Women get pregnant and become mothers, people get married and settle down, families of one sort or another exert some regulating behavior on the part of both men and women. This regulating factor is all but absent where homosexual men are concerned, because… *they are men*. And, even where straight servicemembers are concerned, the costs are probably unsustainable. Given the high costs of childcare and prenatal care, something will have to give somewhere. Taxpayers will not happily fund multi-billion dollar floating maternity wards forever.

Where gay sex is concerned, the primary direct costs will be STDs, which are cheaper to deal with than pregnancy and childcare, but there will be other far more problematic issues. Favoritism, for example, will be unavoidable. If homosexuals fraternize at the same rate as heterosexual soldiers, there will be a lot of gay sex on base. Of course, because gay men are men, and there is nothing to restrain them besides the lack of other gay men, fraternization in a military that allows recruits to serve as openly practicing homosexuals will likely be more common and frequent amongst gay soldiers than it is with straights. If straight fraternization is ignored, and it is, why would the military put any more effort into dealing with homosexual fraternization? Rather than stamp out gay sex, straight men prefer to ignore it. Anyone who has lived in a large West Coast city over the last few decades knows that straight cops generally leave gay men alone, even when they turn city parks into open-air orgies. When you're a straight guy, it's last thing you want to have to deal with.

Men, gay and straight alike, are often happy with a quid pro quo sexual arrangement. It's the basis of marriage, in truth. However, for homosexuals, it's often a much more casual arrangement. Gay marriage is an odd concept in large part because gay men in general are perfectly happy to avoid marriage, and when they are involved in relationships fooling around isn't as much of an issue as it is for straights. Monogamy is not the gay norm any more

than it is the heterosexual male norm, but for homosexuals there's no issue of children and pregnancy to keep them in line. So, inevitably, there will a be lot of trading favors for sex, from the brass all the way down to the battlefield. Lest anyone accuse me of exaggerating the fraternization issue, I'd suggest reading about how female-staffed anti-aircraft battalions on the Eastern Front in WWII became de facto brothels. Or, if you'd like a more recent example, perhaps the disciplined Taliban's routing of the Northern Alliance prior to the US invasion of Afghanistan.

What do the Taliban and and the Northern Alliance have to do with gays in the military? Afghanistan is notorious for a practice known as "bacha bazi." In the extremely oppressive heterosexual environment, male Afghans find release in dancing boys, who perform songs and dances in drag. One Afghan saying goes something like this: "women are for making babies; boys are for pleasure." Bacha bazi is a very old practice, and was rampant in the mid-19th century when Richard Francis Burton was assigned to the area as a British officer. A saying about Kandahar in particular is that "even the birds fly over the city with only one wing (using the other to cover their rear)." Burton was tasked with investigating a male prostitution ring in Afghanistan back in the 1840s, because high-ranking officers were concerned about British troops and officers taking part in the bacha bazi festivities. The current investigative reports on bacha bazi indicate that things have changed little in that part of the world over the centuries.

As for Taliban involvement, what happened was that the Taliban, being primarily a military movement, decided to ban bacha bazi to increase combat effectiveness and put an end to the corruption it engendered. The measure bore fruit: as rival commanders waged pitched battles with each other over lovers, the efficient and dedicated Taliban cleaned up in the field and conquered the country. Back in 1994, Mullah Omar himself personally intervened to save one Kandahar boy from being raped at the hands of feuding generals, who faced off with tanks to settle the matter of who got the boy. Now that the US has invaded and effectively pushed the Taliban out of large parts of the country, bacha bazi has returned in force.

The lesson is that when you allow sex to permeate a male institution, you will lose some efficiency and a lot of cohesion. We all know the story of Agamemnon and Achilles, who feuded over Achilles' slave girl Briseis, costing the Greeks lost battles and men, and nearly the war. Men will do all sorts of things, without even realizing what they're doing, to obtain sex. They will badmouth each other, they will procure favors for the object of their desire, they will lie, and they will fight. It makes no difference whether the lover is male or female; the impulse is the same. This is why one of the last things you want in a martial institution is sex within the ranks. It is one of several reasons women should be banned from all combat units and segregated into their own auxiliary corps, and it is why open homosexuality cannot be tolerated in a military such as ours without paying a heavy price.

It would be nice to assume that gay men are capable of controlling themselves and avoiding fraternization in the ranks, but if they are anything like straight men in that regard it's highly unlikely they will. Given that gay sexual fraternization occurred even before the ban was lifted (a gay veteran friend of mine confirmed it was easy enough to find a willing partner), it would be very naïve, and actually quite backward, of us to assume that it will cease now that homosexuality is tolerated in the military.

Homosexual men can and have been great warriors and leaders. There is no doubt that they can fight, and countless have sacrificed themselves for their country. However, their abilities and sacrifices, as noble as they are, cannot overcome the fact that suppression of homosexuality is crucial to institutional integrity in a military context. Yes, suppression. This is what the military does. It suppresses our instincts, and sometimes our better nature, to accomplish its goals and fulfill its mandate. It's one of those inherently unfair things about the world, and in more realistic, practical times people understood that without thinking twice. Regardless of whether open homosexuality is tolerated in the military or not, there will always be homosexual soldiers, but to maintain the integrity of the armed forces, they will have to make the extra sacrifice of silence as long as they serve under command. A hard reality, but unfortunately necessary.

However, I don't expect us to revert to the old ways. Our society has grown too tolerant, too soft, and too short-sighted to take measures to preserve itself and restore its vigor. Rather than go back to the values that put us in the

position of power we have inherited, we will simply coast along on the momentum until we are a corrupt, senile old bureaucratic state like the late Qing and Ottoman empires. This is the way of the world. In the meanwhile, at least, lots of people will have a good time.

Alimony Reform Coming?

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The forced servitude to ex-wives known as alimony is coming under increasing scrutiny in a number of states as reality is finally catching up to the courts. Alimony was originally based on the idea that women were dependent on men to survive, and that a husband had an obligation to support a woman he had married. It was also based at least in part on fault; if a man broke his vows the sentiment was that he should pay for it somehow.

Since the introduction of no-fault divorce and laws guaranteeing women's equality on the workforce, there is no justification for it whatsoever. A woman who leaves her husband without demonstrating fault should have no right to claim any of his subsequent earnings. However, in a number of states women may still receive lifetime alimony awards despite obtaining a "no-fault" divorce so long as the marriage lasted sufficiently long.

A NY Times article highlight efforts in Florida to change the law to address some of the egregious injustices that result, such as professional women with six-figure incomes receiving $50,000 annual alimony awards:

> Dr. Jose A. Aleman-Gomez, a Cape Coral cardiologist who was married for 21 years, said he must pay $50,000 a year, or about 25 percent of his salary, to his ex-wife, a practicing dentist with a solid income. And Dr. Bernard R. Perez, a Tampa eye surgeon with throat cancer who was married for 20 years, said he had been ordered to pay his former wife 85 percent of his income; for the last three years, he has lived in his brother's garage and is near bankruptcy, he said.

However, some people are fighting changes, most notably family law attorneys and their representatives.

> David L. Manz, the chairman of the Florida Bar Family Law Section, said his organization opposed the House bill because it was too loosely written and would remove too much judicial discretion. In remedying the plight of a small number of men, Mr. Manz said, the bill could leave more divorced women vulnerable. He said he was negotiating to change parts of the bill.
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> Even today, Mr. Manz said, divorce is more likely to hurt women. They are still the ones who typically give up their jobs to focus on raising children. Even when they do not give up jobs, their child-rearing responsibilities can sidetrack their careers. Returning to jobs after long absences is difficult.
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> "For every guy, there is a wife or former wife who got the short end of the stick," Mr. Manz said. "Look at the standard of living of most people in a long-term marriage: divorced men's standard of living goes up, and the women's goes down. That happens every day."
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> "We are not in favor of disenfranchising someone who has given up her career," he added. "What you are hearing about is a very vocal, persuasive minority."

How thoughtful of Mr. Manz to stick up for the poor, downtrodden wives of the upper middle class. I wonder whether he'd spend any time demanding alimony for the girls working at WalMart or the local fast food joint? Of course not. Attorneys defend alimony because it allows them to jack up fees, plain and simple. If they can put in the extra hours to stick it to a high-earning guy, then their clients (wives of the professionals) will be perfectly happy and able to pay off the excess fees with the alimony that's coming in.

Alimony, like so much of family law, is a racket. It does little more than pad the pockets of high-stakes divorce lawyers, who contribute exactly zero added value to the economy. If it weren't part of our court system, it would surely be considered organized crime.

The Biggest Stick

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By Running Hardly

During a playboy interview in 1965 Sean Connery very candidly offered up his opinion on how best to deal with a woman who was a "bitch, or hysterical, or bloody-minded"

> "An openhanded slap is justified–if all other alternatives fail and there has been plenty of warning.

Today nearly three generations later only renegade comedians like Chris Rock could make that kind of comment and not be blacklisted from earning a living:

> "You know what they say, "There's no reason to ever hit a woman." Shit! There's a reason to hit everybody. You just don't do it. Shit, there's a reason to kick an old man down a flight of stairs. You just don't do it. Ain't nobody above an ass-whooping".

Aside from Mr. Rock leaving "hysterical or bloody-minded" feminists speechless, we've made a long journey from that playboy interview. Today's men would laugh at Connery's statements as anachronistic; not necessarily because their women no longer occasionally grate on the nerves in the same way, but because hitting a woman is now so dangerous.

In today's world Connery's advice would be insanely misguided. Laying hands on a woman is the surest way to lose custody of your children, to lose a significant share of any property and income you have, if not to lose your very freedom as a result of incarceration. Once a woman brings the combined weight of the judicial and enforcement arms of the government to her defense, the only person who will truly get slapped is the man who decided to go old school and raise the back of his hand to her.

Feminists say the law is finally catching up with the dramatic historical imbalance in power between the sexes. But men's rights activists point out that the imbalance has just shifted against men.

Domestic violence activist and former police lieutenant Greg Schmidt who created the Seattle police department's domestic violence investigation unit in 1994:

> "The domestic violence industry–the trainers, the shelter directors, etc.–can spin things however they want," he says, "but most street cops know that women are just as likely to start domestic disputes as men are. But arresting women puts you under lot of scrutiny. It's bad for your career."

Schmidt also criticizes the dominant aggressor doctrine which discourages dual arrests (which are often an appropriate measure) and instructs police to downplay who struck the first blow. Instead, police are asked to focus on who is (supposedly) in control of the situation and who is more fearful–often code words for "arrest the man."

Women are still more likely to physically abuse children, and probably still have a greater tendency to be the initiators of physical confrontations with their men.

> Dr. Charles Corry: When its mutual combat, the studies show 60% of the time it is the woman who initiates the violence.

Men on the other hand, being generally bigger and stronger, still probably have a greater tendency to answer with physical force which puts such confrontations to an end. But men now shoulder all the responsibility for any conflict, and can be at risk for merely defending themselves in any mutual physical altercation, not to mention

against false domestic violence accusations.

The irony is that the net result has not been positive for either gender. Despite the zero tolerance policies towards domestic violence popularized in recent years, domestic violence has not only remained relatively stable in proportion to overall crime, but family disharmony by any measure has increased.

> Carey E. Cooper et al., Princeton University
> **Partnership Instability, School Readiness, and Gender Disparities**
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> Insofar as family instability has differential effects on boys and girls and insofar as family instability is more common among disadvantaged populations, the increase in instability during the past few decades may account for the growing gender disparity in school achievement, especially among minority populations.

Now neither feminists nor men's rights groups are satisfied. Feminists are adamant that still more responsibility for domestic violence be assigned to men, and men's rights groups are furious that women get off Scott free when they become violent, just as they get a pass for the denial of access and emotional abuse that are often triggering factors in domestic violence. Men's rights activists also say that because women have an incentive to lie about domestic violence, particularly during property or child custody disputes, and because they face no consequences for doing so, women have a huge advantage in not having to provide any proof before the law acts on such permanently damaging accusations on the strength of the woman's word alone.

It seems clear that each sex has a predisposition towards certain failings. Men say women are overwhelmingly more prone to withhold access and to alienate their children, women say men are more prone to be violent and to withhold financial support. If even part of these allegations are true, this begs the question, how can there ever be equality if the court's are unequally lenient on the things that one sex tends to do while being unequally harsh on the things that the other sex tends do when both of those failings contribute equally to family crises?

As an example, courts are notoriously forgiving of women who withhold access or who are unfaithful. Given that access issues and the unfaithfulness that caused the breakup are a huge factor in post separation violence it would seem fair to be at least as forgiving of the sins men fall prey to as a result of that stress. If for example a man comes home to find his wife with a lover then loses it and slaps her, should that really be so much more serious in the eyes of the law than the emotional abuse of her bringing another man into his bed in the first place?

As it stands right now the law says that men's violence is much more serious. So if you come home from a long day's work and your wife and her lover tell you to "beat it" because they haven't finished with your bed, don't overreact. They're probably exhausted from screwing all day and too tired to get up. Just do your best to catch a couple of moments rest on the hard cold floor before you have to go to your second job. Keep yourself from raising your voice or a restraining order could have you living in your parent's basement and paying for the pizza and beer he's eating while he's sitting in your living room chair, and using your new hi tech remote to watch your big screen TV. At least on the floor you're inside and still get to see your children and occasionally use your stuff.

Of course the other option to stop emasculating men this way is to get the government out of family matters entirely. Libertarians argue for exactly that, namely that a man should be able to do what he wants in his own family. But a truly libertarian society is a social experiment we've never really tried. Does a man's right to do as he wishes in his house, become a man's right to do as he wishes in his compound, which then become his right to do as he wishes in his tribal fiefdom? Would a Libertarian society look more like the ungovernable tribal areas of Pakistan? A lot of questions need to be answered before that step seems less scary and unfamiliar to the average citizen.

There has to be a middle ground. Somehow we have to get to a point where social contracts like marriage enforce responsibility on both parties, and where breaking that contract has penalties. For example, don't want to cook and clean while staying home as a housewife? … Lower spousal support after divorce for you. Aborted husband's children without his knowledge or consent when he expressly married to have children? … Lower spousal support

after divorce as well. Unfaithful? Put your hand back in your pocket you get NOTHING. The list goes on.

Too many people today believe women have more incentive to divorce than to stay married, and too many people believe men have no incentive to marry in the first place. Our sons who are watching our struggles with divorce may balk at ever getting married. Responsibility to a marriage contract is a radical suggestion, but unless we commit to replacing our population solely through immigration as some other western nations have, we have to make society less hostile to families. Radical may be exactly where we need to go.

What do Men Want in a Wife, and Why Won't Wives Oblige?

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Uncle Elmer posted a nice photo essay demonstrating his wife's skill in cooking, which was impressive by anyone's standards. One could fairly call his wife a chef. However, as impressive as it is, most men don't expect that much, and of course most would be disappointed if they did, because not many people, men or women, can cook like that. In fact, there is one thing above all that men want from their women: that they are *pleasant*.

A girlfriend or wife doesn't have to have the looks of Giselle Bundchen, the homemaking skills of Martha Stewart or the bedroom skills of a professional call girl to make a man happy. All of these would be nice bonuses, but they are not nearly as important as the ability to make a man feel relaxed, content and appreciated. A woman who is mediocre in all of the former attributes can easily make up for it by being a sweet, pleasant person who takes the edge off at home. Men are surprisingly easygoing that way, but for some reason women can't figure it out. Perhaps it isn't in their nature. It may be that being pleasant goes against their instincts, and is impossible for them in our hyper-competitive society. Maybe seeing a man content and wanting for nothing is a disgusting sight to a woman, who prefers an ambitious, striving man. Or it could be that she feels as though his contentment suggests that he doesn't appreciate her enough, and she has to agitate and badger him into making some display of devotion.

I can't say I know exactly why American women are so disinclined to oblige men in the simple matter of happiness, but I can remember how remarkable it was to me when I saw families overseas in which mutual appreciation and the resulting contentment was the norm for the middle class. For example, when I was riding a train from Hong Kong to Peking back in late 1997, just as my spoken Mandarin was starting to come together, I ended up in a room with a middle-aged Chinese couple, and made some small conversation with them. The husband and wife were entirely ordinary, but so relaxed, content and appreciative of each other that I was quite taken in by them. It's something I have rarely seen in the harried American couples one sees out in public. The husband sat there with a smile on his face while his wife curled up next to him and addressed him affectionately with the Chinese equivalent of "my old man." The two were part of what you'd call the Chinese middle class, or "lao bai xing," which is comprised of ordinary, literate urban Chinese. Neither rich nor poor by Chinese standards, they live a humble, yet comfortable lifestyle. By American standards, they would have been quite poor and severely short of material goods, but here they were, as happy as I'd ever seen a comparable American husband and wife.

What is most confounding about the refusal of American women to simply lighten up and stop going after their husbands is how they refuse to do so despite the fact that it would make their lives much easier. The chores issue is a perfect example. Rather than do battle with a man over how many hours are going into housework, why not just ease up on the housework themselves? Lots of women put in nearly twice as much work as necessary, and then expect husbands to do the same. Additionally, do women really need that brand new car? Do they need a mcmansion (with all the attendant extra housework) to be happy? The striving and consumerism in the US is driven mainly by women, who account for over 80% of discretionary spending, and it can turn them into very unpleasant people.

Want to see what an unpleasant wife looks like? Watch this old real-estate ad from the boom:

That ad is no exaggeration. Nor was Kate Gosselin's treatment of her husband Jon. This is the norm in the US, and it's driven in large part by our women's status obsession (envy) and consumerism (greed). Perhaps the value placed on economic competition and consumerism is a major part of the problem with our women. Rather than domestic harmony and peace, that new car, new house or new shoes take priority. In days past, this kind of obsession with material wealth was frowned upon, so much so that those with money went out of their way not to make too much of a show of it (and in fact most wealthy people continue to do so), but today it's about the only "virtue" we have left.

So, I'll offer a theory as to why American women have become so downright unpleasant over the past few decades.

Women's liberation liberated them not only from restraints on fornication, hypergamy and other sexual impulses, but from the acquisitive and competitive impulses that were also kept in check by old-fashioned morality, and for women these may be stronger than lust. We have to recognize that Western capitalism and consumerism were largely driven by female spending, so perhaps this explains some of the support for feminism from above.

If women are constantly striving for more, bigger, better and shinier, they won't have time to relax and enjoy life as it is. I suspect this plays a major role in the dissatisfaction wives feel, and explains why they cannot stop pushing their husbands harder and harder. It robs them of the ability to be pleasant, and suppresses their better nature, as they struggle and strive with the frenzied crowd for that next shiny bauble. Today, our women are truly possessed and ruled by the dark forces of greed and envy, which rob them and the men in their lives of peace and contentment.

A Theory on the Swedish Paradox

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A number of people have been confounded by the curious nature of Swedish women's taste in men. Evidently, Swedish women do not chase after the kind of wealthy alpha sociopaths who are popular with the US female population, but rather value looks and a more affable nature in their sex partners. However, they are just as prone to serial monogamy, single motherhood and bed-hopping as any other women. What is it that explains this apparent disregard for status amongst Swedish women?

Maybe it isn't that they are different at all, but rather that status in Sweden is determined by entirely different factors. Sweden is a social democratic state, where social equality is assured by high taxes and a great deal of social welfare. Petty crime and drug use is frowned upon, and taken rather more seriously than in most of the West. Your typical Swede is supposed to value consensus, and there is a paternalistic bureaucracy that is dedicated (in theory) to the welfare of the Swedish people. In short, Sweden is something like high school or college, where an institution provides for and protects its charges.

I'm not writing this to disparage Swedes, because there is something sweet and innocent about the high school experience, where girls go for the good-looking, popular guys. I'd be willing to bet that in Sweden, like in an American high school, the nerds are largely left out, though, while the athletes and "hot" guys get more than they can handle.

However, whereas in the US the jock who ends up chained to the wife and kids or who never makes it big in the grown-up world endures a dramatic drop in status, or the handsome young player ends up as a used car salesman and therefore far less of a catch, this shift in status that occurs in the transition to adulthood simply doesn't happen to anywhere near the same extent in Sweden.

Each culture determines status in its own way, and this can result in widely divergent outcomes. Where I live, in Seattle, talented programmers and tech workers (i.e. nerds) have a lot more cachet than in other places. I'm sure the same is true in Silicon Valley. Investment bankers are hotshots in NYC, gangster thugs in the ghetto, competent meth cooks in trailer parks, and ranchers in Montana.

While women determine their mate choices according to a number of factors, status is the most important by far, and likely has been since before we were actually human. It's the most important factor in chimp, baboon and gorilla mating, and even a number of non-primate species. Humans are unique in that status is determined by far more complex interactions, but the fundamental fact remains that human females prefer high-status males. So much so that they even fantasize about being "taken" by them.

One WSJ article from a couple years back suggested that women don't particularly care for "macho men." This is a common feminist trope, but essentially meaningless, as I will demonstrate. The article featured some studies that tied women's preference for masculinity to insecure (i.e. low on human development index) conditions. When women are well taken care of, it suggested, they prefer more feminine men. Perhaps there was some lesbian wishful thinking at work here, but the study does make sense, although not for the reasons the author and researchers suggested.

In the study, men's faces were digitally altered to look either more masculine or more feminine. This was accomplished by enlarging the neck and jaw, filling out the eyebrows, and raising the hairline at the temples to create a more masculine look, or the opposite for feminine. Essentially, one photo made the guy look like a wrestler, and the other like a guy in the classical music department. Women from various countries were asked to choose which men they found most attractive, and then the data was collected and analyzed.

After crunching the numbers, they found that the women from more developed countries preferred the more feminine men, whereas those from more chaotic regions preferred the masculine ones. The researchers hypothesized that it had something to do with fitness, as testosterone suggests enhanced fitness in a less healthy

environment:

> After crunching the data—including the women's facial preferences, their country of origin and that country's national health index—the Face Lab researchers proved something remarkable. They could predict how masculine a woman likes her men based on her nation's World Health Organization statistics for mortality rates, life expectancy and the impact of communicable disease. In countries where poor health is particularly a threat to survival, women leaned toward "manlier" men. That is, they preferred their males to have shorter, broader faces and stronger eyebrows, cheekbones and jaw lines. The researchers went on to publish the study in this month's issue of the scientific journal Proceedings of the Royal Society: Biological Sciences.

According to the article, women in less healthy environments prefer manlier men because they are inherently resistant to disease:

> To a person unfamiliar with the field of evolutionary psychology, this may sound a little far-fetched. How is it even possible to link a woman's masculinity preferences to the health of her nation? The answer begins with the theory of sexual selection. It goes that women are the choosier sex because they take on most of the risk and burden of reproduction and child rearing. While a man can sleep around with 100 women in a year's time and have 100 kids, a woman who sleeps with 100 men in a year will only have one baby (barring multiples). She has more at stake in each pregnancy. Therefore, it is in her best interest to at least choose a high-quality mate. And one of the hallmarks of a quality male is good health.
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> But what does health have to do with masculinity? The link is testosterone, the hormone behind manly muscles, strong jaws, prominent eyebrow ridges, facial hair and deep voices. Testosterone is immunosuppressive. This means a man must be healthy and in good condition to withstand its effects on his development. Testosterone is also linked to other traits related to strength: fitness, fertility and dominance. From an evolutionary perspective, masculinity is basically man's way of advertising good genes, dominance and likelihood to father healthier kids. When disease is a real threat, as it had been—and arguably still is—heritable health is invaluable.

This is kind of far-fetched. Mortality is higher for men with high testosterone across all age groups, and regardless of environment. Testosterone is correlated with riskier behavior, which has consequences both early and late in life.

So why do some women prefer more effeminate men? The author concludes that it has to do with childcare and nurturing:

> In 1970, women represented only 43.3% of women of the labor force, compared to 55.8% today. Moreover, the recession in America has been a tremendous blow to men in traditionally masculine jobs such as construction and manufacturing; 82% of job losses affect men. Right now in the U.S. many families find themselves economically dependent on one working parent: Mom. Over 70% of mothers have jobs outside the home. No longer as reliant on men's genes or jobs to ensure the health and wealth of their children, women may come to value other qualities in a mate. It may become evolutionarily adaptive to prefer men who are cooperative, communicative, caring and better parents over traditional "manly men."

I don't think so. If men have become redundant in countries with lots of social welfare, then the idea that supportive, nurturing men will become more attractive falls apart. Let me propose another explanation:

In more developed, controlled societies, cooperative, docile "follow-the-rules" type men rise higher and faster than those who are more confrontational, forceful and combative. The masculine looking guy is more likely to be a dock worker or trucker, while the effete, overeducated type is more likely to be a high-level manager or administrator, perhaps in one of the social welfare bureaucracies that guarantee women are taken care of by the state. In strife-torn Mexico, on the other hand, the brutal, macho type is more likely to be a jefe or drug lord, who has risen to the

top by being a ruthless, risk-taking thug, whereas the mild, docile type is more likely to be one of the peasant underlings who is routinely victimized by the gangsters.

Therefore, masculinity correlates with high status in the less developed society, and low status in the more highly developed one. The reason American women prefer more manly types is that the US is still a fairly violent, competitive society with more opportunities to make it on one's own rather than working in the system. But even here, it varies widely by region and social class, as I suggested regarding the preferences of women in different contexts. I have seen very attractive young women in Seattle hipster neighborhoods fawning over nerdy programmers, and then rough-hewn fishermen and crabbers (including some of the crew of the "Deadliest Catch" series) getting the attention in the waterfront taverns.

Women choose based on social status. That is the most important factor the world over. Greasy little Cantonese traders get the hottest girls in Shanghai, while the manly, heavy industry factory workers from northeast China go home alone. Fat, bloated wealthy sheikhs have the hottest chicks in Araby, while the lean, muscular Yemeni farmers make do with some ugly cousin. In our dysfunctional ghettos, dumb thugs rule the streets while studious, virtuous young men are laughed at by the girls. In our low-rent trailer parks, welfare and social security cheats and drug manufacturers do fine with the ladies; the smart boys know the score and get the hell out by joining the military or studying a trade at a community college (good for them).

If you want to influence women's sexual choices, it's a simple matter of rewarding some men with status over others. Looks, power, money or manliness; it's all a matter of what we prioritize. Women are hard-wired to go for the top dog.

Book Review: Afghanistan: A Military History

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Book review: Afghanistan: A Military History from Alexander the Great to the Fall of the Taliban, by Stephen Tanner, 328 pages.

The book begins its telling of the history of Afghanistan, starting from 334 BC forward, with the invasion of the Macedonian king Alexander the Great, who led his Hellenic army, hacking and chopping, all the way through a fading Persian empire under Darius III to the Indus River in modern-day Pakistan. As Afghanistan sits astride the geographic passageways linking Asia, Asia Minor, and the Indian subcontinent, Afghanistan would be repeatedly invaded by other aggressively expansive peoples over the next two millennia. After Alexander's aggressive oriental expansion burnt out, his empire broke apart into squabbling fiefdoms, and the Hellenic rulers of Afghanistan finally succumbed to Scythian hordes, barbarians from the Steppes of Asia driven west by the construction of the Great Wall and funnelled south by the Himalayas. To this day, however, genealogical remnants of those Greek warriors remain in the rugged mountain valleys of modern-day Nuristan, nee Kafiristan (a reference to their polytheistic infidel religion practiced until they were forcibly converted to Islam in the nineteenth century). There, according to the author, one frequently finds fair skin, fair hair, and blue and green eyes.

The Scythians ruled Afghanistan for a brief century and a half, during which Afghanistan found itself–true to its location at the crossroads of Asia–smack in the middle between the Greco-Roman, Persian, Chinese, and Indian civilizations. And like any crossroads, it found itself invaded once again, this time by a resurgent Persian empire. The victorious Sassanids ruled Afghanistan for several centuries, until, weakened by invading Huns (most formidably led by Attila) from the Steppes, Mohammadean Arabs conquered the land and converted the local Buddhists, Zoroastrians, and peoples of other pagan faiths to Islam, by free will as much as by the sword. During this period of Muslim Arab rule, Afghanistan enjoyed a renaissance of sorts not seen before or since, and the land flourished due to its central location astride commercial corridor between the Far East and Middle East.

Then, in 1221, "the atom bomb of its day" fell on Afghanistan, and the land and the people never recovered. The Mongols under Genghis Khan invaded, again from the north like all previous invaders from the Steppes did, only this time, unlike the Scythians and the Huns before, they did not come to rule, to hold, but to obliterate, to destroy. And destroy they did. According to the author, anything the Mongols could not adapt to their native steppes they burnt, destroyed, or slew. Entire cities were fired and the population put to the sword. It was pragmatic as much as barbaric…after all, one needs less troops guarding the rear if potential rebels were pre-emptively slaughtered. Mongols laid siege to the city of Herat for six months and, when the city finally fell, spent the next week slaughtering every single inhabitant, to include household pets and livestock. Afghan irrigation systems, known as *qanats*, the same that frustrated Soviet troops 700 years later, provided cover and concealment (as well as water), and thus were systematically destroyed by the Mongols…which ensured chronically dry Afghanistan would remain so. Only the nomadic hill tribes of Afghanistan remained free; the more sedentary and civilized dwellers in the Afghan plans were massacred wholesale. Six years after invading, the Mongols departed Afghanistan and returned to Mongolia. Their legacy: a cultural and civilizational basket case that never fully recovered from Mongol terror, and indeed, remnants of the Mongol armies in Afghanistan, a people known as "Hazaras", are widely despised for their obvious visible genetic linkages to such a cruel conqueror.

The next several hundred years are characterized by tribal Afghans more or less squabbling amongst themselves or lending their strength and martial inclination to neighboring powers; their involvement and ferocity at times was decisive to whatever prince could enlist their aid. But ever since the destruction of the Mongols, Afghanistan was never again a valuable addition to an empire. It would be a no-man's land, unruly, and unrulable by a central government, the Pashtun Durranis notwithstanding. And the ascent of European and Eurasian powers would turn a land made desolate by the petty squabbling of tribal chieftains into something even worse: a buffer state. Enter the "Great Game", and Russia and Britain, who both sought to exert influence upon Afghanistan as a sort of early-

warning zone for invasion from the other, the former for her southern expansion, the latter to protect British India. Each would vie for control of this mountainous, unpacifiable land, and attempt to punish Afghan impudence with martial expeditions. Eventually, the Russians, later the Soviets, would gain the upper hand and attempt to draw Afghanistan into the great Communist fold, culminating in an ill-fated invasion in 1979 that would give rise to both the Mujaheddin and a power vacuum that would usher in the Taliban.

I found the following quote from the author instructive to our present adventure in Asia (one of Vezzini's Classic Blunders), as it provided invaluable insight into what many would see as the sheer ungovernability of Afghanistan, given modern mores and tastes:

> Afghanistan [is] unique for three factors that in combination provide a valid rationale for its having bucked the tide of history. First, its terrain facilitated the ability of tribes to exist independently among inaccessible mountains, in veritable isolation from the writ of a central government. At the same time, terrain presented no such difficulties for tribes to descend from their heights to participate in collective defense. Second, the country as a whole, in the midst of an already degraded south-central Asia, had become increasingly isolated from the main currents of global commerce and thus the main paths of foreign armies. It had been no accident that the Durrani empire had risen during a period when the once-powerful empires on every side of Afghanistan were in precipitous decline. The Afghan tribes were able to live isolated within a country that was itself isolated. Third, in a land where indigenous strength lay with the nomad population rather than in the sedentary communities that had been repeatedly ravaged across centuries of warfare, the very primitiveness of the Afghans counted toward their formidability. They remained a warrior people with a martial ethic–entirely willing to fight among themselves when not otherwise challenged–with the effect that in a world increasingly bent on economic progress, the Afghan fighter, increasingly out-of-date, became increasingly fearsome to the rest of civilization.

All told, a fascinating, well-written, and thoroughly enjoyable read. Recommended for those who wish to better grasp the history behind an area that presently consumes so much blood, treasure, and attention.

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Paying Respect to Randall Shake

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Randall Shake, who is one of our own, died a couple days ago, and a memorial page has been set up at the Nice Guy forum to put in a good word for him. He died at age 55, and left behind five children. His nephew Dan broke the news. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

Too many men pass anonymously, their efforts forgotten and their work unappreciated. Let's show our respect for Randall and his support, and show each other that we care enough to honor those who have passed.

When more details become available I'd be happy to post a memorial here, but I'll wait until I hear from friends or family.

Until then, let's remember that we owe it not just to ourselves, but to men who have come and gone, and men yet to come, to work for a better, more just world.

RIP Randall Shake — you live on in our memory and our work

The Cold Hard Truth on Equalizing Reproductive Rights

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By Taank

Ah, reproduction, and the rights of men and women regarding it. Seems like folks these days just can't get enough of wrangling about it, with every side shouting so loud they'll never hear what anyone else has to say. I started thinking about it pretty much at random the other day, and it occurred to me that I've never seen or heard anyone dispassionately lay out the current state of affairs regarding reproductive rights, as well as the various potential fixes available.

Fear not, gentle reader, for today that changes.

Presented for your reading pleasure today, shockingly enough, is a dispassionate summary of the current state of affairs regarding reproductive rights, as well as the various potential fixes available. In the spirit of dispassionitivity (not a real word – I hope), I'm not advocating any of these; I leave that to the comments section (which, I suppose, reveals my blindingly optimistic opinion of human nature in general).

Without further ado, I give you Reproductive Rights: the Gender-Based Overview.

Reproductive Rights Before Pregnancy:
-Women: Choose Not To Have Sex; Use Birth Control
-Men: Choose Not To Have Sex; Use Birth Control

Reproductive Rights Rights During Pregnancy:
-Women: Abort Fetus
-Men: None

Reproductive Rights After Childbirth:
-Women: Surrender child to be supported by state taxpayers via Safe Haven laws (Typically up to 30 days after birth; varies by state)
-Men: None

Based on this brutally simple breakdown, the following simple fixes suggest themselves. Note that the only consideration in this analysis is making the reproductive rights of men and women the same at all stages of the process, regardless of any other considerations. This is not to minimize or discard those other considerations, but rather to illustrate these solutions in the simplest possible terms.

Obviously, reproductive rights before pregnancy are already equal.

To Equalize Rights During Pregnancy:*
Option 1: Require father's consent to abort a pregnancy
Option 2: Allow fathers to mandate abortion against the mother's wishes (!)

To Equalize Rights After Childbirth:
Option 1: Eliminate Safe Haven Laws
Option 2: Allow Fathers to surrender parental rights (yes, avoiding child support) within Safe Haven timeframe

That's it. A simple overview of the current imbalance in reproductive rights, by gender, and the possible ways to fix them. I would greatly admire the testicular fortitude of anyone brave enough to actually suggest any of these fixes in a public forum; I can only imagine the raging shitstorm that would erupt if anyone suggested that fathers should be able to force mothers to abort, even though logically it is one way to give men and women equal rights in that particular area. But anyway, there it is.

Discuss. Or not, as you prefer.

*(It's also worth noting here that there's a potential Option 3 for equalizing rights during pregnancy. If we interpret a mother's right to abort an unwanted pregnancy as the ability to surrender her parental rights and reponsibilities, rather than the literal interpretation of "surgically remove the fetus," then the third option would allow the father to opt out of fatherhood during pregnancy, surrendering his parental rights and responsibilities. This would allow mothers who were so inclined to keep the baby, although they would know by doing so that they would be solely responsible for providing for that child. Realistically, I don't think anyone would suggest that option 2 would ever make a viable real world solution, even though logically it does provide men and women with equal rights.)

Fighting for Women's Freedom

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By Ethical

When US led western military forces needed to drum up ongoing support for the war in Afghanistan, one of the issues that really galvanized public sympathy was the deplorable status of women there.

> **Council on Foreign Relations**
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> Following the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan, Afghan women emerged as a high-profile focus of U.S. policy. Women's progress was promoted as a powerful, positive product of the international presence in the war-scarred country.

Women, it was said, had very few rights and were treated virtually as property. To western sensibilities this imbalance of power was immoral, repugnant, and objectionable. Something had to be done.

> **Feminist.org**
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> Upon seizing power, the Taliban regime instituted a system of gender apartheid effectively thrusting the women of Afghanistan into a state of virtual house arrest. Under Taliban rule women were stripped of all human rights – their work, visibility, opportunity for education, voice, healthcare, and mobility.
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> **Afghanistan Online**
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> The repression of women is still prevalent in rural areas where many families still restrict their own mothers, daughters, wives and sisters from participation in public life. They are still forced into marriages and denied a basic education. Numerous school for girls have been burned down and little girls have even been poisoned to death for daring to go to school.

By contrast in the west women enjoy far greater rights and privileges. Popular wisdom is that western society as a whole has benefitted as a result. In fact many western economist's insist that the freedom enjoyed by women in the west enables their greater economic participation, which in turn may be largely responsible for the greater productivity and greater wealth of economies here.

> **Ricardo Hausman, Laura D. Tyson and Saadia Zahidi, The Global Gender Gap Report, 2007, World Economic Forum 2007**
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> "Numerous studies indicate that sustainable development is dependent on improving the economic and political status of women and that reducing gender inequality enhances productivity and economic growth"

Being practical we judge ourselves by tangible things like our economic success; as western societies the strength of our economies is inevitably proof that our way of life is also in some real sense superior.

So it's from a very lofty moral high ground that western men come to Muslim countries to fight for women to enjoy the same rights and privileges there as they do in the west; the freedom to walk the streets without the veil, the freedom to work outside the home, the freedom to independently determine their own course in life. We know these rights lead to more just and prosperous societies.

Not to say servicemen ever have a reason not to be proud. They are not politicians. Whatever their country's mission, in this case taking on the responsibility of enforcing women's rights in other parts of the world, there is honor in having served their country. And they can be proud of their country too. Whatever evils western forces are unjustly accused of perpetrating in foreign lands, young men in the military can at least rest in the proud and unassailable truth that we practice what we preach. Women in the west have not been denied those rights.

Not that taking the moral high ground has been easy. Especially when the wife has been unfaithful at home, men can have a difficult time putting their tour of duty sacrifices in perspective. And that's before they return to find their spouses gone along their children and all they ever owned.

> **Richard Crouch, Attorney at Law, Crouch & Crouch**
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> It has been suggested that when our mobilized and deployed National Guard and Reserves return from doing their duty Over There and have saved us and our civilization from destruction, many of them will return, not to ticker-tape parades, but to handcuffs and a jail cell. Now why would this be? Because, of course, they owe child support.
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> … some of Our Boys are in totally inaccessible places thousands of miles away. If they didn't do something about this problem before they left, it's kind of all over by this time. And just how many do you think managed to "do something," when under orders, with 100 other things on their minds and hardly any time to do anything? So what will happen when Our Boy is obligated to pay monthly child support and/or alimony determined according to his nice civilian salary, and he is now in some godforsaken hole in some freezing Antipodean desert, getting dogface pay? Obviously, there is one hell of an arrearage building up to greet him upon the hero's return.

Unfortunately more men will face the handcuffs instead of the ticker tape parade; the military divorce rate is rising:

> **David R. Usher, NewsWithViews.com**
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> Divorce rates in America are still over 50%. For the military it is even higher — albeit nobody knows exactly what the real number is since the Pentagon doesn't report home-front casualty rates.

For any military man, returning to face jail after your spouse ran off leaving you with a support debt you don't earn enough to pay is a bitter pill to swallow. Fact is it doesn't sound fair to *anyone*. But instead of hearing about change for the better, we hear even worse:

> **Antimisandry.com**
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> Taron James of Torrance, Calif., a decorated Navy veteran, carried out hazardous reconnaissance missions behind Iraqi lines in the aftermath of the first Persian Gulf War. While overseas, James was notified that a woman he knew back home was demanding that he pay child support for her newborn son. Los Angeles County entered a default paternity judgment against James, in part because James' military commitments made it difficult for him to defend himself.
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> Despite DNA evidence that James was not the father, the county garnisheed James' wages for a decade and employed numerous punitive measures against him, costing him a management position and forcing him to drop out of college. James eventually got the judgment set aside, but last week a California Court of Appeal refused to order that James be reimbursed for the wages the county garnisheed.

Thankfully our brave servicemen who face potential beheadings at the hands of the Taliban probably don't bother with these worries they don't know to be definite likelihoods. They're brash and confident, everything young men need to be to face death without flinching. Being young men with loving wives, they likely wouldn't concern themselves about what hasn't happened yet, and assume that if any of the horror stories they hear about does actually befall them, they'll just state their case *really clearly* (those other guys must have mumbled) and the powers that be will straighten things out. Few of them would likely pay attention to the increasing feminization of divorce

laws that free woman of any duty to be a good wife and mother, while stripping fathers of their parental role and putting an ever increasing burden of financial responsibility on men. Many won't truly learn how precarious the legal position of fathers truly is, and how onerous the financial burden on divorced men, until they return home. That's when despite best efforts, they may find themselves stuck in an ever deepening injustice they just can't set straight. Even if they weren't mumbling.

It's a terrible irony that sees them crushed under the very same feminist system they were fighting to put in place in a foreign country half way across the world. But it's this very same irony that may come with the blessing of opening all our eyes to consider a different perspective.

Violence Against Men

Environments where there is more violence against women are also environments where there is more violence against men. In dangerous or lawless states, the only rights that exist are those that can be enforced, purchased, or traded through influence.

Rights then are actually a luxury, and there is nowhere on earth where they are inalienable. The only real rights anyone has are those that the society can reasonably enforce at any given time. In remote places where the only enforcement of law to protect women are her father, brother, or eventually her husband, any decision to enforce the law is not to be taken lightly. Enforcing a woman's right to be free from sexual violence for example may protect the woman from the humiliation of rape, but can potentially involve an even greater threat to the safety of a woman's own family who are tasked with defending her honor. In a place where there are no police limiting conflict, any conflict can escalate uncontrollably. Any decision to defend her honor can mean those men laying down their very lives.

Conflict is then to be avoided even if it restricts the rights of the potential victim. Feminists call this "blaming the victim".

> **Feminist.com**
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> Friends or family may blame the victim in order to feel safe themselves: "She got raped because she walked alone after midnight. I'd never do that, so rape won't happen to me."

I say it's asking the victim to share in the responsibility. If a village in some war torn region of the world is going to have to send its men to fight another village and possibly die because someone in that other village raped one of its women, there are probably going to be a few of the woman's male family members who would rather she just stay indoors, wear a veil, and make the men some sandwiches. Watching the game on TV with your dad and brothers over some afghan tea while munching sandwiches is a lot less stressful if your sister (who's stacked and looks like a supermodel) hasn't been prancing around in her miniskirt near another village you don't want to end up being in a blood feud with, or if you're in Somalia … near where the local warlords are dividing their profits from piracy.

In short some environments are just more dangerous than others. Many places are made so by the presence of commodities that generate a great imbalance of wealth and power such as oil, precious gems, or in the case of Afghanistan drugs. This imbalance combined with weak or corrupt government mean that rights are in short supply for BOTH genders. Perhaps in light of this it's time to give different cultures a little latitude to come up with their own solutions as to what they're willing to compromise in terms of the rights of some in order to assure greater degree of freedom from violence for all. Perhaps before passing judgment on others it's time to re-examine the anti-male laws we are currently reaping and the underlying feminism they came from, and re-evaluate whether we really want to sell what we've sown.

Revisiting the Misandry Bubble

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For those readers who haven't yet had the chance to read "The Misandry Bubble," a piece written by The Fifth Horseman a couple years ago, I'd like to point it out again. The reason it's on my mind is that TFH has often predicted that those who are invested in the current system would double down on their misandry soon, and that appears to be happening right about now.

The Rush Limbaugh forced apology, the recent concatenation of fathers and other men upset with family law and institutionalized misandry into the far left's official "haters" list, and President Obama's shameless pandering to the worst elements of radical feminism are all signs that a backlash against a growing men's awareness is upon us.

For those who are worried about what it all means, *The Misandry Bubble* spells it out in a compelling, eminently readable piece (I'd like to see a feminist ideologue write an analysis that long that normal people could finish without either bursting into laughter or giving up in befuddlement).

Here's the executive summary:

> Executive Summary : The Western World has quietly become a civilization that undervalues men and overvalues women, where the state forcibly transfers resources from men to women creating various perverse incentives for otherwise good women to conduct great evil against men and children, and where male nature is vilified but female nature is celebrated. This is unfair to both genders, and is a recipe for a rapid civilizational decline and displacement, the costs of which will ultimately be borne by a subsequent generation of innocent women, rather than men, as soon as 2020.

A passage:

> To provide 'beta' men an incentive to produce far more economic output than needed just to support themselves while simultaneously controlling the hypergamy of women that would deprive children of interaction with their biological fathers, all major religions constructed an institution to force constructive conduct out of both genders while penalizing the natural primate tendencies of each. This institution was known as 'marriage'. Societies that enforced monogamous marriage made sure all beta men had wives, thus unlocking productive output out of these men who in pre-modern times would have had no incentive to be productive. Women, in turn, received a provider, a protector, and higher social status than unmarried women, who often were trapped in poverty. When applied over an entire population of humans, this system was known as 'civilization'.
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> All societies that achieved great advances and lasted for multiple centuries followed this formula with very little deviation, and it is quite remarkable how similar the nature of monogamous marriage was across seemingly diverse cultures. Societies that deviated from this were quickly replaced. This 'contract' between the sexes was advantageous to beta men, women over the age of 35, and children, but greatly curbed the activities of alpha men and women under 35 (together, a much smaller group than the former one). Conversely, the pre-civilized norm of alpha men monopolizing 3 or more young women each, replacing aging ones with new ones, while the masses of beta men fight over a tiny supply of surplus/aging women, was chaotic and unstable, leaving beta men violent and unproductive, and aging mothers discarded by their alpha mates now vulnerable to poverty. So what happens when the traditional controls of civilization are lifted from both men and women?

I'm chuckling a bit about how he predicted Charles Murray's book "Coming Apart:"

> The lower half of the US white population is vulnerable to the same fate as the black community, and cities like Los Angeles are perilously close to 'Detroitification'.

I highly recommend reading the rest if you haven't already. It's good work, and I'd like to thank TFH once again for his stellar effort.

Top Twelve Indications that the Law in Family Courts is Feminist

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By Ethical

1. In divorce and separation the law has absolutely no tolerance for male anger, threats, or withholding of support. The law does very little to hinder typical female parental alienation, or withholding of access.

2. For women a comfortable lifestyle means money. For men it means sex, a well cared for home, and a good meal. After divorce women have the right to the support of their husbands so they don't suffer a decrease in lifestyle. Men have no comparable guarantee.

3. Whether the wife fails to live up to the husband's expectations for her to cook, clean, and provide sex (to him) and his only recourse is to divorce her or the husband fails to live up to the wife's expectations and her only recourse is to divorce him, regardless of who broke the marriage contract he will have to pay.

4. If the husband worked hard so the wife didn't have to work he will have to pay alimony. If the wife worked hard to put the husband through his education he will have to pay alimony.

5. Regardless of whatever the couple may have agreed to in getting married, a husband who wants children has no legal right to insist his wife have children, that she not abort his child, or that he even be informed she is aborting his child. If he doesn't want children he has no legal right to avoid paying for them.

6. A mother can give a father's child away for adoption and waive the father's legal rights so he will never be able to even meet the child. A father can never waive his responsibility to support a child.

7. After divorce women can use alimony to go back to school and pursue their dreams. After divorce men are prohibited from going back to school and pursuing their dreams unless going to school doesn't reduce alimony payments.

8. After some years of marriage, a woman will have to be supported for the rest of her life if she bails on the marriage.

9. If a man fathers a child he will have to pay child support. If a man avoids having children but acts like a father figure he may be liable for child support. If a man avoids having children and avoids acting like a father figure he may be named on a birth certificate without his knowledge, and even if he proves not to be the biological father, he may still have to pay child support.

10. If a man is named on a birth certificate and doesn't get a paternity test before the statute of limitations runs out, he may have to pay child support until the child is eighteen regardless of the result of a subsequent test. If a woman lies about paternity and is caught, she doesn't have to give back the money.

11. If a woman has sex with another man the husband can't get a restraining order to stop her or to put her out of the house. If he comes home, finds another man in his bed and loses his temper she can get a restraining order to put HIM out.

12. The above woman's behavior won't be considered in the child access and custody or support determination because divorces are "no fault". The above man's behavior WILL be considered in the child access and custody or support determination because divorces are "no fault".

Female Lawmakers Introducing Bills Against Vasectomies, Viagra

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A number of female lawmakers, angered by limits on abortion and opposition to free birth control, are fighting back by introducing bills to curtail men's access to vasectomies, viagra and other medications and procedures related to men's sexual function and fertility.

The bills aren't serious, of course, but the money these women are being paid to be genuine legislators (rather than comedians) is quite real.

So far, a female legislator in Georgia has stated that she intends to introduce a vasectomy-restricting bill in retaliation for Republicans opposing birth control subsidies, nine more lawmaker women in Missouri have done the same, and one female legislator in Ohio has introduced a bill limiting access to viagra. All are Democrats.

The viagra bill strikes me as particularly incongruous. Sexual function and abortion may be tangentially related, but they are pretty clearly different issues. Given that viagra influences whether or not the sex act is possible, and that it is men who must perform sex and women who attract sex, limiting viagra as a form of retaliation might make sense if men had passed laws against cosmetic enhancement procedures and brazilian waxing outfits and the like, but not abortion.

The vasectomy-restricting bills hit a little closer to the mark, but they, too, fail the test. For one thing, I don't think anyone anywhere pays for men's vasectomies besides the men who elect to have them themselves, so limiting vasectomies in retaliation for men not giving women free birth control simply exposes the entitlement mentality. Additionally, vasectomies are in fact limited in practice. Many surgeons require notification of the spouse before performing the procedure. I strongly suspect this is because the physician may be liable under tort law in a number of states.

All this amounts to is political showmanship, but it does give us a hint of what's to come in a more gender-equal political environment: a much, much heavier emphasis on women's sexual and reproductive issues in legislatures, which is ironic, because women have been chanting slogans about keeping laws off their bodies for decades now. Rather than less focus on legislating sexuality, it appears that we will have substantially more.

As for abortion, its opponents don't see it as a form of birth control, but rather murder. They are not trying to control women's sexuality, but instead protect what they see as innocent human beings. Reasonable people may disagree as to whether their interpretation of when human life begins is correct or not, but as far as they see the issue sexual freedom is essentially irrelevant once human life enters the equation. Therefore, equating vasectomies and viagra to abortion is not going to change anyone's mind, and will simply inflame the debate and waste time and taxpayer money in legislatures.

Feminists Starting to Lose Their Cool

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A couple pieces from Huffington Post illustrate the fact that men are starting to finally stand up for themselves, and feminists are fighting mad about it. Commenter Rocco linked an article about hundreds of male bloggers who took Huggies to task for portraying fathers as bumbling idiots when it came to taking care of their kids, and Golden Scepter linked to another in which a feminist goes berserk and gets bloody.

The former involved an ad campaign – the kind we all know so well – in which Huggies diapers and wipes were portrayed as so easy to use that even fathers can get by with them:

> The company thought it had a winner of an ad campaign — a series of spots all filmed during five days spent in a house with real dads and their babies. "To prove that Huggies diapers and wipes can handle anything," the female voice-over explains, "we put them to the toughest test imaginable — Dads."
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> …What they didn't take into account, however, was another trend — the one where the growing number of men who consider themselves involved, equal parents (according to the US Census, one in three are their child's primary caregiver) are more than a little sensitive about being portrayed a the butt of an advertiser's joke.
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> Soon, there was a petition. Created by Chris Routly, a father from Breiningsville, PA, it was titled "We're Dads, Huggies. Not Dummies." And it said:
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> "Why is a dad on diaper duty an appropriate or meaningful test of the product in any way a mom using them is not? Why reduce dads to being little more than test dummy parents, putting diapers and wipes through a "worst-case scenario" crash course of misuse and abuse? Is that what HUGGIES thinks dads do? We leave our children in overflowing diapers because sports is more important to us? Really?
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> These HUGGIES ads literally use the line "Dads push diapers and wipes to the limit." No, HUGGIES, dads don't do that. Poor manufacturing does that. A large bottle before naptime does that. Feeding your kid too much fiber does that. Babies do that. But dads don't use diapers and wipes any differently than moms."

Good for Chris Routly. Lots of fathers take care of their kids these days (if the mother doesn't get a judge to kick him out of their lives), and they do a fine job. In his comment, Rocco pointed out that this wouldn't have happened five years ago. This is true. Men tried to play nice up until a couple years ago, but now they are standing up for themselves unapologetically, and it's working. Somehow, I think we have something to do with it.

However, not everyone is ready to recognize that men have the right to stand up for themselves. The next article, linked by Golden Scepter, is a violent tirade penned by man-hating lesbian Kelly Cogswell. In it, Cogswell uses graphic imagery to emphasize a list of the same old women's grievances (many of which have long-since been debunked), and betrays a searing hatred of men that recalls the glory days of feminism from the 90s, when feminists cackled with glee over the mutilation of John Wayne Bobbit, defended child murder (the postpartum kind), and sang angry, dysphonic punk music about rape and bloody revenge. The difference is that today she comes off as deranged, whereas this kind of unveiled hostility was the norm a mere 20 years ago. She also exposes the "logic" behind the recent sham legislation feminists have introduced in state legislatures for what it really is: tit for tat retaliation.

Here are a few excerpts:

> Thursday was International Women's Day, and like always, there was some guy saying, "Why isn't there an

> International Men's Day? Yuk, yuk." And while the usual response is, "Every day is a men's day, you asshole," maybe it's time to agree.
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> After all, if you really believe in equality in everything, why not push for equal salaries for men? The poor things have been suffering for years with all that excess income. Give me a petition. I'd be happy to support a 25-percent reduction in pay across the board.
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> And for all those guys envious of the probes and procedures that Virginia's women are going to be subjected to before they can get a simple abortion, why not pass laws requiring prostate exams whenever they demand a refill of Viagra or a package of condoms?
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> We could send out gangs of women to harass young males and grab their asses on the subway or bus. And if they don't like it, respond, "That was a compliment. What's your problem? What are you, a fucking homo?" Or these gangs of women could go out with machetes or bottles and really get their hate on. Just for the sake of equality.
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> And why not arrange for men to get little chunks of their penises chopped off wherever women face genital mutilation? After all, they get a party afterwards, celebrating their enforced chastity, painful pissing, and fear and loathing of sex. And if men manage, nevertheless, to get themselves accused of adultery or having sex before marriage, we could beat them to death, or stone them, just like women.
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> In fact, it's far easier to take it the other way and literally level the playing field. Cut the legs off the Titans and watch them crawl. Unleash poverty and chaos and violence and degradation for all. Yeah, why not equality?

It seems that men's demands for fair treatment have struck a nerve with the likes of Kelly Cogswell. Her reasoning is irrelevant; we've heard it all before and debunked it so many times that it would be a waste of time to respond to her rote recital of feminist grievances. What's important here is the snarling contempt she betrays and, most of all, the *fear*. Yes, Kelly is scared. She isn't scared that a man will beat or rape her (here she is), and she isn't scared she'll be attacked by an angry MRA or fathers' rights type — she knows that's highly unlikely. No, she's scared because she feels the initiative slipping away. She can see the pedestal tottering and about to topple over. She knows the free pass to hate on men and victimize them in the courts is about to be revoked. Her life's work is in danger of crumbling before her eyes.

This is why the feminists are showing their ugly side these recent days. Expect it to get even uglier soon.

Gloria Steinem, Jane Fonda Call for Government Censorship of Rush Limbaugh

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Prominent feminist Gloria Steinem and Viet Cong propagandist Jane Fonda, along with Robin Morgan, have issued a statement calling for the FCC to ban Rush Limbaugh from the airwaves for his speech. Comparing him to Josef Goebbels, they argue that Limbaugh's speech is not in the public interest, and should therefore be banned from radio.

> Limbaugh doesn't just call people names. He promotes language that deliberately dehumanizes his targets. Like the sophisticated propagandist Josef Goebbels, he creates rhetorical frames — and the bigger the lie, the more effective — inciting listeners to view people they disagree with as sub-humans. His longtime favorite term for women, "femi-Nazi," doesn't even raise eyebrows anymore, an example of how rhetoric spreads when unchallenged by coarsened cultural norms.

Furthermore, they accuse him of hiding behind the First Amendment, and falsely claiming to be an entertainer, suggesting that the First Amendment wasn't meant for certain forms of speech, particularly when feminists declare it hateful. In a shameless lie, the feminists say "this isn't political."

The rush to deliver a final blow to Rush Limbaugh may or may not bear fruit, but the initial sympathy Fluke and her sisters gained from the Limbaugh imbroglio will likely wear off in short order as feminists bare their totalitarian fangs. Respect for freedom of speech, political restraint and compromise are alien to them. Some have mentioned that we face a dire situation when females comprise a majority on the Supreme Court, and it certainly is starting to look that way. If Steinem et al are any indication of how women in power feel, we may see the US Constitution finally rendered absolutely meaningless in our lifetime.

I suppose, however, we could raise the stakes here. As I understand, there is no statute of limitations for treason, and Jane Fonda's actions in Hanoi in 1972 certainly appear to qualify as treason. If Steinem, Morgan and Fonda want to use a technicality to silence Limbaugh, then why not finally hold Jane Fonda accountable for her crimes against her country? I understand the penalty for treason is harsh, and includes execution in some cases, but at her advanced age Jane Fonda would likely only receive some years in prison. An ordinary American man who committed treason would likely have faced severe punishment already, yet this arrogant traitor casts herself as a moral authority, and presumes to dictate what men can and cannot say on air.

Below is a photo of Jane Fonda saying things over the airwaves back in 1972:

Hanoi 1972: Jane Fonda, perched atop Viet Cong AA gun, gives interview for North Vietnamese state press

If feminists make attempts to censor men through government coercion, then surely they can face the consequences of their own crimes.

Feminists Losing Bipartisan Support

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The broad bipartisan support enjoyed by feminists since segregationist Virginia senator Howard Smith shoehorned women into the 1964 Civil Rights Act is finally starting to crumble. The wedge issues that have pitted Republicans against feminists are public and employer funding of contraception and, believe it or not, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which was named in a manner so as to gain the support of white knighting social conservatives.

Facing criticism from their increasingly fed-up male constituency, Republicans are finding themselves having a difficult time supporting VAWA, even though some state that they'd still like to support the bill.

Jeff Sessions of Alabama says:

> I favor the Violence Against Women Act and have supported it at various points over the years, but there are matters put on that bill that almost seem to invite opposition… You think that's possible? You think they might have put things in there we couldn't support that maybe then they could accuse you of not being supportive of fighting violence against women?

Of course that's how the bill was crafted — oppose anything in it and you're instantaneously labeled a batterer. In our chivalrous, white knighting culture, it was the perfect means of extortion. New provisions inserted into VAWA include, among other things, expedited visas for immigrants who claim abuse, an extension of domestic violence to include stalking, and funding to force male college students to cross-dress as part of a political indoctrination program.

As difficult as it may have been for politicians to oppose anything purportedly protecting women in the past, things have changed palpably in the past few years. There has been a cultural shift; a return to some balance and normalcy. Not enough, but things are headed in that direction.

By relying on support from men from both sides of the aisle, feminists have gone from victory to victory over the past few decades, but that era is drawing to a close. The Republicans may be taking the initiative, but eventually the Democrats will face some pressure from their male constituents as well. If they count on any support from men at all, Democrats, too, will have to acknowledge that men have both rights and humanity, and begin scaling back some of the excesses and misandry that have characterized gender politics in the US since the cultural revolution of the 60s and 70s.

Members of Russian Feminist Punk Band “Pussy Riot” Jailed for Desecrating Church

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After desecrating the altar of Moscow’s Church of Christ the Savior Orthodox church in an attempt to stage an impromptu protest concert, members of “Pussy Riot” were promptly seized by guards, and then later arrested for hooliganism. They remain in jail while debates continue over what punishment would be appropriate. They began a hunger strike, but after getting very hungry gave in and ate some food.

Pussy Riot is an anti-Putin opposition band in which the singers wear brightly colored balaclavas while singing punk rock music denouncing the Putin regime.

Although it may seem incredible in the West, where Christian churches can be desecrated with impunity, the majority of the Russian people are calling for the women’s heads, and it’s likely that they remain in jail as much for their own protection as anything else. Some of the group’s supporters are condemning society rather than Putin for the reaction to the ill-advised protest:

> “I’m here because I’m against the hate that society is expressing against these women. I’m against those who are calling us to stone them,” said Maria Sevastyanova.

The women, who acted irresponsibly and could well have put themselves and others in danger, did deserve to be arrested for disorderly conduct and possibly incitement, but I’d argue that the punishment should not be severe so much as it should be embarrassing.

Perhaps, then, they should be sentenced to community service of some sort, such as shoveling manure in the Moscow police stables. They could even wear their brightly colored clothing and balaclavas — that would be quite a sight to behold. Might even make a nice cover for their next album.

St. Patrick as Liberator

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St. Patrick's Day is a festive, mainly secular event in the US, where millions celebrate the patron saint of Ireland by going out on the town and quaffing pints of beer. It's a nice ethnic tradition, in which cities with large Irish populations put on parades with marching bands and the like. Americans of all backgrounds participate, but most of them (including Irish Americans), know little about the man the day commemorates.

St. Patrick was a Briton, born in the late 4th century, during the last years of the Roman Empire. Rome abandoned Britain in his lifetime, and he lived in the uncertain time between Roman authority and Saxon invasion. When he was 16, Patrick was seized from Wales by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland, where he worked as a herdsman. After six years in bondage, he escaped and sailed home to Britain, where he had a vision calling him to return to Ireland as a missionary.

In his mission, Patrick converted thousands, from humble slaves to the sons and wives of kings. Amazingly, he stood alone, unprotected by any strongman, relying only on his faith to guard him in the brutal, warlike land of pagan Ireland. Unlike in some later missionary efforts, Patrick came not with the sword, but only a bent staff and a passion for justice that spoke to the nobler instincts of the heathen Irish.

However, he had a temper, which he revealed when he wrote a scathing letter to King Ceretic Guletic (Coroticus), a British warrior who murdered and enslaved a number of Patrick's converts, then sold them off to Pictish pagans. The letter shows us what must have motivated Patrick in the first place: a deeply humanitarian regard for the less fortunate, and a hatred for slavery and exploitation.

Below are a few passages:

> I am Patrick, yes a sinner and indeed untaught; yet I am established here in Ireland where I profess myself bishop. I am certain in my heart that "all that I am," I have received from God. So I live among barbarous tribes, a stranger and exile for the love of God. He himself testifies that this is so. I never would have wanted these harsh words to spill from my mouth; I am not in the habit of speaking so sharply. Yet now I am driven by the zeal of God, Christ's truth has aroused me. I speak out too for love of my neighbors who are my only sons; for them I gave up my home country, my parents and even pushing my own life to the brink of death. If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God so as to teach these peoples; even though some of them still look down on me. I Cor. 15:10 Phil. 2:30
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> I myself have composed and written these words with my own hand, so that they can be given and handed over, then sent swiftly to the soldiers of Coroticus. I am not addressing my own people, nor my fellow citizens of the holy Romans, but those who are now become citizens of demons by reason of their evil works. They have chosen, by their hostile deeds, to live in death; comrades of the Scotti and Picts and of all who behave like apostates, bloody men who have steeped themselves in the blood of innocent Christians. The very same people I have begotten for God; their number beyond count, I myself confirmed them in Christ.
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> The very next day after my new converts, dressed all in white, were anointed with chrism, even as it was still gleaming upon their foreheads, they were cruelly cut down and killed by the swords of these same devilish men. At once I sent a good priest with a letter. I could trust him, for I had taught him from his boyhood. He went, accompanied by other priests, to see if we might claw something back from all the looting, most important, the baptized captives whom they had seized. Yet all they did was to laugh in our faces at the mere mention of their prisoners.
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> Because of all this, I am at a loss to know whether to weep more for those they killed or those that are captured: or indeed for these men themselves whom the devil has taken fast for his slaves. In truth, they will bind themselves alongside him in the pains of the everlasting pit: for "he who sins is a slave already" and is to be called "son of the devil." Jn. 8:34, 44 (O.L.)

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> “The Almighty turns away from the gifts of wicked men.” “He who offers sacrifice from the goods of the poor, is like a man who sacrifices a son in the sight of his own father.” “Those riches,” it is written, “which he has gathered in unjustly will be vomited out of his belly.” “And now the angel of death comes to drag him away. He will be mauled by angry dragons, killed by the serpent’s tongue. Moreover, everlasting fire is consuming him.” So, “Woe to those who feast themselves on things that are not their own.” Or, “What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and suffers the loss of his own soul?” Ecclus. 34:19-20 Job 20.15-16, 26 Hab. 2:6 Matt. 16.-26
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> They are jealous of me. What am I to do, Lord? How bitterly they despise me! just see how your sheep are torn apart and despoiled, and by those gangsters I have named, bound to the last man by the inimical mind of Coroticus. Far away from the love of God is the man who betrays my Christians into the hands of the Scotti and Picts. “Ravenous wolves” have gulped down the Lord’s own flock, which was flourishing in Ireland and tended with utmost care. Now I have lost count how many sons and daughters of the kings of the Scotti have become monks and virgins of Christ. For which reason, “may these injuries done to the just not find favor in your sight,” even “to the lowest depths of hell may you not be pleased.”
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> Roman Christians in Gaul behave quite differently: it is their custom to send holy, capable men to the Franks and other nations with several thousand soldiers so as to redeem Christian prisioners, yet YOU would rather kill or sell them on to a far-off tribe who know nothing of the true God. You might as well consign Christ’s own members to a whorehouse. What kind of hope can you have left in God? Can you still trust someone who says he agrees with you? Do you listen still to all those flatterers who surround you? God alone will judge. For it is written, “Not only those who do evil, but also all those who agree with them, are to be
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> For myself, I do not know “what I shall say,” or how “I may speak anymore” of those who are dead of these children of God-whom the sword has struck down so harshly, beyond all belief. For it Is written, “Weep with those that weep, and again “If one member grieves, then all members should grieve together.” Because of this, the whole Church “cries out and for its sons and daughters” who so far have not been killed by the sword. For they have been taken far away and abandoned in a land where sin abounds, openly, wickedly, impudently; there freeborn men are sold, Christians are reduced to slavery, and worst of all among the most worthless and vilest apostates, the Picts. Jn. 12:49 Rom. 12:15 1 Cor. 12:26 Matt. 2:18,- Jer. 31:15

Simply writing this letter to the king could have cost Patrick his life, but such was his passion for justice and freedom that he was willing to take a dangerous stand against a gang of violent thugs.

What would Patrick think, today, of innocent fathers being torn from their children and consigned to a life of penury to serve whores and adulterers? What would he think of the courts, and the feminists who laugh at the misfortune of men trampled under the boot heels of injustice?

As we celebrate St. Patrick’s day, we should remember that were Patrick to return in our time, he would be deeply disappointed – perhaps even enraged – by the exploitation of families that has become so commonplace in our society.

Science Verifies Spearhead Findings

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Dear Editor, Atlantic Magazine :

These female-centric gender essays, while drawing millions of page-clicks, have bottomed out in terms of material and freshness. Very predictable and seemingly computer-generated. Rather curdled, frankly.

It's time to look at things from the modern man's view, and the most vibrant writing on the web right now can be found on the numerous men's sites (except of course for "The Good Men Project", a feminist propaganda front masquerading as a men's rag but easily detected from its reliance on stock-photos and celebrity references).

For example, in the following essays men reveal with searing and excruciating confessionals about their simple wants and needs vs. the conundrum of actual female desires and their expressed and/or implied demands :

What do Men Want in a Wife, and Why Won't Wives Oblige?

and

A Man Wants a Wife, Not a "Co-Worker"

I can work these up into a sensational essay sure to draw in your readership for a frank discussion. I also have access to recent studies* that have scientifically verified the findings of the Spearhead Men.

Please contact me through "The Spearhead" about your pay scale for gender essays. No need to send me your Editorial Guidelines though.

Thanks. Elmer

*In fact, the study's author also published "*Eye of the Beholder: The Individual and Dyadic Contributions of Empathic Accuracy and Perceived Empathic Effort to Relationship Satisfaction*", which from the sounds of the title, every man should be forced to read.

Spring Break

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I'm taking something of a vacation for a little while. I'll be in California until Thursday, spending time with the family, so posts will be a bit spare, but I'll try to put something up every day. In the meanwhile, this would be a good time for submissions if anyone wants to send me something to post.

It ought to be fun to spend some time in San Francisco again. It's always a lively town with plenty of interesting people. Perhaps I'll write a bit on the social atmosphere there.

So stay tuned. Things might be a bit slow until the end of the week, but the show will go on.

Feminist Syrian First Lady: “I am the real dictator”

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As thousands cower under the howling rockets and bursting shells unleashed by the Syrian regime, opposition leaders have released thousands of emails exchanged between the Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad and his wife Asma, a British-born and educated beauty who has long been held to be a shining example of modern womanhood, featured many times in fashion magazines and the like.

Some of the emails show Asma making jokes at the expense of the people of Homs, who have been under siege and sustained attack for some time. Several Western journalists have been killed while covering the assault, which current reports describe as brutal and indiscriminate. In another email, Asma claims to be the real power behind the regime, saying that Bashar al-Assad has no choice but to listen to her. Evidently, her advice has not been merciful.

Not long before the Arab Spring revolts that erupted last year, the first ladies of the Arab world were regularly praised as trail-blazing feminists who commanded great influence and power. Of 22 Arab states, 15 first ladies signed up for a feminist organization called the Arab Women Organization. In 2009, Helen Smith of The Guardian described the group as “founded with the express purpose of empowering women…” and lavishes praise on its members.

The list of member states is eye-opening: Jordan, the Emirates, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan, Syria, Oman, Palestine, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco and Yemen are all members. All but a couple of these states have faced unrest over the last year, and nearly half open civil war or regime change.

One of the things feminists often claim is that if women ran the world, there would be no more war, conflict, hunger, etc. Anyone with a cursory knowledge of history knows this to be ridiculous; female heads of state have been every bit as warmongering as their male counterparts, if not more so. From Queen Isabella and Elizabeth I to Empress Dowager Cixi, female leaders have been associated with bloodshed and chaos. Now, if we are to take her word for it, we have Asma Assad to add to the list.

One thing Westerners tend not to understand about the Arab world is that although the people themselves tend to be deeply conservative and traditional, their elites and leaders are far less so. This is beginning to become more the case in the US, but the divide is far more stark in places such as Egypt and Syria. Many of the leaders – and their wives – were educated in the liberal Western tradition when anti-traditionalism was at its peak, while opposition leaders are more likely to have gone to school in madrassas to study classical Arabic and the Koran. The Arab people see these first ladies traveling around in limousines bedecked with priceless jewels and wearing the latest fashions while mouthing platitudes about women’s rights and “progress.” In the meanwhile, young Arab men can’t find work and many of their would-be wives are stuck at home with little chance of starting a family of their own.

We aren’t there yet, but we’re getting closer by the day. If our feminists can’t see their role in creating the kind of social decay that eventually leads to regime change, it’s only because it isn’t in their nature to concern themselves with these matters. As for the Arab elites who let their wives rule, we have only to read the newspaper to see what eventually happens to men who grow soft and seek counsel in the bedchamber.

ForeignBride Product Review : Finding a Model That's Right for You

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The "creepy old white guys buying Asian girls" meme is heating up again, thanks in part to a new movie :

…an eccentric modern love story about Steven and Sandy—an aging white man with "yellow fever" who is obsessed with marrying any Asian woman, and the young Chinese bride he finds online. Debbie, a Chinese American filmmaker, documents and narrates with skepticism and humor, from the early stages of Steven's search for an Asian bride, through the moment Sandy steps foot in America for the first time, to a year into their precarious union. Global migration, Sino-American relations and the perennial battle of the sexes, weigh in on the fate of their marriage in this intimate and quirky personal documentary…

The recent Spearhead essay profiling my own *ForeignBride* generated a lot of interest and queries from men, who, concerned with the lack of domestic skills combined with the pork-normative obesity in western women, were beginning to consider the possibility of getting their own *ForeignBride*. So I will kick off the conversation with some simple anecdotes and recommendations for evaluating whether to start your own *ForeignBride* project, or simply emigrate to friendlier climes.

Many have expressed concern that once a woman arrives to a western country, she will become "westernized" and create the same sorts of problems for her husband as women deluded through a steady diet of feminist brainwarshing. Another fear is that these women will make false domestic violence accusations and abscond with a man's sanity and financial assets. Given that professional feminists have made DV into a personally lucrative income stream and passed laws enabling this scam as well as funding initiatives to council foreign brides to take advantage of their husbands, these fears are well-founded.

But if a man does some soul-searching, defines for himself what his true needs and wants are that can be shared with a foreign bride, and importantly, shops carefully among the many options available to him, the chances for finding a loving and supportive companion can be improved greatly.

So education is an important first step. A fella that is considering the *ForeignBride* route can find a lot of resources on the web to gain an understanding of the process and what he'll have to do to make it a success. While learning the path to attaining a *ForeignBride*, the hopeful groom-to-be needs to think about what he wants and consider what realistically may work out for him. The good news is that there are vast numbers of lovely and charming foreign women eager to meet and marry an American man, because outside the U.S., American men are considered top quality in terms of husband material. Along with their good character and talents, these women have strong

traditional upbringing and attitudes conducive to making for a happy marriage. Frankly, they consider it their number one duty to make their husband happy, and don't have the confusing panoply of feminist policy directives swirling around in their heads to complicate their everyday existence.

And what of that drive to please their husband? Perhaps because the marginal of survival is very thin in many lands. A woman's husband is vitally important to her, because it's *her* husband, she lavishes care on him and ensures her own survival. As for subservience, what a laugh. These women, through their expert ways in pleasing a man, quickly take control of the relationship while fooling the dumb brute to think he's in charge. They tolerate no disrespect. Cross them and the pussy shuts slams shut until he makes entreaties for reprieve. A little knowledge of female psychology can help him get through these difficult times.

So the comments often come up that "once she gets her Green Card, she'll take off" or "she only wants a ticket to the U.S". To this one can reasonably observe, the U.S. ain't so great as many would claim, and for most of these women, who love their land and culture, it is difficult indeed to depart and come to live in the frozen wastes of the great North. More likely, your problem will be to convince her to leave her home and come live here, and once she is here, to make her life as comfortable as possible as she adjusts to this strange land, where dogs wear clothes and live in houses, and men live under bridges.

We return then, to the idea that a man needs to define his requirements. They depend on his age, income, personal interests, where he lives, whether he wants children, and how his prospective bride might mesh with those and compliment them. It is a mutual thing. Consider her needs in this equation and your chance for happiness becomes greater. Here's the thing that has helped my situation a lot and something for you to carefully consider : my wife is Vietnamese, and her cultural bonds are very strong. As it turns out, in many large metropolitan areas there are large numbers of Vietnamese. In some cities they have developed vibrant economic activity, and thus new Viet immigrants can find fellowship and cultural activities to make their life a lot less lonely and homesick. If you live in a rural area, or a cultural demographic that has no connections with her culture, the isolation may be too much for her. At the very least (if you go Asian that is) is that there is a decent Asian market nearby. Ideally, you should spend significant time in *her* culture and appreciating her ways, and let her build that in your home.

The quantity and quality of foreign women available for matchmaking is astounding. If you have carefully weighed your situation and understand what you want, use the websites to match your needs to hers, make contact, and if you find the one that's right, go meet her. Get a passport if you don't have one yet. Vaccinations for the regions you will visit are recommended and can take 6 months for the proper regimen.

The process to get her here takes about 18-24 months initially, then several more years to establish her permanent residency. You need to understand this process in detail, even if you hire an immigration attorney to do the work for you. It may cost you $20,000 or more after all the fees and travel. The upside of this will be the fun in traveling to her country. I lived with my bride there for awhile and had a great time. As for success in getting her fiance' visa, the great majority of K-1 visas applied for are granted. In 2009, 95 percent of the K-1 visa applications were approved: out of 29,127 K-1 visas applied for, 27,678 were issued, and 1,449 refused, and 1,266 were waived/overcome.

It will likely be a real challenge for her to live here, as well as for the two of you to build a relationship. On a positive note, you will likely find her very adaptable and eager to learn about her new home and language. As you have seen from the photos in the last essay, the benefits to a marrying a foreign lady can be very satisfying and a just reward for the sacrifices you have made to bring her to live with you.

[image]

Divorced Dads and Little League

Featured Guest · 20 March 2012 · Archived copy · Original

By Thrown Away Dad

As my visitation weekend drew closer, I had a stong feeling that something was amiss. A little league tryout was scheduled for the Saturday morning of my visitation weekend and I was curious why the heroic single mother had not yet sent me a snarky e-mail ordering me to take my son to the tryout. She knows full well I will be there at the tryout anyway and that I don't need to be told, but she still enjoys pretending that I am such a louse that I must be ordered to be there. With the absence of the e-mail, my best guess was that she was hoping I knew nothing of the tryout and then later she could cry foul that I refused to take him.

As I drove to my son's school, I was thinking about how much I was looking forward to picking him up and us going together to the tryout Saturday morning. At least for a few hours on Saturday morning, I could pretend to be one of the fathers and not just a visitor to my boy. I was also looking forward to telling him that I had been selected as a head coach. I knew this would make him very happy and very proud. Unfortunately, I also knew that my ex would be very upset about my involvement as a head coach of one of the little league baseball teams. Myself being an active father and volunteering as a little league coach simply does not fit the narrative of herself as a victim of a bad man that she is forever trying to sell to anyone who will listen. When she chose to break the family, she moved to a another community and although her new town is not terribly far away from mine, it is a place where I am virtually unknown. Because of this, it has been a 4 year long effort on my part to make myself known enough and trusted enough in her town that I am now allowed to be a head coach of my son's little league team.

My hunch that something was amiss was spot on. Instead of being allowed to pick up my son, I was greeted by a County Deputy and served with an emergency order of protection. The reader might be surprised to hear that the police officer served me with an emergency order of protection, however as a father who has been dragged through the divorce mill, I was not surprised at all. This now makes the third emergency order of protection that my ex has taken out on me and not a one of them have anything to do with an emergency. Not a one of them have anything to do with someone needing protection. In fact, as the Police Officer was informing me that fulfilling my responsibilities as a father is now a criminal offense, it occured to me that due to this emergency order of protection, I could not attend the Saturday morning baseball tryout, just as my ex wished. It was Friday afternoon and there was no way I could get into the courthouse and attempt to get the OP vacated before the Saturday Baseball tryout.

My gut reaction at first was to ignore the emergency order of protection and instead show up at the practice field on Saturday morning and fulfill my responsibilities as a coach. Showing up at the Saturday practice of course would be a violation of the emergency order of protection because my son would be there, but the rebellious side of me envisioned a media storm about a Father being arrested for "Coaching his little league team". However as the minutes and hours ticked by, I realized that showing up at the tryout would lead to myself being arrested in front of all of the children and the other coaches and parents. Everyone who would witness this arrest would learn of the ominous sounding emergency order of protection and I would no doubt lose my gig as a little league coach, just as the heroic single mother wanted.

Upon coming to the regretful decision that I simply could not attend the Saturday tryout, I realized that I had to inform the gentleman who runs the league that I could not be there. Naturally, I wanted to share with him the news of the emergency order of protection, and explain to him that just because I have one on me doesn't mean I have done anything wrong. I wanted to inform him that this is merely a tactic of the divorcing mother to obstruct my involvement as a loving father. I know however that if anyone unfamiliar with the family court system hears the words Emergency Order of Protection and my name in the same sentence, they will conclude that something is terribly wrong. Thus, I would not be the kind of father they would want coaching a little league team. I called the gentleman on my cell phone and simply told him I could not make Saturday's tryout. He was disappointed, but said

OK. Thank goodness he did not ask me why I could not attend.

With the court date set for Wednesday, I had the emergency order of protection still hanging over my head when I went to the Tuesday coaches meeting where players were selected. I envied the other coaches as they cracked jokes about their wives, their jobs, and their friends. While they were all laughing it up, I was sitting there sweating it out, afraid that my ex would show up at the meeting, call the police and try to get me arrested in front of the other coaches for violating the Order of Protection. Fortunately, the meeting place was not listed in the OP as a place that I could not be within 300 feet of, but I was still afraid that my ex might know about the coaches meeting and try to set up a scenario for my arrest. Thank goodness nothing of the sort happened and when the meeting was over, I was the first to leave and I drove away breathing a sigh of relief. I did not get arrested, and I kept my gig as a coach for my son's little league team.

At the Wednesday afternoon court date, the emergency order of protection was vacated. This means it was thrown out. I'll spare the reader the details of the hearing, however I am amazed that these emergency orders of protection are given out without even an allegation of any physical act. I found it difficult to behave myself as my ex sat on the stand, crying and telling the court how very concerned she is for our son. I wondered what must be going through my son's mind during the weekend I was absent. I wonder how many times my ex told him that your father cannot see you because the wise grey haired judge issued this order to protect you from your Dad. When these divorcing Mothers cry on about how concerned they claim to be about their children, nobody would dare to suggest to them that their children would be better off if they did not divorce the Father in the first place.

When I returned home that evening after the court hearing where the OP was vacated, I received the snarky e-mails from my ex that I had expected a week earlier. Obviously, she was on a tirade because her ploy did not work. Coaching children's sports teams is something that I have alot of experience doing. There really aren't too many things that I consider myself darned good at, but the truth is, I am darned good at coaching the kids. I am really looking forward to doing one of the things that I do best this spring and summer and I'm happy for my son as well. It is such a crying shame that the lady who conned me into marrying her, and later took the marriage vows and later still chose to break them will be watching my every move, measuring my every word, looking for her opportunity to build a case against me and have me removed as a coach.

When I notice my right fielder not watching the batter, I will need to be careful not to be too loud when I tell him to pay attention. When I give one of my players an encouraging pat on the shoulder, I will be careful not to pat the player too hard. During practice, when I bat a ground ball to my own son, I will cringe, hoping the ball does not take a bad hop and bruise him somewhere. Despite all of these hardships and limitations, I realize that I am truly one of the lucky ones. I am still allowed to spend time with my boy. In a country that prides itself on freedom, justice for all, etc., the fathers who are allowed to spend crumbs of time with their children when the divorcing mothers wish otherwise are truly the lucky few.

Nice place we're living in gentlemen.

All Comments Going on Moderation

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As I wrote on the weekend, I'm on a vacation with my family, and don't have as much time as usual to run the site and keep an eye on details. Unfortunately, this resulted in the tone of comments going down the toilet.

So, until I get back and have the time to work out a fix, all comments are going on moderation, and only those that are thoughtful, civil and on topic will be approved.

Marijuana, Black Boys and the Future of America

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By Dicipres

Recently, the Journal of Family and Marriage published the article: The Effects of Family Structure on African American Adolescents' Marijuana Use,

Abstract: *"The relationship between family structure and marijuana use throughout adolescence was assessed among 1,069 African Americans from the NLSY. A model was also tested suggesting that the effects of family structure on marijuana use would be mediated by poverty, neighborhood quality, and adolescents' self-control. As most prior studies have found, family structure was not related to female adolescents' marijuana use. For young men, being raised with both biological parents was associated with less marijuana use throughout adolescence compared to those whose mothers never married, divorced early and never remarried, or divorced and remarried. Some support for the model was also found.* ***We concluded that being raised without the presence of a biological father is a risk factor for marijuana use among young men, but African American young women from single-parent households have unique resources that protect them from marijuana use."*** *[emphasize mine]*,

Like virtually all modern social academic publications, this article reeks of feminism. However, the data is still useful from the MRM perspective. While only the case of marijuana use is examined, we can generalize this case to understand the entire process which created and now sustains the matriarchal welfare society in which most black boys are growing today. (e.g. 72% of black children are born to unwed mothers, and 66% of black children are growing in single parent households.)

If we generalize the results of the article, we can deduce the following conclusion: **Growing in a home without a biological father hurts boys much more than it hurts girls.**

Welfare and feminism made it possible (and even worth while) to women to eliminate the biological father from the family. The lack of father figure hurts boys more than girls (as seen in the data), thus creating a class of young black men which are less educated, less disciplined and generally of lower social status compared to the young black women. Women hate weak low status men (see every post ever written by the mighty Roissy) and financially poor black men needed to get status by other means, e.g. become "bad boys". This in turn made them not attractive as husbands, and due to welfare and feminist family laws, they can just be removed completely from the family structure and the lives of the children at the will of mother, even without he hit me!/he abuse the kids!/etc.. false accusations. (This occur while they still providing child support for 18 years, and they have no say how their money is spent or how their children are raised.) The new generation of young boys have even less contact with a father figure, and thus will have a harder time to be fathers… and this is the cycle of life in the matriarchy. The cycle of eliminating fathers from the family with is the most essential part required for a matriarchy.

This, made men, and specifically the "alpha" black men who were still desired by women, to think twice before marrying. Quoting Ricketts, Erol. (1989) "The Origin of Black Female-Headed Families." Focus 12(1): 32-36 (HT: JustBeAManAboutIt): *"The increasing vulnerability of disadvantaged black males to the vicissitudes of the economy seems to explain their avoidance of marriage and their increasing involvement in loose consensual unions. Being involved in such unions and parenting children out of wedlock are ways of simultaneously keeping one's options open and affirming one's self."*

A Prediction

The US, as a whole, is heading for the state of the black community today. Young men growing today need to understand this, and act accordingly, in a manner that will serve their best interests, while giving no consideration at all to the well being of the modern matriarchal society. If you still want a family you need to be associated with the part of society in which family values and marriage are still alive and well (middle class, white, earning well and

college educated) and women which are still worth the risk of marriage (middle class, low count of sexual partners andcollege educated). This part of society and the population of "marriage worthy" women are shrinking by the day and if you are poor/black/uneducated etc., you better prepare to live in the feminist new world order of society.

Some Other Comments

I. There was a black family in the past, Ricketts, Erol. 1989. "The Origin of Black Female-Headed Families." Focus 12(1): 32-36.)

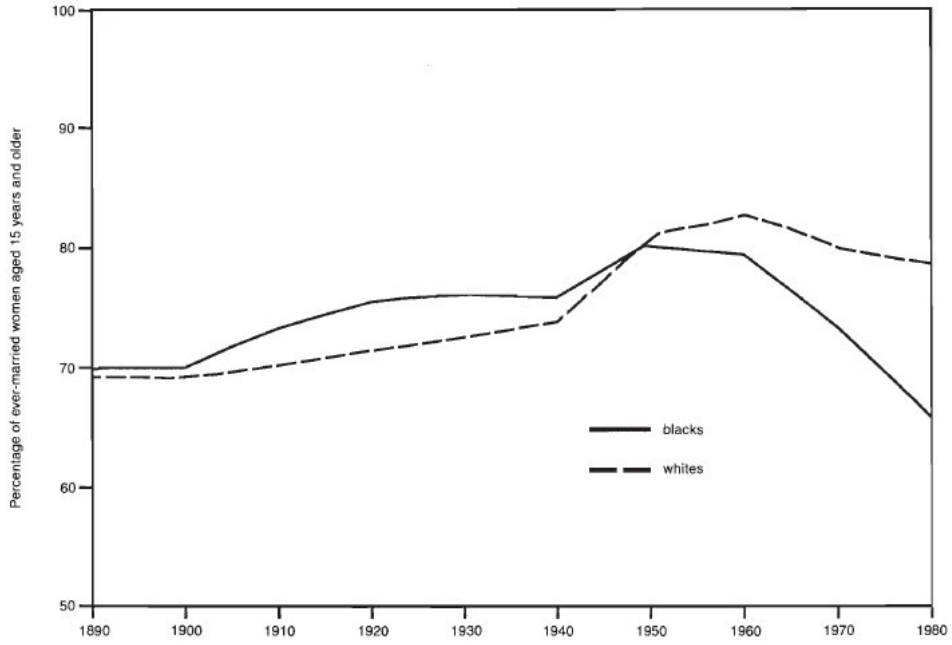

Figure 1. Comparison of Marriage Patterns of Blacks and Whites, 1890–1980.
Source: Data from decennial censuses.

II. I was accused in my previous post to be pessimistic, and "downtrodden and defeatist" however, I believe that I am just a realist. In 1989 Ricketts commented in his conclusions: **"It is unlikely that these problems can be easily reversed, and they are likely to get worse…"** He was right.

III. Two interesting qoutes from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Negro_Family:_The_Case_For_National_Action (another H/T to JustBeAManAboutIt): 1. "From the wild Irish slums of the 19th century eastern seaboard, to the riot-torn suburbs of Los Angeles, there is one unmistakable lesson in American history: **A community that allows a large number of young men to grow up in broken families, dominated by women, never acquiring any stable relationship to male authority, never acquiring any rational expectations about the future – that community asks for and gets chaos.**" 2. "My view is we had stumbled onto a major social change in the circumstances of post-modern society. It was not long ago in this past century that an anthropologist working in London – a very famous man at the time, Malinowski – postulated what he called the first rule of anthropology: That in all known societies, all male children have an acknowledged male parent. That's what we found out everywhere… And well, maybe it's not true anymore."

Chivalry—Whether or not it's dead, it's not for us regular men.

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Chivalry is not dead—well, i doubt it is—but it is rare, and not for the ordinary man; it is for the rich and warlike. This will probably be welcome news to most regular men, who find it more burdensome than fun to do all that chivalry-stuff. If it is less welcome news to most women, i won't apologize: Better to tell the truth—and Lady, it's not my task on this earth, to make you happy. It's your happiness, so make it yourself… and if you help me with my happiness, then i'll reciprocate[1], as good neighbours ought to do.

The reason chivalry is and should be rare, is right there in the dictionary: Chivalry derives "from *chevalier*, a knight or horseman [which derives] from *cheval*, a horse." (Thatcher and McQueen, 1971: 144). The definition reads: "Knighthood; the system to which knighthood with all its laws and usages belonged; the qualifications of a knight, as courtesy, valor, and dexterity in arms …." (*ibid*.)

A man with courtesy, valor, and dexterity in arms, today, is a military officer—or perhaps a "classy" gangster[2]. Leslie Charteris' fictional character "The Saint" comes to mind. Skilled combat soldiers don't tend to be courteous, nor do the police on occasions when they make working use of their dexterity in arms. Men whose social circumstances support chivalry, in the 21st Century, are a *very* small fraction of the adult male population.

Chivalry tends to "go with" patriarchy, but not all patriarchal cultures have chivalry: While i don't happen to have a book on my shelf that documents this all-in-one-place, i have read in a variety of sources over the years, that patriarchy is common in three kinds of social conditions:

- The upper and ruling classes of agricultural and industrial societies;
- Herding societies (Lenski, Lenski, and Nolan, 1991: 205-7); and
- Farming communities in climates where soils dry out frequently (Harris, 1969: 217-8, 328-331).

Chivalry can be found mainly among those upper and ruling classes, and occasionally among the more warlike in the herding societies. Of ploughmen whose families defer to them because only they can plow straight furrows in hard ground, probably fewer than 1% are chivalrous.

I grew up in the working class of an industrial society. As a boy, i had hundreds of hours each year—a few thousand hours over ten years—to walk from home to school, from home to my friends' homes, to the store and elsewhere on errands for my parents, even to get some exercise for me and my dog; and while i was walking, i saw thousands of glimpses of working-class household power relationships. I saw men bossing their wives, women bossing their husbands, and more than either of those, i saw husbands and wives working out differences and just discussing things, as equals. Between 1949 and 1959, i saw gender-equality on average in working-class North America; and nothing i later learned from others who grew up about the same time, conflicted with what i observed "on the West Coast".

My boyhood neighbourhoods were neither "upscale" nor impoverished. Most of the men were tradesmen; most of the women were housewives or occasionally schoolteachers, nurses, nurses-helpers, cooks—they followed the trades suitable to women's strength, and the junior professions. In the poor neighbourhoods, i later learned, women were more often dominant than men, and some places had more matriarchal households than gender-equal. (Consistently with extrapolating from upper classes being patriarchal through skilled-labour classes averaging egalitarian, the lower classes were mostly matriarchal.)

So where did the notions of patriarchy and chivalry "get all that traction"?—if the middle majority, the skilled blue- and white-collar workers and their families, were gender-equal on average? A blogger who uses the pen-name "Futurist", in a famous essay entitled "The Misandry Bubble", explains it this way: "*feminists compar[e] the plight of average women to the topmost men (the monarch and other aristocrats), rather than to the average man. This*

practice is known as apex fallacy*„ and whether accidental or deliberate, entirely misrepresents reality.*

It is difficult to decide if the misrepresentation be fraudulent or innate: From Cinderella to the little girls in many advertisements, there is some kind of "Princess syndrome" far more prevalent among girls, than any kind of elite pretensions are among boys. The ritual language of "Good Manners" places women one or perhaps two classes above men with its "Ladies and Gentlemen": Ladies are the social equals of "Lords",as is explicit in the courtroom rituals of Canada and the U.K, where a judge is conventionally addressed as "Your Ladyship" or "Your Lordship": and referred-to as "Her Ladyship" or "His Lordship". (The social equal of a "gentleman" is, by a very simple transformation, a "gentlewoman". We do not see that word often—because English-language social ritual places women above men. We do not see nor hear the judiciary addressed nor referred to as mere gentlefolk.)

"Futurist" states, "*women are not monogamous, as is popularly assumed, but hypergamous. … a woman may be attracted to only one man at any given time, but as the status and fortune of various men fluctuates, a woman's attention may shift from a declining man to an ascendant man.*" So women may plausibly be committing the "apex fallacy" because they think of themselves as princesses and—unless they are actually in the ruling class—men of their own social rank are almost invisible to them.

There was a popular television show dacades ago, "Queen for a Day", that catered to the princess syndrome; but no "King for a Day". Mothers often referred to their daughters as "my little Princess", but almost never to their sons as "my little Prince".

When i read, over-and-over again, that women initiate divorce between twice and ten times as often as men, it's consistent with the Princess Syndrome and the absence of a parallel boys' syndrome: A boy grows up, learns a trade, meets a woman of his approximate age and occupational status, and if he marries her, is content: He's married to a social equal. A girl grows up, learns a trade, meets a man of her approximate age and occupational status, and if she marries him, is relatively disappointed: She's not a princess any longer. If he puts on prince-like manners for her, he looks and feels silly; if he doesn't, she resents his lack of chivalry.

In this 21st Century, boys and young men have apparently noticed this problem—that there are more wanna-be princesses than there are princes for them to marry. More and more young men are choosing not to marry. And as "Futurist" noted, [hyperlinks in original]

By many accounts, 22% of men have decided to avoid marriage. So what happens to a society that makes it unattractive for even just 20% of men to marry?

Women are far more interested in marriage than men. Simple logic of supply and demand tells us that the institution of monogamous marriage requires at least 80% male participation in order to be viable. When male participation drops below 80%, all women are in serious trouble, since there are now 100 women competing for every 80 men, compounded with the reality that women age out of fertility much quicker than men.

Expecting chivalry of men who lack the wealth and title of true knights, leads to a surplus of princess-aspirants and eventually, to a large number of frustrated spinsters.

I don't know a gentle, effective way to break this news to the Princesses; but to mothers and fathers whose daughters are still young, i would suggest you teach them the following lessons:

- What fraction of the young men of your country are able to keep a Princess in the style that the title implies;
- What fraction of the young women of your country are ambitious to be a Princess; and
- the alternatives to Princess that she might wisely consider, given her personality and talents.

We'll assume that they learn subtraction in school, and can work out "as an exercise for the student," how far the number of would-be princesses exceeds the number of princes.

If i think of the 20th Century women i admired, they include Simone Weil, Mother Theresa, my preacher grandmother, two nuns i knew as individuals, and two scientists. The princess i can most readily name, i didn't admire; she divorced her husband, ran around with playboys, and died violently while fleeing the *paparazzi*. She probably saw more chivalry than the women i do admire. In my humble opinion, apart from the husband she divorced, that "chivalry" did her more harm than good.

Many readers on this and other men's-interest sites have lamented the recent prevalence of "*I'm not haaaaappy*" as an excuse too many women use for destructive behaviour—divorce especially. Expecting chivalry from ordinary workingmen, and expecting to find a handsome prince to marry, are both unrealistic for most women who reached puberty with neither a title of nobility nor a million dollars. Unrealistic expectations lead to unhaaappiness—in social psychology we call the process "relative deprivation."

Expecting that you will be in love for the rest of your life, when the best-known book on the subject (Alberoni, 1980) states that two months is a much more realistic estimate of how long people typically remain "in love", also leads to unrealism and relative deprivation. Me-thinks many women who aren't "*haaaaappy*" might be happy with the normal number of vowels, and do far less damage, if they could get their expectations aligned with reality.

My preacher-grandmother didn't expect much chivalry from those around her. Modesty, yes. Truthfulness, definitely! Polite conduct, even to the extent of eating soup with a spoon and salad with a fork, and wearing clean clothes to church, yes. But chivalry?—she preferred honesty and keeping one's word; and if she got that from her parishioners, she didn't insist on fancy trimmings. My engineer-grandfather, same basic story. And those two, though they each had their moments of less than total satisfaction, those two i remember as happy people, in a serene and disciplined way.

Don't worry about chivalry, fellows; we don't need it—nor do we need to entangle ourselves with women who think they do.

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Notes:

1. In my case, this is *not* a sexual innuendo. I doubt that sexual innuendo is anywhere-near as common in most men's treatment of women, as it is in [for instance] advertisements for women's clothing.

2. I'm not going to make a separate category for the present-day analogues of James Bond. Seems more accurate to say that some gangs are technically legal.

Pending Changes to Site

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One of the things about running a site like *The Spearhead* is that you have to learn as you go. It's a bit like bushwhacking in uncharted territory. So, I've been struggling for a while to figure out how to properly manage the site. *The Spearhead* is a bit tricky, because it's become both a community and a magazine, and finally I've come to accept that it ought to stay that way. Unfortunately, the problem with this is that there isn't much software out there that makes it easy to manage this without making things too complicated for one person to handle.

However, I've finally come across some software that I think will do the trick. I'll break down the plan as I currently expect to implement it. Keep in mind that there will certainly be changes to the plan as bugs and issues come up, but here's a (very) rough outline:

The site will become a membership site with two different levels of membership, including supporters and subscribers. Most of the content will remain open to all, but certain things, such as long features and some downloads, will only be available to subscribers and supporters. Only members will be able to vote on comments, but any reader can comment as before. For casual readers, it will make little difference, although some of the content – perhaps a weekly feature – will not be available.

To implement membership, I'm going to purge subscribers from the current list, but first I'll give them an opportunity to stay on as members if they want. Perhaps a couple weeks' warning will suffice.

One thing I'd like to do would be to give supporters a vote concerning the site. I think they should have some say as far as what direction they'd like me to take The Spearhead. To do this, I may enable a comment system whereby they can make comments that are only visible to the admin (and other supporters if I can figure out how to do that). There will be a lot of new features, and I'll have to do some testing to make it work.

I should say that I plan on implementing this mainly for supporters, who have kept the site up for the past two and a half years — without them I never would have been able to put so much work into *The Spearhead*. Hopefully, it will make my job a bit easier as well, but there's no guarantee there. In any event, the site has become too important to neglect, so I want to maintain its health for some time to come.

So, I'm going to be doing some testing and you may notice a few bugs over the next few days as I integrate the software. Before I finally flip the switch, I'll give readers ample notice. Nobody has to become a member, and I don't expect everybody to sign up immediately, but membership will offer something extra to those who are already supporters, so I'd urge those who already contribute to the site to sign up. I value readers, and it will be great to finally have the opportunity to offer additional features to those who have invested in the site without depriving those who simply enjoy the content from time to time of anything of consequence.

In the meanwhile, I'm going to be in the engine room tinkering around with the new software. Hopefully, I can pull it off without a hitch.

Despite All the Risks – Why Young Men Still Get Married

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By Ethical

Marriage rates are crashing across all demographics. But we already know the reasons why men increasingly are opting out of marriage: the milk is free, and with feminist divorce and child support laws, buying the cow costs so much the cow could end up owning ***YOU***.

Those feminist laws now govern marriage across much of the entire western world. Even for men with the best of intentions, getting married anywhere where such laws do exist is playing with a ***VERY*** hot fire. The growing MRA movement is spreading red pill knowledge of that. But the real question is that given the dangers, why young men still ***DO*** opt for marriage in sizeable numbers.

Here are the reasons I've gathered: why many young men still intend get married despite hearing about the risks:

> 1. If I don't marry her she won't stick around forever waiting. The risk and consequences of losing her are worse than the risks and consequences of divorce if it doesn't work out.
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> 2. Some marriages last forever. The risk and consequences of divorce are outweighed by the chance of winning at marriage.
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> 3.If I act responsibly I won't get divorced.
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> 4. If somehow my wife divorces me even though I'm not at fault, the system will treat me fairly because I'm a good man. The risk and consequences of marriage are not that bad.
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> 5. I ignore the horror stories from MRAs whining on and on about divorce. Fear is for cowards. If you're not afraid and you don't think about it, it won't happen to you. Again the risks are not that high.
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> 5. My family, friends, and society at large expect that any mature, responsible, heterosexual man will eventually settle down. The rewards of me being seen positively for doing so are high.
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> 6. I want to have children and I want them to have a father who married their mother. The rewards of that are high for me.
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> 7. I don't know why people say divorce law is feminist and I don't care. Ten years down the road when both I and any girl I marry are older and maybe even very different people, I trust I'll have gotten to know her well enough before marriage to be certain she won't ever become the kind of woman who'll try to "take me for everything". I can control the risks of marriage by choosing to marry a person who will never change that much.
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> 8. Marriage means a serious commitment that takes a woman off the market long-term. The girl I'll want to marry will be too special to take the risk of leaving her on the market.
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> 9. Any girl I marry will be worth the risk of divorce. That risk isn't high for people truly in love anyways.
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> 10. I grew up with a father around. I want to give the same benefit to my kids. The rewards of that are high for me.
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> 11. I grew up without a father around, I want to get married so my kids don't grow up without one too. The rewards of that are high for me.
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> 12. I come from a traditional background. Either my family, friends, or the community I grew up in wouldn't encourage me to get the sex, children, and companionship I want without marriage. The rewards of being seen positively for respecting tradition are high for me.
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> 13. I come from a traditional background. I wouldn't want some or all of those things (sex, children, and female companionship) without marriage. I want my wife to be pure not someone who allows herself to be

> "test driven". The rewards of following my own beliefs are high for me.

My take on all this? The red pill knowledge of divorce's potential pitfalls spreads slowly because where there is reward young men have always ignored even the most deadly of risks.

Then there's the oft studied "illusion of control", the tendency for ambitious "goal striving"/risk taking young men in particular to overestimate their ability to control events they demonstrably have no influence over.

Finally, men are important in the raising of sons. Some of the young men I surveyed grew up in single parent homes. Many reported their mothers felt the men in their lives were solely responsible for failing to be knights in shining armor, and now their mothers were raising them with the expectations of becoming the white knights the mothers themselves felt entitled to since they were little girls.

The trend of single motherhood left those young men alone in the house to be groomed as prince charming under the mother's Disneyland princess expectations. Of course mothers weaken young men by raising them with this white knight acceptance of giving everything to a woman without any expectation of her being responsible to him and giving back to him in return. Indoctrinating their sons to act contrary to their own interests is in a sense teaching their sons to be self-hating. Little wonder that sons of single mothers are even more likely to enter marriages that fail and leave them vulnerable to savagely anti-male divorce laws.

Weakened by single-mom self-hating white-knighthood, and without the antidote of having older men around who he respects to caution him to slow his roll, the lure of an attractive young woman is even more likely to sway a young man into a raw deal. Oddly enough this may be particularly true if he's ambitious enough to fall prey to social expectations, and successful enough to afford indulging his "princess".

So young men will risk much for the rewards of keeping a hot woman happy. When it comes to them, the MRA message of caution falls on deaf ears. However the GAME message of increasing one's opportunity of success has an extremely strong uptake with them. GAME advocates like Frost empower young American men to avoid settling for the ass end of the deal.

> **Frost,** ***The Paul Elam Debate, Part 3***
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> Over the past half-century, men have been taught to cede control of all the power they have in their personal relationships with women. They have been trained to continue upholding their side of the social contract, while women have been told that any expectation for them to do the same is oppression, pure and simple. The Roissysphere is the solution to this imbalance. We are teaching men that it's OK to be a cad, it's OK to be selfish, and it's OK to pursue your own wants and needs in the world.

Some MRAs disparage the PUA/GAME community. I see them as an integral ally. It takes a community to raise a boy. In that community MRAs are spreading the message of men's issues and working within the establishment to change the laws. That message filters to guerilla generals like Frost, Roosh, and Roissy who operate far outside the established institution of marriage, directing the guys in the chaotic front lines of the mating game to make their own rules. It's together that we offer the best hope of waking the next generation of boys as they become young men, not necessarily indoctrinating them to avoid marriage, but making sure they're aware enough to make the choices best for **THEM**.

What Motivates Male Feminists

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I watched *Kingpin* last night just to relax and laugh a bit, and when I saw Big Ern's charity commercial again, I just had to smile as I thought of Hugo Schwyzer, Manboobz and all the other male feminists out there and what really motivates them.

If you haven't seen *Kingpin*, Bill Murray plays this smarmy A-hole professional bowler. He plays it really well. It's a great movie, both funny and sentimental. A real American classic — I definitely recommend it.

Watch Big Ern's charity ad below and remember it every time some mangina gets preachy and starts "defending women."

Next Feminist Goal: Remake Image of God (As Themselves)

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Now that feminists have "won," some are asking "what next?" The answer, says Tabby Biddle of HuffPo, is "about the integration of feminine spiritually with feminine sexuality"

According to Biddle, the only thing standing in the way of absolute feminist dominance and a female supremacist society is the image of a male god:

> What makes fourth wave feminism different, in my view, is the connection to feminine spirituality. While all women might not be on board with this, there is certainly a growing trend toward recognizing the Divine Feminine and the Goddess as representatives of the spiritual nature of women. With God the Father at the helm for 2,000 plus years, many women have lost their connection to their divine feminine nature. (Men too.) Without this spiritual connection to the feminine, it's hard to really value yourself at the same level as men since everything is skewed toward the divine masculine and masculine qualities.
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> To look at this more closely: A 2011 Gallup poll found that 90 percent of Americans have an image of God — even those who don't believe in God — and that image is overwhelmingly male. This of course influences how we think. Scientists have proven this over and over that perceptions affect our thinking, values and beliefs.
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> This widespread belief that God is male has lead men to treat women in dismissive ways, women to treat women in dismissive ways, and all of us to discount feminine qualities such as compassion, nurturing and holistic thinking. It has also given men, very unfortunately, permission to treat women abusively, cruelly and violently.

Nevermind the fact that she gets her timeline all wrong (the idea of God the Father did not begin with Jesus Christ), and that there is no evidence that a female divinity would lead men to behave with less cruelty or violence — what's important is that we all get on our knees before the exalted goddess. Or, perhaps, because female sexuality and spirituality are to be intertwined in the new religion, perhaps we are to pay homage to the goddess by having sex with Her (or, as is usually the case, having sex with a temple prostitute representing the goddess, and paying the pimp-priest for the privilege).

This does bring up an interesting point. There have been goddess cults throughout history in certain times and places. Often, they are accompanied by ritual prostitution. Sometimes, as in the case of Athena, they have been characterized by male supremacy. What they haven't done is usher in a golden age of female rule. Instead, they tend to legitimize prostitution and serve as an outlet for male fantasy (e.g. Aphrodite). Some of them feature terrible sacrificial rites.

In India, no more than a few years ago, a tantric cult dedicated to the goddess Kali began sacrificing children:

> Sumitra Bushan, 43, who lived in Barha for most of her life, certainly thought she was cursed. Her husband had long abandoned her, leaving her with debts and a life of servitude in the sugarcane fields. Her sons, Satbir, 27, and Sanjay, 23, were regarded as layabouts. Life was bad but then the nightmares and terrifying visions of Kali allegedly began, not just for Sumitra but her entire family.
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> She consulted a tantrik, a travelling 'holy man' who came to the village occasionally, dispensing advice and putrid medicines from the rusty amulets around his neck.
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> His guidance to Sumitra was to slaughter a chicken at the entrance to her home and offer the blood and remains to the goddess. She did so but the nightmares continued and she began waking up screaming in the heat of the night and returned to the priest. 'For the sake of your family,' he told her, 'you must sacrifice another, a boy from your village.'
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> Ten days ago Sumitra and her two sons crept to their neighbour's home and abducted three-year-old Aakash

> Singh as he slept. They dragged him into their home and the eldest son performed a puja ceremony, reciting a mantra and waving incense. Sumitra smeared sandalwood paste and globules of ghee over the terrified child's body. The two men then used a knife to slice off the child's nose, ears and hands before laying him, bleeding, in front of Kali's image.
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> In the morning Sumitra told villagers she had found Aakash's body outside her house. But they attacked and beat her sons who allegedly confessed. 'I killed the boy so my mother could be safe,' Sanjay screamed. All three are now in prison, having escaped lynch mob justice. The tantrik has yet to be found.
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> Police in Khurja say dozens of sacrifices have been made over the past six months. Last month, in a village near Barha, a woman hacked her neighbour's three-year-old to death after a tantrik promised unlimited riches. In another case, a couple desperate for a son had a six-year-old kidnapped and then, as the tantrik chanted mantras, mutilated the child. The woman completed the ritual by washing in the child's blood.

Tantrism, which is associated with sexuality in the West, is a mystical branch of Hinduism that developed some time in the late first millennium AD. It is possibly the most widespread and influential goddess cult in existence today, and features some bizarre sexual rituals, which are characteristic of goddess cults:

> Sexual rites of Vamamarga may have emerged from early Hindu Tantra as a practical means of catalyzing biochemical transformations in the body to facilitate heightened states of awareness.[36] These constitute a vital offering to Tantric deities. Sexual rites may have also evolved from clan initiation ceremonies involving transactions of sexual fluids. Here the male initiate is inseminated or ensanguined with the sexual emissions of the female consort, sometimes admixed with the semen of the guru. The Tantrika is thus transformed into a son of the clan (kulaputra) through the grace of his consort. The clan fluid (kuladravya) or clan nectar (kulamrita) is conceived as flowing naturally from her womb.

Despite our technological sophistication and highly developed infrastructure, we Westerners tend to be incredibly naïve where history and spiritual matters are concerned. Perhaps this is why people can so casually suggest that goddess worship or female rule would elevate our society and bring us enlightenment and peace. These people ignore the reality, which is easy enough to find if one does a little research, but then again that's easy to do when one begins to see oneself as a divine being.

But no matter; Biddle assures us that "Instead of looking outside to Father God for acceptance and permission, women are looking inside to their own feminine nature for authority and guidance." The ancient Greeks would have called that hubris — an offense against heaven.

The Coming Demographic Shift

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Although I like to pay attention to demographics and quantitative social studies, and often read papers and blogs devoted to the subjects, I tend to leave it to the guys who like crunching numbers in Excel (there are a lot of them out there). However, every now and then simple observation compels me to weigh in on the issue. One thing I've realized, as I approach middle age (or have already entered it depending on one's definition), is that I really don't know what's going on with those who are a decade or more younger than me. Actually, I'm not even sure I realize how things are for those in their late 20s, but that's kind of a transitional stage, and they have already more or less entered the adult world, so the difference is not so profound.

So, to do a little research I went to some social media sites so as to get an idea of the youthful style and trends. One thing I noticed about women in their 20s is that lots and lots of them have tattoos. Not just the little tramp stamp a few naughty girls got back in the 90s, but in many cases big, garish glaring things that cover their necks, upper arms, backs, calves and God knows what else. Now, this isn't all of them, of course, but a very considerable proportion — about 20-30%. My bet is that these are the daughters of single moms.

Then, on the other hand, you've got the "wholesome" Christian types. I doubt they are any better behaved than the typical girl of some 20 years ago, but hey, at least they are making an effort. These girls probably grew up, for the most part, in intact families. Now, keep in mind that these are the 20-somethings, born for the most part in the 1980s. I think there's going to be an even bigger shift in the next cohort, as I'll explain presently.

While in San Francisco, I did a lot of walking around with my kids, going to parks, riding cable cars, and all the rest. San Francisco is a very "progressive" city, and fairly white as far as large cities go. Because I was with kids doing parent things, I saw a lot of other parents. Mainly professional urban types with one or two kids (usually one), largely white, and fairly old as far as parents go. I was a young dad there for the age of my kids, and I'm pretty much right in the middle for the typical white, American father — maybe even a year or so older than average. However, despite going to a lot of kid-friendly places, and despite the fact that San Francisco is actually a really fun place to take kids, I got the impression that children are a rarity in San Francisco. In fact, they are.

There's been talk for some time now about how conservative whites tend to have more kids than liberals (I'll focus on whites here because black demographics have followed an entirely different pattern, and immigrants, obviously, have as well). Although I'm not sure exactly when the trend started, I suspect it got going some time around 1980 (this article suggests the late 70s), probably shortly after party affiliation started to solidify along urban/non-urban lines, and then really accelerated in the 90s. My age cohort – those of us born during the 70s – is the last one in which white Democrats and Republicans had essentially equal numbers of children. Therefore, to me it is pretty normal to have a mix of conservatives and liberals in the same family, amongst friends, colleagues, etc. However, this will change, and the divide amongst the young is going to result in a bifurcation and transformation of the white American population. If the contrast between one kind of girl and another, which was by no means so stark when I was younger, is any indication, this division has already begun to show itself.

What we see playing out in American politics is the last gasp of traditional America. Liberals vs. conservatives is starting to become something of an old people's game. For people my age and older, we could be one or the other without having many fundamental differences besides political affiliation between us, so it's essentially a debate between equals. For younger people, there will be far more profound differences in terms of family structure, wealth and culture, because of both fertility trends and the realities of broken families and single motherhood.

Progressive whites are already a minority amongst white Americans, but given their abysmal fecundity they will be an even smaller minority in short order. Their few children, however, should have a nice lifestyle and ample opportunity. They will in all likelihood continue to have a disproportionately strong voice in the cultural elite for some time even as their numbers dwindle to insignificance. Somewhat more fertile, but far less functional, will be the white working class/single mom cohort. As we have seen in the news recently, some 30% of babies born to

white mothers under 30 are illegitimate, and most of these mothers are poorly educated and come from families with limited means. A number of these women and their children may affiliate themselves with the progressives (although many of them vote Republican in the South), but they are amongst the least political whites of all. They are probably the least likely to vote, or even know who is running for local office. Additionally, although they may be having 30% of the babies in their 20s, single moms are not generally as fertile as married women. Not having a husband makes it a lot more difficult to raise children, so many will never have another child. Their children will likely end up the damaged, tattooed girls and bad boys who live it up until they, too, make a baby and then spend the rest of their fertile years working low-skill, poorly-paid jobs to support themselves and their one or two kids.

The remainder is where the future lies. Perhaps 60% of whites will be neither progressive nor trashy, and they will have the lion's share of children. In fact, this has already started happening, and we simply haven't seen it yet, because their children are just now getting out of school. Sure, some of them will suffer from the ordinary pitfalls of contemporary American life, such as divorce, layoffs, and other calamities, but their position will be both stronger and healthier than that of their white competitors, and that will become more apparent within a fairly short period of time — say ten years. By that time, the conservative/liberal divide is not going to make quite as much sense, because middle class liberals will be riding off into the sunset (and probably expending much of their effort demanding their rivals' children fund their rising healthcare costs).

One indication that this is already starting to happen is the pitiful protest movements one sees whites getting involved in today, such as Occupy Wall Street. Not only are the protestors a lot older on average than typical protestors would have been in the 90s and before, but the young ones are so obviously the spoiled, privileged children of urban elites that it takes the wind right of the movement's sails. How many middle-American types would one find in those camps? Maybe a few were wandering around in there, but they sure weren't represented according to their numbers. And the white proles who should have the biggest gripe are noticeably absent — they are apolitical. The gulf between these potential allies – white progressives and the white working/underclass – is just too big for them to forge anything other than the most awkward of coalitions. What's really ironic is how progressives have been championing the demise of traditional America for years, but in reality they've simply been celebrating their own pending irrelevance. On that note, perhaps those who really don't care all that much for progressive politics should support the Sandra Flukes of the world, who are doing their utmost to ensure that the daughters of progressive elites remain infertile for as long as possible.

So what does this have to do with men's rights, feminism and the other issues we usually discuss here? Well, for one thing, the very concept of "men's rights" is probably going to lose its cachet even as the progressive feminist movement runs out of steam. As white America shifts from a hegemonic force that competes only with itself in ever-escalating (and ridiculous) political gamesmanship to a more standard ethnic/national bloc in the greater Northern context, there will be a settling of values to something closer to the global norm, and instead of attempting to enforce one or another concept of "equality," natural gender roles will quietly start to be taken for granted again. It will take years for this to happen, and in the meanwhile we'll still have to deal with some of the excesses of the Postwar era (which ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union, but still dominates political ideology and affiliation), but it looks as though we've passed the tipping point. In fact, the majority of Americans alive today are what one could call "post-feminist;" i.e. they were born after the demographic decline of progressives began. They have yet to reach political significance, but that will change sooner than most people think.

Adrienne Rich Dead at 82

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I've never heard of Adrienne Rich, but she must be influential amongst certain circles, because the obituaries that are popping up are absolutely worshipful. It seems she was a feminist poet who came to prominence in the 1960s as an activist. I wouldn't normally pay any attention, but she displays yet another facet of the demographic issues I've been focusing on recently.

Ms. Rich was born in 1929 to a doctor and professor, Arnold Rich, and an Episcopalian pianist, Helen Jones — apparently a genteel couple. She was baptized in the Episcopal Church, and her father encouraged her to practice writing poetry from a young age. She went to school at Radcliffe, where she began publishing her own poetry, receiving praise for her good form. She graduated in 1951, then two years later married Alfred Haskell Conrad, a Harvard economist.

After having three sons in quick succession, she began to rebel against the role of being a wife and mother, which she had come to despise. Her poetry began to express a dark loathing for the domestic life of the contemporaneous American housewife. By the mid 60s she had joined the antiwar movement, and associated herself with the radical left that was ascendant at the time. Soon, she had all but abandoned her husband. In 1970, when she became increasingly adventurous sexually and her husband gave up all hope, he put a bullet in his head, freeing her to live as she pleased. By 1976 (about exactly when her youngest son was finally out of high school) she took up with a Jamaican lesbian writer and began writing explicitly lesbian love poetry. She lived the rest of her life as a fairly stereotypical lesbian writer, teaching at prestigious universities while denouncing the patriarchy. She died from complications of rheumatic arthritis.

What separates Ms. Rich from the contemporary feminists is that she did actually make a go of motherhood and being a wife. This is because that was simply expected of women in the US at the time. If she had been born 40 years later in 1969, however, things would have turned out far differently. For starters, she wouldn't have felt much pressure to marry and have children. She wouldn't have had any rage about it, either, because she could live an openly lesbian lifestyle without any repercussions. She never would have had a cause, and probably wouldn't have been noticed by anyone of import.

These pioneering feminists were defined by their struggles, but now that they've had their way, there really isn't much left to fight for, and they will simply grow old and die alone, or with their "sisters." Most will not have children, and there will be nothing to remember them by. No more martyrdom to marriage, motherhood, the patriarchy, etc. I think we can assume with some assurance that they will not have lengthy obituaries printed in national newspapers, and without the family they despised their time on earth will be a fleeting moment, lost forever to human memory. However, perhaps they will be satisfied and happy, and why shouldn't they be?

I think it's becoming apparent that when women like Adrienne Rich are offered an option besides marriage and children, society may be better off for it. Some women aren't cut out for marriage and motherhood, and recognizing this could save us all a lot of trouble. It could have saved Alfred Conrad's life, and spared thousands of students instruction in feminist poetry. If there's anything feminism has done to benefit men, it has been to open the door for women who simply don't want to participate in normal family life so they can walk out and live as they please.

Of course, that's little consolation for those of us men who want to live according to our ideals, whatever they may be, and that's really our problem here, isn't it?

A selection from her poetry:

> Either you will
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> go through this door
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> or you will not go through

> If you go through
> there is always the risk
> of remembering your name. …
> The door itself makes no promises.
> It is only a door.

Female Cop Asks Civilian to Help Make Arrest

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Following a bar assault in north Seattle, a female police officer identified two suspects through witnesses. Upon seeing the officer, both fled on foot through a neighborhood. Bravely giving chase (it was brave — most female cops wouldn't bother), the officer lost track of one suspect, but managed to stay on the tail of the other. However, she started to lose him, too. Fortunately, a man stepped out of his apartment just as the suspect was running by:

> That suspect ran up a flight of stairs next to an apartment complex in the 12300 block of 33rd Avenue Northeast. Just as the suspect was running past the building, a resident there happened to step outside of his apartment unit.
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> As the officer was closing in, she yelled to the resident, "Seattle police, stop that guy!" The resident tackled the fleeing suspect and knocked him to the ground without injury. The officer immediately took him into custody.

This is a nice story about a citizen intervening to stop a criminal, but it's also highly unusual for police to plead for help while in pursuit, and it could be dangerous for the unarmed, unequipped civilian. However, the officer probably really did need it. I doubt she could have taken a young, highly excited (and apparently violent) man down all alone.

The question this brings up is whether it's really worth it to pay women to be police officers when they aren't up to the job. I'm sure that female officers have their uses, and may be more effective in some circumstances (such as discerning lies told by other females), should we really dilute standards just so they can put on a badge and carry a gun?

Spring Break Over

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I just dropped my kids off after spending spring break with them, and although I know I'm going to miss them for the next couple weeks, it will be nice to get back to work again. One of the screwed-up things about being a divorced father – or any father these days – is that work and family life are so distinct. I think things are coming back around in that regard, but it's still a matter of choices and sacrifice in one way or the other. I chose my kids, and I've paid for it dearly, but I think it's worth it. Despite having to fight for every hour, and enduring a lot of abuse, I'm pretty happy to be in their lives. Some men see it differently, and I can't condemn them given what they put fathers through these days, but I just don't know whether I could live in anything but an intolerable sort of purgatory without seeing my kids regularly.

I got to take my kids on their first flight, and my son absolutely loved it. The experience inspired a book he made and gave to me yesterday. I must admit that I am very proud of him for creating his first illustrated book. One of the best things about being a parent is that it gives you the opportunity to see things through young eyes again. All the cynicism just falls away when the little ones are there and enthusiastic about the world.

So forgive me if the rest of you don't share my enthusiasm for my first-grader's artwork, but it makes it all worth it to me. I am quite proud that he put this together all by himself (we'll work on the spelling later).

First is the title page:

Closle Planes and Ragler (Colossal Planes and Regular)

[image]

Next, the "Closle 4,000,000 USA" (originally 4,000, but he thought it could use some more zeros):

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I'd happily show more, but at risk of looking like one of those ridiculous parents and violating my son's copyright, I think I'd better leave it at that.

PS: Thanks for the help grandma and grandpa

Women's Crime OK if it Encourages Women to Report Crime

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A prosecutor in Longview, Washington, has declined prosecution in a case where a woman named Cassandra Kennedy admitted that she lied about her father raping her when she was 11 years old, sending him to prison for nine years. Evidently, she was upset that her father and mother divorced, and made up the story to punish him.

The prosecutor, Sue Blair, said charging Ms. Kennedy might discourage other girls from reporting rape. Thomas Edward Kennedy, her father, who was serving a fifteen year sentence, was released last week. All charges were dismissed. It has not been reported whether he now owes years of child support arrears due to imprisonment.

Although it's possible that there may be some problems with prosecuting someone who was eleven when they committed a crime, she left her father in prison for long after that. As for the prosecutor, her excuse would be laughed away in all but sexual assault cases where females are involved. There is no other crime for which people receive a break for making a false accusation. For example, it would be in the public interest to encourage reporting embezzlement by public officials, so should those who make false accusations be exempt from prosecution if they falsely accuse, say, a county prosecutor of stealing from public funds? Why not? If making false rape accusations is OK because it creates a climate in which women feel comfortable accusing men of rape whenever they want, then all false accusations in matters of crime should be protected.

Or, maybe it's simply that when it comes to crimes against women, women are *more* equal than others. Not only are crimes committed against them more serious, but when they commit crimes themselves it is not such a serious matter. Of course, this violates the equal protection clause, but since when did feminist prosecutors care about the Bill of Rights? I'm sure Ms. Blair learned in school that anything written by "dead white males" is invalid, but that doesn't mean we have to agree with her.

Divorce and Health

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There have been a number of studies published over the years purporting to show the benefits of marriage, particularly for men. However, if you've been through a divorce as a man, it definitely adds a new perspective: it might not necessarily be that marriage is good for your health, but rather that *divorce is bad for it*.

This is definitely something that's come to mind for me recently, as I've started to feel the effects of a rather unhealthy lifestyle since separation. Ironically, there was one thing about divorce that may have been healthy for me: I lost about 30 pounds due to the stress, and still haven't gained it all back. However, for the most part it's been negative. Stress may have contributed to weight loss, but it causes plenty of other problems. The anxiety and depression kept me inside most of the time, I neglected my social life, I went for long periods without enough (if any) exercise, sleeping patterns were disrupted, I skipped a lot of meals, had a hard time maintaining a healthy diet, used beer or wine to calm down and sleep in the evening rather than simply as an enjoyable social lubricant, etc.

I'm sure this is a familiar story for divorced men, yet there's almost no discussion about what can be done about it. In fact, the only advice we get is along the lines of "get married" or "stay married," which is essentially worthless, because for divorced men getting married is what led to the problem in the first place, and we usually had no choice as to whether we stayed in the marriage or not. It's another one of those "damned if you do" situations divorced men so often find themselves in, and that's probably why divorce is so clearly hard on men's health. It adds another element to the betrayal of the ex-wife, too, because it's becoming increasingly clear that divorce not only takes away a man's children, property and labor, but years of his life as well. It seems to be nearly as unhealthy as smoking a pack of cigarettes per day, or being in prison.

That said, divorce doesn't need to be a death sentence for men. If we could only remove some of the more male-hostile provisions of family law, have a little compassion for fathers and their needs, and refrain from treating divorced men like criminals, I'm sure we could mitigate some of the worst stressors and give men the peace of mind needed to get back on track and pay attention to their health. However, this issue has been ignored for too long, and it's going to take some work to bring it to the public's attention. Although sympathy for divorced men may never be very high (people instinctively tend to feel little compassion for adult men), one way to frame the issue could be in terms of benefit to the children. For example, what good does it do a kid if his father dies of a heart attack in his 40s? Can a man who becomes chemically dependent due to self-medication for stress be as good of a father as one who remains healthy and sober? The answers to these questions should be pretty clear. Healthy fathers are better prepared to help their kids succeed, whether they are divorced or not, so perhaps judges ought to give that fact a little consideration before they issue an order that will all but guarantee a great decline in a man's mental, and subsequently physical, health.

As for myself, I've been thinking about the issue recently. I went to see a doctor recently, and based on results decided to make a few changes. Although I'm relatively young and could get away with neglecting my health for the last few years, that won't last, and as a divorced man it's up to me to make sure I can continue to be there for my kids for some time to come. I think we all ought to encourage each other to do the same. It's time to start focusing on these basics, because nobody else is going to do it for us.

Public Breastfeeding to Become Civil Right

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I don't have a problem with women nursing in public, restaurants, or wherever they please, but some people might not like it, and why shouldn't they be able to prevent it in their own places of business? Sometimes, when you have small children, it's obnoxious when restaurants make it clear that you can't seat them wherever you please, but if it's really that offensive why give them your business?

A new law proposed in Seattle would make nursing a civil right, enforceable by the Civil Rights Office:

> Under the proposed ordinance, mothers can breast-feed at a time, place and in the manner they choose. They do not have to go to a restroom. They do not have to cover the baby with a blanket or towel. The owner, manager or employee of a store, restaurant or other public place cannot request that the mother move or leave.
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> Nelson said that individuals who feel their rights have been violated would be able to file a charge with the Civil Rights Office, which would investigate the complaint and could assess a fine.
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> Nelson said her office also is able to publicize the ordinance and the rights of nursing mothers.
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> "If a woman is in a restaurant and is told she can't breast-feed, she can say, 'Yes I can. It's the law,' " Nelson said.

Given our high unemployment, it doesn't make sense to place even more restrictions on businesses, and make operation any more difficult or risky. One wrong move by an inexperienced employee and you could find your business sued into oblivion by an offended woman with a smart attorney. It is these kinds of rules and regulations that keep setting the bar higher and depressing hiring, and for a dubious public good. When I say dubious here it isn't because breastfeeding itself is "dubious," but rather that the ability to breastfeed literally anywhere probably confers only a tiny benefit, if any. For example, one can pump the milk at home and take it to the store, feeding the kid from a bottle. Or, even better, breastfeed *before* going to the store.

Sometimes, when you try to legislate a perfect society, what you end up with is one in which only a few people can make the cut, and the rest are simply culled from the ranks of the employable. This is how the nanny state slowly strangles the economy. The more "rights" we confer on customers, the more of a hassle it is for employers, and the more they scrutinize potential employees.

Comment of the Week — A Life Not Worth Living

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[Editor: The following comment, posted by walking in hell, is an example of what can happen in a "no-fault" divorce. It isn't the most likely outcome, but a considerable number of divorces do end this way, so whether the story is real or not it is accurate depiction of many men's lives.]

A life not worth living

It has been seven years since my wife move 500 miles away with my almost three year old son one day when I was at work; and my 500 mile trips to try to reconcile our family eventually proved futile.

Our marriage lasted almost ten years. We waited seven years to have our first child. Our son was completely planned and welcomed. I was a doting and loving father and I spent every day and weekend with my son.

After the divorce, the courts allowed me to see my son two weekends per month from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. I was allowed one phone call per week. The courts allowed his mother to keep him 500 miles away; I had to travel 500 miles to see him. I was ordered to pay his mother $1500 per month. No consideration was taken for my travel expenses.

Most importantly, no consideration was given for my son's rights to have his father in his life the same amount of time as before. Not three weekends per month, but every day and night and weekend. I was a very affectionate, loving and responsible father and absolutely doted over my son. I was stripped of my fathership and made a visitor in his life.

Within four months my son behaved like a stranger to me. Within six months he was actively hostile towards me. After traveling 500 miles to see him, his mother would not show up with him. His mother was alienating him from me. Within seven months I lost my job. After being a victim of a terrible wife and a corrupt court system, I realized the situation was hopeless; I walked away.

Even though she destroyed 70 percent of the relationship between my son and I, I am the one being blamed for abandonment.

I thought I could begin a new life; but seven years later the pain remains. My pain over missing my son; the pain over how my son must feel; the pain over the disadvantages that my son has. Pain over a career that has been trashed. Pain over huge child support debts that can never be repaid. Pain over a life where I will never be able to have any sort of financial security or retirement. Pain over the fact that I will never know my grandchildren. Pain over excruciating loneliness.

The worst times are weekends and holidays. Weekends and holidays were mine and my son's best times together. When I see fathers with sons I feel an overwhelming sadness: a sadness of what has been lost; what is not; and what could have been.

Also I am permanently changed. No amount of therapy, psychotropic drugs, or a new woman and child can remove the hollowness inside me. I notice the effect when I am around people. I used to be happy and fulfilled; now I am empty and depressed, and people notice it and they don't want to be around me. It is impossible for me to smile and I get no pleasure from anything; not even eating. I have no present and no future.

Am I a loser? I was an example of someone who raised themselves from nothing to something though hard work. I put myself through college; earned a scholarship, and worked many crappy jobs before I finally landed a good one. Through thrift, I managed to save a tidy nest egg. I never had any problems with the law. But because my wife became unhappily married, I am made to be a criminal, even though I tried to keep the marriage together.

Now I don't have a car, I don't have a drivers license, I don't have a girl friend, and I live in a small and shitty room. I earn a fifth of what I earned before. I have a very difficult time holding a job because of depression.

I am a Christian; so I am afraid of committing suicide. Nevertheless, I often research suicide to see if there is some justification for it; some way to do it, without going to hell. I want out of my life; I would not want to wish my life on my worst enemy. It is a life that is not worth living.

I pray every day for some guidance and purpose of what I am supposed to do; I don't get any answers.

Where did I go wrong? Was it the wrong choice of a woman? My wife was very religious and a virgin when we met. She never smoked a cigarette or drank alcohol in her life. She was the most family-oriented person I had ever met. I would never have thought she would have chosen divorce. And if she chose divorce, I would have thought she would have wanted a father in her son's life. But she changed. Why did she change? I don't know, but I think because of cultural influences.

Why do I write this? For pity? No. I write this to give young men an idea of what they are facing when they father children in the USA or any other country that imitates the USA court system. When the divorce happens, and it is more likely to happen then not, you will be destroyed emotionally and financially. Your children will suffer. The more responsible, the more loving, the more family-oriented you are, the more you will be destroyed.

Marriage and family is sacred and the greatest gift a man can have. Unfortunately, in the USA, marriage and family have been perverted beyond repair.

For young men, the worst thing you could do is to have children in the USA. For parents of boys, the worst thing you could do is to pressure your sons into having children in the USA. Don't think it cannot happen to you or your sons.

Is there a solution? Yes. Emigration. Make your money in the states and emigrate out when you are financially able. Then marry and have children in a family-friendly nation and a nation with fairer divorce laws. This is a solution that won't completely remove the risk of divorce; but will reduce it.

As a man in the USA you have nothing to look forward to. Only the ignorant or the masochistic would think of fathering children there. In the USA fathers are like tightrope walkers without netting. Don't do it.
You have been warned by someone wandering in hell who lives a life not worth living.

Information and statistics:

States get matching funds from the federal government for every support order they issue; therefore there is an built-in economic incentive against family reconciliation and against shared custody and an economic incentive for sole physical custody.

Presumption of guilt is on the man. If the woman makes any type of emotional or physical abuse claim, the man will be removed from his home and children.

Nine out of ten times the children are given to the woman, no matter how good the man is.

If you fall behind in child support $2500, your passport is denied.

If you fall behind in child support $2500, you drivers license is revoked.

If you are behind and miss payments, you can go to jail for contempt of court.

If you have a history of falling behind on payments, you can be placed in prison.

Because you are in jail does not mean child support payments stop; on the contrary, child support payments continue and arrears continue to build.

In many states, interest is added to arrears at the rate of 10 percent per year.

If you lose your job and get a lesser paying job, the child support agencies will do their best to try to keep the payments the same.

Employers frown on wage garnishment; it is more work for them and they are less likely to hire a divorced man and more likely to exploit one because they know he is desperate.

As your children are stripped away from you and the relationship severed, you will be accused of abandoning your children.

If you have arrears, a child support lien will be placed on your credit report which comes up on background checks rendering you much less employable.

Any type of depression or despondency is used against the man to further remove him from his children, causing yet more depression and despondency.

Non-custodial parents (men) are around three times as likely to commit suicide then the rest of the population.

Men are not entitled to a lawyer in a failure to pay child support court hearing.

50,000 men are in jail or prison every day for child support arrears.

Ever wonder why there are so many homeless men? Do your own street interviews. Ask random homeless men if they ever went through a divorce or the child support system.

A man with children in the USA is like a tightrope walker without netting: the risk-reward profile is life or death.

Woman exposes child support system

Professor Stephen Baskerville exposes child support system

No lawyer guaranteed for child support offenders

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44376665/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/t/unable-pay-child-support-poor-parents-land-behind-bars/

50,000 imprisoned for child support

http://purplemotes.net/2011/03/22/persons-in-jail-for-child-support-debt/

Who Should We Focus On?

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Where engaging feminists (the real ones) is concerned, I think we have to recognize that we aren't going to make much progress, and that doesn't really matter. If the really passionate ones on certain sites are any indication, for the most part they are a collection of sexual deviants, the mentally ill and pornographers. The last one may come as a surprise to some, but it's actually quite typical; prostitutes tend to gravitate toward feminism.

However, there are people worth engaging: those who may not be entirely on the same page as us but who also don't like the status quo much themselves. As commenter greyghost points out, Dalrock is doing a great job of engaging Christian social conservatives on the issue, and although he's finding a lot of resistance, it's undeniable that scripture is definitely not on the side of the feminists.

Not long ago, social conservatives were pretty much hopeless. They are very slow learners (conservatism and stubbornness go hand in hand), so for the last twenty years or so they've been going back to the default chivalry position, and it's failed over and over. But this doesn't mean that they will never change. Because conservatives are becoming a larger and larger share of native born Americans with every year liberal women delay family and abort their children, ignoring them would be unwise, and if out-of-control feminism is to ever be done away with, they will be the demographic we'll have to count on to do the job. Fortunately, the sons of these more conservative Americans, although they may be as innocent and naive as any men while still young, are seeing an entirely new side of women. As I've pointed out, things have changed a lot on the last 20 years, and the pretensions of sweet feminine innocence are believed only by the most socially insulated old dinosaurs out there. As for the sons of the liberals, I think we're going to find that a whole lot of them are already squarely in our camp. Growing up male in a feminist environment can do one of two things: either it can break a man's soul and turn him into a lifelong self-hating mangina, or it will forever instill a strong disgust for feminism and all its associated horrors. I'm afraid those who suffered the former fate are lost to us, but for the latter, I suspect they are the most vocal younger pro-male voices out there.

This is why focusing effort on the conservatives is a good idea. Those of us who grew up in a more liberal environment have already made up our minds by maturity (I include myself in that group), and our attitude toward feminism isn't going to change. Conservatives, while vaguely hostile to feminism, still have an incomplete understanding of it, and need to be guided to a clearer understanding of concepts such as female hypergamy. You'd think their own holy books, which offer plenty of examples of hypergamy, false rape accusations, female misbehavior, etc., would do the trick, but unfortunately they tend to overlook those parts. Perhaps a few gentle reminders might help. Or, if necessary, a heavy dose of shaming right back at them.

So, I'm going to endorse Dalrock's approach, as I think it's one that has some of the best potential. Dalrock takes the very issues social conservatives are preaching to the rest of us about and holds a mirror up to their faces to show them the beam in their eye. I can't think of anything more effective, or ultimately more compassionate, as their own sons and daughters will inherit the world in due course, and if they want them to live the lives they see as virtuous and Godly, a dose of reality about female nature is sorely needed.

Obama Writes off Men in Presidential Campaign (Romney Appears to do Same)

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I think it's unprecedented for a president to stake his position so heavily on the female vote, but demographics have changed over the last decade, and perhaps Obama's strategists think a coalition of minorities and women is the solution for permanent victory. They may be correct, but it's new ground, so we'll see how it plays out. Unfortunately, Romney will likely do what he can to pander to women as well, in the false assumption that he has the white male vote locked up.

This is why we see the president once again inserting himself into an issue that really shouldn't be any of his business, namely the Augusta golf club's status as a men's golf club. Romney agreed, of course. Obama spokesman Jay Carney said "we're kind of long past the time when women should be excluded from anything." This comes on the heels of a forum on Women and the Economy (not men, mind you), a few years after Obama's creation of the White House Council on Women and Girls, and amidst rock solid Democratic support of the Violence Against ***Women*** Act.

So, as the federal government creates and supports a number of programs designed to benefit women exclusively, the candidates denounce a private men's sports club, paid for by men – not taxpayers – and engaged in nothing more than walking around and knocking balls into holes. What an outrage that this club can continue to exist! How dare women not be allowed in so as to drink mimosas and attract attention from wealthy golfers. It's one thing for women to have publicly funded organizations dedicated entirely to their benefit and power, but entirely another for men to have any clubs of their own whatsoever.

the shameless political pandering to women has gone so far that it really looks as though politicians have bought the entire "End of Men" spiel, and are willing to throw men under the bus, as though they are no longer necessary. These kinds of things don't tend to end well, because although women's political support certainly looks attractive from a democratically-elected politician's perspective, when you disenfranchise men bad things tend to happen.

Take One for the Team

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By Ethical

Team sports are a coming of age for many boys. They're even more meaningful to fathers. The first time our son wipes away a bloody nose without a tear, or shrugs off a hard hit and smiles because he helped his team get just a little closer to winning … it's enough to tug at the toughest father's heart strings. Our boy just "took one for the team". Even if we didn't see it other fathers will tip their caps in a quiet nod of respect and we'll know. Despite whatever failings, on that day we're certain we've done something right in this world. We've succeeded in raising a son to the point where he's on his way to becoming a man.

With providence our boys get bigger, and the challenges they're capable of facing get tougher. Whether they take on gruelling or dangerous jobs to feed their families, or go to war and put their lives on the line defending their countries, we're thankful for the part we were able to play in preparing them. "Taking one for the greater good" is an irrevocable part of what we as a society have always trained men to do. Males are born hard wired to be receptive to that socialization. When faced with unexpected circumstances we as men have time and time again shown our readiness to lay down our lives for our women, our children, and for the countries we've pledged our allegiance to. Being a man has always meant being ready to be brave at all times so there's no surprise it takes an entire boyhood to prepare us for it. It's not a small thing to be ready to take responsibility, ready to give one's all, with no notice.

Giving our all as men is so important there's a government initiative about it at the website Fatherhood.gov:

> Fatherlessness is a growing crisis in America, one that undergirds many of the challenges that families are facing. When dads aren't around, young people are more likely to drop out of school, use drugs, be involved in the criminal justice system, and become young parents themselves.
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> President Obama grew up without his dad, and has said that being a father is the most important job he has. That's why the President is joining dads from across the nation in a fatherhood pledge – a pledge that we'll do everything we can to be there for our children and for young people whose fathers are not around. When you take the President's Fatherhood Pledge, you'll receive updates, tips and resources from fatherhood organizations, prominent dads and other supporters of responsible fatherhood around the nation.

The message is clear. We must "take one on the chin" if we need to, and fight through whatever adversity standing between us and providing for our families. We must make a pledge to hold our families together so we can be there to protect our loved ones.

With the equal legal rights women enjoy in today's society, it's inevitable that some will call on women to defend their families in the same way. The other day I read an article in which a woman named Stacey at a domestic abuse crisis center counselled women: "The first time he hits you, make it the last".

It seemed reasonable, after all who wants to be slapped? Then I considered that a woman's pain from taking a slap would be gone in a day. I wondered if leaving would really always be the best way for a woman to "defend her family". The next day after the slap he or she might apologize, they'd have great sex, and a week later both would forgot it ever happened. On the other hand the pain she would inflict on her children by leaving her husband, as described so eloquently above by Mr. Obama, this would last the children's entire lifetime. By leaving she would throw innocents into financial chaos and emotional devastation.

I began to question whether the abuse centers were really giving out good advice and I started to look for answers to the question: "should women also consider the "greater good"?

I discovered that the idea of women having the same "spouse and the children before me" responsibility towards

their families as men do was so completely revolutionary it didn't exist yet on the web. Though it seemed a great "right" for feminists to make equal claim to I couldn't find anything about a woman's responsiblity to her family on any feminist site anywhere. Given the entire government funded website dedicated to the importance of intact families this seemed a little confusing. It was also more than a little alarming. A generation of men were being raised to lay down their lives for their families, yet a generation of women were being counselled to give up on their families at a slap. Were women being denied the right to sacrifice for their families the way men always have?

President Obama's message that fatherlessness is so incredibly harmful for children, and common wisdom about how devastating financially a divorce can be, both suggest that the decision to break up a family shouldn't be taken lightly. That many women leave one abusive relationships to go straight into another exposes the "victim" paradigm to be ineffective and inaccurate. Abuse is a mutual problem for couples to tackle together. Yet websites advising women to seek mutual counselling to heal their marriage rather than to just walk away are non-existent.

Many other women's domestic violence websites I found seemed to have a similar "Divorce him without a second thought" message. A number even counselled that a man should be considered to have abused the woman if he so much as raised his voice to her. All agreed that there could be no mitigating factor in abuse. Didn't matter whether he came home to see her in bed with his worst enemy, or whether she was scalding his children with hot water. A man could never be excused, and a woman never needed to be.

Now any teacher in charge of a playground knows failing to come down on both parties in a dispute even handedly makes the party that always gets off feel encouraged to foment conflict again. Simple common sense. The consensus of statistics surrounding domestic violence show that women initiate the violence 50-60% of the time. If families are really important, isn't it in the interest of children that BOTH sides be shown some forgiveness in order that BOTH sides shoulder some responsibility?

I got my answer to that very quickly. Despite the great public funding for domestic violence programs there was no "President's Mother's Pledge" to encourage women to show the bravery, love for family, and fortitude to succeed in preserving a two parent home as the best environment possible for children as has been demanded of men. Perhaps, in these days of equal rights, it's high time.

As Industrialization Devalued Male Labor, Automation will Devalue Female Labor

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When we talk about how the value of a strong back is greatly diminished from days past, and female work is now as valuable if not more valuable than male on the middle to lower end of the labor market, we tend to overlook the fact that female work had already been greatly devalued in fairly recent history. For example, women used to be the only ones to deliver babies, sew and weave clothes, run household industry and make bread and ale. They also grew vegetables and gathered fruits and berries, milked cows and goats, etc. Female economic activity was probably considerably more important in the 15th century than it was in the 19th and 20th. Not only did the professionalization of medicine put a lot of midwives and herbalists out of work, but industrialization made wives' sewing redundant, and mass production freed them from the tasks of baking and brewing, among other things.

It was industry that created the bored housewife; women had nothing important left to do, so we ended up with the Betty Friedans and Adrienne Riches of the world who could exploit the feeling of emptiness and lack of purpose that took hold of mid-20th century American women. However, now that heavy industry is stagnant and/or much more efficient, many men are left out, and the burgeoning service industry has tipped the balance toward women once again. This is why we have these triumphant "End of Men" proclamations from vicious feminists, and it's also why women have lower unemployment than men. But because female labor has become more expensive and a larger threat to profit, companies will adjust, as always, and innovation will tip the scales again.

This is starting on the low end, with automation of light industry and food service, and it has picked up speed in only the last few years. Fast food restaurants, a major low-wage employer of women, are beginning to install robotic cashiers and have automated cooking to the point that very little labor is necessary to produce an order. Some restaurants are even eliminating wait staff in favor of robotic service, and customers don't seem to mind. Even in my local Safeway I purchase my groceries from a robot (with a very sexy voice).

Within a decade or so, operating a fast food franchise may be more like playing a video game than managing real humans. Perhaps only two people would be necessary to run a typical McDonald's or Taco Bell. After fast food and retail are increasingly automated, next will be office work. This has already begun with automated phone service and online ordering, but it will extend even to secretarial work. Many contemporary secretaries are no longer in-house employees, but rather "virtual assistants" who use technology to remotely handle a number of businesses at once.

More and more female jobs will come under scrutiny as employers look to replace their female workers with software and robots. In fact, I'm fairly sure that it isn't virtual sex that will really change the balance of power between men and women, but rather virtual labor. As these systems will require technical knowledge in programming, engineering and operating machines, the labor advantage should swing back to men, who tend to be far more interested in these fields.

Although the modern world seems very advanced when looking backward, if we look forward it's pretty obvious there's a lot of room for development and technological progress, and given the low-tech, repetitive nature of most female jobs, they seem like prime candidates for replacement by robots. In fact, I can't wait for the first robo-restaurant to open here in Seattle. As the standard tip has grown from 10% to 25% over the years, it will be a relief for the customer as well as the owner to eliminate human wait staff. If I want human company and contact, I'll just bring my kids or my friends!

Christ is Risen

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David Futrelle to Teach Coeds How to Have Good Sex

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In a piece of wonderful news for parents who send their daughters to Northwestern University, David Futrelle is getting involved in a feminist sex week in which feminists teach college girls about good and ungood sex. Even better, after giving a sex talk, he will be providing free condoms and lube to the girls.

It looks as though Futrelle is stepping into the shoes left vacant by Kyle Payne, a male feminist activist who used to be heavily involved in campus sexual assault advocacy. Kyle described himself as a "sex-positive" feminist while majoring in women's studies. Here's a self-description from a few years ago:

> Kyle is a social justice educator, writer, and activist. Much of his work is concerned with putting a stop to violence against women. For years Kyle has served as an advocate for survivors of sexual violence and other forms of abuse, in addition to promoting what he calls "a more just and life-affirming culture of sexuality" through activism and education. As a researcher, Kyle has studied the feminist anti-pornography movement and is particularly interested in men's roles in confronting pornography and the rape culture. In addition to his pro-feminist work, he is involved with anti-racist, free speech, peace, and anti-globalization movements.

It so happened that while in the midst of his feminist activism in 2008, Payne was caught groping and videotaping an unconscious coed at Buena Vista University. At the time, he was a resident adviser, tasked with looking after younger students. He was charged with sexual assault and taking nude photographs against the woman's will, and eventually copped a plea that put him in jail for six months. Not long after his release, he was arrested and charged once again, this time for child porn.

Payne still maintains that he is a strident feminist (perhaps he has nothing left to hang onto), and although he has written apologies he is now shunned by female feminists. Payne's fall from feminist grace was even worse than Hugo Schwyzer's. After admitting to attempting a murder suicide with a girlfriend and sleeping with his students, Schwyzer lost a good deal of credibility, yet like Kyle Payne, still soldiers on.

Futrelle does not strike one as the kind of guy who would screw up quite so spectacularly. He's innately cautious and passive-aggressive rather than impulsive and prone to acting out. Additionally, it appears that much of his pro-feminism is a result of a rather clear hatred for men; one of his favorite tags on his site is "men who should not ever be with women ever," which gives away one motive where these issues are concerned. However, there's definitely a sexual element there as well. Unless a man is entirely homosexual, there's always an element of sexuality in his interest in fertile women — it's unavoidable.

So when you hear about Futrelle teaching college girls about what constitutes good sex, you've got to wonder what's going through his hindbrain while young, nubile coeds listen attentively as he positions himself as an authority on good and bad sex. For men, advocating for fertile women is about the easiest form of altruism out there. In fact, it isn't even altruism at all; it's sexual self-interest. There is nothing particularly special about a man who favors women over men, and there's nothing inherently good about it. It's just human nature. What's really pathetic is that these guys claim that acting in their sexual self-interest places them on a higher moral plane. Most people don't buy it, of course, but some coeds might. So if you're a parent of a young woman attending Northwestern University, you might want to ask the school why this guy is talking about sex there with your daughter next to a basket of condoms and lube.

Spring Fund Drive

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After over two years of operation, *The Spearhead* has finally come of age, and its thousands of posts on various topics have inundated the internet, helping to bring topics that were swept under the rug for years to the fore. For better or worse, men's issues have entered the cultural debate in the West, influencing everything from politics to pop culture. What this means for the future is anyone's guess right now, but I think that's why it's important that we continue to speak and stand up for ourselves.

Traffic on The Spearhead has steadily climbed since a dip last summer while I was in the midst of a custody/relocation case, and is up to 70,000 uniques and 300,000 page views per month as of March. RSS subscribers cracked the 2,000 level for the first time in winter, and have been climbing steadily since then. It's safe to say that the site has a healthy, dedicated readership at this point — probably around 4,000 regulars (i.e. at least weekly readers). It could be more, but I prefer to be conservative where these matters are concerned.

However, running the site and writing content is a job, and given the pressures of life it's one I can't afford to do for free. Although it's a bit embarrassing to admit, since my divorce I've been living a hand-to-mouth existence, and it's really kind of surprising to me that I was actually able to survive while getting *The Spearhead* off the ground. I suppose where one has some passion and drive, one finds a way. Every donation and every dollar of support provides me with time to write and keep the site running; without the help it would be a shadow of what it is. Given the special interest nature of the site, it is never going to be a big draw for advertisers even with a substantial readership. So I have to rely on support from those who appreciate the content to keep it running and keep me in front of the screen for a substantial portion of every week.

One thing I'd like to bring up is that given the attacks from certain quarters that *The Spearhead* has been subjected to, the site must be having some visceral effect. I like to think it's made its presence felt all the way at the top. In fact, I'm fairly sure it has, as I have been contacted a couple times in recent months by some writers for major publications (I had some nice conversation, but said honestly that I don't have the time to get involved in features that won't remunerate me and may not provide anything of value to my readers). The site is a work in progress, as is the growing and evolving national debate on "gender issues." I'm glad to have the opportunity to make a difference in that regard.

So, thank you for your help, and as long as I have supportive readers and can afford to keep plugging away I will keep the site running and continue to keep men's interests and issues on the table. Thanks also to the contributors and commenters who spice up the site with their own content, and to other men out there who are working toward the same goals in their own.

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What's Wrong with Wanting to be Loved?

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One of the most common epithets hurled at men by feminists, and probably the most genuinely hurtful, is that men are upset at women because they are bitter about being unloved. The reason this one hurts more than the typical "small penis" or "mother's basement" insult is because it is so often accurate to some extent. The best insults always hit a weak spot. It's true that many men are very bitter about loss of love, betrayal or lack of attention from women. This is why some pick up artists have such commercial success with their ventures, and why men flock to gurus who say they hold the secrets to a woman's heart.

Actually, if these cruel women only knew, it goes a lot farther than mere heartbreak. The abandonment of men in contemporary society is so comprehensive that a man who has lost a wife or lover not only suffers from the loss of that deep personal connection, but from a fairly comprehensive rejection by society in general. First you lose your wife, then your kids, and then even your own family turns against you in many cases (this is a lot more common than most people realize — American men's own mothers very often blame them and side with the ex in what is usually a futile effort to maintain contact with the grandchildren). The thrashing you get from the police and courts is just gratuitous abuse; in many cases guys are simply numb to additional pain by that time.

So, yes, these are bitter, unloved men. They are hated and they know it, although many have no clear idea why. They think to themselves "I'm not a criminal… I never hurt anyone… How could this happen to me?" Some can't handle it. There are many suicides that simply don't make the news. In a small minority of cases, they snap, and then there's the "domestic disturbance" situation that has become so routine these days in which a police gunman puts the man out of his misery, as though he were a rabid dog. However, in most cases the men simply accept their doleful fate and live their miserable lives.

I was one of those miserable, unloved men for some time. But not entirely. Circumstance gave me a considerable amount of time with my kids when my ex decided to make her move. She left just as she obtained a good job thanks to my promise to work part-time and take care of the children while she trained for it, and she didn't want to pay for daycare, so she proposed and received a parenting plan that had me caring for them much of the time she was working. Although being abandoned without any warning was devastating, my children never abandoned me, and despite the horror of separation I had them almost half time. All it took to snap me out of the most morbid thoughts was the sound of my kids' voice, or the thought of them growing up and wondering why daddy did such a selfish thing as to leave them.

But if it weren't for that time with my kids, I would have been totally, utterly alone. When I didn't have them I had no desire for human contact. I really felt that the only people in the entire world who cared about me at all were my little children, aged one and three at the time. I suppose I digress a little here, but I can't help feel that they were little angels, even if I did have to change their diapers and wipe food off their faces after every meal.

For men who don't even have that, it's almost unimaginable. It's such a shockingly horrible experience that I wouldn't wish it on anyone, yet here we have feminists taunting men for feeling unloved. And still we have people whining about "misogyny." Young feminists whose most important concern is the ability to have sex entirely free of consequences, and who shamelessly raise their voices for the right to kill their children in the womb. Lesbian gender feminists who wreck families for profit and sex. Male feminists who boast about fathering children and shuffling their responsibilities onto some duped cuckold, and who malign their fellow men for a crack at college girls.

All that said, men have every right to be angry, and righteously so. But deep down, I think what most of them want is far simpler and more benign than revenge or some political payback. They want some love, some security and the opportunity to be a part of a family. They want to grow old with a woman who is true to them, and to see their children grow tall and strong. It doesn't always come out that way, and there are those who have rejected the idea entirely, but it's an ideal that I think most men would agree is worth some effort, if not for themselves then for a

better society in general.

So, I'd like to say to the feminists out there that yes, there are men who are bitter and sad about being unloved. Yes, it is often why they malign women, and it isn't always a pretty thing. But if you really take pleasure in people's loneliness and despair, you've got a cold, dead heart, and no reason to be proud of yourself. Instead of waxing triumphant about unfortunate men's loneliness and misery, why not work for a world in which *everyone* can feel loved? Are you woman enough to do that?

Is it Mentoring, or Enabling?

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By Thrown Away Dad

As a twenty-something punk in the year 1991, I felt compelled to do something worthwhile and good in some sort of volunteer capacity and eventually ended up volunteering as a Big Brother in the nationwide well known organization Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Not long after going through the interview and background check, I was matched with my “little” and for this article I will call him Duncan. At the beginning of our match, Duncan was eight and usually once every two weeks, I would drive to Duncan’s home, pick him up, and we would hang out together. Oftentimes we would play basketball. Other things we would do together included eating out, cooking and eating in, riding my street bike, bowling, fishing and occasionally participating in group activites that the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization would put on for all of the matched bigs and littles here in the area.

Duncan and I had a good relationship. I never felt like we became real close like a father and son, and I never really tried to. Duncan’s father lived in a far off state and he would occassionally spend time with his father although not every other weekend as it was simply too far away.

In 1994 Duncan moved away to go live with his Father. Simultaneously, my life took a turn and I found myself facing a rather awesome responsibility and I felt that with Duncan moving far away along with my new duties, it was best that I withdraw from the program, which I did on good terms with those who ran it.

In 2010 my awesome responsibility was completed and I found myself again with some time on my hands just as I had 19 years earlier. Eventually I thought to myself why not get invoved again with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. However things were a little different now, or at least I was a little different. On one hand, I was infinetely more qualified to volunteer as a big because I now had experience with children of my own and I also had a lot of experience coaching childrens sports teams. Of course I was also more mature, more measured in my reactions and responses and felt I would make a very good mentor for a child in need. However, by this point in my life I was very familiar with the divorce mill and the pigs in their black robes that run it. I also now viewed every Heroic Single Mother I met with suspicion. Thus, I made up my mind that I would again apply to be a volunteer big, however this time I would be conducting a little experiment as part of the application process.

The application process was pretty much the same as years earlier. Eventually it leads to the sit down interview with an employee of the organization. In my case, I was interviewed by not one, but two ladies as one of them was in training. The interview was similiar as it had been in 1991. They asked about my religion, education, employment. Also they inquired about what I liked to do with my leisure time and what kind of things I envisioned doing with my little. Towards the end of the interview, I took the first step in my experiment and informed the two ladies interviewing me that I did not wish to volunteer as a big brother for a little who has a Father here in the metro area who is being forcefully kept away from his son. I explained that I felt like it was not my place to take a boy to the park, or to the basketball court if the child had a father here in town who was willing to do the same thing, but was not allowed to because some Judge claims it is not in the childs best interest. The two ladies definately made a note of my “condition of volunteering”. I also noticed they each gave a slight rise of the eyebrows and a small nod as if to say, “we really cannot argue with what you are saying.” The interview ended and they informed me that they would be doing a background check and contacting my references.

Not long afterwards I was asked to return and attend an orientation seminar. The purpose of the seminar was to inform us of the dos and don’ts of the program, what we should expect, how our introduction to our new little would take place, etc. During the seminar I distinctly remember being told that those of us at the seminar had passed all the necessary background checks and reference checks and at this point in our application process, all that was left was finding a match. When the seminar was over, we were all told that we would be contacted when a match was found to schedule an initial introduction.

I do not remember exactly how many weeks passed without hearing from the organization, but I finally sent a polite e-mail letting them know that I had not heard anything. They did respond and explained that they were short staffed and busy. More weeks, and eventually months passed by with still no word from the organization and although I do not claim to be a fortune teller, I knew exactly what was going on and why I was not hearing from them. Finally, months after the orientation seminar I received a letter from them via snail mail that gave me a short and vague rejection that I was not exactly what they were looking for. Naturally, this kind of a letter would normally have been sent before a potential big was invited to partake in the final orientation seminar, but this case was different.

By now, most readers probably have an idea of what took place during the time that transpired from the orientation, until the rejection letter months later. The staff at BB/BS searched for a little to match me up with. Of course, part of the matching process involves the staff informing the Heroic Single Mother of the little about the potential Big, his biography and his likes and dislikes. When the staff would inform the Heroic Single Mother of my feeling that I did not want to serve as a big for a little who has a loving father here in the area, the Mother wanted absolutely no part of it. These women did not want a man who knows full well what happened to the boy's father mentoring their son. These Single Mothers wanted a white knight. Eventually, after the staff received the same reaction from we do not know how many Single Mothers, they gave up. Every successful match the staff makes means more funding for the local organization so I'm sure they must have put some effort into finding at least one Heroic Single Mother who had absolutely no problem with the way I felt. However, their search for just one righteous single mother was even less fruitful than Abraham's search for a few righteous people in Sodom as written in the Old Testament.

The conclusion of my experiment was truly sobering. Even myself, knowing what I know, did not think things were that bad. Truthfully, I would have bet money that there was at least one boy on the waiting list for a Big Brother whose father abandoned the family and ran off with a trophy wife to a far away state, or was truly absent from his son's life by choice instead of by force. I have to wonder if this whole experience made the BB/BS staff stop and think just a little about what their organization is really doing. Of course, matching up adult mentors with children in need is noble work, but before they try to find a mentor, it goes without saying that they should first be contacting the father. In fact, if it were not for our divorce culture and grossly corrupt "family" courts, BB/BS could not even exist. Everytime the staff at BB/BS puts together this kind of match, they are only reinforcing to the Single Mothers that their selfish disposal of the father was OK. Currently, BB/BS has advertisements on a significant number of billboards in my Metro Area. Lord only knows how much all of that advertising costs and where the money is coming from, but every time an individual unfamiliar with the divorce courts views a BB/BS billboard, it reinforces the myth that fathers are abandoning their children and that mentors are needed to fill the gap.

Presidential Election Suggests Climax of Feminism is at Hand

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Following the Rush Limbaugh/Sandra Fluke controversy, the remarks about Augusta, the debate over free birth control and other appeals to American women from Democrats, prominent feminist and corporate shark Hilary Rosen waded into the debate by saying that Mitt Romney's wife had no right to talk about the economy because she'd "never worked a day in her life." Lots of people took offense because, obviously, a mother of five has a lot of work to do, whether or not it results in a corporate paycheck.

What's interesting is that the debate is between two baby boomer females, both of whom chose different paths in life, and underscores the profound schism that has emerged between one America and the other. Ann Romney, mother of five, has chosen one path, and Hilary Rosen, although she did manage to conceive two children with donor sperm (she's a lesbian), another.

What we are seeing here is the climax of second wave feminism, which really got going in the 1960s, as its adherents reach the peak of their political and economic power. However, despite the heights attained by people like Hilary Rosen, not all American women jumped on the bandwagon, and now the two versions of American womanhood are squaring off over the presidency. You could say it's essentially feminists vs. wives, and it's pretty clear which ones will line up with which candidate.

In the long run, the wives will win, because they have a lot more children in general, but for now the feminists probably have a majority due to the large numbers of single mothers and divorced women, which is why Obama will likely take the women's vote. But he isn't going to take all of it.

I'm not sure how much longer feminism will be such a powerful force in national politics, but I suspect this election, and perhaps the next one, will be the peak. After that, there will be a decline that, while not entirely noticeable at first, should really become apparent by some time in the next decade. Younger feminists simply don't have the passion or cohesion to repeat the successes of the Hilary Rosens and Hillary Clintons of the world. As far as I can tell, to them feminism means little more than getting a free lunch. At least, they don't articulate much else, and if they can get a free lunch by getting married and having children a lot of them will do so and quickly forget all about the gender studies classes they took in college. Furthermore, as I've stressed recently, a lot more young white Americans will be the children of the Mitt and Ann Romneys of the US (not to mention Rick Santorums) than they will of the Hilary Rosens. Feminism is simply going to be alien and weird to an increasing proportion of the population. As for minorities, they never really bought into it anyway; feminism has been pretty much a white woman's game from the beginning.

So, men, I think we should sit back, grab a bag of popcorn, and watch how it all goes down. We are witnessing the culmination of a very strange era in Western history, and it's going to be history fairly soon. There's no telling exactly what will come next, but I'm fairly certain that the feminism that has come to define this election cycle will begin to ebb away as something new emerges.

Some day when I'm old and gray, I expect to see people snicker and joke about the feminism that was such a powerful force in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Our current era will be seen by young adults and children as just as alien as the prewar era is to us today. And no, there will never be a matriarchal regime; that's against human nature and unprecedented in human history. People simply haven't changed that much, and due to birth control, abortion and other factors that limit feminist fertility the demographic momentum is pushing in the other direction now, and has been for over a generation.

In the meanwhile, we men should take care of ourselves, our families and our brethren. Just hang in there, weather this storm, and try to keep your mental and physical health. When we get through to the other side, we'll be able to breathe a lot easier than we have in a long, long time.

Comment of the Week: Down with Gender Studies!

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[*Editor: Anonxcf just submitted the below comment, but the week is drawing to a close and it just happens to touch on something that has been on my mind recently. The programs known as "gender studies" in American universities are beyond redundant at this point; they are just plain hateful and destructive. With far more girls than boys going on to college, what's the point of classes that teach unveiled hatred and contempt for men, and promote conflict between the sexes? In addition to their destructive, wasteful program, people involved in gender studies programs are at the forefront of squelching free speech and crushing dissent in schools. They are run by totalitarian powermongers, usually people with a great deal of hatred for men in general. As they claim to fight "misogyny," they do nothing but stir up resentment and disharmony.*

Gender studies programs are like a festering sore in our institutions, and the most disgusting thing about them is that it is often unwitting taxpayers who foot the bill. Anonxcf gets it exactly right: these people should not be given tenure or a pulpit from which to spew their hatred and sow discord between our young men and women. They should be tossed out of their sinecures and given the opportunity to make a living in the private sector, like most of the rest of us.]

Anonxcf:

I don't think it's an accident that the groups that have low replacement rates swarm so hardcore to the schools. From trying to strengthen federal control of all state education departments, to actually serving as teachers and administrators, to being ALL UP IN professorships at college, the feminist plan for producing new feminists is and always has been converting the sons and daughters of non-feminist families.

Techniques such as:

-> Shaming the boys. Imply to a boy that his desire for sex is insulting and puts him in a monstrous position (the culmination of this is the "all piv is rape" bullshit, but even without that there's the implication that the boy is in a lesser position and brings less value). Then state that MANY men do this. The logical (and planned) exit here, if you accept these principles, is the acceptance of the feminist story: that men are privileged, that he has to work to be a Good Man (or a Good Boy) in order to not be subject to the shaming.

-> Promising fantastic prizes to the girls. Primarily, this takes the form of an emotional low and high- people are definitely subject to being told that things are not their fault, that their position would be so much better if not for some villains. Secondarily, there is the actual physical redistribution of wealth. Most people, men and women, have never even questioned the idea that an older couple where a divorce happens, should involve alimony or some equivalent. So the monetary and emotional prizes of behaving in a self serving, female supremacist manner, are sold to young girls, with a narrative of "the men deserve it".

-> Dehumanize the men. If everyone woke up tomorrow with no memory of anything except how to produce food, imagine how many generational conflicts would simply never exist. Why look at such a ludicrous, fantastic situation? Because to forment hatred, distrust, or malice towards a group of people, we must feel that they deserve it, feel that they aren't people in the same way we are. If I tell you a full history of the mideast, you might find yourself favoring one faction or people over the other. If you were BORN into that faction, you would absolutely be sold on that fight. Men are dehumanized through stories of oppression, stories of women as property, stories of women denied education. The times when brothers and sisters in the same family ended with the women educated and men simply thrown into a meat grinder of war (much of Europe) are forgotten, or reframed to imply that the manly men were in charge, by looking only at those who had survived terrible odds to even survive- essentially, a lottery winner, the apex fallacy applied to war survivors. Men are dehumanized through painting the successful males as harmful predators, as if all business were illicit, and the painting of unsuccessful males (which by the female sex drive is well over half of males, no matter how ludicrously safe or wealthy your nation) as being

unworthy of your notice.

Feminists don't need to breed to make more feminists. All they need to do is what they HAVE done, unopposed ideologically. Painting an entire sex with a foul brush needs to be recognized as hateful, not given fucking tenure and an interview in mass media. It needs to be seen as what it is, a call to violence, a call to inequality, a call to the application of force, instead of just being seen as "poor women fighting for equality".

David Brooks: Republicans Can't Win Without Waitress (Read: Single) Moms

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While listening to NPR yesterday, I heard a political discussion about the presidential race, and the two pundits, E.J. Dionne and David Brooks, were offering their opinions on Mitt Romney's speech at the NRA convention. While discussing the demographics of the race, Brooks opined that Romney needs to overwhelm Obama with white voters in order to win, and said that the group he really needs to focus on is high school educated women, the so-called waitress moms. This is the demographic that is having children out of wedlock at very high rates, and also most likely to be divorced. What Brooks is saying is that Republicans need to cater to these women. And he strongly suggests that what Romney needs to do is offer them government support. i.e. "Big Daddy" government programs.

If you listen to Brooks on NPR's audio clip, you'll hear him almost sneer as he mentions Romney's "freedom and liberty" theme (at about 5:00). He says:

> Well, if you're trying to appeal to high school-educated women, that's not the message that works. That's you're on your own, sister. And that will not work. And so, I'm a little mystified by the very libertarian theme he's got.

He's probably right. If Romney wants working class white women to vote for him, he's got to play the same game white Republicans in the south do. This means he's got to bash single fathers and promise free goodies to the single moms, i.e. he's got to promise them a government husband/daddy. I suppose it's a catch-22 for the Republicans. You bash the men and promise goodies to the single moms, and the men will turn their backs on you or refuse to vote (this is why I think McCain lost — lots of men simply didn't vote). You support individual responsibility and the single moms will reject you. This just shows how deep and pervasive the divide between the sexes has become in this country. What a mess.

More Women Mean More risk

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By WdF, a reader from Germany

The "Bundesbank" has published a paper that finds, that more women in the board of a bank correlates with a higher risk. The "Bundesbank" is the German counterpart to the federal reserve system in the US and has used it's information number on 3,525 banks from 1994 to 2006, which means the accumulated information from 19,750 bank-years.

The paper opposes the feminist claim, that women would be more risk averse than men. I can't say it proves feminists wrong, because it is only one paper, and the reasoning might be faulty. [1] However, it is from an renowned institution, and arguments against feminism coming from what is essentially a government institution are all the more remarkable.

In general, state agencies are not as inundated with feminism as politics. The "Statistisches Bundesamt" for example writes in it's statistics, that the difference in average pay between men and women does *not* mean, that women get less pay for the same work. They know, they also say so, but politicians continue with their ramblings on the "discrimination of women".

Anyhow, most probably we will see similar papers come out in the future.

Honestly, I haven't read the 80 page paper myself yet; I summarized the information from an article on "Sciencefiles" in German, and added some information that might be interesting to readers abroad. Maybe I should have read it, but if I try to read it and write a summery and a comment, I'll never get finished. Or at least not in a reasonable time frame. Fortunately for readers of the Spearhead the paper is in English, (except for a small passage near the beginning,) so readers can read it, and post comments to this article, or write one of their own.

[1] I'm certain that women are not per se more qualified to lead enterprises than men. If they were, there would be more successful companies founded by women. However, I've learned not to trust one statistic, even if I agree with its findings, and while I have the ability to find gross mistakes, I have missed important points before, and if I don't find a mistake, that does not mean there is none.

Solid New Site for Christian Men

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At long last, some Christians are finally starting to take scripture seriously and put the errant churches and preachers in their place. I've mentioned Dalrock before, and how I think his emphasis on Christians is probably one of the most effective vehicles for addressing men's issues, but now there's another excellent site called "Christian Men's Defense Network." The writer running the blog is bright, articulate, and has a good deal of personal experience with the problems we face. It was only a matter of time before the Christian men who have been victimized by the new family law regime began to raise their voice, and it appears that the time is at hand.

I certainly don't expect everyone involved in men's issues to be Christian, or even religious at all. About half of my friends (at least) are straight-up atheists, as I live in a very secular part of the country. I consider myself religious, but I like to keep my distance from organized religion, because as a man I have a deep distrust for much of what passes for Christianity in the US today. I suspect, but cannot say for certain, that non-Christian faiths here are similarly poisoned or are headed in that direction.

However, institutions are important, and the shift of Christianity from a benign patriarchal to a feminist type institution has been catastrophic for millions of American men. Some of what comes out of the mouths of so-called "Christian" leaders on the subject of women and marriage is breathtaking heresy from an orthodox point of view, and although that can be very frustrating, it provides an excellent opportunity to call them out on it. For those who are worried that women will entirely take over the church, I think they should just take it easy and see what happened to the Episcopalian Church in the US since Katherine Jefferts Schori took over. People have been abandoning it in droves, and now all that's left is a shell of an institution that provides little more than a pulpit for radical left-wing activists.

So what about the bigoted white knight patriarchs out there who are dumping on young men and catering to female congregants? Well, it's simple, really: put the old bulls out to pasture. The time always comes when a new generation of leaders begins to step up and demand a few changes, and that time is now.

On the Road

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I'm finally getting around to a trip I had to put off last year due to my kids' relocation case, and I'll be in transit for a couple days. However, this is going to be a working trip (there are no real vacations for the self-employed), so I'll be back to posting as soon as I'm back in an office, which should be by Wednesday evening. I'll have some interesting new material to write about in a different locale, so stay tuned.

When I have no access to the site I'll put comments on moderation, but I'll schedule a post or two in the meanwhile.

Threatpoint

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When discussing the topic of changes in divorce law we typically talk about divorce theft and how this causes men to be understandably hesitant to marry, as well as the impact it has on men and their children who are directly victimized by the new regime. However, divorce "reform" is as much about manipulating the power balance *within marriage* as it is about ensuring that women can frivolously divorce while collecting cash and prizes. Economists Stevenson and Wolfers describe this in their paper Bargaining in the Shadow of the Law: Divorce Laws and Family Distress (emphasis mine).

> In the literature on the economics of the family there has been growing consensus on the need to take bargaining and distribution within marriage seriously. **Such models of the family rely on a threat point** to determine distribution within the household. **The switch to a unilateral divorce regime redistributes power in a marriage, giving power to the person who wants out, and reducing the power previously held by the partner interested in preserving the marriage.**

They aren't under any illusions; divorce reform is all about *redistributing power* from the spouse who wants to honor the marriage vows to the spouse who doesn't. This is one of the best kept open secrets I've ever encountered.

Also, don't be confused by the gender neutral terms; women are overwhelmingly the ones who don't want to honor the marriage vows. This is confirmed by the academic study "These Boots Are Made for Walking": Why Most Divorce Filers Are Women and the data on the age of wife at the time of divorce. Putting this together, divorce reform is all about redistributing power from the husband who wants to honor the marriage vows to the wife who doesn't.

Stevenson and Wolfers are very open about this. They of course present it through the feminist narrative that husbands are evil brutes which must be tamed, lest they abuse, murder, or drive their wife to suicide:

> Examining state panel data on suicide, domestic violence, and murder, we find a striking decline in female

> suicide and domestic violence rates arising from the advent of unilateral divorce. Total female suicide declined by around 20% in the long run in states that adopted unilateral divorce. We believe that this decline is a robust and well-identified result, and timing evidence speaks clearly to this interpretation. There is no discernable effect on male suicide.

They clarify that this isn't about women previously being "trapped" in abusive or dangerous marriages, but about how putting all husbands in fear of divorce might tame potentially abusive husbands (emphasis mine):

> To see how divorce laws affect the external threat point, **note that prior to unilateral divorce, a partner wishing to dissolve the marriage could leave without their spouse's consent**. However, in such a situation, a legal divorce is not granted and, as such, the right to remarry is forfeited. **Under unilateral divorce the value of the exit threat increases for the unsatisfied spouse**, as the right to remarry is retained regardless of the position of one's spouse. Thus, the exit threat model predicts that changes in divorce regimes will have real effects. **If the divorce threat is sufficiently credible, it may directly affect intrafamily bargaining outcomes without the option ever being exercised.**

Indeed they found that this was in fact the case. They close their conclusion with:

> The mechanism examined in this paper is a change in divorce regime and we interpret the evidence collected here as an empirical endorsement of the idea that **family law provides a potent tool for affecting outcomes within families**.

Again, they weren't looking for evidence that divorce reform allowed wives to escape abusive husbands. They were looking for and found that changes in family law served as a sort of marital sword of Damocles over husbands, causing them bend to their wife's will out of fear of unilateral divorce.

In this context we can understand how cases like John's and walking in hell while not the standard outcome of "divorce reform" also aren't unintended consequences. **They serve as a warning to keep all husbands in line.**

It is also worth noting that while academic studies couch this in the feminist narrative of checking what would otherwise be an army of sadistic husbands, this is really about husbands living in fear of their wife becoming unhaaaapy and dynamiting the family. Only a fool hasn't noticed that one of the most prominent themes in women's entertainment is the concept of the empowerment women experience from frivolously divorcing.

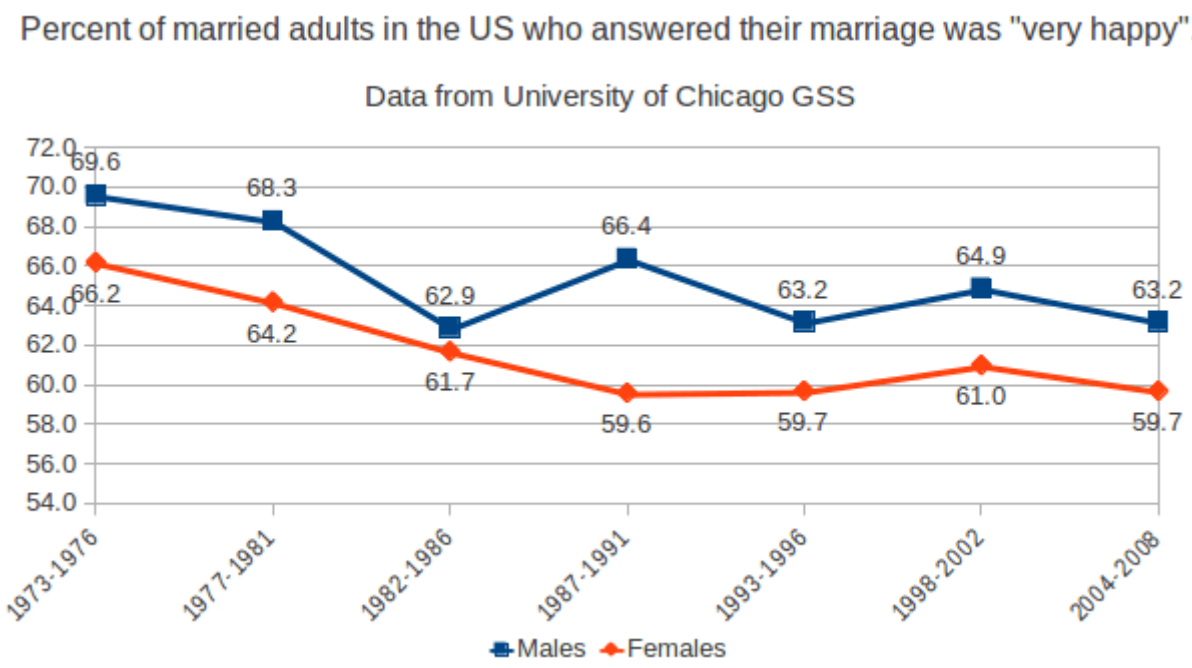
Christians are actively reinforcing these legal and social changes by abandoning the biblical view of marriage in favor of the feminist view. While the old paradigm was that a woman who *couldn't keep a man* was a failure, feminists and Christians have turned this around and now view a husband who can't keep his wife haaapy as a failure. At the same time, the wife who kicks the father of her children out of the house is now seen as heroic. This idea that husbands must grovel to their wives to stave off her ever threatened unhaaapyness is so ingrained in modern Christian thought that there was no meaningful backlash amongst Christians when this was made the central plot of the movie *Fireproof*. Tens, perhaps hundreds of millions of Christians watched the movie and delighted in its presumed Christian message on marriage. We saw proof of the same thing with the women of christianforums.com going on for over 40 pages passionately arguing the morality of frivolous divorce. Shortly after I pointed this out, the moderators of the forum enacted a new rule forbidding members from writing anything in judgment of frivolous divorce (emphasis mine):

> Please remember that when someone shares a personal experience it is not up for judgement. Divorce is always a last resort, but **we will not allow judgement of those who do make that choice**.

This abandonment of the biblical concept of marriage in exchange for the feminist view of marriage doesn't just impact the marriages of Christians. Christianity is the driving moral force in the west, and as such their turning

their backs on biblical marriage has given all women in the west moral cover to use the new legal threatpoint against their husbands to maximum effect. Husbands are hemmed in by all sides cheerleading his wife to frivolously divorce if he fails to make her happy.

Yet despite the millions of innocent men and their children who have been ground up by the the machinery needed to keep husbands in their place, wives now report less marital happiness (Source: National Marriage Project, P 67 Fig 4):



We are feeding millions of innocent men and children to the machinery of divorce to keep this threatpoint in place, and not even making women happier with their marriages.

Sword of Damocles image information.

This originally appeared on my blog.

“Whore” is Just a Label

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According to ABC News:

> Pornography has grown into a $10 billion business — bigger than the NFL, the NBA and Major League Baseball combined — and some of the nation’s best-known corporations are quietly sharing the profits.

The growth of any businesses mean more jobs for workers willing to work in that industry. In this case the workers are liberated young women attracted to the fast money, adulation, and yes … sex of the porn industry. With “slut walks” emphasizing the support of other women that no woman be hampered by negative labels like “slut”, the young women in porn face far less stigma than they ever have. So much so that for that young women the leap from wanton behavior at a drunken college party to getting double teamed followed by a full facial in a porn shoot may not be a far leap at all.

The dollars and cents is that you have a huge growth porn industry demanding a huge number of sex workers who blend invisibly into the population because there is no longer any stigma attached to the world’s oldest profession.

Unlike men women know how to keep a secret. Women don’t brag to their girlfriends, in fact they’ll lie even to themselves. You really have NO IDEA where even that conservative and very virginal girl you’ve proposed to has been until the night she thought she forgot shows up on Youtube.com. Where does that leave an increasing number of American men?

Trying to turn a whore into a housewife.

Yes, there are terrific women out there. But single women are angling for a man to pay for their lives, and given that incentive there’s a huge temptation for a woman to present herself falsely, to tell a lot of lies and to make a lot of “stay at home, cook and raise kids” promises she has no intention of keeping. Under US and ESPECIALLY Canadian divorce laws, women are almost never accountable for bad behavior or broken promises. For all the men who thought their betrothed was only slutty the night she met you and who are steaming mad that you’ve been sold a bill of goods, does the marriage contract needs a “false advertisement” clause?

Never Access Your Site with a Strange Computer in Another Country

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Looks like accessing my admin panel from abroad was a big mistake, and the site got hacked. I'm going to have to deal with this immediately. A major pain the rear, but life goes on. My host will help clean it up and I'll be more careful in the future, however, I may have to avoid the admin panel for some time, so comments will likely be an issue.

Vatican to Purge Feminists from US Convents

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Although it remains to be seen what will come of it, the Vatican has finally formalized and announced its plan to purge feminism from Catholic institutions in the US. This will be a very large-scale, painful undertaking, as many convents in the United States began adopting feminism and goddess worship as their de facto faith some forty years ago. Despite Catholic tolerance for their heterodox positions, attacks on the Catholic church from feminist quarters never let up, but rather increased in fequency and volume.

One of the organizations facing inquisition, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, represents 80% of the nuns in the US. This will truly be a time of reckoning for the sisters, who have been growing increasingly bold in recent years. As an example of what they've been up to, here are some words of wisdom from Barbara Marx Hubbard, the woman they chose as their keynote speaker at their big conference last year:

> Marx Hubbard: This is the new Adam and the new Eve—whole being with whole being at the Tree of Life. In the story of Genesis, Eve was not only going for the Tree of Knowledge, she was heading for the Tree of Life, which is the tree of the gods. And it seems to me that the human species is heading for the Tree of Life. We have the power to destroy worlds and build worlds, to change our own bodies, and perhaps, eventually, to have ever-evolving life. Now, when the woman has become whole, so that her own masculine and feminine are joined, and the man too has become whole, they can come together beyond domination and submission in such a way that will bring forth the greater potential of each. So we see the couple as a very powerful arena of self-evolution. And when you add sexuality—from procreation to recreation to regeneration—you begin to see the New Man and the New Woman gaining the wisdom to guide the new powers of humanity forward.

Seems she is not only endorsing Eve's choice, but supporting some kind of spiritual transsexualism in the temporal world. Kind of odd from a Catholic perspective, one would think…

Although there is a great deal of opposition to Catholicism – and Christianity in general – throughout the Western world, there is no doubt that the Catholic church itself is a very influential institution. For example, Karol Wojtyla's (Pope John Paul II) firm stance against Communism gave the Anglo-American alliance enough moral support in continental Europe to tip the political balance and eventually send the Bolsheviks scurrying back to Moscow in disgrace, where they were overthrown by the good Russian people.

Today, however, it is not the despotic, Tartar tyranny of Bolshevism, but rather a sort of rot in the Western body politic itself that is being challenged, which may complicate the issue. Nevertheless, we can hope that the purge the Catholic church has decided to undertake to clear feminists out of convents will begin to embolden other religions and institutions to take similar measures.

What is remarkable is how long it took for the fight against feminsim to finally get started. It remained unchallenged for decades, destroying countless families and fomenting war between the sexes before people finally began to stand up to it. If anything, this should be a source of great shame to Western men and institutions, including Catholic Church leaders, who let the situation go from bad to worse without having either the will or compassion to do anything about it.

Details of Attack

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The attack on The Spearhead was a simple redirect script, apparently hidden in image files. The goal was not to seize any data from the site itself, but rather to redirect viewers to other, illegitimate sites. Because I turned the site off within hours of receiving notice from Google, the damage was limited and nobody got hurt (except the site's reputation).

User specific information on The Spearhead is safe. The entire breach was a result of my own error, as I unintentionally uploaded something that infected the WordPress theme's image files through a plugin. What's good about that is that the databases remain unmolested (means all user data is safe), but what is lousy is that I am going to have to wait until I have access to backups before restoring some images.

So, lesson learned. Time to get back to work.

Book Review: The Clash of Civilizations

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Book Review: The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order, by Samuel Huntington, 1996, 321 pages.

Summary: In this 16 year old book, Mr. Huntington divvies up the world into 9 distinct small-c civilizations, each with its own culture, which Huntington defines as blood, language, way of life, and religion:

(1) Western – Christian and post-Christian lands populated by Europeans. The border of Western civilization is marked not by Urals but where Catholicism/Protestantism ends and Eastern Orthodox/Islam begins

(2) Orthodox – Hellenes, Slavs, and other Eurasians influenced by/professing Orthodox Christianity

(3) Islamic

(4) African – Sub-Saharan Africa

(5) Latin American – Mesoamericans professing Catholicism

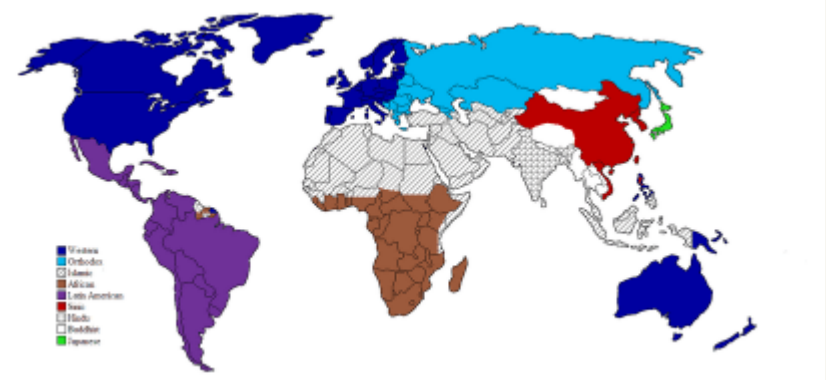
(6) Sinic – Modern-day China, Korea, Vietnam

(7) Hindu (Indian)

(8) Bhuddist – Modern-day Tibet, Mongolia, Burma, Laos, Thailand

(9) Japanese

Mr. Huntington argues that these civilizational fault lines better explain patterns of conflict and bandwagoning / balancing behaviors in interstate violence, particularly in a post-Westphalian world, than other paradigms. His taxonomy of civilizations tends to pivot around religion, in that he sees religious factors as the primary factor that defines culture, and therefore 'civilizations', with race/ethnicity coming in a distant second as key distinguishing factors. Mr. Huntington argues these characteristics to influence how each country within civilizations behave, not only inter-civilizationally with their "kin" countries, but those countries around them which may be members of a different civilization. In addition, civilizations with a "core state"…a state synonymous with that culture as a whole, behave differently (i.e., more stable, less prone to spasms of violent conflict) than those civilizations that lack a core state, such as Islam which lacks an identifiable core state. He also identifies several countries which he characterizes as "cleft" nations, those countries that contain more than one major culture: Ukraine, Sudan, and (possibly in the future if Mexican and Latin American migration continues apace) the United States. For Mr. Huntington asserts that cleft countries are particularly conflict-prone, particularly if they lay astride a civilizational fault line.



Huntingdon's Civilizations (image via Wikipedia)

One major theme of Huntington's book is the realignment of the world order from a binary East-vs-West or Cold War model to that where historical and religious roots return to the fore. He documents several ways in which

secular Western power is declining, and what this decline means to the prevailing economic and political structure of the world. This is particularly with respect to the Chinese and Islamic civilizations–both "Eastern" civilizations with traditions oftimes in direct opposition to Western habits–these two civilizations are poised to reshape the world political dynamic in their favor.

Most at risk in this realignment and decline of the West is the notion of cultural universalism centered around Western values. Neither the increasingly assertive Sinic or militantly metastasizing Islamic cultures place anywhere near the same value on the principles of human rights, natural law, and Western-style individual liberty as the West at its apogee once did. Ironically, "democracy", that form of government inherited by the West through Classical Civilization, improved, and spread around the world by Western Civilization appears to be midwifing what Huntington calls the process of "indigenization". This term refers to the resurgence of once-marginalized native cultures gaining strength, power, and cultural relevance through the process of democratization to challenge Western hegemony–often by overthrowing Western-backed autocratic regimes.

Another significant theme of Huntington's book is what he calls the *revanche de dieu*, or the "revenge of God". Post-Enlightenment secularism, seemingly the dominant cultural force in the world 100 years ago, has largely reversed. God/gods/Confucianist beliefs, it seems, are making a comeback, and not just among hard core fundies but amongst entire peoples as a whole

> "A new religious approach took shape, aimed no longer at adapting to secular values but at recovering a sacred foundation for the organization of society…moving on from a modernism that had failed, attributing its setbacks and dead ends to separation from God. People do not live by reason alone. They cannot calculate and act rationally in pursuit of their self-interest until they define their self, [and] interest politics presupposes identity…for people facing the need to determine 'who am I?' [and]'where do I belong?', religion provides compelling answers, and religious groups provide small social communities to replace those lost through urbanization"

Far from being archaic, religion in Mr. Huntington's book has re-emerged as a–or maybe even the–dominant force in a society, and Mr. Huntington claims this renewed interest in belief has profound implications for the behaviors of civilizations and their constituent populations.

Other than these two major themes, Mr. Huntington spends the bulk of his book analyzing the implications of a world defined by his taxonomy, and in which the West recedes in the face of a trifecta of re-emerging Asian civilizations: Sinic, Islamic, and Orthodox. He discusses political reconfiguration as a result of this retreating-advancing dynamic, possible consequential "fault line" wars, and the effect that demography, economics, and non-Western civilizational self-valuation on the political order. He closes his book by discussing ways in which the West may arrest, maybe even reverse its decline…but sixteen years on it appears his prescription has yet to be heeded.

Analysis and Critique

Christianity and Western Civilization. One of the maddening things about Mr.Huntington's description of the West is his over-identification of the West as Christian. For certain, Christianity, and the Roman Catholic Scholastics in particular, ensured the lessons of Classical Civilization did not fade into the dark mist of history past. Mr. Huntington argues, and I agree, that Christianity has played the decisive role in the shape, tenor, the "look and feel" of Western Civ. But, unlike Mr. Huntingdon, I contend that Western Civ is no longer Christian in any culturally significant sense. It may still retain some Christian cultural residue, to be sure, and large minorities of its peoples claim the Christian mantle, but the culture itself is thoroughly steeped in a secular quasi-religion that, like any other religion, marginalizes its competitors. Thus Christianity is increasingly cast aside as irrelevant, and the the values that Christianity impressed upon Western Civilization: the inherent dignity of men, the equivalent value of both sexes, individual rights, and individual responsibility, have started to retreat in the West (and worldwide) as a result.

The paradox of democracy, the interaction of power and democratization, and 'Universalism'. I found Mr.

Huntington's discussion of democracy, particularly how it is being used usher in new eras of indigenization, to be quite interesting. Acolytes of democracy were fond of fantasizing that democratic governments were, by definition, Western-friendly. But as we can plainly see by events such as the "Islamist Spring", democratization does not necessarily imply a particular country will align with the West in a climate in which the West has little power and influence. Showing his realist side, Mr. Huntington writes:

> "…culture almost always follows power. Throughout history, the expansion of the power of a civilization has usually occurred simultaneously with the flowering of its culture and has almost always involved its using that power to extend its values, practices, and institutions to other societies. American hegemony is receding…the erosion of Western culture follows, as indigenous, historically rooted mores, languages, beliefs, and institutions reassert themselves. As Western power declines, the ability of the West to impose Western concepts of human rights, liberalism, and democracy on other civilizations also declines and so does the attractiveness of those values to other civilizations."

Now that Western power is on the wane, other cultures find much less utility in being Western-oriented, and nowadays we find numerous examples of democratically elected governments being less disposed toward the West, Western policies, and indeed the entire Western-constructed economic edifice. "Electoral competition instead stimulates them to fashion what they believe will be the most popular appeals, and those are usually ethnic, nationalist, and religious in character", not necessarily secular or Western-friendly.

This leads me to a discussion about 'Universalism', a concept that Mr. Huntingdon defines thusly:

> [T]he Western universalist belief posits that people throughout the world should embrace Western values, institutions and culture because [Western culture embodies] the highest,most enlightened, most liberal, most rational, most modern, and most civilized thinking of mankind

Mr. Huntington discussed the very human tendency–seems that it is now the West's turn to fall victim to this folly–to assume that its culture is superior, that its way of life and way of doing things represent the apex of human development, and is therefore their culture is rightfully pre-eminent. As such, Western culture more or less takes it as a given, without much thought to the contrary, that everyone worldwide should naturally agree with the Western conventional wisdom regarding human rights, individual freedom, economic principles, Western-style democratic government, nuclear non-proliferation, and arms control. Naturally, Eastern civilizations, with their differing cultural traditions and experiences, and with their increasing power, chafe at Western Universalism. This is particularly true with Islam and China, two civilizations who regularly flout Western cultural conventions (as in, for example, questions of human rights, of individual liberty, and of nuclear non-proliferation). And why shouldn't they? They themselves have millennia of cultural tradition upon which to draw from, traditions frankly different from the West. In addition, in their eyes, their culture is infinitely superior, if for no other reason than the decline of the West fuels and reinforces their chauvinism. Particularly if one believes, as Huntington hints he may, that Western culture didn't become dominant because it was intrinsically so much better, but because it made war that much more effectively than competitor civilizations:

> The West won the world not by the superiority of its ideas or values or religion, but rather by its superiority in applying organized violence. Westerners often forget this fact, non-Westerners never do.

Apart from undermining Western claims to universalism, this is an interesting statement, especially when viewed in light of 2GW and 3GW warfare (which the West used to significant effect) and the back-to-the-future rise of 4GW and 5GW warfare. These 'new' ways of making war tend to neutralize, even sidestep, Western strengths while simultaneously exploiting Western weaknesses (e.g., media, diversity, democratic governance, etc). Moreover, 4/5GW seems to favor Eastern-style warfare…the sort that Westerners would find barbaric…and enables Asian cultures more naturally inclined to 4/5 GW to rise to the fore once more. But what disturbs Mr.Huntingdon the

most about 'false, immoral, and…dangerous' Universalism is what he sees as the inherently destabilizing influence of the notion of a messianic 'Universalist Prerogative' with inter-state and inter-civilizational violence. The logic train for Huntingon goes like this: Universalism, spread by power, foments empire. Empires are maintained by violence, if not legal and economic, than of the political/physical sort. Eventually, dissimilar civilizations will rise to challenge the dominance of a foreign culture and alien people, and the reigning imperial power will attempt to stop the shift in power toward their adversaries. These challenges will eventually involve the use of arms…and there resides the danger of Universalism to the international community. Thus does universalism necessarily imply empire and imperialism, on the way to open warfare. Mr. Huntington, unsurprisingly, attempts to disabuse the reader of any favorable impressions of such a fashionable conceit.

Islam's "bloody borders". After having first introduced this term in a 1993 article [link opens PDF] for the publication Foreign Affairs, Mr. Huntington writes:

> Muslims have problems living peaceably with their neighbors. Muslims make up one-fifth of the world's population but in the 1990s they have been far more involved in intergroup violence than the people of any other civilization. The evidence is overwhelming.

Mr. Huntington lists a few factors that contribute to this pattern of aggressive behavior: (1) the degree to which Muslim societies are militarized–it is hard to conceive of a single major Moslem country which is not heavily militarized, (2) proximity to non-Moslem peoples and states, (3) absence of core state(s) which could otherwise retrain and/or dominate wayward countries, and (4) the "pig in a python" effect of a high percentage of unmarried, unattached males with low/no prospects of marriage. A fifth factor, which Mr. Huntington calls "indigestibility", is explained as follows:

> Muslim countries have problems with non-Muslim minorities comparable to those which non-Muslim countries have with Muslim minorities. Even more than Christianity, Islam is an absolutist faith. It merges religion and politics and draws a sharp line between the *dar-al-Islam* and the *dar-al-harb*. As a result, Confucians, Buddhists, Hindus, Western Christians, and Orthodox Christians have less difficulty adapting to and living with each other than any one of them has adapting to and living with Muslims.

Mr. Huntington suspects that as Moslem societies age, the pig-in-the-python effect will recede. But indigestibility remains, as does Islam's inferiority complex and, increasingly, the West's desperate grasping at the levers of global power that erstwhile empire once manipulated so easily:

> The underlying problem for the West is not Islamic fundamentalism. It is Islam, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the superiority of their culture and are obsessed with the inferiority of their power. The problem for Islam is not the CIA or US Department of Defense. It is the West, a different civilization whose people are convinced of the universality of their culture and believe that their superior, if declining power, imposes upon then the obligation to extend that culture throughout the world. These are the basic ingredients that fuel conflict between Islam and the West

Note that the assertion "…imposes upon them the obligation to extend that culture throughout the world…" eerily prefigures the late 20th-century "Neocon Wars of Coerced Democratization" (my term), first in the Balkans, then in Iraq and in Afghanistan after 9/11.

The Future of the USA, and the West. In the final chapters of his book, Mr. Huntington narrows his scope and addresses the cultural war underway in the United States, the heart of Western Civilization. Specifically, he details the efforts of elites to deny the uniqueness of Western culture, if not destroy Western culture outright, in an effort to replace Western Civilization with no civilization at all. To wit:

> Historically, American national identity has been defined culturally by the heritage of Western civilization, and politically by the principles of the American Creed on which Americans overwhelmingly agree: liberty, democracy, individualism,equality before the law, Constitutionalism, private property. In the late twentieth century, both components of American identity have come under concentrated and sustained onslaught from a small but influential number of intellectuals and publicists. In the name of multiculturalism they have attacked the identification of the United States with Western Civilization, denied the existence of a common American culture, and promoted radical, ethnic, and other subnational cultural identities and groupings. They have denounced…'the systematic bias toward European culture and its derivatives' in education and 'the dominance of the European-American monocultural perspective'. The multiculturists are,as Arthur M. Schlesinger said, 'very often ethnocentric separatists who see little in the Western heritage other than Western crimes'. Their "mood is one of divesting Americans of the sinful European inheritance and seeking redemptive infusion from non-Western cultures". The American multiculturists similarly reject their country's cultural heritage. Instead of attempting to identify the United States with another civilization, they wish to create a country of many civilizations…a country not belonging to any civilization and lacking a cultural core. The mutliculturalists also challenged a central element of the American Creed by substituting for the rights of individuals the rights of groups, defined largely in terms of race, ethnicity, sex, and sexual preference.

If this were not bad enough, Mr. Huntington invokes the experience of another country that was also organized around ideological precepts rather than a common, shared culture…the Soviet Union. He thinks that counting on loyalty to an ideology, as do those who assert that to be American means only that one have an affinity for a set of principles, is, in the absence of a unifying common culture, foolhardy:

> "[T]he total failure of Marxism…and the dramatic breakup of the Soviet Union", the Japanese philosopher Takeshi Umehara has suggested, "are on the precursors to the collapse of Western liberalism, the main current of modernity. Far from being the alternative to Marxism and the reigning ideology at the end of history, liberalism will be the next domino to fall.' In an era in which peoples everywhere define themselves in cultural terms, what place is there for a society without a cultural core and defined only by a political creed? In a multi-civilizational world where culture counts, the United States could be simply the last anomalous holdover from a fading Western world where ideology counted. Rejection of the Creed and of Western Civilization means the end of the United States of America as we have known it. It also means effectively the end of Western Civilization. The clash between the multi-culturalists and the defenders of Western civilization and the American Creed is, in James Kurth's phrase, 'the *real* clash'.

Mr. Huntington paints a bleak picture indeed for America, foreseeing the United States becoming a cleft country as a result of this deadly embrace of multiculturalism. America, in Huntington's view, may very well split linguistically and culturally along Western and Latin civilizational lines; separate, alientated, and suspicious of the other. In other words, the United States will reconfigure to be Anglophone America vs. the Mexifornicated rump state of what was formerly the American southwest. But while we're a lot further down this dystopian road that we were 16 years ago, Huntington hadn't yet written off America's chances at self-recovery. For America–and therefore Western Civilization–to survive, Huntington claims that both must reject the fashionable cancer of multiculturalism and embrace their common European (and, unsaid by Huntingdon, Christian) heritage. To live, America must ask herself the following question, and answer it in the affirmative: Is America a Western country? To answer "yes" means to embrace its roots, to look east to Europe, and not west to Asia. To answer "no" means to die a self-inflicted death.

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Land of the Lean

W.F. Price · 25 April 2012 · Archived copy · Original

It's been a very long time since I've been to continental Europe — over 20 years. And, although many things remain the same, one thing is noticeably different: me.

I lived in France for most of a year when I was a boy, and although I stood out a little as a somewhat tall, blond (at the time) boy in a country of mostly darker, smaller people, I didn't look obviously American. Actually, back in the 1980s, Americans and Europeans didn't differ as much from each other as they do now. If you ignored the language and culture and dressed an American up as a European he or she wouldn't stand out too much. Today, however, there is one thing that really sets Americans apart. That is our size. Your typical American is an order of magnitude larger than your typical European. Not taller (at least not in Northern Europe), but BIGGER. People I saw walking around Amsterdam were tall and lean — very lean by American standards. Heavy people are as much of a minority in continental Europe as they are in Asia, which leaves me feeling, well… kinda like a fatass.

Back home, at 6'1″ and 210 lbs. with a fairly large frame, I don't feel all that big. I'll sometimes think I ought to lose ten pounds or so, but there's little pressure, as I look around and see people much fatter than I am all over the place. However, after a few days walking around in a couple cities in Europe, I feel like ten pounds would be entirely insufficient. In fact, twenty would be more like it, and maybe even more.

It would be hard to overemphasize how much this affects the average level of attractiveness in America and Europe respectively. Although Dutch people seem to be naturally pretty good-looking, I somehow doubt they'd be all that attractive with an extra twenty pounds or more of lard. In the Baltic region, where I am currently staying, people are at least as thin as the Dutch, although perhaps not quite as tall. While there are certainly some beauties around town, the people don't strike me as naturally more attractive than Americans, but they are so much thinner that it really isn't any contest at all. And this is not only the women, but the men as well. I have seen precisely one obese person so far, and he was probably one of those people who really does have an endocrine problem. In the states, on the other hand, one sees enormities shuffling about in every public space.

Now that I think of it, I did see a couple other obese people here, but they don't count, because they were an American couple!

I took a couple pictures of some random people on the street just to give examples of what's normal here. First is a guy, and next a couple women. I deliberately chose to photograph ordinary-looking people so as to give readers an idea of the average schlub rather than feature standouts. Neither the man nor the women are particularly attractive, but nor are they an offense to the eyes.

Ordinary guy:

This guy is nothing special, and kind of scruffy by the area's standards, but his slim physique is the norm. Young men are overwhelmingly slender, and many of them quite good looking. I chose this guy because he's passable in his current state, but if he had a gut – as he probably would in the US – he'd be pretty unsavory.

Ordinary women:

The woman on the right is middle-aged and no beauty queen, but she's got a trim, slender physique that suits her build. In the states, her equivalent couldn't wear that coat and show as much leg without being an embarrassment.

This woman is pretty much average for Northern Europe, believe it or not. In the states, she'd be downright skinny. The woman to the left is older, in her 50s, but still maintains a passable physique.

Something about the American lifestyle, starting around 1990, has really done a number on our people. We are, objectively speaking, a lot less attractive than we were a generation ago. If there's any silver lining, it is that a lot of older American men do seem to have the discipline to stay in shape longer than men in other parts of the world. Back in Seattle, there are lots of gray-headed guys in great shape, cycling, jogging, etc. They aren't the majority, but older guys in Europe do seem to let themselves go a bit more than in the states. Perhaps, however, this is because older men in Europe, surrounded as they are by attractive women, don't feel as much pressure, whereas an older American guy really has to work at it to get the attention of the vanishingly few attractive women.

I'll have more observations later, but in the meanwhile I'll be out walking – not driving – around town, and eating reasonable portions of healthy food.

A Different World

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As I suggested in my last post, Europe is something of an eye-opener for an American man. I imagine it's something like the US was back in the 1970s when there was a surplus of young, attractive boomer women. At least, that's the case in Riga, where I'm currently staying.

Because I'm not in the dating market and my perceptions aren't skewed by going to nightclubs or the like, I can look around at the situation rather objectively, and the ratio of young attractive women on the street compared to the US is absolutely mind-blowing. For every one attractive woman in a typical US city, there are at least three here. Actually, the ratio is probably more like one to four. Is it because the women are naturally, genetically more attractive? I don't think so. After giving the situation some thought, I've come up with a few reasons for this huge disparity:

1. Weight

American women are significantly heavier than (continental) European women. British women, sadly, are about the same as Americans. However, minority women in Britain are thinner than minority women in the US, which skews US stats further toward the obese side of the scale. As an example from my personal life, there was a very pretty young woman who worked as a waitress in my neighborhood a few years ago. She was only 19 or so when I first saw her, and still had that girlish physique. However, within a couple years she put on at least 20 pounds, and while still "cute", she lost her figure by getting thick around the middle, and simply wasn't hot any longer. Although this is very common for American women, it doesn't seem to happen to women here. In general, they stay trim until middle age at least. American women who are not heavy by 25 or so are in the minority, with the average young American woman (aged 20-29) solidly in the "overweight" category today, at 5'4″ and a whopping 156 lbs. This probably accounts for most – or at least half – of the looks disparity between European and American women.

2. Dress/Hygiene

Let's face it: Americans are downright slovenly compared to Europeans. We shop in sweatpants, wear cheap clothes and care little about our appearance. In Europe, people wouldn't be caught dead in public looking like the kinds of slobs we regularly see out and around in the US (I am personally guilty of this offense myself from time to time — it's easy to not care when nobody else does). Additionally, the monstrous tattoos that have become so tragically common on young American women are almost entirely absent in Europe, although one does see smaller ones from time to time.

3. Demographics

The man shortage really only applies to formerly Communist countries, such as the Baltic states, Ukraine, Russia, etc. I suspect it does have some influence in that it increases pressure on women to look good. However, given that Dutch women are quite attractive and there are plenty of Dutch men to go around, it is probably the least important factor.

4. Attitude

This is one of those subtle, nearly subliminal effects, but it's quite noticeable when the nasty, pushy and competitive attitude is suddenly gone. American women are aggressive and loud, much as American men are. Although it may not be an attractive characteristic in men, it's downright ugly when women behave that way. American women are also grumpy, stressed out and in foul moods much of the time. This isn't entirely their fault, as the US is a high-pressure society, but it certainly doesn't make them any prettier.

These key differences combine to create a sad situation for the contemporary single American male. The ratio is so profoundly different in Europe that I suspect the rules of "Game" are fundamentally different, too. For example, I doubt negging would work here. Women would just think you're a jerk. Being nice and gracious to women in

Europe actually works, and is appreciated. A woman who treats nice men with scorn here can't get away with it, because there will be an equally attractive woman right around the corner who will happily accept a kind gesture.

Because there are so many attractive women, they can't afford to be anywhere near as dismissive and nasty as attractive American women. For the average young beta male, this is a real boon. Women here really do not seem to like douchebag type guys. Probably because that type will just burn through women like somebody else's money, and the local betas aren't forced to support thug lovers, nor are they forced to settle for them, so being a thug-lover slut is a patently stupid choice for women.

From Europe, it becomes apparent that one of the largest single problems for American men is the lack of eligible women; it is the mirror image of the problem that afflicts women in Eastern Europe. In retrospect, I should have noticed it from China as well, but I was so young at the time that I didn't give the issue much thought. Ironically, we often hear of a woman shortage in China, but if you do the numbers the ratio of eligible (i.e. sufficiently attractive) women in China is probably significantly higher than in the US. Frankly, I don't think I'll ever be able to think of male to female ratios again without wondering what the "eligible" female ratio is. It is probably the most important factor affecting young men's happiness, and sadly we've raised a couple generations of extraordinarily unattractive women in the US.

Curvy Women in Perspective

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One more thing that becomes apparent in Europe is that the American idea of “BBW” or “curvy” women is really out there — nowhere near the norm. Being around tons of very skinny (by American standards) women in Europe, sometimes you might come across a woman with a little more in the hips and chest department than usual, and she catches your eye. This is natural, as men tend to like these feminine features. However, in the US “curvy” denotes an obese woman whose hips are rendered insignificant by an enormous belly. So-called BBWs in the US are not really curvy — they are rotund.

I really can’t stress enough the extent to which obesity has ruined American women’s attractiveness. Feminists blather on and on about how women should be “comfortable” with their bodies, but the truth is that many American women would be viewed as abominations in most of the world. Curvy women should have every right to feel sexy and proud of their physiques, but without a waist women are not actually curvy, but rather round.

If you were to try to come up with a parallel for men, I suppose it would be something like having toothless, homeless alcoholic men say that they should be proud of themselves and feel attractive. Feminists are really that far out there. They are literally delusional by global standards. No normal man in the rest of the world finds obese American women attractive. Sure, they may be able to find some skinny guy from a third world country who will pretend to love them to get a green card, but any self-respecting man will give them a very wide berth.

However, if you’re an American man in a foreign country, it’s entirely normal when a woman who is a bit “more” than average catches your eye, because all the other women are so thin — sometimes a little too thin for a mature man’s taste. This is really the Marilyn Monroe effect, and puts her appeal in perspective. Marilyn Monroe was not fat, but had hips and a waist when most American women were more linear in shape. Today, Marilyn Monroe would be considered petite next to the monstrosities that waddle along our streets.

People of Europe

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Since a couple commenters asked, I took a few more pics today to give an idea of what it looks like on the streets of Europe — Riga in particular.

Taking pictures of people can be a little embarrassing, so I tried to be discreet, and therefore they aren't all great pics, but they're good enough to give you an idea of what the people look like.

1. Typical Latvian young woman

Her hair is a bit darker than usual, but she's got the Latvian/Baltic face. Basically, a pretty, trim, well-dressed young woman in her mid 20s. This is pretty much what local guys expect.

2. Latvian dad and baby

I didn't get the guy's face in the photo, but he was a handsome man approaching middle age. Probably in his mid-30s, and quite trim. I thought the kid was pretty cute, so I took a picture. His wife, in the background, was unremarkable, but thin despite having relatively recently given birth. Note American tourists in background for contrast.

3. Hot chick

This girl isn't in focus, but you can see enough to get the idea. She's got a Jennifer Aniston-type physique and a pretty face. She'd be a real standout in the US, but you see one of these about every block here.

4. Expat pub

Here's a picture I took at a nearby expat sports bar. Most of the customers are German and Scandinavian men, and I think the guy in the photo is German. The girl behind the bar is a local, and although she looks a bit different from

the norm, has the typical figure.

The American Lei Feng?

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Lei Feng was a young man who died in 1962 in service to the Communist regime in Maoist China. After his death, Lei was lionized as the model citizen, who selflessly sacrificed himself to Communism and his country. Despite the fact that Maoism has fallen out of favor, Lei Feng remains something of a cherished figure in China, and a museum dedicated to his life remains popular in Changsha, where he was born. I first heard about Lei Feng when watching a movie commemorating his life shortly after I moved to Beijing in 1997. My Chinese friends filled me in on who he was, and told me he was a great hero and much beloved, representing the pure, simple ideals of the revolution.

Today, we have millions of American men selflessly working away for the good of society, often without any compensation. Many of them do so unwillingly, having been forced into penury by their faithless children's mothers/ex-wives, but there are still those who contribute to the common good with neither carrot nor stick to motivate their endeavors.

One of these is Justin Knapp, an unemployed thirty-year-old who apparently lives with his mother and spends hours every day editing Wikipedia. Knapp recently became the first person to pass the one million edits mark, meaning he has put thousands of hours into the Wikipedia project. For all his effort, Knapp has not recent a penny of compensation.

Knapp is described as follows:

> The bearded and bespectacled former pizza delivery guy from Indianapolis, Indiana is a pretty extraordinary wikipedian. Last week, Knapp, 30, became the first person on the site to reach 1 million edits. He's done it by spending "several hours" every day on the site. Knapp's never received a cent of pay from Wikipedia and is currently unemployed.

When asked why he does all this work, he responds:

> Broadly speaking, I do it for two reasons. Aesthetically, it just pleases me. This is how I relax: I read and write. Finding things to do in this project is a way of passing time that is constructive and fun for me. On the other hand, editing is also a way of actualizing some of my values. I believe strongly in sharing and collaboration so if I can be part of a worldwide, multi-lingual community all dedicated toward giving away the world's knowledge freely, that gives me a sense that I'm doing a good thing.

There's been a lot of talk about how there aren't enough female editors on Wikipedia. Even Wikipedia periodically flogs itself over this "problem." Given that the job is open to all, this puzzles some people. Supposedly, women are altruistic and like "sharing." But is this true? Do they really like to share, or do they simply like being shared with? Maybe women really are the smarter sex, and simply don't like working for free. Perhaps similar jobs that pay are open to women but not men. Whatever the reason, the lack of female editors on Wikipedia is presented as an example of misogyny and bias, and harmful to women.

However, one thing I'd like to ask women is whether they'd really like to work for thousands of hours for free. I'm pretty sure we know the answer, as they hate the idea of even fixing a family dinner or taking care of their own children without being paid for it; women in the US have fought a decades-long battle to be financially compensated for everything they do. Including, most recently, undergrad fornication.

So, unless Wikipedia wants to start paying editors, the gender disparity will likely remain stark. And, in the meanwhile, men like Justin Knapp will continue to put hard work into bringing knowledge to the world. Like Lei Feng, they sacrifice their strength and ability for the greater good. However, there is a difference: at least in Maoist China, men like Lei Feng were honored at the highest level. Here in the West, men like Justin Knapp are

encouraged to keep working away and all the while demeaned and insulted for their effort, simply because women – through their own choice – aren't equally represented amongst those who choose to sacrifice their time and effort.

Good Sex, Bad Sex

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There's been a major shift in the public attitude concerning what is proper sex since the sexual revolution of the 1960s. When I was a kid in the 1980s, it was already taken for granted that sexual mores from earlier times were outdated, and only backwards dinosaurs adhered to them. For example, the idea that there's anything wrong with extramarital sex has been laughed at for decades now. Additionally, old taboos concerning other sexual activities, despite clear evidence of their danger in the form of AIDS, divorce, etc., were portrayed as out of date and oppressive. Pornography was deemed legitimate political speech and therefore a right, and obscenity laws repealed.

To listen to the supporters of the sexual revolution, you'd think this would have led us to some sexual utopia where everyone's sexual needs are met with no problem, but the human impulse to control sexuality returned in fairly short order, only in a different form. The result is that today, we still face a great – perhaps even greater – amount of control where sex is concerned, and a lot more people are locked up for sex crimes than in the bad old days of "oppression." What compounds this problem is that it's possible that even more men are sexually repressed now than a hundred years ago.

Today, there are essentially two kinds of bad sex: "nonconsensual" sex and sex with underage people. The bad actors in this regime are overwhelmingly male for a couple reasons. First, forcible rape is far more likely to be committed by males than females, for obvious reasons. Secondly, men generally prefer younger partners and women older. One could argue that prostitution remains in the "bad sex" category, but prostitution is increasingly held to be an example of male sexual exploitation. Examples from Superbowl sex hysteria and the Secret Service scandal highlight this. Essentially, prostitution has begun to fall under the nonconsensual or rape category. Pioneering Swedish legislation that only punishes johns for prostitution transactions will probably be introduced in the US soon, and then the process will be complete.

While only a few fringe characters have ever argued that rape or pedophilia is justifiable, what's wrong with all this is that practically no female sexual behavior is currently seen as negative, whereas men are responsible for almost all of what's deemed bad sex. Not all that long ago, this was far from the case. While rape has always been seen as the most serious sex crime, neither fornication nor adultery were held to be innocent activities, and women were seen as equal participants in these acts. In fact, in the majority of cases, a woman was just as responsible for "bad sex" as a man. Where prostitution was concerned, females were held to be more responsible than their clients, just as drug dealers are held to higher level of accountability than drug buyers, because they profit from the transaction.

However, lest we try to draw parallels, it should be recognized that most of what society considered bad sex was not criminalized until relatively recently. Fornication, sodomy, prostitution and adultery were definitely frowned upon, but they were not typically formally punished until the Victorian era. In the US, it wasn't until the mid-20th century that these laws were widespread and regularly enforced. Nevertheless, people were a lot more careful about engaging in these activities, because social consequences could be severe.

Since then, aside from a brief period from the late 60s to early 70s when there was a sort of sexual free-for-all in the West, we've seen a steady crackdown on male sexuality combined with a loosening of restrictions on female sexuality. What has happened is that the entire burden of sexual control has been increasingly foist upon men, while women's load has been lightened.

Probably the most important and liberating change for women has been the relaxation of the social prohibition on fornication. In the old days, fornication was definitely seen as bad sex. A loose woman was considered socially irresponsible and wicked for a number of reasons. She could lure a husband from his wife, seduce a young, naive man and capture him in a marriage against his interests, and have illegitimate children who became a burden on the community. Such a woman was not seen as marriage material. In general, men preferred virgin brides. Today, of course, the virgin bride is as rare as the horse and buggy.

A lot of men might say we have it a lot better than in those times, because “sex is easy and available” now whereas it used to be more difficult to obtain. I’m not sure I agree. Fornication is as much a risk for men as ever, and probably more so, because now only men are held responsible for the consequences. Get a woman pregnant and it’s on you. Sleep with a couple women, make one angry and jealous, and you risk a rape accusation. Sleeping with a married woman is another good way to get accused of rape if she changes her mind and decides to stay with her husband. Sleep with a woman who said she was 19, she turns out to be 17, and you’re in trouble. Visit a prostitute and you could be arrested or, if she tells the press, lose your career. There isn’t much of a difference from the old days, and you’re more likely to face jail time for slipping up. For men, fornication is clearly still bad sex. Possibly even more so than it was when it was generally recognized as such.

For women, on the other hand, the benefits are clear. Fornication has virtually no social consequences and the most minimal of risks. Pregnancies can be easily avoided, and if wanted the man will be forced to pay child support whether he committed or not. Male lovers can be easily controlled and kept in line, and as many taken as any woman pleases. Women even go so far as to proudly march in slutwalks to further demand rights to behave sexually in any manner they please. The slutwalk was actually very clear in demanding more of the status quo, i.e. less control of female sexuality and more control of male. For women, particularly young and attractive ones, this has been a real bonanza. But what has it done for society?

Let’s see…

Marriage rates dropping precipitously, men taking path of least resistance and dropping out, illegitimacy skyrocketing, class divisions hardening, children growing up fatherless and with fewer options. For most of us, it’s been quite negative.

I wish I could say there was a solution to the problem, but it looks pretty hopeless. The alternative to what used to be seen as bad sex – marriage – has been all but destroyed by the liberation of female sexuality and the redefinition of marriage as little more than a federal tax status; a sort of very risky corporation with arbitrary rules. The result is that for men, there is really no such thing as “good sex,” that is, socially-approved sex — it’s a risk no matter what. Furthermore, a society in which the overwhelming majority of women are fornicators gives men no choice; you just aren’t getting a wife in the traditional sense of the word, so why bother with marriage?

I think men ought to realize that we got suckered in this deal, and perhaps we should have listened to the old sages who have warned us over the centuries. We overreached in our naivete, thinking we’d get more of what we desire if we only tossed out the old attitudes, but all we ended up with was more responsibility and fewer rewards.

Douthat Takes on Fornication

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Ross Douthat has entered the debate on the new HBO show "Girls," which, in a hint of things to come in the Democratic Party's rainbow coalition, has attracted some controversy because it portrays white girls' lives. However, Douthat isn't concerned with race so much as he is with the prevalent loose sexual mores.

Douthat is quite young; in fact, at just a couple years over 30, he is the youngest editorialist ever hired by the NY Times. He probably has a fairly good idea of how young women of his generation behave, but I'm not entirely sure he understands what's behind it.

Douthat on "Girls:"

> I'm not suggesting that Dunham is secretly channeling the show's profits to the Family Research Council. But it's still interesting to watch how effectively "Girls" weaves together elements from various recent critiques of modern sexual arrangements. The pseudo-relationship that Dunham's character, Hannah Horvath, is pursuing with a shirtless hipster layabout is a case study in the unearned sexual advantages that a culture that assumes a certain amount of promiscuity affords to underachieving and unworthy men. Her best friend's exhaustion with her nice-guy boyfriend suggests how easily long-term "starter marriage"-type relationships can become smothering traps for the people involved. The babbling "Sex and the City" acolyte who treats her own virginity as a dreadful stigma illustrates the point that the sociologists Mark Regnerus and Jeremy Uecker make in their excellent book, "Premarital Sex in America" – that contemporary teens and twentysomethings consistently overestimate how much sex their peers are having, which in turn puts pressure on them to have more sexual partners than their own preferences would otherwise incline them toward.

Douthat seems to feel that promiscuity is a reward to be earned, which suggests that he has limited perspective. "Underachieving and unworthy" have always gone hand-in-hand with promiscuity, according to traditional morality. This goes all the way back to the ancient Romans, Greeks, Hebrews, Chinese, etc.

What Douthat is doing is making the mistake that too many social conservatives are prone to (and, incidentally, which repels many females): he assumes that access to females and sexual gratification are rewards for following the rules. Only someone who grew up in the eminently functional fraction of our society could come to such a far-off conclusion. Most of the rest of us know what promiscuity is really all about: broken families, unwanted pregnancies, wrecked childhoods, jealousy, betrayal, despair, etc. And, of course, despite all these things, it remains an extraordinarily common vice.

For morally-minded people, promiscuity should no more be seen as a reward to be "earned" than drunkenness, sloth or gluttony.

I'm starting to wonder whether a lot of the social conservatives' angst about the sexual status quo isn't a result of them feeling left out. All the hotsex these "shirtless hipster layabout" losers are getting from the naughty little skank in the next apartment must really gnaw at an eminently well-behaved young man like Douthat (magnacumlaudephibetakappa Harvard grad). However, I don't want to beat up on Douthat, because I think he's an earnest, bright young man. I like him quite a bit. But I think he's got to take a walk out of the urban enclaves of the East and get a breath of fresh air around some ordinary people for a change. He ought to do this so he can see that there's little difference no matter where you are on the scale — it's a systemic problem that has nothing to do with what people deserve.

The hipster layabout in Manhattan is the ghetto thug in a black neighborhood, the badboy biker in the downrent suburbs, the narco cholo in SoCal, and the rogue cowboy in ranch country. Does society "afford" sex to these men? Nah, the women do. We aren't giving these badboys a break — we're giving females a break. Maybe Douthat understands that, and can't put it in writing because he'd get canned. If that's the case, all I can say is that a nation

has really fallen very low when it can't even chide its young women for their misbehavior, and has to resort to blaming every and anyone else for the problem.

If we're going to deal with this problem, we have to recognize that young women *prefer* the status quo. Women who post on this site are very explicit about it. They want the shirtless hipsters to have sex with them and the Ross Douthats to support them, and that's exactly what they've got. It's female nirvana.

As men, we have only two adaptive responses at our disposal:

1) Just leave it, i.e. MGTOW

2) Take advantage of it, i.e. Game

As for the non-adaptive option, it's one of sacrifice; standing up to the beast and speaking truth to its face. I wouldn't recommend it for those who care about their personal well-being, but it's the one slim hope we have to rectify the situation. It's too bad we can't count on our respectable molders of public opinion to take on the job, but that's probably how it's always been.

Meet Julia

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As the campaign gains steam, the fight over the female vote has intensified. The Obama campaign has come out with a new infographic designed to gain more female support. It documents the life of a fictional American woman, from childhood to old age, and purports to show how Obama will help her throughout each stage.

Julia is a college grad, businesswoman and mother of one. Apparently, she is a single mother, because she has a son, but at no point is any man in the picture. However, this is not a problem, because so long as Obama is there, she don't need no stinking husband.

BTW, in one of the slides it is mentioned that "…health care reform [...] lets her stay on her parents' coverage until she turns 26." Divorced men should pay close attention. What this means is that child support now extends to the age of 26, and as usual non-custodial parents (fathers) have no choice in the matter. Yes, you'll be paying a premium until your kids are 26, and the custodial parent (mother) gets to dictate the terms.

Wrapping Up Europe

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It's been a nice three weeks overseas, and as I prepare to return home, I find myself hoping I can pull it off again in a few years' time. Europe's a great place to visit, and I'd definitely recommend it to Americans who want to get away from the insanity of American life for a while. If you're on a budget, it definitely helps to have friends overseas; without this advantage I wouldn't have even thought about making the trip.

Life is a bit easier and slower in Europe. Work is not all-consuming, and people have a more relaxed attitude toward life. As an American, I have to admit I found that very frustrating at first, but then I just decided there's no point in fighting it and went along with it.

The US is a great place with a lot of opportunity, but from the outside there's a lot about it that doesn't look so great. The pressure on ordinary people is enormous, the racial and sexual tension is oppressive, and the rat race exhausting. Furthermore, the amount of bureaucratic control over people's lives is a lot higher than in Europe, as far as I can tell. We often point to Europe as an example of a bureaucratic socialist purgatory, but somehow the stakes don't seem quite so high as in the US, and the coercion is not nearly as severe.

I suppose one could point to the US as a place where there's both more risk and more reward. The day to day lives of ordinary Americans may not be much if any better, but the greater *opportunities* give Americans high hopes and aspirations. Unfortunately, I'm afraid that the steady erosion of personal freedoms is slowly eliminating the clear advantage we once had. There's also an undercurrent of hostility and a certain inhumanity inherent in our political atmosphere. For example, the idea of jailing fathers for poverty is considered absurd and inhumane here. Incarceration is far less common, yet violent crime is a shadow of what it is in the US. There is no overarching police state here, yet relations between people on the street seem more relaxed and less contentious.

Looking back on my home before I return, I feel a bit of apprehension about the future. I don't know what direction we'll take in the US, but where we're headed is not promising. Over my lifetime, I've only seen our society grow harsher and more totalitarian as well as ideologically more strident and divided. This has not let up for my entire life, and if it continues I can't see the US being a very pleasant place to live. Although I really don't want to do this, I'm getting closer to the point of recommending that people who can do so – young men in particular – leave.

It saddens me to say it, but for young American men with some skill and talent, there are probably greener pastures elsewhere, and far fewer risks. If you want a family, the US is probably one of the most dangerous places in the world for a man to get married and have children. Additionally, you will not face affirmative action discrimination outside of the US as a white male, and your chances of arrest and imprisonment (or becoming a victim of violent crime) are lower if you are black or Hispanic. While it might not be as easy to become a billionaire in another country, it's much much harder to have your life destroyed by a woman, and that's a far likelier scenario. As great and glorious a place as the US is, the truth is that it treats its young men like absolute garbage, and in many cases they'd be far safer, and ultimately healthier, spending their young, productive years in places where they can't be so easily robbed and dispossessed. As an added bonus, English is becoming the lingua franca of the developed world, and American men are considered desirable partners around the world.

Sometimes you can get a clearer view from the outside looking in, and this trip has given me a depressing perspective on my homeland. I'm going to be stuck in the US for some time, as my children need a home there for some years to come, but it looks more like a sacrifice than a privilege at this point. How sad to see what's happened to my country.

First Impressions of Home on Return

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I arrived home yesterday afternoon after a long journey, and despite what I've written recently concerning the problems in the states found myself happy to be here. I do love the weather, the scenery and the clean feeling of the Pacific Northwest. It's quite literally a breath of fresh air.

However, I was soon a bit disappointed. While in Europe I lost about three kilograms – nearly seven pounds – without really trying. My long daily walks, daily climbs up many flights of stairs and healthier diet combined to help the weight fall right off me effortlessly. So, I decided that I'd try to keep this up while back home, and went to the grocery store with this in mind. Unfortunately, I found that healthy food is far more expensive than in Europe, while the junk is much cheaper. I wanted to buy a loaf of rye bread, some deli meats and cheese for snacks and lunch. All were expensive and of decidedly lower quality than in Europe. It dawned on me that the American lifestyle is not only pervasive, but for many of us nearly unavoidable without serious effort.

Additionally, you can't just walk to the store here for daily essentials. Driving is necessary. So, once again I find myself seated more of the time. It seems to me that we went wrong somewhere along the line, and instead of simply adjusting to a healthier lifestyle we have to make extra effort and spend more to keep ourselves in decent shape.

Sure, you'll see a lot of fit Americans, but they generally spend hours exercising every week. Instead of being a part of one's daily routine, it is necessary here to schedule exercise, buy equipment, a gym membership, etc. What a disappointment.

Everything about the US in recent years seems to be a departure from nature. Instead of accommodating our lives to suit the natural world, we tend to fight it and compensate with more effort. Our politics are no different. Rather than adjusting to normal human nature, we create a police state to control every aspect of our relations with the opposite sex, our children, coworkers, and any other people we interact with.

This is unsustainable, and not only in the environmentalist sense of the word, but the human sense as well. People can only handle so much before things start to fall apart, and it seems to me that we are getting closer to the point of breakdown. I don't envision some anarchic, Katrina-style armageddon, but rather a steady decline in function, much as a sick, aging patient slowly declines before finally succumbing. As I suggested a few posts back, I am a bit pessimistic about the hope for recovery. The structural problems are just too entrenched, and nobody will want to give an inch. Too much has been placed on the shoulders of the young, and those in power will continue to plunder the politically weak to suit their more powerful constituencies.

Finally, the people dominating the political debate are distracting us from the real problems with non-issues, such as gay marriage and contraception. As unemployment and underemployment continue along at unacceptable levels, our President and his rival can only talk about things that have the most minimal impact on the lives of ordinary Americans. Could it really be that the main issues of the campaign will be gay marriage and subsidized contraception? Are these more important than rising fatherlessness, the student debt crisis and stagnant wages?

Installing New Software

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I'm working on installing some membership/forum software to better handle comments, and it's a bit tricky. Site may have some issues for a while. If there's trouble accessing content, it can be read at: feeds.feedburner.com/thespearhead

If an installation fails and crashes the site and I can't figure out why, I'm going to have to upload the backup, and that could take a long time. If I have to upload a database backup it will take even longer — this is a very large site by now.

So don't worry if the site goes offline for a while. I've dealt with all the security issues and there are no problems with the host, so any downtime (hopefully very little if any) will simply be due to installing software or restoring the site if there's a fatal problem during installation/configuration.

The Wisdom in Not Arguing With a Woman

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By Ethical

After reading hundreds upon hundreds of comments on both feminist sites and men's rights sites like The Spearhead and A Voice for Men, I noticed the clear pattern that men and women argue differently. Men tend to try to understand what their opponent is saying in order to point out the flaws in his argument. Women on the other hand tend to try to show that nothing about their opponent's argument is understandable at all. As soon as she determines a person's argument is contrary to how she feels, rather than confront her opponent's reasoning she'll use ridicule or derision to dismiss the argument entirely.

The great many men visiting feminist blogs to confront what they see as faulty logic is proof men look to engage and attack any weakness in their opponent's argument. It's also apparent when the odd women shows up on a men's forum. No matter how insulting or far off topic she is there's always a surplus of men ready to engage.

On the other hand when men come to women's forums to debate the issues they're banned from commenting if they say anything the women don't agree with. This is proof women look for reasons not to engage their opponents argument. Furthermore unlike the many men who troll feminist forums, women rarely show up to debate men's rights with men, though this is no loss for them since women don't need the opposition present to have a debate. Though they didn't permit their opponent to make his argument they'll agree amongst themselves on what he probably would have said and then ridicule that misrepresentation among themselves.

There are exceptions of course. Aside from the fact that his site is intentionally satirical, Manboobz relies on ridicule while refusing to address any relevant points, exactly like a woman. However I haven't seen a picture of him so I'm still not convinced he isn't one, in which case he's not an exception. On the flip side I've also read at least one woman's blog on men's rights that was more methodically logical than most men's writing. These exceptions are extremely uncommon.

It's not surprising then that in the gender rights debate neither side is convincing the other even in the slightest, and that raises a good question: If men can never be convinced because women don't engage men's rational arguments, and women can never be convinced because men ignore their feelings and bully them with the excuse that their feelings aren't rational, then how can the sexes ever compromise? Compromise relies on a belief in the "common good" and requires a common understanding of the issues. There's no "common good" if both parties have conflicting agendas, and there's no common understanding if both parties have different ways of reaching a conclusion.

I believe there may be a solution. To achieve compromise men may need to take the initiative and address arguments that make women feel differently about men being treated unequally; that is demonstrate that the devastating consequences of men being denied equal rights in areas like false accusations and family law will in the long run be more painful for the majority of women than individual women no longer being able to get away with as much when the systemic injustice against men is exposed. Whether false accusation, unfair child support or alimony, unfair division of property, or unfair custody and visitation, more women in the man's family are hurt by an unjust court ruling than the single woman who benefits. The man's mother, sisters, aunts, daughters, and new significant other may suffer terribly because he suffers, and because they'll stop at nothing to support him.

Stop at nothing may be what they need to do because it's clear that the battle to end discrimination against men can't be won without their help. Men are designed for war against neighboring villages not for defending ourselves against our "helpless women" whom we find it difficult to hold to account for anything.

We can't even learn from the hard lessons learned by other men because part of being "manly" is refusing to pay attention of common difficulties men face in our dealings with women. Consequently when men are confronted with gender inequity in divorce, false accusations etc. they'll face it alone and lose. Being "manly" means he'll take

responsibility for his defeat in this system that's so rigged winning is impossible. As a result he and other men will be ashamed to share their stories. With all the injustice so invisible he'll get no sympathy from the legions of other men who haven't had their eyes opened by their own struggles, and who haven't taken the time to become informed. They'll just look down on him as being weak for having lost. On top of this women will band together to heap on scorn and abuse for him defending himself against a woman. They won't relent until the man is forced to accept his defeat. All this makes it difficult for men to come together to make a change. We men may have left our ancestral villages to conquer nations and may have subdued the unknown perils of the ocean to discover the new world, but facing the shaming circle of the village's fishwives we have always conceded victory.

Surprisingly I agree women should continue to have the privileged social position this lopsided situation demonstrates. Men's chivalry and protection of women has been around for much longer than feminism and will likely be around long after feminism is gone. Under most circumstances where men have some leadership role in the relationship both men and women feel positively about the man putting his duty to protect and provide for women and children before his own needs and safety. It's probably a natural state of affairs because any society that did otherwise is extinct. But a man taking responsibility for putting women first goes with empowering men to disabuse themselves of women who behave badly or fail to support him. We 're at a warped point in history in which the feminist state has so deeply involved itself in relationships it has broken the contract between men and women. Where men would simply leave a bad wife, refuse to take responsibility for a loose woman's child that in all probability wasn't his, or ignore a woman who drunkenly agreed to sex and then cried rape the next day from shame and regret, men today are now completely blocked from acting in our own interests to solve our own problems. We're forced to appeal to the feminist state which has effectively decreed men are always wrong in any dispute. We've become so disenfranchised that the rewards for taking on the chivalrous "leader and protector" roles men always aspired to are vanishing. In marriage for example the only recourse men have is to play the odds of getting reamed in divorce if it doesn't work out, to endure a completely emasculating and unsatisfactory marriage, or to opt out of marriage or cohabitation altogether.

Societies still rely heavily on men, and no society can prosper if men are so disenfranchised. Men aren't asking for special status as "victims", we don't need help, we just need the law to stop actively enslaving us to women. If weren't so shackled by the law that we can't act in our own self-interest we would've corrected feminism ourselves as we've always solved our own problems. But where we are now is needing women to allow the state to give us equal rights in our relationships with them. For that to happen we need to show women AND feminist men that allowing men equal rights is in women's interest too.

This shouldn't be a difficult argument to make because wherever one woman may benefit many more women on the man's side suffer, and because even that single women who benefitted is being adversely impacted by anti-male laws. As an example, though women primarily benefit from no fault divorce that are commonly interpreted as "no fault" means "his fault" , it's no fault divorce that's reduced lifetime alimony and made being a homemaker such an uncertain occupation that women feel they have no other choice than to keep a career. Women openly acknowledge that as a result they now work too much, face criticism from all quarters for neglecting their husbands and families, complain their husbands don't do enough at home, then divorce in greater numbers than ever to end up living life alone. Rather than being happier women are now unhappier than ever.

So the MRM may have started with the many well constructed points we men have gathered like big sharpened sticks for the coming gender war. But a great many women aren't vulnerable to such hard logic. We have to broaden our strategy to include some carrots to lull them across enemy lines as in reality it's less of a gender war we're confronting than it is a challenge facing both men and women. We've always needed each other too much for complete victory in favor of either sex to lead anywhere but towards mutual destruction. Feminism is winning but it will be the end of marriage when men are forced to completely surrender and this is not a victory for women. The destruction of marriage will be followed by the destruction of innovation and economic prosperity as marriage is not only an incentive for men to pursue both, but it's also the best environment to nurtures children to have these qualities. To avert the end, somehow we need to help women understand that women need men to have the right to

be men for women to fully realize their right to be happy being women.

The Beard-Yanking Russian Lady

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I thought you guys might appreciate a funny little story from Riga, so I'll tell it.

It was late in the evening, and there was little to do besides watch CNN International. Although I was happy with Latvian food, I hadn't stocked up sufficiently, and I wasn't tired, so I thought I'd go see what a burger tasted like in the Baltic states.

First I went down to Hesburger, a Finnish burger chain that's pretty popular in the region, but Hesburger was closed. Fortunately, there was a McDonald's around the corner, so I started on my way there. McDonald's in Riga is located right on the edge of the Old Town, which is the scenic core of Riga.

The Old Town is full of beautiful old buildings of the Hanseatic style, churches, narrow, winding alleys and, above all, bars and clubs. From Thursday through Saturday, it's full of people and cheer every evening till daybreak. Groups of young men and women roam the streets from bar to bar, making noise and having fun. People come from the entire region to enjoy Riga's Old Town, and I was lucky enough to be staying there. I met Norwegians, Russians, Swedes, Finns, English, Irish, Germans, Poles and more. Oddly, there were very few Americans. This being the case, people tended to assume I was Norwegian (thanks to my Norwegian grandmother and Anglo-Norman ancestry I look that way) until I opened my mouth.

As I slowly made my way to the McDonald's, I was approached by a rather hefty young woman who began speaking to me in Russian. She could easily have passed for a suburban American girl, being rather on the large side, but not all that bad-looking overall. I soon told her in English that I couldn't speak Russian, so she asked me whether I was British or Scandinavian.

"No, I'm American," I responded.

She replied, saying "You don't look like an American," upon which I told her "America is a big country."

She then said "you have such beautiful blue eyes," asking "why don't you buy me a drink?"

"I'm sorry," I said "I've already got a woman."

This rejection angered her, and she said something sharp in Russian, then told me to get rid of my beard. Before I knew what was happening, she pinched my beard and started yanking on it. Having made her point about the beard, she then reached for my collar and took hold of my chest hair, pulling it hard.

I was a bit shocked, but kept my composure. Somehow, I managed to avoid even wincing from the pain. I really had no idea what to say, so I told her "you are quite a strong woman." Shortly thereafter, her embarrassed friend whisked her away, and I went on to order a burger and onion rings.

For the most part, women in the region are reserved, but apparently Russian ladies are a breed apart — especially when they've been drinking. I would advise the adventurous American traveler to keep this in mind while traveling in northern Europe, but not to let it frighten him too much. The key, I think, is to keep your cool.

Following is a video from a couple days ago at the exact spot and same McDonald's where this hair-pulling incident occurred. A dustup between Russians results in some fisticuffs (one guy gets knocked out cold) and a contentious arrest. Note that it is 6AM and the parties to the scuffle had probably been up all night drinking:

Dear Mom

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I've never written anything here for Mother's Day before, because I didn't think it was all that relevant to the site. But we all have mothers, and for the most part we love them, and they love us.

So, in the spirit of Mother's Day, I'll write a few things I'm thankful for. Not too much, because mostly we appreciate our mothers privately, as the relationship between parent and child is intimate and deeply personal. But I do have to admit I got lucky. I've got a pretty good mom. Not all of my friends were so fortunate, but I sincerely hope more kids can say the same at some point in the future, despite how bleak it looks today.

So here goes…

Dear Mom,

Thanks for being an honorable woman. There's little I appreciate about you more than your adherence to moral standards and your inherent sense of what's right and wrong.

Thanks for being such a hard worker, and pulling us through some hard times. I know it wasn't easy, and you deserve a lot of quality time in the garden and with the grandkids when you retire.

Thanks for staying healthy and setting a good example for me and my sister. We haven't followed it perfectly, but it's always been on our mind, and I'm convinced it's helped prevent our habits from getting out of control.

Thank you for always being a great conversation partner. All those hours we've spent talking have enriched my life a great deal, and have given me the confidence and ability to stand up and speak my mind.

Thanks for never getting between me and my dad and his family. We all know he wasn't perfect, but you let me love him and get to know him on my own terms, and you always treated him with humanity and decency, and I'll be eternally grateful for that.

Finally, thanks for being an all-around decent person. Moms like you are a real treasure.

With gratitude

Your Son

Book Review: The Closing of the American Mind

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The Book: *The Closing of the American Mind*, by Allan Bloom.

Summary: In this 25 year old book, Mr. Bloom, a former college professor at the University of Chicago, argued that the minds of Americans have become 'closed' by being indiscriminately open to all comers. He explains this initially contradictory claim by comparing the textbook definition of openness…the search for the good, the correct, and the banishing of ignorance by applying reason…with what has become the conventional definition of openness in modern discourse: the openness of an mind that accepts everything equally and refusing to employ (or even suppresses) reason's power to judge 'good' and 'bad'. In Bloom's characterization, the Western mind has regressed to a pre-Western Civ state…a mind characterized by openness is 'beyond good and evil' (a concept found in Classical and older civilizations), and because the good life neither valued nor actively sought, ideas are given more or less equal weight when encountered. The American mind first spurned, then forgot its heritage and consequently floats along, adrift in a stream of values about which it no longer cares (or is permitted) to discriminate. Thus, virtue in the mind of the modern American is no longer found in being right or correct, or in correcting past mistakes, but in being open, tolerant, non-judgemental. The open-cum-closed mind does not look back to analyze the past, only forward to the next judgement-free encounter.

In openness-land, the only real vice is intolerance toward the new. Mr. Bloom worried about this new openness and what it means for American and Western culture when the received wisdom of tradition and the acquired wisdom of over a millennia of Scholasticism is rejected in favor of all kinds of men, credos, and lifestyles. As America from its inception was a radical experiment in natural rights and natural equality, it did not possess an aristocracy per se, an elite class where culture and wisdom were maintained and transmitted to the next generation for the entire people. Instead, the American anti-aristocratic model depended on the university to educate its citizens directly, regardless of social class, to inculcate a desire to seek virtue, and to motivate them toward seeking and living the "good life". Instead, today, "men are [no longer] permitted to seek the natural human good and admire it when found", for that is discriminatory and intolerant. Thus tradition and Western natural law are neutralized and the Western tradition of critical self-reflection, a tool unique to Western Civilization (other cultures and civilizations see no reason to test their cultures or their habits, their cultures are just fine, thank you very much) and a feature that enabled its greatness, is reduced to merely critique. Our past is shameful because it was so 'closed', our culture is flawed (because its past is flawed), and our beliefs are merely accidents of our place in the stream of time and as a result, our preferences are only that…accidents.

Similarly, not only is the American university adrift, but when young Americans arrive at university, they are vessels largely devoid of a sense of virtue or moral clarity. Their minds are *tabulae rasa* and, mirroring the decline in the universities–nobody believes the old books written by dead white men could contain any truth useful for us know-it-all moderns–the family has also retreated from its traditional role as the transmitter of knowledge and tradition. In its place enters media and the schools, as parents seem to

> lack self-confidence as educators of their children, generously believing they will be better than their parents, not only in well-being, but in moral, bodily, and intellectual virtue. There is always a more or less open belief in progress, which means the past appears poor and contemptible. The future, which is open-ended, cannot be prescribed to by parents, and it eclipses the past which *they know to be inferior* [emphasis mine]

A moral education, which to be effective, according to Mr. Bloom, must present to the pupil "a vision of the moral universe, reward for good, punishment for evil, the drama of moral choices", and a sense of the stakes involved in such choices. Mere 'values education' in the school system does not suffice, it is but the wind, with no anchor to hold it in place. Furthermore, Mr. Bloom argues that the lack of exposure to great literature from the past stunts the educated citizen's ability to identify evil, as those who have not read the great books doubt evil's existence, despite

the fact that they witness horrible crimes and see many many more on the news. The citizen-student, open and adrift as he is, lacks an awareness of both the depths and the heights.

Mr. Bloom argued that this openness of indifference extends to human relationships as well. The American mind has become sharply egocentric, self-focused, defensive, and inwardly directed. Openness as the ultimate virtue drives a radical egalitarianism, with the result that the culture no longer recognizes no practical differentiation between any persons. When observable differences do surface, as they do most often with race, ethnicity and sex, they are denied, engineered away, or made taboo. Truth and reason are abused to maintain the openness-egalitarian narrative when the facts say otherwise–"the recalcitrant matter of the ***is*** gave way before the practical and philosophical ***ought to be***"–resulting in racial and ethnic bribery for NAMs and sex-based set-asides for women. All in the name of forcing the unequal to be equal, an attempt to restore the equilibrium of sameness the closed mind seeks.

In addition, this openness-egalitarianism has wedged the sexes apart. Bloom wrote, channelling Socrates, that "equal treatment of women necessitates the removal of all the old kind of sexual relations…and a consequent loss of the human connections that resulted from them which [Socrates] replaces with the common good of a city". Men and women are thus undifferentiated in custom and in law, sex loses much of its significance for men and women, except as a purely recreational activity, and a feminism takes root hat denies nature, denies the truth of sexual differentiation, homogenizes and suppresses relationships between the sexes.

In Bloom's account, this closing of the American mind has a long and distinguished pedigree. He locates it in three events, the Enlightenment, the absolute defeat of Rousseauean philosophy in favor of the Lockean variety, and a misinterpretation and misapplication of Nietzschean philosophy. The Enlightenment dethroned God and promoted man and his ability to reason in its place. Religion, by definition virtue-prescriptive, was marginalized to the realm of opinion and myth and, because it is but one opinion or creed among others, it has little definitive knowledge to offer about the human condition and the soul. Locke advanced this ball further downfield, realigning virtue from the difficult task of loving one's brother to 'enlightened self interest'. No longer was *agape* a virtue, no longer was the man who cared for others virtuous, but instead the most virtuous man became he who cared for himself the most:

> The old commandment that we love our brothers made impossible demands on us, demands against nature, while doing nothing to provide for real needs. What is required is not brotherly love or faith, hope, and charity, but self-interested rational labor. The man who contributes most to relieving human misery is the one who produces most, and the surest way of getting him to do so is not by exhorting him, but by rewarding him most handsomely to sacrifice present pleasure for the sake of future benefit, or so assure avoidance of pain.

Locke encouraged his fellow man to love life, liberty, and the pursuit of property above all other things. The protestations of his antithesis, Rousseau, that such a proto-utilitarian philosophy left man's spiritual side unattended and bereft were largely ignored, leaving the modern man spiritually adrift, or as Mr. Bloom wrote, 'flat-souled'. Into this nexus then came Nietzsche and other great German thinkers. Nietzsche recognized how Lockean philosophy stifled and hobbled man's soul and encouraged him to become something bigger than a selfish economic agent. In writing about the new world that awaits the man that looses his spirit, Nietzsche wrote " Gott ist tot " in reference to the power that man has to shape his future were he to only will it so. Here, Mr. Bloom claims that Nietzsche's prouncement was not so much a triumph, as is commonly thought, but was instead a lament…was this all there is? Bloom then asserts that the Enlightenment forces hostile to religion from the get-go seized upon this confirmation of God's death and used that as the jumping off point for an aggressive religious and dogmatic atheism…thus transforming Nietzsche into a hero of the Left, where he would more properly be a Rightist. What started as an attempt to realize natural law, reason, ever the devil's whore, slowly becomes an auto-immune disorder.

Enter now the Frankfurt School, a nihilistic leftist philosophic school that fled Germany in the 20s and 30s, ironically escaping an aggressive instantiation of their nihilistic and leftist philosophy. First coming to Columbia

University, this cancer rapidly spread to the rest of the American academy, and the revolution that comes with the upending of one *weltanschauung* and installation of another came to a head in the 60s. In the 60s, American universities were experiencing the same turmoil and dismantling of the structure of rational inquiry as had the German university in the 30s. The result was the same however…a levelling of the populace, and the distinction between the educated and the uneducated, the diversity of many differing opinions, had given way to homogenization. No vision–or even competing visions–of what constituted an educated human was on offer, merely a keen focus on equality, which "…for us seems to culminate in the unwillingness and incapacity to make claims of superiority, particularly in the domains in which such claims have always been made–art, religion, philosophy. [Furthermore,] no one can say what "civilized" means, when there are said to be many civilizations that are all equal". Thus did the American mind close, the effect of a nihilistic abandonment of the Western rational tradition, a tradition that made room for both the mind and the spirit. Victorious, reason-based radical egalitarianism found that it had to suppress reason to maintain the hegemony of radical egalitarianist philosophy.

Commentary

One thing that is obvious to readers of this book is the inherent structural bankruptcy of the philosophy of openness. For if we are not to think our way better than others, then what tools do we have to tell right from wrong? Some of us have religion, the remainder of the polity has merely the direction of the herd to shape their values and ethics. In other words, there is nothing but the mob. Perhaps this is the very point…how easy it is to shape the behavior and tastes of a mob, what with compulsory public schooling, an agenda-driving media selecting what issues are worth discussing and which are not, and advertising that teaches what goods are to be desired and which are not. Freethinking? I think not.

Something else, too: What chance does Western civilization have if it is peopled by those who either think Western civilization should be destroyed or those who think it gauche to think it preferable to other civilizations. I think this has profound implications for the West as we adapt to challenges from Islamic and Sinic civilizations, two civilizations who do not suffer from the profound self-loathing that the West seems to have at the moment. Will the West summon the will to carry on?

Additionally, being an MRA of sorts, I found what Mr. Bloom had to say wrt relations between the sexes of particular interest. Of the state of the male sex in an egalitarian society, he had this to say way back in 1987:

> de Tocqueville describes the tip of the iceberg of advanced egalitarianism when he discusses the difficulty that a man without family lands, or a family tradition for whose continuation he is responsible, will have in avoiding individualism and seeing himself to be an integral part of a past and a future, rather than as an autonomous atom in a merely changing continuum

On this point, Mr. Bloom was very prescient. 1987 was just a few years after 'peak divorce', the revolution that divested men from their families and initiated a self-reinforcing cycle of family breakup, made both men and women both think that the male is not a necessary component to the family, a nice-to-have luxury, certainly not essential. We see now, 25 years later, the effects of advanced egalitarianism, most notably in rising rates of commitment avoidance and rational slackerhood. I do not think most men really see themselves as part of a living society, with a past and certainly a future that he can be a part of. Instead, he lives only for himself, and is wary of the sort of social entanglements that his forefathers took for granted as part of the role of a patriarch.

I found myself also wondering if the increasing lack of substantive differentiation among men and women, legally and socially, is fuelling the rise in availability and acceptability of pornography both for men (visual) and for women (romance novellas). It seems that, since sex differences are denied except for when advantage can be accrued to the female, genuine sex itself loses its power among otherwise undifferentiated men and women. What remains of the sex act then is a hollow shell, the industrialized rubbing of genitalia, somewhat satisfying but yet still leaving the practitioner wondering if there was more, wondering why their forebears fussed so about sex and relationships, not missing what they don't know. Furthermore, perhaps men and women are increasingly turning to

porn in an unconscious effort to re-establish that differentiation, to regain what they don't know in their head they've lost but their flesh still cries for nonetheless.

An another thought that came to mind while reading Mr. Bloom's manuscript was how adopting the virtue of openness replaced the old, former sex-differentiated virtues for men and particularly for women, responsibility and modesty, respectively. Instead of modesty, female sexuality is instead ubiquitous…it is nigh upon impossible for a man to walk down the street without individual women or advertisements featuring women attempting to manipulate him through displays of sexual imagery. What's more, the culture is absolutely unable to resist this trend; slut-shaming is not very tolerant, ergo verboten, and 'blaming the victim' is an offense of a very high order. Similarly, although somewhat less so, virtue for men does not appreciably contain elements of responsibility; indeed, responsibility is something to be avoided when possible, viz., the rise in cohabitative unions, low and falling levels of male community engagement, working only enough to satisfy one's individual needs, etc. While the old patriarchal society is no more, it was replaced by a functionally matriarchal one, and male responsibility, unlike female modesty, is still enforced vigorously by the State through chalimony, property division, and state transfer payments.

In conclusion, I found this a very worthwhile book, although the writing was at times very difficult to penetrate and could be much more compact. That said, the author did an outstanding job of imparting to the reader a sense of history, of a thread leading straight from the Enlightenment through the social contract theorists to German philosophers and forward to the Frankfurt School to the state of modern American academia.

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The biggest financial decision a young man will ever make

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By Ethical

With the college year heading to a close, if you're a young man in the graduating class of 2012 you'll soon be heading out into the world to begin achieving your real life goals. Whatever those goals may be, your choice of career as well as the economic conditions affecting that career will help you achieve the financial well-being you need to get there. But chances are that right now you see these decisions ahead more as chores than life defining choices. Unlike earlier generations who expected a loyal relationship with their first employer for a lifetime, odds are you won't stay at whatever job you choose for more than the current average of 4.4 years. However consider that this is longer than your entire college studies and that by the end of your first stretch of employment your career will largely be committed to a given industry, a given set of specialist skills, and a given market. Your salary and advancement prospects will be heavily determined by the health of that industry and the choice of skills you've decided to specialize in. That first employment contract while not drawn in blood, will nevertheless set your life irrevocably on some course you may not yet completely understand the implications of when you sign.

Your choice of career isn't the only decision that'll determine whether you'll achieve the financial well being to realize your life goals. Regardless of what level of income you're making, a number of other decisions you'll soon start planning for are just as critically important to every young man:

> **Matt Richey – The Motley Fool**
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> Deciding to be content: "Contentment isn't a feeling or a mood; it's a decision. Only by choosing to be content with what you already have can you accomplish your budget, saving, and investing goals. Without choosing contentment, you'll be ensnared by a subtle but ever-expanding appetite for money and all the things it can purchase — and worst of all, it's an appetite that's never fulfilled".
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> **An Atlanta real estate agent**
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> The decision to buy a home, and your choice of mortgage to finance it are some of the biggest financial decisions you'll make in your lifetime.
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> **Gambling vs. Investing, investopedia.com**
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> Gambling is putting money at risk by betting on an uncertain outcome with the hope that you might win money. Investing involves performing a thorough analysis and committing capital only when there is a reasonable expectation of profit.
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> Peter Lynch, Research Consultant, Fidelity Investments: "An investment is simply a gamble in which you've managed to tilt the odds in your favor."
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> **Tax Planning, a financial planner**
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> People completely forget about tax planning and strategizing, and instead just focus on investment returns. In all of personal finance I would say that tax planning is the most critical issue of all and ultimately has the biggest impact on your financial well-being.
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> **Who You Marry, a financial planner**
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> Savers have a tendency to become attracted to spenders but savers get annoyed with spenders and spenders get annoyed with savers. Attitude towards money is one of the top causes of divorce.

Bizarrely absent from anyone's list is the decision to get married at all. Having just gone through a divorce myself and having read hundreds upon hundreds of other divorces cases, it came as a shock to learn that working hard in a well chosen career, being financially responsible, doing one's best to chose a mate, being a good husband and father,

and being quite successful at all these things for twenty or thirty years will not save a man from divorce hitting the reset button on his life and setting him back 10-20 yrs or more in terms of his financial well being.

She may leave at a whim and still get unfairly rewarded despite her having a good job, but it gets worse. When she gets the house in all likelihood she'll get the contents of that house. Unless you have a notarized list of your property at marriage (you'd have one if you got a prenup and it wasn't set aside by the judge as many are) this means she'll get your stuff too. A man having to replace or to go without most or all of the possessions he's acquired during his entire adult life will put him back even further. This not uncommon scenario also applies to those who decide to cohabit instead of marrying if you buy property in a jurisdiction where a woman will get half of your property if she just cohabits with you.

Of course all of these warnings will sound very impotent to young men just setting out to conquer the world. You haven't yet lost the invincibility of boyhood so by this point in the article your eyes might have glazed over. Being a young man myself not too long ago I can empathize. A young man at the top of his game can still stop bullets, become invisible, and gain secret ninja powers just by drinking a glass of tequila. His quest to subdue the world naturally leaves no time to listen to old men whine about men's lack of rights in divorce. But at the same time I hope you don't fail to take note and remain open to learning a little about what you might be in for. Marriage may have been found to have health and economic benefits for the men who never get divorced, but divorce has devastating financial and health consequences and a significantly increased risk of depression and suicide for the larger percentage of men who do. Divorced men for example are six times more likely to commit suicide. Before entering into marriage men need to know the odds are so stacked against them in divorce that the failure of a marriage literally can kill a man.

Unfortunately you can't predict whether your partner will change for the worse even if they seem like a good choice of partner now, and regardless of whether you find a "good" woman the virulently anti-male divorce laws still encourage her to take your shit and leave with the kids when it suits her, because after all she can. You can't change these anti-male divorce laws on demand when your marriage is suddenly on the rocks, and even if divorce laws change on their own to be more fair for men you can't predict they won't change back against you. So if despite all these risks marriage is still one of your eventual goals it may be in your interest to reduce your financial exposure through the following steps:

1. Make sure she earns as much or more than you do and that she agrees to go back to work 3 to 6 months after having children. Mind you this promise bears no weight whatsoever in a divorce court. Divorce is no fault. She has the absolute right to change her mind or to falsely represent her intentions, and you have no right to withdraw from the marriage without penalty on the grounds that she lied. Unfortunately this artificially raises of the market value of the older, more educated, higher earning, and often far more unpleasant women you'll be stuck with as opposed to the younger more attractive, more fertile, and more pleasantly compliant women you would otherwise prefer, and this is exactly what feminism wants. Chalk it up as a strategic loss.

2. Rent. Don't buy a marital residence together. In most jurisdictions the marital residence is treated differently from other assets. Usually it'll be split 50-50. Depending on the length of the marriage and your own investment this split might be ruinously unfair for you. You may been very proud of your home purchase, thinking you'd be getting a 35% return on your investment due to the increase in real estate values over the last ten years. Your investment will look more pitiful than Florida swampland after you give 50% of the worth of the house to your well-employed spouse who invested nothing. Also women get attached to houses, so even if you made sure that you both contributed equally to the mortgage, getting your share of the equity from her may take expensive litigation.

3. Seek a career with as much capacity for self-employment as possible. Becoming self-employed is the only way to avoid having your wages garnished if you're hit with the grotesquely unfair child support or alimony payments that millions of men are punished with. These payments are by law supposed to be restricted to a certain percentage of your income. However judges can at whim assign you a fictitious income that you "should"

be making and calculate support payments based on that. This may result in you having to pay over 100% of your entire salary in support unless you want to face garnishment or jail. Self-employment gives you some control.

4. If you feel you're the type of man who'll get very attached to any children make sure to spend 50% of time with them doing their homework or taking part in their activities so that after separation there's a ***slightly*** better chance the courts won't deny you any meaningful role in the children's lives. Even today custody goes to the mother in the vast majority of cases. For up to ***thirty percent*** of men the experience of being told by the court they have no value in their children's lives makes fatherhood so painful and humiliating they end up withdrawing from their children's lives entirely.

5. Live in a more modest neighborhood where you'll be able to afford an apartment close to the marital home so you'll still be able to get joint custody after divorce if you're forced to leave the home. Otherwise you'll effectively be paying her to deny you the opportunity to be a father.

This may seem like planning for divorce but in a very real way it's planning for marriage success. A successful marriage for most men is one in which you get to keep your balls rather than face a lifetime of ridicule because you've become so spineless with your wife that you've grown the sopping wet mangina you now sport in place of men's parts. Through your frustration at home you might even synch with your wife's cycle and begin to develop "monthly feminine emotional issues" with your co-workers as you drag your 'gina to work with you every day. Don't believe you're immune. Divorce today is so ruinous and so stacked in women's favor it even warps the power dynamic within marriages, as every harsh word from your formerly soft spoken high school sweetheart becomes an unspoken threat to sodomize you in divorce court. As much of an all American stud as you may be, many a better man than you has found himself middle aged and pitifully emasculated by such an endlessly entitled and demanding princess twenty years down the road.

The "red pill" wisdom to avoid these pitfalls not only will help you avoid doing marriage badly, but it also might have a revolutionary impact on society as a whole in that it gives boys about to enter college unprecedented freedom to rethink their life path. Because if the whole modern marriage and family thing is such a losing proposition it makes sense for young men to reconsider their goals even before going into college. If marriage and family aren't safe options because having his finances tied to the explosive temper of an entitled wife doesn't sound like it's for him then right from high school a young man's goal entering college isn't simply to earn more money to increase his value in the marriage market. Recognizing this so early and having enough GAME that he doesn't have to rely on money to get tail frees boys to choose a more rewarding college program. High school boys will soon have to make decisions about what they'll be doing next year. Many will find themselves contemplating that although the "College Years" can really be the best time of your life, it's not only important for you to choose the right school to gain the most out of the experience, but also to consider that although choosing a program that will offer financial well being is important, what you need to keep a wife happy and what you need to pay your bills while you pursue your passion if you forego marriage are two different things.

I admit this kind of freedom isn't for everyone. Not having to compromise for a woman means you have the absolute freedom to achieve as much as you set out to do, or as little as your faltering courage allows you to take on. So lose yourself in perfecting whatever craft you've devoted yourself to. Bet your entire prime years on some game changing idea. There'll be no one to hold you back, but also no one to blame. You are living life at its most terrifying heights "without wires".

I don't caution you young men against marriage lightly. There are countless others who'll tell you the same. It's food for thought that feminized laws in virtually all western democracies have so changed marriage that "marriage strike" has become a common meme in the manosphere. Marriage is now only a contract where men's responsibilities are concerned. Men are brutally penalized as being solely responsible for a marriage's failure while women are absolved of all consequences for frivolously breaking their vows.

Though marriage unquestionably makes a better environment for raising kids deciding against marriage doesn't mean deciding against children. In fact I hope my son gives me grandkids and I'd be crushed if he didn't. But I've seen how abusive the courts are to men, and having been brutalized by the courts myself, being unable to help him escape some divorce court judge subjecting him to the same subhuman treatment would send me to an early grave. Even if his marriage lasts I pray I don't have to spend my retirement years watching him be endlessly emasculated from fear of a reaming in divorce. An ounce of prevention is in order. Marriage is now so dangerous for men that you need to think seriously about how to defuse the threat or seriously consider avoiding it. However for the many young men who'll ignore this message of caution, though I'm deeply concerned I'm also hopeful because ignoring the words of past generations is what makes young men so inventive. I may be convinced that marriage today is nearly impossible for men to render harmless, but for every old man like myself who said "it couldn't be done" there's a young man busy being successful at doing it. So in the end many of you will focus only on earning to increase your value in the marriage market rather than worrying about mitigating risks of marriage itself. This has always been the way of men and I'll be rooting that the dice roll your way. As you work tirelessly to achieve great success, perhaps even over extending yourself financially, you may be able to give your wife a big house, one or more nice cars, a nanny, maybe even a pool. But I've been around long enough to know that where there's risk there are some who'll pay consequences. So after the family court forces you out into a one bedroom apartment under the train tracks on the other side of town I'll be no less sympathetic that you spent so much time at work the pool boy screwing her is the only one really enjoying your house with its big screen and hi-tech three hundred dollar remote.

Yes as a young man you'll be tempted to ignore this hard dose of truth if it appears to be more whining coming from a bitter middle aged man. So the absolute last thing I'd want to tell you is that I'm bitter. Truth is I've escaped most of the above calamities. But I also have to be honest in saying that I can't help resenting the older generation of men for not having given me this advice when I was younger, which is why I'm spreading the knowledge to you. Am I bitter about that the older generation of men didn't talk more about the truth? Yes I am. But information is always empowering whenever it comes. You have the God given right to take what you will from this, figure out a strategy that works for YOU, and take no prisoners in your execution while getting yours. Whatever you decide myself and many other "old guys" will be cheering you on. If we're lucky ***YOU*** will take up the torch to blaze a new path and discover wisdom that will protect our own young sons in turn.

Decoding The Behavior Of American Women

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By Joe Zamboni

Definition: Hypergamy is a word that most men never heard of, but it is essential that all heterosexual men know not only what it is, but also how it works. The concept posits that that adult women are endlessly looking for the bigger-better-deal when it comes to men. They will abandon their husband, boyfriend, lover, friend, whoever the man is, if it means that they can hook-up with a more powerful, more famous, and/or richer man. Don't think that just because you the man have done pretty well along these lines, that you are not subject to the instant departure of a woman who has been with you for a long time. Loyalty is nothing in comparison to the force of hypergamy. Words of commitment, diamond rings on their fingers, public promises for "better or worse," all that means nothing. Their sense of self-interest and their looking to trade-up outweigh every other consideration.

Millions of years of evolutionary processes have brought this about. Women needed protection and resources, in order to be taken care of, and in order to make sure that their children were taken care of. The women who were successful with this strategy were the ones who got to reproduce and create the next generation. And they went on to teach their daughters how to use this same hypergamy strategy. Over time, women leveraged the notion of chivalry and got men to support new laws to facilitate this same strategy (no fault divorce laws for example). Hypergamy has for eons simply been a matter of survival. You the man can have your own reaction to that fact, including perhaps deluding yourself that you have found a "woman who is different." But watch out, when the bigger-better-deal comes along, she may be out the door in a "New York minute."

Differences: The classic philosophers like Aristotle and Locke — while brilliant and enlightened men — did not understand women. They appealed to conceptual ethics like fairness, honesty, loyalty, and truth. This is how men think and operate; these notions are what men use to make decisions. Men need to get that women don't operate that way. Women are biologically and genetically programmed to go with the bigger-better-deal. Feminist rhetoric about equality is nothing in the face of hypergamy. Women act this way unconsciously; it is part of their most basic and fundamental makeup.

Women will take great care to make it seem as though they support their man's values, but that is because they want to be part of the man's winning team. But when the bigger-better-deal comes along, they will instantly change their values so that they can better merge with the new man's scene. No matter how good things are for women, they will always be looking out for the more advantageous situation.

The speed with which women "change" can, and often does, shock their husbands. When these women ask for a divorce, many men are truly taken off guard. This is because they have been taken in by women's representations that they share their man's values. Be warned, this "alignment" of values is in most cases not the truth at all. In spite of what appearances may indicate, women did not change their values, they simply changed the man they were hooked-up with. If a particular woman truly shares a man's values, she should have been acting in life the way he was before they met, and she should have been acting this same way while outside an intimate relationship. Be wary when a woman takes up a new interest in a cause or hobby at the same time she hooks-up with a particular man. She most likely is not genuinely interested in that cause or hobby, she is simply interested in hooking up with that man. Like a chameleon, she is simply adapting, simply making herself compatible with his winning world.

Denial: So many men delude themselves with the well-worn phrase "not all women are like that" (NAWALT). So for example you may say, "yes, many women are like that, but my woman is devoted and loyal." But really, come on, what hard evidence is there that she demonstrably acted that way before you came along? And what prevents her from abandoning that value if and when the bigger-better-deal comes along? If you really get this, you will see that it is no mistake that 70% of American divorces are now initiated by women. Many of them are simply trading-up to the bigger-better-deal, or at least they hope to soon do so. And big daddy government with the welfare, child support, alimony, and other subsidies especially for women in many cases is the bigger-better-deal.

Most men (and women) don't want to admit the operation of hypergamy, but it is absolutely critical that heterosexual men understand how women operate in this regard. It is especially important to get this before these men get married (note — this author is strongly discouraging marriage). Unless you the man have really gotten this point, you will be surprised and shocked, you will feel abandoned and disillusioned, and you will feel betrayed and conned. You need to get that the marriage vows "for better and for worse," and "for richer and for poorer" — all that is bullshit. These words are words that the man must by law live by, not the woman. They are one-sided obligations; they are totally inconsistent with real-world women's hypergamy-related behavior.

This is not a pleasant point to admit, but if heterosexual men operate in the dark on this point, they are severely disadvantaged, and they will accordingly most likely be exploited by women. Why do women love romance novels? It's about the taming and submission of men, the getting of men to serve women's interests. Romance novels are female porn. Because they are dreams of being protected and provided for, exactly the way they want to be — by rich, powerful, and famous men. Read a few of these romance novels to really understand this. You only need to read a few — they are pretty much all focused on different variations on this same hypergamy theme. One recent hit along these lines is Fifty Shades Of Grey, by E.L. James.

To the extent that men buy into the Hollywood romance bullshit, they operate in a fog of infatuation, and then they can be led to think that women share their values. Hollywood romance is about as far away from reality as you can get. Sure, happily ever after, fading into the sunset, that would be nice. But get men who have been married and divorced to honestly level with you, and they will tell you that the Hollywood romance story is total bullshit. It's a society-supported con game that seeks to lure men into marriage. Women deeply believe that they need a man to take care of them. Women thus endlessly seek men who are going to provide and protect, no matter what the feminists tell them. A couple of decades of feminist indoctrination cannot overcome thousands of years of evolution.

The relationship between the sexes is and always has been by its very nature asymmetrical. What is expected of men is very different from and unequal to what is expected of women. More is being asked of men, and women know it. So there must be a protracted and drawn-out process of convincing the man to get married. In support of this process, women engage in all sorts of cons and deceits in order to convince the bigger-better-deal that they are the woman for him. This convincing process includes making the man believe that they view the world in the same way he does. Make-up, hair-color, push-up bras, breast augmentation surgery, and many other methods and devices are only more marketing and deceit on the part of women so that they can attract and land the bigger-better-deal. It's a hunting process, and the men are the prey.

Intentions: From the female perspective, mating is fundamentally a search for security. That's one big reason why women push for marriage. Marriage makes men responsible to protect and provide for a woman, in legal ways that he was not obligated to deliver up until that point. Marriage is the primary mechanism that women use to leverage themselves up the ladder, up to the next bigger-better-deal. Of course, even though they are no longer with the woman involved, the prior husbands are still expected to provide (less so protect these days since government is doing more of that).

The modern intention for American women is to get several asset splits with different men as a result of divorces, and add to that several income streams (primarily alimony and child support), ideally having all the income streams all going at the same time. It's a pretty great deal if you can do it, and the most conniving and most attractive of women can pull it off. But that doesn't stop the other women from attempting to pull off the same con job. The only thing standing in the way of this continued exploitation of men is men's full awareness of the game.

Application: If you the man really understand hypergamy, then all sorts of social practices that previously had no logical explanation will all of sudden start to make sense. Why for example are men still expected to pay for dates? Of course, it is preparation for marriage, and the providing and protecting that men are supposed to be delivering within the institution of marriage. Paying for dates is a "shit test" that men have to put up with in order to "prove" themselves to women. If a particular man will pay for dates, then he will probably also later pay alimony and child

support.

As a man, the best ways for you to protect yourself against this force of this evolutionary history, against the hypergamy push of heterosexual women, is to: (1) not have any children (“the snip” is strongly recommended), (2) not cohabitate with a woman, and (3) not get married. The justifying details behind these three recommendations are beyond the scope of this article, but if you simply remember these three recommendations, you are going to be far ahead of your exploited and conned brethren in the brotherhood of men.

VAWA Immigration Provisions Face Elimination

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In the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, House Republicans removed parts of provisions granting immigrants who gain residence on the basis of marriage the right to claim abuse and then file for permanent residence status without cooperation from their spouses. Ordinarily, if you marry an American and want to become a resident, you have to go through a process that proves your marriage was not simply for the purposes of gaining residence, but actually a bona-fide marriage. The entire process takes a few years, and involves interviews, forms, and other bureaucratic hurdles. Your husband or wife has to cooperate, so if the marriage falls apart quickly, you could face loss of legal residence status and have to leave the US.

However, VAWA provides a loophole. A spouse can claim abuse, and if she has any evidence, such as a police report or medical records, she may be able to leave their husband and still become a permanent resident. Given how easy it is to have American men arrested (all it takes is a phone call and an allegation, and false accusations of domestic violence are rarely if ever punished), this provision is an invitation to make a creative accusation. Additionally, making a police report is a simple matter, and one can say just about anything to the cops. However, what makes it even worse is that the process is confidential. What this means is that a foreign wife can accuse the husband without him even knowing that she is doing so, leaving him no opportunity to defend himself. Furthermore, he cannot access any of the information submitted to the federal government in an effort to defend himself in civil or criminal court, nor can he submit evidence to the Department of Homeland Security, which leaves the alleged victim free to say whatever she wants, whether it is consistent with local court affidavits or not. This setup stacks the deck so heavily against the accused that it's practically asking immigrant women to accuse their husbands of domestic violence.

Of course, MSM editorials have mainly weighed in against the proposed changes. From the LA Times:

> Eliminating the confidentiality provision is one of several changes House Republicans would like to make to weaken the law. They argue that the changes are necessary to combat fraud, in which immigrants falsely claim to have been abused in order to obtain visas. But where are the data and studies that indicate that fraud is a problem? Immigrant victims who petition for visas under VAWA are already required to supply ample evidence of abuse, such as police reports or medical records. And applications undergo intense scrutiny. In fiscal 2011, immigration officials denied nearly a third of those petitions.

You've got to love the logic here. The writer says fraud must not be a problem, because *one third* of these petitions are denied!

Because the war on violence against women is such a high priority in our country and feminism has enormous political power, women are usually given the benefit of the doubt. Can anyone imagine what would happen if the local police stopped responding to domestic dispute calls without clear evidence? There'd be enormous outrage from the usual quarters. So, if a third of the women claiming to have been abused are facing rejection, it's a pretty clear sign that there's a lot of fraud going on. It means a whole lot of them are lying. Given the numbers, a whole lot of them must be getting away with it, too.

The Republicans are right to remove the confidentiality provisions, because it's important for officials to hear both sides of the story, and the accused should always have the opportunity to defend themselves from being placed on a government blacklist. Neither men nor women have a monopoly on truth, but the VAWA confidentiality provision effectively grants just that to whichever spouse decides to file a petition. Removing it is a small, but helpful step in both family law and immigration reform.

Examples and more information about VAWA immigration fraud can be found here. For an example of a typical case, this story is a good read.

To put things in perspective, immigration fraud is not the usual outcome in international marriages, but it is enough of a problem to be worth dealing with.

Goodbye, Donna

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Donna Summer's passing leaves me with a bit of nostalgia, because I used to hear her voice on the hi-fi stereo when I was a very little boy. I can't help but recall my dad when I hear disco, so it brings back the misty old memories of the 70s, which were his glory days.

Of course, it doesn't surprise me that Donna died relatively young, at the same age as my father (63), although a couple years later. When I look back on the lives those folks lived, I'm surprised so many of them made it that long.

Whatever the case, Donna Summer was a real pioneer. Disco may have been derided for some time, but techno and house hardly added to it, as the following 1977 video, "I Feel Love," clearly demonstrates (not a remix, believe it or not):

Additionally, the erotic element far surpassed anything on the air today. I feel sorry for today's youth, stuck as they are with the rather repulsive facsimile of a sex symbol known as Lady Gaga, among other unmentionables. Donna Summer may have been a bit over the top, but at least when you hear her getting into it there's something a bit compelling about the performance:

WOW, lets castrate him, says Child Support Enforcement Official!

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By Glorius Bastard

Say What?

Well, Mr. Hatchett seems to be back in the news again, and the CSEA of Knoxville is "sigh"ing. Poor CSEA, they can't seem to get more than $1.59 /month for a few of the mothers who were dumb enough to sleep with this guy; how are they going to get Federal money off this guy? Too bad he is not rich, since he only makes minimum wage; it is unbearable for them since they can only garner 50% of his meager earnings. What is a CSEA agent to do?

This brief article goes on to talk about how Hatchett can't be "forced" to keep his pants on, and then quotes the local CSEA representative named Gibson with this gem: "If there's something out there like that, I'm unaware of it," Gibson told The Times, before adding, "It definitely needs to be."

WOW!

If only Rush Limbaugh, or Congress could have said that to whats her name a couple of months ago! You know, force her to keep her panties on, or at least not pay for her inability to keep them on. Maybe Sandra Fluke should have sex with this guy? She might definitely "earn" those forced Catholic school, and don't forget constitutional, benefits that she has been struggling so hard for! So we can't even allow a national radio personality to utter a bad word against someone who kills their kids for sex, and demands everyone pay for her condom/pill usage, because she is a woman; but we can have public officials publicly suggest that a man should have his junk "clipped" to benefit the State burden of TANF benefits?

The hypocrisy we weave in our nation today is staggering. We get offended, and rightfully so, when a man is so irresponsible to have knocked up 11 women thirty times. However, how is his asking for relief of child support any different then Fluke's proposal to Congress? Are they not both forcing us to pay for their careless foolishness? How does Fluke, and all her ilk, get a pass; but Hatchett gets the ax? Also, if CSEA in Knoxville gets their way, it will be the ax for Hatchett! However when any citizen cries foul about women like Fluke, it is an epidemic of misogyny?

SO WHAT?

You want to know my cure? Male birth control! Period! If Hatchett would have had a drug like Risug years ago, there would have been no issues! He could have been as sexually active as he wanted to be, like Sandra Fluke herself! Guess what? We would have heard nothing at all! Read my article on male birth control options! Parts One, and Two if you want more on that.

However, for a public official to say that he should have his tubes castrated is ridiculous! This individual won't get fired though. I am not saying they should fire this person! I just find the statement a poor choice of words! That it made print is unacceptable. But I digress, I need to make an apology!

Dear Sandra,

Though I find you a smug, repulsive, stuck-up, snobbish little &(@!(#(I said ho!), I am deeply offended that you had to endure whatever it is you claim you had to endure(because according to feminizm, and white knight manginas, I have no choice supposedly?)! I'm absolutely sure your right how unfair it is (whatever IT is!). The fact that you, like the eleven women who are surprisingly not named in above article, are incapable of keeping your panties on, and not sharing the "wealth" around like Hatchett. I think we need to throw Hatchett to the wolves in prison (like good loving fathers who control themselves do by their abusive ex wifes, like you will be someday I am

sure) and give you your own parade in New York (because we all know you deserve it!). Being a ruthless witch, (I mean champion) of "women's privilege (I mean "rights") you should be celebrated for your sexual exploits! Since we refuse to allow men to have anywhere near as many options in health care as our taxes already afford women like you, we should still spend more on you to make it "fair!" I mean, you said so, right highness? Since Hatchett was too stupid to realize what "equality" means, that he does not have said options available to him (he also can't walk away like you can, thank God, read Detroitification" if you know what I mean!), we are going to throw him in prison for you! That way there is one less man to impregnate you "against your better judgement!" Unless of course this also limits your right to sleep with whom ever you please, and collect child support when health care "options" are not "keeping you interested." Just let we the American taxpayer know whatever you need ummkay sweetie?

lastly, as I am sure you can tell from my "heartfelt" apology, I think that since we are now going to castrate Hatchett, if it pleases your highness; can I make a suggestion? Maybe, if I may be so bold, you should get spade like a feral dog?! In fact, there are several people, I mean doctors, who would love to do it for free, I mean Obamacare, so you never have to worry when you do the Howard Stern Show equivalent of turning your self into amusement park for your male, female if you desire, or both, "escorts!"

I know, I am a genius when I serve the Kingdom, I mean Queendom!

Your humble servant,

Jesse James

Clues on Marriage and Sex During Roman Empire

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There's been a fair amount of speculation as to what caused the decline of ancient Rome, and a number of people in the manosphere have suggested that it was in part due to the implosion of the family. The other day, I recalled Tacitus, one of Rome's most famous historians, and thought of a passage that might confirm this.

I was thinking of Germania in particular, in which Tacitus describes the tribes and customs of the Germanic peoples who caused the Roman Empire so much trouble, and eventually sacked it, setting themselves up as the barbarian lords of its remnants. In our culture, the clearest example would be the Saxon invasion of England, which occurred shortly after the collapse of Roman authority in Britannia.

In Germania, Tacitus goes into some detail about marriage and chastity amongst the German peoples. According to him, they took marriage seriously, and didn't fool around:

> Yet the laws of matrimony are severely observed there; nor in the whole of their manners is aught more praiseworthy than this: for they are almost the only Barbarians contented with one wife, excepting a very few amongst them; men of dignity who marry divers wives, from no wantonness or lubricity, but courted for the lustre of their family into many alliances.
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> To the husband, the wife tenders no dowry; but the husband, to the wife. The parents and relations attend and declare their approbation of the presents, not presents adapted to feminine pomp and delicacy, nor such as serve to deck the new married woman; but oxen and horse accoutred, and a shield, with a javelin and sword. By virtue of these gifts, she is espoused. She too on her part brings her husband some arms. This they esteem the highest tie, these the holy mysteries, and matrimonial Gods. That the woman may not suppose herself free from the considerations of fortitude and fighting, or exempt from the casualties of war, the very first solemnities of her wedding serve to warn her, that she comes to her husband as a partner in his hazards and fatigues, that she is to suffer alike with him, to adventure alike, during peace or during war. This the oxen joined in the same yoke plainly indicate, this the horse ready equipped, this the present of arms. 'Tis thus she must be content to live, thus to resign life. The arms which she then receives she must preserve inviolate, and to her sons restore the same, as presents worthy of them, such as their wives may again receive, and still resign to her grandchildren.
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> They therefore live in a state of chastity well secured; corrupted by no seducing shows and public diversions, by no irritations from banqueting. Of learning and of any secret intercourse by letters, they are all equally ignorant, men and women. Amongst a people so numerous, adultery is exceeding rare; a crime instantly punished, and the punishment left to be inflicted by the husband. He, having cut off her hair, expells her from his house naked, in presence of her kindred, and pursues her with stripes throughout the village. For, to a woman who has prostituted her person, no pardon is ever granted. However beautiful she be, however young, however abounding in wealth, a husband she can never find. In truth, nobody turns vices into mirth there, nor is the practice of corrupting and of yielding to corruption, called the custom of the Age. Better still do those communities, in which none but virgins marry, and where to a single marriage all their views and inclinations are at once confined. Thus, as they have but one body and one life, they take but one husband, that beyond him they may have no thought, no further wishes, nor love him only as their husband but as their marriage.6 To restrain generation and the increase of children, is esteemed an abominable sin, as also to kill infants newly born. And more powerful with them are good manners, than with other people are good laws.

What do the Germans have to do with Roman behavior? It's pretty clear that Tacitus was describing Germanic domestic relations to provide a contrast with Rome's. One can deduce typical Roman behavior from what the Germans *do not do*. They are not promiscuous, adultery is rare, they do not practice abortion, etc. The implication, of course, is that these are all common practices in Rome.

Sadly, this only confirms that the comparisons between our current society and Imperial Rome are justified. Additionally, given the long, painful decline of Rome, it suggests that it may take a very long time for our own degeneracy to finally lead to collapse.

John Scalzi Offers Creative Interpretation of White Male Privilege

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John Scalzi, who once excoriated The Spearhead for a sci-fi piece written by anti-feminist tech, has taken the holy burden of telling white guys how privileged they are upon himself. Writing for Kotaku, Scalzi compares white male privilege to having the easy setting turned on when playing a video game:

> Dudes. Imagine life here in the US – or indeed, pretty much anywhere in the Western world – is a massive role playing game, like World of Warcraft except appallingly mundane, where most quests involve the acquisition of money, cell phones and donuts, although not always at the same time. Let's call it The Real World. You have installed The Real World on your computer and are about to start playing, but first you go to the settings tab to bind your keys, fiddle with your defaults, and choose the difficulty setting for the game. Got it?
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> Okay: In the role playing game known as The Real World, "Straight White Male" is the lowest difficulty setting there is.

One might wonder why a gaming site would publish a piece virtually guaranteed to alienate its key demographic, but such are the times we live in that political correctness demands tribute from all.

Before Scalzi came up with this analogy, the old explanation was that white folks – men in particular – have "invisible backpacks" that contain privileges. That one didn't work all that well, because, well… it just doesn't sound all that plausible. So the video game comparison is a little better, as it uses an activity that is very popular with young white males to make the point rather than relying on magical backpacks.

A lot of us might ask why some white people are such firm supporters of the idea of white male privilege. Are they masochistic? Do they hate themselves and their race? Or are they simply morally so far above the rest of us that they are willing to sacrifice themselves and their children for the benefit of other peoples?

Although it's difficult for most to see (but not invisible), it is none of the above. They are as self-interested as anyone, and they've got every reason to support the notion of white male privilege. It's really a numbers game, and it's about maintaining their increasingly implausible lifestyle.

To see where they're coming from, first you have to understand that straight white male privilege both does and doesn't exist. White privilege can only exist in a multiracial setting. It cannot meaningfully exist in, say, North Dakota, because there are virtually no minorities. Without minorities, whites have no relative privilege. White privilege definitely does not exist in Latvia, and it exists only to a lower degree in places like Seattle and Portland, where whites still have a fairly large majority. However, in places like Los Angeles, white male privilege is very real, and is exemplified by people like George Clooney. If it didn't exist, I suspect there would no longer be whites there in meaningful numbers; they would flee.

So why is it that those who do benefit from white male privilege are the types most likely to make an issue out of it? Shouldn't they be keeping their mouths shut? Well, this is how they're tricky. By denouncing all white males as privileged, they are universalizing guilt. Imagine someone is caught cheating on worker's compensation, and rather than take the blame and pay for it himself, he says "this is a systemic problem; everyone does it, and therefore everyone must pay for it." He can then say that rather than have to pay it back himself, everyone should chip in and lighten his burden. This is exactly what white liberals are doing, because having privilege does have high social costs.

First, you have to pay off angry minority political factions who want a cut as well. Then, you have to pay the mainly-white unions who keep things running, i.e. teachers, policemen, prison guards, firemen, etc. Finally, you have to over-regulate business and real-estate to preserve your pristine white neighborhoods. It's really, really expensive, and requires a heavy tax burden. Urban California is the perfect example of this system.

So, as in California, white liberals living in minority white or only half-white cities in the US are increasingly turning to everyone else to keep them afloat. And, of course, they are going after the group which, due to its numbers and relatively low expenses, has the means to foot the bill — white males. Does the Alaskan fisherman or West Virginia coal miner really have meaningful white privilege? Of course not, but he does have a fairly respectable paycheck that can be taxed even more. And what better way to justify taking more of his money than by arguing that he owes it to liberals' urban minority neighbors because life is easier for him? If white liberals can only spread the guilt a little more, they'll get some breathing room, and they won't have to foot the bill for their lifestyles alone.

However, the Alaskan fisherman and West Virginia coal miner are not so stupid, and they are every bit as self-interested as the white physician in, say, the Bronx, who depends heavily on federal tax money to keep himself in business. They will not buy this notion of privilege, so it is really just political grandstanding. But it does get a little more vicious than that. There is one group that is largely powerless against these kinds of ideological assaults: children. And children are exactly who tend to get hit by the compromise policies. Unfortunately, they are usually children who do not have any privilege, because their parents can't afford to insulate them or simply haven't had enough foresight to look out for their future interests.

So, in the future, people like John Scalzi can justify screwing disadvantaged white boys out of a fair shot by saying he's fighting white privilege. It won't affect his kids, because he knows the system, and he can cultivate friends in high places — friends with white privilege. And anyway, keeping poor and working class white boys out of the running is a feature, not a bug. This means the privileged white guy has all the less competition to worry about when trying to set his kids up. As for the poor white boys, well, as callous people love to say, you've got to break a few eggs to make an omelette…

Comment Fishing

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One thing that astounds me is how feminists and their allies have actually managed to make an issue out of blog comments. The other day, Jezebel made an entire article over Walking in Hell's comment about not having children with white women, which I simply took to be a sort of "what if" fantasy, or maybe even a bit tongue in cheek. In any event, I didn't take it too seriously, because white women are not going to be bred out of existence. Sometimes, when comments are a bit off the wall it's kind of funny; sometimes there's a actually a grain of truth in them. The only time I really care about them is when they are clearly intentional attempts to stir up trouble amongst readers, and even then I'm pretty tolerant (perhaps too much so).

One reason I never took comments seriously is that I live in Seattle, and read local blogs and the online paper regularly. I also happened to grow up Catholic, and although I have my reservations about the Catholic Church, I also know quite well that it does a lot of very positive, helpful things in the community, and most priests and parishioners are quite sincere about not only their religion, but being decent people.

Nevertheless, comments in local, "respectable" publications about Catholics and the Catholic Church are regularly hateful, vile and vindictive. Jesus is routinely disparaged, Catholics are called pedophiles, there are frequent calls to tax the church, and even talk about shutting it down entirely as a "foreign entity." I've grown used to this, so I don't really care, and don't make an effort to hold the publications responsible for these kinds of petty attacks. I figure the people who make these comments are simply saying these things because they are anonymous, and want to get back at the Catholic church for opposing some of their favorite activities, which I assume are sexual in nature. People are rarely more vicious than when defending their favorite vices.

However, it isn't only Catholics who come in for a bashing, but any conservatives at all. Rural whites are regularly called "inbred rednecks," "troglodytes," "retarded" — you name it. Whenever a story about the Duggars or another conservative, large family comes up there is an avalanche of abuse, with fecund, faithful wives being compared to dogs whelping pups and the like.

Of course, whenever there's a story about black crime, blacks are condemned as a whole. Arabs come in for abuse, too. So do Jews, Chinese, and any other ethnic group you could think of. Nobody has a monopoly on hatred.

However, it seems to me that nobody complains as much about people saying things as a certain variety of leftist, and feminists are among the worst. Even so, it still really surprises me that blog comments, of all things, have somehow become a burning issue for them. I would assume that if I tried to make a career – or even a blog – out of highlighting silly comments, I'd be laughed away.

But just to make a point, I'll highlight a couple comments from the Seattle Times about the Catholic Church on an article about the church's plan to sue over Obama's healthcare mandate that they buy birth control for their students and employees, presumably including priests and nuns:

Priests are all pedophiles…

> Chaz Linburger says:
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> If too many people use birth control, the supply of virgin boys will drop, and priests will have a real crisis on their hands…

Catholics are "cannibals"

> snowball3 says:
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> The really sick part is that the pope toured AIDs ravaged Africa and said they couldn't use condoms! Add to that the Catholic practice of cannibalism (drinking the blood and eating the flesh of Christ) and it's impossible

> to find these oddballs credible or deserving of respect!

More pedophilia…

> nwoceanlover:
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> Doesnt the Catholic Church have better things to do, like buggering altar boys behind the curtains?

Christians are stupid…

> sportsdudeseattle:
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> Oh well whatever as the majority of these poeple still think the Universe is only 6000 years old, Jesus rode a pet dinosaur to school and having 19 kids is good for a women's health

Search any article about the Catholic Church in the Seattle Times and you'll find lots more of the same, even though the Seattle Times regularly moderates its comments. And the Times is considered the most prestigious newspaper in the Pacific Northwest…

So where's the outrage? Where's the condemnation from left-wing "civil rights" groups? I suppose people could try to get their attention, but quite frankly they don't seem to have much of a problem when an organization they oppose is being unfairly subjected to abusive comments.

But really, who gives a damn. They're just comments, people…

Most Shameless Fraud This Year?

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After using worker's compensation fraud as an example in yesterday's post, I came across an interesting story about a real case.

Jacquelyn V. Myers, a 55-year-old rural mail carrier, was just convicted of healthcare fraud and lying to get worker's compensation, and faces up to 15 years behind bars. She'll likely only receive a fraction of the sentence, but she cheated so blatantly and flamboyantly that one would hope the judge gives her at least a year or so to think about the consequences of ripping the rest of us off.

From the Justice Dept.:

> Evidence presented at the two-day jury trial established that, while claiming she was physically unable to fulfill her responsibilities as a rural letter carrier with the Postal Service, Myers competed in more than 80 athletic events in Florida and Georgia. Although she claimed that she could only handle "light duty" in her government job, Myers was competing in 5K races, 10K races, triathlons, and marathons, including the Boston Marathon, which she ran in April 2010.
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> In May 2009, Myers reported that she had suffered a lower back injury during the annual letter carriers' food drive. As a result, she was relieved of the letter carrying duties for which she had been hired, and placed on "light duty." Between June and December of 2009, Myers told her treating physicians and physical therapists that her back injury had not improved, and that she was unable to twist and bend at the waist – activities associated with the delivery of mail. Photographs and videotapes taken during the same period show Myers running barefoot on gravel in a cross-country event, and swimming, cycling, and running in a triathlon. Evidence at trial demonstrated that Myers' race times actually improved over those recorded prior to her reported date of injury.

Somehow, I think it would be appropriate to play "Chariots of Fire" as they whisk her off to prison.

Terrible Precedent in Footballer Ched Evans Case

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Ched Evans is a 23-year-old British footballer who played for Sheffield, and was just starting to make an impact as a talented striker. Last month, he was convicted of rape over an incident last May in which he slept with a woman who had been drinking. The sex was apparently consensual, but the judge found that the girl's intoxication, indicated by CCTV footage of her with Evans' friend before the incident, invalidated any consent.

Both Evans and his friend, co-defendant Clayton McDonald, slept with the girl that night, but only Evans was convicted. Since the conviction, a further 13 people have been arrested for allegedly releasing the woman's identity through Twitter, so that makes 15 arrests so far over one case of drunken sex.

Although there are a lot of problems with tying consent to sobriety, the biggest is the assumption that consent is presumed to be absent, i.e. those charged with rape must provide an affirmative defense, which sets the bar far too low for the prosecution in rape cases. What I'm getting at is that the idea is that when a woman is intoxicated, we can't know for certain whether she would have consented or not otherwise. So, the court has decided that the default is nonconsent. If this applies in drunken sex, it applies elsewhere where consent is unclear. This means that unless a man can prove in court – while facing a determined prosecutor – that a woman intended to have sex with him, he can be convicted of rape.

Under the old standard, the default assumption was that sex acts are consensual, barring proof, such as coercion and/or assault, that they were not. This put the burden of proof on the prosecution. For example, if a woman went out drinking and then went to a hotel room with a couple athletes and had sex with them, the assumption would be that that was what she intended to do, and a prosecutor would have to come up with evidence that she had somehow been forced into the situation against her will.

Now, however, it has been turned around. We start from the assumption that women do not intend to have sex, even if they drink and enter hotel rooms alone with athletes, and then must establish through some process of investigation that they did, in fact, intend to have sex, to determine that rape did not occur. And if they were drinking, defense is automatically invalidated.

Taken to its logical conclusion, this would result in the imprisonment of perhaps hundreds of thousands of young men every year if it were the law of the land in the United States. Every college party in the US would result in a dozen or so arrests and lengthy prison sentences. It would put more young American men out of commission than WWII. But perhaps that's the idea.

Pope Weighs in on Absent Father Crisis

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Speaking in St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict XVI addressed 20,000 pilgrims with a call to restore fatherhood. Reminding them that the relationship between Christians and God is one of children to father, he decried the contemporary state of affairs:

> "Perhaps modern man does not perceive the beauty, grandeur and profound consolation contained in the word 'father' with which we can turn to God in prayer, because the father figure is often not sufficiently present in today's world, and is often not a sufficiently positive presence in everyday life," the Pope said in his weekly general audience address.
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> He underscored that the "the problem of a father not present in the life of the child is a big problem of our time" because it can become difficult for those children "to understand in its depth what it means to us that God is Father."
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> In the U.S., over one-third of all children live apart from their biological father…

It seems that the crisis of fatherhood, in the United States in particular, has finally become a cause for concern in the Catholic Church. Paired with recent moves to roll back feminism, this indicates that one of the most influential organizations on earth has finally cast its lot in with those of us who are fighting to turn back the tide of radical feminism, which emerged as a dominant political force in the realm of family and sexuality in the late 20th century.

Although many oppose the Catholic Church and its policies, it still exerts an enormous amount of moral influence even beyond its adherents, and has the potential to embolden those who might agree but who otherwise lack the fortitude to go it alone.

Hopefully, other non-Catholic Christians and even non-Christian religious leaders will also take up the restoration of fatherhood as a worthy cause. Now that the head of the Catholic Church has done so, it should be a lot easier to defy feminist family-wreckers on this crucially important matter.

Bringing Back a Forum

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I've been trying to figure out a method for integrating a forum and membership options with the site for some time, as the last forum was flawed due to insufficient upgrades for the integration with the site; in other words I couldn't upgrade WordPress without screwing up the bridge to PHPBB. Additionally, it was more complex than necessary, and had abysmal spam protection, which made it more effort than it was worth. It was a decent idea, but it simply wasn't a good fit for the site.

Fortunately, I found something that ought to work well: bbpress. As it was created by the founders of WordPress, it will integrate very well, and should handle upgrades without a hitch. It's also pretty simple, which is fine for our purposes here, and it has akismet spam protection. And, even better, I've found some more software that will allow me to restrict it to members only (among other features). What I'll do is give all previously registered members (about 800, but it's been a while) some time to decide whether they want to stay onboard. The forum will not be open to all comers, and I intend to keep it that way; it's going to be more of a private club. The blog and blog comments will remain unaffected, so those who aren't interested in the forum needn't worry about it.

I've been working on this for some time, and it's taken longer than I thought it would to come up with the right combination of software that will suit the needs of the site. The reason for this is that there are a lot of different kinds of forums, and there's a lot of membership software, but not all work with each other, and not all work with WordPress. Finding three programs that will integrate seamlessly (hopefully) with each other was tricky, but I'm pretty sure I finally got it right. Now it's simply a matter of putting the pieces together without causing a meltdown.

As I check all the details and do some more testing, I'd be happy to hear any feedback, suggestions or advice, and answer questions (if I can) before I go live with the new features.

IRL Gay Male Privilege

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I noticed a story about a gay bar that has banned bachelorette parties in the news, and had to see what that was all about. According to the story, the bar banned the parties because gay marriage is still illegal…

Now, there's always a chance that the guy was sincere about it, but how much political impact could such a move really have? Does the owner think the kind of straight women who have bachelorette parties at a gay bar are the kind of people who would *oppose* gay marriage?

I don't think so. I may not be gay, but there are more than a few things that gay and straight men have in common, and one of them, I suspect, is a strong distaste for bachelorette parties. In fact, gay men probably hate them even more than straight men. What could be more obnoxious than a bunch of feral young women getting all musky over some male dancer and trying to make themselves the center of attention — in the middle of a gay bar?!

Here's what the owner has to say:

> "We love our straight girlfriends **[Editor: yeah, sure you do...]** coming in to celebrate one of the happiest days of their life," says Abbey owner David Cooley. "But it's also a slap in the face to my customers and my life that we can't have that same celebration."
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> Male go-go dancers are just one reason why one of America's most popular gay bars has become a big draw for straight women's bachelorette parties.
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> Each weekend, The Abbey hosts several dozen ladies night parties. But Cooley says, no more. Until marriage is legal for everyone, straight women can no longer celebrate their pending nuptials at his club.

I can only imagine the complaints from the gay male clientele Cooley must have had to deal with.

However, without some really good excuse, a bar probably couldn't ban such parties without risking a lawsuit — it would be gender discrimination. If the bar were a mainly straight bar run by a straight guy, he'd be really hard pressed to come up with a reason, and might have to take measures that would harm the bottom line.

But the gay marriage justification is just perfect. Now, instead of saying "we don't want these obnoxious ladies monopolizing our space," the owner can instantly make the ban a civil rights crusade. Totally convenient.

I can't really hold it against the bar's owner or clients for invoking the gay card, but I reserve the right to grumble about the unfairness of it all.

What Can Make a Grown Man Cry?

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Thanks to some help from the Innocence Project, Brian Banks just got out of prison after serving over five years for a rape he didn't commit. Faced with a 46-years-to-life sentence, he pleaded no contest to forcible rape. While he was locked up, his accuser collected a $1.5 million payout from the California Public Schools.

After he had spent a few years in prison, his accuser had the gall to contact him on FaceBook, asking to meet with him. Sensing an opportunity, Banks swallowed his pride and played along, giving Innocence Project activists the opportunity to record her recanting the accusation. Prosecutors, who so vigorously hounded the innocent man, say they will leave the false accuser – a criminal – alone. Bearing false witness used to be considered serious crime, but it seems an exception has been carved out for women who lie about rape.

Before he was locked up, Mr. Banks hoped to become an NFL player, and his chances were pretty good at the time. He's said he wants to give it another shot, but at 26 years old, he's middle aged for the NFL. His false conviction may have cost him millions of dollars and a glorious career. In the meanwhile, Wanetta Gibson, the criminal who stole those precious years, walks free.

Imagine a man kidnapped a woman, held her for five years, and managed to extract $1.5 million in the process. Then imagine that after the woman escaped, prosecutors said "the kidnapping happened years ago, so we won't prosecute."

There is no moral difference between what Wanetta Gibson did and kidnapping a woman for ransom. Both are vile crimes.

Below is Mr. Banks at the hearing to vacate his conviction. It's an emotional moment:

Most men freed by the Innocence Project have been falsely accused of rape. More innocent men are imprisoned for rape than any other serious crime. Probably because many women, like Wanetta Gibson, have a free pass to falsely accuse men and then collect money for doing so.

Rite of Passage

Uncle Elmer · 28 May 2012 · Archived copy · Original

My son received his Selective Service notice a few days ago. Like most young men, he didn't know what it was. I handed it to him and intoned "You're a man now."

Inserted in the mailer were several leaflets advertising opportunities in the "New Military".

My own military service was laughable. During Army Basic, my old man showed up, and as several of us were out on the parade ground cleaning our M-16s he reminisced about field stripping his M-1 while blindfolded during his boot camp training in 1942. It was a small moment of bonding in our often contentious relationship as his idiot son demonstrated a sliver of responsibility and manhood.

During my stay at Fort Knox, the Drill Instructors warned us about where to crap during bivouac : "Your daddies and grand-daddies shit all over these woods….". Many years later when I researched my genealogy I found out it was true, the Elmerson clan had deep roots in American military history, and had indeed shit all over the woods of Fort Knox and surrounding environs.

I didn't join the Army out of any patriotic fervor, it was just an option for a useless young man aspiring to be a "jazz-rock" musician. College was not in my life plan at that time, being a superstar was. I went "Airborne" because Jimi Hendrix had been a paratrooper, and planned to fake a back injury after I got my "wings" so I could get out and put it on my resume. The Army predictably sucked for me but provided time for me to realize I had no musical talent, so on discharge used my GI Bill to pay for school. Even that I mis-managed and slogged my way towards a degree. At any rate I finally attained it and it has paid off in the years since. In retrospect I could have done it all in a lot less time and trouble than I made for myself.

As for my sons, I don't advocate either way on the military. It can be a good deal if you understand your options and what you are getting into. The military really does provide a lot of educational opportunities that many fail to avail themselves of. One may get a decent assignment or stuck in a miserable situation and that will affect one's attitude, however, long-term benefits and options are available if you research them. In my day, the recruiter might only hand you a few brochures and little useful advice. These days you have the internet; don't walk in and announce you wanna be "Airborne", or, a "Navy SEAL" for crying out loud because they have a special lever for guys like you that lands them right in some shit. There are plenty of other military jobs that provide work satisfaction and you should find out about them and compare against your innate skills and interests. Furthermore, your initial first years are a heavy investment. If you simply depart the service with no continued military career plans, you will have lost some of this significant effort.

Now, I didn't want to make this another post about Elmer. Just two cents on Memorial Day while trying to pass some pointers on to my son minus the bitterness and cynicism.

Embrace your Inner Narcissist

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By Ethical

Women love a man who takes control. Then there's the relentlessly considerate man who sees no need to control her at all. Every woman deeply appreciates how rare and special of a find this enlightened new age is, a who man places such a high importance on pleasing her that he makes sure never to impose himself by assuming he understands her needs without first asking what she actually wants. Every woman hears how this male sensitivity is highly treasured by other women, which is why she'll be so conflicted when she realizes she absolutely detests a man for exactly the same quality. Because it doesn't take long before every one of those questions he asks her becomes in her mind an excruciating reminder that he doesn't already know the answer. After that his constant questioning, seeming more and more like seeking her approval, begins to grate on her skin until she's surprised to discover she feels utter contempt for him and she begins to wonder if the reason is exactly because he's so considerate. Rather than fill her with warmth his attentive questions at best fill her with indifference. She finds herself losing her train of thought while answering, occasionally catching herself disturbed by day dreams of being taken roughly from behind by his asshat friend.

Women will openly admit they don't always want to be asked what they'd like before a man acts because it quickly gets old and makes a man appear to be a child seeking permission. But at the same time women get very angry or hurt when they feel men haven't asked about and listened to their needs. No wonder women are accused of wanting men to read their minds. It's the only reasonable conclusion to arrive at about someone who by their own admission makes a habit of arguing for you to do something that they don't actually want, because they won't tell you what it is they do want you to do.

However strangely enough women may be exactly right in asking men to solve this riddle. Rather than an obedience trial it's actually a test of charisma and confidence. She's not asking you to read her mind, she's asking you for the charm and swagger to put an idea in her head, and once you've left it there – to convince her to want it.

For many woman the idea of giving up control and letting a man "into her head" in this way inspires dreams of steamy romance. Men find the idea of letting someone into our heads terrifying. There's an element of manipulation that's eerily reminiscent of evil aliens who've shown us in countless sci-fi plots that they'll only use mind control to enslave humanity, possibly followed by eating us. For us it's easy to see how this natural dynamic between the sexes exposes women to the control of charismatic and thoroughly ill-intentioned men.

Yet women aren't without their defenses. One way women have always combated such motherless bastards is by banding together to scold the scoundrel back in line. Communal female shaming is in fact a powerful and highly evolved social mechanism to do exactly that. Initiated by the wronged woman's tearful pleadings, a group of women come together for the purposes of passing judgment on the man who brought her to that state. He won't be allowed entry at his own trial to defend himself before this all female court of opinion, but it wouldn't matter if he was. No evidence he could bring would have any meaning, nothing he could say would explain. To the women his words and seductively clear logic are only hateful "tricks" that make him more guilty. Even him daring to open his mouth on his own behalf is poison to the more evolved sense of right and decency they all agree they alone as women have. He WILL be found guilty, and once summary judgment is pronounced there can be no trial or appeal. There is only surrender and appeasement.

Women realize the importance of this shaming as a social safety net. While it can be said that women want a man who doesn't listen to them, they definitely don't want any man to be immune to communal female shaming. The danger of men developing immunity is such a fearful scenario that the failure of any man to respond to shaming raises the entire female community's shaming defenses to high weapons readiness extremely quickly. The comrade hens initiate aggression, striking with low level hits before most men even know they are under attack, small verbal pecks that quickly begin raining on the man from all quarters. The aggression of their engagement rises with his

threat level, and if he continues to refuse to listen and to insist he's right, his threat level will rise quickly.

Their clucking attacks are no laughing matter. Soon they'll call other men (known in the manosphere as white knights) to their defense and when that happens there's deep trouble on the horizon for our anti-hero. The fearsome vengeance of white knights is the real reason few sensible men are either willing or in a strong enough position to brave becoming truly detestable to a group of women. To us in the manosphere such a person is legendarily lawless, a man worthy of admiration and praise. To feminist women he's a contemptuous devil who infantilizes them by playfully ridiculing their scorn, who abusively confronts them with the hard truth of their errors, and who narcissistically refuses to back down or repent when he's not wrong. They see no redeeming qualities in him, and in their hysterics this more than justifies inciting other men to do real violence against him. Soon when the woman start to carelessly let fly with false accusations of rape, abuse, paternity, inadequate alimony or child support, workplace sexism or other serious offenses, they will show exactly how hard the heart of a wronged woman is. They will not spare him from any cruel public punishment they can muster. It's a rare man who can live in this minefield immune from harm.

Every generation has had such extraordinary scoundrels as our anti-hero just as every generation has had far greater numbers of more ordinary scoundrels with the sense to try to learn from their betters by emulating him. But where he eluded the consequences of his actions his followers may not escape as freely. Female shaming is a growing organism that adapts to answer every challenge. It has evolved from being conjured up by the few wives in our ancestral villages or tribes to now being the product of a vast number of women in a bewilderingly greater variety of roles. Today's shaming circle includes the psychologists who're constantly refining their labels to describe more misbehaving men, the self help groups encouraging women to share their stories of victimhood, the women's centers demonizing husbands and fathers, the feminists railing against the patriarchy in the popular media, the heavily feminist family courts, the victim entitlement based government, and the pro-single mom social welfare system. All of these are an extension of the ancestral female shaming which teaches us that when an upset woman appeals to the shaming circle on any issue that holds the communal sympathies, the man who upset her or any man who opposes her is wrong regardless of any explanation.

To some it would seem that our ancestral habit of women communally inflicting shame on men is completely out of place in the modern feminist world where women aim to be equal. However I'm someone who's always believed that natural selection is smarter than all of us. Human ideals (like feminism) that may be in vogue during one generation may be completely reviled in the next. But natural selection works over a longer period and reveals the real truth in our history. I believe feminism may breed itself out, but on the other hand society may become more feminist. Natural selection will eventually give us the answer as to whether it confers some advantage and is therefore "right". However I believe that society's need to shame men actually conflicts with feminism, and that because society's need to shame men comes from a deep and longstanding truth that has lasted for many more generations than the current feminism, this is another indication that feminism can't last. I say shaming conflicts with feminism because the shaming circle acknowledges that men have responsibility to protect and care for their women. Shaming men who mis-"lead" women is implicitly an acknowledgment that in some fundamental ways men do "lead" women. Discouraging men from mis-"leading" women is an encouragement for men to "lead" women well, and it's an acceptance of women's need to find men who will lead them.

In acknowledging the need for some degree of male leadership in male-female relationships, the female shaming circle is actually an indictment of today's feminism, as women are deprived of men's leadership and commitment when feminism removes any incentive for men to commit to the leading male role. Particularly so since in the last few generations feminism has been a powerful force entitling women to their husband's labor while absolving all their responsibilities to him, encouraging women not to have any loyalty or allegiance to the husbands they have given responsibility for leading them. That feminism disincentivizes men from taking the male role while the shaming circle encourages it pits feminism directly against the shaming circle given to us through the natural selection of human behaviors that proved beneficial to societies over countless eons. Since feminism is working against deep forces that have been in existence for much longer that it has, feminism may only be a temporary blip

in human history. Still we're at a point where men very sensibly see the male role as a losing proposition, and that realization has brought us to a strange crossroads.

Female communal shaming becomes powerless when men withdraw themselves from the possibility of being harmed through any connection to society. Young men only take on roles in which they can be coerced or harmed when they marry, become fathers, are beholden to the society for employment, or partake in one of the many other resources at their shaming community's disposal. However becoming a man today doesn't mean getting a serious job, getting married, or even moving out of your parent's basement. Increasingly men are withdrawing from exposure to any harm.

Instead of society harboring just a few legendarily detestable scoundrels among legions of modest hardworking family men, more men than ever are now are heavily fortified against the shaming circle and so are at liberty to be as lawless among women and as devoted to their own self interests as the worst in history have ever been. Rather than "lead" women honorably they have raised to a religion the GAME of manipulating women's emotions for their own pleasure. Rather than dedicating themselves to working slavish hours to support a woman who feels no responsibility to cook, clean or be faithful, and who feels entitled to neglect his sexual needs, now that the rewards of relationships are even smaller men are free to instead invest their time pursuing their most far-flung dreams or indulging their most frivolous diversions. Today's men are more free to bang their way across Europe than at any time since the second world war. Today's men are more free to go their own way or to become ghosts … all with less public censure than ever.

Young men struggling along difficult soulless career paths so one day they might be a good provider have long fantasized about such an escape. Married men stuck in traffic on the long commute back to ungrateful wives have dreamed forever about a more narcissistic existence free of all that crushing responsibility. But in the past the costs of escape for men were always too high. It's a strange twist that feminism may be exactly what's allowing men to set the worst of themselves free and embrace their inner narcissist. Though it's the only patch of light in the middle of an anti-male dystopia, nevertheless it's feminism that's brought this one small gift for men.

After 25, Women Are Just Wasting Time

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I've got a female friend I talk to fairly regularly, and while we don't see eye-to-eye on everything, I find she has a pretty good take on the American situation regarding men's and women's relations. So, while talking the other day about how young women are holding out for so long these days, she gave me a good insight about how attitudes amongst the young are influencing family formation.

As one gets older, life patterns that were hidden by youth and inexperience start to emerge. This is often accompanied by the realization that a lot of what we took for granted while young was dead wrong. For example, when in their adolescence and 20s, people tend to assume that "anything is possible" — that if you just believe hard enough things can come true. It's an endearing trait in young people, and rather sweet, but eminently subject to manipulation, and usually not even close to true.

The reality is that by about 25, your future can be fairly well predicted by your life at that point. Perhaps not the details, but the general character. The thing is, people don't change much past that age. Of course, things can happen to alter your course. You could land a great job, get laid off, develop an addiction or come into an inheritance. However, you can usually take a look at what someone is doing at around 25 or so and predict what they will be doing in ten years. Chances are, it won't be too different. This holds true even for those on the fringes, such as Bill Gates and habitual criminals. Bill Gates may not have been so rich at 25, but he was already working hard and competing in business. The circumstances may have changed around him as he succeeded, but the man and his mission remained fundamentally the same. Someone in jail for theft at 25 may eventually get better at stealing, and land a job where he can do so without facing prosecution (e.g. faith healer, new age guru, etc.), but he's still going to be the kind of guy who likes taking without offering anything in return.

However, young American women have been sold a bill of goods. They think that if they hold out and continue to believe, something *miraculous* will happen. A recent story about Marina Keegan, a Yale graduate who tragically died in a car crash, highlights this.

Here's a passage from her final essay:

> We're so young. We're so young. We're twenty-two years old. We have so much time. There's this sentiment I sometimes sense, creeping in our collective conscious as we lay alone after a party, or pack up our books when we give in and go out – that it is somehow too late. That others are somehow ahead. More accomplished, more specialized. More on the path to somehow saving the world, somehow creating or inventing or improving. That it's too late now to BEGIN a beginning and we must settle for continuance, for commencement.
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> When we came to Yale, there was this sense of possibility. This immense and indefinable potential energy – and it's easy to feel like that's slipped away. We never had to choose and suddenly we've had to. Some of us have focused ourselves. Some of us know exactly what we want and are on the path to get it; already going to med school, working at the perfect NGO, doing research. To you I say both congratulations and you suck.
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> For most of us, however, we're somewhat lost in this sea of liberal arts. Not quite sure what road we're on and whether we should have taken it. If only I had majored in biology…if only I'd gotten involved in journalism as a freshman…if only I'd thought to apply for this or for that…
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> What we have to remember is that we can still do anything. We can change our minds. We can start over. Get a post-bac or try writing for the first time. The notion that it's too late to do anything is comical. It's hilarious. We're graduating college. We're so young. We can't, we MUST not lose this sense of possibility because in the end, it's all we have.

Marina was a much-loved daughter and bright, energetic girl. The point I'm making here is in no way intended to disparage her memory, and as I mentioned before this sense of hope and possibility is one of the most endearing

things about the young. The only reason I'm choosing her essay to make a point is that, because she was a gifted writer, she was very good at expressing exactly the outlook I am referring to here.

Actually, Marina points out two mistakes that characterize youthful thinking. The first, which she herself rejects, is the idea that one can plot out a perfect path through taking predetermined steps. This is flawed reasoning. Although we can count on being the same person some years down the road, circumstances are very hard to predict. The first group of Yale students is mistaken, but perhaps not as far off the mark as the second.

The second attitude, which characterizes her personal philosophy, is that it's never too late to do anything. She calls the idea that it might be important to do some things before they are too late "comical" and "hilarious." A 22-year-old Yale graduate may still have some time to laugh at this notion, but really not as much as one might think. Four years of college buys women precious little time in the mating market. It may make them more eligible as far as stable, employable husbands are concerned, but the same factors that affect the value of a working-class girl are at work with Ivy League grads.

I'd guess that college buys young women about exactly as much time as it takes for them to complete it, because their pool of future mates tends to go through the same process (although the distorted sex ratio in college is changing this). That's to say that she has her best shot to land a good match up to perhaps 25, whereas an average girl might have it up to 21. It isn't to say that they have to get married immediately, but rather that by that age they should have already found a future husband. Most people put off marriage for a few years, so when you see the well-educated woman marrying at 28 or so, she's probably already had that boyfriend for several years.

The problem with young women today is that they internalize this "anything is possible" attitude and don't lose it until it really is too late for many of them. They think they can do better at 30 than at 22, which, in most cases, is simply wrong. Some might say that family and men are not a priority for these girls, but women for whom this is really true throughout life are an insignificant minority. In fact, most women are holding out precisely because they think they can get a better man later, perhaps when they have a better job and work with more powerful men.

But these girls are not going to change fundamentally, and in their early 20s are at the peak of their beauty while still retaining an innocent charm. Nothing about their looks or personality is going to make them more appealing at 30 than at 22, and the men available to them are not going to get any better, either.

And what of the men? At 25, is he serious, responsible and cautious? There you have a man who will probably have a good, but perhaps not remarkable, career. Does he prefer smoking weed and playing video games in his spare time? There you have a future couch potato. Is he competitive, materialistic and a smooth talker? Sounds like a salesman. Does he charm his way into bed with you and then drift away after a couple months of passion? Well, in that case you just got gamed.

The point is that neither men nor women change fundamentally past a certain point, and the same guys young women have available in their early 20s are generally the same guys that will be available at 30, only they will be older and, due to marriage, there will be far fewer of them.

For men who want a family, the same rules apply, although they are somewhat more forgiving. However, contrary to some common refrains I read, younger women are not always better for mature men. It's easy to fall in love with a beautiful young girl while overlooking some fundamental incompatibility or flaws in the relationship, and these days, without any protection from marriage, that can end pretty badly. A man may be able to wait a bit longer, and even gain some by doing so, but past a certain point – say the early 30s – that no longer applies except in the case of very wealthy or powerful men. By 35, most men are faced with the same problem that women run into in their late 20s: the pool of potential mates is aging and rapidly shrinking.

It's time we started being honest with the young people around us. When I was a kid, we were force-fed the message that we can do and be whatever we want from before kindergarten. Too many of us find out the hard way that this was a lie, but fortunately when it comes to career and getting by in life we tend to survive it. However, when it comes to family, the results can be far more cruel, especially for women. Time tends to accelerate past a

certain age, and the 25-year old woman soon finds herself 30, and then 35, and at that point she's got precious little of it left. Perhaps at 22 she was laughing about the "comical" notion that it could ever be too late, but after a certain point it is no longer comedy, but tragedy, and her laughter turns to tears.

Senile Doctor Wants to Award $50,000 to Women Who Have Illegitimate Children

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Evan Evans, a retired OB/GYN from Utah, has proposed a bill that he thinks will obviate abortion. His idea is to force all unmarried fathers to fork over $50,000 to their babymommas. Leaving aside the fact that most unmarried fathers don't have $50,000 lying around – and probably never will – the idea that lots of women will not be able to somehow convince *some* man to sleep with them is hilarious. All this bill will ensure is that the dumbest men with the least self-control will inseminate the majority of single mothers. It is such a stupid idea that it should be read aloud in congress as a joke (although I don't know how many would get it).

Since Evans began practicing medicine in the 1950s, I'm guessing he's well into his 80s. Although I don't know for certain whether men really thought these kinds of plans might work back then, it's possible, and that might explain how some of the godawful law around child support and divorce came into being.

As people live longer and the ratio of older to younger people has grown, the influence of old-fashioned ideas may actually be stronger than it used to be. This is counterintuitive, because we are frequently told that we are in a "new, progressive, era," but just look how much influence 1960s style radicalism – a half-century old by now – still exerts on society. Both academia and the media sometimes seem stuck in Vietnam and the various "movements" of the time, because those were the formative years of senior managers and editorialists. PBS is possibly the most glaring example of this, with fuddy-duddies like Garrison Keillor still very popular amongst the geriatric progressive crowd.

This also brings up an interesting question. Are liberal, progressive youngsters now the reactionary, goody-two-shoes squares?

How did Feminism Grow so Powerful?

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Wednesday's post about how people (and women in particular) are wasting time, often while pursuing futile goals, has brought up some discussion of the origins of feminism in recent comments. There's something very cult-like about the way feminism has emerged as a mass movement, and this characteristic has given rise to a lot of speculation about who was responsible for really getting it off the ground. Some have suggested Communists and the Frankfurt School, and others Victorian politics. There are a lot of theories, but what's undeniable is that it burst onto the world scene in a big way in the mid-20th century.

Before this, I suspect there had always been various proto-feminist movements of one sort or another. From fertility cults in the ancient world, which survive today in Asia and perhaps parts of Africa, to the proliferation of witchcraft in late medieval Europe and then the political feminism that emerged in early 19th century Britain in response to the French Revolution's ideals of equality.

I think feminism in one form or another has always been with us, and has always been part of the human experience. Even male feminists have always existed. There have been certain men from time immemorial who, despising their fellow men, maintain a worshipful attitude toward the feminine. But it has never been much more than a nuisance, or perhaps at worst an underground criminal industry, as in the abortionists that were prosecuted in Europe following the population depletion that accompanied the plague.

One rather remarkable passage from Alonso de Salazar Frías, a Spanish inquisitor who recommended that witches not be executed because they were not actually doing much, but rather simply delusional, highlights some of the similarities between modern feminist wishful thinking and the claims of witches, which were fantastic accounts of being able to do pretty much anything:

> The real question is: are we to believe that witchcraft occurred in a given situation simply because of what the witches claim? No: it is clear that the witches are not to be believed, and the judges should not pass sentence on anyone, unless the case can be proven with external and objective evidence sufficient to convince everyone who hears it. And who can accept the following: that a person can frequently fly through the air and travel a hundred leagues in an hour; that a woman can get through a space not big enough for a fly; that a person can make himself invisible; that he can be in a river or the open sea and not get wet; or that he can be in bed at the sabbath at the same time… and that a witch can turn herself into any shape she fancies, be it housefly or raven? Indeed, these claims go beyond all human reason and may even pass the limits permitted by the Devil.

So what is it that turned feminism from a mere annoyance into a widespread, powerful cult that is supported by none other than the President of the United States and other leaders throughout the West?

I suspect the answer has something to do with mass communication and mob psychology. In the past, feminism or other odd, associated cults would emerge in some region, but would remain contained therein. Because it isn't a proper religion that moves men to fight and sacrifice themselves, it was never in any danger of sweeping into power on a broad scale. It seems to me to be no coincidence at all that the rise of feminism coincided with television, mass-marketing and consumerism, because when the quirks of female psychology could be manipulated and fostered for profit or power on a widespread scale, it suddenly became a force in its own right.

There's a great documentary – actually, the best I've ever seen – that documents the rise of mass psychology and the various methods people use to manipulate it for power and or profit. I'm sure a number of readers have seen it, but it's worth mentioning "The Century of the Self" again, because it goes into great detail about the communication and psychological trends that have shaped contemporary society. Evidently, Freud was a real pioneer in this area, although he himself didn't put his ideas into practice; his nephew did.

You can watch The Century of the Self for free online, either on YouTube or through Google video.

For a relatively high definition online link (Vimeo), click here.

Rainbow Toilets: A National Priority

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I saw a story on the local news about a student-led initiative, and watched to see what it was students were concerned about. Could it be the high price of textbooks? Rising tuition? Student loan issues? Nope. The student initiative concerned "gender-neutral bathrooms," which are apparently a burning necessity due to gender identity ambiguity.

Some students don't feel comfortable in either bathroom, so they agitated for gender neutral bathrooms. In several local colleges, they have successfully changed some bathrooms to neutral status.

So why were these bathrooms really necessary? I found an article from 2009, in which a lesbian student describes a horrifying situation, in which she was told by a male student to use the correct bathroom next time. The student, who goes by the name Tenzin Mingyur Paldron, decided she felt more comfortable using the male bathroom — but only if there weren't actually any men in it.

> Given the fact that I look like a man to most people, or a very queer-looking female, restrooms are a frequent place of discomfort for me. I usually use women's restrooms because I have always felt male restrooms to be sources of more potential violence. However, almost always when using the women's restroom—since my teens and more frequently every year—I encounter some kind of problem. Usually this involves stares or words of some kind; sometimes, aggressive body language and confrontations. On this particular day, at Evergreen, I chose the women's room.
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> Upon entering the women's room, I heard voices, so I immediately left, without anyone seeing me. I entered the men's and found it empty. Relieved, I entered a stall and closed it. A few seconds after I started using the toilet, I heard someone enter. I tensed a little, but knew I'd be fine, and that I'd just wait for the person to leave. Oddly, I didn't hear him make any noises indicating that he was using the facilities himself, and a couple moments later I felt a presence outside the stall door.
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> "Next time, use the right restroom," the voice from outside the stall said.
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> The tone was unfriendly, and I experienced a menacing anger coming toward me. The man paused for a moment, then left.
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> I exited the restroom shortly afterward and luckily found my girlfriend waiting outside for me. I asked her if she had seen the man who exited, and she had. She thought it was strange because he had literally run out the door and around the corner. I told her what happened, and that's when this experience of restroom intimidation really changed for me. It turned out she knew who he was, that he was a staff member in one of the first floor departments. This change is significant, because never in my experience of restroom intimidation have I ever been in a vicinity that I frequent and experience the harassment coming from a person based in the same location. It is only because of this unique aspect of the incident that I had any power to address it. In the vast majority of restroom harassment cases, the target never has such a chance.

Am I heartless for finding this funny? I thought restroom harassment was when someone bangs on the door and tells you to hurry up. But poor Tenzin runs the gauntlet every time she has to take a dump.

The solution – gender neutral bathrooms – doesn't really offend me. In fact, the more bathrooms the better. If either normal bathroom is full, then one can just scoot on over to the neutral one and relieve oneself. However, I suspect that, as a straight male, I would find myself distinctly unwelcome in the "gender-neutral bathroom." And that's really all this is about:

> The campus has a few single-stall unisex restrooms already. Many college campuses have designated such facilities in recent years in response to hate crimes committed against transgender students in restrooms. But

> the existing gender-neutral restrooms at WSUV are few and far between on the sprawling campus, Teal said.
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> And the two students' aim isn't to have more such restrooms built on campus. That would just allow those subjected to the harassment to hide, they say.
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> The two want to make people think about preconceived notions of gender.

What gender-confused people have done is carve out their own special accommodation despite being perhaps 0.2% of the population (that's being generous). On our dime, of course. Now that these rainbow toilets have been installed, I expect that the next story about them will concern men "harassing" people in them, because you can bet your last dollar that those accusations will be used to keep ordinary men out of them, so now we'll just have to make do with fewer toilets.

Right Conduct

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…precondition to, or result of, freedom?

Whereas statists and busybodies would point to the former, early twentieth century libertarian thinker Albert Jay Nock, quoted in this article over at Reason, claims the latter:

> The point is that any enlargement [of government], good or bad, reduces the scope of individual responsibility, and thus retards and cripples the education which can be a product of nothing but the free exercise of moral judgment. Like the discipline of the army, again, any such enlargement, good or bad, depraves this education into a mere routine of mechanical assent. The profound instinct against being "done for our own good" . . . is wholly sound. Men are aware of the need of this moral experience as a condition of growth, and they are aware, too, that anything tending to ease it off from them, even for their own good, is to be profoundly distrusted. The practical reason for freedom, then, is that freedom seems to be the only condition under which any kind of substantial moral fibre can be developed.

Let us assume for this post that 'liberty' and 'freedom' are interchangeable, even though Classical Liberal theorists would distinguish between the two concepts. Nock asserts that it is freedom that best educates a man in moral behavior, and that the guiding hand of those in authority, however well-intentioned, invariably stunts a fellow's moral development.

At first blush, it seems that at least one of the Founders would agree with Nock

> The laws of man may bind him in chains or may put him to death, but they never can make him wise, virtuous, or happy — John Adams

But that is not the entire story, for a great many of them also hold that virtue is a precursor to freedom:

> To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people, is a chimerical idea — James Madison

> Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters — Benjamin Franklin

> [M]en will be free no longer then while they remain virtuous — Samuel Adams

On this point, the Founders seem to be in wide agreement. Virtue, right thought and conduct, predicates freedom.

So, then, having established that (a) government is powerless to instill virtue in men and (b) virtue is a necessary condition for freedom, from where does a man obtain moral training? I have my biases, but I turn instead to the thoughts of our first president

> Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim tribute to patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness — these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. . . . reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principles — George Washington

Washington is correct here. Virtue is instilled and shaped by Faith and the practice of it. It does not spring up *ex nihilo*, it is not the product of reason alone which, famously being the Devil's whore, has demonstrably failed to restrain man's more lethal passions, let alone engender systemic freedom.

But this is not to say that Nock does not have some claim on the truth here. For while we have established that more fiber is accessed into man through Faith, if not into each person individually then into the body politic as a whole, it seems sensible to conceive that it may then be subsequently sharpened and enhanced through the practice of freedom. Put another way, Faith equips men with the basic tools of moral behavior, which are then further refined through practical application in an environment that tests each man's fiber.

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Book Review: Moral Politics

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The Book: *Moral Politics–How Liberals and Conservatives Think*, by George Lakoff, 426 pages.

Summary:In this book, Mr. Lakoff [wiki website UC Berkley profile], a professor of linguistics at UC – Berkeley, proposes that the differing political *weltanschauung* between "conservatives" and "liberals" are rooted in the differing mental models of the idealized family to which they subscribe. He offers up two metaphors for these models, roughly approximating Left and Right, known as "nurturant parent" and "strict father" metaphors, respectively. As these model/metaphors are central to Mr. Lakoff's framing of politics–the nation as family and government as parent–and his explication of why the Left and the Right often have mutually opposing political philosophies, they will be discussed in more detail below:

In Mr. Lakoff's "Nurturant Parent" model,

> love, empathy, and nurturance are primary, and children become responsible, self-disciplined, and self-reliant through being cared for, respected, and caring for other, both in their family and in their community. Support and protection are part of nurturance. The obedience of children comes out of their love and respect for their parents and their community, not out of the fear of punishment. If their authority is to be legitimate, parents must explain why their decisions serve the cause of protection and nurturance; questioning by children is seen as positive, since children need to learn why their parents do what they do and since children often have good ideas that should be taken seriously.
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> The principal goal of nurturance is for children to be fulfilled and happy in their lives. A fulfilling live is assumed to be a nurturant life–one committed to family and community responsibility. What children need to learn most is empathy for others, the capacity for nurtuance, and the maintenance of social ties, which cannot be done without the respect, self-discipline, and self-reliance that comes through being cared for.

Of "Nurturant Parent" morality (NPM for short), Lakoff writes:

> [while] this model of the family seems to have begun as a woman's model, it has now become widespread in America among both sexes. [This model of] a family of preferably two parents, but perhaps only one. If two, the parents share household responsibilities.

Moral behaviors in NPM are defined as empathy, compassion, self- social-, and environmental-nurturance, happiness, self-development, fair distribution, and personal growth. Discouraged in NPM are actions that are likely to impair one's or other's health, acts that make one or others unhappy, harm children, violate some standard of "fair distribution", or focus on retribution / punishment instead of restitution / rehabilitation. Interestingly, about NPM, Lakoff claims that "morality as empathy and nurturance…means that one cannot maintain a strict good-evil dichotomy"; in other words, NPM morality is relative morality.

In contrast, Lakoff's "Strict Father" model

> posits a traditional nuclear family, with the father having primary responsibility for supporting and protecting the family as well as the authority to set overall policy, to set strict rules for the behavior of children, and to enforce the rules. The mother has day-to-day responsibility for the care of the house, raising the children, and upholding the father's authority. Children must respect and obey their parents; by doing so the build character, that is, self-discipline and self-reliance. Love and nurturance are of course a vital part of family life but can never outweigh parental authority, which is itself an expression of love and nurturance–tough love. Self-discipline, self-reliance, and respect for legitimate authority are the crucial things that children must learn. Once children are mature, they are on their own and must depend on their acquired self-discipline to survive.

> Their self-reliance gives them authority over their own destinies, and parents are not to meddle in their lives.
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> Strict Father morality assigns highest priorities to such things as moral strength (the self-discipline and self-control to stand up to external and internal evils), respect for and obedience to authority, the setting and following of strict guidelines and behavioral norms, and so on. Moral self-interest says that if everyone is free to pursue their self-interest, the overall self-interests of all will be maximized. In conservatism, the pursuit of self-interest is seen as a way of using self-discipline to achieve self-reliance.

"Strict Father" morality (hereafter abbreviated as SFM), in Lakoff's book, deems Strength, Authority, Order/Hierarchy, Boundaries, as moral. By contrast, SFM discourages any sort of moral, emotional, physical weakness, illegitimate and/or overstepping authority, violations of the natural order (i.e., God-man-woman-child, or God-man-animal), or deviant behavior. In addition, Lakoff's SFM values punishment over restitution, conceives of rights as impediment-free action (i.e., so-called "negative rights"), morality as wholeness/wholesomeness, and immorality as departures from or corruptions of the pure, whole state. Interestingly, SFM under Lakoff's taxonomy, incorporates the Lockean economic man, where acting in one's own self-interest is seen as moral.

After defining SFM and NPM, and briefly explaining how human morality is operationalized through sometimes contradicting metaphors (thus explaining how human morality is often not internally consistent), Mr. Lakoff illustrates how conservatives and liberals apply their metaphors of the idealized family and related sub-metaphors to certain moral / political quesitons of the day. For example, a conservative (by Lakoff's definition, a person subscribing to SFM) will act to promote "traditional morality" in general, promote self-discipline, responsibility, and reliance, favor rewards and punishments, act to prevent interference with the pursuit of self-interest by self disciplined, self-reliant people, uphold and protect legitimate (parental and government) authority, and protect the citizenry from external evils.

By contrast, liberals subscribing to NPM will value empathetic political behavior, promoting the liberal concept of fairness, helping and protecting those who cannot help and protect themselves, promoting personal fulfillment, and nurturing / strengthening one selves in order to carry out these values.

Mr. Lakeoff writes: "there are two opposed, highly structured, well-grounded, widely accepted, and utterly contradictory moral systems at the center of American politics", and this point is made clear in how conservatives and liberals view the citizen's relationship to the State. Conservatives hold the so-called nuclear family as the ideal family model, and see that family as the atomistic fundamental building block of society that graduates independent, capable, autonomous citizens to interact with other autonomous independent citizens and with a government comprised of other autonomous, independent citizens. Family authority, absolute and totalitarian, is vested in the head of a household; that authority is limited to the boundaries of that household. Complementarily, the authority of the State is also limited by the boundaries of the household, and only in very limited situations would State authority be considered legitimate inside a household. Persons in a household, particularly children, are subject to the authority of the head of household. Persons without are not, and are seen instead as other independent autonomous agents.

For liberals the line is much more blurred. In fact, in Mr. Lakoff's book, the liberal concept of family is much more communitarian in nature. It may or may not have two parents, but is fine with only the mother, and grants to the community a much larger legitimate role in the daily operation of the family. This broader and looser concept of family is then implemented in their politics; whereas conservatives consider the independent adult as independent of the State, even on par or a peer of the State, vested with authority inviolate except under extreme circumstances, the NPM-subscribing liberal views the citizen as a child and the State as parent. As such, even full-grown adults are 'always in the parent's house' in liberal politics, whereas conservatives differentiate between a parent's house (and the totalitarian authority that exists within those walls) and wider society (where the authority of others, including the State, is quite limited).

The differing metaphors liberals and conservatives employ, their two contrary views of the family (atomistic vs

community), and the citizen's role in each domain are central to Mr. Lakoff's family-metaphor-drives-political-morality thesis. The conservatives' two-parent, patriarchal nuclear family model and SFM morality yields a unique set of expectations on how citizens interact with one another and the State, compared with the liberal's more matrifocal / communitarian ("It Takes a Village" is an apt description) family model, which itself drives different expectations as to how citizens interact and encourages the State's much more paternalistic and involved relationship with them.

To illustrate his thesis, Lakoff offers up several examples of how liberals and conservatives apply SFM and NPM to modern political questions and come up with very opposed viewpoints. I'll discuss three of his examples: abortion, welfare, and illegal immigration. With abortion, as with any other moral question, it starts with framing: one can see the new life as a blastocyst, an embryo, a fetus and, once clear of the birth canal, an infant. Note that in this framing, there are no set, defined transitions between blastocyst, embryo, and fetus, just generally recognizable categories. Alternatively, one may choose to see the new life as a potential human, a baby, regardless of the stage of development. This choice of framing is important, for if one sees a clump of cells, an embryo, or fetus–all antiseptic, value-less terms–one is likely to see an abortion as a medical procedure of no moral significance. It belongs in the medical domain of moral thinking. However, if one sees a baby, the question of abortion takes on an entirely different character, a question of life and death, not merely the removal of invasive parasitic tissue.

This tissue-vs-baby framing sets in motion metaphors and values that drive the entire train of subsequent moral reasoning. NPM sees abortion as moral because it promotes the moral virtues of empathy and compassion (for the abortion-seeking female's plight) happiness (satisfying wants), self-nurturance (taking care of the self), social nurturance (relieving burdens from the welfare system, lowering infant mortality rates), environmental nurturance (one less burden on Spaceship Earth), and self-development (keeps the female in school/college/work). In contrast, SFM sees abortion as immoral, an act that destroys innocent life (violating the morality of reward and punishment), that enables moral and emotional weakness and a lack of discipline (extra-marital sexuality, conceiving children one is not in a position to support), violates the natural law (the right to life, the right to self-defense), and violates the natural order (choosing school/college/career over family and motherhood/fatherhood). Given this view, the SFM-subscribing conservative can see abortion as nothing other than irresponsibility-enabling infanticide, while the liberal NPMer can't see what all the fuss is about, except that the SFM conservative is a misogynist for his/her lack of nurturance toward the distressed female (as a NPM liberal who sees nothing but a parasitic clump of tissue, Mr. Lakoff does not make room for the father's or anyone else's interest in what he deems a medical procedure in an autonomous, independent woman's body).

We see a similar dynamic at play when it comes to social programs, albeit without the starkly juxtaposed framing as is the case with abortion. For liberals, who see the government as super-parent whose duty it is to nurture all these citizen-children, social programs are moral. They help people (caring, nurturing, empathy, compassion), help government strengthen itself (self-nurturing), metaphorically "invest" in the people for a later "payoff", and promote fairness (by metaphorically levelling the playing field). Those who do not support social programs are seen as immoral, irresponsible citizens. For conservatives, who see the head of household as an autonomous, independent unit vested with his own authority independent of the State, social programs coddle people, interfering with their learning to be independent and self-sufficient. They make the citizenry morally, physically, and financially weak, interfering with their ability to climb the ladder of opportunity on their own. Furthermore, people receive goods and services they themselves don't earn, are rewarded for immoral behavior or lack of self-discipline, thereby violating the morality of reward and punishment. Moreover, social programs violate the natural law of private property, by forcefully expropriating private property only to give it to others without the citizen's express consent, interfere with nuclear family formation (violating the natural order of God-husband-wife), by taking from men and married fathers and giving to unwed/remarried mothers an income independent of a husband, and also violate authority boundaries–becoming in effect, illegitimate authority–by excessively interfering in a head-of-household's affairs. Additionally, social programs violate Lockean self-interest and undermine the free market by allocating rewards by political processes rather than impartial free market mechanisms.

Another issue of fundamental disagreement between liberals and conservatives, again stemming from differing metaphors for family, is illegal immigration. For liberals, illegal aliens are morally innocent, being exploited by employers or were lured into the country by the availability of work. These innocents provide value to the nation's household, and it would be immoral to throw them out. It is the 'parent's' job to care for these children-in-making. For conservatives, illegal aliens are not citizens, therefore are not in *our* national family, to say nothing of our immediate family, and are breaking the law to boot, hence providing goods and services to illegal aliens is akin to providing goods and services to children who barged into our home uninvited. We can see how conservatives and liberal metaphors of family explain their differing positions on political questions.

Given these differences, it is not difficult at all to see how liberal arguments for abortion, social programs, and fondness for illegal aliens make no sense at all for conservatives and vice versa. Compassion, fairness, wise investment, financial responsibility, self-interest…all are defined and implemented differently. And both sides consider the other to advocate immorality.

Mr. Lakoff completes the last quarter of his book by advocating for the superiority of NPM over SFM, an unsurprising position for a nurturant liberal who works in a nurturant institution (education).

Commentary: Overall, I found Mr. Lakoff's book to be a very interesting attempt at faithfully characterizing the disparate ways that liberals and conservatives approach political questions. I learned quite a bit from this book about metaphorical moral reasoning, and gleaned a much fuller realization at just how far apart liberals and conservatives are on cultural questions as a result of these metaphors. And although he tries very hard to honorably separate his self-admitted liberal and pro-NPM politics from his analysis of conservative thought, his political stripes still show through in many places. It starts with the language that he uses, i.e., 'strict father' vs 'nurturant parent'. The former term is sex-specific and is freighted with negative connotation, the implication being that conservatives are stern and intolerant and maybe even violent. The latter term however, is not sex-specific and possesses a positive connotation–the implication is that liberal NPMs are caring and empathic, non-violent, somehow better. This bad-father-good-mother framing pervades through the entire book; "nurturant parent" and "strict father" terminology load the analysis dice already, in effect "settling" issues of 'strict father' and 'nurturant parent' morality are "once the words are chosen" (Mr. Lakoff's own words, used when discussing how liberals and conservatives view abortion, apply equally here).

Try as hard as he does, Mr. Lakoff's view of SFM tends toward caricature. He casts SFM as caring more about "upholding itself", maintaining the SFM moral structure, and the SFM moral order, than real questions of judging right and wrong. Furthermore, having defined SFM in pejorative terms, Mr. Lakoff moves quickly and easily from "strict father" imagery to "abusive father" assertions in several places in the text (the author does parenthetically say "and mothers who subscribe to SFM morality" where "abusive father" occurs, but my point still stands). This framing, a tell-tale indicator of Mr. Lakoff's true feelings about SFM, nonetheless conflicts with the evidence that highlights women–nurturers in his conceptualization–as the primary perpetrators of child abuse and neglect and equal abusers of spouses (on par with men).

The author also betrays his negative feelings about SFM morality with reference to faith. He mischaracterizes conservative Christianity's concept of God, ascribing to conservatives a transactional faith-by-works religion and reserving for liberals the concept of Grace. Which I find a bit ironic in that, in practice, it is conservatives who incorporate grace *and repentance* into their *weltanschauung* (grace being necessary to redeem flawed, fallen, sinful beings whose flesh tends to evil) and liberals whose actions suggest that the works of their hands alone can make man holy and perfect. Mr. Lakoff makes the mistake of conflating nurturant permissiveness with grace, and confuses conservatives' focus on the necessity of repentance with legalistic intolerance.

One observation I had from reading this book is how much of a coup it was when leftists successfully instituted Hindu-Prussian-style compulsory public schooling in American and throughout Western Civilization in the 19th century. As Mr. Lakoff puts it, "to be in charge of the teaching of morality is to be in charge of the teaching of politics", and I don't think even Mr. Lakoff would argue with the assertion that nurturants…women, leftist men, are

in charge of the public schools. Therefore it is nurturants, and not Mr. Lakoff's demon SFMers, who are in charge of teaching morality and therefore political education. Nurturants have already answered Mr. Lakoff's call to arms, where he exhorts fellow leftists

> if progressives want young Americans to grow up to have progressive values, the first thing they should do is promote Nurturant Parenting

What Mr. Lakoff fails to mention is that leftists have already captured the schooling institutions from primary school through university. They already have hundreds of thousands of taxpayer-funded churches that inculcate NPM to millions of fresh young minds each year. Seen in this way, we again see how revolutionary an act it is for conservatives to homeschool their children. Not only do homeschoolers–a plurality of whom are conservative Christians–ensure the transmittal of SFM morality, values, and politics to the next generation, they are throwing a wrench into the entire Leftist reproductive machinery, whose mechanism for self-perpetuation is it to create new, cookie-cutter, unthinking cogs for the big government left-wing (but I repeat myself) social machine.

Another observation I gleaned from this book, on the order of "liberals are from another planet", was Mr. Lakoff's assertion that liberals believe in relative morality, in effect, that liberals have gone beyond good and evil. They apparently sees things not in black and white but in grayscale instead. The implications of this blew me away…that perhaps conservatives are alone in recognizing that objective good and evil do exist, and that liberals don't consciously elect to ignore evil, rather, they can't recognize evil *qua* evil at all. Their philosophical blinders won't let them.

About rights, I found Mr. Lakoff's take interesting. As a rightist and as a Believer, I believe our fundamental rights come from God. Men may heap other rights on top of this basic natural-rights foundation, but this addition does not effect our God-given rights with which each of us were born. This perspective apparently clashes with that of Mr. Lakoff, who claims that rights are paired with duties, duties being burdens upon others to provide. This is classic leftist dogma that locates all rights as emanating from the State, dogma that completely ignores the whole host of natural rights that pre-existed the State, rights like property, life, and self-defense, and lumps natural rights into one big commingled batch with man-made constructed rights like the "right to work", the "right to housing", etc. Rights, then, in Mr. Lakoff's construction, are little more than favors granted to citizens by the privilege-granting power of the State, ones that are bought via taxation of other citizens:

> [W]here the duty of guaranteeing rights falls to the government, those rights are "purchased" through taxation. Lower taxes may mean fewer rights. If you want rights, somebody's got to pay for them or provide them. Rights and duties don't come into existence out of nothing.

This view that rights spring from the State helps explain some liberal frustrations with small-government conservatives, minarchists, and libertarians. In their view, the nanny state, Big Momma, is the provider and guarantor of what they have and what others have. Your neighbor has at least partial claim to your property. Self-defense is a collective right. Your right to live is subject to the rationing of the collective; the elderly or infirm may not be worthy of healthcare resources or the unwanted or the disfigured not deemed worthy to be born. Liberty then is a function not of an absence of legal impediment, it is more a freedom that comes from having the materiel and abilities to do what you want, stuff and abilities supplied in equal measure as to the next fellow, all guaranteed by Leviathan.

Mr. Lakoff hit the target in this book by dynamiting the notion that either conservatives or liberals are in any way internally logically consistent in their philosophical views. To the contrary, Mr. Lakoff claims that, beyond some basic fundamental principles, both conservatives and liberals are equally logically inconsistent in their moral philosophies. These inconsistencies are a function of the differing metaphors that an individual person may put in play for a particular situation…"their morality is a hodge-podge of values based on the metaphors they use".

If I were to sum up, in one sentence, the take-away from Mr. Lakoff's book, it would be this: liberals have "mommy" morality, while conservatives have "daddy" morality. A unique and novel characterization, to be sure. Applied to politics, were I required to decide which sort of government I had to live under, well let's just say that under a mommy state, there is no limit of the amount of "nurturing" the State will do for me and to me, since it's "for my own good". The State will go to all sorts of lengths in its nurturing, satisfied that she is doing me a favor. A daddy state, on the other hand, lays out the rules and more or less leaves you alone provided you follow the rules. He'll coach you, encourage you, mentor you, and spank you when you get out of line, but he respects boundaries enough to stay out of your chili.

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Williams v. Ormsby – A Much Needed Victory?

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By Meistergedanken

In a significant decision that attracted a minimal amount of attention in the media, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in February that affection in and of itself is insufficient to meet the legal requirement of "consideration" necessary to constitute a contract.

I imagine that contract law varies from state to state; in Ohio (where I reside) one must meet three requirements for a legal contract. You must have an offer, an acceptance and consideration. In this context, "consideration" describes a transaction of sorts whereby one party gains a benefit or right from the other party while incurring a debt, taking on an obligation or gaining a responsibility.

The particulars of the case of *Williams v. Ormsby* (Slip Opinion No. 2012-Ohio-690) are these: in 2004 Amber Williams (already a divorcee) and Frederick Ormsby formed a romantic relationship and by May of that year Mr. Ormsby had moved into his girlfriend's house. By July they were engaged. In a development that will surprise no one here, Ormsby took over the responsibility of the finances of the couple; he paid the property taxes as well as the entire mortgage for the house. For her part, Williams transferred the title of the property over to her fiancé.

Then, things took a turn for the worse. The relationship went bust and the wedding was called off. Ormsby and Williams drew up a contract to the effect that the house would be sold, with the first $324,000 of the net proceeds (essentially the amount he paid into the house) of the sale going to Ormsby. Anything above that amount would go to Ms. Williams.

Then things took a turn towards crazy. Weeks after the aforementioned agreement was signed, the two decided that there were still mutual romantic feelings. They engaged the services of a couples counselor and resumed their relationship. However, Ms. Williams stipulated an additional condition – she refused to resume their engagement or move back into the house unless Ormsby gave her a 50% stake in the property. Ormsby dutifully complied with her demand and a second contract was drawn up to that effect. I can't help but think that at some point Amber Williams happened to catch the film *Intolerable Cruelty* (which came out in 2003) on cable, and picked up some devious ideas. Anyone see where this is headed?

The relationship soured again, and by 2007 the couple were sufficiently estranged that they were living in separate portions of the house, and in 2008 they filed lawsuits against each other. Williams demanded the second contract be honored, while Ormsby only accepted the first contract that made him the sole owner.

This is where it gets interesting. A county court ruled in 2009 that the second contract was invalid because Ms. Williams hadn't given up anything in return for the financial benefit of half the property. There was no "consideration". In 2010 an appeals court disagreed – claiming that the love and affection Williams showered upon her beloved at the time in fact fulfilled her side of the bargain. Then, it was off to the state Supreme Court.

The court overturned the appeals court ruling, deciding by a convincing 5 – 1 vote (one justice did not vote for some reason) that "gratuitous promises are not enforceable as contracts because there is no consideration." A gift, on the other hand, requires no such condition – but unlike contracts the regulation of gifts does not fall within the purview of the court system (as far as I know). The ruling further stated that "The evidence demonstrates that the only consideration offered by Amber Williams for the June 2005 agreement was her resumption of a romantic relationship with Frederick Ormsby. There is no detriment to Amber…only benefit." And the quote that delivers the coup de grace, "We hold that merely moving into a home with another while engaging in a romantic relationship is not consideration for the formation of a contract."

When asked by the court if Ms. Williams had given up "anything of value" that merited consideration for the contract, she replied, "I didn't pay him anything, no. I thought what was of value was the fact that we were sharing

all sorts of things. He had my love." Ah, chutzpah. This pattern has been identified here before, of course. His love (they were "sharing", after all) accounts for nothing, while hers was worth hundreds of thousands of dollars!

I am not going to claim that this ruling marks a historic turning point for men, or even a monumental decision, but it is nonetheless of great importance. In effect, an [unmarried] cohabitating woman can no longer legally claim that she is entitled to half your stuff because she was intimate with you, shared her *feelings* and occasionally boiled you an egg for breakfast. As more couples choose to cohabitate rather than marry, this ruling may provide men desperately needed protection from would-be asset-strippers (my least favorite kind of stripper, BTW).

An epilogue to this tale: it is of considerable interest to note that of the seven justices on the Supreme Court, six are Republicans and the remaining one is a Democrat. The judge that was in the minority, Justice Paul Pfeifer, is a Republican – although he has often aligned with Democrats on the court over the course of his tenure. He dissented on the grounds that the second contract was worded exactly the same way as the first, was between the same parties and concerned the same property, so the second contract should be as valid, even though the "valuable consideration" it mentioned has completely unstated specifics. In this sense he seems to be at least attempting to adhere to a strict interpretation of the law, and as such is hardly an activist judge, merely a misguided one.

To those who consistently and tediously assert that there is no discernible difference between Democrats and Republicans (of which some of the latter are balking at expanded provisions of the VAWA proposed by the former at the moment I write this during the month of April) I ask: do you or anyone here believe that this same ruling could have been issued, in say, California or Massachusetts? If nothing else, it behooves men to elect a political party that will not appoint judges that are inherently hostile to men's interests; even indifference is preferable to the creeping horrors of liberal activism in America's courtrooms.

Full opinion at:

http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/rod/docs/pdf/0/2012/2012-ohio-690.pdf

An Historic Wrong Still Needs Righting

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Slavery and the attendant racial problems in the US have left a permanent scar on our nation, causing our worst war to date, suffering and oppression on an enormous scale, and a lasting animosity that always simmers beneath the surface of American society. Much has been done to redress wrongs, but one of the most fundamental crimes of slavery is still practiced, only by another name.

Those who have read Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* closely cannot miss that one of the most important themes of the book is fatherhood. Poor young Huck was stuck with Pap Finn, a wretched father who beat and used his son cruelly, drinking himself into oblivion whenever he could get his hands on his corn whiskey. When Huck ran off after a particularly bad drinking bout on Pap's part, he found Jim, who, having recently taken flight himself, helped him get by in the woods and make his way downriver.

As it turned out, Huck fled from a bad father, while Jim went on the run to *be* a father. Jim was to be sold away from his family, and rather than accept this with resignation, Jim became a runaway slave, which could lead to terrible punishment.

The relationship between Huck and Pap Finn is often explained as an allegory of the relationship between Britain and her colonies. Twain liked to use such methods in his writing, but was usually more explicit about it, so there was likely more to it than that. Although much of Twain's political views and personality shine through in the odd adventures and colorful characters who animate the book, it is above all a story of a fatherless son and a childless father.

Huck Finn has come under some criticism for the portrayal of Jim as a superstitious, unsophisticated caricature of a southern slave. But for all the supposed patronizing racism of the prose and dialog, Jim comes off as a fundamentally decent, caring man and, most importantly, a loving, dedicated father. He cares for Huck as though he were his own son, protects him from distress, and helps feed him. His greatest regret is berating his daughter for not listening, and then realizing to his horror that she'd gone deaf. And this decent father is to be removed from his children at the whim of his "superiors." This is the most powerful condemnation of slavery in the book. It is a rebuke to all those who would defend the institution of slavery, and it is delivered through the example of fatherhood.

Sadly, when it comes to the black family, things don't look all that different today. Black men are still removed from their children on a whim. Social welfare workers sever black men from their families as a routine matter. They inject feminist theory into the black community like so much poison, and advocate the use of police to separate men from their children. If we were to go by the dismal statistics, we'd have to assume there aren't more than three black men in ten qualified to be in their children's lives.

The very deep reach of government workers and agencies into the black family creates another kind of servitude. Black mothers who go on the dole are owned by the government (if not in word, in fact), which then asserts its claim over their children's father and drives a financial wedge between parents, all too often separating father from children. Women's advocates in black communities are mainly white, and a disproportionate number of them are of the lesbian feminist persuasion, prone to seeing men as expendable at best, but more often as a menace to be dealt with by the law, and sometimes as sexual competition. They also hold significant power over their female charges, and can exert pressure for sexual favors, a problem that has been alleged at women's shelters, but surely exists elsewhere as well. The relationship between government agent and public charge is loaded with the potential for exploitation, and just as pederasts were attracted to the priesthood, a certain kind of female who fancies young single mothers is attracted to social work.

Over the last 50 years, we have steadily re-created the conditions of slavery in the black family, and hardly a protest is raised outside of the black community. First, social welfare programs that rewarded women for kicking husbands

out of the home began the trend. Then, when the fatherless children caused a crime wave, incarceration at extremely high rates further exacerbated it. Finally came welfare reform that not only incentivized father removal, but also put fathers on the hook for the welfare that came on the condition that they were kicked out their child's life. The pressure black fathers have been put under by policy is so severe, and so obviously designed to remove men from their families, that when one hears a politician bemoaning absent fathers in the black community one is tempted to tar and feather the bastard.

You'd think this state of affairs would be a national source of shame, but somehow people have accepted it as normal. So much so that a myth has developed around Africa being a traditionally matriarchal continent, where fathers never mattered much anyway. This is pure garbage. Traditional African families are not, and never have been, matriarchal. As a rule, West African families are patrilineal, virilocal, and patriarchal.

Of course, when you enslave men, suddenly their authority in the family means very little. Whether they are owned by the private sector, as in the old South, or the public sector, as in our big cities today, matters little. The effect is to strip them of any influence over their families and hand it to public schools, social welfare agencies and the police. Meanwhile, this is all justified by appeals to "elevate" blacks from their deplorable condition — just like in good old slavery. However, if you want to believe that, you also have to believe that slave masters and social workers know what's better for children than their own fathers, and care just as much. Frankly, I just don't buy it, but, as mentioned before, only some three out of ten black kids grow up with dad — if that.

What this means is that there's either something very wrong with our policy, or something very wrong with black men. Given that blacks survived on their own for millennia before coming into contact with other civilizations, it's got to be the former.

If Mark Twain were alive today, he'd look at the situation and shake his head as it became clear that black men have it no better than Jim did where family is concerned. For all the supposed progress we've made, some things just remain the same.

As a white man, I chafe at the notion of white guilt, but there are some things my government does that make me sick. Systematically removing children from their fathers – an injustice that falls disproportionately on black men – is one of them. We all pay the price for it in higher incarceration rates, police costs and social welfare. The costs are enormous. But, most importantly, like slavery it is an intolerable moral wrong for which there can be no justification other than purely callous self-interest on the part of those who profit from the status quo.

Feminism as Ideological Childishness

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By Matt Forney

Remember how when you were a kid, you couldn't wait to be a adult? Usually after your parents made you go to bed early, refused to buy you candy at the checkout line or made you sit in the corner after you were being a brat.

"When I'm all grown-up, I'm gonna do whatever I want! I'm gonna stay up all night, I'm gonna eat candy every day and you won't be able to do anything about it! Nyah-nyah!"

From the perspective of a child, being an adult is about *freedom*. Freedom to do what you want and act out without consequences. Being a kid sucks, constrained by all these *rules*. Do your homework, pay attention in class, don't pull your sister's pigtails, don't eat anything before dinner, don't stay up too late, yadda yadda yadda.

Then you actually grow up and realize that it *sucks.*

You're no longer bound by all these rules, but you now have responsibilities, and there's no one to protect you from the consequences of your own stupidity. You can stay up as late as you want… and suffer the effects of sleep deprivation the next day when your insides feel like mincemeat and you can't stay awake. You can play video games all day… until you realize you have to get a job to pay for those video games, your rent, your food and everything else. You can eat candy every day… until you balloon up by a hundred pounds and get diabetes.

Only children think being a grown-up is fun and games. It's more about work and struggle than anything else. Children may fantasize about growing up, but adults fantasize about being children again, with all its carefree fun and having someone else take care of you.

I was thinking about this the other day and realized that feminists view the role of men in a patriarchal society in the *exact* same way children view adults.

"Wah-hah! Men have all the freedom and it's not fair! They get paid more, they can vote, they can sleep around, they can do anything they want! Waaah!"

Like kids crying about how *unfair* it is that they have to be in bed by 9:00, feminists completely ignore the flipside of masculine privilege: *masculine responsibility.*

Yes, men on average make more than women. That's because men are more likely to choose careers that are dangerous, physically demanding and/or intellectually demanding. While I was driving to Barnes & Noble to write this article, I got held up at an intersection by a construction team re-paving the road. Out of about two dozen workers, I spotted just *one* woman, and all she was doing was directing traffic. All the workers doing the grunt work were men.

Yes, men can sleep around with fewer repercussions than women. That's because promiscuous men are more able to form lifelong bonds and successful marriages than promiscuous women. It's also because the mechanics of childbirth mean that a woman who cheats on her husband/boyfriend can burden him with a child that is not his, without his knowledge.

Yes, husbands have greater personal freedom than wives. That's because as the head of the household, they're responsible for safeguarding her and the children.

The freedom to do anything you want also comes with the burden of having to own your mistakes.

We can see the consequences of the feminist conception of freedom all around us. Ghetto dwellers and white trash with armies of bastards, each with a different daddy. Thirtysomething careerists desperately rushing to find a slack-wristed "nice guy" to put a ring on it before their ovaries shrivel up. "Liberated" girls who think guys are attracted to their trashy tattoos and bad attitudes.

Didn't anyone tell you girls that eating candy every day is a *bad* idea?

Now, I'm not arguing that women should be forced back into the kitchen *en masse*. I'm not interested in telling girls what to do. But as a certain wise blogger once said, *choices have consequences.* Women should have the freedom to do whatever they want, but they should also be told that their choices have ramifications and that owning those ramifications is part of being an adult.

If you choose to major in a liberal arts discipline, you're going to make less money than someone with a STEM degree.

If you put off having children until you're in your thirties, your chances of finding a good husband decrease drastically, as does the likelihood that any children you *do* have will have disorders like autism.

If you choose to sleep around, men will find you less appealing as a marriage/relationship prospect than more chaste women.

As much as you stamp your feet and cry about how *unfair* it is, that doesn't change the reality on the ground. Life isn't fair for women *or* men.

Women want the *privileges* that come with being a man, but they don't want the *responsibilities*.

Part of being a man is being responsible and owning up to the consequences of your decisions. If something is your fault, you acknowledge it; you don't slough it off on someone else. That's bitch behavior.

Feminism is an ideology of the children, by the children, and for the children.

For more from Matt Forney, visit his blog.

Daylighting Manosphere Ideas

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Chuck Ross, who has grown into an effective and tenacious young journalist, uncovered a telling article published in Slate's Double-X women's magazine. It brings up the years-old manosphere idea that if women have the right to choose via abortion whether or not they want to support a child, so should men.

It's fairly obvious that it's inherently unfair that women have choice about the "oops" results of their sexual activity, whereas men do not. Author Katie Roiphe presents the idea reasonably, without resorting to shaming or blaming men, which prompted Chuck to label the piece as "radical."

It's kind of strange that such a concept is "radical," but these are strange times in which people who were raised during an entirely different era still have a great deal of influence over policy. Abortion was only fully legalized when people turning 40 this year were born, so those older than that tend to view the issue in terms of giving women a break, while those of us who are younger are left to wonder about whether we had brothers and sisters who never made it.

I'm a bit ambivalent about seeing the idea come up on what is, for all intents and purposes, a feminist site. On the one hand, I'm glad to see people talking about it, but on the other I'm aware that without people like Paul Elam pushing the issue on sites such as *The Spearhead* and A Voice for Men without pulling any punches, it would have been ignored in perpetuity.

To me, this vindicates the approach the manosphere has taken over the last several years. Being nice and trying to appease feminists wasn't working, despite decades of effort. All they'd do was turn up the dial on shame and blame and push for yet more criminalization of fatherhood. It's unfortunate that we had to resort to being ungentlemanly to make a difference, but sometimes shit-tests like feminism demand ungentlemanly responses.

It's a positive development to see these ideas propagating throughout our culture. Chuck's got a great nose for this stuff, and I'd recommend readers subscribe to his RSS feed.

Feminist Showdown: Sandra Fluke vs. Amanda Hess

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It's objectification time again, and today we've got a couple serious feminist activists, just like last time, when we featured Jessica Valenti and Amanda Marcotte. Valenti won the last contest by a considerable margin, causing Marcotte some serious discomfort. Based on timing, I suspect that feminist rage over the last showdown ultimately led to *The Spearhead* (among other sites) being featured by the SPLC.

Some may think I'm overstating the effect of these pageants, but one should never, ever underestimate the effect it has on females when their SMV (sexual market value) is being denigrated. It's akin to having a man humiliated by the law in front of his family, and forcibly subjugating him to his wife in court. Because feminists are all for doing these things to men, I feel absolutely no shame about subjecting them to objectification.

First up we have the notorious Sandra Fluke, who agitated for "free" birth control, paid for by employers whether they want to or not, and whether or not it violates their freedom of conscience. The President took her under his wing after she was mocked and called a "slut" by Rush Limbaugh, who was later forced to apologize to keep his very lucrative job.

Next, we have Amanda Hess, who has been a feminist writer for some time, writing for the Washington City Paper, then another Washington DC media outlet called "TBD," and now apparently some obscure blog called "GOOD" in Los Angeles, where she has the title of "lifestyle editor." A couple years ago, Hess made a very funny editing mistake at TBD, in which she missed one letter "n" in an article title. Her title came out as "one in three black men who have sex with me is HIV positive," and it was panned across the nation.

So, the question is, if you had to spend a night with one of these women, which one would it be? Vote in the poll beneath the thumbnails.

Sandra Fluke:

Amanda Hess:

What's Up With Wanetta Gibson?

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Some readers asked in comments what became of Brian Banks' false rape accuser Wanetta Gibson, who pocketed $750 thousand dollars as a result of her (or more likely her mother's) setup scheme.

Turns out she's on welfare, having blown the entire $750 thousand on cars, big screen TVs and the like. She has two kids with two different fathers, and was ordered to pay child support (perhaps her mother was taking care of them), but has been let off the hook. She's a failure and in her position from very poor choices, but the state has decided not to prosecute her for either lying about rape or failure to pay child support.

In the meanwhile, men languish in prison merely for being unemployed…

From the LA Times:

> Gibson was a high school sophomore when she accused Banks of raping her at Long Beach Poly High School. She and her family sued the school, receiving a $750,000 settlement, and Banks spent five years in prison after pleading no contest to forcible rape.
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> While a judge Thursday tossed out the rape charge, it remains far from certain if Gibson, 24, will face any consequences.
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> L.A. prosecutors have said they have no plans to charge her with making false accusations, saying it would be a tough case to prove.
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> Legal experts noted it could be difficult for the Long Beach school district and its insurer to get the settlement back.
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> Then there is the reality of Gibson's life.
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> Court records suggest she has few assets: She received public assistance for a time and her children, ages 4 and 5, still do, according to two suits brought by the county in an attempt to collect child support. Gibson, who could not be reached for comment, was ordered initially to pay a $600 a month toward their support. But in the last year, county officials said she didn't have to pay anything, citing a lack of income and employment.

This Banks case is going to be one of the most significant false rape cases in recent times. His story will make a difference. It is even more important than the Duke LaCrosse scandal, because in this case no racial angle will overshadow the false accusation.

Feminism Eastern European Style

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FEMEN is at it again, baring breasts and making noise at male events to attract attention. The Ukrainian women of FEMEN are generally much more attractive than the equivalents here in the Anglo world, because they haven't yet adopted the sedentary lifestyle of driving everywhere and gorging oneself quickly on supersized meals. This does allow them to attract a fair amount of attention, but to Western observers it is rather puzzling, since our feminists take a decidedly different approach. In fact, it often seems that they are *inviting* rather than defying men.

The main concerns of FEMEN, as they state, are sex tourism and harassment of students in Kiev. I've never been to Kiev, but I imagine it can be a problem there. Certain cities in Eastern Europe have become magnets for a trashier sort of young Western male who, with his working-class paycheck, can really live it up in relatively poor Eastern Europe. When I was in Riga, I saw a bit of this, but Latvia seems to have passed that stage and is slowly converging with the northern European norm.

Ironically, what feminists were agitating for in the straight-laced mid-20th century West has been part of Eastern European society for far longer than it has in the West. Bolshevik policies legalized abortion and no-fault divorce 50 years before the West did the same. Women were also taken out of the home and put to work alongside men from the beginning. Although Bolshevik logic finally led to social and economic collapse, something resembling social equality did arise in the postwar era, and according to what I have heard from those who lived through it, society was fairly conservative and women, although hard-pressed in life to handle both family and work, had fairly decent lives under the protective umbrella of the state.

All that fell apart after the Soviet Union crumbled, and shock-therapy capitalism set off an orgy of prostitution and gangsterism. Ukraine was hit severely, and is still feeling the effects. As one might have expected, the social and work equality of the preceding decades removed men's incentive to protect the women around them, so white knighting was off the table, leaving Eastern European women to fend for themselves in a much more ruthless world where the government no longer had the means or will to protect them. This led to exploitation on a grand scale, and a culture of "get it while it's hot" sex for profit. Although I never spent time in Eastern Europe during the worst years of this (I was living in Peking at the time), I did know some Ukrainian and Russian women in China, and it was really a bit sad what they'd been reduced to. To be honest, it was appalling to me, as a very young American who had never seen anything like it before.

So I do have some sense of where FEMEN activists are coming from, and I think I understand their motivation to some degree. Essentially, what they are doing is saying "Look at us! We are beautiful! We are worth more than 50 Euros!" This is far, far different from what Western feminists have in mind.

What happened in Eastern Europe is just more evidence that nothing can really substitute for the family. Replacing men with the state will work for some time, but it isn't sustainable, and the consequences for women can be harsh on a very wide scale. Sure, men may not be perfectly reliable, but most are good enough. When you put all your eggs in one basket – the state – you're asking for a major catastrophe when things fall apart. Western feminists are singing a siren song other women would be wise to recognize for the danger it is.

Feminists Frothing Over Vatican Crackdown

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As the Vatican cleans house in the US and Catholic organizations oppose provisions of Obamacare, media outlets in the US have gone on the offensive by dredging up more of the sex abuse scandal and making a mountain out of the molehill of a scandal that has emerged concerning the pope's butler.

Although there is a lot of distrust of the Catholic church in the US (which goes back a long, long way), I'm happy to see it finally taking a stand. One of the reasons I stopped going to church was the strange interpretation of Catholicism in Seattle, which was possibly the most radically liberal archdiocese on earth. When I was a child, local churches would hold fund drives for the Sandinistas, join anti-nuclear protests that were all but orchestrated by Bolsheviks, and host PRIDE rallies. What they got away with was breathtaking. After years of this behavior, Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, personally handled the problems with our local archdiocese, forcing the removal of archbishop Raymond Hunthausen, who presided over the transformation of the local church to something resembling the contemporary Episcopal Church, which is all but dead.

Speaking of the Episcopal Church, I have some perspective on this institution as well, having been raised attending a Catholic Church with one set of grandparents, and an Episcopalian Church with the other. What happened to the Episcopal Church in the US is a terrible shame. I actually preferred the Episcopal liturgy to Vatican II services in Roman Catholic churches, and I still remember the hymns from Episcopalian summer school. I'm afraid Anglo Americans have lost a great deal of their heritage thanks to the lack of spine on the part of the Episcopalian leadership. The Episcopal Church leaders cast themselves as "courageous" for going along with prevailing fads, but in fact they look like cowardly weaklings in hindsight.

Perhaps the Catholics finally woke up to the threat posed by dilution of the church's core messages. From an outside perspective, a lot of the church's teachings look like so much superstition and myth, but one of the characteristics of a successful faith is that its members hold beliefs that bond them together, whether rational or not. As soon as leaders of the faith start rejecting doctrine and tailoring the message to suit the outside culture, members begin to feel there is no longer any point in adhering to it. But with many mainline Christian churches, they took it a step farther, and began to reject their own scripture, which is even more alienating to believers. Why go to church if the church itself admits that what it is teaching is so much bull?

So one would expect any church that cares to preserve itself to take measures to defend its beliefs and hold true to them. However, now that the Catholic Church has begun to do so, a very loud noise has begun to emanate from a number of people who seem to have thought that they were entitled not only to defy doctrine, but to be supported by the church in doing so. Many of them are feminists, including among them a number of lesbian nuns. Perhaps most prominent among them is Margaret Farley, a lesbian nun and professor at Yale divinity school.

Sr. Farley has published a number of books on sexuality, including one that argues that lesbian relationships are not fundamentally different from heterosexual marriage, which directly contradicts the church that has fostered her for decades. Farley's book "Just Love" was recently censured by the Vatican, in a rare move that indicates a clear new opposition to the unchecked feminism that had been tolerated for nearly 40 years.

In response, female columnists around the nation have been raging at the church. Maureen Dowd, who has taken up something of a feminist crusade against the Catholic Church in recent years, took a swipe, and Lisa Miller of the Washington Post denounced cardinals in a particularly misleading, puerile screed:

> Members of the Vatican hierarchy are using the word "feminist" and even "radical feminist" the way third-graders use the word "cooties." In April, the Vatican accused the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, which represents 57,000 nuns nationwide, of allowing "radical feminist" ideas to flow unchecked in their communities. In 2008, after launching an investigation against American nuns (the results of which have not yet been released), Cardinal Franc Rode told a radio interviewer that the nuns are suspected of "certain

> irregularities," a "secular mentality" and "perhaps also a certain feminist spirit."
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> The authors of these rebukes never define "feminism" or "radicalism." In their hands, these words, which can carry legitimate intellectual meanings, appear to signify something like: "Yucky women who fail to heed our instructions and, anyway, don't meet our standards of womanhood." In other words, the sisters aren't behaving as girls should.

Commenters on both articles decry the "misogyny" of the patriarchal church, and ask why it can't get with the times. Again, one need only look to the example of the Episcopal Church, which *did* get with the times, and then proceeded to give up the ghost.

The fact is that patriarchy works, and always has. It's the reason the Catholic Church, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and, yes, even Buddhism (the Dalai Lama is not a feminist; there are no female lamas) are still around.

If feminists reject the patriarchy and "misogyny" of major religions, they have the option of simply rejecting them and starting their own faiths. If so many people feel as they do, they should have great success attracting faithful followers. Obviously, this is not the case, so rather than simply accepting that their own ideology is contrary to human nature, they attempt to strong-arm the institution into caving to their demands, and for some time had great success doing so.

But now the tide has shifted, and the water is coming back in to cover the weeds on the beach. Feminists are furious, and are making a terrible fuss, but their twilight time is here. Taking a stand against feminism has finally started to come to the mainstream.

What About African Women?

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One thing I've been wondering about, given all the talk in the manosphere about how much more attractive European and Asian women are than our own, is whether any black American men have found the same to be true in Africa. I used to teach some ESL for work study while in school, and I remember having a few black African females in class. They weren't all gorgeous, although several were, but they were both feminine and thin — far more so than your typical black American woman. The contrast was remarkable. These girls seemed to be on an entirely different plane. Even the least attractive of them had a certain feminine charm and sweetness that seems entirely absent in black American women under the age of 50 or so.

I'll use a couple photos of ordinary West Africans (where most black Americans' ancestors came from) to make the point:

25-year-old Senegalese woman:

Ivorian woman:

[image]

I'm sure pickings are slim out in the country where life is harsh and women age very quickly, but it seems that urbanized African women beat their American counterparts by a wide margin.

However, it would be interesting to hear how it is from a guy with real-world experience there.

Meet Your New Mother: Your Father

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Feminists and those who would redefine masculinity like to congratulate themselves for changing the definition of fatherhood. Men are now expected to help out more with traditionally female tasks, share the burden of childcare, be more effeminate, etc. Michael Kimmel, who preaches against what he calls “toxic masculinity,” is a big proponent of this. Lots of women now expect that their husbands will be more like a maid than the man of the house.

In an opinion piece for The Age, Chloe Angyal shares her experience of being raised by a feminist father, who did her hair for ballet and talked about “feelings” with her:

> Thanks to feminism, my relationship with my father is entirely different to the one he had with his late father. When I was a little girl, it was dad who did my hair for Saturday morning ballet class. Until I was 15, when I finally mastered the art myself, he was the ballet bun master-in-chief in our house. Thanks to feminism, my father and I can talk about our feelings, something men of his generation could rarely do with their dads. Might things have been different had I been a boy? Possibly.
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> If sexism keeps women trapped in stereotypical boxes – over-emotional and dependent, with a lower sex drive – it keeps men trapped too: stoic, always in charge, and forever looking to score. When men become parents, those same stereotypical boxes stop them from taking parental leave, or supporting a son’s passion for, say, sewing, or a daughter’s desire to be a leader.

What Kimmel and Angyal leave out is how exactly this has been achieved. It is not so much that fathers in general have become more touchy-feely and feminist, but rather that almost half of them have been removed from playing any meaningful part in their children’s lives. Perhaps the ones that remain – often upper middle class types like Kimmel and Chloe Angyal’s father – are more involved in “progressive” parenting, but most people just aren’t like that. Don’t children with ordinary, conventional fathers deserve to have fathers, too? Should men who are not comfortable hairdressing and participating in ballet be disqualified from fatherhood? These are important questions, because there are more fatherless children than ever, and we have feminism to thank for just that.

The Truth About the American Nun Issue

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Although one might expect misleading articles regarding the Vatican rebuke of the LCWR (Leadership Council of Women Religious), which represents about 80% of America's nuns, some of the outright lies the media is peddling are astonishing. For example, the Vatican has been accused of rebuking nuns for helping the poor by Nicholas Kristof, who has a history of playing fast and loose with facts.

The slander we are seeing from media organizations is purely political, but the facts of the matter demonstrate that spending so much political capital on the LCWR may be a foolish move on the part of the left.

First, the LCWR started to disintegrate back in the 1990s, when the left was culturally and demographically at its peak. A number of nuns, including many who were uncomfortable with the culture of lesbianism that prevailed in many convents, moved away to form another organization, known as the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR), which now represents about 20% of American nuns.

However, the numbers are a bit deceptive, as the LCWR is substantially older and more decrepit than the CMSWR. Many falsely assume that the left is always represented by the young, but people who were young in the 1960s are not young any longer, although they may imagine themselves so.

So, while the LCWR is aged 74 (!) on average, the CMSWR averages 60. This is a considerable difference, and adding to that difference is the fact that only a measly 9% of LCWR communities have any novices at all, whereas the number is closer to half of CMSWR communities. Clearly, the leftist nuns are a geriatric, fading force. Rather than promoting feminist theory and going toe-to-toe with the patriarchy (or caring for the sick and poor for that matter), they are in that stage of life where the nursing home is the more realistic scenario. It wouldn't surprise me if half or more of the work done by LCWR nuns is taking care of other nuns. They are, for all intents and purposes, a spent force.

The culture of radical feminism that was so strong in convents back in the 1970s and 1980s has already started to turn around, and the Vatican is essentially just mopping up old problems so as to set an example for the fresh crop of sisters.

For example, one point of April's rebuke of the LCWR reaches all the way back to 1977 to take the nuns to task for refusing to accept that the priesthood should be reserved for men:

> …The Second Vatican Council clearly indicates that an authentic teaching of the Church calls for the religious submission of intellect and will, and is not limited to defined dogmas or "ex cathedra" statements (cf. "Lumen gentium," 25). For example, the LCWR publicly expressed in 1977 its refusal to assent to the teaching of "Inter insigniores" on the reservation of priestly ordination to men. This public refusal has never been corrected…

Organizations like the Vatican, Imperial China, and other enormous bureaucracies, tend to move very slowly. They take the long-term view, aiming to survive over the centuries. Four-year terms mean little to them. Even life-long careers are rather insignificant in the grand scheme. Often, it is easier to wait for problems to simply die off before dealing with them.

This is where we can take some encouragement from the Vatican's moves, and why I've devoted some attention to it. The Vatican has been eyeing developments in the US for decades, but until recently has only been taking a very measured approach. During the Cold War, there were far bigger fish to fry than some nuns acting out in the US, so those problems were ignored even while at their worst — generally in the 1970s and 80s, when they were the dedicated foot-soldiers of the feminist revolution.

Today, however, we are witnessing the culmination of a generation of radical feminists, and the LCWR nuns

represent these women as well as anyone. And the truth of it is that they are aging, childless, dependent and about to lose their influence. None of the rants published by women like Maureen Dowd will change that. Maureen and her cohorts are, for all intents and purposes, the same as the LCWR nuns, which is why the screeching against the Vatican has been so loud and shrill. At this point the best they can do is fly into an impotent rage, and they are counting on that to lead them to eternal victory — the permanent feminist revolution envisioned by Gloria Steinem (who is nearly 80 herself). It won't work. The Vatican will shrug it off. And that should lend some strength to our cause.

Well, ladies, it's been quite a run. As I look back on the legions of fatherless children, the countless broken families, and the shameless exploitation of ordinary Americans, I can't say there's much to be happy about, but at least it looks like things are finally turning around.

Advice for Commenters

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I've been noticing that a lot of regular commenters have been ending up in spam recently. For the most part, these are people who never caused any trouble here, but I think I know what has happened.

Spam filters rely on reporting to compile databases of IPs. Spam filters are also indispensable for people who do what I do. Without them *The Spearhead* would be inundated with spam advertisements.

However, they also include those who have simply been "spammed" by people who don't like their views, language or opinions. This is a totally common practice, and has arisen because, to be quite honest, the anonymity of the internet does give a lot of crude people the opportunity to spout off without fear of being personally held to account for being crude and offensive.

It's a real problem, and I am pretty sick of it myself, but I'm not going to allow enemies to dictate terms in that regard.

Personally, I assiduously avoid posting any comments on sites where I suspect I might get "spammed." I would never post a comment on a feminist site, for example, because that's simply giving them the opportunity to blacklist my IP, and I know they will do so no matter how reasonable I may be.

However, despite being very careful in that regard, I found that *The Spearhead*'s IP is being listed as spam simply because I link sites for citation purposes. Each time an enemy site gets a link from *The Spearhead*, it is promptly classified as "spam" by some angry feminist. This is annoying, but not really a problem. I should have been better about using the "nofollow" value to make sure these sites didn't get any link juice in the first place. I really shouldn't have been doing them any favors.

Fortunately, their simple-minded, stupid attitude has given me some motivation in this regard, so I've created a macro for links to hostile sites. Although I would never "spam" a trackback, because links always give you SEO cred, the girls who monitor feminist sites are too dumb to understand this.

As for how this is relevant to commenters, what I'd say is that you should simply think for a while before posting comments that you know will elicit a "spam" reaction from censors. Your IP will most likely be classified as spam in short order.

Policing comments has grown into one of the biggest problems in online publishing. It's been the single biggest headache for me since this site's inception, costing me about a thousand hours (this is a conservative, fair estimate) of monotonous work and grief from guilt-by-association tactics from detractors. When the topic is political, it's about ten times worse than otherwise.

For example, I've repeated stressed that ugly language bothers me, and I've tried to set an example by writing in a measured, aesthetically comfortable style. Yet I am still confronted with language such as "cunt," "gash," "buttfuck," etc. on a daily basis. It isn't pleasant. I really don't like it. All it brings to mind is shit and blood, neither of which are substances I like to dwell upon.

Well, enough of my personal tastes. The point is that if commenters don't exert some self-control, there is a developing entity out there that is starting to do so, and although I have negligible control over the process, I rely on it out of necessity. My personal recommendation would be that commenters put some effort into maintaining the same decorum they would while in public. If they end up in the spam folder, there's little I can do about it.

Judge's Apology to Children Lays Out Logic of Family Court

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An Australian judge, Tom Altobelli, took the unusual step of writing to two children who were taken from their father to apologize for giving their mother sole custody, and stripping their father of any visitation rights.

The mother had claimed sexual abuse after her own mother consulted a psychic, who said the daughter was being molested.

Judge Altobelli found that the allegations were false, but declared that he thought that the mother truly believed them. This is possible. Self-delusion to attain some goal is maddeningly common in divorce.

Because he thought she truly believed the father was a molester, Altobelli decided it would be cruel to her to force her to give the father visitation rights, and since she was the "better parent" (code for mother), she was granted custody.

One of the insane things I encountered during divorce was the idea that joint custody is often held to be feasible only when there is cooperation on the part of the parents. Fortunately, this idea is not enshrined in law in Washington state – although it is unofficial policy for social workers – but apparently it is where Altobelli's court has jurisdiction (Australia). The problem with this view is that it gives the custodial parent (typically the mother) an incentive to create conflict if they don't want to share the children's visitation. Fathers simply cannot win if the mother puts her foot down.

I have compared family law judges to butchers before, and not to cast aspersions on them, but rather to describe their job. Their job involves cutting up a family into so many pieces. They are not paid to preserve families, but rather to dismember them. I invite any people who doubt this to spend a few afternoons in family court and see for themselves.

The real problem in Western family law is that when you go in for a hearing, there's a lot of uncertainty about how the job will be done. Will so-and-so get the ribs and brisket? Who gets the hamhocks? The sirloin? And so on and so forth.

Altobelli decided he might as well simply cut off the head and leave the rest intact. It may have been out of laziness, frustration, or simply the knowledge that the mother would continue to pester the court and ruin the ex-husband's life through constant accusations and litigation. Perhaps he felt he was doing everyone a favor. From one perspective, this may actually have been the case. As the law stands today, an ex wife does have that power.

However, there was something about the sorry case that bothered Altobelli's conscience enough to motivate him to make an apology to two fatherless children. Perhaps he really did feel some guilt about it.

Even if he did, what bothers me most about his letter is his own evasion of responsibility. He says that the mother is a good parent, writing:

> I knew your mum would look after you really well. I decided not to make your mum let you see your dad, even though your dad wanted this very much. I thought it would make things harder for you if I had done this.

Essentially, he's blaming the mother, and saying that although he didn't think there was anything terrible about their father, he wouldn't "make" her do anything she didn't want to do.

For all the anger at wives and how awful they can be in divorce cases, the fact is that wives aren't "making" men leave their families. Judges are. Policemen are. Social workers are. And this judge just admitted that men who haven't done anything wrong can also be made to get out of their children's lives.

But perhaps the title of the letter speaks for itself.

“Sorry I Took Daddy”

Yes, Mr. Altobelli, you should be.

One small step.

Teen Sex Slavers Busted in Ottawa

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Three teenage Canadian girls, aged from 15-17, were arrested in Ottawa last week for luring other girls and then pimping them. The girls were lured by means of social media, and then confined and, in at least one case drugged, before their sexual services were sold to male customers.

Due to provisions of Canada's Youth Criminal Justice Act, the slavers cannot be named, and one is still on the run. The inability of police to inform the public has made it difficult to enlist community help in apprehension of the 17-year-old fugitive.

Although pimping has long been considered the provenance of men, pandering is at least as common amongst enterprising females. In fact, pimps usually simply serve as the muscle, or informal police for prostitution enterprises. In many cases policemen themselves fulfill the role.

Most prostitutes are either in business as sole proprietors, or working for a "madam" such as Heidi Fleiss, so it isn't entirely shocking to see some precocious female criminals trying to go into the business while still in their teens.

Contract Killing OK in Canada — for Wives

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While divorcing her husband, and having been separated from him for over half a year, Nicole Ryan decided to have him done in, so proceeded to hire a hit man to do the job. Unbeknownst to her, the guy was a RCMP officer (mountie), and she was arrested. The Canadian Supreme Court has decided to hear an appeal of her acquittal.

Ms. Ryan was acquitted by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court under the so-called "battered woman defense." This was what got Mary Winkler an exceptionally short sentence after she killed her husband with a shotgun while he slept. Winkler didn't allege physical abuse, but rather that her husband was a pervert for wanting her to dress sexy. For her crime, she did about seven months in jail.

Nicole Ryan alleges that her husband Michael had threatened to kill her and her daughter, and had been abusive. The court accepted her version, although it doesn't appear that her husband had ever been convicted of a crime. Nor do media outlets seem to have taken the time to interview her husband, who almost certainly has a different version of events.

What's different about the "battered woman defense" and ordinary self-defense cases is that in self-defense there has to be an imminent danger of harm. For the battered woman defense, there only needs to be a belief that harm could plausibly happen at some point in the future. For example, if a wife thinks her husband might lay a hand on her at some point in the future for some reason or the other, she can blow him away and then claim "battered woman defense."

The Canadian Supreme Court has taken the case because it strains credulity that Ms. Ryan's husband would or could have harmed her, given that they had been separated for months, and she was safe in another house with a protection order.

Nevertheless, as in the case I highlighted the other day in which a man was thrown out of his children's life because his ex-wife "believed" he was a molester, the defense in this contract killing case appear to be using the same logic:

> Brian Greenspan, another of Ryan's lawyers, argued that Ryan was not legally wrong to "arrange a pre-emptive strike" on her husband because she was "faced with the belief that a pervasive and recurrent threat to kill her and to harm her child would be carried out."

Of course, a feminist lawyer – the type who can always be counted on to support murder when committed by a female – stepped in to blame the problem on inadequate law and domestic violence prevention:

> The Supreme Court decision could ultimately affect how the law would be applied to cases of abused women, said Christine Boyle, lawyer for intervener the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies and the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund.
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> "What is at stake is whether there is a way in which the Supreme Court can encourage the police and prosecutors to exercise due diligence in enforcing the criminal law, restraint orders, probation orders, etc, so that abused women have the equal protection of the law."

Perhaps what she has in mind is not only decriminalizing contract killing for wives, but ensuring that the police are tasked with doing the job.

It looks as though Canada's Supreme Court will let Ms. Ryan off the hook, scot free. The result of such a decision will be more spousal killings, of both husbands and wives.

There really is a lot of stupidity in high places.

Implications of Family Law on “Chicks Dig Jerks” Phenomenon

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Heartiste (Roissy) has another post up demonstrating scientific evidence for the attraction women feel for dangerous men. Psychological studies have clearly documented this phenomenon, so I think we can safely say it is a scientifically verifiable fact rooted in human biology (as well as that of a number of other animals).

So what does current policy have to do with this? Well, what would you expect to happen when law so humbles men that those who follow it are reduced to obsequious underlings to the women in their lives? Why, women will grow to despise them, of course. Wives will find themselves wishing they could sleep with anyone but their husbands. Men who may have been passably assertive and masculine in a different legal regime are reduced to sniveling “yes ma’am” sycophants.

Eventually, the ones who don’t care – the real criminals – will be the only men left who are deemed attractive.

It’s akin to the argument used against gun control that goes like this:

“If owning a gun is a crime, only criminals will own guns.”

For our purposes, here’s how it goes for men:

“If being a desirable man is a crime, only criminals will be desirable men.”

This has already come to pass in a number of communities, and in the most fertile age cohort. I am fairly certain it explains a great deal of the illegitimacy rate in the under-30 crowd (now over 50%). The men we see impregnating young women are largely those who don’t give a damn about the consequences, and don’t want to play by the rules society expects them to follow.

As for what the consequences of this will be, I leave it to reader’s imagination.

Happy Father's Day!

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I'm enjoying my time with the kids today. Last weekend before summer, when they're coming down to spend a good stretch with dad. I'm feeling a bit like a kid myself thinking about all the fun we'll have.

Update: Went for a ride around the park, and the boy caught a snake! Daughter rode a bike by herself without training wheels for the first time. Quite a day.

A Letter To Fathers

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By Frost

The first memory I can recall from my childhood is of the ambulance. My second is of the police, and then the nice couple with government ID badges and colourful sweaters who asked a lot of questions.

Dad was at work. My little sister had somehow climbed on top of the kitchen counter and couldn't get down, so I ran into my parent's bedroom to wake our mother up from a nap. Mom took a lot of naps in those days, it seemed to me.

The plan was simple: Wake Mom up, Mom can help sister get down. Problem solved. Except Mom didn't wake up.

At least, not right then. I called 911, the ambulance came with some IV fluids, the police came, Dad came, and eventually Mom woke up. She had gotten sick, we were told. But it was all right, because she had gotten better. Crisis averted! My sister and I breathed a sigh of relief. Presumably my baby brother would have too, if he had understood what was going on.

At some point, Mom and Dad had some hard conversations. Dad was too busy at work to see everything that was going on, but it was obvious that Mom had a problem.

The Alcoholics Anonymous approach to curing addiction is basically to heap attention, rationalization and Hamsterbation on anyone who shows up. As long as you're drinking, you're the warm little center of the AA universe, and everyone tells you how special and brave you are. It's not your fault. Alcoholism is a disease, like cancer or strep throat. Lots of acceptance, forgiveness, and deflection of responsibility. Very little judgement and honest attempts to change behaviour. Mom, I gather, greatly enjoyed AA.

I have a few stories I could tell about my life from age four to eight, but almost everything I know, I've learned from my father and sister. In brief: My mother's drinking got worse, and she abandoned any pretense of responsibility for it all. The drinking, you see, was a disease beyond her control, and in any case, it was only a coping mechanism to handle the 'emotional abuse' she was subjected to by my father.

Sometime after my ninth birthday, everything changed.

The police came and took my father away. I went with my mother, sister, and brother to live with my mother's parents. We moved away from all of our friends. We changed schools.

We asked: Where did Dad go?

And we got the same answer from everybody.

"Mommy, where did daddy go? Why doesn't he live here with us."

And we were told, softly: "I'm sorry kids but we can't live with daddy. I know this is hard, but daddy is a bad person, and it's dangerous for us to be around him."

We asked: "Grandma, Grandpa, can our daddy come live here with us too?"

And we got awkward deflections.

We asked our teachers. We asked the therapist we had started seeing. We asked anyone who would listen: Why can't we see our daddy? Why can't he come back and live with us? Why can't we call him?

And we always received the same answer: Daddy is bad, scary, dangerous. It would be dangerous to call him. It would be dangerous to go see him.

At first it didn't sit well with us – we know daddy! He's good! – but eventually, the message sank in. Our father was

a bad man, and he was gone. Life became somewhat normal for the three of us, as we adjusted to a new school, new neighborhood, and a new life with Mom, Grandma and Grandpa, but no Dad. We all got lots of really nice presents for Christmas that year.

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Perhaps you're wondering: During those six months, what was my bad, scary, dangerous father up to? Well…

First, he was collecting bail from his friends and family, after being arrested on a domestic violence charge, for restraining my mother while she punched and kicked him.

Then, he learned that our mother had filed for divorce, and was seeking full custody of us.

Then, he learned that he wasn't allowed to contact us.

Then, he learned that he had been cut out of the business he was running with my mother's father.

Then, he learned that his bank accounts and credit cards had been frozen and he wasn't allowed anywhere near his house or car.

After a year, he finally won the right to see us – every second weekend. One day and one night, twice a month. And while everyone was telling us that Dad was 'trying to change' even though he had done bad things, the effects of being told to fear and despise our father by every authority figure in our lives still lingered.

But, so too did our memories of who our father was and how well he had treated us when we were young. We settled into yet another new routine, with the majority of our lives in a downtown apartment with our mother, and an occasional weekend trip to our father's suburban semi-detached tract house.

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Our mother was fine for a while, but no more than a year at the most.

She started drinking again. She got a boyfriend. She found and lost a few jobs.

Eventually, there was another ambulance. Eventually, there was a police call from a neighbour after a loud fight with her boyfriend. Eventually, after a small fortune in legal fees, patience, and the excruciating pain and helplessness of knowing that his three children were completely at the mercy of an alcoholic (and now, drug-addicted) mother and her unstable boyfriend, in a tiny apartment in a sketchy area of town – my Dad won a hearing to have the custody agreement re-evaluated.

The judge puzzled and puzzled until his puzzler was sore: Should he award custody to our father, the hard-working owner of a now semi-thriving business, which he ran out of the basement of a safe, stable house in a nice suburb? Or to our mother, a drunk and a drug addict, unemployed save for the cashing of her welfare and alimony cheques, and her abusive live-in boyfriend.

Somewhat miraculously, my father won custody of us on – wait for it! – every weekend. And Wednesdays! Truly a great blow for truth, justice, and the American way. Because he was roughly one thousand times as responsible as our mother, he was granted the right to take care of us almost half the time.

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I joke, but this really was a turning point for the three of us – myself, my brother, and my sister. Our father became a dominant presence in our lives, rather than just the man who took us somewhere fun every few weeks. We started to understand what 'normal' was, and that our mother's apartment wasn't it. At that point – around the age of ten – I started to understand what had actually happened between my parents, and that I had been lied to for most of my life.

Once the three of us were old enough to understand, it wasn't long before our father had full custody. In the end, my mother imploded spectacularly and went into rehab. When she got out, she tried once more for partial custody.

She threatened to bankrupt my father out of spite, because she knew she could rely on various legal defense funds (paid for by your tax dollars, no doubt) that would be happy to bankroll her attempts to destroy our family.

Eventually she yielded to my adolescent insistence that we were happy living with our Dad. From the ages of 13, 12 and 10 onward, me, my sister and my brother lived safely, easily, happily and peacefully at our father's house.

Easily, that is, for us.

My Dad was still working in his basement office every waking hour of the day. He popped upstairs whenever he needed to start dinner, clean up, or yell at us to stop fighting and be nice to each other. After a decade of non-existent parenting and discipline, we fought and yelled, never even thought of cleaning up after ourselves, and generally were a pain in the ass to supervise. Raising us should have been someone's full-time job. Instead, it was something that our father had to do over his shoulder while running a company that required his constant attention.

During our teenage years, we each played hockey three times a week. My brother and I had weekly football games. My sister played basketball. I played rugby. Our father rarely missed a game. We also played baseball, practiced gymnastics, took swimming lessons, ran track, and went camping together. Looking back, I don't know how or when my father slept. Which makes sense, because his bedroom was the smallest in the house (my brother and I shared the master), and it had nothing but an old mattress, a table, and an alarm clock.

(Although one thing he definitely did find time to do was bang every cute single mom of the kids I played hockey with. So maybe there was a bit of an angle to all those sports…)

Once when I was fourteen, my Dad and I were fighting. In the heat of the moment, I yelled that he was a bad father, and that we would have been better off if he had never come back. I saw an expression on his face then that I have never seen at any other time, before or since. We stood facing each other in silence for a few moments. Then he looked away and asked: "Is that really what you think?"

I didn't say anything.

I knew on some level that my father was a good man. But I had also spent the better part of my life being indoctrinated to fear and despise him. That kind of programming doesn't go away overnight. We had a lot of good times together, as a family, after my father won custody. But my siblings and I also had the ability to be ungrateful, disrespectful little shits.

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Our mother went through a few cycles of drinking and rehabbing over the next decade. Occasionally, she kept it together for months at a time before quietly slipping off. Once I went over a year without hearing from her, except for the otherwise inexplicable appearance of a shopping bag with a Calvin And Hobbes collection hanging off of our mailbox on my birthday.

Whenever she had things moderately under control, the three of us visited her once a week, with the encouragement of our father who, despite everything that happened, wanted us to have a mother in our lives. I was just happy to have one night a week, in my mid-teens, to stay out as late as I wanted, and come home smelling like whatever I had been drinking and smoking all night, without having to answer any difficult questions.

But I was always happy for my mother when she seemed to be getting her shit together. Maybe I was even really happy the first couple of times. After a while though, I'd seen the movie enough times to know how it ended. I started caring less and less about the semi-regular announcements that she was Turning Over A New Leaf, until one day, I made a decision.

I do not have a mother.

This being the 21st century though, I do indeed have my mother on Facebook. She appears to be working in a mid-sized city on the other side of the country with some of her extended family. She enjoys Reddit, I gather, and thinking up witty status updates.

With those observation, I wish her all the best in her twilight years, and return to the subject of my father.

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Because today's story (remember?) is for the fathers. Above all, it is for my father, the man to whom I owe everything. The man who dedicated his life to fighting for me and the two people I love the most in the world.

Perhaps it seems like my Dad has had a rough life.

But here's what he has now.

His three grown children always have time to come over for dinner, breakfast, a long walk with the dog, or just to hang out.

Aside from his oldest son, who is apparently a self-styled "professional blogger" with an annual income that would embarrass a Rwandan McDonald's cashier, all three are happy, healthy, and on the cusp of what appear to be successful and interesting lives.

His business has been successful enough for him to move into a nice house, work part-time, and save enough for a comfortable retirement.

Most importantly: The three of us – my brother, my sister, and myself – will never forget the sacrifices he made for us. He will grow old surrounded by our families. He will never doubt how grateful we are, and how much we love him. In his later years, when he needs help gardening, cleaning, painting, fixing, building, or anything else, we will help him. If he ever needs home medical care, he will get it in one of our homes, not some cold, grey filing cabinet for old folks. If he ever needs someone to hand-feed him, give him sponge baths, and wipe his ass for him…

Well, I'll hire a nurse. But I will hire the hottest fucking nurse I can find.

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To all the good father's out there who can't be with their children today, this post is for you. Stay strong. It gets better. Happy Father's Day.

Boys won't be boys anymore, we are now proudly obsolete?

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By Glorius Bastard

So boys are going to be obsolete? Boys can't be boys anymore? Yeah, I guess we will all be plastic Ken dolls for our breadwinner wives to dress up.

I don't think any man has a real problem with his girlfriend, wife, or whatever working. I think what we have a problem with is that these women think that they are better than us!

Who built, designed, dreamt, and engineered that building you sit smugly in woman? That's right: MEN!

Who built the sewers, roads, downtown, cities, bridges, war machines? That's right: MEN!

Who fought and destroyed the enemy in every single battle since time immemorial? That's right: MEN!

Who farmed everything, and provided the discipline guidelines for us all? That's right: MEN!

Who is the one that is overcoming your feminist nonsense in every category you smug little witch? That's Right: MEN!

Who made the educational system what it was that your nonsense has destroyed woman? That's right: MEN!

Who has invented, discovered, and created 99% of every single thing of note woman? That's right: MEN!

Who has left education, and started to return the workplace into more masculine operated ideas? That's right: MEN!

Who has, in spite of your quotas, made the economy work again? That's right: MEN!

You claim that since the information age is turning everything into a service based economy, where thought and words rule the day; that women will rule with it… Not so fast. Why is it that most of your women still opt out to have kids? Join the military for benefits only to get pregnant before deployment on a medical discharge? Oh we can't talk about that, that would explain 99% of the reason for your wage disparity, and make you into the liar you are, can't have that now can we?

The fact that men are not going to college should tell us all something other then what they are trying to pass under our noses here. That fact is that men realize that education is not stacked in their favor. You could go to college, and the day before you graduate, get a false rape accusation by a woman you slept with because she did not want her boyfriend that she cheated on to think she is a whore. Never mind that she was going to dump him the day after anyways, you turned her into a whore in others eyes, it's not her fault but yours. Loser! Wait till you get it from Bubba, and your new prison guard-oil-encrusted-fat-flaps girlfriend you don't want making you their "boy-toy" in prison big boy! That will teach ya.

Fact of the matter is that guys like us are still inventing most everything, producing most everything, are needed to have kids, lead in most everything, die for most everything. I don't see women taking that role. They are rattling their penis sabre until they get more money. We have been forced to borrow from others for a long time, but that is slowly running out. We won't tell you to go back to the kitchen when it does, even though then you might want to. You have ruined the sexual marketplace with your promiscuity for so long that men no longer see marriage as a viable option. That means that as the men's rights movement gets bigger, we will start to dictate what marriage will mean. You will still have to work, all your "benefits" are in danger of non-renewal in congress, and we will no longer view you as the ladies only you think you are, too bad for you!

[image]

Empowered women here!

It amazes me how a man thousands of years ago would predict this in the end: ISA 4-1 “In that day so few men will be left that seven women will fight for each man, saying, “Let us all marry you! We will provide our own food and clothing. Only let us take your name so we won’t be mocked as old maids.”

Things were as they were for a reason! No one said you could not work, it is just for thousands of years, and women have “opted out” that men just took over. Now that your nanny state protects you, you think you can lord it over us with impunity! I got news for you toots, the nanny state will turn on you when it is financially convenient, us men are designed to survive! marriage was your meal ticket to your survival, not your ownership of us as slave labor. You are the necessity that drove men to become PUAs, MGTOWs, harder workers, smarter workers, and men who will craft their own rules how they see fit. Your feminism is a lie, it is your own fault you bought into it. Now colleges are using affirmative action to entice men to school. When the economy bottom falls out, you won’t have all those stolen tax dollars at your disposal. What then? You will have to work against PUAs, MGTOWs, hard working male workers who are smarter street and school wise. They will be dominant in the sexual and economic marketplaces. They will not be inclined to treat you as a lady, and will be more than willing to compete against you on all levels, not caring if you become destitute. After all, you claimed you were far superior to them in every way, they will through their actions demand you prove it. You made your bed ladies, enjoy it while your mattress is still comfortable for your back. Your revolving door is still working, for now, and you can pay for everything. Pray to a God you have rejected that it stays that way. If it doesn’t, well, I hope you are as good at fending for yourself as you claim.

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When real feminists work!

Gatorade to Young Women: Don’t Try to be Feminine — Be Like a Lesbian!

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The following ad has Abby Wambach making a predatory assessment of another female soccer player. The sexual overtones are hard to ignore, with the mannish Wambach leering at the exhausted, more attractive competitor:

Another commercial on Gatorade’s site suggests that girls must be kept “in the game” (playing sports) so that they don’t become whores by age 14.

Ironically, sports drinks, which contain a lot of sugar, are one of the leading causes of childhood obesity. So, apparently, Gatorade is promoting both lesbianism and fatness in America’s young women.

Way to go, Gatorade!

Children of Older Fathers May Live Longer

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According research conducted in the Philippines, children born to older fathers tend to have longer telomeres, which protect chromosomes from age-related damage:

> Dr Dan Eisenberg and colleagues from the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University studied telomere inheritance in a group of young people living in the Philippines.
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> Telomeres, measured in blood samples, were longer in individuals whose fathers were older when they were born.
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> The telomere lengthening seen with each year that the men delayed fatherhood was equal to the yearly shortening of telomere length that occurs in middle-aged adults.
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> Telomere lengthening was even greater if the child's paternal grandfather had also been older when he became a father.
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> Although delaying fatherhood increases the risk of miscarriage, the researchers believe there may be long-term health benefits.
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> Inheriting longer telomeres will be particularly beneficial for tissues and biological functions that involve rapid cell growth and turnover – such as the immune system, gut and skin – the scientists believe.
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> And it could have significant implications for general population health.
>
> "As paternal ancestors delay reproduction, longer telomere length will be passed to offspring, which could allow lifespan to be extended as populations survive to reproduce at older ages."

So it looks as though men's reproductive fitness actually improves with age in at least one measure. This means that men who delay fatherhood until later in life are not necessarily doing their children a disservice, and may be contributing to the longevity of future generations.

How Racial Politics will Subordinate Feminism

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Polls and voting patterns have made it pretty clear that white men have permanently moved away from the Democratic Party. The trend is strongest in the 30-45 demographic, which is the youngest in which people become seriously politically engaged, so it appears to be accelerating. The crash of fertility amongst liberal whites that started in the late 1970s is showing up in young white male voting preferences even in the 18-30 demographic (they are growing more conservative), but they are inconsequential compared to older, more reliable voters, and will only solidify the trend in coming years as they settle into familiar routines (80% of children end up voting like their parents).

This has led to more predictable white male bashing from the left, which is what started the move away from the Democratic Party in the first place, and is beginning to manifest itself in the racial and gender makeup of elected Democrats. For the first time ever, it is predicted that white males will cease to be a majority in the House. The Senate, which has longer terms and is less prone to turnover, remains majority white male in the Democratic Party, but this is simply because it is a more staid, conservative institution.

The presidency, for its part, may have already permanently switched. In fact, even in the 1990s, Bill Clinton was something of an anomaly, and might not have won without Ross Perot to siphon off a substantial portion of the white male vote. But George Bush senior was one of the old-guard Republicans; an elite, Yankee throwback from the pre-Reagan era when Republicans lacked populist appeal (this is one of the concerns about Mitt Romney, and why Newt Gingrich enjoyed some enthusiastic support despite his slim chances in a national election).

Since Bill Clinton's presidency, the Democratic coalition of minorities, women and urban elites has kept the party fairly strong, despite some setbacks, and Republican stupidity regarding the economy and war handed them another presidential victory, in which white males voted underwhelmingly for John McCain, who ran essentially on a "more war" platform.

But things are different this year, as the economy has failed to improve during Obama's first term, and politics has become a zero-sum game in which the loser really loses and the winner merely treads water.

According to reports from last December, the Obama campaign has already decided to toss the working-class white male from the Democratic coalition, focusing instead on urban elite whites and white females to add to the overwhelming support he gets from minorities. The campaign has made this obvious recently through offering socialist incentives explicitly to white females, while deliberately leaving white males out. The result has been that a large gap has opened up with white male voters, who now overwhelmingly oppose Obama and the Democratic party.

Although the fact that the Republican party has become, for all intents and purposes, the white male party, is sometimes echoed in media outlets (usually in a disparaging manner), it isn't stressed enough, and the implications are either ignored or said to be favorable to Democrats. This is because most of the white males who write opinion or work for the media are part of the shrinking white male elite — the white males who actually do have white male privilege. These white males (and females) tend to live in deep blue cities where the Democratic Party has adapted to the caste society that characterizes urban America. Their lifestyle depends on maintaining the delicate ethnic and economic balance that holds the Democratic coalition together. This balance simply does nothing for rural, small-town and working class whites, who derive no advantages from it. Ironically, white people who hire brown servants and send their children to private, mainly-white schools, are more likely to vote Democrat than those who mow their own lawns, take care of their own children, and send their kids to public school. As fewer and fewer American whites can afford the increasingly expensive middle-class urban lifestyle, they drift away from the Democrats.

The gender gap between white males and females can be explained almost entirely by feminism and the goodies it

provides white females. When the Republicans were the more feminist party in the 1950s, women voted more Republican than men. It's a simple matter of pandering, and it works. But how well does it work, and for how long will it continue to work?

The rise of the white feminist in American politics was aided by white men from the beginning. Women were only included in the Civil Rights Act through the efforts of a Southern segregationist. The first woman on the US Supreme Court was appointed by a white male. A white male drafted the Violence Against Women Act. White males instituted universal suffrage, passed sexual harassment laws, extended affirmative action to white females, enacted Title IX, etc. The list goes on and on. White men have done more to enfranchise white females than women themselves.

The question this brings up is how things will play out when white males no longer dominate the Democratic party, and women find themselves fighting against white males rather than being the beneficiaries of their paternalism. We have to remember that white females are a minority in the Democrat coalition, yet they have most of the more powerful positions. Can white females maintain dominance in a majority minority coalition? Will black and Hispanic males continue to submit to the likes of Hillary Clinton and Nancy Pelosi? Will black and Hispanic females, for that matter, accept white female dominance of their political party?

Probably not. When given a choice between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, minority voters overwhelmingly chose the male candidate. Race trumped gender. If we are to be honest with ourselves, the benefits white females received from white males during the Civil Rights era were another example of race trumping gender. To compare the travails of the bored white housewife with those of the southern black man is ridiculous, and I'd assume downright insulting from a black male point of view. Nevertheless, white men did their best to extend every favor minorities received to white females as well. If they had the choice, would minorities have done the same? Not a chance. The only reason Obama panders to white women is that the US is still a majority white country, and he needs their vote.

But the strain in the coalition will eventually become hard to handle. Without senior white males around to protect and foster them, white female Democrats are going to be stuck in a difficult place. Although they share a few common goals with minority Democrats, their current leadership will be called into question. There's still time for a white woman to win the presidency on the Democratic ticket, but as the Democrats become majority minority that window is closing fast.

A number of white liberals believe that the increasing minority share of the US population will doom the Republican party, but that would only be a sure thing if we were to assume that white voters will continue to vote as they currently do for a long time to come. The reality is that white voters are far from a static bloc, and if the parties really do split along racial lines, as they have in the South, the Republican party will remain strong. It is starting to look more and more as though this may indeed happen on a national level.

Pacific and Northeastern states may continue to feature white male Democrats for some time to come, but rural states and minority majority states like California will likely see fewer of them as time goes on. It is often said that California leads the nation in trends, but that appears to have changed. California has led itself, for all intents and purposes, right out of the US into nearly foreign territory.

The implications for political feminism are likely to be profound. As the political divide in the US becomes increasingly racial, gender politics will play a smaller role. If a white female Democratic presidential candidate cannot even earn an endorsement from the ultra-feminist Oprah Winfrey, how could she hope to win the support of any minorities at all? And if she doesn't have the support of white men, what exactly is her base? Childless, college-educated, single, professional white women? Not exactly firm ground for national office.

Unless women can somehow transfer feminism to the Republican Party (a longshot), it will be politically dead in the water within a decade or so. It is often repeated that demographics is destiny, but people tend to see the trends only in the simplest terms. The outcomes of demographic changes are a lot more nuanced than imagined even by

our supposedly clued-in pundits. The increase in the minority share of the US population will certainly have profound implications, but given the size and cultural depth of white America there is not going to be some ultimate multicultural triumph that eliminates race from the equation.

Before the Ming dynasty, China was a far more cosmopolitan, multicultural society than it is today. It was as likely to be ruled by Altaic people as ethnic Chinese, and non-Chinese enjoyed immense influence and power from time to time. But during the Yuan dynasty, the Mongols introduced legislation that explicitly discriminated against ethnic Chinese. It was the first official, administratively implemented affirmative action program on the record. The result was that the Chinese population shrunk and lost a great deal of power, but ultimately Chinese emerged as a politically unified, far more conservative force. During the subsequent Ming dynasty the Chinese once again asserted their control and China became the most powerful, wealthy empire on earth until the dawn of the 19th century.

It remains to be seen how demographic matters will impact American politics, but it is likely that a racial divide in national politics will have a unifying effect on white America, and ethnic politics will take precedence over other issues. Feminism, homosexuality, religious differences and the like will decline in importance as racial divisions grow. All of these relatively petty issues can only flourish in times of white hegemony, and that hegemony is almost gone. We are looking at a new era in which race will subsume inconsequential intra-ethnic differences, and feminism will inevitably lose relevance.

Matt Forney's Voyage Highlights Loss of Freedom

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I checked into Matt Forney's blog today, being interested in what this recently emerged writer is up to, and found an article that was both funny and sad.

It appears that Matt, who plans to hitchhike and walk to the West Coast was rejected twice at the Canadian border for "not having sufficient ties to the US," and cuffed on one occasion. Additionally, he was accosted by police while camping near the road after an elderly couple reported that he was distraught and might be about to harm himself (neither of which were true). I suppose the old couple meant well, but as usual the police response included standard "apprehension" techniques.

Further along, he found himself walking past a "supermax" high security prison.

If you can remember what it was like to drive across the border in the 70s and 80s, it's obvious things have changed. Also, simply travelling by whatever means even within the country is a lot more likely to bring one into contact with authorities. It's ironic that when we lived in fear of nuclear annihilation our lives in the US were a lot more carefree, and we had more freedom of movement, less chance of being stopped by police, etc.

Hitchhikers never used to be "suspicious," people could camp pretty much wherever, and being an outsider rarely drew much police attention. Movies like *Easy Rider* and *Rambo: First Blood* portrayed small town America as suspicious and hostile, but the truth is that for the most part people used to just leave you alone. It's far, far more likely today that any random traveler will be stopped by the police, cited, jailed, harassed, etc. Males, of course, are always suspicious. Females, for their part, are always assumed to be in distress.

What the hell happened?

The Romance of Masculinity... Or Why Real Men Don't Ask for Directions ... Or Read Instructions Manuals

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By Spartacus, The Goat

In the modern world all of our creature comforts have been taken care of… All of the challenges have been met. Essentially. (We only have yet to conquer our own human nature and inner selves. The biggest challenge we shall ever face, perhaps… A different essay.)

After millions of years of evolution, a real man still yearns for challenges, for the thrill of the hunt and the feel of warm blood on his hands. He wants to be pushed to his limits for something that he truly believes in and in concepts in which he truly has faith. He wants to feel threatened occasionally and feel the victory in having overcome the threat.

But let's face it folks, there is little left to satisfy the modern caveman who harbors these feelings. While women may be content with a closet full of shoes and 10,000 Facebook friends, men yearn for something more… We cannot sit in a cubicle day after day and not lose our minds. Men are not meant to work in service jobs and behind a desk. We need to roam free and use our bodies as animals do.

Take the so-called controversy that women have created over men not wanting to ask for directions, nor read instructions.

You know why we don't ask for directions nor read the instructions? It is because there is no fun in it. Nothing to challenge the still animal hunter caveman within. Where is the thrill of finding your destination, if the process is a foregone conclusion. What is the thrill of having put something together if you didn't have to put any real effort into it?

Wouldn't it be more fun just to wing it? Set your course by the Sun or the Stars? Or the compass? Isn't it sometimes just more fun to throw a wrench into the works and see what happens? Putting things together, ofttimes for a man, it is more satisfying just to look at the parts, try to figure out their function and relationship to each other and then try to put the device together. IKEA is brilliant for women. For men, it is just another series of handcuffs preventing the caveman within from living a fulfilling life. Thanks, IKEA. (I have a complete set of metric hex keys because of you. I think hex keys actually outnumber humans at this point… Another essay…)

Otherwise, following instructions and asking for directions, modern life just sucks. For the caveman within it is a golden cage meant to protect but more oppressive than any other.

Note large animals in cages. They may live longer and healthier lives than their counterparts, but in their hearts they yearn to run free.

Think of lions, tigers and bears. Think of horses and elephants. Or think of the caged bird… Why does the caged bird sing? One reason is that it wants to get the heck out of the cage!

Otherwise, short of freedom, the caged animal develops crib habits. The horse gnaws at the fence posts surrounding him. The dog licks himself raw. The jaguar paces his cage incessantly until his paws are bleeding and torn… and yet he persists. That happy little bird eventually becomes a very angry little bird.

The big problem with the Industrial Revolution for me (and I imagine for many men) is that it killed craftsmanship. Every damn screw is exactly the same. (Which is fantastic in many ways, don't get me wrong.) Everybody is just part of an assemblyline, a cog in the machine. Everything is laid out for the man. There is no challenge, no threat and ultimately no satisfaction in today's modern job market for men.

So many of our products are dead as a result. There is so little art in industrial consumer society. It is all a thin pablum or little or no value or nutrition to the soul… as it is tasteless and cannot sustain one if one does not have

the stomach to even consume it. So modern life is just a drag… what is the point of working so hard if at the end of the day, one continues to be dissatisfied?

Should one just plop down in front of the telescreen and drown himself in Victory Gin flavored with some insipid essence of cloves? What kind of a life is that? Sounds kind of Orwellian…

What kind of crib habits might result in men due to this situation? Drugs, alcoholism, excessive sexual promiscuity, gluttony, an obsession with money or pride or power or war??? Suicide? Homicide? Violence? A complete lack of inspiration and enthusiasm to the point of poor health habits and a slow and horrible, agonizing death? A death without glory? A spiritual sloth that is more consuming of a man than any funeral pyre could ever be?

Why is it we blame the animal for his crib habits when it is “civilization” itself that is responsible? Let the animal out of the cage already.

Can I not express this feeling I have of wanting to express the inner animal in me in even the least little way?

Or must I be forced to sit upon the toilet to pee, to please the one for whom this gilded cage was intended in the first place? …in order to please HER? Can I not just pee standing up as I once did as an animal? Can I no longer express the animal nature in myself that continues to exist after millions of years of evolution despite the last 10,000 years or so of “civilization”?

Would you prevent your dog from wagging his tail? What result would occur?

He would likely become a very unhappy dog in deed. Where is the justice in that?

Ceaseless Victim Narrative Suggests Legalization of Prostitution Only Rational Choice

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Over the years, the prostitution issue has transformed from one of public vice to a subset of the victimized women trope. As with so many other issues concerning women, prostitutes are no longer considered responsible in any way for what they do, but rather blameless, guiltless victims of bad men. For all their talk about how empowered and equal women are, feminists have an irresistible urge to deny that women have any agency at all when they are involved in anything that might cast the weaker sex in an other than flattering light.

Given that this will never, ever change, there's really only one way we can effectively prevent feminists from using police to bully men on yet another issue: legalize prostitution.

Of course, not all men visit prostitutes. Most don't. But that doesn't mean that any of us will be free from suspicion as potential sex criminals if we happen to speak with an adult woman in public, visit a health center for a perfectly legal, non-sexual massage, or even spend time in public with an adult daughter. All interaction between adult men and women in public will inevitably be seen as a potential victimization waiting to happen (as it is now with adult men and children), and if given the power and mandate cops *will* act on it. You don't think it's possible? Well, that's how it is in Saudi Arabia, and feminists are pushing us right in that direction.

A feminist article in the Seattle PI shows us how we are getting there:

> For Taylor and the two other detectives assigned to the King County sheriff's Street Crimes Unit, such encounters are a nightly ritual as they patrol Highway 99 — also known as International Boulevard and Pacific Highway South, depending on location — from Tukwila to Federal Way. They look for girls and women walking "the track," but their real prey are the pimps who use seduction and violence to turn teens and young women into prostitutes, as well as the men who pay for sex in a section of South King County that has a seemingly endless supply of customers.
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> While many cops would rather not take their work home at the end of a shift, Taylor, Detective Joel Banks and Deputy Andy Conner have turned their jobs of busting pimps and johns into a passionate crusade to save victims of the sex trade.

First, most hookers don't have pimps. The ones who do usually have them *by choice*. Additionally, cops are as likely to take on the job of pimp as anyone else.

A study of Chicago prostitutes commissioned by "Freakonomics" author Steven Levitt (professor of economics at the University of Chicago) found that hookers had free sex with cops on a regular basis:

> Street prostitutes reported that about 3 percent of the sex acts they performed were "freebies" given to Chicago police officers to avoid arrest, according to a draft report of the study, which was presented to a packed session last weekend at an annual national economics conference in New Orleans.

Given this well-known phenomenon, it calls into question the motives of the King County sheriffs who work so intimately with hookers. If you really want to make a pimp's job easy, give him a gun and a badge…

I don't think any reasonable people want the state to take over the sex industry, because there are obvious problems with that kind of enterprise. But the only way to prevent this is to make it unlawful for police to arrest consenting adults who choose to make sex a financial transaction.

If we let the feminists have their way and succeed in criminalizing only clients, the result will be a sex industry that is fully in the hands of law enforcement. Gives a new meaning to the title "public servant." The potential for abuse

of power is obvious, and something we should rightly fear.

To prevent this, we should decriminalize prostitution, make it a licensed business, and collect tax revenue from those who freely choose to engage in the profession. Choose is the key word here. If prostitution is legal business, those who work in it will not be criminals, and will be subject to the same laws and regulations as anyone else if they want to keep their business. Nor will they be victims who need “saving” any more than men who choose to work as, say, roofers.

Let’s give prostitutes a chance to break free from the “cycle of victimization” — by *enfranchising them*. If they need security, they can pool with other prostitutes and hire a security guard/bouncer, who *works for them*. They can hire an accountant to do their books. A marketing agent to attract clients. And so on and so forth. No more pimps, no more cops, and no more pimp cops. Best of all, no more “victims.”

More Long Articles?

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I've noticed that my longer, more in depth articles have a favorable effect on traffic, as they are passed around more, so I'm thinking about putting more effort into them.

What I'd like to do is write an in-depth piece of 1,500-3,000 words at least once a week, posted on Mondays or Tuesdays. This shouldn't be a problem, but it might mean a little less time for the shorter articles, so total post volume might go down slightly, although total text volume will likely increase.

I'd be interested in knowing whether regular readers like the longer articles, so feel free to let me know what you think of the idea. I like writing them, but they can be pretty involved, taking up pretty much an entire shift (or longer in some cases), so I want to make sure the effort is well-spent.

Real Backlash Has Emerged

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Feminists have been writing about a "backlash" against feminism for years. Even at the height of their legislative and cultural triumph in the 1990s, they claimed there was a serious backlash against feminism.

Of course, there was nothing of the sort. Men (including so-called conservatives) went on to pass some of the most draconian anti-male legislation on earth (VAWA), male enrollment in college continued to drop, the stifling PC atmosphere in the media and on campus was at its most oppressive and children were routinely seized from fathers, as usual.

Men's and fathers' rights groups at the time were still so cowed and intimidated that they claimed to support feminism at every turn. They sought compromise with feminists wherever possible. For all their efforts to cooperate, feminists still called them "the abuser lobby," "misogynists" and other related slurs. Feminists had won the culture war hands-down. My own city council at the time was 33% open lesbian (all feminists); an overrepresentation of over 6,000%. Feminists had their hands firmly on the levers of power, and they were not shy about using that power to promote the female supremacist agenda.

Although it took a while, the inevitable outrage over their excesses has started to emerge. When you beat people down for long enough, eventually they start to fight back, although not always effectively at first.

The manosphere, which really emerged in the late 2000s, was a direct response to feminists going overboard. Roissy, The Spearhead, A Voice for Men, Dalrock, and a number of other sites emerged in opposition to feminism. For some of us it was personal, for others an altruistic effort, but for most of us I'd assume a bit of both.

It seems our efforts are being noticed, and not only by aggrieved, divorced men or ultrasensitive feminists and leftists.

Anger at feminists exploded in a recent critique of video games that a feminist was preparing. Her project, one of the typical, inconsequential critiques of something boys do in their spare time, was devoted to combating gender stereotypes in video games (truly an extremely important project). The feminist, Anita Sarkeesian, decided to fund her project with kickstarter. Somehow, some gamers caught wind of the project, and launched a concerted online attack on the feminist, vandalizing her Wikipedia page and YouTube site and posting rude pictures, among other things. I suspect there was some pent up anger from John Scalzi's recent piece that told gamers they all have white male privilege.

The immediate effect of the attacks was to convince a lot of feminists to hand Sarkeesian a lot of money (over $130,000) through kickstarter, so the attacks didn't work exactly as planned. But they did demonstrate that there's a lot of anger out there. As for Sarkeesian's success, we should be happy about it, because I can't think of a more worthless way to spend over a hundred thousand dollars than in finger-wagging over video games. For one thing, it's sure to piss even more guys off, and the game industry is very competitive, so her documentary (now expanded to 12 parts!) will likely have zero effect on production and consumption of this form of entertainment. The feminists are simply pissing all the money away, and that's fine, because this time they're paying for it themselves.

Of course, juvenile online attacks are a waste of our time as well. There's a lot more to be gained from keeping your cool and telling it straight. Giving women like Sarkeesian the opportunity to portray themselves as victims is playing right into their hands. If there's anything men ought to know, it is that the "damsel in distress" is a trope that serves women extremely well. Nothing gives women more power than the ability to trigger protective instincts.

That said, there is definitely a different tone online. White knighting has become far less common than it was a few years ago. Men are standing up for themselves. There's a growing awareness that feminism has gone too far, and comments on feminist articles have a tendency to skew toward men's rights. This is a real backlash, and it's undeniable at this point. So much so that some feminists appear be afflicted by flagging morale.

Although the tone of some of the attacks on feminism is unfortunate, it will improve as those who oppose the ideology mature and think things over. People tend to form their convictions relatively early in life, and don't tend to change their minds so much as they learn to put things in context and achieve their goals more effectively (e.g. neocons adapted their practice more than their core ideology; feminists stopped burning bras and shooting male artists and took over college departments, etc.).

Perhaps most encouraging is that anecdotal evidence suggests that sons of feminists tend to hate the ideology with a passion. I'm pretty sure that anti-feminism is a lot more widespread amongst youths and young men than most older people realize, especially as they are reaching out and finding explanations for the frustration they feel in a world that is hostile to masculinity. I'm happy to say that I've helped some of these boys along, and I know I'm not the only one.

Feminists have long expected a backlash from some mysterious cabal. They have breathlessly spoken of it as a wonderful opportunity to finally finish off the hated patriarchy. Imagine their horror as they realize that this backlash they have been preparing for all these years is coming from their sons.

How Can Christians Avoid Divorce?

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It's hard to take Christians seriously when they criticize divorce, because they are functionally supporting it. Lowering the divorce rate – if only in the Christian community – would be remarkably easy. How can we know this? Because divorce remains almost unknown amongst the Amish.

The Amish may have a lot of peculiar views on the world from our perspective, but their take on marriage is pretty much the exact same ours used to be long ago. When one Amish spouse decides to divorce another for "no fault," he or she is promptly expelled from the community. Even at fault divorces are frowned upon, and all but prohibited.

It's a very strict marital regime, and I think a lot of us, if we were honest with ourselves, might want to think twice about such an arrangement. But there's no doubt it works.

Could some of these principles be applied to a more mainstream faith community? Absolutely yes, and they wouldn't have to be so severe to be effective. Changing divorce law is a tall order, but religious groups do not have to run their congregations according to the principles of marriage equality. While people can easily sue for divorce in state courts, churches are not prohibited from having their own rules.

If Christians want to lower the divorce rate in their churches, it would be as simple as kicking out those who frivolously divorce, and treating divorcées as adulteresses. As it is today, abandoned husbands are usually the ones left in the ditch by churches, so this would be a major change. But if churches want to stay true to Christianity, they would do well to recognize that from the beginning, Christian women were not allowed to sue for divorce. There is no precedent in ancient Hebrew, Greek or Roman law for women to divorce their husbands. This is why the Christian church is so ill-prepared to deal with the revolutionary idea of granting women the right to divorce. Even today, Orthodox Jews do not allow it, nor do Muslims (civil law differs, but here we are speaking of ecclesiastic law). Rabbinic and Sharia courts may order men to divorce their wives, but women cannot legally divorce without their husband's consent.

Women were first granted the right to divorce in revolutionary France, in 1792. This was rescinded shortly thereafter, in 1804, and French women had to wait another 80 years before regaining the right to kick their husbands to the curb. The revolutionary edict was a first in civilized society (if you could apply that moniker to revolutionary France), to be followed some decades later by Great Britain with the Matrimonial Causes Act 1857. Naturally, some fifteen years later mother custody became the norm in the UK.

The transfer of marriage from ecclesiastic to civil law has continued apace since "reforms" of the 19th century, with devastating consequences for traditional marriage. However, this doesn't mean that churches have to follow civil law — at least not in the United States (not yet, anyway). To this day, rabbinic courts have authority over Orthodox Jewish marriages, including in some civil matters. Given that it contradicts core Christian doctrine, I'm not sure this would be appropriate for Christian churches, but it probably isn't necessary in any event.

The point is that granting women the right to initiate divorce goes entirely against Christianity, as well as all other major religions. According to the Christian faith, a woman who leaves her husband is an adulteress — even if he consents. So why is it that divorced women are so quickly forgiven and fostered by "Christian" churches? I'm fairly certain that it's about the money they bring to the table (divorced men are often impoverished), but if Christians looked deep within themselves they'd have to admit that there's nothing Christian about such an arrangement.

New Agers often claim that women were free to leave husbands in pre-Christian societies, and this was sometimes true, but in such societies women were generally chattel, especially if they had no children of their own. Typically, if a woman left a husband for another man the aggrieved husband could demand compensation in the form of livestock or some other goods, so that he could fetch himself another wife.

Amongst the Cheyenne, for example, a man who absconded with another's wife was expected to provide compensation. The Cheyenne were remarkably tolerant of divorce and affairs, unlike some other tribes, but the man still retained the privilege of "drum divorce" in which he could cast out his wife in front of witnesses and sever all responsibility toward her. There was nothing to be gained materially from leaving a husband, and absconding with another incurred a material penalty. The going rate in the 19th century seemed to have been a horse or two, although some Cheyenne husbands reportedly said a dog would be acceptable compensation.

Thus we see that in pre-Christian societies women were not so much empowered by divorce as *devalued* by it.

So Christians really have nothing to fear from holding a different line from the secular world. The advantages accrued in contemporary divorce hang by a thread, and are often more illusion than fact. Divorced women are not, in general, richer, happier or healthier. And if the churches themselves stopped extending sympathy and succor to women who flout the teachings of the church, there would be even less incentive to "eat, pray, love." Any church that held a strict line could eliminate divorce amongst the lay people. It might mean throwing out those who break the rules, but drastic times call for drastic measures, and it would work.

Unfortunately, Christians are up against heresy on a massive scale. It isn't going to be easy to change the culture of a church that allows itself to be led by the secular, civil regime. However, ultimately, this will probably be the only way the Christian church can survive in the West. The first Christians of Rome didn't grow and prosper because they followed the ways of their depraved, secular neighbors. They followed their own rules; their own good book. It served them well, and they came to be the most powerful social force in Europe.

I write this not as a missionary, or even a committed Christian. I'm a bit of a stand-off, and a student of a number of religions, but I'd consider it neglect to hold off on giving advice to the majority religion in my country. And if anyone leads the way in restoring a semblance of normality to domestic relations, I'm convinced it's going to be those with religious convictions. This is how it has always been.

Masculinity & Master Morality

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In a *Scientific American* article titled "When Men Are Less Moral Than Women," psychology professor Cindi May recently claimed that men were more likely to "cut ethical corners" when they felt their masculinity was at stake. She concluded by recommending that, "if ethical standards are a significant factor in your choice of financial advisors or real estate agents, it may be safer to go with Bernadette than with Bernie."

I first skimmed this on the UK's Daily Mail, and immediately wondered if advocating sex-based discrimination would legally be considered "hate speech" in Britain, but quickly discovered that May is safe from the truncheons of the British thought police in sunny Charleston, South Carolina. Whether in the colonies or the motherland, it's safe to say that similar claims made about women or a protected ethnic group would explode into public melodrama and end in tears, resignations and staged apologies. However, it's become not only acceptable but fashionable in the mainstream media to claim that discriminating against men and hiring women is better for business and that, theoretically, doing so would solve all of "today's problems."

May's biases were obvious from her use of loaded, snide language:

"Apparently manhood is relatively fragile and precarious, and when it is challenged, men tend to become more aggressive and defensive."

That's feminist boilerplate, and seems a little out of place (even today) in a publication as august and ostensibly scientific as *Scientific American*. Referring to masculinity as "fragile" (compared to what?) is the kind of intentionally emasculating banality more at home in gossip columns and trash zines like *Slate*, *Feministing* and *Gawker*, and in the desperate cries for help "work" of comic train wrecks like Hugo Schwyzer.

May glossed over complex issues and presented them as settled science. She asserted that the "evidence" doesn't suggest that testosterone or genetic differences between men and women has much to do with male status competition.

Careful readers might want to have a look at, say, "Influences of Serotonin and Testosterone in Aggression and Dominance: Convergence with Social Psychology," by Paul C. Bernhardt, which suggests that high testosterone correlates with status-seeking behaviors, like winning a negotiation. (*Current Directions in Psychological Science*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (Apr., 1997), pp. 44-48) Some of May's colleagues to the North noted more recently that, "During negotiations testosterone increases in those who think they have a chance of gaining or maintaining status, and it decreases among those who think they are about to lose." (Testosterone and Social Behavior Alan Booth, Douglas A. Granger, Allan Mazur and Katie T. Kivlighan. *Social Forces*, Vol. 85, No. 1 (Sep., 2006), pp. 167-191). There's also evidence of stock traders performing better when testosterone is higher, which is probably one of the reasons why testosterone therapy is popular with men who work on Wall Street.

Testosterone is probably only part of the reason why men might behave differently than women in negotiating scenarios. However, before we move on, I'd like to make a point about testosterone, masculinity, feminism, historical analysis and contemporary studies concerning sex differences. **If, as some studies have shown, current male testosterone levels are artificially low – due to a variety of factors including environmental toxins, sedentary lifestyles and widespread obesity – then current studies that show minor differences between male and female behavior tell us less about historical differences between the sexes than is often argued.** Basically, if men today are less chemically manly than their predecessors, many masculine stereotypes from the past may have been *even more valid* than contemporary data would seem to suggest. There is good reason to believe that men and women were *more different* even a few decades ago.

Instead of dealing with a complex reality, May took a carefree cruise down to the Margaret Mead Memorial Theme Park on the tropical island of Ma-king Shitup. She predictably pointed to vague "cultural" associations between masculinity and winning, and the implied conclusion is that we must reduce cultural associations between

masculinity and winning to increase male morality.

May is either a little slow for a professor or she is willing to misrepresent evidence that any layman can find on JSTOR to achieve a perceived "win" for women. That doesn't help her claim that men are less moral than women, but her rationalization hamster could probably explain to us all why she is still morally superior to men, no matter what she writes or how she conducts herself. At any rate, she makes a good case for revisiting the proposed 1995 law that would have required psychologists to dress as wizards in court.

There is a better explanation for the results of these studies. Women are not more "ethical" in any noble sense of the word. They're more timid — more "risk-averse"—and more empathic.

Increased testosterone in men correlates with decreased empathy and increased optimism about a man's chances of success. The evolutionary reasons why are pretty obvious if you think for a minute about what kinds of jobs men would have been most likely to do not only in the Environment of Evolutionary Adaptedness (EEA), but also in most economic and social classes throughout most of recorded history.

Men spent more time at the edge of the tribal perimeter in scenarios where they stood to benefit (eating dangerous game, triumphing over external enemies) from a higher risk threshold and a focus on winning – in the context of a male group – above all things. When competing (within a group) or fighting against other men, too much empathy is a handicap. To take another man's life, you have to care more about your own success and less about his feelings. Winning comes first, empathy comes second. It's absurd to posit that this is some kind of novel cultural invention, when it's obvious that the ability to dehumanize a competitor is a survival skill. There is every reason to believe that men have been selected for being successful at dehumanizing competitors, because the men who failed to do this would have lost to men who were able to cut down their foes.

There is a twist to this, though, because men have always been cooperative hunters and fighters. Men needed to be able to care less about their enemies and competitors, but to function as a group, they also needed to care a lot about what the gang of men they fought and hunted with thought of them. They had to be willing to take risks and possibly even sacrifice themselves for men they had bonded with. Men compete with each other to attain a higher status within the group – a sense that they are valued by other men – and there is every reason to believe that men who were highly valued by other men would have acquired a greater share of the booty (in both senses of the word).

Darwin believed that this ability to sacrifice for the group in battle was the kernel of altruism. He wrote in *Descent of Man* that, "A tribe including many members who, from possessing in a high degree the spirit of patriotism, fidelity, obedience, courage, and sympathy, were always ready to aid one another, and to sacrifice themselves for the common good, would be victorious over most other tribes; and this would be natural selection."

That may be true, but practically speaking, this is also the basis for honor – a concern for one's reputation as a man among men – and a strong desire to avoid dishonor.

Here are some general ideas about men that we can extract from all of this, which explain the results of the cited studies in a less crass "women are angels and men are devils" way than that charlatan from Charleston did.

1. **Men, when threatened with losing, tend to place a higher value on winning than empathy for competitors or following abstract moral codes.**
2. **For men, avoiding dishonor – defined as a loss of status as a man within the group of men – is a stronger motivator than avoiding being perceived as immoral or less empathic.**
3. **(Hypothetical) Moral codes probably have a stronger influence on men when they are directly linked to status within the male group, and/or avoiding dishonor. (Western chivalry and samurai codes are examples of moral codes bound to masculine gang status.)**

In a survival scenario, when men lose, the entire group loses. Failure is starvation and death. Winning must come first; finer points of morality are a luxury afforded by success.

It also follows that women would be less likely to take risks and more empathic. Women haven't traditionally been judged on their competitive obstinacy or their ability to win, but on their conduct round the campfire within a secured perimeter. They've had less reason to dehumanize enemies, and every reason to try to gauge what others are thinking and feeling, and every reason to behave with an eye to avoiding potential social costs that have nothing to do with male honor, winning or bravery. A woman who is socially despised and shut out for being exceptionally undesirable, unlikeable, or socially undependable finds herself in an outcast and at-risk position similar to the man who has been revealed to be disloyal, a coward or a weakling.

In *The Way of Men*, I made a point to present masculinity "amorally," because most people think of morality in civilized, quasi-Judeo-Christian terms that incorporate aspects of guilt and asceticism that Nietzsche would have associated with *ressentiment* – the priestly, inverted values of the meek and jealous. What these studies reveal about men is what Nietzsche would have called a "master morality." For the "master," that which is good is first of all that which *wins* and the rest can be sorted out later. It is the "right" of the mighty.

Cindi May's feminist interpretation of those studies is thick with *ressentiment*. It betrays a jealousy of strength – of winning – and a desire to make the weaker sex appear to be morally superior for seeming less concerned with winning and more concerned with feeling, empathy and the avoidance of risk.

Jack Donovan's new book, *The Way of Men*, is now available in paperback and various e-book formats. If you enjoyed this article and would like to keep up with his work, please "like" his author page on Facebook or visit his web site at http://www.jack-donovan.com

Regret

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Jessica Bennett, writing for the NY Times, reminisces about a marriage that could have been. Not willing to sacrifice her career, she postponed engagement while in her mid-20s, turning down her boyfriend's proposal, only to change her mind around the age of 30.

> We had talked about marriage. I knew we would get engaged eventually. He had asked about my ring size. Still, I was oblivious. I never thought this would happen so soon.
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> So, as he knelt beside me and reached into the bedside table, my heart pounded and my hands became sweaty. "Will you marry me?" he asked, taking out a ring that had been his grandmother's.
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> I didn't know what to do. Was this a momentary panic?
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> "Yes," I said, terrified I had paused too long. I stuck out the wrong hand.
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> We were engaged for 20 minutes, until I mustered the courage to choke out, "What if I'm not ready?"
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> I loved him desperately. I knew, as much as I would ever know, that he was the one I wanted to be with. We balanced each other. I wanted to frame his dimples.
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> And yet the moment I saw that ring, I was terrified. I saw dirty dishes and suburbia, not lace-covered wedding gowns. Rather than thinking about the family we'd someday have, I saw the career I had hardly started as suddenly out of reach. The independence I had barely gained felt stifled. I couldn't breathe.

Her boyfriend, still being a young, lovestruck man, overlooked the rejection… for a time. Ms. Bennett justified her decision to postpone nuptials by writing articles about how young, single women didn't need it.

In 2010 she wrote an article downplaying the importance of the institution, and it seems she finally convinced her boyfriend:

> I was working as a writer at Newsweek by then. One afternoon, a colleague and I sat at her desk and added up the number of weddings we had been to that summer (at least a dozen), the dollars we had spent on each (thousands) and how many we believed would last (maybe half).
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> A few data searches, some interviews and a pitch to an editor later, we were issuing a manifesto of our own. "I Don't," we would proclaim a few months later in a 2010 cover line in Newsweek: "The Case Against Marriage."
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> Our argument took romance out of the equation. As we explained it, Americans were already waiting longer to marry, and fewer than ever believed in the "sanctity" of marriage. As urban working women in our 20s, we no longer needed marriage to survive — at least not financially. We weren't religious, so we didn't believe that unmarried cohabitation or even child-rearing was an issue.
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> But we were also cynical. As children of the divorce generation, we had watched cheating scandals proliferate in the news. We had given up on fairy tales, and we didn't know how anybody could see the institution of marriage as anything but a farce. It was "broken," one sociologist told me. So, what was the point?
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> "Happily ever after," we proclaimed proudly, "doesn't have to include 'I do.' "
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> I told my boyfriend about the article, and he rolled his eyes. I assured him it wasn't about us, but he said it didn't matter. Over the years, he explained, I had convinced him that he didn't believe in marriage, either. And so we carried on, partnered but not married, in love but not legally bound.

Finally, Bennett changed her mind. It seems to happen right at about this age for career women: around 30. What happens is that the balance changes. The male attention starts to fade a bit, the working lifestyle is no longer so

glamorous and filled with potential. Suddenly, it kind of sucks to be single.

However, much to her dismay, Bennett's boyfriend lost his enthusiasm. She counted on him to stick around for her, treating him as a sort of plan-B in case she didn't meet someone better, and he finally figured that out. No man wants to be a woman's plan-B — it's humiliating.

When she saw the writing on the wall and started asking him about marriage, he blew it off:

> THEN one day, in the most tired of clichés, I, too, started daydreaming about a wedding. I covered a gay wedding at City Hall, the day that same-sex marriage became legal in New York, and I cried as the couple read their vows. I began to wonder what he and I might wear, who would be there, and whether we'd write our own vows.
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> I brought the issue up tepidly, to feel him out. Lying in bed one night, I asked: "Do you still want to do it? Do you really not believe in it?"
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> "I'd marry you at City Hall," he replied, then dropped it.
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> Another time, he threw my argument back at me: "Why do we need marriage? It's only a piece of paper."
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> And then I brought it up again as we were planning a summer vacation with his family. His was half Greek, and they had gone to the same Greek island since he was a boy. There was a little love boat there that people would take to sea to marry.
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> "Why don't we get married there, on the love boat?" I asked.
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> He laughed. "We'd have to talk about it seriously."

The boyfriend had finally started to stand up for himself. Perhaps he realized that he, too, had options. He felt he'd been strung along, and it was an insult to see her change her tune when she'd disparaged the idea of marriage. Maybe he thought her sudden interest in marriage smacked of desperation, and was at its heart just another self-centered move on Bennett's part.

Nevertheless, he let her down easy, like most men do:

> we re-signed our lease and decided to paint the apartment. We threw out our suitcases because they were taking up too much room. And then, in a moment of sweet insecurity, he told me he was worried he would always love me more than I loved him.
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> I assured him it wasn't true.
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> A month later, he broke up with me, a half-hour before midnight, on New Year's Eve. We were in Seattle for the holidays, just as we had been when he proposed six years before. There was no warning, no conversation. He simply told me he didn't want to marry. He had never forgiven me for turning him down.
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> When we got back to New York, he packed up his stuff, quit his job, paid a final month's rent and moved back to his hometown, 2,000 miles away.
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> In the end, we had no shared bank account or property. We didn't have to go through a trial separation or mandatory counseling. We had spent seven years living in a 600-square-foot New York City apartment, inseparable and intertwined. Yet in the end, the relationship ended in one night. No discussion required.

Although it's probably true that he loved her more than she loved him, as it's pretty clear that Bennett loved herself above all others, what had really changed is that he had started to care about himself as well. Women have a way of teaching men how to do that. Use a man enough, and eventually his self-preservation instinct kicks in.

When I wrote an article telling women that they ought to start thinking seriously about marriage by at least 25 if they want to have a family, it provoked the ire of a lot of 20-something women. I thought it was pretty good advice,

but the denial is so strong these days that a lot of women – like Jessica Bennett – are bound to find themselves staring right into the face of regret.

As Military Sexually Integrated, "Sexual Misconduct" Epidemic Results

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A number of Air Force instructors are facing rape, harassment and/or inappropriate contact accusations, and there is a supposed epidemic of "sexual misconduct" involving female recruits. The reporting on the matter tends to conflate sexual assault (so far only one instructor accused of rape) with inappropriate consensual sex.

At this point it remains to be seen whether the man accused of rape will be convicted, but given the politics involved I wouldn't bet on a fair court martial. As for the others, they stand accused of various minor offenses such as adultery and making unwanted advances.

I've written before how introducing sex into male institutions has a corrupting effect, but politically correct ideology refuses to recognize that young women tend to be sexually attracted to higher-status males. Putting a relatively young man in charge of a lot of young, fertile females is bound to lead to some sex, no matter how many threats and disincentives the man is exposed to. Sex is such a strong biological compulsion that it simply *will* happen — especially amongst the types who tend to join the military. This has been recognized for all of history, and soldiers were typically excused for using prostitutes or having sex with local women so long as they kept it off base.

But now we're actually bringing the women into the bases and expecting them not to have sex with the men surrounding them. Generally, it is sterile, older feminists who are demanding that the men keep their pants on, all the while excusing the females, who even in the current case admittedly engaged in a great deal of consensual sex with military men.

So far, none of the women who had sex with the non-raping instructors have been charged with anything, although they clearly should if we are to hold them to equal standards. It may be true that instructors have more responsibility, but female recruits are adults – not children – and therefore fully capable of making sexual decisions.

However, when it really comes down to it, we ought to ask ourselves whether it's appropriate and worth the trouble to create such a risky situation in the first place. The military is not, and never has been, an equal-opportunity employer. Nor should it be. It is an institution that has a very clear purpose – to fight and win wars – and we pay for it. It's relatively harmless to fiddle with gender ratios at the DMV, the USPS, and even the Forest Service, but the military is not a fundamentally benign institution. It is a necessary evil, and should only be maintained at the level necessary to ensure national security. Introducing affirmative action bloat to it is not only wasteful, but a danger to national security. President Obama should be ashamed of himself for squandering our money to unnecessarily expand an institution that should be lean, mean and efficient, and for giving it a job – enforcing gender equality – it has no business doing.

More Military Shenanigans

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Elusive Wapiti wrote an article highlighting military moms in uniform breastfeeding in public. It's accompanied by a "tasteful" picture of some children enjoying lunch courtesy of their mothers, who are wearing camo.

Well, who can say the women aren't doing their job? The only problem is that they are wearing the wrong uniform.

BTW, is it sexual misconduct if an airman notices the tits and does a double-take?

Health Care Bill Closer to Reality, Child Support to be Extended to 26

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The Supremes have set the stage for the full implementation of Obamacare, and yet people are not fully aware of the consequences of this enormous, bloated bill.

A provision of Obamacare that divorced fathers ought to pay close attention to is the extension of "dependent children" to age 26 (from Cornell's law blog):

> Grandfathered Health Plans
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> Under the Affordable Care Act, current health plans that existed at the time the Act was signed were "grandfathered" into the Act. This was meant to allow people to maintain the insurance coverage they already possessed. Under the Act, grandfathered health plans are exempted from certain requirements that the Act imposed. For example, grandfathered health plans are not required to impose limits on out-of-pocket costs for their users. New plans are required to provide their participants with "essential health benefits," as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services; grandfathered health plans are not subject to these requirements. However, certain requirements do apply alike to the new plans and the grandfathered health plans. These include extending the age of dependent children to age 26. Also, both types of plan are prohibited from placing a monetary limit on lifetime coverage.

Although there's nothing wrong with fathers helping out adult children, the problem here is that the if the custodial parent (overwhelmingly the mother) continues to claim the child as a dependent, guess who gets the checks?

This will simply incentivize mothers to keep children "dependent" as long as possible, possibly through having them go to school beyond what's necessary, take superfluous classes, etc.

The days when child support ended at 18 are long over. Now, women are entitled to payments from babydaddy for a full third (or more) of his natural life, and more than half of his working life.

Obamacare is indeed a tax, and guess who's going to be footing most of the bill?

Usher's Court Hearing Shows Double Standard in Family Court

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TMZ filmed Usher's custody hearing, in which he's pleading for custody of his sons. His ex's lawyer is smearing his character and delving into his personal life in an attempt to prove he's an unfit father, and that it was his own fault that his ex-wife attacked his girlfriend.

If a man tried to pull the same in court, he wouldn't have a chance in hell of getting custody (not that Usher really has much of a chance anyway). It doesn't matter if your ex is bringing strange men over and sleeping with them in the room next to the kids, leaving the kids with grandma to go slut it up in Vegas, or whatever. You just can't go there, because the judge will teach you a lesson for it.

On the other hand, if a separated guy has a fling with a woman away from his kids when it is not his custodial time with them, that's considered "provocation" and bad parenting. The way it's set up, almost anything a father does can be used against him, whereas a mother can be excused for just about anything, including assault.

This is why I cannot in good conscience recommend that a father fight for custody unless he can conclusively prove that the children are in danger. Better to get a reasonable parenting plan with plenty of time with the kids, and if the circumstances change he's in a good position to take over as custodial parent.

Comment of the Week: Backlash Real and Deserved

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At Doug's request (I often rely on pointers from bright, mature commenters like Doug), I'm highlighting one of our most popular comments for this week, and probably this year so far. Written by "Young Guy," it spells out the reasons young men are rejecting feminism. If only our mass media outlets would listen, they might have something valuable to say. But no, that isn't their job — they prefer to instruct us as to what is and isn't appropriate (mostly, they learned the rules in college, because they are such "out of the box," "independent" and "cutting-edge" thinkers).

Thankfully, we have real people who are willing to chip in and let us know what's actually happening on the ground.

Let's have Young Guy speak for himself:

> **If feminists think men, especially young men, are angry, they don't know the half of it. As a 26 year-old male, I have seen this society bend over backwards to accommodate women all the time.**
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> The school curriculums are geared toward female success. Schools have countless women's programs. Female teachers can be as hateful as they want towards male students without facing consequences. People cheer when girls succeed in school, but jeer when boys succeed in school. Even though females have every advantage in the education system, they somehow still have the audacity to complain. They take fluff majors but don't realize anyone with less than half a brain could pass classes in the humanities and social sciences. Boys are dropping like flies in the education system, but no one cares. America's education system has become a joke ever since feminist legislation was passed to make the education system more female-friendly.
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> Oh, and just look at the workplace. Sexual harassment laws give women freedom to dress slutty and still have the nerve to complain when men sneak a peek. If you are a man who has a female co-worker, you have to walk on eggshells everyday or else you can get fired because the twat in the other room got her panties in a bunch over something minor you said. You can be a man who has busted his ass everyday to succeed in your chosen profession, only to see it mean nothing because some woman who was nothing more than an affirmative action hire. If this isn't bad enough, you get these useless women who are subpar, yet they still never shut up about breaking through the mythical glass-ceiling that they didn't break and didn't exist in the first place.
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> Also, I have really had enough of women dragging this country down with their dead-weight. Female soldiers, police officers, and firefighters are liabilities. No, all you ladies in these jobs, you aren't heroes. I am going to go insane if I hear one more female soldier, police officer, or firefighter cry about not getting the respect she thinks she deserves. She doesn't get respect because she doesn't deserve respect. The military, law enforcement, and firefighters would be A LOT better off if women stopped lowering the bar to astronomical proportions.
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> I could go on and on about fathers being the butt of all jokes, male-only spaces being infiltrated by women, misandry in the entertainment industry, female-on-male violence and male suicide being treated like it either it doesn't exist or it doesn't matter, single mothers and all their horrors, and just all the complaining women do everyday about insignificant things, but I think most of you understand where I am coming from already.
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> Males raised in feminist households or single-mother households are sick and tired of all this nonsense because they have seen the hatefulness in feminism since they were born, and every day afterwards. These young men are extremely angry because it has been made clear to them they are considered irrelevant by most of society. Go ahead, keep throwing us young guys under the bus, because you are just making things worse. You have no idea how angry young men like me are after being thrown under the bus ever since we were born.
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> The backlash is not only real, but it is well-deserved. Apologies won't erase the damage which has been done. Acting like what happened because of feminism either didn't happen or was minor is a slap in the face. Saying women have suffered from feminism just as much as men is like spitting in the faces of all the men who have

> suffered ten lifetimes of pain because of feminism.
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> Women have no idea what they have done to us Generation Y men.

Tingles in the Mist

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I came across this remarkable video, in which a young Julia Roberts has an “encounter” with an orangutan on the Leakey Preserve on Borneo (try to ignore the German translation over her voice). The incident was captured on film, and looked to be fairly serious, although the handlers prevented the unthinkable. Apparently, orangutans rape a woman on the preserve every year or so, and this one in particular, named “Kosasu,” took a shining to Ms. Roberts.

I’ve previously wondered why so many female primatologists put themselves in these situations, but now Julia has explained: it’s for the “raw thrill.”

Here’s another video concerning the incident, in which Roberts is quite clear about the ape’s intent. Before making his move, the orang is the epitome of the aloof alpha male:

Anne-Marie Slaughter Grasping at Straws in "Have it All" Article

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In this month's edition of *The Atlantic*, Anne-Marie Slaughter wrote a very long article explaining that women "still can't have it all," but should be able to if only we make the right changes. As is commonly the case with female writers, Slaughter devotes an enormous amount of page space to herself, assuring readers that she is indeed a very accomplished, professional woman, and that when she quit diplomacy, it was her choice.

Although the article struck a chord with women across the US and gained massive exposure online, the gist of the article – that women are not actually exempt from reality – is not new. We've been making the point on this site for quite a while now. But perhaps a woman with a federal imprimatur needed to say it to get women to pay attention.

Unfortunately, Slaughter can't seem to see the issue through to its logical conclusion, instead clinging to the notion that more social engineering will deliver women into the magical promised land of limitless opportunity. She takes what could have been a helpful article putting things in their proper perspective for women who have to make a choice between family and career, and turns it into a feminist crusade for more power, more control, more everything.

> The best hope for improving the lot of all women, and for closing what Wolfers and Stevenson call a "new gender gap"—measured by well-being rather than wages—is to close the leadership gap: to elect a woman president and 50 women senators; to ensure that women are equally represented in the ranks of corporate executives and judicial leaders. Only when women wield power in sufficient numbers will we create a society that genuinely works for all women. That will be a society that works for everyone.

So how does she propose creating this equal world? Well, her first idea is finding the right spouse. The husband has to acquiesce to being a kitchen bitch, and to support her in her career by shouldering the majority of the domestic work. Essentially, she's calling for an Amazon society — not equality.

> Sandberg's second message in her Barnard commencement address was: "The most important career decision you're going to make is whether or not you have a life partner and who that partner is." Lisa Jackson, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, recently drove that message home to an audience of Princeton students and alumni gathered to hear her acceptance speech for the James Madison Medal. During the Q&A session, an audience member asked her how she managed her career and her family. She laughed and pointed to her husband in the front row, saying: "There's my work-life balance." I could never have had the career I have had without my husband, Andrew Moravcsik, who is a tenured professor of politics and international affairs at Princeton. Andy has spent more time with our sons than I have, not only on homework, but also on baseball, music lessons, photography, card games, and more. When each of them had to bring in a foreign dish for his fourth-grade class dinner, Andy made his grandmother's Hungarian palacsinta; when our older son needed to memorize his lines for a lead role in a school play, he turned to Andy for help.

In order to implement her scheme, we'd have to find a veritable army of men willing to live life as a housewife to support all these powerful, accomplished women. If the army of men to do this can't be found, then a lot (if not most) of these women are going to miss out on being mothers, and wasn't the point of "having it all" that women could be both supremely powerful and mothers at the same time?

Timing of children.

If women have the kids young, she says, they can focus their efforts on their career by the time they are in their 40s. Not a bad idea. However, she goes on to say that women don't want to do this any longer, correctly noting that young women don't marry and have children while still young and at their peak in fertility for "understandable" reasons. You see, getting married and having kids early takes away all those wonderful opportunities for

capitalizing on one's sexuality in grad school and the early career. So she suggests relying on reproductive technology (oocyte cryopreservation) which, incidentally, costs about as much as a new car. This means a lot of women will put it off in favor of that new car, hoping they can still push out a kid or two before the ovaries fully shut down. This leads, once again, to the conclusion that a lot of them *will not have a family* and, therefore, *not have it all*.

Changing work culture.

Make it so that employers no longer favor people willing to put in long hours, or those who are "driven" in exceptional ways. Here she bizarrely argues that employers should see childcare as akin to hobbies such as long distance running.

> Consider the following proposition: An employer has two equally talented and productive employees. One trains for and runs marathons when he is not working. The other takes care of two children. What assumptions is the employer likely to make about the marathon runner? That he gets up in the dark every day and logs an hour or two running before even coming into the office, or drives himself to get out there even after a long day. That he is ferociously disciplined and willing to push himself through distraction, exhaustion, and days when nothing seems to go right in the service of a goal far in the distance. That he must manage his time exceptionally well to squeeze all of that in.
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> Be honest: Do you think the employer makes those same assumptions about the parent? Even though she likely rises in the dark hours before she needs to be at work, organizes her children's day, makes breakfast, packs lunch, gets them off to school, figures out shopping and other errands even if she is lucky enough to have a housekeeper—and does much the same work at the end of the day.

She leaves out the fact that long distance running is a *hobby*. If the job calls on you to miss a race or skip training a few times, it isn't a big deal. However, you cannot simply tell your kids "mommy/daddy has to spend all weekend at the office, so you're on your own until Sunday evening." That's called "criminal child neglect." I grew up with a few kids whose parents treated them that way; one girl in particular was "forgotten" fairly frequently and would stay at school after hours crying until her mother "remembered" her.

Employers value people who are available not necessarily because of some driven quality, but because of their *availability*. When a problem comes up and everyone else is otherwise occupied, the available person will be called upon to handle it. Employers really don't like letting these people go. They win through attrition — just like a distance runner.

"Redefining the Arc of a Successful Career"

Here Slaughter argues that because people now live longer, the traditional career peak of 45-55 is obsolete. This means, according to Slaughter, that women should be able to take breaks, switch roles, parent for some time, and then peak at some point after that. I'm sure this works for some people, such as judges and senators (assuming they rely on dumb luck like Patty Murray). But for the typical hard-charging career man or woman, stressful, competitive jobs require more from them than they want to – or are able to – perform as they approach retirement age. So why should they peak as high as those who can give it their all in their prime?

She's ignoring basic facts of biology here. Surgeons, for example, are known to peak in their 40s, after which their abilities decline. Trial lawyers probably follow a similar trajectory. Professional athletes, of course, peak far earlier. The thing is, there are only a choice few jobs in which people can continue to rise past the age of 50. There's a big difference between being adequate and being in one's prime. If you spend a large proportion of your prime working years taking care of kids, you simply aren't going to rise as high. It's a trade-off Slaughter isn't willing to acknowledge.

"Rediscovering the pursuit of happiness"

Here I can find some common ground with Slaughter. She admits that after years in Washington, she found herself longing to go home. And why not? Slavish devotion to “the job” is not most people’s cup of tea. Most of us work to live rather than the other way around. An afternoon on the beach with the kids almost always beats a day in the office.

But then she shows how absolutely ignorant feminists are when it comes to what motivates most men at work. She stresses that men are ambivalent about their careers as well, as though this is some kind of revelation that men only discover at the end:

> Seeking out a more balanced life is not a women’s issue; balance would be better for us all. Bronnie Ware, an Australian blogger who worked for years in palliative care and is the author of the 2011 book The Top Five Regrets of the Dying, writes that the regret she heard most often was “I wish I’d had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.” The second-most-common regret was “I wish I didn’t work so hard.” She writes: “This came from every male patient that I nursed. They missed their children’s youth and their partner’s companionship.”

This goes without saying, of course, but apparently women think that for all these years men were getting up and going to work because they were selfishly serving their own interests, only to discover on their deathbed that they wanted something else after all. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Men don’t work only for themselves, and we all know that. In fact, most of us work so that we can have a family. It is the very fortunate (and widely despised) man who can pull off having a family without working for it. Women have far more choice in this regard.

“Innovation” will do the trick

Here Slaughter reverts to the kind of bureaucratic language that tends to make my eyes glaze over, but there are a couple ideas I support. Amusingly, she interprets the issue in a far different manner, however.

> In fact, while many of these issues are hard to quantify and measure precisely, the statistics seem to tell a different story. A seminal study of 527 U.S. companies, published in the Academy of Management Journal in 2000, suggests that “organizations with more extensive work-family policies have higher perceived firm-level performance” among their industry peers. These findings accorded with a 2003 study conducted by Michelle Arthur at the University of New Mexico. Examining 130 announcements of family-friendly policies in The Wall Street Journal, Arthur found that the announcements alone significantly improved share prices. In 2011, a study on flexibility in the workplace by Ellen Galinsky, Kelly Sakai, and Tyler Wigton of the Families and Work Institute showed that increased flexibility correlates positively with job engagement, job satisfaction, employee retention, and employee health.
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> This is only a small sampling from a large and growing literature trying to pin down the relationship between family-friendly policies and economic performance. Other scholars have concluded that good family policies attract better talent, which in turn raises productivity, but that the policies themselves have no impact on productivity. Still others argue that results attributed to these policies are actually a function of good management overall. What is evident, however, is that many firms that recruit and train well-educated professional women are aware that when a woman leaves because of bad work-family balance, they are losing the money and time they invested in her.
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> Even the legal industry, built around the billable hour, is taking notice. Deborah Epstein Henry, a former big-firm litigator, is now the president of Flex-Time Lawyers, a national consulting firm focused partly on strategies for the retention of female attorneys. In her book Law and Reorder, published by the American Bar Association in 2010, she describes a legal profession “where the billable hour no longer works”; where attorneys, judges, recruiters, and academics all agree that this system of compensation has perverted the industry, leading to brutal work hours, massive inefficiency, and highly inflated costs. The answer—already being deployed in different corners of the industry—is a combination of alternative fee structures, virtual

> firms, women-owned firms, and the outsourcing of discrete legal jobs to other jurisdictions. Women, and Generation X and Y lawyers more generally, are pushing for these changes on the supply side; clients determined to reduce legal fees and increase flexible service are pulling on the demand side. Slowly, change is happening.

Some readers may be surprised to find that I am a big supporter of the "flex-time" and "family leave" policies corporations are adopting. Why? Because when women leave the workforce to have kids, men need to pick up the slack, and since the woman is to be retained, new hires will be either temporary or contractors. Due to government regulations and the decreasing flexibility of the corporate model, there are a lot of opportunities for individual men or small companies founded by men to take advantage of this need for labor. Working in a corporation is hell for a lot of men, not in the least because of feminist policy, but if you're the guy to whom they're outsourcing the work women won't or can't do, you'll never be out of a job.

The real reason the family leave and flex-time policies are increasing efficiency is exactly this new flexibility in the male labor market. Men are picking up the slack as independent contractors, and women are free to come and go as they please. Women will often pass up more pay for leisure time, so there's another reason profits are better. Give a woman an option to take time off without pay, and if she knows she can come back and work more when she needs the money, she'll often do it. In the meanwhile, men are performing the work she left behind, and getting paid for it. Best of all, these men don't have to work directly for the corporation or firm — they are working for themselves.

But isn't this simply a way for women to have high positions only in name? Sure, but who cares? As long as men are getting paid for the work, it doesn't matter what the woman calls herself. However, it does go to show how much of this debate about "having it all" depends on appearances rather than reality.

Force men to support women

> Perhaps the most encouraging news of all for achieving the sorts of changes that I have proposed is that men are joining the cause. In commenting on a draft of this article, Martha Minow, the dean of the Harvard Law School, wrote me that one change she has observed during 30 years of teaching law at Harvard is that today many young men are asking questions about how they can manage a work-life balance. And more systematic research on Generation Y confirms that many more men than in the past are asking questions about how they are going to integrate active parenthood with their professional lives.
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> Abstract aspirations are easier than concrete trade-offs, of course. These young men have not yet faced the question of whether they are prepared to give up that more prestigious clerkship or fellowship, decline a promotion, or delay their professional goals to spend more time with their children and to support their partner's career.

Even though she has a couple teenage sons, I don't think Slaughter has a clue what young men are thinking. Most young men, by now, are fully aware that there's absolutely no guarantee that they'll even be allowed to parent their children, so of course they're going to question whether it's worth putting off bonding with the kids to provide for the mother. So, rather than struggling with the same "choices" female students do, the young men are asking themselves whether it's even worth putting in all that effort if they aren't going to get a family out of it anyway.

Men simply won't sacrifice if they know there's no deal involved. Today, men are pretty well aware that the old deal doesn't hold any longer. In the old days, a man who knew he could count on his nice young wife to hold down the fort while he went out and sacrificed his time for the family's welfare would have taken the clerkship, fellowship, promotion, or whatever. He'd do it in hopes that his family would be happy, and that in the future they'd all have a nice life.

Today, the young man is hedging his bet. None of the women his age are interested in marriage anyway — they're all working on their careers. What's more, they're sleeping with his manager and being promoted ahead of him.

Oddly, Slaughter reverses the typical argument, praising young men for being less ambitious, whereas most pundits just call them “slackers.” But she’s only doing so in hopes that they will be women’s political allies in the drive for installing women in superior positions over them. It isn’t going to work, despite her efforts. It’s too obvious how she and other feminists see them: as fundamentally flawed.

> I continually push the young women in my classes to speak more. They must gain the confidence to value their own insights and questions, and to present them readily. My husband agrees, but he actually tries to get the young men in his classes to **act more like the women**—to speak less and listen more. If women are ever to achieve real equality as leaders, then we have to stop accepting male behavior and male choices as the default and the ideal. We must insist on changing social policies and bending career tracks to accommodate our choices, too. We have the power to do it if we decide to, and we have many men standing beside us.
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> We’ll create a better society in the process, for all women. We may need to put a woman in the White House before we are able to change the conditions of the women working at Walmart. But when we do, we will stop talking about whether women can have it all. We will properly focus on how we can help all Americans have healthy, happy, productive lives, valuing the people they love as much as the success they seek.

Sorry, Anne-Marie, but we’re not on board. It isn’t men’s job to install a female president; she can get there on her own if she wants the job. We will not be “enlisted” in service of women we don’t know who want to be our masters. We may not have as many choices as women, but we do have the choice of who we will work and fight for, and it won’t be you.

There is nothing more telling about this article than that it both begins and ends with demands for support from men. That’s feminism in a nutshell: “We want it all, so you have to give it to us!”

Well, here’s a little dose of reality for feminists: we couldn’t give you all you wanted even if we tried. We are mere mortals, and we recognize that. Furthermore, we are starting to recognize that the more we give you the more you’ll want, and we’re getting tired.

Too bad Anne-Marie; this time you’re going to have to do it yourself. We’ll be out fishing, hanging out with our kids, making craft beer or whatever strikes our fancy in our free time. You can have your glory — without us.

Book Review: Worthless

Elusive Wapiti · 3 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

The Book: *Worthless — The Young Person's Indispensable Guide to Choosing the Right Major*, by Aaron Clarey, 173 pages.

Summary: Aaron. Clarey, aka Captain Capitalism, has penned a guide aimed straight at the 18-25 college demo. This book's title truthfully advertises what the reader will see inside…a straight-up practical guide to selecting a college major that will provide the student with the best odds for well-compensated employment after their stint in college is complete.

One key takeaway from this book is found in the opening pages, in a description of an exercise he used to give to his students (and therefore to the reader). In one instance of this exercise, he invited his students to consider the items they were thinking of buying (cell phones, sports cars, flat screen TV, beer, etc….tangible widgets all). Then he asked them their majors or planned majors, garnering the below responses:

Sociology x2
Women's Studies
Electrical Engineering
Journalism x2
English
Engineering
Psychology x2
Education x2
Pre-law
Actuarial Science
Communications
Political Science x2
International Relations
Accounting
Philosophy
Music / Arts
"African-American" Studies
Pre-med
History

Mr. Clarey then contrasted the yawning mismatch between their liberal-arts fields of study with the goods and services they consume for his students. For how does a sociology major (or journo, psych, poli sci, music, hyphenated-American, English major…you get my point) contribute to the design and production of a cell phone, the extraction of petroleum to fuel a sports car, or make or provide much anything of value that consumers demand? The answer is, not much, if anything at all. And that is exactly the point. Mr. Clarey writes:

> The mismatch between what people want and the skilled labor required to build it makes it very clear the problems facing youth today. [They] all want to have high-paying jobs, [they] all want to go to college, but [they] never give an ounce of thought to what is in demand. Most youth today major in what they *want*, not what other people *demand*. This not only goes a long way in explaining why liberal-arts majors face high unemployment and low-paying jobs, but also explains why we have a trade deficit with the likes of China and India whose students *do* major in the fields that produce the goods we want. [emphasis in original]

Another takeaway from this book is bound to make American middle- and high-school students everywhere groan:

you gotta learn the maths. For math is the foundational component of all the STEM degrees that feed into high-paying jobs making the widgets that consumers buy. But, Mr. Clarey cautions, "not all STEM degrees were created equal", and one's mathematical proficiency must be paired with another high-skill, low-density/high-demand component (i.e., chemistry, etc) if the STEM focus is to deliver on the investment. He also warns readers away from those degrees that lack mathematical rigor, which include all lib-arts degrees and some degrees sometimes and erroneously lumped in with STEM, such as finance and architecture.

A third takeaway from this book is the folly in the cultural expectation that "winners" go to college while the dregs settle for trade school. Mr. Clarey pokes holes in this cultural norm, noting that while "you must go to college to be somebody" was good advice in the years after WWII when a tiny fraction of the labor force had college degrees. Unfortunately, there is a surfeit of college degrees in America today, to the point where possession of a bachelor's is functionally equivalent to having graduated from high school 60 years ago. As before, Mr. Clarey points to the supply-demand curve, notes bachelor's degree market glut, grade inflation (i.e., the sheepskin has lost some of its meaning as an indicator of real learning and/or skills), and skyrocketing tuition, and recommends the trades as well-paying, in-demand, value-producing jobs that have the important benefit of being far cheaper than college. Moreover, one can always go to college later, with all that money they saved by going to a trade school.

The fourth and final major takeaway from the book was where Mr. Clarey dispenses a bit of the "if I had to do it all over again" style of advice. He exhorts the young to enjoy college, by which he means study and do well but don't overdo it in the process. He proffers the military as a way to garner skills, credibility, and (if you stick around for 20 years or more) a pension. As the author contends that no-one really takes young adults seriously…and they're paid low wages in accordance with their low levels of skills…until their mid- to late thirties, this option has the added advantage of returning one back into the private labor force as one enters their prime earning years In addition, he advises those already working on worthless degrees to quit right away, consider the effort invested thus far as a sunk cost, and get cracking on a major that will actually service all those student loans. Speaking of loans, he further recommends young people to avoid debt if they can, to spend some time in the labor force (so long as they return to school), to not worry about reasonable debt for a worthwhile degree (it's an investment), consider a two-year degree program in lieu of a four, and / or start their own business on the side. To this advice, Mr. Clarey also recommends prospective job seekers to bypass HR (where companies place troublesome worthless degree holders) and go directly to the hiring authority instead. And last, the author advises students to be open-minded about employment overseas, in economically freer countries.

I found the author's perspective of college-as-trade school to be interesting, for the academy has undergone a fundamental transformation in the 20th Century. What started as a way to transmit knowledge from one generation of learned men to the next during the Middle Ages has morphed into overpriced trade schools for the mass-man in the post-WWII age. Indeed, the author is careful to largely avoid applying the "e" word–education–to these facilities of so-called higher learning in his book, for that is not what modern colleges are for or do, and not how Mr. Clarey advises the youth to view a college education anyways. Instead, in the author's view, the purpose of attending a modern college is to acquire practical skills that will produce something that a consumer demands. Period. This perspective underlays the author's hard-nosed return-on-investment perspective on seeking a degree from the modern university…this rather than lofty and antiquated notions of men and women of culture acquiring a broad, liberal education. And besides, how well do colleges do these days matriculating cultured, critically thinking, well-rounded citizens anyways? Some think colleges close minds rather than open them.

It is in this re-purposed mission that the modern university does many things that don't make much sense to the author. In fact, a portion of the book is a polemic against the education institution itself, an institution with revenues two and a half times larger than the entire oil industry in America. This fact led the author to wonder aloud that if so-called "Big Oil" is, by dint of it's size and scope, inherently exploitative of its customers, how is "Big Ed" not so? Big Ed, in the author's characterization, does not exist for the benefit of students but rather, like any large bureaucracy, it serves the teachers, administrators, executives, and the institution itself. This while the data suggests a slight negative correlation between spending per student and academic achievement; one would

think that if spending on education were truly “for the children”, we would see a slight (or better) positive correlation between increased spending and standardized test scores. Instead, the only thing that is increasing is teacher and administrator salaries, far outpacing inflation. Furthermore, Mr. Clarey also questions the need for prerequisites, and offers that the sheer number of prerequisites–see the university’s former mission of matriculating educated, well-rounded pillars of society, above–wastes students’ time and “generate[s] money for other departments, notably departments of worthless majors”, by ramming a captive student body through worthless classes taught by instructors who themselves were schooled in worthless majors. An economic term comes to mind regarding this sort of activity: ‘rent-seeking’, or the act of manipulating the rules so as to shunt economic activity one’s direction.

The author makes clear his antipathy for an institution that predates upon the young and naive. But I find myself wondering, isn’t Big Ed just giving the customer what it demands, good and hard? Were not Mr. Clarey’s classes filled with students who signed up for worthless majors, with only a sprinkling of STEM students? Why then would it not make sense for universities tilt toward supplying a “product” for this admittedly misguided and economically foolish demand? Moreover, these days apparently demand for STEM is so weak that some colleges think hard about eliminating STEM programs while others actually do so. (To be fair, a few colleges like this one are drop-kicking worthless degrees too). In an age of declining male enrollment and overwhelming female predilection for non-STEM degrees, I don’t see the economics supporting expensive STEM programs when cheaper lib-arts programs are more in demand. With this framing, the finger of blame for Big Ed’s vampire bloat is at least partially shared by students, parents, and corporate America, for it is these three who choose personal fulfillment over acquisition of skills that will put food on the table, who propagate the erroneous notion that college is the ticket to success, and who use college degrees and university-level certifications as stealth proxies for IQ and desirable personality qualities.

This book administers an economic “red pill” to the college-bound, so as to ensure they don’t end up like this woman, who racked up just under $100,000 in student loans for her interdisciplinary degree in religious and women’s studies and struggles to find gainful employment that will service her debt. Key quote: “I don’t want to spend the rest of my life slaving away to pay for an education I got for four years and would happily give back”.

A better poster boy, er, girl, for Mr. Clarey’s book, I don’t think I could find one better than Cortney Munna. For those in college, considering college, or are advising a young adult about to enter college, this book is a quick read and well worth your time.

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Spring Report and Summer Fund Drive

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With the exception of April when the site experienced some major technical problems at an inopportune time, spring was a good season for The Spearhead in terms of traffic and subscription numbers. Even April, with its security foibles, had a silver lining; I hired a security firm to give the site an overhaul and pull out useless code, then went over the plugins one by one to see which might be causing slowdowns and security loopholes.

The results have been promising. Not only has the site sped up a bit, but traffic from new readers is up substantially, which has caused Alexa stats to rebound. At best, Alexa is a rough assessment of a sites traffic, because it is demographically skewed toward those who go to the trouble to install the toolbar on their browsers. However, I was a bit puzzled by the Alexa decline last year and early this year, because real traffic measured by on-site tracking software showed a clear, substantial increase from last summer. What I suspect happened is that some malware had been redirecting new readers or search hits for some time, screwing up the numbers. After installing security firewalls and file monitors on the site, I was surprised to see how regularly self-hosted WordPress sites are attacked, primarily to steal traffic.

Security definitely must be taken seriously if you run a self-hosted site! This is one of the advantages of having a wordpress.com or blogger site, as the big companies handle the security themselves. However, they have an even bigger drawback, in that they own your web space and can pull the plug at any time. I believe they even reserve the right to use your content, which undermines the concept of copyright.

RSS subscriptions are up to about 2,100 (2,093 yesterday), and about a third of these subscribers check the site daily on a feed reader, with an unknown number (probably about 200-300) checking email subscriptions on a regular basis. This comes out to about a thousand daily readers through subscriptions alone. In addition to that, weekdays see about 3,500 unique visitors per day directly to the site, about 60% of whom are return visitors. Therefore, a conservative estimate for regular readers would be around 2,000-3,000 per day. Monthly uniques are running around 70,000 at the moment and page views 280,000, although I hope to see both numbers rise this month.

Summers are usually slow, as people spend more time outside. In fact, I hope readers get plenty of sunshine and enjoy themselves when possible — too much time in front of the screen isn't healthy. However, if I can expand the site's reach a bit everyone can relax, take it easy and take a vacation, and traffic may yet grow through September, and then we'll hit the high traffic months from mid fall through winter.

Whatever the case, the important thing is that the site is still going strong, and our ideas are making a difference. I'm glad to see we've added some perspective to the national (and international — I do get letters from abroad on a frequent basis), debate on how our civilization will handle family, sex roles and marriage in a world that has changed profoundly over a short period of time. It's as important an issue as any, and we have to take it by the horns if we're going to leave a better world for generations to come. The nightmare of a repressive feminist dystopia is unfortunately a real possibility, and already here in many respects, so this is a fight we can't afford to sit out.

So, on that note, I'd like to ask for support so I can keep the site running through the next quarter, and keep dedicating hour after hour of work to producing content and protecting our space online. One thing I can assure supporters of is that every dollar you put into keeping The Spearhead online will go as far as just about any donation you could make — it is an extraordinarily efficient operation. This site has not only produced an enormous amount of content, but helped create a network of other blogs through links, exposure and a steady, unflagging presence online. I am pleased to note that teenage boys have been reading the site, and have used our ideas to articulate the visceral revulsion they feel for feminist indoctrination. Feminists read it, too, and although many of them hate it with a passion, our ideas have clearly served to cause them to rethink some of their rhetoric.

Over time, words and ideas make a difference. Like water falling on stone, the effect may be innocuous at first, but eventually the water shapes the stone, and we are at the point where we've already made an impression. My goal is to make an even bigger one, and I'd like your help in doing so.

Thanks to all those who have contributed content and money to the site, it's still here. I'd like to extend a special thank you to the donors who saved my bacon this year — without them I'd be living like a hippie (but not by choice). All in all, I've had a great time running the site, but it certainly isn't making me rich, so I truly appreciate every donation readers make.

Thanks again for the generosity — every time someone offers support it strengthens my resolve and keeps me marching along, taking the fight right through the lines.

Donations can be made through PayPal (upper right sidebar) or by check or money order to:

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Thank you

-W.F. Price (AKA Welmer)

Happy 4th of July!

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I've got the kids, and am taking the boy fishing before going to my uncle's place for a big fireworks show. Hope everyone's enjoying themselves.

In the meanwhile, we should remember and reflect upon the founding document of the United States, as it is very relevant to our present situation:

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.–That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, –That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.–Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.
He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.
He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.
He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.
He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.
He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.
He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.
He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.
He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.
He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.
He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.
He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:
For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:
For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:
For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:
For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:
For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:
For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences
For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:
For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:
For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.
He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.
He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.
He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.
He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.
He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our

Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Single Mother Attitude Toward Babydaddies: “You are an offspring support system”

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If you ever wondered what the proper approach to single mothers should be, “Roslynholcomb” puts it in its proper perspective by spelling out the parental role in response to an angry black woman’s rant about black men who are arrears on child support:

> Your happiness is not the bailiwick of any judge ANYWHERE. As the mother of two let me let you in in a little secret: YOUR HAPPINESS BECAME IRRLEVANT THE DAY YOUR CHILD WAS BORN. Now do you know what your sole purpose of existing is? To perpetuate the species by caring for said offspring. You are an offspring support system. PERIOD. That’s all biology cares about and that’s all the state cares about. The state has a vested interest in ensuring you feed your goddamned child. It doesn’t care if you’re happy about it!

OK, fair enough. I suppose that applies to females as well.

So, women, as soon as you get pregnant your happiness is irrelevant. Your job, you see, is to “perpetuate the species.” If you want an abortion, tough luck. If you don’t like being in a marriage, well, the state shouldn’t allow you to leave, because children do better even in unhappy marriages than in broken homes.

If you don’t perform your motherly duties, you should be punished. Because the imperative is to force you to care for them, then perhaps flogging rather than imprisonment is the proper punishment. Remember, your happiness doesn’t matter.

Roslyn suggests that men who don’t like being “offspring support systems” get vasectomies. OK, let’s give lousy mothers tubal ligations. That ought to do the trick.

Sounds like a feminist’s worst nightmare, right?

Well, this is *exactly* how feminists want men to be dealt with. Really gives the lie to the “equality” spiel.

It’s unfortunate, but in contemporary society single mothers have become about the trashiest, most entitled class of all. I suggest treating them with exactly as much contempt and coercion as so-called “deadbeat dads” have been treated for the past 30 years. Fair’s fair.

Day by Day: John Roberts

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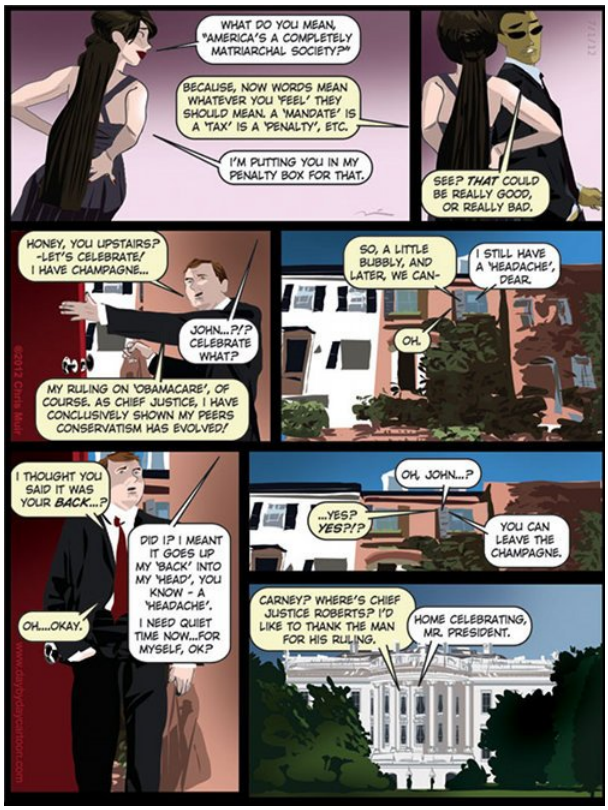

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An Outside Perspective: America is a Woman's Paradise

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The following quote is translated from a Latvian women's/entertainment magazine. The woman is describing her experience in the US after moving there from the Baltic country (she's at the bottom of the article — Zanes Pallo-Reinoldsas).

> My advice to all women who want to pursue their dreams across the ocean. America is a woman's paradise, especially for mature women. Here all the laws revolve around the women. The woman will almost always leave the courthouse as a winner — even when it seems incredible that she could win.
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> Even women over 40 can find husbands in the US. If you've got grown children, you can have another youth in the US, and can meet people in nightclubs.

[Un tagad – uzmanību, Zanes padoms visām sievietēm, kuras grib iekarot aizokeāna sapņu zemi! „Amerika ir paradīze sievietēm – es saku, sievietēm, kundzēm, lēdijām, nevis jaunām meitenēm. Šeit visi likumi ir par un ap sievieti, no tiesas nama sieviete gandrīz vienmēr izies kā uzvarētāja, dažkārt pat neticami, kā! Un, ja Latvijā dāmas pēc 40 – 50 gadiem vairs nejūtas tik jaunas, lai veidotu ģimeni, tad zināt, Amerika ir valsts, kur ģimenes ligzdiņas sāk veidoties pēc četrdesmit.
Un, ja bērni jau paaugušies, tad sievietei otrā jaunība pēc 40 – 50 gadiem garantēta.

Naktsklubos var sastapt cilvēkus no 30 līdz 60 un vairāk gadiem, nevis astoņpadsmitgadīgos."]

Funny how American women still complain so much, and feminists still claim to be "oppressed." Seems women in the rest of the world know exactly what the truth is.

Are Men Really in Charge?

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President Obama gives us all a little advice:

> President Barack Obama, marriage counselor?
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> The president stopped at the Kozy Corners diner in Oak Harbor, Ohio, on Thursday for what political campaigns dub an “OTR”—an “off the record” event that isn’t on the formal schedule—and doled out a bit of marriage advice.
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> “Just do whatever she tells you to,” Obama told a man sitting with his wife at a table during a brief chat about what makes a good marriage. The president’s words were collected by The New York Times reporter Mark Landler, the print “pool reporter.”

There was speculation that Hillary Clinton called the shots in office, but it’s pretty clear that Bill didn’t *always* obey her. With Obama, I’m not so sure.

Eivind Berge Arrested for Provocative Rhetoric

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Eivind Berge has been posting some pretty provocative stuff for quite a while now, including his desire to kill police for enforcing misandric laws. I agree with his girlfriend that it was a bunch of hot air, but he got arrested for it anyway. Despite his support for Anders Breivik, who decimated the youth wing of the Marxist/Islamist Norwegian left in a solo Knights Templar crusade last year, I seriously doubt Eivind would have carried out any violent acts. Breivik, who really meant business, kept his plans to himself.

The truth is that people who manage to pull off spectacular terrorist attacks are almost always those who don't say anything about them beforehand. Think Mohammed Atta vs. James Ujaama.

The lesson here is that if you want to be political, there's a sort of tortoise/hare dynamic at work. The impetuous, fast hare tends to run out of steam (or run into trouble with the law) fairly quickly. The slow-and-steady tortoise, on the other hand, keeps trudging on and wins the race.

I count myself as fairly lucky to have been educated in this from a young age. I used to catalog extremist movements (mainly jihadi Muslim), and learned a great deal about what is effective and what isn't. Certainly, terror attacks work, but operational secrecy is paramount. This means that threatening to kill people openly and loudly is essentially worthless. Either you operate out in the open honestly, eschewing illegal tactics, or you operate in the shadows as a murderous killer, like our intelligence agencies — you can't have it both ways. Obviously, I personally prefer and advocate the former approach, but both work, as CIA drone attacks so clearly demonstrate.

Although feminists will be very eager to seize the "high ground" here, I'd like to remind people of the kind of stuff leftists were saying and doing in the 1960s and 70s.

Bernardine Dohrn, Bill Ayers' wife, famously said that she would not condemn violence, and then went on a bombing campaign. She and her husband are now friends of our president.

Dohrn was a real terrorist, and a feminist, and walks free today, celebrated. She and Bill Ayers are suspected of being involved in bombing a San Francisco police station, killing one officer. History truly is written by the victors…

We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that violent action will do us any good. Of course violence does work, but the power of the state is so overwhelming today that individual acts are almost certain to fail. Furthermore, those who are willing to unleash violence on others must be prepared to die themselves, and must lead by example. Somehow, I don't think many of us have reached that point. It's a long road to get there, and I hold out the hope that it will never go that far.

the point is that anyone who condones violent action loudly and publicly, but doesn't back it up, can't be taken seriously.

In the end, it's all just hot air. Hopefully, the Norwegian courts will give Berge the same consideration our courts gave Ms. Dohrn, and keep it all in perspective. Whatever he may have written, Berge hasn't harmed anyone, nor has he gone so far as to promise to kill anyone in particular, so he should be released.

Berge's rhetoric was ill-considered and pointless, and he was skating on thin ice, but his speech was probably lawful by American standards. I suppose we'll see what the standards are in Norway, but I wish those who blabber about "action" would leave the rest of us out of it. Neither I nor other men have time to indulge fantasies and posing, and these show trials and political arrests don't do us a bit of good. In fact, all they do is give the state the opportunity to scare people into silence, and that's *exactly* what our enemies want.

A Few Good Women

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A female marine who deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan makes a case against women in USMC combat units, bringing both humanitarian and practical arguments to bear. The female marine, Captain Katie Petronio, lays it out with brutal honesty, including "We Are Not All Created Equal" in the title:

> As a young lieutenant, I fit the mold of a female who would have had a shot at completing IOC, and I am sure there was a time in my life where I would have volunteered to be an infantryman. I was a star ice hockey player at Bowdoin College, a small elite college in Maine, with a major in government and law. At 5 feet 3 inches I was squatting 200 pounds and benching 145 pounds when I graduated in 2007. I completed Officer Candidates School (OCS) ranked 4 of 52 candidates, graduated 48 of 261 from TBS, and finished second at MOS school. I also repeatedly scored far above average in all female-based physical fitness tests (for example, earning a 292 out of 300 on the Marine physical fitness test). Five years later, I am physically not the woman I once was and my views have greatly changed on the possibility of women having successful long careers while serving in the infantry. I can say from firsthand experience in Iraq and Afghanistan, and not just emotion, that we haven't even begun to analyze and comprehend the gender-specific medical issues and overall physical toll continuous combat operations will have on females.
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> I was the senior Marine making the final decisions on construction concerns, along with 24-hour base defense and leading 30 Marines at any given time. The physical strain of enduring combat operations and the stress of being responsible for the lives and well-being of such a young group in an extremely kinetic environment were compounded by lack of sleep, which ultimately took a physical toll on my body that I couldn't have foreseen.
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> By the fifth month into the deployment, I had muscle atrophy in my thighs that was causing me to constantly trip and my legs to buckle with the slightest grade change. My agility during firefights and mobility on and off vehicles and perimeter walls was seriously hindering my response time and overall capability. It was evident that stress and muscular deterioration was affecting everyone regardless of gender; however, the rate of my deterioration was noticeably faster than that of male Marines and further compounded by gender-specific medical conditions. At the end of the 7-month deployment, and the construction of 18 PBs later, I had lost 17 pounds and was diagnosed with polycystic ovarian syndrome (which personally resulted in infertility, but is not a genetic trend in my family), which was brought on by the chemical and physical changes endured during deployment. Regardless of my deteriorating physical stature, I was extremely successful during both of my combat tours, serving beside my infantry brethren and gaining the respect of every unit I supported. Regardless, I can say with 100 percent assurance that despite my accomplishments, there is no way I could endure the physical demands of the infantrymen whom I worked beside as their combat load and constant deployment cycle would leave me facing medical separation long before the option of retirement. I understand that everyone is affected differently; however, I am confident that should the Marine Corps attempt to fully integrate women into the infantry, we as an institution are going to experience a colossal increase in crippling and career-ending medical conditions for females.

It really is tragic when a woman loses the chance to be a mother, just as it is terrible when a man is stripped of his fatherhood by an evil, uncaring state.

One of the potential consequences of feminism I hadn't thought of was that women will not only be led down the primrose path in regards to becoming a mother, but will be physically or chemically prevented from doing so by the state. For example, I have been wondering what women who just started serving on submarines have been required to do while deployed, as an onboard pregnancy could easily be fatal to a mission. Submarines remain submerged for months on end, and a woman who found herself pregnant on the ship could force the submarine to surface for a

medical evacuation if there were complications, thereby compromising stealth and ruining the entire mission.

I am almost certain that females who deploy are coerced into taking chemical birth control – either officially or not – which should be a cause for great concern. Trends tend to start with innocuous precedent, and we could well see such practices expand from the military to society in general.

My main argument against women in the military has centered around waste. The military is a necessary evil that should be as efficient as possible, and no larger than necessary. Making it an equal opportunity employer will introduce bloat and inefficiency, forcing the rest of us to pay more than we should for an institution that at best serves an ambiguous greater good.

However, it appears that there is more to be concerned about than simple inefficiency and waste. We are creating a model for a dystopian, and probably dysgenic, form of reproductive control in our own armed forces, and using women's bodies for tasks that nature never intended. It's pretty sick, when you think about it.

Law Professor Proposes “Preglimony”

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In a bid to further expand wealth transfer from males to females, Shari Motro, a professor at the University of Richmond, suggests that men should now be forced to pay for pregnancy expenses.

> Since the 1970s it has been possible to genetically link a father and his baby with increasing levels of accuracy. Then, a test using amniotic fluid let us test a baby’s DNA before birth, but the procedure increased the risk of miscarriage. Now a prenatal blood test has made the process far easier. Since a small amount of fetal DNA is present in a pregnant woman’s blood, the pregnancy can be genetically linked to her partner through a simple blood draw from the woman’s arm.
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> One of the potential ramifications is that men might be called upon to help support their pregnant lovers before birth, even if the pregnancy is ultimately terminated or ends in miscarriage. They might be asked to chip in for medical bills, birthing classes and maternity clothes, to help to cover the loss of income that often comes with pregnancy, or to contribute to the cost of an abortion.

Interestingly, she wants men to pay this even if women get an abortion, which seems to suggest that men could be forced to pay to abort their own children, even if they don’t want to.

Another problem is the escalating cost of pregnancy. If men are forced to pay the full bill for contemporary pregnancies, lots of them will end up bankrupt. Most men who contribute to out of wedlock pregnancies are young and poor, and these pregnancies are now the majority of all pregnancies in women under 30. The expense borne by young men would be extraordinarily severe.

However, law professors don’t care about these losers. Nope, the young men who don’t have advanced degrees and six-figure incomes probably deserve it anyway…

Still Panhandling

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I still need donations to keep going through the summer, so for those who may have missed the previous fund drive and report I posted last week (right before the 4th of July), here's the link.

Anything helps, even small donations, and I appreciate the support that has come in so far.

In the meanwhile, I'll keep the site running as usual and posting reminders until there's enough to pay the bills through September while keeping the content coming.

Feminism and the Decline of an Institution

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Things aren't looking good for the US armed forces, as they are having a difficult time dealing with patriarchal Taliban fighters abroad and feminist attacks at home. I've been focusing on the military because it is the last example of a public male institution left in the United States, and that is changing quickly.

Throughout most of history, fighting forces have been emblems of masculine virtues such as honor and martial pride. Perhaps only a generation ago, most of us never could have imagined our military becoming a female dominated institution, but today it looks entirely possible. A generation before that we likely wouldn't have thought of higher education as destined to be majority female either, but that isn't so much of a stretch.

Most women who are interested in male institutions flock to them because that's where attractive men can be found. Although there are other motives, the sexual instinct is probably the strongest for the majority of females. However, there is more to it than that. Feminists (including some men), have a deeply held resentment of male institutions, and seek to supplant the men who created and run them. The average female soldier is simply cannon-fodder in their scheme, but crucial nonetheless.

Typically, female infiltration of male institutions begins with demands that men change and become more "enlightened," or whatever the catch-phrase of the day happens to be. Female characteristics are held to be at least as good if not superior to male, and the conformist impulse that manifests itself so strongly in the female sex starts to exert pressure on the males to "be more like girls." Masculinity is first disapproved of, then pathologized and finally criminalized. For normal men, it is suffocating and intolerable.

This is exactly what is happening in the armed forces, and if we look back over the years it's apparent it has been ongoing for quite some time. We are finally in the criminalization stage, with rape being widely claimed to be an epidemic in the armed forces.

A new documentary, "The Invisible War," suggests that the US military is characterized by a pervasive, hidden rape culture. According to the trailer, hundreds of thousands of rapes have occurred in the military, and rapists are given a free pass. Some one in five women is supposedly sexually assaulted in the military. According to the director, the conviction rate when accusations are made is only a dismal 5% (usually this suggests excessive prosecution).

If you take these kinds of documentaries and political campaigns at face value, you'd have to assume that several rapes are in progress on any large military base at any given moment.

Given that women are not necessary for military operations, this brings up the question of what they are doing in uniform in the first place if their presence leads to mass rape, but this would be to ignore the point of feminism.

Dalrock recently wrote a piece about women in the military, suggesting that envy is a strong force that motivates feminists. I've read some interesting work by conservative Catholics suggesting the same, and F. Roger Devlin points to it as well:

> A feminist in the strict and proper sense may be defined as a woman who envies the male role.
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> By the male role I mean, in the first place, providing, protecting, and guiding rather than nurturing and assisting. This in turn involves relative independence, action, and competition in the larger impersonal society outside the family, the use of language for communication and analysis (rather than expressiveness or emotional manipulation), and deliberate behavior aiming at objective achievement (rather than the attainment of pleasant subjective states) and guided by practical reasoning (rather than emotional impulse).
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> Both feminist and nonfeminist women sense that these characteristically male attributes have a natural primacy over their own. I prefer to speak of "primacy" rather than superiority in this context since both sets of traits are necessary to propagate the race. One sign of male primacy is that envy of the female role by men is virtually

> nonexistent — even, so far as I know, among homosexuals.
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> Normal women are attracted to male traits and wish to partner with a man who possesses them. Healthy societies are marked by a cooperative reciprocity between the sexes, but an unequal one in the sense that it involves male leadership of the female, somewhat as in ballroom dancing.
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> The feminists' response to the primacy of male traits, on the other hand, is a feeling of inadequacy in regard to men — a feeling ill-disguised by defensive assertions of her "equality." She desires to possess masculinity directly, in her own person, rather than partnering with a man. That is what leads her into the spiritual cul de sac of envy.
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> And perhaps even more than she envies the male role itself, the feminist covets the external rewards attached to its successful performance: social status, recognition, power, wealth, and the chance to control wealth directly (rather than be supported). She tends not to give much thought to the great mass of men who struggle to fulfill the demands of their role without ever attaining the rewards of superior performance.

I think Devlin makes a good point, but most women are not feminists in that sense. For young women joining the military, the sense of belonging to an esteemed organization and culture combined with access to powerful males provides the motivation for enlistment.

When it turns out that military culture and objectives aren't exactly what the young enlistee's feminine mind thought they were, she may experience something of a crisis. Her natural instincts to find a man and settle into the role of mother are frustrated by her duties in her new position. Perhaps she falls in love, gives in to lust, or gets involved with a married superior. Maybe she just wants to be treated as the center of attention – a natural female impulse – and uses her sexuality for that purpose.

For women, this kind of thing can easily lead to a feeling of having been violated. She may wonder: "why aren't these soldiers and officers treating me like the lady I am?" When she feels she's been used and treated like a common whore, it's entirely possible that she could believe some of her sexual experiences were rape, even if, technically speaking, they were not.

This kind of manufactured failure and resentment combined with feminist envy are toxic to institutions such as the armed forces, and are exactly the result that should be expected when women are introduced into traditionally male spaces. Not only does the resentment provide political support to feminists, but the implication of widespread sexual misconduct provides a weapon with which to attack the heart of the institution, and this is exactly what is happening. In a bid to deliver the military into their hands, feminists are painting it as a haven for criminals of the vilest sort. The only solution can be more submission to feminists, more concessions, more money, and more power. The idealistic young men who join to defend our country and constitution (and the weaker among us, including women), will go elsewhere. Another male space will have been compromised, and our country will be weaker for it.

What we have to finally get over is this notion that there's anything "progressive" about eliminating sex distinctions in all institutions. Male spaces and male institutions have driven most of our civilization's progress, and eliminating them will only lead to disintegration. Cooperation with women is all well and good, and the sexes should be complementary, but if masculinity is not allowed to express itself in its pure form we will lose a great deal.

At this point it seems inevitable that a great many institutions will be compromised, but perhaps it was about time we learned an old lesson all over again. Our mortality may make us forgetful, but it gives us endless possibilities for reinvention. Finally, it seems that a rediscovery of the value of male spaces has begun to take hold in the men's movement, and perhaps soon we will see a revitalized masculinity free from the restraints of a moribund society.

Thought of the Day

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I've been dwelling on the concept of male spaces for the last day or so (and intend to keep it on my mind for a while), and I came up with an idea concerning the gamer/PUA community that's a bit counterintuitive, but I think probably on target.

When some people think of PUA and game communities, writers, and practitioners, they write them off as "pussy-beggars" or overly obsessed with women. However, it occurred to me that the seduction and game communities are about as overwhelmingly male as they get. There is not one single female who has the slightest bit of credibility as a PUA (For obvious reasons), and I think this explains a good part of the allure of the culture.

PUA/Game is a re-emergence of the hunter/warrior societies of the past, and brings men together in a common purpose. Not all men approve of the purpose, but there's no doubt that it's an overwhelmingly male endeavor, in which men cooperate and compete to achieve a goal.

As much as some deplore the results of successful Game, there's an astonishing level of altruism amongst the proponents and adherents. There's nothing men compete for and fight over more than women, but here we have a community of men helping each other in the pursuit of finding satisfaction with a female. I would suggest that men see it for what it is, and take heart in the fact that even when stripped of all legal privileges and placed in a socially subordinate position, men band together and help each other achieve their goals.

Illegal Speech Trends (In the US)

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For some reason, a lot of people don't have a clear understanding of US law concerning speech. Many seem to think we have full free speech, while others think so-called "hate speech" is illegal. Neither is true, but there are restrictions on speech that people ought to be aware of.

First, we have libel, slander and copyright violations. This kind of speech is not generally criminal (although criminal defamation does exist in some states), but tortious, meaning you can be sued if you engage in it. Libel and slander, which fall under the rubric of "defamation," involve printing (former) or uttering (latter) damaging lies about others. For example, if a feminist were to write that you were a rapist and you had never been convicted of rape you might have a libel case against that feminist. However, in the United States it is difficult to successfully sue for libel or slander, as the standards are quite high.

Copyright violations are simply theft of intellectual property. If you appropriate someone else's work for profit or self-aggrandizement, you open yourself to a copyright suit.

Criminal speech is essentially divided into two categories: anti-government threats and threats against everyone else, with the anti-government threats traditionally taken far more seriously.

Much of the case law regarding criminal speech comes from the beginning of the 20th century, when the Western world was in a great deal of political ferment. Some new laws, including "criminal anarchy," were passed in response. Criminal anarchy is the advocacy of the violent overthrow of the US government by force of arms or assassination of executives. This law remains on the books, and is punishable by up to 20 years in prison and loss of citizenship.

Of course, if you threaten the President, that is also a crime (class D felony). Same goes for other elected federal officials, but the Secret Service is a lot more vigorous about investigating presidential threats than others.

In recent years, in the wake of 9/11, a number of laws revolving around the concept of "terroristic threats" were passed, ostensibly to "fight terrorism," but for the most part they have been used to prosecute or enhance punishments against people who (allegedly) threaten ordinary citizens.

Laws against terroristic threats are a significant departure from earlier precedent that governed speech, because the standard appears to have changed. It used to be that threats were illegal only if the threatened violence was both imminent and likely, but under terroristic threat laws "causing fear" is enough to get someone arrested. Additionally, in a number of states the threat does not even need to be verbal, but rather can be communicated by "innuendo" or body language (e.g. pointing a forefinger with thumb raised as in shooting at someone).

So, as we can see, speech that causes fear of bodily harm (or is claimed to do so) is generally considered unprotected, which is a significant departure from prior standards.

Therefore, if someone threatens to cause you bodily harm in an unspecific – and even improbable – way, the fact that it made you feel uneasy is enough to warrant arrest should police choose to act on a call. Interestingly, I've received a few of these threats over email, but haven't reported them, as they were obviously bullshit, but I suppose I could have.

If one does a cursory news search on "terroristic threats" many of the cases appear to involve the mentally ill, drunks, and domestic disputes. The last category, of course, concerns us, because the standard for arrest is so ridiculously low that a mere verbal argument with accompanying gestures could easily result in an arrest, naturally of the male. And, of course, women can simply lie about it, and be safe in the knowledge that they will never be prosecuted for making a false accusation, because the language in the law is sufficiently vague that it would be difficult to prove malicious intent (feeling scared is a subjective mental state).

It's pretty clear that we do not have "free" speech in the US, but we do have a lot of protections, even if they have eroded significantly in the past 15 or so years. However, as in so many other aspects of our society, we have the least freedom in the domestic sphere. We have far more leeway in making political speech, but even there clear, credible "imminent lawless action" threats are not OK, and the punishment for making them can be quite severe. When it comes down to it, one should avoid making any threats, but unfortunately even that cannot protect you in a domestic situation.

So, when you talk about "free speech," keep in mind that it doesn't really exist.

The Suddenly Radioactive 'Have it All' Promise

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By Aych

Has anyone else noticed that feminists now seem to be backing-away in disgust from the phrase "have it all"?

Across both side of the Atlantic, ass-covering duck-and-cover articles have recently appeared from normally-stalwart and unapologetic feminist authors in Salon, The Independent, and elsewhere.

There once was a time in the past, perhaps a decade ago, when feminists seemed to have no problem whatsoever with being continuously associated with three little words that would later come to haunt the movement:

"Have it all."

Now, it seems, feminists wish to say feminism has nothing to do with the concept WHATSOEVER.

What a stunning volte-face, is it not? What a sharp turn of events, eh? It's reminiscent of how the CPUSA stopped endorsing the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact one day after the start of Operation Barbarossa.

Now, suddenly, "Have it hall" has nothing to do with feminism whatsoever.

Exhibit A: Rebecca Traister, one of Salon.com's most reliable gender warriors:

"…my proposal is this: We should immediately strike the phrase "have it all" from the feminist lexicon and never, ever use it again.

Here is what is wrong, what has always been wrong, with equating feminist success with "having it all": It's a misrepresentation of a revolutionary social movement. The notion that female achievement should be measured by women's ability to "have it all" recasts a righteous struggle for greater political, economic, social, sexual and political parity as a piggy and acquisitive project."

This sounds oddly stung, hurt and defensive, does it not? Almost as if she's realized that such a pledge can never be delivered.

Well, to paraphrase the bald-headed hard-ass "Stinger" from the movie "Top Gun:" Feminists' egos have been writing checks their bodies can't cash.

And, really, when you think about it, "Have it all" encapsulates one of the many ludicrous long-made promises that feminism can never bring to fruition.

Feminism says: If only men would stop being oppressive bastards, women could earn 23 cents more on the job! Without working harder, longer or differently!

Feminism swears up and down: If only men would do half of all the housework, women would be be free to become SuperMom, CEOs!

Feminism pledges: If only men would stop being attracted to beauty and fertility, every woman could successfully pair with wealthy, high-status men! Hypermagy for everyone!

Feminism proclaims: If only birth control pills were free, chocolate-covered peanut-brittle would rain-down from the sky!

And all women would have to do is to tilt their faces skyward, open their mouths and chew.

Well, what has become clear is that feminism has spent years promising unlimited free lunches without ever heeding the question of who would need to pick-up the tab. The reason for that is, in their view, the limitless bank account of Male Privilege is what would eventually cover that bill in the long run.

Well, sorry. Turns-out that the big treasure chest of Male Privilege won't cover it.

Well, my dears, I'm sorry to say it: People, especially lots of formerly-hoodwinked and now-grown-up women, are increasingly starting to see that these checks cannot possibly be cashed.

So how are we to comprehend these feminists who are now vehemently disavowing the easy-to-remember riposte "Have it all" which they had no discomfort with early in the last decade?

I would argue that they have started to understand that they've now been found out. They know they've been peddling snake oil all of these years. They know the false front can no longer be held-up. The raw lie has been laid bare as reality has crashed-in through the wall like an anthropomorphic Kool-Aid Pitcher.

Now that even a feminist poster-girl for success like Anna-Lousie Slaughter has caught-on to the lie? Now, feminists are now looking to duck and cover. They're putting as much distance between themselves and "Have it all" as much they humanly can.

So, just as how the chocolate rations in the novel '1984′ had always been going-up, feminism had always been against making optimistic proclamations of: "You can have it all!"

Hell, after one of your biggest lies had suddenly become exposed, wouldn't you suddenly start looking for cover?

40 years into Title IX, Women Still Prefer Figure Skating

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Despite decades of expensive and forceful attempts to remake women in men's image, women still display a marked preference for more feminine sports such as gymnastics and figure skating.

> A recent study conducted by Erin Whiteside (University of Tennessee) and Marie Hardin (Pennsylvania State University) explores these questions. The results, published in Communication, Culture & Critique, show that women prefer condensed sporting events like the Olympics to sports with longer seasons, and that in selecting which particular Olympic sport to watch, women often select events that are seen as traditionally "feminine," like gymnastics and figure skating.
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> "Our research provides some insight into why the Olympics remain popular with women," said Hardin. "It's not just about the types of sports that are featured, although that is certainly a big part of it. It's also about the way in which the Olympics is delivered: in bite-sized chunks that may require just a 10-minute commitment to see an exciting sporting event, during a time of day when women feel they can make that commitment."
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> Nearly all women surveyed expressed preference for the Olympics, for patriotic reasons as well as for the fast pace. "Women preferred the condensed style of coverage, something they described as easy to follow," Whiteside explains. The frequency of events during the Olympics, as well as the omnipresent discussion around it —from television to radio to the news—made it preferable for women who otherwise did not identify as avid sports viewers or didn't regularly have the time to devote to watching sports.
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> Women in the study favored sports that were more traditionally feminine rather than masculine. Participants generally saw little value in following women's sports and were especially uninterested in watching or following women in sports such as basketball, which showcase athletic displays that challenge traditional gender roles. Rather, they expressed a passing interest in sports such as gymnastics, tennis, and figure skating."

Despite the fact that the program to turn women into amazons – men with breasts – has been a dismal failure, and rather than become more physically fit and attractive women have only become heavier, there are no signs in politics and academia of the drive to masculinize women subsiding.

However, nature doesn't care much about transient ideological fads, and no matter how hard feminists try to make it otherwise, girls will still be girls.

Another Idea on Feminist Men

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If you observe genuinely feminist men, there's something a bit off about them, and it's tempting to chalk their feminism up to a result of some flaw or aberration in their character. Normal men (aside from those whose paycheck depends on it such as politicians and men who work for feminist-dominated institutions) simply don't go in for feminism unless it gets them sexual gratification, but those days are pretty much over, so the remnants tend to be an assortment of freaks and guys who have a chip on their shoulder.

So what *are* these guys really getting out of it?

I think I've come up with a nice explanation. The men who support feminism are exactly those men who would be on the bottom of the totem pole in a male-dominated environment. It's about relative status. If there truly were a patriarchy and male dominance in society, these men would be the "losers" that other men look down on for whatever reason. So it's in their best interests to use feminism to dismantle any masculine institutions or power wherever possible, as this gives them more relative status and power.

For them, using feminism to "deconstruct masculinity" is a way to put other men down, and to prop themselves up. Male feminism truly is about envy, perhaps even more than the female kind.

This is yet another reason that fostering and preserving male spaces is essential, as these creeps will use the rigged game of female empowerment to put us at a disadvantage, and they will have no compunction about using that leverage to do us harm. In a male space, they'll have to rely on their own merits, and that will definitely give us the upper hand.

Shameless Pandering

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President Obama has staked his election hopes on women – single women in particular – and has been bashing men relentlessly in the process. It seems he and the democrats think their advantage with single women can negate his weak showing with men, both married and single. What this strategy hinges on, as far as I can tell, is also getting enough of the married female vote to carry him through. So the Democrats have begun a full-court press with feminism, hoping that they have enough support among women in general to help him prevail.

It could go either way. I suspect there's some diminishing return already creeping in. 2008 was probably the money year for feminism, but even then Hillary Clinton couldn't pull off a win, because men and minorities voted overwhelmingly for Obama in primaries. Actually, I'm fairly certain that if he were a white man, Obama would lose this election handily, but he has such rock-solid support from minorities that he can afford some leeway, and it looks as though his team thinks he can afford to drop the white male vote due to minority support.

There's been some outrage in the androsphere lately regarding his recent op-ed on Title IX, which celebrates the decline of men in college enrollment. Although I don't personally see that as such a tragedy (I think too many people are in college as it is), his support for using Title IX to manipulate enrollment in STEM programs is a pretty clear threat to a number of young men and parents, as that's often the only hope they have for getting sons into college and giving them a shot at a decent career. If implemented, it will have a real, detrimental effect on hundreds of thousands – if not millions – of young men in the US. In all likelihood, it will also disproportionately affect Asians as well, as they are overrepresented in STEM.

Here's the part of the op-ed that ought to give us pause:

> Today, thanks in no small part to the confidence and determination they developed through competitive sports and the work ethic they learned with their teammates, girls who play sports are more likely to excel in school. In fact, **more women as a whole now graduate from college than men. This is a great accomplishment**—not just for one sport or one college or even just for women but for America. And **this is what Title IX is all about**.

What he's doing here is sadly common in the United States today. Corporate CEOs and politicians alike have rejected any sense of long-term responsibility and are willing to wreck a good thing for short-term gain. When politicians do it, we can fairly call it "pandering," which is sort of an overused word, but appropriate in this circumstance.

Here's the definition from the Oxford English Dictionary:

> **Pronunciation:** /ˈpandər/
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> Definition of pander
> verb
> *[no object]* (**pander to**)
> gratify or indulge (an immoral or distasteful desire, need, or habit or a person with such a desire, etc.):
> *newspapers are pandering to people's baser instincts*
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> *noun*
> *dated*
> a pimp.
> *archaic* a person who assists the baser urges or evil designs of others:
> *the lowest panders of a venal press*
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> **Origin:**

> late Middle English (as a noun): from *Pandare*, the name of a character in Chaucer's *Troilus and Criseyde* (see Pandarus). The verb dates from the early 17th century

What's immoral about feminists' desire to handicap men in STEM? It's pretty clear: we'll all pay for it in lower standards and productivity, and there's nothing "fair" about giving women an advantage in the one remaining field they do not dominate.

It's all about supremacy, and Obama is pandering to female supremacist tendencies — just for a few more years in office. When his presidency is over and he's touring the world giving lectures, the rest of us will be paying the price for the policies he put in place.

Why Aren't Young Men Going to Church?

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It's a Sunday, so I thought I'd highlight one of the recent trends in "Christianity," which involves belligerent, white knight pastors belittling men in their churches. If you really want women (perhaps including your wife) to see you treated like a contemptible wuss, church is just the place for that.

Any man who would put up with the following tirade and not get up and walk out, never to return, has absolutely no self-respect:

Shaming men in front of women is about as nasty as it gets, and a pretty effective demoralizing tactic (if a woman you are with ever sets you up in that manner, e.g. invites some man to humiliate you in her presence, leave her immediately and decisively) that's all but guaranteed to make men less attractive in the eyes of any present women. Pastor Mark Driscoll and his confederates may say that the message is intended for men, but that's obviously not entirely true. He wants the women to support him, because they are the bread and butter of the church, and knows full well that they witness him treating the men in this manner. I'm sure there's a calculation in there somewhere.

The bottom line is that going to churches where you're berated for being a man makes you *less attractive* to women. It's a toxic culture for men who want the women in their lives to respect them, which is a condition for a woman's love, and probably contributes to the sky-high divorce rate in Evangelical churches. In fact, although you'd never hear it come out of these preachers' mouths, what they are really doing is providing an apologia for adulteresses. I'd give them the benefit of the doubt and suggest that in many cases they are not aware of this, but just as ignorance is no excuse in a secular court, according to their deity it provides no defense for sin, either; especially not for preachers:

> Luke 12:47:
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> And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

Kids in Town

W.F. Price · 16 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

My kids have been in town for the last couple weeks, and I have about another month left before they leave. I'm really enjoying my time with them, and find myself kind of surprised how true that cliché about kids growing up fast really is. It seems like yesterday that my son was in diapers, and now he's riding his bike at full speed, swimming and running all over the place. My daughter, who used to be so tiny, is no longer so easy to pick up and put on my shoulders. They even have their own social lives at school with friends and classmates.

My arrangement is far from ideal, as I have to drive hundreds of miles per month during the school year to see the kids on too-short weekends and holidays. I miss them terribly when I go for up to a month without seeing them. You never really get over not having your kids sleep in your house every evening. It can be pretty doleful to wake up alone without the little ones to liven the place up.

However, I have it a lot better than many men, who either don't see their children at all or can't afford to see them as much as the law allows. Parenthood is an enormous part of many people's lives, and any parent that misses so much of it is deprived of one of life's most important chapters. Divorced men who are separated from their children truly live incomplete lives, and usually through no great fault of their own. Anyone who has children and doesn't feel for them must have a heart of stone.

Furthermore, even men who don't divorce are usually deprived of a great deal of time with their kids due to social expectations about the man's role. There used to be a time when work and family were not mutually exclusive, but sadly for most of us that is no longer the case. In fact, if my ex still lived in Seattle I'd probably have more quality time with my kids as a divorced man than your typical married guy. When faced with the threat of loss, you tend to cherish your time with the children, so you make the sacrifices necessary to be with them.

This summer, I intend to spend the rest of my time with the kids doing lots of fun things, biking, fishing, playing and going to the beach. So there may be a few gaps in the content from time to time; it's the price I pay, and it's worth it.

Perhaps the most important mission of this site, and the one about which I feel most strongly, is to bring fathers and children together. Not only is fatherhood necessary for a civilized society, but for children's well-being, and I sincerely believe that depriving children and fathers of the opportunity to know and love each other is a crime against humanity.

Corrections

W.F. Price · 17 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

First Joe caught me spelling a British term incorrectly. Usually, I try to stick with Americanisms (that's what I know), but sometimes the British terms are better for avoiding the "rough speech."

Anyway, I'm always happy to be corrected in these matters, so if you catch a similar error feel free to educate me via comments. Learning is actually fun.

Here's the comment:

> Welmer – it's "bollocks*" not bullocks.
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> Ironically, bullocks are bulls that no longer have their bollocks.
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> (Bollocks* in UK english = balls = cajones = testicles)

NPR: Let's Subsidize Really Bad Choices

W.F. Price · 17 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

NPR's *All Things Considered* featured a woman who is, apparently, both selfish and stupid, imploring listeners to support her in her conscious choice to have three kids out of wedlock with three different men, two of whom are incarcerated felons.

The woman, Jennifer Stepp, is an unattractive, overweight white female who calls herself a "victim of youthful optimism." Oh give me a break. She may not be too smart, but she knew what she was doing when she took her pants off for the only local guys who were willing to overlook her obesity. She says she kept thinking "the relationships would last," but I'd be willing to bet this woman never had an exclusive relationship with any one of the guys she slept with. In other words, she chose to deliberately get pregnant by the most expedient method possible: sleeping with ghetto criminals looking for a quick, easy lay. Maybe she said she was on the pill, too, but we'll never hear the other side of the story.

A lot of people still somehow believe these women are "victims," and think they simply were too dumb to make "the right choice." Bollocks. Just because she's a white woman doesn't mean she didn't see how the game works. You have kids, you qualify for WIC, TANF, Section 8 housing, etc. She was acting in her own interest. She deliberately created a family (sort of), headed solely by her, and is getting "help" from the government in doing so. Essentially, she's getting paid to have illegitimate children.

Stepp says she makes just under $9 per hour. Yeah, that's pretty low, but her job is probably very easy, and with all the subsidies, tax refunds and EIC she might as well be making three times that much (e.g. her publicly-funded NGO employer pays half her rent, subsidizes her college tuition and gives her free daycare). After taxes, child support payments and other add-ons, middle-income divorced fathers would be lucky to be doing as well as she is.

Fortunately, the comment section under the article demonstrates that people have caught on, and aren't buying the pity play any longer.

Here's the most recent:

> Frank Youell (FrankYouell) wrote:
> This article is a stunning argument for abolishing the welfare state ASAP. Food stamps, WIC, EBT, Section 8 housing, Medicaid, etc. all should be eliminated immediately.
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> Without the welfare state this women would have either never chosen to have a child with an obvious loser for a dad, or been forced to give the child up for adoption.
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> Either way should would have never gone on to produce two more kids with low-life's.
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> Like it or not, the welfare state is the oxygen of personal irresponsibility that we as a nation can't afford.

Twenty years ago, people would have been howling for the heads of the suckers who impregnated this woman (almost certainly unintentionally). Now, they don't even bother. Things have changed.

Parody?

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Some months ago, the Good Men Project put up an article about how good feminist women are at fellatio, and how feminists perform it on tons of men. I'm surprised I missed it back then, but I was pretty busy at the time. When I first read it, I thought it must be a parody of some sort, but apparently the author, Jennifer Hollie Bowles, is quite sincere.

When I read women making these kinds of pronouncements, I can't help but feel a bit embarrassed for them. I'm not sure whether they are aware that performing sex acts on huge numbers of men isn't usually a good selling point for females. Even whores, who outdo heterosexual feminists in this regard, are usually pretty discreet about their business volume.

Here are a couple excerpts:

> Not only do feminists get to suck dicks that are qualitatively better, but they also execute the sucking of dick better than their anti-feminist and non-feminist counterparts. Feminists get to suck better dicks because they're not just choosy about wanting intellectual, successful, and respectful men. They want it all, including magnificent lovers, and in fact, they demand it all.
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> For all of you who say feminists are ugly, evil, lesbians, let's just say that my feminist friends and I have had more dick than your anti-feminist cousins and grandmas ever dreamed about, and some of us even shave our pussies, dye our hair, and wear make-up. In fact, the feminists I know, including me, are hot as hell, and I'm not even lesbian.
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> Feminists aren't afraid to deep-throat that dick and own it, without feeling like a whore because a feminist chooses wisely who to fuck, who to suck, and who to make love to and keep after she's weeded out all of the losers.

Who said feminists had no class?

Bucks and Does

W.F. Price · 18 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

One of the arguments for harshly punishing “deadbeat dads” is to deter illegitimacy and unwanted pregnancies. The logic goes something like this:

> If you make an example of enough men, it will deter men from impregnating those poor, helpless daughters of God and burdening the rest of us with the associated costs.

However, any game warden would see a monstrous flaw in this argument. The flaw is that it only takes a few males to impregnate the entire herd. As much as you punish the men, there will always be some that are too stupid, too careless or too wasted to heed the warning (and do you really want those guys to be the only fathers?).

In game management, controlling the population is a fairly simple matter. When there are too many deer, the state encourages people to hunt does. When there are few, does are off limits. It’s very effective, because fewer does means fewer fawns, whereas the number of bucks has far less impact on total fertility.

So, if you want to prevent single motherhood and associated social pathologies, you’ll get a lot more bang for your buck if you aim the disincentives at the females. Punish the men, and you’ll just get more of the same.

I’m sure there’s enough legal talent in our country to find innovative, female-targeted deterrents (and perhaps incentives) that are neither inhumane nor punitive toward existing children, so it’s time for our policymakers to get to work and deal with the problem.

Zimmerman accused of molestation by “witness 9,” HUH?!

Featured Guest · 18 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

By Glorius Bastard

This article here addresses an issue that I cannot believe. How can a person be picked supposedly “at random” for jury duty be the very person that Zimmerman abused for so long? Honestly, sounds a little to coincidental to me? Also, “witness 9″ thinks he hates black people if they “don’t act white.” Somehow, the prosecutors let this one slip! I do not believe that they can possibly believe that, if they do, it would be diligent of them to release said evidence ASAP! Of course, we all remember the brouhaha-ha from the “black leaders” as Jackson and Sharpton love to be known as. Let’s not forget how NBC botched the voice recordings a few months ago for publicity. These assholes don’t care if an innocent man gets killed! No more than they care if a troubled young man is let through divorce, and left adrift on our moral landscape. Apparently his parents did not care too much either, they got the “rights” to his name!

However, if Zimmerman got killed I suspect three things would have happened. We never would have heard about it, Obama would not say his imaginary kids looks like that, and Zimmerman would have been called a Latino; NOT white! Surprise, surprise, once again I hear good ol’Rahmie’s saying of “never let a good crisis go to waste” ringing in my ear again. Stuff like this is catnip for high level politicians, and the bottom feeding DA’s who wish to make senator from their state.

Here is a video from the WSJ on the topic of evidence, not including Zimmerman’s alleged sexual encounters with “witness 9.”:

The fact of the matter is we all have good reason to hold on for the facts, and be diligent in searching for them! Because all of the news agencies, Obama and his staff, Sharpton, Jackson, and several leaders of the black community; including the always fun to deal with black version of the KKK, the Black Panthers:

Look, with all the hysteria that has gone on, and the race motivated murders that have been perpetuated against innocent white people simply because some dumb kid wanted to prove a point:

Are taking their toll on us! All of us! There is only so much one can take. Black on black crime has been on a steady rise, yet no one is allowed to say anything because it has been made socially taboo. Even worse, the government does nothing about it, and says even less about the black on white crime that has been terrifyingly increasing for the last 5-10 years. As for me I don’t care! The fact that I worked with people of every stripe, in several areas of the world, will not disbar me from having to make a disclaimer before I talk about a topic! Why? It is only because I’m white. Before I say anything I have to debase myself with some lengthy tirade about how I am not some monster white dude from the past, and then say sugar and spice, and everything nice about how all black people are not this or that? Well, I got news for ya, all black people are not that way, but enough of them are that it is a major problem. I don’t hear Obama fixating on that, only when a white guy (not part Latino) defends himself does he bring the threat of the full weight of the law with him! And now, he hates black people who don’t act white according to some nameless moron who “conveniently” got jury duty, and is claiming George “red stripes” Zimmerman did the naughty with her since she was a little girl? Yeah, I guess since they could not find “unbiased, non media listening types for the jury on this case, they resorted to clearing them from insane asylums; NICE!

I worked with a few minorities who said they would like to move by me, because we don’t have any of the problems they grew up with. Said they would shout “hey Bastardo, guess who is moving next to you, and come hug

me? LOL Honestly, I don't care, I just said I hope they won't be offended if I move after my property values depreciate too much? They laughed and said that's cool, their families could buy it from me! Hahahahahaha

To be fair, nothing about this case is simple, or easy, and one witness in the case is dead; unable to defend himself. Considering they found traces of marijuana in his system, and the scars on Zimmerman's body, I doubt it would have gone well for him?! However, several people around the country would be both A. ALIVE, and B. not in prison for a hate crime; oh yeah, it was just murder supposedly I guess when it is black on white! It is not racially motivated right away when forty black kids jump a white guy screaming "Trayvon?" I guess they need to get "more evidence?"

This whole thing sucks! This alone would be enough for me to impeach any president in my mind. When you fixate on a guy of another color who at least seems like he defended himself, while completely ignoring how those of your race are destroying each other at percentages unparalleled by other races; you have got mental problems. I will not be voting for this guy, and I will be buying guns. At least when I have been forced against my will, and constitutional rights, by the media jury; I will at least have a chance to see my family from time to time. Like they say, 12 is better than 6! I wish Trayvon's parents would have taught him that.

Does not matter what color the dead look like!

Comment Vacation

W.F. Price · 19 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

Since I'm spending time with my kids and trying to enjoy the summer, I've decided to sacrifice the open comments so that I can have quality time with family and still have enough left over to write posts. I also simply want to be in a decent mood around the kids, and that's hard when I've got people violating the comment policy both openly and in spirit.

So for the next week or so, all comments will be on moderation and I'll only let those through that are intelligent and add to the conversation. Choices will be arbitrary by necessity.

For those who prefer open comments, I'm sorry, but it doesn't take many rotten apples to ruin the barrel, and we've had plenty lately.

Jewish Feminist: Holocaust Survivors "Judenscheiss"

W.F. Price · 21 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

We often see white nationalists claiming that feminism is a Jewish invention cleverly designed to attack the white race. If Jews could get white women to hate being mothers and wives, the reasoning goes, then white people will be bred out of existence. A number of people seem to fervently believe this, and think that if only we could erase pernicious Jewish influence white women would magically transform into the angels that animate their febrile fantasies.

Well, sorry folks, but modern political feminism started before the Jews were even emancipated in the UK. When Abigail Adams pushed John Adams to grant suffrage to women shortly after the American Revolution, does anyone think there was some fiendish rabbi whispering in her ear? To assume that women need Jews to tell them to ask for more than they already have is to demonstrate the darkest ignorance about the nature of women.

The psychic forces that contribute to feminism are always simmering under the surface of human society, so feminism will easily emerge under the right conditions. Women will leverage their sexuality for political favoritism when the opportunity arises, just as men will use their political power for access to women when they get the chance. Feminism is simply a politicized form of prostitution whereby women gain favors and privileges en masse by virtue of being sexually desired by men, and nothing else. This is why, year after year, feminists can get away with the spectacularly self-serving and obvious lie that their material accomplishments are so meager because men didn't "give them the opportunity" (i.e. give them more money, power, etc.).

In the following article, titled "*Breaking Bad* Karma*," a Jewish feminist who writes for Jezebel goes on a really nasty rant about her grandparents' generation, essentially calling them moral degenerates and spiritually sick. She uses AMC's Breaking Bad to draw a comparison between Jews and Walt, the show's meth-cook protagonist:*

> I wondered if anyone had alerted Hitler that in the event that the final solution didn't pan out, only the handful of Jews who actually fulfilled the stereotype of the Judenscheisse (because every group has a few) would remain to carry on the Jewish race—conniving, indestructible, taking and taking. My grandparents were not excluded from this suspicion. The same year, during a family dinner conversation about Terri Schiavo, my father made the serious request that should he fall into a vegetative state, he would like for us to keep him on life support indefinitely. Today he and I are estranged for a number of other reasons that are all somehow the same reason.
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> …Walt and *Breaking Bad* express one of our most inherent psychological fallacies: the ability to do any number of consciously reprehensible things while persisting in considering ourselves the protagonist at all times. From world wars to breaking hearts, we cling to the destruction done to us in the past as a justification for the destruction we will cause in the future.

The above is no different from the Anglo feminist who spouts hateful nonsense in a gender studies class about the "evil Christian patriarchy"; you know, the one that nurtured her and built the institutions she uses to denounce her kinsmen. Or the Irish Catholic feminist, like Mary Daly, who does her best to undermine her folk and religion. Or the black feminist, like Oprah, who funds some of the most awful fictional portrayals of black men out there today. There are so many examples that it would be easy to fill a page off the top of my head if I went on.

Feminists can't help but try to tear down their own people, no matter who they are. It's a shameful impulse, but so common that anyone who is familiar with it can instantly recognize the pattern. The reason for this behavior is that the tribe demands sacrifices from its women that they often don't want to make. Under ethnocentrism of any sort, which is and has always been the human norm, women have an obligation to be good wives and mothers; not to kill their children, fool around with the strangers, have fun at the community's expense, etc. However, lots of women –

especially feminists – really feel resentful about this. So what do they do? Naturally, they trash their tribe in an effort to provide a justification for not doing their duty. When feminists attack their own people, it is just a means to rationalize their disobedience and lack of loyalty. They don't need anyone to convince them to feel this way, because it's human nature to be selfish, and no women – not even Jewish ones – are immune from that tendency.

Fathers of Daughters

Featured Guest · 22 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

By Lyn87

Full disclosure: I have no daughters. In fact, I have no children at all, so I am not speaking from personal experience – just laying out my observations. But as an "outsider" I have observed guys who have daughters, and sometimes their conduct leaves me scratching my head in confusion.

About two weeks ago I made a post about the guys I work with. What puzzled me was the degree to which they defer to their wives. And by defer, I do not mean that they are doormats, or even disagree with their wives a lot: but the fact that their wives have the veto authority in their marriages, and that the guys subordinate their desires – and judgment – to keep their wives happy. THAT is the ultimate test of who wears the pants in the family – and these guys willingly admit that their wives have the final say. Not only are they not ashamed to admit to what amounts to "wearing the skirts" in their families, but they assume that is the natural order of things. The blue pill is so pervasive that, in a real sense, they don't even realize that they ARE wearing the skirts.

Not that I care: they all seem happy with their arrangements and far be it from me to tell them how to live their lives – I just find it curious. But that's background information, not the central point of this piece.

Since I made that post I went on a trip with the guys on my team (we live in different places and only see each other when we go on the road). We were sampling the local cuisine and the conversation included vacation stories, financial plans, politics, family, work, relationships… the usual stuff guys talk about over a couple of brews. One guy has teenage daughters that he's planning to put through college. I could not resist inserting some red pill into the mix, so I mentioned that 60% of degrees were going to women, and that women prefer to marry up. Since "educated" women don't often go for "uneducated" men, a lot of women of his daughter's generation were on their way toward spinsterhood for lack of "suitable" mates.

He's a smart guy and the implication for his daughters was obvious. He even acknowledged the truth of it. But his response was, "I'm still glad it's not the way it used to be."

I get it: he's proud of his kids. Why not? They're doing well academically (as they should: as girls the entire education system is geared toward their success). They stay out of serious trouble. He wants what is best for them. Even as a non-parent I understand all that.

What is disheartening about it is that he does not see the connection between "it's not the way it used to be" and "a lot of women of his daughter's generation are on their way toward spinsterhood." The blue pill is EVERYWHERE. I'm nearly convinced that some malevolent group of "Jezebels" is dissolving blue pills into the supply of drinking water.

Consider his daughters. I'm sure they are good kids who would make any parent proud. But they don't live on an island – they live among their peers and within the confines of biological and demographic reality. Even if EVERY one of their male college classmates marries one of his female classmates, a third of those young women will not find a male age-peer who is even her "academic equal," much less someone with a higher level of education. But not every male graduate will marry a female classmate. Some will marry down. Some will choose not marry at all. Then subtract out the guys who are "creepy," gay, or otherwise unsuitable, and we are left with a generation of "educated" women who are barreling toward a demographic wall at high velocity.

Marry up? My buddy's daughters will be lucky if they can marry "across." Many women of that generation will face hard choices: supply and demand in the adult world doesn't much care how "empowered" you were in college. The women of that generation may be able to marry down, but few will want to. They may not marry at all and become wards of the state when they bear bastard children. They may become involuntary childless spinsters. They may go for much older men, but many of them have been through the Family Court meat grinder and must devote much of

their effort to paying their exes' bills.

We know the score here: the degrees these girls are getting cluster in the "Who are you trying to kid?" category. They are not truly superior to the guys of their generation, but that degree in "You Must Be Joking!" makes them think they are. Most emerge from college with a pile of debt, no marketable skills they didn't already possess in high school, and a few laps around the carousel – older but no wiser, and blissfully unaware that half of their years of prime beauty and fertility are already in the rear-view mirror.

Once upon a time fathers could and often would look after their daughter's futures. Guys like my buddy still try to do that, but the blue pill is so pervasive that he thinks "get them into a good college" is the biggest part of looking after their futures.

These are not the usual "failures in waiting:" girls raised by slutty (but heroic!) single mothers. These girls come from a good two-parent family that values education and achievement. And, thanks to feminism, the odds are even stacked against them.

But hey, at least it's not like it used to be.

Altruism, Spite and Heroism

W.F. Price · 23 July 2012 · Archived copy · Original

As James Holmes' killing spree in a Colorado movie theater is the talk of the nation, a number of reports are emerging concerning the heroic actions of at least three young men, who died protecting their loved ones. All three were killed while shielding their girlfriends from bullets, and given that Holmes was using 5.56mm NATO spec ammunition, which fragments on impact rather than passing clean through its target, quite probably saved the women's and other people's lives.

Some MRAs lament the fact that when faced with danger, men so willingly give up their lives for those they are attached to, while others are upset that women don't have any appreciation for this sacrifice. I noted in Saturday's post that women do not always like the personal sacrifices they are called on to make on behalf of the tribe, but there are unpleasant sacrifices expected from men as well. And these sacrifices are not demanded only by society, but apparently our own biology. In other words, our instincts sometimes compel us to sacrifice ourselves.

From a simple, individualistic point of view, this doesn't make sense. Why sacrifice oneself, thereby denying the opportunity to spread one's seed and propagate one's genes?

It's a bit complicated, but it turns out that it does make sense from a genetic standpoint. When I read the stories of the young men who gave up their lives, I thought of the Price equation, developed by George Price (not a close relative of mine) at the Galton Laboratory in the late 60s after he switched careers in middle age to become a theoretical biologist.

Dr. Price was a curious fellow who must have thought a great deal about these issues, because after developing a theoretical basis for altruism he experienced a religious awakening, abandoned his strongly-held atheism and subsequently gave all he had to London's poor. When he had nothing left to give, he became despondent and took his own life. Perhaps the implications of his work disturbed him, and he couldn't accept that the roots of human goodness can be regarded as fundamentally selfish from an evolutionary point of view.

Forgotten for decades, Price was brought back to public attention by Oren Harman's book *The Price of Altruism: George Price and the Search for the Origins of Kindness*.

Although the evolution of altruism was not the only thing covered by the Price equation, it is probably the most compelling to laymen, and is most relevant to the point at hand. What this part of the equation does is provide a model for how altruism can actually propagate an individual's genes despite harming him or even ending his life. This is accomplished by saving those who are closely related, and thereby preserving one's genes in others through self-sacrifice. Naturally, social creatures such as humans are more likely to display altruistic behavior, as the opportunity for self-sacrifice on behalf of others arises far more frequently than in animals such as snakes.

So, apparently we have evolved to be altruistic, especially toward kin. However, the other side of the coin is something known as "Hamiltonian spite" (theorist W.D. Hamilton was one of Price's colleagues), which suggests that there is a genetic advantage to harming those who are less closely related than average, even if it costs the individual to do so.

In nature, spite often takes the form of destruction of another's young. When a new stallion takes over a herd, for example, he will sometimes kill the previous sire's foals. Lions are known to engage in similar behavior, and it appears to be at work in humans as well, as a single mother's new boyfriend is statistically far more likely to murder her children than their biological father [feminists often conflate the two to make biological fathers appear more dangerous than they truly are, and new sex partners safer].

One could also make the argument that mass murder, such as that committed by James Holmes, can be motivated by Hamiltonian spite; that is, it is in one's genetic best interest to destroy those who are unrelated if it provides a selective advantage to one's kin. Perhaps the best known example of this can be found in the Bible in Judges 16,

where Samson brings the roof down on himself and the Philistines, avenging himself and destroying his people's enemies:

> 27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.
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> 28 And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.
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> 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.
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> 30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.
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> 31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the buryingplace of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

Samson, of course, was the pre-eminent Hebrew hero, as Herakles – another notorious manslayer – was for the Greeks. His final act of malice did not tarnish his reputation, but rather enhanced it. He exemplifies the duality of heroism as understood by humans: on the one hand selfless and magnanimous, and on the other a terrible foe. And yet there is no contradiction, because Samson fulfills his duties to his people.

In the great scheme of nature, we men are actors in the struggle to preserve our families, our nations and even humanity. It is not a role that must be imposed upon us, but rather one that comes naturally, just as the sacrifice of motherhood comes naturally to women.

And just as there are pleasant and unpleasant aspects of female behavior, the same is true of male.

The lesson that I would like to impart here is that so often, the noblest and the meanest of our traits spring from the same source and ultimately serve the same purpose. The feminists and their allies will point to flaws in the male character, suggesting that man must be fundamentally changed for the world to be a better place. Some men deplore our compulsion to sacrifice ourselves. But when it comes down to it, we are carrying out the will of the collective, and the choices we make are not, as it turns out, always our own.

However, rather than let this revelation undermine our faith in ourselves and science as George Price apparently did, perhaps we can find some solace in the notion that nature itself contains a wisdom and intelligence greater than our own.

More on Altruism: Responses to Commenters

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One of the nice things about the slower pace of comments over the last few days is that I can respond meaningfully to commenters more often than before, and today I have a good opportunity to do that.

A number of commenters took issue with yesterday's post about altruism and heroism. Some, like George, read it as an endorsement of self-sacrifice on behalf of women:

> George
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> Heroism and its promotion, as this article does, goes against the MRM. We're not just fighting the unfair legal system brought on by women or the culture that demonizes men, but also the view of men as disposable utilities, and the role of men as protectors-providers (for women, they still need to do it for their children however).
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> Heroism may have been useful in the distant past, but now it has become completely toxic for men to fetishize their own destruction. They're destroying themselves for women, their legal superiors, who don't give two shits about them and who will go on to live their lives and boyfriends will be one boyfriend in a long series of boyfriends, guys they dated a long time ago. While on the other hand, the young men DIED!
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> On the point of promoting heroism, this article is completely misguided.

As the writer, it's my job to make myself understood, so I'll start by pointing out that the post was not an attempt to promote, glorify or endorse white knightery. Rather, it was simply intended to point out that self-sacrifice is rooted in our biology; it is a fundamental part of masculine nature.

Tom47 questions whether this is even true, and suggests that it is a social construct:

> tom47
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> …There is no evidence that male primates ever defend females or make any sacrifices for them and it's just as likely that females fight over males as males fight over females. White Knighting is a "social construct", a way to make men "useful".

The benefits of altruistic acts are not limited to females, but nor are they excluded. Throughout history, men have probably sacrificed themselves more frequently on behalf of other males. It is my hunch that the high level of altruism displayed by humans, particularly males, developed as a result of the cooperative hunt.

Hunting megafauna with spears is a very hazardous occupation. Like commercial crabbing and wildcatting, both the risk and reward are high. In the Paleolithic Era, humans lived and provided for themselves in small bands of closely related kin. In general, men hunted while women gathered and processed food. Men who were on the hunt were typically closely related. Brother hunted with brother, father with son, cousin with cousin; this is the basis for patrilocality. When the tribe got to a certain size, it would split and separate bands would go their own way, ensuring that it remained this way.

If two brothers were hunting together, and while in pursuit were surprised by an angry, wounded aurochs, a situation could arise in which one took on the beast, allowing the other to survive and taking the brunt of the punishment in the process. If the sacrifice hadn't been made, both would be quickly trampled in turn as they tried to flee the swift, powerful animal, and more of the genes unique to that family would be lost. Wolves often do this on their hunts, putting their lives on the line so that the other pack members can survive. In fact, it is precisely this quality that led to wolves' domestication and eventual status as man's best friend, as altruistic cooperation characterizes the hunting tactics of both species.

This also explains why men are more prone to self-sacrifice than women. Women didn't hunt. In humans, unlike most other predators, hunting is a sex-specific behavior. Our species is designed that way, so the traits that are helpful for hunting are overwhelmingly concentrated in men. The clearest evidence of this is in our physiques, but it also shows up in mental characteristics such as higher spatial ability. In women, some of these hunting-specific behavioral traits would probably decrease genetic fitness as they have associated costs, so they tend not to be expressed in females. Hence men are braver, more selfless and far more likely to die on behalf of others.

But no, it is not a quality intended to benefit only females — not by a longshot. No more so than the human female's costly and hazardous pregnancy and labor is intended to benefit only males. It is simply a human adaptation designed to propagate the genome. Evidently, it has been a very effective one.

Commenter piercedhead really got the point of the post:

> piercedhead
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> …To be forewarned is to be forearmed.
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> Although I may not be able to counter my instincts fast enough to avoid giving women a hugely undeserved evolutionary advantage, I can at least use my MRM learning to minimise the opportunities those pesky instincts get to betray me.
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> By going MGTOW, there is certainly no chance I would ever be in a situation where whatever W.K. tendencies I may have lying dormant would get their moment of glory (to my everlasting shame, should I survive…).
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> And that same feeble mastery of intellect over DNA would also preserve me from a Batman premier (on this I am on more certain ground).

"Know Thyself!" said the ancient Greek philosophers, repeating Delphi's maxim. If we know our nature, we can better prepare ourselves to deal with the world. Rather than fight it or deny it, we can accommodate it. We can choose to whom our beneficence should extend by associating with those we truly care about, and those who will appreciate it.

We may not have much control over whether selflessness is in our nature, but in most circumstances we do have the opportunity to decide who to apply it to. In the case of the Aurora shooting, the young men didn't have time to think about what they were doing, but that kind of violence is a very, very rare occurrence. Because the circumstances were so exceptional and the emergency so sudden, we had the opportunity to see the stuff men are really made of. However, a man is far more likely to find himself on the receiving end of violence over a woman at a nightclub, and those places are pretty easy to avoid.

The real rage MRAs feel, and I share it myself, is over the exhortation to sacrifice for people who have nothing but contempt for most men. That is sheer manipulation of our instincts, along the lines of charities that show forlorn babies on TV in an effort to extract money from the purses of soft-minded old ladies. There is something truly evil about plucking on people's heartstrings to compel them to behave in a manner contrary to their own and their families' interests, and this is one of the more noxious elements of feminism and modern society in general.

If we can recognize this inner hero so many men have, and we can know ourselves and what moves us, it will make it that much more difficult for others to manipulate us, and that much easier for us to act in our interests and do good for those who truly deserve it. As conscious beings, we do have a choice, but exercising it requires both forethought and wisdom.

“Heroic” Single Moms

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Stories about women shoplifting and subsequently abandoning babies when caught by security have grown in frequency in recent years. Maybe they think by taking a baby on their stealing jaunts they will be immune from suspicion, and then when they get caught figure that the baby will help them get away. Or maybe they simply aren’t thinking at all.

The following video shows a mother ditching her child when caught by WalMart security, closely followed by the child’s hefty aunt, who fights off the security in the parking lot. The mother is pretty fast; you can see her running full-tilt – away from her baby – down the lot on the way to (temporary) freedom.

The two women were picked up at a local dance club partying it up a short time later.

I wonder how much more of this it will take until preachers stop carrying on about the “inherent goodness of women” and depravity of men. How much more maltreatment and neglect of children will it take before default mother custody and glorification of single motherhood finally comes into question?

What Feminism Teaches Little Girls

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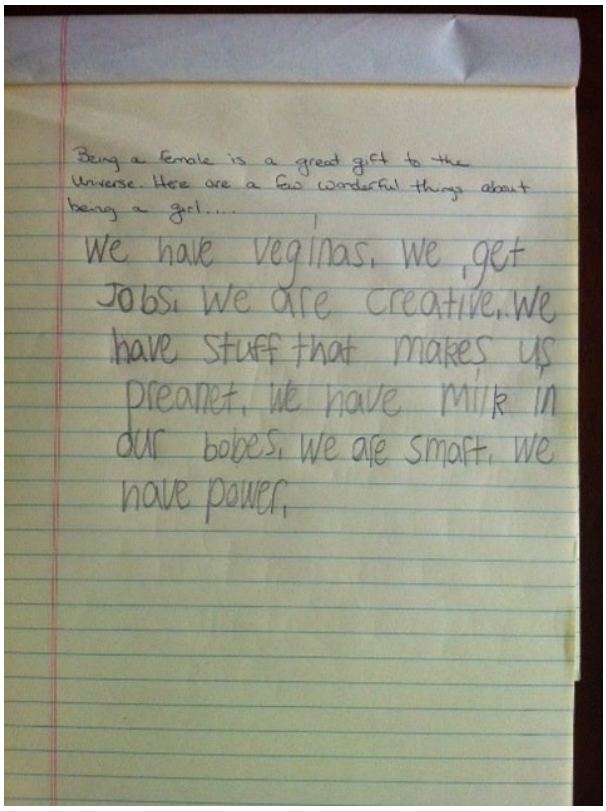
The image shows clearly what prepubescent girls (this one is eight) are being taught in our schools:



Bennett Gets it Wrong Again

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Bill Bennett decided to weigh in on the Aurora shootings and accompanying heroics, using a Hanna Rosin article as his reference point. Bennett gets it totally wrong on a number of points, which is about what you'd expect from a guy who relies on feminists to divine the motivations of young men.

First, he talks about what the men who died "believed." I don't think people have time to examine their beliefs when confronted by a man with an assault rifle in a crowded, dark theater. In these situations, you don't think so much as act. The young men who shielded their girlfriends were simply doing what came naturally to them. One man, a guy who ran for it, had different instincts. However, if you asked him what he "believed," he may well have given the same answer as the dead men. Beliefs don't count for much in times of crisis, which I suppose is the root of the saying "there are no atheists in foxholes."

Here's what Bennett says about "belief":

> As Hanna Rosin so eloquently pointed out in a recent article, calling it chivalry would be a tremendous understatement. By all appearances, these men believed that a man has a responsibility to protect a woman, even to the point of death. They believed that there are things in life worth dying for and the innocent woman sitting next to them was one.
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> They believed, to put it simply, in a code of honor. They put the lives of the women before their own, an old fashioned notion to be sure, but certainly an honorable one (if you have any doubt, ask the survivors)…

Old fashioned my ass. Take a look at Matt McQuinn (on the right), the Celtic American with the lip rings and earplugs. That young man was no fuddy duddy who ascribed to Bill Bennett's Victorian sense of propriety. No, he's a modern-day example of the Gaelic warriors who have earned a reputation over the ages for their scorn for death and willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice. In other words, it was in his blood, and Bennett insults him in suggesting otherwise.

The same applies to the other young men. They were solid men; the kind that families and communities have always relied on when the going gets tough. It wasn't because they held some belief or political position, *it was because they were men* that they acted as they did. It is simply what men do, and that's why they deserve honor, which Bennett is incapable of bestowing on anyone.

No, instead of honoring these men, Bennett continues to measure them according to their utility to women:

> After his death we learned that Blunk had an ex-wife and two children living in Nevada. He was scheduled to visit them to resolve marital issues. This isn't to take anything away from Blunk or the other two heroes, but to illustrate that, in spite of shortcomings, men can still recognize what it means to be a good man and act like one.

This above words illustrate exactly what's wrong with the attitude in regards to men in our culture. Bennett suggests that because the man is separated from his ex – through no fault of his own for all we know – he must be flawed. And then, of course, he redeems himself by being useful to a woman — by taking a bullet.

The implication is that women have inherent value, but men do not. This is a cultural issue, and one of the greatest flaws of our society. I've been all over Europe and Asia, and only in the Anglo world are men considered to have value only in their utility, like so many tools. It is a toxic attitude, and explains why our women have such contempt for our men. If a man has no inherent value, how could a woman ever love him when he is not providing her some material benefit? Of course, this is not really why women love men, either, so it leads to all sorts of dysfunction and unhappiness in our women, who can't understand why they don't love the men in their lives simply for being

“useful.”

These people have it backwards. Men are not men because they are useful to others; rather, they have value *because they are men*. If it were only for our utility that we were men, then why couldn’t a donkey be a man? How about a machine?

More from Bennett:

> This is especially important given the state of many men today. Record numbers of men aren’t working or even looking for work. Record numbers aren’t marrying or even acting as fathers to their children. These men need heroes to imitate whom they can relate to in everyday life, not just make-believe superheroes who catch their imagination for an hour or two. They need heroes like the Aurora three.
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> While much of the media obsesses over the psychology and motivations of this deranged killer, we should hold the Aurora three high. It is only by telling their story that this code of honor will survive for future generations of men.

How are these three any different from the “record numbers” of men Bennett refers to? As Hanna Rosin suggests, Blunk was kind of a loser who couldn’t support his family:

> On the Today show interview, Jansen Young, the girlfriend Blunk saved, mentioned that Jonathan was thinking about re-enlisting in the Navy. She attributed that to his undying heroism, but it may also have to do with the fact that he, like a few guys in the theater, was working at Target and surely not making enough money to support one family, much less two. Young, meanwhile, had just finished getting her veterinarian degree, becoming the latest in an onslaught of women who have taken over that lucrative profession, which was not very long ago dominated by men.

These young men who died are the same ones Bill Bennett and Hanna Rosin denounce so regularly, so she is surprised that they would still act as they did. I suspect that Rosin simply sees masculinity as a set of credentials, and when men act according to their nature without going through a “man school” or something like it, she simply can’t fathom it.

This is really what feminists like Rosin and Bennett don’t understand. Men do not need to be taught or pushed to be men. They do not need to be shamed or cajoled into it. It is simply what they are, and it is a glorious thing.

The Problem With Sluts

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Heartiste has a post up about the Kristen Stewart affair, in which she cheated on boyfriend Robert Pattinson with Snow White director Rupert Sanders.

See her here casting a sultry look at the not-very-attractive, much older director. If you're not sure what female desire looks like, that's exactly it. It's rare to see it captured so clearly on a photo, so there you go.

Heartiste is right, as usual, where these matters are concerned:

> You can be the best looking man in the world, but if you're a beta in your core (and there is evidence in his quoted words that Pattinson is an unreconstructed beta) you will suffer a higher chance of getting cheated on by your girlfriend if she spends any nontrivial amount of time with an alpha male who has the ATTITUDE.

Yep. Pattinson's a younger guy who hasn't yet developed the confidence and swagger that years of being in charge of hot young starlets gives a guy. As a director, Sanders is quite literally the boss of beautiful young women. For these girls, who are used to being catered to hand and foot by ordinary men, that's erotic, and probably hard to resist. It's yet another reason we should think twice about putting young wives to work with men who have higher relative status in the office than their husbands do at home. That's obviously a recipe for marital disaster.

However, some may ask why this is such a big deal. Pattinson may have just gained the opportunity to be done with a slutty girlfriend, so what's the problem?

Well, think about how this will play out. Pattinson is young enough that this will eventually be forgotten, but in the meanwhile he's going to pay for it. Older, higher-status men taking women from their younger boyfriends/husbands is nothing new, and quite frankly it's often how they put up-and-coming young men in their place. Nobody really feels sorry for a chump whose woman cheated on him — they tend to laugh at him. It's unfortunate, but it seems to be human nature.

In a business like Hollywood, losing respect is not very good for your career. A guy whose girlfriend cheated on him is going to have a harder time landing a leading role. The girl, for her part, takes some punishment as well. But the alpha male cheater doesn't really lose. In fact, he tends to *gain* respect (whether people admit it or not). Therefore, the woman who cheats betrays her man socially and professionally as well as sexually. It's a very nasty thing to do to a guy, because unlike a betrayed wife, he gets ridicule instead of sympathy.

Cheating women don't just make you feel bad; they make you *look* bad, too. And that does have real life consequences. When women betray men, it really is worse.

The one positive thing is that this will probably damage Stewart's career more than Pattinson's. He's got decades to live this down, but by the time it's forgotten she'll already be over the hill for an actress.

Sluts just screw things up for lots of people. That's why we shame them, and should continue to do so.

Blogging and Comments — The Manosphere is Growing Up

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Some people might be curious about the connection between comments and site traffic, and recently I've had an opportunity to do a little experiment. I put all comments on moderation to give myself a little more time with the family without having to worry about trolls while away from the site, and it's been a nice little break. But at the same time, it looks as though less is going on on the site.

Actually, this isn't true. Below is a graph of traffic starting from just after I put all comments on moderation to yesterday.

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As you can see, traffic has gone up considerably. The picture is just a snapshot, so it isn't entirely representative of average traffic. Weekends are usually lower (Saturdays lowest), and that makes it look a bit more impressive than it should. Add to that the fact that I didn't really post anything on Friday or Saturday, resulting in lower traffic for those days, and it skews it a bit more.

However, this month a typical day is running just over 10,000 page views per day and around 3,500 uniques — pretty much like Monday and Tuesday. The dark green represents page views, and the light green uniques, so as you can see the traffic shot up considerably by the middle of this week, with over 14,000 page views and 5,000 uniques yesterday.

Those kinds of numbers put comments in perspective. Out of over 5,000 people who visited the site yesterday (and that doesn't even include the 1,000 individuals out of 2,100 subscribers who viewed the feed), perhaps only a couple dozen commented — well under 1%.

Usually, I don't tend to be too bothered by comments, even when they are pretty lousy. However, I'm starting to rethink that. This is because you get traffic as a blogger largely from other bloggers, tweets, etc., and when you have commenters who are dumping on other bloggers or saying ugly stuff, people tend to hold you responsible, and it does hurt your site. For example, if I have people trashing another popular manosphere blogger in comments, it will make him think twice about linking any of my posts, and that is not a good thing.

Although I could care less when feminists and the like criticize comments (they obviously aren't my target audience), when colleagues and people on their sites start taking offense, it's a problem.

Finally, more bloggers in the manosphere have been cracking down on comments as it matures and grows. There are a lot more sites than a few years ago, and they get a lot more traffic. So there's a trickle down effect: when most sites exercise comment control, the people who get "controlled" tend to end up on the sites that don't. The consequences of this should be pretty clear. It suggests that the old "anything goes" model, which was necessary and quite helpful in the beginning, isn't feasible any longer.

So, as zed has suggested, it's probably time for *The Spearhead* to put on the "big boy pants" and start policing comments more thoroughly. I think this will have a positive effect, because there are a lot of quality commenters I appreciate, including some who have left due to the lower comment quality. Perhaps some of these valued commenters will return and comment from time to time — I certainly hope so.

Although it's a fairly substantial change, I'm now going to set the bar considerably higher, including for graphic language (long a pet peeve of mine), violent fantasies, personal attacks, attacks on other manosphere bloggers and unhelpful griping. I assume most people can handle this fine, and it will be a much more comfortable environment for the majority.

Looks like the manosphere is growing up and coming into its own. Not a bad thing.

Sharia Crashes on Shoals of UK Family Law

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A lot of conservatives have been raising the specter of sharia law in the West, apparently in the belief that we will all soon be subject to lashings for having a beer or eating a ham sandwich. Although I'm not a big fan of Islamic supremacy in the West, and don't think Islam is a good fit for northern cultures like ours (northerners would have starved if they observed Ramadan and Islamic dietary restrictions), I think these fears are overblown.

Also, I've pointed out on several occasions that we already have religious law enforced by US states. Jewish marital contracts stipulate that Jewish rabbinical judges handle divorces (although they have no jurisdiction over child support and custody), and these contracts are enforceable by states. And why not? Freedom of conscience should include the option of drawing up contracts according to one's faith, and agreeing to be held legally bound as with any other contract. If Jewish couples can do it, why not Muslim? Why not Christian? Or atheist — our beliefs are not the state's business.

Giving Muslims the option to arrange their marriages according to their faith is no threat to the political integrity of secular Western states, so I don't know why there's so much hysteria about these sharia courts, which only have the power to adjudicate contracts which have been freely entered into. Even in majority Muslim states sharia courts usually have little if any jurisdiction outside of family law.

In a recent case, Zaid Al-Saffar, a Muslim doctor in Britain, was ordered to pay his ex-wife £60,000 maintenance. He argued that the maintenance violated his Muslim marriage contract. It isn't clear where the marriage was entered into, but evidently both agreed to Islamic terms.

> A Scarborough doctor has been ordered to pay his ex-wife £60,000 maintenance after being told his muslim traditions wont absolve him of his financial responsibilities.
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> Dr Zaid Al-Saffar, a consultant rheumatoligist at Scarborough Hospital and head of the town's Islamic society, has found himself at the centre of a test case clash of Muslim and UK matrimonial law after refusing to pay his ex wife maintenance.
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> Speaking at the Appeal Court, Lord Justice Ward ruled that Dr Al-Saffar's belief that maintenance paymets to spouses are "illigitimate or illegal according to Islamic culture" is no defence to orders made in English divorce courts.
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> The judge concluded the case by telling Dr Al-Saffar: "Life is sometimes hard; do not be consumed with bitterness."
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> However Dr Al-Saffar expressed his discontent outside court afterwards, saying: "Family law in this county is biased against Muslim people."
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> The case has hit national headlines, and acts a warning to Muslim couples across the country who believe their marriages are ordered according to sharia law and agree to be bound by Islamic courts.
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> [...]
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> When the pair wed Sharia tradition saw Dr Al-Saffar pay a gift to his bride. Because of this Mrs Al-Saffar then signed away her half of the matrimonial home in Belvedere Road.
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> In traditional Muslim societies there is often no expectation that the ex-husband will pay maintenance to the divorced wife and that she has to look to her extended family for support.
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> Judge Jones however refused to take this view of the situation at the original divorce hearing and ordered Dr Al-Saffar to pay his ex a total of £60,000 in personal maintenance for her contribution to the marriage.
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> However the doctor only made four payments, leading to his wife obtaining an order from District Judge Alan Booth in February this year, directing him to pay her the arrears of more than £40,000 in a lump sum and

> resume monthly payments.

It is incorrect that Islam does not provide for alimony. However, it is limited to women who are in “iddat” (a post-divorce waiting period after which she may remarry — typically three menstrual cycles to prevent cuckoldry) and who have small children.

Since Al-Saffar made four payments (one per month), that would correspond to iddat, so he was dutifully following his agreement with his ex-wife. Evidently, the man held up his part of the bargain, but of course why should his wife respect their agreement when secular law provides her with more?

In this debate over sharia, we should step back and take a look at what’s really at stake here. Do agreements between free adults define a relationship and how it should be ended, or does the state? Is the threat from sharia so strong that we should allow the state to declare any marital contracts null just because they don’t conform to the majority culture?

Frankly, in this case, it would have been far better if the state had honored the original contract made between husband and wife. If Muslims cannot define their own marriages as they choose, why should we expect that any other men can?

Tearing Up the Grass

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My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys." – Harmon Killebrew

The late, great Baseball slugger, Harmon Killebrew, purportedly was fond of repeating this anecdote about his Father. If I were to have the chance to ask him a question, I would ask "And how did your Mother respond?"

I've heard this anecdote before, but never really understood the bigger picture regarding this interaction between a Mother and Father in raising children…until I had one of my own. As the married Father of a 2 year old toddler, this simple anecdote has become my guiding principle…my personal Parental paradigm if you will.

Not a day goes by in which I reflect with gratitude on having discovered "the red pill" on teh interwebz before having a child and embarking on the dramatic lifestyle shift that comes with being married with children.

In my former "blue pill" days, the definition of Father in my brainwashed mind, was nothing more than the duty to provide material support and sustenance so that the wife could adequately have enough resources to raise the kids. Other than being a provider, our mass media culture pushes a message that essentially says that "good Parenting skills" are basically the domain of the feminine. Nurturing, loving, bonding, care-giving are all things women are superior at providing for children. Men are best at sticking to working to pay the bills. This is the feminist narrative writ large, and as we all well know, entrenched as a bedrock principle in our legal system as well. Being a Father means first and foremost, a financial obligation.

Even President Obama, a man who has basically done anything and everything Feminists have demanded of him upon taking office, gets criticized for daring to suggest otherwise.

Take this Atlantic story, Are Fathers Necessary? *A paternal contribution may not be as essential as we think.* By Pamela Paul

> Fathers, Barack Obama intoned in a 2008 Father's Day speech, are "critical" to the foundation of each family. "They are teachers and coaches. They are mentors and role models. They are examples of success and the men who constantly push us toward it."
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> None of this would seem particularly controversial. Nor would the ominous statistics Obama reeled off about kids who grow up without Dad: five times as likely to live in poverty and commit crime, nine times as likely to drop out of school, and 20 times as likely to wind up in prison. Obama was citing a commonly accepted and constantly updated body of research. The effectively fatherless Obama is clearly a freakish outlier. As for the rest of the fatherless: insufficiently breast-fed, apt to develop attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, unable to form secure bonds, lacking self-esteem, accident prone, asthmatic, and fat.

Having never watched more than 60 seconds of any speech this President has given since taking office, I can say that the above quotation is something I can at least partially agree with. From what I understand, he's got the effects right from Fatherless household statistics, it's the cause he's got all wrong, as he blames the Father's themselves for causing all these pathologies. We who are in the reality-based community, know damn well that the Fatherless home is not the result of an epidemic of "Deadbeat" prone males impregnating women and irresponsibly running off, but rather the result of a welfare system and a family court system that subsidizes and offers incentives for women to have children from obviously irresponsible men, and/or to deliberately remove the Father's from their homes if they become unhaaaaapppy, while still forcing them to pay for it.

But Mz. Paul takes a different tact to question the necessity of Father's in raising children:

> As Stacey and Biblarz point out, our ideas of what dads do and provide are based primarily on contrasts between married-couple parents and single-female parents: an apples-to-oranges exercise that conflates gender, sexual orientation, marital status, and biogenetic relationships in ways that a true comparison of parent gender—one that compared married gay-male couples or married lesbian couples to married heterosexuals, or single fathers to single mothers—would not. Most of the data fail to distinguish between a father and the income a father provides, or between the presence of a father and the presence of a second parent, regardless of gender.
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> Drawing on reliable comparative studies, you could say this: single moms tend to be more involved, set more rules, communicate better, and feel closer to their children than single dads. They have less difficulty monitoring their children's whereabouts, friendships, and school progress. Their children do better on standardized tests and have higher grades, and teenagers of single moms are actually less likely to engage in delinquent behavior or substance abuse than those of single dads. Go, Murphy Brown.

Like any other statistical analysis done to conduct a "study" to support a blue-pill meme to reinforce the Matrix of today's Brave New World Order, one can manipulate statistics to support any half-baked, social theory they would like.

She cites research that compares children who come from Single Mother homes to Dual Parent Homes as an "apples and oranges" comparison and then proceeds to make outlandish statements purporting to show the superiority of single mothers in comparison to single fathers. Yet to say this is an apples-to-apples comparison is ludicrous.

Single Mothers are far more likely to have the resources provided for her by alimony, court ordered child support and a welfare state designed to subsidize her status as a single parent, giving her much more time on a day to day basis to spend with the children. Single Fathers are far less likely to have alimony, child support, or welfare state assistance (ever heard of a single Father with full custody applying for and receiving WIC benefits? The title of the program itself should give you a clue: WOMEN, Infant and Children.)

It is far more likely that Single Fathers will have to work to provide for their children, which certainly means far less time to monitor, parent and just spend time with the kids. Single Father's are much more likely to have to depend on extended family members or paid day care and after school programs to raise their kids while they work full time to make ends meet.

Furthermore, on sheer numbers alone, the number of single Father households with sole custody of children in comparison to those of single Mother households makes this so-called apples-to-apples comparison disingenuous. According to the *Wikipedia page for Single Parent:

> In 2006, 12.9 million families in the US were headed by a single parent, 80% of which were headed by a female.

Ya think such a disparity in numbers between the two types of households would have an effect in analyzing the statistics? Nah….can't let that get in the way of reinforcing the feminized mass media narrative that the primary role of the Father is to be the wallet to subsidize the REAL parenting that can only be done by a mother!

There's also one more factor Mz. Paul utterly fails to mention…just because a house has a husband and a wife in it, does not mean it is a Male headed household.

There are plenty of households in which the Mother wears the proverbial pants and the husband is essentially another one of the kids subject to her absolute authority. His only marker for adulthood status in a so-called

equalitarian marriage, is that of provider…to the lifestyle she desires to become accustomed to, in matrimony or in divorce.

Feminism preaches equality, but in practice, an "equal" household is one in which the Mother exercises all of the Parental authority. Mz. Paul makes that quite clear:

> Fathers, roughhouse all you want. But we, gatekeeper moms, are in charge of the rest. We could give you detailed instruction, and you still couldn't possibly do it as well. "Even women who want their husbands to help more with the kids **don't want to give up their traditional authority,**" says Stephanie Coontz, director of research at the Council on Contemporary Families.

Traditional Authority? Whose tradition? I thought the traditional authority in the two parent home was the oppressive, abusive and overbearing Patriarchy that needed to be overthrown in the name of equality?

But here's the real rub of it all…Mz. Paul is certainly correct that a Mother could give a Father detailed instructions on how to *Mother* the kids, and still not do it as well. Of course.

That's because Father's have a different, Gender specific job. If Fathers gave Mothers specific instructions on how to Father the children, she could certainly not do it as well as a Father…and that has nothing to do with "traditional authority," but rather recognition of the truth that the Genders are different, and each brings a different aspect into the parenting equation. This is the complementary dynamic that children from two parent homes experience; a balance of the feminine and the masculine.

The primary problems associated with all the grim statistics President Obama recites in his "blame the men" Father's Day harangues, is based on the feminist principle that the only real contribution Father's make to raising children is material provisioning. This is THE lie of all lies. We Fathers have a role to play in nurturing and care giving and loving. We just do it with a masculine approach.

Which brings me back to Harmon Killebrew's anecdote. Generally speaking, a Mother's instinctive mode of parenting comes from a deep-seated biological need to have security and safety from a dangerous world. A Mother's embrace should be the safest place in the world a young child should feel. The sphere of comfort and unconditional love all children should be fortunate enough to experience. A Mother's imperative is to shield, protect and fight to avoid danger. To minimize or eliminate risks for her offspring.

These are all good things…but it is in the child's best interest to have these things balanced out by a Father's masculine imperative to teach children how to navigate risks, assess danger, and to bravely face the fear of a dangerous world. You cannot accomplish success in any endeavor if you never emerge from the safety and comfort of Mother's embrace.

As a Father, I've come to understand something profound – I cannot give a comparable level of affection and love to my child like my wife can. I won't even try to do her job, she'd got that one covered well. No, my contribution is different. When the kid falls down, I'm not going to run over and offer comforting hugs, kisses and soft words of reassurance to stem the tears like she does. No, I pick the child up and tell 'em to stop crying, your alright, let's go. Of course, this is not say as a Father that I do not express affection at all. Hugs and kisses from Dad are important too, but the role of the Father is different from that of the Mother. A good two parent home recognizes the benefits of the divisions of labor, and lets that which is better at something, do it.

At 18 months old, my child was attempting to climb jungle gyms and ladders. My wife would immediately stop it and tell the kid "NO, stay away! Danger!" My approach? Let the kid climb while I stand beneath, ready to catch the toddler in the event of a fall from a dangerous height. Mother would have the kid never attempt to brave any heights for fear of the potential danger. As the Father, I let the kid fall from a small height, an unforgettable lesson about the Law of Gravity which cured the kid from being careless and less deliberate on future climbing excursions.

Another difference is the Mother's nesting instinct versus a Father's exploration and hunting instinct. This, I believe, is where the entire notion of helicopter parenting comes from. When a mother's emotional state dictates the tone of the home, when her concern for maintaining an immaculate nest, and where all risks and dangers are to be avoided, you get sheltered children afraid of autonomy, independence or braving the outside world.

Another aspect is modeling the way in which you as a Father, relates to the opposite Gender, the Mother. If you understand how to avoid becoming just another AMC, your progeny should have a better shot at developing the social skills to relate to the opposite gender much better as they get older and begin to form relationships to make their own families. By not being an Average Married Chump, your boys will grow up with the example on how to deal with feminine emotional turmoil, and your girls will grow up to seek out men who have those same traits as well.

Fatherhood is about more than being a provider. It's about balancing out the mothering to keep it from becoming smothering. If Harmon Killebrew had grown up in a single mother household, "DON'T TEAR UP THE GRASS!" may have kept him from eventually becoming a hall of fame baseball player.

Federal Judge Grants Injunction in Backpage.com Lawsuit

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In Washington state, there has been some hysteria about underage prostitution as of late. Washington is probably the most politically feminist state in the US, and resembles Scandinavia in its zeal to regulate sexual conduct. Our two female senators are perennially involved in one feminist cause or another, whether it be VAWA, IMBRA, or sex trafficking legislation.

This year, governor Christine Gregoire signed a signed a law that would require backpage.com and other escort advertisers to verify people's age when they post ads on its service, because there have been reports of underage prostitutes using the service to advertise their wares. This would obviously be difficult, given that all of the ads are submitted online. Backpage.com is an advertisement service for prostitutes, owned by New York's Village Voice Media company. It took over the market in such ads after Craigslist dropped them in 2010.

Perhaps Backpage is worried that if they make a mistake and a minor slips through they will be held responsible. Of course, if there are underage prostitutes advertising on Backpage, they are lying about their age, because vice cops regularly check the ads for that kind of thing. Additionally, potential clients would suspect that anyone advertising as a minor is certainly a cop.

So the effect of the Washington law would be to shut down pretty much all prostitution ads in the state, because hookers are not going to show up in person to be carded before placing an ad. It would be too risky for the prostitutes, whether they are of legal age or not, because officially providing one's identity is never a good idea when engaging in illegal activity.

Personally, I wouldn't care either way about the hooker ads. I have to admit I'd get a little schadenfreude out of seeing local gutter mags like *The Stranger* scrambling to find lost revenue. However, it is bad precedent. If you can hold Backpage responsible for what third parties post, where does it stop? Could bloggers be fined and jailed if some anonymous person posts illegal content in comments?

Because of these issues, Backpage sued to block the law, and was granted an injunction yesterday by Ricardo Martinez, a federal judge. Martinez made the only sane choice given the broad scope of the law. It clearly removes the right of people and companies to host third party content by holding them liable for other people's speech.

As for underage prostitution, although I don't think it's as common as some would have us believe, it may well be a growing problem. In fact, given how many girls are growing up without their fathers today, I'd be surprised if it weren't. Although I can't say for certain that I ever personally knew any prostitutes when I was in high school, there were a number of girls who carried pagers (this is way back in the early 90s, before cell phones were common), and I don't think they were selling crack. These girls were the female equivalents of the gangstas who were slinging rocks on street corners, and I strongly suspect they were making some money on the side by selling themselves. In fact, just a few years after I got out of my high school, the principal was caught having a "relationship" with a female student, and it's pretty clear she was getting paid for it, if not in cash in kind.

In certain neighborhoods, prostitution is a pretty casual, out-in-the-open kind of thing. Some girl is walking down the street, a guy in a lowrider slows down, talks to her for a minute, and she gets in the car. I've seen it happen plenty of times, including with apparently underage females. It isn't slavery or "trafficking" — it's just part of the culture in some places. And this culture is very strongly associated with single mother households and father absence.

If these lawmakers really want to do something about underage prostitution, I can think of a good place to start, and it doesn't involve cracking down on websites. First, stop incentivizing single motherhood. Next, rather than actively chasing fathers away from their families, give them incentives to stick around and be involved in their children's lives.

But maybe that would work too well, and take away the opportunity to grandstand over the latest moral panic.

50 Shades of Grey Reviews

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A female friend picked up the book *50 Shades of Grey* and told me a bit about it. She said the hypergamy is so over the top it's ridiculous and strains credulity. I told her to let me know what she thinks when she's finished, since I don't plan on reading it myself.

Coincidentally, I was checking out Amazon's best-seller list yesterday evening to see what's going on in the US book market. Naturally, the 50 Shades trilogy dominated the top spots, so I took a look at the reviews. They were pretty funny, and it looks as though the writer was ripping off Heartiste (she even seems to make allusions to digit ratio). If the writing weren't as bad as is claimed, I'd suspect he's actually the author, and is making a superlative point about female nature.

Since very few of us are ever going to read it, here are a few selections from Amazon reviews for the curious:

> Did a teenager write this???
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> About half way through the book, I looked up the author to see if she was a teenager. I really did because the characters are out of a 16 year old's fantasy. The main male character is a billionaire (not a millionaire but a billionaire) who speaks fluent French, is basically a concert level pianist, is a fully trained pilot, is athletic, drop dead gorgeous, tall, built perfectly with an enormous penis, and the best lover on the planet. In addition, he's not only self made but is using his money to combat world hunger. Oh yeah, and all of this at the ripe old age of 26! And on top of that, he's never working. Every second is spent having sex or texting and emailing the female character. His billions seem to have just come about by magic. It seriously feels like 2 teenage girls got together and decided to create their "dream man" and came up with Christian Grey.
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> Then come the sex scenes. The first one is tolerable but as she goes on, they become so unbelievable that it becomes more laughable than erotic. She orgasms at the drop of a hat. He says her name and she orgasms. He simply touches her and she orgasms. It seems that she's climaxing on every page.
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> Bestseller? Really???
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> …the repetition…and the repetition…and the repetition. I'm convinced the author has a computer macro that she hits to insert one of her limited repertoire of facial expressions whenever she needs one. According to my Kindle search function, characters roll their eyes 41 times, Ana bites her lip 35 times, Christian's lips "quirk up" 16 times, Christian "cocks his head to one side" 17 times, characters "purse" their lips 15 times, and characters raise their eyebrows a whopping 50 times. Add to that 80 references to Ana's anthropomorphic "subconscious" (which also rolls its eyes and purses its lips, by the way), 58 references to Ana's "inner goddess," and 92 repetitions of Ana saying some form of "oh crap" (which, depending on the severity of the circumstances, can be intensified to "holy crap," "double crap," or the ultimate "triple crap"). And this is only part one of a trilogy…
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> I honestly don't understand why women are all a rage about this. I thought a virgin who could climax right way, many times over and on command was a male fantasy. The author repeats the phrases, "oh my," "crap," "down there," and "inner goddess" incessantly. Really, those phrases have to make up 1/3 to 1/2 the novel. The rest is about a girl who receives about $100,000 worth of gifts in return for allowing this guy to perform S&M on her – so romantic.

So there we have it. The most popular book in the English-speaking world is women's pornography.

What a glorious chapter in our civilization's history!

Well, at least it's worth a laugh.

Sally Ride Obit

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Some people have been wondering how I feel about recently departed Sally Ride. Well, I never paid her any attention before, but I did a bit of cursory research, so here it is:

Daughter, student, astronaut, wife, divorcée, lesbian, deceased.

No issue.

Rest In Peace, Sally Ride.

Gay Marriage – A Culture War Proposal

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By RICanuck

There has been a lot of news on the gay marriage front lately. Chick-Fil-A, the State of Washington voting on legalizing gay marriage, and an email I received this morning from the National Organization for Marriage to eat at Chick-Fil-A on August 1st. I have also been reading a lot of manosphere material on the red pill, marriage (straight), and the differences between men and women, and everything just coalesced in my mind. Also during Mass this morning, the general intercession asked for prayers for those suffering from 'sex addiction'. I write this post with a modest proposal that Christian men may bring into the gay marriage debate. Coherent critiques are invited. I do not want to hear theological criticisms, nor threats of hellfire and damnation. This is a prudential and political proposal.

This column has been broken down into a number of headings with explanatory information before getting to the proposal and the potential backlash.

The Current State of Straight Marriage

- **No Fault Divorce:**
  - Marriage is now the only institution or contract that may be unilaterally broken without legal remedy available to hold the violator responsible for the tangible and intangible losses involved. Being North Americans, almost all of us know some man who has been figuratively raped and eviscerated by divorce. Anyone who reads manosphere blogs knows of this. This is scaring many Gen X and Y men from marriage, leading to plaintive laments of, "Where have the good men gone?"
- **Demonization of Male Sexuality:**
  - Rollo Tomassi's most recent post describes in secular terms how male sexuality is demonized today. He uses the word 'pathologizing', to keep the post in a neutral secular frame. This post may be found here: http://rationalmale.wordpress.com/2012/07/27/pathologizing-the-male-sexual-response/#comments. Dalrock has also written several posts describing this demonization especially in context of the movie 'Fireproof'. See: http://dalrock.wordpress.com/2011/11/08/warn-men-beware-christian-marriage-doublespeak-and-hair-trigger-for-wife-initiated-divorce/. The pretext of the movie is that a wife can sexually deprive her husband of sex, but if he then looks at on-line porn he is committing adultery, and she is free to pursue other men.
  - This demonization has lead to Marital Rape laws. Prior to the 80's a husband could not be accused of raping his wife, because she had given consent during the wedding. This did not legally excuse assault if she really put a fight. Marital Rape laws leave a sword of Damocles hanging over a husband's head. Oz Conservative reported a case of an 80 something man who was accused of marital rape in 1963 by his ex-wife. The courts in Australia allowed the case to go forward. I heard a couple of years ago about a 70 something man charged with rape, in that he had intercourse, in a nursing home, with his wife who suffered dementia. Now a functional 70 something man is outnumbered by 70 something women. If he just wanted sex, I am sure he could have found a willing partner. But he wanted his wife. Remaining faithful to and in love with your wife has been criminalized.
  - I have elaborated more on male sexuality because it is seldom mentioned in the context of law and public policy.

Glossary:

It is politically incorrect to refer to the wisdom of 'dead white males', but Confucius considered the proper use of

words to be the basis a good order and harmony. So far as I know I am the only one to describe the following groups of people with this terminology, and I will continue to use the words as defined later in the post. I have had gay marriage discussions with both types of people.

- **Subversives –** I am referring to the gay marriage advocates who want to use gay marriage to subvert the 'pale-penis-person-patriarchy'.
- **Sinceres –** These people are those who honestly feel that they know a same sex someone, or hope to know a same sex someone, whom they would like to spend the rest of lives with. Based on the above state of straight marriage, we conservative Christians actually share some common ground with the Sinceres. A very narrow common ground, and an uncomfortable common ground, but nevertheless, there is common ground.

Gay Marriage – Pros and Cons

Cons:

- Allowing gay marriage is bound to produce unforeseen consequences. The Subversives are hoping for it.
- Gay marriage will weaken the arguments against polygamy. I don't worry too much about the breakaway Mormons or the Muslims. The rich and powerful will be able to build open harems, and the increase in the number of frustrated and marginalized young men will not be a good thing. Look at the inner cities where a few thugs and gangstas impregnate many women, and the decent young men are not incentivized to work hard or start a business.

Pros:

- I have friends and relatives in Ontario and Massachusetts both of which recognize gay marriage. Family Law is gradually and marginally moving towards gender neutrality.
  - I have a son in Ontario whose friend was denied access to his children, so he went back to court. The judge issued an order stating that in any month that access was denied, the following month's support payment would be reduced by a hefty percentage. Correlation is not causation, but this was unheard of prior to gay marriage. I've also heard that family courts sometime find that women are perpetrators of emotional cruelty.
  - Shortly after gay marriage became legal in Massachusetts, I was speaking with a Sincere co-worker, and warned him about Massachusetts's family law, in that if he married a guy paying alimony or child support, his income as well as his spouse's would be considered in setting support levels, and if his spouse suffered a loss of income, he would be on the hook for it. He found it hard to believe that Family Law could be so anti-family. Well, the gays and divorced men are agitating for Mass. alimony reform. I hope they succeed.

The Culture War Proposal for Gay Marriage

Firstly, Christian agitation against gay marriage seldom considers the devastating effects of no fault divorce and marital rape laws have already had on straight marriage. We Christians seldom blame ourselves for the present state of marriage. Dalrock, Christian Men's Defense Network, Feminism is Empathological, and other blogs contain many posts of how prominent Christian's actively work against a restoration of traditional marriage.

The defunct blog, In Mala Fide, once had a post at the beginning of 2011 of how the New York state legislature became the last to allow no fault divorce. Later in 2011 the same legislature passed gay marriage. The Catholic bishops of New York agitated against gay marriage, but their silence was deafening on the no fault divorce issue. In terms of culture war leadership the Catholic bishops are useless.

It is up to us Christian men (says he who is writing under a pseudonym), to speak out and strike hard for a restoration of marriage.

1. **No to Civil Unions –** Civil unions are a wussy compromise that just clear the way for the courts to mandate gay

marriage at some future date. The legislators will then say, “We had no choice.” Civil unions also blur the distinction between married and not-married. Marriage has taken enough of a beating that we should not cede any ground whatsoever to the Subversives. Civil unions are also a slap in the face to the Sinceres.

2. **Embrace Gay Marriage –** Gay marriage advocates couch their demands in such sweet sounding terms, like equality, lifetime commitment, and love. The Sinceres mean it, the Subversives do not. Let us hold them to their words and support gay marriage provided it is accompanied by the repeal of no fault divorce and the repeal of marital rape laws. If gay marriage is implemented with the repeal of no fault divorce and marital rape laws, I say, “Embrace gay marriage. (Embracing gays is optional.)”. The heavens see the emasculation of men, the tears of the fatherless, the shame of the unmarried women that are the results of no fault divorce. Let us leverage gay marriage to slay that beast.

Options in activism:

- When asked to sign an anti-gay marriage petition, see if it includes the repeal of no fault divorce and marital rape. If not, do not sign and make your position known. Do not back down. No fault divorce is the destruction of a covenant and a blasphemy. Marital rape laws are a denial of the first command given to Adam and Eve, and a denial of male nature as created by God so man and woman could complement each other and be one flesh. We Christian men cannot rely upon willful ignorance to save us when we stand before the throne of judgement.
- When asked to sign a pro-gay marriage petition do likewise as above.
- When gay marriage legislation comes to your state, write to you state legislators with the above proposals in your own words. Back in the days of snail mail, one letter was considered to represent about 100 people who felt similarly. One email still represents 20 to 50 people with the same opinion.

The Backlash

This proposal will produce a backlash. I have listed the sources of backlash, from least dangerous to a marriage restoration to the most dangerous.

- **Sinceres –** The Sinceres will experience cognitive dissonance encountering a conservative Christian who supports gay marriage for cultural and political reasons. They will have trouble believing us. Explain how putrid family law really is and that we need their help.
- **Legislators –** Legislators will not oppose this en masse, but will be terrified of staking out a position for or against. Individual legislators do not deserve unearned respect, but the office does. Be polite and persistent.
- **Subversives –** The Subversives will be angry that we are taking their rhetoric at face value. Demand to know if they really believe that gays cannot commit to lifelong faithful marriage.
- **Feminists –** The feminists will shriek, that a lot of their anti-family achievements will be undone. Demand what they have against gays that they do not believe gays can commit to lifelong faithful marriage.
- **Christians** - Most Christians will oppose this proposal. There is a great personal investment in opposing gay marriage, and a strong unwillingness to acknowledge Christian complacency in the destruction of family life. I have just started to acknowledge my own complicity. Ask them to defend no fault divorce and marital rape laws. Both have done far more damage to society than gay marriage ever will. Which is their priority?
- **Women –** Women tend to go along with the status quo. Stand strong and do not back down. You will face shit test after shit test. We men must show leadership. If we can learn nothing else from Roissy and Athol Kay, we should learn that women are more likely to follow a confident man.

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The Pathologization of Positive Aggression

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By Joe Zamboni

Like so many other inherent characteristics of the male, “positive aggression” has been turned into a sickness, an abnormality, and a deviancy. By the words “positive aggression,” this author means the constructive assertion of the truth, the vigorous expression of the moral high ground, and the explicit identification of a change that must now be made. Of course most people never heard of positive aggression — it is certainly not taught in the schools, religions, governments, or corporations, because it empowers the individual, and draws power away from established hierarchies. And none of these organizations would want people to act up and go against the powers that be.

In history we often learn about, and on holidays we often celebrate, the courageous men (and it is far and away men who express this trait) who have acted with positive aggression. It was with positive aggression that the founding fathers of America said “no” to British rule, and drew-up the Declaration of Independence. It was with positive aggression that Jesus Christ threw the moneychangers and merchants out of the temple in Jerusalem. It was with positive aggression that a group of feudal barons confronted the King of England, with a document known as the Magna Carta, a legal limitation on the rights of kings.

The problem is that according to the popular American culture, all aggression is problematic, deviant, sick and abnormal. All aggression, according to this gross simplification of reality, is violent, destructive, dangerous, and alarming. In truth, what these adjectives describe is negative aggression. Positive aggression is none of these things.

Positive aggression is the taking of constructive action with a sense of being called to a higher purpose, it is the willingness to break through denial and resistance, as well as the energetic movement to a new and more evolved level of understanding. By lumping all aggression in one category, modern culture limits its options unnecessarily. Psychologists for example liken aggression to the defense of territory in response to a threat, as if human beings were simply territorial animals responding to an intruder. That type of aggression is about self-defense, and it is both reactive and instinctual. In contrast, positive aggression is thoughtful, proactive, morally justified, and about not just the individual but also the community at large.

Positive aggression is actually the expression of great courage. Its expression is a vigorous surge into a new domain, for the sake of truth, for the sake of righting a situation that has become an intolerable, harmful, destructive or unjust. Positive aggression is a spontaneous movement, based on a deeper wisdom, based on a deeper knowing that cannot be concealed by the masks of that part in the psyche that refuses to change, that part that uses excuses, explanations, or rationalizations as best it can to maintain the status quo.

In those places where one would have previously submitted or yielded, perhaps just gone along with things as they were, perhaps been in self-denial, in those places the man inspired by positive aggression cannot stand to be inauthentic any longer. In those places his positive aggression must come forward. And the truth and the changes that come from that new truth are terrifying to some people, particularly those who are in power, and those who significantly benefit from repression, slavery, exploitation and other abuses that positive aggression directly confronts and changes. Positive aggression expresses a powerful energy, an electrifying and dramatic energy.

To be clear, positive aggression should be distinguished from rebellion. Rebellion is not free, it is simply the movement to another polar extreme. Rebellion is still linked to and dependent upon the thing against which it rebels. For example, overthrowing a dictatorial government and installing a new dictator takes us nowhere. But using positive aggression to envision a new possibility, like true participative democracy, where all people are genuinely valued as equals, now that is a compelling vision for which positive aggression can be generated.

Positive aggression is coming from a new and more evolved perspective, it is generated by different motives than those who maintain the status quo. Unlike blind rebellion, positive aggression has a vision and a sense of

righteousness to confront injustice and abuse. Positive aggression moves out, surges forth, bringing a new masculine creativity forward into the world. Positive aggression moves with those things that must now move, it restores nature's balance, and it reestablishes the rightful place of things.

Let us also be clear about who would not want men to assert their positive aggression. The government certainly does not wish to foster this expression in males. Men are instead to be trained to be cannon fodder for their country, to be good providers, to fall in line and be working slaves like plough horses. Men who know for themselves who to follow and who not to follow, men who think for themselves, men who are self-responsible, in other words men who have positive aggression, these men are very hard to manage with propaganda, advertising, and the other hypnotic approaches that modern governments employ. Likewise, corporations certainly don't want men expressing positive aggression because then they would not be good yes-men office drones, dutiful assembly line robot workers, or other mindless cogs-in-the-wheels of the economic system. Schools and universities certainly don't want males to be expressing their positive aggression because then they would not then be the passive receptacles into which all sorts of brainwashing and conditioning can be poured.

Feminists certainly do not want men in touch with their positive aggression because that would clearly bring an end to the preferential treatment of women in many domains, none the least of which are laws which favor wives over husbands in divorce. Feminists don't want men to be in their positive aggression because then the men would call foul when they hear the bullshit and nonsense coming out of the mouths of feminist leaders. Feminists don't want men resonating with their positive aggression for then men would feel good about being a man, and comfortable enough with themselves to express and live their personal truths. Such men would no longer need the approval of women, or for that matter of society at large, and they would thus no longer be readily manipulated or exploited. Feminists do not want men in touch with their positive aggression because men would feel their natural power, their natural constructive natures, and their inherent ability to wield the truth as a terrifying and fearsome weapon against the forces of darkness.

Sure, there are aspects in the souls of all men that need to be evolved (as of course is the case with women). But within there is also the wellspring of positive aggression that so many of us men are not currently resonating with, a wellspring that so many of us men are not using out in the world. It slumbers deep down inside, but can be called upon and brought forward. As a thought experiment, over the next 24 hours, what if you the reader were to embrace and accept this inherent male attribute, this positive aggression? What if, over this same 24-hour period, you were to move with it, feel it, and accept the realizations that come forth? To what new place would it bring you? Try it.

Britain’s National Health Service Erases Fathers

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Spearhead News

A single paragraph from The American Conservative sums up the state of fatherhood in Britain today.

Money quote:

> At the end of May, the National Health Service, the largest employer in Britain—and the fifth largest in the world—took the decision to excise the six-letter f-word from a pamphlet on rearing children that it has been giving to mothers- and fathers-to-be for the past 14 years. The pamphlet will no longer refer to fathers following a complaint from one person—yes, that is all it takes to airbrush people from history in modern Britain—who was concerned that such terminology is “not inclusive of people in same-sex relationships.” From now on the pamphlet will refer to mothers and “partners.” Dads are so 20th century.

The NHS could have easily, in the name of being inclusive, gotten rid of “mother” too and just used the term “parents” or “primary care giver” instead. But it chose not to. Because in the minds of government bureaucrats, fathers are of secondary, if not inconsequential importance to the lives of their children.

Male Feminist Arrested for Coercing Sex at “Safe Nest” Women’s Shelter

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A Las Vegas women’s shelter employee, one Benedetto Vitale, has been arrested for forgery, lewdness and sexual coercion following allegations that he tried to pressure a woman into sex:

> North Las Vegas police arrested a man Tuesday on suspicion of coercing a woman into committing sex acts at the local nonprofit Safe Nest.
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> Police said the victim had to work off her court-appointed community service hours over a traffic violation at Safe Nest’s donation center, at 4208 Arcata Way, near Craig and Losee roads.
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> When the 24-year-old woman reported to the facility, she spoke with its director, Benedetto Vitale, 59, who police said tried to coerce the woman into committing sex acts in exchange for signing off on her work hours.
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> Safe Nest is a nonprofit agency dedicated to helping women who are victims of domestic violence.

Being a feminist is a requirement at these women’s shelters, so there’s little doubt that Vitale was a self-identified feminist, despite being male.

In some cases, declaring themselves feminist can give men access to females, particularly the damaged sort who stay in women’s shelters.

Although it is not widely known, women’s shelters are not typically frequented by ordinary housewives living in terror of their husbands, but rather dysfunctional women who have a hard time keeping their lives together. Many of them are chemically dependent, mentally ill and have problems with the law. They are what one might call “easy targets” for predators, and predators – both male and female – tend to gravitate toward target rich environments.

Rather than keep up the lie that most women who need support and services at women’s shelters are victims of men in general, we should recognize that they are simply the most dysfunctional and vulnerable members of their sex, and while they deserve basic humanitarian care, their interests are not best served when they are used as pawns to promote a feminist political agenda.

Indeed, in many cases they would be safer and better off in the company of a male family member than in the hands of feminist women’s shelter employees.

Chick-fil-A President Shows Why Traditional Marriage Losing Support

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The fact that Dan Cathy, President of Chick-fil-A, opposes gay "marriage" really shouldn't be a big deal. About half of the United States feels the same way, so what's the major controversy? It appears that if you're one of the "good people," that is, you are more wealthy, famous and fortunate than others, you have to support progressive causes. Because it's the morally right thing to do. Or something like that…

This has led to some shameless bigotry on the part of blue city mayors. They are indistinguishable from Bull Connor, who defied the Constitution to enforce his views. Menino, Emmanuel and others of that ilk are the real intolerant bullies of our time, and they're playing the part very well by denying Constitutional freedoms on behalf of a tiny, but powerful lobby that exerts disproportionate influence in their cities.

As for gay marriage, it's a contradiction in terms for many Americans. It never would have gained support if marriage itself hadn't been hollowed out and cheapened, and gay marriage advocates themselves rarely hesitate to remind us of this. One of the most common arguments in favor of gay marriage is that real marriage is a miserable failure amongst heterosexuals, so why can't homosexuals join in? After all, it's a joke anyway…

But Dan Cathy has decided to hold the line on the gays. That's where the gay marriage opponents screwed up. First, they winked at adultery, then they lionized single mothers by choice. Then, they demanded victimized men pay faithless wives for their transgressions. And here we have Mr. Cathy holding himself and his family up as an example, because "We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our first wives."

Well, Mr. Cathy, you are a member of a very privileged class. You inherited a thriving business from your father. You live in a mansion. You are rich beyond most Americans' dreams. And yet you brag about the fact that you are in a traditional marriage. It isn't much of an accomplishment, Dan, when your wife has such a plush life. Try keeping her when you can barely afford that new house or car she wants. Try keeping her when you answer to other men at work, and so does she. It isn't so easy, and neither you nor your fellow Baptists make it any easier. Instead of going after the gays, why not the women who leave their husbands?

I'll tell you why Cathy goes after the gays. It's because they are an easier target in Christian circles. That's why his endorsement of traditional marriage rings hollow. Homosexuals are barely 2% of the US population, and they marry at far lower rates than heteros. Yet Cathy would have us believe they are a threat to the integrity of marriage.

Pure bull.

I don't believe in gay marriage, but frankly I don't care what homosexuals want to call their partnership. It isn't my business, and I don't care. They can say they are married, just as Muslims can say Mohammed is the final prophet and spoke the word of God, and I'm free to hold my own opinion about it. It's crazy that they want in on such a damaged institution, but I don't think most of them intend to use it anyway, and that is the only reason I am hostile to the idea: it looks like more of an act of aggression against heterosexual norms than anything else.

However, I and other straight men ought to have a lot more issues with men like Cathy over their hypocrisy. How many Baptists get divorced? How often do their women file? It's a national embarrassment, and here Cathy – a wealthy heir – rubs it in our faces and plays holier than thou.

Well Mr. Cathy, if you care about the sanctity of marriage, you're wasting your time fighting the gays. Time to clean up your own backyard first.

Eivind Berge Out of Jail

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Norway's appeals court and supreme court both ruled that Eivind had committed no crime by posting provocative material on his blog. Feminists are crestfallen by the news, and mystified as to why he isn't still in prison, despite the fact that feminists have been getting away with publishing and speaking violent rhetoric since at least the 1960s. Never once has a feminist been arrested for threatening men, demanding they be attacked or other hateful speech.

Eivind published some material denouncing police, and some violent fantasies concerning revenge against them for oppressing men. Going after the police is seldom a good idea in the United States, as they usually have no qualms about punishing those who do so. I'm not sure about Norway, but I assume the impulse is the same there. However, by American – and Norwegian – standards, his speech was protected by law.

Futrelle wrote that he made a distinct threat to murder a policeman on a particular day, but it looks like Futrelle made that up, as he admits that he never saw it on Eivind's blog, and he used unreliable translation software to come up with this interpretation. Violent speech is only punishable (in the US) when it constitutes an imminent and likely threat, so falsely alleging someone made such a threat is tantamount to an act of aggression in and of itself. This is something that ought to be remembered about David Futrelle.

Although I wouldn't recommend making statements as radical as Eivind's, one has to admit that he managed to get his point across, even appearing on Norwegian news. Sometimes, as feminists and assorted other anti-establishment types from the 60s and 70s demonstrated, radicalism works.

However, we ought to keep in mind that there is a serious push afoot to limit speech. The expulsion of several Olympic athletes for tweets – including in one case merely for an off-color joke – suggests that those in power are perfectly willing to limit expression to enforce political orthodoxy. Furthermore, the liberal mayors' responses to Dan Kathy's views on gay marriage demonstrate that they are willing to ignore Constitutional protections to achieve the same end.

Ironically, it is exactly the same people who fought the establishment while relying on Constitutional protections who are currently most willing to trample on individual freedoms. If they have their way, we will certainly see people arrested and jailed for politically incorrect speech, as at this point they cannot exert any more pressure without resorting to state coercion. It's one thing to bully college students over speech on campus and demand that people lose their jobs over opinions, but it's quite another to actually put them in jail for it, and it looks as though that's where we're headed.

We are entering strange and unstable times, and I'd recommend being circumspect if you want to live a peaceful life. On the other hand, there will be a lot of opportunities to influence the debate in the current climate for those willing to take risks and push the issue. Mainstream institutional opinion is fading in power as another vast generational chasm opens up with the entrance of the boomers into old age. For those of us in the middle, it's going to be a bit of a tricky balancing act, but opportunities will abound.

Selections from Dan Cathy Post Comments

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I noticed that my post on Dan Cathy and Chick-fil-A sparked a bit of controversy. A lot of readers were disappointed that I don't support Cathy without reservations. That's understandable, because there was a pretty good reason to give him our support. The man was attacked simply for speaking his mind, and threatened with legal sanction for doing so. This is a really terrible precedent, and paints progressives/liberals in a dismal tone. I'm pretty angry at those mayors myself, as I live in a very blue city and know first-hand how bigoted people on the left can be in their own strongholds. The last thing I want to see is them using the law to oppress people who disagree with them and getting away with it.

However, I'm frustrated by the focus on gay marriage to the exclusion of other problems. The danger, as I see it, is that this will draw attention away from the real problems with marriage. For the record, I don't think gay marriage is one of those problems, because it is a fiction for all intents and purposes. It strikes me as an empty gesture to protect marriage by focusing on the least of its problems while ignoring the others.

I thought I'd highlight a few comments and responses to show how different readers interpreted the post in different ways:

> NWOslave writes:
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> That isn't the point. The same forces that have destroyed marriage and the family are the same forces that promote gay marriage. You know as well as I do the people who rewarded single motherhood, promoted the welfare nanny state, took fathers away from their children, rewarded women for divorcing their husbands, encouraged the slut movement, are the same damned people.
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> How the hell do you clean up your backyard when everytime you sweep it out a bigger pile of crap is thrown over the fence? When a family can mean everything to everyone it means nothing at all. Let's all just retreat a little more. One step sideways and one step back.

They are often the same people, but not always. I don't think it would be accurate to say there's a direct correlation between supporting marriage 2.0 divorce theft and supporting gay marriage. Not at all, in fact. Conservative Christians, I would assume, are just as supportive of mother custody and punitive alimony/child support as those on the left. Probably more so in many cases.

I agree that those who want to preserve marriage should hold the line, but going after gay marriage when there are much bigger problems is misguided. If China invaded the US with a million men, would it make sense to ignore their army in favor of securing the Mexican border?

> Clydesdale writes:
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> Whether Mr. Cathy's wealth and privilege make marriage easier for him is immaterial. That may well be the case. But his message is no less true.
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> The opposition to "Gay Marriage" has nothing to do with what gays do in private and everything to do with mocking and cheapening the very concept of marriage itself. That is why I do object when they call their relationships "marriage" and use the word to describe it. It isn't and never will be, and that's why those who oppose it, for whatever reason, have my support.
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> Mr. Cathy is publicly and prominently fighting a good and just fight at no little risk to himself, and I am hard pressed to understand how he is somehow NOT on the side of those who, perhaps like you, are innocent victims of this country's rejection of standards and eager acceptance of the gross and obscene.
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> Marriage is indeed becoming a sad joke, and many, not just gays, are responsible. But to dismiss those who try

> to do something about it is, to me anyway, shortsighted.

I'm not dismissing Cathy for his efforts, just his effectiveness. His wealth gives him both security and power, and it would be much better spent reforming divorce and custody law than in opposing gay marriage. The man has given millions to groups opposing gay marriage. Has he ever given one red cent to groups opposing the very laws that make divorce so attractive to women? If he hasn't, he's done next to nothing for us.

This is why it's fair to bring up his wealth and power — it's relevant.

> Rob writes:
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> The thing is, anyone thinking, should also be able to look forward a few steps dialectically.
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> If all forms of "marriage" are acceptable… then why isn't presumed father-custody also a valid form of marriage and family?
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> Here in Canuckistan, there is evidence that gay-marriages are being short-listed for adoption and foster care, because, you know, they are oppressed by nature by not being able to produce children of their own.
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> So… we have "equal" families for single moms, moms about to divorce dads, lesbians and gays… does anyone see a gender left out of the picture here?
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> Let them write it into law, and then men should come in and demand their "equality" in having an equally recognized family – that with father custody outlined at the very beginning.
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> The real key to the whole thing, and to the MRM mallaise, IS father custody. Let them have thirty kinds of "families" so long as father-custody marriage is also part of the package. And then let the ponies that win the race lead society – and whose ponies do you think that will be?
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> It appears, in today's climate, that the only type of "family" that is not acceptable is the one where the father is undeniably attached to the custody of his children. All other types of families are "equal" but father-custody marriage is as alien as Martians. Sad, since this was the norm for millenia up until 150 years ago.

Yes, supporting an increase in father custody would make an enormous difference. What are Cathy's views on that? I get the impression they're something like this:

"The man should be at work providing for the wife and children."

Nothing wrong with that view, unless the wife has no accountability, and under today's marriage regime she doesn't. Does Cathy support holding women legally accountable for their marriage vows? If so, you wouldn't know it from what he's said.

> Zed writes:
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> Which kills you more dead – being gored by an angry rhinoceros, or crushed by an lumbering elephant?
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> "Absence of malice" is a legalistic defense for journalists, but good intentions will lead one straight to hell just about as quickly as good intentions.
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> Closing the barn door 3 decades after the horse has bolted accomplishes nothing.
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> Let's see Cathy put some money behind repealing the Bradley Amendment, and pushing for father custody in at least 50% of all divorces, and maybe some of us who watched guys like him stand around with their heads and thumbs up their asses until we got to the point where we are now, will start to regard him as something other than a useless idiot.

Lots of good and impassioned comments on this post. I hope it got some people thinking about what's at stake here, and what will work to effect change for the better.

I view it as my duty to inform, and if that includes occasionally writing a piece that isn't popular with everyone, so be it. I can only hope that it helped people see another point of view, and maybe think of things in a new light.

Spearhead News: Olympic Edition

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Spearhead News

Ever wonder why those in the manosphere complain about media bias?

Well take a look at this: a screen shot from the Yahoo.com “news” contributor Anna Holmes. Full article here.

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You may remember this is the same Holmes of Jezebel fame. She is, of course, the creator of that left-wing feminist enterprise. Both Jezebel and Holmes herself are known for their misandrist attitude, and violent fantasies about men.

Interestingly enough, the piece quotes another feminist in journalist clothing, Ana Marie Cox, formerly the Washington Editor of Time.com, and current Washington Correspondent for GQ, who got her big break by publishing the story of Jessica Cutler, a Capitol Hill intern who was trading sex for cash with politicos and blogging about it, thereby transforming her into a feminist heroine.

The “news” article, as one would expect, has a feminist, though mostly racial slant, with a links to far-left magazine The Nation and Twitter comments disparaging Bob Costas, who noted the historic, barrier breaking nature of the first black woman winning a gold in all-around gymnastics. However, not enough non-whites are in gymnastics or even crew, Holmes whines, and this is a sign of the Olympics as being too elitist, too white, and of course, secretly racist. Sexism rears it’s ugly head too. Girls just doesn’t have enough opportunities to play sports, nor access to appropriate equipment or facilties, she says, citing approvingly a study by the feminist National Women’s Law Center. “Doesn’t sound to me like so many barriers have been felled after all,” quips Holmes.

Anyhow, as of today the U.S. has won medals in 43 events. More than half, exactly 24, had been won by women, either individually or as part of a team. Quite a few of these were team effort, more so than with the men, so the total number of women as opposed to men, who will leave with medals, as of today, is 31 for men, and 44 for women. That’s a 58.6% vs. 41.3% breakdown in medals, resulting in a 17.3% disparity. Yes, the Olympics are sexist indeed! Just not the way poor little Anna imagines. You can check out Yahoo! Sports medal page to see for yourself.

Is it any wonder why most men don’t believe mainstream news organizations anymore, assuming they bother to check them? American women are doing better than men in the Olympics (just like in college admissions and graduation rates, the number of suicides, levels of incarceration, yadda yadda yadda), and yet shrill feminist dragons like Holmes scream sexism every chance they get.

Time to check off Yahoo News as a reputable news source, if you haven’t already.

What Will Future America be Like for Women?

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I've been reading the Detroit blog for years now, fascinated by the decline of the once great city. Nature is reclaiming the decaying urban landscape as residents flee to safer and wealthier towns and neighborhoods outside the city. Aside from a few diehard holdouts, those who remain are often the most hapless and dysfunctional of all. Houses in Detroit cost less than used cars, police budgets are strained, and streetlights are being turned off to save money. It's a hell of a story of a modern city going to ruin.

If it weren't for vast, middle America, many of our other cities would be suffering the same fate. Our urban centers rely on commerce, consumers and taxpayers across the nation. If our nation's economy truly becomes hollowed out, and it looks as though it's headed in that direction, there will be a number of Detroits across the land. California's smaller cities are already going in that direction as the state is bankrupted by entitlements and Democratic policies.

So how will this affect women? Feminists are known for supporting economically destructive policies across the board, so I thought they might be interested in what life is like for the women left behind in Detroit:

> He first had sex with a hooker when he was 18. He's been with hundreds of them since. And he's put a video of nearly every one of those hookups on his website. "I just like bad girls," says the 36-year-old Detroiter who goes by the name John Juan, the persona behind foulfowl.com. "I've always liked bad girls. The temptation has just always drawn me in, and finally when I got up the courage to do it, I enjoyed it."
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> For a decade now, he's shot video not just of himself having sex with prostitutes, but also interviews with them talking openly, often enthusiastically, about their lives as street hookers in Detroit. They share vivid stories about their arrests, their addictions and their customers — the ones who've raped them, the ones they've robbed with knives or guns, the ones who show up with wives who want to watch, even the one man who pays for their services, takes them to a motel, ties them up and shouts Bible verses at them. Many of the women he films are weathered and aged by drugs and sickness and thousands and thousands of johns. Some of the site's subscribers, particularly those from Europe and Asia, ask him to find the most haggard prostitutes possible, and he gleefully complies.
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> "Two nickels are better than a dime, and 10 pennies are even better," his website's motto once declared.
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> He's chronicled hundreds of them — emaciated ones, obese ones, a few visibly pregnant ones. Some are toothless, some have open sores on their skin, some are covered in scars. Some admit reusing condoms, or having diseases; others shoot up heroin or smoke crack in front of him. The settings are seedy motels, vacant buildings, dirty apartments, weedy alleys, even the backseat of a stripped-out stolen car once.
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> The hookers he finds have sex with him for just a dollar or two, or for a ride somewhere. Once it was for some chicken wings, another time it was for some hair gel. One took two Newports as payment.

Absent a technological breakthrough along the lines of the industrial revolution, there are going to be a lot more of these stories going around very soon.

Conservative Responses to NY Times Happy Bachelors Article

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A commenter pointed out a piece on Rod Dreher's blog in *American Conservative* criticizing the four 30-something men living together in NYC for being self-absorbed and not contributing to society.

It's a bit depressing to see how conservatives simply can't help but frame things the same way decade after decade, despite the fact they have lost – badly – over and over again in the culture wars.

However, a lot of commenters on his piece defend the men, although not always in the way we might prefer here. One female commenter, for example, says that they are not that bad, because at least they are not deadbeat abusers…

I, for one, am happy to see that men are finally questioning their "duty" in these matters. It is perfectly reasonable for men to ask "what's in it for me?" Actually, if a man even asked "what's in it for society?" I don't think your typical conservative could give a very convincing answer as far as things stand today.

This isn't to say that there's anything wrong with family and childrearing, but instead to point out that that kind of lifestyle simply isn't viable for a lot of men these days. We have to recognize that not only have a lot of men been priced out of the marriage market, but also that family is a very serious risk to take these days, with a failure rate of about 50%. The consequences of failure, of course, are brutal for men. Worse in some ways than falling on the battlefield, if you count slavery a fate worse than death.

But do we see conservatives doing anything to change that? Nope. They just keep flogging the dead horse of "duty."

However, there may be hope yet. Even on a conservative website we find comments such as this:

> Charlieford says:
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> I think you may be over-reading all of this. I have a couple friends pretty much like that: unusually bright fellows–too bright and too independent to lie and fake their way through an organization's hierarchy, but not bright enough, ambitious enough, egotistical enough, to become any kind of super-stars.
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> Once upon a time America had more room for these people. They lived with their parents, or with a sibling, or they hoboed around. Not so much anymore. We should lament the shrinking options for the congenitally non-conformist.
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> And, let's face it, the more standard roles the majority of their peers choose aren't any great shakes. Yeah, you may have health insurance (probably inadequate) and once you sign for a mortgage, you're stuck with the house and the job to pay for it, but it is a kind of wage-slavery that the majority loathe–hence their saying, "Thank God It's Friday," perhaps the most eloquent expression of our culture's fundamental spiritual failure around.
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> The vast majority, I suspect, hate their lives and hate themselves for their cowardice in putting up with their hateful lives, but cannot face that fact–so they find someone else to hate, to distract them.

Yes, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

How Men Make Out Without Traditional Family: Pretty Well

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The NY Times has an article on four men who have lived together for the past couple decades, in apparent happiness. They are neither gay nor ideologically motivated; they simply prefer their chosen lifestyle.

> New Yorkers in midlife crisis, meet the brotherhood of Fortress Astoria: Danaher Dempsey, Luke Crane, Rick Brown and Shyaporn Theerakulstit, best friends and artists.
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> They have no children, no linear career histories, no readily disposable savings. The four men, all heterosexual, approaching 40 and never married, have lived together for 18 years, give or take a revolving guest roommate, cohabitating in spaces like an East Village walk-up, a Chelsea loft and, now, a converted office space in Queens.
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> Their latest home, which they have nicknamed Fortress Astoria, takes up the second and third floors of a slate gray concrete block building with floor-to-ceiling windows on 31st Street. The setup is ideal for four bachelors. Bedrooms do not share common walls, and there are communal spaces both upstairs (huge television, sofa) and down (kitchen). There is a lovely garden out back tended by Mr. Theerakulstit.

New York, admittedly, is the kind of environment that tends to promote alternative living arrangements, but from a lot of men's perspectives, their lives look pretty decent.

> Splitting the rent four ways gave the roommates the economic freedom they needed to pursue their dreams. For Mr. Brown that meant making films; for Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Theerakulstit it was acting. Mr. Crane channeled his interest in fantasy into creating The Burning Wheel, a role-playing game he first published in 2002.
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> None have come close to making it big, although Mr. Crane is somewhat famous in the niche world of role-playing. But compromise has come hard.
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> For years, Mr. Brown dodged permanent video editing assignments for short-term gigs so he could write a screenplay and make a short film. But then, he said, he "crashed and burned" after investing 18 grueling months — and his savings — in the film, which received "disappointing" responses at various screenings. "I've kind of let go of the obsession and anxiety of expressing myself," he said, "and just given myself permission to work and live."
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> Mr. Dempsey at one point took a job as a data analyst at Pfizer that gave him health insurance and a paid vacation for the first time in his life. But he felt stifled by full-time office culture, preferring to work part time for a Web design company and pursue a career in the fitness industry while phasing out his acting career. "To my friends who were married and had kids, what I did was incomprehensible," he said. "I knew that if I'd stayed, I'd probably be making tons of money, but I would have been unhappy."
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> Soon he was completely eschewing Off-Off Broadway to become a personal trainer, and this fall he is to begin pursuing a degree in physical therapy. He said he felt insecure about his choices sometimes, but the benefits of his alternative, Fortress Astoria-based lifestyle have outweighed the losses.
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> "The freedom this has allowed me to have — to figure out my own quirks and foibles — has been much more important than investing in things that might have tied me down to something that would have kept me from figuring those other things out," he said.

For many single men, one of the biggest problems is loneliness. For some, the solitary lifestyle is fine, but a lot of us will have to admit that it doesn't suit us so well. These men have found a way around that, and perhaps their lifestyle is something that will be more common in the future, as more and more men realize that they can't win in

live-in relationships with women.

I'd recommend that young men who can find other guys they get along with and trust try a similar arrangement before living with a woman. It may not be as fulfilling as having a happy marriage and family, but it sure beats divorce and the solitude and poverty that all too often ensue. In fact, it might not even preclude having children, so long as you're willing to work out a reasonable custody schedule with the mother, and you can always move out and start a family when you're sure about it.

More Necessary Than Ever

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Feminist blogger and professor Hugo Schwyzer, writing about the three men who died shielding their girlfriends from a killer's bullets during the Aurora Century 16 Theater shooting, suggests the reason why men should be willing to die for women is because women sometimes die for men in childbirth (HT: TrollKing):

> The reality is that these sacrificial gestures, as impressive and touching as they are, belong to a tradition that dates back to an era when far more women died for men than vice-versa. Until the advent of modern medicine, childbirth was one of the leading causes of death for women; a conservative estimate places the historic rate of maternal mortality at 1 for every 100 births. Even now, at least 800 women die worldwide every day as a consequence of childbirth.
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> Throughout human history, more women have died giving birth than male soldiers have died in war. As a result, in many places, women had shorter life expectancies than men. The ubiquity of "wicked stepmothers" in old fairy tales is a subtle reminder of these high rates of maternal death. From a purely demographic standpoint, it was women whose bodies were more vulnerable and disposable.
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> Every woman who dies in childbirth dies as a result of sex with a man. Vaginal intercourse with a man was—and in many places still is—one of the riskiest activities in which any woman could engage. Though the pleasure in the act may have at least occasionally been equal, the risk never was. Throughout Western culture, when women died in childbirth they died not only as a direct consequence of sex with men, they died giving life to children who would carry their husbands' name. While even in more violent eras, relatively few husbands would be called upon to lay down their lives for their wives, every pregnant woman knew she stood a fair chance of dying so that her husband's family's name could go on. If we look at all of recorded human history and ask "Who died more often for whom?" the evidence is that women made the ultimate sacrifice more frequently.
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> From an historical context, the kind of male gallantry we saw in Aurora is both compensatory and rarely required. When they reacted heroically to the start of the shooting, McQuinn, Blunk, and Teves surely weren't thinking "I'm covering my girlfriend with my body because of the risks she might take in childbirth." But the reason why we celebrate their undeniable bravery, the reason it strikes such a chord in us, may well be because it appeals to an ancient, partly-buried sense of fairness. In other words, perhaps on a subconscious level we still cling to the idea that men should be willing to die for women not because men are worth less, but because women have died so much more often for men.

For starters, Mr. Schwyzer's fundamental premise, that more women historically have died from giving birth to the next generation of humanity than men did in warfare is false. His statistic regarding the worldwide historic rate of maternal mortality–1%–appears to be far lower–on the order of an order of magnitude or more–than the historic rate of male mortality due to violent conflict. An easy mistake to make, if for no other reason than the modern world is much less violent than it used to be, but a mistake nonetheless. Thus, while the mortality rate for men in war has fallen in the last 100 years (despite the horribly efficient lethality of modern warfare), the advent of penicillin has slashed the mortality rate for mothers comparably more in the last century. This is evinced by the death toll of women in childbirth cited by Mr. Schwyzer–800 women *worldwide*, per year–a number so low relative to the number of men killed in inter-group warfare each year around the world that I won't even bother to research a precise figure.

This brings me to my next critique of Mr. Schwyzer's essay…he implies a duty for the men of a developed country–in this case, the United States–to willingly sacrifice their lives for that of American women, using maternal mortality numbers from un- and under-developed countries as justification. Trouble is, these regions of the world are places where life for both men and women is much more nasty, brutish, and short. With all due respect to Mr.

Schwyzer, this attempt at apples to oranges comparison does not pass muster. At most, Third World maternal mortality may be used to browbeat Third World men into "manning up", as it were, to notions of Western chivalry. Yet as the Third World is literally littered with the graves of men who die for their families and societies, there is little need for Mr. Schwyzer to goad them further.

Third, Mr. Schwyzer exaggerates in his account of why women conceive and bear children. He seems to think that women go through childbirth as a favor to men, that somehow women volunteer to risk their lives, so as to bring children into the world for the sole benefit of men. Yet we see that, in a world with various methods of birth control and, failing that, abortion of the inconvenient, there are not many places in this world where a woman brings a child to term that she herself does not desire. Whatever benefit men secure from childbirth–parallelling the input they have in the decision that their child lives or dies in utero–is merely peripheral under this calculus. As a consequence, I suspect that childbirth, grueling and painful as it can be, is as much for the mother-to-be as it is for the father, and is probably more so.

With these three critiques–false maternal/male warfare mortality data, applying Third World maternal mortality data to justify first world male behavior vis-a-vis first world women, and selfish, rather than magnanimous female rationales for childbearing–Mr. Schwyzer's thesis quickly flames out.

Shifting gears toward the socio-political angle, one thing I found interesting about Mr. Schwyzer's essay hitching Messrs McQuinn, Blunk and Teves' act of self-sacrifice to the Lifeboat Feminism mule-cart, is how their very selflessness undermines the sort of equalitarianism to which Mr. Schwyzer subscribes. For these three men's sacrifice is evidence that, despite the multiple generations-long feminist campaign to eradicate masculinity and bring about a shiny happy androgynous matriarchal society, the instinct of the male to protect his woman and family is still very much alive. It is written on the hearts of men to protect their mate, family, tribe, and home, and that the three unrelated female companions of these three men are still alive today are a testament to that uniquely male drive. (I note here no Aurora woman shielded their boyfriend or husband from the shooter's bullets). Contra Mr. Schwyzer, just as women give birth out of self-interest, a man's instinct to protect has very little to do with a subconscious sense of cosmic fairness. It is instinctual. Not automatic, mind you, but a strong predisposition nevertheless, and most certainly not a social construct. For if it were, due to the social engineering efforts of Mr. Schwyzer's ideological fellow travellers, in a society that boasts a sub-replacement birthrate (1 in 5 women will never have children), epidemic female serial monogamy, and easy divorce with cash and prizes for choice mommies, these men would likely have never given a second thought of sacrificing their lives to protect women who, odds are, will not hold up their end of the grand social bargain. Rather, they would have abandoned these women to the fate that equality demands…every person for him- and herself. Like this guy, who I note was roundly denounced by both men *and women*.

I also note that this latter fellow, this equalitarian guy, remains alive to propagate his genes, and is scheduled to marry later this year the woman and children he left behind in that dark theater.

This brings me to my last point, the hoary notion of the disposable male. While Mr. Schwyzer is superficially correct that societies on the edge of survival must protect their womenfolk, once a society achieves a certain number of breeding pairs, the need to protect the women at the expense of men falls away. After that population level, men and women are both resources to be conserved in equal measure. This is because, while the need for women as gestators of the next generation is obvious, the need for men wrt follow-on generations is less clear but no less necessary. A society cannot easily suffer the widescale loss of its men, be it by violence, incarceration, dissipation, or disenfranchisement. Each man, the carrier of civilization by dint of his created nature, is, today more than ever, necessary. Particularly those well-socialized men inclined to husband their women, children, and families. Specific to us as Americans, what do we need more of at this moment in time? More women whelping children irresponsibly? Or men interested and willing to right our capsized civilization?

As I wrote two years ago in my post "They Were Expendable":

> [T]o those–particularly men–who think that men are expendable and that a society can well withstand the loss, either through death, warfare, or social ostracism/incarceration of a large proportion of its men, I suggest that the data speaks otherwise. The example of the urban ghetto should demonstrate to all that a society that loses large proportions of its men is a society with its future very much in jeopardy. For it is men and men alone who bequeath the gift of civilization to women and children. The society that loses its men faces many of the same challenges that a society that loses a large segment of its women–the inability to propagate and socialize the next generation of society.

The equalitarians want you to undervalue your male lives and overvalue the feminine. You are disposable to them, because, well, you are disposable to them. They wish to appropriate your labors–and even your lives–in service to the matriarchy, and discard whatever shell remains. I say the opposite…you, my brothers, are not disposable. You are more necessary than ever…and the next generation of girls and boys desperately needs your contribution. How are they to know civilization without you? So ignore the reductionist scribblings of the likes of Mr. Schwyzer–your life is not worth less than a woman's and is certainly not fodder to ensure an ungrateful matriarchal society keeps stumbling downward toward its eventual mud hut destiny.

In short, exhort you, my brothers, to be quite selective about whom you invite under your protective covering. No one is entitled to your sacrifice by mere virtue of their plumbing or proximity to you when disaster strikes.

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Orthodox Russians: No Free Pass for Pussy Riot

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Despite calls for mercy from international celebrities such as Madonna, prosecutors are seeking three-year prison sentences for three Russian women who desecrated a church in a planned publicity stunt intended to promote their band.

> Prosecutors on Tuesday called for three-year sentences for the members of a feminist punk band who performed an anti-Vladimir Putin stunt in Moscow's main cathedral, ignoring demands by human rights groups that the three women be set free.
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> Prosecutor Alexander Nikiforov portrayed the request as lenient, saying it takes into account the fact that two of the defendants are young mothers and that they have good references.
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> The hooliganism charges the three women face can carry a sentence of up to 7 years in prison.
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> The three women – Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, 23; Maria Alekhina, 24; and Yekaterina Samutsevich, 29 – have been in custody for five months following the February stunt, in which they took over a church pulpit in Christ the Savior cathedral for less than a minute, singing, high-kicking and dancing.
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> Their case is part of a widening government crackdown on dissent that followed Putin's election in March and caused strong protests in Russia and abroad. Musicians including Madonna, the Who's Pete Townshend and Neil Tennant of the Pet Shop Boys have urged their release, and Amnesty International has called them prisoners of conscience.

The majority of Russians have little sympathy for the women, who are self-described feminists, but they are receiving a fair amount of support from the usual crowd of Westerners that sees any desecration of Christian symbols as a positive thing.

Although I, too, am inclined to see the sentence as a bit excessive, and would settle for a couple months community service along the lines of shoveling horse manure in police stables, these kinds of things ought to be put in perspective.

Say, for example, some skinheads burst into a Muslim service and started playing white power songs in one of New York's main Mosques. What would their sentence likely be? I think they'd be very lucky to get off with only three years, and Amnesty International certainly wouldn't take up their case.

Cases like these very clearly demonstrate the West's political priorities, which in some ways have traded places with the former Soviet Union, which notoriously burned and shut down Christian churches across the land under Communism. As for the feminists, they are starting to look more and more like political tools in service to a vague, but powerful ruling ideology that has emerged in the West.

Hooray! America has World's Most Dominant Lesbians!

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In a stunning surprise, the American womyn won gold in Olympic soccer (er, football), making team Japan their little bitches.

The entire United States is frantically celebrating this awesome display of grrrlpower, which lesbians are marking by having carnal relations *at least once this month* with their spouses/domestic partners.

American men are putting on aprons, baking cakes, and knitting soccer leggings for their female betters. Fathers across the land are getting misty-eyed thinking of how wonderful it would be if their daughters could grow up to be deep-voiced, fuzzy-faced ball-kickers — just like the American womyn's soccer team.

I am so proud to be an American today. It really chokes me up…

But I have this nagging feeling that we still haven't quite yet achieved the greatness of the 1983 East German "women's" track and field squad:

[image]

“Manboobz” David Futrelle Appears on TV

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Dave made a brief appearance on Al Jazeera to decry the fact that people say mean stuff on the internet. Because it’s supposed to be really shocking that people say such nasty stuff online, Al Jazeera put his face on the screen just to make sure viewers felt as shocked and disgusted as they should have.

For the rest of the time, a few female nerds bemoan the fact that guys say things that bother them. The theme of the show was essentially “How dare they say these things! It shouldn’t be allowed!”

Feel free to watch if you’re interested:

Susan G. Komen Purge Subordinates Charity to Feminists

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The hysterical reaction in January to Komen's decision to divest from abortion-providing Planned Parenthood, probably largely at the request of Christian donors, has had the desired effect of bringing the group to the feminist heel. Several leaders, including the founder, are stepping down as a result of the very loud assault, greatly amplified by mainstream media outlets, prompted by the "mistake."

> DALLAS — The Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation, the nation's largest breast-cancer research and support organization, announced a major leadership shake-up on Wednesday that includes the founder of the nonprofit.
>
> President Liz Thompson will leave Komen next month, and founder Nancy Brinker, who has long been the public face of the charity, will give up her chief executive post, according to a statement from the Dallas-based organization.

Komen is having a hard time meeting fundraising goals, and although many on the left are spinning this to suggest that it's because people overwhelmingly wanted them to pay for abortions, it's likely because people didn't actually realize that Komen was funding abortion providers before the matter went public.

Although few Americans support an outright ban on abortion, most would prefer not to pay for them, especially while they try to donate to a life-saving rather than life-ending cause.

The fallout from this incident has revealed American feminism for the totalitarian movement that it is. No dissent can be tolerated. Differences of opinion must be quashed. All must be in agreement on all issues — especially sacred cows like abortion.

Additionally, it demonstrates that those who will be punished most severely for dissenting are women themselves. One thing we men should keep in mind is that women who question feminism and its core tenets will face enormous pressure for doing so.

Perhaps we should consider defending women who do so with more vigor than we have so far, because it looks as though they will need it.

A Few More Days

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I'm approaching the end of my summer time with my kids, so for the next few days I'd like to take it easy and spend quality time with them. I'll keep posting submissions and some of my own content (and working on the site behind the scenes), but it's going to be a long time and many lengthy absences until next summer, so I'll try to enjoy what I've got left, and that means the content will be pretty light until mid-week or so.

Hope everyone else is enjoying summer! It's been great so far for me.

Cherish the time you get with your little ones — you never get it back.

Saudis Building Women-Only City

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In an effort to bolster female participation in industry, Saudi Arabia is building a city entirely for female workers in the eastern part of the desert kingdom. The city is supposed to allow women to be productive without violating strict Wahhabi rules prohibiting integration of sexes.

Interestingly, some of the more conservative elements of Wahhabi Islam seem to jibe with radical feminist ideals, such as removal of men from women's lives.

> Saudi Arabia, which operates under Sharia Law, does not forbid women from having jobs. But only 15 percent of the country's workforce is female, and the women-only city is expected to increase that figure.
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> Under Wahhabism, the branch of Sunni Islam that governs the laws of Saudi Arabia, there is segregation of men and women, with most women working for all-female firms, according to the Sydney Morning Herald.
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> Even before construction gets underway on the women-only city, other similar enclaves are being planned throughout the kingdom, according to al-Rasheed.
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> "We have plans to establish a number of women-only industries in various parts of the kingdom," he told the Daily Mail.

East Asian societies, such as Korea in the 1960s and 70s and then China in the 80s and 90s, harnessed female labor most effectively, but only through a brutal lack of concern for women who made the wrong choices. Without any hope of support, unwed expectant mothers aborted children in the vast majority of cases, and those who followed through and had children were cast out into the street with nothing. Such callous treatment of women is highly unlikely in Islamic society, which invented chivalry and honors the feminine to a degree unknown in Confucian societies.

Radical gender segregation will only come back to haunt Saudi leaders, because women instinctively seek a male patron, and cut loose from family they will naturally "marry" the state or the corporations they work for. Furthermore, men will have to run the infrastructure of the city, including transportation, plumbing, power generation and other male occupations.

The result, inevitably, will be a great deal of prostitution of one sort or another in these cities, and even more fornication. Harems, as oriental potentates have known for ages, can only be maintained with massive, expensive security. Virtual armies of eunuchs were required to keep an eye on sultans' and Chinese emperors' harems, and even that probably wasn't enough to prevent a fair amount of fooling around.

The genius of monogamy lies in the fact that every husband is tasked with keeping an eye on only one wife, obviating the need for formal sexual control of females. And even in that setup it's always been a difficult job.

The reason female sexuality has always required control is that motherhood is expensive to maintain, as the US armed forces are discovering since the integration of women. Unwed motherhood requires a social tax, whether formal or not, and people have always chafed at having to pay this price.

As Wahhabism crumbles under feminist pressure, we can expect to see a very rapid destabilization of the Islamic family – as well as loosening sexual mores – in Saudi Arabia. Islam has not always been known for its strict sexual morality, and in fact Westerners saw eastern lands as nirvanas of sexual liberation as recently as the early 20th century. While Britain seethed under the restrictions of bourgeois Victorian morality in the 19th century, men fantasized about the forbidden pleasures of Turkish baths, oriental brothels and dancing girls.

It was only in the postwar era that decadence was reversed, and Islam came to be seen as a more restrictive regime. However, that era is probably coming to a close, even as the West reaches its moral nadir.

On Modesty

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Religious commentator Tim Laitinen, a writer who discusses single's issues frequently, penned the following thought-provoking thoughts about modesty (HT: Laura Grace Robbins) over at the Christian site "Crosswalk". A snippet:

> Um, ladies? Can we talk?

> [H]ow many men at your church are met each Sunday with amazingly short skirts, provocatively deep necklines, and sheer fabrics of the thinnest materials which cling ever so delicately to, well, your most delicate spots? Swimsuits may hide the bare essentials, but some of the things some of you wear to church don't really cover up much else.

> You expect us to be men of God. You hope that we be chaste, as well you should. After all, you know what lust is. You know that just looking lustfully at somebody is a sin. Might you be contradicting yourselves, meanwhile, when you wear what you wear and then get upset when we sin with our eyes?

> What is the extent of your culpability when we men lust after you? Are we men supposed to simply look up at the ceiling when you walk by? How fair is it for you to figure you can dress however you want to dress, and it's up to us men to deal however we can with the sin it causes us?

> Unless, of course, you genuinely do intend to seduce men in your church by what you wear – and the way you wear it? Maybe it's a chicken-and-egg kind of thing; do women dress immodestly to gain attention, or does the attention women receive simply by being a woman feed even a subconscious desire to stoke their allure? After all, women have been known to dress to impress other women, but men can encourage such fashionista posturing for their own benefit and disguise it as female empowerment.

> The writer of Proverbs 11:22 put it bluntly: "like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion."

Seems the feedback to Mr. Laitinen's article was mixed, with a couple of his readers calling him a "fundy" for his efforts, while others going as far as likening his Crosswalk article to "blaming a rape victim" by suggesting women take responsibility for the signals they radiate. As for me, I thought his article focused too much on how female immodesty may cause men to stumble, and not enough on the adverse effects of immodesty on women themselves. In short, I think the article failed the "why should women give a crap" test and, as a result, was less effective than it could have been.

For instance, there is the safety issue (Mr. Laitinen did touch on this in his article, but not enough in my opinion). Immodest dress is an advertisement of sorts, one that suggests a woman is of a particularly low character and may be agreeable to a certain licentiousness. While a woman can attempt to transfer all responsibility onto men for accurately interpreting her non-verbal signals in this way, the fact of the matter remains that she may be wearing a hooker's uniform…and that can be very confusing sometimes. Further, in dressing provocatively, she is relying on the good breeding and restraint of those in her midst to not act on her provocation. A small minority of men out there are not socialized to grant women grace or treat them with kindness when they violate a social norm, and women who forget that fact put themselves at risk.

Related to safety is health, as in immodest dress exposes you to the elements. You are not prepared if the weather turns for the worst, or if an unpredicted or emergent situation arises that requires covering up for personal protection from wind, cold, precipitation, or sunlight. As before, immodest dress can put a woman in the position becoming dependant on others for her well being, or, in extreme cases, for her very survival.

Third, it has been said that it is in women's interest to keep the "price" of sex relatively high, and each woman who dresses revealingly serves to increase the supply and therefore depress the market price of sex. Immodest dress contributes to this phenomenon by flooding the environment with sexual signals, cheapening not only herself but every other woman around her. Her dress lowers social expectations and enables an environment that condones casual / extra-marital sexual encounters.

Immodest dress also makes it more difficult for "good girls" to find the kind of love they want. The type of guys who respond positively to immodest dress are not likely to be the guys who are good for an upright girl; conversely, guys who respond to, prefer, and appreciate modest dress are more likely to treat you like a daughter of God (if saved) or a fellow creation of God (if not). Moreover, by dressing immodestly, women contribute to a climate where they and other women are pressured to dress down in an effort to out-compete other immodestly dressed women for male attention. For their part, quality men are turned off by this slouching-toward-Gomorrah environment, or are themselves enticed into sin from all the female flesh on display.

Similarly, immodest dress is a barely disguised assault on the minds of the husbands and boyfriends of other women. Someday this will be you, with a husband and/or boyfriend…will you appreciate it much if another were to troll her wares–unconsciously or no–in front of your man? So why would you do the same to other women?

Sixth, modestly dressed women are taken more seriously. By everyone. At work or at play, in professional, casual, or romantic settings, a woman's mind, ideas, and values are taken more seriously if her scantily clad body is not competing for attention. Like it or not, how one's dress influences the sorts of conclusions that others form about your character, your habits, your social class, what your intentions are, or even if you are likely to have diseases. Dressing as if one is bankrupt defaults on all these questions. At best, your interlocutors will have to "work past" a misleading initial impression; at worst, they may judge the book by its cover.

Seventh, dressing modestly demonstrates respect for yourself and, just as importantly, others. It's not all about you, and how much attention you can garner. A modestly dressed woman demonstrates respect for herself by not overtly advertising her wares, as it were. In addition, a modestly dressed woman demonstrates respect for others for no other reason than declining to employ sex to manipulate the environment to her advantage. An immodest woman does neither.

Last, Mr. Laitinen led his article by addressing his female readers as "ladies". In this he both abuses a very semantically laden word, and gives the average woman far too much credit, for the appellation "lady" presupposes a certain decorum, mode and style of dress, and socially constructive actions. "Lady" is very much a title to be earned by dint of right conduct, not distributed willy-nilly based on an accident of birth. It is the hallmark of a lady to see to the comfort of others around her, to keep her conduct above reproach, and to be both chaste and discreet. One way this all starts, is with modesty.

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Why I'm Not a Feminist

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By Henry Laasanen

I have seen lately lot of articles with the question: what is feminism? I am referring to articles like… (1) Who are the real feminists?; (2) "I'm Not a Feminist, But . . . I'm Taking This Class."; (3) What No One Else Will Tell You About Feminism; (4) Not A Feminist? Caitlin Moran Asks, Why Not?

Many of the articles present very naive (and stupid) definitions of feminism and feminists.

Lindy West (Jezebel) defines feminism and feminists in following fashion:

> *To identify as a feminist is to acknowledge that women are people, and, as such, women deserve the same social, economic, and political rights and opportunities as other styles of people (i.e., men-people).*

Gina Barreca defines feminism same kind of way:

> *Feminism is the belief that women are actually human beings.*

Defining feminism by the phrase "*women are people*", doesn't say much, because them nearly all people (masculists included) would therefore be feminists. A superficial definition of feminism doesn't tell us what separates feminism from other ideologies.

What is feminism?

There are two or three core theses of feminism, which are articulated in multiple sources. ["By feminism we mean both an awareness of women's position in society as well as the disadvantage or inequality compared with that of men, and also a desire to remove those disadvantages." (Bristol Women's Studies Group "Half the Sky: An Introduction to Women's Studies,"1979, p. 3]

1. The core belief of feminism: women are somehow a disadvantaged group in society compared to men.
2. Desire to do something about the inequalities women face in the society.
3. Women's experiences should be heard as a true representation of the world.

How do we know that women are a disadvantaged group compared to men? Well, there are no comparative studies on the subject. As a masculist I would say that if we compare different areas of life, men have 80-90 % more equality problems (conscription, custody problems, life expectancy and so on) than women.

Women's disadvantaged position is the core belief in feminism that can't be questioned. It's like the belief in god. If you don't have blind faith in the oppression of women, you are not a feminist.

Nearly all the feminists believe in some sort of Marxist version of gender power relationships, where men are "the capitalists" and women are the "proletariat". And we all know that it is impossible for "proletariat" to oppress "the capitalists". Lindy West puts it loud and clear:

> "*Feminism is simple. The "patriarchy" does "exist."*

Some sort of patriarchy is necessary for feminism, because without patriarchy it's hard to claim that men have privileges in the society. In the beginning of 1970's we had the gender role theory, but when masculists pointed out that the masculine role is more harmful and restrictive for men than feminine role for women, radical feminist and profeminists abandoned the gender role theory and hopped on the patriarchy bandwagon.

Mainstream feminism

The ugly, hairy and angry feminist stereotype is not the most common form of feminism today. Instead, we have "mainstream feminism." Mainstream feminism is some sort of opportunistic compromise between liberal, radical, gynocentric and other types of feminisms.

Mainstream feminism advances the politically correct and widely accepted ideas of different feminisms.

Typical ideas in mainstream feminism:

1. Violence against women is a bigger sin than other kind of violence.
2. The gender pay gap is one of biggest equality problems.
3. Workplace segregation is an equality problem.
4. We should have more women in leadership positions.

In the Nordic countries mainstream feminism has morphed into state-enforced feminism, where the state promotes feminist ideas of equality. The only accepted men's equality problem is the lack of paternity leave for dads, which has the hidden feminist agenda of promoting women's position in the workplace.

Why I am not a feminist

There are several reasons why I am not a feminist:

1. I don't talk enough about women's problems. I am a masculist and I talk about men's problems.
2. I don't believe in patriarchy or men's privileges in the society. Actually, I think that men have 80-90 % more equality problems than women.
3. I believe many men's equality problems exist that the majority of feminists don't even acknowledge as problems. Equality in reproductive rights, equality in custody cases, equality in welfare state benefits (women get much more money from the government than men) etc.
4. I would like to see a comparative study on the subject: which gender has it worse? A feminist would be scared as hell of such a study that might undermine the core belief of feminism.

Yes, I believe that women are people and that women should have the same possibilities in life as men, but that doesn't make me a feminist. It doesn't make anyone a feminist.

The way Peter Zohrab puts it, a feminist has a "women are the oppressed group" attitude toward equality. Not all feminists think oppression of women is the fault of men. Men also could be oppressed through gender roles. Anyway, being a feminist means more weight is given to women's problems of than men's, and if women's and men's issues are in conflict, it's clear, whose side the feminist will take.

Background on Sweden and Extradition

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Some columnists are claiming Assange must be guilty, because nobody would ever have a reason to fear extradition from Sweden, the Swedes wouldn't allow it, they always look after human rights, etc.

Here's an example from the Guardian:

> The press chief of the Swedish foreign ministry said on Thursday that the fear of Ecuador's foreign minister that Assange would be sent on to the US by the Swedes, and even be executed, are utterly groundless…

Actually, there's historical precedent for Sweden doing just that. After WWII, a number of Baltic prisoners of war who had escaped to Sweden in the final days of the war were turned over to the USSR to face death or the gulag.

The Baltic states had been seized and occupied by the USSR first in 1939 due to the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, and then briefly occupied until the German invasion of the USSR in 1941. Because the Soviet occupation of Baltic states was particularly brutal, featuring mass deportations, a number of Balts took up arms with the Wehrmacht, hoping to rid their country of Communism and then assert their independence after the war. This is similar to the strategy Finland adopted with some success prior to full-scale war on the Eastern Front. Unfortunately for the Balts (and everyone else who lived in the area), WWII devolved into total war, and the Red Army's triumph crushed their dreams of freedom from Soviet occupation.

Of those who managed to escape from the final, brutal battles of the Courland Pocket, which resulted in over a half-million casualties, a few made their way to Sweden. Some others, who escaped duty in Courland, were fortunate enough to surrender to Western powers, where they were often assigned guard duty in occupied Germany, generally working for the US Army.

Only about 150 made it to Sweden, but they hoped they would be spared the Soviet reprisals that followed the surrender of Army Group Courland. The Baltic soldiers had good reason to fear the Soviets; because the Baltic countries were annexed and declared part of the USSR, all who had taken up arms against the USSR were considered traitors and faced summary execution. The surrendering German soldiers, while not facing particularly pleasant prospects, were at least treated as prisoners of war with the right to return home after some period of forced labor.

So, Sweden had these Baltic soldiers in its hands after the war, and Stalin was putting a lot of pressure on the Swedes to turn them over. The Western powers had already refused to hand over Baltic soldiers they had captured, despite Soviet demands, but it didn't take Sweden long to cave in and hand theirs over to Stalin. Although not all were put to death, many were, and plenty of others died in Siberia. Perhaps the one thing that saved them from being slaughtered wholesale was the fact that this particular incident garnered a fair amount of attention in the Western press.

Some 50 years later, when the Baltic states finally regained independence, Sweden finally apologized for its moral failure. However, if I were Julian Assange, I wouldn't count on the Swedes never doing the same thing again.

And anyway, the US doesn't need Assange in its own territory. If he ends up in a Swedish prison, there will be plenty of time to work on him behind closed doors.

Julian Assange Granted Asylum, Britain and Sweden Enraged

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Rafael Correa, Ecuador's head of state, decided to grant asylum to the Australian activist earlier this week, creating a diplomatic impasse and prompting aggressive, belligerent language from Swedish and UK officials.

Assange isn't out of the woods yet, as he has to leave the embassy to get out of the UK, which has promised to arrest him and send him to Sweden as soon as he sets foot outside. Sweden wants to interrogate Assange on trumped up sex charges that conveniently surfaced while the US was trying to contain the damage caused by his leaks of diplomatic and classified material.

The reaction to Assange's reception of asylum, which included threats by Britain to violate diplomatic immunity and abusive name-calling on the part of Swedish politicians, pretty much proves that he will be persecuted in Europe, and also has the effect of casting the West in a totalitarian light.

The odd thing about the case, and what should arouse suspicion, is that even if Assange did what he was alleged to have done in Sweden, he would not be prosecuted in either Britain or the US, because it doesn't meet the standards of rape. This brings into question the extradition, and strongly suggests that he was being "rendered" to Sweden for political purposes. Furthermore, questions remain about chief accuser, Swedish feminist Anna Ardin, who has a history of shady dealings and political intrigue.

A lot of people scoffed at the notion that the prosecution could be politically motivated, and suggested that it's only a result of Sweden's insane laws. But I disagree. Does anyone seriously believe that nobody from the US embassy – or from Washington itself – called prosecutor Marianne Ny before she made her decision to go ahead with requesting the interrogation of Assange? You don't have to be a conspiracy theorist to suspect some quid pro quo here, and the tantrum Swedish politicians are throwing gives the game away.

Think, for example, of the thousands of illegal aliens who commit real crimes in the US and then flee the country to evade prosecution. In most of these cases, we never even hear about it, and nobody really cares.

What this episode shows us is how laws purported to "protect women" are, along with being in violation of the equal protection clause in the US, a great way for governments to control and oppress men. If a politician wants to claim the moral high ground in anything, all they have to do is say they're "protecting women" to shut up critics and cast the opposition as villains. It's even used to justify the ongoing, increasingly pointless war in Afghanistan.

However, although this tactic worked very well until fairly recently, it's starting to look like the sham it is. Whenever we hear politicians say they are doing something for women, we should be very suspicious, because it's all too often just a cover for something nefarious.

Now, the biggest question is how Assange will get out of the UK. It probably won't be easy, but it isn't impossible. If he can get into a diplomat's car, it won't be too difficult to get him across the channel to France, and then onto a plane or ship somewhere. However, if the London police are very vigilant, they may be able to prevent this from happening.

That isn't necessarily a bad thing. Protest movements tend to build around focal points, and a man virtually imprisoned in London could easily serve as one. Ultimately, keeping Assange holed up in London could prove to be a real embarrassment and inconvenience for the US and UK. Given the dishonest tactics used to silence him, that doesn't bother me a bit.

Germany Debates Paying SAHMs

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Germany's ruling party, the CDU, skirmishes with the Greens over paying women to stay at home to care for their children, rather than send them to taxpayer-subsidized day care. Cue another skirmish in the mommy wars, as Brown Feminism and Red Feminism throw down in the government-spending octagon:

> Germany's conservative coalition is pushing to pay moms who stay home to care for children ages 1 to 3. Opposition parties are outraged, calling the plan an antiquated take on family politics.

> The proposed law, which is scheduled to be debated for a second time in parliament at the end of August, might ease some of the burden on the system. Women would receive 150 euros per month (about $190) if they decide to look after their children ages 1 to 3 at home rather than sending the child to government-funded daycare.

> Critics of the plan argue that the money could be better spent shoring up the gaps in publicly funded daycare. "The estimated costs of 1.2 billion euros a year should be spent on providing high quality early childhood daycare," says Katja Dörner, spokeswoman for family issues with the Green Party.

No matter who wins this skirmish in the German mommy wars, taxpaying German men are sure to be stuck with the bill. If there is one characteristic that unites Brown (Left-Conservative) Feminism and Red (Left-Liberal) Feminism in their effort to subvert the traditional family, is that money shall be transferred from men to women via the coercive auspices of the matriarchal State.

I don't think it's much hyperbole at all to assert that these male-to-female wealth transfers are the health of both organized feminism and the State.

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On Foreign and American Women

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Comparisons between American and foreign women are a fairly hot topic in the androsphere, and have been for years now. Roosh has made a career out of reporting on the attractiveness and mating customs of various women in Europe and beyond, some sites are dedicated to warning American men away from American women, and our own uncle Elmer has submitted some informative posts on the topic.

I haven't written about foreign women all that much, largely because I prefer to keep my personal life to myself, but I do have a fair amount of experience with them, starting from a very young age, as I've lived in both Europe and Asia at various points in my life. So, what I'd like to do is give a little background from my perspective, which starts in the mid-80s when I was a mere boy living in France.

First, I'd like to point out that the "submissive foreign women" meme is pure garbage, and actually an inaccurate racial caricature that developed as a result of American conquest and occupation of Asian lands. If heavily-armed foreigners had dropped atomic bombs on your country and occupied it you'd be submissive, too. European women, for their part, have never been known as submissive until recently, and this is only because feminists want to paint the men who like them as control freaks intent on dominating women (sound familiar to men who've been through family court?), and also to cast American women's behavior as world-normative, which it is not at all.

As a boy in France, French girls came off as forward and a bit precocious. The pretty ones were aware of their sexuality at a young age, and would remove their clothing in public without a second thought, even as they were just entering puberty. Where I came from, this was unthinkable. The girls would openly favor boys they liked, acting sweet, yet unabashed. French sexuality was open and not fraught with the shame and prudishness that characterizes America. For boys, this was pleasant, and also more humane, because they weren't made to feel ashamed of their own budding sexuality, which was allowed to develop normally absent the fear and guilt that characterize American adolescence.

After my stint in France as a boy, I returned home to the US and quickly readjusted to American life. Children are very flexible, so in some ways it was as though I'd never left. However, at 16 I returned to France for a summer, and after a couple weeks my French came back as fluent as before, and along with it came a reawakening of the inner French boy. Suddenly, I was hanging out with other teenage French kids, including girls of course. We'd cruise along the beach, go to discos and have a good time. One girl who liked me picked me up on a motorbike and we went riding around town having a blast. There I was, this big, blond American kid riding on the back seat of a little dirt bike with a 15-year-old French girl driving me around. Although the girls were forward and blasé about nudity, they certainly weren't sluts; they just liked boys and liked to have fun. It helped, of course, that they were pretty and relatively petite, which added to their feminine charm.

Sometimes, I wish I'd stayed in France. I'm fairly certain my life would have been far more pleasant than it turned out here, but such was not my fate.

However, one thing I'd like to stress is that American girls weren't all that bad in the early 90s. The girls of my generation – kids born in the 70s (I don't really identify with older genXers) – had a sweet sort of innocence back then, and a lot of them were quite pretty. In fact, many could hold their own with French girls in the looks department. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. Although I truly wish I could say that we have plenty of pretty girls and young women in the US, something has happened in the last 20-odd years. I don't know what it is, but young women are noticeably chunkier and have odd, unhealthy looking physiques. Although I've occasionally wondered whether something is wrong with my memory, because it doesn't seem possible that they could change so quickly, both photographic and statistical evidence confirm it.

In addition to being decent-looking, American girls didn't behave all that badly back then, either. The really aggressive in-your-face feminism hadn't trickled down from the universities yet, and didn't do so until the mid-late

90s or so. There were still plenty of pretty and sweet middle class American girls when I was in high school, so even though I'd had a great time with French girls, the idea that foreign women were better never crossed my mind, and I was quite content with my home-grown high school sweethearts.

We children of the 70s were a transitional generation in a way that few other Americans have been. All generations experience social transitions of one form or another, but ours was particularly broad in scope. We saw the old America fade away right before our eyes. As children, we still participated in Thanksgiving pageants without any national guilt, our grandparents held views that are anathema to contemporary culture, and our society was much more tightly bonded than it is today. But by the time we graduated from high school in the 90s, everything had changed. It was demoralizing: all the promises of our childhood (and we were raised on unfulfilled promises) had evaporated, and we faced an uncertain future.

I'd put the early 90s as the beginning of the real gender wars. Before that it had been simmering for a while, but it didn't pervade all of society. The emergence of Riot Grrls and other forms of popular feminism, which were essentially anti-male hate movements, really exploded at that point. Demonization of men in popular culture became commonplace. This is when movies like *Sleeping With the Enemy* and *Thelma and Louise* came out. Men were characterized as harshly as the Japanese had been after they bombed Pearl Harbor, and exposed to open hatred in universities and schools. White men in particular were singled out for abuse at that point, with the "blond beast" becoming a stock character in films. In the meanwhile, of course, black men were quietly being rounded up and shuffled into prisons, but it wasn't much fun being a white boy on a liberal campus back then.

Feeling alienated by American culture at that point, I decided to study Chinese. Having studied Latin in school, Chinese had some appeal. China is essentially the Rome of the East, and its civilization fascinated me, so after a couple years of Chinese, I thought I ought to visit the country to learn to speak the language. My experience in France taught me that if you really want to learn a language, you ought to live amongst the natives.

At 22, I bought a ticket to Beijing, got a visa, and a few months later hopped on a plane to go see how things would turn out in China. I stayed with a Chinese friend's family for a couple months, and then decided I wanted to see how things would go on my own, so I rented an apartment and got a job teaching to extend my visa. Finding work in China was easy at the time; the demand for English skills was very strong, so I could write, edit, teach and tutor at my convenience. Although I didn't make much compared to American "foreign experts" (mainly engineers and businessmen), I was paid quite a bit more than the locals, so my standard of living was pretty high. I could also speak enough Chinese after a couple months with my friend's family to get by in the Chinese economy.

Back then, foreigners and Chinese were separated, and foreigners shopped and lived in special stores and apartments that were far more expensive than those the locals used. I, on the other hand, got around that by networking with Chinese, thereby saving a great deal of money. One of my neighbors in my old digs in Beijing, another young American named Jon who was living in similar circumstances, subsequently went native and is now a well-known Beijing actor. My Chinese has largely left me over the years, but Jon now has near-native fluency (although you can still hear his American accent).

Of course, as a young man, women were a major interest. It didn't take me long to find a girlfriend — a sharp, good-looking Chinese girl with a ton of personality and very competent English. This girl was a colorful character, and I grew quite fond of her over time. She was bold, very smart and funny. She also had an interesting family background. Her grandfather had been a high-ranking Japanese officer during the WWII Japanese occupation of northern China, and he had a child – her father – with a local Chinese woman. After the war, this was an enormous shame for her grandmother, and her half-Japanese father's childhood was very harsh. Because of the stigma attached to his birth, he had no hope of entering respectable society, so he followed a path taken by Beijing's talented outcasts for centuries: he became an actor in Peking Opera.

Although my girlfriend wasn't exactly a typical Chinese girl, she certainly wasn't a Westerner, and she wasn't that far out of the ordinary. "Submissive" is the last word I'd use to describe her. In some ways Eastern women are more dominant than Americans. They are better at taking the initiative, they do not beat around the bush in regards to

what they expect from a man, and they have very sharp tongues. However, they are very loyal to family, they take social taboos seriously, and they have absolutely no interest in being like men.

Ultimately, the girl left me out of loyalty to her family. At 23, I had no intention of getting married and becoming a provider. Like most young men, I just wanted to have my cake and eat it. So, my fun, smart and pretty Chinese girlfriend found herself a much older, much wealthier Swiss industrialist (her English was excellent by the time we parted ways, and that made her quite an attractive asset to expats) and married him. I was upset, naturally, but in retrospect she did very well for her family, and for Chinese that is a mandate, so I can't blame her at all. Today, we remain on good terms, and she owns and runs a successful international shipping business and is far wealthier than I am. I'm quite proud of her — I always told her she'd succeed in business.

Perhaps my Chinese girlfriend was a truly exceptional woman by Chinese standards. I'd like to think that's the case, but the fact is that women like that are a lot more common in China than they are in the US. The only American women I can think of who compare are all significantly older than I am. And it isn't the looks, although she did put serious, successful effort into maintaining her figure, which she retains after three children, but rather the attitude. When I hear feminists whining about "oppression" and "the patriarchy" and how hard women have it in the US, I can't help but feel contempt for them. There's a girl in very patriarchal China from a stigmatized prole family who, through her own wit and persistence, makes it big, and here we have upper-middle-class feminists who can do nothing but whine day in and day out about how they deserve more handouts from men. Our women have the world handed to them on a silver platter, and yet they have no gratitude, and find nothing useful to do. It certainly doesn't cast them in an attractive light.

However, even my largely positive experience with Chinese women wasn't enough to finally convince me to give up on Americans. As it turned out, I met an American girl shortly after getting back from China, and married her a few years later. She was a good-looking, athletic girl from a working-class family, and I figured we made a good enough match. Intellectually, we didn't have much in common, but I thought we were culturally similar enough to work it out, both of us being typical Seattlites of the common local Anglo-Norwegian sort. Feminism was the least of my concerns at the time. I just wanted a normal family and normal life, and to grow old amongst children and grandchildren. Unfortunately, the destabilization of the American family made it all too easy for the personality and character differences to kill the marriage when the strains of childrearing put us to the test. Before children, married life is not very difficult, so it's easy to overlook inherent weaknesses in the partnership. When you add screaming, pooping and barfing babies who need constant attention and a strained budget from one parent having to take time off to care for them, it becomes a lot more difficult to overlook the problems. Add feminist incentives to the mix, and the motivation to tough it out goes out the window.

It's odd how ambivalent one feels after a divorce. On the one hand, you know it wasn't meant to be and are relieved that it's over, but on the other you feel a sense of failure and loss. Children, of course, greatly magnify all this, and our barbaric family courts, egged on by gender feminists and sleazy profiteers, only push the knife in farther. I'm not sure we can blame American women entirely for divorce, because I know from personal experience that in many cases both parties weren't exactly thrilled with how the marriage turned out. There's a hint of tragedy that casts a shadow over marriage in the US, and I have come to the conclusion that it's probably the result of our very concept of marriage itself, and what we expect from the institution. The problem is that we carry expectations of eternal romance into marriage, and this too often sets people up for failure, because romance rarely lasts forever. As long as we look to marriage primarily as the means for permanently fulfilling our desire for romance, it will fail us in too many cases.

When it comes down to it, our concept of marriage is a childish, adolescent dream, and this has come to characterize women's views on what constitutes a proper marriage in the US. American men are not immune to adolescent fantasies, but they don't have such a view of marriage. It is because marriage is the fundamental act of fulfillment in the American woman's imagination that it has come to be defined by adolescent fantasy. Foreign women tend to have a far more practical view. Although they, too, demand romance, they have a far more realistic attitude concerning what comes after the wedding. More than anything else, it is this "grown up" attitude toward

marriage that makes them attractive as prospective brides to American men.

American women – feminists in particular – are not happy about the outmarriage trend, and will continue to try to throw up obstacles to it. However, as long as they argue that marriage is a "right," they won't have much legal success, and I expect it to be increasingly common in coming years. Be this as it may, only a small proportion of American men will marry foreign women. It isn't exceedingly difficult, but there are both cultural and economic barriers, and of course there's the matter of sheer distance.

In conclusion, I'll try to summarize the reasons foreign women are attractive to American men. Keep in mind that most men who deliberately set out to marry a non-American woman are generally mature (over 30), and are making their choice based on rational considerations rather than puppy love.

1. Foreign women have realistic attitudes toward marriage.

This cannot be overemphasized. Men are not so stupid that they can't tell the difference between a woman who acts like a wife and one who acts like a live-in girlfriend. Foreign women go into marriage knowing it will take work, and it won't always be a romantic dream. They don't generally complain about doing housework and other chores, because they know what they are getting into. Women who are resentful about things like cooking and cleaning – and American women tend to be resentful about it and complain even when the men help them – can make a man's life very unpleasant.

2. Foreign women do not have weird gender/sex hangups

American women have done what would seem impossible: they have combined prudishness with excessive immodesty and vulgarity. One moment they will be denouncing men as predators and perverts, and the next they will be encouraging slutwalks, talking about their vaginas and whoring it up at parties. Foreign women – Europeans in particular, but Asians too – are more comfortable with male sexuality, do not have hangups about accommodating it, and yet manage to do so without coming off as skanks. Furthermore, they do not ape men, preferring instead to be comfortable in their own female bodies (I've found that Dutch women have a very nice combination of taste and femininity). There is no bigger turn-off than a woman who denounces male sexuality and then proceeds to act like a bitch in heat.

3. Foreign women take better care of themselves

Although PUAs would put looks at the top of the list, I'm putting it last, because once you've found someone you're happy with in the looks department, it doesn't have much influence on the decision to tie the knot. However, a woman's attitude toward keeping up her appearance will definitely make a difference down the line, so it is important in that regard. Neither Asian nor European women would be caught dead in the typical outfit American women wear to the grocery store. Furthermore, they'd never willingly display a muffin-top or other unsightly rolls of flesh. They will make a real effort to stay in shape even while married, and are a lot less likely to "let themselves go." American women have fallen so far in this department that they now let themselves go even before they get married.

Finally, I'd point out that all three areas of failure are symptoms of a general sense of entitlement; the idea that women are owed both support and praise simply for existing, and have no responsibility for anything other than their own pleasure. For American women to get over this, we have to stop treating them as princesses from birth, and teach them to be virtuous rather than entitled and selfish. In fact, we have been doing the opposite for at least a generation, and the effect has been horrific. Every teacher that praises little girls merely for having vaginas, every father who blames boys for his own daughter's sexual antics, and every mother who teaches her daughter to be duplicitous and domineering toward men is doing us all a disservice. Just as we wouldn't teach boys that they have a right to beat up smaller kids and steal from them or vandalize property, we have to stop teaching girls to act on their less noble impulses. In that, we have failed our women miserably, and deprived the better part of two generations of the opportunity to have healthy, normal families.

Augusta Admits Two Women

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Augusta National, until this week a private men's club, is now a mixed-sex club featuring two women, Darla Moore and Condoleezza Rice. Is this a tragedy, a triumph, or something else entirely?

Atlanta sports columnist Mark Bradley thinks it's great, and writes that the organization has changed the world for the better:

> Some may see this as the fall of one of the last bastions of male-dom, but here's what we say to such folks: Come out of that cave, men. Nothing is the way it used to be, and a lot of what used to be wasn't right and/or proper to begin with. Credit Payne for realizing that there's a world outside the gates of a golf course. Credit him for being the man who finally made happen what needed to happen.
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> So long as Augusta National was men-only, the question would have been asked: "Why is it men-only?" There was no good answer to that, and there could never have been a good answer. The only right response was to render the question moot. Billy Payne has, and Augusta National is better for it. And so, in a small but significant way, are we.

Oh come on. What "significant" difference does it make to the vast majority of Americans that one of the most exclusive clubs in the country added a couple more elites?

Because the club has become a fixture of the political and business elite of the US, this move was probably inevitable. Elitist societies tend to lack what the French revolutionaries called "fraternité" (a sense of brotherhood), and the divide between elites and the rest of the country in the US has grown considerably over the last half century or so.

One of the historical realities that is often conveniently ignored by "pro-equality" feminists is that societies that feature many powerful women – and there have been a lot of them – are typically highly stratified. Social hierarchy and female power go hand in hand. It's quite natural if you think about it: who's usually more concerned about social status, men or women?

Augusta is simply adapting to the new normal, but it might as well have been part of it for years, so perhaps Mr. Bradley is correct in writing that there's no good reason for the club to be men only anymore. However, to suggest this is progress is absurd.

The Mess That Cheaters Create

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Following up on August 17th's "Jerry Springer On Wheels" post, in which a mobile "who's your daddy" RV is trolling the inner city hawking insta-paternity tests, a better case for mandatory 100% paternity testing at birth, I don't think I could make up on my own:

> **Q:** My [now dead from terminal illness] husband's parents wish to keep in touch with me and my toddler-age son, as he is the only link they have to their only child. The problem is that my son is not my husband's biological child. I had an affair, the biological father dumped me upon realizing I was pregnant, and my husband (to cut the complicated story short) decided to raise the baby as his own. But I feel incredibly guilty whenever my in-laws talk to me about how grateful they are to have a grandchild to remember their son, or make comparisons between my son and my husband when he was at a similar age. I feel like I need to come clean with them before they develop a strong attachment to him. They are already talking about changing their will to include their "grandson." What should I do?

> **A**: Your late husband was your baby's father. In untangling your tale, my reading is that that you were married to your late husband, you cheated and became pregnant, your husband knew, but he stepped up and claimed paternity. He also was your boy's father in every other sense. Yes, you will have quite a story to tell your son when he's older, and I believe he is entitled to hear it. (When you do bring this up, you can put the best face on the fact that your husband, his father, loved him and wanted to raise him, and not cast his origin story as that his biological father was a slime.) But I don't think your late husband's parents need to hear this.

> Keeping up a connection to your son's paternal family surely will only benefit him—he's not going to get anything from his actual biological father. And I don't see any reason to deprive your child of a potential inheritance. There has already been enough loss in your little boy's life. There's no call to cause an estrangement with loving grandparents; it's not deceptive that their son was your son's father.

Boy what a mess: Woman cheats. Tells hubby. Soon-to-be-dead hubby "mans up" and accepts child as his own. Her lies now become the couple's lies. The child's not-really-grandparents grandparents think he's theirs, and are thinking of placing this not-a-grandchild grandchild in their will.

In a decade or so, the truth will out, and the house built on this mendacious foundation will collapse, wounding everyone.

This woman made a mess of things. But consider all the hamster-enabling going on with this "advice": The adulteress isn't a "slime"; no, that title is reserved solely for the man with whom she cheated on her husband. He's the dirtbag, not her, the woman who *wanted* to get knocked up by a man other than her husband. Soon-to-be-dead beta hubby is lauded for "stepping up" to parent some thug/bad-boy's spawn,* setting up some sort of perverse expectation that female adultery and cuckolding will not only be tolerated but rewarded. In addition, the adulteress' perfidy is actually for a noble cause…after all, it's for the children!…without it, he won't get his inheritance from the not-the-baby-daddy side of the family. Come to think of it, her lie really isn't one…if the adulteress represents her child convincingly enough, long enough, as their biological grandchild, well said not-grandparents probably "see" some phantasmic genetic commonality in his face or dimples or whatever. Just so, as they say, and poof! Lie becomes truth. And a convenient side effect of all these high hamster-wheel RPMs is that the adulteress' shameful thug-boy dalliance is washed down the memory hole, to be dug up a decade or so later when the fact she binned her wedding vows is "old news".

The violence done to the biological father's place and role in the family in this column is breathtaking. The trust

that the children born in the marriage are really the husband's is *the* critical element that drives men to marry in this day of marriage 2.0. And cuckolding apologia such as this advice column suggest to all those who read it that wifely fidelity doesn't matter and deceiving the husband is condoned…and that a fellow's job is merely to man up and invest in whatever child is born in the marriage, no matter who sired it.

Other than automatic mother custody in divorce, I can think of no substance more corrosive to the fragile connection that children already have with their dads than the duping of husbands by their adulterous wives.

* What a position she placed him in. He sees the end approaching, and the woman he thought was faithful to him presents him with the child of some man whom she found more sexually desirable than he. Talk about a Catch-22–he could be cruel to the child and kick them both out of his house, or he could further undermine other beta providers everywhere–the backbone of society–by accepting another man's child as his own.

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Comment of the Week: Marriage to Foreigners Not Always Perfect

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Commenter yinjia brings up some of the issues that can complicate relationships between Americans and foreigners, Japanese in particular. It isn't an entirely flattering portrayal of these marriages (and I might disagree on a few points), but she addresses some real issues men ought to think about. Additionally, she discusses the behavior of expats in Asia, and the fact that it can get out of hand. This is true. Unrestrained male sexuality isn't any better than the female kind, and one runs across it from time to time in particular expat settings.

Yinjia's comment provides a perspective worth considering for men who have thought about marrying foreigners. As she writes, these marriages tend to work out better than the average American marriage, but they are far from perfect, and involve their own challenges.

Yinjia:

First off, I'm female, but I honestly enjoy this website because it so neatly describes many of the problems I see in my peers, and some of the stereotypes I deal with every day as an active-duty military officer. As somebody who's lived in this part of the world, though, I don't think you've been quite fair about it in this article.

My first active-duty assignment was to a base outside of Tokyo, Japan. After two years there, I would say that while Asian women may be more appealing for most based on certain feminine traits, there are some additional cultural issues that can eventually become problems. Women from other cultures often have completely different expectations of marriage, and while this article presents this as an overall positive, there are negatives in there as well that do, for some, overwhelm anything else.

I can absolutely attest to the popularity of the Japanese women amongst the men – they were petite, gorgeous, feminine, and deferential. It also helped that many of them just want to date/marry foreigners, due to the beastly nature of their own dating and marital culture, and the way Japanese men treat them. Many of them also had far more relaxed attitudes towards sex than even your average American co-ed. It was, in short, a man's paradise.

A lot of the men on our base had Japanese wives. These ranged from young airmen, just starting out in their marriages, to old contractors who'd gone to Japan during Vietnam and never left. Usually, these were happy marriages, for all the reasons you list. However, it was around the ten year mark when you could start to see cultural differences creating huge tensions in many of these relationships.

Japanese women view marriage in a completely different light than we do, and they go about handling it in completely different ways. a typical Japanese woman will find herself the best job possible in order to secure the highest-ranking man at that company, purely out of economic/familial interests. (I was constantly being advised by my Japanese friends that I was pretty enough to have a good secretary's job at a big American corporation, and they were confused as to why I wasn't pursuing this "standard" route to a good husband. I sometimes wonder that myself, actually, but it's not the way we operate here.) These women do what they have to do to secure him, including giving him as much sex as he wants, and gradually assimilates control over the family finances. This continues into the marriage and through the child-bearing years, until she's decided she's had the number of kids she wants. (this isn't something I got from observations, mind, my Japanese friends actually laid this out for me). The years, with growing kids, are where people typically started having problems.

At that point, sex is usually cut off, and she has complete control of the money in the relationship, able to deny her husband anything not in "her" budget. Japanese men at this point typically find themselves a girlfriend – a lot of women encourage/expect it, actually. I had a sergeant who'd reached this point in his marriage with his Japanese wife, and it was causing him a great deal of problems, as in his view, he'd committed to one woman for the rest of his life, and she was actively pushing him into finding a younger girlfriend and denying him sex. I know that some men might enjoy this, but for most of the decent ones who got put in that position, it was an extremely difficult thing to deal with. It's not culturally compatible with Western expectations.

Then you get in to dealing with the kids. Americans, generally, have a fairly lax and open manner of raising kids. You want them to pursue activities, you want them to do well in school, but you also want to see them grow and develop their own interests, explore, figure things out on their own, and so on. Japanese child-rearing is quite different – Japanese women expect their children to be perfect, and even in marriages to American men, place extremely high demands on performance and schoolwork, to the point where a five year old may be at piano practice until 8-9 PM, every day after school. Women here tend to get what they want. Some people found a balance, but for many, the competing cultural ideas of child-rearing placed a great deal of tension on their marriage. I had a contractor whose oldest son failed to get into his mother's high school, and she was so ashamed of him that she threw an epic fit, and ended up kicking him out of the house. The American father was placed in the position of having to worry about his son killing himself (the kid didn't, fortunately), and eventually had to divorce his Japanese wife over the problems it caused in their marriage. This was an extreme case, but I saw similar strains in quite a few of these relationships over the kids.

There were a lot of other problems that manifested, but generally speaking, the men whose Japanese wives stayed "Japanese" (instead of assimilating their new American culture and losing some of those qualities that made them appealing in the first place, which was quite common) had serious issues to overcome. Many of them were quite clearly not the same men they had once been after even a few years of marriage.

I realize there are a lot of benefits to a relationship with women from other cultures, but it's impossible to ignore the fact that they bring their cultures with them, and sometimes, that isn't a good thing. They don't want the same things out of a relationship, won't offer the same things in that relationship, and for some men, this ends up leaving them unfulfilled and frustrated. There's still a high level of manipulation and control being exercised in these types of relationships, perhaps in a way that's more acceptable to both parties, but it's silly to think that a foreign woman (at least, a Japanese woman) is going to be any more decent to a man than a Western woman would be. She's not as likely to divorce you, but trust me, that kind of intimidation/control is going to be levied in other ways.

(Not to mention I experienced some horrible things from men during my time in Japan, to the point where I've become scared to date here in America. It's a highly misogynistic culture – a very real misogyny, not the kind we complain about here in the States – and Western men especially are allowed to behave in a horrific fashion over there. I wholeheartedly approve of masculinity, but some of the ways you see it expressed in Asian expat culture are quite terrible, and demeaning both of the men and the women they interact with. It ain't perfect anywhere!)

Akins' "Legitimate Rape" Comment Raises Legitimate Concerns

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The Republicans' prompt and ill-considered sellout of Missouri congressman Todd Akins ignored the real point I suspect Akins was trying to make, and it's an important one. First, however, his statement that the female body rejects a rapist's sperm (or whatever he meant) is wrong. In fact, rape is probably more likely to lead to pregnancy than sex in other circumstances, and rape wouldn't be a part of human sexuality if it didn't confer some reproductive advantage.

The technical details aren't really what people are outraged about here, but rather the term "legitimate rape." By that, Akins was suggesting that some who claim to have been raped may not really have been raped. And if you want to stop abortion, but you provide loopholes such as "rape and incest," those who really want abortions will have an incentive to falsely claim to have been victims. Of course not all will do so. Most probably will not. But enough will that it could cause serious problems.

For example, if a woman in a rape and incest only abortion state says, "I've been raped, and I need an abortion," what do you think the doctor will ask? Why, he'll ask "who raped you?" She'll have to come up with someone or some description of a crime, or else she'll have to make something up, otherwise the ban on abortion has no teeth. If she really was raped and reported it immediately, she won't need an abortion; the morning after pill works. But if, for whatever reason, she held off long enough for fertilization to occur, the automatic assumption will be that she is the victim of a serious felony crime, and the state has a mandate to investigate.

Say she really wasn't raped, but her boyfriend/sex-partner rejected her after she got pregnant and told her to get the hell out of his life. She isn't ready for this baby, and she really doesn't want to have it without some support. So she decides to claim she was raped. The doctor or some hospital official asks her who, where, when, she hems and haws, and finally a detective is brought in to get to the heart of the matter. Eventually, she admits that the boyfriend is the child's father. "Did he really rape you?" asks the cop.

Now she's faced with the choice of admitting that she's been lying all along and losing the chance to get an abortion, or getting her boyfriend in very serious trouble with the law.

Who can say what she'll do? It could go either way. And perhaps the most terrible thing is that a man's dead child could be used to falsely convict him through a DNA test.

This is why I'm skeptical that an abortion ban could really work in the US. As long as we have open sexuality, and a diverse society in which people pretend to be "tolerant" but would flip out and prefer an abortion if their daughter were impregnated by someone of a different race, religion or class in most cases, people will demand loopholes. And loopholes are prone to abuse and dishonesty.

Perhaps for now the best we can do is practice harm reduction in regards to abortion.

Nebraska Lesbian Tries to Foment Hatred of Men by Staging Hate Crime

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Charlie Rogers, a Lincoln, Nebraska lesbian, has been charged with falsely reporting an assault in an attempt to win sympathy for lesbians and stir up anger and hatred against straight men. Rogers said three men stormed into her house, tied her up and carved slurs on her body, including the word “dyke.”

Following the “attack,” her friends in the lesbian community set up a site for donations, and she made courageous, defiant statements against the mysterious assailants.

Soon, her story began to fall apart, and it emerged that she had purchased the equipment she was bound with herself, shortly after vowing to become a “catalyst” on her Facebook page.

Medical examiners discovered that her wounds were superficial, carefully avoided sensitive areas and all within reach of her hands.

Usually, in these cases, people feel “sorry” for someone who would do such a thing. However, they are forgetting that when people make up hate crimes, they are trying to attack the very group they accuse of being hateful. It is an aggressive act, and sadly quite common. In fact, police are trained to be suspicious of all reported hate crimes, because so many of them are fake.

Accusing people of being “hateful” has become the weapon du jour in the US. Some people truly are, but it appears that in many cases, those who make the accusation are just as likely to be hateful themselves. For example, those who liberally use the term “misogynist” are far more likely than others to hate men.

If hate crime legislation is to be fair, it should include enhanced sentences for those who fake hate crimes, because they are committing such crimes themselves.

A look at the Penn State Scandal and who is to blame

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By Tim Brown

Our Nation has now been watching the Sandusky drama play out since November of 2011 when the story first broke. From the very beginning, the news media disclosed that the victims were mostly fatherless. Fur-· thermore, we learned that Sandusky's "charity" was probably a tool to target new victims and that the "charity" was a sort of substitute or replacement for the absent fathers.

As this drama has unfolded, it seems the public is fixated upon why Mike McQuery did not kick Sandusky's tail when he witnessed Sandusky and a victim in the shower. We are also speculating on why this could go on so long, with numerous victims and nobody stepping in to stop it. Also the report issued by former FBI director Louis Freeh makes it very clear that many of the victims could have been spared their abuse had Penn State Officials done more early on.

The presence of a father

On Father's Day of 2012, a few articles were penned which pointed out that the presence of a father protects children from predators like Sandusky, and the absence of a father makes children vulnerable. The articles were good; however, the elephant in the room regarding the Sandusky case is why the victim's fathers are absent in the first place. Nobody in the media is asking this question and nobody in the media is investigating this. The way this story is being reported, one would assume that the victim's fathers were abducted by aliens in the middle of the night and whisked away to some far off galaxy without anyone asking questions.

So I will stand up and ask, "Where were the victim's fathers and why were they absent?" If the Father of victim number 1 abandoned his family for a new trophy wife and moved to a far away state, I think we could all agree that he deserves blame and shame for what later happened to his son at the hands of a predator.

However, what if the Father of victim number I did not walk out on his child, but instead was forced away from his child in divorce court? In fact, what if the Father of victim number 1 did not even want the divorce to begin with, and what if he paid tens of thousands of dollars in lawyer's fees, custody evaluator fees, counselor fees as ordered by ajudge, while he made a desperate attempt to stay connected to his child … Only to be left penniless, broken and betrayed by a branch of the government we refer to as "family" law.

What if…?

We are quick to blame absent fathers for the subsequent ills that befall their children. Most of us have heard the all too familiar advertising campaigns suggesting that Fathers should take the time to be a Father today.

We all agree that father involvement is good for children … as long as the other parent is okay with the Father being involved. However, as soon as the other parent wants otherwise, everybody looks the other way.

A question that I often ask of religious and other supposedly pro-family audiences is "What defines a good father when the other parent wants a frivolous divorce?" What does the reader believe defines a good father when the other parent wishes for the father to be absent? I will go on to ask the reader, is it possible that many of Sandusky's victims have fathers that love their sons, but were forcibly separated from their sons in our nation's secretive family court system, merely because that is what the other parent wanted?

Perhaps I should stop beating around the bush and just say it. Dare we stick a microphone in the face of the divorce court judge and ask him why he forced the father away from his children? Dare we ask the judge if he feels a sense of responsibility or even remorse for the Sandusky victims, and the fatherless children across the country who go to bed every night without a father in the home, simply because the other parent petitioned to have the father removed?

Is there justification?

A common justification from the other parents for the Father's forced absence is the badness of the man himself, as judged by the other parent. However, if we look at the sheer number of absent Fathers today, making a claim that all of these men are somehow bad is no more prejudiced and bigoted than what took place in the old American south, or in pre WWII Germany. With nearly forty percent of our nation's children living in fatherless homes, do we really buy into the argument that these children are fatherless because their father is so bad that he deserved to be expelled from the family? Furthermore, do we buy into the statement from the divorce court judge that the father has been expelled, "in the best interest of the children"? Please.

The divorce court is a court without a Jury and without due process. It has become a simple matter of routine to forcibly remove a parent, almost always the father, simply because the other parent wants it. There has been plenty of macho bar stool conversation about what someone else would have done to Sandusky had they walked in on him in the Locker Room and discovered him with a boy. And of course, Sandusky deserves every bit of it. But who made those victim boys vulnerable and fatherless in the first place?

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Why the Focus on Gay Men?

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One of the most puzzling things about conservative opposition to homosexuality and the conservative push to save marriage as the culturally Christian ideal of one man wed to one woman is that they are excessively fixated on male homosexuality. Opposing male homosexual acts may be part of traditional Christian (and Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Jain, Sikh, etc.) dogma, but the same is true for fornication and other sexual sins that are all but excused today.

Furthermore, only a small minority of men are homosexual. Most men have no interest in sexual relations with other men, and never will. There's no evidence that I know of that suggests one can convert people to homosexuality. As far as I see it, Christian hysteria about it is a major waste of effort.

Gay men have never been at the forefront of trying to dismantle ordinary heterosexual marriage, but rather have simply wanted to avoid being hounded for their behavior. Sometimes, of course, their behavior does get out of hand, and in those cases something needs to be done (hooking up for sex in city parks being an example), but for the most part it has little to no influence on others' lives. Most straight men are perfectly content so long as it is out of sight and out of mind.

Perhaps there's a grain of truth in the characterization of opponents of homosexuality as "homophobes," but a certain degree of homophobia is probably natural amongst straight men. Although we aren't supposed to admit it today, most of us find gay male sex disgusting, and the thought of it as a widespread public activity can inspire some anger. Gay PRIDE parades seem calculated to stir this up, and a degree of outrage over the sexual antics of those parading themselves in public ought to be expected. If the point of the PRIDE parades truly is, at least in part, an attempt to bait straight men, they have done their job pretty well.

The result has been disproportionate focus on these antics and the provocateurs who engage in them on the part of conservative organizations. A real, organized anti-homosexual movement – which never existed before – came about in response, and its main target is the flagrant male homosexual. I can imagine that the attention the flagrant types get from this gives them great personal satisfaction, which only provides the motivation for more of the same. And so the rest of the country is treated to this bizarre, and increasingly obnoxious, spectacle that brings circuses of the old days to mind.

However, it should be pointed out that this is just a sideshow. A certain subset of homosexual men may love attention and drama, and they may be as good as anyone at getting it, but as far as threats to the integrity of the normal, heterosexual family, they rank somewhere along the scale of a gnat or mosquito, hardly meriting a bark, much less a roar.

Behind all the bluster and show, a far more insidious threat has been gnawing at the roots of the family. And although it is not exclusively so, it tends to be strongly motivated by a politicized form of female homosexuality. First, it should be stated that homosexuality may not be a proper term for what we know of as lesbianism, because the male kind of homosexuality suggests an additional element of sexuality, whereas in the female case there seems to be something of an omission. Where gay men appear to have elements of both male and female sexuality, the lesbian typically has little discernible measure of either. So perhaps lesbians should be referred to as "anti-sexual" rather than homosexual. The difference between lesbians and gay men is polar; there is no real affinity between the groups if we are to take human sexuality as a spectrum.

Back in the 70s, while gay men were going to discos and drag shows, lesbian feminists were attending political meetings in which they denounced the "patriarchy" and conspired to subjugate men. They worked their way into positions at universities, published papers and infiltrated and took over public bureaucracies. They were far overrepresented as "first women" in a number of occupations, from FBI agent to astronaut. In fact, given that lesbians comprise less than 1% of the female population, their domination of early entry into the traditionally male

sphere of influence was quite an accomplishment, and suggests that not only do they have a higher ability in these occupations than the average female, but a far higher "Wille zur Macht" as well. If there is anything that characterizes the political lesbian, it is precisely this drive for power and dominance, which also happens to be a theme that permeates feminist literature.

There's nothing particularly odious about the drive to succeed, especially from a male perspective, so rather than get in their way, Western men generally obliged these driven females, finding them adequate for the job, and perhaps in many cases possessed of an ambition that they respected and that most of their male peers lacked. Additionally, men have little interest in mannish or androgynous women, so sexual tension in the workplace was no real issue with them.

Aside from some prurient interest in girl-on-girl porn (which is actually a straight male genre), men could care less about all things lesbian. Just as John in delivery doesn't care what Rob in accounting is doing on the weekend, the activities of the lesbians they know or know of arouse not the slightest interest. They feel no strong emotions either way, and tend to ignore them. This mirrors society's attitude toward gender feminism, and thus we have conservative Christians railing about flamboyant gayboys while gender feminists write and lobby for laws designed to strike right at the heart of social norms regarding marriage.

If anyone thinks I'm exaggerating, they need only read the lesbian feminist texts themselves. Condemnation of men and masculinity in toto are common themes in lesbian feminism. As opposed to the ambivalent attitude toward the feminine that homosexual men often display, lesbian feminists unequivocally label masculinity as a negative force, and offer "final solutions" up to and including androcide. The sheer force and volume of hostility against men is so overwhelming in the genre that it raises the question of why men have tolerated it for so long, allowing people who literally want to wipe them and their sons off the face of the earth to continue in positions of influence in academic and political institutions. The likely answer is that it's a combination of indifference and a sense that it shouldn't be taken seriously, but given the damage that's been done, this attitude should be reevaluated.

Before we can take steps to reintroduce some balance into the narrative, far more men and women must be made aware of the radicals who have had disproportionate influence in family law and all matters concerning relations between the sexes for far too long. In order to do so, they will first have to cut through some of the emotion surrounding the homosexual issue, including the gay marriage issue, and take a realistic view of the threat posed by each faction.

Straight men ought to ask themselves whether gay men are a threat to their marriages and families in any way. I think they'll find that they are not. Women should start to question whether gender feminism, with its concomitant hatred of men and drive to upend traditional forms of family, are ultimately in their own and their children's interest. For a few, it may be an advantage, but we are seeing a slow, yet steady degradation of female "sexual capital" as a result of these policies. A society in which women play first the whore and then the beast of burden – a characteristic of barbarism – rather than maiden then mother is where we are headed if things don't change soon.

As for lesbians themselves, I see no reason that they should be permanently stained by their association with lesbian gender feminism when the movement has finally been discredited, just as there's no reason to permanently associate Germans with Nazis or Calvinists with Cromwell. Historically, and even today, we have had honest, open and accomplished lesbians who have borne no particular enmity to men in general. Why lesbianism has come to be associated with a particularly vile, misandric form of feminism would be a good topic for an academic publication, but for the time being we can only offer speculation.

Conservatives should begin to pay attention to the decades-long assault on the family that has been ongoing not in bathhouses or gay bars, but rather in the halls of state capitols, universities, and courts across the nation. Sometimes, the easiest targets are merely a diversion. Although nobody is suggesting Christians drop their spiritual opposition to physical acts of homosexuality, it would be better if they were to put it in its proper perspective, and recognize that fornication – very common amongst straight Christians themselves – is just as grave a sin, and certainly the greater evil in terms of its power to cause social problems and decay (e.g. widespread abortion,

illegitimacy and divorce).

The non-religious or skeptical among us should be outraged that a tiny faction of radicals has managed to exert so much influence over our private families and lives. Many of those who complain about social conservatives and their influence would do well to remember that they cannot be arrested or have their children seized for defying churches, but they certainly can and will in the event that they run up against policies put in place by the gender feminist fanatics who dominate family law.

It's time we took a serious look at who is really behind the destruction of the family, and rather than rage about side issues, hold them to account.

Russian Philosopher: Pussy Riot's Sacrilege a Serious Threat

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Aleksander Dugin, Russia's most influential political philosopher, explains why Russia should take Pussy Riot's provocation seriously, calling it part of an information war and an effort to subjugate Russia to external forces.

Dugin argues that the act was calculated to strike at the heart of both the secular and spiritual base of Russian society. As for Pussy Riot themselves, he calls them:

> …porno-hooligans, blasphemers, and simply obscene, immoral and worthless individuals

His arguments are esoteric, and not entirely applicable to the West, but he gives us a pretty clear indication that Russia, and probably the rest of the world, is beginning to catch on to the threat posed by radical assaults on tradition hidden in the guise of gender liberation, or whatever Pussy Riot is claiming it stands for.

Interestingly, Dugin also claims that:

> …the West has destroyed its own tradition, its own empires, and its own religion, and is now dealing with the rest of the world.

Here's his video:

Food for thought.

Innocence Project Biologist: Men Unnecessary

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Greg Hampikian, a biology and criminal justice teacher at Boise State, writes that men are totally useless biologically speaking, and now that women have more degrees, make more money, etc., we men might as well be a vestigial organ, just waiting to be chopped off when it becomes inflamed:

> With expanding reproductive choices, we can expect to see more women choose to reproduce without men entirely. Fortunately, the data for children raised by only females is encouraging. As the Princeton sociologist Sara S. McLanahan has shown, poverty is what hurts children, not the number or gender of parents.
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> That's good, since women are both necessary and sufficient for reproduction, and men are neither. From the production of the first cell (egg) to the development of the fetus and the birth and breast-feeding of the child, fathers can be absent. They can be at work, at home, in prison or at war, living or dead.
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> Then, at some point, your father spent a few minutes close by, but then left. A little while later, you encountered some very odd tiny cells that he had shed. They did not merge with you, or give you any cell membranes or nutrients — just an infinitesimally small packet of DNA, less than one-millionth of your mass.
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> Over the next nine months, you stole minerals from your mother's bones and oxygen from her blood, and you received all your nutrition, energy and immune protection from her. By the time you were born your mother had contributed six to eight pounds of your weight. Then as a parting gift, she swathed you in billions of bacteria from her birth canal and groin that continue to protect your skin, digestive system and general health. In contrast, your father's 3.3 picograms of DNA comes out to less than one pound of male contribution since the beginning of Homo sapiens 107 billion babies ago.
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> And while birth seems like a separation, for us mammals it's just a new form of attachment to our female parent. If your mother breast-fed you, as our species has done for nearly our entire existence, then you suckled from her all your water, protein, sugar, fats and even immune protection. She sampled your diseases by holding you close and kissing you, just as your father might have done; but unlike your father, she responded to your infections by making antibodies that she passed to you in breast milk.
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> I don't dismiss the years I put in as a doting father, or my year at home as a house husband with two young kids. And I credit my own father as the more influential parent in my life. Fathers are of great benefit. But that is a far cry from "necessary and sufficient" for reproduction.
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> If a woman wants to have a baby without a man, she just needs to secure sperm (fresh or frozen) from a donor (living or dead). The only technology the self-impregnating woman needs is a straw or turkey baster, and the basic technique hasn't changed much since Talmudic scholars debated the religious implications of insemination without sex in the fifth century. If all the men on earth died tonight, the species could continue on frozen sperm. If the women disappear, it's extinction.

I think Hampikian is writing this with his tongue planted firmly in his cheek. He does work for the Innocence Project, after all, and if he thought men were totally worthless he wouldn't put in the effort.

Although it's a bit crude, his article is clearly satire, and he may even be taking a jab at radical feminist ideology (e.g. Mary Daly's Gyn/Ecology). Unfortunately, it's too similar to the real thing to work correctly, and it falls flat. Sorry to say it, Greg, but it just isn't that cute to talk about male disposability these days, and of all people you should know that.

Hopefully, in the future Hampikian will stay within his area of expertise, where he does good work. Better he stick to getting innocent men out of prison than hand people justifications for wrongfully putting them there in the first

place.

Media: Abortion and Illegal Immigration Top Issues

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In the run-up to the Republican convention, I've been watching some of the talking heads on TV offering up their opinions of the most important demographics and issues of the election. As they are calling it, the entire thing is dependent on who women and Hispanics prefer (Anglo men are irrelevant, apparently), and their main issues are the desire to abort their children (women) and the desire to illegally immigrate (Hispanics). Therefore, Obama will win, because he supports illegal immigration AND abortion.

It's really a bit overwhelming to see how these two angles are pushed over and over again. I think one could make a better case for the women wanting to abort their children argument than Hispanics wanting more illegal immigration. For one thing, Hispanics who can vote are citizens, so they have no need to illegally immigrate, and in addition to that illegal immigration is just as much of a threat to their wages as it is to other men's. Illegal immigration, on the balance, has been a disaster for America's working men of all races. From the early 90s through 2008, blue collar jobs were either outsourced or handed to cheaper, more easily exploited illegals in unprecedented numbers.

When I was 18, finding a summer job in construction was easy. Today, a couple decades later, young men in similar situations are going to find themselves competing with experienced adult construction workers, many of whom are illegal immigrants who need the job a lot a more. This is true throughout the blue-collar world. Hispanic citizens, aside from professional racial lobbyists, probably aren't all that thrilled about it either, so I don't think ordinary Hispanics are voting Democrat for the illegal immigration, but rather the promises of preferential hiring (affirmative action) and welfare. Also, let's face it: the Bush administration was the worst in US history in terms of maintaining the integrity of our borders and the immigration process, so if you simply want more illegal immigration it probably doesn't matter which party you vote for.

As for female voters, it may well be that they prefer Democrats because they want abortions. This is unfortunate, but I wouldn't rule it out.

The reason this disappoints me is that supporting legal abortion is analogous to supporting legal prostitution. Both are reasonable positions to take, but they aren't the kind of thing that should determine a presidential election.

Say men fought for legalized prostitution with the same vigor that feminists fight for abortion. Using the same logic as the pro-abortion crowd, men could argue that there's a moral case to be made for legalized prostitution. Pro abortion activists say that criminalizing abortion will lead to "back-alley abortions." Pro prostitution activists can point out that there is already a great deal of "back alley" prostitution, and it is a lot more dangerous that way for both clients and prostitutes.

Then there is the matter of "choice." The prostitute should have a "choice," as should the client. However, in prostitution choice goes even beyond the body, extending to property and commerce as well. If it's a private deal that doesn't affect others, Shouldn't adult men and women be able to choose how they make and spend their money?

Some people could make a moral case against prostitution, saying it encourages vice. But so does abortion, because it gives women the opportunity to hook up and then simply exterminate the resulting child rather than have to deal with the natural consequences of sex.

The point is that if MRAs or masculists were to make legalization of prostitution a national issue, they'd be widely condemned (and probably ridiculed as well), but when feminists make abortion a top priority we're supposed to take it for granted that they should get what they want without any criticism or question. However, if you take a hard look at both issues, neither is morally ideal. In fact, from a Christian perspective, prostitution is the lesser evil, because at least it doesn't involve extermination of human life.

So, although I'm highly skeptical of Republicans and their motives (it's hard to forget what a train wreck the last

administration was), I can't help but be disgusted by the fact that the Democrats apparently expect to win by building their platform on support for social evils.

Incidentally, I think the prostitution/abortion comparison makes a good talking point. Next time you hear someone saying they support abortion because of "choice" and safety, ask whether they therefore support legal prostitution as well, and if not, why? And if they are casting their vote on the abortion issue, feel free to compare it to men casting their vote according to which candidate supports prostitution.

Open Comments for Registered Users

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OK, folks, I've got the membership software installed, and it's been over a week since it's caused any trouble with the site. There's only one more weighty program to install, and I want to make sure the membership software is working properly before I do so, so I'm going to start transitioning to membership first.

In the meanwhile, I've shut off new registration and added some code so that registered users can comment without moderation. If you're one of the roughly 900 people who have an account on the site (mostly created a long time ago when the old forum was in operation, so you may not remember it), you can log on through the admin link at the bottom of the page and your comments will go through without moderation.

However, unless you want to become a bona-fide member, this will not last. Soon, I'm going to ask people whether they want to sign on as members to retain the privilege (and gain some others). Those who don't want to be members will still be able to comment, but their comments will be automatically moderated, and they won't have access to the comment ratings, which will be turned back on for members only when the full switch to a membership site has been made.

If all goes smoothly, members will also have automatic access to a private forum, exclusive content, comment rating privileges and private comments. I think it will be fun to be able to kick back and let our guard down a bit. Not to say the private content will be entirely secure and inaccessible to anyone else (there are always minders with these kinds of things, which means that illegal content and crazy talk will not be allowed), but at least it will be protected by copyright and users by a confidentiality/privacy agreement, so those who are snooping will have some legal motivation to keep it to themselves. As for user information, that's all going to be thoroughly encrypted with very long keys, and none will be turned over to anyone without a bona-fide court order/subpoena.

For now, users who still have an account on the site can login and post away without having to wait for comment approval (although comments that violate the policy will still be removed if I find them), and when I flip the switch on the membership I'll give you the choice of becoming members and keeping their old accounts or letting them lapse. As for those who do not currently have accounts, you'll be able to get them as soon as membership opens up should you so choose. For those who are not interested in becoming members, nothing will change, so no worries.

A World Without Bicycles

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By White Raven

> *"The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness and kindness, can be trained to do most things."*
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> *- Jilly Cooper*

This quote sums up the modern view of men in a single sentence. Where once men were seen as innovators, thinkers and leaders they are now seen as barely even human – throwbacks to a simpler time, knuckle-dragging Neanderthals who would drag the world down into the mud without women around to civilize and direct them.

Never mind of course that the world was built, and is mostly maintained, by men:

> *"It is men who have built the houses, the bridges, the roads, the railways, the dams, the factories, the ships, the canals, the monuments, the airports, the churches, the offices, the tunnels, the engines, the industrial machinery etc. …*
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> *It is men mostly who have worked in the factories, the furnaces, the sewers, the mines etc. …*
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> *It is men mostly who have, rightly or wrongly, fought the wars, fought the crimes, fought the elements, fought the odds etc. …*
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> *And it is men who have invented, discovered and done just about everything that has ever been invented, discovered and done."*

It is in this context that I would like to explore the notion made popular by Gloria Steinem that a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle.

If men are indeed simple brutes, lumbering animals capable of producing things of value only under the watchful supervision of a woman, then it would logically follow that women could survive just fine without them. A cursory glance at history, however, turns this notion on its head in double-quick time. The greatest scientists, mathematicians, artists, philosophers, musicians, and writers throughout all of history have been almost exclusively male. The exceptions prove the rule.

What is true is that, thanks to the largely male-created technological wonderland we call Western Civilization, it is now possible for a woman to live comfortably on her own without a man in her life. So in that sense, no, she does not need a man. But men are very much necessary to the underlying fabric of society on which her lifestyle depends, so she very much does need men in general.

What's happening, though, is that women have forgotten that it was men who made Western Civilization possible

and that it's men who do the dangerous and dirty jobs that keep it all going. Men as a group have become the collective butt of the joke as women imply that men are no longer necessary to society, and this is largely responsible for the rapidly burgeoning exodus of men away from the unwritten contract that holds civilization together.

Among other things the unwritten societal contract states that men as a group will always protect women as a group. You could call it the *Bicycle Clause*. It dictates that a woman without a man of her own, either temporarily or permanently, may procure assistance from a nearby man without any prior relationship existing between them or any expectation of reciprocation. This clause can be invoked for anything from changing a tire to intervening in a violent situation.

Simply put, any man must be ready to risk life and limb to protect any woman, even one he doesn't know, at a moment's notice. A man who saves a woman's life is seen as a hero and a man who chooses not to get involved is seen as a coward. This section of the contract was based on the understanding that women were weaker than men and were therefore entitled to outside help while a man was responsible for taking care of himself.

But if women are at least equal (if not superior) to men then this part of the contract no longer applies. To demand equality is to renounce the clause in the contract that gives you special privileges based on the presumption of weakness. And yet still this notion persists that men should selflessly put women they don't even know ahead of themselves:

> *"One of the features of the [Costa Concordia] disaster that has provoked a great deal of comment is the stream of reports from angry survivors of how, in the chaos, men refused to put women and children first, and instead pushed themselves forward to escape."*

But you simply can't have it both ways. Either women are weaker than men and are in need of their protection, or they are equal to men and should take care of themselves. To blame men for looking out for their own interests when they have been taught that women don't want or need their help is not only counterproductive but grossly unfair as well.

This is a binary question with only two possible answers – either women need a helping hand from men or they do not. Currently, the cultural imperative is that they do not, and therefore men are responding by letting women fend for themselves. This will continue for as long as the current cultural climate remains unchanged.

Simply put, in a world where bicycles are no longer desired none will be produced. Women are by their words and actions saying that they no longer need men, and are therefore creating for themselves a world without bicycles. It's basic supply and demand. Let's just hope that if and when women find themselves wishing they had a bicycle that they realize the reason they don't have one is that they collectively insisted they didn't need one.

More From Rosin: Liberation through Promiscuity

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The Atlantic has published yet another triumphalist Hanna Rosin article, this time about how promiscuity is essential to and drives feminist progress. Rosin argues that not only does the hookup culture contribute to women's power, but it is women themselves who are perpetuating it:

> Single young women in their sexual prime—that is, their 20s and early 30s, the same age as the women at the business-school party—are for the first time in history more successful, on average, than the single young men around them. They are more likely to have a college degree and, in aggregate, they make more money. What makes this remarkable development possible is not just the pill or legal abortion but the whole new landscape of sexual freedom—the ability to delay marriage and have temporary relationships that don't derail education or career. To put it crudely, feminist progress right now largely depends on the existence of the hookup culture. And to a surprising degree, it is women—not men—who are perpetuating the culture, especially in school, cannily manipulating it to make space for their success, always keeping their own ends in mind. For college girls these days, an overly serious suitor fills the same role an accidental pregnancy did in the 19th century: a danger to be avoided at all costs, lest it get in the way of a promising future.

I've argued something similar on many occasions. Feminism is, more than anything else, about women harnessing sexuality for power. This is hidden to some extent, because another feminist goal is the collectivization of female sexuality; that is, women's sexual power is to be expressed in aggregate rather than individually (doesn't always work out that way, but that's the idea).

If Rosin's analysis of the college hookup culture is any indication, Americans have reached the apogee of feminist expression amongst young women:

> …I found barely anyone who even noticed the vulgarity anymore, until I came across a new student. She had arrived two weeks earlier, from Argentina. She and I stood by the bar at one point and watched a woman put her hand on a guy's inner thigh, shortly before they disappeared together. In another corner of the room, a beautiful Asian woman in her second year at school was entertaining the six guys around her with her best imitation of an Asian prostitute—"Oooo, you so big. Me love you long time"—winning the Tucker Max showdown before any of the guys had even tried to make a move on her. (She eventually chose the shortest guy in the group to go home with, because, she later told me, he seemed like he'd be the best in bed.)
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> "Here in America, the girls, they give up their mouth, their ass, their tits," the Argentinean said to me, punctuating each with the appropriate hand motion, "before they even know the guy. It's like, 'Hello.' 'Hello.' 'You wanna hook up?' 'Sure.' They are so aggressive! Do they have hearts of steel or something? In my country, a girl like this would be desperate. Or a prostitute."
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> So there we have it. America has unseated the Scandinavian countries for the title of Easiest Lay. We are, in the world's estimation, a nation of prostitutes. And not even prostitutes with hearts of gold.

A dubious distinction indeed. Nowhere in the article does Rosin mention who is paying for these girls' training in the art of mercenary sexuality, but she describes how it gives women a sort of power rush, like cocaine:

> At Yale I heard stories like the ones I had read in many journalistic accounts of the hookup culture. One sorority girl, a junior with a beautiful tan, long dark hair, and a great figure, whom I'll call Tali, told me that freshman year she, like many of her peers, was high on her first taste of the hookup culture and didn't want a boyfriend. "It was empowering, to have that kind of control," she recalls. "Guys were texting and calling me all the time, and I was turning them down. I really enjoyed it! I had these options to hook up if I wanted them, and

> no one would judge me for it."

Rosin's article may be demoralizing to these girls' parents and potential husbands alike, but the kind of behavior and attitude that she is describing exist not in a vacuum, but rather a hothouse.

These are women at their absolute sexual peak. They are at their most fertile and most attractive, and they are too immature and naive to realize that it will wilt with surprising rapidity.

The girls display the "I'll put it off until tomorrow" attitude quite clearly:

> For an upwardly mobile, ambitious young woman, hookups were a way to dip into relationships without disrupting her self-development or schoolwork. Hookups functioned as a "delay tactic," Armstrong writes, because the immediate priority, for the privileged women at least, was setting themselves up for a career. "If I want to maintain the lifestyle that I've grown up with," one woman told Armstrong, "I have to work. I just don't see myself being someone who marries young and lives off of some boy's money." Or from another woman: "I want to get secure in a city and in a job … I'm not in any hurry at all. As long as I'm married by 30, I'm good."

This attitude is a recipe for disappointment and disaster. The girl has total sexual freedom in school, plenty of male attention from young men with raging hormones, and the world is her oyster, so of course she wants to put off the drudgery of children, marriage and commitment. Usually, until something like "by 30."

The problem is that it doesn't get any easier. if you've got a career started in your late 20s, it's easy to put it off a few more years — "by 30″ becomes "by 35." And being accustomed to hookups doesn't tend to predispose a woman to long-term commitment. It isn't that easy to reverse course, and most men have already found their long-term love interest by that time. The ones who haven't are generally just looking to hook up themselves.

I talked to my mother about the article, as she reads *The Atlantic*, and she was pretty disappointed with the piece. Not because of prudishness, but because she sees it as promoting a lifestyle that leads to problems down the line. She oversees a lot of women at work in a very libertine city, and quite a few of them come from just this milieu. According to her, these women come late to a realization that they really do want a normal family, and by that time they are utterly unprepared for it. Their skills revolve around being sexy career women, and when they lose the "sexy" part they're left with nothing but a career — usually not a particularly impressive one. The emotional fallout is difficult for everyone around them, and managing them is no easy chore.

I suppose the question is whether we are really doing these young women a favor by giving them what they want. It's starting to look as though men may actually not be getting the short end of the stick here, because these aren't the women of the 70s and 80s who got married and had kids *before* they decided to go feral. No, their eventual emotional implosion will be effectively contained.

Although Rosin and other feminists tend to see this as a self-sustaining step forward – a sort of feminist version of limitless, unconstrained progress – it's a heavily subsidized trend. Without their wealthy parents, student loans, grants and all the rest of the effort that goes into creating this hothouse that grows women into grotesquely exaggerated versions of their natural selves, it would all come tumbling apart, and one of these days it will. Unfortunately, when we're called upon to clean up the mess, there are going to be a lot of damaged women out there.

Feminists to Open Riot School in UK

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Now that slutwalks are petering out, enterprising feminists have launched a new project designed to train women in the art of public disorder. Founded by Kat Banyard, the "suffragette school" aims to teach women how to hinder arrest, protest businesses and make a general nuisance of themselves over two days of courses in Birmingham.

> After just one day of classes at her summer school of choice, Emily Birkenshaw had already learned a crucial lesson: how to "go floppy" when facing arrest. "You're heavier then, so you can't be carried," she said, with the genuine delight of a new recruit.
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> The 24-year-old been practising by linking arms with her classmates and singing loudly at a pretend policeman. "It just felt really empowering," she said. "If that happened [in real life] – and I hope it wouldn't – I'd know how to do it without getting hurt."

It seems there's a certain breed of feminist that really likes the public attention afforded by events such as slutwalks, and this camp holds out the promise of more of that in the future.

A number of women really do revel in public attention — much more so than typical men. There's an element of the erotic in it for women that's lacking in heterosexual men, who don't generally like attention for attention's sake, but tend to see it as a means to an end.

Some of the activities the feminists plan to engage in include protesting Hooters, which is opening restaurants in the UK (perhaps to counter their decline in the US), protesting UK benefits cuts and supporting abortion.

Some of the stunts the women are engaged in are truly bizarre, such as vandalizing statues with balls of knitted armpit hair.

The best response to these feminists may simply be to not give them any attention, no matter how bizarre and offensive their behavior. The protests of Hooters illustrate exactly where their motivation lies: they are angry about women getting attention for their good looks while they receive less (because feminists are not usually good-looking), so they go to Hooters to make a show and draw all eyes to themselves, thus gratifying their need for attention and validation.

As time goes on, I'm becoming increasingly convinced that heterosexual feminists are in it entirely for this attention, and their participation in feminist "activism" would cease immediately if people stopped caring or reporting on their antics.

Wilde On a Woman's Love

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The following prose poem, written by Oscar Wilde, captures the nature of a woman's love and desire as well as anything I've ever read.

THE DISCIPLE

When Narcissus died the pool of his pleasure changed from a cup of sweet waters into a cup of salt tears, and the Oreads came weeping through the woodland that they might sing to the pool and give it comfort.

And when they saw that the pool had changed from a cup of sweet waters into a cup of salt tears, they loosened the green tresses of their hair and cried to the pool and said, 'We do not wonder that you should mourn in this manner for Narcissus, so beautiful was he.'

'But was Narcissus beautiful?' said the pool.

'Who should know that better than you?' answered the Oreads. 'Us did he ever pass by, but you he sought for, and would lie on your banks and look down at you, and in the mirror of your waters he would mirror his own beauty.'

And the pool answered, 'But I loved Narcissus because, as he lay on my banks and looked down at me, in the mirror of his eyes I saw ever my own beauty mirrored.'

“Illegitimate” Rape Accusations Are Real

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Given the widespread outrage, real and astroturfy, over Rep Todd Akin’s hastily made “legitimate rape” quip, I offer a meta-analysis of studies made of false rape accusations below (HT: COTWA).

While the data is all over the map, as one would suspect with such a grab-bag of studies employing varying methodologies and terminologies covering diverse law enforcement jurisdictions and practices, one thing is clear: the rate of false rape accusations is not zero. Not even close. The data seems to suggest that somewhere between one in eight to one in four rape accusations are reliably false. In other words, the rate of false rape accusations is about 8% to about 25%, depending on which researcher one finds credible. That’s “false accusation of rape”, as in the accuser is either lying or has identified the wrong attacker, mind you:

	Number	False reporting rate (%)
Theilade and Thomsen (1986)	1 out of 56 4 out of 39	1.5% (minimum) 10% (maximum)
New York Rape Squad (1974)	n/a	2%
Hursch and Selkin (1974)	10 out of 545	2%
Kelly et al. (2005)	67 out of 2,643	3% ("possible" and "probable" false allegations) 22% (recorded by police as "no-crime")
Geis (1978)	n/a	3–31% (estimates given by police surgeons)
Smith (1989)	17 out of 447	3.8%
U.S. Department of Justice (1997)	n/a	8%
Clark and Lewis (1977)	12 out of 116	10.3%
Harris and Grace (1999)	53 out of 483 123 out of 483	10.9% ("false/malicious" claims) 25% (recorded by police as "no-crime")
Lea et al. (2003)	42 out of 379	11%
HMCPSI/HMIC (2002)	164 out of 1,379	11.8%
McCahill et al. (1979)	218 out of 1,198	18.2%
Philadelphia police study (1968)	74 out of 370	20%
Chambers and Millar (1983)	44 out of 196	22.4%
Grace et al. (1992)	80 out of 335	24%
Jordan (2004)	68 out of 164 62 out of 164	41% ("false" claims) 38% (viewed by police as "possibly true/possibly false")
Kanin (1994)	45 out of 109	41%
Gregory and Lees (1996)	49 out of 109	45%
Maclean (1979)	16 out of 34	47%
Stewart (1981)	16 out of 18	90%

To this table, which can also be found at Wikipedia, I add:

McDowell and Hibler, US Air Force OSI (1985)…..80 of 300….27%. Of particular note about this study is how many hoops the allegation had to jump through–and be “true” for each test–to be considered false:

> “To be considered false one or more of the following criteria had to be met: the victim unequivocally admitted to false allegation, indicated deception in a polygraph test, and provided a plausible recantation. Even by these strict standards, slightly more than one out of four rape charges were judged to be false.”

and

Buckley, Washington DC, (1992)…..No n provided….25%.

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Washington Post, Virginia and Maryland, (1991)….No n provided….25%

and this note from page 29 of this PDF report by the Innocence Project:

> Every year since 1989, in about 25 percent of the sexual assault cases referred to the FBI where results could be obtained, the primary suspect has been excluded by forensic DNA testing. Specifically, FBI officials report that out of roughly 10,000 sexual assault cases since 1989, about 2,000 tests have been inconclusive, about 2,000 tests have excluded the primary suspect, and about 6,000 have "matched" or included the primary suspect. The fact that these percentages have remained constant for 7 years, and that the National Institute of Justice's informal survey of private laboratories reveals a strikingly similar 26-percent exclusion rate, strongly suggests that **post-arrest and post-conviction DNA exonerations are tied to some strong, underlying systemic problems that generate erroneous accusations and convictions**." [emphasis mine]

Translation: "excluded", as in "the wrong guy was fingered" by a "strong, underlying systemic problem" of blind faith in the word of rape accusators.

With all this data on false accusations in mind, what is important to remember is that these are the *allegations that are false on their face*. These are accusations which can be set aside *before* we even think about parsing questions of he-said-she-said, or consent, or impaired consent, or whatever-consent, or no consent. The sad result of all these rape accusations, real or no, when they grind through the judicial system, is that they yield subterranean "attrition rates"–i.e., conviction rates for each accusation made–of around ten percent, a number that may be itself too high given how many folks the Innocence Project exonerates.

Circling back to Rep Akin's "legitimate rape" comment, it seems that reasonable persons can indeed distinguish between a "legitimate rape" allegation and something that masquerades as one. Unfortunately, the reaction to his comments from both the Left and establishment Right suggests that time is not now; perhaps later will come the time when the political climate will accept the truth as such and feminist rape-mongering will likewise be dismissed as an ignoble lie.

In the meantime, actual rape victims, and those caught in the maelstrom of a false rape accusation, suffer needlessly.

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Montana Forces Feminist Rape Propaganda on Students

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Due to new rules pushed by the Department of Justice, the University of Montana, situated in the island of political correctness known as Missoula in an otherwise pleasant and sane state, has devised a mandatory test that ensures that students have been properly instructed in the feminist narrative on rape. This is to be accomplished through forcing the students to watch videos that cover the material in the quiz.

I decided to take a look at these videos. It turns out that they are narrated by robots (quite appropriately), who go on to inform us that college campuses are enveloped by a "rape prone culture." The so-called mythical stereotypes that characterize this alleged culture are called a "kind of violence" that must be fought with propaganda. One of the "myths" cited is the idea that women might lie about rape. Another "myth," apparently, is that rape is violent. Actually, according to our robot narrator, pressuring and guilt-tripping are just as "forceful" as beating someone into submission.

Additionally, rape can happen at any time during the sex act. When a man is having consensual sex and is on the cusp of orgasm, and the woman says "stop," he becomes a rapist if he doesn't pull out immediately. Perhaps most insidious is the idea that men can be held responsible for rape while intoxicated, but women cannot consent while intoxicated. A clear double standard that apparently does not trouble the radical feminists who made the video.

More gems include the idea that silence indicates nonconsent, which I suppose means that if you have sex with a foreigner, and neither of you can understand the other verbally, you have automatically committed rape.

The most ambiguous video concerns the law. Here, the feminists engage in some obfuscation. Nothing in the law says that consent must be verbal or even necessarily positive, but the video claims exactly that. Again, the feminists are conflating consent and assent.

Finally, one video encourages interfering with others, up to the point of deciding for them whether or not they can give or receive consent. This isn't always a bad idea (sometimes one should warn a friend about sleeping with the wrong woman), but it can have very bad consequences. As police know, getting between lovers can be pretty dangerous, so it's irresponsible to recommend students behave in this manner.

It's a shame that gender feminist politics are given a voice in our public universities, forced on them by the federal government. While we don't want an orgy of rape on college campuses, the idea that campuses are a "rape prone culture" is absurd, and an insult to students, who are generally better-behaved than the population at large.

Why Leftists Bash Creationism

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One of our local petty luminaries, Bill Nye the "science guy," recently lectured parents about teaching their children to believe in Creationism, saying that they are bad for doing so. Here in a West Coast city (Nye got his public career started in Seattle), bashing religious conservatives is about as brave as stomping on baby bunnies, but for some reason people always receive applause for doing so anyway.

As is often the case, Nye is wrong about a number of things, such as the claim that denial of evolution is unique to the US (plenty of Muslims, Jews, Buddhists and people of other faiths all over the world have the same or their own Creation beliefs).

Anyway, it got me to thinking about the issue, and while I do accept evolution and don't believe the world is only a few thousand years old, I don't see why Creationism is any more damaging to children – or society in general – than the idea that all people are created equal, which is widely accepted despite being untrue (at least in the literal sense).

Additionally, it's a lot less harmful than the "progressive" idea that gender is a social construct, which continues to be taught in universities across the land, despite being a harmful lie.

Another thing to consider is that if you do accept evolution as scientific fact, Creationism and associated religious faith fits right into the concept of natural selection, as faith is an adaptive trait. People who are believers have larger families, and therefore propagate more of their genes. If natural selection is a good thing, and leftists do tend to attach moral significance to it, then what's wrong with adopting a strategy that provides an advantage, even if it consciously contradicts scientific wisdom?

I think the reason Creationism bothers leftists is just that: it gives their competitors an edge, while their own popular fallacies and illogical beliefs do the opposite.

Presidential Campaign Devolving into Rape Accusation

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Somehow, rape has become the defining issue of the presidential campaign. The republicans, of course, are being painted as the "pro-rape" party. Maybe it had to happen, and this is simply the culmination of political feminism, but given that violent crime – including rape – is way down from twenty years ago, it's kind of odd to see rape become such a big issue in the campaign.

Every feminist talking point has received extensive coverage this election season. First, free birth control for all. Then, jobs and lots more free things for women (life of Julia). Now, as we get closer to the finish line, it's rape.

From the debate, you'd think the US is awash in rapes. We'd be a slightly higher-tech version of the Democratic Republic of Congo, but instead of Congolese rebels it is white republicans on the rampage, raping village after village of rainbow feminists, leaving them all pregnant and denying them abortions.

I don't think I've ever seen such a shrill domestic campaign barring war propaganda.

The only time I can remember rape being a major feature of a political campaign was back in 1988, when Bush's campaign released the Willie Horton ad. Dukakis had allowed Willie Horton, a convicted murderer who had killed a 17-year-old kid working at a gas station, out of prison on a weekend furlough. Rather than return to prison, Horton went on the lam and ended up raping a woman (the real kind of rape) in Maryland, right in front of her bound and gagged fiancé. Although the ad was a fair criticism of Dukakis' policies (what kind of an irresponsible idiot lets a *murderer* out on furlough?), and never went so far as to suggest he supported rape, it was widely condemned for being racist and sensationalist.

Today, on the other hand, anyone the feminists disapprove of has to defend themselves from charges that they are in fact pro rape. Amazing how flexible these people can be.

Thoughts on the Convention

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I watched the end of the Republican National Convention last night, having skipped the previous parts. I caught Clint Eastwood, Marco Rubio and Mitt Romney, and they were all fairly competent speakers. Clint was quite good, coming off as a sly old man with a wicked sense of humor. Rubio really played up the "American Dream" thing from the immigrant's perspective. A little too much for my taste, but I suppose it's important, given how many people in the US are immigrants or from immigrant families.

As for Romney, he did a pretty good job on the podium, but the focus on women was over the top. Sometimes, you really don't need to let the opposition write your script for you, and I'm skeptical about how many women's minds he could change. When it comes down to it, people vote according to what they perceive to be in their economic interest. That isn't the entire story, but it's the biggest one, and single mothers are going to fill in the bubble next to the guy they think will deliver the most goodies. As for married and older women, I think it will break down according to whether they're on the dole (which includes government jobs as well as welfare) or not, with the ones who are generally voting Democrat and the others voting Republican.

In fact, the overt pandering to women on the part of Republicans comes off as a bit disingenuous, not to mention supplicating. But I suppose such are the times we live in, with a hollowed out real economy and the artificial inflation of female wealth and power that has accompanied the great sellout of the American worker, accomplished through massive outsourcing of industry and turning a blind eye to illegal immigration.

So while Mitt Romney's speech was compelling in a generic American sort of way, there was something sorely lacking: gratitude for his base. For all the talk about immigrants and women, there wasn't a discernible a nod to the ordinary American men who will be his most dependable voting block.

I suppose that's about all we can expect these days. The Republicans know that most of us will vote for an ungrateful party rather than one that openly despises us. In years past, I might have chosen to simply sit this one out (as I did last time) and refuse to vote for either candidate, but the antics of the Obama administration regarding Title IX and other such strong-arm feminist tactics have given me enough motivation to want to see them thrown out of office.

In the end, what I took away from it is that while the Republicans may prefer to ignore us, at least they won't be kicking us in the teeth if they carry the election.

Why the PUA Lifestyle is Never Going to be Common

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The arguments for and against being a PUA are largely moot, and the culture will continue to be restricted mainly to people in late adolescence, because most people simply can't handle the bachelor lifestyle.

Being an uncommitted bachelor has never been the norm throughout human history. Men are social creatures just like women, and most of them don't have what it takes to maintain emotional distance from the women in their lives for an extended period of time, so the PUA lifestyle will never be appealing to most men.

In fact, the only way the average man could maintain a PUA lifestyle without feeling empty inside would be to live with someone who fulfills the role of "companion" that their lovers fail to provide. In some cases this could be a man, but more likely than not it would be a female family member, such as a mother or sister. I suspect this is why being a player comes more naturally to those people from cultures where men have close, intimate relationships with their mothers well past childhood, such as southern Europeans.

Where men are expected to cut familial bonds and strike out on their own from an early age, being a player is generally far more rare. In these places, men tend to rely on a female companion for emotional comfort and support from the beginning of adulthood, so those who are having sexually adequate but emotionally shallow relationships with women are left unsatisfied in most cases. If sexual gratification were all men required, a prostitute would suffice, but obviously that isn't enough for most of us.

All that said, Game probably does have value in that it can help a man increase his options and find a better woman. However, those who promote Game as a route to male happiness should remember that for most men – although not all – a series of short relationships that end before real intimacy develops is a sad existence, and tends to feel like a failure after some time. In nine out of ten cases, the goal really should be finding the "right one," and there's always the danger that promiscuity itself can get in the way of that — even for men.

If Game should come with any caveat, this is it.

MGTOW and Game: Both Have Something to Offer

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Every time someone has something to say about Game, the argument splits into factions who either bash it or defend it. I don't think this is the most helpful way to address the issue, just as I don't think rejecting MGTOW out of hand is fair.

In my last post, in which I suggested that the PUA lifestyle will never be widespread, I was trying to introduce some balance to the discussion. The truth is that men exist on a continuum; a bell curve in all likelihood. On one side we have MGTOW, and the other PUA. Most men fall somewhere in the middle.

However, the interesting thing about it is that men can find both extremes worthy of respect. On the one hand we have guys like Dick Proenneke, and on the other Giacomo Casanova. Both are appealing to men in their own way.

Most of us, though, are never going to live a life that follows either script, and wouldn't want to if we were honest with ourselves.

This is why, rather than getting so animated over it, we should put some effort into learning a thing or two from those who represent one side or the other without feeling that we have to fully commit either way.

I'll use two writers as an example.

First, Heartiste, whose incisive wit and criticism of the contemporary state of gender relations is not only a great pleasure to read, but contributes significantly to wisdom as well. Heartiste, AKA Roissy, has been instrumental in spreading truth about the nature of women — particularly to younger men whose foster father has been TV and pop culture. He's done a lot of us a big favor.

Next, Zed, a die-hard MGTOW, who has done the same from his own perspective and experience. Like Heartiste, Zed has gained a great deal of wisdom from observation, even if his perspective is quite different from Heartiste's.

Personally, I wouldn't give either of them up, even if I haven't chosen to live according to their respective paths. What I think we ought to recognize is that man is not a one-dimensional being, and there are competing desires in our hearts. Sometimes we may want intimacy, others solitude, and finally we crave variety as well. Different stages of our lives may call for different strategies, but when it comes down to it there are certain things that give us satisfaction in life, such as love and a sense of purpose, and neither the Game nor MGTOW proponents deny that.

But if we want to keep some balance in our lives we have to be honest with ourselves about who we are, and avoid wandering too far from our true nature, so rather than proclaim one or the other lifestyle superior, we must understand ourselves and take what suits us from each one. I think it's true that for most men the family life offers the most satisfaction, but unfortunately a predatory class of radicals and profiteers has worked to make that life much more difficult to achieve, so for contemporary Western men, taking notes from the men who have learned to survive – and thrive – outside of that paradigm is a very good idea. However, in the long run, the goal shouldn't be to throw away what has always been the most natural way of life for the most men, but rather to gain a better understanding of the full spectrum of masculinity, so that we have more options, more flexibility, and the skills to survive without living a bleak existence.

Run-Hide-Fight: Mixed Thoughts About A Vid for Sheeple

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Had heard about this video, joint produced by DHS and the City of Houston, but hadn't seen it until recently.

Overall, given the sheeple disposition of your average American, I think this video is useful. It helps train them on what to do when their weapons-free bubble (see the decal on the door at 0:59) is invaded by an armed intruder determined to kill…an intruder no doubt comforted by the promise of a lack of effective resistance from relatively defenseless victims.

Of course, this delicious irony, that an "active shooter" training video would be produced in a building that prohibited its occupants from bringing defensive weapons onto the premises, was likely lost on the producers of the video, and will just as likely breeze past the average viewer too. But no matter…the point was to condition these future victims–those who put all their trust in the authorities to keep them safe at all times from criminals with murderous intent–to run and hide and, if pressed, fight with folding chairs and fire extinguishers.

From a social context, I was mildly surprised to see the men in the video depicted not as overweight bumbling fools, as they are regularly portrayed in popular media, but as take-charge leaders whose clear thinking in a deadly crisis delivers their female colleagues and less brave male coworkers to safety. This is consistent with a cultural expectation that properly socialized men step up in times of crisis to lead, protect, and defend those around them. Not that there is anything wrong with that, mind you; I simply find it interesting that this expectation is reinforced in this video, while in the remaining 99% of the non-crisis time, men and masculinity are marginalized if not derided. Call it "fair-weather feminism", a corollary to "lifeboat feminism": a feminism that asserts equality with men, if not privilege above them, so long as things go well. However, when a disaster or emergency strikes, well, it seems that our culture expects to be able to "break glass in case of emergency" to release a man's hidden, inner white knight to ride to the rescue of the women and lesser men in his midst.

Of course, we know that in practice this dissonant expectation isn't always realistic. But I do wonder from where our culture expects to draw these white knights, if it doesn't actively cultivate them outside of proportionally diminishing, still-somewhat-traditional sheepdog occupations like the military and emergency services?

Even more surprising to me was the video's depiction of a few of the female colleagues reducing themselves into sacks of panicky jell-o when the shooting started. Frankly I was surprised that feminists that surely came into contact with this video during production didn't have those unflattering depictions of formerly strong, independent women™ excised during editing. But then again, perhaps that's just my vertical thinking causing me difficulties again. For it seems that fair-weather feminism, just like lifeboat feminism, sports the benefits of traditional, pre-women's-lib benevolent sexism whilst preserving the advantages of the super-equality that modern feminism delivers to women. In other words, it was in feminism's best interest to portray female coworkers, ruthless competitors otherwise, as leavened with generous sprinklings of damsels in distress, *pour encourager les hommes*.

Also interesting to me was that, while the video extolled the hard work of law enforcement and government to protect the population from criminals, the video's narrator explicitly admitted that LEOs can't be everywhere all the time. This, coupled with the shooter's flagrant disregard for the "gun free zone" of the office building, makes the case for the Second Amendment better than the National Rifle Association or Gun Owners of America ever could. When seconds count, the police are but minutes away. And how many fewer victims would have died had just one employee carried a .45 concealed in his business suit?

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The Manosphere

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By Professor Mentu

Slowly but surely, the Manosphere is gaining steam and extending its reach. Men in their late 30s and beyond who had the luxury of semi-rejecting the red pill while still finding moderate success are being outnumbered by a younger generation who realize they really don't have a choice in the matter. Unlike the older men, these men didn't choose to unplug; they were unplugged.

Yet they thrive.

Happiness is an eagle soaring through the air, because that's what it was made to do; it worries not about the wind, because the same wind that creates resistance also gives lift. Happiness is a fish swimming in the water, because that's what it was made to do; it worries not about strong currents, because the same turbulent waters that cloud its view also churns up sustenance. Happiness is a tree growing deep roots, because that's what it was made to do; it worries not about its lack of freedom, because the same roots that hold it down also allow it to weather the storm.

Happiness is a man who protects and cares for his family, goes forth and conquers, gives of himself for a greater cause, and ensures his legacy – because that's what he was made to do. He doesn't fear resistance, turbulence, or commitment, because his masculine frame turns resistance into rise, finds sustenance in turbulent waters, and relies on the steadfast roots of commitment to provide stability for himself and safety for those he vowed to protect.

But today's men are encouraged to meet resistance head on while being shamed for expecting lift. They're told to man up and tough it out through turbulent waters while being called misogynists for expecting sustenance. They're shamed into putting down roots in infertile hypergamous soil that offers no support, then are financially ruined and separated from their children when they cannot weather the storm.

And society wonders why these men walk away.

Play or be played: That's the world the vast majority of men wake up to in 2012. For these young men, it's not a philosophy or an attitude; it's reality.

The companies they work for demand loyalty, but will fire them or lay them off without a second thought if profits dip one tenth of one percent.

The women they encounter demand attention, loyalty, resources and undue privilege, while offering very little in return. The natural hypergamous nature that once served them well in their quest to secure the best possible mate is now a sustained lifestyle bringing an endless pursuit of bigger and better. The average young woman today is less concerned about the number of quality men who would commit to her than she is about the number of men who retweet a photo of her breasts.

Young men today attend churches with pastors who demand they man up and support the church and its female parishioners, but that same church does nothing to cultivate an environment that encourages feminine strength. Sunday after Sunday they listen as the same Bible used to preemptively absolve women of all past, current and future transgressions is used to condemn men.

They have best friends from childhood who disappear six months after the wedding, because the new bride doesn't want her hubby hanging out with single losers.

They have to pick up the tab for dad's dinner, because his going broke trying to support mom, her new live-in boyfriend, and a 12 year old he's not certain is even his. The young man watches as middle-management dad making $70k per year tries to crank the engine in his 11 year old car to no avail, and then has to give him a ride back to his apartment on the seedy side of town. The young man shudders as he realizes the father who "did the right thing" by sacrificing his life for his family can fit everything he owns into a 580 sq ft apartment with plenty of

room to spare.

The young man has finally learned that men and women share the same inherent character flaws, but not the same consequences. He has sinned, and he has paid dearly. She has sinned, and she has been exalted.

He doesn't hate his corporation; he hates the system. He doesn't hate God; he hates what the church does in God's name. He doesn't hate women; he hates the unforgiving female support machine. He doesn't hate feminists or White Knights; he hates navigating the environment they create.

That's why there's a Manosphere, and that's why it's growing.

Every day you can log on to any number of blogs to discuss how meeting the resistance of feminism gives rise to notch counts, how navigating the turbulent waters of society churns up the sustenance of independence, and how putting down deep ideological roots in the soil of personal responsibility can help you weather any storm life throws at you.

Men haven't lost their need to find happiness by providing, protecting, sacrificing and conquering; we've simply discovered that providing for the modern feminist, working like a dog to protect a family that can be taken away at a moment's notice, or risking our lives to conquer resources for some ungrateful women who claims she can do it on her own is an empty way to live. We haven't changed the mission; we've changed the method. We now provide for ourselves and our immediate families, protect our interests, make selective sacrifices when the situation warrants, and conquer mountains of poon.

Men find happiness and purpose in the effort, regardless of who benefits from the effort. It took us a while to figure that out, and many of us still aren't there yet, but we're slowly coming around.

Welcome to the Manosphere; a place where we're not afraid to call it exactly as we see it, turning betas into men is a group effort, no one is in charge, there's no central theme, we can't agree on a standard definition of anything, and we spend a good amount of time shooting flaming arrows at each other for no apparent reason.

To the casual observer, the Manosphere may seem like a disjointed collection of blogs and websites, but the Manosphere does not exist online; it exists in the hearts and minds of the next great generation of men. The Manosphere is the Big Bang of chaotic masculine disruption that will eventually bring into existence a new personal world of freedom for those who choose to be free.
It's evolving and forming right before our very eyes.

Rape Accusations Fly at DNC

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As predicted here recently, rape accusations have come to define the presidential campaign, with delegates flinging allegations, making comparisons between Republicans and rapists and stridently declaring “rape is rape!”

Actress Ashley Judd, serving as a Tennessee delegate, kicked off a breakfast with Ohio delegates by stating “At any time, in any relationship, at any age, and in any place, rape is rape.”

Another delegate said that voter ID laws amounted to mass rape.

Sandra Fluke, proponent of free birth control and abortion for all (funded by Catholic schools) is slated to speak, and she, too, will be talking about rape:

> Fluke has since become an increasingly visible surrogate for President Obama, most recently introducing him at an Aug. 8 rally in Denver. She responded Tuesday to Akin’s comments about “legitimate rape” and pregnancy via an email relayed by the Obama campaign.
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> “This controversy is not an accident, or a mistake, or an isolated incident,” Fluke wrote. “It’s a reflection of a Republican Party whose policies are dangerous for women.”

It’s really amazing when you think about what these women are saying. Clearly, they are suggesting that if a Republican wins the election American women will be in grave danger of being raped, which is pretty insane if you think about it. It’s almost as though they are gripped by some mass psychosis, and imagine that we are in the midst of some sexual free-for-all, rather than the most policed nation in history.

I suppose the question is if they think it’s that bad now, what more do they plan to do? Will all men be subject to a curfew? Should we declare martial law and shoot suspected rapists on sight? Build male-only concentration camps in our deserts?

Good Essay on Dead Feminist

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Kathy Shaidle briefly resurrects Shulamith Firestone, a feminist who was influential back in the 70s as one of the more radical gender deconstructionists, for another look before she finally slides into murky oblivion.

> Firestone published her radical manifesto calling for the liberation of women from childbirth's unfair burden—and from gender itself—at only 25. That's around the age when schizophrenia tends to claim its victims, of which she was one.
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> The Dialectic of Sex proposed that, contra Marx, the key class struggle is between man and woman rather than owner and worker. Citing alleged discoveries by Professor John Money of Johns Hopkins, Firestone declared sexual identity a fluid and artificial construct.
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> Firestone's friends, family, and feminist admirers duly posted effusive memorials all over the Internet, but none of them was with her when she passed away. She'd been dead for a week when her landlord discovered her decaying corpse.
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> So much for that "communitarian" spirit.

Maybe a little harsh. If she was truly insane, it isn't so surprising that she died in that manner — the crazy ones usually end up alone.

However, it is instructive, if not surprising, that a mentally ill woman had such a profound effect on contemporary feminism.

I'm not sure whether it's just me, but it seems that lately an awful lot of second wave feminists are "crossing the river," so to speak. Interesting to see how they are giving up the ghost just as their influence appears to have reached its zenith.

Mother Decapitates 2 yo Son

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A New Jersey mother with a history of mental disorders and substance abuse regains custody of her child, then proceeds to go off her meds and kill her son:

> What police found at her Camden rowhouse early Wednesday was even more horrifying. Thomas had decapitated her son and placed his head in the freezer. The 33-year-old mother later fatally stabbed herself after hanging up on emergency dispatchers, a violent end to a troubled life.

> Thomas only recently regained custody of son Zahree after allegedly leaving the boy unattended in a car, telling police she had smoked marijuana laced with the hallucinogenic drug PCP and blacked out in a nearby park. She previously lost custody of Zahree to relatives and was ordered to undergo treatment for substance abuse and mental health disorders, according to the Department of Children and Families. Thomas was charged with child endangerment in the 2010 car incident, but the case was dropped…

> The state's child welfare agency said in a statement that Thomas had been receiving counseling and support services since a court-ordered reunification with her son April 3.

As a man, a father, and cultural critic, it's hard to get really upset about this sort of thing anymore. I don't know how many times the same observation can be made: The same system that systematically removes men from the family home, largely based on the happiness-seeking wants of the mother, the same system that underwrites out-of-wedlock motherhood, a system embedded in a wider culture that condones the death of nearly 60% of black babies in utero (and 23% of all babies nationwide), is the same one that re-inserts a vulnerable boy-child into the custody of a clearly troubled choice mommy. Then, as if the outcome has no relationship to preceding events, wrings its hands about the child's "unfortunate" end. Wash, rinse, repeat.

I've said it once, I'll say it again. The safest place for a child is in the arms of his biological father, in an intact home.

HT: Michael Egan, in this comment thread at EW.

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Testing Forum

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So, I finally installed another forum, this time BBPress. BBPress isn't as powerful as some of the other forum software out there, but it integrates very well with WordPress and the membership software I installed. Also, very importantly, it has an excellent spam filter.

After staying up most of the night trying to work out bugs and figure out how to fit it into the site without it looking like a jumbled mess, I found a very nice little page of code that integrates the forum with my theme. Evidently, there are still some issues concerning a "fancy editor," but I'm not going to worry about that for now.

Although I'm still testing the forum, I'd like to invite those Spearhead veterans who are registered users on the site to give it a spin. I've only opened one forum, and it's set to "private" (means only registered users can view it), but it would be nice to see how it's working for users before I go live with it.

The url is the-spearhead.com/forums, and remember that for now only registered users can access it. For those who aren't registered, please hang in there! I want to make sure everything is more or less working before I reopen the site to subscribers.

If you have an account, login here.

Barry Nolan, Producer of Fraudulent, Anti-Male Documentary, Says Men Who Stand up for Themselves "Dangerous"

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I noticed a post in A Voice for Men written by John the Other taking Mr. Nolan to task for his lies and mischaracterization of the facts in an article he wrote blasting men's and father's rights groups. Personally, although I'm indebted to him for the link and drawing my attention to this guy, I think John was too easy on Mr. Nolan, who is one of the worst sort of extremist ideologues.

Some years ago, Nolan produced a documentary titled *No Way out but One*, which Fathers and Families exposed as a gross distortion of the truth. The documentary, full of vicious smears against Mark Collins, a man found innocent of any wrongdoing by numerous court officials, judges and psychiatrists despite a litany of accusations by his ex-wife Holly, celebrates the criminal actions of the mentally disturbed ex-wife who, after losing custody, absconded with her and her ex-husband's children across the Atlantic to the Netherlands, where some idiotic Dutch liberals actually gave her residence (she claims, but cannot substantiate, that she was granted asylum) for alleged spousal abuse. As an act of gratitude, Holly Collins proceeded to make accusations of abuse against her Dutch neighbors.

Glenn Sacks' Fathers and Families did such a good job of investigating and discrediting Nolan's documentary that I suspect his recent hit piece against men's rights groups is a form of retaliation; a sort of poke in the eye for having made him look bad.

Nevertheless, *No Way Out but One* continues to be presented as a serious documentary in prestigious universities such as MIT, probably partly because Nolan's partner in producing the video – Garland Waller – is a professor at Boston University.

So let's take a look at the facts here:

Barry Nolan just wrote a piece calling men's and father's rights groups "dangerous," and suggested everyone ought to be "very, very scared" of them.

Barry Nolan produced an anti-male documentary based on a heap of lies, and supported the criminal actions of a mother who lost primary custody of her kids, and then decided to commit a felony to remove them from their father and take them overseas, where she immediately hooked up with a Dutch man and had four more children within four years, making her a mother to seven children by three different fathers. In fact, she not only kidnapped Mark Collins' two children, but also one more child she had with another American man named Jeff Imm. Naturally, the US federal government ignored her crime, leaving Mr. Collins to mourn the loss of his children, who now repeat their mother's unproven accusations (they were very young when she fled with them).

Nolan has ignored the anguish and pain that at least two fathers have suffered at the hands of a woman who has left a trail of wounded and broken family members – including her parents and sister, who also fell victim to her accusations – in her wake. In fact, he fully supports everything she's done, and he has the nerve to call *us* dangerous…

No, if you're a father it's people like Barry Nolan, promoters of the big lie, who are dangerous.

It's time to start calling a spade a spade. Men have been taking this kind of abuse lying down for far too long, and we've just started standing up for ourselves. There is absolutely no reason we should sit back mild and mute while men like Barry Nolan slander innocent fathers with impunity. The consequences of inaction are far too severe. Losing custody to false accusations and biased courts is bad enough, but when people start promoting outright kidnapping we are getting into truly dangerous territory.

I think most fathers would have some pretty strong feelings toward a man responsible for taking away their children by force or deception. Barry Nolan, in promoting kidnapping, would be that kind of man. Think about it for a

minute. Feel free to be angry about it — that's normal and healthy.

But keep your cool, collect your thoughts, and decide what you're going to do about it, because anger is useless without action.

Boston U Hockey Team Taking Heat for Sexcapades

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The BU Terriers, Boston University's hockey team, are facing scrutiny for a campus culture that involves drunken hookups, aggressive propositions and "frequent sexual encounters with women absent an emotional relationship or ongoing commitment."

No doubt it's common for young athletes to engage in lots of questionable sexual behavior – particularly these days – so it isn't particularly surprising to see this minor scandal erupt. However, I'd be willing to bet that if we heard an honest answer from young Boston women, the last thing they'd want is for these strapping young athletes to be put out of commission permanently. No, what they really want is more control over them, so that the "right kind of women" (i.e. themselves) can have access to them without undue risk.

A couple of the young men have been arrested for sexual misconduct, including Max Nicastro and Corey Trivino. Nicastro's rape charges were dropped, and Trivino's assault charges resulted in mere probation. I think that says a great deal. Neither would have gotten off so easily had they been less desirable. Not to say I think they deserved to rot in jail, but young men who are arrested for sex crimes typically face far more serious consequences than these two.

In the Trivino case, it seems pretty clear that the guy was a boor. Not a rapist, but far from a gentleman. I can't claim to know the particulars, but Trivino did apologize to the woman for what he admitted to be pretty bad behavior, which included aggressive drunken advances and occupying her bed despite her protests.

However, for all the condemnation of these young men for boorish behavior, where's the criticism of the young women throwing themselves at them?

BU president Robert Brown identifies excessive drinking and "entitlement" as a problem, but neglects to mention excessive sluttiness on the part of his female students. But what exactly led these young men to feel "entitled" to sex?

These kinds of attitudes do not exist in a vacuum. Recently, we had a commenter who mentioned that some Western men behave poorly in Asia. I agreed with that assessment, because I've seen it myself. But men do not develop an entitled attitude regarding sex for no reason, and although feminists like to say the reason is "the patriarchy," this is entirely incorrect.

In fact, in traditional patriarchal societies, such as the Amish, Muslim societies and Confucian cultures, men practice considerably more sexual restraint than in, say, the ghetto or liberal college campuses.

No, it isn't patriarchy, but rather unfettered female sexuality that leads to this entitlement attitude amongst a subset of males. This subset, of course, consists of sexually desirable males, which definitely includes collegiate champion hockey players.

So what's the university response? Naturally, it's to force the hockey players to attend sexual assault prevention classes. Given that the problem isn't so much sexual assault as sexual license, this is a mere fart in the wind.

Rather than try to make a handful of adolescent hockey players behave like middle-aged gentlemen, I'd argue that the effort would be better spent training the thousands of young women who would gladly throw themselves upon these boys not to be sluts.

Of course, it would be great if we could convince all young male athletes to behave like perfect gentlemen, but how realistic is that when they are living in a veritable cornucopia of willing young females? Hell, even your typical 65-year-old man would have a hard time behaving himself if that many coeds were so willing to remove their pants in his presence.

If these young men are going to be forced to attend classes to teach them how to practice restraint around young

females, I think it's only fair that the female students at their respective colleges teach them to practice restraint around men with "elevated social status."

But of course that won't do…

Why should women ever have to practice restraint around men they find attractive? That would be sexist and oppressive, right?

My Response to Barry Nolan

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I hope he reads this, and I hope it is published

Here's our previous article on the subject, and Barry's own hit job.

Here's the response:

Nolan, it's men like you who need to be stopped. You engaged in the character assassination of a man who was found, by seven judges and plenty of social workers, not to have been the monster his ex-wife made him out to be, then you supported her decision to criminally abscond with the kids, leaving their father broken and in despair.

Throughout the process, the woman you lionize made vicious accusations against a number of others, including her husband's new wife, her own parents, and her neighbors in the country she fled to.

Your documentary has been exposed for the fraud it is, yet you have the nerve to demand that men who are simply standing up for their rights as fathers be "stopped."

Your articles discredit Boston Magazine. You discredit men in general.

In one article you wrote, you said you'd like to wear the "mangina" label with pride. You are far worse than a mangina. You are a thug and an abettor of criminals who seize men's children when they don't get everything they want.

You are dangerous. You need to be stopped, and you need to be held accountable for your fraud and slander of an innocent, wronged man. You are no better than Mike Nifong of Duke LaCrosse infamy, and yet like him you cloak your self-interested grandstanding in the garb of protecting women and children. I can't think of a man much more deserving of contempt than you.

No Fault Divorce is Violence Against Men

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A good portion of the mangina argument against men and fathers who stand up for themselves is that we're "violent," and therefore bad and need to be watched. Yeah, we're just a bunch of terrorists for being upset about having our kids seized for no good reason and then being forced to pay for it. Assholes like Barry Nolan and David Futrelle trumpet this line:

"Watch out!" They're violent! We need to set the feds on them!"

It's totally transparent aggression, and should give anyone with an ounce of sense some juicy ideas about what these guys deserve.

But let's think about what they're really doing. These guys are defending the fact that men are subject to real state violence for no fault of their own. They celebrate this violence. It gives them happy feelings, as though they are jacking off to slaves being whipped.

What's really amazing is how people get away with facile arguments supporting the status quo. They say things like "they're your kids, so you should pay!"

Well, are they really our kids? If a judge can, with no trouble or pang of conscience, and for no reason other than the fact that the mother wants some new cock or is *unhaaappppppy*, order the kids away from the man, how are they his kids? If, through no fault of his own, the man can be deprived of the children he begot, *how are they his kids*?

Feminist dykes will reject this argument, saying "the patriarchy always seeks control — children do not belong to them." Well, tell that to the kids' mothers. Let's all tell mothers that they have no right to the children they gave birth to. See what the ladies have to say about that…

Furthermore, some bitches will say that it's in the children's best interests to hijack them from their fathers. Wrong. That's long since been debunked. Credible psychologists have found that children are better off in intact families, with both mother *and father* present, Jessica Valenti lesbian bullshit notwithstanding.

So, when you take away men's children for no fault of their own and make them pay for it, you're committing violence against them (and their kids, too). That's indisputable.

How are you going to justify that? The only way is to hold fast to the line that men are legally inferior, and have no human rights, and that children's well-being is subordinate to their mothers' whims. This is exactly the line that manginas would feed us, and we don't have to accept it. When they blabber on and on about "violence," I think we ought to tell them they don't know the half of it.

How about we pass laws that punish them for no fault of their own? How about we seize David Futrelle's and Barry Nolan's income to pay for destitute fathers, and subject them to prison if they don't pay? Maybe they would say it isn't fair, but who cares? After all, it's "no fault." I don't care if it isn't your fault — WE DON'T CARE IF IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT. Pay or go to jail, bitch. Fault doesn't matter.

Remember — you set the precedent, dumbass. Don't complain when it's your turn.

Naomi Wolf's Hilarious Foray into Neuroscience Debunked

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Did you know that dopamine is a "feminist chemical?" That "oxytocin is women's emotional superpower?"

How about this:

"…a woman's brain and vagina are best understood as one system."

Hmmm, I guess that's one way to put it…

These stellar ideas – and many more – are discussed in Naomi Wolf's book *Vagina: A New Biography*.

Fortunately, for those of us who are never going to read it, a couple critics, including a neuroscientist who goes by "Neurocritic" and Suzanne Moore, have stepped up to the plate to hit this hanging curve out of the park.

Moore writes:

> feminism becomes simply a highly mediated form of narcissism devoid of any actual brain/politics connection. What we have here is Californication, with a little trot through some basic women's studies linking female creativity with sexual awakening. Think Georgia O'Keeffe with bit of Anaïs Nin thrown in. Which is nice.
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> It gets dodgy when she drags in some neuroscience as evidence and appears more clueless than someone who has failed her chemistry GCSE but has two TED talks on her iPhone. She boldly goes into the clitoral v vaginal orgasm argument saying we can have it all. Call me repressed, but in between work and kids and watching this recession hit the poorest women hardest, for some time now this argument has not been uppermost in my mind. Or should I say vagina?

Neurocritic:

> Does the Vagina Have a Consciousness?
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> Naomi Wolf, the famous feminist author and activist, asks that precise question in her new book, Vagina: A New Biography. At first glance, it strikes me as an uneasy balance of sex confessional, self-help, pop neuroscience, and new age goddess yoni worship.
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> This unlikely combination of pseudoscientific and mystical elements provides a little something for everyone to hate. Among neuroscientists, howlers such as "dopamine is the ultimate feminist chemical in the female brain", oxytocin "is women's emotional superpower" and the vagina is "not only coextensive with the female brain but also is part of the female soul" have been making the rounds of social media.

Being a Non-Custodial Father is a Civil Disability

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Most readers probably aren't acquainted with the concept of civil disability. However, because most are American, they probably do have some instinctive understanding of the concept, because the United States was founded in large part in opposition to unfair civil disabilities. In fact, our Constitution prohibits more than a few of them.

A civil disability is, in effect, a punishment levied against someone for being a member of a certain class. For example, following the Jacobite uprising in Scotland and subsequent English conquest of the land, Scots were subject to a number of penal laws that imposed civil disabilities on the native population. They were not allowed to wear tartans, bear arms, or, in some cases, speak their native tongue.

In Ireland, civil disabilities targeting Catholics were introduced in the late 17th century.

In the American colonies, merely being a colonist subjected people to certain punitive, confiscatory laws.

Our founding fathers opposed these penal measures, and codified their opposition to them in our Constitution. The 1st Amendment of the Bill of Rights offers a stellar example: the right to freely practice one's religion.

This right was most definitely not guaranteed prior to the drafting of the Bill of Rights. In the late 18th century, and indeed in the early 19th century, Jews, Catholics and others were still subject to civil disabilities in England. These took the form of financial penalties, forced registration with the state, inability to hold public office, and other pernicious limits to full citizenship.

Following the abolition of slavery in the United States, black Americans were subject to civil disabilities until the late 20th century under the Jim Crow regime. The Civil Rights movement was dedicated to overturning these legal barriers to full participation in society.

Today, it is only officially admitted that convicted felons are subject to them. Convicted felons, as it currently stands, have neither the right to vote nor the right to bear arms.

However, there is another class of Americans – a far more numerous one – that is also currently subject to civil disabilities: the non-custodial parent.

Overwhelmingly male by design, non-custodial parents are – through no fault or crime of their own – entered into criminal justice databases. They are assized for plunder, and then ordered to turn over their income to another, regardless of fault, regardless of wrongdoing, regardless of consent.

They are denied public employment if they do not – or merely cannot – bear the burden of their unearned penalty. They face prison without trial, and they face seizure of assets without due process. The burden of proof is upon them, and they face the loss not only of their sustenance, but of their very issue.

Feminists, ruthless oppressors that they are, approve wholeheartedly of this state of affairs. Tyranny comes naturally to a feminist, whose notion of rights stops at her or his own benefit. Any excuse will do to deprive innocent Americans of their rights and livelihood.

Through their efforts, feminists have made a cruel mockery of the ideals of freedom and justice upon which our country was founded. They are perhaps the most successful of tyrants in our contemporary state, snatching children and property from innocent parents, and justifying their crimes against humanity with wild, unnatural assaults against nature, human decency and public order.

As Americans, we should despise these assaults against the underpinnings of our nation and civilization. We should be vociferously opposing the abuse of an innocent class of people, who are oppressed with the full force of the law to serve a shrill, spoiled and increasingly parasitic subset of our society.

It is time we stopped being timid lambs led to our own slaughter and took a stand against the feminists. We must let

them know that we will not be consigned to subhuman status merely to effect their enslavement of the American man and consumption of the American family.

Enough is enough. It is time for us to be men again, and not merely beasts fit for the slaughter.

Growing Pains

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The site's size and traffic have grown to the point where ordinary methods to keep it responding as it's supposed to aren't really doing the job any longer. So, I've been spending the day tinkering around with the caching software in an effort to keep it running. Seeing one's RAM use drop precipitously in conjunction with the establishment of a smooth, functional cache is a thing of beauty.

For others out there in the androsphere who host their own sites, I would recommend looking into Xcache with W3 Total Cache as an alternative to dumping Apache and running nginx or Lighttpd, although I've heard that running it with nginx works very well if you care to configure the site in that manner.

Yeah, it's a pain, but it's nice to see that it's become such a big resource. After putting a lot of work into something over a long time, when you finally step back and take a look, it's a bit humbling how daily effort can build something so large. Now, I suppose it's time to start thinking about what more to do with all that content.

Prostitution Stings, and What They Say About Our Society

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By Walt Forest

In my area, and perhaps in yours, the local news media regularly run stories of prostitution "stings." In case you are not familiar with them, they work like this: female law enforcement officers pose as prostitutes. They may walk a street "known" for prostitution (which in my city means you may find, at most, a dozen down-and-out, drug-addicted women on a busy night, plus the gratuitous male transvestites), or they may arrange to meet a "john" at a motel. In any case, they lure men by claiming to supply sex for cash and, once a concrete offer is made, arrest them. Dozens of men are picked up this way on a single night.

Often one or more of the men will work for the school system, the local government, a church, or some other position easily sullied, making the story juicier. At the very least the journalist can mention that some of the men are married. The story is published and broadcast with the names and photos of the more prominent men arrested. All the city can cluck its tongue. The sheriff's department or police can pat themselves on the back for "protecting" us. And the media boost their ratings. The old saying is true (in more ways than one): sex sells.

What do these prostitution stings say about our society?

First, to point out the obvious (which unfortunately has become necessary): these stings show that the men offering to pay for sex are, well, men. The victims are never women looking for male prostitutes. After two decades of reading sting stories in the local papers, I can recall only one case, excluding those involving gay hustlers, in which the prostitute was male. The cops who caught him were posing as man and wife looking for a male-female-male threesome. If someday the police do manage to catch a woman cruising for a gigolo, you can bet the media will milk the story for all its worth. In the meantime, if you are looking for examples of women paying for sex with men, I suggest you turn on a television show, go to the movies, or read the excessive and rather fantastic literature on this subject, because this is the only place you are likely to find them. In the real world, it is men who pay.

The prostitution sting stories also provide a rare measure of just how strong male sexual desire can be. These men risk everything—marriage, family, job, and prestige—for a little sex. Most of them are aware of the risk ahead of time. A sting story in my local paper just this morning describes how one victim checked the bathroom of the motel, searched the room for the hidden camera (and failed to find it). It is common for the man to question the undercover female law enforcement officer who serves as "bait," all but beg her to tell him if she is a cop. Still, in the end, the risk is worth it to them. They offer to pay. They are arrested, carried away, and ruined.

Why don't they just fly to Bangkok or some other place more tolerant of prostitution? Going half way around the world, paying for plane tickets, the hotel room, and the prostitute's fee plus tips, is expensive, no doubt, but cheaper than the penalties here. Of course a lot of men nowadays do become sex tourists, and prostitutes abroad take care of them (far better than our domestic ones do). We have, for the most part, outsourced the industry.

Regardless of where the men go, the women of North America and much of Europe as well should get together and sing that old Sade song:

So put your hands together for Sally

She's doing our dirty work

Every time a prostitution sting story appears in the local news, we must ask ourselves (or, as is increasingly the case, consciously avoid asking): If women and men feel basically the same about sex, the way we so often claim nowadays, why do so many men find it necessary not only to pay, but to ruin their lives in this way? Why don't they take advantage of all the women who are supposedly so eager and willing to go to bed for free?

The common response is to chalk up the men who pay as losers. They are "too pathetic to get laid" in the ordinary

way. But the stories reveal the victims of these stings are often successful and intelligent, sometimes young and good looking, too. They are not losers. They are not pathetic. They are just men, and they want sex in the way men do. Their crime is that they acted on their wants.

So we're back to the question: why?

To paraphrase Thoreau: the majority of men live lives of quiet, sexual desperation. Each of us must deal with this desperation in his own way. Some turn to swinging and barter the sexual favors of their wives. Others make do with pornography. Still others bite the bullet, and submit to monogamy, even as the society that imposes it upon them commits the hypocrisy of claiming we are sexually free.

Paying cash for sex is just another option men have of dealing with this sexual desperation, and a relatively harmless one really. Some men get pushed over the edge and resort to violence, either physical (harassment, rape) or, far more often, emotional, usually by suggesting to women they are interested in love or commitment when they only want sex. Compared to this sort of behavior, paying for a prostitute is practically morally upstanding.

Do you believe that prostitution is a problem? Then solve is as you would any problem. Go straight to the root: men's lack of sexual freedom. When more women start giving themselves away for free—free of charge, free of commitment and the promise thereof—men won't find it necessary to pay. As soon as the heterosexual equivalents of gay bathhouses begin popping up all over the Western world, prostitution will drop drastically. Problem solved.

Do you think prostitution should be made legal? Very well. Base your argument for legalization on the facts: women and men are different, and this difference gives women a sexual power which men do not and cannot have. Prostitution, despite its many drawbacks, is a way of softening the repercussions of this inequality (though it does nothing to correct the inequality itself). Prostitution should then be accepted, even embraced. Anything less would be unjust.

Do you believe that prostitution is morally wrong? Then point to the positive example, the man who resists the temptation of prostitutes. Call him a gentleman without irony. Acknowledge the sacrifice he makes for your good and mine. (This sacrifice is difficult and painful). Our gentleman is a real Dr. Jekyll. He must keep Hyde under control.

But however you feel about prostitution, do not, please do not, pretend that the male sexual desperation these stings reveal is less than real. To do so is to mock one of the most powerful feelings men experience. It is like taunting an animal in a cage, encouraging it to lash out with a freedom it does not possess. Sooner or later, you're going to wind up with a bitter, mean animal.

God help us if it gets out.

Birthday Fund Drive

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Next week, it will have been three years since The Spearhead published its first article. I'm kind of surprised it's lasted that long, given what I've been dealing with in the meanwhile, but sometimes pressure gives you the extra boost needed to keep going.

I hope that's true, because I'm going to need some support to keep the site online for the rest of the year (I don't generally ask for donations unless I really need them). Fortunately, it is doing quite well in terms of traffic and reach, but given the controversial, political nature of the content advertising dollars are hard to come by, so I need your support to continue putting in the hours.

In the meanwhile, I'll be working on the back end of the site to keep it tight and functional so that I can open it up to subscribers for its third birthday.

Some of the benefits that will be extended to subscribers include exclusive content, as well as the ability to post on a private bulletin board to give and receive feedback from me and others who write articles for the site. Those who have already helped support the site will, naturally, be automatically included as subscribers and have access to all content.

For now, I would appreciate any help in keeping the site (and me) above water. I appreciate all the help I've received so far — every dollar that has been donated has helped convince me to keep the site running. Furthermore, you are getting value for your money; The Spearhead runs on a very small budget compared to comparable websites, and a great deal of work goes into keeping the content flowing and the site online.

Thank you all in advance. Please send donations via PayPal (upper right sidebar) or, if you prefer to send checks or money orders, please send them to the following address:

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Fire in the Manosphere

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The Game/PUA and MRA factions are going after each other again, and I was going to weigh in on PMAFT's blog with my own take on the situation. Well, my comment got kind of long, and when I'd finished I looked at it and said to myself "this isn't a comment — it's a post." So I decided to throw it online, because I think it's important, and worth thinking about.

Here it is:

As far as attacking people, there's a lot of guilt to go around, so I'm not going to point fingers at one side or another, and quite frankly I try to keep it to myself and not make an issue of it when someone else attacks me personally. No sense in burning bridges until there's no better choice.

Zed's written about this problem before. He calls it the "circular firing squad." Ah, la plus ca change…

Guys have big egos. We aren't really that good at consensus. What men do well is compete, and organize toward a common goal — usually in competition with another group.

What's going on here is competition between the younger game/PUA and older MRA/fathers' rights crowd. I suppose I could say it's a shame, and we shouldn't be fighting each other, but actually I'm not too concerned. Competition can be a good thing, and so long as both are trying to win a prize that will ultimately benefit all men, it might turn out for the better.

Obviously, trying to score with various hot young chicks is not my thing right now. I'm past that stage, and to be honest it would probably get me in some trouble and could make my life a lot more difficult if I succeeded in such a pursuit. Last thing I need is another child support order, or some angry, spurned woman collaborating with my ex to screw me (some of them will do that stuff).

However, for a lot of guys under 35 or so it's a very important quest. It strikes me as kind of myopic and bull-headed when older men dismiss their concerns and efforts. However, on the other hand, it looks really naive and self-defeating when younger guys declare the efforts of MRAs and fathers' rights groups to be a total waste. Fathers' organizations have been making a difference for years. Since they started working on the problems in the 80s, they've managed to contain some of the damage and roll back some of the crazier legislation. Take the limits on alimony for example. If it weren't for these guys, a lot more states would still have punitive alimony laws in place.

Another example is visitation legislation. Women who repeatedly withhold visitation now face penalties that actually have some teeth. Presumed joint legal custody in dozens of states is yet another victory. I can only hope the young men who are trying to meet the future mother of their children (if they want to have kids, and most do) don't ever have to deal with these issues, but if they do they'll be happy they've got some men on their side. It sure beats nothing! Concerning strict MRA apart from fathers' rights, it's pretty new, so give it some time — give it a chance. You can't expect immediate triumph, and there's always going to be some trial and error, but don't think these guys haven't done anything so far; some, such as SAVE, have actually had legislative influence at the federal level.

As for the younger guys who are interested in Game, I think a lot of the men over 45 or so ought to consider the fact that when they were in their sexual prime, the atmosphere wasn't nearly as bad as it is now. If you are a guy in his 50s who got screwed *after* getting married, think about how it would have been to deal with having the deck stacked so badly against you *before* marriage. That's the reality for young men. Game is how they are dealing with significantly lower social status than men had as recently as the 1990s, and apparently it works.

What we have is two groups of guys yelling at each other from either side of the transition most men go through between youth and middle age. It's a little odd when you think about it, because they might as well be shaking their fists at their younger or older selves.

As someone who still straddles both camps (although definitely moving closer to the latter), I try to present some balance. It might be a futile effort, and as I suggested the competition between the groups might not be a terrible thing, but it's important for there to be a bridge, and I guess I'm going to stand here by that bridge with a fire hose to try to save it from being burned down. I have a feeling it will come in handy for a lot of men.

Two Kidnappings Compared

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A Californian man named Christopher Maffei made off with his two children and attempted to flee in a stolen sailboat before being tracked down by military surveillance planes and boarded by an FBI team (probably SWAT). He offered no resistance whatsoever, and is currently in jail being held on $200,000 bail.

He took the children from their grandmother while his ex girlfriend, the mother of the children, was in court filing a restraining order against him.

While in court, Maffei attempted to defend his actions by saying the children were in an abusive environment. The judge dismissed his claims and cut him off.

Sound familiar?

If so, that's because last week I wrote about Holly Collins, who did the exact same thing, but was actually successful. No US military operations were launched to recover Mark Collins' children; nobody did a damn thing.

Like Mr. Maffei, Holly's claims of abuse were rejected by judges. She, too, had lost custody. But she never spent a day in jail and – even better – some people produced a documentary giving credence to her spurious claims of abuse.

If anything shines a light on the double standard in family law, this is it. Holly Collins' kidnapping was ignored, while Christopher Maffei's resulted in the kind of operation normally reserved for major international drug smugglers.

I can't support Maffei's actions — tolerating them would open up all sorts of parents to the kind of tragedy that befell Mark Collins. In fact, the reason I am so disgusted by Barry Nolan, who produced the documentary defending Holly's crimes, is that supporting her kidnapping opens the door to terrible abuses. Any mother could simply make off with a father's kids and make claims of abuse, and deprive him of the right to parent his children.

But it is kind of sad and pathetic to see a man so misguided as to think he could get away with this. What man in his right mind would ever believe that he could get away with trying to take his children from their mother?

Given how implausible the idea is, I can only assume that Maffei was desperate, and perhaps delusional. Maybe he saw this as his last chance to be a father, and had some wild dream about sailing to Mexico and starting over.

Now, of course, we're all treated to the spectacle of a broken man hauled in by the air cavalry.

Men, if you are ever tempted to make off with your kids, keep this story in mind. You will never, ever get a Holly Collins style get-out-of-jail free card, and you're likely to end up in prison for a very long time. As of now, perhaps the only consolation left to Maffei is that, thanks to new federal guidelines for incarcerated obligees, at least his child support will be automatically lowered for what's likely to be the rest of his kids' childhood.

Here's pretty much what will happen to men if they try to pull a Holly Collins (the men are the sorry little bastards on the ground):

Amanda Marcotte Fantasizes about Sexual Harassment

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Amanda's been complaining about guys being mean. They say nasty things about her online, call her names, and even accuse her of the "nonsense word" misandry.

According to Marcotte, it's all about these guys frustrations about not getting laid. That's right: men are upset only because such alluring feminists as Marcotte won't give them a crack at their old bones.

> Growing up and wanting something from women and finding out that they can say "no"—despite the fact that they were put here to serve you!—is often extremely distressing to men. The invention of the nonsense word "misandry" goes back to this. Men who fling it about are, in my experience, usually referring to women refusing to give them something they believe they're owed: sex, attention, placating smiles, demurely wiping tables while the men are talking. When women deny them what they believe women owe them, instead of asking if in fact they were owed these things, they instead lash out at women. They sexually harass them, which is a way of saying that you have no right to give them no attention, so if you don't give them the positive attention they desire, they will extract some attention from you, even if it's just annoyance or fear.

Amanda may have fantasies about men clambering to get in her pants, and maybe that idea gives her some comfort during her nights alone or with sexless manginas. But seriously, Mandy, that ship has sailed.

Amanda has mistaken anger, disgust and repulsion for desire. It may suit her and other feminists to hold onto this illusion, but today's feminists do not represent sexual allure and freedom. Not even close.

Men rightly see them as odious threats, as sexless hags, and as cruel oppressors. There is no promise of fulfillment and pleasure, but rather ruin and despair. They are like ghouls and animated corpses that send chills up men's spines. Little boys hide under beds when they come around.

No, the guys aren't cursing feminists because they want them — it's because *they actually despise them*. And feminists have definitely earned it!

But I guess if you're a feminist who is close to hitting the wall, and has no other redeeming qualities to make up for it, fantasy is about all you've got.

Women At Least As Likely As Men to Commit DV

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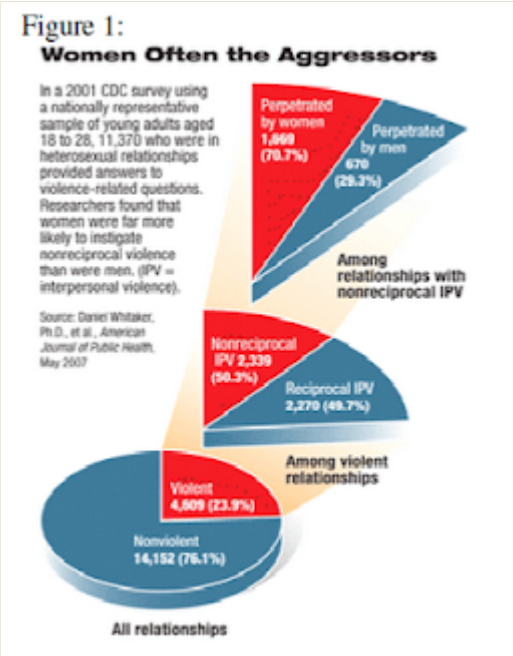

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Have been looking for this chart (right) for a while to support my claims that women commit 70% of non-reciprocal DV. What once was lost to the sands of teh interwebz, has now been found.

From the accompanying text [page 3 of this pdf]:

> Women are at least as likely as men to engage in partner aggression.[6] A recent Centers for Disease Control survey of young adults found that in cases of one-way partner aggression, women were the instigators in 71% of cases [7] (see Figure 1 [8]). Fewer than one in five cases of female violence are explained by the woman acting in self-defense. [9,10]

> In at least half of all cases, partner violence is mutual.[11] “Several studies, including large and nationally representative samples, have found that the most prevalent pattern is mutual violence,” explains family researcher Murray Straus.[12]

> In most cases, partner aggression does not escalate. [13,14] If the conflict does turn into a full-scale altercation, the woman is more likely to be injured. Nonetheless, males represent 38% of persons who suffer physical injury from partner aggression. [15]

> Domestic violence rates vary depending on the couple’s marital status. Among intact married couples, partner violence rates are quite low—only 0.9/1,000. [16] But among separated couples, partner violence rates rise sharply to 49.0/1,000—a 50-fold increase.

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Chuck Ross Highlights Free Speech Hypocrisy

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I've been taken aback by the behavior and statements of US government officials regarding the lynching of US diplomats in Libya, especially their condemnation of American citizens' speech. I thought they were civil *servants*, but I guess things have changed a lot over the decades.

Chuck compares the slutwalkers' denunciation of a Toronto policeman's advice that women dress modestly to the chiding some anti-Muslim Americans have been subject to lately for airing their opinions (apparently, the head of the Joint Chiefs actually called Terry Jones, an obscure, anti-Muslim preacher, to tell him not to provoke Muslims, which is surreal):

> …In both instances we have groups becoming outraged that a state functionary proposed a first order limitation on free expression. In the case of the Slut Walkers, they opposed a lone policeman in Toronto. In the case of the people who created the video condemning Muhammed, they're in opposition to a much larger state-run entity.
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> Regardless of whether or not Mitt Romney stuck his foot in his mouth and went overboard in politicizing Obama's handling of that statement and the subsequent attacks in Egypt and Libya, there should have been no place for the following statement released by a State functionary *on the anniversary of 9/11* and *about the behaviors of individuals not affiliated with a government entity*.

This kind of thing makes me wonder what the hell happened to my country. Maybe the paranoid black helicopter guys back in the 90s were right about this One World Government thing…

Update: Our friends at the SPLC are explicitly blaming the killings on an American:

> Klein of Hemet, Calif., who has a long history of ties to militant Christian organizations, has been identified as one of the brains behind the anti-Muslim film that triggered violence in northern Africa, including a rocket attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, and the murder of Chris Stevens, the U.S. ambassador to Libya.

Well, I guess we all know where they stand now.

Comment of the Week: Defeatism Unacceptable

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Tholian points out that competition is inevitable and even worthy of celebration, and then goes on to say that simply giving up and conceding defeat is most counterproductive and contrary to the masculine spirit

By Tholian Soren

As someone balanced equidistant, age-wise, between the two camps, i feel an affinity for both. I'm divorced, early 40′s, still fit and attractive, and have decided that one of the benefits of my ex-wife declaring "i'm not haaaaaaapy" was that I could pursue model-quality younger women for recreational pursuits. But I also have seen enough of life to understand that many of the MRAs issues, particularly those espoused by father's rights advocates, are vitally important to the future of society. Indeed, the attention and resolution these issues get (or lack of same) will SHAPE our future.

The previous para was simply to establish cred that i understand both sides and their respective issues resonate with me. That said, two observations come to mind:

1) The natural competition amongst men and, therefore, amongst men's groups, that Price points out is a very real phenomenon. Numerous other bloggers, such as "Anonymous Aged 70″ (Irlandes from the "Don't Get Married" board) have pointed it out, too. Men try to one up each other. It's a fact of life. We should be aware of it. We should celebrate it. We compete on the ballfield and we will compete in the blogosphere as well. It's important to keep this reality in mind because, every once in a while, it wouldn't hurt to remind each other that we are, in fact, on the SAME team, not different teams.

2) While i see the virtue and need for both the PUA side and the MRA side, i do not see each side as performing equally admirably. The PUA side seems true to its nature – that is, they focus on achieving their desired end game — beguiling lots of attractive young women into bed. But some – like Roissy, Krauser, and earlier John Ross, also philosophize about what it means to be a man in a world where the traditional markers of manhood – supporting a stable family – have been taken out of his control. They do an admirable job of that, at least as well as most MRA bloggers. What the PUA side does NOT do, in my experience, is delve into whiny self-indulgence, passive-aggressiveness, or wallow in "whoa is me".

The MRA side, sadly, does have such a meloncholy streak to it. Most don't. Most, like Price, nobly go on about their business like men, while pointing out the myriad hypocrisies in modern family law. Some do yeoman's work in advocacy, like Fathers For Justice. But a not insignificant percentage lapse into defeatism. The old "Don't Get Married" blog, and some posters i could name here (but won't), had a distincitve "Women have won, let's just admit defeat" streak to it. They sounded like – and i hate to use this phrase, it got me banned from the old DGM site, but i'm afraid it's true and others are now saying it – they sound like losers. There, i said the "L" word – so shoot me. ALL men are faced with the same circumstance – a nearly complete obliteration of 2,000 years worth of societal tradition, everything that helped us climb out of our mud huts and into CIVILIZATION. When life gives men lemons, we make lemonade. As John Ross said (i'm paraphrasing), "My first choice was to have a family. When my wife cashed out, I then went on to my second choice: sport-f**king young beauties, enjoying wonderful vacations, and picking whatever flowers I may". But some MRA sites don't espouse this. They are, as I said, a minority – but a distinctive minority. They use ad absurdum attacks ("why, you can't even LOOK at a woman today or you'll be executed and then put in jail for life") instead of stating the reality: It is very risky to subject oneself to family law today, but many have pulled it off successfully. One can recognize the "L-word" element in MRA blogs today because they all reach the same conclusion: "You should have NOTHING to do with women. Nada. Zip. Zilch. Nothing". The unspoken addendum: "…and then you'll be exactly like ME, because women don't talk to me either – er, i mean, I don't talk to women".

We should honor the manly MRAs and PUAs and recognize they have a common enemy. But we should ostracize

L-word MRAs who advocate capitulation because “no matter what we do, we can’t win…women will always beat us”; they have the stink of the death about them.

Is it Selfish to Avoid Fatherhood?

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Zed mentions that Mentu is coming in for some criticism for deciding to get a vasectomy. He wrote about the procedure and his reasons for going through with it here.

> I realized that I can (and have) found women who would probably make a decent wife, but I have yet to come across a woman who I would want to be the mother of my children. I have never met a woman in my age range who thinks it's anything but odd that a 7 year old would use phrases like "A man's word is his bond", and they all (to some extent) criticize mom and dad Mentu and my sisters for being too strict with the kids and subjecting them to the horrors of a Patriarchal household. It seems that fishing with your Uncle, obeying your elders, learning life lessons about manhood at a young age, and taking responsibility for teaching your younger brother to do the same is just too weird of a concept these days. Throw in the fact that my mom takes a break from doing the dishes to serve my dad sweet tea while he's in his recliner playing Mario Kart with the grandkids, and Lord God almighty the family atmosphere of the Mentu household is just too misogynistic and backward for modern women to handle. It's as if they instinctively hate it without knowing why.
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> I know why.
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> If that doctor doesn't show up soon, I'm using my cell phone to call the front desk. This is ridiculous.
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> I thought about the Manosphere. In my opinion, pro-marriage and Christian bloggers in these parts talk far too much about how to find a good wife, and not nearly enough about how to find a good mother. After a long and exhaustive search, I have finally given up. I actually gave up about three years ago, to be perfectly honest. Women who might make decent wives pop up every now and then, but women in the 21 to 31 year old age range who would make good mothers have gone the way of the Dodo Bird. It's not as if they've rejected the idea; they're not even aware that the concept exists.

From a philosophical point of view, there's nothing to be sad about. Mentu is making his own choice as a man, and it isn't my place or any other man's to tell him what he "should" or "ought" to do. Being a man means you can make these decisions yourself.

However, the post itself isn't entirely philosophical. There's a lot of sentimentality attached to it, and that's perfectly natural. Family is one of those fundamental pillars of our lives. Beyond our own immediate needs, it is the most important emotional and spiritual component of our "selves." Even our concept of the divine is understood in terms of family.

I'm getting to an age now where it's becoming apparent what's transient in life and what isn't. With the exception of a few close ones, friends come and go. Most of the people I grew up with and went to school with are still there in my memories, but they are mere shadows compared to those in my family.

I doubtless spent more hours with some people in school (I attended one school for over ten years) than I did with my own father, but I never dream about them. In fact, I still dream about my paternal grandparents, who have been gone for almost twenty years. My father died a couple years ago, but in many ways he is still very much here with me.

So, when you make a decision like Mentu's, it's a pretty profound thing to do.

However, in our bizarre times, it isn't those who miss out on family creation who are to be pitied, but rather those who don't. Mentu and other men like him who eschew fatherhood are making a rational choice based on what's available to them. They are choosing to add potential to their lives, and to avoid personal destruction before their time is up. And despite how some may feel, they are not being selfish. Far from it. We need men who are unencumbered with the emotional and financial devastation inflicted on most fathers today. If we all ended up like

your typical American fathers – most of whom will be separated from their children before they come of age – precious little would be accomplished.

Consider the noncustodial fathers you know, and compare them to equivalent men who are childless. I've had ample opportunity to do so. No more than half of my childhood friends have children, and not one of the ones with whom I still regularly correspond has a child. Without exception, these childless friends have objectively better lives than I do at this point. Even the friend who did time in a federal prison for drug trafficking is in better shape. As for the guys who have children they still live with (a precarious situation to say the least), they generally don't seem to have time for friends. I assume they're significantly better off than noncustodial fathers, but it doesn't look like a picnic for them, either.

Under the current regime, losing children will wreck men's lives in myriad ways, and only a fraction of them will ever truly recover from it — financially or emotionally. Their ability to contribute to society is severely compromised for a number of reasons. First and most important is that most – if not all (and then some) – of their disposable income will go directly to the woman who took their kids away. Next, they will have to exert *more* effort as parents than if they'd never lost the kids if they try to hold onto the shreds of fatherhood the state leaves them. Finally, the more difficult to quantify, but still very real and palpable, emotional damage and loss of motivation will diminish their life achievements.

So shouldn't we all be glad that a significant minority of men is exempt from this? Think of how absolutely dull and depressing a society completely filled with broken men would be: an utter dystopia, gray and devoid of any cheer, innovation and vigor. It would be little more than a vast slave pen; a sort of dank, foggy purgatory at best.

Although some men may feel resentful that they ended up with the short end of the stick by becoming fathers, I think we can learn to appreciate the men who avoided it, and they may learn to appreciate us for absorbing the blow for them, and for providing a new generation to work with; one that can give us all some motivation to leave a better place behind. Men do generally like to do good deeds, and children provide that opportunity best of all.

In his post, Mentu mentions the attachment he feels toward children, who represent the future. It's clear that in his heart he cares about them, and wants to do well by them. I think we can count on most childless men to feel the same way, and perhaps because they do not have any of their own they are in a better position to help them in aggregate. When a woman has no children, it's often because she doesn't like them (if she's infertile that's an entirely different matter), but I've found that not to be the case for men who have no children of their own. They tend to have a pure appreciation of little ones, untainted by the jealousy and possessive attitude that characterizes maternal instincts which, although good in their own way, are far more particular than they are universal for quite practical reasons.

So, rather than allow bitterness about our plight to consume us, I think we fathers should see these men as slaves saw escapees, and cheer them for breaking through into freedom. What good would it do us to hate and tear down the ones who got away? They give us hope for a future; for a new, free world for our sons. A world for which we'd gladly sacrifice ourselves to give to those little boys who bear our names.

For me, that's what it's about. I want my son to walk on this beautiful earth as a free man, with only heaven above and an open road ahead. Let men like Mentu clear the path for him, and I'll be forever grateful. If I end up old and broken, but I see my son a free man, it will all be alright, and I'll go to my fate with a light and happy heart.

NY Times Documentary Demonstrates Market Imbalance

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The NY Times came out with a documentary about teenage Siberian girls who are trying out for a modeling gig. It's kind of sad, because so few of them have a chance, but there they are lined up in bikinis to be evaluated by scouts.

Despite its natural wealth, Siberia is pretty poor, so I suppose it figures that its females are significantly cheaper than in the West, too. I saw a lot of these Siberian girls some fifteen years ago in the discotheques of Peking. I was really amazed to see all these beautiful prole girls on sale. To be honest, it was a bit of a shock as a young American. It's demoralizing as a young man to see so clearly how sex is essentially a commodity, but it's a lesson I'm glad I learned.

Not many Americans understand how profound the economic imbalance between the West and the developing world really is. Even fewer understand how profound the imbalance between how American women and women in developing countries are valued is. American women are the most privileged people on the planet earth. They command more resources on a per capita basis than any human beings alive.

I remember feeling alarmed when I realized that the economic imbalances between Americans and others would eventually level out one way or another. I knew our standard of life was unsustainable when I saw how people lived in China, and even Korea and Hong Kong. Since I lived in Asia, I've already seen things even out substantially. Americans are poorer than they were in the 90s, and Chinese are wealthier. It's been gradual, but it's already noticeable, and the trend is likely to continue.

I wonder whether American women will be prepared for it when their value comes in for a reappraisal. I doubt it. It's going to be bitter medicine for them.

Day by Day: Special Rights

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By Day by Day

Battered Woman Defense Doesn't Work for Man

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There's a reason the "battered woman defense" is sex-specific. Apparently men do not have the right to use it, even in circumstances where homicide would appear more justified than it was in the cases where wives have had success arguing that committing spousal murder was justified, or at least ameliorated, in their cases.

In the following case, a man, just over 18 at the time, killed two men who had molested him while he was underage, and was then sentenced to death:

> Pennsylvania is preparing to execute Terrance Williams. Mr. Williams, known to his friends and family as "Terry," is on death row for a crime he committed three and one-half months after his 18th birthday. On that tragic day, Terry and another teenager killed a man. As the sentencing jury heard, Terry also committed another killing five months earlier at the age of 17. What the jury did not hear was that both of the men had sexually abused Terry, and both crimes directly related to Terry's history of sexual abuse by older males, which began when he was six years old.
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> Terry's abuse continued throughout his adolescence. One of his abusers was his former public schoolteacher. That abuse caused Terry such intense pain and confusion that he began cutting himself and engaging in other acts of self-mutilation…

Over the years, I've heard of a few of these kinds of killings locally, but none of them ever made national news. In one case, a young man ambushed a teacher who had molested him as a boy, killing him as he arrived at work. In another, a mentally-ill young man murdered a local liberal talk radio host who had been keeping him as a concubine of sorts. Both got about twenty years, which suggests that there was some lenience in the sentencing, but as far as I know no specific defense along the lines of "battered woman syndrome" was mounted. Men simply don't get a free pass – or much sympathy – even if they are bona fide rape victims.

If a woman murdered a man who had actually *raped* her, it's hard to imagine she would get more than a few years. If she were sentenced to death, there would be an international outcry.

Note to Readers

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If you've noticed any service problems in the past few weeks, it's because I've been putting a lot of work into the back end of the site. WordPress is great publishing software, but the bigger the site gets the more unwieldy it is, and one bug in the code or the way the site is configured to work with with the server can cause major headaches. There have been a few of those recently.

Basically, I've been overhauling the way data is stored and retrieved so as to avoid putting too much strain on the server. To be honest, it hasn't been particularly fun, but it's one of those things you have to do to stay online. Some may ask why I don't use a wordpress.com or blogger site to avoid these issues. The reason is that these commercial services reserve the right to use your content, so copyright is essentially invalidated. Additionally, they reserve the right to cancel the service with no warning for whatever reason, which could take me offline for a significant period of time.

So, please be patient if a few connection issues remain. I think I resolved them as of yesterday, but I'm not going to curse myself by declaring victory before the results speak for themselves. However, the site is loading more than twice as fast as it was a couple days ago, so I'm hopeful.

Fortunately, even during the recent slowdowns, *The Spearhead* seems to have been attracting a fair amount of outside attention, which the recent Alexa stats verify. That's the most important advantage of having a big, comprehensive site: it throws out a wide net and draws people in from all over. The problem is that it means I have to do almost as much work keeping the thing running as I do writing and editing content, so every now and then readers are going to notice a bit of a lull in content as I do my webmaster duties.

The Feminist Paradox

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While thinking about the issue of the undervalued Siberian girls (relative to American women), I realized that there is probably a direct correlation between the wealth of a society's men and the value and power of the society's women. That is, the richer the men in any given society are in aggregate, the more wealth and privilege accrues to its women. The flip side of that is that the poorer the men are, the worse off and less valued the women.

So, any policies that impoverish men, even if they temporarily benefit the women, cause women's status and value to decrease over time.

It's really pretty obvious if you think about it objectively, but it tends to escape notice because these days people don't think of these things in terms of a symbiotic relationship between men and women, but rather an oppositional one. What they do is compare men and women, and argue that men's wealth is somehow "oppressive" to women, because that's how modern, liberal democracies work; each group sees itself in opposition to others.

Here in the West men have been very wealthy by world standards for quite some time. We still are, but this is changing. What's been happening is that the younger generations of men have steadily lost wealth, while the older folks have managed to hang onto a fair amount. Part of the reason for younger men's decline in wealth (although by no means all), is feminist affirmative action and "positive discrimination," as well as confiscatory policies designed to give the female group an advantage over the male. These measures have been effective, and have contributed to the declining wealth of the Western male in both relative and absolute terms.

As the younger, poorer men come of age, and are still significantly poorer than their predecessors, this will begin to impact women of their cohort as well. I believe this process has already begun, but the effects have some lag; perhaps ten years or so. When it becomes readily apparent that living in a country full of poor men is no picnic for women, feminism will be discredited, but not until then. Using the recession as the starting point, I'd give it about five years until it can no longer be ignored.

So, given that women's status is a result of male wealth, it looks as though feminism may actually turn out to be self-correcting, as it strips men of resources that could be used to further empower women. Maybe human society has a mysterious way of correcting itself, and the natural balance between the sexes is restored even through counterintuitive processes such as feminism.

Daughter Investment = Marriage Divestment

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Using a youtube video of an Army recruiting ad aimed at girls as a backdrop, Dalrock suggests that families may be investing more in daughters because they figure they'll just lose a son's kids anyway if he ends up divorced or separated. Essentially, he argues that they've taken the place sons used to hold in the old patriarchal culture.

> …a more rational approach would be to decide early on to encourage daughters to marry young and start having children, while encouraging sons to forgo having their own children and instead invest emotionally and financially in their nieces and nephews. Even with decades of feminism daughters make poor sons, but the deck is now profoundly stacked in their favor regarding parenthood and custody. The sons and parents could financially support the daughters having children without creating a legal incentive for them to blow up the family and sue for child support. The family would at the same time strongly encourage the daughter to remain married to the father of her children, as this is very much to the children's benefit. While financial support from a father creates an incentive to divorce and expel the father from the household, financial support from grandparents and uncles could be used as an incentive to keep the family together. In this way a family might have the same number of grandchildren overall but avoid the disadvantages of a system which strongly discourages fatherhood.

This is already happening to some degree. Actually, I'd point out that the trend of daughter investment started a long time ago in the black population. Black grandmothers often put a lot of effort into raising their daughters' children, but I'd guess they rarely have the opportunity to have any meaningful contact with their sons' kids, so they don't tend to put as much effort into their sons while raising them (this could be biological).

It seems this may be happening to some extent amongst whites, and I'm sure the pattern is common with recent Mexican immigrants.

However, there's an inherent, although subtle, contradiction in the notion that family investment in the daughter could prevent her from divorcing her husband. The problem is that when you're in a society that devalues sons, as in the American working class and underclass and amongst non-Asian minorities, the hypergamy kicks in quickly, and women see no reason to stay faithful and avoid the nightclub scene. Simply investing in daughters more than sons creates an incentive to divorce, because men's relative value is low in such a setup.

Furthermore, if there is any conflict in the marriage or a separation, women know they can count on their family to back them up, because, after all, they are invested in her and her children. This creates *even more* of an incentive to divorce. Ultimately, this just leads to a plummeting marriage rate and rising illegitimacy, as neither young men nor women see any reason to marry in the first place.

Dalrock says that although he doesn't advocate such a system, he can see why it might come about. I'd simply point out that it already has come about, and we need only look at the communities where fatherlessness is the rule to see how it plays out. In reality, this is just another symptom of the decline of the American working and middle class.

Just to add a little food for thought, the practice of bride price in much of the world aims to prevent exactly the problems I outlined above. In China, for example, the wife's parents are given a "gift" when their daughter marries a man. However, if she runs off, they have to return it. This is an old and effective method of ensuring that a woman's family is invested in their daughter's marriage. I believe Muslims practice it as well.

The lesson is that if you care about the institution, that's what you invest in. Invest in the woman instead, and the institution falls apart, and here we are today.

State Settles with Doctor for Using Ex-Wife's False Accusations to Attack Practice

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A dermatologist in Spokane, Washington, has received a $600,000 payout from the state of Washington for its handling of an investigation prompted by his ex-wife during divorce proceedings. Dr. William "Phil" Werschler was "anonymously" accused by his ex of snorting coke in the office, having sex with patients, hiring prostitutes and lying about drug records:

> A Spokane dermatologist has wrung a $600,000 apology from state health officials who went public with outrageous charges of drug abuse and medical fraud based on a bogus tip from his ex-wife.
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> The pending payout to Dr. William "Phil" Werschler is among the largest settlements in decades by the Washington state Department of Health involving a physician, agency officials say. The public apology might be the first of its kind, they say.
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> The state will scrub the Werschler case from its website, though the case reports will remain on file for public inspection.
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> In a separate lawsuit settlement signed last week, Werschler collected more than $100,000 from his ex-wife, Kara Werschler. She ignited the investigation during the waning weeks of the couple's bare-knuckled divorce by filing an anonymous complaint studded with salacious accusations of office cocaine binges, sex orgies with staff and patients, hiring prostitutes, and falsification of medical drug records.

Of course, his ex also openly accused him of abuse and poor parenting in the divorce.

It's kind of unusual to hear about these kinds of brutal divorces amongst the educated elite these days. Generally, women of the upper classes know better than to blow it all in a knock down, drag out fight.

So, when you look into the background of the guys who get nailed, it often turns out that they are what you'd call bootstrappers; ordinary men who made it by virtue of hard work and talent. The self-made business owner, the bright professional from a middle or working class family, or talented athlete from the farm or inner city is typically the guy who gets reamed the hardest. Even at the the very top it tends to be these types. Take Paul McCartney for example.

The real elites breed amongst themselves, and they practice a sort of "keep it in the family" marital regime. I assume it involves extensive use of prenups, but there's also the private school culture that is as geared toward keeping their kids segregated from the unwashed, and therefore more likely to marry into their own class, as it is toward giving them a better education.

For all the talk about rising inequality in the US, there's little mention of this divorce gap. Sure, they've finally started talking about single mothers, but this steady attrition of talented, upwardly mobile men has been going on for decades. There's no more effective and insidious tactic for keeping upstarts in their place than ruining them through their women. And it doesn't even need to be personal. Just make it policy and let the system do its work.

Here's what Dr. Werschler's life was like before the divorce:

> Werschler knows that what had been a bright professional future has been dimmed.
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> Now 54 years old, he was a leader in the field of dermatology. He published articles in peer-reviewed journals, conducted drug trials, counseled drug companies on new therapies and traveled the academic lecture circuit to universities across the country.
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> Werschler grew up in a modest family and graduated from Medical Lake High School.

> He was the first member of his family to graduate from college, collecting dual degrees in sociology and biology from Eastern Washington University.
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> His science acumen caught the attention of professors, and Werschler made the unusual jump in 1981 from a mid-tier university in Cheney to medical school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.
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> Werschler continued to excel. He had an internship in Tucson, Ariz., then returned to George Washington and specialized in dermatology during his residency at the university's medical center.
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> After a clinical consulting stint at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., Werschler was on track for an academic and research career.

Eventually he decided to run a private practice in Spokane, but this was an established man who had accomplished a great deal, and he almost lost it all because his wife got nasty during a divorce. Fortunately, he had the resources to fight back and managed to recoup some of his losses, but it's been almost ten years since his ex accused him of being a shameless crook, and the investigation led to him being publicly branded as a potential criminal by the state. His ex wife had to pay him back a measly $100,000 (probably didn't even cover legal fees), but still got to keep the rest of the settlement, which is worth considerably more than that.

Think of that… Ten years of a talented man's life. Ten of his most productive years, from 45 to 54, diminished by a pointless divorce and fight with the state. What a terrible waste.

We ought to start thinking of the family law regime in the US as outright tyranny, because it definitely passes the duck test.

DV Groups and Feminists Protest Magazine Cover

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Assorted feminists and domestic violence activists are protesting the newest “Vogue Men” magazine cover (there’s a Vogue Men?).

On the cover, there’s a photo of model Stephanie Seymour being groped by a man who has one hand loosely holding her neck and another on her left breast. He is standing behind her and licking his finger with a ridiculous look on his face.

These DV groups have become entirely too predictable. Anything that deviates one iota from the feminist/DV people’s concept of propriety is immediately denounced in the most repetitive terms. It’s as though they are trained ponies performing the same act over and over again.

However, people continue to publish the stuff they object to, and the people doing it are generally women themselves. But why?

I’ve come to the conclusion that at this point, for many of the feminists and advocacy groups, and for a lot of women in general, it’s become a sort of pornography genre. Your typical feminist, surrounded by herbly SWPL betas, is so far removed from the lifestyle most real DV victims inhabit that it has almost no real relevance to their lives. Contrary to what they say, and perhaps what they imagine, serious DV is not all that common, except in certain dysfunctional communities, outside of which men rarely lay a hand on women (although the reverse may not be true).

Physical fights between couples are far more frequent amongst the young, sexually unrestrained, and financially unstable. They are not a characteristic of the urban, upper-middle-class office worker set.

For these types, who comprise the majority of feminist activists, there’s obviously something intriguing about objectification and degradation of women by irrepressibly lustful men. There are no men crossing the bounds of propriety and breaking the law to control access to their sexuality. Instead, they work with men who are afraid to even look at them. They are surrounded by whiny, whipped men.

So the fashion mags will go on and on publishing the kind of stuff that titillates them, and they will keep reacting with indignation and outrage, but all the while they will be spending hours and hours looking at photos of women being groped and treated as property by bold, sexually aggressive men.

Let's Settle the Cheating Issue

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It's common for people to say that men are more likely to cheat than women, but is this really true? Actually, the question should be "is this really possible, and if so what does it mean?"

Simple logic and arithmetic dictates that for every cheating incident (amongst heterosexuals), there is a man and a woman. So, it could only be possible for there to be more male cheaters if we define cheating only as breaking one's vows, and exempt the other party from the "cheater" label.

However, if more married men are cheating than married women, it logically follows that more single women are sleeping with married men than single men with married women. Therefore, if it is indeed true that married men cheat more often, then single women are more apt to be homewrecking sluts than single men.

Additionally, if more married men cheat than married women, and cheat more often, then married men have on average more partners than married women. Given numerical parity during prime sexually active years, this means that single women must have more sexual partners than single men. Given that married men are more likely to cheat with younger women, it also means that single young women have *significantly more* sexual partners than single young men, including among them married men.

So, if we accept that married men cheat more, and it may be possible (although I personally suspect the difference is negligible before the age of 40 or so), then we will also have to accept the following:

-Single women have more sexual partners than single men

-Single women are more likely to be homewreckers than single men

-Young single women are the most sexually promiscuous of all heterosexuals, and have more sex and more partners than any other straight people

Sadly, I'm afraid all of the above are true. If you are a young man, keep this in mind. Chances are good that the girl you met at the bar is getting laid a lot more than you.

A Stark Reminder of America's Decline

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Alexis de Tocqueville, a French intellectual and early political scientist, is well-known for *De la démocratie en Amérique*, his book on American democracy, which was published in the early 19th century after he spent a couple years studying American society. He was quite an admirer of the United States, and wrote about the culture, politics and mores of the young nation.

One of the subjects he covered was American women. He thought they were, overall, a very impressive breed of female. He compare them to European women, and found them to be held in higher esteem by men, and to be valued for their honor.

Unfortunately, the picture he presents is so alien to contemporary readers that it is scarcely believable, but I have seen other historical evidence that confirms what he writes, so he was not out of his mind.

Here's how his passage on American women, titled "How the Americans Understand the Equality of the Sexes" opens:

> There are people in Europe who, confounding together the different characteristics of the sexes, would make man and woman into beings not only equal but alike. They would give to both the same functions, impose on both the same duties, and grant to both the same rights; they would mix them in all things–their occupations, their pleasures, their business. It may readily be con- ceived that by thus attempting to make one sex equal to the other, both are degraded, and from so preposterous a medley of the works of nature nothing could ever result but weak men and disorderly women.
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> It is not thus that the Americans understand that species of democratic equality which may be established between the sexes. They admit that as nature has appointed such wide differences between the physical and moral constitution of man and woman, her manifest design was to give a distinct employment to their various faculties; and they hold that improvement does not consist in making beings so dissimilar do pretty nearly the same things, but in causing each of them to fulfill their respective tasks in the best possible manner. The Americans have applied to the sexes the great principle of political economy which governs the manufacturers of our age, by carefully dividing the duties of man from those of woman in order that the great work of society may be the better carried on.

Amazing to see that, at one point in history, American women actually acted like women, and it was widely recognized that men and women are not by nature the same.

Here's some more, equally alien to modern readers:

> Nor have the Americans ever supposed that one consequence of democratic principles is the subversion of marital power or the confusion of the natural authorities in families. They hold that every association must have a head in order to accomplish its object, and that the natural head of the conjugal association is man. They do not therefore deny him the right of directing his partner, and they maintain that in the smaller association of husband and wife as well as in the great social community the object of democracy is to regulate and legalize the powers that are necessary, and not to subvert all power.
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> This opinion is not peculiar to one sex and contested by the other; I never observed that the women of America consider conjugal authority as a fortunate usurpation of their rights, or that they thought themselves degraded by submitting to it. It appeared to me, on the contrary, that they attach a sort of pride to the voluntary surrender of their own will and make it their boast to bend themselves to the yoke, not to shake it off. Such, at least, is the feeling expressed by the most virtuous of their sex; the others are silent; and in the United States it is not the practice for a guilty wife to clamor for the rights of women while she is trampling on her own holiest

> duties.

Imagine that… Women were actually proud to submit to their husband's authority in the home. And the bad ones kept their mouths shut. Oh how we've fallen since the early days of the Republic.

I'd recommend reading the entire passage just to get a sense of what an ascendant society is like. To see what a society in decline looks like, we need only turn on the TV or walk out the front door, so we might have a propensity to forget that truly virtuous, vigorous societies exist, or ever have existed.

According to de Tocqueville, societies in which women are frequently flattered and allowed to have their way in all affairs tend to view them as inferior creatures:

> It has often been remarked that in Europe a certain degree of contempt lurks even in the flattery which men lavish upon women; although a European frequently affects to be the slave of woman, it may be seen that he never sincerely thinks her his equal. In the United States men seldom compliment women, but they daily show how much they esteem them. They constantly display an entire confidence in the understanding of a wife and a profound respect for her freedom; they have decided that her mind is just as fitted as that of a man to discover the plain truth, and her heart as firm to embrace it; and they have never sought to place her virtue, any more than his, under the shelter of prejudice, ignorance, and fear.
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> It would seem in Europe, where man so easily submits to the despotic sway of women, that they are nevertheless deprived of some of the greatest attributes of the human species and considered as seductive but imperfect beings; and (what may well provoke astonishment) women ultimately look upon themselves in the same light and almost consider it as a privilege that they are entitled to show themselves futile, feeble, and timid. The women of America claim no such privileges.

It looks as though America has finally started to take on the characteristics of the Old World. I suppose it had to happen eventually. Above all, this is the result of a severe degradation of virtue, which seems to take hold in every powerful society after some time. Hopefully, we can turn it around some day, but such changes are never easy.

Heads up on Feed

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Readers who are accustomed to reading our content on the feed, which I set up several years ago with Feedburner, may have noticed that the feed stopped updating a few days ago. This has happened before with Feedburner, so I didn't think much of it at first, but after a couple days I started to wonder what was going on.

Turns out Google may be preparing to shut it down, which is an ominous development for small publishers like myself.

Fortunately, however, if it turns out that Feedburner is really set to go away, I can redirect for a month to the original feed, and I already have an email subscription service set up through Aweber.

For now, I disabled redirection to Feedburner (if it isn't updating there's no point), so you can access the feed at the native feed URL: the-spearhead.com/feed

I'm going to wait and see what happens with the feed for the next couple days, but given Google's recent moves I'm not all that optimistic about Feedburner. For now, just use the above link to access the feed, and it should work until I decide to use another feed publisher or simply go with the native feed permanently.

Fixed Feed

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Turns out my caching software, which fixed the problems I was having with the site running slowly and consuming too much memory, was so diligent that it started instructing RSS readers to cache all my feeds. So, fixing one problem led to another.

Typical.

Fortunately, it was a very easy problem to correct once I found the problem, although finding it took hours.

I'm going to stay on Feedburner for now, but I am concerned that the service itself may be due for deprecation. So it's likely that I'll transfer the feed at some point, but when I do there will be an automatic redirect and most readers shouldn't even notice.

Happy feed reading!

Why are Poor White Women's Lifespans Shrinking?

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The NY Times recently reported that white women who have never graduated from high school have lost 5 years from their average lifespan over the past 20 years.

> Researchers have long documented that the most educated Americans were making the biggest gains in life expectancy, but now they say mortality data show that life spans for some of the least educated Americans are actually contracting. Four studies in recent years identified modest declines, but a new one that looks separately at Americans lacking a high school diploma found disturbingly sharp drops in life expectancy for whites in this group. Experts not involved in the new research said its findings were persuasive.
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> The steepest declines were for white women without a high school diploma, who lost five years of life between 1990 and 2008, said S. Jay Olshansky, a public health professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and the lead investigator on the study, published last month in Health Affairs. By 2008, life expectancy for black women without a high school diploma had surpassed that of white women of the same education level, the study found.
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> White men lacking a high school diploma lost three years of life. Life expectancy for both blacks and Hispanics of the same education level rose, the data showed. But blacks over all do not live as long as whites, while Hispanics live longer than both whites and blacks.
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> The decline among the least educated non-Hispanic whites, who make up a shrinking share of the population, widened an already troubling gap. The latest estimate shows life expectancy for white women without a high school diploma was 73.5 years, compared with 83.9 years for white women with a college degree or more. For white men, the gap was even bigger: 67.5 years for the least educated white men compared with 80.4 for those with a college degree or better.

So one thing that happened was that the gap closed somewhat between uneducated white women and men. Uneducated white men have short lives, barely making it past retirement age.

It's pretty clear why uneducated white men's lives are shorter than they used to be: their social status and job opportunities have declined significantly since the 80s. There's probably also some selection bias (uneducated white men are from a more hapless group of people today than they were 20 years ago), but this doesn't explain such a profound difference between uneducated and educated white men. No, what happened is that these men have fallen to the bottom of the totem pole in society, and the bottom and top are farther from each other than they used to be.

But why would uneducated white women's lifespans have fallen *even farther*? For starters, it was a lot higher than their equivalent men to start with. Where there used to be an eight year difference, it is now six, while amongst the educated the gender life gap is only three and a half years.

However, you'd think with the emphasis on feminism and women's empowerment, white women would have seen progress just as black and Hispanic men did. This is probably what is alarming people — things didn't work out exactly as they were supposed to. Poor, uneducated white men losing a few years was to be expected; their social decline is part of the program and surely anticipated in advance (the professors who do these studies and the social engineers who implement the programs based on them are well aware of how different factors affect people and their lives — these are pretty intelligent people for the most part). So the five year drop in white women's lifespan is kind of a fly in the ointment.

Well, I'd be happy to fill these social scientists in on what's happening. For the overwhelming majority of women,

their main source of wealth and support is the men of their social class. No amount of government programs and feminism can make up for that.

What happened was that there was a joint breakdown of both the family and the men's status about 30-40 years ago, and the effects are starting to be shown in the women. As equivalent-status men were thrown out of the family and employment, uneducated women lost crucial support over the years, and that takes its toll. Their main source of support – their men – underwent a rapid decline, and the women suffered for it.

You really can't separate the outcomes of a group's women from those of the men. Men and women are socially bound to one another. When one group suffers, so does the other. When men are defeated in war, the women pay a price as well. When male unemployment goes up, female wealth goes down, too.

This is why, when you really get down to it, feminism as practiced in the US amounts to little more than class warfare. It's a net bonus for educated elites' wives, because their relative status in society increases as the rest of the country declines. For the rest of us, it's pure poison. For our families, our children, and yes, even for our women.

A Typical Local Political Ad

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Evidently, American women are under siege, even here in Washington state:

The above is one of a few ads against John Koster, who is running in the WA 1st district against Susan del Bene, another Microsoft lackey (like Maria Cantwell).

There's another one in circulation with the same message that I couldn't find on YouTube, but it gives away the real demographic target of these ads: older women. Although young women are pictured above, these issues seem to be most important to baby boomer women, which confuses me, because they have no need for either birth control or abortions.

However, a guy I used to work for, a boomer himself, told me he thought that these boomer women who had abortions will go to their graves defending the feminist ideals, even if they had a negative impact on their lives, such as childlessness.

I'm starting to become resigned to the idea that boomer women are going to vote us into a full-fledged feminist mess no matter what, and it's going to take an even worse economic crisis than we currently have to finally force a change.

The Inherent Conflict Between Atheism and Feminism

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Feminists have been going after Atheists for a while now due to a dearth of women in the ranks of non-believers. I think it's kind of funny that they are blaming the men despite the fact that churches are now clearly majority female. The church gap is around the same as the college gap — about 60-40 favoring women. So, drawing from my recent post about cheating, it seems there's a bit of a logic problem going on yet again.

Given that the male and female populations are roughly equal, and there are more female believers, doesn't it then logically follow that there will be more male atheists?

Well, it can't be that, because from a feminist perspective someone (always a man) is always at fault for any difference between the sexes. Therefore, in feminist logic, it must be because male skeptics are *discriminating* against women.

As far as whether believers or skeptics hold The Truth, I'm not going to get into that, because I personally don't think we can ever know. While skeptics might argue that it isn't fair to be asked to prove a negative, this isn't a court of law, so I remain skeptical of skepticism, and generally of any dogma that asserts itself to have the absolute truth in theological matters.

However, I do think Atheism tends to be a more masculine mode of thought, because men do not have rationalization hamsters that are as powerful as women's. Men are more apt to believe it when they see it, while women like to believe in socially approved stories, or "pretty lies" as Heartiste calls them (not to say they are necessarily lies, of course, but you get the idea).

However, there's another issue here that is being ignored. Atheism is the rejection of religious fictions, but the entire premise of feminism is based on a religious fiction: equality.

Try asking someone to defend equality in rational terms, and watch them stump themselves. There is simply nothing about the idea that makes sense from a rational perspective. In fact, equal only makes sense in math, because no two things are truly the same. Although both are athletes, is a baseball player equal to a football player? Is a german shepherd equal to a poodle? These questions don't really make any sense, because the idea of equality is a human creation to describe some quality that can't actually be defined.

I'm convinced that the origin of the idea of equality lies in Christianity. Specifically, the Christian concept of spiritual equality:

> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
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> Galatians 3:28

Further, Jesus even specifically alluded to gender equality when rebuking some Sadducees:

> 23 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,
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> 24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.
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> 25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:
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> 26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.
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> 27 And last of all the woman died also.
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> 28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

> 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
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> 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.
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> Mattew 22

It was really a brilliant innovation. As far as I know, it is the first time in the history of religion that anyone ever proposed the idea of spiritual equality for all of humanity.

Today, that idea, which is a religious belief just like Transubstantiation and the Trinity, has become THE article of faith of the "secular" progressive West. Without it, the liberal democratic worldview collapses immediately.

Atheism and skepticism may be considered a common feature of the enlightened secular progressive, but if we are to be honest, there's an inherent conflict between skepticism and this concept of equality, because it is in fact a religious belief.

So when feminists demand that skeptics and Atheists pay homage to equality, they are demanding that they make an act of faith, and believe in something that can't be proven. It would be akin to Catholics saying "you know, you can keep calling yourselves skeptics, but you're going to have to make a statement confirming the resurrection of Jesus Christ or we're going to start doing really unpleasant things to you." Actually, the feminists take a it a step farther, in that they demand not only that skeptics "believe" in what they want them to, but also that they stack their ranks with at least as many believers as skeptics.

Here's a true gender inquisitor at work, stating her reasons for her "atheism:"

> I share Natalie's distress at the recent discovery that the atheist/skeptic movement has a not-small and certainly loud subset of participants whose sexism is so strong that they'd rather run women out of the movement altogether rather than endure the indignity of treating women like people. For me, being an outspoken atheist has always been firmly intertwined with my feminism, and in fact, really it's the result of my feminism. I never really believed in a god of any sort, but the notion that atheism is important and should be talked about openly is one I only really developed because it serves the larger goal of creating a world that has true gender equality. Atheist activism for me has always been about the long game, because I believe that undermining religion's death grip on power is what needs to be done for women to be truly equal.
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> -Amanda Marcotte

I wonder whether Marcotte even realizes what an abuse of the entire concept of Atheism and skepticism this is… She "never really believed in a god," but she is on a mission to create "true gender equality" — a religious calling if I've ever seen one.

Amanda's screed also demonstrates why guys like PZ Myers – a feminist Atheist – are really fake skeptics. Like Amanda, PZ actually just hates Christian conservatives, but he holds beliefs that are every bit as irrational as theirs.

So, although I doubt feminists' ability to ever comprehend the implications, the very demands they place on Atheists and skeptics contradict their stated lack of faith. It's another one of those contradictions that have come to define the guiding philosophy of Western secular liberalism.

Why Porn Matters

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by Walt Forest

Porn is fantasy, but like many fantasies, it tells us something about the reality from which it helps us to escape. If the female characters of porn can't get enough sex, it's because women in life typically want sex three times a week. If the female characters of porn want sex with "no strings attached," it is because with real women there are so, so many strings. If the female characters of porn are obsessed with the male body, it is to help us escape the fact that is actually we men who are obsessed with the female body.

More broadly, if porn "degrades" its female characters (as is often claimed) it is only to bring them down to a level equal with men, where they must lust like men, and suffer the consequences of that lust as men do.

In this way porn is a fantasy of equality.

As we all know (but nowadays admit only with great reluctance) the sexualities of men and women are different. This difference gives women a tremendous sexual power over men. Porn creates a fantasy in which this power is eliminated through making men and women more alike—usually by imposing a male-like sexuality onto its female characters.

In porn, if nowhere else, women and men are equal in their lust.

But porn is more than fantasy. It comforts us by reassuring us that the need to escape is necessary and normal. When we read or watch porn, we are aware, if only in the back of our minds, that we are part of a mass audience. There are thousands out there like us, all making do (when we have to) with the fantasy of porn.

There is security in these numbers: if so many people find it necessary to escape into a sexual fantasy, it must be because they, too, have found the sexual reality harsh, even intolerable at times. In this way porn is a communal acknowledgment. Porn brings us together to admit, however tacitly, that as a society we are not nearly so sexually sophisticated or uninhibited as we like to pretend. Just the opposite, we are oppressed by the sexual reality—more so than ever, judging by porn's current popularity.

In this respect porn has become more honest than much of today's mainstream storytelling. Read just about any recently written novel, whether popular or "literary"; browse a newspaper, magazine, or blog; go to a film; turn on your tv; tune in to the radio talk show; or just listen to the stories that ordinary people around you tell each other; and you will find everywhere female characters whose sexuality is like that of men: they want sex with less getting-to-know-you preamble, a greater variety of partners, and much greater frequency. Only the tendency to be attracted to men remains intact. These women are, in short, mainstream versions of the heroines of pornography.

However, unlike pornography, which rarely pretends to be anything more than sexual fantasy, our mainstream stories often claim to represent reality. Frequently they even strive to TEACH us this sexual reality, convince us that it is indeed real. The monolithic uniformity of the message is much like that of propaganda, and in fact it is the propaganda of today's "correct" gender politics. As a result, our stories now tell us less about our reality, sexual or otherwise, than they do about pop ideology. If we wish to see a true reflection of the sexual reality, we have few places left to turn.

One of the remaining options is porn. Don't get me wrong. As mirror of sexual reality, porn is a poor one. It is distorted, blurry, and inverted. It does not give sight so much as a vague feeling of the truth. It is one step away from being totally blind. It is certainly nothing compared to a well-told story that reflects the truth of our feelings, as the great novels, films, and even the conversations of previous generations often could.

But we live in a society that lacks the courage to face the truths that stories can reveal, especially sexual truths. We have chosen simplistic ideology instead, and in doing so we have gouged out our own eyes. We wander blindly

where we most need the sight that stories can give, and porn, of all things, has come to serve as our white cane. We tap around with it, trying to feel out what its real, and when we do find it, we keep our mouths shut. We don't dare tell anyone what we have found.

Haven't you heard? Admitting the truth of our sexuality is no longer permissible.

Alleged Psychopath's Wife Implicated in Coverup

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About a month ago, a well-liked Seattle wine steward named Yancy Noll was shot to death in a brazen attack carried out in broad daylight. Some fine fellow driving a BMW was behind him and there was allegedly some kind of traffic dispute, following which the man in the beamer pulled up alongside Mr. Noll, pulled a gun, and emptied five rounds in his direction, striking him in the head three times.

It was a pretty shocking crime for the middle class North Seattle neighborhood, and it seemed incredible that someone could get away with it. Fortunately, a man who lived only a half mile away from the murder scene, with a freshly repainted BMW with new tires, was taken into custody a few days ago.

The arrested man is named Dinh Bowman, and was a "child prodigy" of sorts who went on to work in tech. As a child, he was trained in weapons (swords) while he attended university, starting at age 13. He was even profiled by the local paper back in 1996, coming off back then as a precocious, if somewhat odd, child.

So, needless to say, this is an interesting story in the SWPL land of Seattle, where a murder involving a wine steward and wealthy tech worker is very much the stuff of public interest, as opposed to the typical downscale murder in the ghetto or trailer parks.

As the story develops, it is coming to light that Mr. Bowman's wife, a dentist named Jennifer Leah Bowman, may have been involved in attempting to cover up his crime. After police received an anonymous tip implicating Bowman from someone who said he had anger issues and fit the profile and composite sketch, they paid a visit to the Bowman household. While knocking on the door on September 12th to check on the tip, they noticed a security camera aimed at them. Nobody answered.

The police then staked out the house, gathering enough evidence for a warrant when they saw a vehicle in the garage fitting the description of the killer's vehicle. Soon, they served the warrant and took Mr. Bowman into custody. While doing so, they received permission to search Mrs. Bowman's purse, finding receipts for new tires, paint and tape dating from the day they had first attempted to contact the couple.

It seems Mrs. Bowman had done all the legwork to conceal possible evidence of a crime, and when asked about the car's new window, she claimed the car had been broken into when they were in Portland, Oregon over the weekend.

While searching the house, police found extensive evidence of Dinh Bowman's fascination with weapons, including reloading tools, rifles, scopes, handgun holsters (the guns that fit them were missing), 9mm ammo, a couple magazines, a 9mm slide without the rest of the gun and a note on the refrigerator in which Jennifer commended her husband for being "the best shot in the West."

Indeed, Dinh is an extraordinary marksman. A video pulled from his wife's Flickr account shows him running an obstacle course with a 9mm auto nailing target after target rapid fire. He goes through several magazines, then knocks down a number of small targets one-handed, firing both left and right-handed. If a defense attorney wanted to argue that it would have been difficult for Mr. Bowman to hit someone in the head three times through a closed car window firing single-handedly, he just lost that opportunity.

Here's the video:

On his website, Bowman displays some chilling views that suggest he may be psychopathic. The following is a post titled "Design for Emotional Connection:"

> Functionality is a requirement for good industrial design. Emotion connection gets you the bonus points. Example:
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> > A sports vehicle should make you scream. It should intimidate initially, but make you feel like a driving god.
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> The psychic utility of experiencing this emotional connection is what justifies premium over purely functional. Think about how this applies to fashion, dining, or your industry.
>
> *Functional is required. Emotive is better.*

What's strange about Mrs. Bowman's behavior is that this is the kind of guy that we're incessantly warned about by the prevailing feminist line. In fact, men are tarred as being psychopathic and dangerous in general, but most of us are far from it. If Dinh Bowman really is the killer, and it looks that way, he's an outlier.

So why would a well-behaved, apparently liberal female (according to who she follows on Twitter), go to such lengths to protect the guy? These days, any intelligent woman should know that it is to her personal advantage to roll over and betray her husband at a moment's notice, yet it is commonly the psychopaths, the murderers, the criminals and the cruel that receive their love, admiration and protection, even when staying with and standing up for these men means personal ruin for them.

Jennifer Leah Bowman worked as a dentist in an upscale island suburb, lived in a SWPL neighborhood, and yet she apparently chose to help her husband get away with a heinous crime. What does this tell us about the world?

New Zealand Police Report: Mothers Most Likely to Kill Children

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A police report from New Zealand reveals that most children who are killed by adults are victims of their mothers, most commonly by blows to the head or strangling:

> Nearly 50 per cent of children who die as a result of family violence are killed by their mothers, a police report says.
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> Police today released a report summarising the findings of 95 family violence death reviews involving 101 victims between 2004 and 2011.
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> The report, which did not include all deaths that occurred during that period, found 15 out of 33 child victims were killed by their mums.
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> Five newborn babies were killed by women who concealed their pregnancies, while six children were killed by their mothers prior to them committing suicide.
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> The most common cause of death was head trauma. Suffocation or drowning by the mother was also on the list.

Although those of us paying attention have known this for some time, it's remarkable to see this issue openly discussed in news outlets, especially in a "progressive" country such as New Zealand.

What we should take away from this isn't that mothers are bad and a bunch of killers – because obviously most of them are not – but rather that domestic violence is not the simple issue of "bad men" wreaking havoc on homes.

Feminists like to portray violence and murder as a result of "the patriarchy," but it's likely that some of these children would be alive today if their fathers had been present. Unfortunately, the premise is that men must ejected from children's lives merely at the mother's whim, even if the men might actually be able to protect their children from harm.

There are violent men out there, but from the data we have it doesn't appear that men are any more likely to kill their biological children than women. In fact, what we do know suggests the opposite.

This calls into question the idea that removing fathers from children's lives is "in the best interests of the child." It is starting to become apparent that neither feminists nor governments are really concerned about the best interests of the child, but merely use this phrase as a cover for a big lie. Namely, that they actually care about families and children. Feminists care about neither. Primarily, they are concerned with the right to prevent or exterminate children. Secondly, they are interested in resource-extraction from men.

Hopefully, New Zealand authorities are truly interested in harm reduction, and put measures in place that will actually protect children rather than serve the interests of gender feminists, who could care less about the welfare of children.

It's time society began to recognize that men's rights and children's rights are inseparable, and not in conflict at all.

Manboobz Banned from Reddit

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After a few years of passive-aggressive subterfuge and dishonest attacks on men's issues bloggers, David Futrelle has apparently been kicked off Reddit for spamming.

Well, I guess after all that time he spent underhandedly trying to get other people to shut us up, the chickens have come home to roost.

Here's to Reddit for having standards.

Next step:

Ask Time Magazine why they continue to employ a guy who engages in unethical behavior online.

Fair's fair, David.

Sandra Tsingh Loh: Women's Lib Created "Monsters"

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Sandra Tsing Loh takes another look at the dissatisfaction that plagues the modern Western woman, and as usual comes to no useful conclusions, but makes interesting, insightful observations along the way.

The title, "The Weaker Sex," suggests it's another one of those "we're better than men" pieces, but it really isn't about that. In fact, her piece questions why women, despite having lives that approximate the 1950s patriarch, are so unsatisfied. She doesn't resort to the typical accusation that men don't do their fair share around the house, because, after all, in her circles the men do a lot. They spend a lot of time cooking, shopping, taking care of the kids, and other tasks.

However, for some reason, women can't come home from work like Ward Cleaver and relax with slippers and a pipe.

I've written before that I suspect there's something that bothers women on a sexual level about the role reversal, but Loh brings up another issue: a sense of ownership. It's something I hadn't thought of before, but it makes sense.

> The gentle, almost Beatrix Potter–y images make me feel weepy; they actually draw a tear as I remember my own German grandmother—the homemade chicken soup with fresh-from-the-garden parsley, the warm strawberry crumble cake in the afternoon on a rolling glass tray, the doilies on couch arms, the polished, chiming grandfather clock. And then there's us: like Scarlett O'Hara, on our bellies in the dirt, wearing vinegar-scented T-shirts, we raise our four-cup Pyrexes filled with sewage water!
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> Day by day in our frenetic, chaotic modern homes, how many of us become inexplicably unglued, suddenly losing our equilibrium in a disproportionate vale of anguish, as we open our refrigerator door (and what is that moisture our left foot is in—is it a puddle from the malfunctioning ice maker?) and confront the spillage from the leaking Ziploc bag or the microwave-deformed GladWare that forever will not close. On the one hand, these are a simple technical malfunction; on the other, they are another small but precise omen pointing to a world without the deep domestic comforts—and care, and arts—not of our mothers (many of whom were in a transitional leaving-home-to-go-to-work generation) but of our grandmothers, who still ruled the home with absolute power. No one is taking care of us! No one! And that is no small thing.

Having a salary – getting cash for your time – is a poor substitute for the feeling of having something of your own. Loh looks back to a time when women really owned the home, and misses it sorely. For men, I suspect feeling that you have a wife of your own, rather than one who divides her time between you and work, is probably sorely missed as well.

Today, however, more than ever our allegiance and our time is shared. Women are claimed as much by their jobs as they are by their families, and it appears to be causing them great psychic distress:

> Further, not only do we 2012 women fail at being 1950s wives, we fail even more spectacularly at being 1950s husbands. In the Mad Men era, the archetypal dad came home; put down his briefcase; received pipe, Manhattan, roast beef, potatoes, key-lime pie; and was—apparently—content. By contrast, dwelling in a grayscale midlife purgatory of grinding Pilates and ever-shifting diets (Atkins? Zone? South Beach?), if we breadwinning women were handed a Manhattan at the end of the day, we'd be likely to burst into tears and wail, "What's THIS? What's IN this? Why are you UNDERMINING me?!" We 21st-century female monsters are used to fussy bistros featuring spa cuisine and quinoa and dressing on the side. These husband-cooks whom Mundy lauds, however, want to make us some risotto (too carby) even while we are curled up in the fetal position, sucking in our ever-present potbellies (which the 1950s Dad didn't worry about), dreaming desperately of a Manwich.

Was it really liberating for women to cast off their duty to the family, only to find themselves slaves to their jobs and a judgmental, critical world? Did it create empowered, confident new women, or a generation of emotionally torn wrecks who feel deeply disappointed with their lives?

if we listen to the women themselves, it definitely appears to be the latter.

WGTOW?

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Is it possible that some women may want to opt out of the "game" and live independently, without the support of a man? If so, is there something wrong with that?

Although it's probably less common for women to "go their own way" than for men, some of them do so. I'd say, however, that we need to be a bit more discriminating in this case, because a lot of women who are unattached to men in the formal sense of being a wife still rely on men as mistresses, prostitutes, or owned corporate assets. You can't really go your own way if you're owned by your lover(s) or boss.

So, although it's probably pretty rare for a woman to be truly independent, such women do exist. Some do it out of necessity, such as widows and divorcées who hail from the lower classes, but a few intrepid women do it of their own accord, and these women have always existed.

Feminists like to point to such women as heroes for going it alone, but then they inevitably demand that men pay for such a lifestyle, which contradicts the very spirit of independence. I think this is one of the aspects of feminism that seduced men in the first place. Men thought that feminists were really serious about wanting to live independently and take care of themselves, and for a lot of men that sounds like a perfectly honorable goal. What they didn't see was the stealth appeal to have men collectively support women, "Life of Julia" style.

However, women who take care of themselves are real. Some of them run businesses, most work in ordinary jobs, and a lot of them contribute a fair amount to society.

I happen to know one quite intimately. I like her a lot, respect her, and even admire her. She's my sister.

My "little" sister is only 14 months younger than I am. We grew up very close, and I'm very happy to have had her around. Sure, we fought from time to time as kids, but my life is much richer for having had a sister like her. We stood up for each other — even against vicious animals. When I was a little boy, I had a fear of large dogs (back in the 70s, people let feral dogs run loose all over the place). Dogs, as all children know, can smell fear, so they'd make an extra effort to torment me. But my little tow-headed sister had no such fear. When some local cur would start coming after me, she'd stand right up to the mutt and let him have it. "Leave my brother alone!" she'd say to the cringing canine. Although in retrospect it may not have been all that wise for such a little girl to stand up to large, toothy beasts, she proved that she was no slouch, and no wimp.

Later, I repaid the favor by standing up for her when other kids were mean. Not because I was a "white knight," but because my sister and I were in it together. We both looked out for one another, and we still do.

Our politics are far from the same, but she could give a damn about that, and about politics in general. My sister is fundamentally pragmatic where human relations are concerned: treat her well and she graciously returns the favor.

So why isn't she married or a "career woman?" I can't speak for her, but I think it's because she's been honest with herself and her priorities. As a good-looking, intelligent woman, she's had plenty of opportunities, and offers from wealthy men. But she chose instead to live life the way she wants to. And it isn't about some "you go, girl!" sense of defiance, but rather a fundamental honesty and adherence to her own standards.

Instead of faking some allegiance to cliché social standards and then pulling the "eat, pray love" routine, she's always been straightforward about her expectations and preferences. She lives life according to her own values, as different as they may be, but doesn't expect others to either foot the bill or explain it for her. She's an upstanding woman. Different, but honorable. There's something noble about the way she's chosen to live her life, and I'm proud of her for that.

I don't think many men would have a problem with women like her. I doubt many women would, either. But feminists would deny her very existence, and suggest that in order for women to be independent in both mind and

spirit, they need to be made dependent on men in aggregate. There are a lot of women out there who prove them wrong, and they are, perhaps, the most compelling argument against the utter helplessness and dependence of women of all.

Unfortunately for the feminists, they are also the best argument against their basic premise of eternal male responsibility.

Women who stand on their own are a great boon to our society, but if we let the feminists have their way we'd have to believe they don't exist. I refuse to see women in such a fundamentally pathetic light, not least of all because one of the women I care about most can stand on her own, and does so with both grace and conviction.

Thanks, sister, for giving me some faith in and respect for half of humanity.

Commenting Changes, Other Site Work

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Just to let readers know, I've just about completed my overhaul of the site's infrastructure, and testing is pretty much over. The idea is to have something scalable in place that will continue to work for a long time to come, and it looks like we're just about there. Instability should be far less common going forward. For those who asked why I wasn't doing all the testing locally, each server configuration is unique and there's no guarantee that my computer would handle scripts in the same manner as the webhost would, so it was necessary to do a lot of live testing.

Now, as far as comments are concerned, I'm going to move away from this moderation regime, and eventually require a login. However, not everyone will have to login through the site itself. Simply having a Twitter, WordPress or Facebook account should do the trick, but those who are actual members of the site will have privileges (such as voting) and access to extra content all the same.

These last features will be implemented through a subscription service, which will be opened after the details have been worked out. For now, I'm going to keep the comments on moderation for those who are not logged in on the site itself, because I don't want to cut off those who might subscribe before they are given the opportunity to do so. At the moment, I'm using a custom php script to keep those who are not site members on moderation, but when I open subscriptions I'll pull it out and require a login.

As for the wordpress.com comment field, feel free to report bugs if you're having problems with it and I'll investigate the issue. I tend to suspect that disappearing text and such is simply javascript quirks (and possibly browser-related), and this can probably be fixed by changing a few settings.

In the meanwhile, if the comments are a bit buggy, that's just the final details on what has been a pretty big job. Looks like the site is just about ready for another three years.

A Custody Gauntlet

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[Editor: the following is a very familiar account to those of us who have been through a contested custody case. Readers who want to confirm this need only sit in on family law hearings for a morning or afternoon to see how routine these accusations are. Pugs had a very good outcome, and there is one very important factor that almost certainly helped him a great deal in the case. In the initial separation agreement, his wife shared time with him equally, and then only later changed her tune. If a man can get equal or more custody during the pre-divorce separation, his chances of obtaining primary custody in the final order are astronomically higher. If not, he should probably cut his losses and concede primary custody instead of wasting all that he has on a futile fight. Of course, you should ask a lawyer about this, but men must always go into these situations with realistic expectations.]

By Pugs Fugly

An hour ago, I was sitting in a detective's office, poring over the details of my ex-wife's ridiculous statement regarding the "terroristic threat" I had supposedly made, which she felt was a direct attempt on her life. The threat? A two year-old photo I'd posted on Facebook, fourteen months before we'd even separated. The photo was a joke "to-do-list" with her name at the top, crossed-out with a big red "X." She had already used this photo as the basis for a Protective Order against me, claiming in a sworn affidavit that she had never seen the photo before six weeks ago. Unfortunately for her, she'd commented on the photo the day it was posted, and something two years old can't magically become a threat just because a bitter, angry woman decides to start grasping at straws.

Yesterday afternoon, I was sitting in a CPS investigator's office, poring over the details of my ex-wife's completely groundless accusations that I'd been hurting my four year-old daughter. These were based on some minor medical issues my daughter had, all of which had occurred during the time she spent with her mother. A quick trip to the doctor's office and a couple of chart copies proved this.

The day before yesterday, I was sitting in court, grinding my teeth and attempting to not show my disdain while my ex-wife spent an hour testifying, every word out of her mouth a complete fabrication. One lie after another. Imagine hearing the details of your marriage as a work of fiction. I found out, for the first time, that I'd been a raging, violent drunk the entire time she'd known me. That I'd physically assaulted her on several occasions, and that I held some extremely radical political and religious views that she felt would be a detriment to my daughter's mental and emotional well-being, were I allowed any access to her.

The detective laughed once he saw the original post, and told me that he sees this sort of thing all the time; that a disturbingly high percentage of the work he does is processing false claims. The CPS investigator told me they weren't even going to bother with an investigation, because after interviewing my daughter, it was clear that my ex-wife was making everything up. He also told me that roughly 80% of the cases he has to take the time to investigate and process are false, and they almost always have to do with a custody dispute. My lawyer would go on to deftly knock a dozen holes in my ex-wife's testimony, and one of the hardest things I've ever had to do was keep from laughing out loud while she verbally stumbled and back-tracked, trying to come up with new lies to cover up the old ones.

I got to say most of what I wanted to while on the stand, though the surreality of the situation has my memory fogged, even if it was only two days ago. If you've been in that situation, then you know that afterward, you go over and over it in your head, and eventually get to a point where you can't tell the difference between what was said and what you wish you had said. You come up with infinitely better responses after the fact. At the very least, I know I frustrated the hell out of my ex-wife's lawyer, especially given that her entire case was based on a poorly-written fantasy. I'd like to say I feel bad for her, but I don't. My ex-wife lied to her, not me.

I left and filed for divorce just over a year ago. I could write another three thousand words about all of the things I've done during that time to make this process easier for her. I've paid bills that weren't mine, moved an entire

apartment full of her furniture by myself, dealt with completely over-blown ambivalence from the in-laws, and lost countless hours of my life that I'll never get back, listening to the old familiar cry and cuss and moan.

Both feet were planted firmly on the high road the entire time. We had agreed to split time with my daughter and expenses evenly, and we kept that arrangement for the year it took to get to court. I was even happy to shell out a few grand for the legal severance, not wanting her to be out any money when we had agreed on everything. The divorce, while ultimately inevitable (we'd tried everything from marriage couseling to her going to A.A.) was my idea, and I felt a responsiblity to shoulder the burden. The first few months were actually rather pleasant. We'd meet for dinner someplace public to exchange our daughter, so she'd get time with the two us, and see us getting along. We'd talk or text regularly, sharing updates (a lot happens very quickly with a toddler) and each of us letting the other call to say goodnight. I was even allowed to continue seeing my two step-children every weekend.

Then she re-connected with an old boyfriend online, and everything changed. Literally overnight.

Pleasantry was out, acrimony was in. Gone were public meetings for dinner; now we met at the local police station. Gone were the updates, the phone calls, the texts to tell me what amazing new, adorable thing my daughter had done. Also gone was the legal agreement. The old flame had done very well for himself, and this hapless beau was all too happy to cover her lawyer's exorbitant fees.

Trouble was, he lived 2,000 miles away. Nevertheless, my ex-wife was fully committed to moving there, with my daughter. As court approached, it became clear that she was willing to say and do whatever was necessary to make that happen. She filed a report with the police, and CPS. She showed up to court with a list of accusations so heinous that I spent the morning nauseas and dizzy. She insisted her lawyer grill me on the most trivial, assinine aspects of my life, going back to years before she and I had even met. She would precede all of this by keeping my daughter past the exchange date and filing a completely fraudulent Protective Order against me to justify her actions.

In the end, everything she brought would be laughed out of court. The death knell was her admittance that she was happy to leave her older two children here, living with their dad. Her primary motivation was taking my daughter away from me, and replacing me with the new guy, all to get back at me for leaving her.

I would get primary custody, the right to choose my daughter's residence, and control over educational decisions. I'll also be getting several thousand extra dollars a year in child support, which I would have forgone if she hadn't gone out of her way to make things so difficult. I earn more than enough to cover expenses. The court was simply unwilling to move my daughter away from everything she knew just to facilitate my ex-wife's new romance. You might say that Not All Judges Are Like That.

I know that my story is as familar as the outcome is unusual. We've all heard this before, but the ending is different.

It happened to me because when I met this woman years ago, I didn't know what I know now. I would discover The Spearhead (and Dalrock, et al) a few months before I finally decided it was time to leave. It was absolutely incredible how quickly and completely life began imitating art. I knew nothing of hypergamous solipsism; which is to say that I'd seen it time and again, but couldn't explain it. I knew, after years with my ex-wife, that she could rationalize away any behavior (from cuckholdry to adultery, and back again) but I didn't know why. I'd heard of false accusations, and I'd read about the lengths some women will go to so they can get what they want, but I never thought I'd be caught in the cross-hairs, staring down the barrel of losing both my daughter and my freedom.

This is what you're in for, gentlemen. This is marriage 2.0. The same woman who tells you today that she will love you until you are dead; that were your relationship to end, there'd be no animosity, will likely prove herself to be a liar, whether you scorn her or not.

I won, and I'm immeasurably thankful for that, but most men lose. Most men in my exact same situation are shackled not only with limited contact with their children, but also a lifetime of debt and meager living, all to finance their ex's new life. Most men wind up broken, one way or another. I was fully prepared for this, and

ultimately, was completely suprised by the judge's decision. I still haven't wrapped my mind around the fact that I'm actually going to get to raise my daughter, by myself, and that my ex, at best, will get one weekend a month.

I was honestly prepared to start spending all of my time in the dark, with a bottle of whiskey. Indefinitely.

I wanted to tell this story both as a positive score for men and fathers everywhere, and also to show anyone out there who might feel trapped in a miserable situation that they're only trapped if they want to be. I've had every kind of argument with a woman there is (and even invented a few) and I know that where children are involved, the minute you suggest ending the relationship or divorce, they unload their salvo of "If you leave, you're never gonna see your child, etc." What I learned through all of this is that they have exactly the amount of power you choose to give them.

You may be broke. You may be lonely. You may be attempting to cram a month's worth of time with your children into every other weekend. But in the end, you'll be happier. Come to terms with the potential loss, and the idea of sticking it out when you dread even coming home from work every day will no longer be appealing. The sound of my ex-wife's voice induces hives. I've been all the way to bottom of the pit, and I came out swinging. You can, too.

At the same time, however, the moral high ground has room for the both of you. If you're standing up there alone, you may want to re-evaluate why you're being so nice. If you have the virtue of wanting to do right by people; if you're compelled to do the right thing, no matter what, then believe me, she knows this and will us it against you.

Your children won't always be young. If the spouse you're up against is anything like mine, they will grow to see her as such. They will still love her (she is their mother) but they will love you, too, and more, for being the better person. Right is right, regardless of any legal provision. Know that you are right, and your children will, too.

Housewives of Benxi

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By BC Dad

A necessary component of living and working legally in China is an annual visit to the police station to register documents, address, and similar data. The main branch in my current hometown of Benxi, when I visited last, featured half a dozen female officers (no men), mostly sitting at various public service desks, all appropriately uniformed and equipped. I laughed out loud, however, when I noticed that each and every one of them, including the senior officer in charge of foreigners, was wearing high-heeled shoes.

In fact, having traveled and seen (much of) the world, I can now state with definitive authority that the most exotic, sexualized, erectogenic and (otherwise) utterly useless females on planet Earth are without doubt native Chinese women. Many of them are walking wet dreams, every inch of their being designed to maximize the attentions and lustful sensibilities of any male within visual range. And yes dammit, that includes me – I can't seem to help looking.

The vast majority of women in Benxi over the age of 25 are married, and have usually done their duty to society and husband by producing the requisite child. The social contract between the sexes here is quite transparent – sex and reproduction in exchange for labor, property, money and lifestyle.

At the end of each school day, I run a gauntlet of parents, mostly moms, waiting outside the gate to pick up their child. It's apparently perfectly normal for some of these women to show up in six-inch platform shoes, a pleated micro-mini skirt, which may or may not be see-through with black panties underneath, and of course the almost obligatory lacy bra covered by sheer fabric of some sort or another. Feathers, flounces, silk and lace froufrou accoutrements of every description and style can also be found, along with ultra-short leather hot pants, thigh-high boots, stockings that would make a prostitute blush, tights (Chinese women have superseded the West by moving beyond the humble camel-toe), Lycra sheath dresses and skirts, and of course, the utterly transparent simple summer dress (my personal favorite).

And then there's the shoes. My god, the shoes! I seriously contemplated making a career out of stopping women in the street and asking if I could photograph their fabulous, frivolous footwear, but decided against it, not wanting to jeopardize my standing as a normal human being. To picture them for yourself, use your imagination, AFTER ingesting a hallucinogenic-sized dose of Viagra. For sure the evolutionary biologists are correct when they point out that the apparent purpose of such inflammatory footwear is to elevate and outwardly project the buttocks, inviting an approach suggestive of our ancestral hominid mating habits.

Modesty does not seem to be held in high regard, either. I have seen aging over-weight women sprawled on park and shopping mall benches with their skirts intentionally pulled up, legs wide apart for anyone who cares to look. Perhaps it's China's customary overcrowding and lack of privacy that enables this – I'm not sure – but sexy those women aren't. I have seen numerous women try on shirts in public stores without embarrassment, and on one memorable occasion watched a pretty young woman pull her skirt up almost to her waist (flimsy pink cotton panties, in case you're wondering) in order to roll on a pair of pantyhose, in the middle of an underground walkway/mall that was crowded with shoppers.

Fascinating as it is to watch some of these women teetering precariously along on their exuberant footwear, it's almost impossible to picture them efficiently performing any of life's daily chores, much less being seriously productive in the business and corporate worlds. Yet, this very morning, I noticed a beautiful young woman, dressed to the nines in knee-high boots, white leather mini, and form-hugging white cashmere sweater, mopping the sidewalk in front of a ratty little shop near my apartment. I can surely appreciate the value of a woman who's willing to do some of the dirty work, but why oh why does she have to look so damned sexy doing it?

As for male fashion, a small set of the beautiful youth (some young Chinese men are a lot better-looking than I

would have thought possible) sport hair styles reminiscent of Liberace, Elvis and even Fabio, but for the majority the predominant expression of style seems to be the mawkish and unpleasant habit of rolling up their shirts to just above the nipples, usually revealing a pot-belly and an assorted variety of flab. It's unimpressive to say the least, and really quite funny. But let's face it, I'd rather look at the women.

Raising Daughters

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Either there's a dearth of men with daughters in the MRM or father's rights scene, or they don't often mention it. I'm sure it's the latter, because I know that a lot of men concerned with fathers' rights have daughters. In fact, given that the average divorced/separated father has more than 1.0 children, I'm certain that more than half of them do.

So, it looks like a lot of men with daughters are afraid to open up about it, and although it's sad, I can understand why. Personally, I think it's too bad that it's come this, because there's nothing at all wrong with having a daughter. In fact, daughters are a great source of happiness and fulfillment for fathers, just like sons. The really shameful thing is that today fathers often feel that having a daughter is something to fear, and unfortunately there's a good reason for that. Having a daughter can be a real liability in a custody dispute, because men are very often falsely accused of hurting or molesting them.

However, I often see men blaming fathers of daughters as well — for our problems with feminists. They say that we are white knights whose only purpose is to put other men down for our daughters. Yes, evidently we fathers of daughters are so powerful that we can oppress the rest of men very effectively. Instead of training our daughters to be perfect wives for these guys, we're setting them up to be the next version of Hillary Rodham Clinton…

Sometimes, if you have a daughter it seems you can't win either way. On the one side you have the feminists sharpening their knives, eagerly awaiting the opportunity to call you a pervert or brute, and on the other you have men complaining that it's your fault if your daughter doesn't act like their idealized version of a woman.

Well, I've got news for these guys. As a father of a daughter, you've got precious little power over your daughter's life. You're lucky if you can even convince her to dress modestly, and if her mother has other ideas that luck just ran out. As for the guys who encourage their daughters to get involved in contact sports and act like boys, well, I'm not saying I support that, but if that's all the fathers are allowed to do to bond with their daughters, and that's all they know, how can we blame them? Maybe that's the only time they can spend with their girls in which mom doesn't shove the guy out of the way and take over. Personally, I tend to think that's the explanation. If you love your child – and only a screwed up, strange man doesn't love his daughter – you're going to try to find some way to connect with her.

However, I'd like to offer fathers some hope and some relief. Let's start with the relief:

If you have no power over your daughter, and fathers don't have any to speak of, then your responsibility is diminished. Whether that's good or bad is beside the point: it just is. What this means is that you are not to blame for much. If something goes wrong, chances are that it isn't your fault. This is why men who blame fathers for daughters' behavior should really just can it. It isn't our fault. Blame the mothers, the schools, TV or Justin Bieber — we simply aren't responsible. Neither legally nor practically. Would you blame a private for the loss of a battle? A slave for the failure of a plantation? Ridiculous!

What this means is that you should just relax and lay your worries aside, because they won't do you any good. Instead, you should focus on the positive things you can do for your daughter, which may be limited, but at least here you have some leeway.

And this brings us to the hopeful part:

Fathers do have a bond with their daughters. Children love their parents, so daughters will listen to what their fathers say. They may not always follow the advice, but they will hear it, and if you lay your opinions down solidly your daughter will not forget them.

I think this is a great opportunity men have to both be good fathers to daughters and to keep their consciences clear. As a father, your primary duty is to teach your daughter your notion of what is right and wrong. And this doesn't have to be a very complicated thing. In fact, it can be very simple.

Instead of worrying about whether or not she becomes Secretary of State or the next Olympic gold medalist, you should concern yourself with how you'd like her to address the world as an adult. I favor something along the lines of the Ten Commandments, and not for religious reasons, but rather because they are practical. I want my daughter to be forthright, not a thief, not an adulteress, not a liar, not vain, not covetous, etc. I want her to be kind to the unfortunate, respectful to her elders, gracious in success, and patient in times of trial. Whether or not she is a good wife is beside the point; teaching her to be a good human being is my job (teaching one's daughter how to be a wife seems strange and inappropriate to a father, and I hope it stays that way).

Little girls love stories, and fathers can be pretty good at telling them. Choose stories that teach your daughter the lessons you think are important. I like stories that emphasize people (or animals) helping each other, being kind, and being resourceful. Throw in a little adventure and a few rewards. Hidden treasures and secret hideaways always help. Make sure the good ones have a happy outcome, and the bad actors are eaten by bears or turned into seaweed (or choose your own regionally appropriate version). And tell them to your sons as well — they like them too.

Another fun thing to do is to analyze fairy tales with your daughter. Ask her why Snow White is good. Sometimes, her responses will give you an idea of just how important this job is. Maybe she'll say "Snow White is good because she's beautiful." This is where you can correct her in a manner that she will understand. You could say that Snow White may be beautiful, but she is good because she was kind and grateful to the dwarves, and did nice things for them when they helped her. You could tell her that the evil queen is evil because she only cares about being the most beautiful, and will hurt people to be on top when she could have been much happier accepting Snow White and eventually becoming a grandma. One of the moments I can remember that really made me happy was when I saw that my kids understood that part of evil is that it is just plain wrong — mistaken. I explained that a large part of the reason people are bad is that they are doing things the wrong way, and if only they learned to do the right thing they could be good. It's a very simple concept that even small children can understand quite well, but alas, we adults all too often forget it.

Being a father to a daughter is a great blessing, and Western men have never really felt differently. I don't think there's any reason we should change simply because the current class of political women consists of so many evil sociopaths. These feminists really are not normal people, and they don't represent natural girls and women, who actually do want to be good people — not evil, grasping, power-hungry tyrants who kill their own children and destroy their families for self-gratification.

Instead of fretting over our current position as fathers, I think we should take advantage of it, and learn to have a constructive relationship with our daughters that is both fun and rewarding for both daddy and his little girl. In fact, having no "power" over our daughters may be a good thing in the long run if we handle it the right way. If nothing else, it will compel us to teach them that ultimately they will be responsible for themselves, and all we can do is teach them how to handle it as upstanding adults with a firm sense of right and wrong. I don't think there's anything more important that fathers could do, so I am at peace with my role.

“Flowers” of Arab Spring Wilting

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When some feminists demanded the arrest of the misguided Christian man who produced a primitive movie mocking Islam, I had to shake my head at the sheer stupidity of it. Here in the West, and in the US in particular, feminists tend to see Christianity as the one force that must be destroyed. They are so wrapped up in their hate crusade against Christians and traditional Western civilization that they will side with anyone they see as an ally in its destruction.

However they, and most other Westerners, have a very feeble understanding of Islam. We tend to look at the authoritarian governments that characterize Islamic societies and blame them for Islamic fundamentalism, which we then interpret as “anti-democratic.” Nothing could be farther from the truth. Out of the Abrahamic religions, and perhaps all major religions, Islam is the most democratic of faiths. Christianity, on the other hand, is spiritually aristocratic, while Judaism tends to be more legalistic.

Muhammad was a populist prophet; he declared all men equal under Allah. Major branches of Islam are not nearly as hierarchical as traditional Christianity. Becoming an imam doesn’t require the approval of bishops or a formal process, but rather popular recognition of one’s wisdom and spiritual authority. A young man who is well-versed in the Koran and has a good understanding of Sharia can lead other Muslims in prayer, and without any formal ordination he becomes an imam.

So Islamic society already has a very powerful democratic institution: the mosque. In prayer, the cobbler and the sultan are equal before Allah. In its pure form, it is a true brotherhood of faith.

However, human society needs hierarchy somewhere, and if it isn’t found in one’s religion, it tends to emerge elsewhere. So Islamic societies are characterized by democratic religious institutions and authoritarian governments. I think the reason that political democracy developed in Christian societies is that the hierarchical nature of the church allowed the emergence of more egalitarian governments. For Christians, the hierarchy of the church provided the necessary order, giving people a sense of their proper place in the world. This prevented the social chaos that tends to emerge as a result of unchecked egalitarianism. In other words, Christians did not need an authoritarian government, because the church provided them with social order. As an example, if we look at contemporary American society, it’s fairly clear that the breakdown of religious authority has led to a need for a more authoritarian government and oppressive, coercive laws. Perhaps that’s the inevitable result in societies that allow for freedom of religion; I suppose future historians will address the issue.

When we helped “liberate” Muslims from their dictators, what we were doing was essentially removing a sense of order from their societies. Not to say that the corrupt, authoritarian regimes were all that benevolent, but rather that we helped make religious egalitarianism, i.e. Islam, the dominant force. And, of course, women’s “equality” cannot meaningfully exist in an egalitarian society, because the real differences between men and women are too stark. In fact, it takes a great deal of authoritarian coercion to bring women up to the level we find them occupying in the US. From federal agencies to local police forces and courts, hundreds of thousands of people are employed in the business of “equalizing” men and women. One could fairly call it a domestic army.

Under Arab dictators like Saddam Hussein and Hosni Mubarak, women had higher relative social status that they do now in the freshly liberated countries of Iraq and Egypt. Feminist projects were indulged, women’s groups patronized, and so on. Now that men have been freed from the constraints of the regimes, much of this has been rolled back. Islam and feminism are now said to be mutually exclusive. Sharia has hardened, and tolerance for more liberal interpretations of Islam (not to mention other faiths) is weakening. In its purer forms, democracy is entirely incompatible with feminism. For example, if Americans merely applied Constitutional principles to family law, women’s supremacy in that institution would vanish overnight.

But still feminists live in a fantasy world in which democracy and female supremacy are one and the same. This is

why they supported the Arab Spring revolts, backwardly thinking that feminism would flower in countries where authoritarian governments were removed. Perhaps not all of them are that stupid, but it seems to be the prevailing attitude, hence their disappointment when things didn't turn out quite as they had expected.

Here at home, feminists instinctively understand that their power rests on an authoritarian state, and typically support punitive, coercive and confiscatory measures against men. Indeed, authoritarian governments overwhelmingly direct their efforts toward placing controls on the males of a given society, as they are viewed as the more credible threat to state power. So how could they make such a mistake where the Arab countries are concerned?

I think it really comes down to a desire to permanently vanquish the traditional spiritual authority of the West, and replace it with something else. Every authoritarian regime, no matter where, is a stand-in for the hated "patriarchy," which is really just another word for traditional Christianity.

Ultimately, they may have their way. I can't say with any conviction whether Christianity will survive or fade away. However, if it does fail, a new order will arise in its place, and I think we can say with some certainty that it will not be dominated by women, and if the rest of the world is any indication, women's status will not be enhanced.

Abortion Ship Denied Entrance to Moroccan Port

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A Dutch vessel operated by abortionists calling themselves “women on waves” was denied entry to the Moroccan harbor of Smir, where it was headed to take on a load of pregnant women, transport them to international waters, then abort their children. The leader of the group, one Rebecca Gomperts, has sailed to various countries to promote abortion. So far, most of the countries have been Catholic, such as Poland and Ireland, but for the first time she decided to take her services to a Muslim land.

Moroccans were not happy about the arrival of the ship, and protested vigorously. Gomperts, who had already landed in Morocco in a sailboat, had to be escorted to safety by police when an angry crowd surrounded the marina.

> Some 200 protesters in Smir targeted the activists outside the sealed gates of the marina. The protesters, some in conservative Muslim robes and headscarves, carried pictures of bloody embryos and shouted “Terrorist!” and “Assassin!” at Gomperts, who was attempting to hand out fliers on abortion in Arabic and French.
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> “We are here because we cannot accept these values, the values of massacre,” said protester Abdessamad Zilali, 23. “It is not part of our tradition to kill the unborn.”
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> As shouting protesters tried to get closer to Gomperts, police pushed them back and she was escorted away for her own protection.

Prior to attempting to dock in Morocco, Gomperts claimed that Moroccan efforts to deny the ship entry to the sovereign nation would be “illegal” due to “freedom of expression.” I suppose according to feminist logic abortion is a form of free speech…

Moroccans who protested said they felt that abortion is against Islam, although Muslims tend to have significantly more liberal views on abortion than Christians, and many Muslims feel that it is not forbidden so long as the abortion is performed in the first trimester. Abortion is evidently provided in Morocco on a case-by-case basis, but without spousal consent must be approved by the chief medical officer of the prefecture. However, it appears that private clinics offer the service regularly with little official interference.

Gomperts is engaging in outright feminist imperialism of the most offensive kind, and denying the Moroccan people the ability to decide for themselves how they want to deal with abortion. Imagine the outrage if a ship from a Muslim country sailed into a Western harbor offering men the opportunity to declare in front of witnesses that they are divorcing their spouses and then immediately sail off with their children (men get custody in Islamic law). Feminists would demand that the ship be torpedoed.

What I wonder is what Gomperts does with the dead fetuses after performing the abortions in international waters. Does she toss them into the sea? Does she save the tissue and sell it to medical research firms? Pretty disgusting to think of, but it’s something she ought to answer. Another question is who funds her excursions. Boats require fuel, repairs, crew, etc. I think we really ought to know who is paying this woman to sail around aborting kids.

Feminists: The Kissing Sailor was Committing Sexual Assault

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I'm sure pretty much every American over the age of 12 or so has seen the iconic WWII photograph that depicts a sailor kissing a woman on VJ day. Well, I've got bad news for you: the guy was a sex predator. That's right, you weren't seeing an act of jubilation in the joy of victory, but a lecherous thug kissing an unsuspecting woman in a surprise attack. What gave this cretin license to do this? Why, rape culture, of course…

> A few facts have come to light. Far from being a kiss between a loving couple, we learn that George and Greta were perfect strangers. We learn that George was drunk, and that Greta had no idea of his presence, until she was in his arms, with his lips on hers.
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> …what George had committed was sexual assault. Yet, in an amazing feat of willful blindness, none of the articles comment on this, even as they reproduce Greta's words for us. Without a single acknowledgement of the problematic nature of the photo that her comments reveal, they continue to talk about the picture in a whimsical, reverent manner, "still mesmerized by his timeless kiss." George's actions are romanticized and glorified; it is almost as if Greta had never spoken.
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> In a way, I understand this. The end of war is a big deal, and the euphoria felt throughout the nation on that day is an important part of American history. For so long, this photograph has come to represent that unbridled elation, capturing the hearts of war veterans and their families alike. The fact that this much-loved photo is a depiction of sexual assault, rather than passion, is an uncomfortable truth, and to call it out as such might make one seem to be a priggish wet blanket. After all, this sailor has risked his life for his country. Surely his relief and excitement at the end of the war is justified? Surely these are unique circumstances? The answer to the first question is yes. He is perfectly entitled to be ecstatic. He is perfectly entitled to celebrate. However, this entitlement does not extend to his impinging on someone else's bodily autonomy.

Actually, she's right by today's standards. The law provides no excuse for this kind of behavior. Today, George would be arrested and court martialed, the Navy sued, and congressional inquiries would be held. We'd hear about "rape culture" in the military for months.

I'd ask why stop there? After all, by today's standards pretty much every pop star prior to 1990 or so might as well be a rapist. Likewise, Sean Connery would be a batterer, Martin Luther King Jr. abusive, JFK a rapist, Gandhi a wife beater, the list goes on… There are so many illusions to shatter, so many cultural icons to smash, so many great men to lay low. It should keep the feminists busy for a very long time, as they erase every last vestige of patriarchal pride.

I'm not sure older men who came of age before the feminist revolution understand this, even today, and I think that's one of the reasons they often have a tolerant attitude toward feminism. The hijinks they got away with as young men would now get many of them jailed and labeled as sex predators. Even hippie culture (and perhaps especially hippie culture) would be verboten today. Imagine what would happen if some long-haired freak took to walking around children without clothes on today, talking about "free love" and all the rest.

Yet, for some reason, it's the young men – who have never had anywhere near the liberty afforded to previous generations of men – who bear the brunt of the "rape culture" penalties. Look at a woman the wrong way, or don't look at her or pay any attention to her at all, but say something she doesn't like (doesn't even have to be sexual), and you could be reported for making her "feel threatened."

The lesson here is that the more power we concede to the feminists, the worse they treat us. Every time we pass a law they want, they simply escalate their demands. Whenever we give them an advantage, they inevitably complain that much, much more is needed. And the sad thing is that despite bending over backwards to accommodate them,

women are a lot less happy than they used to be.

It will never end until someone finally, decisively says “no.” That’s right, no means no. No more concessions.

Honey Boo Boo Child and Incentives

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I became aware of an unfortunate pop phenomenon known as “Honey Boo Boo Child” while clicking through channels not too long ago, and at first simply wrote it off as another example of the depravity that characterizes entertainment today. For those who don’t know, Honey Boo Boo is a little girl named Alana who participates in beauty pageants. She hails from a working-class Southern white family (AKA redneck), is overweight even at the age of six, and also happens to have quite a talent for getting attention. Her mother, known as “Mamma June,” is an obese woman in her 30s who has four children by four different men.

Although it’s tempting to write the mother off as another example of the typical Jerry Springer type trailer trash and simply laugh at the dumb rednecks, there’s more going on in that family than meets the eye. I looked at a few of the videos of their home life, and Mamma June, AKA “the Coupon Queen” actually manages to stock her home fairly well. In fact, the house is loaded to the gills with essentials such as detergent and toilet paper that she’s picked up on the cheap. So well-stocked that I suspect June is a compulsive hoarder, and not exactly a psychologically normal individual.

A lot of these compulsive types have above average intelligence, and June looks like one of them (she can do math in her head pretty damn well for a high school dropout). She may be trashy, but she isn’t dumb, and she has a good eye for material opportunity. Hence the praise she’s garnered for managing to wrest child support from four different men, which adds up to a lot more than she’d get if she’d had all four with the same man (in my state, twice as much). Even if all men are low earners, she could still pull down about $1,200-1,500 month, which is more than enough to house, feed and clothe her kids and herself in rural Georgia.

From “Mother Nature Network:”

> No doubt, the Thompson-Shannon family lives in rural poverty in a tiny house right next to the train tracks. But they’re also industrious, hard-working folks — or at least Alana’s father, Mike “Sugar Bear” Thompson is — and 32-year-old family matriarch “Mamma June” Shannon, a recent grandmother and a high school dropout with a wicked sense of humor, exhibits a keen business sense. She’s also skilled at wrangling up child support checks from each of her four children’s fathers…

But perhaps the biggest opportunity was the beauty pageants she’s enrolled her daughter Alana in. She certainly knows that Alana is not going to grow up to be Miss Georgia (the girl is too big boned), but she has such a talent for amusing people and acting outrageous that people can’t get enough of her. She’s a very entertaining girl, although in a very inappropriate manner. However, inappropriate has become the norm in entertainment, so June saw an opportunity and pounced on it.

In order to maximize her daughter’s antics on stage, June jacks her up with a sugary, caffeine packed concoction of mountain dew and red bull before acts. Given that the girl is already overweight, this is beyond questionable, but apparently it works, and June defends it, saying “at least I’m not giving her alcohol.”

A lot of people in the middle class and above probably look at this and say “what a train wreck! How could a mother do this?”

Well, let’s look at the facts. June is obese, far from wealthy and stuck in a dead-end life. She did the best with the opportunities provided to her, and in contemporary America that meant having children with multiple men to maximize child support. Next, she took advantage of trash culture and voyeurism to capitalize on her daughter. Now she has her own reality show and is being paid thousands of dollars per episode, and richer than she’s ever been.

Each “bad choice” she made was incentivized. Every time she did something we look down on, she was rewarded

for it. If she had simply buckled down and lived a modest, decent life, she'd be in a pretty lousy place today. The idea that simply doing what we're "supposed to do," presented to us in that enormous fake of a movie *Forrest Gump*, will pay off, is just plain wrong for a growing number of Americans.

We have engineered a society that punishes the common people for making socially responsible choices. Men who "do the right thing" and marry young end up divorced, childless, impoverished and indebted. Women who stay with their man have to work harder for less. People who bring their children up with the values of hard work and honesty find that there aren't any jobs for their kids, or that the jobs that do exist pay Latin American wages. This is true for most Americans under the age of 40 now. It is a real catastrophe, and our elites are doing absolutely nothing to change it. No, instead they fly around the world with their billions involving themselves in third world projects, ignoring the collapse at home.

There's a lot of blame for this to go around. From willful ignorance to outright class hostility, many upper income Americans are complicit in wrecking things for the more fragile lower half. Fundamentally selfish ideologies like feminism have played a very important part, but if we're honest with ourselves selfishness will find any excuse for the damage it does; if it weren't feminism it would be something else.

The collapse of values amongst the lower classes, the blame for which can be laid squarely at the feet of our "leaders" and cultural elites, is a grim portent of things to come. If there is a collapse of order in the United States, and it's starting to look more like a "when" rather than an "if" at this point, having half or more of our population devoid of any notions of responsibility, integrity and social obligation will make the outcome that much more brutal and savage. Think Hurricane Katrina X 100.

Whatever the case, I wouldn't count on one or the other of our presidential candidates to save us from it. Things are too far gone.

Equality in Barbarism

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I stayed up late reading medieval history the other night — reading is how I unwind and relax. Being online is a poor substitute for holding a book and flipping the pages, at least for me. I'm not sure whether my kids, who were born well after the proliferation of the internet, will feel the same way, but I'd like to think so.

The book I was reading is called *The Civilization of the Middle Ages*, written by Norman Cantor, a historian and professor who died in 2004. He spends a lot of time focusing on the collapse of Imperial Rome and the emergence of the Catholic Church as its successor, going into detail about the intellectual trends that influenced the early church, the churchmen who wrangled with the last emperors and first barbarian rulers, and the factors behind the fall of Latin Rome.

According to Cantor, the Germanic invasions were the key to Latin Rome's destruction. He places the blame squarely on the barbarians from the north, suggesting that the destruction of the empire was not inevitable. Although I think he's a little hard on the Germans (I'm at least half Germanic myself, so it's a little embarrassing to see them in this light), he makes a good case. China experienced plenty of disasters, invasions and toppled dynasties, but the empire survived. I tend to think geography plays an important role, because Rome was essentially a littoral empire with the Mediterranean as its center, whereas China was more of an inland empire based on fertile plains and river valleys. What this means is that China always had a Chinese heartland, whereas Rome didn't really have a cohesive center, leaving it at greater risk of permanent disintegration if overrun by invaders.

Anyway, what was relevant to this site was that although Cantor has very few positive things to say about the Germanic barbarians, he does credit them with giving women a higher place in society than Romans did. The tribesmen may have been primitive, illiterate, unable to effectively govern, violent and destructive, but apparently their women had a pretty good time.

In fact, it wasn't only the Germanic women who exulted in the barbarian lifestyle, but some Roman women as well. Although the invaders may have laid waste to the greatest civilization the world had yet known, slaughtered tens of thousands, burned and destroyed centers of learning and thoroughly wrecked the economy, leaving millions destitute, they ushered in an era of women's empowerment and equality. Amidst the smoking ruins of once-great cities and estates, Roman ladies cavorted and feasted with unkempt, tattooed Gothic warriors.

In one case, Ataulf, a Visigothic warlord who took over the Visigothic army after Alaric died, made off with the emperor's daughter and made her his queen, which, according to Cantor, she thoroughly enjoyed.

Cantor contrasts the elevated position of women in primitive Germanic society with the Roman and Christian women's lot. He blames St. Paul and St. Augustine for placing restrictions on women, and appears to criticize Jewish customs (Norman Cantor was Jewish himself) regarding women as responsible for Paul's – and ultimately Augustine's – position. However, I think we ought to take this with a grain of salt; he doesn't conclude that Germanic norms of sexual equality had a net positive impact on society:

> The social structure that had emerged in France, the most important kingdom created on the ruins of the western Roman Empire, was dominated by lords and serfs. Urban life had almost entirely disappeared, and all leadership had passed to a small group of royal princes and great aristocrats. [...] they were ignorant of the arts of government, they were blind to the ideals of justice and peace, and they had no understanding of economic problems… A comparison of these leaders of French society at the beginning of the seventh century with men of the quality of Theodosius I, Ambrose, Augustine, and Symacchus must lead to the conclusion that the collapse of the Roman Empire was a political, economic, and cultural disaster of the greatest magnitude.
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> Yet there is one exception to this gloomy picture. An important way in which Frankish society differed from that of the later Roman Empire was the greater degree of freedom enjoyed by women, at least of the nobility

> and the class of freemen and soldiers and landlords. Women in Frankish society were more independent of their fathers and brothers, more capable of making decisions about their lives, and allowed to hold landed property and to play a role in political life than in Roman times. A feature of narratives of the Frankish monarchy in its first two centuries is the intrigues and manipulations that women of the Merovingian family engaged in. That their intrigues seem just as volatile and violent as those of the men in the family may be regarded as another sign of the women's freedom and equality.

Indeed, this seems to indicate that women's relative power is stronger in more primitive, anarchic and despotic environments, whether they are our contemporary urban ghettoes or early medieval barbarian kingdoms. Many other examples, such as 12th century Mongolia and early colonial era Iroquois tribes point to this phenomenon. In fact, as far as I know, in barbaric, warlike societies, as opposed to civilized or hunter gatherer societies, women have the most power and freedom of all. In example after example, one can see the relative status of women decline as societies become more orderly, literate and settled. Contrast Homeric Greece to Athenian civilization. Pre-imperial to Confucian China. Jahiliyyah to the Caliphate — the list goes on.

The question, then, is whether feminists, when presented with the opportunity, would deliberately create the conditions of barbarism. That feminists romanticize a golden past of female empowerment, even going so far as to suggest that ape society is superior to our own, seems to suggest that they will. Perhaps, then, it isn't so much that feminists want to change civilization, but rather – consciously or not – they aim to dismantle it.

If so, that may be exactly where we're headed.

Joran Van der Sloot to Become Father?

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Joran Van der Sloot, who is suspected of killing Natalie Holloway in Aruba in 2005 and has been convicted of robbing and strangling a Peruvian woman, is now claiming that his girlfriend is pregnant. Yes, he has a girlfriend.

According to Van der Sloot, he impregnated her during an unsupervised visit several months ago:

> A newspaper said Monday that Joran van der Sloot, a Dutch man who is serving a 28-year-sentence for murdering a young Peruvian woman, has impregnated a woman while imprisoned in Lima.
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> The Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf cited Van der Sloot's lawyer Maximo Altez as saying the pregnancy is past its third month, and Van der Sloot himself as having confirmed the news in a telephone call on Saturday.
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> "A test has proved" the pregnancy, the paper quoted Van der Sloot as saying.
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> The woman, identified by the paper only as "Leidi," was said to have become pregnant during an unsupervised visit with Van der Sloot. It was not clear whether that is allowed or possible under Peruvian prison rules.
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> Media in Peru last year identified a woman named Leydi Figueroa Uceda as Van der Sloot's girlfriend…

He could be lying about the pregnancy – he is a notorious liar – but nobody is questioning the fact that he has a girlfriend.

Of all the men in the world, a woman chose to be with an imprisoned murderer. Meanwhile, plenty of perfectly decent men go without any women at all, are divorced by their wives, and so on, but if you're a notorious murderer it's evidently pretty easy to find a sweetheart. It's pretty clear that in many cases, women simply aren't interested in ordinary, run-of-the-mill, law-abiding men, because they find them boring.

So are all those folks yammering about the "Peter Pan syndrome" and men avoiding commitment going to finally shut up now?

Probably not. Willful blindness is pretty hard to cure.

The Hot Teacher Myth, and How it Hurts Men

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By Walt Forest

Every few weeks the local news in my area (and perhaps yours) runs a story about a female teacher who has been arrested for allegedly having sex with an underage male student. A mug shot of her is included—especially if she is good-looking.

Though presented as journalism, these "hot teacher" stories are essentially propaganda. Their purpose is to convey not truth (in fact, as I will show, they suggest the opposite of truth) but rather the ideology of "correct" gender politics which is causing great pain to great numbers of men.

There is a temptation to point to these stories about female teachers who have sex with underage male students and say, "See? Women are just as often guilty of sexual crimes as men are, if not more so." But when we say this, we are basically agreeing that female teachers face the same sexual temptations male teachers do and succumb to them just as often. This is to say, we are agreeing that male and female sexualities are the same—a myth which does men more harm than perhaps any other.

We should resist the temptation of the women-are-just-as-guilty argument. We should instead denounce these "hot teacher" stories as the misleading and unethical journalism that they are.

Most local news organizations focus almost entirely on female teachers who have been arrested, and ignore male teachers who allegedly commit the same crime. There are exceptions—when a male teacher sexually abuses a young child, for example—but it is usually the female teachers who get the headlines. This unbalanced coverage creates the impression that female teachers have sex with underage students just as often, or even more often, than male teachers do.

The reality is the extreme opposite. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 95% of statutory rape victims are female. More than 99% of offenders are male These statistics do take into account incidents involving teachers and underage students. The Bureau of Justice Statistics gives similar numbers for sexual assault of minors.

Are some of these male teachers falsely accused? No doubt. Do some cases in which the offender is female go unreported? Yes.

My purpose is not to deny that female teachers are sometimes sex offenders, nor that their victims are sometimes underage men. It is rather to point out just how rare these incidents are, how the media attempts to mislead us into thinking they are common, and especially how the myth of sameness, to which these stories contribute, is hurting men.

How does this myth hurt men?

Set aside for a moment the image of the hot teacher and her underage male victim which the media force on us with such insistence. Instead imagine a far more common scenario: a young man (or for that matter, a not-so-young man) who does NOT have sex with his teacher, but desperately wants to. In fact this man would like to have sex with many of the women around him, but — with very few exceptions — he cannot. In short, he is an ordinary man with ordinary desires. He may have lived at nearly any point in history, in nearly any culture, but let's place him in our time, our culture, for the problem I describe is not male sexuality, which is timeless and universal, but the way our society denies this sexuality and pretends that it is the same as women's.

We bombard this man from all sides with false assurances that our society is now sexually free. We teach him that the roles traditionally assigned to men are no longer necessary. We pretend that our rituals of courtship are obsolete. In short, we mislead him in the very areas where he most needs guidance.

More to the point, our media and increasingly ordinary people assure this man that women he hardly knows (even his teachers) will suddenly lead him by the hand to their beds for no other reason than the pleasure of having sex

with him, “no strings attached.” This kind of thing is ordinary, we tell him. It “happens all the time.”

When it does not happen—of course it never does—he is left to think that he must be something less than an ordinary man. If he dares to voice his disappointment, we tell him that he places excessive importance on sex, views women as “objects,” and the rest of the standard pop feminist rhetoric designed to put the blame back on the man himself. We blame the man because we MUST if we are to avoid blaming ourselves for all the lies we are telling him.

These lies hurt men. It is difficult for anyone who has not suffered this hurt first hand to understand just how bad it can be, but from my own experience I believe these lies are helping to create the ongoing male suicide epidemic (which our society, tellingly, also refuses to acknowledge). These lies certainly make countless men miserable. For this reason I believe exposing the myth that male and female sexualities are the same should be the men’s movement’s first priority. Hot teacher stories obviously make up only a tiny part of this myth, but because they are such a blatant distortion of reality, they are a good place to start.

Are American Women Hated?

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I was talking to a friend of mine – an American woman – and she told me that she was upset abut the negative image American women have at home and abroad. Today, we no longer have romance dramas about American women abroad, but rather stories such as Amanda Knox's prosecution for murder. The days when American women were considered glamorous and sexy are over; Europeans and Asians now poke fun at frumpy, fat, slutty American girls. American women are considered, along with their British counterparts, the least desirable of all.

Increasingly, the same attitude is growing at home. Although Madonna and Lady Gaga can still draw crowds around the world, mainly they are seen as freak shows — people head to their concerts as though they are going to the circus.

In the meanwhile, older feminists are still doing what they've always done, and not exactly inclining ordinary folks to like women the more for it.

But is it really fair? Are American women that bad?

As I look around, for the most part I'd have to say no, because I can't really pin all the blame on them. Actually, they are not any better or worse intrinsically than their European or Asian counterparts, but rather products of circumstance and environment. Women under 40 never played a role in granting women the license they now have in our society. Most of them just went along with things, as people are wont to do, and some screwed up along the way. They've been told from day one that they can be and do whatever they want, should be sexually adventurous, and should despise family values and honesty. I know it's true because this is what they taught me as a child, too. I had the opportunity to learn from observation that this is bad advice, but I'm fairly sure lots of women have gone through life fully convinced that casual sex with whoever they please, abortion on demand and frivolous divorce are good things.

A lot of people think America is a very "non-progressive" place — it's part of the teaching narrative used to convince people up is down and such. They say "look at the Europeans, they are so much more progressive and open about sexuality, easygoing…" The implication is that we Americans are so backward and prudish, and we have to fix that by screwing around a lot and aborting all the babies. But it's really a lie.

Americans of my generation were born into the most "progressive" childrearing environment that I can think of in modern Western history. The divorce rate was exploding, people were screwing around so much that AIDS burst onto the scene very rapidly, discos were full of coke-snorting players, and it was the so-called golden age of porn. Sweden had nothing on us. Not even close.

Back then, even the Christians were freaks. I knew a bunch of people who grew up in Christian cults, including the Children of God, Love Israel, and various other lesser-known communities. These people were not exactly enriched by the experience of a free love, communal childhood cloaked in religious garb. I'm lucky my traditional grandparents took me to a church that was mainly filled with old Irish ladies, because some of the stories these other kids told me were downright weird.

Secular society was no better. Although much of the art that came out of the 70s was spectacular stuff, the messages conveyed to kids weren't calculated to instill a sense of responsibility. In fact, in hindsight, it really seems like the last thing a lot of the adults back then wanted was responsibility. Life was a big orgy for many of them. I'm sure a lot of them had a blast.

The one thing I remember appreciating about all this was that people my age had a lot of freedom. Wives were just entering the workforce in large numbers in the 80s, and society hadn't really adjusted to it, so we kids were left to fend for ourselves, which gave us a lot of opportunities to do as we pleased. When we weren't being told to "self-actualize" or somesuch bullshit, we could ride bikes around town, play in parks, chuck rocks or whatever. Today's

kids definitely no longer have this privilege, and probably for good reason.

What happened is that my little generation of kids went on to become the most troubled and violent group of minors in US history. Murder and mayhem were far more the norm in the early 90s than today, believe it or not. So, that little experiment was a total failure, but instead of going back to tried and true methods of raising families, our parents decided we were little devils and built more prisons, locked more of us up and filled the streets with police cruisers. In the meanwhile, they redoubled their efforts to teach irresponsible behavior and lies, but they entirely stopped practicing what they preached. They'd grown out of that behavior by then, anyway, but once people are past 40 or so they rarely change their minds, so they became even bigger hypocrites than they had been before.

The result has been disastrous for our society, and contributed a fair amount to social stratification. The less capable members of society were hit the hardest for a few reasons. Most importantly, they were confused by the mixed messages, and even if they weren't they couldn't afford to insulate themselves from dysfunctional institutions such as public schools.

Younger women, of course, were not immune from the bad influence. Despite the fact that fewer women under the age of 40 identify strongly with feminism than older women, they have followed the feminists' bad advice, because that's all they've ever known. So while the boomer feminist may have preached sexual liberation, abortion and the "I don't need no man" mentality, she at least had the benefit of her more traditional parents' example to fall back on if necessary. Their daughters did not have that advantage, and never really knew any better.

Despite how clear it is that their parents failed them, younger women are still taught in universities that all the problems are the result of the "old society" filled with spooky patriarchy and dead white males haunting us like so many ghosts even today. This is because the people running the universities today are their parents! They are still preaching the same garbage they embraced circa 1972, and they will never stop doing so until they retire or die.

So, as a matter of fact, the most libertine generation in our history is currently running our society, and if we are to blame anyone, it's them. No, it isn't because we live in a prudish, backward society, but rather that an entire generation took radically "progressive" ideals way too far and did enormous damage to our culture.

So, although I'd say it's proper – and necessary – to hold American women responsible when they do something wrong, we must conclude that much of the fault lies with their parents. It's time we started taking a more critical look at the people running our institutions and asking them whether, given how much they've screwed up their most fundamental responsibilities, they are still qualified to lead anything at all.

Single Motherhood Endangers Children

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Another sad story came out of my region the other day. An Indian girl died when her mother left her and her sister alone in a car parked in a vacant lot without water for what must have been a very long time (it isn't very hot here this time of year). Even at 18 months, it would probably take pretty much all day for a girl to die of dehydration/heatstroke in a car in weather in the low 60s. It's really terrible to think of the child suffering for all that time.

> An 18-month-old girl has died after being found inside a car with her 2-year-old sister on the Tulalip Indian Reservation, and the girls' mother has been arrested.
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> The girls were found around 4:45 p.m. Monday in a vacant lot along Marine Drive Northeast, Marysville fire officials said.
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> The 18-month-old was taken to Providence Medical Center in Everett where she was later pronounced dead. She was identified by the Department of Social and Health Services as Chantel Craig.
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> Chantel's sister was taken to Children's Hospital in Seattle for treatment of dehydration but is expected to recover.
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> The girls' family were part of the Tulalip Tribe, said tribe chairman Mel Sheldon, but he didn't identify the surviving girl or her mother. Sheldon said the girls' parents had separated and that the father is at Children's with the surviving daughter.

I can't imagine what the father must be going through now. This kind of thing is every father's nightmare when the mother runs off with his children, and it happens more often that way than the other way around. This is probably partly because mothers consistently win custody, but mostly it's because two parents are almost always better than one.

I've already demonstrated (and so have many others) that feminists have problems with math, but this is not simply about how much money one makes at a job, who is more likely to commit adultery, or college admissions; it's about people's lives.

I tend to think fathers and mothers are roughly equal in their propensity to be neglectful of children. It's true that women are more likely to abuse and kill kids than biological fathers – or anyone else for that matter – but that's probably a result of the overwhelming power they have over children's lives in our society. When a situation is so unbalanced, those wielding power and control – women – are going to be disproportionately represented as perpetrators of child murder, abuse, neglect, etc. However, feminists' support of abortion and infanticide does give one cause for concern, and suggests that women may in fact be more likely and willing to kill children than fathers, but until it's conclusively proven I can't say for certain that's the case.

However, even if fathers were 100% more likely than mothers to cause a child's death through neglect, children would still be far safer with a father in their lives. It sounds counterintuitive, but the truth is that very few parents actually do kill their children. What this means is that even if a father is twice as likely to leave a child in the car, go shoot some heroin and then nod off all day, leaving the kid to die in the meanwhile, children are still better off with a father in their lives. This is because, even if mothers are only half as likely to do this, the overwhelming majority of fathers would still be more responsible than the women who did do it, and therefore would save the child even if the mother was a hopelessly wasted junkie. Even if both parents were junkies the kids would be safer with two parents, because it's less likely that two junkies would pass out and forget the kids all day at the same time.

Of course, this is assuming both parents are present on a daily basis, but it extends farther than that. In cases of separation, when the father has frequent, ongoing access to his kids, he can protect them if he notices that

something is wrong. Unfortunately, this is where courts utterly fail children. Not only do they refuse to enforce father custodial time as vigorously as they enforce wealth transfer to the mother, they often treat the father who demands more time with his children with undue suspicion. This is because the feminist narrative says that the only reason fathers want time with their kids is because they desire power and control. That's right, according to feminists fathers only care about being around their kids because they want to order them around, as though children are little servants.

That's ridiculous. Sometimes I tease my kids and say they're going to have to make dinner for me, but both they and I know I wouldn't let them near a hot stove yet. Just about the only thing I can get them to do at this point is put their toys away, and that's often more work than it would be to do it myself. I have a feeling it's going to be years before I can expect them to do anything for me — the main job now is simply to teach them to do things *for themselves*.

Most parents, mothers and fathers, care about and want to protect their children. This includes most separated and divorced parents as well. Therefore, it's in the best interests of children for both parents to be regularly involved in their lives. If one parent drops the ball, the other parent can pick up the slack. If the kids are in a truly dangerous situation with one parent, they are far better off if the other has regular access to them. And sometimes, even the less responsible parent can help them in ways the more responsible one cannot (e.g. listen to the child's opinion and let him or her make their own, better decision).

If courts truly cared about the "best interests of the child," they'd take this fundamental truth to heart and impose a presumption of equal access to the kids. Unless one parent is truly screwed up – as the mother in this case appears to have been – kids should spend equal time with both parents. Unfortunately, mother custody trumps all in our society. The "best interests of the child" is a tasteless joke when courts aid and abet the destruction of families.

I wonder: how do fathers like little Chantal's feel when judges make these lofty pronouncements about children's best interests? Probably not too happy.

I was recently reading about how Allied armies forced Axis civilians to view the horror of concentration camps at the end of WWII. Perhaps someday we can allow the victims of feminist family law to confront the people who put it into practice, so that they, too, can face their guilt. That would at least be a step in the right direction.

Where in the World are The Spearhead's Readers?

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I've been looking over the Google stats recently, and it's kind of fun to see where readers are located. I thought I'd share a few of the more curious facts.

First, the obvious:

Out of roughly 70,000 people who viewed the site over the last month, visiting nearly 134,000 times, the large majority (82.5k visits) are in the US. Next comes Canada, at about 12k. Then the UK with over 9 thousand, then Australia at almost 6 thousand. New Zealand and Ireland lag behind a bit for English speaking countries at about a thousand each.

Now it gets a little more interesting. We had almost 1,800 visits from Germany, which is the highest for any non-English speaking country, but not far behind is Finland, with over 1,200 visits. I'm not going to crunch the numbers, but that may give Finland the highest per capita readership of a non-Anglosphere country. Other nordic countries, including Norway, Sweden and Denmark, also have relatively high counts.

Anyway, my theory is that places with fewer readers are usually places where there is little feminism, and no gender war to speak of. Unsurprisingly, this includes most of Central America and SE Asia. Brazil actually has a large number of readers. Not so many for its size, but there's definitely an indication of feminism there. Mexico is about on par with Brazil for its population size, but Argentina looks to have little activity for its population, and this holds true for most of the rest of S. America, with the exception of Colombia.

For Europe, the most gender peaceful countries include the Balkans, although not all of SE Europe looks good. Romania, for example, shows quite a few hits, but Bulgaria and Hungary show little activity. Russia, despite its large size, shows a paltry 245 hits.

Ukraine looks nice, with only 80 hits, and Belarus is all clear with all of seven hits.

Moving on over to the Middle East/North Africa, we see very little activity in the Maghreb, but more in Egypt, and then a lot in Israel, and surprisingly over 100 from Saudi Arabia. Turkey is second only to Israel for the ME, but considering its size the number isn't so bad.

In Asia, India, with almost 1,300 visits, has the most activity by far, beating Japan and China by a considerable amount. The Philippines has more than I expected at nearly 500 visits; I have no idea what's going on there but it's an ominous sign. Central Asian countries look to be oases of gender peace, with the exception of Afghanistan (although those are probably American soldiers reading the site). Pakistan has far fewer than India, even for its population size, suggesting that feminism is stronger in India than Pakistan.

In sub-Saharan Africa, only S. Africa has significant numbers, with over 500 visits.

So, using the Spearheadometer, I'll suggest a few countries to visit to take a break from gender wars.

Western Europe generally looks to be trouble, however, there is one spot that really stands out: Portugal. For its size, Portugal has the lowest visitor count of all Western Europe. What this suggests to me is that you can go to Portugal and have a nice time, talk to ladies, and enjoy yourself without being attacked by rabid feminists. I've never been to Portugal, but it seems like it could be a great place to visit, what with the beaches, old castles, nice weather and all the rest. Now we can add "minimal feminism" to that list. Second place goes to Italy.

For Eastern Europe, Belarus may just be the place to go. People in Belarus seem to have no interest in feminism whatsoever. This, of course, is a good thing.

SE Europe is generally pretty good; you can go anywhere besides Romania and Croatia (too bad about Croatia — beautiful place) without running into people who care about feminism.

NW Europe, on the other hand, is a disaster pretty much all over. Out of all countries in NW Europe, Denmark may be the best, but I wouldn't count on it.

I don't really feel like I can single out any countries in SE Asia or Latin America as standouts, because they all seem to have minimal interest in feminism. Only Colombia, Mexico and Brazil register significant visits. So just go ahead down there and enjoy yourself. For SE Asia, only the Philippines seems to care, but otherwise go where you please.

So, to sum it up, we have visitors from all voer the world, but only countries with significant feminist presence show more than a few hits. Maybe someday we, too, will have the luxury of not caring about feminism any longer. Ah, what a sweet dream.

The Sad Life of Monica Lewinsky

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The following story, brought to my attention by readers, demonstrates the Heartiste maxim that five minutes of Alpha is worth a lifetime of beta in the young woman's libidinal calculus:

> There is no husband, as she dreamed of, no boyfriend, and no children, despite saying that she was 'romantic at heart' and that getting married and having kids was 'the most important thing to me.'
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> After numerous failed attempts to reinvent herself professionally, there is no sign of a successful career either.
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> MailOnline has learned that as she also continues her struggle with her weight, Monica now lives with her mother. She has moved out of the expensive apartment she rented for nearly a decade in the exclusive Archive building in Greenwich Village – where properties can cost up to $7,450-a-month for a one-bedroom apartment – and divides her time between New York and Los Angeles.
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> When she stays in New York, she lives with her mother Marcia Straus, who owns a penthouse in the city.
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> It also seems that she has regained the 31 pounds she once lost on the Jenny Craig diet program.
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> She was famously axed from the company just three months after signing up to a $1 million deal to be a spokeswoman, following criticism that she was not a good role model.
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> One told MailOnline: 'I think, if she had her dream, she would have lost 30 pounds, found a boy, moved to Westchester County, and had a family.'
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> As well as the heartbreak she suffered after her relationship with President Clinton, Monica also plans to detail the pain of ending a pregnancy at the height of her liaison with the president, the source said.
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> She was carrying a child fathered by a Pentagon employee called 'Thomas', she revealed in an earlier biography written by Andrew Morton. 'That void has never been filled,' said the friend.
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> During her grand jury testimony against President Clinton in 1998, an immunity deal prevented her from exposing intimate details about their affair in the Morton expose that came out that year.
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> But that agreement expired in 2001, and when President Clinton published his autobiography My Life three years later, Monica felt betrayed by him all over again,' said the source.

If you think about it, during her 20s Monica was living the feminist dream. She was having sex with multiple powerful men, aborting the results, and working in the midst of the most powerful institution on earth. What more could a young, empowered woman ask for?

Years down the line, things aren't looking so good. She's almost 40, seriously overweight, with no man or baby in sight.

Some feminists might say that these women are living the lives they want, but obviously this isn't true in Monica's case. She did want to get married and have a baby, but what man would want to marry her after she'd slept with the most powerful, charismatic man on earth?

Men instinctively avoid women they know will see them as a lesser man than past lovers. This is one of the reasons virgins have been almost universally preferred as wives throughout the history of civilization. The psychological impact of your wife having had sex with the President of the USA must be pretty profound. I can't imagine many men would want to sign up for that.

And then, of course, what man could replace Bill Clinton in Monica's heart? Having been intimate with a man who commanded the utmost heights of global power, had his own private jet and the best security service on earth, and

was the commander in chief of the US armed forces, how could another man compare?

It shouldn't be surprising at all that Monica is single. Nor should it be surprising that she is apparently not too happy with life, and can't keep her weight down.

Yet this is exactly the life course that feminists prescribe to young women: a few glorious years of sexual abandon with powerful men, and then a lifetime of dissatisfaction. What a terribly empty and desultory goal. Will women ever wake up and get a clue, or will they keep on reading "Fifty Shades" type books in the hopes that they may still have hope to relive those glory days? Unfortunately, I'd probably have to put my money on the latter.

Kids with Guns

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By Aych

Over the last 2 and a half years, the office in which I work has been challenged by the presence of an annoying woman whose behavior and complaints have periodically pushed our department to the edge of dysfunctionality.

I should state a ritual declaration here that I am aware "not all women are like that." But I'm not going to interpret that as meaning that I should therefore keep my mouth shut about the woman in my life who IS like that.

I'll try to make the background short: I work in an office which used to have 5 people, one of whom was a (female) supervisor. Two of the lower-ranking people decided to quit at roughly the same time, leaving myself, a male co-worker and the supervisor to manage things. The supervisor canvassed-around to hire a new person while increasing the workload on us remaining underlings. (At the same time, she inexplicably reduced her own workload, fearless leader that she was.)

This new hire joined us (I'll call her 'J' from now on) and within weeks of entering our team, personality clashes started with the supervisor. Both sides were at fault in these conflicts: the supervisor was pretty lousy and J took petty slights as major insults while complaining about the supervisor to anyone who would listen. The results were unpleasant. A psychological Cold War of sorts soon fell-across the office. The room started feeling a bit like that living in the Korean demilitarized zone.

I remember, on one occasion, I stepped-out of the office for coffee. When I came back, I stepped right into the middle of a shouting match. It was like watching two overgrown, red-faced children going at it with Nerf bats. (I injected myself between them and managed to calm things down. Afterwards, both of them privately thanked me for my professionalism in helping matters.)

A few weeks later, things finally came to a head: our supervisor held a routine meeting and J walked-out in a huff without a word after getting annoyed by the supervisor's tone of voice. The supervisor blew-up and ran yelling after J, they almost came to blows. My supervisor was deemed responsible (she'd been the more aggressive of the two) and was fired soon after. We never really thought highly of her anyway, so my male co-worker and I, as we saw it, wound-up sharing an office with the lesser of the two problems.

So he and I began haplessly working alongside this annoying woman who, every time she has some minor difficulty, always tries to manipulate the men around her into fixing it. Plus, she feels perpetually un-appreciated and deprived of the praise that she thinks she deserves. On the other hand, quite objectively, she's the least-productive person in the room so she doesn't really deserve much praise. Her antics began to get old pretty quickly.

6 months ago, we got a new supervisor who I rather like. What I found incredibly gratifying was that the new supervisor picked-up on J's game within weeks; he began having difficulties with her as well. The office is still a cold, uncomfortable place when she's around. When she leaves, it's like a weight gets lifted-away from everybody's shoulders.

It's not as if I haven't tried to put things to her straight. Once, I casually slipped-in to a conversation that after what happened with the former supervisor, she's positioned herself as looking like a victim to the new supervisor. I said that it would not be a good position for her to be in. So, yes, I've said it. She's heard it. She apparently doesn't care.

I have my own way of dealing with the situation: I AM ALWAYS PROFESSIONAL around J. It's strictly business-only between she and I. I am cold and to the point. Curt, almost. I don't go above and beyond the call of duty to help her. No casual conversation. She is exactly the kind of person to take an innocent-sounding comment the wrong way. Maybe she thinks I'm a grouch? Well, tough tit. I'm working.

I've come to see her as a none-too-bright kid who is holding a gun. And she'll shoot me if I say what I really think

of her.

I keep it business-only with her. No off-topic chit-chat. Nothing about personal stuff. No jokes. I put-on my best poker face and do my best to outwardly pretend that she's a grown-up. I'm all: "Just the facts, ma'am." Like what Joe Friday would say. But through my eyes, all I see is a little kid waving a gun around.

She got a negative performance review a few months back. J came to me, all rattled and disturbed. I guess she expected me to pat her on the head and say "Aww, you poor darling! Don't let the bad man hurt your poor lil' feelings" or something like that. I simply let her rant and then I said to her: "If you think that he's wrong about you, then you should use every opportunity to prove it from now on." And I left it at that.

Maybe you think I'm treating her too leniently or that I need to stand-up to her or that I'm engaging in some variant of White Knighting or whatever. Well, I don't care what you think about what I'm doing. You're not the one who's interacting with a 9-year-old brandishing a Glock.

So what's the result of my stance? The upshot is that the new supervisor considers me to be the most reliable, most professional person in the room. He sees how I treat this troublemaker and he thinks I'm a positive influence on her. There is no way she is ever going to pin any bullshit complaints on me EVER. He WILL defend me in a future conflict because I've built-up a good record.

The downside is that my job is a lot less pleasant than it could be.

I've worked in a few organizations over the past 15 or so years. So far, I've picked-up an impression about how men and women regard in the workplace. (I know this generalizes and I know 'not all women are like that.' So sue me.)

When a man enters an organization he cares enough about to pursue his career in, he tends to ask questions like: 'How can I make myself valuable to this organization?' and 'What can I do to fit-in here?' In the process, perhaps he makes himself into something like a tool. There are downsides to that, sure.

But when a woman enters an organization, I tend to think she asks herself questions like: 'What can this organization do for me?' and 'What should change here so I can feel comfortable?' She tends to regard the organization as something that serves HER rather than the other way around. And there are downsides to that, as well.

Society certainly talks a good game about getting women into the workforce and the importance of women developing their careers. But at the same time, it does something which works at cross-purposes: Society lies to women about what it means to work in business organizations. Society encourages women to think that their on-the-job performance should not matter nearly as much as their feelings and their happiness. And one result is that nearly every company has got at least one kid with a gun wandering around its halls who does a great job of making everyone else miserable.

Although there is a tiny number of dream-jobs out there, the reality is that most work will NEVER be about employee satisfaction. Performance matters. Productivity matters. Skills and competence matter. And, yes, kissing the right butt can matter too. But whether you're feeling happy or satisfied are irrelevant. If you want to be happy and satisfied on the job? Nobody else cares what you want. Best of luck to you.

There seems to be a very stupid figment which floats-around out there: the idea that men typically go to work to find personal fulfillment. That work is just something they want to do, that they put their feet-up on the desk and watch money grow from the potted plant nearby. Maybe that's WHY that article in The Atlantic "Women Still Can't Have it all" by Louise Slaughter seemed to have kicked-up such a fuss: what she was saying was completely obvious to most men (it was no great epiphany that she had), but the truth seemed to be a hard-fought realization for her nonetheless. Slaughter is certainly not a foolish woman, so how could she have gotten suckered? The Lie must be very powerful indeed.

Largely, working a job is not about 'personal fulfillment.' It's not about 'gaining power.' It's not about 'having it all.' Should it be? I think it should be. It would certainly be nice. It would also be nice to sit on a pink cloud and have tea

with a magic unicorn, but I don’t exactly plan my whole life around the concept.

The sooner society stops feeding women sweet-sounding, ego-stroking nonsense, the better-off everyone will be.

Feminism Chinese Style

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I came across a hilarious article in the NY Times, in which a typical American feminist has a fit over material published by the Chinese Women's Federation. Although the organization is supposedly feminist, the advice looks like it could come straight from here, Dalrock's site or Heartiste. Maybe someone in China's Ministry of Culture has been paying attention to what's happening over here…

> In 2007, the Women's Federation defined "leftover" women (sheng nu) as unmarried women over the age of 27 and China's Ministry of Education added the term to its official lexicon. Since then, the Women's Federation Web site has run articles stigmatizing educated women who are still single.
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> Take this uplifting column from March 2011 that ran just after International Women's Day:
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> *Pretty girls don't need a lot of education to marry into a rich and powerful family, but girls with an average or ugly appearance will find it difficult. These kinds of girls hope to further their education in order to increase their competitiveness. The tragedy is, they don't realize that as women age, they are worth less and less, so by the time they get their M.A. or Ph.D., they are already old, like yellowed pearls.*

Imagine a state agency here saying anything resembling that. It's unthinkable, yet this is what was published in China in the wake of *International Women's Day*. Of course, it's entirely true. One of the things I love about the Chinese is their ability to cut through the BS where these matters are concerned. Transparency in other areas is far from ideal, but they beat us hands down here.

More from the Chinese:

> *Many highly educated "leftover women" are very progressive in their thinking and enjoy going to nightclubs to search for a one-night stand, or they become the mistress of a high official or rich man. It is only when they have lost their youth and are kicked out by the man, that they decide to look for a life partner. Therefore, most "leftover women" do not deserve our sympathy.*
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> The main reason many girls become "leftover women" is that their standards for a partner are too high … As girls are not too picky, finding a partner should be as easy as blowing away a speck of dust.
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> When holding out for a man, if you say he must be rich and brilliant, romantic and hardworking … this is just being willful. Does this kind of perfect man exist? Maybe he does exist, but why on earth would he want to marry you?

I love that last line. Way to throw cold water on the Fifty Shades crowd.

The NY Times feminist's commentary is the typical fare, so there's no reason to repeat much of it here. To sum it up, she's indignant. Big surprise…

The goal behind the Chinese drive to encourage educated women to shack up and have kids is to "increase population quality," and that's going to take a lot of effort on their part. However, when you compare what they are doing to our own policies, which encourage Honey Boo Boo-style family proliferation, I'd be willing to bet they'll gain the advantage in time. Unless, of course, we can radically change course within a generation or so. I'm not going to count on us doing that, but it's worth a try.

A Teachable Moment

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I spent the weekend with my kids, and I was pretty happy to have them over as usual. After a gorgeous summer and early fall, we've finally fallen back into the old pattern of sogginess and gray, but hey, that's what they know, so it doesn't slow them down outside. They collaborate in biology projects that involve trapping various land-based mollusks and arachnids, and then urge me to foster them because they know their mother would promptly fumigate the pests at her place. I oblige them for the time being, but then when they are gone I release the critters into the wild (proper conservationist that I am), and when the kids get back and ask for them I simply tell them I gave the animals "freedom," although I'm sure their creepy crawly pets would be perfectly happy to abide in a perforated peanut butter jar given sufficient food.

On another note, when I took them back to Bellingham for the hand-off we had an edifying encounter with a beggar.

Those of us from proper cities will obviously be familiar with the "out of gas" routine. Typically, someone comes up holding an empty gas can asking for money, because they are out of gas and need just a few bucks to get to mom's place, or wherever. In the cities, it's usually pretty gruff fellows who don't inspire too much sympathy. The softer sort of beggar generally gets rolled as soon as he/she has a few bucks in hand, so there's a sort of streetside winnowing of the chaff.

However, in Bellingham, we have a "city" that is about 95% white and little more than an outpost in a rural environment. It's safer than your typical East Coast suburb, and aside from a few skinny hippies downtown mainly populated by naive, "socially conscious" types.

So, having arrived a little early to the handoff, I took the kids to a fast food joint to buy them some soda pop (no, I don't let them drink sugar water very often), and just as soon as I emerged a woman jogged up to me with a song and dance about needing money for gas.

She had no gas can, but she sure put on an act. She gave me the spiel, then started crying as best she could, totally interrupting me while I was trying to put mustard on my hamburger. I saw it for what it was immediately, but she caught me off balance because I was dealing with the kids, and also because it was Bellingham and it isn't all that common there. As she squeezed a few crocodile tears out of her eyes, I told her to hang on while I applied the mustard. When finished, I asked "where's your car?"

"I left it on the median with the lights flashing," she replied.

Well, at least this girl could think on her feet…

As I was thinking about how to handle this annoying interruption, a middle-aged local woman came up and gave her five bucks.

I thought to myself that this woman had just bought the girl a few hits of crank off a broken light bulb.

I worked a bit on the burger, and finally said "well, I don't really have any cash on me, but here's some change," handing her the 35 cents I had in my pocket.

Often, when bothered, you just give people some token to leave you alone. That's what I did. I know it's a cowardly way out, but I didn't want more of a scene in front of the kids.

She took the change, knowing full well that I knew she was full of it, and walked off with a smirk. After that, I walked back to the car with the kids to wait for their mom.

At that point, I started to tell them that I didn't believe the woman. My son was most impressed; my daughter seemed to instinctively distrust her and was not at all surprised that she was lying. Just as I started to point out why I

thought she was lying, sure enough, she jumped into a running car not 30 yards away and drove off with some guy. I quickly pointed it out, and told the kids that sometimes people will lie to take your money.

My son was really quite interested in the lesson. He repeated it to me, as though it was quite the revelation. He also understood what had happened, even going so far as to say “you only gave her a little money because you knew she was lying.”

“That’s right,” I told him: “I just wanted her to go away.”

What it impressed on me was that so few men teach their kids that adults can be lying, manipulative sponges — even when they are women. Men seem particularly loathe to teach this to their sons, but from what I have observed it is their sons who need this lesson the most.

Of course, it isn’t always women who cheat and lie, but far too few young men are even aware that women are capable of doing this. They’ll be suspicious of a man asking for help, but they all too often open their pockets to any woman who shows up with a song and dance and a few fake tears.

I think it’s a cultural problem, and I think it’s changing. Nowhere else in the world can women get away with what they do here, and that’s evident from the spectacular liberties feminists have taken over the years.

Well, feminists, I’ve got some news for you:

Little boys listen to their daddies. The more you try to push their daddies away, the more thy’ll listen to them, and there’s nothing you can do about it. Come crying around asking for help in the future, and these boys will know just what you are.

Oh, and as for our daughters, they’ve already got your number. They know better than anyone that you’ve ripped off their patrimony, and they aren’t going to be all that well-disposed toward you for that.

Taking a Breather

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Just to let readers know, I've decided to take it easy for a little while so I can start writing more thoughtful pieces again. I've got plenty of ideas, and am eager to put them out there, but sometimes you need a bit of R&R. Life's not bad, but as I get older I need to resynch from time to time, get some fresh air, and just sleep easy.

So, if anyone wants to send in written contributions, this is good time.

Just a few days rest ought to be enough for me, and I'll be posting some in the meanwhile, but I really want to write some good, thoughtful stuff soon, and I've got to refresh myself for that. No point in pushing myself to burnout before I'm 40 — I want to be in for the long haul.

Hope everyone else is enjoying the autumn, which is such a beautiful season. Have some hearty food and comfy evenings as the nights get chilly and the leaves turn brilliant colors. At least that's my plan for the next few days.

Stay tuned — I'm not going anywhere.

A Great Game

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In keeping with taking it easy this week, I've been watching football, which I've slowly grown to appreciate more as I've settled down and moved toward middle age. Although it seems ironic that the more sedentary guys get, the more they like these kinds of sports, it makes sense: I never had the patience to sit in front of the TV for long until fairly recently.

On Sunday, I watched as much of the Seahawks/Patriots game as I could before I had to drive back up toward the border. It was a truly exciting game, But by the time I left I fully expected the Hawks to lose. Nevertheless, I turned on the radio while driving the kids north, and imagine my surprise when they managed to pull off a last-minute win over Tom Brady's Patriots. It was a fun moment to hear it announced on the radio in the car. I shouted "we won," while my bewildered kids wondered how a daddy could get so excited over some game on the radio.

I'm a bit ambivalent about football, because it is so physically harsh on players. Half the older men in my family would be cripples without the benefit of joint replacement surgery, and football is definitely the culprit. Most of them have at least one fake joint by the age of 55, usually from a nearly 40-year-old injury. I wouldn't recommend the game to a boy unless he was exceptionally sturdy, and even then I'd give him a serious warning about it. Personally, I'm glad I never played it seriously — I'm not sure we'll be able to afford exotic surgeries like that in 20 years time, and my lower limb joints are all intact because I stuck to baseball, crew, soccer and skiing.

However, American football is a beautiful game. The acts of athleticism are awe-inspiring, and make for the best TV has to offer. And if the men do it of their own free will, fully informed of the risks, who am I to stop them?

The Seahawks new quarterback, a rookie named Russell Wilson, also has some baseball background. Never in my life had I seen a quarterback play like a second baseman, but that's what he did on Sunday, and he pulled it off beautifully. It was quite a contrast to the precision control of the field Tom Brady excels at, but it was a pleasure to see Wilson throw the ball to a receiver on the run as though he was throwing a batter out on a double play.

I've got to hand it to the Patriots' receivers as well, especially Wes Welker, who took a brutal hit from Brandon Browner that would have put an ordinary man in intensive care. Man, that guy is tough to get up and walk that one off!

I also have to give Brady the respect he deserves. He is the consummate professional, and has developed an instinctive feel for the game that makes him very hard to stop. The Hawks couldn't have handled him without having the upper hand in energy and athleticism, and perhaps the strongest, fastest defense pound for pound in the NFL. This really highlighted the human condition, and the constant struggle between experience and enthusiasm — youthful energy and wisdom.

It was a great game (not least of all because my team won), but there's one thing about it that bothered me: Those stupid pink slippers they were made to wear for the breast cancer support.

Can't men be charitable without also being made submissive to others? I understand the concept of humility, but the pink here is entirely secular and meant to send a message that one group of people is dominant. Frankly, it's inappropriate, and it is entirely anti-democratic.

It's fine to support charities, but this goes beyond that and raises one issue above all others. Have we ever seen football players wear special shoes for children with cerebral palsy? For wounded veterans? For children whose fathers have been taken away from them by state-sponsored thugs? No, we haven't, because it isn't allowed. Hell, Tim Tebow has taken heat for drawing verses from scripture on his face during games. But it's OK to force all the players to shill for another cause…

It seems like a silly issue to bring up, but it really isn't. It's a clear statement of priorities. It's a reflection of

contemporary American politics, and we have every right to question it. Supporting cancer research is a noble goal, and a lot of good can come out of it, but why, oh why, is one group of victims supreme?

The Discourse Coalition of Feminists and Conservatives

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By Henry Laasanen

The big problem with the advancement of a men's movement is the "coalition" of feminists and conservatives.

It's hard for men's rights activists to win by voting for democrats or republicans, because they both have the same goal: protection of women.

In this article, I will try to explain the coalition of feminists and conservatives using the sociological concepts of "*story line*" and "*discourse coalition*".

Story lines

People acquire information from simple story lines. Story lines set people in "subject positions". The story line is accepted because it feels just about right.

There are three important subject positions: the victim, the villain and the hero.

In the conservative story line we have the traditional story, where the damsel is in distress, captured by the "bad men" and saved by the hero, who is played by the white knight. The conservative story line also has the subject position of "unmanly men" who are whiners (who could be an MRA) and who lack the courage to save the woman.

Then there is the victim feminist story line, where woman is the victim of men or patriarchy and feminism is the cure, supported by the ideology of power feminism.

Discourse coalition of feminists and conservatives

If two story lines are similar enough, they can form a "discourse coalition" to advance the same political goal.

The conservative and feminist story line gives people same kind of subject positions. Women are the victims and men are the bad guys, only the hero's subject position is different.

Although conservatism and feminism have many different goals, they can unite in discourse coalition to protect women from men

The "New Gentleman"

I have used the concept of the "New Gentleman" to describe the kind of man who is the product of both discourse coalition conservatism and feminism.

In the old times we had John Wayne, who saved the woman. The New Gentleman doesn't save just one woman, he fights for the sake of feminism. He has succeeded in combining the story lines of conservatism and feminism.

Most of the top male politicians could be branded as some kind of New Gentleman. By supporting feminist's ultimate goal of protecting women, they get votes to win elections. So, becoming the New Gentleman is a rational decision for the aspiring politician.

The New Gentleman is the new hegemonic form of masculinity.

The problem with the masculinist story line

Masculists have hard time explaining their story line to the public. In masculist story line men are the victims, the villain is an unequal society (or even feminism) and the hero is masculism. For the majority of people, the masculist story line just don't feel right, even if the facts are behind it.

Masculist are in an ideological no man's land. By positioning men as victims, it's hard to appeal to either men or women.

The masculist story line is so different from conservative story line that it is difficult for masculists and mainstream conservatives to unite, and putting men in the unmanly subject position of whiners (which is hard to avoid) doesn't really help.

The advancement of the men's movement against the discourse coalition of conservatism and feminism is a tough nut to crack.

"Doxxing" Becoming a Political Weapon

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Doxxing, which originally referred to outing trolls or other online enemies by posting their info online, is increasingly tied to outing people for some political view or activity they'd prefer to keep private. Because political correctness has become so pervasive in American society, a lot of people deeply fear having their private views or activities known, because it has real potential for harm. Compounding the issue is the fact that Americans increasingly lie about their views, particularly in regards to politically correct taboos such as "gender," race, religion, sexual orientation, etc. For example, the upper middle class white professional who overpays for a house to live in a white school district would never honestly say that he is doing so because he fears that his kid is going to get beat up and exposed to the sort of people he assiduously avoids at a majority minority school.

The manager at a workplace will never admit that he has instituted abusive, intrusive policies at the office to protect the company from sexual harassment lawsuits. Generals will not even come out and say that women can't fight as well as men, or that the presence of female "soldiers" is disruptive and expensive.

In many parts of the US, Christians are afraid of openly favoring their own religion, of opposing behavior that is plainly proscribed by their faith, and of defending their own interests.

It would be wrong, however, to say that only the majority has to worry about speaking its mind. In fact, we have slowly edged toward the real "pluralistic" society dreamed of by progressives, and instead of tolerance and acceptance of all, we find that nobody trusts their neighbors any longer, and everyone feels oppressed. It may be true that minorities have always felt some pressure to conform and have lived in the shadow of the majority, but instead of liberation from that we now have a society where nobody at all feels comfortable speaking his or her mind.

Although I definitely sympathize with people who want to avoid being outed, and I'd recommend prudence in certain situations, I think this doxxing may be a necessary step for change. While I understand that if, say, a conservative Christian were to openly proclaim his or her faith where I live, opposing gay marriage and the like, he would likely have his tires slashed and windows smashed and might run the risk of assault on the street, we're getting to the point where people can't run away any longer.

Story after story is coming out about people being exposed for one thing or another, whether or not they have been convicted of any crimes. A big one recently has a Boy Scouts list of ineligible scout leaders slated for publication online. While a number of these listed men probably are real perverts – perhaps even most – I'd be willing to bet that a lot of them are innocent victims of false accusations, or of accusation for ulterior motives. A majority of sex acts between scout leaders and troops are probably consensual; i.e. both are homosexual and it is a matter of a teen and a young man engaging in consensual relations, which is pretty much standard fare amongst gays. We probably never hear about most of these, and never will, and that's fine by me. However, where you have sex, you get jealousy, anger, betrayal and all the rest, which could easily lead to accusations (this is why I oppose gays openly serving in the military). Therefore, I bet a lot of the guys who are about to have their lives destroyed committed a pretty negligible sin, and are far from the pedophile perverts everyone will now brand them as.

I have a theory that when you push down natural dislike of something, it comes out in other ways. Banning criticism of homosexuality and pretending that gays are "just like us" causes people to sublimate their distaste for the practice, and it comes out in attacks on Catholic priests, the national hatred of Jerry Sandusky (which was deserved, but a lot stronger than it normally would have been), and now this Boy Scout scandal. Sometimes, you have to wonder whether minorities who thought they were liberating themselves with our new, "tolerant" society aren't having second thoughts, because as far as I can tell now they may not have to hide as much, but they certainly have to lie more.

The next example is a story from Maine concerning a particular prostitute who clandestinely videotaped her clients

– perhaps to sell the videos to pornographers or perhaps for blackmail purposes – and has now been arrested. Police plan to release the names of the clients she has serviced over the years, and publish them online. I very strongly suspect this is a form of legal blackmail; if you say you are going to go public with something without offering a quid pro quo and someone offers you money not to do so, it is not a crime. The police said they'd release a few names a day, and this will ratchet the pressure up enough to get some wealthy clients to cough up some cash.

In the meanwhile, the feminists are happily supporting "doxxing" the johns, and have been trying to push similar measures through elsewhere.

While I'd say that for a single man who hires a hooker it's entirely between him and his God (if he is religious), it's understandable why a married man might be worried, but actually his wife is as likely to be ashamed about it. His children perhaps even more. It's a pretty cruel step to take for a victimless crime (in this case the prostitute was a 29-year-old woman with her own "fitness" business). However, it's getting to the point where I say "bring it on." Morally speaking, hiring a hooker is a lot less objectionable than a lot of non-criminal activities, such as sleeping with a married woman. How is it that a man can be arrested and shamed for paying a professional woman for sex, but if he sleeps with another man's wife it is his legal right to do so? I, for one, would be far more ashamed to be caught and exposed as a home wrecker than as a john. In fact, although I've never hired a hooker, I am starting to see it as possibly a more honest and less socially irresponsible way to get it out of one's system than the wanton fornication too many of us engage in prior to marriage. Not paying for sex in any meaningful way may swell your ego, but does it really make you a better person? And is the young woman who gives it up for free in a gamble that it will pay off with future support really much different from the hooker who takes payment in advance? Actually, the hooker seems rather more responsible and honest than the slut in this scenario.

So, if I were on the list and about to be exposed, I'd simply make no apologies, and repeat something like the above. I think these guys might say something like this:

"I'm not especially 'proud' of myself for hiring a hooker, but not only did I pay her for her services, I did not deceive her nor did she deceive me, unlike so many hypocrites who would denounce me. So go on about your lives, cheating on each other, stealing affection, making empty promises and such, but know that I am not ashamed to be condemned by the likes of you."

If it were me, I'd probably add something along the lines of "prostitution is legal in all but a handful of Western countries, and it is only here that people are such liars and hypocrites about something that has always been a part of human society."

Aside from the moral implications of our laws, there are practical reasons for people to stop cowering in fear about these exposures. First, finding people's dirty secrets has never been easier. Combine that with the fact that slander and perjury goes unpunished today, and so many of us could easily be compromised that there's not much point in worrying about it. It's getting to the point where the moral risk lies increasingly on the exposer rather than the exposee. For example, one can look up divorce records and use the slander therein to take people down, but is that an appropriate thing to do?

Personally, I've chosen to be open about it, because I know that hiding is the worst way to deal with slander and false accusations. At first I used a pseudonym for this site, but that was for purely legal reasons, and fortunately it turned out that as long as I don't drag the parties in my own cases into the public eye I have every right to voice my opinion without fear of being penalized. More men should do the same, but I doubt they will do so of their own accord. This is why this doxxing could eventually turn out to be a good thing. Our enemies will force the issue in an attempt to double down on shame and control, and before you know it we'll all be on a list, just like in East Germany before the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

How did that Bolshevik thing turn out, anyway?

The Socialization of the Costs of Sex

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One of the beefs the traditional left has had with US economic policy – one I happen to have as well – is the socialization of business costs (or losses) while profit remains private. Because I did some manual labor as a teen and young man, I remember feeling pretty angry about the fact that immigrant farm workers had their health care and housing subsidized by the state while I had no such benefit. This was extended to a ridiculous degree in subsequent years, with illegals getting all of the benefits of residence and state services while their employers continued to pay them low wages. As I saw it, there was a partnership between the state and private interests that served to drive wages down for natives. Unfortunately, the typical white leftist at the time was a couple generations removed from blue collar work, and tended to have a sort of class antagonism toward working-class whites (e.g. you must be a "loser" if you work with your hands), framing everything in terms of multicultural universalism, by which they justified screwing less advantaged Americans in favor of hiring cheaper foreigners.

There are plenty of other examples, and many of us are paying dearly for this in our current recession, which was created essentially by socializing business costs and thereby creating an enormously inflated bubble. It's infuriating when you think about it, and makes me pretty pessimistic about both candidates, who both, as far as I can tell, are in league with the thieves and crooks who caused all this trouble.

However, it seems that this is a problem that goes beyond the formal business world, and has pervaded society in general to the extent that many – perhaps most – people think the government (i.e. taxpayers) should bear the costs of their life choices.

The example most in the news today is the demands for subsidized abortion and birth control that have become a feature of the presidential campaign. You'd think that our country's women's top priority is getting the government to subsidize their sexual choices, whatever they may be.

Following what I was getting at yesterday, sex has always incurred some expense. Like it or not, men pay for sex (or its results) in one way or another. Traditionally, you'd pay by getting married and taking the woman on as your responsibility, or you'd pay a fee for a one-off (prostitution). If you took it without paying for it, as in adultery, rape or fornication, it was a crime, or something like that. If we were honest with ourselves, we'd have to admit that it still is a quasi crime; as the old system has been replaced with something significantly more confusing, sex crime laws have become far broader in scope and can be applied to any number of situations (such as prostitution) that used to be considered beyond the purview of the law.

Additionally, despite false promises of free sex from the 60s and 70s, when feminists used to get support from men by promising we'd all be getting laid for free when we had "equality," it turned out that sex still had a lot of associated costs. Pregnancy, of course, is one of the biggest. At first, we socialized that, but then welfare reform threw the costs entirely onto fathers (not mothers, mind you). Combined with welfare reform, we had VAWA, which significantly increased the costs of marriage and cohabitation by legally handicapping men in relationships with women. So great strides have been made in restoring a heavy cost to sex, but this hasn't been enough, because women have grown accustomed to sexual license with whomsoever they please, and the men they generally like either a) don't have the money, or b) are desirable enough to not have to pay.

Although the latter is a bit counterintuitive (wouldn't women desire men who pay for them?), it's a function of female sexual psychology. Women generally use sex to ensnare the man they want (and they typically have high expectations), and then they begin to draw resources from him. It works in simple societies where people hold each other to account, but in more cosmopolitan settings it breaks down for a couple reasons. First, there are more than enough women to go around, so it's easy to drop one and pick up another, and secondly there are other means for women to gain resources, such as jobs and welfare, and as long as those resources exist men who have no trouble procuring sex see no reason to provide for women, even if they have the means. And who can blame them? Although it's a social catastrophe, it's a perfectly reasonable attitude from a personal perspective, because, after all,

the individual man didn't create this mess in the first place.

Here's a scenario:

A handsome young investment banker making six figures can go out to a bar and take his pick. Let's call him Mark. Mark picks up a young woman named Amanda, she goes home with him, they have sex, and he enters her number into his phone, leaving her only a promise to call again. Perhaps he intends to do so, and perhaps not. Whatever the case, he feels no guilt or responsibility, because the woman, who happens to be in law school, also has a job at a nonprofit, and makes more hourly than the average young man in their city, so he doesn't need to provide her with anything. Additionally, if there's an "accident" (but in all likelihood there won't be, because Mark is careful about these things) there's a Planned Parenthood down the street. Not only does it provide her with birth control, but it will treat STDs and abort unwanted children resulting from her nightly excursions.

Sounds fine, so what's the problem?

The problem is that this young woman, despite being a student and having a job, is essentially on the dole. Her nonprofit is funded in large part by state and federal grants, as is her tuition. Her sexual care at Planned Parenthood is also funded largely by taxpayers. Her life, including her sex life, is paid for by the average working Joe, but she isn't sleeping with Joe — oh no: she's sleeping with Mark, a guy who easily could afford to feed, clothe and insure her, but who doesn't have to because of Joe. Although it isn't really his fault, Mark is a freeloader.

Joe, for his part, makes do with monthly trysts with a mid-level prostitute, which he can barely afford after taxes and child support. Joe, who is an HVAC repairman, is paying for all the Amandas in his state, his ex-wife Lisa, and his hooker, who is named Elena.

Interestingly enough, Joe and Amanda have met. Joe was called in to fix the AC in her nonprofit's office on a sweltering summer day. Because the AC was broken and the atmosphere was stifling, Amanda had unbuttoned the top part of her blouse, and poor Joe couldn't help but look at her breasts. Amanda was furious, and called his supervisor, who apologized profusely, and when Joe got back from the job he caught hell. Fortunately, he wasn't fired, but it sure was humiliating. Not as bad as having to deal with his ex-wife's lawyer, but close…

I suppose we could say "life's unfair," and that would be entirely true. But should we make it that unfair? Should we set things up so that Joe has to support Amanda as much as Mark?

According to our nation's single women, the answer is a resounding "YES!" Married women, however, have a significantly different take on it, for obvious reasons.

I'm not sure single women are consciously aware of how selfish they are being. I think they fully intend to find some man to support them, and think the only way they can do that is to have unfettered sex with all the Marks of the world they can get their hands on in the hopes that one of them will some day give in and marry her. The problem is that it's a trend that reinforces itself; the more Amandas we have giving it away for free the less likely any given Mark will be to actually support any of them. The competition will escalate, desirable men will become even more reluctant to give women any financial support, and the screeching for more entitlements for single women will grow louder and louder.

It is exactly this trend that has led to the bizarre, unprecedented fixation on women's sexual entitlements in our current election cycle. When you socialize the costs of a private activity – and sex is about as private as it gets – you create an unnatural imbalance that rewards the few at the expense of the many. You also run the risk of inflating costs to unsustainable levels, and I think that's something young women ought to think hard about. But they won't.

An Environmental Upside to Feminism?

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By Stephen Gee

I've traveled a fair bit during my lifetime. In recent times I've either visited or lived and worked in China, Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Thailand, Laos, UK, France and Germany. You could say I regularly 'visit' many places too – principally but not exclusively the UK, New Zealand, Australia, USA and Canada seeing as I'm an addicted netizen.

There are disturbing consistencies I've noticed in all these places which I've joined as 'idea dots in my head'. Those dots are giving me an image I can't really ignore and don't like much.

Whether it be in Melbourne, Bangkok, Leeds, Ostend, Shanghai, Auckland, Los Angeles, Seoul or Berlin, it's the same picture I observe, to a lesser or greater extent, but always the same picture.

Gridlock, pollution, waste, land, air, soil and waterways spoilt by……. US.

Try, if it's legal your way getting out of your car at a random spot and proceed to walk along the side of any major highway connecting cities anywhere for oh, say 100 meters. I've done this a few times on different continents but always with the same results – I've needed a plastic bag to collect the casually discarded cigarette packets, drink cans, bits of vehicles, glass bottles, and yes – plastic bags too.

Try finding rivers anywhere that humans exist in significant numbers that aren't to some degree polluted.

Try finding a major natural, as in not man made, forest that isn't degraded and shrinking.

Try breathing in downtown Shanghai, Paris or Auckland.

Try swimming in Bangkok's Chao Phraya River. Try finding green space anywhere in inner Shanghai or Seoul.

Try finding beaches near any urban center that aren't to some degree strewn with washed up garbage – most usually plastic.

Try moving between any two major cities anywhere on the planet by road transport during busy times without being in a traffic jam.

From what I can see unless humans radically alter their behavior you won't be able to do any of these things, not now and not in your lifetimes. The way things are headed possibly your children and grandchildren won't be able to do those things in their lifetimes either.

Demographers tell us there are now 6 Billion humans inhabiting planet earth. They tell us that given current trends 3 important and converging demographic forces are on the near horizon.

First global population is increasing – some demographers reckon we'll be at anywhere between 7.5 and 10.5 billion by 2050.

Secondly, more and more people are living in energy hungry cities which are relatively alienated from nature compared to rural and wilderness areas.

Lastly Billions of people worldwide aspire to the materialist levels of existence experienced by western / first world countries.

Adding these three factors together I can get the sinking feeling that during my lifetime I'm only going to see more of the somewhat 'Silent Spring' like scenes I've described above.

Then enter feminism (aided and abetted by misguided chivalry) and it's unleashing of the materialist, hypergamous modern female.

Much has been spoken here and at A Voice for Men about the prevalence of sexist greed inherent in feminism, and

of the forces of hypergamy in females being an instinct which left unchecked by culture leads women to use men as resource providing disposable appliances. Also much has been written at this site of men's part in our current malaise – men who in cowtowing to their instincts to mate giving women the pussy pass and overindulging women generally with misandric laws and social conventions.

So I'll try not to bore my audience by belaboring my point about such matters too much.

It's simply this – given the growing international cultural meme that for men relationships with modern women come with terrible risks attached, and with the inevitability relatively soon of more forms of male birth control I'm beginning to have a line of thought that feminists unwittingly and inadvertently are doing us all a favor.

Namely that in the not too distant future more and more enlightened men, put off by modern women's voracious appetite and empowered with their own new forms of birth control will become a powerful force to depopulate the planet to more environmentally sustainable and unpolluted levels.

Perhaps then I'll come to owe feminists another 'thank you'.

After all they've already inspired me to go my own way and become a human being rather than women's appliance as I formerly was.

So perhaps I'll someday also be thanking them for inspiring millions upon millions of men to protect themselves against women's baser instincts and become the Green wing of Men's Rights Activism.

It's an intriguing thought isn't it?

Two Reasons To Vote This November

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For anyone who cares about mens rights, voting can be problematic. For a particular office the choices are often a feminist vs. a conservative female supremacist who is anti-feminist in name only. As a result it is understandable that many MRAs would decide that voting is pointless. However, for MRAs in the U.S. should vote this November for two reasons.

The first reason is that judges at the state level are often elected unlike federal judges who are appointed. As was said by Dean Esmay at A Voice For Men, anti-family courts operate at the state level, and the courts that falsely imprison men for rape, abuse, or other crimes at state courts. This means it is possible (depending on the state) to vote misandrist judges out of office. Even if judges in a particular state aren't elected, your vote for state offices can have a greater impact than your vote at the federal level. In addition, in many states district attorneys and prosecutors are elected as well. This provides the opportunity for MRAs to vote out misandrist prosecutors. This will need to be a strategy used across multiple election cycles to make it work so the best thing is to get started in November's election. (A good place to start is with the information that Dean Esmay provided at A Voice For Men.)

The second reason to vote this November is to put a stop to the "war on women" myth. As liberal politicians have become more dependent on the women's vote, their pandering to women has reached a fever pitch with the myth of the "war on women". The only way to put a stop to this level of pandering to women is by voting against any and all politicians who say there is a "war on women". Vote for a conservative politician or a third party politician. If there are no candidates for a particular office other than a politician invoking the mythical "war on women", then write in "the war on women is a myth". It doesn't matter which one you pick, as long as you register a vote that is not for a politician who says there is a "war on women". This will also need to be a strategy used across multiple election cycles so again it is best to start by voting this November.

If MRAs vote this November for these two reasons (and continue to vote with the same goals over the next several elections), then this strategy can have a real impact to roll back feminism and help men who would otherwise be in the cross hairs of feminist policies.

Seattle Asian DV Advocates Defend International Child Abduction

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I was just watching the local government channel, and caught some public remarks before the Seattle City Council. A young Asian woman mentioned she was working for a women's organization called API Chaya, so I thought I ought to see what she was up to.

After introducing herself and her organization, the woman started to ask for taxpayer money for her organization, specifically for a Japanese-speaking "DV advocate" because, she said, something unfortunate had come to pass. This terrible event turned out to be very good news for a number of local fathers whose children have been stolen from them: Japan has finally said it will sign onto the Hague Convention for International Child Abduction.

For years, Japan has held out and refused to sign, because it has one of the worst policies in the world regarding parental custody which recognizes absolutely no right to visitation by the non-custodial parent. When Japanese parents divorce, the child becomes entirely the mother's property (unless the mother is not Japanese — then she is out of luck), and the father may not retain any bond with the child whatsoever if she opposes it.

This led to a number of Japanese women taking the children they had with American men to Japan, never to be seen again. Because Seattle has a significant Japanese population, some local men have been victims of these abductions. Every now and then, one is in the news trying to tell the world about this travesty, and it seems the pressure has finally borne fruit.

However, according to our local DV advocate scumbags, not giving Japanese women a free pass to kidnap children allows men to "control" and "abuse" them here. So, of course, they need money to protect the poor Japanese women, who are terribly oppressed now that they have to follow the law like everyone else. This support for what amounts to state-supported international piracy is shocking, yet they are given a sympathetic ear by local politicians. Every American father in an international marriage should be outraged by API Chaya's advocacy for international abduction. Actually, every father in the entire world should take it seriously.

I think one of the reasons these feminists get away with what they do is that they are so shameless in their lies and so unapologetically selfish that people refuse to believe that anyone would be so wicked as to be that openly deceptive. Therefore, people actually buy their fabrications, because how could this innocent looking, sweet little girl ever say anything but the truth, or ever do anything but good? It's the big lie technique with an innocent, attractive female face, and it is chillingly effective.

Nevertheless, we're going to have to deal with it somehow, because this isn't going to end anytime soon. I recommend presenting the authorities with the facts, remaining dispassionate while doing so, and urging people not to let their own good nature be used in the furtherance of doing wrong. I would ask the Seattle City Council, for example, if they intend to give money to an organization that supports and defends international crime.

Temporary Restraining Orders – Giving Women Exactly What they Want... and Women Complaining it isn't Enough

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By Lyn87

Jane Velez-Mitchell did a segment on CNN with regard to two recent shootings at spas. Both involved men who had Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) imposed on them by the courts.

She interviewed Diane Rosenfeld, "who is an attorney, and a lecturer at Harvard Law School, and she is one the nation's top experts in restraining orders."

http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/bestoftv/2012/10/22/exp-jvm-wisconsin-shooter.hln

Ms Rosenfeld immediately began to prove that "attorney" and "lecturer at Harvard Law School" does not equate to "expert" on anything, especially the impact of TROs. Ms Velez-Mitchell ridiculously claimed to have covered "millions" of such cases, and never mentioned the inconvenient truth that most perpetrators of domestic violence are women, and BY FAR most lethal violence against children is perpetrated by mothers and/or their new "bad boy" boyfriends. Rather than this alleged "expert" correcting her with… you know… facts, she led off with an even more ridiculous statement of her own, "My thoughts [as] an expert's are that domestic violence homicide is so predictable as to be preventable."

She claimed that she could have predicted the outcome of these individual cases in advance based on the fact that the women made allegations and the men had access to weapons. REALLY? Since anyone can get a weapon, this "expert" obviously thinks that every case in which a woman makes an allegation against a man will end in male-on-female homicide. This is what passes for expertise at Harvard Law?

The solution propounded by this "expert?" Glad you asked. Basically it involves two simple steps:

1) Always believe the woman.
2) Always punish the man.

Sound familiar? It should.

Ms Velez-Mitchell set her up with a follow-on question about domestic homicide that only involves men killing women, explicitly stating that they do so because of "obsession." Needless to say, when the sexes are reversed we hear very little about "obsession" and a lot about "provocation."

Again, rather than being the expert CNN supposedly hired her to be and correcting Ms Velez-Mitchell's mischaracterization, Ms Rosenfeld did a neat little two-step on her unsuspecting viewers. She began with this statement, "The women said they were threatened with murder." (So far, so good: women say things all the time – some of them are true.) But then she completes the loop of deception a few seconds later with this, "The threat to kill a woman in an abusive situation is the top threat that screens you in as a very lethal case."

As if a woman *saying* "I feel threatened" is the same as her being in mortal danger *in actuality.*

It is not — and this is one of the 800-pound gorillas in the courtroom. Women claim to be in danger *all the time* when they are not, and courts by the thousand hand out TROs like candy at Halloween. No adversarial process. No chance to tell his side. No meaningful appeal — only much later; AFTER he complies (and after he loses custody of his children).

A TRO is a serious matter. A VERY serious matter. When men with guns tell you that you may not live your life as you wish, that you must leave your own house, that you may not see your own children, and that you must surrender your firearms, it should only be done as an absolute last resort. And it should require a LOT more evidence than a crying woman making an uncontested allegation.

Here it is: women routinely get TROs as a strategic move in a break-up, or just to "teach him a lesson" when she doesn't get her way. And why not? Courts will "err on the side of caution" even when it means taking extreme action with no evidence against a man… against a defendant who is often not even aware that he is on trial, much less permitted to mount a defense. And let us not mince words here: when a judge (not even a jury) is considering whether to drastically restrict your freedoms you are a *defendant* in a *criminal* trial – using different legal terms does not change the essence of the proceeding nor your role in it.

Rather than being impartial finders of fact under law, these courts are rubber stamps for the demands of women at the expense of men. They unilaterally and suddenly take away men's freedom, humiliate them, and disrupt their lives based on nothing more than the unsupported accusations of hysterical and/or manipulative women. And it's not a bug: it's a feature. Make no mistake — that is what feminists – including this "journalist" and this "expert" – want.

Far too often courts are complicit in what is really a power play within a relationship. The party that is typically physically weaker gets to use the muscle of the state to force hubby to do her bidding. Since TROs are granted without cross-examination or any weighing of the facts, we have effectively set up a system where one group of people may make demands while another group is legally obligated to obey without question. And those demands can be about anything – all she has to do if he doesn't take out the garbage is tell a judge that, "He frightens me." After a few weeks of living in his car he'll figure out that "taking out the garbage" is now his legally-enforceable duty. If this is functionally different from chattel slavery, I fail to see how.

There really are a small minority of cases where a man unilaterally abuses a woman: a VERY small minority of cases. Our legal system is now spring-loaded to assume that every crying woman is the victim in such a scenario. However, women have proven that, given the option to "go nuclear," many will abuse it. They need to lose that power. Courts need to stop passing out TROs like hall passes in grade school and force complainants to show significant evidence, subject to cross-examination, before taking the extreme step of imposing prior restraint on a man who has not been convicted of anything.

If they did that the number of TROs would drop to a tiny fraction of what they issue now, and police could concentrate on real threats. The result would probably be fewer domestic homicides. Of course feminists will not support THAT – what's a few corpses compared to the legal ability to force men to do the bidding of women, especially since they can use those corpses to further their narrative?

Young Women Who Identify as LGBT Approaching Ten Percent

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According to a Gallup poll of 120,000 Americans, 3.4% of all Americans identify as homosexual, bisexual or transsexual. The poll has a lot of interesting figures, including some that most of us probably wouldn't expect. For example, at 3.2%, white Americans are least likely to identify as LGBT, while blacks lead in that category, with 4.6% calling themselves bi, gay or trans. Another unexpected fact is that education level and income are both negatively correlated with LGBT identification.

Overall, 3.6% of women identify as LGBT, whereas only 3.3% of men do. The numbers rise significantly amongst the young, suggesting that either homosexuality is on the rise due to some environmental factor, or that it can in fact be taught to young people. However, although young men are more likely to report being LGBT than men over 30, the number for women rises so dramatically amongst the young that it raises some questions about what's going on.

In fact, only 88% of young women state that they are not LGBT, with an eyebrow raising 8.3% confirming that they are, in fact, lesbians, bisexuals or transsexual.

Although I suspect that bisexuality is probably more common amongst women than men, who tend to be either gay or straight with fewer in between, strict lesbianism is less common than strict male homosexuality, so I would have assumed the overall LGBT numbers evened out. But apparently not.

So, does anyone have any theories as to why LGBT identification has soared amongst young women?

Feminism's Future: The Underclass

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I was at a little get together at an old friend's new house the other day, and enjoyed a nice evening with some other Seattlites, most of whom I've known for a while. The group was generally professional, well-compensated, urban, left-coast GenXers — exactly what people think of when they think of the liberal elite. I was probably the only one there who doesn't usually support the Democratic party, despite (or perhaps because of) the fact that my blue-collar father and grandfather voted the straight blue ticket their entire lives. However, the one difference that struck me as rather profound was that out of nine of us, I was the only one with kids, and the youngest was 35…

However, I was also in the minority in being unmarried (at this point at least), so it wasn't that everyone was single. No, they had all – deliberately or not – avoided having kids. Only one of the couples did not want kids; the others had all put it off.

And I have to admit that they did so for perfectly rational reasons. If I hadn't taken a leap of faith and married in my 20s, and had instead held out until now, I might be happily making mortgage payments instead of cutting child support checks. My life would probably be immeasurably easier. Even if I had divorced, it would have been a breeze without kids. Just another one of those rear-view mirror affairs you forget about pretty quickly.

Today, if you're a responsible young adult in an urban setting, you know about these risks. You also know that time off from work is a career-killer, and that daycare for a baby is both expensive and emotionally difficult. So, if you're a reasonably intelligent, responsible, urban progressive, you tend to put off kids.

Statistically speaking, these were not outliers; after San Francisco, Seattle's population has the lowest proportion of children of any big city. Even Portland, which is downscale compared to Seattle, has very few children. And if you were to take a similar population sample from other big cities such as Chicago and Boston – adjusting for income – you'd probably find similarly low fertility (Seattle and San Francisco are relatively well-to-do with a small underclass compared to most cities).

The point is that these are the people who generally support progressive policies, but it's pretty apparent that they aren't the ones who actually need them. These are not the people who have abortions, can't afford birth control, have "oops!" pregnancies or need welfare. They are very, very different from those people, so there's a sense of incongruence in the progressive coalition. Frankly, it simply doesn't make much sense unless you scratch the surface to see what's really going on, which is that the professional progressives don't want to see nearby communities turn into some dreary, cold, rain-soaked version of Brazil's favelas. From their point of view, easy abortions and free birth control = fewer poor single babymommas, ergo fewer thugs running around shooting people and lower social welfare costs. It's a reasonable (although generally unspoken) supposition, but I don't think abortion is all that effective in that regard (although NYC teen abortion stats suggest it may be).

Amongst the educated progressive set, support for putatively feminist policies is somewhat akin to support for gun control; i.e. the idea is to ameliorate social pathology — not to promote license. But are they feminist themselves? No, not really. In terms of lifestyle, these are amongst the most conservative people in the US. Despite supporting gay marriage and abortion, their personal lives are generally as free from sin as an old-school Methodist preacher's. In one of the great American ironies, upscale urban progressives are more Christian in character (if not in spirit) than your typical Evangelical. They are amongst the least likely to divorce, to have children out of wedlock, brawl, cuss, drink — you name it.

The traditional feminist doctrine of single motherhood and "I do what I want" cheekiness is foreign to most progressive females. They lead conscientious lives, they don't have kids out of wedlock, they engage in significantly less lesbian/bisexual activity, they manage their weight better, and they don't divorce much. Back in the 1970s and 80s when the US was a less stratified society with more wealth in the middle and working classes, liberation feminism was a more viable option; today it is more often a one-way ticket to poverty and dependence on the

government, and therefore it is increasingly rare in the middle class.

This is not to say, however, that those practicing feminism and living the dream, so to speak, are declining in number, but rather that they are now more often members of the lowest stratum of society: the poor, the deranged, the mentally challenged, the culturally impoverished and the uneducated. In short, the kinds of people who watch six hours of TV a day and can't name their neighboring states (sadly that's a lot of people). To put it in shopping terms, you're more likely to find a practicing feminist in a Walmart than a Nordstrom.

So, rather than a new era of female liberation as envisioned by wannabe prophetesses like Shulamith Firestone, what we are seeing is the feminist lifestyle becoming a characteristic of the burgeoning American underclass, even as the bourgeois urban elites adopt what might be termed a neo-Victorian lifestyle. Although this will eventually take its toll on the feminist movement itself, and will probably eventually kill it as a fashionable ideology, having such an enormous population of hapless single mothers and unattached men does not bode well for our nation, and cleaning up the damage will require a Herculean effort.

Lena Dunham Confirms Deleted CNN Sexual Voting Article

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CNN deleted a "sexist" article that tied women's political preferences to their hormonal shifts. Evidently, when ovulating, single women prefer more liberal candidates and policies:

> The researchers found that during the fertile time of the month, when levels of the hormone estrogen are high, single women appeared more likely to vote for Obama and committed women appeared more likely to vote for Romney, by a margin of at least 20%, Durante said. This seems to be the driver behind the researchers' overall observation that single women were inclined toward Obama and committed women leaned toward Romney.
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> Here's how Durante explains this: When women are ovulating, they "feel sexier," and therefore lean more toward liberal attitudes on abortion and marriage equality. Married women have the same hormones firing, but tend to take the opposite viewpoint on these issues, she says.

The reporter then dragged out some "experts" who had no background in either biology or psychology to discredit the finding:

> "There is absolutely no reason to expect that women's hormones affect how they vote any more than there is a reason to suggest that variations in testosterone levels are responsible for variations in the debate performances of Obama and Romney," said Susan Carroll, professor of political science and women's and gender studies at Rutgers University, in an e-mail.

Yeah, a gender studies professor is obviously qualified to give her opinion on a biological study…

Regardless, the creator of the "Girls" TV show, a homely, tattooed New Yorker named Lena Dunham, made a pro-Obama ad likening voting to having sex. She suggests that when it's your "first time," it should definitely be the right guy — the kind of guy who supports free birth control, liberal policies, etc.

Well, I don't know whether Ms. Dunham was in heat when she filmed the ad, but it definitely lends some credence to the idea that sexual impulses have a strong effect on female voting behavior.

What Will It Take to Achieve Gender Equality?

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By Ethical

Despite decades of feminist advances there still are countless inequities against women that remain to be addressed. Most notably the number of women in corporate leadership is disproportionately low. So is the number of female political leaders. And women still earn less in the workplace though admittedly due to factors such as fewer years of experience at the same job as men that are related to pregnancy and child rearing which society shouldn't punish women for. Women also still have far fewer opportunities in professional sports, and the majority of jobs where there is some requirement for physical strength, or where there is an element of isolation or danger are still for the most part monopolized by men.

As far as domestic issues go women sometimes still have to endure the terror of sharing custody of their children with men whom they've accused of having been physically or sexually abusive. Then when they come forward to report that abuse even today women sometimes aren't believed without question . And despite being responsible for the bulk of child care women are still sometimes forced by divorce judges to consider the view of the father in decisions regarding the children's upbringing or education; infantilizing them as if they as mothers don't know what's good for their own children.

Finally in society as a whole women feel less safe than men and then have to contend with increased scrutiny regarding the circumstances they placed themselves in, the way they dressed, the way they acted, or whether they were high or intoxicated whenever they're victim of a crime. It's unfair, they feel, since in their opinion men aren't judged equally harshly in the same situations.

How should feminism respond? If given infinite money and manpower to address each and all of these issues, logically the first thing to do would be to start with setting a quota that 50% of all appointed and elected corporate and political leadership positions go to women. With infinite funds we could hire a woman to train into each slot even if there weren't currently any qualified female candidates. We might even hire a number of female trainees to increase the likelihood at least one will be found suitable after training.

Once the positions were filled, for those women who would otherwise subsequently be compelled to take time away for child rearing, we could pay for fertility treatments and hire surrogates so those women wanting children could avoid the career interruption of pregnancy if they so desire. For the others who chose to give birth themselves we could create offices with adjoining nanny suites so the children would always be near enough to allow it if the women should desire to breastfeed. On top of that we could institute job-sharing so that two women could both divide demanding roles like that of CEO without either having to work outlandish hours. Job sharing would also allow them to spread any necessary travel between them so neither would be forced to be away from home too long or too often. All this is within the realm of possibility even today. If companies can pay a few million for a private jet they can certainly pay for some or all of these lesser expenses.

But once we reached workplace equity how would we suppress men from working longer, and taking on more dangerous and risky endeavors with greater chance of reward as they have been historically more willing to do whenever they thought it would give them a competitive edge? We could make divorce so likely and disenfranchise husbands and fathers so thoroughly afterwards that no man would ever feel safe in putting in that kind of effort for the only reason that men ever have … which is to attract a mate and support a family. But continuing to cause young men to opt out like that would result in our economies eventually grinding to a halt, not to mention at some point generating dangerous societal instability. And even then how could we stop women from wanting to enjoy more time with their children or placing a higher priority on making a comfortable home for their families? Even once equity was reached those quotas would have to remain in place forever to thwart those with more ability or those wanting to invest more work so they don't get ahead, and to bolster those wanting to achieve a better work life balance so they don't fall behind. At some point the quotas become more unjust than the inequity they were meant

to address.

And what of jobs requiring physical strength or greater tolerance for isolation or danger? How would we, across the board, forbid companies, sport teams, and other organisations from engaging in unrestricted competition for the human resources that make them most competitive? Would soccer players have to give each other a 2 meter berth to prevent fouls once women are forced into the English premier league? Will the NFL have to be slowed down and the aggression taken out for it to make it more woman-friendly once legislation made the NFL co-ed? Granted since we as feminist owners are willing to devote an infinite amount of money to our workplace equity dream we'll likely have no problem paying enough to find women who'll face off against a 300 lb linebacker, if only to take a dive. But far from us having infinite resources to pay her we'll only have the gate receipts brought in by co-ed football. Unless we're allowed to raise our revenue with half time lap dances we'll just have to pray our season won't be cut short by a league suspension because we can't afford to fill our quota of women.

On the domestic front where women sometimes still have to share custody of their children with men who they've accused of having been physically or sexually abusive, to prevent any possibility of that horror we could just take the woman's word in all cases. But even if only a few mothers made false accusations for ill purposes, going so far as to completely eliminate men's right to defend themselves with real evidence would end up victimizing the daughters denied access to those innocent fathers. On eliminating the opportunity for the abusive influence of mothers who would make such false accusations to be tempered by the calming influence the fathers would have had in their lives, the girls would suffer. Furthermore all the women in the man's extended family who would be denied any involvement in the children's lives would also suffer from the loss of contact. A far greater number of women would suffer far more injustice than whatever injustice the mother as an individual would be freed from.

And finally, completely preventing women from ever becoming a target for crime regardless of what choices they make would take the same effort as making sure a tiny wisp of a man dressed in a designer suit and wearing a huge diamond studded platinum Rolex never got robbed whenever he decided to walk drunk as a fish through deserted ghetto alleyways late at night with earphones pumping ABBA way too loud to hear the footsteps behind him. Namely we would have to completely eliminate all crime. To avoid crimes of opportunity we would have to have complete security everywhere at all times so women could even walk carelessly through alleyways full of homeless crackheads in the middle of night, while dressed in negligees. To avoid premeditated incidents we would have to make sure potential perpetrators were jailed before a crime was committed if there was any potential motivation such as disagreements over money, or an insult or slight.

If we as societies are infinitely prosperous we could certainly afford to make at least some progress towards accomplishing this utopia. But infinite prosperity is exactly what we would need. Because any type of business or commerce, and life as whole for that matter, would grind to an absolute halt. From the sheer ridiculousness of this thought experiment it should be clear by now that the closer we got to achieving this feminist utopia the more we would recognize that for any demographic other than women we would instead have achieved an Orwellian hell. In order to completely free women from responsibility for any consequences of their decisions, we would have to completely repress everyone else. The great injustice of impairing every man's ability to make a living because of an 8:00 pm curfew, the great injustice of causing every man to fear even taking out the garbage because all men who walk through any alley must register themselves as a potential sex offenders or robbers, and the great injustice of imprisoning men if they can't produce a signed consent agreement after any time there's a misunderstanding about whether sexual consent was given, would all rapidly make asking women to be a little more aware and responsible for their own safety seem a tiny injustice in comparison.

With debt growing to unsustainable levels in all the advanced western democracies rich enough to even contemplate such feminist utopias, realistically achievable and cost effective social solutions may instead be all we can afford.

It may be time to be practical and consider that while seeking equity is an admirable goal, inequity does not necessarily mean inequality. Completely aside from the argument of whether it's justified to address historical inequity by applying reverse inequality, we have to be cautious and judicious about which inequities we apply our

efforts to, regardless of whether we try to address inequities or explain them away.

Caution is important because views from any traditionally privileged demographic (in this case men) justifying historical inequity as resulting from differences in natural abilities or predispositions, are overwhelmingly only theories. They can't often be proven except in a highly contrived manner without controlling for some variables that might be unknown or unknowable at the time. On the other hand views from the traditionally underprivileged demographic (here women) explaining away historical inequity in terms of unfair barriers or lack of opportunity are generally also only theories relying on untested assumptions. But quashing these theories is quashing hope where the possibility of an better outcome can't be ruled out. Social science is unfortunately not only an inexact science but also a laggard. Explanations WHY SOMETHING IS IMPOSSIBLE for someone or other are too often rendered moot by the person who goes out and JUST DOES IT anyways. And it only explains WHY the impossible could have happened long after some intrepid soul with a crazy Cinderella story has ventured into the unknown and demonstrated HOW its done.

But despite the uncertainty we can make progress towards equity by becoming more honest about what we DO know from empirical evidence and at the same time becoming more honest and aware about the holes in our knowledge around what we DON'T know. We're beginning to learn for example that some if not all the inequity in men's and women's salaries comes from the fact that if given the choice women tend to prefer less risky, less dangerous, less isolated jobs in favor of jobs that offer a better work life balance. Risking all to race balls to the wall after the brass ring is less enticing to many women more women than hugging their children every night. At the same time we can't say this is a permanent limitation. Perhaps it's possible to cost effectively change the corporate world so these considerations no longer factor in and women don't have to choose.

In either case the lack of detached objectivity in the feminism still so rampant even today makes the issues so sensitive that candid discussions are a great challenge. However in recent articles like "Why Women Still Can't Have it All" by Anne Marie Slaughter we see working women watching themselves becoming less happy and more frazzled as they try to avoid either being held fully responsible financially for their families like men or held fully responsible for the care of their families like traditional homemakers. We men only look on and sigh, just as we always have when women ask us about problems they don't want solved. We know better than to suggest the obvious which is that for all but the exceptional woman, in trying to achieve both goals one will conflict with the other and she'll end up accomplishing neither. We've watched women skirt around the issue for so long. Now the cognitive dissonance is finally shedding light on the lack of straight honest talk, and without even a word from us in the manosphere, women for their own survival are disarming the most harmful elements of feminism that our resource constrained world soon may no longer be in the position to even pretend to be able to afford to indulge her with.

Women Lawyers Dominate Low-Status Positions

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The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) released results from a survey that found that 70% of low-level staff lawyers at America's largest law firms are female, but only 15% of equity partners:

> The typical AmLaw 200 firm is now a two-tier partnership with many different categories of lawyer in a leveraged structure: 151 equity partners (barely 15% women), 91 non-equity partners (26% women), 54 counsel (35% women), 188 associates (46% women), and 11 staff attorneys (70% women). As the preceding numbers clearly show, women constitute a smaller percentage of each category as you move up the career ladder. In other words, over the course of time women exit law firms disproportionately more than their male peers. Moreover, it is troubling to note that the percentages of women equity partners and women associates in the typical firm have declined slightly during the past two years.

NAWL goes on to explain why some of these disparities exist, and points to the fact that male lawyers are significantly older than female and therefore at a more advanced place in their career, and evidence that a lot of female attorneys prefer the flexibility and lower pressure of being a staff attorney rather than an associate.

However, according to NAWL, this is a major problem:

> On the other hand, many, many women choose to be on a partner track and aim for partnership. Our ideal would be that, as more women entered big-firm legal practice, the standards and expectations would evolve to be more accepting of all women's lives and goals – not to slot more women at the lowest, non-partner track position. That approach sends an unfortunate message: "Yes, Ms. JD, you can work in BigLaw, but the right to advance, along with profits, professional status and the most interesting projects, are restricted to those who accept the 24/7 on-demand mentality in every year of their practice, and the resultant stresses and warping of their lives."
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> Our goal is to encourage firms to have systems of advancement that build in flexibility and accommodate the needs of women (and men) lawyers at various phases of their careers. After all, when more than one-third of the legal profession is female, it cannot be beneficial to firms to lose so much legal talent after a relatively short span of years. Our disappointment is that so many firms have not yet figured out how to develop policies and practices to retain women lawyers without simply relegating them to a bottom-tier role.

So, essentially, what they want is for law firms to allow women to put in the same amount of effort as a staff attorney, but to be paid more and given a higher position. In other words, less work for more pay (for females). And yet they still don't know why firms – which are businesses in competition with other businesses – can't figure out how to do this. Well, the firms could do it, but they'd lose money. It's kind of hard to get around that. Unless, of course, you think money just kind of grows like grass.

A lot of women do indeed have this attitude toward money, but you'd think that of all people lawyers could figure it out. They supposedly have strong analytical skills, a good grasp of logic, and high intelligence.

But here you have NAWL saying that legal firms should "evolve" to accept "all women's lives and goals…" Gee, I wish I could get someone to buy that line from me. I mean, if you don't care about my goals, it's because, like, you just need to "evolve," man…

“Ramsters” in the News for Guru’s Drunken Tirade

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There’s been a minor local scandal over a guru based in Yelm, Washington — a pleasant, rustic little prairie town near Mt. Rainier that also serves as the international headquarters of Ramtha channeler JZ Knight. Ms. Knight is an aging New Age mystic who was evidently entered by “Ramtha” in her kitchen via a cardboard pyramid she put atop her head while she was a Tacoma housewife back in 1977. Ramtha, for his part, is a Pleistocene warlord who conquered most of the earth about 35,000 years ago. He is also an enlightened being with much wisdom to impart to humanity.

The scandal arose because Knight, who has been giving quite a bit of money to the Democratic party, was filmed ranting about Mexicans and Catholics while apparently drunk. When the video came to light, some demanded that the Democrats refuse the money. First they hemmed and hawed a bit, but finally gave the money to the ADL and a gay marriage group. The primary targets of Ramtha’s ire appear to be Catholics and Mexicans, probably because he (rightly) perceives them to be the biggest demographic and ideological threat to the old hippie stronghold of California.

Some of my European and East Coast readers may find the circumstances of all this quite bizarre, but this is the West Coast, and we locals have long been familiar with these types, who are alternately sources of entertainment and annoyance.

The video:

That about sums up the scandal, but I found it pretty amusing that Yelm locals refer to Knight’s followers as “Ramsters,” and even more so when it came to light that they worship a giant wheel rotating in a pyramid, and believe that one can change physical reality through wishful thinking. It is as though Knight has literally created a religion out of the rationalization hamster, even giving him a name and supernatural powers.

Here are some quotes from Knight’s former followers:

> Another former student, who asked that she be identified only as “Stephanie,” spent hours every day following the school’s disciplines–focused breathing, meditation, and concentrating on a list of positive thoughts, such as I am fabulously wealthy, I am radiantly healthy, I am 20 years younger, I never age.

What finally prompted one man to get out:

> One day, McCarthy and other masters were working on “manifesting”–creating a physical object out of nothing by focusing on a mental image, like a gold coin, a rose, or a blue feather. “After several days, I’d not created anything solid,” he says.
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> Then, across the Great Hall, he heard people shouting. He saw a woman walking through the crowd holding a blue feather over her head. Pandemonium broke out. Over roars of appreciation, the woman took her place next to McCarthy. He leaned over and asked her how she did it.
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> “She says she went into the store and bought it. I said, ‘That’s not creating something out of nothing!’ And she said, ‘Yes it is!–I’ve created my own reality.’

Too funny.

Nice Guys and the Perils of Ovulation

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By Lyn87

Normally I don't pay much attention to – or put much stock into – the latest "study" in the pseudosciences, but this one caught my eye. Apparently there's a new psychology study that confirms what most of humanity has suspected all along: nice guys need to watch out.

The study was conducted by Martie Haselton, a professor of psychology and communication studies at UCLA, and UCLA doctoral student Christina Larson. Given the feminized climate at UCLA there is not the slightest chance of anti-female bias, so when these two admitted that women's mating priorities can swing wildly over the course of their ovulation cycle, you know they're on to something.

The gist of it is that women prefer stable men most of the time for their long term relationships, but when they approach the most fertile part of their cycle they become more dissatisfied with those men and prefer more "sexy" men.

That won't surprise anyone here, and it is merely the short-term version of the typical carousel-rider's long-term mating habits: go for "sexy" alpha men when she's young and fertile, and then settle down with a nice beta provider as her fertility dwindles.

It's one thing to watch as many young women go feral – now that we've removed the stability that patriarchy used to provide to family and society we have created two generations of women who would have been considered unmarriageable as recently as 50 years ago.

It's another thing when a young blue-pill guy marries one of these creatures today.

Not to worry, though, say our intrepid "experts." Her preference for "sexy" during her maximum monthly fertility does not translate into wanting to break up her long term relationship. They assure us that, *"… "Mr. Stable" need not worry too much as the apparent negative feelings during ovulation don't seem to affect long-term commitment."*

See? There's nothing to worry about. She may screw the bass player when she's ovulating, but she'll be back when her hormone levels even out. Isn't that nice?

In other words, if you're a stable provider-type, the woman who is content to consume your resources is happy to be with you for three weeks out of the month. The flip side is that she is most likely to cheat with a "bad boy" precisely when she is most likely to conceive. No problem, though: she still wants you (or at least your resources) for the long haul to help raise the kid.

It just won't be *your* kid.

The researchers give the obligatory nod to the pseudoscience of evo-psych with this quote, *"In the reproductive arena, women probably evolved to desire men who could contribute both quality care and good genes," Haselton said. "The problem is that there is a limited number of potential mates who are high in both. So many women are forced to make trade-offs."*

Trade off? Hardly. The destruction of the normal family structure has created the conditions that give today's feral young woman everything she wants: the genetic material of the "sexy" guy and the resources of the stable one.

If even the Psychology Department at UCLA tacitly admits that women have a natural propensity to cuckold nice guys, I cannot fathom why it is still considered acceptable to put any man's name on a birth certificate without DNA confirmation.

Africa the Solution for China's Excess Males?

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The rise of China is on everyone's mind, but the implications of the ascension of this superpower seem vague at this point. There are a number of questions about what China will do, what path it will take, and whether it will act with increasing aggression in the Pacific and begin to throw its weight around in direct confrontations with the West. Many fear that with an excess of males who cannot find wives, China will grow increasingly warlike and unstable. Although the fundamental premise behind this is typically androphobic, many young Chinese men would surely agree that there is a problem, which is only being compounded by the increasingly feminist behavior of urban Chinese women.

There's plenty of debate about the implications of a rising China and the associated demographic problems, but one thing we do know for certain is that China is making increasingly bold moves into Africa.

China has long had ties to Africa. Maoism, as an anti-colonial form of Communism, holds particular appeal to former colonial subjects, and this includes most of Africa. Throughout the 60s and 70s, most of China's involvement with Africa was cultural and ideological, consisting mainly of student exchanges and joint declarations. At that point China was too poor and disorderly to accomplish much beyond its own borders. But things have changed a great deal. As the West has ignored its former colonies, focusing only on lecturing them about transparency, democracy and recently feminism, China has been making deals, building cities and settling hundreds of thousands of Chinese nationals on the continent. As of today, there are nearly a million Chinese in sub-Saharan Africa, and that number is growing week by week.

In contrast to recent European colonials, Chinese are making permanent settlements in the tropics, importing peasants to farm the fertile river valleys of West and Central Africa. Chinatowns are popping up in the jungles of Cameroon and Congo. Chinese farmers in traditional coolie hats are farming rice using the same methods as in the warmer parts of southern China. Chinese fishermen are dominating the local fisheries, shoving the inefficient pirogues aside and taking the lion's share of the catch. Construction and retail are now dominated by Chinese. Chinese medicine is becoming the standard for Chinese and natives alike. It's a remarkable transformation that has happened very rapidly, right under the world's nose.

There are a number of reasons Chinese are better suited to settle tropical Africa than Europeans were in the 19th and 20th century, including population pressure, modern medicine, air travel and China's growing economic clout. Acclimatization probably plays a role as well. Europeans had a tendency to succumb to tropical conditions and diseases, whereas southern Chinese have been living in similar conditions for millennia. They are probably constitutionally better equipped to handle the stifling, moist heat of Sub-Saharan Africa than Europeans from cold and damp or warm and dry climates, and indeed many, if not most, of the farmers are from subtropical regions of China. Additionally, finding a wife may be difficult for Chinese farmers back home, but in Africa it's no problem at all.

Chinese are also well-equipped to farm in Africa. Their traditional crops do quite well in the humid environment, and it wouldn't take many Chinese farmers to turn a number of African countries into net food exporters. In fact, given the size and potential of Africa, a few tens of millions of Chinese farmers – a mere 2% of China's population – could produce enough extra food to give both Asia and Africa a food surplus and lay the groundwork for the industrialization of Africa. Although the prospect of a Chinese "invasion" of Africa may conjure up images of ethnic cleansing and displacement, that's unlikely to be the case. The concept of the color line has never existed for the Chinese, so the more likely scenario is some degree of assimilation through marriage. This has always been the Chinese way of relating to people on the fringes of their culture, so I don't see why it would be any different in Africa. And, in fact, there is precedent for this; Chinese graves from the Ming dynasty have been discovered in East Africa, and the ancestors of settlers, some bearing Chinese-sounding surnames, apparently still exist.

However, despite the possible benefits and advantages of a large Chinese influx into Africa, there would surely be

major problems as well. The largest of these, no doubt, would be local opposition to Chinese immigration, and the next would likely be Western opposition. The issue of local opposition is likely to be a tough one, but not insurmountable, as large parts of Africa are entirely undeveloped and uninhabited, despite having great agricultural and productive potential. As for the West, the question is whether the we are serious about economically engaging Africa or would prefer to sit back and preach about democracy and transparency. Democracy is a farce in most of Africa, and elections frequently degenerate into tribal warfare. Leaders backed by the West are as corrupt as anyone else, and decades of "assistance" and "guidance" have resulted in nothing more than stagnation, genocide (Rwanda) and the world's worst civil war in years (in the Congo). A sorry record indeed…

The stupidity of Western policy in regards to Africa, largely a result of ideological blinkers and deliberate self-deception, has prevented all but a handful of entrepreneurs and established businesses from doing any business on the continent. Native corruption has been significantly exacerbated by the West's policy of giving loans and assistance directly to kleptocrats who in turn use them to consolidate their stranglehold on national wealth, which they typically spirit out of the country to spend on Western luxuries. In the meanwhile, the West scolds China for dealing with corrupt regimes that perpetrate human rights abuses — in which they are complicit! So, as the Western economic presence dwindles to a few petroleum companies and various international criminals involved in gun-running and the like, the Chinese sign enormous development deals and turn a profit by being entirely pragmatic about the political situation. And most indications so far are that they are improving the quality of the ordinary African's life.

One important consideration that eludes most of us here in the West is that China's development model is far more appropriate for Africans than what we have to offer. As recently as the 1970s, most Chinese lived what we would regard as a medieval lifestyle. Americans in particular are so far removed from this mode of life that we can't really conceive of it, yet this is the reality for most sub-Saharan Africans today. It wasn't until the late 1970s, after the end of the Cultural Revolution and the ascension of Deng Xiaoping to power, that China began to modernize agriculture and small business. The native entrepreneurial spirit of the Chinese combined with a loosening of Communist economic restrictions led to a rapid rise in productivity, culminating in the thriving China of today — all in barely more than a generation. As recently as 1998, I stayed with peasants in the hills just outside the Beijing prefecture who had just then received their first mechanized farm equipment, which consisted of little more than a few mechanical pumps and a very tiny tractor (one of these things). People would still thresh their grain on the hard pavement of the newly constructed roads, even in one of the most economically advanced regions of the country. I never saw anything like the gargantuan combines we have out here in the Palouse country.

If Westerners actually cared about being truly helpful, not to mention honest and humane, they'd recognize that Africa needs a step-by-step approach to development, starting with simple, effective tools and technology. The idea that we are going to save the Africans by giving them solar panels and specially designed laptops is stupid and irresponsible; at best it's meaningless self-indulgence, and at worst it's a scam designed to rip off feeble-minded but well-meaning westerners while doing nothing of concrete value for the intended recipients. Simply teaching Africans to build better rice paddies and farm rice – something the Chinese are already doing – would have a much more significant humanitarian impact than sending consumer electronics to people who can't even feed themselves, let alone reliably generate and transmit electricity.

Despite the lack of any meaningful contribution to African development since the mid-20th century, I don't expect the West to concede the continent to Chinese. In fact, the remnants of the white colonial culture in Francophone Africa are already experiencing increasing tensions with the encroaching Chinese (partly because the Chinese cannot speak French), and political resistance to Chinese engagement with Africa is growing stronger year by year. Given what meager returns the West has gleaned from trade with Africa in recent years, it's hard to see this as motivated by anything other than spite, but on the other hand the West will have to do something if we want to have a chance of competing for the vast economic opportunities offered by the continent. Unfortunately, unless there is a return to pragmatism, the only option for doing so is probably through violence, and I wouldn't put it past Western governments to foment insurrections with the goal of making it extraordinarily difficult for Chinese to operate in

Africa.

But perhaps Africans, Westerners and Chinese will come together and work something out that more or less benefits everyone. The wealth of Africa could contribute a great deal to Africa, Asia and the rest of the world, and one of China's most pressing demographic problems could be solved by putting the millions of excess men to work making that happen. Replacing Africans, of course, is not the end goal, and it won't happen in any event — Africa is already home to a billion people and growing, and can easily absorb some 20 million Chinese. Limited immigration is manageable, and already happening, whether the West likes it or not. If we accept the idea, we'll be in a much better position to influence the outcome and derive benefit. If we don't, there's a very good chance Africa will be the next setting for a series of proxy wars that will waste both blood and wealth, because the Chinese are in for the long haul.

Divorce and Separation Harm Reduction

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There's been a rash of domestic killings in my region recently, mainly of the murder-suicide variety, most involving obviously ineffective restraining orders. People still seem to hope that restraining orders can actually prevent these sorts of things rather than exacerbate them, but I don't think it's because they are being deliberately obtuse in most cases. Actually, I'm pretty sure it's because people don't realize that there are other options.

Restraining orders, which are handed out like halloween candy, are de riguer in contentious divorces, and there's some evidence that they may contribute to homicide. However, we should take care to point out that it isn't *only* restraining orders that contribute to rage, despair and homicidal/suicidal ideation, but rather the entire package.

When young or otherwise naïve men go through a contentious divorce or separation, they usually are not prepared for the lowering of the boom that accompanies these things. On paper, a man can go from middle-class respectable citizen to destitute criminal suspect very rapidly after being served papers. The shock is very, very severe for those unprepared for it. Adding to this, of course, is the fact that most of these men actually love their wives/partners. The sense of betrayal is profound. It's the kind of blow people might reasonably expect never to recover from, and can result in an overwhelming feeling of hopelessness.

This feeling of hopelessness and desperation can be very dangerous. Men who have nothing to look forward to – who can see no light at the end of the tunnel – are far more likely to kill. In most cases they merely kill themselves and we hear nothing of it unless they commit suicide by cop. However, in a small minority of cases they kill those they feel betrayed them.

How can we prevent this while still allowing separation? First, I think there needs to be some restraint on the part of courts and attorneys when it comes to both financial and custodial issues. If you hit guys with loss of loved ones, throw them out of their houses, and immediately set the customary level of child support/alimony all in one fell blow, a lot of them are going to crack. It takes time for men to get used to the new situation, and depriving them of their entire support system and the ability to feed themselves doesn't hurry that process along.

Perhaps one measure that might be helpful would be to delay any support orders for some time after an initial separation decree. Perhaps a few months, so the man can pick himself back up and start to get to work on a new life. If a man is to be removed from his house and children against his will, it should not be accompanied at the same time by financial ruin. It may seem like a small step, but it could save lives and make the situation less destructive in the long run.

So, I'd propose that one part of family law reform should be preventing courts from levying any financial obligations on spouses who are removed from their houses for a period of some 90 days, unless they filed for divorce themselves. This could not only prevent violence, but might also lead to a decline in the number of frivolous divorces. It would provide an important cooling off period, and allow a man to seek representation and defend himself from spurious accusations that often accompany the initial filings. It might also increase the number of collaborative divorces, as spouses would have some motivation to come to a financial settlement by themselves. Although I'm sure feminists would object to such a rule, it would still allow for restraining orders, so their objections would be entirely about money, and wouldn't carry as much weight.

Much more could be done along these lines, but we have to start somewhere, and this would be a good first step.

The Apple and the Glass: A Halloween Ritual

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An old Gaelic superstition – little known today – was that a maid could see her future marital state by eating an apple in front of a mirror in a dim room on Halloween. If she was destined to be married, an apparition with the face of her future husband would appear alongside her in the glass. If she was destined to die a spinster, a disembodied skull would float over her shoulder in the mirror, cackling at her.

Robert Burns, the famous Scottish poet, mentions the practice in his poem "Hallowe'en." A young maid asks her grandmother to perform the ritual with her, and is sternly rebuked by the old woman, who suggests she is tempting fate and the devil (see the entire poem here).

> Wee Jennie to her grannie says,
> "Will ye go wi' me, grannie?
> I'll eat the apple at the glass
> I gat frae Uncle Johnnie:"
> She fuff't her pipe wi' sic a lunt,
> In wrath she was sae vap'rin',
> She notice't na, an aizle brunt
> Her braw new worset apron
> Out through that night.
>
> "Ye little skelpie-limmer's face!
> I daur you try sic sportin',
> As seek the foul thief ony place,
> For him to spae your fortune.
> Nae doubt but ye may get a sight!
> Great cause ye hae to fear it;
> For mony a ane has gotten a fright,
> And lived and died deleeret
> On sic a night.

Given the state of marriage today, I'd highly recommend that single women avoid looking in mirrors this evening — it might not turn out so well.

Australian PM Redefines Misogyny

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Australia's Macquarie Dictionary has expanded the definition of misogyny following Prime Minister Julia Gillard's recent speech calling her conservative rival, Tony Abbot, a "misogynist" for suggesting that she wouldn't know much about motherhood, not being a mother herself.

Whereas misogyny used to simply mean hatred of women, the definition now includes "entrenched prejudice" concerning women, their roles, opinions, etc. This means that a loving husband and father who thinks, for example, that women shouldn't be in combat, is a misogynist (according to the dictionary). Basically, anyone who disagrees with feminists is smeared as a misogynist, and I'm sure that's exactly the intent of the change.

> The Associated Press reports that Australia's Macquarie Dictionary has updated its definition of the word "misogyny" after Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard gave a take-no-prisoners lecturing of opposition leader Tony Abbott about his anti-female ways. (h/t Newser)
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> Gillard included several mentions of Abbot's "misogyny" and "sexism" in the speech. The gone-viral Oct. 9 lambasting prompted word-keepers to take notice.
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> Macquarie Dictionary added "entrenched prejudice of women" to augment the established "hatred of women," according to the BBC. The expanded definition will appear in the next edition, the Australian reported.
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> Macquarie Editor Sue Butler said Gillard's remarks highlight how the term has evolved from a pathological loathing of the gender. "We decided that we had the basic definition, hatred of women, but that's not how misogyny has been used for about the last 20, 30 years, particularly in feminist language," she told ABC Radio. "Sexist does seem to be moving towards this description of surface features and misogynist applies to the underlying attitude."

Maybe some Australian should put out one of those "how to speak Australian" ads that Fosters used to run. He could run that clip of her falling flat on her face, then as a laughing man appears on the screen, the narrator says "misogynist."

American and British dictionaries have not adopted the change. Perhaps Australia's publishing industry is even more female-dominated than the rest of the Anglosphere's. Australia has long been known for some of the most radical of all feminists and gender benders, and I suspect it may be precisely because men have not traditionally worked in education or the humanities as much as in other English-speaking countries. Australia emerged at the dawn of the industrial age, so it may not have had the opportunity to develop the kind of conservative, male-guided institutions that would moderate the excesses of feminism.

However, it would be interesting to hear Australians' opinions on this. Frankly, Gillard strikes me as a clownish politician, prone to embarrassing mishaps, but she seems fairly popular in Australia itself.

Letting the Election Run its Course

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It's pretty obvious that men's issues are not going to determine the outcome of our national election. The hostility toward men in my own local elections is overwhelming, and at this point I don't think there's much sense in fighting it. If politicians win on an anti-male platform, then we can let them defend their policies nationally. Frankly, amongst the major voting blocks, family-age divorced fathers and single men are insignificant right now anyway, but we'll have more leeway to respond than the feminists, who have received far more than their fair share of political support.

I'm sure single mothers and and their supporters – mainly lesbians and family law attorneys – have been given disproportionate attention, as have gay marriage proponents, but that's something we'll deal with after the candidates take office.

For now, I think we should let them tell us where they stand, and act on it later. I think we men ought to sit back and watch. When George Wallace and other defenders of the status quo in the South made the elections in the late 60s and early 70s about restoring white supremacy, they won a pyrrhic victory that was rolled back within less than 15 years. I'm fairly sure that the trajectory of feminism will take a similar course, because the demonization and hysteria is along pretty much the same lines.

Not to say that I don't sympathize with Southern whites on any level (they do deserve self-determination as much as anyone else), but rather that they represented a special interest that ran counter to the national interest at the time, and politically they lost big time in the long run. So, although it's painful to see how effectively decent men are being demonized in the current campaign, I'm pretty sure that the single mothers by choice, adulteresses and various other female supremacists are going to lose their moral authority in short order, no matter who wins.

So don't stress too much about the election — things are going to get better either way. In the meanwhile, just kick back and watch, and do what your conscience dictates.

Enjoy the show!

The Women's Election

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I've been taking a bit of a break in the runup to the election, as it seems that people are preoccupied with it and there's not much to be done or said for the time being. However, it's worth pointing out that this election has been so over-the-top obsessed with women that it's a bit surreal. Even I wouldn't have predicted such an overwhelming focus on the female.

But given that this is the reality, it's worth pointing out that it's fundamentally a race between married women and single women. I have no idea who will prevail, so I won't try to call a winner, but I did predict something along these lines some months ago:

> What we are seeing here is the climax of second wave feminism, which really got going in the 1960s, as its adherents reach the peak of their political and economic power. However, despite the heights attained by people like Hilary Rosen, not all American women jumped on the bandwagon, and now the two versions of American womanhood are squaring off over the presidency. You could say it's essentially feminists vs. wives, and it's pretty clear which ones will line up with which candidate…

So, really, our interests as men are totally irrelevant here, in this campaign at least. If you're going to vote (or already have), I wouldn't recommend counting on either candidate to make things better for men specifically. It just ain't going to happen, so I'd recommend voting based on other considerations.

But I also predicted that this won't go on forever. It can't. Not only are feminists removing themselves from the gene pool, they're going to gobble up what's left of the budget. To put it plainly, we just can't afford feminism, which requires infinitely escalating spending, for much longer.

More:

> I'm not sure how much longer feminism will be such a powerful force in national politics, but I suspect this election, and perhaps the next one, will be the peak. After that, there will be a decline that, while not entirely noticeable at first, should really become apparent by some time in the next decade. Younger feminists simply don't have the passion or cohesion to repeat the successes of the Hilary Rosens and Hillary Clintons of the world.

So hang in there and just try to keep your head above water for now. These are weird times – the culmination of trends that really got going some 40 years ago – and ultimately they'll be self-correcting.

Adding Insult to Injury

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Michael Dewayne Brooks, of Warren, Michigan, has been charged with spousal abuse following the death of his morbidly obese wife, who weighed over 400 lbs (other reports have 500-700 lbs). According to the prosecutor, he allowed her to lie in her own filth for a week, and by the time he called the medics it was already too late. Apparently, his wife was injured in a car accident almost two years ago, and he was her "primary caretaker" (it isn't specified whether this was official, but it's unlikely — usually the term applies to parents). Mr. Brooks was also responsible for their four children, who were removed by CPS.

A HAZMAT crew in protective gear was deployed to extract the woman from the apartment, and it was necessary to knock down a wall to get her out the door.

From the looks of things, Brooks had begun to avoid the situation, so he may not have realized she was in such bad shape before he called 911. Furthermore, it's highly doubtful that he was responsible for her obesity. In fact, in all likelihood he simply gave up on trying to deal with it, and who can blame him? People who are that large are not easy to take care of, and they are notoriously ill-tempered when you try to deprive them of food. Simply rolling someone that heavy over is a two-man job, so Mr. Brooks clearly couldn't have adequately handled her even if he had made it a full-time job.

But none of that matters, because, according to the prosecutor, while he didn't try to hurt his wife, he "owed" her care. Sure, we all owe our spouses care, but who is to say that the man hadn't already tried? He'd been taking care of her for two years, and also trying to raise the kids, and in the meanwhile she'd eaten her way to monstrous proportions. I doubt Mr. Brooks was a model husband or father, but when you charge someone with a crime, there ought to be some intent involved, and even the prosecutor admits that the man did her no harm.

Now let's turn the tables. Say some married man had taken to the bottle following some life setback, and his wife tried to help him at first, but eventually she gave up because it was fruitless. Every time he felt good enough to leave the house he'd stock up on liquor, and if she tried to throw it away he'd beg, or throw a tantrum, or both. Eventually, she gave up and left him to drink himself into oblivion. One day, she finds him having fits again. He's having bad withdrawals – not for the first time – and she leaves him raving in his room. She comes back and finds him on the floor, moaning and frothing at the mouth. This time she gets scared and calls 911, the medics come and pick him up, and he dies in the hospital from severe delirium tremens.

Does the prosecutor have her arrested and charged with spousal abuse? Does she lose her children? Does anyone suggest she "owed" him care?

Nothing of the sort. The first thing people ask is "why didn't you leave him?" In their eyes, she is the victim. And the saddest thing is that she did love him, but nobody can understand that. All they see is a waste of space, a species of vermin: a useless, broken, man…

What a Relief

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It's over. Now we can get on with things.

My take on the election is that people stuck with the devil they know, and are still smarting from the disastrous Bush presidency. However, I think Obama owes Clinton big time for campaigning on his behalf. That clinched it, because Clinton remains so popular with working class folks in the swing states.

As for policies, it will be a mixed bag for men. Neither Republicans or Democrats will openly support reform. My local elections made that obvious, with Republicans promising to crack down on men with more domestic police hunter-killer squads if they were elected, and Democrats merely promising more of the same goodies for women.

The one good thing Republicans might do is cut programs that openly discriminate against men, but they will more than happily shift more of the burden onto fathers, as they did in 1994. Democrats, for their part, seem dedicated to preventing children in the first place (the little brats compete for public funds with voters) rather than punishing men. In fact, the Obama administration pushed states not to run up men's arrears while they are incarcerated — a much needed reform of an extremely punitive and cruel practice that put many poor fathers in eternal debt simply for being unable to pay a couple months of child support. What judges would do was imprison men without trial for owing arrears, and all the while the arrears would grow while they were in jail. This would lead to a cycle of debt and imprisonment for men who had not even committed a crime (owing child support is not a crime, but it is treated as such).

Everyone is talking about the racial element of the election, and although it's very relevant to who won, in terms of policy it won't make much of a difference, except perhaps in the Supreme Court. White nationalists ought to accept the fact that the United States is no longer a "nation" in the true sense of the word. We are not a people united by common culture or ancestry, and nobody can change that at this point. The US is essentially an empire, and nationalities are always subordinate to the empire. Try asking 1st century Jews in Palestine how it worked out when they defied an empire — not very well. However, if this bothers white nationalists, they should console themselves with the fact that white Christians are the single most powerful nationality in the US, and will remain so for a long time to come — probably permanently. After all, Romans still exist; we just call them "Italians" today.

If there is to be any reform along ethnic lines, it should be to recognize different nationalities (all of them, including white Christians) and grant them all some basic rights as peoples – not just individuals – including the right to live according to their customs, religions, and so forth without having to go against their values.

In the long run, exotic ideologies like female supremacism will wither as other factors, such as placating squabbling nationalities fighting for a piece of the pie, grow in importance. I am quite confident that feminist policies and initiatives will come to be little more than empty platitudes as the realities of imperial and provincial bankruptcy begin to dominate politicians' concerns. In countries such as Mexico, for example, feminism gets plenty of lip service, but in practice it doesn't exist.

We are going to face an era of high taxes, inequality and a negative sum fight over dwindling returns. America has had its day, and as triumphant victors usually do, it squandered its advantages, and is now in maintenance mode.

“Old White Republicans” Claptrap is Pure Projection

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The latest Newsweek cover declares Republicans “history” because they are old and white, but I noticed something shortly after the election that ought to give the pundits repeating that line pause: the oldest states overwhelmingly supported Obama. In fact, Vermont, which is one of the oldest and whitest states in the US, gave Obama a full 67% of its votes. Maine, which is the oldest state in the US (and another one of the whitest), gave him 56%. The only old state in which Obama lost was West Virginia.

The youngest states – Utah, Alaska, Idaho and Texas – all went solidly Republican.

For years, I’ve noticed that old white liberals consistently portray their political rivals as, well… Old and white. It’s as though they are stuck back in 1972, and think they are still 20-somethings battling Richard Nixon. It’s both amusing and annoying at the same time, but for once I’d like to see some honesty about this issue.

Apparently, Obama won largely on the old, white vote, especially in the old, white stronghold of the Northeast.

Why are white liberal states so old? Because liberals don’t have many children. And because they are still firmly attached to the old American Republican/Democrat paradigm (which is, for better or worse, finally crumbling), they are quite fearful of being outbred by their conservative rivals. This is why they cling to the hope that young minorities will join them in their high-minded Puritan ideals and lifestyle, which is not going to happen, but hey, they’ll be dead by that time anyway.

So, allow me to predict a bit of what the American political future will look like based on demographics:

White people will be more conservative, minorities will remain as they are (i.e. they’ll vote Democrat but will not be “liberals”), and white liberals will be largely dead or in nursing homes (real estate is going to be pretty cheap in New England in a decade or so). Young liberals, AKA progressives, will constitute a shrinking proportion of the national population. The SWPL lifestyle will be marginalized, the country will be divided roughly in two between whites and minorities, and we’ll begin to see the emergence of truly distinct populations separated by ethnicity and geography, and probably language in some cases.

Yes, it’s true: Old white people – like all old people – are on the way out. But the old whites with kids and grandkids will see their legacy carry on. Old white liberals, not so much.

Christian Men's Defense Network Blog Shutting Down

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Bskillet of cmd-n.org is closing his blog following one of those online gang attacks that occasionally arise to silence new blogs. Here at *The Spearhead* we had one early on in response to pro-male/anti-feminist tech's criticism of the increasing feminization of sci-fi. PMAFT's article spurred an enormous, angry response from science-grrrl bloggers such as John Scalzi, and was even denounced by Brent Spiner (Data from Star Trek) on Twitter.

However, in the atmosphere of The Spearhead in its earliest days, it was invigorating rather than intimidating. The "small penis" comments came on fast and strong, and provided much comic relief — I'm convinced that The Spearhead was the mighty rock upon which the small penis shaming technique was finally broken . It's pretty clear that the idea was to shout us down, but the tactic backfired, and gave the site a lot of positive attention. I think, in the long run, that PMAFT's observations will be fully justified by unfolding and future events, such as the decline of science fiction literature and the slide into obscurity of guys like John Scalzi, who went fem in the dumb-ass assumption that girls really do care as much about sci-fi as boys.

I don't know bskillet personally, so I have no idea whether the attention from thousands of disgruntled jizzabelers would negatively affect him or not. As far as I see it, he's just another anonymous guy (like I was) who got screwed over by family law, and wanted to say something about it. I can definitely identify with him, and I'd prefer he kept his site going, but that's up to bskillet – not me – and I certainly can't blame a guy who'd rather simply put the entire thing behind him and focus on living life.

So, let's raise a glass to bskillet for the work he's done and for speaking his mind, which is more than most men do, and wish him the best.

Although I'm not going to preach, I'd suggest bskillet might want to reconsider, because the worst they can do is so little. We are, after all, such little, humble things on this earth, and the further they break us down, the more we are as the sands on the beach, and the stars in the sky:

> Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.
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> -Hebrews 11:12

Remembrance Day: A Fine Tradition

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On Friday, I picked up my kids for the weekend, and on the way back from the border my daughter started talking about some project involving poppies in school, so I asked her what that was all about. Both my son and daughter then proceeded to tell me it was for Remembrance Day, and that the poppies were significant because they were the first flowers that grew on the battlefields and fresh graves of WWI. I knew about the connection between poppies and WWI, but I wasn't aware that they were so much a part of the commonwealth tradition for honoring veterans. Here in the US, it is generally on Memorial Day rather than Veterans Day (which coincides with Remembrance Day) that we pay our respect to war dead.

I think it's a great tradition, and I'm glad the children are learning about it. When it comes to old wars, American kids are typically treated to an ideological browbeating over WWII — in a strange way the fact that we won "the good war" is overshadowed by eternal racial and religious guilt we must feel for being affiliated in some manner or another with Nazis (e.g. you are white and Christian, therefore you are the same as a Nazi, and also a bad guy). Remembrance Day appears not to dwell on that sort of punitive and malicious "you, too, are guilty" aspect of American education, and instead focuses on the purer sentiment of sorrow for fallen soldiers.

So, although it's a day late, I thought I'd offer a little tribute to the holiday. My great grandfather was involved in WWI, and spent a fair amount of time on the front line as a journalist, where he faced the same dangers as soldiers, including gas, which put him out of commission for a while (he survived and lived to 93, dying in the 1970s).

Here is the poem associated with the tradition:

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

-John McCrae

Girls Solving Global Energy Problems With Pee Power

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In Nigeria, a few schoolgirls set up a contraption that extracts energy from urine. Evidently, a liter of piss can keep the lights on for six hours. I had no idea that pee had so much juice, so to speak, but hey, think of the potential.

> Four African girls have created a generator that produces electricity for six hours using a single liter of urine as fuel.
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> The generator was unveiled at last week's Maker Faire in Lagos, Nigeria, by the four teens Duro-Aina Adebola, Akindele Abiola, and Faleke Oluwatoyin, all age 14, and Bello Eniola, 15.
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> So how exactly does the urine-powered generator work?
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> Urine is put into an electrolytic cell, which separates out the hydrogen.
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> The hydrogen goes into a water filter for purification, which then gets pushed into the gas cylinder.
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> The gas cylinder pushes hydrogen into a cylinder of liquid borax, which is used to remove the moisture from the hydrogen gas.
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> This purified hydrogen gas is pushed into the generator.
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> And as for delivering the fuel itself? Well, we'll leave that up to the consumer.

With just a couple sixpacks, I could keep the lights on all week. Entire cities could be powered by the effluent of one NFL game. If it actually worked, it would be a great leap forward for mankind.

Of course, it probably doesn't. But it's the thought that counts, right?

The Great Pussy Purge of 2012

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This has been a season of shakeups in the US armed forces, including an unprecedented number of generals getting canned for fooling around with women. Just a couple months ago, General Jeffrey Sinclair was arrested for "inappropriate relationships" with subordinates, and alleged "sodomy" as well (probably oral sex). Then Petraeus gets sacked, and now yet another general, John Allen, is implicated in "potentially inappropriate" communication with a woman. In particular, the woman who blew the whistle on the Petraeus affair.

> The allegations against Allen are said to involve emails between him and Kelley written from 2010 to 2012. Asked if they were of a "sexual nature," a senior defense official would only say the messages were, "potentially inappropriate and they bare looking into. The Department is currently reviewing between 20,000 and 30,000 (pages of) documents connected to this matter."
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> CBS News senior correspondent John Miller, a former deputy director of national intelligence, says the investigation into Allen "is fallout" from the FBI's digging around in the inboxes of Petraeus and Broadwell.
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> He says the Pentagon realizes that if there is any indication of impropriety, they need it to come out now, not during Allen's confirmation hearing to become the next NATO commander – a nomination which has now been put on hold.

Given that even members of the top brass cannot behave themselves, I wonder whether Obama is rethinking his decision to put women on nuclear submarines. The last place we need a torrid affair is hundreds of feet under polar ice in a multi-billion dollar, reactor-powered vessel loaded with nuclear ballistic missiles. If anyone doubts that a woman would think it would be hot to get it on with a high-ranking officer on the hard edge of American imperial power, they don't understand women very well. In fact, that would make a great setting for a steamy romance novel:

The silence was deafening. Jessica stood, frozen, on the dark missile deck, surrounded by pillars of awesome power, capable of wiping out entire civilizations. She could hear, ever so slightly, footsteps and the soft rustling of blue cloth heading purposefully closer. Panic rose within her heaving breast as a muscular, square-shouldered figure filled the narrow walkway, blocking what light remained, coming nearer, and nearer still. A strong hand grasped her shoulder, and another her waist. The panic instantly gave way to a flood of desire; a desire so strong it burst over the levee of regulations and codes of conduct…

But that's merely one setting among countless others. We could have love in the mess hall, clandestine couplings in the barracks, sex in the forward operating base, and lust in a Stryker vehicle. Or, even better, an affair with an Afghan chieftain. And hasn't Prince Harry been in Afghanistan? What red-blooded American soldier girl wouldn't want a piece of that action?

The way things are going, we're going to *need* a gay military…

Institutionalism and the Growing Class Divide

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One of the striking social differences I've noticed since I was a child is a profound change in the way neighbors relate to each other, and a creeping sense of alienation that has come to characterize urban America. Robert Putnam described it in his book Bowling Alone, which details the collapse of community in the US. Charles Murray explored another, related aspect of the issue in his book Coming Apart, which focuses on the social decline of white America.

The change, which I had the opportunity to witness first-hand in the neighborhood I was born in, hasn't involved the physical replacement of people like me or my family (although the fact that so many fled probably added to it), but rather the decline of the social institutions and communities to which we formerly belonged, hence the feeling of alienation. It isn't so much that new communities have taken their place and pushed people out, but rather that communities as we once knew them do not exist any longer. Except for a few associations such as golf clubs at the very top of society – the so-called 1% – there is precious little left for anyone, and even less, it seems, for young families than others. So, although I may feel the loss a little more keenly as a native, in truth this feeling of not belonging is the norm amongst urban Americans, and probably contributes a good deal to the childlessness of cities.

Putnam's studies found that the decline in social trust is directly associated with an increase in diversity, but I don't think that's necessarily the cause, because while diversity may decrease social trust between groups it often intensifies in-group cooperation, and in days past led to a lot of ethnic associations of one sort or another. In the early 20th century immigrants and natives alike formed their own fraternal orders, sports leagues and churches. But somewhere along the way, participation in communal endeavors began to lag, and has petered out to an abysmally low level today.

After giving this matter some thought, I think I've come up with a something that could explain part of this trend.

In the postwar era, the US became a very institutionally oriented society. More so than any other country on earth. Finishing high school became the norm after WWII, and then more and more people went on to college. By the year 2000, American adults had the highest average length of education of any country, and have only barely been surpassed in recent years by Norway and New Zealand. If it weren't for millions of uneducated recent immigrants, we'd probably still have the top spot.

Since the 1960s, institutional participation – especially in school – has become synonymous with social participation, and increasingly with social rank as well. Despite its benefits, extended education takes time and effort that could be spent elsewhere. It also shapes behavior, creating a model for work and community early in life, as well as expectations regarding progress and rewards, and it indoctrinates people, giving them a sense of what's proper and what is not. Finally, and importantly, it separates people according to ability and interest. It is not an institution that brings people together, but rather one that filters and arranges them according to talent, habits, work ethic and other factors.

White American adults are probably the most educated demographic the world has seen, having spent a greater amount of time in school than any other people on earth. The American upper middle class, which could fairly be called the dominant class in the US today, probably has northwards of 16 years of school per individual (as opposed to the average of 12.5). We have created an institutional class, and it is the impersonal, formal institution that has taken the place of the civic organization for this new institutional overclass.

While I don't know exactly what this shift from social, community-based institutions to formal institutions portends for the future, it makes sense that as more participation in formal institutions is required, there will be less in the civic sort that build social capital. Hence less church attendance, fewer bowling leagues, fewer fraternal clubs, etc.

It seems as though this would lead inevitably to more social stratification, as participation in professional or academic institutions is more exclusive and restrictive than participation in community organizations. For example,

while you may have a trucker and a doctor at the same church social function, you certainly aren't going to find them at the same symposium on new enzyme inhibitors.

So, where people used to be joined in fellowship and community spirit, today collegiality prevails, and we have Putnam and Murray scratching their heads trying to figure out why there's a growing rift between the classes.

What I'd say to Murray in particular is that it isn't so much that the upper classes are preaching the wrong message; it's that they are simply absent from the lives of others except in their professional capacity. People will say whatever they think will appease whatever group is loudest and most obnoxious, but I highly doubt a physician would tell fellow parishioners that their daughters should sleep around and abort the results. No, if well-to-do professionals actually lived, socialized and prayed amongst the humbler sorts, they'd adapt their messages to take their needs and behavior into account. It isn't the values these people are preaching — it's that they occupy an entirely different universe.

But at this point I'm not sure much can be done about the problem. Perhaps, as societies grow increasingly complex, institutions must follow suit, and erosion of social capital is inevitable. This may be a major factor in the cycle of the rise and fall of nations; while Genghis Khan would drink and ride with the common horsemen who fought and died to build an empire, his grandson Kublai had time only to administer the affairs of state. Kublai's grandchildren couldn't even properly mount a horse, and wouldn't have been able to relate to a Mongol herdsman at all.

So perhaps the epidemic of single motherhood and bad choices amongst the lower classes today is as much a result of being isolated from people who behave responsibly as anything else, and that isolation is a result of a society increasingly stratified by institutional selection and filtering. Maybe it's time to rethink our emphasis on institutional achievement. In these lean times, it's something worth considering.

Gay Marriage Fallout

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After dozens of tries, gay marriage finally squeaked out an electoral victory here in Washington state, thanks in large part to a six-to-one funding advantage provided courtesy of one-percenters like Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos (Amazon.com) and Jim Sinegal (Costco).

I don't think gay marriage will make much of a difference to society in general. We've already crossed the cultural Rubicon, so what does it matter? If anything, the government never should have gotten into the marriage business in the first place, and if it hadn't gay "marriage" would be a moot point. Marriage is the kind of thing that should be defined by culture and custom rather than the state, but we're stuck with the government regulating it now, so it was probably inevitable that some strange things would happen to the institution somewhere along the line.

However, it will make a difference for the people who actually (unwisely) get involved in a gay civil marriage, because they will suddenly become subject to the same kind of tangled mess that so many straight couples get into. For lesbians, it will be a particularly big problem, because of custody issues and precedents. What will happen with lesbian couples is that judges will take the birth mother of any children as the default mother, and the other woman as the "father." We all know what fathers face in divorce, so it isn't going to be pleasant for lesbian partners who are not the birth mother when there's a divorce. Furthermore, I can imagine all sorts of contention and intrigue involving children.

Let's say a lesbian woman is in a gay civil marriage, and she chooses to save time and money, or maybe she just wants to have some fun on the side (many "lesbians" actually do sleep with straight men from time to time), and gets pregnant in the cheap, conventional way — by penis. When pregnant she assures her partner that the child will be theirs, but neglects to tell the man she's pregnant, or her partner how she got pregnant — let's say she lied and said she used donor sperm. Later, she files for divorce and initiates a paternity suit against the biological father at the same time in an effort to kill two birds with one stone (deep-six the lesbian lover's custody chances and get child support at the same time). In the meanwhile, the non-maternal partner had legally adopted the child. But the man never knew he had a kid, and after he's hit with the paternity suit he gets involved and sues for visitation, arguing that he should have a right to see the child he didn't know about. If you're a judge, how do you settle this? Does the non-maternal lesbian pay child support and keep visitation rights, or does the father take on that role? What does the judge do about the adoption? Does the child have the right to a relationship with his biological father, or a non-related lesbian "father?" And keep in mind that this is simply one of many possible permutations of the custody problem that could arise in lesbian civil marriages.

Gay men will be able to avoid this, but they aren't going to marry at the same rate as lesbian women. They also are not going to adopt very much (it's expensive and a hassle), and since they can't get pregnant they'll have far, far fewer children than lesbian couples. However, they will have another problem to deal with: property disputes. When gay men split up in a relationship that doesn't involve a civil contract, they are forced to be reasonable. I keep mine, you keep yours, etc. When lawyers get involved, it is going to complicate matters. I expect this issue will limit gay male civil marriage and therefore divorce, but in cases where it does occur it will likely precipitate a fair amount of conflict and lead to a greater incidence of inter-partner violence.

So, now that gays have civil marriage, they will be subjected to the same laws that make straight divorce such a painful, drawn out mess, and the "benefits" they gain from official civil marriage won't be worth the extra trouble (most marriage benefits have already been significantly watered down and now extend to unmarried partners as well).

The only significant result of the new law will be that gays will now have a greater incidence of domestic violence, more custody litigation, and much higher legal expenses.

The lesson:

Be careful what you wish for

Submissions/Contributors Welcome

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Due to the ordinary business of life, I've had to put editing submissions on hold recently, but from now into the foreseeable future, I'm going to have more time to edit and work on the site, so I'd like to open up to some more content.

We have as many readers as ever, and I'm pretty sure we can do even better now that we've got a dedicated server and far fewer problems with load. However, do keep in mind that editing is time-consuming and I have to do it myself, so I'd really appreciate it if those who submit content would give it a thorough proofreading before sending it along. However, for those for whom English is not their first language, I'm willing to be a little more forgiving, because I do value the international perspective, and it's pretty difficult to write in another language.

Now, as for the benefits of submitting to The Spearhead rather than simply posting it on your own blog, I can guarantee anonymity (you don't even have to tell me who you are if you don't want), and if there are any of the online gang attacks over one post or another, I can take the heat, and in fact I welcome the extra traffic. So long as the content is legal (no copyright infringement, threats against individuals, libel, etc.) there's very little to worry about; I chose a host that has a strong free speech policy. Additionally, I regularly back up the content on my own disk, so it's pretty safe and unlikely to be lost.

Furthermore, The Spearhead gets a lot of traffic. Not an enormous amount like Perez Hilton (this isn't that kind of site), but thousands of visitors per day nonetheless. Having been around for a while and posted thousands of articles generates traffic on its own, as the site has come to be a pretty big resource. Search alone accounts for around 2,000 visits per day.

So, for those of you who don't want to deal with the hassle of your own blog, or who want to protect your identity but still want to get the word out, feel free to send some material along. If you'd like to post on an ongoing basis, I'd be happy to sign up more contributing writers. The only ideological test is that the content has to address men's issues, and although it can focus on a specific issue, it shouldn't promote one group of men to the detriment of others. What this means is that if you want to focus on, say, Mormon men, that's fine, but it shouldn't also be an attack on other religions. The same could be applied to ethnicity, nationality, occupation (with some exceptions), etc.

Finally, as far as formatting is concerned, just a straight text file is usually best. Those of you who know HTML markup can include that, and I'm happy to have that taken care of, but if you don't or don't care to markup the text, that's fine.

Feel free to send 'em in.

The Missing Ingredient to Women's Happiness

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By Ethical

For all the debate sparked in the popular media by Anne-Marie Slaughter's article "Why Women Still Can't Have It All" published a few months ago in The Atlantic, aside from the demur musings of the occasional establishment poodle, men have been utterly excluded from the discussion. Some men will shrug ambivalently, but for a growing number, particularly the half of formerly married men in Ms. Slaughter's generation who have experienced divorce, why there's no room for our opinions on this issue is a question of growing concern. We're uncomfortable about where the conversation's headed, making us worry it'll be us who'll have to give up more of what we're told is "patriarchal privilege" before the problem of "Why Women Still Can't Have It All" can be solved. For more than a few of us this is privilege we didn't know we had. As middle aged men in the huge majority of divorces today we're still reeling from having to pay child support for the privilege of having custody of our children wrested from us and our former partners being allowed to move our children far away, after which we're then browbeaten into taking responsibility for the fatherlessness now devastating most western democracies.

> "entitlement" is [...] compelling [...] to the person who feels entitled, but is far less attractive to those who must pick up the check.
>
> No Maam, The Nightmare of Feminism, no-maam.blogspot.ca

We're still stinging from learning that our wives, who overwhelmingly are first to file for divorce, are free to break the marriage contract without need for cause while that same contract demands we delay retirement or even shelve lifelong dreams to pay support to her for doing so.

> the desire to "have it all" [...] seems to go with an unwillingness to pay any price for it whatsoever. This violates what I consider to be a fundamental principle of economics, as well as life: "There just ain't no such thing as a free lunch". In the end someone has to pick up the check.
>
> No Maam, Romantic Nonsense, no-maam.blogspot.ca

By all indications our sons will be even more sensitive to suggestions they benefit from any such male privilege. From elementary school they've watched as feminist education policies refused to let up and allow even a single program targeting boys with well needed support. They've watched programs for girls continue to march ahead full steam even as boys have been reduced to only 1/3 of some university graduating classes. And don't think they haven't noticed how girls are encouraged to compete fiercely against them in sports as in life, even while they're ridiculed for losing to a girl. And despite all this, rather than being allowed to treat the girls as equals they as boys are met with harsh consequences for competing too earnestly in return. Waiting for them to change family law so marriage and family are still viable options? After seeing their fathers broken and emasculated fighting what they believe is an immovable feminist bias they scorn and ridicule men who try. They're nihilists, answering to no one; hooking up with sexually liberated women and enjoying the party at the end of the world.

> I don't need the government to pass laws against alimony. I simply won't marry in the USA. I don't need the government to pass laws promoting fair child custody laws. I won't impregnate an America girl. I don't need the government to increase punishment for false rape accusers. I'll cover my own back. I don't need the government to ban trans fat to lower the weight of the population. I'll go to Poland. While they try to change the minds and culture of 310 million Americans with their WordPress blogs, I'll be hitting on pretty girls in a Croatian bar. I'll be living the life that I want instead of being entitled and waiting for the government to give it to me. In the same breath they call me a pussy beggar, they beg the government for protection from pussy.

> … The only true regret I have is that as part of the “manosphere” I’m automatically grouped in with those guys, who are even bigger losers than I could have imagined three years ago.
>
> Roosh, The Men’s Rights Movement Is Dead, rooshv.com

Young and old we men have learned that whenever we have to rely on public opinion to adjudicate a conflict between us and women, public opinion will always ignore our interests. We just can’t win.

So when we hear the question “Why Women Still Can’t Have It All?” our Ritalin castrated minds have already trailed off into “I thought they did?” We honestly don’t know where to find any more we can give up in appeasement. We’re truly tapped out.

> We couldn’t give you all you wanted even if we tried [...] we are starting to recognize that the more we give you the more you’ll want, and we’re getting tired.
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> W.F. Price, Anne-Marie Slaughter Grasping at Straws in “Have it All” Article, The-Spearhead.com

It’s difficult for women to understand the breadth of this emotional undercurrent among men, particularly without hearing men’s voices. Unfortunately even if men weren’t excluded from speaking about these issues in the popular media, with the exception of the Rush Limbaugh’s who make a living from controversy, most of us have good cause to be deeply reluctant about publicly voicing our honest opinions on feminist issues. But we’ve been far from silent. And in the corner of the internet known as the “Manosphere”, even if forced to use pseudonyms that’s been especially true.

Though “Why Women Still Can’t Have It All” was widely hailed as provocative among women, from men’s commentary they were far more likely to be struck not by the refreshing candidness of the article but by how completely the article had skirted around the real issues.

> Unfortunately, Slaughter can’t seem to see the issue through to its logical conclusion, instead clinging to the notion that more social engineering will deliver women into the magical promised land of limitless opportunity [...] a feminist crusade for more power, more control, more everything.
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> W.F. Price, Anne-Marie Slaughter Grasping at Straws in “Have it All” Article, The-Spearhead.com

Still we men want to be helpful. In fact we’ve always looked pragmatically for solutions as our mothers, significant others, and daughters struggled with similar work-life tradeoffs to those mentioned in Slaughter’s article.

But we know better than to offer unsolicited advice to counter the illogic we’ve heard since feminism’s first wave:

> “No woman should be authorized to stay at home and raise her children [...] Women should not have that choice, precisely because if there is such a choice, too many women will make that one.” — Simone de Beauvoir, “Sex, Society, and the Female Dilemma” Saturday Review, June 14, 1975, p.18
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> no matter how any individual feminist might feel about childcare and housework, the movement as a whole [has] reasons to discourage full-time homemaking.” — Jane J. Mansbridge, Why We Lost the ERA, p.100

Still as we continue to hear the women in our lives espouse the same “every woman can and should have it all” fantasy that failed earlier feminists, we can’t help but sigh. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result.

> Rather than face up to cold harsh reality, something they had never had to do when their male mates had been willing to shoulder that part of the responsibility of maintaining a household, they changed their anthem from “I am woman hear me roar” to “I am victim, hear me whine”.

> No Maam, The Nightmare of Feminism, no-maam.blogspot.ca

But then Slaughter compounds her folly by advocating women invest their efforts into changing the entire workforce rather than abandoning feminism as unproductive and simply making different individual choices themselves:

> The best hope for improving the lot of all women, and for closing what Wolfers and Stevenson call a "new gender gap"— measured by well-being rather than wages—is to close the leadership gap: to elect a woman president and 50 women senators; to ensure that women are equally represented in the ranks of corporate executives and judicial leaders. Only when women wield power in sufficient numbers will we create a society that genuinely works for all women. That will be a society that works for everyone.

Being self sufficient to the point of libertarianism it's only then we speak up to remind her of what should have been common sense: the only person any of us can rely on being able to change is ourselves.

From the standpoint of pragmatism and belief in self-sufficiency Slaughter's article begged sharp criticism for failing to properly skewer the underlying feminist ideology that a great many men (and women) identify as the chief culprit deceiving today's women into recklessly chasing whatever unrealistic liberal arts degree, inflexible career, biologically difficult family choices, or extravagant lifestyle she's been told she can't be happy without; driving her to pursue goals in each of these areas that may deeply conflict for her personally with no sense of the personal risk involved.

> She[Slaughter]'s ignoring basic facts of biology here. Surgeons, for example, are known to peak in their 40s, after which their abilities decline. Trial lawyers probably follow a similar trajectory. Professional athletes, of course, peak far earlier. The thing is, there are only a choice few jobs in which people can continue to rise past the age of 50. There's a big difference between being adequate and being in one's prime. If you spend a large proportion of your prime working years taking care of kids, you simply aren't going to rise as high. It's a trade-off Slaughter isn't willing to acknowledge.
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> W.F. Price, Anne-Marie Slaughter Grasping at Straws in "Have it All" Article, The-Spearhead.com

As men we know that if we want it all we're going to have to earn it. So we tend to define "having it all" in terms of meaningful pursuits worth our sacrifice … simple pleasures, and bonds with family and friends that truly add value. It deeply rankles us that under feminism the phrase "having it all" has lost any usefulness as far as a holistic focus on achieving a "life with purpose", and has now come to demand women acquire the luxurious lifestyle, high flung career, domestic help, and other external trappings that a hopelessly lost generation of older feminists says she should have. We are so rankled in fact, that we are no longer willing to serve as "feminist appliances" to give her more free time to devote to such selfish and self-serving fantasies of personal fulfillment.

> this time you're going to have to do it yourself. We'll be out fishing, hanging out with our kids, making craft beer or whatever strikes our fancy in our free time. You can have your glory — without us.
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> W.F. Price, Anne-Marie Slaughter Grasping at Straws in "Have it All" Article, The-Spearhead.com

Woman can have it all, but they can go do it alone.

Nevertheless despite my personal misgivings about the gender politics of Slaughter's article, after some reflection I did begin to greatly appreciate it. Its beauty lies in the difference between the way men and women tend to process arguments on sensitive issues. As any editor of an online forum will tell you, men tend to be drawn in by controversial arguments on sensitive subjects where women are driven off. Men will try to learn more about those arguments they disagree with and will actively engage their opponent to try to dismantle that logic. Women on the other hand tend to disengage from direct conflict by using ridicule to show the arguments they disagree with aren't

understandable at all. Typically women disengage online by banning the offensive person from the discussion, which the women happily carry on without any need for that opposing opinion to be fairly or accurately represented at all.

Because of this response pattern any writer who addresses sensitive women's issues has to do so in a way that allows women to confront issues without being confronted. She must present criticism obliquely enough for her female readers to see opportunities for improvement in a wholly positive light. The writer can't for example tell women to let go shallow unrealistic wants that are completely out of context of any holistic sense of well-being; and she can't tell women that the closest they'll get to achieving those goals is stressing themselves to the point where achieving more realistic goals and a more holistic balance is impossible. Instead the writer must give women readers half a compliment by saying "try not to be too perfect". As men, by contrast, we measure the verity of our beliefs by the ends those beliefs enable us to achieve. Perfection is good or by definition it isn't perfection, at least not for you. For us, as a useful means to an end a strategy that's perfect demands praise, just as a wrongheaded one requires criticism. But in addressing women, using double-think like the half compliment is necessary because if the writer doesn't catch women's sympathies they will simply tune out. Communicating half an idea is better than communicating none of it at all.

Fortunately as a man exploring the views of men here I can speak plainly. Simply put, men overwhelmingly feel that feminists have been advocating life paths that lead to miserable tradeoffs for most women:

> modern feminism is founded on women's tendency to feel a vague (yet powerful) sense of dissatisfaction. It is the solution to the problem with no name. Betty Friedan was the founder of NOW and wrote the book The Feminine Mystique, which is generally credited with launching second wave feminism…
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> The "Problem That Has No Name" was described by Friedan in the beginning of the book:
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> "The problem lay buried, unspoken, for many years in the minds of American women. It was a strange stirring, a sense of dissatisfaction, a yearning [that is, a longing] that women suffered in the middle of the 20th century in the United States. Each suburban wife struggled with it alone. As she made the beds, shopped for groceries … she was afraid to ask even of herself the silent question — 'Is this all?"
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> Sorry feminists, you absolutely own that. Vague female dissatisfaction is your founding philosophy, and solving it is your reason for being. Just because you figured out that it is a feature, not a bug, you can't beg off having to fix it. In an amazing blunder, feminists have stepped into the scapegoat role for women's unhappiness and are now the new henpecked husband.
>
> Over promise, under deliver, Dalrock, Dalrock.wordpress.com

Having patiently endured feminism's henpecking so long we can be excused for having little sympathy feminism is now taking some of the abuse in our place:

> All I can do is offer some advice: Just try being nice to her feminists, maybe ask her about her feelings more and she will snap right out of her malaise. If she isn't happy, it must be something you are doing wrong.
>
> Over promise, under deliver, Dalrock, Dalrock.wordpress.com

To us men the solution is simple. No women has to swallow that feminist Kool-Aid. Many less fortunate women have (often by necessity) shirked feminism completely and just gone ahead and successfully taken charge of finding their own balance. Ideology has nothing to do with making empowering choices. To us feminism just makes women unattractive by turning them into victims, narcissists, and adolescents who have no power over their own happiness; like the perpetual adolescents in the book "Grow Up! How Taking Responsibility Can Make You A Happy Adult" by Dr. Frank Pittman. I don't know whether Pittman makes any statement for or against feminism, but he nicely sums up the predominant male sentiment when he writes: "… happy grown-ups take responsibility. They take responsibility for their bodies, their characters, and their relationships. They own their lives and they

own up to the choices they make. Finding the responsible thing to do is the lifelong quest for grown-ups. And it leads to real, grown-up happiness…"

Of course the idea that valuing personal attributes like responsibility can lead to happiness isn't new, though these core values may be increasingly foreign to women privileged enough to ponder the kind of work-life balance choices Slaughter writes about. Conversely women like Slaughter are rarely ones who want for any basic necessities. And they are wholly mislead in the belief their situation is representative of other women. The kind of luxury presumed as the birthright of all women in this age of consumption has never been realistically attainable by even a sizeable minority of women (or men) at any time throughout human history. In fact even today for people of any gender who are searching for well-being and contentment, a common element of spiritual practice in all religions and for the non-religious in all meditative or psychological therapies, is detaching from love of the material and acknowledgement of thankfulness instead. Rather than allowing ourselves to believe we need some possession or outcome and not allowing ourselves to be happy until we get it, having a sense of well-being in our historically 'without infinite wealth' existences has always meant being grateful for whatever little we already have. It has also meant honoring our gifts. In other words "we must tend our to gardens"; we must devote ourselves to carrying out our duties to the best of our abilities in order to derive satisfaction from them.

For modern women this simple valuable message has been drowned out by the endlessly repeating narrative feminists have indoctrinated her with since birth that to be happy she has to "have it all". And she should never in any circumstances have to settle and learn to build happiness from the ashes of compromise.

Not allowed to take joy in whatever simple blessings she has available, she is driven to pursue some grueling career that will allow her to buy the perfect life, and to hold off from years of enjoying a satisfying committed relationship during her most attractive and reproductively viable years to hook up casually until she meets the prince who will treasure her and indulge her whims without ever expecting anything in return. Then she is told to have children exactly when it suits her plans, and to expect that raising children won't impact significantly on her career or leisure time, all the while demanding absolute control over the environment her children are raised in.

She has been force fed one expectation after another to the point of being bloated with a pathological sense of entitlement that rejects responsibility for consequences of any of these decisions. As refreshingly caustic men's blogger Angry Harry wrote: "Are women responsible for anything that they do"?

It's a fair question I've listed some of men's answers to.

- From all the slut walks around the world we know feminism tells women it's unfair to be held in any way responsible if they're raped walking alone in dangerous places during the dead of night while wearing skimpy clothing that targets them. Or for getting so drunk or high in sexually charged situations that they lose control of their faculties and engage in conduct that's misconstrued as consent. Or for any ambivalence in communicating their consent or lack of consent to sex.
- From feminisms love of fist fighting movie heroines, from feminism's condemnation of films portraying violence against women at the same time it absolutely supports movie violence against men in retaliation for fighting back against those women, we know feminism encourages women to feel at liberty to strike a man full force without responsibility for consequences. Then, from feminist's violent opposition to statistics that women initiate up to 60 percent of domestic violence; from the death threats received by long time social worker Erin Pizzey who said it simply isn't effective to look at domestic violence as just a problem of men victimizing women rather than a problem of two people in light of those statistics, we know that feminism tells women it's unfair for them to take any responsibility for any role in domestic conflict either.
- On top of that feminism tells women they aren't responsible for the fact that the majority of child abuse is perpetrated by women. Men are responsible for stressing the women out, and if no man is in the picture men are still responsible because of their absence.
- From the number of women who raise their children without significant help from their parents solely to avoid being told what to do by their mothers, we know feminism tells women she shouldn't have to take responsibility

for managing relationships with people she needs to depend on for childcare. She should be entitled to paid childcare who will do whatever she tells them to do.

- Feminism says it's unfair women have to take responsibility for having children before their biological clock runs out and fertility becomes an invasive medical procedure that costs as much as a new car.
- Feminism tells women to be deeply offended at being held responsible for domestic duties like cooking, cleaning, and taking care of children. At the same time feminism says women shouldn't bat an eye in holding their husbands responsible for earning a living or for cooking and cleaning if the husband stays at home.
- To women who empower themselves by using their sexuality as a tool, feminism says it's unfair for them to be judged or criticized. They should never be responsible to the opinions of anyone who believes that such conduct devalues them.

It's ironic that in trying to absolve modern woman of much of her responsibility and instead foisting that responsibility onto us in "the patriarchy", feminism only robbed her of opportunities to independently achieve well-being.

> the word 'responsibility', so often thrown at men, is nowhere to be found when discussing women and the results of their actions. The result is that, yet again, men are held responsible to underwrite or otherwise support women's choices
>
> Elusive Wapiti, Judas' Evangelicals, elusivewapiti.blogspot.ca

Incredibly, having robbed her of responsibility and having seen that the desired ends hadn't been achieved, feminism doubled down and continued to try to absolve her of even more responsibility in the mistaken idea that doing so would finally achieve empowerment. But rather than being empowering, removing all our responsibility turns us into spoiled and entitled children with less and less ability to control our outcomes, and therefore less ability to find the contentment we desire.

Because human beings rely on duty and obligation to compel us to devote ourselves to do anything for long enough, and with enough focus and commitment to derive satisfaction. Acknowledging our responsibilities enables us to feel it's our duty and obligation to do what we're responsible for, and this sense of responsibility is critical in building the bonds with others from which we derive a sense of well being.

> It is because our own human existence is so dependent on the help of others that our need for love lies at the very foundation of our existence. Therefore we need a genuine sense of responsibility and a sincere concern for the welfare of others.
>
> The Dalai Lama

A demanding and prestigious career, a thriving family, a well kept home, closets full of beautiful clothes, and lots of leisure are wonderful goals, but the simple truth is that for most women they are conflicting ones. Even the few lucky women who have it all will have to invest intense commitment and effort to get it, no one else will take responsibility for her own well-being and achieve it for her. None of us can achieve well-being for ourselves and those we care about without taking responsibility for doing everything within our control, even if that means letting go of the less important, to ensure this outcome.

Tragically only women's voices can be raised in objection to the harm that feminism, in deceiving women, has caused all of us. Men's voices speaking out against feminism are kryptonite to big media's revenue from advertising. Provoking angry swarms of boycotting feminists we are effectively banned from the popular media and as a consequence the popular media only does feminism. But women also fear running afoul of "the tribe" and losing their feminist badge. There's no opposing force that can compete with feminism to balance it out. And feminism has no "off" switch.

It can't be in women's interests that with no voice other than feminism, expressing simple joy and contentment at being a stay at home mother, even one who clips coupons, is seen as insulting and demeaning to women. It can't be in women's interest that expressing joy and contentment at making sure a man comes home to a hot meal every day is seen in the same negative way. Women should have the same freedom as men who have found fulfillment in being able to provide for their families if nothing else:

> apparently women think that for all these years men were getting up and going to work because they were selfishly serving their own interests, only to discover on their deathbed that they wanted something else after all. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Men don't work only for themselves, and we all know that. In fact, most of us work so that we can have a family.
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> W.F. Price, Anne-Marie Slaughter Grasping at Straws in "Have it All" Article, The-Spearhead.com

A women should be free to pursue well-being wherever she finds it. Why should any traditional mechanism of fulfillment be closed off to her?

The next generation of women stands to suffer even more from being sold feminism's bill of goods. The same feminism that causes today's women to cruelly reject the idea of boys education programs, saying "it's about time" when told that in some cases only 30% of university graduates OR LESS are men, is the same feminism that means none of the next generation of young women will be able to escape clipping coupons when they decide to have children with the marginalized young men they'll marry, if those men marry them at all. For many of those women finding any husband will be doubtful as marriage rates continue to plummet and young men opt out of what they perceive to be legal bondage to a partner who will bear no responsibility to him whatsoever but who can break the contract at any time and still be entitled to the punitive financial support he'll be enslaved with when he's forced to pay for the privilege of being denied his own children.

In the next generation or so these forces are poised to transform society radically. I have argued facetiously in the past that any problems with global overpopulation will be fixed when feminism eventually disenfranchises young men so much and makes reproduction such an abusive proposition that rather than working hard to one day be able to support a family young men instead will opt out entirely. And I argued facetiously that if the end of economic growth is looming ahead as predicted by Jeff Rubin in "The End of Growth", then this population reduction will be good for our resource constrained world.

The truth is however is that with the great challenges ahead of us society will have more need than ever for the problem solving abilities of young men. We will no longer have the luxury of allowing feminist entitlement and freedom from responsibility to disenfranchise our sons. A global cataclysm is looming, in the face of which women debating how to "have it all" will seem a quaint historical memory.

Yet in a strange twist the resource constraints of this new world might be exactly what feminism needs to recognize that the keys to women's well being don't lie in "having it all" as far as consumerism or freedom from any responsibility.

> Many women are wising up to the falsehood that they can have it all, that both a powerful career and a happy family can be had if you just work hard enough, get enough subsidized childcare, get enough flextime, and find a sufficiently alpha husband–or accrue sufficient ex-husbands–to enable it.
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> Elusive Wapiti, The Feminist Lie of Sexual Equality, elusivewapiti.blogspot.ca

Instead a more reliable route to well being lies in embracing the sense of duty, and obligation to family that has been steadily been beaten out of generations of young girls.

> women are realizing once again that there is happiness in little things, in the smiles of children, and in the pleasures of a down-shifted life.

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Ms. Slaughter expresses some surprise at the resistance of younger women to be forced into the same confining “iron woman” stereotype that hoodwinked her. But resistance was inevitable. Choosing the “red pill” young women refuse to be told they can’t follow treasured traditions just because those gender roles have been bringing value and balance to their families since their grandmothers times. For them the hard line of “feminism” must yield to the kinder wisdom of a “humanism” that recognizes women’s uniqueness rather than trying to reshape women into men, and that seeks to embrace a modern take on the age old values that have been the source of contentment for generations of women before. So to all those women seeking a kinder existence, from those of us men who have always loved and supported you, we continue to do our best to wait patiently. We hope the institution of marriage is still here when you return. Because the blessing of your feminine attentions adds beauty to our lives. We’re glad if you’re coming home.

David Brooks: Reversing Decline of Family Requires More Government Intervention

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Although I probably shouldn't be, I'm still surprised by how dedicated so many pundits are to using government and law to fix the problems they created in the first place. David Brooks wrote an opinion piece yesterday extolling the virtues of family and lamenting its decline, then closing with a call for more government encouragement of family.

> At some point over the past generation, people around the world entered what you might call the age of possibility. They became intolerant of any arrangement that might close off their personal options.
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> The transformation has been liberating, and it's leading to some pretty astounding changes. For example, for centuries, most human societies forcefully guided people into two-parent families. Today that sort of family is increasingly seen as just one option among many.
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> The number of Americans who are living alone has shot up from 9 percent in 1950 to 28 percent today. In 1990, 65 percent of Americans said that children are very important to a successful marriage. Now, only 41 percent of Americans say they believe that. There are now more American houses with dogs than with children.
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> The 2012 election results illustrate the gradual transition we are making from one sort of demography (the current Republican coalition) toward another sort of demography (the Democratic coalition). The rise of post-familialism is a piece of that shift.
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> My view is that the age of possibility is based on a misconception. People are not better off when they are given maximum personal freedom to do what they want. They're better off when they are enshrouded in commitments that transcend personal choice — commitments to family, God, craft and country.
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> The surest way people bind themselves is through the family. As a practical matter, the traditional family is an effective way to induce people to care about others, become active in their communities and devote themselves to the long-term future of their nation and their kind. Therefore, our laws and attitudes should be biased toward family formation and fertility, including child tax credits, generous family leave policies and the like.

How quickly we forget the "pro-family" crusades of the past. No-fault divorce was supposed to lead to better marriages. VAWA to better family environments. Draconian child support enforcement to more paternal responsibility.

Have any of these measures, all of which received bipartisan support, led to stronger, healthier families? Quite the opposite. Every single time in the past 50 years that the government has intervened in family and marriage it has weakened the institution. Why on earth does Brooks think more of the same will have a different effect this time?

The most destructive force in the contemporary family is government and law. Nothing more effectively tears families apart than introducing lawyers, policemen and social workers into the intimate domestic environment. And with government involvement in "family policy," they will most assuredly come.

Maybe I'm a little old fashioned, but I think the best solution would be to simply leave people alone. Let the people define family as it suits them, and don't provide incentives either way. Incentives will only give cynical opportunists (like feminists) more leverage to manipulate policy for their own ends. Special interest groups will inevitably dominate when the complexities of law and bureaucracy intrude upon the common people's private lives. It will just be more of the same mess, and people will inevitably avoid it, which means the disintegration of the family will continue apace.

While I share some of David Brooks' sentiments, I disagree strongly with the proposed solutions. Unfortunately, I

have to conclude that those who would promote the family through a carrot and stick approach are the biggest threat to the family of all.

Justify Your Existence: A challenge for the child support machine

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By Taank

The original argument used to justify the implementation of government-enforced child support policies is a simple one: the citizens comprising society at large should not be required to support (via welfare, paid for with taxes) the children of other citizens. In essence, the idea is that single mothers depending on welfare handouts to survive are a financial problem for the state. Therefore, the fathers in these cases should be paying child support to reimburse the state for, or remove the need for, welfare expenditures. This idea is what got the whole process started.

This, of course, has morphed into the massive governmental child support enforcement machine we know and love today, with all its lovely denials of due process and erosion of civil rights. In all the righteous furor surrounding the ever more rabid hunt for deadbeat dads, there's a calm and direct question that seems to be repeatedly overlooked. That question: Is it worth it?

Plain, simple, direct: has government-enforced child support achieved its goal? Ultimately, there are two scales that need to be compared to answer this question.

Scale 1: Add up the costs required for government enforcement of child support

-Salaries for state workers employed for child support enforcement

-Facilities costs for offices, utilities, IT assets, etc

-Administrative costs for running Family Courts at higher capacities to deal with child support cases

-Federal matching funds provided to states to incentivize aggressive pursuit of child support cases

-Welfare expenses paid in those cases where non-custodial income garnishment is insufficient to avoid welfare

-Costs to incarcerate noncustodial parents unable to pay, under 'contempt of court'

-Miscellaneous expenses as discovered

Scale 2: Add up the costs required in the absence of child support

-Welfare costs for all child support cases that would require welfare

I ultimately have no idea what the result would be, having neither the time nor the expertise to perform this sort of investigative journalism on my own. As a taxpaying citizen, though, I'd be curious to know if the extravagant child support enforcement machine that we have built over the decades has actually saved me any money, or if I've avoided paying the bill for someone else's children by paying an even larger bill to avoid it. Maybe some intrepid souls out there are brave enough to take up the challenge; or perhaps the state agencies involved will decide that it is in their best interest to show why they should continue to exist. Ultimately, the challenge is the same: justify your existence.

Feminists Show How They Feel About Free Speech at Warren Farrell Presentation

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Dr. Warren Farrell, who has devoted a great deal of his life to men's issues and taken feminism to task for its blatant double standards and hatemongering against men, addressed a group seeking men's equality at the University of Toronto on Friday evening. However, he was delayed by a group of anti-speech feminists and some street trash they picked up who had nothing better to do than fight the police. According to a feminist interviewed after the disturbance, there were about twenty protesters, although other feminists later claimed triple digits online.

Here's a video of the feminists misbehaving:

Naturally, the cops went easy on the feminists, which is why they do this kind of thing — they can get away with it. If real men got physical with the cops like that instead of a bunch of spoiled college feminists and their gutterpunk buddies, they would have drawn weapons. Kinda makes Warren Farrell's point, but then again it also makes the point that seeking "equality" with women is a quixotic effort.

However, that isn't to diminish Farrell's work. The man has done an effective job in calling attention to the sham that passes for gender equality, laying feminism's hypocrisy bare to all who care to look. That's what really infuriates these feminists.

Word to the wise: a lot of the street trash who show up as "muscle" at these protests shoot smack and/or meth and make a living selling their ass, so you probably want to avoid physical contact if you encounter them. If you are ever in a position where you must defend yourself from them (try to avoid it if at all possible), it is far better to use a weapon that can keep them at least at arm's length than your fist. Both HIV and Hepatitis C are real risks, which is why the cops wear gloves at these events. At about :20-:30 in the video you'll notice one of the cops putting gloves on before getting close to them.

Why is Hypergamy a Four-Letter Word?

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A reader sent me this email wondering why hypergamy gets such bad press, while the male preference for "younger, hotter, tighter" goes unremarked upon in the manosphere:

> We all claim to believe that a woman is required to submit to and respect her husband. And if, as we all believe, a man's job is to be the leader of, protector of, and primary provider for, his wife and family, then why would a woman be wrong for choosing a man she can look up to? Marrying a man who cannot do for her what she can at minimum do for herself is illogical. It would seem to me to be counter intuitive to choose a man she isn't inclined to look up to for some reason or another.

> Last question, which I'll preface with my own life as an example. Never, in my 18 years of marriage, have I looked around for another man of higher status to replace my husband with. Ever. Never have I, upon encountering a man of higher status, imagined that he might make me happier than my own husband. Do you guys really believe that most married, Christian women are in the market for an upgrade from their husbands?

> While I believe that hypergamy is a real part of women's mating strategy, I don't believe it's sinful any more than a man's desire for a young, healthy, fit and fertile wife. These are rational and logical things to consider when choosing a life mate. So why is female hypergamy presented as something inherently sinful?

Before I proceed, I think we need language to describe the male counterpart to hypergamy–the preference for younger / hotter / tighter women. The Social Pathologist recently proffered "femogamy", a word whose muddled etymology (latin + greek) suggests a predilection for feminine mates. Not a bad attempt, but I don't think the word quite captures the essence of male sexuality the way that "hypergamy" characterizes female preferences. I offer instead "*koreogamy*", from the Greek words "*kore*", for a young unmarried woman, a maiden, suggesting an attractive and nubile young woman, and of course *-gamy*, meaning marriage, fertilization, or reproduction, from the Greek *gamos*, meaning marriage. Thus "koreogamy" describes the strong male preference for youthful, attractive women, and, like my anonymous reader highlighted above, is a fact of male sexuality that goes as largely unremarked upon in the manosphere as it is decried in the mainstream by women whose men had "traded up" on them to a "younger model".

Now: onto hypergamy. Hypergamy, like koreogamy, is likewise a fact of female sexuality. Complaining about it strikes me as about as productive as complaining about gravity. I like the way the Social Pathologist put it when he said

> Hypergamy is the natural object of female sexuality. It's not a choice, and therefore devoid of a moral dimension, but a hard wired instinct. It's what women involuntarily feel in the presence of a suitable male. Women have about as much choice about their hypergamous natures as men do about their [preferences for younger / hotter / tighter women]. It's a fact of life and getting angry about it is about as idiotic as getting angry about the orbital motion of the planets or the unfairness of Plank's constant.

I've observed some game theorists to be quite reductionist in their assessment of the hypergamous nature of women. That hypergamy is so strong a tendency so as to often, or even always, override a woman's self control. That hypergamy both explains female sexual behavior and predicts it, going as far as to imply that even married women are constantly on the prowl to one-up their husband. This is a slander akin to the "all men are rapists" charge that rape culture hysteria activists level at men–where both camps deny the opposite sex the agency, or even the capability, of self-control. Indeed, characterizing male and female sexuality in this way suggests a tendency to

view “the other” as an animal ruled by base nature…in other words, reductionist. The no-so-soft bigotry of low / no expectations is the name of the game here.

So it seems that hypergamy and koreogamy are concepts in need of rehabilitation. If we assume that both tendencies are truly hard-wired components of female and male sexuality, an assumption I think is valid, then it would be wise to act in accordance to this true fact. Both men and women would benefit from selecting their mates according to these behavioral inclinations, from positioning themselves in the SMP and, later, in marriage, according to these principles, and defending their bonds according to these principles. There are many who already do this: PUAs and so-called “Gamers” exploit SMP positioning to their notorious advantage, while “married gamers” like Athol Kay and Keoni Galt apply all three to their benefit as married men. For that matter, women also would benefit from exploiting koreogamy in their dating and married lives. They can leverage koreogamy, what they know men are hard-wired to seek, by deliberately marrying young, marrying a fellow older than she is, by staying fit, by offering fidelity and plenty of sex. All while capitalizing on their own innate hypergamic tendencies by selecting a man they look up to *and then* making the conscious choice to sidestep Eve’s Sin by following the “captain / first officer” model.

Getting back to the question emailed above, my interrogator wonders if men really believe that their wives/girlfriends, particularly Christian ones, are always on the prowl to one-up their husbands. Personally, I don’t think so, but it may appear that this opinion prevails in the manosphere because so many men have been on the wrong end of a woman’s hypergamous nature, and they may find in the manosphere a place that offers an explanation that fits their observations. These fellows may have been “bigger-better-dealed” by women, or have been traded in for a man more alpha than they were (whether that man was truly alpha, an alpha poseur, or the ultimate alpha, big sister government). They may have also simply become tired of observing feral females rejecting perfectly good men in their quest to follow feminism’s twin siren songs of “womanhood as sexual availability” and “empowerment”…and in the process engage in serial polyandry. It is this friction point where I think hypergamy gets such a bad name…sometimes the trait gets confused with the behavior. In between hypergamy and cheating on your reasonably high-ranking man with an even higher-ranking man lays *choice*. Women can choose to control their baser urges, to not upgrade from their present man, either by consciously, deliberately choosing to stay and not stray, by embedding herself in a social matrix that makes such thoughts unthinkable, or by internalizing a Faith that makes love for the Creator and accountability to Him their foremost priority in life. Or all of the above. And while we’re at it, the same applies to men as well. We fellows are not beasts, no matter what the materialists say, no matter how self-serving feminist agitprop paints us. The flesh, our hardwiring, while perhaps useful for the continuation of the species before we knew God,is weak. Criticizing hypergamy doesn’t get us very far, better for men (and women) to co-opt it to our mutual advantage.

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Reviving Fund Drive

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I cut the last fund drive short to fix some things up on the server, because I don't like asking for support when things aren't running as smoothly as they ought to be. I fixed the server issue, and got a few other important things out of the way in the meanwhile. However, the fix cost money — the server now costs twice what it did before, and the bills are coming in.

At this point, I have a lot of time to devote to the site, and will for the foreseeable future. Some family issues have clicked into place and it's looking like things are going to be a lot more stable on that front (although family stability is something of the Holy Grail for non-custodial fathers, so maybe I shouldn't get too cocky). The only thing holding me back from pushing the site toward its potential now is the funding issue.

Current stats are about what they were for the last update, so instead of breaking that down again, I'll let readers know how I'm going to spend my time on the site every day:

First priority is publishing content, whether it is my own or submissions from others. My hope is that I can bring the content volume back up to what it was at its peak (average of about 15-20 posts per week) while keeping posts both interesting and well thought out. If you're a long-time reader, you know that I'll continue to be pretty liberal about topics and points of view, as I view The Spearhead's primary mission as publishing — that is, getting people's thoughts out there. That is the purpose of the site, and it takes priority over everything else. As an avid reader and consumer of content myself, I like to think people appreciate that.

At this point, this content remains entirely free to the casual reader and web surfer. It draws in newcomers every single day, and I hope it influences some people and gives them cause to think about what's going on in our society. I especially hope it gives them that extra perspective needed to grasp how absolutely backward some of the policies out there are, and how much of what is considered normal in the contemporary Western family is so radically wrong and unjust (for example, the state seizing children and making fathers pay for their terrible, crushing loss so women can indulge whims and fantasies with minimal hassle).

However, the content is not "free" for me. It takes a lot of work to keep it coming day after day. It takes both work and money to keep the site online and functional, and the costs come out of my pocket. Without support, I'd have to shut it down or radically curtail the content very quickly — neither the costs nor effort could be justified.

Fortunately, there's been enough support over the years for me to keep my head above water, but no more, because I only ask for help when it's needed. I figure that if I want to actually profit from this endeavor, I'm going to have to start selling content, and although I'd like to do that it would be a shame if *The Spearhead* had to go entirely commercial. That would detract from the site's mission, and it would necessarily restrict the topics and intellectual freedom of the content.

So, if you enjoy reading the content here and want to see the site remain online, please send some support my way through PayPal or the mail (the donation info is in the top right sidebar). I've received some generous donations that have been real lifesavers, and that also were crucial to convincing me to put a lot of effort into the site, but every little bit counts. In fact, if every regular reader only donated a few dollars a month it would be entirely sufficient. So, if you don't have much, don't feel embarrassed about sending a small donation — it is definitely appreciated. Because I don't have much discretionary income myself, I tend to send my favorite bloggers small donations here and there, and although it isn't a great deal, I know they appreciate it.

I'd like to thank everyone in advance, because I can't always do so personally, and assure you all that your support is deeply appreciated. Every single donation I receive reinforces my belief that this site is worth the effort, and gives me a sense of responsibility to readers. In particular, I'd like to thank those who have been in with *The Spearhead* for the long haul. It's been humbling to see that there are so many men out there who care about these issues as deeply as I do, and that they count on me to be their advocate is both touching and an honor.

Thanks, friends. It's been great so far, and I'd like to keep it going for a good while longer. With your help, that's what I'm going to do.

William F. "Bill" Price (Feel free to keep calling me Welmer if you please — suits me fine either way)

The Kyrios Principle, and the Road Back from Feminism

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By Spanier

Feminism is petty, vain, and rife with internal contradictions. As an obvious example of the latter, the feminists complain about ridiculous things like how women are under-represented as fire fighters, yet when it comes to societies where women are indeed severely oppressed, as in Saudi Arabia, they utter not a word in protest. Clearly, feminism is nothing but a massive s— test directed at Western men, and one at which we have failed miserably.

It is critical for the men's movement to understand this point and its implications. For it means that it is our failure that is culpable for the rise of feminism and its many attendant ills. And it also means that ONLY WE can fix those problems.

In perusing men's rights blogs, one finds countless men who are practically blind with rage at women for various reasons– promiscuity, abortion, bogus rape accusations, confiscating assets in divorce. But this anger is all based on a false premise– namely, the idea of gender equality.

It is taken for granted in our society, and so ingrained in our culture as to be almost beyond question, that women are the equals of men in their sense of justice, their self-control, maturity and farsightedness, and their abilities to manage their own resources and act in their own best interests. This idea is modern, slick, simple, and completely wrong. It also runs contrary to millennia of experience and traditions, throughout all major civilizations, that do recognize qualitative differences between men and women, and assign them differing roles accordingly.

Once we see, and we certainly should by now, the many fallacies embedded in the idea of gender equality, we can begin to solve the problems caused by feminism. For if women do not, in general, have the same sense of justice and fairness that men have, then NEITHER CAN THEY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE for offenses in the same way men are. Fundamentally, it makes no more sense to be angry at a woman for being promiscuous than it does to be angry at a 2-year-old for pouring sugar in one's gas tank. The kid wasn't supervised properly; he didn't know what he was doing; it's really the parents' fault.

So how do we atone for our failure of will, and put the feminist genie back in the bottle? The answer is to restore the patriarchy and re-adopt some of the older rules of conduct in male-female relations. A bit of study will show that the civilizations of the past– the societies that moved the human condition forward, that created progress and improved comfort for both men and women– had customs and assumptions that differ markedly from the mechanical views of gender equality that we hold today.

In making these corrections, of course, we will not revert to such extremes of repression as are seen in some savage cultures. No woman will be forced to marry, nor will cruel treatment of wives by their husbands be condoned. However, a few new, but also radical– i.e., traditional– ground rules are in order.

First of all, as in classical Greece, every unmarried woman needs a kyrios. This is a male guardian with whom she has a positive, long-term, but non-sexual relationship. Typically, this will be her father, but could also be a brother, a priest, or possibly even an ex-boyfriend or -husband. The kyrios must protect her, look out for her best interests and help her to select an appropriate mate. If a man sees a woman he is interested in romantically, his first priority should be to find out who her kyrios is, and negotiate with him for her companionship. The kyrios should also be available during the relationship to help smooth out any problems that may arise.

When it comes to selection of a mate, it is best if the woman and her kyrios agree on the choice of a suitor. If they cannot reach an agreement, then the woman can marry whomever she wishes (or remain single). Doing so, however, would jeopardize whatever other benefits she derives from her relationship with the kyrios. Furthermore, a suitor should have fair warning of the situation, and should ask himself: if she won't obey her kyrios, what reason do I have to think that she'll obey me?

The kyrios system is simply an expression of the idea that a woman's sexuality is too important and valuable for her to manage on her own. We have seen the frightful results of allowing women free rein over their own choice in partners– put bluntly, there are very few long-term conjugal relationships in the absence of a surrounding patriarchical social network.

The kyrios system requires no legal changes, and in theory, is actually not much different from our current one. After all, two people cannot just get married on their own– at least one other person must be involved to officiate and legalize the arrangement. In principle, the officiating party ought to take some responsibility for becoming acquainted with the couple, and mentoring them, and should also have some share of personal accountability for the success or failure of the marriage.

The main task in implementing the kyrios system is in educating fathers about the need to take an active and protective role in their daughters' lives at least up until their marriages, and to plan for their long term interests in ways that they cannot do on their own. While we do not propose instituting forced or arranged marriages, the current system goes to the other extreme by providing no guidance whatsoever on the choice of partners. The practice of throwing young people out into a figurative goldfish bowl, and hoping for the best, is clearly not working.

The second change is also cultural, and involves educating girls and young women on the responsibilities of marriage. Early feminists complained of the stifling strictures of marriage, which they claimed prevented women from reaching their potential as literary and artistic figures. Be that as it may, most women are going to be happier and more fulfilled in stable marriages than as spinsters, and once they have chosen marriage they need to meet the requirements of the role. These include faithfulness and obedience to their husbands, as well as consistency in doing domestic tasks such as cooking and cleaning. Important steps in this direction would be restoring the study of home economics for girls in primary and secondary schools, and reviving the institution of finishing schools for college-age women.

The third change should be an overhaul of the divorce laws, to restore ownership of property and children to the party– usually the man– who has paid for the acquisition and maintenance thereof. A society obviously cannot survive long when it allows women to divorce their husbands while also laying claim to his assets and children. And a woman certainly cannot be permitted to have an abortion against her husband's wishes.

A question may arise as to a woman's rights when the husband initiates a divorce. Biblical passages (see Exodus 21:10) as well as basic concepts of justice would indicate that she should not be left without support. It remains to investigate how extensive a problem this was, from a practical standpoint, prior to the introduction of modern divorce laws.

In short, we propose here changes in culture and attitudes that correspond to natural differences among the sexes– not to make women "second class citizens" or "chattel property" or any such figments of feminist hyperbole, but to restore a civilization where both men and women can be reasonably content in their relationships and productive in their lives.

Feminist Censorship

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By Ethical

As followers of the men's rights movement (MRM) we can't help but second guess the direction the movement's leaders have taken. Thousands of well-written articles on countless blogs, so many devastatingly clear facts on our side, and yet we seem to be making such slow progress towards solutions. All this makes young men, already prone to doing their own thing, even more difficult to involve in growing the movement. Not that this isn't understandable. If it's true that attention spans of young men are fleeting except when seized by anticipation of imminent danger and excitement, young men might drift away after waiting fruitlessly for the MRM's strongly worded articles to provoke an explosive reaction on hitting the newsstand. Because all they've heard so far is silence. The fact remains there are virtually no male MRM writers published in the broader public media at all. Outside of the websites in the manosphere you have to look hard to see where our words have even caused a ripple.

What's often overlooked when we try to address the MRM's comparative lack of exposure (as opposed to feminism lurking everywhere) is that beyond us in the MRM raising the bar by accumulating even more convincing facts, beyond us laying out even more logical and gripping arguments, beyond us capturing even more emotionally moving stories, there is the simple unassailable truth that as far as the popular media goes, pervasive and unrelenting feminist censorship makes these efforts moot. Because in virtually every mass media outlet in the country, whether conservative or liberal, whether Republican or Democrat, editorial policy overwhelmingly prohibits men from publishing articles on men's rights. The few writers editors allow to publish articles on these issues are women. Some of these women represent the cause admirably, but nevertheless men's voices are banned from being heard.

So I understand why not too long ago, popular game blogger Roosh called out the MRM for being ineffectual and cautioned young men against joining. Commenting on what he saw as the MRM's seeming impotence in the face of feminism's ***GREAT WALL OF ENFORCED SILENCE***, he accused the MRM of "not getting the job done". To true believers like yours truly his words stung like iodine on a friction burn. From the popularity of his website, and a review of the comments on the post, young men are listening too. The web information company alexa.com ranks Rooshv.com at 22,967 in the US by web traffic. Roosh nearly outranks feministing.com and its entire 11 woman staff who together garner only a slightly greater traffic rank of 19,666 in comparison, despite the fact Roosh is creating content alone.

Of course to be fair to the MRM, in my view Roosh's "facts" about the MRM not having delivered are extremely flawed. In reality the MRM has been successful in lobbying for shared parenting legislation or a presumption of joint custody in a number of US states as well as in other jurisdictions worldwide such as Australia and the U.K.

Feminism's female supremacists are recognizing this too. One article entitled "Men's Rights" Groups Have Become Frighteningly Effective " said the following of the group "RADAR" which the article described as falling under "the broader umbrella of the men's rights movement":

> … lately the group and its many partners have been racking up very real accomplishments. In 2008, the organization claimed to have blocked passage of four federal domestic-violence bills, among them an expansion of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to international scope and a grant to support lawyers in pro bono domestic-violence work. Members of this coalition have gotten themselves onto drafting committees for VAWA's 2011 reauthorization. Local groups in West Virginia and California have also had important successes, criminalizing false claims of domestic violence in custody cases, and winning rulings that women-only shelters are discriminatory.

Curiously just like the MRM, Roosh and his young followers seem to have no doubt that popular opinion and

therefore government policy is based on blatant feminist misinformation that they also find deeply objectionable. Still they see no sense joining the MRM's effort to lobby our governments in order to remove the deeply feminist biases, just as they see no sense in trying to stem the barrage of feminist propaganda that misinforms the public into supporting those feminist policies. But in the interest of openness to the truth, the feedback of these young men isn't to be discounted. In fact their apathy begs the question: " why do men who take issue with feminist doctrine universally perceive feminist censorship to be so widespread, oppressive, and unchangeable"?

According to psychologists who've studied the phenomenon of women demanding men be censored from speaking the truth, both feminist censorship, and young men responding to feminist misinformation largely with apathy, might be inevitable. It turns out that in forums where supposedly both men's and women's opinions are welcomed, while men tend to be truly comfortable only if they're free to speak their opinions, women tend to be comfortable only if forums are free of opinions they find disagreeable. As a result women tend to want men banned from forums if the men express opinions the women disagree with. GirlWritesWhat speaks eloquently about this at 17:30 in her video entitled "Men not marrying? How deep does "the problem" go?"

> "Plain speech … [is] often discouraged when women are present in order to spare feelings and prevent discomfort. Outspokenness is replaced with drawing new rules of discourse, and ingenuity with protocol all of which render a feminized [environment]"

Though men will typically put up with it she says, they tune out, conceivably resulting in the apathy noted previously. Thus supposedly public forums become spaces men are no longer interested in participating in because without an equal accommodation of men's need to speak freely, such forums are no longer welcoming to men. GirlWritesWhat elaborates at 20:10 in the same video:

> Where are men retreating to? They're retreating to the internet to the few men's spaces that haven't tailored their rules of conduct to suit women's easily offended natures and need for comfort"

Knowing we can't be heard in the popular media, young and old we come to the manosphere to share knowledge. But as Roosh might ask what's our end game in doing so? Are we in the MRM gathering facts and statistics in preparation for an honest debate while feminists are laughing behind the scenes after having already called security to keep us out of the debate hall?

Make no mistake that men are excluded wherever our interests run counter to feminism. There are countless examples of feminists censoring men from discussions surrounding gender issues this way.

> "Lace Curtain" – the tendency of most major institutions to interpret gender issues from only a feminist perspective or from a combination of feminist and female perspectives.
>
> **Dr. Warren Farrell**, *The Lace Curtain*, menweb.org

> "This is pretty much the norm on feminist websites"
>
> **KrissytheWorldWithin**, *Censorship in Feminist Media* (a feminist woman objecting to feminism's censorship)

> [Hume] … assumes that the only serious threat to freedom of the press comes from a despotic government desirous of imposing centralized censorship of what appears in print, and which it is be able to do by fiat. This is not so; there are other, subtler threats to press freedom.
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> I have noticed that whenever I used the word "Mankind" in an article, it emerges in the printed version, without my permission, as "Humankind", a word I despise as both ugly and sanctimonious … The change is made with such regularity, and in so many publications, that the government might as well have decreed it, though in fact it has not. There is, presumably, a monstrous regiment of sub-editors at work, all of like mind.

> **Theodore Dalrymple**, *Feminist Censorship and Language Reform*, mensnewsdaily.com

> Real world examples of feminist censorship

> Some feminist who was too lazy or incompetent to rebut my claim just banned it.
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> The message will always get out. Your best bet is to post something as to why you disagree.
>
> **Barbarossa**, *Feminists resort to censorship … again*

> Feminist propaganda dominates the media, workplace, and educational system, while anti-feminists are either ignored or berated for being "unfair", "barbaric", or "politically incorrect". As a result, almost all important antifeminist contributions are hidden from most people.
>
> **Amy Chavez**, *University of New Mexico [web page now censored]*

> Serious critique of feminism has been absent for more than a decade … critique and questioning of basic feminist principles became unthinkable. My own [antifeminist] books are lost in "zone of death, the eternal ice of quiet rejection.
>
> **Jan Deichmohle**, gabnet.com [translated from German]

For feminists the only legitimate rebuttal in any debate is another brand of feminism. No doubt if each purports to be the "true" feminism, then hearing both out is always in the interest of women. Otherwise there can be no dissenting opinions, there is only feminism and "hate speech". And hate speech of course needs to be banned.

> The Southern Poverty Law Center, or SPLC, names Men's Rights Activists as a hate group, citing the MRAs' … virulent misogyny, spreading of false anti-woman propaganda and applauding and even encouraging acts of domestic terrorism and extreme violence against women and children, up to and including murder.
>
> Radfem News Service, radfemworldnews.wordpress.com

True there are some feminists who openly acknowledge having an agenda of censorship, i.e. those who would either ban pornography or at the very least enable women to sue pornographers for damages:

> [Catharine A. McKinnon's] 1993 book, Only Words… opposing the US constitution's first amendment interpretation of pornography as protected speech … considered it hate speech … "the graphic sexually explicit subordination of women through pictures or words" … with real power … to cause the rape and murder of women.
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> … why not censor pornography? "Our approach is not to ban, but to offer a civil remedy to people who can prove they were harmed – rather than empowering the police and putting people in jail, which doesn't do any good anyway. Pornographers keep their businesses going in jail."
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> **Stuart Jeffries**, The Guardian, writing on *Are women human? by Catharine A. MacKinnon*

But there are other feminists who just as militantly insist that asking women to refrain from any level of nudity or sexuality (particularly lesbian sexuality) on the grounds of its inappropriateness in certain circumstances, is an either an outright assault on women's sexual freedom, or a misogynist hatred of women's bodies.

> "The Body Is Not An Apology, an international movement focused on radical self-love and body empowerment, account was SUSPENDED from Facebook after posting a photo of an empowered female

> body and tribal women in Senegal with their breasts visible. We believe this sort of cultural and gender discrimination is absolutely asking women to apologize for their bodies and is unacceptable.
>
> **Sonya Renee Taylor**, *The Body is Not an Apology*, from a petition on Change.org

> Feminists Against Censorship (FAC) stands against censorship, particularly of sexual materials, in the defense of women's sexual expression.
>
> Wikipedia.org

Since restriction of women's right to sexual expression is the only type of censorship feminists acknowledge, in their minds they're actually the victims of censorship rather than its perpetrators, since television networks, film and music companies still have the right to censor the [women] artists whose work they produce.

> Without the liberty to protest, parody, and mock sexism, and to communicate information about women's lives (including their sexual lives), women could not have made progress toward equality in the workplace or broken down sexist stereotypes in pop culture.
>
> *Feminism and Free Speech: Arts Censorship*, Feminists for Free Expression (FFE)

That feminists contend women are the real victims of censorship despite the massive devastation feminist censorship imposes against men leaves us incredulous. Standing just beyond the reach of feminism's mind control rays, we have to marvel at such evidence of the collective rationalization hamster on steroids, spinning millions of mental hamster wheels furiously to outrace the truth in order to reach another irrational conclusion.

Little wonder few men young OR old really learn what men are up against until they're up against it themselves … completely unprepared and alone; never learning how much they're being shortchanged in the educational system until trying to see in hindsight why it failed them; never learning how much the family law system is stacked up against them until it's way too late to arrange their affairs defensively.

This censorship is measurable and verifiable. The specific mechanism by which it happens is the tendency for women as a group to suppress any opinion that isn't biased towards women, in contrast with the equally measurable and verifiable tendency for men not to support another man unless they specifically agree with the man's opinion.

GirlWritesWhat explains at 20:35 in her video entitled "How feminism conned society, and other not-so-tall tales"

> A 2004 study of gender differences in automatic in-group biases found that men lack a mechanism that bolsters automatic own-group preference. Only women showed this bias in all four experiments, and in 3 of them all subjects, male and female, showed a strong bias towards women. …" which is horrifying to me because it means women in power will act strongly in the interests of women, whereas men in power exhibit no own-group preference at all but will act more often than not in the interests of women as well.

She also states at 11:35 in "Men not marrying? How deep does "the problem" go?"

> "It's not that men can't manifest any form of own group preference, it's just that when own group preference manifests in males it just isn't based on maleness alone. There has to be a common purpose, a common set of ideals, or principles, a common sense of duty or cause …"

This censorship is now so pervasive all throughout society from academia on down we can no longer count the number of professors who have publicly criticized academia for having become the centers for mass indoctrination they now are, rather than the centers of higher learning they were supposed to be. We've reached an inflection point in history where censorship of the masses prevents wide dissemination of the truth, but the ubiquity of the internet

extinguishes any possibility that the lies will go undetected.

All this brings the MRM to a devastating impasse. Newspapers and magazines know women will have deep objections to any article that doesn't blatantly favor women, many women going so far as calling efforts to address the increasingly poor educational success of boys or efforts to address the cruel imbalance against men in family court as "woman hating". Media outlets know as a result that women will effectively boycott any newspaper or magazine which prints articles championing men's rights, particularly if that article is written by a man. No sensible media company executive would print the truth under these circumstances, especially given that women control most of any household's spending on the products that businesses pay the newspaper money to advertise.

Since as a consequence men generally can't be paid for writing on men's rights the way women are paid for writing about feminism, this censorship also has a incalculably huge impact on any discussion that impacts public policy.

In fact the impact of this censorship is so severe it's enough to make us question our most fundamental and treasured assumptions about democracy as a whole, namely:

- that our democratic freedom of expression means we are effectively free to express our opinions
- that because we lack state censorship in our democracy, there is free access to information, and public opinion is formed through this free access
- that because our democracy is freely elected, public policy will be representative of that public opinion
- that because our elections are free and fair the interests of one demographic won't be over-represented far out of proportion to their relative population

Politicians offer platitudes about efforts towards evidence based government, but a creeping chill tells us the fundamental assumptions of our system are broken. Democracy 2.0 is long overdue.

When this censorship becomes a weapon enabling courts to illegally strip men of their children and property and to condemn men into alimony slavery on a routine basis, it makes such a mockery of democracy it's almost enough for us to even begin questioning our efforts to spread this "democracy" that has so betrayed us. Because if we've been betrayed so badly there could be no greater political sleight of hand than causing us to spend billions sponsoring foreign wars that destabilize the countries we need for resources, that run foreign streets red with blood in the name of encouraging the very system that grinds us down daily with its suppression of THE TRUTH. Not that I'm any man's revolutionary. I know which side my own bread is so generously buttered on. With my oversized SUV, with my blue-tooth car phone system, with my car's GPS navigation, I'd be the last to demand non-interventionist foreign policy if oil would become so expensive ambulances couldn't afford gas to get my elderly parents to the hospital if one was dying, or supermarkets couldn't afford to transport the produce I need to feed my children with. Still if faced with anything short of that kind of duress I would choose to live with less because no one wants to be part of doing EVIL unto others. And I would start living with less by demanding less feminist government intervention in my family affairs.

But back to feminism; why should feminists be so threatened by an honest discussion that they'll go so far as undermining our very democracy this way to censor away any dissension?

> Censorship has always been a hatred of the truth
>
> **Barbarossa**, *Feminists resort to censorship … again*

Because feminism's censorship is highly effective. But there's no disputing that it creates such systemic misinformation it breaks all the above assumptions about the merits of democracy. Basing public policy on this systemic misinformation is devastating. Much of the cruelty inflicted against men and children in courtrooms as a result of unjust rulings happens because of misinformation spread by these feminists, including the misinformation fueling the domestic violence industry, the misinformation leading family court judges to value fathers only in terms of the money that can be stripped from them rather than placing a value on giving children time with fathers,

or the misinformation that women earn two thirds of what men earn.

So rather than question our “end game”, given all we’ve had to fight just to speak our piece, we in the MRM need to give ourselves a break for sometimes seeming to make slow progress. Having myself just finished writing “We’re Stupid and We’ll Die”, an article criticizing the majority of men for complicity in having created this feminist mess, that goes double for me. Contrary to feminism’s assertion that we “the patriarchy” control everything, with feminism’s censorship we’ve literally had to battle the entire corporate and government establishment to make whatever progress we’ve made. We can only be proud of what we’ve accomplished. We can even take some encouragement from the seeming disengagement of young men. Because despite all the censorship, despite truth of the anti-male injustice being largely hidden from all except those who actively go out of their way to search for it, young men are still in record numbers refusing to swallow the humiliating feminist propaganda pissed on their heads since birth, and in those same large numbers they’re also finding places online where they aren’t so castrated. Not all of them may be coming to the MRM, but regardless of whether they wind up at one of Roosh’s sites, or anywhere in the Roissysphere, they’ll get a dose of red pill knowledge just the same.

It’s ironic that as democracy in its current form races towards a hard stop against the limitations on honest discussion, we as a society will survive or perish on the backs of these young men. We can only hope after they’ve taken the red pill they still agree to carry us. These are the same young men who increasingly will have endured frustrated childhoods filled with the court’s refusal to listen when they asked for more time with their fathers, who will have been shafted out of an education and become unemployable because of education policies that openly favored already high achieving girls, who will have been passed over for whatever jobs there were left because they lacked a vagina, and who will have seen from the experiences of their fathers and uncles that divorce laws are too savagely misandrist for them to care in the first place about becoming a cubicle drone just to one day save enough to get married. God forbid these young men might get a little angry and opt out of any social or economic roles we need them to fill when they discover that on top of everything else, they mattered so little to us we allowed them to be emasculated by feminism’s lies all their lives as well because it was too much of an inconvenience to fight this feminist censorship. These chickens WILL come home to roost. It’s too much to hope that feminism will reverse its course before they do; the gender dynamics driving women to vote for female supremacist policies and men not to resist seem to be innate in the current system.

Fortunately, as compulsively as they censor the truth now, feminists could also conceivably lift the veil of lies for their own self interest. Because you don’t have to look far to see how well the rights of women will be protected in a rag tag nation of unemployable, disenfranchised, betrayed, and very angry young men. God forbid indeed.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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I'm headed out to pick up the kids presently, and am looking forward to being with the family over the holiday. The weather is miserable, wet and stormy, but I feel fine.

As usual, it's important to keep those who don't have the opportunity to be with their families in mind — especially those whose children have been cruelly torn away from them by a hostile, uncaring state. The holidays are always particularly difficult for those who are alone, so it's always a good idea to reach out to those people you know who could use some company this time of year.

That said, if you've got a long journey ahead, may it be safe and uneventful!

Enjoy the feast and time with family.

Child Support: A Tax to Encourage Single Motherhood

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It will probably be a difficult process, but eventually conservatives and those who want to restore marriage are going to have to come to terms with the fact that one of their favorite causes – forcing fathers to pay child support no matter what the circumstances – is directly responsible for the rise in single motherhood. I'm not sure whether we can say for sure that it is responsible for the decline of marriage, because that seems to be happening in Asian countries where child support is neither routine nor enforced, but it is an enormous factor in rising illegitimacy.

Combined with welfare and no-fault divorce, automatic child support has given millions of women all the justification they need to take the plunge and become single mothers. Since the 1960s, it has risen in both relative and absolute terms, coming to replace welfare for lower-income mothers in many instances and serving as an alimony enhancement for the middle and upper classes.

And make no mistake: child support is a tax. When the government forces you to pay no matter what the circumstances, and penalizes you for not doing so, what else could it be? Although some may argue that because the money is not directly provided to the state it is not a tax, the logic behind child support gives the lie to this particular argument. It is used to prevent mothers from going on the dole, and it is also used to reimburse the state for expenditures on mothers and their illegitimate children, therefore child support is directly tied to state expenses.

In short, child support is a tax designed to incentivize single motherhood, and it has done a fine job of it. Without government-enforced payments to mothers (well over 90% of all child support goes to mothers), illegitimacy would be a fraction of what it is today. Women frequently justify child support as something a man should pay merely for not "keeping it in his pants" (this despite the fact that many men who pay child support actually married the women who receive the payment, and were left for no fault of their own), but why is it that while a man must pay for failing to keep his pants on, a woman *gets paid* for the same? Surely there can be no moral lesson in such a setup, as one party is rewarded while another is punished for the same act. It is akin to letting one keep the spoils while jailing another for robbing a bank.

However, it is going to take a profound change in attitude before people begin to see it for what it is. Fortunately, there are signs that this change is occurring. While traditional Western norms see females as blameless angels, tradition is rapidly disappearing before our eyes, and it is likely that a far different attitude will emerge in the near future.

In the meanwhile, we'll have to go against the prevailing sense of right and wrong and advocate for the abolition of involuntary child support. If a man's children are removed from him, or he never had a chance to act as a father, he should not under any circumstances be forced to pay for children that are wholly owned possessions of some woman who has no obligations to him. If the law says that a man has no rights to his children and no authority over them, then he should have no responsibility for them, either. A woman who chooses to be a single mother should be single in every sense of the word. She cannot call herself a "single mother" when she is receiving involuntary payments from some man, but rather the "missus" to a man under peonage. There is nothing single about a woman who is still being paid by a man.

If a man voluntarily leaves his wife and children it is another, touchier matter, as he has broken his promises, but even here we should tread very carefully in getting the state involved, because as we have seen one thing leads to another. It may be immoral for a man to do this, but it is far rarer than for a woman to seize her husband's children and run to another man, which is equally immoral yet goes unpunished (it is rewarded, actually) today. Additionally, a woman in such a situation may deserve sympathy, and find it easier to marry than the typical single mother. The few men who do abandon their families, therefore, probably do not justify legislation that can be applied to all manner of dissolutions.

For many readers here, these are not particularly radical ideas, but we should keep in mind that for most Americans

child support is taken for granted as a “good thing.” Even men rarely question it until they find themselves victims, so arguing for its abolition may come off as quite radical. However, as you can see, it’s pretty easy to make solid arguments against it, because given the results, the practice cannot be justified. I’d advise focusing on those results, and asking supporters whether state-enforced child support is really worth the illegitimacy, the delinquent, fatherless youths and broken families. Point out that despite years of enforcement, fathers are less a part of their children’s lives than ever, and tax expenditures on mothers as high as ever on a per child basis.

It’s time to ask politicians why they are promoting illegitimacy, adultery and broken families. How does that benefit their constituents?

Combat Zones as Maternity Wards

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In more feminist silliness, it turns out that a British "soldier" gave birth to a baby in a combat field hospital a couple months ago. I thought it was bad enough that so many women in the US Navy were pregnant, but this takes the cake:

> (CBS/AP) LONDON – A British soldier who was complaining of stomach pains gave birth to a son while serving in Afghanistan at the same camp where Prince Harry is deployed and a Taliban attack last week killed two U.S. Marines.
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> Britain's defense ministry said Thursday the soldier told authorities she had not been aware she was pregnant and only consulted doctors on the day that she went into labor.
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> The birth in a combat zone field hospital is thought to be the first ever case of its type for Britain's military.
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> Britain's defense ministry said Thursday that it had not been aware the soldier was pregnant, and stressed that it does not allow female soldiers to deploy on operation if they are pregnant. It declined to say whether the soldier, who has not been named, was aware of her pregnancy.
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> "Mother and baby are both in a stable condition in the hospital and are receiving the best possible care," the ministry said in a statement. It said a team of doctors would fly out to Afghanistan in the coming days to help the solider and her son return safely to Britain.
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> Although the soldier's child was conceived before her tour of duty began in March, she is not likely to face censure. Britain has sent female soldiers home from wars after they became pregnant – including about 60 from Afghanistan – but hasn't previously had a servicewoman go into labor in a war zone.
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> In 2009, the U.S. military in Iraq issued a policy that could punish soldiers who became pregnant there and their sexual partners – then quickly rescinded it after a storm of criticism…

The article goes on to make up excuses for the woman, saying that she may not have known she was pregnant, but that raises the question of why such a stupid person is in the military in the first place. In all likelihood, she knew, and just didn't want to tell anyone for one reason or another.

Notice above where the US military cannot even discipline female soldiers for getting knocked up while on duty for fear of feminist backlash. Yet another reason women in the military was a terrible idea. I bet a woman who lost a baby as a result of an enemy mortar attack in a combat zone would sue the military for failing to adequately protect her and her unborn child. Just wait and see — it will happen, and the taxpayer will be forced to pay.

How much did it cost for that "team of doctors" to fly to Afghanistan and back to bring precious safely home? What a joke…

First Female USMC Infantry Candidates Wash Out

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President Obama has ordered the armed forces to integrate women, and the USMC has now opened infantry training to women. Out of 80 female officers in the first eligible group, only two signed up for the USMC officer infantry training program, which requires a significant amount of physical strength and endurance to complete. On average about 25% of men fail the course for one reason or another. Unsurprisingly, both women failed it, with one dropping out on the first day and another withdrawing due to "unspecified medical reasons" a little over a week in. The two women joined some 30 men who also failed to make the cut.

The USMC requires above average physical strength and endurance from men, and very few women possess are at that level. In fact, for women it is a higher hurdle than it might appear at first glance, because a woman who can match in one particular trait, such as strength, typically cannot match the same man in speed, endurance or other physical abilities. For example, a female Olympic weightlifter may be able to lift as much as the average male marine, but she will be short and stocky and prone to overheating on long marches. She'll also be slow and clumsy on agility tests. A women who can run as fast and far as male marines is likely built like a whippet, and can't even lift the standard rucksack. One who can do the pull-ups is probably under 5 feet tall and weighs 90 lbs, and so on…

Of course, there is now a mandate to have women in combat, so someone is going to come in and make changes to the infantry training program so that women can pass it. Marine Corps officials are already talking about "gender neutral" (i.e. lower) physical standards.

So, once again, we see our elected officials hard at work spending our money to make the US military less efficient and less capable. Feminism is now an expense one cannot avoid anywhere, even in matters as fundamental as national defense.

The end result will be a weaker, more expensive military — one that provides both paychecks and self-esteem boosts to people who can't even perform the job. Kinda like our wonderful public schools.

Yet More from our Brave Women in Uniform

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Four women filed suit for the right to serve in combat in San Francisco today, demanding the military officially call them combat soldiers. Of course, none of them are really suited to engage in combat, but they want to be called warriors nonetheless.

Typically, by this point, there would be a chorus of feminists telling me Ms. Farrell is far tougher than I am, and could easily kick my ass, beat me in war, etc. But just look at the girl. This is a joke. I'm an out-of-shape, nearly middle-aged guy and I could kick her ass with one hand tied behind my back.

But anyone who says such a thing must support violence against women, right?

This is where they're covered on both sides. On the one hand, you say she can't hack it as a soldier and you're accused of being an anti-equality bigot, and on the other you say "OK, let's put her to the test" and suddenly you're an abusive monster.

We simply can't win one way or the other, which is why I recommend simply letting them claim to be full-fledged soldiers, giving them a gun and the standard equipment, and sending them out on some mission in Afghanistan. At this point, who gives a damn what happens? She and her sisters-in-arms would get cut to pieces, but we don't even have the money to pay for the subsequent lawsuit any longer, so might as well let her have her wish.

It's time men finally recognized that *this isn't our country any longer*. Let the girls play their games, take all the money, call themselves soldiers and so forth. The sooner it falls apart the better for us.

Now that we're calling people who are innately better suited to giving hummers than to driving in them soldiers, it's time to call it quits. I just hope we can decommission the nukes fast enough to prevent a global catastrophe.

Feminism's Differential Demographic Impact

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I've predicted on a number of occasions that whites will grow increasingly conservative as the post-1980 fertility gap between liberals and conservatives begins to really show itself amongst adults. Before 1980 or so, liberal and conservative whites had roughly the same number of children. Abortion may have had some role in changing that, but more important, I suspect, is careerism for more liberal-minded women. Women who care more about their careers have fewer children, because their period of ambition coincides with their fertility (likely for hormonal reasons, interestingly enough). Additionally, those whites who have liberal attitudes toward sex and marriage and opt to divorce tend to have fewer children, since most divorces occur relatively early – during or shortly after peak fertility – and single/divorced white women have a low birth rate.

Although I focus mainly on whites (I try to stay on familiar territory, but others with different perspectives are always welcome to send in an article), there has been another significant fertility trend in the black population that is worth looking into. Black fertility has fallen sharply in the last couple decades. Much faster than white fertility, although it still remains incrementally higher. However, the black fertility pattern is significantly different. Where the relatively conservative white middle class remains the most fertile white demographic, the black middle class has seen its fertility all but wiped out, even as more blacks than ever have joined its ranks.

It's pretty clear that feminism and women's lib have had an impact on white fertility trends, but what about black fertility? Does feminism have anything to do with it? Feminism has lowered young black women's fertility by providing birth control, abortion and incentives to remain childless, which is mirrored in young white women of comparable socioeconomic levels. It seems that some aspects of feminism have had roughly the same result in both white and black populations, but what happened to the black middle class?

What has killed black middle class fertility and family formation is the more coercive, nastier form of feminism, which has hit the black male population with disproportionate force.

By this, I mean the punitive provisions of the 1994 crime bill and the Violence Against Women Act (not to mention earlier innovations in the child support industry). Plenty of white men have fallen victim to the excesses of contemporary family law, but the more fragile state of marriage in the black population has made it an even more critical issue for black men, and particularly those who are of a more sober, responsible disposition, because they end up paying most dearly.

Think about it this way: If you are some no-account petty crook, the state isn't going to care much if you don't pay a dime of child support. Sure, it makes for great headlines and talk show fare when you have some guy who knocked up a dozen or so women, but there isn't much you can do about these knuckleheads. Put one in jail for arrears, and another instantly springs up to take his place (putting the mothers in jail would work better — females are the true key to birth control).

However, if you're a relatively high earner, industrious and walk the straight and narrow, you're a much, much bigger target. And if you're a married black man, chances are you will be divorced at some point, probably while the kids are still minors, and the courts won't be any nicer to you because you've got a job (although a lot of poor fools seem to think they will). If you're single, you probably know that. So what does the intelligent, responsible black man do? He stays the hell away from marriage and does his best not to get a woman pregnant, choosing instead to keep what he earns and enjoy his liberty. All he needs to do to take the red pill is open his eyes and look around — it's too obvious to ignore. As for black women, thanks to aggressive affirmative action, the more responsible among them are foisted into careers that all but guarantee limited fertility, and the prospect of single motherhood is no more attractive to them than to comparable white women.

Certain segments of the white population have developed a sort of limited immunity to the more damaging effects of feminism. Some do it by delaying marriage, and others through clinging to religion and tradition. It's far from

perfect, but it works for enough people to keep the damage under control. Although I doubt it's the only factor, I'm pretty sure that the fact that whites are less urban than blacks gives them an advantage in this regard as well. Urban white fertility is abysmal, but there are enough whites out in the suburbs and exurbs to make up for it. The contemporary urban environment is utterly toxic to married couples, and it will likely stay that way for a long time to come, so those who remain in cities – no matter what race they are – will tend to be a lot more cautious about getting hitched. Unfortunately, it will typically be those who are less cautious and responsible who will have the highest fertility in cities.

Because of geography and divorce rates, among other factors such as female-targeted AA in schools and professions, feminism has a decidedly different demographic effect on blacks than on whites. Where whites are winnowed largely at the top and the bottom through careerism and more effective birth control, the black middle class is taking the biggest hit to its fertility. While it is true that the fertility rate of the black underclass has dropped, in relative terms (to other blacks) it has risen substantially over the past couple decades, which will not have particularly positive effects on black human capital in years to come.

The trends point to the emergence of an even greater future divide between white and black populations in the US, because while feminism is ensuring that liberal whites fail to reproduce at replacement rate, it is killing the incipient black middle class in the womb. Neither outcome will reinforce feminist ideals, but it isn't exactly cause for celebration either, because the result will be further political and racial polarization and the trouble that comes along with it.

Eventually – and probably fairly soon – race will overshadow feminism in national politics, and all the recent talk about the supreme importance of catering to women will be forgotten, especially as the white female vote declines in importance. However, the ethnic bifurcation of the future United States will have been significantly exaggerated by feminist policies which, as it turns out, do not result in equal outcomes for different populations.

A Man's Weakness Is His False Guilt

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By Joe Zamboni

One of the major hurdles that American men must clear, before they can confidently speak up about all the injustice done against men and boys, is their false guilt. In a twisted form of machismo, many American men make believe that they don't feel false guilt because they are, after all, a man. In this denial, they perpetuate a falsehood. In this denial, they disempower themselves. This brief article examines some perverse aspects of that false guilt.

It's all around American men, in the movies, in books, in magazines, and in the mouths, or perhaps I should say coming out of the mouths, of so many women. I am talking about male put-downs with a twist to them, all in effect implying "you men have no right to complain." We the American males are told that it is "a man's world," we are told that we benefit from the "old boys network," we are told that we enjoy the many benefits of the "patriarchy." Never mind the fact that all these are myths, what's important is that so many of us men on some level suspect that these allegations might be true.

A man's weakness is his turning away, his denial, his distancing from the very painful issues that he believes he cannot deal with. If these and related myths about alleged male superiority, male favoritism, male advantages, and the like, were to be confronted head on, with a dedication to openness and truth, they would soon be shown to be both phantoms and the manipulative illusions of bad-intentioned feminist windbags. Men are by nature forthright, logic-oriented, fact-based, practical, strong, protective, and courageous. All of these positive attributes can and will be of great usefulness when confronting and dispelling these phantoms and illusions.

Man's real strength can be further released when he sees that his great weakness is his false guilt. By an honest and direct confrontation of how he has unnecessarily kept himself back, how he has bit his tongue, how he has felt unworthy to step into a position of receiving and being treated equally, by that confrontation will he stop denying his humanity. He is after all just as good as woman, and a full member of the human race. There is nothing inherently inferior about man in comparison to woman, just as there is nothing inherently inferior about woman in comparison to man. Each gender has its own areas of strength and weakness — whatever your judgments about those might be.

In the space of embracing his equality with woman, man can stop unconsciously trying to compensate for the alleged advantages that he enjoys. When man thinks that he has taken on a position of superiority or special advantage — and he has plenty of feminist-inspired indoctrination in modern America to adopt such a thought — then he will unconsciously attempt to right the alleged out-of-balance condition. Then he will consequently accept dangerous and low-status jobs that no self-respecting woman would perform, he will accept verbal abuse that no self-respecting woman would put up with, and he will likewise accept physical abuse at the hands of his mate that no self-respecting woman would permit. Thus the false guilt perversely encourages man not to speak up, not to stand in his truth, and not to seek either justice or balance.

Reconciliation with woman is not possible as long as the truth is not out in the open, is not embraced by both genders, and is not the starting point for moving in the direction of love, acceptance, mutual support, and harmonious coexistence on this planet. And there will be no pulling down of the mask that denies the false guilt if man believes that nothing good can come from it. Herein lies the challenge and apparent paradox: it is only through the embracing of our imperfections, our incompleteness, and our humanity in all its many forms, that we men can move to the next level of evolution in our relationships with women.

It is time for us men to go beyond righting the many specific wrongs that we experience (gender specific child support obligations, enslaving alimony judgments, false rape claims, etc.), it is time to step up to a position of leadership in gender relations. It is time for men to advocate a position of true equal treatment and mutual respect. Whatever women have, men should be able to have that too, and of course vice versa. For example, the default

moral goodness so often attributed to women should not be granted to women alone, but should be given to men as well. The much ballyhooed and allegedly superior feminine characteristics such as being compassionate, should tempered with widespread public appreciation for positive male characteristics such as courage. Likewise, men should not be expected to carry the burden of the shadow in the human psyche. They should not for example be expected to automatically be the one at fault if there is domestic violence within a household.

So let's together step into the space that there is nothing about which we men need to be ashamed, there is nothing about being male that is inferior, lacking, or in need of apology. From that starting point we can directly confront the oppressive mind games of the feminists and move into our rightful position of free and emancipated human beings.

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CNN Summons Michael Kimmel to Discredit Suzanne Venker

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Whenever someone semi-mainstream says or does something that goes against the prevailing dogma, there's always some smarmy "expert" who emerges to tell people how to be goodthinkers.

Suzanne Venker recently wrote a piece about the "war on men," suggesting that women ought to quit trying to act like men and stop seeing men as the enemy. Venker is correct that there is a war on men, but in truth there always has been — it's just different now in that women are in on the action.

History is a never-ending tale of men trying to one-up each other, destroy the competition, enslave or entrap other men for their personal benefit and so on. Michael Kimmel is one of these guys who lives off other men's misery, but he's worse than most because he's a con man. He tells men that what is clearly bad for them is good, all the while claiming the moral high ground.

To discredit Venker, Kimmel resorts to the old trick of insinuating racism; a particularly clumsy sleight of hand in this case:

> Some years ago, I appeared on a well-known television talk show opposite four "angry white men": four men who believed they had been discriminated against in the workplace by affirmative action programs initiated, they argued, by feminist women.
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> Each man told his story of how he was qualified for a job or qualified for a promotion that he did not get because of this putative reverse discrimination against white men. One ended his remarks with a line that served as the title for this show: "A black woman stole my job," he declared.
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> Asked to respond, I had but one question for these guys, a question about the title of the show. Actually, my question was about one word in the title of the show. I wanted to know about the word "my." Why did the men think it was their job? Why wasn't the title of the show "A black woman got a job" or "A black woman got the job"? The answer, I argued, was that these men felt entitled to the position, and that any effort to make the workplace more equal was perceived, by those men, as a loss.
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> I thought of those men recently while reading Suzanne Venker's addled rant against feminist women as the source of the unhappiness that saturates male-female relationships. I thought of how painful it is when you are used to having everything to now have only 80%. What a loss! Poor us! Equality sucks when you've been on top — and men have been on top for so long that we think it's a level playing field.

Besides the fact that including women as affirmative action beneficiaries resulted in black *and* white women taking jobs that were originally intended to go to black men (not important to Kimmel), it's pretty clear that this guy has nothing but contempt for men, white ones in particular. He goes so far as to suggest that calling a job "my job" somehow indicates selfishness and a pathological attitude.

How about this, Kimmel:

Let's start instituting affirmative action custody and child support. We should start taking single mothers' children and turning them over to the fathers, and giving the mothers the privilege of paying a quarter of their pre-tax income to babydaddy. If a mother says "they took my children," then Kimmel can ask her "what made you think they were your children?"

But Kimmel will never, ever suggest custody equality. If you press him on the issue I can guarantee that he would support the status quo, which is anything but equal. He will say something like this: "fathers' desire to have equal custody is only a result of their feeling of ownership of their children, and their wish to dominate their children's mothers."

However, you'll also hear Kimmel say that men should do more housework and childcare, but hey, if she leaves tough luck mister — there go your kids, your house, your paycheck…

This is why Kimmel and his cronies are a real problem. They preach this lovey-dovey equality, but in practice they support very real policemen and judges *taking things from you*. They'll say "we can have a wonderful, equal society where we're all happy, fulfilled little persons." What they are thinking is "if you don't get with the program, we're going to have the police lock you in a cage made of steel and concrete."

Here's his happy equal people spiel:

> the empirical evidence suggests that men are quietly adapting to a very new landscape. Most of the 400 young men (aged 16-26) who I interviewed for my book "Guyland" assume, without resentment, that their wives will be as fully committed to their careers as they are. Why? Because they'll need the income. And they assume, with no resentment, that they will be involved fathers, spending far more time with their families than their parents or grandparents ever did. Why? Because they actually want to be involved dads.
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> They all have friends of the opposite sex ("When Harry Met Sally's" dictum to the contrary), which bodes well for their ability to be more equal coworkers and colleagues with women they consider their peers.
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> Stop the madness. There's no war between the sexes. Men and women can, and should, be allies. And they are becoming more equal, and happier, every single day.

What a load. All you have to do to see how "happy" young men and women are with each other is take a look at the personal ads online, where you'll find an army of desperate single mothers begging for some attention. Yes, this is the wonderful new world the equalists have given us: legions of tattooed, desperate single moms and deadbroke babydaddies.

Now that these people have had their way, they have to resort to outright denial of reality to put a happy face on a terrible situation. Either that or they are hallucinating — it's hard to tell sometimes.

Maybe it's a good thing that the equalists are now in the position of having to defend the status quo. It was always easy for them when they only had to criticize and attack the mainstream, but now that they're in charge they'll have to justify what they've done. I don't think it's going to be so easy for them, and I predict they are not going to adjust well to the transition. Expect them to get pretty nasty about it.

A Requiem for the American Dream

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By Matt Forney

“Looks like they forgot about us,” Dale remarked.

It had been half-an-hour since our boss had dropped us off in that abandoned parking lot, without giving us our assignments. There was no trace of civilization around us for miles, save for a farmhouse off in the distance. Across the road, a pond glowed a delicious shade of blue in the morning sunlight.

“Let’s take shelter in there,” I pointed to a nearby storage unit, my teeth chattering in the prairie wind. “He can find us when he comes back.”

Dale and I ambled over to the unit, tipping the door shut behind us.

While killing time, Dale and I started making small talk. He was a working-class man my dad’s age, with eyeglasses, a bushy white pornstache, and bad hearing. He was from Conrad, Montana, though he’d only moved back there relatively recently from Everett, Washington. Like most everyone else, Dale had come to this fresh slice of hell looking for work.

“This is the furthest east I’ve ever been,” he remarked between drags of his Marlboro.

The conversation turned to family. Dale asked me if I had any kids. I replied in the negative.

“Oh well, you’re still young,” he mused. “How old are you again?”

“Twenty-four.”

“Ah yes, I’ve got a son your age. Computer programmer. Lives down in Portland. Got a daughter too, studying at UC Berkeley. She’s a bitch.” Dale ground out his Marlboro with his foot.

I managed a chuckle. Dale kept going.

“Takes after my mother. She was a real bitch, too. I think it runs in the family.”

“Looks like the bitch gene skipped a generation,” I tried to joke.

“Yeah, well my wife didn’t help.” Dale grinned, the grin of a man about to bare uncomfortable secrets to a guy he’d only known for a about two hours.

“My wife was a Blackfoot Indian. Genius-level IQ. Absolutely gorgeous when she was young. Met her when I was living in Missoula. But Jesus, she was mean. Always starting fights and yelling at me over everything.”

For some reason, complete strangers always unload their personal issues on me even though we barely know each other. I’m used to it by now. I just smiled, nodded and let Dale ramble on.

“Finally, one night, she went nuts. Confronted me at our bedroom door, started slapping me. I hit her back and she called the police. Spent five days in county jail.”

At this, I was incredulous. “They sent you to jail! You were defending yourself!”

“Well, in Washington state, hard to believe it, but if the police are called out in a domestic violence case, they have to arrest somebody,” Dale replied without a twinge of regret in his voice. “Doesn’t matter who started it.”

“That’s insane,” I said.

“As you can probably guess, we’re not married anymore,” Dale concluded, lighting another Marlboro. “A real bitch, she was.”

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Stories like Dale's are a dime a dozen out here. This is Williston, North Dakota, the land that the recession forgot.

Williston is the headquarters of a new oil boom driven by hydrofracking, which enables oil companies to exploit deposits that have previously been inaccessible. It's been estimated that the Bakken formation, which covers roughly 200,000 square miles in western North Dakota, eastern Montana and northwestern South Dakota, contains enough oil to not only make America independent of foreign oil, but actually make the country into a net oil exporter by 2030. Because of this, companies like Halliburton and Baker-Hughes have been swarming in, offering jobs that pay up to $120,000 a year without requiring any experience or qualifications, aside from the ability to pass a drug test.

It's not a stretch to say that Williston is not just one of the most important cities in America right now, it's one of the most important in the world.

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A couple days after I landed in Williston, I was heading back to my pad when I met one of the new arrivals, a black guy from Seattle. There are a lot of Washingtonians out here for some reason.

"Hey man, this city is great!" he exclaimed.

"Yeah?"

"I was down at the temp office today. They had me sweeping the floor at John Deere. I made $90 just sweeping. And when I got there, they actually said, 'Thank you for coming to Williston!'" He grinned.

"Yeah man, this is probably the only place in America where we call the shots," I said. "They need us workers more than we need them."

That might be an exaggeration, but it's not a big one. North Dakota is the state with the lowest unemployment rate, at a mere 3% (versus 8% for the country at large); Williston's unemployment rate is less than 1%. Even with all the press the town gets and the dismal state of the economy, local business are still screaming for workers, forcing wages ever higher. Applebee's is the only employer I know of that pays less than $12/hr, and that's only because their employees get tips. Not only do workers get paid big, they work considerable overtime (80-100 hours is the average for roustabouts), further upping their paychecks.

Even the temp agencies, ordinarily the province of the desperate and downtrodden, have good-paying work available. Roll into the office each morning and you'll have your pick of unskilled labor jobs paying around $13-17 an hour, flagging being the most notable. Flaggers are the folks at road construction sites responsible for directing traffic with stop/slow signs, and with all the expansion in the Bakken, they're in huge demand during the warm months. To become a flagger, all you have to do is head down to Job Service North Dakota, watch a 15-minute video, take a multiple choice test, and if you pass (and if you have an IQ above room temperature, you will pass), take your freshly printed certification down to the temp office.

That's right: you can make $16-17 an hour just standing around holding a stop sign.

Workers are so scarce in Williston that employers are resorting to increasingly desperate measures to lure them in. For example, Walmart is now paying for its employees' hotel rooms, at least through the Christmas shopping season. This is on top of their starting pay rate of $17/hr ($21/hr for overnight stockers). A Pilot Travel Center north of the city is also offering housing in hopes of rounding up enough employees ahead of their grand opening in a few weeks.

Basically, Williston is perhaps the last city where the American Dream is still a reality.

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Williston looks like what you'd expect a middle-of-nowhere burg suddenly invaded by thousands of jobless men to

be. The city is over two hours north of the nearest Interstate; the closest major cities, Minneapolis and Calgary, are over a dozen hours' drive away. It's as close as you can get to pure isolation in the lower 48.

Downtown looks like it was trapped in a time warp back in the 70′s. There's a J.C. Penney's, a movie theater, a cafe and bars, and that's it. The roads leading in and out of the city are a confusing patchwork of half-finished McMansions, freshly paved cul-de-sacs, and hastily erected gas stations. There are no malls, no art museums, and no nightclubs. There is, however, a Walmart. And a Hardee's. And a Dairy Queen.

Working 80-100 hours a week doesn't seem so bad when you realize there's nothing else to do in this town, aside from sit around at home and stare at the walls.

The Census Bureau says that Williston's population is 16,000, but don't believe it. With all the out-of-staters looking for work, I'd estimate the real population is around 30,000-35,000 right now, and 40,000-50,000 during the summer months. The city's as much of a madhouse as you'd expect.

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The Bakken oil boom has attracted gobs of attention from the international press. In my time here, me and/or my friends have talked to reporters from all over the world: Germany, France, Switzerland, Japan, the list goes on. I've also met a couple of filmmakers working on a documentary. They all do a decent job, but because they only hang around for short periods of time, they don't get to penetrate the town too thoroughly. As a result, a lot of misinformation about Williston abounds.

Like the myth that it's the "wild West."

I'm from upstate New York. When I first mentioned to my family that I was thinking about relocating to North Dakota, they reacted with shock and horror. To hear it from New Yorkers, everyone west of Chicago and east of Seattle is a bloodthirsty psychopath eager to slit strangers' throats, steal their credit cards and anally rape their corpses. I knew on a certain level that they were full of it, but I still didn't know what to expect when I landed in town. It didn't help that one of my first sights was of a drunk getting Rodney Kinged by two of Williston's finest in the city park.

As it turns out, my family was full of it. Williston is easily one of the safer cities I've ever lived in. If you're a man, you can easily walk from one end of town to the other at night and not have to worry about anything aside from traffic. Try doing that in Syracuse, Albany, New York City or any of the "enlightened" Eastern metropolises; you'll be leaving town in a body bag. Aside from a couple of incidents, I never felt like my life was in danger.

Now, is Williston a hundred percent safe? Of course not. There are a lot of shady characters in town, particularly working for the temp agencies. There are some employers who will try to stiff you if you let them. Fights are not uncommon, and women in particular aren't advised to go around at night without a male escort. But exercise common sense, keep your eyes open and you'll be fine.

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Speaking of women, they're yet another commodity that Williston doesn't offer. Not to say that there are no women, but they're here in considerably fewer numbers than the men. While it's true that the most lucrative roughneck jobs are basically for men only, physically demanding as they are, this is a place where even "menial" jobs like being a register jockey are pretty damn lucrative. Despite all the evidence to the contrary, feminists and white knights continue to argue that the current recession has hurt women just as much as men if not more so; were this the case, I'd expect to see the sexes here in roughly equal numbers.

Yet, the only women coming to Williston for work are either strippers or prostitutes. Why?

The answer is twofold. Of course the feminists are lying when they claim that women as a group have been impacted by the recession to anywhere near the degree that men have. I've met guys here from all over the country; the Pacific Northwest, California, New Mexico, and the Deep South. I've also met numerous recent immigrants

from Peru, Poland, Russia and Ethiopia. The only women I've met are either locals, college students or came with their boyfriends/husbands. But even assuming that the feminists were right, I doubt we'd see many women in the Bakken for one reason:

They don't have it in them.

On a flagging job during my first week in Williston, one of my compadres, a journalism major from California, notified me of some oil job opportunities out in New Town, a tiny Indian village about seventy miles east. He was planning to hitch a ride out there and live in a tent so he could apply in person. I thought he was crazy: the wind chill in North Dakota makes sleeping outdoors a risky proposition in summer, and suicidal in the winter.

"C'mon man, we're pioneers," he exclaimed. "We're charting new lands!"

I ended up declining, mainly because I like sleeping indoors too much. But the point stands: the men of Williston are supernaturally dedicated to their work. They'll drive thousands of miles across the country, sleep in their cars, wake up at five in the morning in the vain hope of getting dispatched to dig ditches for nine hours a day, anything to keep themselves and their families afloat.

Women don't have that drive. They're creatures of routine and habit. Left to their own devices, they will always take the easy way out. The average twentysomething female debt slave (shouldn't have majored in Butterfly Sexuality, dear!) would rather tend a Starbucks in a "cool" city like New York or Washington, D.C. for minimum wage than migrate out to a "boring," "scary" place like Williston. This shows in everything they do. While women do receive the majority of college degrees, they're typically in useless subjects like the liberal arts; the majority of useful, difficult degrees (in math and science majors) are still going to men. Women dominate useless office jobs and HR departments; men still dominate construction, the trades, engineering and other careers that are responsible for keeping society afloat.

And of course, they rule the Bakken, helping drill the very substance—oil—that makes the luxurious, first-world life of so many American women possible in the first place.

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Unfortunately for men, the boom times in North Dakota are coming to an end.

In the run-up to the presidential election, many of the oil companies put hiring freezes in place in hopes of a Romney victory. Environmentalists are a core bloc of the Democratic Party, and word on the street was that Obama would attempt to either regulate fracking or ban it entirely. Heavily Democratic states such as New York and California have fought tooth and nail to keep fracking illegal in their communities due to overblown fears of its' environmental impact. This is despite those states dismal economies, and North Dakota's booming one. With his scuttling of the Keystone pipeline, Obama has shown that he's not afraid to "stand up to Big Oil" (read: destroy America's best chance for energy independence).

I've also heard (but can't confirm) that Saudi Arabia is contributing a lot of money to anti-hydrofracking groups, all the better to keep us hooked on their supply.

With the Messiah's reelection, the aforementioned hiring freezes have been extended indefinitely. Skilled workers (such as those with a CDL or rig experience) are still in demand somewhat, but the days of being able to get off the bus and score an interview with Select Energy the next day are over. Even if the House Republicans successfully block Obama's suicidal energy policies, you can bet that the Democrats will tax the oil companies into oblivion so they can keep funding worthless government jobs for women back in Washington.

This all comes on the heels of a number of ordinances the city of Williston has passed to crack down on people sleeping in their cars and bringing campers within the city limits. I don't entirely blame them—it's not pleasant to have people freezing to death in their cars overnight—but it's just one more obstacle to contend with.

The net effect of all this is that workers are fleeing Williston in droves.

This includes myself. Last June, I left my home of Syracuse, New York on a hitchhiking trip to Portland, Oregon. I landed in Williston in mid-September hoping to land a job on one of the rigs, if only for the amusing stories it might provide. I left the Monday after Thanksgiving, unable to secure a job that either provided housing or paid enough to afford it: studio apartments go for around $2,500 a month here, and hotel rooms around $400 a night, assuming you can find either. Even RV hookups, long the province of white trash, are no cheaper than $2,100 a month.

When I came into Williston, the roads in and out of the city were absolutely clogged, Chicago-style. When I left, they were half-deserted.

This is a requiem for the American Dream. The sentiment that Williston is the last place in America where you can rise up and become rich through your own efforts is something that nearly every guy I've met here has echoed. I've met countless guys who were at the end of their rope—homeless, penniless, hopeless—who made it to North Dakota and were able to make something of themselves. The feminists and liberals want to see this crushed, to see them crushed.

The problem with dreams is that you eventually have to wake up.

Gabriel Aubry Brutally Beaten, Arrested — for Caring About His Daughter

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In an all-too-common travesty of justice, Gabriel Aubry was severely beaten by Halle Berry's fiancé Olivier Martinez, who then called the police and had him arrested for battery.

> According to Aubry's court declaration, filed by his lawyer Shawn Holley, Aubry took daughter Nahla to her school play on the day before Thanksgiving. TMZ reports that Berry and Martinez showed up and Martinez walked up to Aubry and whispered in his ear in French, "I wish I could beat the (expletive) out of you right now. You're lucky we're in a school right now. We're going to take Nahla right now and you're not going to follow us."
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> Aubry maintains that as he walked toward his car on Thanksgiving Day, Martinez knocked him to the ground and started brutally beating him, screaming that Aubry cost them $3 million to fight the custody war (Halle's failed move to take Nahla to Paris). Aubry says Martinez slammed his head on the concrete driveway. Martinez's camp maintained it was Aubry who started the fight.

Although people who start fights sometimes do lose, I believe Aubry, and here's why:

When you are a father in a custody dispute, you learn very quickly that any misbehavior at all will destroy your chances to be with your child. If someone threatens you, you have to take it without reacting with aggression. If someone insults you, you have to blow it off. You must demonstrate the ability to face constant provocation without reacting to it. It's all part of the extremely dehumanizing and humiliating process that has been created to grind fathers down into the dirt and force them to give in.

As for Martinez, I think he's lying through his teeth. Anyone who gets between a caring father and his child is quite simply a bad person. Someone who actually attacks the father deserves, well… I'll leave it to the imagination.

Obviously, Martinez was counting on Halle Berry to back him up in court. I'm sure she will, which means he may well get away with it. It's an entirely transparent setup, and Halle is as responsible as Martinez for what went down, but as the mother she'll get off scot free.

Here's the real kicker: A judge issued a restraining order against Gabriel Aubry after he was beaten by Martinez, and CPS was alerted for potential child abuse. If you get in a fight in the presence of a child, most states count it as child abuse. I'm sure Aubry knew that, which is why it's highly unlikely that he threw a punch as Martinez claims.

It is incidents like these that expose the blatant lie that women have it worse than men in the US. Merely for trying to be a good father, you can be beaten, arrested, threatened with death, investigated for child abuse and rendered indigent if the mother happens to be a vindictive person, and she will never face anything but the most trivial consequences for it. Perhaps Halle feels a pang of guilt for Aubry's beating, but probably not; American women are trained from birth never to feel any guilt for what they do to men, just as slave-owners are trained from childhood to view slaves only as livestock. If she feels anything at all, it's probably discomfort over the negative publicity.

Here are some pictures of Aubry post-beating, if you have the stomach for it.

Philip Cohen Attempts to Exonerate Single Motherhood

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Writing for The Atlantic, sociology professor Philip Cohen makes an effort to decouple crime and single motherhood, using data that shows crime rates falling despite little to no decline in single mother households.

Cohen's graphs look persuasive, but there's something missing from the equation. While Cohen does allow that increased incarceration had an effect on crime rates, he minimizes this factor, perhaps as a rhetorical trick to bolster his argument where it is lacking. However, there's something more important to consider than the incarceration rate, and I was surprised to see that nobody brought it up in comments.

Crime in the US peaked in the early 90s, during the era of crack wars and gangsta rap those of us in my demographic (born in the 1970s) remember all too well. Roughly 20 years before the crime wave, fertility patterns were going through an unprecedented transition. Birth control and abortion had just been legalized, and illegitimacy was soaring, hence the focus on single mothers being responsible for crime. However, single motherhood circa 1970 was significantly different from today's for a few reasons. First, it was not generally intentional, but rather an organic phenomenon. Today, most women who become single mothers do so by choice. In 1970, it was as often as not a 15-year-old girl in the inner city getting knocked up and having a baby with God knows who.

I grew up close to what could be considered Seattle's most inner-city neighborhood, and had some friends and acquaintances from the projects. Although we didn't exactly live together, we played sports together, used the same facilities and for the most part got along OK; occasionally we'd visit each other's places. A lot of these kids, unfortunately, had no idea who their fathers were. None at all. Their idea of family was extraordinarily flexible by necessity, hence the attraction of street gangs, which filled some of the enormous kinship gaps that existed in their society. The level of dysfunction in these neighborhoods was unfathomable from a middle-class American perspective at the time, and simply having some limited experience with it first-hand – even in a city where it was nowhere near as bad as LA or Chicago (my family drove past the Chicago slums back in '86 and I could only stare in disbelief) – set me apart from other white kids at the private school I attended. For example, I once went on one of those Thanksgiving relief missions where you bring food to needy families, and for some pious reason the school thought it would be a good idea to bring middle-school students along to distribute the food directly to the poor single mothers. The desultory depravation of the projects was familiar to me, so I took it in stride, but the looks on the other white kids' faces displayed complete alienation and confusion. They just didn't know what to think, and couldn't relate at all. I don't think they learned a thing from what they saw, and to this day I think it was a mistake to take them there, because there's no way they could have drawn any useful or accurate conclusions from the experience.

But getting back to the point, these mothers in inner cities were not only younger than the current crop of single mothers, they were more fertile as well. They started early and kept going. I recently wrote about the decline in the black middle-class birth rate, which is a demographic problem for American blacks, but another demographic problem – teen motherhood – was at crisis proportions around 1970. Total black fertility was around 50% higher then than now, and the number of children being born to minors made up a much larger proportion of it. And these mothers were often hopeless people with no skills or education to make it in the world. They lived a dismal, third-world existence, right in the heart of our cities.

The sexual revolution, wrong-headed welfare policy and the fact that urban blacks were uprooted en-masse from their rural, southern origins combined to guarantee social pathology in years to come. And it came with a vengeance. If there's anything that could sum up the results of those trends, it would be the 1992 LA riots. To get a sense of the problems in our cities at that time, look it up on YouTube and watch some of the chaos. I wonder sometimes what my kids will think of those scenes when they grow up — I doubt they'll understand it much at all, and that might be a good thing.

To put it in numbers, if you want to see the correlation between single motherhood and crime – and it does exist –

you have to include single mothers' fertility as well as teen mothers' fertility. Today, most single mothers have one or two kids and stop. This wasn't the case 30-40 years ago. Additionally, you have to go forward about 20 years from any given fertility snapshot to see the correlation between crime and single motherhood, because late teens and early 20s are the most crime-prone years.

In a 2008 post, Atlantic writer Ta-Nehisi Coates, who also appears to also be skeptical of the idea that single mothers are as prolific as ever, found that black illegitimate fertility was about 75% higher in 1970 than in 2005:

> In 1970 the birth rate for unmarried black women was 96 per 1,000. In 1980, it was 87.9. In 2005 it was 60.6. There is a huge spike in the late 1980s, but the overal trend is clear–the birth rate for unmarried black women has been declining for almost 40 years.

Coates also links to a CDC report that finds that teen fertility peaked in the US in 1970 (p. 5):

> The birth rate for teenagers 15–19 years declined 1 percent to 40.5 births per 1,000 females (Tables A, 4, and 8). The 2005 rate was 34 percent lower than the rate for the recent peak in 1991 (61.8). (See Figures 3 and 4.) The number of births to teenagers 15–19 declined very slightly to 414,593, the fewest reported since 1946. Births to 15–19-year-olds in the U.S. peaked in 1970 (644,708) (17).

It appears that 20 years after record numbers of teen and illegitimate births in black America there happened to be an unprecedented crime wave in that same demographic. Philip Cohen would have us believe that single motherhood is not responsible, but if that's the case why did he leave out these important numbers, focusing instead only on the fact that more households are headed by single women? Isn't it a pretty weak argument if these single women are having far fewer children relative to the population than they were in the early 1970s, and their children constitute a much smaller share of the population?

Cohen writes:

> By my reading of the research, it is true that children of single mothers are more likely to commit crimes. But other factors are more important…

Of course they are. If you're going to calculate violent crime per 100,000 people, a very important factor is the number of teen and young adult children of single mothers as a proportion of that 100,000 people. In urban black America in 1990 (he uses a graph of DC crime rates), it was far higher than today – higher national rates of single motherhood notwithstanding – and Cohen should know enough about demographics and statistics to see that — it is his job after all.

However, Cohen has an agenda, and he isn't in the least bashful about it. From his bio:

> Philip Cohen, Professor of Sociology, has a long-standing research interest in the area of Gender, Family, and Social Change. In particular, he has published extensively on the gender division of labor within families, and between men and women outside of families. In addition to the substantive aspects of this research, he has maintained a strong interest in measurement issues in the area of household and family structure, which has included participating in Counting Couples research conferences at NICHD and consulting with the U.S. Census Bureau on household measurement issues, as well as publishing in demography and sociology journals on these questions.

In other words, he's just another version of Michael Kimmel, only with a somewhat more quantitative style. Like Kimmel, he is a professional, academic feminist, making a good living off deconstructing the family on the taxpayer's dime.

It might be tempting to write off these guys as relatively unimportant, but countering their agenda and deliberately flawed analysis takes both time and some mental effort, and it's an important job. This is because it all too often makes its way into policy, and that's a problem for us down the road. If a professor such as Cohen is willing to obfuscate the clear link between crime and family disintegration in order to promote single motherhood, then it follows that he prioritizes single motherhood over social peace and welfare. This is not the kind of person who has our best interests in mind.

South Carolina Father's Baby Adopted Out From Under Him

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Terry Achane, a South Carolina man who works as a drill instructor, found himself fighting for custody against Jared and Kristi Frei, a Utah couple who adopted his daughter from his ex-wife Tira. Terry was still married to Tira when she decided to give the girl up to adoption to the Freis, but he wasn't in on the deal, because as a military man he was deployed when the adoption occurred, and his wife neglected to tell him about it.

Tira said she knew the marriage wouldn't last, and offloaded the girl to avoid becoming a single mother.

Kristi Frei, who already had five children of her own, started adopting in 2009 following infertility caused by endometriosis. The first child she adopted was a black baby boy named James, and she decided to provide James with a similar-looking sibling, choosing the lively little girl who happens to be Mr. Achane's daughter. When Mr. Achane tried to seek the return of his daughter (from marriage, mind you) the Freis contested, saying the baby was better off with them. They are arguing that having spent $25,000 each for the two babies, they should be entitled to keep her.

It's tempting to lash out at the Freis for this, but it's also pretty clear that they truly care about this girl, so it isn't such a simple matter. In their minds, what they are doing seems reasonable — love for children has a potent effect. But it actually is a terrible, awful thing they are doing, and it must stop now, for the sake not only of the little girl and her father but their eternal souls as well (they are religious people).

It seems one of their biggest mistakes was believing Tira, who gave everyone a sob story about how her husband left her without anything. Absolute garbage. A military wife can obtain a temporary separation order and an instant child support garnishment plus military benefits even while her husband is deployed. The only thing she can't do is get a permanent custody order. In this case, it's clear that Tira didn't want to take care of the girl, but she didn't want to pay child support either, so she invented a hard times song and dance and sold her off to the Utah couple.

If Terry Achane only wanted to avoid child support, he'd be entirely off the hook with the adoption. That he actually wanted to be a father may have surprised a few people, including his ex-wife, but it isn't for personal gain in this case. Not at all. He won't collect much from Tira — that's clear. He simply wants to be a father to his daughter, and there's nothing strange about that.

For readers who care about this, I'd recommend writing to Jared Frei and appealing to him as a father to gracefully accept the disappointment. I think it's an important cause, and hopefully he will listen. Don't insult or condemn the Freis, but firmly let them know that this matter is best settled through acceptance of the law, which is fortunately on Mr. Achane's side.

I like to think that men of goodwill can settle these matters between each other. Because Terry Achane cares about his daughter, I think he will forgive the Freis, and maybe he can even develop a positive relationship with the family, especially if Jared Frei can assert some moral leadership in his family and do the right thing.

Email Jared Frei here. Be compassionate, because a child is involved, and it's best for her and her father if they can come out of this with the least amount of bitterness.

Yes, this is the kind of thing that can drive a father crazy, but sometimes we have to have a light touch around the kids.

Final Word on Military and Standards

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Yesterday, Reddit user Demonspawn linked my article on the women washing out of the USMC combat training, sending the site an extra 1,500 visitors for the day (about 35-40% more than usual), and it sparked some debate on Reddit as to whether the military would actually lower standards for women. Many people, including some veterans, insisted that standards would not be changed to accommodate women.

Unfortunately, they are wrong. People can be naive about these things, because they have preconceived notions about "the way things are." Often it's those who have real, past experience with the institution in question who most stubbornly reject the possibility of change. For example, I'd probably be a lot more surprised to see a high rise go up in my residential Seattle neighborhood than someone from, say, Boston, because it would challenge my sense of normalcy more than his.

But change is certainly coming, even to the US Marine Corps, and integration of women into combat roles is one of those changes that will happen. How can I state this with any certainty? Well, there's a document that a Congressional commission came up with last year, and it mandates these changes. President Obama has expressed his support for the changes, and has given them the go-ahead.

The commission is called the "Military Diversity Leadership Committee," and it put out a report titled "From Representation to Inclusion: Diversity Leadership for the 21st-Century Military"

The report explicitly calls for full implementation of affirmative action in the US Military, in all branches, and including combat MOS. Read it for yourself if you have any doubts — it's quite explicit:

> Second, DoD and the Services must remove institutional barriers in order to open traditionally closed doors, especially those relating to assignments—both the initial career field assignment and subsequent assignments to key positions. An important step in this direction is that DoD and the Services **eliminate combat exclusion policies for women**, including removing barriers and inconsistencies, to create a level playing field for all servicemembers who meet the qualifications…

Sure, they'll say "everyone must meet the standards," but we've all heard that before. The USMC has already rejiggered the physical test to enable women to achieve a higher score with inferior physical performance. At the same time the USMC said it was raising women's standards at the bottom to integrate them into combat MOS, it also quietly lowered them at the top for the same purpose.

Here's how the new scheme works:

Women now have to complete three pullups to pass the physical, whereas before they only had to perform the flexed arm hang. However, before they weren't allowed into direct combat. So now, in order to qualify with a perfect score, men have to complete 20 pullups, and women must complete 8. To pass, both must perform 3.

Here's how it will lower standards: If a man completes 8 and a woman also completes 8 pullups, and both get middling scores on the other tests, the woman ends up with a significantly higher overall score, and is thereby considered better physically suited to combat. This is a handicap, and it will result in people being assigned to combat specialties who couldn't have made the cut under the old rules, in some cases over people better qualified than they are. In other words, affirmative action. This is just the beginning, of course. Standards will be lowered in other areas as well, and I expect we'll have less competent people flying helicopters, firing mortars, driving tanks and all that fun stuff.

It was really a combination of damage control and sleight of hand. The Marine Corps doesn't want terrible soldiers who will screw things up badly (i.e. average women), but they know they have to give a little to please the Democrats, and they don't want it to be widely reported that they are lowering standards.

It is not uncommon for militaries to be degraded by political mandate. The Communists gutted the Red Army leadership in political purges prior to Nazi Germany's 1941 invasion, with pretty unfortunate results for the Russians. Stalin was quite fortunate to make it out of that one intact.

It may be that there's a minor political purge going on now in the US military. The number of generals dismissed this year for sexual escapades, which are all but guaranteed in a sexually integrated military, suggests that to be the case, but it's merely speculation at this point — there's no hard proof that I know of.

However, what we can say for certain is that the US military is now facing a complete affirmative action makeover. This won't result in invasion (we have nukes these days), so one might wonder whether the consequences will be all that bad. If we have a lousier military that can't effectively fight wars abroad, couldn't that stop foreign adventurism and end up being a good thing?

The problem is expense. If the Democrats have their way, the US military is simply going to end up like public schools: huge, expensive, and ineffective, with an untouchable budget. And given that our Constitution doesn't seem to get much respect any longer, in the future it will probably be used against Americans in one way or another. Probably ineffectively, kind of like the Mexican military with the drug bandits in their ongoing civil war.

Some Thoughts on the Manosphere Growing Up

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It's been quite an experience watching the so-called manosphere take shape over the last few years. Its emergence was bound to come at some point, but origins do have an influence on how things turn out, so I'm honored to have played a part in building it.

Just a few years ago, your typical man would fall all over himself to accommodate feminists, and even men's issues forum members often went out of their way to profusely apologize to women for any perceived slight. Men resorted to making excuses for standing up for themselves, and seemed ashamed to do so.

That's changed, and now feminism is rightly identified as a special interest group. Feminists no longer have the moral high ground, and are now seen as the power-hungry, grasping and self-interested agents that they are. Although they've secured a place in the current ruling paradigm as coalition partners in the horde known as the Democratic Party, they no longer have the liberty to play the field. Like an aging harlot, their reputation is finally catching up to them, and the allure has all but worn off.

When I first started *The Spearhead*, the intent was for the site to serve as a catalyst for a new approach to dealing with feminism. I was partly inspired by Heartiste, who rapidly attracted a large following with his witty approach to Game and his incisive critique of contemporary sexual politics. His writing was fresh, new and a whole lot of fun to read. A number of bloggers saw his unabashed iconoclasty and found themselves agreeing wholeheartedly — these writers formed the real core of the emergent manosphere. Heartiste (then known as Roissy) wrote things that nobody dared say, but he did it in such a sophisticated, intelligent way that it was impossible to write him off as a primitive vulgarian.

Another inspiration was the work I'd been doing for years prior to starting the site. In the course of my work, I'd read and edited thousands of radical tracts (among other more mundane stuff) for publication in reference books. Everything from the Socialist Workers Party to Radical Women to Mafkarat al-Islam. Hell, I even waded through Juche screeds issued by the North Korean regime. It could be mind-numbing, but it was an education in radical political activism. It taught me a few important things.

First, I learned that feminists were extremists, and that many of the feminists in positions of power today were indoctrinated by far-out radical groups some 30-40 years ago. Radical Women, for example, may be little more than a worn out old core of radical feminists, composed of bitter, hateful crones, but it was a nursery for the types who now sit on the Supreme Court, in Congress and in city government and administration throughout the land. Even today, its members have easy access to mainstream media and frequently get the opportunity to voice their opinions in such staid institutions as network television and radio. This is because they have friends in high places. When women were hired for affirmative action purposes, these groups practiced cronyism, and placed their supporters in powerful jobs.

Another important lesson I learned was that these people will never play nice. They fight to win and play for keeps. Compromise is off the table. There is no compassion or sense of justice, fairness or any of that. The opponent must be vanquished. For feminists, the opponent is men.

Finally, I had the opportunity to learn about what had brought about the current state of affairs from men who saw it first-hand. These men, some of whom are gone or past retirement age now, took me through it step by step, and gave me some important history lessons that have helped me avoid some of the pitfalls that the rookie inevitably stumbles into.

So, armed with this knowledge, I decided that the only way to deal with them was to take the gloves off and fight back without mincing words. If they are willing to take away men's children and reduce them to poverty, why not let them have it? Throughout history, these kinds of things were considered acts of war. That is no exaggeration at all, and it's really quite amazing how docile and complacent men have been in the face of their dispossession. If

men hadn't been disarmed by easy access to sex (or the illusion of such) following the sexual revolution, I'm fairly sure they would have put a violent end to the injustices of contemporary family law.

It was a new approach, and it worked. It earned vitriol from feminists and attention online, but most importantly it emboldened more men to adopt the same tactics, and to get over their worries about offending feminists, being called names and other minor but understandable anxieties.

There were also some fortunate coincidences that contributed to the development of a new, more muscular form of male advocacy. Just as *The Spearhead* started to get going, Men's News Daily started to scale down, and its editor – Paul Elam – offered to write some pieces for *The Spearhead*. Paul is uniquely suited to this new approach to feminism. More so than I am in many ways. For me, it was more of an idea – an abstract concept – but Paul lives and breathes ideological combat. He's a bit of a volatile substance in that way, and probably ought to come with the same warning you'd see on a package of TNT.

Fortunately, he's been able to harness that power, and A Voice for Men has been growing in strength and depth for the past couple years. I can't say I exactly predicted that would happen, but I definitely had a hunch that it would, and encouraged the opening of his radio program. Since then I've withdrawn from that scene, mostly because I bit off more than I could chew in trying to be a family man, an activist and a writer and support myself at the same time. Sometimes you've got to recognize your limitations and be practical about priorities, so I avoided the activist part. I'm better with ideas than managing people anyway, so writing is probably a better use of my time. However, I think activism has a lot of potential to both grow and make a difference. It's indispensable, actually, and it's good to see that it is more or less converging with the new approach to confronting feminism that emerged online a few years ago.

For the future, I think what is needed is more narratives, more stories, and more compelling content that stirs people's passions and imagination. You can only go so far with intellectual arguments, and few people are truly motivated by them anyway. One form of media that definitely needs to be exploited more is video. Documentaries, true-to-life stories, action shots of demonstrations and other video projects could have a whole lot of appeal. But rather than just raw video, there must be a compelling story behind it. Video of a raucous demonstration, for example, might get a lot of hits for some time, but it will quickly be forgotten if it doesn't contain an element of drama. I'm convinced that human stories are the key to both sympathy and attention.

There's a lot of opportunity out there to make a difference, and as long as I have the ability I'm going to keep doing what I can to bring attention to men's issues, because it's a worthy cause. Fathers and children belong together, brotherhood is a noble ideal, and freedom from tyranny is worth fighting for. These are timeless concepts that have animated men as long as humans have walked this earth. They are also directly responsible for progress; without them we'd still be living in a state of barbarism.

Baby Gap: Country vs. City

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Every now and then I check up on people I used spend a lot of time with when I was younger, looking through Facebook or other online profiles. I do so less than I used to, because with each year we drift farther from the times we used to spend together, and farther apart in every way.

The biggest difference by far is the fact that I have children. Because I am a city boy, fewer than half of my former acquaintances are parents, and that may be understating the situation. This simple difference puts us worlds apart in concerns and politics, and I'm afraid in many cases we wouldn't enjoy each other's company much any longer, because we have conflicting world views and very little common ground.

Those who don't live in America's urban centers may not realize how profoundly different and unnatural the urban lifestyle is. Marriage with children is the exception — not the norm. It's a world where sex and work are detached from all but one's personal pleasure and comfort. Nature is a concept that gets a lot of lip service from urban liberals, but it's covered up with steel and concrete; the conservative rural whites they so despise have a far deeper connection with the land. In cities, most people one sees are strangers – including neighbors – and the order of it all appears purposeless.

If anyone wants to understand the profound political schism in our country, the contrasting lifestyle of city vs. country explains it better than anything, and the most important part of that contrast is children. Having children influences people in very important ways, and among urban people under 40, white ones in particular, it is an experience that is increasingly rare.

Children change things in myriad ways. The way we talk, the way we dress and even the way we walk (people are more careful around kids). Without them, vulgarity seems inconsequential, overt sexuality harmless and perversion tolerable. Gender politics – utterly toxic to families trying to get along to raise kids – seem like a reasonable game to play for one advantage or another. Predatory sexuality of both the male and female varieties is not seen as much of a threat, and generally winked at.

On Thanksgiving, a family member told me about a scene on Capitol Hill (Seattle's most urban, populated and liberal neighborhood) following the Democrats' election victory. Evidently, residents poured out onto the street and burst into a spontaneous, orgiastic celebration. I doubt even committed liberals would feel comfortable having their children in the midst of that mob, and that's big city America today. That scene is urban American politics in a nutshell.

For those who care about family and children, I'd strongly advise leaving the cities. Those who have children should avoid sending them there for college if they want any grandchildren. Cities may be fun, and jobs there may pay more, but the costs they impose on families are excessive. The only way ordinary people can avoid the fragmentation of their families is through being a part of some kinship or religious centered clan, as many urban ethnic groups such as Chinese, Jews and Italians are, but that isn't a great fit for most Americans, who tend to place more value on the nuclear family.

“Independence” Lesbian Style: Male Filmgoers Ripped Off

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A film about lesbian separatism in the 1980s was recently showcased at the London Feminist Film Festival, where it sold out in several venues. Before showing the film, and after a brief introduction, feminist Julia Long demanded that all men vacate the premises, drawing a mixture of anger and enthusiastic approval.

Although it’s pretty scummy to take people’s money and then give them the shaft like that, I think the men who paid to see the film got pretty much what they deserved. Additionally, this demonstrates exactly how feminism – even the “separatist” kind – really works.

From the article:

> Some voices managed to come through about the actual film: people asked how women managed to fund their communities, which inspired Fougère to share some incredible stories about building houses simply from surrounding trees, or about how some women were split between still working “out in the world” but coming back to the communes as their homes. She made a comment that could have inspired a huge and fascinating discussion: “You did it for a year or two, but you can’t be an activist and separatist forever, you move back to your functioning toilet at home.”

In other words, it was a failure. I’d like to see the “houses” the women built from “surrounding trees.” Somehow, I doubt they were as impressive as what Dick Proenneke put together all by himself in the Alaskan wilderness. I doubt Dick had to rip off any women to fund his efforts, either.

Feminists are really, truly shameless when it comes to using men. They will steal, cheat and use people, all the while calling it “empowerment.” So why didn’t Julia Long demand that the film be marketed as “women only?” She wanted the men’s money, that’s why. Once they’d paid, they could be discarded, to be replaced by the next batch of fools when needed.

Of course, she’s instantly ready with a justification for false marketing and theft:

> This small incident, and the responses to it, teaches us some important lessons about levels of misogyny in our society. It is clear that those making trouble and “sabotaging” the festival are those who complained and demanded refunds…

Yeah, the misogynists are the ones who wanted their money back. Typical.

What's Anita Sarkeesian Doing with All That Kickstarter Money?

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The little London Feminist Film Festival rip-off made me think of Anita Sarkeesian, who pulled in a couple hundred thousand dollars last June through "crowdfunding" (via Kickstarter) to make some videos about video games. She played the victim after some people were nasty to her online, and hit a rome run in her donation drive.

Crowdfunding has attracted some scrutiny, because it's vulnerable to fraud. While I have no idea whether Sarkeesian is a hustler or not, I made a little mental note to check up on her every now and then to see what she's been up to. Now that it's been a half year, I thought I should check it out.

She runs a website called "Feminist Frequency," and she apparently updates it once a month or so. Less, actually. The last update she made concerning her project dates back to August 1st, and at that point she'd purchased some 300 video games for the project. She says she's hired a writer and a producer, but is keeping them "out of the limelight to try and shield them from any potential harassment. When I feel it is safe and appropriate to introduce them I will."

Hmm… Well, I guess transparency is out the window (because of the misogynists, of course).

Since that post, she's given a couple interviews, but publicly nothing has been said about her project.

Sarkeesian invites readers to check for updates on her project on Facebook, but there's nothing there to speak of, besides a couple more game purchases. Evidently, she's been flying around a lot giving interviews and talks, but that's about the only evidence of "progress" on the project.

As I am eagerly awaiting what is sure to be a revolutionary video project of the highest professionalism and quality, I'm starting to get a little antsy about the media blackout. I can only imagine that those who funded it are also sitting at the edge of their seats.

BTW, does anyone know what model car Sarkeesian drives these days?

Anti-Feminism Selling Cars Now

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Toyota has come out with an ad for it's new GT86 sports car that features some rather hefty wives going postal when their husbands buy the car. Evidently, the first version of the ad explicitly encouraged men to live out their "inner chauvinist," but was pulled due to feminist hysteria similar to the very behavior portrayed in the ad.

Advertisers are pretty well clued in where popular opinion is concerned, and it looks like they've decided that feminism is so unpopular that encouraging men to buy cars to defy it may actually work for Toyota.

Here's the ad:

More on Sarkeesian: Transparency = "Harassment"

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As Anita Sarkeesian goes jetting around the world, questions about her project remain unanswered, disgruntled supporters are banned, and rather than address concerns, she resorts over and over again to accusations of "harassment."

After looking into the Anita Sarkeesian matter a little more closely, her first video is supposed to be coming out right about now (she switched deadlines after getting more money). She says it will be based on the so-called "Damsel in Distress" trope. However, following some confusion amongst backers a couple months ago, Sarkeesian has absolutely clamped down on any potential leaks about what's going on, banning financial backers from accessing information about the project if they cause her any trouble.

The latest comment on her Kickstarter project site, posted several weeks ago by someone who goes by Schnide, suggests that not all is well amongst the backers:

> schnide on November 21
> @Anita
> I was very careful to word my concerns in a respectful and considerate way. I meant no offence to you, but was expressing my concerns as someone who's donated money to your project. If there is a shortfall in my understanding (and I'm certainly open to the idea that I'm sometimes wrong), I wanted to suggest to you that it may be a communication issue on your part and that how things were being presented weren't doing your efforts justice. That was just as much for your benefit as for mine. If you're in a position to know better and educate me, but your response instead is to get snarky and patronising, that says far more about you than it does about me and only serves to further my disappointment in what is a very noble and worthwhile cause.

Back in September, Anita posted a response to a critic that blamed him for exposing her to a "sustained harassment campaign" as well as "anger, vitriol, and misogyny":

> Anita Sarkeesian on September 6
> Hi Michael (@theLEOpirate),
> As one of our nearly 7000 backers you could have, at any time, asked me your question about the timetable or survey either in the comments or via private message here on Kickstarter. But you did not do that. Instead you decided to take a screen-capture of our backers-only update and immediately posted it publicly. And even worse, you uploaded it directly to the very gaming boards that have been organizing the sustained harassment campaign against me and this project. Predictably, that action ignited a new torrent of anger, vitriol, and misogyny from users of those sites which they directed at me via all my social media channels. The reason for making the project updates backers-only is to try to minimize this kind of vitriol while we are still in the process of making our video series. I even specifically asked backers to please refrain from sharing our in-progress reports publicly for exactly this reason. You ignored that request and as a consequence I received yet another round of threats…

This is the last we hear from Anita in the Kickstarter comments.

The best rundown on the trouble in *Tropes in Video Games* land is an article written for Destructoid. Stephanie K exposes some of the communication problems that have plagued the project, almost since its inception:

> The Kickstarted launched on May 17th of this year. In less than twenty-four hours, it reached its $6,000 pledge goal. Backers continued to grow over the month resulting in Sarkeesian raising nearly $160,000 for the project by June 16th. From there, all updates were promised to be available only to those who backed the project; she

> went on to publicly display her research materials, over 300+ games, and provided an official update expressing her excitement. “I can now commit full-time to Feminist Frequency and to this video series which is truly a dream come true for me”, she writes. “I can now also hire my producer full-time for this project. Plus we are in the process of bringing another writer/researcher on board part-time.” With such passion and staffing, one would think that Feminist Frequency crew would be ready to tackle their production with full force.
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> Then there was silence…And then there was insubordination.
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> Nearly a month followed where no updates were given. Backers began posting comments on the Kickstarters’ page and reaching out to her Twitter account asking for some confirmation that the project was at least underway. Most questions, however, went unanswered. One backer mentions in the comments that he captured a screenshot stating an estimated date on one of the Kickstaters’ goals and Tweeted it to Sarkeesian asking for some explanation as to why the paid backers were being kept in the dark. The backer was then blocked from her Twitter and was ignored as a result. “I would be absolutely fine if she just responded to my tweet with a simple ‘Still working and capturing footage’,” wrote “Mike”.
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> After discovering the weeks of silence and apathetic responses, I did some research on the progression of her full-time commitment. Her web site has sat untouched since her last Tropes vs Women update on August 1st. At the time of writing this article, her YouTube channel had not been touched since August 12th with no new videos being uploaded since the initial promotional video for the Kickstarter. Up until a week ago, there had been no updates since the pledges were closed. However, she – or at least Feminist Frequency staff members – frequented Twitter (@femfreq), Facebook, and Tumblr regularly. While there is no doubt that such a project is difficult and time consuming to produce, she still had plenty of time to discuss Doctor Who with fans, promote other feminist blogs, and post pictures of herself with gaming memorabilia. Despite all of this activity, she was unable to provide any sort of update regarding the Tropes vs Women production.
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> “If she can’t take 10 minutes a fortnight (seeing as how it has been 19 days since the last update) to update her backers, then wtf,” commented backer “Bryan” on the Kickstarter comment page A statement that I can agree with even when being an outside viewer of the documentary.

Sarkeesian has been getting around — a lot. Just this week, she flew to Washington DC to give a ten minute talk at TEDxWomen. In October, she was in Sweden holding a “workshop” about her project at HUMIlab (Umea University). Sarkeesian insisted that video from the workshop not be made public due to fears of “online harassment” (could she mean questions from her backers?).

In the meanwhile, she reassures us that her “Tropes” project is “in production.” It appears that she edited her most recent post on Feminist Frequency yesterday or this morning (unless I missed the paragraph at first glance, and I don’t think I did), adding the following:

> Also don’t anybody worry, my Tropes vs Women in Video Games series is currently in production, we’re working hard make these new videos as comprehensive and expansive as possible. And I’m pleased to say that progress is coming along nicely! As always, project backers will be the first to know of updates and details on the project so if you are backer make sure to regularly check the Kickstarter page!

Sarkeesian may yet come out with a product (the quality of which remains to be seen), but unless she can do it soon, questions will continue to mount. Her shabby treatment of male backers suggests an attitude of entitlement and privilege that is all-too-common amongst feminists, and if she ends up stiffing them I hope the guys get the message.

Air Force to Scrap the Strawberry Bitch?

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When an organization becomes feminized, focus shifts from the efficient production of goods and services to the establishment of rules for the comfort and security of women. Ossification and organizational death are inevitable.

A recent Air Force initiative hilites this phenomena.

To combat an alleged culture of sexual predation upon female servicemembers, the Air Force has announced that commanders and supervisors in all corners of the Air Force have started a widespread sweep of all work spaces and public areas, looking for pictures, calendars and other materials that objectify women.

Pictures of scantily clad women in calendars, posters or in briefing slides have no place in a professional workplace, said Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh, who ordered the service-wide health and welfare inspection.

"Quite honestly, I'm not sure what we'll find," Welsh said. "There might not be that many places where it's a problem; there might be a number of places where it's a problem. I don't know. That's part of my concern. That's why we're not going to waste time trying to figure it out one place at a time."

The sweep is for things that Welsh said would be reminiscent of an all-male military that Air Force leaders might have believed were eliminated 20 or 30 years ago.

From a symbolic perspective, a good place for General Welsh to start would be The Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio, which houses the famed *Strawberry Bitch* B-24 and its risque' nose art, a shocking reminder of a bygone patriarchy and totally innapropriate in today's New Normal Military.

One can well imagine the consternation this provocative nose art causes grade-school teachers leading throngs of young boys and girls on Air Force Museum tours. It's high time this relic is removed from public view and replaced with a more gender-neutral display of mid-20th century bombing technology.

My old man was a B-24 navigator who survived 30 missions over Germany in 1943. He never said anything about it other than "we got on allright". Close to 90,000 U.S. airmen died during that conflict. I should be writing him a letter right now instead of posting this gripe on The Spearhead. Not sure what he would think of what has become of his old hard-corps military.

Feminists Caught on Film

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In a stroke of good fortune, Studio Brule came along to document Warren Farrell's presentation at the University of Toronto, capturing the essence of radical feminism with some great footage of the event and protest. They posted the video last week. I've been saying that good video is important, and the feminists made their appearance to give us quite a show.

The video shows feminists exactly as they are — not gussied up and made to look respectable as in the typical leftist media presentation. They are crude, aggressive, hateful and ugly, like a pack of snarling curs. One of them follows a young man around attempting to instigate a fight. Others taunt the police, who were going very easy on them given that they were engaged in criminally blocking access to a public event. In the US, they would be committing a civil rights violation for denying citizens the right to free speech and free assembly. In short, they were little more than a politicized criminal gang.

The contrast between the polite, tolerant young men who came to see the event and the feminist rabble attempting to deny their civil rights – actually deny their very humanity – couldn't be any more stark.

Yet there are still those who are calling them victims, and claiming that the thugs and harpies are now "threatened" by the very people they victimized at their rally. Boo hoo. Paul Elam dug up the name of one of the little tramps at the protest, but I can guarantee that nobody gives a damn about her. At the very most, some future employer might think twice about hiring her, but seriously, she isn't ever going to have that kind of job anyway.

Unsurprisingly, Manboobz Futrelle defends the spoiled, campus criminals, and tries to call Elam an "abuser" for exposing them. Meanwhile, he excuses their criminal, violent behavior. But if a picture is worth a thousand words, a video is worth ten thousand, and the above speaks for itself.

Matt Forney Makes it to Portland

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Matt Forney stopped by Seattle the other day on the last leg of his journey to Portland, so I went out and had a beer with him. It was nice to meet another blogger here, even if it was a pretty brief encounter. Matt's a pleasant, polite young man who just completed a long hitchhiking trip across the US. He's posted a couple articles here at *The Spearhead* along the way, and now that he's settled in Portland for the time being I look forward to seeing him step up his output.

Matt had some pretty interesting stories to tell about his time on the road that included some colorful characters he met across the US, and insight into the state of the domestic oil and gas industry. It's nice to see that it's still possible for young men to strike out and explore our vast country, and I hope he inspires more to try the same.

Check out his site for further updates — I hope to see him cranking out some of the stories he told me about soon.

Women's Excessive Emphasis On Reproduction

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By Joe Zamboni

Women overemphasize the importance of all things reproduction-related because it's the basis of their claim to being treated like royalty, to tyrannical power over men, and to gender supremacy. Females focus on sexual attraction (clothing fashions, hairstyles, make-up, plastic surgery, etc.), sexual relationships, romance, marriage, having babies, motherhood, child care, raising children, teaching children, and many other reproduction-related activities because this fundamental strategy confers prestige, power, and influence on females. This is particularly true for those attractive adult females who appear to be biologically capable of having children. In spite of all the feminist propaganda thrown at them, the dream of many, and perhaps most, American women, remains to get married and have a family. But we Americans as a culture are suffering from an extreme over-emphasis on the importance of reproduction.

Like the worker bee in the hive, it is a man that enables the queen (a woman) to focus on reproduction. Marriage, as we have established it in America today, is all about setting up a little fiefdom, where a woman is made the queen. For example, the house is without question in the vast majority of marriages the royal dominion of the woman. And from the time they are very little, males are indoctrinated to make sure the females get everything they need in order to perpetuate the species. Thus it's a man's role to provide food, water, shelter, protection, money, etc. We are told that those men who offered such diligent life-long service for their queens (wives) in fact had offspring that were more likely to survive.

But maybe that's a myth too, that's engineered to enhance the power, prestige and influence of women? If you look around, you'll notice many single mothers without the fathers anywhere in sight, without the fathers providing a damn thing (at least nothing directly, since it is largely men's taxes that support such women via government aid programs). Those single mothers seem to be having many children, and the latter seem to be surviving quite well. So perhaps the story about the great importance of reproduction, and how critical it is for men to cater to women's many needs, is simply another brainwashing technique used by women — a technique at this point culturally well-established — but nonetheless a technique used to enslave and subdue men?

In support of the notion that this gross over-emphasis on the importance of reproduction is in fact not necessarily the result of the natural evolution of the species, consider the ecological state of the planet. As anyone who has seriously studied this matter can tell you, we humans have gone way too far with this focus on and infatuation with reproduction. The alleged evolutionary strategy intended to make sure that the human species continued has been way too successful, and most of us humans are loath to admit that the strategy has long ago outlived its usefulness. Few people dare to talk about how humans are dominating, crowding-out, and in many cases exterminating nearly every other species on the planet, with the exception of insects and rodents, and those that we harvest for food (such as cattle). Why is it that so few dare to say the emperor (this evolutionary strategy of over-emphasizing reproduction) has no clothes?

The answer lies in the words of French writer Voltaire, who wisely said: "In order to find out who controls you, one only needs to find out whom he cannot criticize." As many men's rights activists can tell you, women do not take criticism well. Most American women believe they are above criticism, as though a lowly vassal, aka a man, cannot criticize a Queen (with a capital Q). At the same time, among many of this author's friends, the typical husband's response to a wife's complaint is no discussion and no argument… simply "yes dear." How did this lopsided and perverse situation come about?

We clearly must be able to criticize, to tell the truth, about what's happening if we as a species are going to be able to adapt ourselves to new situations. But the myth supporting the bending-over-backwards that men engage in to please women is something that women don't want to mess with. For women, the system as it now stands works for them. Never mind that feminists have been screaming about "equality" for decades; clearly those women didn't

mean what they said. In spite of feminist dogma, most women think that of course men should support women via alimony and child support. And no, women shouldn't have to pay alimony and child support to men, or so they claim. This illogical position can only be continued as long as we men keep this reproduction strategy myth in place.

Catering to the female has to stop. Men need to stop buying diamond rings, getting on their knees to ask women for their hand in marriage, paying for dates, opening doors, and in so many other ways taking care of women as if each and every one of them were the sole queen bee in the hive. There are billions of women on earth, and a great number of them are expendable. There is no serious current danger that the human species will die out. There is no rational justification to act as though any particular woman is a queen bee. And after a man has had sex with a significant number of women, he'll come to appreciate that no sex is worth being a slave. It doesn't matter if she is Cleopatra or some other great sexy beauty. (Note that the myth of the Trojan War, the myth about men waging a protracted and costly war to recapture the beautiful Helen of Troy, is absolutely consistent with this over-emphasis on reproduction, teaching men that they should be giving everything, including their lives, to save a super-beautiful fertile young woman.)

The catering to female desire and female whim has gone way beyond what is necessary in order to get the job done, and in this case this author is talking about adequately raising children. The corporations have noticed how men work so hard, how they with great dedication act like worker bees, and so they hitched up consumerism with the desires and whims of the female. It is no mistake that women control 88% of American retail spending; this social design comes about through the alliance of supremacist feminism with the enslaving corporate elites. As a result of this social design, as a result of this socially-dictated over-emphasis on reproduction, men are expected to go well beyond providing the necessities, they must slave their lives away to make sure that women experience the luxuries shown in advertisements, live the life of the beautiful actresses in the movies, and have the exciting opportunities enjoyed by heroines in female porn novels like Fifty Shades Of Grey. This catering to women's desires and whims has gone beyond obnoxious, repulsive and entitled — it is now dangerous, malignant, and out-of-control. Even if nobody cares about the impacts on the psychological health of men, this strategy cannot be sustained because it threatens the fundamental viability of the earth's ecosystem.

Life should not be all about babies and bringing still more people into the world. Supposedly humans are intelligent and self-aware, not simply instinctual animals. It's time we lived up to that billing. We as a species must rise above the unthinking instinctual drive to reproduce and look at the long-term consequences of our actions, notably how catering to female desires and whims is a painful path to destruction not only of males, but of females too, and ultimately of civilized society as well.

It is time for the worker bees (males in human terms) to rise up and revolt en masse. It is here where the men's movement meets the anti-consumerism movement, meets the environmentalism movement, meets the anti- slavery movement. We don't need more people. We need more personal freedom, more self-actualization, and more pursuit of happiness (in whatever form that may take for an individual). For a man who never wanted children, to be forced to devote a large portion of his life to economically supporting some spawn of his that he never intended to bring into this world, simply because his girlfriend, or perhaps his one-night stand, refused to have an abortion, or put the spawn up for adoption — that is slavery, straight out-and-out slavery. The fact that women are the only ones able to choose: having an abortion, putting a baby up for adoption, leaving a baby on a hospital's steps without explanation or paperwork, or employing one in a large array of birth control technologies not under the control of men … that speaks volumes about the reproduction-related control that women now have over men. As Voltaire's quote would imply, as long as women call the reproductive shots, and as long as men are not willing to stand-up and complain about the injustice of this situation, the control women have over relationships with heterosexual men will continue in its enslaving form.

The rules of modern American marriage also reveal how excessive the catering to females has become. It used to be in the name of reproduction, or if you like legal terms "for the good of the children," but women have co-opted the system and now it's simply about catering to women's desires and whims (not genuine needs). If he has children by

a woman, a man is obligated to pay 20+ years for child support. So what if she uses the money any way she wants, without any accountability, without any need to show that the children actually benefitted? If a man marries that same woman, and then later divorces, he may be required to pay alimony to this queen for life. So what if her child rearing days are long gone, and so what if she offers him no services in return? And of course, if a man is married to a woman, he's also required to support the queen economically on an ongoing basis. So what if he does an equal share of the housework and she doesn't have any children?

Marriage is a trap of gigantic proportions that men — intelligent men in many cases, men who just haven't taken the time to fully investigate the facts — are still falling prey to, in tragically large numbers. The best way to stay free: don't get married, and don't get a woman pregnant. Have a vasectomy, use condoms, date older women, be celibate, and otherwise do whatever you need to do to prevent reproduction. If a woman who had sex with you does get pregnant, insist upon and then pay for an abortion. Our enslaving social system is profoundly rigged against men, and the most viable option is to avoid both the marriage game and the reproduction game.

It's time that we men defined a desirable man's life as something other than just being a worker bee, just catering to the desires and whims of females, and just "supporting the family." What could your life be like without the obligations of a wife, children, child support, alimony, and all the other trappings of marriage and reproduction? Have you really thought about that? Do you dare?

Feminists are Going Underground

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The popular hatred of feminism has grown to such an extent that even self-proclaimed feminists are abandoning the term. Alex Cranz, a feminist who runs a site called "fempop," grew frustrated when she found that people were avoiding her site because she had explicitly labeled it a feminist site. Her tagline read "Pop Culture Through A Feminist Lens," and although she felt it was an accurate description of the site, she encountered resistance from friends, particularly men, who said that it made them "uncomfortable," and was too exclusive. They explained that feminism isn't for everyone.

After some investigation, Cranz decided to make a change. Her article about it, titled "Feminism Isn't the Problem; The Word Is," documents her retreat from explicit feminism:

> Feminism was, to these people, a moniker used by angry hairy-pitted activists who hated men, loved women too much, were physically incapable of humor and probably didn't wear a bra.* It was a word intoned by activists. Not "real" people. I can only guess they still talked to me because I "wasn't like a normal feminist" or something. It must have been all the dead rape baby jokes I used to tell in high school.**
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> Frustrated I went and whipped up a Tumblr, "You Might Be A Feminist." It was a way of defining what feminism meant to me and other women and it was a very quick success, if moderate, success. But only with people already identifying themselves as feminists. It wasn't changing anyone's way of thinking or converting the Katy Perrys, Carla Bruni Sarkozys and Rooney Maras of the world. The people who NEEDED to see it weren't. It started to feel a little masturbatory.
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> In February 2012, after yet another explanation from a well-meaning friend that the word was alienating to FemPop's audience I snapped. I abruptly changed the logo and removed the word "feminism" from its prominent position on the website. I told myself it was an experiment I could later write about. I briefly even deluded myself into believing nothing would change.
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> Except there was a change, and it was so immediate and immense I actually thought I'd broken something on the website in my minor bit of rebranding.
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> I changed one word and suddenly visitors felt comfortable poking around. Nothing else changed on the site. There wasn't a huge redesign and the clearly feminist title of the site didn't change. I didn't alter color schemes or suddenly post the best article in the history of the universe. It was still pop culture through a feminist lens–but with a little less feminism on the front page.
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> It disturbed me that my friends and family had been so correct. I set the knowledge aside a little too scared to write about it. Because there are implications. Feminism is a dirty word with the mainstream and that's a little terrifying to me.

It's funny how she describes calling oneself a feminist as "masturbatory." Too true — for both the male and female variety.

The video of feminists showing their true colors in Toronto was important, but people have been getting the idea about feminists for quite some time now. Thanks in part to our efforts on this site and others. This has prompted rage on the part of feminists and their sycophants. Just the other day David Futrelle used search stats from some bestiality sites he'd been browsing in an attempt to prove that zoo porn is more popular than men's rights. While I'm sure this is the case for Futrelle, it doesn't matter all that much whether people are interested in men's rights specifically so long as they get the message about feminism.

MRA is never going to be a broad-based, widely popular movement like feminism, because men are never going to

be able to all get together in one big circle singing solidarity songs. We don't do that kind of thing. At least not the normal men. But what men can do is get together and fight a common enemy, and that's what we've been doing.

Being popular is far more important for women than for men, and that's one of the weaknesses of feminism and strengths of MRA. In fact, as men, whether people think we are nice or not doesn't even matter. All that matters is that we aren't contemptible, sniveling weaklings. I know that really bothers some people, but those are just the cards we've been dealt. Men are hated most of all for their weaknesses.

Recently, I saw some feminists suggesting that the SPLC playing politics and siding with the feminists in their little "hate the haters" campaign against men must have crushed our souls. You know, that's pretty funny. If I were a woman, I might feel that way, but as a man I just think "screw them." I know, for example, that SPLC founder Morris Dees is widely hated where he lives in Alabama. Do you think Dees, rolling around in his luxury car or swimming in his private pool, gives a damn? Nah — he just thinks "screw them" and collects a check. Dees is loved by his liberal allies because he beats up on their enemies; not because he's a nice, friendly fellow. Actually, from accounts I've read he's a grade-A asshole who leaves "broken lives" in his wake. But he is a strong, resourceful, unintimidated man, and that's what counts.

For women, however, it's a different ball game. Women's power rests largely on the public perception of femininity as inherently good. This perception is instinctive for men, who are programmed to see all sorts of goodness in women from birth. It's an enormous source of power, but it isn't guaranteed, hence women's constant insecurity over what people think of them. For the most part, it is quite literally based upon the male concept of beauty. Men see beautiful women and this activates the "good" response in their brains. Men then immediately fall all over themselves to serve the woman in order to obtain some of this goodness.

But a few changes have come about. The "women good" perception can be severely damaged by certain things. First, men do not feel good when the woman they desire is screwing other men. It's very distressing to them on an instinctive level, and today women are very promiscuous. Secondly, when women start acting like men (e.g. compete with them in careers), it also significantly erodes their appeal. Combine promiscuity with competition in the workplace, and women have really shot themselves in the foot. It's like a reverse makeover where they come out looking uglier than when they went in, and this is leaving the obesity epidemic – the real elephant in the living room – out of the equation. To men, feminists have begun to epitomize all the worst things about contemporary females, and young women are starting to catch on and run very quickly away from the feminist label.

So, in order to beat the feminists, all we have to do is show them as the awful, nasty, unattractive, slutty and hateful people they are, and as women they instantly lose most of their appeal and power. Fortunately, they do a pretty good job of that themselves, so we just have to remind people from time to time, helpfully point out the terrible things they do and promote, and keep up the pressure.

If the feminists fight back with all they've got and get vicious, calling us names, smearing us personally, getting low-down and dirty and so on, we win. We win because while they may have some success in smearing us, they'll come out with just as much filth on their faces, and it will look worse on them.

I suspect we'll see them trying to drag more men in on their side as they get desperate, but it won't be enough. Just look at the guy they had with them in Toronto — that's the face of male feminism's future: drug-addled street scum.

There's only one way that the feminists can ultimately preserve their power. They have to adopt femininity again. They have to stop being sluts, stop trying to rule men in the workplace, and stop trying to match us on the battlefield. In short, they have to stop being feminists.

What Does Feminism Look Like on YouTube?

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If you search for “feminism” on YouTube, the results are quite encouraging. All but a couple of the videos are clearly hostile to the ideology. Even more encouraging is the fact that every year, fewer and fewer young people watch TV. Feminism appears strong on TV shows and in major newspapers, but these forms of media have come to be associated with senior citizens and the aging, white progressive demographic that dominates our childless cities.

Young people don’t flick on the TV for their entertainment any longer, instead choosing to spend time online, where there is far less progressive control and influence. And when you look online, it’s pretty clear that people don’t like feminism. This is why those who are looking to appeal to young people are avoiding the f-word like the plague.

Young people hate feminism, and I can only see this revulsion growing stronger as it begins to cough out its death rattle.

I don’t know for sure what feminists could do to improve their image, but perhaps I could offer a little advice. If they really want to get young people on board, I think Futrelle should start posting YouTube videos of himself talking about how he’s a sex-positive male feminist.

Yeah, that ought to do it.

How To Avoid A False Rape Accusation

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By Frost

The Manosphere needs more anecdotes, more stories, and more dramatic gravitas, says WF Price. I'm inclined to agree, so here's the heartwarming tale of how 18 year old Frost evaded his first ever false rape accusation.

Our story begins on a chilly autumn evening in the residence halls of a typical North American university. The night was like any other Friday, Saturday, Thursday, Monday or Wednesday in my life at the time: Good friends, cheap drinks, and shenanigans galore.

At one point in the evening, I made the acquaintance of a lovely young lady. Within an hour or two, we drunkenly recognized each other as soul mates and made sweet sweet love in her dorm room. We exchanged numbers, I stumbled back to my own room as the sun came up, and all was well.

The next week, we repeated the exercise, but with a twist. The morning after, she asked me – or more accurately, she naively communicated her expectation to me – that, well, *of course* I was now her exclusive, monogamous boyfriend.

Eighteen year old Frost was, surprisingly, an even worsehuman being than the current version. Rather than let her down gently, I laughed in her face and said hell no, not a chance, not in this lifetime. She asked me to leave.

The next day, she discussed the matter with her "don" – basically a sophomore babysitter assigned to live among the freshmen, hug them when they miss home, and hold their hair back when they need to vomit out a gallon of boxed wine. The dons are generally the sort who are afraid to leave residence for their second year. But, mostly, they aren't such terrible people.

Let me give you a clearer picture of this one though:

She was a stumpy, ugly, pasty little rat of a human being. She walked with a feigned limp, which we occasionally caught her forgetting to put on. She claimed to be a Native American, although she looked as generically European as they come. She claimed to be a lesbian, but how such a cold, bitter human could ever feel or receive love is beyond me. Her greatest achievement in life, as measured by how often she bragged about it, was that she was a member of five separate oppressed minority groups – woman, cripple, lesbian, minority, and apparently one other that we, in all our privilege, never discovered.

So my erstwhile lady friend went to have a nice little talk about her feelings with this fine specimen of humanity – let's call her Jizz – and launched a lovely sequence of events.

Over the next month, completely without my knowledge, Jizz tapped into her network of on-campus Social Justice Warrior Harridans, Manginas and White Knights. Together, they repeatedly confronted the girl, and brought the full-court press on to convince her that she had been raped. They harassed her all year, brought in counselors, staged interventions, and basically did everything they could to convince this girl that, since we had hooked up and she had later come to regret it, I deserved to spend 20+ years in jail.

There is only one thing that saved me from that fate, and that is that this girl was a decent human being who recognized that while I was indeed a dick, I didn't deserve to have my life ruined. A weak girl would have caved to the peer pressure. A stupid girl would have succumbed to Jizz's solipsistic logic. A petty, venal girl would have capitalized on the opportunity to exact revenge on the man who had spurned her.

Fortunately she was none of these, and I'm a free man.

But how many eighteen year old girls have that kind of character? Reason and justice are male values. Women are social, emotional creatures. Surround them with people saying the same thing, and many will crack. The typical

female western college student is immersed in a tight network of angry feminists who are all too happy to use them as a means of imprisoning men. I imagine this is a pretty common situation. Most colleges are full of professional feminazi social justice warriors. Most colleges are chock-full of drunken, regrettable hookups. In this case, my entire life came down to the willingness of the one person who had the power to do the right thing, doing exactly that. I wonder how many men weren't so lucky.

So make no mistake, readers of a fornicating temperament, college students especially: The threat of a false rape accusation is real: Fortunately, by taking a few simple precautions, an intelligent man can greatly limit his exposure to this particular risk:

1) Send A Good Feelings Confirmation Text.

Ideally, the minute she walks out your door.

"Damn. Still thinking about (whatever)."

"Dayum girl you rocked that shiz last night."

"(Reference to stupid inside joke that came up at some point in the evening)"

Not only is this arguably solid post-bang comfort-maintenance, buyer's remorse-reduction game, a positive response from her will be a major chink in any bogus future hypothetical legal case against you.

2) Don't Be A Dick

Banging a drunk chick, pressuring a reticent girl into sex, pumping and dumping a girl after promising her that you'll love her to the end of time – none of these are in anywhere near the same moral ballpark as actual, legitimate rape. But they are still dick moves, like littering in a forest or double-parking. More importantly, by avoiding dick moves, you keep yourself safe. As fucked up as it is, the law is evolving to the point that regret = rape. Solution: Minimize regret. Don't bang drunk chicks. Don't bang chicks that give more than a tiny bit of last-minute resistance. Warm your girl up until she is literally begging you to fuck her.

3) Don't Bang Feminists

There are so many reasons why this should be a hard and fast rule for every man. Most immediately obvious is that Feminists are ugly, but here's another one: Decent girls do not make false rape accusations. Sick, evil, damaged, unloved dregs of society – i.e the sort that gravitate towards the social justice warrior mentality – make false rape accusations. If you are going dumpster diving and scraping ugly feminists off the bottom of the barrel just to get laid, you have no one to blame but yourself when you eventually lose that game of Russian Roulette.

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Bottom line: As a man in 21st Century America, you are at risk. There is no way around that, save celibacy – a burden few of us would bear. However, if you're smart about your dicking around – only sleeping with decent girls, being a decent person back to them, and taking a few other simple precautions – the odds of falling victim to a false rape accusation will be much, much smaller than they would otherwise.

Women over 40 “Shocked” by Fertility Problems

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A study from the University of California San Francisco found that 44% of women over 40 who needed IVF to conceive were surprised by their difficulties. Most women apparently had unrealistic expectations. Even more surprising to them was the fact that success with IVF also decreases sharply with age.

> In the study, the researchers at the University of California, San Francisco interviewed women from 61 families — including heterosexual couples, lesbian couples and single women — who conceived and delivered children via IVF after age 40. The interviews were done between 2009 and 2011.
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> “We found that women did not have a clear understanding of the age at which fertility begins to decline,” the researchers wrote in their study, published online Nov. 30 in the journal Human Reproduction.
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> Most women thought their fertility would last longer than it did. For instance, 31 percent said they expected to get pregnant without difficulty at age 40.
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> “Very few participants had considered the possibility that they would need IVF, and 44 percent reported being ‘shocked’ and ‘alarmed’ to discover that their understandings of the rapidity of age-related reproductive decline were inaccurate,” the researchers wrote.

Women’s unrealistic expectations concerning family formation are a direct result of the message that they can live as they please and do what they want without having to make concessions. Society has worked very hard to construct this artificial reality for women, often at the expense of men, but we have less control over biology than we do over our economic and education systems.

If there is any real crisis among women, the inability of many of them to have families of their own is it. It is an enormous loss in life. At the end, what good were all those jobs and meaningless flings when you have nothing to show for them?

Kate Harding Gets her Hate On

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Kate Harding kicked off Jezebel's "Fuck You Week" with an anti-MRA rant that rehashes the familiar garbage feminists resort to when trying to smear their rivals. Apparently, it was prompted at least in part by the Toronto incident, which goes to show that the confrontational strategy is bearing fruit.

Incidentally, I noticed that a couple people I know personally have "liked" the article. I'm not going to say who they are, because they are entirely anonymous people of no particular importance, but it highlighted (for me) the kinds of men who actually still think feminism has some moral legitimacy. They are essentially urban, progressive techie dweebs. No families, no kids, and probably no women to speak of. In fact, I happen to know that one of the guys who liked it – a skinny little keyboard jockey – got arrested for domestic assault and was then served a restraining order a few years back, which rendered him temporarily homeless. Sigh… Some guys never learn.

Maybe, rather than go into details about the Jezebel screed, which isn't worth the bits in its unicode, I should discuss this phenomenon of hopeless urban betas supporting feminism. Given what a raw deal these guys have, it's kind of baffling. What could possibly motivate them?

I maintain that, like most progressive "righteous" causes, it's mostly based on fear. A deep, constant terror of the consequences of breaking ranks. Being called a "sexist" is as terrifying to these people as being called an infidel was to a 12th century cleric. They think it could result in instant banishment from their well-paid jobs and expulsion from their carefully cultivated social network, which is so important to them. This network is important largely because it has replaced family. Destroy the family, and people rely on more artificial social constructs, like street gangs for example. Unsurprisingly, most urban progressives have only tattered remnants of family, or they live far, far away from family. I think of the shattered families they grew up in, and it's no wonder that the more sensitive and thoughtful among them who managed to find gainful employment in a profession are so plagued by insecurity and so needy.

In a sense, they are like the monks of the Middle Ages, who found common cause amongst strangers – not kin – by adhering to a very narrow world-view, chanting the same litanies, praying to the same icons, and following other common rituals. Their very survival, as they see it, rests on a sort of spiritual/ideological fascism that both disciplines and protects them.

One might think it crazy that some errant monk would respond to chastisement, often physical, with an even stronger commitment to his faith, but that was the typical outcome. In the same manner, many men in this hyper-PC milieu of the progressive urban elite respond to personal setback and punishment for perceived transgressions with redoubled fervor, becoming all the more fanatically devoted to the ideology that chains them. It's a sad, small existence, but amongst the more intellectual sorts it is pervasive.

If you challenge the views that they hold sacred, they might fly into a the kind of rage that characterizes a cornered beast. "Bad words" are amongst the most frightening things in their lives. Although I wouldn't recommend provoking these types, it can be rather amusing to do so, because the hysteria they display is so ridiculous.

So what can we do about these men? I'm not sure it's worth the effort to either reach out to them or to fight them. For one thing, they are a small minority of the population. White males make up some 30% of the population, and these guys probably under 20% of them. So, we're looking at around 5% of Americans here, and that's being generous. Nor do they really want to get involved in the fight (with a few minor exceptions). If they do open their mouths, they are most likely pussy begging. You'll see them pop up on Jezebel from time to time, but how many men actually read Jezebel? If you aren't writing about men's issues, why would you care? The only reason I can think of is that some of the guys think it might help them get a little action by teaming up with the feminists.

When it comes to the curious phenomenon of the SWPL urban male, we ought to simply ignore them. Confront the feminists, and keep your eyes on them even as they attempt to throw men in front of themselves to fight us. Just

brush these men aside and keep going after the feminists. Ultimately, the only men we have to worry about are the cops. It is only the law we have to follow — not some breathless weenies telling us we're "bad men."

Gay Marriage Developments in Washington State

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Now that gay civil marriage is the law in Washington state, a number of people have decided to enter into arguably the worst contract in American civil law. Most, judging from the media coverage, are lesbian, despite the fact that gay males outnumber lesbians by about two to one. Men – gay or straight – simply aren't as interested in marriage as women.

In about a year or so, I plan to go down to the courthouse to see if I can't find some lesbian divorce proceedings. I'm quite curious about how these will go down, because it could have implications for Washington state fathers in their own custody cases, as children will be involved in many of these civil marriages.

However, there are already some signs of potential complications. Many of the lesbians appear to be entering into civil marriage contracts with ready-made families; i.e. they already have children. In most cases, I assume, from prior relationships. Yes, some lesbians do get artificially inseminated, but the normal heterosexual method is more effective and much cheaper (and profitable — don't forget child support), so most lesbians with children get them that way.

Now, what's really obnoxious about this is that despite it being obvious that some of the lesbians obtaining civil marriage clearly had their children with straight men the old-fashioned way, their new partners are invariably called the children's "parent" by the news outlets. If the father has joint legal custody (usually does not mean joint physical custody) – and joint legal custody is the norm in Washington state – this is a violation of the father's rights and abuse of his status as a parent. The fathers of these lesbians' children are being treated as though they don't exist, and I'll bet most of them are paying child support, which will likely help pay the mortgage or rent for the new couple. Lesbians actually prefer women who have ready-made families because of this convenient perk.

So, although I don't care whether lesbians sign onto a civil marriage contract, it's a different matter when fathers' roles are being hijacked by the new partner. If gay marriage means that children's and fathers' rights must take a back seat to lesbian rights, then gay marriage is indeed two steps back for one step forward. Hopefully courts will clarify this matter, and not allow women to use gay marriage as yet one more tool to separate children and their fathers.

Snow in the Hills

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Had a nice time yesterday cross country skiing in the Cascades with the kids and grandpa. As you can see from the picture, it was really coming down up there. We were lucky to make it back over the pass – lots of people were giving up and turning around on both sides – but it's great to get out of the city every now and then.

Ken Kesey and the old Northwest

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I picked up Ken Kesey's *Sometimes a Great Notion* over the weekend, and read the book in my spare time. It's a novel about an Oregon logging community back in the mid-20th century. Although that isn't my family background (my Western forefathers were miners and urban working men — more like Jack London), it's pretty close, and it brought back memories of logging towns we'd often pass through on our family trips when I was a boy. By the 1980s, the culture Kesey describes in the book was already in steep decline; by now it serves as little more than a romantic setting for vampire books. Logging is a lot more systematic and better managed these days, largely out of necessity. The old growth forests have been shaved down for the most part, and what's left can only be profitable with a scientific application of forestry management, so the "gyppo loggers" of old (small, private operations) are out of business. The only comparable industry in the region today is fishing — crabbing in particular.

Sometimes a Great Notion is a difficult read. It almost requires some intimate knowledge of the old Northwest to understand it and to make sense of the characters, so I wouldn't recommend it to everyone. However, it offers a portrait of America in transition that can provide a good deal of understanding of contemporary culture and family.

Above all, the book is about family, and how the westward march of progress and industry across the continent chewed right through the fragile families that took root in its path. Not only were majestic forests and towering mountains little more than obstacles to be chopped down or blasted through, but human relationships as well. It was all about work and money, doing battle with nature and just struggling to hang on in the face of roaring, fire-driven progress.

In hindsight, it looks as though the cultural revolution of the 1960s may have been the first step in taming that beast. The nature-worship, the "dropping out" and the prioritization of love were in direct opposition to the prevailing culture of Western America of the mid 20th century. The typical man of the time was hard, brutal and defiant — not sensitive, thoughtful and caring. It might be tempting to compare the masculinity of the time favorably with today's, but those in my father's generation were often deeply resentful of their own fathers, who knew little more than the value of a hard day's work at the factory, in the forest or on the sea. Fatherhood to them was nothing more than putting meat on the table and raising the boys to do the same, using whatever methods they deemed expedient (hence the origin of contemporary family law, which is really a child of the Age of Industry). It was a transitional time that was hard on young men, and some of the misbehavior the "liberation" from the old ways engendered is understandable in that light.

Sometimes, when we look at problems we face today, it's tempting to blame a few people, or some particular group for *causing* the problem. In the case of the destruction of the family, however, I don't think we can pin the blame entirely on feminists, or any other political group for that matter. That isn't to say they have no responsibility for what's happened, but they've been opportunists more than anything else. They were riding a wave that has been in motion for two centuries now. It's a wave we couldn't have escaped even without them, and it's one we're going to have to deal with whether they remain a political force or not.

Newtown: Put the Police State on the Table

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With the latest mass murder, which was apparently tailor-made for a liberal push to abolish the 2nd Amendment, we see the sharks in a feeding frenzy. There's no doubt that they smell blood, and plan to capitalize on it. Newtown is the contemporary liberal version of 9-11, and they appear to be intent on pushing it to their advantage to the same extent the neocons did in 2001, when some Saudi terrorists blew up the WTC and the US military ended up invading Iraq, which had nothing to do with it.

Yes, let's be honest: this tragedy is being *used* by the regime to further their aims to reduce the USA to another quasi-totalitarian leftist state like the UK, which routinely throws people in prison for making bad jokes on Twitter.

I'm not sure gun control is even all that relevant to the situation. It's just a push to do something to finally secure that permanent victory the Obama coalition is dreaming about. Killing a bunch of little kids doesn't require an AR-15; a lever-action .30-30, a six-shooter and a hatchet would do the job just fine. But that isn't the point. This is purely political. To weaken support for the Constitution, you have to find an angle, and the 2nd amendment looks like the weakest link in the chain of the Bill of Rights. Get rid of that, and it will be easier to throw people in prison for "hate speech," which is really the top priority for the left. In order to jail us for what we say, they have to first take away our right to defend ourselves.

So I propose a little test here. If they really want gun control, that's fine, but each and every restriction on citizens must also apply to the men tasked with keeping us in line. If we aren't allowed to have high-capacity magazines and body armor, then the police, who are also subject to our laws, should not have them either. What does "equality" mean if one class of people – government employees – is not subject to the same laws as the other? We have more government employees than ever, and they have more power and armament than ever. Don't believe me? Look at them:

All are carrying assault rifles with high-capacity magazines. In the overwhelming majority of instances, they do so going up against no more than one or two people armed with little more than a handgun. If ordinary civilians don't need these weapons, the police, with superior manpower, organization and communication resources, certainly don't need them either.

So fine. Take our guns. But give yours up, too. The arms race in the US is a direct response to the rise of the police and prison-industrial state. Why doesn't the left ever mention this? Why, because the cops are their very own paid mercenaries. SWPL city dwellers depend on these guys to intimidate the minorities in their coalition — to keep them in their place. As the US grows increasingly fragmented, they will depend on them even more.

This gun grabbing is about empowering the state at the expense of citizens who believe in a free yeomanry — it's about building an America under the thumb of a new Praetorian Guard. Fools. They are giving up our collective liberty for a little bit of precarious power, and they aren't by any means putting a halt to future violence, which will come in spades when people realize it's the only tool left that works in our hollowed-out, uncivil society.

I expect they'll have their way, just like the neocon Republicans steamrolled Iraq despite the big lies their invasion depended on for support. La plus ca change.

For us men, it's a wash. The police state is overextended at home. I'm not sure the left can take much more from us without wrecking their foundation, but that won't stop them from trying. They instinctively understand that they are going to need a whole lot of state violence to keep the funds flowing, and I think that's what's really behind the all-out push to disarm American citizens. If they break all potential for resistance, it might give them a few more years of collecting government checks, driving their priuses around and taking yearly trips to Europe — after that who knows? We don't plan all that far in advance these days anyway.

When it comes to gun control, I'll just recommend that we give them an ear, but at the same time hold out for less government power. If they take our guns, they should give up theirs, too. I know they don't want to consider that, but it's an entirely fair demand.

Panty Activists

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Looking for anything to stay relevant, feminists are vandalizing store displays with their own underpants to protest sex-positive Victoria's Secret lingerie that expresses approval of sex.

What's odd about the protest is that the targeted underpants actually follow feminist ideas of making consent explicit. They display messages such as "unwrap me" and "sure thing," which, although not particularly sexy, definitely give the go ahead. If a woman has a sign on her underpants that says "f*ck me," she's making a very positive statement of consent, provided she took off her pants or dress herself. So what's the problem?

It seems that feminists actually resent the idea of consent, despite wanting men to ask for it. Consent (actually, it's really assent in this case — feminists don't understand the language that well) is something women don't like to make explicit. There's something unattractive about loudly proclaiming a desire to have sex before the act has even begun.

So feminists, never to be outdone, came up with their own slogans, which are essentially sex negative. They display messages such as "no means no," "I'll let you know when I'm ready" and "ask first!" — total mood killers. The most obnoxious of all says "LISTEN to what I want." If I were a young man and I saw those messages on a woman's underpants, I'd just tell her to put her pants on and leave. However, I doubt any non-moronic woman who wanted to sleep with a man would wear the panties the feminists designed.

As for real rapists, why would they care whether women consent or not? That's what rape is all about — not caring whether she wants it or not. For those guys, signs on panties don't matter a bit.

Youth Homelessness Growing Problem

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There's never been as wide a disparity in wealth between the young and old as in contemporary America, and unemployment amongst the young is very high. Naturally, therefore, a lot of young people are ending up on the streets.

The NY Times addresses the issue, but leaves out the fact that these are mainly young men:

> SEATTLE — Duane Taylor was studying the humanities in community college and living in his own place when he lost his job in a round of layoffs. Then he found, and lost, a second job. And a third.
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> Now, with what he calls "lowered standards" and a tenuous new position at a Jack in the Box restaurant, Mr. Taylor, 24, does not make enough to rent an apartment or share one. He sleeps on a mat in a homeless shelter, except when his sister lets him crash on her couch.
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> [...]
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> These young adults are the new face of a national homeless population, one that poverty experts and case workers say is growing. Yet the problem is mostly invisible. Most cities and states, focusing on homeless families, have not made special efforts to identify young adults, who tend to shy away from ordinary shelters out of fear of being victimized by an older, chronically homeless population. The unemployment rate and the number of young adults who cannot afford college "point to the fact there is a dramatic increase in homelessness" in that age group, said Barbara Poppe, the executive director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.
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> The Obama administration has begun an initiative with nine communities, most of them big cities, to seek out those between 18 and 24 who are without a consistent home address. New York, Houston, Los Angeles, Cleveland and Boston are among the cities included in the effort.

Homeless people, the ones who are outright on the street in particular, are overwhelmingly male. I've been trying to find statistics breaking down homelessness by age and gender combined, and haven't had much success, but I assume the ratio is pretty consistent across age cohorts. For obvious reasons, it's easier for young women than young men to find someone to take them in. Additionally, more resources are available for the typical homeless female, despite the frequent (and predictable) complaints that they are not as well-served.

In the meanwhile, the war on men – particularly young ones – continues apace. Even as more young men fall into the abyss, the pressure is ratcheted up by our so-called pundits, who can barely contain their glee as more and more young men's lives are marked by misery rather than stability and happiness.

Is Prostitution Really about Exploitation?

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Former Olympian and married mother Suzy Favor-Hamilton decided last year, while already in her mid-40s, to become a call girl, charging up to $600 per hour. She was not under financial duress, nor was she pressured into it by anyone. In fact, her husband knew what she was up to and tried to stop her, but she ignored him (he probably would have been arrested for abuse if he put any real effort into stopping it).

> A three-time U.S. Olympian who was publicity exposed on Thursday as an elite $600-an-hour escort has revealed that her husband knew about her double life and tried to put an end to it.
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> Suzy Favor-Hamilton, a 44-year-old married mother of three, has been working with one of Las Vegas' top agencies to book 'dates' across cities including Las Vegas, Chicago and Houston.
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> Despite using the name 'Kelly Lundy' as she advertised her services through Haley Heston's Private Collection, her double life has been revealed after she told clients about her real identity, believing there was an unwritten rule they would not speak out.
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> But now at least one of these clients has contacted The Smoking Gun, which in turn has revealed the details of Favor-Hamilton's clandestine career, which she now calls a 'huge mistake.'
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> Soon after the story appeared online, instantly sparking a furor in the media, Favor-Hamilton took to Twitter to offer her 3,183 followers her side of the story.
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> In one missive, the 44-year-old mother explained that she was initially drawn to escorting 'because it provided many coping mechanisms for me when I was going through a very challenging time with my marriage and my life.
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> [...]
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> The Olympian has refused to be labelled a victim, insisting that she knew what she was doing and taking full responsibility for her actions.
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> She told The Smoking Gun that her husband was the only one who knew about her moonlighting as a prostitute in cities across the country.
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> 'He tried, he tried to get me to stop. He wasn't supportive of this at all,' Favor Hamilton noted.
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> The 44-year-old has revealed that she is currently seeking psychological help for her problem.
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> 'I fully intend to make amends and get back to being a good mother, wife, daughter, and friend,' she concluded in her most recent post.

So how does this fit into the prostitute as human trafficking victim narrative we hear these days? The woman was an Olympic athlete, had a husband so supportive he didn't even dump her for being a whore, and a good job, yet she chose to become a hooker.

She also put a great deal of effort into advertising her wares…

Again, what's all this about women being forced into prostitution, and men prowling around looking for innocent ladies to exploit? Doesn't seem that it takes all that much prodding to turn the lady into a tramp. Actually, seems more that it's the other way around; without men actively trying to suppress prostitution there'd be a whole lot more of it.

The Truth about Older Women and Younger Men

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Now that more money is in the hands of women and more men are hard up and without a job, it's likely that there will be more older female/younger male couples. However, rather than true love relationships, many of these will likely be some sort of gigolo setup or outright fraud. Unfortunately, I think fraud will come to be more the norm, because it offends a woman's pride to support a man, even when it would be fair of her to do so.

The number of lonely middle aged women is getting to that critical point where they will be seen as resources to enterprising young men who are down on their luck. Anecdotally, I've been hearing about this for some time, particularly in regards to men who set up internet dating accounts, only to discover that the majority of interested women are five to fifteen years older.

Some men are happy to date older women, but they are a pretty small minority. It simply isn't a normal practice anywhere in the world, which strongly suggests there is an insurmountable biological basis for men's preference for younger mates. However, there's more to it than that. Unlike older men who date younger women, older women are not usually generous with younger men. Rather than accept that their advanced age is something they ought to compensate for, which men are usually all-too-happy to do, they tend to instead delude themselves and act coquettish, as though they are half their age, despite the fact that their charms have all but worn off. So the man who goes into this kind of relationship expecting that she'll be understanding and generous is typically disappointed. This leads to resentment, which I suspect is behind a fair amount of the fraud.

For honest men, dating an older woman is generally a bad idea, because not only will she have less to offer sexually, she'll demand more as well. The more money she has, the more she'll expect you to spend on her. The worst story I've ever heard of concerning a woman with a younger man (boy, actually), was when a teacher seduced a friend of mine when he was 15 years old. She was in her mid-30s and had a son who was only a few years younger than my friend. Really a weird situation, when you think about it. The son was not at all pleased. So, my friend, who came from a poor, single mother household, asked her at one point for some money. Not as in a strict sex for money exchange, but instead just some cash to get around and amuse himself. At this point, the woman exploded, calling him all sorts of names, saying he was trash, that he didn't deserve anything, and he should be happy he was getting some from her for free. Keep in mind that she was committing a crime at the time. Rather than take revenge on her, which would have been as easy as calling the police or the school she was employed with, my friend just cut her off. However, even to this day he recalls the treatment she subjected him to with a great deal of bitterness. It had a negative effect on his life for the next ten or fifteen years, during which time he had a difficult time connecting with women in a healthy, non-exploitative manner.

Unfortunately, older women all too often do have this attitude of contempt toward younger men. After some experience, most men figure this out, so by a certain point the remaining men who are willing to date older women are well aware that they will have to defraud them in order to get anything in return for their efforts.

The following story, in which a younger Irishman ripped off a New York woman to the tune of $4 million, will probably become more common in coming years:

> A 60-year-old American woman has been defrauded of millions of euro by her younger Irish lover, who she claims had been leading a double life, the High Court has heard.
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> New York-based Ms Elisa Rodino claims that Thomas J Queally, who is aged in his mid forties and who had been engaged to her, has stolen approximately $4m of her money.
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> A large portion was lodged by him into a bank in Ennis, Co Clare.
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> She also claims that Queally, who she has not seen for months, had another finance while engaged to her.
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> Today at the High Court lawyers acting on her behalf secured a number of temporary freezing orders against

> US based Mr Queally, of Lahaknock, Kilmaley, Co Clare.
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> The orders prevent Mr Queally reducing, dissipating or transferring funds below a value of €1.6m held in a bank account at Permanent TSB in Ennis, Co Clare.
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> Ms Rodino from Cathedral Avenue, Hempstead, New York claims the money in the Ennis bank account, approximately $2M which was converted into Euro, is hers. She claims that it was moved by Mr Queally from a joint account held in the US in both their names.
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> Seeking the orders Ross Gorman Bl for Ms Rodino said his client was a vulnerable woman who had been taken advantage of by Mr Queally.
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> Several years ago she inherited wealth in the form of a significant property portfolio in New York following the death of her father.
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> Last August, in order to aid Mr Queally in a court case against a former employer, she agreed to put his name down on one of her bank accounts. It was a deposit account that contained US$5M.
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> Mr Queally asked her to do this because it would show that he and Ms Rodino were a couple and that the work he did on her properties was due to their relationship, and was not a contract of employment, counsel said.
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> Last October Mr Queally was due to meet up with Ms Rodino in Spain, but never showed up. When she arrived back in the US she discovered that money had been transferred to the bank in Ennis and to a US bank account.
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> Counsel said that his client did not know exactly where Mr Queally is at present…

The old "let's get married" bait and switch — the golden trick for any aspiring gigolo. Mr. Queally is obviously a rogue, and ought to be punished for defrauding the woman, but if we heard the entire story she wouldn't come out too clean herself, I'd wager. Queally probably figured she owed him that much for romancing her (he might be about right — it comes out to a million a year for the stud service), and he wouldn't get it any other way, so might as well…

I expect a lot more of these stories in coming years. During the Victorian era, when young "gentlemen" were often desperate and completely broke, romancing wealthy widows was a popular means of securing some funds to survive. This is the origin of the prenuptial agreement. It was not, as many might assume, devised to protect men, but rather women (of course), because back in those days men gained control over family finances. Today, women are given more control than they had in the old days, which only guarantees that more men will resort to subterfuge to rip them off, and what better target than a middle aged or older heiress or divorcée?

Merry Christmas

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I hope everyone is enjoying the holidays. My kids are in town again, so I'm taking some time off to relax with family until I drop them off tomorrow.

I hope everyone makes it through to New Year's in one piece!

Putting Gender into Christmas

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There were a number of articles prior to Christmas this year about how there's a movement toward "gender neutral toys," but that would be a surprise to most parents. It may be an issue for progressive parents, but they are a pretty rare breed; not only are they a minority of Americans (there are more Mexican nationals in the US than there are liberal progressives), but progressive fertility is the lowest in the the Western world, and that's abysmal. The rest of us try to be a bit more practical — a necessity for normal parents.

If you give your kids a choice, chances are there won't be anything particularly transsexual about their selections. Also, if you want them to actually be happy about the presents, you'd probably better steer clear of the gender neutral aisle.

Now, it may be true that some boys prefer playing with dolls, and some girls with trucks. If you've got a child like that, you'll probably love the kid just as much as you would any other, but let's be honest: it isn't exactly the norm, and the little boy who likes playing with dolls and makeup kits likes those toys *because they are gender specific* — not because they are "gender neutral." I don't think I need to spell out the implications here…

However, feminists are putting a lot of effort into trying to convince us that this is how the world ought to be, because of course gender is merely a social construct. Hence the "gender neutral" term. But is it really gender *neutrality* they are pushing, or gender consciousness? It must the latter, because truly gender neutral toys are merely idiosyncratic toys. Calling them gender neutral is inserting the word gender into something that has little if anything to do with gender issues.

As an example, my kids both like animals, but different kinds. I suppose one could argue that there's something gendered about the fact that my son likes creepier, scalier and slimier animals while my daughter prefers fluffy ones, but I don't think gender has much to do with it — they're just little individuals with their own interests. My daughter is a big fan of ducks for some reason. Should I see this in gendered terms? Is there anything gendered about ducks? It's kind of an absurd notion, but this is exactly how feminists see the world. They are the most gender conscious people on earth. Their entire movement is about gender, yet they spend most of their time telling us it is irrelevant.

So, some little boy wanted an oven for Christmas, and there was this big to-do about how all the toy ovens are gendered, presumably because toy companies are all about pushing girls into the kitchen. A girl got on change.org and made the case that her little brother should have a non-pink toy oven, and received 45,000 signatures for her effort (good thing we Americans have our priorities straight). So, to remedy the situation, Hasbro came out with the Easy-Bake Ultimate Oven in colors other than pink and purple.

My little sister had one of those when we were kids, and I thought it was pretty fun, because it actually worked. The thing was probably a terrible fire/burn hazard and probably would be banned today; I could put in a GI Joe, crank it up, and next thing you know the GI Joe started melting. Pretty awesome. Although I hate to break it to feminists, the boy's desire for an oven may have been for roughly the same reason I liked the toy rather than any desire to cook for his future feminist firefighter wife. Nothing wrong with cooking, of course (it's one of my favorite hobbies), but boys tend to approach it from a different angle — they see the oven as a tool rather than a prop for playing house. I'm fairly sure, therefore, that if Hasbro markets an essentially useless toy oven to boys it's going to be a failure. Instead of spending $50 on a toy oven for the kid, why not buy him a $20 Black and Decker toaster oven that really works?

Although the market may have much to do with the blatant gender focus of toys, a lot of it is a result of the grrrl power feminism that has become such a stifling feature of our culture. For example, while toys from earlier times were clearly often intended for either boys or girls, they weren't nearly as in-your-face about it. Back when sex differences were not only accepted nearly universally, but celebrated as well, toys were a lot more subdued. Did toy

soldiers before the 1970s, when feminism really took off, have bulging, steroid-enhanced muscles and oversize guns? Was everything for girls painted pink and purple? Not at all. As feminism has grown stronger, toys have become caricatures of sex stereotypes.

If feminism were not a prominent feature of our culture, I doubt parents would worry much at all about gender as it relates to toys. Sure, boys would usually want boy toys and girls girl toys, but it wouldn't be an issue, and absent the rigid suppression of our true nature as men and women – or boys and girls – in public life, we'd probably express ourselves in much more natural, relaxed and healthy ways at home with our families.

Although feminists claim they want to eradicate gender differences, when they insert gender issues into everything – the workplace, school, the military, family, and now Christmas – they only succeed in making the differences oppositional rather than complementary. They create strife where it doesn't belong, drawing battle lines everywhere, even between little children, all the while calling it "neutrality." What demented people.

Soft Spot for Choice Mommies

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Recently, family Wapiti did some hunting for a new church home subsequent to moving to a different house in a different locale. In the process, I noted something that all of the larger churches had: a divorce support group.

How the Church handles divorce is always a thorny issue, one that often earns her some jeers from the manosphere. On the one hand, there is the pastoral responsibility to look after the flock, to close ranks around those in need. On the other there is the pastoral responsibility to discipline the flock, rebuking wayward brothers and sisters toward repentance.

While I tend to think that pastors err too much toward caring and not enough toward discipline, I recognize that the Church and her leaders are presented with a no-win scenario: What should be done about those members of the Body who divorce, or those divorcees who present themselves at the church door? Care for them? Or discipline them? Adding to the problem is victimhood. Usually, divorcees will blame their former spouse for their quandary: women because he was such an abusive or bad guy that they had to get out, men because the solipsistic and hysterical woman took their children, sold them for a few ducats and prizes, and kept half or more of his hard-earned stuff. How are church leaders to know the difference, when most/all claim that "she kidnapped my kids and took me to the cleaners" or "he was so bad I had no choice"?

So I can appreciate the difficult position the Church and her leaders are in. That said, what I find reprehensible is when Church leaders exculpate one population from their sins, and by extension, placing responsibility for the state of this population on another group. In this case, I'm talking about choice mommies–the "population"–and men, the always-useful other. Single mothers are near-canonized in churches, those saintly women, struggling so hard to make ends meet. Little thought is given to how they got into that position, and whether or not their present condition was due to her choice (most likely) or his (far less likely but still possible).

Thus I cringe when I see things like this from Pastor Driscoll of Mars Hill. I suppose one can add his moral support to the sum total of cultural and financial incentive for women to divorce, and to the near-complete liberalist campaign of removing the stigma from choice mommyhood:

> It's important for kids **without a dad** to have godly, male investment in their life. Young boys without a dad need the godly investment of a man. Young girls without a dad need a godly man's loving encouragement. And the **single moms really appreciate godly men investing in their kids**.

> [The church nursery is] a good place to meet a nice gal. Single guys may not know this, but nice, single gals who love Jesus and want to marry and become a mom someday are working in the nursery. That's like fishing in a trout pond if you're a single guy. And the **single moms** dropping off their kids should be **considered for marriage too**. After all, **Jesus' mother was a single mom until Joseph married her and adopted Jesus**. [bolded emphasis mine]

As mentioned before, there are many reasons for children to be without a dad, and not many of them are good. This white-knighting on behalf of single mothers may be helping a truly innocent woman make her way through a bad situation. Or more likely it is enabling the terrible choices of a choice mommy who has and is harming her children through her self-destructive and child-harming behavior. Furthermore, how do/would my male readers feel, if your children are the ones a choice mommy is presenting to the nursery for some Godly man investment, as opposed to your paternal guidance?

Then there is the bit about trolling for a wife in the single mom pond. This is just not very wise, and I recommend my brothers avoid looking to this population for long-term mates. Sorry choice mommies, I'm not judging you, but I am judging the evidence, and coming to appropriate conclusions based upon that evidence.

Last, there is the whole bit about Mary being a single mom. I doubt Pastor Driscoll is intending to indulge in blasphemy here, more likely he is clumsily attempting to illustrate that we may not know exactly how a single mother found herself in her position. Even then it is an imperfect analogy, for Mary wasn't single, she was betrothed, which back then was a state akin to marriage. Joseph took betrothal-marriage so seriously that he meant to *divorce* her quietly–therefore turning Mary into a single mom for being an apparent adulteress–and would have were it not for divine intervention.

Rather than soft-pedal and condone the socially retrograde behavior of choice momies, perhaps church leaders would do better to sadly note their condition while strenuously condemning from the pulpit divorce as the evil that God hates, an evil that Moses only granted to the Israelites because their hearts were hard. I still think Dalrock's sign at the church door would serve as a good reminder to all that while accidents happen, divorce is not accidental.

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Women's Duty To Men

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The duties that American men have to American women are many, and consistently enforced by a variety of heavy-handed mechanisms such as mandatory jail-time, court-imposed fines, the yanking of your driver's license, and separation from your children. As if that wasn't enough to force you to comply, there is also being disqualified for financial aid in college, community shaming, and denial of sex.

The duties of men to women very importantly include the duty to protect. This more generally could be defined as the duty to be drafted, to go off to war and die, to be maimed for life, or to be tortured by the psychological harm that one suffered as a result of one's violent military experience. On a more personal level, this duty takes the form of the man being the one who's got the duty to fight off a burglar or intruder. Again and again I will write this: there is no comparable duty of women towards men, nothing even close.

The list of duties includes the duty to provide financial support for a woman, if she has become your wife, and/or the mother of your child, regardless of whether she does anything for you. Remember this is a duty, not a deal. You have no right to get anything in return. It is important that you be clear that relationships between men and women are not an equal deal. Instead, on the man's side we have duties and obligations, along with a very heavy dose of accountability and responsibility, while on the woman's side, we have rights and options, without the burden of much if any accountability or responsibility.

For men, you might furthermore include the duty to provide child support, which is really just an euphemism for further money to the woman, not based on the needs of the children, but based on whatever can be extracted from you. You could additionally include the duty to never to hit a woman, even though she may feel free to hit you without any legal penalties whatsoever. These and other male duties are enforced by law, and the full power of the state is brought to bear to make sure that every man complies. If you don't believe me, read the instructions to the police who respond to domestic violence complaints, and read about mandatory instructions to arrest the male (it has nothing to do with who was at fault).

There are also other duties that men have toward women, such as the duty to listen to women, and treat them with respect, even if the involved women are doing stupid and despicable things. You see this in the general unwillingness of men to criticize women who are acting badly, such as bar hopping, getting pass-out drunk, having sex with multiple men they don't know, and then blaming the men and claiming they were raped. Very few men dare to say: "Well, what did you expect?" or "Excuse me, could you have had something to do with this result?" There is no comparable duty of women to listen to men, or to respect men, and I see this in evidence at the supermarket where women publicly say the most abusive and embarrassing things to their husbands — perhaps acting sadistically, or perhaps just not giving a damn how the husband might feel to have others overhear such criticisms. Or maybe, for the wives, this is a public showing of power…

Although not generally acknowledged, there is also a duty, that many men feel, to give women the benefit of the doubt. We men, at least us traditional men, will try our best to rescue women who have screwed up big time. We may give them jobs that they aren't qualified for, or extend the date when they would otherwise have been fired from their jobs for incompetence – and thus we hope to encourage them to get their acts together. We men are decidedly easier on women than we are on other men. This duty has even become institutionalized in many settings. For example, the physical standards for firefighters in many jurisdictions have been significantly lowered in order for women to be able to make the grade. The same lowering of standards, in order to give women the benefit of the doubt, can be found in the military. For men, if coming from women, there is no comparable benefit of the doubt, no bending of the rules, and no giving of special dispensations.

There is also a duty to be lenient on women, a duty to not force women to bear the full repercussions and impacts of their actions. You see this in the courts for example, where women are consistently given much shorter prison sentences than men for the same crime. Some of us call this phenomenon the "pussy pass," where a woman in many

instances can plead insanity, or be on her period, or suffer from post-partum depression, and use that as her get-out-of-jail-free card. Men cannot get away with such behavior or anything like this. Women do not provide any such leniency towards men. In fact, I am regularly disappointed to see how strict and unforgiving women are toward men. For example, I know several examples of women who were married to older men who have gotten seriously sick. A number of these women have promptly abandoned their husbands, apparently because their husbands were no longer able to provide the trappings of the lives "to which they have become accustomed." I have been surprised that these women have apparently felt no duty to aid their elderly husbands. The old adage "for better or worse" doesn't seem to mean anything anymore, except to some traditional married men that I know (but for men this behavior may increasingly be due the extremely punishing consequences of modern divorce rather than adherence to this old fashioned notion).

The more I have been thinking about this, the more surprised I have been to note the severe imbalance between the sexes in the area of duties: there are a great many duties that men feel they have towards women, but virtually none (bar those imposed by law) that modern women feel they have towards men. This is consistent with Briffault's Law, which states that it is the female, not the male, who determines all the conditions of the animal family, and where the female can derive no further benefit from associating with the male, no further association takes place.

To really get this, and to let it in, can be disorienting but also, more importantly, emancipating. Women have no duty to provide sex, to cook, or to clean… no duty to take care of the children, or even to act like adults. They do whatever they please. And our society, most importantly the men in society, supports and allows women to do just that.

Which importantly sheds light on the advisability of men having children, getting married, or in any other way establishing a permanent commitment with a woman. In the current American environment, making such a commitment is most ill-advised. The woman involved can walk away from her side of the bargain, with virtually no consequences, in some instances in fact becoming better off than she was in the midst of the commitment. For example, a divorcing woman may do better financially if she walks away from her husband, if she collects alimony and child support from the ex, receives "gifts" from her new man, lives in the new man's house, etc. On the other hand, if a man has a formal commitment such as marriage, he is expected to continue to observe that commitment (such as be the financial provider), even though the woman is no longer giving him whatever she had given in the past that induced him to enter into the relationship (sex, emotional intimacy, whatever). Men really need to get that, not only will a woman walk away when an arrangement is no longer to the woman's advantage, but that the men often must continue to provide whatever it is that they committed to, even though they then get nothing in return.

This hard fact of life for a man can be seen in the plight of so many wounded male veterans. They have given a tremendous amount, and their lives are forever altered. What do they get, really? A lush life with ample benefits coming from the government? A revered and honored place in society? More attention from women? No, sorry, none of that. Their contribution is done and final. There is no going back. They are history. But they must nonetheless keep giving. You can see this as gross gender unfairness, especially when you understand that women do not need to keep giving, they can just keep taking, up until the point when they don't want to take any longer.

Thus not only do men bear the brunt of all the duties in a heterosexual relationship, but whenever women do make agreements with men, to provide something of value (sex, cooking, child care, gestation services, etc.), they can withdraw their contributions whenever they wish, with very little if any consequences. For example, a woman can put a baby up for adoption in many states, simply by leaving it on the hospital steps, without paperwork, expense, or the need for excuses. Likewise, a woman can get an abortion without her husband's consent or knowledge. But don't try to do such things if you're a man. For example, if she wants to keep the child, then you (the man) are obligated for eighteen years of child support, period, no exceptions.

In summary, the duty requirements for men contrast sharply with those of women. Not only do men have the duties, while women do not, but it is only with great difficulty that men can escape these duties. Consider the domain of money, where men cannot withdraw their giving without facing very serious draconian consequences

(jail time, fines, loss of driver's license, loss of professional license, etc.). For example, a number of states, like Florida, still have lifetime alimony laws. Men are effectively thereby made into financial slaves, working for the benefit of the ruling class (women). On the other hand, women can walk away from many of their commitments to men whenever they please. Now that's gender fairness and equality, right?

Rape Abroad Study Recommends not Being Slut

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According to a study published by the American Psychological Association, young American women who study abroad in non-English speaking countries are five times more likely to be raped (according to the respondents) than those who remain at home. It seems that despite feminists' insistence that the US is in the midst of a rape crisis and college campuses in the grip of a rape culture, other countries are significantly riskier than our own for American women.

The study cites risk factors such as non-fluency in the local language, easy access to booze and fewer friends and family as contributing to the rapes.

The problem here is that although American women have managed to arrange society so that they may take risks with minimal consequences, this is not the case in most of the world, and female students don't know that. Actually, the ideas pounded into their heads, particularly those that stress that women may do whatsoever they please and should not worry about the consequences, are a big part of the problem. Finally, there is the issue of the strict control of college males, who are already a highly selected group of young men whose behavior is even better controlled than the American norm. Add these together, and American college girls really haven't a clue what's out there.

Although I'm not sure whether what the girls reported as rape meets the legal definition in the countries in which they stayed, I don't doubt that they are more likely to be raped while abroad. The US is the most heavily policed nation on earth outside of war zones, partly because allowing women to do as they please without fear of sexual assault requires a very heavy police presence. If you want to live in a country where young women can go out on the town alone and get smashed, cavort with strangers and stumble around in dark alleys while simultaneously preventing every single man in the area from taking advantage of the opportunity, you have to have a very draconian set of laws and a constant police presence. You have to have such stringent laws and policies that lots of innocent men take the fall as well, hence the disproportionate number of men falsely convicted of rape as compared to other crimes.

Most other countries either cannot afford a police state or do not particularly want one, so when American women go abroad they are entering a cultural zone that is unfamiliar to them. Most of the world thinks that women who behave like American college girls are "asking for it." In fact, even whores in other countries generally take more precautions than college-age American women.

As for so-called "victim blaming," American women would do well to consider the fact that it's something most of us have to live with. If a young American man gets drunk, mouths off to some strangers and gets his ass kicked, do the police pursue that kind of case vigorously? Your typical cop would tell a guy to learn how to keep his mouth shut and stay away from thugs, then simply file a police report and forget about the matter. And a severe ass-kicking is no more fun than being raped. It just happens not to be a major priority for cops, because it usually happens to guys who were *asking for it.*

Sending American girls abroad is a risky thing, because they aren't prepared to function in the kind of sexual culture that is globally normative. They are used to having a heavily armed, sophisticated police force ready at a moment's notice to come rescue them from whatever threats – real or imagined – lurking on college campuses. They are also accustomed to a culture that locks up such a high proportion of young men that it filters most of the truly dangerous ones out quickly. This just isn't how things work in the rest of the world, where people must rely on family, common sense and good practice to avoid becoming crime victims. Reality certainly is oppressive.

So why not teach the women about reality, tell them that going abroad is risky, and they ought to exercise caution?

Surprisingly, the article does just that. While it avoids being so blunt as the Toronto policeman who told women not to "dress like sluts," thereby kicking off the slutwalk extravaganza (which is really a demonstration of female

supremacy), it does recommend something called “safe walking,” which sounds like the exact opposite of slutwalking:

> If data from other schools are consistent with the findings in this sample, warning females going abroad, particularly to non-English-speaking countries, would be appropriate. Reminding those students of precautions around separation from friends, heavy alcohol use, and entering unknown environments is likely to pay the same dividends abroad as they do on campus. Reminders regarding safe walking, safe dating, and safe partying could be provided by Student Affairs offices before students go abroad.

Of course, the report adds: “Just as important, however, is the need to be able to respond to a sexual assault appropriately when it occurs outside the country.” But they know well that the campus police will have no such power. Even Hillary Clinton can do essentially nothing about it when hapless American girls get themselves into trouble with some Pablo, Giuseppe or Mustafa far from the reach of American law enforcement. It’s up to local law enforcement, and given the reputation American women have earned for themselves abroad I doubt the response would be all that energetic.

Happy New Year!

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I hope the New Year finds you all well.

On these days I give my cheer to the living and tears to the dead. So may the whiskey, mirth and tears flow freely tonight for all friends, everywhere.

Tomorrow we can tighten our belts and put on our armor to go out and fight to see the sunset one more time. It will be another beautiful day to usher in the New Year, and there will be many more.

As the Scots say, Haud Hogmanay, and a guid New Year!

Sarkeesian finds Powerful Backer in Google's Yonatan Zunger

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Prompted by a baffling comment from a troll, who said that Anita Sarkeesian has already produced her videos on time (I can find no evidence of the existence of any of the promised Tropes vs. Women videos — if anyone has a link please let me know), I did a bit of looking around to see if I could find anything. Although I couldn't find her first promised video, the "Damsel in Distress" trope, I came across an article written by a feminist Google engineer named Yonatan Zunger, who is apparently a big fan of Anita Sarkeesian. Zunger is a prime example of the sort of SWPL geek who doesn't care much for the rest of America, young men in particular.

Zunger is a strange fellow. He says he is Israeli, yet he has a strong interest in quasi-jihadi movements such as the Arab Spring, and puts serious effort into defending Islam. He also boasts of being related to Karl Marx, and defends irrational wars abroad through convoluted reasoning, although I suspect his real motives are somewhat simpler and more personal than he lets on. Perhaps most relevant to us, Zunger has written for the Good Men Project, which is a bit odd, but makes sense given his interest in Sarkeesian.

There's something a bit ominous in the lessons he draws from Sarkeesian's Kickstarter campaign and TED talk. Zunger suggests that Sarkeesian is destroying a certain aspect of gamer culture through her deconstruction of games, and then goes on to say that we ought to apply this to society in general:

> In network theory, we often study the ways in which networks fail. Sometimes this is in order to keep networks alive more effectively – such as telecommunications networks – and sometimes it is in order to destroy them more efficiently – such as disease transmission networks. But the study of games has been mostly limited to how to make games better, for fairly obvious reasons. But if Sarkeesian's analysis is correct, and I strongly suspect it is, then perhaps we need to think about various aspects of society which can meaningfully be modelled as games – and then apply what we know about game design to deliberately sabotage them, make them not fun to play, and lead people to abandon them. Think of it as community curation by anti-engineering.

Although he doesn't come right out and say it, it's pretty clear that the "various aspects of society" he is referring to are the supposed misogynist gamers — essentially boys and young men who release their aggression through gaming. Given that allowing young men to have a pressure release valve in the form of gaming is a great way to prevent aggression and resistance in the real world, sabotaging that outlet strikes me as a particularly poorly-conceived idea for eliminating sexism. However, for guys like Michael Kimmel and Yonatan Zunger, only unconditional surrender on the part of the enemy (most men) will do, so they will tolerate no resistance, no matter how inconsequential.

Whether or not that's one of his goals, it's pretty disturbing to see a guy in charge of social network engineering for Google suggesting we play God with society through "deliberate sabotage."

Perhaps this provides Zunger's motivation for supporting Sarkeesian: he sees her as a useful tool for "community curation by anti-engineering." Although it's unclear whether Zunger had anything to do with recent career moves on Sarkeesian's part, he suggests in a comment that she should consult with game producers, slyly adding a smiley face to the end of the comment:

> …right now, she seems to have gotten the ears of a lot of the studios, and those studios are thinking seriously about how to attract more female gamers.
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> Consulting could be a very effective move. 😀

Other commenters on his post also support deliberately sabotaging games; one fellow named Lionel Lauer suggests adding Jar Jar Binks to all of them:

> She's raised the cash legitimately, so as long as she at least fulfills the original goal, she can do what the fuck she likes with the rest of it. Personally, I'd use the extra to really piss off all the haters, like maybe bribe every game company to put Jar Jar Binks in every release this year.

So perhaps we now know why Sarkeesian hasn't produced a single video for her "Tropes" series yet — she's too busy consulting for game development companies and deliberately sabotaging society for Google's Yonatan Zunger, who apparently fancies himself the Machiavellian genius who will bring about a brave new world where Google engineers get all the girls (or boys — I'm not sure what Zunger's preference is in that way) and the rest of us stop playing because it isn't fun any more.

Sounds wonderful.

VAWA Dead — For Now

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House Republicans let the Violence Against Women Act expire when they refused to pass a beefed-up, more expensive version that extended extra money and programs to illegal immigrants, lesbians and Indian tribes. What I'm curious about is why the lesbians need it, since as we all know only men commit domestic violence…

I wouldn't count on the bill staying dead, but it's pretty expensive, and the money just isn't there like it used to be. We may be seeing the beginning of the unraveling of the feminist regime due to its success in disenfranchising the men who have paid for it. Feminism is a self-defeating movement precisely because it consumes and destroys what made it possible in the first place: private, male-created wealth.

However, rather than cheer the end of this despicable, sexist bill, we should take a moment to reflect upon the men who have lost their families, careers and even lives as a result of its excesses.

Below is a video of a man, suspected of DV, being shot in the back when he tries to flee from a female police officer. As he lies bleeding on the ground, other officers offer her comfort for the distress she suffered from blasting a chunk of lead through a man's back:

Women Outpacing Men in Holiday Adultery Extravaganza

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The New Year brings with it hope, resolution, and divorce. January is known as "divorce month" in legal circles for the high number of separations initiated after the turning of the year. Some reasons for this phenomenon may include women's reluctance to spoil the holidays with a divorce, but I suspect the pressure of the holidays pushes more than a few of them into mental breakdown status, which seems to cause many women to cut and run — a sort of feminine stampede out of the corral.

So perhaps it isn't surprising that a UK adultery service has seen record numbers of women signing up after Christmas:

> UndercoverLovers.com, a dating website for married people seeking extra-marital affairs, has reported a record post-Christmas surge in women joining the site. Since Christmas Day 13,835 new female members have registered, substantially exceeding the number of men who've signed up.
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> She continues: "When we launched Undercover Lovers three years ago we had approximately 7 men joining for every 3 women. Since then however the gender ratio of our membership has been moving progressively towards parity. If the trend of the past week continues into 2013 we could soon reach the point where ladies outnumber the gents using the site, which would finally put paid to the preconception that men are intrinsically more adulterous than women."

What does surprise me is how many men still use these services. Given how many single women are out there, fooling around with married women hardly seems necessary — even for the hard up. However, perhaps part of the motivation is that in Anglo countries they are even easier than the single ones. Sure, you may really be slumming when you're running around with another guy's wife, but there is no short supply of lazy guys who want to get laid for the lowest price possible. And as it stands today, there's no cheaper sex than with a married woman, because her husband is going to pay for it no matter how it goes down in the end.

> Undercover Lovers have also noted significant differences in the way the sexes use their website. Emily Pope explains: "We know from previous research that women reflect for far longer before taking the huge decision to join the site and, once they do, are initially more tentative in selecting and communicating with potential affair partners. Men are more impulsive by nature and tend to jump straight into the fray. However we've also discovered that once women are active on Undercover Lovers, they're likely to behave more promiscuously than their male counterparts. Our Adultery Survey 2012 revealed that **our female members have had 2.3 illicit lovers on average compared to the 1.8 affair partners of men on the site**.

Gotta love that last part. I guess now we know why the term "hussy" originally came from housewife. It's a good thing we men can laugh at ourselves, because these days the joke is most definitely on us.

Issues with Senate VAWA Bill

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Feminists and other assorted leftists are really upset about VAWA not being reauthorized, but I get the sense that they don't really understand what's at issue. The new, more extensive VAWA passed by the senate includes some novel provisions, such as extending tribal jurisdiction to non-Indians in domestic cases (as opposed to state or federal as mandated by law), giving non-citizens access to government programs and benefits when they accuse men of DV, and extending DV protection to homosexuals. Naturally, where liberals and feminists are concerned, there can never, ever be anything wrong with such feel-good proposals.

I have little knowledge concerning federal law as it pertains to tribal jurisdiction, so I'll leave that untouched here (those in the know feel free to fill me in). As for the homosexual "protections," I'm astounded that gays would support such a thing, because precisely as many homosexuals who benefit from the bill will see their lives destroyed by it. When it comes to couples, VAWA is negative sum, because while it may marginally benefit some partners it tends to punish the other partner with a severity that outweighs the help extended to the one who made the complaint. Gays prosecuted under VAWA would be treated like straight, married men under the Senate bill. I seriously doubt they realize what they'd be getting into with that kind of legislation. In fact, gays should be thanking the House Republicans for holding it up.

What most rankled the Republicans, I suspect, were the provisions relating to immigrants — illegal ones in particular. The senate bill would have granted them visas, funding and a raft of goodies when they made DV accusations. This is what we call an "incentive to accuse." VAWA already offers American women an incentive to accuse, and accusations have become so common that you'll hear at least every other divorcing wife making them in family court. When I read a comment on Maddow's blog from a prosecutor who said it was difficult to get women to accuse their husbands, I had to wonder what world he was living in. I think it might be the world where you get paid more for prosecuting more men, because that's one of the biggest whoppers I've seen in a while.

So, if the senate version had passed, we would likely have seen a giant surge in accusations of DV made by illegal immigrant women, filling our courts (and jails) beyond capacity. Becoming an official "battered woman" would allow them to avail themselves of all sorts of federal benefits, such as TANF, SNAP, medicaid, social security and others that are typically extended only to permanent residents (i.e. citizens or green card holders). It may be true that most wouldn't ultimately obtain that status (VAWA visa claims already have something like a 65% failure rate, which suggests that they are mainly fraudulent accusations), but that doesn't mean they wouldn't try, and try a lot. Given how many illegal immigrant women we have in the country, this could be an enormous mess. It's hard to believe the Senate is so stupid and short-sighted that they'd suggest such a program with so little debate. It's also hard to believe that the feminists and liberals are so stupid that they are willing to blow what remains of VAWA's credibility – and fiscal viability – by opening it up to a population of some 20 million who, given the incentives, would certainly use it at a much higher rate than the rest of us.

Sometimes I get a bit cynical, and think to myself "why not give them enough rope to hang themselves?" But then again I do still have some residual patriotism, and there's nothing in it for me (unlike Mr. prosecutor, who rubs his hands in glee thinking about how this will guarantee his job security), so I ought to take a stand against it. However, the more I think about these issues, the less faith I have in the competence of our governing class, and the viability of the US as we know it. We have devolved into a howling mob that knows nothing more than political catchphrases, and hasn't the foggiest idea about what the real-world implications of the policies they promote could be.

Urbanism and Fertility Decline

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It's easy to blame feminism for a lot of things, but data from Asia show pretty clearly that cratering fertility is more a product of urbanism and modernity than feminism per se. It looks like feminism is actually a symptom rather than a cause of many of these social trends.

Some years ago, I studied Chinese demographics concerning the one-child policy. A lot of bright people have put much effort into understanding the effect of this wide-ranging policy of forcing people to have fewer children. Unsurprisingly, many American professors are quite supportive of it. However, the honest ones admit that it has had limited utility, and has taken second place to trends that began years before Deng Xiaoping ordered it into Chinese law. The policy has produced brutality on a scale that is difficult for most of us to comprehend. Millions of abortions been coerced or forced, and from the looks of the streets of Shenzhen in the late 90s, where gangs of child beggars ran rampant, a lot of parents were giving "extra" kids away (or selling them) to avoid the fines. It may be that the explosion in Chinese prostitution in the 90s was partly a result of this. However, it's plausible (although by no means certain) that even more misery has been averted — this is the view that most environmentalist American professors take. Although I don't share their faith in such measures, I'll at least concede that it's an arguable point.

What many do not realize is that fertility was already declining when the policy was put into place, particularly in cities. Shanghai was the first administrative district in China where fertility dropped below replacement level, and this happened as early as the late 1950s. As China modernized, other cities soon followed suit. By the 90s, the only parts of China with above replacement fertility were remote rural regions where modern culture had made few if any inroads.

Today, fertility in China's big, advanced cities is among the lowest in the world. In Shanghai and Beijing, it is only 0.7 — under half the replacement level. Other Asian cities outside the PRC policy have experienced similar declines. Singapore is barely above that with a fertility rate of 0.78. Hong Kong has 1.09, and Macau 0.92. Tokyo is at 1.02; Seoul 0.92. All terribly low.

Political feminism has barely made inroads into Asia, but the women there are behaving in much the same manner as their Western counterparts. This suggests that it isn't feminism that effected the cultural and lifestyle changes in large metropolitan areas, but rather that feminism is merely a political expression of post-industrial urban culture — a symptom, not a cause.

If you think about the implications, they are quite sobering. We often hear about environmental sustainability, but rarely, if ever, about cultural and demographic sustainability. There is obviously something unique about the economic powerhouses of Asia, Europe and the Americas that has allowed the development of extraordinarily advanced societies. However, from the looks of it, they contain the seeds of their own destruction. Demographically speaking, they are withering on the vine, and where the people go the culture will follow.

It is this trend above all that points to a world in decline, and it doesn't look as though it will be possible to prevent it. If China's brutal, ham-fisted population control efforts only had a marginal effect on population growth, there is no eugenics program or natalist policy that will have any significant effect on advanced urban populations. As the numbers get worse by the year, it leads me to speculate about the late Roman empire, and wonder whether there wasn't a similar process at work there. Perhaps, as someone once said, it is the meek who shall inherit the earth.

Feminist Myopia Concerning Indian Violence

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By Hans Laven

The horrible case in India involving the rape and homicide of a 23yo female student has led to worldwide campaigns demanding greater protection for women. The student was tricked into boarding a bus that was actually being taken for a joy ride by a group of drunk men who then beat her with an iron bar, stripped her, gang raped her and threw her out of the moving vehicle naked on to the street then tried to run her over presumably to ensure her death. The woman died in hospital some days later from her injuries.

The violence committed by the offender(s) was despicable and unworthy of human status. Although the safety and costs of the death penalty are deeply problematic, personally I would have no moral objection to a death penalty for one or more of these offenders if proven beyond reasonable doubt to have led or participated actively in this violence. I'm sure most in the men's movement will agree with protests by large groups of Indian women and men demanding that violence including sexual violence against women be properly investigated and prosecuted to the full force the law. I'm sure most here would agree also that Indian police and justice system deserve criticism and to be held accountable if they have been turning a blind eye to, victim-blaming, treating as unimportant, excusing or minimizing such violence.

One incredible aspect of this depraved episode though has been the apathy shown towards the female victim's boyfriend. Many news articles completely failed to mention him at all or to report on his injuries or recovery. Media eventually reported more on him but only because he had recovered enough to make a statement about the events including criticism of how police responded when they found the pair. From occasional comments in media reports we learned that this man was also locked in the bus, beaten with the iron bar, stripped, thrown naked from the moving bus and targeted to be run over. He was knocked unconscious, then he regained consciousness at some stage and rescued the injured woman from being run over by the bus they had just been thrown from. He was forced to endure seeing or being aware of the physical and sexual violence towards his girlfriend and this will undoubtedly cause him post-traumatic stress disorder and lifelong psychological damage. But who cares? Nobody it seems has cared a damn about him.

The protestors and world media have shown appalling misandry by focusing only on the female victim of this violence and disregarding the male victim. Seriously violent crimes were committed by a group of drunk men against both a woman and a man. Some articles mentioned that the man had also been beaten but his victimhood and welfare were almost totally ignored. The exclusive focus of the response to this crime has been on women's rights and wishes.

Such feminist myopia is more than simply a moral issue of fairness. The calls by many have been for responses unlikely to reduce violence whilst contravening important principles of justice, equality and social cohesion. Feminist-focused protestors and media have demanded special treatment of women complainants throughout the process of Indian law enforcement, automatic assumptions by police of the truth of their allegations, expansion of definitions of rape and sexual assault, 'fast track' justice for those accused of violence towards women, and much harsher punishments including the death penalty for such crimes against women specifically. Sound familiar? The Indian government now appears intent on introducing some of those measures. Many western countries including New Zealand have pursued similar approaches with little protective result for women but massive injustice towards accused men and a degradation of the status of men in general, associated with erosion of family, community cohesion and serious increases in antisocial behaviour and gang membership by boys and young men. Well, what do we expect? If we treat the male half of our population as undesirable, discriminate against men and show widespread disrespect for them while still exploiting them financially and physically, what have young men to aspire to in their society?

Laws in most countries already, quite appropriately, exist against sexual violence and usually provide for harsh

punishments. If authorities are not applying those laws properly then that is what needs to be addressed. Encouraging reduced standards of justice, more gender inequality and increased state violence towards men can only be expected to result in violent attitudes. Ignoring, excusing or tolerating violence by women and towards men can only be expected to perpetuate a violent society. To reduce violence it will be necessary to encourage non-violence and respect towards all humans male and female, to show understanding and mercy regardless of gender, and to identify and address the real factors that increase the risk of violence. These are likely to include alcohol and amphetamine abuse, poor conflict-resolution skills, lifestyle stress, erosion of community, reduction in care and safety for mentally disordered people, sexual and relationship deprivation for males who are not alpha males, unfair family laws and loss of family. The ‘patriarchal power and control’ and ‘man bad, woman good’ models have misled us badly, causing western countries and now the rest of the world to misunderstand the causes of violence and to look towards false measures that ironically promote violent and uncaring attitudes.

The Seventh Seal

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After spending more continuous time with family over the last month than I have in five years, I've been taking a breather for the last few days. It's great being with family, and I'll never forget how much I missed it when I was overseas, but it can be just as exhausting as work. More in some ways.

So, to ease up a bit, naturally, I watched a Swedish existentialist movie about death. *The Seventh Seal* (Det Sjunde Inseglet) is a 1957 Ingmar Bergman film starring Max von Sydow set in medieval Sweden during the Black Death.

I watched the film on the advice of a medievalist, who called it one of the most accurate depictions of the medieval mentality, which I find interesting due to its profound difference from modern attitudes and mores. Religious devotion and imagery permeate the film, and are often depicted in a macabre light, perhaps reflecting the prevailing mood during the Plague, which carried away at least a third of Europe's population.

The main characters are Antonius Block, a knight returning from a crusade, and darkest Death himself, who has come for the knight. To put off his imminent demise, the knight challenges Death to a chess match, hoping that he can accomplish something meaningful before his time is up. Death agrees, and they begin to play, making a few moves during each encounter.

In between the encounters with Death over the chess board, the knight makes his way toward his castle, meeting up with a family of minstrels along the way. The husband and wife team have a little boy, and a companion named Skat who performs with them. The husband, a light-hearted, nimble fellow, also happens to be a clairvoyant, and has religious visions. However, his pretty wife is skeptical.

Other characters include the knight's squire Jöns, who is a cynical warrior, a blacksmith cuckold named Plod, Plod's lusty wife, a servant girl whose entire village was taken by the plague, and a villainous preacher named Raval.

On the journey back to the castle, they encounter a religious procession, a witch-burning and other ominous scenes. Antonius, knowing the end is near, desperately seeks knowledge of God and any sign that there is some purpose to life.

I'll leave the story and plot for readers to discover on their own, but the existentialist theme that ties the ancient medieval lifestyle to ours with one common concern – the meaning of life – suggests that despite our advanced society and relative safety, we are living in times that are as dark as medieval Europe. Antonius finally does find his meaning, and accomplishes his one good deed before Death takes him. Despite his doubt about God and the afterlife, he finds purpose and value in the young minstrel family, and manages to spare them his fate. That family, symbolizing life and goodness, was enough for him to find some acceptance of the terror and darkness that characterized the world around him.

Today, one could make the argument that the systems we have created, and our human shortcomings, are as much a threat to what is good and meaningful in the world as the Plague was in those pestilent times. Politicians and activists uproot families, sow discord and profit from misery, consuming all that is beautiful and good like ravenous wolves. If death were to appear today, wouldn't he be different only in wearing a black robe rather than a dark cowl? As the innocent fruit of love is mowed down by a grim scythe, we hardly even bother to justify it any longer; that lust and greed are temporarily sated is enough of an excuse.

And yet as we look around, we ask "what kind of life is this, where those things dear to the human heart are devoured around us?"

As I reflect on the film, I see little difference between Antonius and myself — and most men for that matter. In our lives we make a desperate bargain with fate, trying to stave off the inevitable to create a sanctuary for the little things we secretly cherish, so that the inevitable loss will not have been entirely in vain.

Our Own Little Bolsheviks

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Continuing my respite, I've been reading about the Soviet Union — its prison system in particular. I picked up Aleksander Solzhenitsyn's *Gulag Archipelago* a couple days ago, and have been enjoying the read. The book is a weighty one, but Solzhenitsyn manages to insert a good bit of humor into an otherwise depressing tome. Most of this humor is a result of the absurdity of Soviet policy and the many shortcomings of the people who implemented it.

Archipelago is a real-life example of an Orwellian dystopia, but it differs in some key respects from Orwell's *1984*. First, the party is characterized more by blundering fools and petty villains than any sort of ruthless efficiency. Rather than intelligent, dedicated inner party technocrats like 1984′s O'Brien, Soviet NKVD (predecessor to the KGB) interrogators were greedy, lazy brutes who were simply trying to keep their place in the organization and line their pockets with the least effort possible. Unfortunately for Soviet prisoners, the easy way for the NKVD to accomplish its objective was to obtain confessions by any expedient means. For stubborn prisoners – especially those who insisted they were innocent – torture was the norm.

Secondly, although confessions were happily used by Stalin and his cronies for political purposes, the real prize was slave labor. Yes, many, many people were shot outright, but the overwhelming majority did time in slave labor camps across the vast expanse of Eurasia. Sadly, few young Americans are even aware that slavery was one of the defining characteristics of the mid-20th century. The Nazis and Japanese made extensive use of slaves during WWII, but Stalin outdid them all. Stalin was, for all intents and purposes, the successor to the Asiatic despots who have ruled Russia from time to time all the way back to the Huns. He ruled over a slave empire that stretched from the Baltic to the Pacific; even from the Arctic Ocean to the shores of the Caspian Sea. Genghis Khan himself would have been impressed.

What is most depressing about the book is that it dawns on the reader that an awful, nightmare of a totalitarian state need not be created by some cabal of evil geniuses, but rather can develop simply as a result of base human instincts, such as greed, resentment and a lust for power. Following the Bolshevik Revolution, Russia was in a shambles. During the chaos of the 1920s, a sort of gangsterism prevailed, which resulted in Stalin's accession to power (not that Lenin was much better). The gangster lord then went about expanding his style throughout the entire Empire, enthusiastically supported by armies of thugs who were handsomely rewarded for brutalizing their own people.

Solzhenitsyn goes into quite a bit of detail about the early development of Soviet courts and law. Following the Revolution, over the course of little more than a decade, justice was entirely subordinated to the party and its organs, and for all practical purposes ceased to exist. It took some time to work out the details, but by the 1930s the Soviet penal system became an industry in its own right, and was kept functioning at the expense of other sectors. Even as people starved to death by the million in the worst famines in Russian (and Ukrainian) history, the prisons were well-funded and well-staffed.

The constant churning of the population as people were uprooted, displaced, arrested and exiled to Siberia was an important factor in Nazi Germany's early success in Operation Barbarossa, the 1941 invasion of the USSR. Without massive American material support in the form of trucks, locomotives, food, tanks, airplanes and huge shipments of steel, explosives and ammunition – over 16 million tons in all – Stalin probably couldn't have withstood the assault. Ironically, some of the hundreds of thousands of trucks (mainly Studebakers and Fords) we sent to the USSR were used by the NKVD as their infamous "black marias" for collecting prisoners. The Studebakers were also famous as the platforms for the mobile rocket artillery ("Katyushas") the Red Army used to awesome effect in battles.

Of course, when you abuse people to the extent Stalin did, there tends to be some blowback. A little known story of WWII concerns the hundreds of thousands of Russians – ethnic Russians, no less – who actually volunteered to

fight for the Nazis, despite being treated like subhuman dogs in German POW camps, which suggests that Stalin treated them *even worse than that* (ultimately, he did — after the war, returning Russian POWs were routinely sent to be worked to death in Siberia for the crime of having been taken prisoner). If it weren't for the ideological constraints and small-mindedness of Nazism, Germany could have potentially overthrown Stalin with his own subjects.

Stalin's USSR serves as an example of the depravity to which governments can sink, and because it was very real, the USSR is a far more disturbing example than 1984 could possibly be. It should remind us that we must be vigilant in preventing anything similar – no matter how "limited" – from developing in our own society, but unfortunately that lesson has been lost on many.

And how do we know it has been lost? Because people are at work using the same methods the early Communists employed right here at home. Communism is set up on the principle of "equality," which is antithetical to the principle of "liberty." If we are all to be equal, we cannot be free, because individual choices have different results. This is in direct conflict with English common law, which was developed on the basis of protecting liberty (e.g. property rights) rather than equality (redistribution).

Second wave feminism was directly influenced by Communist theory, and it was second wave feminists who wrote and implemented family law starting in the 1980s. The Violence Against Women Act was also strongly influenced by these Marxist feminists (despite Joe Biden's fraudulent claims of authorship), who have little regard for concepts such as due process, rights of the accused, and so on. In fact, if you take a close look at the way family law has come to operate, it resembles Soviet law very closely. It is neither criminal law nor civil law, but some strange hybrid that purportedly "levels the playing field." In so doing, men are substitutes for the "class enemies" of the Communists — capitalists, bourgeoisie, aristocrats, etc.

Guilt need not be established for a man to be dispossessed, children may be used as hostages, detention without trial is frequently employed and a mere accusation is enough to remove a man from his home. In many cases, child support and alimony orders amount to debt bondage (a form of slavery). All is justified because women are seen as an exploited class by feminists, and efforts to rectify this cannot be hampered by "reactionary" (Futrelle frequently uses that term — shows his true colors) notions of due process, trial by jury, and presumption of innocence.

The most disturbing parallel, however is currently developing in our universities in response to rape hysteria. For a couple years now, universities have been setting up sexual assault tribunals at the urging of the US Department of Education, which is using Title IX as leverage to force compliance. These tribunals find a remarkably similar predecessor in the Cheka (later NKVD) troikas used to mete out extrajudicial punishment, such as summary execution or imprisonment. They were created expressly to *avoid* trials, which were impractical due to the need for solid evidence and other such reactionary impediments to punishment. Likewise, our own college tribunals were created for essentially the same purpose. On reading about them, one gets the impression that Russlyn Ali, who is responsible for ordering the "new standards," must have picked up the idea while reading about Genrikh Yagoda or another one of the sadistic villains responsible for implementing Stalin's madness.

Ali's new standard, known as "preponderance of evidence," is a farce and a travesty of justice. Any fool or liar can claim that there's a "preponderance of evidence" in whatever case he or she pleases. What preponderance of evidence really comes down to is opinion, politics, or just plain preference, and what man in his right mind would trust a university-appointed troika on sexual assault to be unbiased?

Christina Hoff Summers reports:

> "We will use all of the tools at our disposal including … withholding federal funds … to ensure that women are free from sexual violence," Ali told NPR last year. One such tool is the standard of proof that college disciplinary committees use when determining guilt. Many colleges employ a "beyond a reasonable doubt" or a "clear and convincing" standard. (Roughly speaking, "beyond a reasonable doubt" requires a 98-percent certainty of guilt; clear and convincing, an 80-percent certainty.) Ali, however, orders all colleges to adopt the

> far-less-demanding standard of “preponderance of the evidence.” Using that standard, a defendant can be found guilty if members of a disciplinary committee believe there is slightly more than a 50/50 chance that he committed the crime. That standard will make it far easier for disciplinary committees to try, convict, and punish an accused student (almost always a male).
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> How did Ali and her fellow lawyers in the Department of Education manage to find in the Title IX gender-equity statute grounds for demanding colleges to adopt a “preponderance of evidence” standard? That is a mystery. Hans Bader, a former Education Department lawyer, says that nothing in Title IX justifies taking away an accused person’s right to a firm presumption of innocence, requiring clear and convincing evidence. Ali and her colleagues, he suggests, are “legislating through administrative fiat, in a way that is arbitrary and capricious.” And dangerous, one might add.

We might be tempted to write this off as more campus silliness, but even taken in context this is a chilling development. While they may not be executing people, detention isn’t all that far-fetched, especially when we have people in the President’s administration demanding that schools implement extrajudicial punishment measures with troikas that approximate the Cheka model pioneered by the Bolsheviks. That the current administration is trying to preempt investigations and trials in state courts is another issue here, and may well be a violation of the Constitution.

The US may not be the hellish totalitarian dystopia of the early USSR, but there’s no sense in allowing any one part of our society to resemble it at all. Whether they are found in the family or the university, Bolshevik standards of “justice” should be firmly rejected before they metastasize and spread to other institutions. Finally, feminists should be called out for what they really are rather than given cover by politicians and the press. They are, quite literally, tyrants who will use whatever method they deem expedient to accomplish their goal. As I read *The Gulag Archipelago*, I find quite a bit of material that is familiar in the contemporary world. It seems that even we Americans carry the germ of totalitarianism within, and we would do well to keep an eye on it and aggressively root it out where we can.

After Wife Receives Divorce Windfall, Berlusconi Calls Judges “Feminists and Communists”

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Although perhaps not too many people will sympathize with multibillionaire playboy Silvio Berlusconi, who is notorious for spending time and money on young beauties, it’s refreshing to see someone with a voice calling it as it is where family court is concerned.

After being ordered to pay his ex-wife nearly $50 million per year in alimony (she will receive four times the average Italian yearly salary per day), Berlusconi said the amount was determined by three feminists and a communist (is there really much of a difference?).

Hopefully, we’ll see more and more men come out and call it like it is. When the powerful begin to feel some of the affliction that hounds ordinary men in divorce, it suddenly becomes news.

Drunk and Pregnant, Woman Knocks Out Her Own Child

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The following story is really horrible if you're a parent. A lot of things that might seem funny suddenly don't look that way when little kids are involved.

A woman, intoxicated and pregnant, was carrying her toddler around in the cold rain with nothing but a pair of dirty diapers and a t-shirt — at 3AM! So, some man (probably a father) saw her and asked what the hell she was doing with the kid in that weather.

> At 3 o'clock on the morning of the incident, a man in the 3700 block of South 144th Street called Tukwila police after spotting Woldeab carrying her child, who was wearing only a diaper and T-shirt despite the chilly weather, a Tukwila detective told the court. Concerned for the child's safety, the man called out to Woldeab.
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> "What the hell are you doing with your baby out like that?" he yelled.
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> Woldeab broke into a run but tripped, dropping her daughter and landing on top of her, the detective continued. The witness approached Woldeab, according to charging documents, prompting her to shout, "Don't take my baby!"
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> Woldeab then threw her purse at the man and raced into a nearby parking lot, where she dropped her daughter again, the detective told the court. She picked the child back up, but then tossed her into thorny bushes before stepping inside a gas station nearby.
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> Tukwila police arrived to find Woldeab running onto Tukwila International Boulevard with the toddler tucked under her arm "like a bag," the detective told the court. When an oncoming car stopped to avoid hitting Woldeab, she threw her child through its open window.
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> "The child struck the side of the car with her head and fell limply into an open window, partially hanging out of the vehicle," the Tukwila detective told the court. "The child was not moving or making any noise."
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> Woldeab then jumped into the car and told the driver – a stranger to her – to drive away. The man did not oblige her, and the first officer to arrive snatched up the injured child.
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> By then, the toddler had sustained several cuts and bruises to her face, and had a tennis ball-sized lump rising from her head. The detective noted the girl was also covered in feces.
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> Having secured the child in a patrol car, the officer returned to the other vehicle and pulled Woldeab from it. Woldeab was handcuffed and arrested; police later found a bottle of spoiled milk in her purse.
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> The child was placed in state custody.

This is about as bad as it gets short of killing the kid. And she's pregnant with another one…

The fact that she's pregnant presents a real dilemma for feminists and our courts. On the one hand, the courts are supposed to act "in the best interests of the child," but according to feminists it's "her body" to do with as she pleases. As for the toddler, of course that kid has to be removed from her, and hopefully handed to the father (if he's not in jail or also habitually intoxicated).

However, what about the child in her womb? If you let her out of jail, chances are she's going to get loaded again, possibly causing irreparable damage to the child's organs. So, if you want to protect the infant, the best course is to deny bail and keep her locked up until she gives birth. But that would be to deny her "agency," and after all it's "her body."

So where would a feminist stand in this case? What's more important, the woman's freedom to do as she pleases or the health and safety of the unborn child?

If I were a judge, I know what I would do. I'd order her locked up in a women's prison until she gave birth, then take the child and give it to the father, or if he refused put it up for adoption. It wouldn't be a difficult decision at all. But I guarantee that there will be some real legal drama over this case, because mothers – no matter how bad – are privileged in our society.

It's nothing for a judge to remove a child from a father, but take a drunk, abusive, train wreck of a woman, and they will bend over backward to try to work something out. It is this mandate that children must always be with their mothers that is responsible for a great many child fatalities.

In a sense, I agree with the mandate. It shouldn't be easy to take a child from a parent. But when the courts so easily and casually take children from fathers, including protective fathers who want the best for their children, yet at the same time go to great lengths to keep children with questionable mothers, it really gives the lie to the "best interests of the child" doctrine.

Quarterly Resupply

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Now that the holidays are over, it's time for me to make the rounds shaking the cup. I'll make a more detailed report soon, but a few figures for now to let readers take the site's temperature:

Unique page views hit record highs in late fall of 80,000 readers in one month's time. This dropped a bit over the holidays, but we are still at over 72,000 uniques per month (well above the historical average) despite the slower pace of content over the Christmas and New Year's holiday stretch.

It's a good trend, and encouraging for the site's future. I suspect part of the reason things are going well in that department is that I upgraded the server in early fall to a more costly dedicated server, because the traffic was starting to cause the site to crash on a frequent basis.

When content is flowing freely, the site tends to attract around 80,000 page views per week — a little over 11,000 per day. Add to this the fact that there are now almost as many new as returning visitors, and it indicates that the reach has increased substantially.

Alexa figures are decent, too, with the site looking like it will soon break into the top 100,000 again if trends continue.

Now, not to crow or anything, but The Spearhead did pioneer the style that is starting to launch men's issues into far greater public prominence than they were a few short years ago. Not only this site, but others are getting much more traffic than was the case back in the late aughts. Before *The Spearhead*, men's issues were essentially stuck on AM radio — pretty much off the radar screen as far the politicized masses were concerned. I can't take credit alone for changing this, but confronting the feminists head in an unapologetic style online with a site dedicated exactly to that and little else was my idea, and it worked. The name of the site speaks for itself — it was intended to lead the way in a focused, direct thrust through enemy lines:

> An armored spearhead (UK English: armoured spearhead) is a formation of armored fighting vehicles, mostly tanks, that form the front of an offensive thrust during a battle. The idea is to concentrate as much firepower into a small front as possible, so any defenders in front of them will be overwhelmed. As the spearhead moves forward, infantry units following in the gap behind them form up on either side of the line of advance in order to protect the flanks.

It seems that it worked. However, there is a weakness:

> The tactic is quite risky. A determined enemy can counterattack against the infantry on the flanks, thereby cutting off the spearhead from resupply and quickly bringing it to a halt. In order to avoid this the spearhead must move as fast as possible in order to keep the defense from re-organizing in this fashion.

If the formation cannot resupply, it will run out of steam and lose the initiative. So, if you want to see *The Spearhead* to keep moving forward, please support the site financially. There's still plenty of ground to cover before it reaches its objective, and it would be a shame to let up before finishing the job.

One thing I'd like to add is that we are still in the growth stage where men's issues are concerned, so helping one site has a positive effect on the others. Actually, this is true even when the sites/organizations oppose each other over one issue or another (something I try to avoid, but human nature dictates that it will happen from time to time). Despite impressive growth, most people have little idea that we exist, and there's so much material to be uncovered and so much work to be done that there are plenty of jobs for everyone. However, funds are limited — we aren't sponsored by either the government or major corporations like many feminist organizations. This means we have to rely on help from supporters.

Speaking for *The Spearhead*, you are getting far more for every dollar you give in support than any donor to a feminist cause would. Literally thousands of articles and hours of work have gone into the site, and all on a limited budget that wouldn't support a single feminist for a half year. This, I suspect, is how we'll win.

But we do need help to keep going, so if you like the work we've done so far a contribution would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your support

Bill Price

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Boy Removed from Homeless Mother by Grandparents 20 Years Ago Found, Feds Considering Charges

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In light of the National Organization for Women's support for international child abduction, and the routine refusal of officials to charge mothers who abscond with their children leaving broken-hearted fathers behind, one might wonder why federal prosecutors are considering going after grandparents who removed a boy from his homeless, mentally retarded mother back in 1994 to raise him in a stable, loving environment.

There's no need to wonder, because this egregious violation of parental rights happened to a *mother*. When fathers' children are unlawfully seized and transported overseas, it isn't much of a problem, you see, because fathers have no parental rights — *they don't matter*. If the father is inconvenient, all you have to do is manufacture some lies about him and everything falls in place right and proper just like that.

But if it's a mother who suffers such an indignity – even one who is living with the kids in a car and incapable of taking care of herself, let alone a child – it's time to call in the heavy artillery. Nevermind what the kid himself – now a young man named Jeff Landers – thinks, a mother was wronged and that's all that matters.

Jeff Landers' opinion:

> For you people who jump to conclusions you should find out the whole story I was where I needed to be. My `grandparents' were in the the right I dont care what anyone else thinks.

It's a sad story of a boy who was stuck in a bad situation and rescued by his grandparents. It seems they didn't intend to remove the boy from his mother (they had custody at the time because the mother was living in a "group home" that didn't allow children), but when the courts got involved they could see the writing on the wall. They knew the kid would be turned over to the mother and in all likelihood have a terrible childhood, so they decided to give up all they knew in their lives to save the boy the fate of growing up with a hopeless mother. They must have really loved that kid.

> Investigators reopened the case in September after a conversation between Richard Harter, Lisa Harter's husband, and an Indiana State Police detective who attended the same church prompted another search of Landers' Social Security number after several others over the years yielded no sign of him, Muntz said.
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> That turned up a man with the same number and birthday with an address in Long Prairie, about 100 miles northwest of Minneapolis.
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> Indiana State Police then contacted Minnesota law enforcement agencies, which began investigating along with the FBI and the Social Security Administration.
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> Minnesota officials say the grandparents — now living in Browerville under the assumed names Raymond Michael Iddings and Susan Kay Iddings — verified Landers' identity. They were known as Richard E. and Ruth A. Landers at the time of the abduction.

All's well that ends well. The sooner we throw these miscreants in a dungeon, the better for everyone, right?

Lingerie Football league to go “Performance,” Removes Sexy Logos and Uniforms

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The lingerie football league, which drew attention for skimpy outfits and sexy players, has decided to replace all lingerie with “performance wear,” remove sexy female figures on uniforms, and masculinize the players with bigger shoulder pads.

From the league’s announcement:

> “This is the next step in the maturation of our now global sport. While the Lingerie Football League name has drawn great media attention allowing us to showcase the sport to millions, we have now reached a crossroad of gaining credibilty as a sport or continuing to be viewed as a gimmick. In the coming years we will further establish this sport in the US, Australia, Europe and Asia as the most known form of American football globally. In order to reach the next milestone, we feel the focus has to be the sport and our amazing athletes”, said Mitchell S. Mortaza, Founder & Chairman, Lingerie Football League, LLC.
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> LFL re-branding announcement also includes:
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> -Performance wear replaces all lingerie aspects of uniform.
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> -New design of logos removing any sexy female figures.
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> -Redesign of shoulder pads to increase protection.
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> -Brand tagline shifts from ‘True Fantasy Football’ to ‘Women of the Gridiron’

So, the chairman has decided to drop what made the sport appealing (to some) in the first place. Sure, it’s a bit of a fetish to watch women wrestle, play football and so on, but there are a lot of men out there who enjoy that stuff. Far more, I suspect, than women who enjoy watching other women compete in helmets and shoulder pads at a man’s game.

Maybe Mitchell Mortaza, the founder, thinks he can get a sinecure from the NFL and be set for life as the director of a money-losing league that can never be disbanded because it would be “sexist” to do so. That’s pretty much what the NBA has been stuck with since David Stern hung the albatross of the WNBA around its neck. And speaking of gimmicks, how is it more of a gimmick for women to run around looking sexy than it is for them to play at a man’s game? I thought that’s what women did naturally when given the opportunity. Who’s more of a freak: a female beauty pageant contestant or a female boxer?

I wonder why these guys can’t accept the simple fact that there just aren’t enough lesbians out there to sustain this kind of thing.

Rapographics

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Chuck Ross debunked an infographic some feminist made about rape and how pervasive it is, how rare false accusations are, etc.

The infographic is childish and stupid (like most infographics), but some pundits retweeted it as though it was a "sad commentary on rape culture" or something like that.

What stands out is that she suggests only 1% of rapists are jailed for rape.

If this is true, then we can extrapolate from Bureau of Justice Statistics that there are about 23,000,000 rapists at large. Actually, that would be an understatement, because that's based on how many are under supervision *on any given day*. Given that the convicted sex offender population under supervision probably represents less than half of all those ever convicted, the true number must be over 50,000,000 men, or about a third of the US male population.

So, if feminists want the additional 99% of unconvicted rapists they claim to exist jailed immediately, we'd have to increase our prison population in the US by a factor of over 20 (we currently incarcerate 2.3 million people). This would increase our incarceration rate, which is already by far the highest on earth at 754 per 100,000 people, to about 15,000, or 15% of the entire US population.

Assuming costs rise in a linear manner on a per prisoner basis, our annual expenditures on incarceration would have to increase from about 60.3 billion to roughly $1.2 trillion — about a third of the recent federal budget, and nearly half of all revenue. Indeed, it would probably be more expedient to simply shoot every third American male (but then who'd pay the taxes?).

The absurdity of the feminist argument becomes clearer every day, but as in some of the totalitarian governments of the past century, few dare to point it out.

Encouraging Divorce

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By Dale

In Canada, a man has been ordered to pay $175,000 Canadian dollars (177,757 US$) every month to his ex-wife.

A $175,000 reward, renewed every month, just for divorcing your husband — what an incentive for divorce. Why do our leaders allow laws that bring about the destruction of families? Of course, many feminists would define "family" to include female-lead homes that are without a father, so I suppose they see this as simply replacing one family with another. Surely at least a small number of feminists would be honest enough to admit that children are better off with their father however. And if a child is better off with their father, then giving an incentive to divorce is obviously bad for society. Fortunately, in this case the children were already grown; the youngest is now 17. There is therefore no legitimate need for child support, especially given the ex-wife is now "earning" $175,000 per month. But that did not stop her from asking. How many females have seared their conscience by greed to such an extent that they can show this complete lack of shame? To be fair, perhaps she asked for child support before knowing how much alimony she could take.

What makes this situation even worse however is that they had an agreement regarding alimony, signed 15 years ago. The female judge chose to ignore it, thus encouraging other females to consider divorcing their husbands too. According to the article linked to above, the judge said:

> while the agreement may have seemed fair to Michael McCain when it was signed in 1997, over time it had become "unconscionable."

Funny, I thought the whole point of a written contract was to guarantee certain conditions and payments, regardless of future events. If I buy a car with a contract that says I will pay $500 per month for five years, then I must pay that amount. If I smash up the car and can no longer drive it, I still have to pay. If the car is stolen, and I therefore no longer have the benefit of the car, I still have to pay. I signed a contract. But, I believe in personal accountability for one's actions and decisions. The average female may lack this maturity.

The Bible certainly gives some hints in this respect, such as allowing a father or husband to cancel a promise or agreement a woman has given (Numbers 30:1-16). Since females are abandoning their husbands for the state (through welfare, affirmative action, etc.), from one perspective it makes sense that the new "husband", the state, would think they have the right to cancel her agreements. Of course, the Bible makes no allowance for this perversion; only a father or husband were to have this authority to cancel her agreements.

Insisting upon treating females as equals in all ways, but then also allowing females to be treated as foolish children who need to be protected by the state from the consequences of their agreements provides a foolishness encouragement to females to divorce. If she were treated only as an equal, she would be required to fulfill her obligations as wife and be punished (e.g. loss of the children and the use of the ex-husband's wealth) if she violated the marriage agreement or abandoned the family. If she were treated only as an immature person, she would not have the ability to decide to leave her husband while also taking her children away from the only mature parent they have. If she were treated only as an immature person, she also would not be able to take the husband's resources away, to be spent according to her immature decisions. Perhaps it is no coincidence that the Bible required that the family's wealth be given to the sons; the wife or ex-wife was to receive nothing on the death of the father. (And yes, children were to care for their parents. But the wealth was under the control of the sons, not the mother.)

Daughters also were to receive nothing on the father's death, unless the man had no sons. Even then however, the wealth was not permanently hers; as soon as she married, it was treated as her husband's property, to be given to his sons on his death.

When choosing to ignore the agreement, the judge also considered the excuse that the now-ex-wife may have been compelled to sign the contract; i.e. under duress. This is one point I can agree with, at least in principle. Unfortunately, the judge also mentioned that some experiences of the marriage “must have been very hurtful”. So what? If I feel hurt that I have to pay $500 per month, should my feelings therefore invalidate the contract? Including this nonsense in her ruling may have the effect of adding that as a valid reason to case law that will be considered for future cases. A lawyer would know better than myself the consequences of including this in the ruling. It seems to me that this encourages divorce by allowing females to claim “hurt feelings” as a way to expedite the divorce and get more money as a reward for divorce.

And by the way, this “unconscionable” contract provided that the ex-wife would be paid seven million dollars, plus be given the former family home. I am not sure too many mature people would see that as cause for distress.

Sometimes it is necessary to push a principle to an extreme before a person will see the foolishness in the principle. Surely alimony in the amount of $175,000 per month is sufficient to demonstrate the foolishness of our laws that give an incentive for divorce.

It seems to me that the best way to have strong marriages is to abandon our feminist laws, and submit to the unchanging family laws we find from God in the Bible. Given our “individual rights” culture however, the humility and submission this would require will be difficult for many. But do we really think that our way is better?

On a personal note, I wonder if the agreement between the man and his now-ex-wife would have had a better chance to be honoured if it had been signed before marriage (prenuptial). Should I be considering marriage even with a prenuptial agreement? And exactly how hopeful / unwise does a man have to be, to allow him to be aware of these laws that encourage divorce without cause, and yet marry without a prenuptial agreement anyway? And yes, when I was in my 20s I was willing, even eager, to do exactly that. So consider me as part of the problem, at least in the past.

Sometimes I just want to scream… or at least give up on the idea of marriage.

How The Online Dating Crutch Makes Single People's Lives Much Less Exciting

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By AI

A few years ago I attended an event organized annually by A. Schwarzenegger's wife – Maria Shriver. I distinctly remember how during one of her speeches, Shriver urged parents not to spoil their children by paying all their bills as long as possible, because, according to her, making your children too comfortable domesticates them and robs them of their drive and ability to survive and grow. It takes away both, their hunger and their ability to hunt for themselves. And, when the time comes to use their claws, they are not sharp enough to grab onto anything that's worth having, because they haven't been sharpened over the years as they should have been.

As I was listening to Shriver, I couldn't help but draw a mental analogy to how antibiotics hurt us by weakening our immune system when they fight the infections that our body should be fighting and winning on its own. Indeed, this is yet another situation, in which if you don't use it, you lose it.

Online dating has a similar affect on our ability to build exciting single and dating life for both men and women. While creating so many opportunities to meet so many people that you would have never met otherwise, the online dating world robs its users of the ability to meet people in real-life casual situations, and thus deprives them of the excitement that comes with approaching, starting conversations and flirting with people in cafes, bus stops, libraries and other public places.

Online dating is especially effective at robbing us of the opportunities to flirt in the real world because it attacks both sexes. The men are becoming far less aggressive. They no longer turn around and look at a hot girl when she walks by, and they no longer stare at someone they like to look at like they used to. Why bother? He would much rather open his laptop and send a message to 20 single women in an hour about how much he likes their profiles, and how much he agrees with what they have to say. However, the problems is that when a guy leans on the online dating crutch for too long, he becomes unable to walk without it – he becomes completely incapable of approaching and meeting women outside of online dating sites, even in situations when he should make a move and when it should be very easy for him to come up to a woman and talk to her – i.e. when she makes it clear that she is interested with her eye contact and body language.

Women, on the other hand, become far less outgoing and far less enthusiastic as a result of talking to guys on the internet. Why bother and make eye contact with the guys around and why look available and interested? After all, when she comes home, she is going to have 10 messages in her OkCupid inbox from 10 different guys, who want to talk to her and ask her out for dinner. She has no reason to hope to meet a guy the "Hollywood" way – at a grocery store or at a coffee shop . Therefore, she is completely dedicated to texting and wearing her headphones when she is out, eliminating any chance of having any kind of casual chat with the guys around her. She neither has interest in meeting guys when she is out and about, nor hope that a guy would approach her and would try to meet her, because, as noted above, the men became so passive.

Thus, it appears that there is no longer need for guys to be aggressive and for women to make themselves look interested and available. This takes the excitement and the rush of meeting someone new in person out of the picture, which is very sad news for the world of romance and spontaneity.

I wonder how quickly people would revert to their older ways, if the option of meeting people online was completely taken away from them for a few months. Would we see an increase in men's assertiveness? Would women make more eye contact with the guys around them and will stop wearing sunglasses and headphones everywhere they go? Would women stop texting as much when they are out and would make an effort to flirt with the guys they meet because they won't have that option on their computer?

Since online dating sites aren't going anywhere any times soon, the only thing that single people can do to simulate that kind of situation is to deliberately limit their use of the online dating sites, so that they don't forget that meeting someone new in the "real" world is so much more compelling and exciting. Limiting the use of online dating sites might just force you to take more action in person, and it will also remind you that meeting someone special at a grocery store, at a coffee shop, or at a bus is a fantasy that can come true, if you make yourself a little more available and assertive, and you don't block the world around you when you are out.

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Time for Men's Sanctuaries?

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I've long liked the idea of men getting together and helping each other get by in life. As far as I can tell from reading history, it used to be a lot more common for men to do this years ago than it is today. Fraternal organizations, labor unions, VFW halls, sports leagues and at the extreme monasteries come to mind. I wonder sometimes what it is that finally broke these institutions.

Could it be mass media and home entertainment? Too many hours at work?

It's probably a combination of factors, but I tend to think women's presence has had a disruptive influence in male organizations, and the trend for the last 40 years has been to invite women into every male space. Today, just about the only places left that are "male-only" are gay organizations and some clubs run by the super rich, who have always been able to pay off feminists (it must seem pretty cheap to buy them off when you're a billionaire — Forbes does it).

So for those of us who are neither gay nor rich, there's nothing left to speak of, and that's unfortunate, because "brotherly" organizations have been a great boon to many men. They help men network, teach them skills, and give them a place to "get away" from the rat race, and sometimes the home. They have arguably been good for wives, too; men who can spend some time with the boys are probably less likely to be thinking about spending time with another woman.

The rising consciousness pertaining to men's issues may give us an opportunity to reverse the disappearance of men's spaces. There are enough of us now that the ridicule and insults that would inevitably surround such an effort wouldn't seem to matter much any longer. Women have their own spaces, often publicly funded, and there's no law that says we cannot create our own. Furthermore, "hooking up" is so easy for young men these days that I don't think the idea of getting away from the meat market for a while would bother them. Perhaps they would relish the chance to relax, drop the game and just enjoy some company in a brotherly environment before heading back out into the world.

For married men it would also be a great way to unwind, and singles might enjoy the company.

I think it's time for those of us who have the time and inclination to start thinking about putting together some organizations along these lines. And rather than make them overly political or ideologically based, I think the first order of business should be to simply offer men a sanctuary — a place where they can get away from the world for a bit and calm their nerves. No competition over women, no workplace stress: just friendship, some understanding and a little R&R.

Although most readers here won't need to ask why men sometimes need a female-free space, I'll explain for newcomers and those who may still adhere to contemporary convention:

Women are a lot of work. Even if you're not married to one, finding sex partners and dating is, as Game proponents demonstrate, a pretty demanding task (unless you pay for it). And even if you're a single guy with no interest in dating, simply working with them is hard. Women are very demanding and they expect a lot of attention — they admit as much themselves all the time. Having men run around for them is immensely satisfying to women, but it can be exhausting for men. After my divorce, I deliberately avoided dating because I knew there was no way I could handle women and my then toddler children at the same time — it would have broken me. I had to choose one or the other, and naturally I chose my kids. It all worked out fine for me; it turns out that even if you don't date women will find you anyway. But even if women may sometimes make your life more enjoyable, they very seldom make it easier.

Sometimes, people need psychological rest, a little space for the spirit to rise and lower pressure. For most men, an absence of sexual tension is essential for achieving the kind of peace necessary for this. It can be as simple as a

game in the gym, fishing, some time in the field, or maybe an extended retreat. It's important for mental health and a sense of well-being. Having other men around doesn't *always* help in this regard, but it certainly doesn't always sabotage it, and sometimes men want some company. Most important, though, is that other men with the same goal can work together to create the kind of environment they need. They can also defend it from incursions, organize, and keep each other covered when needed. Working together with other men to create this kind of place is simply more practical than doing it alone.

However, throw women in the mix and it suddenly gets a lot more complicated. A sexual undertone emerges, jealousies arise for all sorts of petty reasons, the woman demands changes to accommodate her tastes and "needs," and next thing you know she's recreated a home, a singles bar, a nursery, a spa or whatever it is that suits her desires at the time. The men then start avoiding the place, and it all goes back to square one.

So I'd propose that men who like this idea start thinking about how it could be made into a practical reality. I like the name "sanctuary," but perhaps someone has a better term in mind. We all have our interests and personal preferences, so I'd recommend keeping it pretty basic. The most important thing is restoring our space. When we have that, we'll find ways to make it work for us just like we always have.

Game Theory and Divorce

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William Press and Freeman Dyson (still going strong at 89, apparently) have come out with a new analysis of the Prisoner's Dilemma that explains a lot about what happens in divorce. The Prisoner's Dilemma game deals with betrayal and cooperation, and attempts to explain why cooperation might have evolved.

In a simple, one-shot game it pays to betray the other party, but when a sequence of games is played the results get more complicated, because the other player's strategy becomes recognizable.

The new analysis shows how a sentient player (one who knows the other player's intent) can consistently maximize payoff by "extorting" the other player.

> Press and Dyson derive a simple formula for the long-term scores of two IPD players, in terms of their one-memory strategies. Their formula naturally suggests a special class of strategies, called zero determinant (ZD) strategies, that enforce a linear relationship between the two players' scores. The existence of such strategies has far-reaching consequences. For example, if a player X is aware of ZD strategies, then she can choose a strategy that determines her opponent Y's long term score, regardless of how Y plays. There is nothing Y can do to improve his score, although his choices may affect X's score. This is similar to the "equalizer" strategies, discussed in the context of folk theorems (11). Such a strategy is essentially just mischievous, because it does not guarantee that X will receive a high payoff, or even that she will outperform Y.
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> However, ZD strategies offer more than just mischief. Suppose once again that X is aware of ZD strategies, but that Y is an "evolutionary player," who possesses no theory of mind and instead simply seeks to adjust his strategy to maximize his own score in response to whatever X is doing, without trying to alter X's behavior. X can now choose to extort Y. Extortion strategies, whose existence Press and Dyson report, grant a disproportionate number of high payoffs to X at Y's expense (example in Fig. 1). It is in Y's best interest to cooperate with X, because Y is able to increase his score by doing so. However, in so doing, he ends up increasing X's score even more than his own. He will never catch up to her, and he will accede to her extortion because it pays him to do so.

This is applicable to divorce, because in most cases the female spouse is the "sentient" partner; she is more subjectively aware than the other "player," who might not even realize that he is involved in a game. It is very helpful that Press and Dyson have set X as a sentient female and Y as an evolutionary male, because it allows us to get a more accurate idea of how the game is played in real life.

No fault divorce, in removing punishments for betrayal, has given X a permanent advantage whereby she can extort Y, forcing him to accede over and over again to her great advantage. Y's only defensive response to being taken advantage of is to sabotage the game so that X will receive a lower payoff, and perhaps consider cooperation with Y.

> Another possibility is that X alone is aware of ZD strategies, but Y does at least have a theory of mind. X can once again decide to extort Y. However, Y will eventually notice that something is amiss: whenever he adjusts his strategy to improve his own score, he improves X's score even more. With a theory of mind he may then decide to sabotage both his own score and X's score, by defection, in the hopes of altering X's behavior. The IPD has thus reduced to the ultimatum game (12), with X proposing an unfair ultimatum and Y responding either by acceding or by sabotaging the payoffs for both players.
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> Finally, if both players are sentient and witting of ZD strategies, then each will initially try to extort the other, resulting in a low payoff for both. The rational thing to do, in this situation, is to negotiate a fair cooperation strategy. Players ignorant of ZD strategies might eventually adopt something like the Tit-For-Tat strategy, which offers each player a high score for cooperation but punishes defection. However, knowledge of ZD

> strategies offers sentient players an even better option: both can agree to unilaterally set the other's score to an agreed value (presumably the maximum possible). Neither player can then improve his or her score by violating this treaty, and each is punished for any purely malicious violation.

Marriage 1.0 used the "Tit-For-Tat" strategy to keep spouses in line, but that has been legally eliminated in favor of a zero determinant strategy that, when unrestrained, encourages extortion and sabotage.

However, if both players are aware of ZD strategies, they can agree on a preset value (e.g. prenuptial agreements). Unfortunately, for those who are aware of ZD strategies without agreements, the best tactic when confronted with a problem is to immediately engage in sabotage, because that will force cooperation on the part of the other player.

For the mindless Y types (typical husbands), X can consistently extort to her advantage in perpetuity.

> Extortion strategies work best when other players do not realize they are being extorted. Press and Dyson discuss how extortion strategies allow a sentient player to dominate an evolutionary player, who mindlessly updates his strategy to increase his payoff. However, this is not the only use of ZD strategies. Had Press and Dyson
> kept their results to themselves, they may have enjoyed an advantage in tournaments like those set up by Axelrod (6, 7), in which a variety of fixed strategies compete. To test whether this is true, we reran Axelrod's original tournament, but with the addition of some ZD strategies (Fig. 1). We found ZD strategies that foster cooperation and receive the highest total payoff in the tournament—higher even than Tit-For-Tat's payoff. In addition, we found extortion strategies that win the largest number of the head-to-head competitions in the tournament.

This suggests that for men, avoiding victimization begins with foreknowledge of the nature of the game and the rival, and understanding of the fact that ZD strategies have begun to dominate marital relationships.

Once informed, the options, therefore, are:

1. Do not play the game

2. agree on preset scores

and, as a last resort,

3. Sabotage

Number 3 is the least favorable, but it also happens to be the tactic that most married men would need to use, since they don't have prenups. What this means is that without some sort of construct that enforces cooperation on both players, it is always in the player's interests to not cooperate.

Example: she initiates the game by saying "I'm unhaaaapy, so you need to do this and this and this or I'll leave." This is pure extortion. The man may stave off disaster by acceding to her demands, but she will come out on top, and will be emboldened to repeatedly use the same tactic.

Rather than cooperate, the man should immediately say something like this (or actually do it): "OK, then I'm going to quit my job, sell everything and disappear, or you could come to terms with me and we could avoid that kind of mess." To prevent a pattern of extortion from occurring, the man must be prepared to sabotage the relationship every single time an extortion attempt arises.

The implications of the game in regards to marriage are pretty clear, and suggest that mutual interests are best served by controlling scores with prenups. However, it is also evident that keeping men ignorant of the nature of the game is possibly the best strategy for wives, because it allows endless extortion from mindless males. Sabotage is an effective counter to extortion, but because it incurs high cost on both parties it should be used only when extortion is initiated.

Big Oil Terrorizes North Dakota with Young Men

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For my entire life, I've heard about the evils of Big Oil, that industry that maliciously controls the world by forcing us all to drive cars, fly, use electricity and make things in factories instead of walking, riding animals, chopping wood and paying a lot of money for things like iron tools. If it weren't for Big Oil, I'm sure lefties in our major urban centers would all be content to give up the modern lifestyle and return to the family farm to shovel manure for the rest of their lives, but sadly they have been deprived of that opportunity.

But now we have another dastardly problem brought about by Big Oil — it is causing large numbers of young men to congregate in places like North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana. it is also giving them access to… Money! Oh, the horror!

These young men are interested in women, and sometimes try to interact with them. An advertisement featuring local Indian lasses being "leered" at by young men prompted the good people of our urban centers to react with shock and indignation. What savagery will the oil industry afflict us with next?

In all seriousness, it's disheartening to see that ordinary young American men have come to be seen as a "problem." Even more so that even the productive, hard-working ones are viewed with fear and suspicion. Of course there will be more problems when there are more young men, but the same goes for any other large group of people. I could easily write an article about the consequences of a sudden influx of young women. The title could go something like this: "New University Branch Campus Means More Young Women — And More Gonorrhea," and it would be totally accurate. But people wouldn't think it was a very nice or fair article. However, they recoil in fear when we talk about "young men." What a terrible problem these young men must be for society. Why, we'd all be better off with a nation of old people, babies and women. As soon as the boys hit puberty, they are a menace until enfeebled with age.

We live in a very strange society that neither appreciates nor respects its young men, who are our future. They are held down in school, in government and even in ordinary corporate jobs to make way for women, then they are blamed for being slackers. When they go out and bust their ass to make a living, they are a "problem." The only young men who get any positive attention are the few wealthy entrepreneurs like Mark Zuckerberg and the tiny proportion of them who are professional athletes. Ordinary, hard-working young American men are just a "problem."

It's pretty sick when you think about it. As I get older, I appreciate young men more and more. When I'm old and weak, I hope there are some of them around to lend a hand. I want them raising the next generation, making my country wealthy with their energy and creativity, and protecting our communities. I certainly know I won't be able to count on young women to do a damn thing for me at that point.

How Many Bureaucrats Does It Take?

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By BC Dad

Can pressure on the current government regime lead to meaningful change? Or is it time for the MRM to get seriously involved in the political debate at a deeper level? Consider this argument:

Individuals, people, are the only possible source of and justification for government.

Government by definition is a transfer of power from individuals and natural social units.

The transfer of power from people to government concentrates it (a little from each of the many yields much to the few) and enables government to reserve for itself a monopoly on the use of force against people.

The exercise of government thus becomes a matter of using force against people for the benefit of people.

So the question is then: which people? Who decides when government force is justified? Who are the recipients of government coercion and violence?

I've never had a problem with drugs. I've had problems with the police. ~ Keith Richards

The rationale behind the answer can be based on simple principles, on the idea that basic rights are inherent to the condition of being born human. Government's only purpose is to preserve and protect those rights for the benefit of the citizens who created that government.

Ideology, on the other hand, provides a rationale based on a desire to change the fundamentally flawed nature of humanity, to improve the human condition according to its own identification of the problem. By its very nature, ideology seeks to control, change, and eliminate the perceived source of the problem.

Examples: the monarchy is the problem, the wealthy classes are the problem, the patriarchy is the problem, inequality is the problem, capitalism is the problem, socialism is the problem.

People (including governments composed of people) are vulnerable to the (often admirable and desirable) suasions of ideologues.

Example: All women should be free from violence.

An ideology which gains the support of a sufficient mass of people also gains the ability to influence and adjust the policies, functions, laws, institutions and practices of society and government, including the use of force to eliminate the perceived problem.

Contemplate legislation such as VAWA. For more, read Dr. Stephen Baskerville

The people, desirous of utopia, largely support the influence of ideology on government, and participate in the pursuit of that ideology's rationale and outcomes.

The fact that totalitarian government, its open criminality notwithstanding, rests on mass support is very disquieting. Mass support for totalitarianism comes neither from ignorance nor from brainwashing. *~ Hannah Arendt*

Ideology is thus the underpinning for the transformation of social government into the anti-social state.

See Alfred Jay Nock Our Enemy the State

Partial truths, propaganda and outright falsehood are part of the means used to generate public consent, means which are justified by the utopian ends.

Examples: 1 in 4 women are raped, women have always been oppressed by men, domestic violence is a male problem.

The process of scapegoating is a useful mechanism enabling ideological capture of the government's monopoly on and subsequent use of force.

Example: America's White Male Problem

The public supports and helps to justify the use of legal force to obligate conformity among society's villains and scapegoats, and to clear the path to utopia.

Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal.~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Eradication of scapegoats and other opposition becomes a prime goal and purpose of government in ostensible pursuit of utopia.

Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent. ~ US Supreme Court Justice Brandeis

People who see a need for controlling others in order to gain utopia, and those who see an opportunity for power and wealth, and those with a penchant for control and violence for it's own sake, are motivated to gain positions of authority and are publicly honored, having the approval and backing of their government, their society, and their ideological leaders. The bullies come out of the woodwork and become state employees. It takes an awful lot of bureaucrats to kill 6 million Jews, 20 million Russians, 25 million Chinese, 800,000 Rwandans, and so on.

See The Soviet Story

The state thus becomes the enemy of the people; it becomes anti-social in the true sense of the word. *Whenever the legislators endeavor to take away, and destroy the property of the people, or to reduce them to slavery under arbitrary power, they put themselves into a state of war with the people, who are thereupon absolved from any farther obedience.*

~ John Locke

The courts, final protectors of justice and human rights, become the perpetrators of injustice and abuse, the opposite of their proclaimed function.

The larger society has already begun to believe the courts mad, and a society that does not believe in its system of justice is a doomed society. ~ Margaret Hagen

The greatest weakness of ideological government, i.e. the state, is that the use of violence against its citizens to forcibly hasten the onset of utopia does not in fact work very well, including in a democracy. Seriously investigate the War on Drugs, the War on Terror, the War on Crime, the War on Domestic Violence, or any of the other 'Wars' our ideological states are invested in, and three things immediately stand out.

1) the bureaucracies and legislation to deal with these problems never stop expanding, and

2) the problem is never solved and often gets worse, and

3) the (human and financial) costs of 'solving' the problem are often far higher than the costs of the problem itself.

You can't regulate evil. ~ Michael Moore

Government, once morphed into the state by ideology, is thus the ultimate weapon against, and the greatest destroyer of, life and liberty. The precise ideology being invoked matters not one whit.

Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want and deserve to get it good and hard. ~ H.L. Mencken

Mass persecution, abuse and killing follows as surely as night follows day.

Insanity in individuals is something rare, but in groups, parties, nations and epochs it is the rule.

~ Friedrich Nietzsche

When the MRM calls on the state to solve its problems with yet more bureaucracy and more legislation, it invites further abusive state micro-control, further loss of social power, further constraints on human rights; all based on the obviously flawed notion that ideologically-based legislation and bureaucracy can solve every problem. The low-hanging fruit, the easy solutions which government could meaningfully implement, were long ago accomplished under 'government by principle.'

The ideological state absolutely cannot solve the problems of men; by joining feminism on that path, we increase the danger of tumbling down the rabbit hole.

Believe less, think more. ~ John Trudell

Kathryn Bigelow Explores Psychopathy in Zero Dark Thirty

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I watched Kathryn Bigelow's movie about killing Osama bin Laden last night. Although it is quite good, as an American with a conscience, I didn't find it a particularly encouraging or comfortable film. I heard conflicting accounts concerning whether or not the movie defends or criticizes torture, but after seeing the entire thing it's pretty clear that it's the former. The heroes, if you can call them that, make use of some pretty awful techniques, and there's no sense that any of them did even a bit of soul-searching over it. The message is clear: the ends justified the means. However, I suspect this is not the director's voice speaking (she approached the issue mechanically rather than enthusiastically), but rather screenplay writer Mark Boal's.

Although I'd rather not dwell on the torture for too long, it came off as essentially pornographic, which, given Abu Ghraib's house of horrors, is probably a fairly accurate depiction of the practice. The interrogator, who goes by "Dan" (played by Jason Clarke) introduces hero Maya to torture immediately. At first she's shy – a torture virgin if you will – but it doesn't take long before she's having a beefy officer smack her subjects around. Dan comes off as a vicious Irish gangster who looks like he'd be right at home on the streets of Belfast circa 1978, kneecapping people for the sheer fun of it.

Perhaps people who work in the front line of this business are natural sadists — I'm not sure, but in the film it didn't seem that compassion for the victims of 9/11 was what drove the agents so much as the "hunt." For foreigners who see the movie, I'm afraid Americans are going to come off as a bunch of psychopaths, which is too bad, but sadly that's the face we tend to show the rest of the world these days. The only major character who appeared to be a normal human being throughout the film was Hakim, a CIA officer played by Fares Fares. None of the white characters display normal human emotional responses given the circumstances, with the possible exception of CIA station chief Joseph Bradley (Kyle Chandler). Additionally, they swear like sailors, using filthy language constantly. James Gandolfini of *The Sopranos* plays the CIA director, further impressing on the viewer that the CIA operates much like a criminal gang. Although some may read the above as criticism, it is entirely possible that Bigelow's portrayal of these people is accurate — if a lowly divorce court judge can go home without any distress over removing children from loving parents, it is likely that people working in the CIA feel little to no discomfort over killing people, and may actually enjoy it.

As for the hero, she is a complete fabrication. "Maya" never existed. Some of the characters, however, represented real people. For example, Maya's friend Jessica, the woman who got blown up in Afghanistan by a double agent, was based on a real female CIA officer who was really blown up (she made a fatal mistake). However, there was no skinny young woman who took charge and personally sealed the deal with her dogged determination and force of will, but a lot of people who see the film are going to leave with that impression. Although the character Maya may have been the necessary ingredient for creating a major hit with widespread appeal, she detracts significantly from the credibility of the film.

Overall, despite the flaws, it's a well-made film. Bigelow is clearly a pro. The depiction of the assault on the compound brings the operation to life without indulging in any unnecessary fireworks. In fact, Bigelow was very clinical about this scene. The slow, deliberate nature of the assault added significantly to suspense. The emotional detachment of the SEAL operators as they despatched their targets was chilling, but after all it is what they do for a living, and I'm fairly sure that's how they approach these tasks.

I have to hand it to Kathryn Bigelow for doing a stellar job — the movie is well worth watching. However, it depicts Americans and our government in a far from flattering light, and leaves the viewer confused as to whether this is the kind of thing we ought to cheer about. Here, I think Bigelow leaves it up to us. Rather than agonize over the moral ambiguity of our war on terror, she simply leaves it in plain view, like a car wreck we can't help but stare at dumbly as we slowly drive by. It's an interesting approach, but far from heartwarming or reassuring.

Lance Armstrong Tells Oprah: “I didn’t feel like I was cheating…”

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40 Percent of Surveyed Japanese Men Prefer Bachelorhood

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Commenter Kyo, who lives in Japan, pointed out an article on the preference many Japanese men have for bachelorhood. We've seen a few indications of this, what with the "herbivore" young men who simply avoid women altogether, and the cratering fertility rate in developed parts of Asia. In a recent online survey of 300 male readers of "My Navi News" a full 40% preferred bachelorhood.

However, in Kyo's find the Japanese men are uncharacteristically frank — amusingly so as it turns out. The reasons they give for avoiding marriage are fairly diverse, but aside from the ones making excuses, they all appear to be saying something along the lines of "it isn't worth it."

Here are a some quotes from respondents:

> "Just looking at my married friends and how day by day they become more and more emaciated makes me think that I'm lucky to be single." (25, Creative Arts)
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> "Hearing about the cruel way that some wives treat their husbands turns me pale with fear."(25, Creative Arts)
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> "To me, married men just don't look happy, and the more time passes, the more this look of unhappiness becomes apparent." (36, Finance).
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> [...]
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> "Rather than having your wallet squeezed of its last dime, spending your earnings as you please has got to be the more appealing option." (24, Communications)
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> "All your hard earnings, in the blink of an eye, disappear into the oblivion that is housekeeping!" (24, Medical care, welfare-service)
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> [...]
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> "From impressions alone, marriage means throwing your hobbies out the window." (25, Machinery).
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> "Being tied down creates unwanted stress. To put it simply, being on your own gives you the freedom to do what you want when you want." (31, Machinery)
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> "I like drinking and gambling but tying the knot would surely mean an end to all of this." (26, Real estate)

I get a kick out of the last guy.

So it isn't just the West. It appears that all advanced, post-industrial settings tend to create substantial aversion to marriage, perhaps because men and women truly are fairly equal in terms of status and jobs.

This leads me to a theory about why marriage doesn't seem to work all that well in egalitarian settings where there's little difference between what men and women do.

When you level out the roles and create confusion about division of labor, it turns out that men and women don't need each other much. Add to that the ease of obtaining extramarital sex, and there's nothing all that compelling about marriage. Finally, because men and women really are different by nature, when they don't rely on each other they often don't like each other much, either, because they have such different interests. That's a generalization, of course (some couples do have a lot in common and share common interests), but it's probably true that in non-sexual settings most men don't really like hanging out with women all that much.

The EBT

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Lately, I've been noticing a lot more use of the so-called EBT card, probably because I'd never heard much of it until a couple months ago. I knew there was a food card, but I didn't know the specifics. There was the young man in the gas station trying to withdraw cash with one, then someone who stopped by and tried to sell me premium steak, and when I said I couldn't afford to pay so much for meat he asked whether I had an "EBT" (that's the first time I heard the term). Just the other day, I picked up a pizza at a local pizza place, and noticing how empty it was remarked on the slow business. The manager said "it's because they've all run down their EBT money by this time of the month."

Maybe I'm naïve, but it's been an eye-opener to see how widespread the use of supplemental food assistance is. I must be a real chump, because when I was dead broke after divorce I made heavy use of my crockpot and subsisted on beans and rice for the most part, losing over 35 pounds in the process (sadly, I've gained most of it back). And here I could have been eating roast beef and artisan bread pretty much every day…

What's sad about this program is that the need for welfare at the level it's currently used is largely the state's fault. In order to prop up our "equal" utopia we've structured society so that working people are having a harder time getting by on a full-time paycheck even as their jobs disappear. Add the destruction of the family and costs are even higher. Working class people and below are now at the point where they really do need state support to live an adequate modern lifestyle, which includes a car, medical and dental, a place to stay and food on top of the rest. It didn't have to be this way, but here we are.

Any attempt to cut social costs is going to involve one of two things, or both:

1. We are going to have to drop the pretense of equality

2. We are going to have to cut people's support across the board

The implications of 1 are that people are going to have to settle for what may not be their ideal lifestyle. Enforcing an equivalence between a married mother and a single mother is very costly, and involves state costs for the father(s), mother, children, lawyers, social workers and jails. The EBT, section 8 and other programs are essentially a subsidy to single motherhood and illegitimacy. Family law is a subsidy to courts, jails, child support agencies, etc. The taxpayer foots the bill in all cases.

As an example, say a woman gets pregnant and has a kid with some babydaddy, their relationship falls apart or never was much to begin with, and the process begins. First, the court puts a child support order on the father. Often, he can't pay, or it isn't much. On top of the CS, his living expenses go up, and he is now unable to pay for necessities. The father, although he won't get nearly as much as the mother, will have to apply for some support in the form of medicaid and/or SNAP to make it possible to pay his CS. Or he'll potentially be jailed, costing the taxpayers another $30,000 per year or so.

The mother will not be making much with a baby or two, so she'll get WIC, EBT cash benefits, section 8 and so on. It all adds up to a lot of money, and in the meanwhile you've got to pay the social workers, courts and so on.

However, say the mother and father stay together. They may need some support from time to time – say WIC when the children are infants – but in aggregate it will be far, far less than if they hadn't stayed together. And in fact they will be eligible for less if they do stay together. On a very simple level, it makes sense: two-parent families don't need as much support, so they shouldn't be eligible for as much. But this obtusely ignores human nature. When you privilege one group of people with subsidies, the others will make efforts to join them.

Even well-to-do young families with income differentials between father and mother are beginning to get on the bandwagon. I know a young man with a good job, a wife, and a baby who refuses to get married legally because it would increase their expenses significantly. His baby's mother is in fact his wife as we understand the term. She's a

good one, too, raised on a self-sustaining family farm by a traditional Catholic family. But if they get married legally her health insurance costs go through the roof, and they won't be able to pay the mortgage and other important bills. She works, but doesn't make much money, so she gets subsidized healthcare *because she isn't 'married'.*

The setup is totally counterproductive, as it's guaranteed that every dollar spent will only result in increased costs in the future, because the welfare system is structured to encourage people to pursue the most socially costly lifestyles. Not only does it encourage high-cost choices such as single motherhood; it actively penalizes people for making socially responsible choices. This is a disaster in the making.

Reform would be easy practically speaking, but politically it would be very difficult at this point, thanks in large part to feminism and the politics of female sexual liberation.

One thing I'd propose would be structuring welfare so that two-parent households had access to better benefits than singles. Perhaps cash benefits should only be granted when both parents live together with the child, section 8 only to two-parent households (widows exempted of course) and so on. All mothers and children should be at least fed, clothed, doctored and sheltered – we have enough for that these days – but that should be about it if they are single mothers by choice. Even if we gave more to two parent households than we currently do, it would amount to less on a case by case basis than both parents cost when separate today. Actually, it would probably be significantly less than one single mother costs.

On top of that, a two-parent household is better for kids by all measures, which means the kids are less likely to end up in jail or on welfare themselves. The stability of the home would be more conducive to productive work, would decrease promiscuity and its associated costs, and would soon lead to far lower social costs. It would be the right thing to do, so why not do it?

Sometimes I get so cynical I almost believe there's a concerted effort on the part of higher ups to keep people down by wrecking families, creating dysfunction when it's unnecessary and so on. But that's too complicated. The real reason it's happening is that some people can profit from this, and they have created powerful interest groups, such as our courts, the AMA, feminist groups, bar associations and so on to perpetuate the scam. It's all about the same old sins: greed (on the top) and lust (at the bottom). People find a way to game the system, consequences be damned, and they just keep at it as long as the getting's good.

At its root, the welfare system, like so much else that characterizes the US today, is just another enormous racket. Ordinary Americans, as usual, are the victims.

The Wisdom of Submission to Feminism

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On Roosh's new site "Return of Kings" a recent article "Why Marriage Can Still be a Viable Option" made the argument that for marriage-minded men the risks of what he and others call marriage 2.0, might be mitigated by *"permanent expatriation to a society where Marriage 1.0 still persists".*

Despite all the controversy the article generated in its comment section, I found its search for solutions refreshing. If manhood is believing we have ultimate control over the circumstances of our lives, we sometimes forget that part of having that ultimate control is understanding where we are constrained. It's only with this knowledge that we gain the power to free ourselves.

> the idea of marriage has not entirely lost its luster for many of us … quite a few denizens of the manosphere would still be open to it under the right circumstances … I know that I am one of them.
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> **Athlone McGinnis**

As the author mentions the "right circumstances" are definitely not the west's savagely anti-male divorce laws which turn marriage into emasculating bondage at the whim of "the feminine imperative", followed by divorce slavery afterwards. Recognizing that he like other men who want marriage are actually being impeded from achieving such a key life goal, his simple statement is a tacit acknowledgement that leaving the cancer of feminism to consume society does have a devastating impact on both men and women whether or not we decide to do anything about it.

It's a welcome step forward from "Men's Rights" Has Become A Euphemism For "Sexual Loser" and shows a deeper red pill awareness is growing. It's also an encouraging development from the misperception of the manosphere as being full of fearful, whiny misogynists which I've heard from a number of men in the past.

> "So what's unmanly about the men's rights movement? … fighting for our own rights … Traditionally chivalrous men saw themselves as protectors and benefactors of the rest of society, and like the men who stayed behind on the Titanic, they understood that this sometimes meant we would get the short end of the stick. In fact, they were proud of it".
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> **Mike from Toronto, Canada, The Pussification of Men**

> "our calling as men is to protect the weaker sex, and this carping against those we are made to protect is unmanly and contemptible."
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> **Bonald, Patriarchists should shun The Spearhead**

Many of these same men dismiss any perception of misandry as unmanly since the dictates of manliness make any semblance of fear or weakness utterly contemptible, particularly what to them seems to be the manosphere's neurotic fear of some consequences of feminism they believe to be fictitious. I believe there are many more of these white knights and manginas than all the unchained men in the manosphere combined. Strange as it may sound, outside the manosphere the instinct towards white knighthood is probably so much more common among alphas than red pill awareness, and mangina tendencies so much more common than red pill wisdom among betas, that from their prevalence natural selection of beneficial behaviors implies white knightery and mangina betatude might actually have been more beneficial to society than the red pill at some point.

> "a female's … life is far more valuable [to society] than a man's … The number of babies that can be born is the same even if a large portion of the men die, while this not the case if even a single woman dies …

> [assuming] that women spend their entire lives … bearing and taking care of children.
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> Human society was geared to transfer all resources to women as this correlated to the survival of children … But in the modern era, women now only use 10-20% of their lifetime childbearing capacity … yet society is still programmed to transfer resources to women… In the meantime, all the work that keeps modern society running, is done by men.
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> the citizens who produce the most value are under attack, while those who receive the best treatment are the ones who no longer perform the primary task upon which this good treatment was delivered".
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> This will change. Rather soon.
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> **TFH (The Fifth Horseman, author of The Misandry Bubble)**

Perhaps for men as a whole (though I can't imagine it's ever true for individual men) those white knight/mangina traits still are more beneficial in societies where gender relations are less broken than they are in the west now.

Even in the west where gender relations are so pitifully dysfunctional and contrary to the broader interests of society, the general male rejection of any fears concerning feminism might not be completely unjustified. There's some truth to the saying that you get what you focus on. If for example having a wife and family is your dream, there's a legitimate argument that believing you have the power to achieve your dream despite any obstacle is a more likely road to success than trying to avoid all feminism's potential pitfalls. But at the same time the many horrific stories of divorce rape, paternity fraud, and false domestic abuse accusations clearly show the danger of some wet dream of self-mastery providing a false sense of safety from the extreme risks men face. Such blindness makes us predisposed to dismiss the need for men's rights without even taking the time to inform ourselves. We're helped along in our false security by the feminist censor's stranglehold on the mass media. Without reliable media getting informed on any given issue becomes as time consuming as taking on a full time research project. Faced with the inconvenience of finding out the truth regarding gender issues, the ease for most men of lazily accepting feminist mainstream media propaganda provides more than enough percentage points of swing in public opinion to fuel the passing of misandric laws.

But most men don't seem to feel threatened by any feminist laws. As men we're naturally fearless of what we don't know we need be cautious about. This is why awareness is our only protection. Because all the while we believe we are lions, before the might of the feminist state's cloaked system of media control, we are merely a blissfully ignorant crop of lambs. Until we hit divorce court or face criminal proceedings against a woman, the sweetly narcotic blue pill fills our mind with a beautiful illusion of our male power. It's only in court when we're bent over to have the red hot poker of feminism anally administered to forearm depth, that many of us recognize the truth for the first time. We are in fact slaves; only more meat for the grinder.

It took this ignorance and recklessness of masses of un-awakened blue pill men to achieve our enslavement. So considering all the former or current blue pill men who've been so complicit in our current condition, I welcome red pill awareness from any quarter regardless of any philosophical differences with whatever part of the manosphere it comes from. As an MRA I'm not bothered in the least for example with comments on the website like those below:

> Men's Rights Activists. The beta male is the biggest external threat to the manosphere, but MRAs are the biggest internal threat.
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> **Solomon**

Regardless of such comments, the awareness that Return of Kings is spreading among young Game practioners

can't help but eventually translate to a lack of support for further feminist laws undermining marriage and family, families some young men will always want for themselves regardless of whether men like Solomon don't.

> If you're like me and children aren't in your future, the possibilities are endless.
>
> **Solomon**

Young patriarchs whose vision of success in this world is leaving a legacy furthered by strong, healthy, and successful children know that marriage is the best environment to achieve this. They'll eventually see the truth that men like Solomon don't share the same goals. And though perhaps in far fewer numbers, they'll continue to find ways to achieve their vision of a family whose wife and children are blessed with a strong patriarch. After all men are natural risk takers. Even if divorce involved literal castration some would still take the plunge anyways. Consider that the mere challenge of mastering our bodies, our physical environments, and our minds is more than enough to make us men risk instant death base jumping, or surfing giant waves. There is no level of risk that will stop a few men from marrying if there's something as important as a legacy to be gained.

With our natural propensity for risk taking, articles like Athlone's should be an essential part of any red pill diet; as our recommended daily allowance of risk mitigation. His article sets the stage for more that's sure to come from the Game community on reducing marriage risk through expatting. They'll be a fitting compliment to the in-depth mitigation strategies we've come to expect from Dalrock, like recognizing how divorce risk differs dramatically between demographics.

Of course marriage risk mitigation goes much further than relocating to the third world, or even choosing wisely as Dalrock seems to suggest. There's much talk of Game itself as a marriage risk mitigation strategy which raises a much deeper question about the merits of mitigating marriage risk by adopting "alpha" behaviors vs. adopting "beta" behaviors.

In moments when my mind wanders WAY off the manosphere reservation, I've felt this nagging question growing at the back of my mind. I look around at the young men who've successfully come through the politically correct indoctrination of today's universities, I look at the men who've successfully escaped divorce rape by submitting wholly and completely to their wives, and it seems clear that the whole of western society all the way from early education, through academia, the workplace, and marriage, is becoming more feminized. I'm compelled to wonder: ***if the environment is highly feminized doesn't that mean that feminized men are more likely to thrive in it?*** Could it be that marriages involving manly alpha master of the universe types are actually more likely to fail in divorce? Could it be these types get divorce raped even harder? Then afterwards, if these men are more disposed towards demanding what they're legally entitled to in divorce rather than prostrating themselves before their wives and begging for what she deigns to give them, are they in the end only forced by the full might of the state into a more costly submission? I can't imagine for example that Kobe, or Berlusconi aren't alpha in the eyes of most. And both are rich enough to hire the best legal representation. Yet when it came to a cage match with feminism each was quite decisively choked out.

Few other men have the resources to even try such a direct confrontation. So playing the devil's advocate, if a man is able to live his entire life and die in bliss because he doesn't notice the bars all around his masculinity, might he not be better off? And if that same man's lack of desire to walk too far in any one direction prevents him from being yanked back by his choke collar, doesn't his self-restriction enable him to live quite freely?

Increasingly the entire educational system that is a gateway to the upper middle class is already a kind of feminization filter. Feminism might not only be less of a hindrance for men who've assimilated enough to pass through it, but in addition, despite the negative long-term impacts on both women and men in society as a whole, feminism might actually also benefit the specific demographics of women these men tend to partner with. In particular feminism appears to be a net positive for upper middle class white women. After all under feminism these sexually liberated women are able to better leverage their sexuality by hypergamously riding the cock carousel

before they marriage until they trade up as high as they can, though some ride so long they misplay their hand. Then after marriage they're largely protected from divorce or separation unless THEY want it.

Feminism benefits them because the savagely anti-male laws don't prevent these upper middle class women from finding a husband as much the laws do for the lower classes. The upper middle class men they tend to marry have less to fear from divorce. Firstly upper middle class men face divorce less often. For an upper middle class man there are fewer men above him in status for his wife to hypergamously trade up to. Even if they do divorce, upper middle class men can more often pay the support levied against them and still have enough to live on. They aren't as likely to be completely ruined. They're probably also far less vulnerable to being imprisoned as a result of messy divorces when compared to working class men. After the dust clears upper middle class men might even have enough assets left over to be attractive to other women so they can find a new partner and start a new life if they so desire.

By contrast feminism so effectively discourages working class marriage it likely harms working class women more than it helps. Without two parents in the home the children will statistically fare far worse than would be the case with intact families. Recognition that single parenthood is difficult and is far less effective at raising strong children isn't helped by feminism's promotion of single parenthood as a lifestyle choice without consequences. Only irresponsible people don't know better. In this sense feminism might even be having the socially disruptive and dysgenic effect of creating an environment in which men and women who are the most reckless and least productive in society are the ones having children.

But at the upper end of the economic divide feminism is undoubtedly one of the factors creating an environment in which the upper middle class self selects for positive traits such as increasing IQ. This is ostensibly a benefit for the upper middle class, though in the sense that it's increasing the class divide, it still might be far more harmful to society as a whole.

However regardless of the long term social devastation feminism will continue to inflict overall, it may have been inevitable that we are now ruled by women and the white knight male leaders who in reality serve them. Teamism (in group bias) is a group having a high likelihood of expressing strong support for its members regardless of the rightness or wrongness of their position as opposed to a non-teamist group only supporting their members if they specifically agree with them. Psychological studies have repeatedly uncovered women's particularly strong case of this likely untreatable disease. When interest groups become involved teamism is revealed as a weakness of current representative democracies. Because any time there's a high differential in the amount of "teamism" displayed by one group (e.g. women) and other groups (e.g. men), the non-teamist groups will eventually be ruled by the teamist one. Until democracy 2.0 brings direct citizen involvement in government, eventually the law that governs western democracies will always naturally come to reflect the values of the teamist matriarchal ruling class which controls our media as well as our legal and financial institutions.

Given the importance of marriage as an institution to growth the economic implications are grim. Even in the upper middle class where marriage is less at risk, the power imbalance of matriarchal marriage and a man's decreasing ability to pass on property to his son's in this matriarchal society are among only a few of the factors disincentivizing would-be patriarchs from matrimony. The feminist infestation is growing without impediment and creating a matriarchical upper class that may shrink in numbers, but is ruling an increasingly disproportionate share of wealth and power in a west with ballooning debt. Yet still they dig in deeper. More and more feminist women are finding their way into the judiciary, the legal profession and even the police where they are cleverly inserting themselves into positions of absolute control over all disputes between men and women. In many cases these women reign completely unchecked. Worse still the fact that quite a number of these women are lesbians means any balanced perspective of heterosexual gender relations in families, not to mention the interests of heterosexual men, are almost wholly unrepresented. Seeing men as "feminist appliances" there is no level of hateful injustice these women won't take every opportunity to inflict on men. Expecting justice from them is a recipe for devastation. Imagine instead a klansman in charge of taking complaints from civil rights activists deep in the Jim Crow south and you've calibrated your expectations more appropriately.

All this begs the question:***"if feminism is the natural working state of the west wouldn't it be better to accept it?"*** Well these feminist values are endemic to and appear to benefit only the upper middle class and above who rule over society. Being ruled by a distinctly different class of people with values and goals that don't benefit the masses has always had the potential to eventually produce an extreme backlash. It's a pattern repeated for thousands of years now, and the fuse might already be lit. Of course if this feminist upper class is only identifiable or distinguishable by its behaviors … if the overlords look like the people they rule, and if the system of control is invisible and powerful enough, then it's conceivable that one day the cycle of violent overthrow of tyranny will be avoided and permanent peaceful rule over us will continue indefinitely. Like Cypher, we'll be contentedly enjoying our juicy steaks in the matrix, neither knowing nor caring that in some unhappy extremist's views we are merely farmed humans.

But besides submitting completely to a feminist marriage on the one hand, and the strategies mentioned by manospherists like Athlone or Dalrock on the other, there are additional risk mitigation strategies such as going into marriage extremely defensively: trusts, renting and never buying property, accumulating multiple passports, keeping foreign accounts, hiding the details of those assets from one's spouse (not the same as hiding them from the court), and being ready to expat at the first sight of a family court jackboot. I don't have enough information to confirm I'd use any of these, but I do know that regardless of whether adopting feminism and submitting completely to a wife might provide more effective risk mitigation for today's men than any masculinist strategy, I reject supplicating to feminism simply because a life of emasculation is too distasteful to justify the rewards. And I add that although I appreciate the wisdom of expatting and might one day do so myself, even those benefits can only go so far. I have to ask whether given the effort of running from feminism, whether it's abandoning one's country, abandoning one's parents or bringing them to an unfamiliar environment where they'll live out the rest of their days disconnected, ***is taking up some small position in the political fight against feminism really such a burden in comparison?***

I occasionally hear opinions echoing this sentiment that wasting any time on men's rights activism is an evil trap for men, such as in this glowing review of the book "How I Found Freedom In An Unfree World" that Roosh wrote awhile back. Now I'll probably still read the book because I never cast aside any potential knowledge. But frankly Roosh's review condemns the book as one more piece of writing telling us older "red pill" men, that we risk whatever happiness we can achieve on this earth by pursuing what may prove to be a futile attempt to change the world. That in trying to change misandric laws in a hopelessly feminist system we are quixotically tilting at windmills. We already know that in not accepting that our sons will be held in bondage by women who care nothing for them or their children, that we've willingly given up our freedom to disengage from a system that relishes in a man's destruction. But we also know that by managing our expectations the effort can be liberating rather than making us miserable. Furthermore some of us reflect on what the world would be like if everyone before us also believed that the impossible wasn't worth sacrifice, sometimes even dying for. And we wonder?

- if Rosa Parks had just gotten off the bus
- if John F. Kennedy Jr. hadn't braved entrenched power and inspired an entire nation towards change?
- if Galileo hadn't fought the religious establishment with his heretical beliefs
- if a man named Jesus hadn't given his life that every man and woman might accept the redeeming and healing power of his message, and in that acceptance become free from fear

All of these individuals changed beliefs that were entrenched for not only generations, but for the entire history of human kind before them. I understand the prudence in restricting our efforts to where they're immediately effective. But that limitation leaves no room to allow us to be moved by forces far larger than ourselves. I respectfully refuse to renounce my God given right as a man to fight for what I believe to be right and just. I expect there'll be consequences for refusing to bow. As a man I accept paying that price.

And I submit that rather than giving up his masculine power by trying to change the mindset of unwilling millions, someone like Martin Luther King Jr. was more of a man than all but a few of us could ever hope to be when he

accepted his inevitable martyrdom and still hollered out from the mountain top of his precariously prominent and dangerously exposed social position: ***"I am not fearing any man".***

Nevertheless a defense of man's power to achieve the seemingly impossible isn't denying the wisdom in gauging the potential effectiveness of an offensive.

> "If it becomes obvious that your current course of action will lead to defeat then retreat and regroup."
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> **SUN TZU, ART OF WAR**

Just as defending man's power to achieve the impossible doesn't deny the wisdom of retreating from a direct assault against overwhelming forces.

> "When the enemy is too strong to attack directly, then attack something he holds dear. Know that in all things he cannot be superior. Somewhere there is a gap in the armor, a weakness that can be attacked instead"
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> **SUN TZU, ART OF WAR**

Here the author cited in Roosh's review may have much to teach about survival given the war that gender relations in the west have increasingly become. The author is a clever rodent. Rodents are successful in adapting to whatever indignities thrown before them, and no doubt this rodent author has useful advice for all of us about the power we can achieve by disengaging in the same way he's used to effect his own escape.

But I suspect the words of a rodent hiding from his responsibility as a male, and his responsibility to leave a better society for his children, are words that won't move many to the very core of their soul or inspire many to greatness in the same way Dr. King's message did. While I remain grateful for whatever blessings I have in this world, and hope for the strength to crawl as a rodent where that is the only means of survival made available to me, I for one won't seek out this freedom of those who give up all they hold dear so that nothing can be taken from them. I'll take my freedom from my belief in the power of free will and a world of limitless possibilities, from the value of fathering children and giving them the benefit of a strong father, from the strength to accomplish what I set out to do, and from the conviction that right thinking men and women will one day receive the red-pill and other truths that we as honorable men bring in good faith. And even if they ignore it … we will feel secure in the comfort that we have discharged our duty. We will die as we have lived, as MEN.

Of course having respectfully disagreed with Roosh's review as men will do, and despite me coming from the position of admiring the contributions of Paul Elam his one-time arch-enemy, I believe Roosh is a valuable voice for young men faced with reproductive choices such as the world has never known. He's a lawless pirate and an irredeemable cad in the most admirable way, a trailblazer who unflinchingly speaks his own unvarnished truth about women.

But back to the focus of this conversation. Manhood is power within one's sphere of control. Dalrock and Athlone pointed out some great opportunities to increase one's sphere of control by mitigating marriage risk. For the blue pill men on the outside who believe the manosphere to be fearful, I say recognizing that in the west men must be vigilant for unpleasant, entitled feminists who are selfish to the point of making unworthy wives and mothers, is simply a means of maximizing one's own relative sexual market value. And to those inside the manosphere who have sworn off western women, I say increasing one's sphere of control is realizing that expatting has its own pitfalls such as becoming financially responsible for the entire extended family of a disadvantaged woman. Non-western women have their own dangers that come with not speaking her language or knowing her friends, family, or social environment well. She could be a loyal and hardworking gem, or she could be for all intents and purposes be an escort who despite all the time you spend turning her into a housewife will never be anything more than a heavy spending liability. On top of that men without the flexibility to spend time in a foreign land looking for a bride often rely on dating services. Whether in eastern Europe, Asia, or Central America those services are steadily

gaining sophistication in fleecing men of their money and there are increasing reports of them being populated by opportunists. Recognizing that emerging economies which are less feminist are on the other hand also unfamiliar markets with serious potential pitfalls to be wary of, is not fearful but informed. The essence of becoming powerful within one's sphere of control is focusing on using the information at hand to seize opportunities out of this chaos.

To gain such mastery a man must be knowledgeable of his power, lacking a clear understanding of which he is at a severe disadvantage. Because women are rarely confused in this regard. The shit tests that evolution has given women are very effective at probing the boundaries of a man's domain of control. In my experience alpha behavior arises organically from a man feeling that in some sense he carries a "big stick" which establishes his domain of dominance, whether that big stick is easy access to other women, or control over other men. In marriage that big stick might be replacing her without devastating financial consequences from divorce if she fails to do her wifely duties. It might be a prenup that puts her hypergamy in check, or it might be defensively securing trusts or distributed accounts and owning no seize-able real estate or property. Whatever the case women have a natural sense that gives them "tingles" when that big stick is near. But a man often believes he carries the "big stick" in the relationship without even knowing what the real stick is. If he doesn't, chances are he's not holding it. And especially where very desirable women are concerned, emulating alpha behavior without toting the lumber puts a man in a position of vulnerability.

Having been found bluffing suddenly he's a victim story waiting to happen. Even "good women" often divorce frivolously and legally sodomize their husbands as by law they have the absolute right to do. The men that get away merely physically sodomized are lucky. True mercenary women who will enter into marriage agreements they have no intention of upholding inflict another level of damage entirely. They'll think little of robbing a man of his resources while freely using their sexuality not only to obtain more resources from other men, but seriously undermining their own husband's security and well-being in the process. Mercenaries among the "mail-order brides" brought back to the west can be the most dangerous of all. Feminist western governments are only too willing to join in and make an example of men who are victimized by these scamming women. When these mercenary women are done, the state is right behind them to fine, jail, or even beat a man into further victimization.

Knowing there is no certain escape from western feminism, no cure all panacea, is protection from walking into any situation naively, but it's always desire to seize opportunity not fear that must guide us if we are to claim whatever power we have to control our outcomes. And the truth of the opportunity before us is that without claiming marriage and family is for everyone, there is nowhere on earth where a gem of a wife can't be found by someone, and nowhere where some successful patriarchal relationships don't flourish. An understanding of key strategies for patriarchs is emerging. There is no need yet to join the blue pill men prostrating themselves in marriage before feminism as the only way to procreate. As the manosphere continues to evolve we will see more of these masculinist strategies by which a patriarch can still "secure his domain".

The Evolution Of Slavery For American Males

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While at first glance this article may appear to be a history discussion, it is instead quite practical, and it speaks to the current conditions facing American men and boys. It discusses: (1) the markedly increased sophistication of modern versus ancient slavery, (2) how both the enforcement mechanisms and trappings of slavery have dramatically changed over the years, (3) why most American males don't recognize modern slavery for what it is, and (4) how men can stay out of slavery, or at least limit the extent to which they are enslaved.

Before we get into the details of modern American male slavery, let's define the term "slavery." A reading of multiple dictionaries will show there are many different definitions of slavery. This disagreement about the definition indirectly points in the direction that this article expressly points: most modern American males are slaves but they steadfastly refuse to admit it, or else they are so blind that they can't see it. Creating a through-line across these dictionary definitions, the common elements include: (1) the state of being inextricably bound to, or legally owned by, another person, so forcefully that the slave is required to work for the benefit of the other person, (2) being forced to work hard in harsh conditions for low pay, pay which is not proper remuneration for, or appreciation for the work done, and (3) being dominated and forced to submit one's own will to the will of another person. You might want to write those points down, because they are three ideas that you may want to come back to later.

The institutionalization of slavery is facilitated by the natural differences between people. The atrocious slavery-related crimes against black people in the early days of the United States were facilitated because these people had notably different body features than white people. The atrocious and largely unrecognized current crimes against American males are likewise facilitated by the fact that males are readily identified, and then consistently treated differently from females. When natural and inherent body features are not used to separate slaves from non-slaves, other mechanisms are used. For example, the Nazis used tattoos to identify and track the imprisoned Jews in the 1940s. The mechanisms to immediately visually separate slaves from non-slaves have a long history; the ancient Romans for instance marked runaway slaves with a human brand with the letters FUG (for "fugitivus").

The enforcement mechanisms and trappings of slavery that we traditionally think of, including whips, chains, shackles, and prisons, are for the most part no longer necessary in modern America. They are still used for the most uncooperative and intransigent of male slaves. For example, fathers who don't pay child support on time — even though many of them can't pay because they are out of work — are increasingly being sent to prison. When in Federal prison, 100% of the able-bodied men are forced to work, according to the Prison Policy Institute. Looking at the data for 2003, the most recent year for which this author could find statistics, the prevailing minimum wage was $5.15/hour, but the Federal prison workers were paid $0.12-0.40/hour. Minimum wage on the outside was thus 13 to 42 times as much as what these men were paid when in prison. As this differential in wages suggests, the prison labor program is tremendously profitable for the corporations (the true overlords) that use it, and that may have something to do with the fact that this system has remained in place since 1934. Even if most men who are behind in their child support payments don't go to jail, the fact that they could go to jail has a significant compliance-inducing influence on their behavior.

The possibility that men might go to prison if they don't pay child support is thus an indication of the first part of the definition of slavery provided above: slaves are legally owned, and forcefully bound to the mother of their child (at least supposedly their child, but lets set aside paternity fraud for now), so much so that they are required to work for the benefit of the another, in this case the mother. The conditions for these imprisoned fathers who don't make their child support payments, are also a reflection of the second aspect of the definition of slavery mentioned above: being forced to work hard in harsh conditions, for low pay, which is not proper remuneration. Some of these fathers did not want to have children, but their objections to having a child were legally and socially ignored by the mother. The result for these unfortunate men, is that they are (and this is the third part of the definition of slavery

mentioned above): dominated and forced to submit their own will to the will of another. As you read this article, you might want to repeatedly think about the current conditions of American men, and how so many of those conditions, where treatment differs by gender, are in fact a reflection of at least one of these three aspects of modern slavery.

So whips, chains, shackles, and prisons are for the most part now unnecessary. This is because most men comply, and go along with the program that enslaves them. Putting women exclusively in charge of training boys facilitates the indoctrination of slaves-to-be. Making men who wish to teach and support children out to be potential pedophiles not only discourages such men from assisting in the raising of young boys, it also lets them know that the full force of the law (via false accusations) might come down on them if they persist in meddling in a woman's domain. Think about it: who in America does the teaching of small boys? Babysitters, teachers, mothers, grandmothers, and the vast majority of these people are women. Part of this indoctrination is to teach boys that they are not subject to the same rules as females. For example, males are informed that they cannot hit females, but at the same time they must put up with females hitting them. Young males are told that they should not cry, and that people don't care about how they feel, emote, or think; at the same young females are indulged and permitted to not only to cry, but to whine, and talk on-and-on about their feelings, emotions, and many other aspects of their interior reality. Later the laws are used to force males to bear burdens that women do not bear, and to pay prices that women don't pay. For example, only men are required to register for the draft, and if need be, go to war, and be maimed or die for their country.

Such a female-dominated teaching environment helps to reinforce the reality that a whole different set of rules applies to slaves (males) than it does to the ruling class (by numbers, primarily females). It should be noted here that females are not the ultimate beneficiaries of American slavery; they are only the secondary beneficiaries. The super rich, the high level managers at the large corporations, the major stockholders of such corporations, and the politicians that are lapdog servants of these super-rich people — those are the true beneficiaries of male slavery. The vast majority of American females are largely unwitting accomplices who have been bought off with perks such as the latest fashions and preferential treatment in divorce court. Many of these females continue to support the male slavery system because it clearly favors women, and allows women a bit longer to live in their egotistical narcissistic fantasy worlds where they can indulge, among other things, the feminist notion that women are superior to men.

Thus, we see that the female supremacist movement, or if you prefer the more common term, the feminist movement, has successfully been coopted by the power brokers in super-rich big corporations and government in order to enslave men. While the female supremacism movement has always rested on morally unjustifiable grounds (the exclusive blame of men for society's problems, fantasies like testosterone poisoning, claims about the non-existence of female domestic violence, etc.), it has become tyrannical and oppressive recently because it is now used as the moral justification for male financial slavery. If they played their cards right, egalitarian feminists (who truly focused on equality) might have had a future. But the female supremacist feminism now widely in evidence in America is on a self-destruct collision course with reality, and this is in large part because the latter theory has been tightly lashed-up with male financial slavery.

No doubt sensing that a change is coming, the male financial slavery enforcement mechanisms are becoming more and more stringent, cruel, demanding, and difficult-to-escape. For example, if American males don't register for the draft, when they turn 18, they will not be eligible to receive federally-provided college financial aid or federally-funded job training. Those men who do not register cannot be hired for a federal job. Young men who are not in compliance with draft registration may also be fined up to $250,000, and/or put into prison for up to five years. Many of the states also deny driver's licenses to those young men who don't register. If you examine the enforcement mechanisms for many financial obligations of men these days (alimony and child support being of primary concern here), you will see that these mechanisms have similar onerous draconian consequences if a man doesn't get with the financial slavery program. In the near future, the reader should not be surprised when those in power start committing troublesome men to mental asylums, as has historically been done by the Russians, as a

financial slavery compliance-inducing mechanism.

And men are meanwhile told that this special service, this additional giving, which is not required of females, that it is an “honor,” that it’s just “what men have gotta do.” The cultural mantras surrounding these special male duties are intent on reinforcing this notion, that it’s normal and expected that men give, but that women do not. Take the whole notion of being a hero… when you think of that word, you think of a man — you don’t think of a woman. Hit popular music contains many similar notions. Consider the hit by Bryan Adams entitled “Everything I do, I do it for you.” A woman would not be singing a song like that. That’s a hypnotized slave’s song … the song of one who has given up all sense of self-determination. It’s reminiscent of the men who so strongly believed the dictates of chivalry that they willingly sacrificed their lives in favor of women and children when the Titanic went down. Just one more music example: consider the Shania Twain hit song “Forever and for always,” which contains the words “I’m keeping you forever and for always.” Those are words of a slave-master, telling her slave to just stay put, not to even consider escaping. Slaves have no choices about leaving.

So let’s zero-in on the enslavement mechanism: the financial system, combined with the notion that men must be the provider for not only their wives, but also their ex-wives, and their children, whether they wanted or asked for these children or not. In order to eat, put a roof over your head, drive a car, and otherwise obtain the necessities of life in America today, one must have money. The American economic system has been engineered to channel the survival needs of people, to lash those needs up with the economic system, and to compel people to act in certain ways in order to get money. For example, it forces men to get a job, and to work hard at that job, to stay in that job, etc., and this ultimately benefits the overlords, and also of course their accomplices, and here I speak of women. The economic system can encourage individualism and freedom (as having your own farm did some two hundred years ago in America). Alternatively, the economic system can encourage the concentration of power and widespread slavery (as was once done on Southern plantations with black slaves, and same general approach has been refined and has morphed into modern institutions like the military, coal mines, and factories — institutions where legions of male slaves work).

How one gets money can be, and has been, engineered to support, perpetuate, and make still more cruel the existing male slavery system. Take the expectation that all men must work as an example. With social approval, and legal support, women are given an opportunity to be stay-at-home moms supported by a man, be stay-at-home moms supported public assistance, be married women with no children supported by a man, be married women with grown children supported by a man, work part-time, or work full-time. To be socially and in many cases legally acceptable, particularly if they have taken action in response to the natural biological instinct to have sex with a woman and have children, then men have only one option: work full time. Free people (or at least secondary beneficiaries of the system, namely women) have choices, while slaves do not.

Said a different way, the economic system, combined with laws requiring men to support their wives and children, forces men to make money. If men don’t do that, then they are socially ostracized and called “dead-beat dads,” “slackers,” and “bums” (note that all these, and a variety of similar words, imply the man isn’t working hard enough). There are no comparable derogatory words for women who don’t work, or don’t work hard enough. This language of ours is part of the control system, it’s part of the indoctrination system that makes whips, chains, shackles, and the like largely unnecessary.

To get back to the economic system, the structure of the economic system is the most compelling mechanism used to force men to work in jobs that they hate, work in dangerous jobs that pay relatively well (such as coal mining and taxi-driving), to get the money to pay to people such as ex-wives, people with whom these men often have no current relationship, to pay people that currently do nothing for them. Why would men willingly do that? Go back to the third element of the definition of slavery, and note that slaves are dominated and forced to submit their wills to the will of another (in this case the mother, but the system also takes its cut, for instance in the form of a rake-off for the child support collection machine).

The language used to eliminate the need for most physical constrains on slaves warrants some additional

illumination. A sophisticated system of shaming and female disapproval is used to get males to adopt an unnaturally unfair set of gender discrimination rules, and to work according to the slave program (marriage and kids notably). Words like “man up” are used to indicate that men aren’t acting in an acceptable manner, in other words they are not behaving like good slaves. There is no equivalent “woman up” phrase for women. A rigid, legally-mandated, and economics-supported role model is foisted onto American males, but there is no comparable rigid role model to which females must comply. For example, males must be the “provider.” Sure, females can elect to have a career, but many soon find that (contrary to what the feminists have told them) working is not all that much fun, and they would really much rather stay at home and take care of kids, or perhaps just not work at all in spite of the fact that they don’t have kids. Males from their very young years are told not to cry, and they are later told it is unmanly and unbecoming to complain. Males cannot change the male role definition without great difficulty and resistance from others, but females are invited to do whatever they want. Slaves are not permitted to redefine their role, because their role is already established, and if men were permitted to readily redefine their role, then those men would naturally seek to escape their slavery. This is illustrated by a so-called joke: “A man who concedes a point when he is wrong is wise, but a man who concedes a point when he is right is married.”

Modern society has built a sophisticated propaganda system that reinforces and clarifies the slave role for males. Among the most pernicious of these propaganda systems is the notion of romance (as described in advertising, movies, books, etc.). Men are told to place great emphasis on their feelings and emotions for females, to base their decision to get married, and have kids, on their natural instinctual attraction to females (assuming the men involved are heterosexual, and gay men are lucky because they escape this trap). Men are discouraged from thinking seriously about what this big decision will mean to any individualized plans that they had for their life. They are instead encouraged to drop all their personal desires and plans in favor of supporting their wife and family. They are told that to do so is “mature” and “responsible.” To abandon their own life plan, and be dominated by a woman, and to support her in the creation of the house and family that she wishes to create, all that is supposed to be what a modern man should do. Again, we see men being pushed to step into the slave role, and pushed to do this at a young age, so that they never have much of a taste of the single life, lest they get to liking that single life and then decide not to get with the enslaved-and-married-or-divorced-with-kids-enslaved-provider role.

Prevailing stories about romance reveal a lot about the slavery racket. The system harnesses a heterosexual man’s natural desire to have sex with and have a partnership with a heterosexual female. With this harness in place, men soon become pack animals expected to carry a heavy load (make a lot of money). Consider the way in which a man is expected to ask a woman for “her hand in marriage.” The whole process is set-up to look like it is such a big deal for a woman to say “yes” to a marriage proposal. The man is expected to get down on one knee, as if he is subservient (a foreshadowing of married life) and beg her to say “yes.” The reality is just the opposite. Men are not desperate for marriage. But a very large number of heterosexual women desperately want marriage and they are trying to get their boyfriends to ask them to get married. It is as though conceptual mirrors were being used, with the sexes reversed. In reality, women want marriage and kids, in large part, because these things benefit them far more than these things benefit men.

The widespread, largely female-dictated cultural propaganda that reinforces that it is noble and proper for men to become and stay financial slaves, is further indicated by the current attitudes surrounding abortion. Never mind that the Constitution says that the country is made up of “free men,” it should have said that it is made up of free men as long as you neither get a woman pregnant, nor marry a woman, and you are sure not to violate any serious laws (parking tickets are OK), then and only then can you be a free man. Getting back to abortion and responsibility for a baby on the way, a woman can choose from a much larger array of commercially available birth control systems than a man can, and if she does get pregnant, she is the one who has exclusive control over whether or not the baby will be aborted. The woman is also the only one who can unilaterally put the baby up for adoption, or simply leave it on the steps of a hospital (in some states) with no questions asked. The man cannot terminate the pregnancy or his fatherhood. It doesn’t matter if he was tricked by the woman — perhaps because she poked holes in a condom — he is still responsible for financially supporting her baby, and there is no legal way to escape this duty. Paternity fraud likewise is alive and well in many states, and the fact that this assignment of fatherhood to the wrong man can

continue is a good indication that something nefarious is going on. The fact that a husband is, in many states, still by default legally responsible for paying support for his wife's child, a child born during the marriage, a child for whom he is not the father, and even when this is shown definitively via DNA evidence — that is yet another landmark revealing the contours of the financial enslavement system discussed here. The fact that, in many states, a husband cannot legally get a vasectomy without first obtaining his wife's written permission, is yet another contour of this same system.

What is happening in America, and the reason why a heterosexual man often has no choice about these matters, is that he is being biologically, psychologically, culturally, and socially pushed into financial slavery. Rather than whips, chains, locks, prison bars, and the like, the economic system is used to enslave him. Once he has a child with a woman, or gets married, or both, he is a slave. Irreversibility is a hallmark of slavery. When the slave boats forceably captured African people from the west coast of Africa and shipped them to America, the process was irreversible. You could die, and maybe you could try to escape, but the latter was very difficult and dangerous. Just as there were many pre-Civil-War laws between the states to return an escaped American slave to his or her master, so there are now many intricate legal mechanisms to force a man to stay a financial slave once this virtual point of no return has been reached.

Oh, sure you can get a divorce. But you will have to pay a lot of money. Perhaps you will even have to pay alimony for life (still legal and required in Florida for example). Look at who has to pay alimony. By far, it is men who have to pay alimony. Never mind if the wife is very smart, has a marketable skill, or is able to support herself, the husband is still expected to pay. Very very rarely do you hear of any wife paying alimony to her former slave, oh, sorry, I mean former husband.

The story about the system, that both men and women tell, claims that male financial slavery is the price of being with a woman, having children, and having a family. Enslaved men hardly ever tell other still-free men about the in-the-trenches realities of the slavery system. Because they don't share their experiences, except perhaps anonymously on the Internet, they do the still-free men a very great disservice. Why are enslaved men so quiet about this? Because, if these revelations were discovered, their slave-masters, or at least the secondary beneficiaries of the slave system (their "mates"), would come down on them very hard. Enslaved men seriously fear the consequences from females if they were ever shown to be revealing the male financial slavery system. Why do you think that male-only clubs and spaces are virtually outlawed these days? It's because enslaved men aren't allowed to tell the still-free men about the slavery system; the still-free men are expected to figure it out for themselves, after they have gone beyond the point of no return, when they are already enslaved. Not too far different from the old laws in South Africa, that prohibited slaves from congregating, in America we have feminist shaming and fits used virtually universally to prevent enslaved men from getting together and talking. Women and the slave-owners (the corporate and government elite) couldn't have that, because the enslaved men might riot, or scheme about how to break out of their slave conditions.

When it comes to modern American men, there are three events that lead to their slavery, and only two of them are things over which men have any control. The first of these is the fact that an individual happens to have been born male. Barring extreme, and for most of us out-of-the-question, gender reassignment surgery and hormones, being something other than a man is out of the question. But men still decidedly do have control over getting married and they decidedly do have control over fathering one or more children. When one honestly sees the system for what it is, aside from moving to another country that is far more supportive of males, the rational things to do, if one still wishes to have sex with women, is to get a vasectomy and never get married.

In summary, the American economic system is set-up to entrap heterosexual men in financial slavery. The strategy: take advantage of men's instinctual attraction to, and natural desire to be in partnership with women, and to have children, and use that to financially enslave men before they realize what's happening. Although it may originally have had the provision of needed support for the woman and her offspring as an objective, the system now is simply a process of squeezing men for all they can possibly provide. For example, alimony and child support amounts are based on the ex-husband's income, not on the actual needs of either the mother or the children.

Thus the American system is now an anti-male twisting of communistic slavery, or if you prefer, male financial slavery justified with just half of the communist credo. Rather than “to each according to their need, and from each according to his ability” the system gives “to women (and the largely-physically-absent rich overlords) as much as can possibly be extracted from financially enslaved men.” Note that women don’t need to account for money paid to them on behalf of minor children, and that child support paid by men need not in fact be used for the “benefit of the child.” The pretense of child support payments actually supporting children is now clearly eliminated; the system is now simply a financial transfer from men to women (and to rich overlords). This prioritization is also seen by the family law courts’ consistent refusal to enforce divorced fathers’ visitation rights with their children. The system doesn’t care about fathers, parenting, or children; it only cares about, and only enforces, what makes money (via soul-destroying jobs, onerous child support and/or unfair alimony).

Anyone who has any lingering doubts about the existence of an American male financial slavery system needs only to acquaint themselves with the existing laws that require male victims of statutory rape to pay child support to their adult female abusers. The notion that male children should be held financially responsible for the rape-generated offspring borne by their adult female abusers is beyond offensive. It reveals that, in the eyes of the law, males have next to no rights. Makes you want to sign up, right?

Will Hetero-Sexuals Line Up for the Fabulous New Benefits of Openly Gay Soldiering?

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Well that didn't take very long : as soon as the Pentagon allowed military personnel to be openly gay, same-sex couples started clamoring for off-post housing benefits and admittance to the "Wives Club", which will no doubt soon be named "The Spouses Club" to avoid confusions. I commented on one blog that in the near future taxpayers would provide military lesbian marital-partners with in-vitro fertility treatments, dual incomes, careers, and generous retirements, along with repeated admonishments about their "heroism". Looks like the future is here.

Back when I was on Ft.Bragg, soldiers were crowded into WWII-era wooden barracks built as temporary quarters meant to last no more than 10 years, but utilized by the Army well into the 1970s. When "marialitos" arrived from Cuba in 1980, the government housed them in some of those ancient barracks, and they rioted over the poor conditions.

But we made the best we could of it, and as military traumas go, that was pretty minimal. What I do recall though was the torrents of abuse the guys living in the barracks received from NCOs, which the guys living off-post were not subjected to. They just showed up to work like a regular job. There was some mild resentment of married soldiers who were granted extra pay and housing benefits so they could live off-post with their wives, and did not have to get flogged over dirty latrines or the trash cans overflowing with chicken bones and wine bottles. Otherwise we were free to "decorate" as we pleased, with Black Gentleman painting their rooms basketball-orange and "Crackers" papering their walls with somewhat clinical Hustler Magazine center-folds (for you younger fellows, back in the day we didn't have internet but relied on "skin magazines" for entertainment).

Single men could move off-post, usually with several other soldiers to share the rent. But even splitting the cost left little else from your paycheck. Lower ranking enlisted pay at the time was less than $500 a month, even with "jump pay".

Now, many of the female soldiers were lesbians, a tradition which endures to this day. The women lived in separate barracks and received no special treatment over the men, generally. And of course there were a few gay blades, but not flamboyantly so.

But all that is changing, and fast, as these "heroes" look to the media and politicians to step in and direct our military commanders to provide the extra pay and benefits needed to live together in off-post matrimony. While gay marriage is becoming legal in many areas, it is not yet recognized by the Pentagon. That barrier is sure to fall soon as pundits and politicos demand "justice" and "equality" for the brave gay troops. The effect on the morale of the hetero-sexual soldiers is not to be considered in the New Normal Military, because they're just going to have to get used to it.

So what's to keep straight soldiers from joining the party? Suppose you have two strapping hetero-sexual G.I.s, let's call them Murdoch and Kowalski, long known to be "butt-buddies" among their comrades (hey, we all had butt-buddies), who decide to "tie the knot" and get married, not because they are gay, but to get in on the generous marital housing allowance. With the extra cash and nice crib they could be real players with the ladies, so long as they keep up the front of a happy, gay married couple. Sounds like the plot to a funny-ass military sitcom.

The rest of the team would naturally join in: Rambo, Berry, Danforth, Ortega, Messner, Krackhauer, Colletta, Jorgenson. Openly serving as gay soldiers (heroes, really) while living closeted lives as "crypto-straights".

By Any Other Name — Masculist Erotica with a Political Edge

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Just before Christmas, I was contacted by William Rand, an American expat who has happily settled in Mexico with his Latina wife. He asked me if I'd like to take a look at a book he wrote, telling me it was an erotic novel for men. Although I don't have much experience with this literature, it piqued my curiosity, so I agreed. Having no idea what it would be about, I thought it might be something like a romance novel, a few of which I've glanced through just to get an idea of what they are like.

Boy was I wrong. There's nothing feminine about Rand's writing. His latest book, By Any Other Name, is suffused with male sexuality; it is every bit as *graphic* as the male imagination. It was a surprise to see those vivid images that run through a man's mind right there in words. It rivals some of the more obscure erotic oriental texts that sent shock waves through the Victorian world when they were published in English. It happens that one of my favorite historical figures was a linguist (among many other roles) who put a great deal of effort into translating eastern erotica. He was Sir Richard Francis Burton, the notorious British imperialist spy who snuck into Mecca on the Hajj, scouted Somalia when it was every bit as dangerous as today, discovered Lake Victoria with John Hanning Speke, and served in the Afghan war of the 1840s. Burton was a real man of the world and left a lot of written work behind, but some of his most treasured material happened to be of a sexual nature. Unfortunately, his wife Isabel burned a great many of his papers when he died, destroying many texts in the name of "Christian decency."

So I approach this material with an open mind, recognizing that it has value and is an important part of culture and the human experience.

What Rand appears to have done is create a distinctly *American* form of erotic literature. He draws from the different ethnic, religious and cultural strains of our society, creating contrasts of pleasure, desire and pain as well as guilt, resentment and deprivation. In the world he creates, true depravity is slavery, unfulfilled desire and hatred of natural male sexuality — not sex itself by any means.

By Any Other Name takes issue with much of what might be considered traditional morality in the US, comparing Latin mores favorably to the puritan values many Americans hold. The book also draws parallels between feminism and other supremacist – both racial and religious – movements of the past. Rand clearly sees feminists for what they are, and he pulls no punches in his portrayal of the brutal, repressive reality so many American men face today.

And yet, despite the strong political message of the book (Rand quotes political thinkers liberally at the beginning of each chapter), a man can easily lose himself in the erotic fantasies, the imagery and the heat of his prose. I suspect that women, too, might find themselves drawn in by the power of Rand's imagination, and it wouldn't surprise me at all if they enjoyed it every bit as much as men.

Not everyone will like the political messages of the book; feminists, naturally, will be enraged, but some Christians might take offense as well. However, if you're a fundamentalist Christian, erotica probably shouldn't be on your reading list in the first place. Even so, I think some self-reflection on the part of Christians could be a good thing, as it often seems as though sexual repression is higher on some Christians' (i.e. feminist Christians) agenda than the Commandments, which are routinely ignored in favor of ordering men to submit to thinly-veiled feminist dictates.

For sex-positive MRAs, the book is just right, as is its timing. I am amazed to see the alacrity with which Rand responded to the contemporary American atmosphere with a book that addresses so many of men's concerns. Despite living in Mexico, he has his finger right on our cultural pulse, and he didn't waste time in giving a diagnosis.

I look forward to more of Rand's virile prose in the future. Through his characters, he brings us liberated men and women, and it turns out that they are adamantly opposed to the feminist straitjacket imposed not only on our sexuality, but our society at large. It's a real pleasure to see that men like William Rand are adding their own voice to literature to let us know that yes, there is another, better world out there: a world without feminism.

Civilization and Cookie Dough

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Another good one from Chris Muir's Day by Day.

Subscriptions Reopening Soon

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I'm in the process of running some tests and fine-tuning subscription software, so there may be an odd test post or two as I work out bugs and check out the permissions system (most likely in the feed or a tweet).

I'll let readers know when it's ready to go, and give everyone a rundown on what the new subscription option is all about.

Women Declared Combat-Eligible, Time for Selective Service Registration

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Leon Panetta has finally ended all misconceptions we may have had about women being the kinder, gentler sex: they are now officially equal on the battlefield. No more chivalry, no more going easy on them, and if they are enemies, no mercy. Welcome to the world of men, ladies!

However, they can't be fully equal until they, too, are forced to register with Selective Service, just like every 18-year-old American boy.

Selective Service remains a bastion of inequality and male privilege, and this surely must be rectified now that women are every bit as able to serve our nation under arms.

From the Selective Service System website, at the top of which are photos of happy, smiling young men, just waiting to be blown up:

> If you are a man ages 18 through 25 and living in the U.S., then you must register with Selective Service. It's the law. According to law, a man must register with Selective Service within 30 days of his 18th birthday. Selective Service will accept late registrations but not after a man has reached age 26. You may be denied benefits or a job if you have not registered. You can register at any U.S. Post Office and do not need a social security number. When you do obtain a social security number, let Selective Service know. Provide a copy of your new social security number card; being sure to include your complete name, date of birth, Selective Service registration number, and current mailing address; and mail to the Selective Service System, P.O. Box 94636, Palatine, IL 60094-4636.

Even today foul sexism and the evil patriarchy maintains an iron grip in certain sectors of government and society. Why shouldn't women also have the privilege of being eligible for the draft? Is it fair that men must always claim the lion's share of awards for courage in battle? Why, it's bad enough that all those "dead white males" got to write *his*tory for so long, so why should so many of the men blown up, shot or burned to death be festooned with stars, ribbons and medals when such a privilege and honor could be bestowed upon our poor, oppressed sisters (who are just as strong and brave, after all)?

Yes, it's time for women to register for the draft. If they are now just as capable of serving in combat, then it isn't equal not to include them in the draft. That would be privilege without responsibility, and we know our fine women deserve far better than that.

Masculinization of child care turns out to be good for kids

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I have started to think revolutions always occur some 40-60 years before we know it. That's because that's how long it takes for people to grow into positions of power. Hence Obama's unprecedented leftism, which is a product of the radicalism in the 60s and 70s as he grew up and came of age. The new Democratic left is something that was fostered back around the time the people in office were children or young adults, so although it seems "young and hip" to old timers like Joe Biden who were living and breathing that ideology as youths, it comes off as dated to me, and probably really just incomprehensible to people in their 20s and below.

With that in mind, I think it's a great thing that more and more men are spending time with their kids and teaching them male values and problem-solving techniques. Unlike most people of my generation, I, too, was exposed to this as a very young child. I spent a great deal of time with my retired paternal grandfather, who treated me like his best friend. To this day he lives on in my dreams and fondest memories. He probably influenced me as much as anyone to put all the effort I could into being an involved, caring father for my children. He was far from perfect, but according to what my aunts and uncle told me after he died I got the best he had to offer.

Today, more and more children are lucky enough to have some of the same. Fathers are spending more time with kids, and more than ever are at home with them. Although the Census Bureau suggests that only 3.6% of men are stay-at-home dads, I suspect that's an underestimate, because many men who work from home or who own businesses may be spending more time during the day with children than their wives, many of whom have conventional jobs.

From the Wall Street Journal:

> In New Rochelle, N.Y., at-home dad Bryan Grossbauer takes his children, 2-year-old Finn and 9-month-old Georgina, outside twice a day for yard work or a hike through the woods. He wasn't bothered when Finn recently picked a route through a big puddle and took a fall. "He walked back home happy as a lark, covered in mud," says Mr. Grossbauer, a former actor and teacher.
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> He takes pride in pushing the kids to solve problems for themselves. Recently, Mr. Grossbauer stood back and encouraged Finn to figure out how to fetch a ball he had tossed into a milk crate nailed to a tree, just out of reach. After 20 minutes of frustration, and begging his dad to get it, Finn found a stool and retrieved the ball—a lesson in self-control and perseverance, Mr. Grossbauer says.
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> His wife, attorney Erin O'Callaghan, says her parenting style is different. Leaving Finn's muddy clothes on the floor by the laundry room for hours "just doesn't bother him the way it bothers me," she says. Also, he lets the children "run and jump and climb and get themselves into precarious positions that I might not even allow," she says. She is also more "ready to get involved" when one of her children is frustrated or starts crying, to comfort and guide them to a solution.

There really is a very marked difference between how mothers and fathers treat children, and it appears that children need both forms of interaction. Mothers tend to infantilize children, whereas fathers encourage them to grow up and be independent. I suspect mothers are very important for psychological well-being, but fathers are crucial where dealing with the outside world is concerned.

Parenting experts confirm this:

> Kyle Pruett, a leading child-development researcher and co-author of a 2009 book, "Partnership Parenting," says Mr. Grossbauer's and Ms. O'Callaghan's differences, typical for many couples, can benefit the children. Dads' hands-off style tends to instill problem-solving ability, while the more engaged style typical of mothers often instills a sense of security and optimism, he says … Over the long term, having an involved father is

> linked in research to better self-control in children, less risky behavior and better grades, says Dr. Pruett, a clinical professor of child psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine.

Unfortunately, access to fathers is often restricted to the upper classes these days, as working class and poor families are characterized by father absence, which should be considered a major national crisis. Intentionally separating fathers from children through policy is a crime in my book — one for which feminists should pay every bit as dearly as the deprived children and fathers. There may be grounds to bring it to the attention of the United Nations as a major human rights violation for which the US deserves sanction.

However, the fact that articles such as this one are appearing is a good sign. There may be a trickle-down effect as men of higher socio-economic status realize how important it is for all children to have a present father and begin to stand up for the rights of all American men in this regard.

Curiously, the author of the article managed to find one man who was bothered by not being included in stay at home moms' playground conversations:

> One father in the Journal of Consumer Research study lamented that when he took his kids to public parks, "moms would talk over me as if I was not even there."

Funny, but in all the time I spent with my kids at the park, it never bothered me one bit when the moms yapped with each other or on their cell-phones, which they did constantly; I was glad they left me alone. I'd just sit there in the sun reading a book, looking up from time to time to make sure the kids were staying nearby. Every now and then the mothers would initiate a conversation with me, often remarking on how well-behaved my kids were (other kids often made scenes and fought over toys, then cried for mommy). I'd tell them it's because I didn't treat them like babies — I expected them to work out their problems themselves, and if they couldn't do so playtime was over. The mothers acted like this was some entirely new way of dealing with the problem that they never would have thought of. To me, it seemed an entirely self-evident solution.

So, I hope that as more men spend time not only bonding with their kids but also teaching them how to relate to the world and others, we are raising a generation of children – boys and girls – imbued with positive, practical masculine values. It may take decades before that bears fruit, but if, as an old man, I see that I made some small contribution to it, I'll lean back and smile in my rocking chair.

Scandinavian Men Leaving Feminists to Themselves

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Feminism loves heavy state subsidization like mold loves moisture, so it's no wonder that in the world's most extreme welfare states like the Scandinavian countries Denmark, Norway, and particularly Sweden, feminism is stronger than in any other places in the world.

But is a staunchly feminist country the best place for women? Women certainly seem to like it, though according to some that might be because the question of whether they enjoy feminisms larger consequences is too much of a logical leap to be within reach of her rationalization hamster wheel:

> *The environment in Sweden produces women who are … deeply narcissistic and chronically unhappy.*

No doubt there are some aspects of equality in Scandinavian countries that women there may not enjoy. Men for example treat them equally, exactly how a man would treat any other man … meaning roughly.

> *Swedish men speak to Swedish women in ways which would be considered very unacceptable in other places outside of Sweden.*

But there are also aspects the women certainly do enjoy. Like (at least according to some comments) the heavy government subsidization of their life choices by men:

> Economy wise: Swedish men pay on average 55% more taxes than females, but the average pay of men is NOT 55% higher. In fact, it's statistically been proven, that all things being equal other than gender, there is no difference between male and female earnings here.
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> Most of the social care payouts go to females, and the general child care payout goes to females by default, not to both parents.

To say this feminist sociopolitical climate is disincentivizing is as much of an understatement as saying a bloody mauling and partial consumption of a tourist by a polar bear does not encourage pleasure hiking in Svalbard.

> The short answer is it quite bad for men and well liked by women as long as [you're] not too ambitious … for men this is a nightmare. Many laws are highly anti male and remove accountability from women. Speech which is not politically correct can land you in jail and bar you from employment. Your children can also be taken if your politics are deemed as not politically correct. The press is heavily censored and full of feminist propaganda.
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> if you cohabit with a Swedish woman you will be lucky to get 4 or 5 years together (or even less) before she becomes bored with you and gets physically attracted to someone else and just leaves. Plus that 4 or 5 years will be one long argument because the women here are so full of themselves, full of anger too, and they always think they're right about everything. It's no wonder the divorce/dump rate is so high here. And another aspect is that because both partners have to work like crazy all the time just to live because the taxes and cost of living are so high it is very difficult to have a quality relationship and the temptation to cheat on your partner becomes too high … There are plenty of foreigners who have come here to get together with a Swedish woman and then deeply regretted it.

No wonder Swedish males are opting out of reproduction in such proportions and birth rates of ethnic Swedes are so far below replacement level. Inevitably someone else has to pick up the slack and provide labor as well as replace the population. In that respect the feminist climate and it's suppression of reproduction among the native population

might partially be responsible for the heavy Islamic immigration and the negative impact associated with assimilating such a large influx of foreigners so quickly.

Some of reports of these negative impacts are astounding. Remarkably, there are stories of Muslim no-go zones where bands of young men enforce Sharia law and police are barred from entering for fear of their lives. Not that you could blame the Muslims for stopping the feminist plague from entering their neighborhoods after seeing what it did to their host country. In fact you might applaud the efficacy with which they're able to inoculate themselves. Because for all the fear mongering one thing is for sure: as a cultural containment Sharia law stops feminism cold.

But whether or not the reports of no-go zones are real or simply racist or xenophobic fear-mongering is difficult to tell. On one hand there is the heavily censored mainstream media. On the other there's the unabashed bias of the radical right wing; the only ones who seem to have the balls to brave the enforced silence and highlight these issues. Any of these right wing activists might be the deeply principled and unbiased free thinkers they say they are, but with the sporadic, unedited, and poorly funded news coverage they can muster it's hard to verify their accounts. Because by necessity they're unpaid amateurs, those who disseminate right wing coverage likely would never be able to publish their material professionally for pay in the main stream media.

> *One of the reasons for this lack of response is a deliberate and pervasive censorship in the mainstream media, to conceal the full scale of the problem from the general public. However, I suspect that the most important reason has to do with the extreme anti-masculine strand of feminism that has permeated Scandinavia for decades*

But whatever the truth, there are likely SOME serious issues with the integration of large migrant populations there. Growing reports point to increasing lack of safety for women. Feminism might actually have worked against women's interests in this regard because after being bullied to the point of being legally obligated to have to sit down to pee, and being made a laughing stock of in front of men around the world, Swedish men are not in the position (or perhaps not inclined) to be the white knights who will come to their countrywomen's aid.

> *The male protective instinct doesn't take action because Scandinavian women have worked tirelessly to eradicate it, together with everything else that smacks of traditional masculinity. Because of this, feminism has greatly weakened Scandinavia.*

Taking Sweden, which was recently called "the Saudi Arabia of feminism", as a measure of whether feminism benefits women, the answer may also be no for the simple reason that women have become so feminist the men of their country not only are disinclined to protect them, but no longer want anything to do with them at all. While the website boycottamericanwomen.com has been loudly denigrating American women as "the most likely to cheat on you, to divorce you, to get fat, to steal half of your money in the divorce courts, don't know how to cook or clean, don't want to have children, etc" and has been advising men to look for partners abroad, Swedish men have been quietly going about doing exactly that in such great numbers the trend promises to transform the entire country within a few short generations.

Scandinavian women marry abroad too, but whether by choice or by the lack of willing participants from other countries willing to submit to them, they generally only marry men from other feminist Scandinavian countries.

> *When it comes to Norwegians marrying someone abroad certain trends have developed over the years. Currently most Norwegian women who marry from abroad marry from Sweden, Denmark and the UK. Most Norwegian men who marry from abroad marry women firstly from Thailand, secondly from Russia and thirdly from the Philippines.*

Women from other countries of course are flocking to the rich and (they perceive) easily handled Scandinavian men.

> *The import brides have clear reasons for their marriage choice: Russian women marry Norwegian men because of the 'Norwegianess' – meaning that Norwegian men are more domesticated than Russian men therefore Russian women have less domestic responsibility and more 'freedom'. South-east Asian woman marry Norwegian men because they want to up-grade their lifestyle and also use it as a means to support their family in Thailand.*

Predictably Scandinavian feminists want to see an end to this practice of Scandinavian men taking foreign brides. Misandric laws make an ineffective choke collar for men who can just send a woman back to her home country if she becomes controlling, overbearing, or otherwise unpleasant.

> *Through this study an unfortunate trend has surfaced. Some of these marriages have turned out to be a very bad arrangement. By Norwegian law a foreign spouse may be sent back to their country if the marriage hasn't lasted for more than three years.*

But in the feminist's eyes giving any power whatsoever back to men forced to pee sitting down is terribly unjust.

> *Some Norwegian men use this power to control their spouse. He threatens divorce, and in turn will send the import bride back to her home country, if she doesn't do what the man wants or the marriage has problems. It is known that if the marriage is disagreeable in the eyes of the Norwegian man he will divorce his first import bride, sending her home, and then, I quote from the documentary: 'they pick up a new younger wife from abroad if the marriage has conflicts'. Some of these import marriages trap women into a life of insecurity and service.*

Particularly unjust, they feel, if the gentleman is older and offering his status and privilege to underprivileged foreign wives who give him their youth, beauty, and faithfulness in return.

> An upsurge in marriages between older Swedish men and young, underprivileged foreign women raises serious questions about gender equality, according to a new report.
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> In a new 'migration by marriage' study, experts at the University of St Andrews found that over a fifteen year period there has been a 44% increase in young women moving to Sweden from mainly poorer nations to marry.
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> The study also found that the poorer the country of birth of the migrant woman, the bigger the age gap between her and her Swedish partner – a finding that experts say raises serious concerns over such women's freedom of choice.

Swedish feminists may have to rush to insert a finger into this leaky dyke. Swedish men are now so keen on finding love abroad that Sweden may have the highest percentage of men with Thai wives in any country outside Thailand. But though feminists have not yet launched an all out assault, their rhetoric is beginning to sound like the beating of war drums:

> *According to ROKS, current regulations make it too easy for men to start relationships with foreign women and bring them to Sweden for the sole purpose of taking advantage of them.*

So getting back to the question of whether women would really like to live in an überfeminist state where feminists have free reign to create:

> *… a vision of hell as dreamed up in the minds of the man-hating women who litter internet toilets like Feministing and who live in countries like Sweden, once proud nation of Viking warriors.*

The answer seems to be that by the point things get this far men don't care. It's far easier for a western man to find a

less unpleasant non-feminist foreign bride who will cook, clean, bear his children, and attend to his sexual needs, then get rid of her if she doesn't, than to tire himself out with the exhaustive effort of trying to house train a snarling native feminist. Scandinavian men may have been over civilized by the feminist laws of their respective countries, which by all appearances have had the opposite effect on Scandinavian women who have become quite undomesticated. But the former rugged Vikings appear to have gotten accustomed to his modern luxury. And to a civilized man looking to enjoy the comforts of his home in peace, snarling undomesticated animals still belong outside.

Are Nordic Men Really "Manginas?"

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A lot of people seem to be under the impression that Nordic men are submissive and strangely androgynous, but in my experience that's anything but the case. Above is a Knud Bergslien painting commemorating the Birkebeiners' perilous flight through the woods with the young prince Haakon Haakonsson, saving him from a rival faction trying to consolidate rule in Norway. I like the picture — it's a nice example of masculine childcare. I'm sure the two-year-old prince had a fun time on the voyage to safety in Trondheim.

Here in Seattle there are a lot of people of Nordic descent, and I happen to be one of them. Two of my great grandparents immigrated from Norway around the end of the 19th century and then met and married in Seattle. My great grandfather was from Trondheim, and my great grandmother was from Bergen. Norwegians liked Seattle because it's similar in many ways to Norway. Puget Sound is a long fjord teeming with marine life, there are lots of trees and mountains, and it's often wet and cloudy — just like home (although a bit warmer). Swedes and Finns seem to have preferred the Midwest, as that's more like where they came from.

So I grew up around a lot of old Norwegians and assorted other Nordic folks, many from the old country. I still see them from time to time when I go up to the ski club for a bit of skiing, and amazingly some of them are still going strong. There are 80-year-old Norwegian men (and one Swede who's pushing 90) at that club who put in 20 miles of skiing a day. They are tough as nails, and although Nordics have a reputation for being short on words, they are actually pretty friendly and can have fun.

One might ask whether they defer to women. Not as far as I can tell. Their wives come along from time to time, but they certainly don't act like a bunch of androgynous butch types. They seem pretty content with their respective roles. However, life has changed a lot back in the old country — these are old men who came to the US after WWII for the most part. Back then, with the exception of Sweden, the Nordic countries were in pretty bad shape. The war and occupation were devastating to industry and the economy. People were poor and cold. Reconstruction was the most pressing issue — not gender equality. So immigrants from that period were quite conservative. Like my Norwegian great grandmother who came a half century before, they were far more concerned with having a decent life free from want than they were with competing with the opposite sex. Ironically, that great grandmother, who began her career in Seattle as a hotel maid, ended up wealthy due to smart real-estate investments (seems the patriarchy wasn't all that effective at keeping women down in the early 20th century). But did she grow bored with her husband and dump him for an alpha? No, it seems that her only vices were occasionally gambling in Chinatown and perhaps spoiling her children a bit. From every bit of evidence I am aware of, Nordic gender relations prior to Olaf Palme were cordial, conservative and healthy.

So what happened? I think it's the same thing that's happening everywhere in post-industrial society, but it may have had more of an impact in Nordic countries because the shift was more severe. Living in northern Europe used to be pretty tough. It was not always a land of plenty — far from it. Just getting through the harsh seasons meant hours of physical labor every day. Chopping wood, feeding animals, butchering, milking, plowing, harvesting, fishing — the list goes on. The hard life over there is why the US opened its doors to immigration from Scandinavia; Nordic farmers were just about the only people willing to make a go of it in the northern Great Plains. And in the Northwest, their willingness to work hard on fishing and whaling boats and in the woods in logging operations made them attractive hires. Even as recently as the 1950s and 60s, many Scandinavian neighborhoods were working class ghettoes that Anglo Americans wouldn't deign to live in. In Seattle, all that remains is Fishermen's Terminal, where poor fishermen still live on boats in the off-season, but the SWPL scum are hard at work trying to get rid of them, too.

Thanks to natural resources, technology and a strong native work ethic, over the last 50 years the Nordic countries have transformed from relatively poor northern backwaters to some of the wealthiest societies on earth. This has led to profound changes in day to day life, and as always that makes a big difference in social behavior. Men no

longer need to plow fields and chop wood, and women no longer need to tend the fire, milk the cows and handle heavy iron cookware. There's far more leisure time, and gender roles just aren't clear any longer. In the Nordic countries, this made a much bigger difference than it did in warmer, more forgiving climes such as the Mediterranean region and most of East Asia. I am convinced that the reason there's so much gender weirdness in Scandinavia and Finland is that the changes there as a result of the modern lifestyle have been more profound.

But still, as I've heard from some Scandinavians, and seen for myself up at the cabin in the mountains, when you put the Nordic people back in their natural, traditional environment, things have a way of going back to normal very quickly.

State Sponsored Child Acquisition

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By Pugs Fugly

My older brother has gotten around over the years. His life reads like a billboard for unintended consequences and pervasive irresponsibility.

A few months back, he got what has become for him a familiar letter: a court ordered paternity test. I should mention that he's gotten about ten of these over the years, but only two of them turned out to be his. I've always wondered about the other eight. Did they ever find that child's biological father? How many other guys had to offer up their DNA for those children at the same time my brother was forced to?

He's in prison, 1,700 miles away, and finds out he has a one year-old daughter. In this reprehensible culture, a woman can apparently go through an entire pregnancy, delivery, and early motherhood without ever having to cop to who the father of her child is, assuming she has a reasonable guesstimate. I can't attest to the veracity of those talk shows where there's one mother, one child, and nine or ten different possibles for the father, but seeing what my brother's been through over the years, it wouldn't surprise me. I would imagine the most difficult part about rounding up names for the Attorney General's office would be *remembering* them.

It almost makes me feel sorry for these ladies. I mean, how many one-night-stands is a girl supposed to be able to keep track of over the short window of time that she can become pregnant? Five? Ten? Getting the first and last names, not to mention contact information, for every Tom, Dick, and Harry you drunkenly stumble home from the club with is asking entirely too much.

Then the state decides to stop giving them free stuff. In every case, including the ones that weren't his, we weren't dealing with an newborn or an infant, but a toddler. That's nine months of pregnancy plus two or more years that the child in question went with a blank space on their birth certificate while their mother soaked up entitlements like a dank, smelly kitchen sponge. It's only when the overburdened bureaucracy gets around to reviewing the bottomless bucket-loads of free food, medical care, and housing they've been blindly throwing at these women that positively identifying their child's father becomes a priority to them. For if they don't, the entitlements cease. So they begin the mental calesthenics necessary to remember who and when and how many times, and in at least one case, sent out half a dozen court orders demanding DNA.

It's amazing to me that the dialogue about dead-beat dads is always turned up to 11, but we almost never hear anything about these women who shirk responsiblity and milk the system while keeping their baby-daddy's identity a secret, usually either out of shame, or some half-assed reasoning about "not wanting him involved"…because while he was good enough to have reckless sex with, he's not good enough to even be made aware that he's a father. Our side of field is flush with stories of men getting billed for a decade of child support for a child they didn't even know existed, but the same agency enforcing it does nothing to hold these mothers accountable for why they kept their little bundle of joy under the radar for so long.

His new daughter was a different story. The state stepped in and permanently terminated her mother's rights for incessant crack-headism. This little girl is one of ***seven*** children the state has removed from this woman's custody by force. No one is suggesting that the state force her to get a tubal-ligation. No one is suggesting that she be issued some kind of mandatory birth-control. In spite of a lifetime of making the worst possible choices, over and over again, no one is suggesting that the state interfere with her right to choose. She can continue having children until the coffers run dry, and then maybe have a couple more for good measure.

My niece was in foster-care limbo for a few months while they worked out the adoption process, but she's here now, safe and sound. Happy, adorable, and getting along splendidly with my own daughter, despite their being two years apart.

It's a Pyrrhic victory of sorts. We get to raise this child without any interference from her mother or the state, but my brother is now a felon and will have to be a registered sex offender when he gets out, which means he can never live at the same residence as his own child. All because of one woman's lies, and another woman's omission.

It isn't that some women lie about rape or paternity. It's that they aren't often held accountable when they do. Men are held accountable, financially and morally, for children they didn't know about. I'd like to believe that most men, if they'd been made aware, would do the right thing. But it's impossible to be a father to a child whose existence is deliberately kept secret from you. We weren't given choice, and because of that, we missed out on the first two years of this little girl's life.

I'm writing about it because it's the second time in six months that the state has handed me, a man, custody of a child over the child's mother. Whether this is objective decency on the part of the court, or the beginning of a shifting trend, I can't say. But I hope it's both.

Subscriptions: What's New

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I've wanted to set up an automated subscription system that works smoothly for a long time now, and finally I've found both the time and the means (and the server capacity) to do so.

One of the main reasons I wanted subscriptions was so that I could offer something extra to those supporting the site. As it is today, they get little more than someone browsing from search engine results, and that just doesn't seem right, because without them this site would be dead in the water.

So, a few of the features I'm going to offer supporters include exclusive content, access to deals on other media provided by me and others, and the ability to comment unmoderated and vote on comments. I particularly want to give subscribers more of a voice in comments and voting, because I care about their opinion a lot more than I do about that of some hostile troll, and before I restricted voting and comments people who opposed the site and our values had an equal say. Frankly, that just isn't helpful.

However, for the casual reader little will change. Most articles will remain open to the public, and comments will be allowed, although moderated, just as they have been since summer.

For starters, I'm going to offer anyone who has ever donated to the site a free three-month subscription, after which they can choose to continue to subscribe or not. The fee is pretty small – $5 per month – so for most it isn't a major commitment. In fact, I'd need a whole lot of subscribers to survive off the site at that rate, and even if it is possible it would probably take years of hard work to get to that point, so I'm still going to need to ask for extra support from time to time to cover overhead and pay for the time I put into the site, which is much more ideologically than financially motivated.

Although it will be pretty cheap, there will be a generous amount of value for those who do subscribe. Just as I've built an online presence with volumes of text, the exclusive subscriber content and material will grow to be impressive in time. I plan to offer ebooks and other files for free or at a steep discount to subscribers, and I'd like to approach others in the manosphere to see whether they'd like to promote their work with subscribers here by offering special deals and promotions. Additionally, and although this is a work in progress, I'm going to offer publishing services to those who would like to publish books and reports that I can then make available to subscribers. I envision a sort of book club and publishing outfit that provides quality material as well as services to those interested in men's issues.

So, if you've sent some support my way, let me know if you'd like to be added as a subscriber, and I will happily do so. If you haven't, feel free to try it out — it's only $5 to get started and you can cancel it at any time. Before I forget, I know some people value anonymity and some don't like paying online, so I've made some concessions for them. If you feel it's important to keep your identity protected or you'd rather use a check, you can subscribe by mail for a year at a discount.

For now, I'm going to keep it simple and only allow one basic subscription level, but I'll change that as the subscriber base and content develops and there's more to offer.

Finally, there are a lot of people who still have old subscriber accounts. Around 800, actually. Most are dormant, but if you have one and would like to keep it let me know and I will give you a free month's subscription to the new membership system, after which you can choose to keep it or not as a paying subscriber. After some time has elapsed, I'm going to purge the old accounts so as to reduce clutter in the database.

So if you'd like to help keep the site online and have access to some special features, sign up as a subscriber and we'll keep moving ahead with the site.

Looking forward to having you onboard

Your publisher,

WF Price

America is Getting Really Strange

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I'm sure a lot of readers remember the "black helicopter" talk of the 90s. Lots of urban folks laughed about the paranoid people out in the boondocks, but there really were black helicopters flying around for various reasons. Some were likely on DEA operations, and others were involved in military training exercises. I saw one of these helicopters once while driving on a back road in Skagit county, WA around 2000. It was swooping down low and there was a door gunner hanging out with his machine gun pointed menacingly toward the ground — I assume it was a training exercise from one of our many local bases. Makes you feel pretty small to be in a little car on a dirt road with those big blackhawks flying overhead.

Since then, the hype over the helicopters has died down somewhat, but a recent exercise in Miami suggests they are back. Local Miami police and some military folks staged a joint exercise with black helicopters flying low through downtown, which is weird enough, but in this case they actually opened fire with what sounded like a autocannon, perhaps a chain gun of some sort. Unless they were shooting the Transformers sequel (it is supposedly being filmed in Miami), I can't really imagine what purpose this served. Well, maybe they are getting ready to implement some gun seizure, who knows…

Here's the video:

I suppose this isn't directly relevant to feminism, but there is a connection. Thanks in part to women's total faith in big daddy government, our "authorities" are starting to behave with breathtaking arrogance. Flying military helicopters through heavily populated areas and letting loose with automatic weapons – blanks or not – is a slap in the face to citizens, and can only be interpreted as an act of intimidation at best.

Update — more video:

Obama and the Managerial Elite

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Since learning of the helicopter assault training in Miami, I discovered that this is going on all over the US. There have been exercises in Minneapolis, according to commenters something is going on in Houston, and Chicago has seen them as well. I consider the silence about it an appalling omission on the part of the mainstream media. Not only have they refused to discuss this nationally, every single news report I see urges people "not to worry" and takes an entirely complacent, approving stance on what has been admitted to be special forces assault training in major American cities in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security and local police forces. And yes, special forces are involved — this has been openly admitted.

Leaving aside the speculation about what exactly it is they are preparing for by staging exercises in US cities, this is an indication that something about the US has fundamentally changed quite recently, in just the past decade or so. One thing, of course, is that we are a much more fragmented populace than we used to be. Go to any large mall in a major urban area, and it sure doesn't look like the "America" we used to know. But even the results of the "invade the world, invite the world" policy George Bush left us with doesn't explain it all. There's also a growing rift between those managing our brave new world and those of us subject to management.

During the 2008 election I noticed a real enthusiasm for Obama amongst young technocrats. Aside from black women they were his most fervent supporters, and continue to be to this day. However, there was something more than mere idealism behind it — I could sense that they were eager for a changing of the guard (hence their disdain for Hillary Clinton, who represented the baby boomer political establishment). Obama was the perfect vehicle for their ascendancy, and his cabinet – full of relatively young, white male technocrats – reflects that.

There are a lot of trends that have converged to create a new managerial overclass, including identity politics, which have shattered any sense of greater civic responsibility, the higher technical demands of the modern workplace and the sheer weight and size of the United States, which is an enormous and unwieldy society. It was probably inevitable that it would happen eventually, just as it did in the past in many instances. The Chinese Imperial examinations created a class of bureaucrats that ran China for the putative benefit of the emperor, the French Capetian bureaucrats created what we know of as the Ancien Régime and the Byzantines wrought such an extraordinarily inscrutable administrative system that we attach the epithet "Byzantine" to all sorts of overly complex, incomprehensible bureaucracies.

What this new American elite has in common with its ancient predecessors is that the common folk values that held the state together in its earlier form have come to be replaced with an emphasis on expedience and utility, all exercised for the benefit of the state — not necessarily the people. In order to justify this, states usually resort to promoting a universalist philosophy or religion. In fact, there is evidence that the first monotheistic cult was promoted by an Egyptian pharaoh who wanted to bring all his subjects under a unifying single god.

China's emperors were considered the high priests of Middle Earth, who communicated with heaven and the gods on behalf of their subjects. Communism is another example of an essentially imperial universalist ideology, and the French kings ruled by divine right.

Along similar lines, America's elite has cast Obama in the messianic role with which they are most familiar due to our own cultural peculiarities. This is why, despite the fact that a lot of Obama skeptics have a difficult time articulating it, there is something to the criticism of Obama as a messianic figure. He exemplifies the universalist, transcendant value of equality (as understood by Americans) first represented to us by Martin Luther King Junior, and so serves as its avatar.

When you have a supreme spiritual mandate, in our case "equality," it can be used to justify almost any action undertaken to promote it. From the Inquisition to the torture chambers of the Lubyanka, men operated under this principle of service to a higher cause. Old rules and customs, such as the US Constitution and Bill of Rights, mean

little to those engaged in promoting the one true faith. It is, in effect, a license to exercise power unfettered, and as always this tends to draw in some unsavory characters.

This is why we see the growth of an arrogant state that violates our Constitution and engages in shows of force designed to cow and humiliate lowly citizens. It is why we now have elite military units firing automatic weapons from helicopters above our cities. I suspect these are preventative measure, to let the people know that they had better not get in the way of the plans of their superiors.

However, I wonder whether this current construct has any permanence. I doubt it, because it assumes that the foreigners currently being recruited to join in the crusade will be as enthusiastic about 1960s American social movements as the young technocrats who were raised on them. As it stands today, there are some 35 million people – over 10% of the US population – who speak Spanish as their primary language, and I can guarantee that they are not listening to paeans to civil rights era ideology on NPR. Additionally, it casts well over a quarter of the US population (white males) as the "bad guys," and that is not a recipe for stability.

Although I'm skeptical of the Republican efforts to bring Hispanics "in," and think it will end in failure unless there are fundamental changes in the Republican party itself (it would have to become more of a coalition-based party — like the Democratic party), I think Hispanics may just be the wildcard that breaks the great liberal coalition. I don't say this because Hispanics are inherently conservative (they are not), but rather because they exist outside the paradigm. They feel no guilt and no sense of obligation, and will only support an Obama type politician if he provides them with something tangible. In other words, they can extort an equalist regime, and as their numbers grow that will put an enormous amount of pressure on a coalition that relies on a shrinking white male tax base.

So, even as we see the culmination of an old social movement in the Obama presidency, I believe we are approaching its end, and possibly its replacement with an entirely different, as of yet unknown national philosophy.

Why Youth Football is Big in Texas

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By AP

Tackle him. Tackle HIM! TACKLE HIM!! Run it again!

The sounds on playfields throughout Texas in late summer and fall as football coaches yell and scream at little boys. Tackle football as in full contact tackle football, it hurts football, not soccer.

Soccer is a good, fun and safe sport for boys and girls. Girls can compete with boys in soccer. Feminists love it. This is because soccer is an upper body passive sport. Boys don't develop nor require upper body muscles in soccer. Soccer is an invasive species not in the tradition of North American sports which require upper body muscle strength and coordination such as baseball, basketball, hockey and football.

I moved to Texas a few years ago from Michigan. Everybody told us about how big football is in Texas yet not one could explain why. As I sat on the sidelines watching my sons practice and play football, I began to make some observations and I would like to share a few of those. I also reached a some unique conclusions as to why football is so big in Texas. I realized the cruelest form of torture for a feminist would to be to force them to watch youth football in Texas seeing little boys grow into tough masculine young men.

Anthropologists believe the rituals of a society affirm and reinforce the values of that society. Football is a ritual which reflects Texan culture and American values.

Football is big in Texas because Texans believe football reflects the values of competition, risk and winning. The pioneer, cowboy and wildcatter spirit is alive and well in Texas. Texans believe these are good things. There is fierce and sometimes insane competition to win in Texas football culture. I never saw high school coach scandals in Michigan involving recruiting violations, falsifying grades for eligibility and pay for play. Football culture competition extends beyond the game as school bands and cheerleading in Texas is fiercely competitive. This competitive spirit is reflected in the business climate. There are few unions in Texas because it limits competition in the job market. Is it any wonder Texas at one point produced over half of the new jobs in the perpetual recession compared to the other forty-nine states? There is so much construction and economic expansion in Texas I was amazed to see heavy construction television commercial spots selling backhoes and bulldozers during the recent bowl games.

Texas youth football is a cultural shock for many little boys, even those in Texas. Most boys today have been taught to be good girls from women teachers in day care and public schools. Most boys only know women teachers and are surprised men can teach except adult men tend to shout at them. Feminists teachers discourage fierce competition preferring a nurturing, gentle, everybody wins, avoid risk, we're all the same attitude. Little boys quickly learn football is competitive zero sum game and the other boy across the line is in no mood to be nurturing. Your job is to be mean and tough to beat the other guy. It's not personal, it's just a competitive game. To the horror of feminists, there are no support groups for boys who fumble the football.

There is physical risk in playing tackle football. Feminists hate risk and football because it reeks of masculinity. They will eventually destroy football on the coasts applying the safety card. The safety card is an easy sell to an ever increasing effeminate population. Millennium parents have passively accepted restrictions forbidding playing on terrifying monkey bars, horrific games of tag, dangerous football and unfair dodge ball in public schools in the interest of safety. Feminist leaders will make decisions on risk, not parents or individuals. They will enforce their decisions through governmental regulations and it's evil twin, liability ligation. Expect many schools to be defendants in future lawsuits regarding any football injury however minor. They will drive insurance rates up trying to make the cost of a football program financially prohibitive for schools and private leagues.

Two years ago I was watching a game between the University of Michigan and Western Michigan when a

thunderstorm broke out. There was severe lightning so the feminized officials at the University Michigan cancelled the game. There was identical weather at South Bend, but Notre Dame and South Florida finished their game. For 132 years, Michigan never cancelled a football game until 2011. The fans sitting in the Big House are some of the most intelligent people in the world who could have made their own decision to endure the weather conditions. Using the safety argument, feminists cancelled the game rationalizing they could be sued if someone were injured by lighting. Safety first. Besides, men have such silly football traditions such as playing in the rain and mud. (Bo Schembechler must be spinning in his grave.)

Football is big in Texas because Texans believe developing character and masculinity in boys. The future for boys is an important value in Texans. Texans want to leave a better world for their sons and grandsons. In all the years I watched youth football in Texas, I never a saw single girl play the game. I'm sure some do but only at the younger levels. Despite all the wonders of Title IX, to the best of my knowledge, there are no women playing at football at Texas, Baylor or Texas A&M much less in the National Football League.

Unlike most states, Texans form many private leagues and the public schools offer young boys the opportunity to play tackle football beginning in junior high school. In the other states, most public schools only offer football programs at the high school level. As a result, Texas boys have greater opportunities to play tackle football compared to other states. Boys in Texas are immersed in football culture, in their schools, their families and on television. In other states, families gather at weddings and funerals. In Texas, families gather at football games. When I moved here from the North, I couldn't believe junior high schools were playing under the lights during school nights. Nor could I believe the large number of private grade school youth football leagues. Many boys in Texas begin playing organized football in Kindergarten. On my son's fourth grade team, out of thirty players, only one may eventually make it to a high school football team, if's he lucky because of the intense competition.

Football is a rough sport and there is always the risk of injury. The risk of injury is less so at the youth level compared to junior high or high school ball. There is risk so what is the benefit? At the youth level it is the development of masculine character that can last a lifetime. It was a bonding experience for fathers and sons For the boys the boys on our team who had single mothers, youth football may have been their most important exposure to masculine values. Even one season of tackle football for a ten year old can make a difference in their life.

When I saw boys putting on pads for the first time they were afraid and extremely reluctant to block or tackle anyone. Again it's culture shock. Little boys today have been taught all their young lives to be good girls, sit still, be quiet, be passive and docile. Don't take a risk, you might get hurt. You're not allowed to hit anyone. Some boys are taught that any form of masculine aggression is pure evil.

The head coach of my son when he was in the fourth grade had experience coaching high school football but it was his first time with elementary school boys and his language was a little salty. He was shocked at their lack of aggression and hitting during various blood sport drills. At the end of practice, he screamed at the boys, "You guys hit like a bunch of pussies!" The boys looked around at each other in confusion and befuddlement. I'm not sure if they knew exactly what a pussy was, but whatever it was, it was clear they sure as hell didn't want to be one. The next practice pads were popping. Some of the Millennium parents were horrified at his language and he apologized but did get his point across.

Football teaches boys controlled aggression and risk taking. To paraphrase George Orwell, "Good people sleep at night because rough men stand ready to do violent acts on their behalf and defend their rights." Controlled aggression to someday protect their families, homes, state and country. Texas typically provides the greatest number of military recruits to defend the United States. The Texas population has a high gun ownership percentage. One of the state's finest university, Texas A&M, was founded as a military institution. When people think of rough cowboys, they think of Texas. These boys may become policemen, firemen, or serve their country in the armed services. The world is always a dangerous place.

Football is the ultimate and most complicated, exciting team sport requiring absolute coordination, unison and synchronization of every player on the team at the exact same time. As I observed my son's fourth grade team

practice, I was amazed at their focused team discipline as they lined up and fired off on snap counts. I speculated if they could only show this much concentration and enthusiasm in school they would all become Rhodes Scholars. It's a shame women teachers don't know how to inspire and motivate little boys like the male volunteer coaches.

Football is big in Texas because Texans have a disposition for violence. There is an urban legend in the late 1930's the German Nazis sent observers to Texas to analyze American culture. They attended a Rodeo. Then they witnessed a football game between Texas and Texas A&M. Horrified, they cabled to Berlin that if this is what these people do for recreation, these are the last people in the world we want to fight a future war against. They sent a famous cable, "Don't mess with Texas."

It was my sons who led me to understand why football is big in Texas.

My sons were studying the Inca culture and they were amazed. Pizarro, with army of only two hundred men, conquered the Inca Empire, which had a population of six million people. Cortes, with an army of six hundred men, conquered the Aztec Empire of five million people. Two armies of less than a thousand men conquered eleven million people! My sons asked, "how could this be possible?" Keep in mind a typical Texas boy will kill about two hundred thousand bad guys and/or zombies each year while playing violent video games.

Historians teach that these civilizations had never seen horses, guns or armor. They were intimidated by European technology. In other words, these civilizations surrendered because they were afraid of horses and boom-boom. I then realized historians don't understand Texas football. I explained to my sons the answer to their question was in San Antonio.

Prior to the sixteenth century, people were oppressed and subjugated to tyrannical royal rule under the belief kings and emperors derived their authority from "divine powers." As added insurance, weapons to fight for any possible freedom were severely restricted. Royal rulers could be quickly interchanged, be it Spanish, English, French, Inca or Aztec. From this cultural perspective, the Spanish were not in any way superior to the Inca or Aztec. If Pizarro and Cortes switched places with the local emperors in Europe, the people in Europe would also fall into quick submission. People were taught to obey royal authority.

In contrast, at San Antonio in 1835, two hundred fifty very rough, armed and aggressive Texans fought a heavily armed Mexican Army of five thousand soldiers. The Texans at the Alamo, unlike the cultures of the sixteenth century, believed human rights and freedom were derived directly from God to an individual. They brought to Texas the spirit and ideas of the American Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. Vastly outnumbered and outgunned, the Texans refused to surrender. The competitive Texans at the Alamo believed freedom was worth fighting and dying for.

The main reason football is big in Texas is because football represents a subconscious love of freedom. The spirit of the Alamo and the fight for Texan independence is ingrained into the cultural consciousness of little boys all over Texas, who in turn will teach their sons about football. There is a certain attitude among Texans when it comes to individual liberty and human rights I've never observed anywhere else in the United States.

Honestly, I never heard a youth Texas football coach talk about the Alamo. I did hear them teach values of the Alamo such as hard work, honor, persistence, teamwork and being unafraid to play the game while taking risks. I heard them tell little boys to be aggressive and tough. I heard them tell little boys who felt pain to suck it up and get out there and play over the pain. I heard them yell at little boys when they made a mistake, but also tell them it was okay and to learn from it. I heard them scream at little boys to never give up on a play until the whistle blows and never quit or surrender their spirit no matter what the score of the game may be. Little boys who play youth football in Texas grow up to be young men are aren't afraid of confrontation. They grow up to be men who aren't afraid to defend freedom. Freedom is a big deal in Texas. So is football.

Manbiotics

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Despite having revolutionized medicine and healthcare, men don't always take care of themselves all that well. We tend to rely on our natural constitution to pull us through hard work and debauchery alike. Nevertheless, a few precautions and good habits can help out a lot. So, I thought I'd share a little recent victory along those lines.

Fifteen years ago, while on a trip with my stepdad who was visiting me in China, where I lived at the time, we stopped in a pleasant little provincial town called Yinchuan. Its nice, tidy streets and quiet modesty were a refreshing change from the stinking, hectic and crowded streets of Beijing, as was the clear blue sky above, devoid of the whitish cloud of smoke that typically hangs over Beijing. As Yinchuan is in the Gobi Desert, it reminded me of a southwestern US town, a likeness that was reinforced by the presence of dusty Mongol cowboys stopping by the local saloon. One I remember particularly well was sporting a glorious mustache, a white silk shirt and shiny black riding boots. He had a swagger and panache that drew the attention of the local ladies.

As the capital of Ningxia, Yinchuan is an old Silk Road town that in former days was largely populated by Hui, who are ethnic Han people who converted to Islam over the years. It is also the ancient capital of the Western Xia kingdom, which developed a flowering civilization that held its own for centuries despite being sandwiched between the Mongols, Tibetans and Han Chinese. It is a very culturally diverse region, featuring Mongols, Turks, Chinese, Tibetans and even a few scattered Indo-Aryans of Persianate extraction. Although it is largely unknown in the West, cultural exchange along the silk road introduced a great deal of Persian influence in China proper, which can be seen even today in Chinese music, dress, religion and art.

As it was a hot day, I went to buy some refreshments at a nearby store, and noticed an interesting drink called "suan nai" in Mandarin, which translates to sour milk. I thought it might be a customary local drink, so I bought a bottle. It was primitively packaged, covered only with wax paper held on by a rubber band. The girl at the store provided me with a straw, which I was to punch through the paper so as to drink the chilled concoction.

I wasn't sure what to expect, so I was pleasantly surprised by the tart drink. True to its name, it was tangy and slightly sweetened, and turned out to be very refreshing. I didn't know what it was called in English, so I simply assumed it was some form of thin yogurt, but it was much tastier than what I was accustomed to back home.

After I finally returned home, I looked in vain for a comparable product, but couldn't find anything except the same old plain, thick yogurt that I never cared for much. Eventually, I gave up and forgot about it.

Years later, on my recent trip to the Baltic, I had the opportunity to sample a popular local drink known as "kefir." Upon tasting it, I immediately remembered that sour milk I bought in Yinchuan. It was the same thing! What good fortune, I thought, to find the drink I'd given up on years ago, and so far from the Gobi Desert where I first became acquainted with it.

After coming back to Seattle once again, I was determined this time to find how to get the drink in the US. I found some in a local health food store, but it cost four times as much as milk and was of inferior quality. After diligently searching online, I discovered that all one needs to do to make kefir is obtain something called "kefir grains," which can be ordered online. Soon enough I found some from a Polish-American woman who runs a goat farm and sells them online, and promptly placed an order.

Although it took me a week or so to get the ratio of milk to kefir grains and the fermentation time right, I figured it out in due course, and now I have a glass of the stuff every day. Not only is it enjoyable and cheap, but it's had some pleasant health benefits as well.

Kefir grains are a gum-like substance that symbiotic colonies of bacteria and yeast exude, forming a matrix that protects and nourishes them. These microflora thrive in the presence of milk sugars, and within about 24 hours at room temperature they process milk, leaving it with a significantly higher vitamin and lower sugar content, along

with a slight fizz and small amount of alcohol. In explaining to my children what it was, I called it “milk beer,” and that’s essentially what it comes down to.

Along with the vitamins come a number of other benefits. The bacteria, which are harmless to humans, compete with harmful microorganisms and aid in the digestive process. They boost immune function, reduce diabetes risk, and, as I’ve found, all but eliminate indigestion. For me, that’s been the most noticeable benefit. According to Baltic people, it’s also an effective hangover palliative. Ancient old men in the Caucasus – long known as a region with exceptional longevity – credit their long lives to daily doses of kefir.

However, there’s more to it than the mere health benefits. There is something rewarding about making one’s own food. In this day of the factory farm, processed foods and biological desert of pasteurized products, it’s encouraging to know that we can live and thrive without exterminating all the little critters who add to the raw ingredients. I have come to think of my little colony of kefir grains as a pet that I feed and who feeds me.

As a man in a profoundly strange, unnatural society, I find that engaging with nature even in such small, innocuous ways can go a long way to prevent the feeling of alienation from taking hold. And it seems that my body feels the same way.

And that is why I chose to share my little kefir story with the rest of you.

Making Kefir — from Mongolia to Scotland

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Some commenters asked how to make kefir, and although I don't consider myself an expert, it's so easy that I see nothing wrong with providing a few tips.

However, before I begin I'd like to say that I was happily surprised to see that we have a reader from Mongolia who helpfully provided a link to a site about Mongol cuisine. From Mongol Toby's link, I learned that Mongols produce a variety of fermented milk products from different kinds of milk. When they use cow milk, they call it isgelen tarag, while horse milk becomes "airag" — otherwise known as kumis. Both would fall under the rubric of "kefir" for our purposes. Horse milk has more sugar than cow milk, so I assume the alcohol content would be a bit higher. Airag can either be drunk as is, or distilled into a liquor known as arkhi, which seems to be similar to Scottish blaand (some Scotsman recently revived the recipe). Blaand is said to have been introduced to Scotland by Vikings, who may have learned how to make it from either the Russian Tatars (i.e. Golden Horde Mongols) or the earlier Huns. I wonder whether Irish cream liqueur, which is actually a mixture of whiskey and cream, wasn't inspired by some original fermented milk drink from the Isles.

On to steps for making kefir:

First, obtain kefir grains. I ordered some from this woman, who goes by "Kefir Lady." If you want in-depth information, her site provides it. She sends a packet of fresh, live kefir grains that she's grown in goat milk via priority mail for a $20 Amazon gift card or $20 cash.

Although she won't send you a large amount of grains, hers are healthy and high quality, and they grow quickly as you make kefir, so you'll soon have more than you need, at which point you can throw out the excess or give it away to friends.

When you get started the grains may be a little goaty. For those using goat milk it won't make any difference, but the first batch or two with cow milk (most convenient for most of us) will taste a little "different." But that's OK, because your first few batches will be experimental.

You want to start with a ratio of about ten parts milk to one part kefir grains, so measure your grains to see how many tablespoons you have, set them aside, and then measure out ten times as much milk.

Put the milk in a glass jar, such as a mason jar.

For your first batch, I'd recommend warming the milk to room temperature before adding the kefir grains, so partially fill a pot with warm water and place your mason jar in the water so as to warm up the milk. This will increase the fermentation rate.

When the milk is warm (do not let it get hot), remove the jar from the water bath and drop in the kefir grains, then loosely cover the top of the jar so gas can escape. I use a mason jar lid with the band only partly screwed down, but you can use a cloth held on with a rubber band as well.

Now place the jar somewhere warm and out of direct sunlight. A cupboard is fine.

As the milk begins to ferment, you'll see it getting bubbly up top. Swish it around or shake it every now and then to keep the curds from separating, and after 24 hours you have kefir.

Chill it in the fridge and drink it without fear.

The first few batches might taste a bit odd as the grains adjust to your brand of milk, so you can experiment a bit by adjusting the ratio, putting the milk in at slightly higher or lower temperatures (again, not so high it will kill the yeast), and leaving it for longer or shorter times. There are also techniques that produce thinner or thicker consistency; some kefir is almost as thick as yogurt, but it can also be almost as thin as milk depending on how you

make it. You can even try screwing a lid on tightly if you want it to develop more carbonation, but beware — gas pressure can break jars.

The longer you ferment it the more sour and alcoholic it will become. I once left some in the jar for four days to see what would happen, and the resulting product, which I was too chicken to drink, smelled like wine. I bet it had an alcohol content of over 5%. There are all sorts of uses for the curds and whey if you really want to get creative with the stuff, and the Kefir Lady provides some instructions for using it in that manner. The nice thing about the kefir grains is that they effectively prevent spoilage for quite a while, so you have more time to work with the milk products.

So if you're interested go ahead and get started. It's easy and cheap, and kind of fun.

No Force "Rape" Laws as Human Rights Violation

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There's a proposal to extend marital rape laws in Washington state to include "rape" without physical force or coercion. It will probably pass, but few (if any) husbands will be prosecuted, because in all likelihood it will simply be used spitefully by women in divorce, and juries tend to see through that stuff. One of the reasons the rape conviction rate is so low is that juries are not enthusiastic about convicting people under questionable laws and evidence. When it's a clear case of stranger rape, where a man broke into a house and raped a woman by force, convictions are relatively easy, but he-said/she-said cases lacking physical evidence are considerably more difficult. Feminists would like to change this by eliminating the presumption of innocence, and possibly by eliminating juries in favor of something like the troikas they have set up at universities, but for now we still operate under the traditional legal system.

However, even if juries don't casually convict people when they are charged under questionable laws, that doesn't mean people can't be arrested, intimidated and extorted with them. Much of the world operates in this manner; laws are not so much enforced as they are conveniently and selectively used against people. Take laws against homosexuality for example. The world over, people have always preferred to turn a blind eye to homosexual activity over vigorously rooting out and prosecuting people who engage in it. However, that doesn't stop governments from sometimes using these laws to selectively punish individuals they disagree with.

Take the case of Anwar Ibrahim, a Malaysian politician who took on Mahathir Mohamad and was subsequently accused of sodomy, arrested and thrown in prison. Whether or not Ibrahim was sodomizing his aide as he was accused is beside the point; people are rarely prosecuted for private sexual acts. There's almost always some ulterior motive for prosecution. The same happened to Oscar Wilde at the end of the 19th century. Wilde was flagrant in his disregard for Victorian era sodomy laws, but he remained untouched until he insulted and challenged a powerful lord who disapproved of his son's relationship with Wilde. It seems, therefore, that these sex laws tend to be used as a tool of power rather than justice. In the case of Julian Assange, this is about as clear as it gets.

So as sex laws become more and more comprehensive and strict in the West, it's time some people started asking whether this is justice or the hallmark of an increasingly repressive regime. When we start passing laws that most juries would be reluctant to convict on, then what is the purpose other than putting more power into the hands of police and prosecutors? Prosecutors in the United States already have enormous power that is often used for political purposes, e.g. Duke lacrosse false rape scandal, so is it wise to give them the power to charge men with "rape" for acts that involved no violence, physical threats or use of force?

It will be so tempting for people to use these laws as a political tool that it would be exceedingly unwise to put them in the hands of authorities, who *will* abuse them. Protection of women, who suffer far less from violence than men in our society, has long been used to justify repressive policies, warfare, racially targeted laws and so on. It will be used again.

One of the feral human instincts that civilized society must control to prevent descent into violence and savagery is the impulse to hurt or kill other men on behalf of or in competition for women. Competition for sex has long been a major cause of murder, mayhem and repression, and yet at the urging of feminists, rather than control this dangerous human tendency, we are to codify it into law. There is nothing "progressive" about such laws; they represent only a regression to the primitive state where most men lived in fear of the more powerful.

If people in the US refuse to extend any criticism to our authorities for creating an ever more repressive state, partly through the expedient of sex laws, I hope the outside world begins to take some initiative in pointing it out. Our State Department, for example, aggressively intervenes on behalf of homosexuals all over the world, saying that sodomy is a protected human right – an expression of love – and yet here at home heterosexual sex is increasingly regulated and criminalized, and innocent men dragged through life-wrecking trials and brought up on bogus charges.

So, just as our government is a staunch, unwavering supporter of freedom of sodomy abroad, I can only hope that righteous men in other countries begin to point out the hypocrisy of the US, and the fact that it has grown to be an oppressive state that uses sex to intimidate and repress its citizens to an extent equalled only by the most repressive theocracies.

The Complementary Relationship Between Authoritarianism and Feminism

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In the wake of the "Arab Spring" revolts in Egypt, the Maghbreb and some parts of the Arab world (it might be better termed Berber Spring than Arab Spring, as it began in largely Berber North Africa), many of the "progressive" policies put in place by dictators have come under attack by new political factions.

In Tunisia, where the revolutions began, the previous ruler had done a great deal to advance feminist causes in his country, possibly at the urging of his wife. Many of these Muslim leaders were educated and trained in the West before they came to power, and during the course of their instruction they absorbed a lot of what is known as progressive policy today. In fact, sometimes they were ahead of the West in that regard because, being authoritarian dictators, they had little standing in their way when they chose to implement new policies.

A report released by Consultancy Africa Intelligence describes in detail the policies implemented by Ben Ali and his predecessor in Tunisia:

> Directly after Tunisia's independence in 1956, the president of the new Tunisian Republic, Bourguiba, issued a personal status code (PSC). As a result, the role of Islamic law in this domain was ended or at least curtailed, and a more egalitarian family was established. This code was then, and still is, famous within the Muslim World and beyond for its abolition (or re-interpretation) of classical Islamic precepts.(2) For example, until this day, Tunisia is the only Arab Muslim country that prohibits polygamy and that secures equal divorce rights for men and women.
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> In the years that followed, other codes were issued which aimed at women's emancipation as well. In 1959, Tunisia proclaimed a constitution, protecting the equality principle, and measures were taken to enhance female participation in society: women were granted active and passive voting-rights (1957), an effective programme of family planning was introduced (3) and women were granted a right to education (1980). In 1985, Tunisia ratified the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), which, on the basis of the constitution, prevails over Tunisian national law.(4) These measures together are generally termed le féminisme Bourguibien.(5)

Despite the nod to voting rights (even the Soviet Union held "elections"), this was all accomplished without the hindrance of democracy, so it was quite easy.

More:

> Ben Ali equally took a number of measures to improve the situation of divorced women. The first concerned maintenance upon divorce: although the PSC was the only family code in the region obliging the man to pay maintenance to his ex-wife upon divorce, this was often not enforced in practice. In order to improve this situation, Ben Ali created a state fund to secure payment of maintenance to mother and children after divorce (1993). The second measure concerned the nationality code, allowing women to pass on their nationality to their children. This was crucial to prevent women who had married a foreigner losing custody upon divorce on the grounds that the child had a foreign nationality (1993). The third measure provided that couples could choose to marry in community of goods, as opposed to the general practice where the spouses do not share any goods, even if these are acquired during marriage. The community of goods could prevent women who did not earn a living during their marriage ending up with empty hands upon divorce (1998). Fourth, the mother who has custody over her children obtained the right to stay in the marital home after divorce (2008), even if this belonged to the father.

Hmmm, sounds just like home. Looks as though Ben Ali modeled his country's divorce laws on California code. Perhaps it is no coincidence that the Arab Spring began with a slap to the face of a young man by a female authority.

Ben Ali, according to the report, used feminism as a means to gain legitimacy even as he committed human rights violations. As is so often the case, the excuse that one is "protecting women and children" often serves as a license to commit egregious violations of human rights.

> …Under Ben Ali, state feminism served a different goal: in a context of outraging violations of civil and political rights, the protection of women's rights became a means to gain legitimacy, both on the national and on the international levels.(12)
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> The governments of Bourguiba and Ben Ali cautiously protected their feminist politics. They installed official institutions that promoted state feminism, such as the Tunisian women's organisation UNFT (Union Nationale de Femmes Tunisiennes, established in 1957), a research centre for women's affairs (CREDIF),(13) and a special Secretary of State dealing with issues concerning women and the family, later transformed into a Ministry. In the meantime, all voices of contestation were silenced through censorship and by making life difficult for those who dared to disagree. (14) But despite (or because of) this repressive context, state feminism was indeed contested.

Finally, the author of the piece, who is evidently a feminist (or feminist friendly) herself, admits that most feminist achievements in the region were achieved not in spite of oppression, but because of it:

> Tunisia is currently at a crossroads between authoritarianism and democratic rule. In this context, women's rights form a crucial stake. This is not only true because the feminist laws issued under the previous regimes were imposed on the Tunisian population in an authoritarian way, making a democratic renegotiation of these laws inevitable. That women's rights form a crucial stake in the current context is also due to the fact that the authoritarian feminist laws were very progressive, while the current government is relatively conservative. This situation has caused an intense fear among Tunisian feminists for a roll-back of the achievements in the field of women's rights, however undemocratic these achievements may be.

Feminism needs authoritarianism for obvious reasons: men must be forced by those with more power than they have to submit to the women in their lives. Feminists may sometimes claim to support freedom and democracy, but the smart ones know that both must be curtailed in order to achieve their version of equality.

Ultimately, however, as Tunisia demonstrates, the symbiotic relationship between authoritarianism and "progressive" policies such as feminism create an environment that is too much for the people to bear, and unrest breaks loose. When that happens in the West is an open question, but given our economic stagnation, I can only see the pressure rising from here on out.

Obama “wouldn’t hesitate” to Make Women Legitimate Targets

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President Obama confirmed his support for sending women into the line of fire in a pre-Super Bowl interview, saying that because they sometimes sustain casualties in their current position they are already essentially in combat.

First, that’s a bogus argument. Civilians get killed in war all the time, and they are not combat soldiers. Same goes for journalists, doctors and others who are close to the action. Being a combat soldier is a distinction, but not necessarily a desirable one: it simply means that in a war zone you are *always* a legitimate target.

But whatever the rationale, women will now be officially equal to men on the battlefield, which brings me to an amusing revelation:

Barack Obama is an MRA.

When you say you will not hesitate to order women into a position that may well harm them or get them killed, you are violating the core principles feminists demand that men adhere to. Furthermore, you are embracing a kind of radical gender equality that is, in fact, a feature of much of the men’s rights movement.

I don’t happen to adhere to it myself; I find the idea of absolute gender equality to be short-sighted, counterproductive and, in the end, more harmful than reality based thinking. Some MRAs disagree very strongly with me on that point.

However, Obama is apparently on their side. Barack Obama wouldn’t hesitate to put women in harm’s way just the same as men. I think for feminists, this is going to be a confusing moment. It will be like what happens when you’ve got a particularly nasty, aggressive woman who gets up in a guy’s face and says “go ahead and hit me, you coward, I dare you!” and rather than back down like most men would, the guy gives it to her as though she were a man and lays her out.

This radical equality Obama is pushing is going to be the end of feminism as we know it for a couple reasons. First, the pedestal is effectively gone. White knighting has been erased from law, and the effect will be similar to what happened in the USSR, where women’s “liberation” eventually ended up giving them more work and responsibilities than they had before. This is going to be a major blow to women’s exclusive prestige and the end of chivalry as we understand it.

One could say it’s funny that the result of feminism will be that women end up losing the special status they used to have and find themselves looked upon as merely weaker, slower and more emotionally difficult versions of their male counterparts, but in the end we won’t be better off for it. No, it’s just going to make society somewhat more crappy for most of us — we’ll be a little more like China and Eastern Europe, and a little less like Switzerland.

Sometimes I wonder whether women will end up cursing the feminists who put them in this position. Unfortunately, I doubt many will. I think this whole feminist episode will be entirely forgotten, and the lesson forgotten with it.

Neutering Language

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The equalist legislators in Washington state have decided that rewriting Washington state code and documents to erase the distinction between men and women has “important significance,” and is worth effort and money. Other public servants, notably a University of washington communications professor named Crispin Thurlow, agree. Whether their enthusiasm for the project has anything to do with the potential jobs for “experts” and bureaucrats is not addressed in a Seattle Times article on the drive to neuter English.

> Over the past six years, state officials have engaged in the onerous task of changing the language used in the state’s copious laws, including thousands of words and phrases, many written more than a century ago when the idea of women working on police forces or on fishing boats wasn’t a consideration.
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> That process is to draw to a close this year. So while the state already has welcomed “firefighters,” “clergy” and “police officers” into its lexicon, “ombuds” (in place of ombudsman) and “security guards” (previously “watchmen,”) appear to be next, along with “dairy farmers,” “first-year students” and “handwriting.”

Usually, language has a way of taking care of itself. But according to Prof. Thurlow, that isn’t good enough:

> Crispin Thurlow, a sociolinguist and associate professor of language and communication at the University of Washington, Bothell, said the project was admirable.
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> He said as language evolves, such efforts are more than symbolic.
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> “Changing words can change what we think about the world around us,” he said. “These tiny moments accrue and become big movements.”

Although he’s a relative peon, Thurlow is a representative of what I referred to the other day as the “managerial elite.” This man believes it is his mandate to shape society so as to produce a result consistent with Equalism. As a public employee, he also intends to be paid by the rest of us to do so

Perhaps at a future time, he can assume a high position in a Washington state bureaucracy called the “Ministry of Truth” or something along those lines.

Words such as “manhole” and “manlock,” have also come under scrutiny, but suitable replacements have proved difficult to find. However, this gives me an idea:

Instead of trying to neuter every word, why don’t we simply shoot for equal representation? We could just switch the gender of every other male-gendered word.

For example, instead of freshman, we could have “freshwoman,” and instead of manhole, “womanhole.” Other logical changes could include “womenstruation” from menstruation, and perhaps “womanatee” for the slow, portly sea creature. This could provide just as much work for Thurlow and his associates, and might turn out less confusing in the long run.

Christina Hoff Summers in NYT on Boys' "Poor Performance" in School

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For at least a decade now we've been seeing educators disingenuously "wondering" what's going on with boys. I don't believe teachers are confused in the least — they know exactly what's going on. I'm certain of this because I have a fair number of educators in the family, and they know just what the "problem" is: boys are, in general, more difficult to teach.

Boys are rowdier, more prone to acting out, and don't listen as carefully. Sometimes, they are aggravatingly unaware of their surroundings. My son, for example, will become interested in something, and suddenly the rest of the world doesn't exist to him any longer.

Boys also lack the desire to please that seems to be innate in little girls. They don't really care so much if the teacher is happy about what they are doing or saying.

But does this mean they are inferior students who "perform poorly?" No more than it means that an F-18 fighter, due the high skill required of its pilots, is an inferior airplane that performs poorly when compared to a cessna.

Despite the abysmal failure of public education in regards to boys, boys are still scoring higher on tests than girls. Even verbal tests in many cases. It's just their grades that are lagging, and unfortunately that's what keeps them out of college:

> Boys score as well as or better than girls on most standardized tests, yet they are far less likely to get good grades, take advanced classes or attend college. Why? A study coming out this week in The Journal of Human Resources gives an important answer. Teachers of classes as early as kindergarten factor good behavior into grades — and girls, as a rule, comport themselves far better than boys.
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> The study's authors analyzed data from more than 5,800 students from kindergarten through fifth grade and found that boys across all racial groups and in all major subject areas received lower grades than their test scores would have predicted.

In other words, the teachers – overwhelmingly female – don't like them. Nor, apparently, do a number of NY Times commenters, who say it's just desserts for all that male oppression of the past. Yes, that's right: little kids who were born a few years ago must pay for the imagined sins of their grandfathers and great-grandfathers.

Example:

> B Lundgren Norfolk, VA
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> Girls and women were shut out of education for centuries. In many parts of the world, they still are. No one cared. Now that men are coming up short, it's a crisis. Please, let's find a real crisis to solve.

Ah, feminists. So compassionate!

What this "boys crisis" really comes down to is a public schools crisis. Public schools may be a necessity, but they have some pretty severe flaws. As a socialized system, they do not reward teachers for being harder workers or even result-oriented. Teachers in my local public school district are in open rebellion against tests that would hold them accountable for their students performance.

What public school teachers prefer is an easy day with obedient, compliant students. Unfortunately for boys, they don't typically fit into the obedient and compliant category. So, rather than try harder, the teacher simply marks them down and leaves it up to the boys or their parents to deal with it (parents, many of whom are single mothers,

definitely share some of the responsibility).

In private schools it's a different story. Sons of the wealthy have *higher* academic achievement than their female counterparts. This is because teachers at private schools are informed in no uncertain terms that students' performance in their classes is directly relevant to their continued employment. Miraculously, rich people's sons are better educated and perform better every step of the way than their daughters.

The problem isn't that boys are poor students. It's that they require more effort. However, the results speak for themselves. Despite the higher grades and academic achievement of girls in our society, boys still lead the way in productivity, innovation and achievement in every other measure.

So all this hand-wringing about boys' performance is misplaced, and I think the rest of us are beginning to figure it out. It isn't really that the boys are performing poorly; it's the schools that are lousy, and grades reflect little more than how teachers "feel" about their students.

Help Keep The Spearhead Online

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Late last year, I took on some extra expenses to accommodate The Spearhead's traffic, which has since grown to 82,000 unique visitors per month — the highest monthly number of visitors ever. About half the visitors in any given month are "returning" visitors, which suggests that tens of thousands of people are reading the site at least occasionally. On top of that there are over 2,200 RSS subscribers, and each article is read about 2,000 times on the site within a couple days of its release. Given the number of RSS subscribers and article views, daily readers number in the thousands, and weekly substantially more than that.

I like the numbers and am happy to see that we have so many readers, but that doesn't necessarily translate into money, because this isn't the kind of site that thrives off advertising or affiliate sales. Instead, it's a site that must rely on readers, much like traditional magazines and publishing outfits.

So, if you enjoy our content and would like to see it continue to be available, supporting it will help a great deal. I've installed some membership software that allows people to become paying subscribers and will give them access to exclusive articles, which I will soon begin to publish. I've been holding off so as not to surprise readers too much, but soon there will be content that is available only to supporting subscribers who pay $5 per month. I'll keep most content open to the public, but not all, so if you want access to everything sign up for membership as a subscriber.

During this current fund drive, I'll offer anyone who donates $50 or more online a year's subscription as a supporting subscriber. Just let me know if you're interested and we'll set you up with a new account or upgrade an old subscriber account if you have one.

The Spearhead has published thousands of articles, and I'd like to keep the content coming. If you are a reader who enjoys what we have to offer, please help out with some support. Support from readers has kept the site online for three years, but it's a fine line, as I am not a wealthy individual with money or time to spare. As much as I believe in the mission of the site, if there is no support I'll be forced to abandon or severely curtail it.

With The Spearhead, what you see is what you get: there is nobody between those of us submitting content and the reader. This is how I keep the site functioning on a low budget, and it is also how I keep it honest and true to its purpose. If you find that it has value to you, send something to keep it going.

On a further note, I'd like to stress that anything helps. If every regular reader gave just a few dollars a month, the site would easily pay for itself.

I'd like to thank the supporters who have kept the site online for the past few years, and also contributors who have donated their time and content to *The Spearhead*. It's been a group effort, and I'm glad to say we have brought ideas and content to the fore that you wouldn't see anywhere else. I'm committed to keeping it going, and with your help I'll do so.

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British Communists Hoist on their Own Petard

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The old left is having a hard time dealing with the feminist juggernaut they worked so hard to foster over the years.

The Socialist Worker's Party, a Marxist Leninist group seeking to create a Bolshevik utopia worldwide, is under fire for covering up an alleged rape with what has been called a "socialist sharia court."

A Communist woman, identified as "W," claimed to have been raped for six months in 2008-2009, but rather than go to the police she trusted her comrades to handle it. However, when the alleged assailant, one comrade Delta, was cleared by a committee tasked with investigating the accusations, she and others were unpleased.

During the investigation, the complainant was apparently questioned, which she called "reactionary," and she thought they were making her out as the responsible party.

From the Guardian's Nick Cohen:

> That's the way it is on the far left. The hierarchical party always has the potential to become a rapist's playground. Consider the predator's opportunities. The rank and file has to obey the party line without question. The leaders of political cults, like their religious counterparts, increase their power by fostering paranoia. Members can trust no one outside the party, especially the police and judiciary. The SWP says that Comrade Delta's alleged victim was free to go to the police and chose not to, but party dogma insists that justice is impossible in bourgeois courts. Only when it's too late do women learn that the alternative disciplinary system of Marxist-Leninists exists to control them and let the leaders do as they please. The parallels with the Catholic church are too obvious for me to labour.

Of all organizations, these were the ones pushing radical feminism with the most force and vigor back in the 1970s. Feminism and Marxism, at least in the US, went together like peas in a pod.

Gays Used as Wedge Issue to Undermine Boy Scouts

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One gets the sense that there wouldn't have to be a gay ban in the Boy Scouts of America if homosexuals had not become an official "oppressed community". Simply keeping one's private sex life to oneself and avoiding making advances on fellow scouts would have been good enough. Sure, it sounds "repressive," but we all have to make concessions from time to time. How many churchgoing men have to keep their mouths shut in service? How many of us have to play along at sensitivity training at work? Even atheists are banned from scout leadership, and surely there are far more atheists than homosexuals in the United States.

I feel a bit sorry for the Boy Scouts, because they are in a difficult position. The majority of parents who put their children in the Boy Scouts are conservatives, who may or may not be tolerant of homosexuals, but probably prefer to keep them away from their sons. If Scouts allowed open homosexuals to join as scout leaders, it would take a devastating toll on the organization, because Americans have a way of saying one thing and doing another where their children are concerned.

As an example, Americans love to pay lip service to diversity, but they act in the opposite manner where public education is concerned, often incurring significant expense merely to get their children into a "good" school district. I'm sure the exact same thing will happen in scouting. In public, parents will say "oh, sure, we support gay rights," but when it comes down to whether or not they want Johnny to go on overnight scouting trips with a 25-year-old openly gay man, many will quietly remove Johnny from the scouts.

There is a real issue with having gay adult men with adolescent boys. Leaving gay men alone with adolescent boys is about as smart as leaving straight men alone with adolescent girls — not a good idea. Some men can handle it pretty well – probably most of them most of the time – but an awful lot of them cannot. In an organization of millions, it's going to be a big, big problem. A big and expensive problem.

However, everyone knows this, so why the big push to make the Boy Scouts openly gay friendly?

Scouting organizations have long come under suspicion from totalitarian regimes. There is something about scouting that drives control freaks crazy. It gets them so uptight that many communist and fascist countries banned independent scouting organizations.

Here are a few regimes that banned or took over scouting in the past and present:

-USSR, scouts banned in 1918; replaced by "pioneers"

-Nazi Germany, scouts taken over in 1934; replaced by Hitler Jugend

-Cuba, scouts banned in 1961; replaced by José Martí Pioneer Organization

-Iraq, scouts taken over by state in 1979; subsequently called "Saddam Cubs"

The attack on scouts in the US today is part of the same impulse. Leftists hate and fear the scouts, and they are using gay rights as a wedge issue to destroy them. Scouting must be crushed, for it represents patriarchal values, masculine independence, and initiative — all without direct government oversight! Oh, think of all the horrible things they could be up to. Scheming to oppress women into relationships, to lower tax rates and to wreck our socialist utopia. That will not do; we'll all be much better off if we put those suspicious little boys in public schools and other programs that are directly controlled by state or – even better – federal government, so as to keep a close watch on them and keep them from getting too big for their britches.

So, as a patriotic American, I propose a new scouting organization created under the auspices of the federal government. Let's name it the "Rainbow Scouts," and have the little boys say a daily devotion before a giant picture of President Obama. They can learn about how not to be little oppressors, and how better to serve their leader and moral superiors. No more of that potential sabotage activity like orienteering and rigging — their new focus will be

on political repentance and indoctrination.

Finally, we will have our victory over the evil force of the Boy Scouts of America, a bastion of right reactionary subversives.

In closing, isn't it odd to see how Barack Obama is so consistently using gays and women to bring rival institutions to heel? I think this must be unprecedented in the history of the world.

Prominent Nationalist, Pro-feminist Politician Assassinated in Tunis

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Chokri Belaïd, head of the Tunisian opposition group Mouvement des patriotes démocrates, was killed outside his home today by multiple gunshots to the head and chest.

Belaïd, a former supporter of Saddam Hussein (check out the likeness in the LA Times photo), followed roughly the same program as the old Arab nationalists who ran much of the Arab world during the postwar era, but who have recently been toppling like so many dominoes. His program is essentially an Arab-focused national socialism, which includes a highly antagonistic stance against Israel, so it's a bit strange to see him heralded as a progressive leader in the Western press, which would scream bloody murder if any Western democracy took up his platform. I suspect, however, that none of the American reporters have any idea what his program really amounts to.

Nevertheless, he was quite the progressive when compared to Islamic parties, proclaiming a desire for "une véritable égalité des sexes" — "true gender equality." Needless to say, he was strongly at odds with Tunisian Islamic parties, and some criminal element amongst their radical supporters (I doubt moderate Islamic politicians would have been directly involved; Islam does not condone murder, despite what some think) took it upon themselves to assassinate him.

Given American support for the Arab Spring as well as the fact that the State Department must have known that "moderate" nationalists would be replaced with Islamic parties, it's pretty clear that global feminism is a very minor concern to American foreign policymakers.

So, whenever you read an article about how our government officials are promoting women's rights abroad, and how seriously they take that struggle, you should know that they are lying. They really don't care much at all — it's always an excuse, or used as leverage to gain some advantage or other.

An Oxford Student Finally Explains it to Us

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Rogue LA Cop on the Warpath for Gun Control

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Chris Dorner, the former LAPD officer who is currently the subject of a massive manhunt, posted a long manifesto demanding, among other things, the implementation of an assault weapons ban. He had high praise for Diane Feinstein and assorted other left-wing politicians and media figures.

Dorner has also compiled a comprehensive list of targets, including, among others, minority cops and "misandrist" lesbians (who are apparently not true feminists):

> I am here to change and make policy. The culture of LAPD versus the community and honest/good officers needs to and will change. I am here to correct and calibrate your morale compasses to true north.
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> Those Caucasian officers who join South Bureau divisions (77th,SW,SE, an Harbor) with the sole intent to victimize minorities who are uneducated, and unaware of criminal law, civil law, and civil rights. You prefer the South bureau because a use of force/deadly force is likely and the individual you use UOF on will likely not report it. You are a high value target.
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> Those Black officers in supervisory ranks and pay grades who stay in south bureau (even though you live in the valley or OC) for the sole intent of getting retribution toward subordinate caucasians officers for the pain and hostile work environment their elders inflicted on you as probationers (P-1′s) and novice P-2′s. You are a high value target. You perpetuated the cycle of racism in the department as well. You breed a new generation of bigoted caucasian officer when you belittle them and treat them unfairly.
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> Those Hispanic officers who victimize their own ethnicity because they are new immigrants to this country and are unaware of their civil rights. You call them wetbacks to their face and demean them in front of fellow officers of different ethnicities so that you will receive some sort of acceptance from your colleagues. I'm not impressed. Most likely, your parents or grandparents were immigrants at one time, but you have forgotten that. You are a high value target.
>
> Those lesbian officers in supervising positions who go to work, day in day out, with the sole intent of attempting to prove your misandrist authority (not feminism) to degrade male officers. You are a high value target.
>
> Those Asian officers who stand by and observe everything I previously mentioned other officers participate in on a daily basis but you say nothing, stand for nothing and protect nothing. Why? Because of your usual saying, " I……don't like conflict". You are a high value target as well.
>
> Those of you who "go along to get along" have no backbone and destroy the foundation of courage. You are the enablers of those who are guilty of misconduct. You are just as guilty as those who break the code of ethics and oath you swore.

Mr. Dorner is on a one-man war against the Los Angeles PD, and claims to have weapons that are up to the job, including anti-materiel rifles and shoulder launched anti-aircraft missiles (I suspect he's bluffing on that score).

So far he has killed a few people, including at least one cop, and spooked the LAPD into shooting some innocent pickup truck drivers (Dorner drives a pickup).

Although I doubt it will be reported as such, Dorner's rampage is explicitly left terrorism, and it just might have the intended effect of helping the assault weapons ban along.

Dorner's hubris is chilling. He is essentially saying "I am targeting police and killing a bunch of people so that the government will disarm the rest of the people." In the meanwhile, he has prompted police to shoot several innocents, which sadly confirms some of what he wrote in the manifesto. The inherent contradictions suggest that he has truly gone insane, but one has to admit that he does provide an inside view of the crazy world of Los Angeles

— supposedly the glorious future of the rest of the US.

Although I'd argue that the existence of people like Dorner, who is 6 feet tall, violent and over 250 lbs., justifies citizen ownership of effective firearms as self-defense weapons, his ploy might just work in our current climate.

As Trigger-Happy LAPD Shoots Innocents, California Moves to Disarm Citizens

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It looks as though Chris Dorner may get his wish on gun control. In the latest spate of publicized violence, every single shooting has been carried out by a cop or ex-cop, four non-police have been shot and two killed, and California is moving forward with a bill that would severely curtail citizen access to guns with detachable magazines, such as those police officers – current and former – used to shoot innocent people yesterday.

> "We need to lead the way," Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said. "New York has stepped up and stepped forward. California needs to answer the call."
>
> The package of seven bills outlined at a Capitol press conference today includes measures to make it illegal to possess high-capacity magazines, ban the manufacture, sale, transfer and importation of rifles with detachable magazines and regulate ammunition purchases and require additional safety training for people who purchase new handguns. Lawmakers also called for increased funding and focus on enforcing existing laws, including ensuring that guns get out of the hands of people prohibited from possessing fire arms.

Will the ban extend to police? Of course not. California's finest will still have access to assault rifles with large-capacity magazines, pistols with extended clips and other goodies — the kinds of weapons they used to light up a couple little Mexican women delivering newspapers yesterday morning.

There is nothing "liberal" about a state that seeks to preserve all of its firepower while disarming citizens, yet this is what they call themselves.

Today, the more "liberal" the state, the more authoritarian it is. If California is the future, this is not a good trend.

VAWA Fight Offers More Proof Anglo Feminism on the Decline

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The Family Research Council, a conservative Christian group, has come out against VAWA reauthorization, saying the bill is a waste of money and used by feminists to seize funds from taxpayers.

When VAWA was first passed in 1994, conservatives gave it strong support. The white knighting impulse was still strong, and anything to protect women – even if it was an anti-male, anti-family piece of legislation – was almost guaranteed to get the right's vote.

Feminists were at their strongest in the 1990s, because gender feminism had hit that sweet spot where feminists were coming into power while Americans still had a strong cultural mandate, originally part of the patriarchal deal with women where they cede some political and economic power in exchange for special status and protection, to be very protective of women. At that time, feminists could not lose.

However, things have changed. Conservatives, always a bit behind the curve, have finally figured out how destructive the law is to their values, which include marriage, family and benevolent patriarchy. They are now openly calling for letting VAWA die, and threatening to hold politicians who support its renewal accountable:

> The socially conservative Family Research Council asked supporters to help it oppose the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act because, the group says, the "real abuse" is how much it will waste taxpayer dollars.
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> In an email alert on Monday, the FRC decried the VAWA ("which, ironically, is supported by the same administration that wants to put women in front-line combat!") as an "abuse of taxpayer dollars" that "does more to promote a radical agenda than it does to help women."
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> The email quoted conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly, who also opposes VAWA. "In its 17 years of operation," Schlafly wrote on TownHall.com, VAWA "has done little or no good for real victims of domestic violence, while its funds have been used to fill feminist coffers and to lobby for feminist objectives and laws. Although every spending bill should be subject to rigorous auditing procedures in order to curb waste and fraud, VAWA has somehow ducked accountability for the [$660 million] a year it doles out to radical feminist organizations."

Feminist political immunity is officially over.

A Risk of Being an Alpha Male

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Charles Martel linked an article about Jodi Arias, a woman who felt "used" by her lover, and subsequently terminated him with extreme prejudice, shooting him in the face while he was taking a shower, cutting his throat, and then stabbing him nearly 30 times.

The lover, Travis Alexander, was engaged in a purely physical relationship with Ms. Arias that she says made her feel "like a prostitute."

> Arias, 32, recalled one occasion at a banquet in Oklahoma City, where she hid in a bathroom to cry after she saw Alexander flirting with a woman who was wearing a revealing dress.
>
> "I didn't think the behavior was appropriate … It hurt my feelings … I was appalled that he was doing it in front of me."
>
> Arias said her lover never introduced her as his girlfriend, but gave her a Valentine's Day present of a T-shirt reading "Travis Alexander's" and pink shorts with "Travis" printed on them – which were admitted as evidence in court.
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> On the second day of testimony on Tuesday, Arias had detailed meeting Alexander at an insurance convention in Las Vegas in the fall of 2006, at a time when she was in another relationship.
>
> Describing their first kiss in response to questions from defense attorney Kirk Nurmi, she said: "He got right in my face, maybe four inches, five," adding, "He licked his lips and said 'I wish you didn't have a boyfriend.'"
>
> Alexander had been dead for five days when he was found with a slit throat, a bullet wound in his head and 27 stab wounds, the Arizona Republic newspaper reported. His death was connected to Arias after sexually explicit photos were found on the memory card of his camera.

This case confirms Heartiste's observation that love and hate are not opposite emotions:

> … I will say this, it's better to have a pissed off ex than an indifferent ex. Indifference, not hate, is the opposite of love. An angry ex can be gamed into a hatefuck, but an indifferent ex is already hopping on fresh cock. You are yesterday's news.

So true, but one would hope she isn't as pissed off as Jodi Arias…

The murder is almost five years old, but the case is news because Arias faces the death penalty. She is admitting to killing Mr. Alexander, but says that his "emotional abuse" is a mitigating factor.

Perhaps, but who would take mercy on a man who murdered a woman for marrying and then leaving him to gain some material advantage?

It will be interesting to see what the jury decides in this case. My suspicion is that she'll be spared the death penalty if there are younger women on the jury, and maybe even if there are not.

For whatever reason, people think it's nothing serious when a woman takes advantage of a man, but they feel sorry for women who are used in a similar manner.

Why Socialism Doesn't Work Very Well in the US

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Thos. posted a link to a Talking Point Memo article gloating over former Illinois Representative Joe Walsh's child support arrears. TPM is a partisan liberal site, pro-Obama and left-wing. You'd think that would mean that its readers would be humanitarian and compassionate, but then again, since this is the good old USA you'd know better.

Two former welfare workers express their contempt for people in arrears:

> Joe Leydon
>
> Way back when I was a welfare worker, I had to deal with deadbeat dads like this clown a lot.
>
> RichardinSanJo
>
> Yeah. Me too. And they always had a long litany of self-pitying excuses. Most of my deadbeat-dad clients at least had enough judgement not to attack the welfare system.

Another compassionate response:

> SRfromGR
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> Throw this MFer in jail already and teach him a fucking lesson. First he can't pay child support as a U.S. House Rep. out of some kind of deranged principle, and now he can't pay child support because he can't afford it. Bullshit. Maybe its time to learn how to do an actual personal budget asshole, now that you no longer have to worry about the nation's budget concerns. Get your own fucking house in order before telling the rest of the country what's what…you putrid sack of shit.

A predictable honkey deserves no pity comment:

> pie
>
> What does Walsh think he's going to get out of this?
>
> Oh, I know. He'll be hired by the (white) *men are abused* contingent.
>
> What a freaking loser. His poor kids.

As we can see, liberals don't believe in socialism or compassion for all people, but rather only those who agree with them politically. Rep Walsh, a Tea Party Republican, may be an extreme example, but the sentiment holds regardless. Socialism in the US is only supposed to be for *some* people — the people whose views are unimpeachable (by the left).

If you asked your typical "liberal," he or she would agree that social benefits should not be extended to certain classes of people, regardless of need. The child support system itself proves this beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Try it. After a few drinks, ask a partisan Democrat whether white Republican men should be eligible for welfare if they lose their jobs and fall behind on child support.

This is why I have a deep, deep skepticism of MRAs who think they can "win" by taking a liberal political position. A few of them may be able to win a few invitations to speak here and there, and perhaps someone might "listen" to them at some point, but there is no serious chance that the political left in this country is ever going to extend any compassion toward their "class enemies." In fact, if they had their way they would starve us, and someday they may actually come close to succeeding in that goal. They will never entirely succeed, because when they take it that far there will be an uprising, but it doesn't mean they won't try.

Now, this doesn't mean the Republicans will be our savior. In their current incarnation, they will not, because they aren't compassionate toward *anyone*. While this may be preferable in some scenarios because it's more fair, in the current climate and economic system, which is inherently unfair (why do broke fathers go to jail while bankers get bailed out?), it's a losing proposition. A lot of people who vote for them, or who have voted for them, will need some help in the future because of the way our economy currently works (or doesn't work), and if the Republicans don't change their tune in that regard they will be abandoned wholesale, and they will deserve it.

Traditional Gay Marriage making a Comeback

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Some moderns may be shocked and confused to hear it, but gay marriage was very much a part of life for homosexuals long before the sham marriages that are being "legalized" in liberal American states and European countries became a popular political cause (despite not being so popular with male homosexuals themselves).

In fact, until some 50 years ago most homosexuals were married. It just happened that they married someone of the opposite sex.

Nowadays, this practice is returning as more and more single women find themselves approaching the end of viable fertility without a love partner, and homosexual men find themselves longing for the fulfillment of fatherhood. This kind of arrangement, not uncommon in the past, has been around since the beginning of history. Although not perfect, it is hardly worse than many straight marriages (and maybe more stable so long as both parties are fully informed), and far better for children than fooling them by saying they have "two mommies" or "two daddies."

> Presenting an alternative to surrogacy, adoption or simple sperm donation, sites like PollenTree.com, Coparents.com, and MyAlternativeFamily.com, as well as Modamily and Co-ParentMatch, are quickly growing in popularity.
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> David Arrick and Heidi Sadowsky, are also a couple who both wanted children, but didn't want each other. Their solution was to have the child together and co-parent, without any romantic relationship.
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> The two had been friends for 20 years; Mr Arrick is gay and Ms Sadowsky never met a man she wanted to have children with, so the two agreed to have a child of their own, Nate, without the need for romance.
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> 'This is someone I have known for a very, very long time, that I trust, and I love,' said Mr Arrick on the Today show.
>
> 'We feed and love and clothe and shelter him. The fact that we're not married, it's not a big deal.
>
> 'The biggest challenge is that we have separate households, so it takes a lot of communicating. You need to really be on the same page,' he said.
>
> Ms Sadowsky added: 'I really wanted my child to have two parents. And I wanted to share the responsibility of raising a child with somebody.

Some people might want to criticize the above parents, but Ms. Sadowsky is far better than a woman who shoves the child's father out of the child's life following divorce. Mr. Arrick is to be commended, too, for raising his own child in a cooperative manner, and allowing him to have both a mother and father. That they are not a "love" couple may not be ideal, but it is second best, and much better than a number of other arrangements.

Children do best with both a mother and a father. It's how nature designed us, so sometimes I'm quite confused by how leftists will vigorously protest GMO foods and then turn around and pretend that two men or two women can both be one child's parents. If a child has a mother, that child also has a father, and vice versa. This is, at its root, my objection to gay marriage. It denies the natural, biological basis of parenthood, and by extension of marriage. If two women can be "mothers" of a child, then the biological father is meaningless. Some feminists may accept this without question, but I wonder, is this how most sperm donor children feel about it? Evidently not:

> A letter to Dad on Father's Day
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> Father's Day 2012
> Dear Dad,
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> I often wonder who you are. What is your name? Are you even still alive? The immutable power of these eternally unanswerable questions gradually consumes my soul. I will never know if I have ever unknowingly

> passed you in the street, or exchanged a sideways glance with your uncannily familiar brown eyes. In my mind's stagnant whirlpool you are my flawless ideal of a father, yet in the clarity of reality you are no more than a perfect stranger. Simply the pleasure of knowing you exist somewhere in this universe does not bandage the wound of your absence.
>
> I often wonder who I am. My family tree is severed in two- I am denied your half, its branches rich and strong with stories I will never be told. I wander aimlessly, never truly knowing the roots of my heritage, my nationality ambiguous and fluid. 'Caucasian', the sheet stated. This is a broad term that does not define anything…
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> [...]
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> I just want you to know, that whoever you are, wherever you are, and whatever you are doing, you are my father. The privilege of knowing who you are, of knowing who my family is, would place the missing piece that completes my existence. For now, though, and perhaps forever, I just wish.

What if Jodi Arias had failed?

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Accused murderess Jodi Arias has been engaging in some victim-blaming in court today. Actually, I'm not sure whether victim blaming is the right term. She's claiming that she is the victim, accusing Travis Alexander of rape, pedophilia, domestic violence and perversion. He was so deranged, she is arguing, that he had to be knifed and shot while he was taking a shower. Arias' accusations are typical for divorcing wives, only she's justifying murder rather than theft and betrayal — it's a script that plays out in courthouses across the United States every working day.

If a man who had killed his wife made those kinds of charges it would only earn him a faster trip to the execution chamber.

But there's another important issue here for us to consider. What if Jodi Arias had tried to kill Mr. Alexander, but failed? What if Travis Alexander managed to overpower Arias and knock her to the ground with a right cross? What if, instead of first seeing Mr. Alexander as a butchered corpse, the first contact had been with an agitated, blood-spattered man with a gun standing over a beaten, crying woman?

Even if Alexander accused her of attempted murder, would he have escaped arrest under VAWA? "Primary aggressor" laws are designed to guarantee that the physically stronger party (almost always the man) is usually the one arrested. There is a contrived logic in the factors used in primary arrest policies that will typically implicate the man.

Here are some examples (from Dept. of Justice):

-Comparable size, strength of the parties

-Who has access to or control of resources

-The person least likely to be afraid

-The person most likely to inflict injury

-Who has the history of help-seeking behaviors

-Who has access to or threatened use of weapons

In the last case, an exception is made for women who use weapons:

"A discrepancy in size or strength might help explain why a woman might grab an object to throw at her batterer while her batterer uses his bare hands."

In other words, if a man uses a weapon he's the primary aggressor; if a woman uses a weapon, the man is also the primary aggressor. It's a very convenient policy.

Here's another catch-22:

"Sometimes batterers call the police, especially if they have sustained visible injuries. They may do this ruin their partner's credibility with law enforcement or to deter her from calling law enforcement in the future."

So, if the man sustains injuries and calls the police, he's just trying to fool the police into thinking he's the victim. Got a problem with that? You must be part of the "abuse lobby."

If children are present, then the female may be more aggressive to "protect them," but you should be skeptical of their statements if they defend their father:

"If children are present, the victim might act with force to protect them.

[...]

Children may also make statements that minimize the violence and protect the batterer parent out of fear. Children may also wish to protect their batterer parent if he has systematically undermined the abused parent's ability to parent or has repeatedly belittled the abused parent."

All of the above will typically implicate the man. Feminists are so brazen that they will use the slanted standards as "proof" that men should be automatically arrested in any domestic dispute, and in most cases they get their way.

However, imagine if we had a "primary aggressor" law in regards to interactions between police and citizens. In 90% or more of the violent encounters, we'd have to assume that the police are the guilty party. By feminist logic, anyone who wins in a violent encounter because they are stronger and more physically capable should be assumed – all else being equal – to be a violent criminal. It has nothing to do with justice, and everything to do with feminist equalism — enforced with violence, naturally.

Because of primary aggressor laws, if Travis Alexander had successfully defended himself from Jodi Arias, feminists would have lined up with Arias and demanded he go to prison, and there's a chance that's where he would be today. It's a sobering thought for any man in a relationship with a woman, but that's the world we live in.

Having a hard time managing workers? Blame the patriarchy

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An FBI agent assigned to the Seattle field office in 2005 has sued the agency because she was "not respected as a leader by her subordinates." The agent in question has a history of making complaints:

> In a lawsuit that partially cleared a key hurdle Thursday, Special Agent-in-Charge Laura M. Laughlin, 55, complained that she has been denied at least 10 promotions since she took over the FBI's Seattle field office in early 2005. She also asserts that she has been pressured since 2007 to retire from the high-profile position and has been denied requests for more staff.
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> "As a combined effect of all these matters, she is not respected as a leader by her subordinates and management chain in the way that (special agents-in-charge) normally are," attorneys David Wachtel and Eliza Dermody wrote in a legal brief.
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> Laughlin first complained of FBI behavior in 1997, when she filed an internal discrimination complaint against a supervisor. That complaint was subsequently settled.

Not only were her subordinates male, but white, too:

> Shortly after arriving in Seattle, Laughlin said in a legal filing, she found "multiple instances of race and sex discrimination and insubordination directed at a supervisory-special agent in her division by two white, male special agents." Laughlin further claimed the two white agents "had the support of a close associate" of FBI Director Robert Mueller.
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> Laughlin says she reassigned the two white agents. Shortly thereafter, in June 2006, she says the FBI "severely damaged" her reputation when it took the "unprecedented step" of transferring a major homicide investigation to another field office. The investigation in question was into the 2001 killing of federal prosecutor Thomas Wales in his Seattle home. The case remains unsolved.

Traditionally, those in positions of authority and power would know better than to blame their troubles on underlings, but in this upside-down world even the President can be called a victim of "discrimination."

I wonder whether it will get to the point where companies owned by women will be allowed to sue male workers for discrimination if they do not perform well. Obviously, female leadership is unimpeachable, so it must be the fault of saboteurs and wreckers…

UK Man Wins Compensation for Paternity Fraud

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In a sign that times are changing Richard Rodwell, a man whose wife fooled him into believing children she conceived by affairs were his, was awarded £25,000 ($40,000) in damages following a lawsuit he filed against the cheating wife.

After giving birth to two illegitimate children, his wife Helen divorced him and began to collect child support. Rodwell paid a total of $25,000 in child support before rumors concerning the paternity of his putative children began to surface, upon which he sought a DNA test. Much to his dismay, it turned out that neither of the two children he'd grown close to over the years were his.

Sadly, Rodwell married a really nasty piece of work. His marriage started to fall apart in 2004 when his wife began to openly conduct affairs:

> …by 2004 the marriage was struggling. Mr Rodwell explained: 'Helen was disappearing for several days without telling me where she was going. I only found out from used train and coach tickets I discovered.
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> 'I would collect the children from school as usual and walk into the house and it would be empty with no note or anything. Helen would go to places such as Newcastle or Manchester, and if I asked why she had gone there she would say, "Nothing to do with you."'

When Rodwell discovered the children were not his own, they rejected him, blaming him for ruining their lives. Sadly, they do not seem to have put the responsibility where it really belonged: with their mother. But this is one of the cruelest things about paternity fraud. The children are stuck with the mother, but they lose a father, so who are they going to blame? It's easiest, of course, to blame the innocent party, because he is no longer "attached" to them.

His ex wife didn't apologize, naturally…

> 'I confronted Helen on the phone but she insisted I was Laura's father. Finally I said I wanted DNA testing.'
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> The DNA test was done by mouth swab and when the result came back Mr Rodwell was stunned. He said: 'When I saw the letter stating that I wasn't Laura's father I just broke down.
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> 'When I phoned Helen we had an argument and she just said, "What did you expect." She didn't even say sorry.'

One of the (intentional) results of feminism was that women were free to victimize their families with impunity, but it seems that in England at least people may have finally had enough.

It's a shame what children have to deal with, but their mother committed fraud, and they will have to pay for it just the same as if they had a father who got caught embezzling from a company. The solution to these problems would be a complete overhaul of family law that removed all incentives for women to cuckold husbands and run off with children to collect support payments.

Will 2020 be a year of upheaval?

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Social thinker and occasional Spearhead commenter The Fifth Horseman (AKA The Futurist) predicted a few years ago that misandry would come to a head around the year 2020, after which "The Misandry Bubble" would pop.

TFH focused on sexual dynamics and the escalating oppression of men, which, although not the entire picture, is a very important factor in national and global affairs.

Now, academic Peter Turchin, a proponent of "cliodynamics," is predicting the convergence of a number of trends around the same time, with possibly revolutionary implications.

Turchin has identified rising inequality as a destabilizing factor that could lead to social disruption and a chaotic environment, similar to the ominous years of the early 20th century when the US was threatened with violent revolution. I recall watching the film J. Edgar early last year, and although I was aware of how tense the atmosphere was in the 1920s, the movie was a good reminder that terrorism and social strife are nothing new in the US. According to Turchin, we are facing a repeat of that era if something isn't done quickly about the stark economic inequality that has emerged since 1980.

Both TFH's article and Turchin's are long reads, but they both conclude that by 2020 the situation in the US will be profoundly different from what most of us were familiar with as children.

From Turchin:

> Three years ago I published a short article in the science journal Nature. I pointed out that several leading indicators of political instability look set to peak around 2020. In other words, we are rapidly approaching a historical cusp, at which the US will be particularly vulnerable to violent upheaval. This prediction is not a 'prophecy'. I don't believe that disaster is pre-ordained, no matter what we do. On the contrary, if we understand the causes, we have a chance to prevent it from happening.

From TFH:

> The title of this article is not the 'Misandry Crisis' or even 'The War on Misandry'. It is 'The Misandry Bubble', because the forces that will ensure the demise of the present mistreatment of men are already on the horizon. So allow me to introduce the Four Horsemen of Male Emancipation as a coalesence of many of the forces we have discussed, which will shred the present, unsustainable hierarchal order by 2020…

Air Force Compiles Catalogue of Shame

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Government sources close to The Spearhead have revealed some of the shocking materials discovered by Air Force officials during the recent agency-wide search to eliminate items which might offend women's sensibilities and/or careers. Air Force career officers and enlisted personnel worked feverishly to scour work spaces and living quarters, uncovering some 30,000 offensive objects of hated patriarchal culture. The contraband was duly cataloged and disciplinary entries made into the personnel files of the transgressors.

As profiled in Spearhead's *Air Force to Scrap the Strawberry Bitch?*,

Over 100 Air Force installations were inspected. Commanders of thousands of units inspected the workspaces of almost 600,000 Air Force military and civilian personnel. Commanders looked for and removed three broad categories of material: pornographic; unprofessional; or inappropriate or offensive.

According to the results, in the three categories, the Air Force found 631 instances of pornography (magazines, calendars, pictures, videos that intentionally displayed nudity or depicted acts of sexual activity);3,987 instances of unprofessional material (discrimination, professional appearance, items specific to local military history such as patches, coins, heritage rooms, log books, song books, etc); and 27,598 instances of inappropriate or offensive items (suggestive items, magazines, posters, pictures, calendars, vulgarity, graffiti).

Identified items were documented and either removed or destroyed. In some instances, findings were turned over to OSI where appropriate.

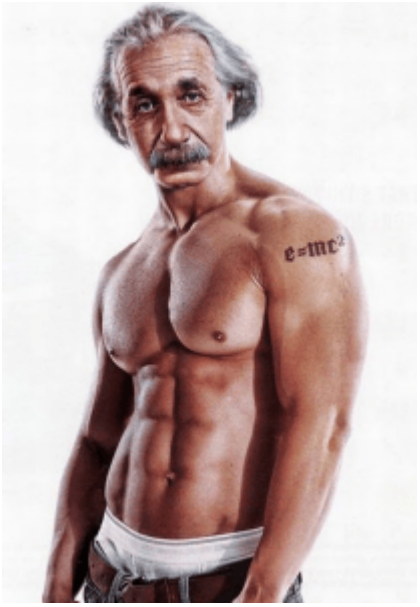
The Air Force has released a sanitized database of the inappropriate mugs, posters, trophies, crew patches, and nose art that some might call a compendium of unprofessionalism.

The document provides a "searchable" spreadsheet, a veritable treasure trove of inappropriateness, listing such shocking items as (sic) :

- pencil with small penis eraser
- photo of former Squadron Commander holding up two gay porn videos
- "Bullshit" button (like "Easy" button)
- Book, 50 Shades of Gray
- Airmen of pictures w/their wives @ beach in bikinis
- Quad chart like comparison of quality of life of USMC,USA, USN vs USAF Airmen
- Plaque "Time to put your big girl panties on" on civ female desk
- USO Photo/calendar featuring NFL cheerleaders
- Muscle magazines and photos of body builders
- 1 inappropriate item – Self magazine
- Poster of female straddling bomb
- "Gay Porn Star" Magnet
- 1 Cover of Runner's World magazine with picture of a women with penned in penis and other lewd comments
- WWII panel nose art (interior) with female back view scantily dressed airbrushed on. Utilized paper and tape to cover it due to lack of chemicals to remove it without damaging the panel. Panel is on order for replacement.
- WW II panel nose art (interior) with female fully clothed but promiscuous, labeled "Night Penetrator". Turned panel around so it doesn't show due to not having the proper chemicals to remove it without damaging the panel. Panel is on order for replacement.
- "Wicked Wanda" historical nose art based on aircraft. She was airbrushed onto the locker by one of our female

Airmen. Covered the art.

Among the materials uncovered, one in particular, brazenly displayed in a senior Air Force official's office, stands out as particularly offensive :



You heard that correctly, someone got gigged over "Buff Einstein". Now, I don't know what artist is responsible for this masterpiece so if any readers can identify [him or her] credit will be given. The graphic work is superb, with Einstein's sardonic mug attached seamlessly to the young Adonis. Beyond that it is funny on many existential levels, so much more so because of the context in which it was found and the initiative that uncovered it.

On a serious note however, women, who need to be encouraged to pursue careers in science and technology, and have only now just broken through the sexist barriers preventing them from serving in combat, should not be forced to endure wonton displays of sexually demeaning imagery that create hostile work environments and stymie their careers.

I'll bet Einstein would have laughed though.

The Feminine Mystique Hits 50

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50 years ago, as a bored, middle-aged wife, perhaps longing for the exuberant days of her youthful Bolshevik activism, Betty Friedan wrote *The Feminine Mystique*, a book that condemned the drudgery of the 1950s housewife's life and contained the infamous line about the home being a "comfortable concentration camp."

Given Friedan's later equivocation about feminism's direction, it may not have been her intention to kick off second wave feminism when she wrote the book. Although Friedan later embraced the movement she supposedly founded, her original idea may have been to criticize the prevailing conservative, Freudian organization of American culture and society, which ran counter to her Marxist Leninist values.

Although I haven't read the book, it apparently stresses the need for women to engage in work outside the home, which is a basic Communist tenet. One of the odd things one notices about the former USSR and Eastern Bloc countries is that the "housewife" didn't really exist until recently — women over 50 or so never had the opportunity to be "stay at home moms." However, prior to the expansion of the American middle class in the postwar era, housewives were fairly rare in the US as well. The "housewife" as we think of her today was a 1950s innovation, based largely on Freudian principles introduced to the masses via TV shows such as Father Knows Best. Before then, only the upper classes could afford that kind of lifestyle; for most women, when they weren't taking care of babies they were working in one capacity or another.

Another clue that Friedan was fairly orthodox in her Marxism was her disdain for homosexuality (homosexuality was linked to bourgeois decadence in Stalinist Communism), despite the fact that feminism and lesbianism have always gone hand in hand in the Anglo world.

In an American Quarterly article, professor Daniel Horowitz brings to light the fact that, despite her claims in 1963 that she "wasn't even conscious of the woman problem," she was writing pamphlets about women's issues for labor union publications at least a decade earlier:

> In 1951, a labor journalist with a decade's experience in protest movements described a trade union meeting where rank-and-file women talked and men listened. Out of these conversations, she reported, emerged the realization that the women were "fighters — that they refuse any longer to be paid or treated as some inferior species by their bosses, or by any male workers who have swallowed the bosses' thinking." The union was the UE, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, the most radical American union in the postwar period and in the 1940s what historian Ronald Schatz, appreciative of the UE's place in history, has called "the largest communist-led institution of any kind in the United States." In 1952 that same journalist wrote a pamphlet, UE Fights for Women Workers, that the historian Lisa Kannenberg, unaware of the identity of its author, has called "a remarkable manual for fighting wage discrimination that is, ironically, as relevant today as it was in 1952." At the time, the pamphlet helped raise the consciousness of Eleanor Flexner, who in 1959 would publish Century of Struggle, the first scholarly history of American women. In 1953-54, Flexner relied extensively on the pamphlet when she taught a course at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York on "The Woman Question." Flexner's participation in courses at the school, she later said, "marked the beginning of my real involvement in the issues of women's rights, my realization that leftist organizations — parties, unions — were also riddled with male supremacist prejudice and discrimination." The labor journalist and pamphlet writer was Betty Friedan.

So it looks as though Betty Friedan was one of the many dedicated Communists who caused so many problems immediately after WWII. I once looked up a list of known Communist front groups in the US, and noticed that quite a few of them were women's groups. Combined with accounts I've read from former Cheka agents, it makes for pretty convincing evidence that feminism was deliberately fostered in the US by Soviet agents. It makes sense

to use women in that manner, because authorities are not as suspicious of women, and they can operate under the radar far more easily than men. Women also make excellent spies.

Although I'm sure resurgent feminism would have emerged in one form or another with or without Betty Friedan, it is interesting to note second wave feminism's Cold War origins in Marxist infiltration of US society. However, I'm not sure the origins are all that important, because once it took hold the movement took on a distinctly Anglo American character.

Despite the accolades, Friedan was a catalyst more than a true pioneer. It turns out she was little more than a loyal Bolshevik pawn who suddenly stumbled onto success by writing a thinly-veiled Marxist critique of American capitalist society from a woman's perspective.

Michael Kimmel's Quack Sociology

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On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of *The Feminine Mystique*, Betty Friedan's Marxist-inspired critique of 1950s-era American society, a number of leading feminists wrote articles in the NY Times about how feminism should march onward to eternal victory.

One of them was male feminist Michael Kimmel, who has been mentioned here on a few occasions before. In my last article on Kimmel, I pointed out that he is dishonest, and prone to using ad hominems (e.g. accusations of racism) to advance his agenda.

Male feminists often resort to twisting the truth because they have to. Credible statistics are not feminists' strong point, because the ideology relies on denial of reality, and has from the beginning when feminists declared gender to be a "social construct" — one of the biggest lies to ever make its way into popular American culture.

Kimmel's contribution to the NY Times concerns domestic violence, and why men must "change":

> Nothing better captures the importance of men helping realize the goals of feminism than efforts to end violence against women. Through courage and tenacity, women worldwide have made huge gains in raising awareness and forcing legal reform. But ultimately, because it is (some) men who commit this violence, it must be men who change.
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> By this we mean not only those men who use violence in their relationships. We also mean the vast majority of us who have remained silent. Because men dominate parliaments, pulpits and police forces, when we are silent, we allow the violence to continue.

According to Kimmel, because some men commit DV, some men don't talk about it, and some men are tasked with dealing with crime and moral issues, we all must change. It doesn't really make any sense, but it might sound convincing to some people.

OK, say there's a heroin problem in some country, such as Switzerland. Some people are shooting heroin, some are selling it, and some are enacting and enforcing laws to deal with it. Most people – the vast majority, even – don't talk much about it, because it isn't a part of their lives.

So, this being the case, all Swiss people must change. Yes, they all bear guilt, and must think deeply about how they can change themselves to relieve themselves of the terrible burden of their shame. It doesn't matter whether they use or sell dope, or even whether they have even seen it: they are part of the problem, and must change.

Kimmel is pushing guilt onto innocent people. It's a tricky tactic, and works in Christian, guilt-based societies (probably not for much longer, though), but it's manipulative and dishonest. What it really comes down to is self-aggrandizement, because Kimmel's entire career is built around "changing" men. The more men who need to be changed, the better for Michael Kimmel, so what does he do? He goes around, like a quack doctor trying to drum up business through fake diagnoses, saying we all have a problem.

It isn't about harm reduction, which would be as simple as diminishing the financial and emotional conflict in divorce and custody disputes by mandating shared parenting (something he opposes, BTW), but rather increasing Michael Kimmel's stature and prestige.

Swedish Equalism Endangering Lives

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Since the late 90s, Sweden has mandated equality in firefighting jobs, which has required a severe lowering of physical standards to bring women into the force. According to Dispatch International, a Swedish magazine, female firefighters take more than ten times as long to open reinforced doors, which would leave most people dead if they were trapped in a burning apartment for that long:

> If your apartment catches fire, firemen need to get in there fast to save you. A common apartment door can be forced open in 10 to 20 seconds; a security-enforced door takes 45 to 60 seconds.
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> Now information has leaked that female firefighters take more than 10 minutes to break through a secured door.
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> "If this is true, it is deeply serious. After that amount of time, there will be no life left to save on the other side," says Henrik Persson, fire chief in Höganäs.
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> After the article in Dispatch International on January 26th [not in English!] on how the diversity agitation within the Emergency Services South endangers public safety, the editors have received several hints about how bad things are in Swedish fire brigades. The situation seems to be worst in the city of Lund, whose fire brigade has been highlighted as "exemplary" due to an almost perfectly equal gender balance.

Unfortunately for Swedes, firefighting conditions have been getting more difficult as the country becomes more like the rest of the world (i.e. more diverse), which has prompted many Swedes to enhance security, and therefore increased the time required to break through doors.

> "The conditions when saving lives in buildings keep getting tougher. It is more common now that that we encounter security doors of various classifications when we need to enter an apartment," says Henrik Persson.
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> "Forcing oneself through a security door requires strenuous muscle-effort and teamwork, under intense time pressure. And although I do not know of the specific exercise in Lund, where women took eleven minute to force the security door open, I am aware that competence is falling in several areas, simply because the demands for physical strength have been lowered."
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> Can people survive eleven minutes in a burning apartment?
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> "No, after eleven minutes there is, in theory, no life left to save on the other side of the door," replies Henrik Persson.

How many lives is enforced workplace equality worth? This is an entirely fair question, because we must ask at what point the right to life is trumped by the modern privilege of pretending that men and women are exactly equal in every ability. Unfortunately, I doubt an answer will be forthcoming.

Girls and Guns

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By Keyster

A few weeks ago I attended a Concealed Carry class as required by my state to apply for a permit to carry a handgun. Out of about 45 attendees, two thirds were women. They all listened very intently and took notes as the material was presented. I wasn't offended that they might have been encroaching on a "male space", as a matter of fact I even thought "good for them". Unfortunately if a state law passes, these women will not be able to protect themselves using a hand gun on our college campuses.

Ever since the Sandy Hook catastrophe liberal politicians have revived their campaign of government over-reach on the 2nd Amendment because they believe government is the solution to all of society's ills, (while ironically it's their policies that end up causing a great many of them). Something bad happened, the government must act! So in a classic example of liberal Democrats protecting us from evil, they've managed to also offend one of their core constituencies – women. According to them women might not know how to operate a gun effectively or shoot someone by mistake, as pointed out by Colorado Democratic Rep Joe Salazar:

"There are some gender inequities on college campuses, this is true and universities have been faced with that situation for a long time. It's why we have call boxes, it's why we have safe zones, that's why we have the whistles. Because you just don't know who you're gonna be shooting at. And you don't know if you feel like you're gonna be raped, or if you feel like someone's been following you around or if you feel like you're in trouble and when you may actually not be, that you pop out that gun and you pop — pop a round at somebody."

So even though women on college campuses have faced gender inequities for a long time, women can't be sure if they feel like they're going to be raped, they can't tell if they're in trouble and might start busting caps in every direction in a fit of confusion and hysteria. On the contrary none of the women in my CCW class seemed like the type to do this, but maybe I'm just not sexist enough. Can you think of anything better than a gun to "equalize" a woman with a bad guy that wants to harm her?

But fear not for our new Democrat Majority in Colorado is giving women other options to protect themselves from bad men. In a policy statement from the University of Colorado they're all about helping women protect themselves as long as it doesn't involve a firearm:

What To Do If You Are Attacked

These tips are designed to help you protect yourself on campus, in town, at your home, or while you travel. These are preventative tips and are designed to instruct you in crime prevention tactics.

Be realistic about your ability to protect yourself.

(You're nothing but a girl, he's bigger, stronger and faster than you.)

Your instinct may be to scream, go ahead! It may startle your attacker and give you an opportunity to run away.

(It's cool to scream like a girl in this case, even though it's something guys would never do.)

Kick off your shoes if you have time and can't run in them.

(High heels are sexy. but they're not very practical.)

Don't take time to look back; just get away.

(Turning around to try and identify whoever you think is attacking you might slow you down.)

If your life is in danger, passive resistance may be your best defense.

Just let him pretty much do whatever he wants, perhaps strike up a conversation.)

Tell your attacker that you have a disease or are menstruating.

(This will cause the attacker to flee from you in disgust.)

Vomiting or urinating may also convince the attacker to leave you alone.

(Assuming he's not into that kind of thing, the discharge of bodily fluids is a sensible defense.)

Yelling, hitting or biting may give you a chance to escape, do it!

(And it will also piss him off enough to clock you upside the head or stab you, rendering you unconscious or dead.)

Understand that some actions on your part might lead to more harm.

(IOW – See above)

Remember, every emergency situation is different. Only you can decide which action is most appropriate.

(I'd like to carry a gun and defend myself with it, but you've made it illegal for me to do so.)

Equalist Democrats in Colorado want to take away the very tool that actually EQUALIZES women with a male attacker, because guns are scary and she might not know how to use it properly. Forget that it's ostensibly meant to prevent a mass shooting. They would prefer women on campus spontaneously throw up, piss themselves and throw a hysterical hissy fit or "passively-resist" the attacker. How utterly sexist of them! "AAHHH! Please don't rape me, I have Chlamydia right now!"

Bad guys are opportunists. Like a pack of wolves culling the herd for a calf or the weak and wounded. Women are easy targets, other men are best avoided. The safest place for a woman is with a man, preferably a man with a gun. If she happens to be independent; avoid being a victim of "rape culture" or a nasty mugging, if she wants equality with men out to harm her, she should learn how to shoot a gun and carry it with her. Your government will never end violence against women, or anyone else. Don't let "The Party of Women" deny you the right to protect yourself. Don't be a victim.

Sheryl Sandberg and the Emergent Self-Parody of Feminist Propaganda

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I couldn't make a better work of satire if I tried, but these people are serious.

Today in Business Insider, a hilarious stock photo essay attempts to breathe new life into the stale corpse of feminist delusion. The graphic work looks suspiciously like the legendary "What Happened to Women?" format of yesteryear, which only proves that in today's competitive journalism market savvy career writers are starting to pilfer ideas from the mano-sphere, not to mention certain well-known "game" bloggers. All the requisite "women empowered/women victims" imagery is there, along with some great "frat boy" memes, which I especially like since my son Hermann is now living the frat-boy lifestyle. I ast him would he like me to show up piss-drunk and give an inspirational talk to the fellas but so far he has been non-committal.

The Business Insider stock-photo essay profiles a forthcoming book by Sheryl Sandberg, of "FaceBook" fame, which posits that the reason women are so downtrodden is that they are not "taught" to promote themselves as leaders. This is old whine in new bottles. The consistent refrain from dissatisfied women is that no one taught them, or they were taught wrong, or society expects them, or society doesn't approve, or boys were encouraged and they were not, and on and on and on. For all the empowerment they are oddly incapable of taking command of the feminist voices swirling about in their heads. I would leave a pesky comment, but I don't have a FaceBook account, because FaceBook is for women.

Sandberg also says that "A truly equal world would be one where women ran half our countries and companies and men ran half our homes", obviously not having read Spearhead's landmark A Man Wants a Wife, Not a "Co-Worker" and its resulting media firestorm. One wonders how long she will beat the equalism pulpit before flagging FaceBook shares drive her home for good.

Look to your favorite media outlets to provide impassioned essays on Sheryl's new book in the coming weeks. I would leave a pesky comment on "The Atlantic", but they banned me some time ago.

100 Years Ago All Over Again

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One of the popular moral crusades of today concerns “sex trafficking,” which is supposedly an enormous problem, but in reality is blown all out of proportion. It probably is true that prostitution is on the rise, but as usual this is an outgrowth of economic inequality (why work at WalMart for peanuts when you can make a week’s worth of wages in a night lying flat on your back?).

Interestingly, there was a similar moral panic over sex trafficking almost exactly a century ago, and it prompted a crusade by the usual suspects — privileged women with too much time on their hands.

One woman who spoke out about the issue should be familiar to those with some knowledge of 20th century political history. Her name was Emma Goldman, and she was a prominent anarchist activist who was eventually deported for radicalism. In the following essay, although Goldman soon descends into anti-Christian bigotry, she initially makes some observations about the hysteria and hubbub that would be just as relevant today as they were 100 years ago:

> **The Traffic in Women**
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> OUR REFORMERS have suddenly made a great discovery – the white slave traffic. The papers are full of these “unheard-of conditions,” and lawmakers are already planning a new set of laws to check the horror.
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> It is significant that whenever the public mind is to be diverted from a great social wrong, a crusade is inaugurated against indecency, gambling, saloons, etc. And what is the result of such crusades? Gambling is increasing, saloons are doing a lively business through back entrances, prostitution is at its height, and the system of pimps and cadets is but aggravated.
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> How is it that an institution, known almost to every child, should have been discovered so suddenly? How is it that this evil, known to all sociologists, should now be made such an important issue?
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> To assume that the recent investigation of the white slave traffic (and, by the way, a very superficial investigation) has discovered anything new, is, to say the least, very foolish. Prostitution has been, and is, a widespread evil, yet mankind goes on its business, perfectly indifferent to the sufferings and distress of the victims of prostitution. As indifferent, indeed, as mankind has remained to our industrial system, or to economic prostitution.
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> Only when human sorrows are turned into a toy with glaring colors will baby people become interested – for a while at least. The people are a very fickle baby that must have new toys every day. The “righteous” cry against the white slave traffic is such a toy. It serves to amuse the people for a little while, and it will help to create a few more fat political jobs – parasites who stalk about the world as inspectors, investigators, detectives, and so forth.

Indeed, there is nothing new under the sun.

Is Buddhism Feminist?

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A number of progressives prefer Buddhism because they think it is more in line with their self-centered thinking than Abrahamic faiths. This is ironic, given that self-abnegation is more of a feature of Buddhism than it is even of Christianity and Judaism, but ignorance frees people up to invent their own interpretations.

Nevertheless, I thought I'd set the record straight with a passage from Buddhist scripture. The following is from the Anguttara Nikaya, the fourth of the five nikayas, which are canonical texts in Theraveda Buddhism.

> ANGUTTARA NIKAYA 4:91 – SUJATA SUTTA THE SEVEN TYPES OF WIVES
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> One day after a meal, as the Buddha was giving a discourse, much shouting and yelling was heard in the house as Sujata was again scolding the servants. The Enlightened One interrupted his discourse and asked Anathapindika what kind of a commotion this was, that sounded like the noisy shouts of fisher folk. The householder answered that it was his own daughter-in-law, who did not behave properly towards her husband or his parents, who did not give alms, who was faithless and unbelieving, and who was forever causing conflict.
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> Then an unusual thing happened: the Buddha asked that she be called. When she appeared before him, he asked her which of the seven types of wives she wanted to be. She replied that she did not understand the meaning of this, and asked for more explanation. So the Enlightened One described the seven kinds of wives to her in verse:
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> Who, with mind corrupted, is unfeeling Loves other men but her husband despises, He who with wealth has gained her She even seeks to kill — a Slayer is such a wife.
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> Whatever her husband gets for her by trade, By skilled profession or a farmer's work, She tries to filch a little just for herself. Such a wife may well be called a Thief.
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> The slothful glutton, bent on idling, A woman rude and fierce with coarse speech, He who supports her, she dominates. Such a wife a Tyrant must be called.
>
> She who always for her husband cares With sympathy, like a mother for her son, Who carefully guards his stored-up wealth, Such a wife may Motherly be called.
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> She who holds her husband in the same regard As younger sister holds the elder born, Who humbly serves her husband's every wish, As Sisterly is such a wife known.
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> She whom her husband's sight will always please, Like friends who see each other after long a time, Who nobly bred and virtuous, devoted to her husband, A Friend is she as well as wife.
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> From anger free, afraid of punishment, Who bears with her husband with patient heart, And without grudge obeys his every wish, A Handmaid is she and a wife.
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> Who is called a Slayer, a Tyrant, or a Thief, Who is rude, unvirtuous, and disrespectful, Such kinds of wives will on their death To hellish worlds of misery depart.
>
> But wives like Mother, Sister, Friend and Handmaid, Firm in virtue, imbued with long termed self-control, Such kinds of wives will on their death To happy destinies depart.
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> "These, Sujata, are the seven kinds of wives a man may have," said the Blessed One, "and which of them are you?"
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> Deeply moved, Sujata replied that from then on she would strive to be a handmaid to her husband. The words of the Enlightened One had shown her how to conduct herself as a wife. Later she became a faithful disciple of the Buddha, to whom she was ever grateful for her salvation.

> Any man who repeated the above without first saying it was Buddhist scripture would be called a raging misogynist. It is clear that Buddhism frowns on modern feminist values, like all religions that have stood

> the test of time.
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> I wonder, why is it that what has been seen as wicked for all of known history is celebrated today? Has humanity fundamentally changed, or are we, like we have so many times in the past, just willfully defying the ancient truth?

The Oscars: Bastion of Patriarchy?

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In one of those curious American ironies, it is often the institutions that are the foundation of the political and cultural left that are the least diverse of all, and the motion picture industry is no exception. Today, one female director – Kathryn Bigelow – will be conspicuously absent from the Oscars. It is true that Zero Dark Thirty is a controversial film, but Bigelow's effort was good enough to warrant inclusion. There is plenty to dislike about the movie's message and what it portrays, but as a portrait of the US during the War on Terror it is so far unsurpassed. However, Bigelow won an Oscar in 2010 with *The Hurt Locker* – another film about our overseas adventures – so there may be the sense that she's had her turn.

In *The Atlantic*, Govindini Murti writes that studio film directors remain overwhelmingly male:

> At the Oscars ceremony this weekend, not only will Kathryn Bigelow's name not be read out on the list of the nominees for a Best Director Oscar, but for the 81st time in 85 years, no other woman's will be, either. And while blame for Bigelow's Oscar snub is being laid on Zero Dark Thirty' s perceived controversial politics, the lack of any other women nominees for a directing award exposes a more fundamental problem: the scarcity of women playing major roles both off screen and on screen in Hollywood.
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> Even though women buy 50 percent of movie tickets and form a majority of the U.S. population, only 4.4 percent of Hollywood's top 100 studio movies are directed by women in any given year. The disproportionately small number of female directors in Hollywood seems to have a direct impact on the number of women seen on-screen. A 2010 USC Annenberg study led by Stacy L. Smith notes that movies with male directors featured only 29.3 percent female actors, whereas in movies with at least one female director, that number rose to 44.6 percent.

Although studio films are still a masculine preserve, independent films are reaching gender parity:

> At the recent Sundance Film Festival, a record 50 percent of the films in the U.S. Dramatic Competition were directed by women. Overall, of the 119 films at Sundance this year, 34 percent had female directors. And for the second year in a row, a woman (Jill Soloway) won the Best Director Award in the U.S. Dramatic Competition, following last year's winner Ava DuVernay.
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> A new USC Annenberg study co-authored by Stacy L. Smith, Katherine Pieper, and Marc Choueiti confirms that there are more opportunities for women directors in the indie world versus the studio world. Commissioned by the Sundance Institute and Women in Film Los Angeles, the study examined 820 feature films screened at Sundance from 2002 to 2012. The study found that 22.2 percent of the festival's U.S. narrative-competition films and 41.1 percent of the U.S. documentary-competition films were directed by women.
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> What accounts for the gap between Sundance and Hollywood when it comes to women? Smith says that ingrained attitudes about female directors and stars play a big role: "In Hollywood, women in front of or behind the camera still seem to be perceived as a risky investment."
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> At a Sundance panel on women directors, Naomi Foner (an Oscar-nominated screenwriter, and the mother of Maggie and Jake Gyllenhaal) described to me the difficulty she had in getting her directing debut Very Good Girls (starring Dakota Fanning and Elizabeth Olsen) off the ground. Foner said she had been in meetings in which she pointed out the success of women-centered films like Sex and the City, Twilight, and The Hunger Games, and "the executive will say to you, 'That was a fluke.'"
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> When I spoke with Twilight director Catherine Hardwicke at the Los Angeles Film Festival this past summer, she echoed what Smith and Foner said, telling me that "all the writers I know now, even right after The Hunger Games, go to meetings and have pitches for television series for female protagonists, and they're told

> [Hardwicke mimics a deep male voice], 'Well, we need a male protagonist.' It's so bizarre, it's like there's a disconnect." Jerusha Hess, who co-wrote Napoleon Dynamite, has heard similar stories: "I've had friends who've done animation, and they're told they can't sell this because there's not a boy in this fairy tale, and you're like, 'It's a fairy tale—it's supposed to be about a girl.'"

I wonder whether people in the American movie business are aware of the pink ghetto phenomenon, and are trying to preserve their dominance in the global movie industry. If the film industry were to become more female, like education, medicine and law, perhaps it would lose some of its vitality and prestige. Because the industry commands such awesome cultural power, its leaders are loathe to move in that direction.

Think about it: with the competition opened up to hordes of cheaper female labor, how much room would there be for mega-millionaire directors like Steven Spielberg and George Lucas?

Gender Roles, the Woman's Father and the Afterparty

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by Spanier

I. Gender Roles

Biologically, women are the critical link to the next generation. Animal breeders all know this, as does anyone who stops to think for a minute: one man can impregnate 10 women, but 10 men cannot get one woman any more pregnant than one can. So, for reproduction and perpetuation of the human race, women are essential, while men are expendable.

When it comes to civilization, on the other hand, men are essential, while women are expendable. If every male truck driver suddenly decided to stop working, kick back, and relax, the economy would collapse within hours. If every female truck driver did the same, the overall effect would be insignificant.

So, assuming we want both the human race and civilization to continue, men and women must both be encouraged to play their parts– or at least not _dis_couraged from doing so. Women need to have babies, and men need to build trades, professions, and careers to work and provide for them. Both these roles involve considerable challenges and take considerable effort.

Let's look at these roles one at a time. If a woman wants children, from a purely medical standpoint, at what age should she try to get pregnant if she wishes to minimize the risk of infertility, complications of pregnancy, miscarriage, and birth defects? 17? 18? Let's just say 21. At this age, she is in her physical prime, and best able to cope with the complex and demanding task of bearing and nurturing a small child.

Why, then, does our society teach a young woman that the route to happiness lies in postponing childbearing until her 30′s or beyond? Why do we tell her to waste her prime years for her most essential function in life on completely irrelevant pursuits? Suppose you were talking to a 12-year-old boy who expressed an ambition to be a professional baseball player. Would you advise him to go to college, study law or accounting, build a corporate career, and then take up baseball when in his 30′s? Of course not. If he is serious about sports, his prime age for this activity will be in his late teens and early 20′s, and it would make no sense to pursue a different career at such a point in his life. It would be far more reasonable to play baseball when in his 20′s, retire at 30, and then take up something else. And so it should be with women and childbearing.

By pointing out these obvious facts, I am not claiming that the only thing women are good for is having babies. But it is their only _essential_ function. They certainly can and do help humanity in other ways, and there may be some women whose contributions in other fields are impressive enough that they outweigh their failure to reproduce. But a society suffused with Special Snowflake Syndrome, which teaches that women in general are so talented that they should chase lofty ambitions at the expense of fulfilling their basic roles in life, is a society that is headed towards demographic and cultural demise.

Having babies, of course, is only part of the picture. Children have to be fed, clothed, protected, cared for and educated during their long periods of immaturity, and to fill these needs, the role of fathers is all-important. As the Elusive Wapiti has brilliantly pointed out, the one thing that men desire most deeply, and the ultimate motivation for them to work and produce wealth, is a durable bond with their own biological offspring. A man may never completely leave the "wild oats" stage, but family interests will generally grow and come to the fore as he moves into his late 20′s and early 30′s. At this point, hopefully, he has a fair amount of experience both in the ways of women and in the business world, and has acquired enough resources to support a wife and children.

Combining these ideas allows us to rediscover a paradigm that was well established in classical Greece: Men should generally marry at around age 30, women at around age 20.

II. The Woman's Father

To introduce couples and promote fertile relationships, third parties and extended families, particularly women's fathers, need to take a much more active role. While PUA types go on about how, deep down, a woman wants to be dominated and ravished, I submit that, deep down, a young girl wants to be protected and guided by her father into a successful marriage. The current model of sending her unsupervised to high school and college, leaving her to her own sexual devices, and hoping for the best, is a form of abandonment bordering on the criminal. And a man who consents to his unmarried daughter patronizing bars and clubs in search of hookups, or having sex with men unknown to him, is guilty of a gross dereliction of duty towards both his family and his civilization.

On the contrary, is it a father's responsibility to solicit and cultivate the best suitors for his daughter, and this effort should begin many years in advance of her reaching a marriageable age. Like the boy who wants to play baseball, a girl needs to start no later than age 12 in planning for marriage and children, and she needs considerable help from her family in doing so.

Indeed, a straightforward application of red-pill wisdom shows that young women are simply not capable of making wise sexual choices on their own, and it is utterly unreasonable to expect them to do so. Again as understood by the ancient Greeks, women have a strong anti-civilizational bent. They will, if left on their own, reward the destroyers, rather than the creators, of civilization with their sexual favors, and in the process ruin themselves for better men and destroy their own prospects for a happy life.

To use a simple analogy: A patch of dirt, if left alone, will not continue to be bare ground– unattractive weeds will grow there. If I want it to look nice, I have to take an active role in planting and cultivating desirable plants, such as grass, thereby crowding out potential weeds. And so it is with women– they will inevitably have sex with someone, but their fathers need to make sure that that someone is a man who can and will provide for her and the resulting children.

III.The Afterparty

Women also have "wild oats" urges, but for a woman, any indulgence of these desires must happen after, not before, she has children. She may then, hopefully after an amicable negotiation with the children's father, join a different category of individual, but at the risk of devaluing her sexual brand.

We may call them, euphemistically, "free agents" — those women who neither have, nor have in prospect, a long term relationship with a man, but who engage in short term liaisons of various types. Much maligned in the manosphere, these "free agents" actually serve a vital purpose, by allowing younger men to gain sexual experience before marriage, and by serving as safety valves for men of all ages. The problem arises when the free agents try to transition to long term relationships or marriage– to "hop off the carousel" in Dalrock's phrasing. In that case, especially when there is misrepresentation or concealment involved, a man can be misled into investing far more in the relationship than it is worth. As always in human relations, economics plays a central role.

“Righteous” Indignation over the Oscars

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To my amusement, I noticed that my take on the Oscars turned out to be somewhat accurate. It was indeed a rather male-oriented production as far as contemporary show business goes. Thanks to Seth MacFarlane, it turned out to have some ribald male humor, and was not exactly deferential to women. But how could it be otherwise? Without inserting some irreverent masculine playfulness into the mix, it would have been nothing but a sappy sequin fest that would guarantee nearly zero male viewership next year.

However, the jokes – MacFarlane’s boob song in particular – have inspired some rage on the part of humorless women across our nation. I suppose that’s to be expected, but this time there were a number of really, seriously offended men!

Spencer Kornhaber, who writes for *The Atlantic*, remarked upon the “banality” of MacFarlane’s “sexism and racism at the Oscars.” He was referring to the line about “the banality of evil” in the title of Hannah Arendt’s book on the Eichmann trial for WWII war crimes. Get it? He’s comparing making jokes about female actresses to the Final Solution, and Seth MacFarlane to Adolf Eichmann. That’s Kornhaber humor. Really funny, isn’t it?

From his article:

> But then William Shatner was beamed in for a Family Guy-esque experiment in the meta. Captain Kirk had come from the future to reveal that the headlines the next day would proclaim MacFarlane the worst Oscar host ever, unless he changed his routine. Cut to a clip—from the future, see—of MacFarlane performing “We Saw Your Boobs,” during which he essentially read off a Mr. Skin database of shirtless-actress appearances over time. The bit could have been a hilarious acknowledgement of MacFarlane’s past idiocies—if it had been, like, five seconds long. But no: We got a full minute-plus of breast chronicling, followed by MacFarlane’s definition-of-homophobic insistence to Shatner that he wasn’t a member of the gay men’s chorus he’d just sang with.
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> From there, the jokes just got more and more… well, what’s the word? Calling them offensive gives them too much power, which isn’t to say that black people shouldn’t have felt uncomfortable about MacFarlane pretending to mix up Denzel Washington and Eddie Murphy, or that half the population needn’t have squirmed when MacFarlane called Zero Dark Thirty’s plotline an example of “a woman’s innate ability to never ever let anything go.” What the jokes were, really, was stupid, boring, and empty: humor that relied less on its own patently sexist, racist, homophobic, etc. content than on admiration for or disgust with the host’s willingness to deliver it. So much of comedy is about the shock of recognition, of seeing some previously unacknowledged truth suddenly acknowledged, but the only recognition MacFarlane offered was that some people say dumb things about other peoples’ gender/racial/sexual identities. Which, of course, should not be shocking at all.

What hole are these guys pulling their indignation out of? Jokes are routinely made at men’s expense, men are ridiculed constantly in media, and yet we must draw the line where women are concerned.

Whether or not MacFarlane’s jokes were politically correct is not necessarily relevant to whether they were funny or not, but that’s exactly what Kornhaber is saying.

I look at the men of my generation and younger who supposedly speak for us, and it’s embarrassing. They are like so many tattletales and teachers’ pets who do nothing but take the fun out of life. Instead of speaking for their peers, they might as well be speaking for old ladies.

Spencer Kornhaber, like so many of our young, male journalists, is a little twat. If anything was inappropriate and humorless, it was his Nazi reference in the title of his article, but let’s be honest: it wasn’t his intention to be funny.

No, if anything, Kornhaber was doing his best to kill humor dead. For that, at least, he has a talent.

Comment of the Week: How Feminism Destroys Economic Equality

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Responding to Spanier's poston raising daughters, commenter Jean Valjean points out some of the problems with feminism+hypergamy as they relate to family formation and economic equality. Not only do men lose out, but women as well, as the combined force of female social elitism and assortative mating conspire to concentrate earnings in the hands of the few.

It would be difficult to argue with Jean's logic, which is why feminists almost always ignore these issues, despite the fact that they are immensely more important to your average man or woman in an average job than sexual harassment or the gender gap in wages:

> Jean Valjean
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> Why don't women have kids at 21 instead of 31 or 41? Indeed it is far more logical for women to have kids earlier. Not just for the reasons you cite but also because by delaying a career for 10 years she can see her children to a point where they are semi-autonomous.
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> Once her kids reach 10 she can see them off to school in the morning and spend the day going to college or trade school. By the time the kids reach high school and need the least oversight the mother can begin her career and any employer can be assured that she will be more dedicated than if she had no children or had young children.
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> But feminists don't want this. As Simone do Beauvoire wrote in "The Second Sex," women cannot be given this choice because they will choose it.
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> Most women intuit the lie of feminism: that being a stay at home mom is "oppression" the moment they have a child and want to stay home. For the lucky few they are afforded the luxury of doing just that because of a willing and able husband. For most women, their choices are greatly limited thanks to feminism. Many men simply cannot support a household on their own income. Women, competing against men and employing hypergamy not only results in lower status men but also lower status women.
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> For instance, if we have a community of 1000 workers and there are 100 good jobs paying around 100k a year, and only men are allowed to work those jobs then that means that 100 families will have an income of 100k a year. But when women compete against men and say 40 of those jobs go to women and those women employ hypergamy then only 60 families have an income of 100k, and 40 have an income of 200k.
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> This means that 40 women will have to marry men who make less than 100k. This contributes to the widening gap between the rich and poor that many financial pundits fail or refuse to recognize.
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> This same dynamic applies to those families with two 50k incomes. The actual pain of these lower incomes is really felt by the mother most because she has to work to keep the family at the middle class level whereas 40 years ago she could choose to stay home.
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> But the real pain is felt at the lower incomes. Even two 20k incomes aren't enough to allow a family of 4 to enter the middle class. And these lower incomes are the most common (and so is divorce among this class).
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> As always, feminism has always benefited the rich white women the most because the same dynamic that propels the sons of the rich into high paying occupations also does the same for the daughters.
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> The problem is that hypergamy (and high divorce not discussed above) are creating more lower income women than before. Feminism is harming women only women are too indoctrinated and selfish to realize it.
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> (Feminism harms men more but we already know that)

How We Treat our Good Men

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Injustices, great and small, happen every day in family court. The system is blind to fairness, and operates on a "best interests of the child" doctrine that is fatally flawed because it exempts women from acting in the best interests of children. What this means is that wherever possible the man is always made to pay for the female's transgressions.

Most of the time these injustices are ignored, but every now and then there's a case that's so egregious it demands attention.

Take the case of USMC Staff Sergeant Brandon Parsons, a combat veteran who found, after his ex wife emptied his bank accounts and demanded a divorce while he was deployed, that their child – the reason he married her in the first place – was not his. Parsons did "the right thing." Social conservatives would applaud him for marrying the woman he impregnated. He was the kind of guy who took manning up seriously. Not only did he fight for his country, he stood by the child that he thought was his own.

This was the biggest mistake he ever made.

> A Superior Court of California judge has recently ruled that SSgt Parsons, a combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, must continue to pay child support another twelve years for a child that ISN'T his—a payment that, counting the $50,000 he's already remunerated his ex-wife, Crystal Parson, will put him on pace to pay over $250,000 before his legal obligation ends (twelve years from now), according to his lawyer. This payment, broken down, takes up approximately one-third of his current salary.
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> The judge, having made the decision because of a loophole in the events leading up to the ruling, didn't hold back in his disdain for Parsons' ex-wife's actions. The first sentence in the second paragraph of the court's ruling says it all:
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> While the court concludes that father was, in fact, despicably duped and victimized by Petitioner Crystal Parsons's (hereinafter "Mother") fraudulent concealment regarding biological paternity, a deception which has placed a significant, continuing financial burden upon Father, existing law, as applied to the facts of this case, precludes the court from setting aside the prior paternity determination or ordering genetic blood testing.
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> So how did this apparent calamity of justice happen? Here's the gist:
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> After completing his first combat deployment in the Spring of 2005—of which he spent the majority of time fighting in Ramadi, Iraq—SSgt Parsons, then a twenty-year old corporal, returned to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and immediately began a sexual relationship with his then-fiancé, Crystal Domenech. Their first sexual encounter was, according to court documents, on April 5, 2005.
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> Seventeen days later, Crystal announced to Brandon that she was pregnant. Brandon, without questioning any aspects of her statement or the legitimacy of his biological paternity, decided to bump up their scheduled nuptials and spent the majority of his money (an estimated $20,000)—of which most came from his recent deployment—on her dream wedding.
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> What both Brandon and the court now know is that Crystal Domenech Parsons had been engaged in numerous sexual affairs while he was on deployment and, consequently, the child that Brandon raised—under the assumption he was legitimately the father—was indeed that of another man. (Crystal Parsons refuses to name the true identity of the biological father to this day.) Moreover, it was both alleged by Parsons and believed by the court that Crystal chose to sleep with then-Corporal Parsons purely to cover up her previous sexual encounters and pin the pregnancy on him, therefore having access to his military benefits.

Parsons wasn't aware that the child wasn't his for almost five years. Like many idealistic young men, he refused to

believe that his wife could have cheated on him. It took a divorce and some hints from one of his ex-wife's acquaintances to bring suspicion into his mind.

> SSgt Parsons' first inkling that he was not the biological father, brought to his attention by a former friend of Crystal, occurred in April of 2010, less than a year after their divorce. Within the month, Parsons had confirmed through an over-the-counter test by Identigene that the child he had been raising for four and a half years was not his.
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> "The worst part of being a paternity fraud victim is that nobody can help you," SSgt Parsons told me in a recent phone interview. "When a guy is dealing with a break up, his buddy can say, 'Dude, I've been there.' Nobody knows what to say in that kind of situation. I broke down and the Marines around me just stood there."
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> SSgt Parsons confronted his ex-wife soon after that. This is the exchange, according to Brandon Parsons, in his official court declaration:
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> *After she had read the result I asked her to tell me the truth. She then began telling me that while I was in Iraq she had been raped. I told her that I did not believe her and to start telling me the truth for [Child's name – Redacted] sake. I asked her how many men she had slept with while I was on deployment. When she did not answer at first I asked her if it had been more than 2 men and she nodded her head indicating "yes." I asked her if it was more than 5 and again she nodded her head indicating "yes." I asked if it was more than 7 men she had slept with. This time she screamed at me that she did not know how many. After she calmed down she told me that in March 2005 [a month before his return] she discovered she was pregnant and told her mother. She said that her mother told her that military spouse benefits were excellent and she should remember that she did not have insurance coverage for the hospital bills.*
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> (It should be noted that, by all accounts, while Parsons lost the aforementioned legal case, the court never denied the plausibility of Parsons' report of the events. In fact, the judge made it more than clear that Brandon Parsons' side of the story was the most credible and that Crystal Parsons had acted "despicably" leading up to the ruling.)

It appears that the mother-in-law was in on the deception:

> *When they came into the waiting room [Child's name—Redacted] came over to me and was talking to me when Crystal's mother came and grabbed him and pulled him away telling him not to talk to me because I was a stranger now. She also began calling me names. I asked her to please stop cursing at me before the child. This made her really angry and* ***she looked right in my eyes and told me that I should have died in Iraq like I was supposed to do****.*

Some people might not believe that a mother-in-law could be that evil. They most certainly can. There's something sick about a lot of women of that generation — the mothers of today's young women. They are the women who put the laws that have destroyed SSgt Parsons, an innocent party and a true victim, into effect. Their daughters are essentially mindless actors in the travesty playing out in courthouses across our land.

This kind of injustice cries out for action. I know our opponents want very badly to accuse us of being dangerous, violent men, but the opposite must be true: if American men have so far borne such injustice with as much restraint and patience as we have so far, we must be remarkably peaceful people. But eventually patience runs out. Restraint is a limited resource, especially when its burden falls so heavily on our warriors.

I would like the elites of this country to think very carefully about what kind of monster they have created with family law. If they value stability, they must reevaluate these policies, because they will eventually lead to tragedies. When enough men lose hope and perceive that their lives are irreparably damaged, some will resort to force and people will get hurt.

It’s time we started thinking about mitigating the damage, before it’s too late. This cannot go on forever — something has to give.

Why does AIDS = “Victim” but Pregnancy = “Your Fault?”

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For a long time I’ve been in the “keep government out of the bedroom” camp, but homosexuality has been overtly politicized lately — so much so that it seems to be the #1 social cause of the Obama administration. As the gay revolution becomes socially dominant, I’m losing my patience with it. It’s an issue that concerns at most maybe 3% of the population, but it takes precedence over matters that affect far more people’s lives. Lately, I’ve been thinking of it as a boutique cause that elites can support with no inconvenience to themselves. On reflection, I’m pretty sure that’s why it’s so popular amongst the nomenklatura. If you’re obscenely rich because of an unfair economic and social system that is stacked against the common man, supporting homosexuality is a way to make yourself seem righteous and progressive while doing nothing to improve the lives of the majority of people, and even while making things worse for them.

So I just thought I’d point out one blatantly hypocritical aspect of it that nobody seems to mention.

Why is it that when a man gets a woman pregnant because he had unprotected straight sex he is a rogue who *must pay*, while a gay man who has anal sex with some anonymous guy in a bathhouse and gets AIDS is a victim to be pitied, and by extension paid for by the rest of us?

If children are a blessing, then shouldn’t that soften our attitude toward the man who knocks some girl up? AIDS has no social benefit whatsoever, but the guy who gets it isn’t blamed. No, instead he becomes some sort of special victim, all because he couldn’t keep his pecker in his pants. And isn’t that the argument for forcing straight men to pay for unwanted pregnancies; that they didn’t have to screw the girl?

So, as it stands today, unwanted results of straight sex are bad and punished, while unwanted results of gay sex make the unlucky dude a victim?

Can someone explain how that makes sense?

A Portrait of Domestic Violence: Can You Find the Truly Innocent Victim?

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A photographer named Naomi Lewkowitz posted a montage of painful photos on TIME magazine depicting what life is often like with a single mother. In it, a young wife with two children has left her husband to shack up with an ex-con with very poor impulse control (who'd guess?).

Amazingly, the photographer apparently expected it to be a touching story about the difficulties faced by ex-cons, and how an oppressive society conspires against the poor, misunderstood thugs. It starts with Ms. Lewkowitz asking to take the man's picture, so it wouldn't surprise me if she found him to be somewhat alluring herself.

> I had met Shane and Maggie two-and-a-half months before. Southeastern Ohio was still warm that time of year and brimming with small regional festivals. I had gone to the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival to shoot my first assignment for an editorial photography class. Almost immediately, I spotted a man covered in tattoos, including an enormous piece on his neck that read, "Maggie Mae." He was holding a beautiful little girl with blonde curls. His gentle manner with her belied his intimidating ink, and I approached them to ask if I could take their portrait.
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> I ended up spending my entire time at the fair with Shane, 31, and his girlfriend Maggie, 19. Maggie's two children, Kayden, four, and Memphis, nearly two, were not Shane's, but from her then-estranged husband.
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> Shane and Maggie had started dating a month prior to meeting me, and Shane told me about his struggles with addiction and that he had spent much of his life in prison. Maggie shared her experience losing her mother to a drug overdose at the age of eight, and having the challenges of raising two small children alone while their father, who was in the Army, was stationed in Afghanistan. Before they drove home, I asked if I could continue to document them, and they agreed.
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> I intended to paint a portrait of the catch-22 of being a released ex-convict: even though they are physically free, the metaphorical prison of stigma doesn't allow them to truly escape. That story changed dramatically one night, after a visit to a bar.

Unsurprisingly, Shane and Maggie's relationship rapidly devolves into combat, and Lewkowitz manages to catch some of it on film. The photos were not easy for me to look at, but not for the reasons most people might assume when they hear the term "domestic violence."

The automatic assumption is that the primary victim is the battered female, but when you take a look at the facts of the case that gives way to another perspective: not only did the woman knowingly place herself in a risky situation, she did the same to her children, who had no choice in the matter.

There's one photo of the thug (I can hardly think of words that would describe my contempt for a piece of shit like him) pushing little four-year-old Kayden around. As a father, there is nothing worse than knowing you are helpless to protect your son from these kinds of animals when his mother decides she wants some hot badboy action. And just as bad is to think of the potential problems when your daughter starts to look like a woman some years down the road. To top it all off, the kids' father is paying close to half of his take-home pay so that the criminal can enjoy a nice wide-screen TV (featured prominently in one photo) while he shoves his kids around.

Now, as for the mother's partial responsibility for this mess, it's pretty clear. She chose an ex-con, she apparently left her husband while he was deployed (very common — in both senses of the word), and she did it for kicks. Yes, that's right: she was in it for the action, and she says as much herself.

> "Shane was like a fast car. When you're driving it, you think 'I might get pulled over and get a ticket.' You never think that you're going to crash."

It's a surprisingly honest statement of guilt, although I doubt she feels any herself. However, she does at least provide us with an idea of the paternal equivalent of that level of stupidity and recklessness: what she did is akin to a father developing a habit of getting drunk and taking his kids for joy rides on mountain logging roads. Of all involved in the story, I have less sympathy for the mother than anyone but the ex-con she shacked up with. Certainly the kids would top my list, and then their father, who will have to live in constant fear for his children as long as their mother has custody of them. Even the photographer is a more sympathetic character; at least she was neutral and helped put the boyfriend away for a long time. If she hadn't been involved, there's a good chance it would have dragged on a lot longer.

As a mother, Maggie was negligent, but will that affect her custody of her children? Not a chance. She's a higher level of victim than the toddlers she brought into the situation. The photographer indicates as much herself, and shows not a trace of concern about the fact that she'll keep custody of the kids whether she stays with their father or not:

> I have continued to follow Maggie since the abuse, and I've also begun working closely with photographer Donna Ferrato, who first began documenting domestic violence 30 years ago.
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> Since that November night, Maggie has moved to Alaska to be with the father of her two children, who is stationed in Anchorage. In March, I will travel to Alaska to document Maggie as she tries to put the pieces of her family and life back together. My goal is to examine the long-term effects of this incident on her current relationship, her children, and her own sense of self. Devoted to revealing these hidden stories of domestic abuse, Maggie asked me to move forward with this project and to tell her story, because she feels the photographs might be able to help someone else.

At least the kids will now be with their father. Thank God for that. But their mother will be perfectly free to put them through that hell once again if she chooses, and again nobody will be able to do a thing about it until the police show up to haul off her new beau.

Despite all this, all Lewkowitz and assorted other bleeding hearts can think of as a solution is VAWA, because they can't imagine for a moment that a so-called "victim" is part of the problem.

Twenty Years Ago Today

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On February 28, 1993 federal agents stormed the Branch Davidian complex in Waco, Texas on trumped up gun charges. Four agents and six Davidians were killed in the gunfight that broke out when heavily armed BATF agents attempted to enter the building. Both sides claimed that the other fired first, but one BATF agent said he thought the first gunshots came from the ATF "dog team" sent to kill the Davidians' dogs (standard operating practice in raids).

After a protracted siege, Janet Reno claimed that the Davidians were raping girls and abusing children, and sent in tanks to flush out the Davidians with gas. A fire broke out, and in the ensuing conflagration 76 additional Davidians, including over 20 children, perished along with leader David Koresh.

Some footage from that fateful day:

Gun Control Is Man Control

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Found this older (mid-1990s) study linking gun control and other left-lib hobby horses to antipathy for masculinity and traditional male gender roles. A snippet:

> The relationship between the sexes has been changing since the development of oral contraceptives in the early 1960s. The biological division of labor has become less important, social roles have become more fluid. Increasing urbanization, the decline of primary industries and the rise of service industries, have devalued the male roles of hunter, provider, protector and replaced them with more equalitarian expectations. In a sense, women constitute a status group on the rise, who would like, finally, to see their concerns recognized in law and society.

> Gusfield wrote:

> > "Since governmental actions symbolize the position of groups in the status structure, seemingly ceremonial or ritual acts of government are often of great importance to many social groups. Issues which seem foolish or impractical items are often important for what they symbolize about the style or culture which is being recognized or derogated… Since drinking had been largely a male activity, the concern of the woman for Temperance was itself an act of controlling the relation between the sexes."

> Guns are largely a male activity. Is concern for "gun control" an act of controlling the relation between the sexes? Violence against women has become an increasing concern in Canadian society. Guns symbolize violence, so gun control is, for many, a response to these concerns. In the 1993 survey a lack of experience with guns, a desire to restrict pornography, and a favorable attitude toward homosexuals were associated with pro gun control attitudes. Additional questions asked in 1994 showed that other factors were also important, and the original relationships were specified. Lack of experience with guns and being pro-homosexual turned out to be only important for men. So few women in the sample have any personal experience with guns that it is not a major determinant of their attitudes overall (this was also true in 1993). Once women could express directly their desire for men to be more sensitive, less "macho," it became clear that being "pro homosexual" had simply been a proxy variable for women expressing this desire.

> Both men and women think gun control will greatly reduce violence against women, but for very different reasons. Women see it as part of a set of desired roles for men in their relationship with women: men should protect women, but not be "macho" about it. Men think it because they overestimate the role of handguns in murder, want to be sensitive to womens' concerns by prohibiting sexually explicit depictions of nude people, and come from urban homes that do not contain guns.

> Both men and women who would not defend themselves with a gun are in favor of gun control, but for somewhat different reasons. They both reject the death penalty for first degree murder, but for men this part of a set of "politically correct" responses which includes giving women a combat role in the army and opposition to talks on politically incorrect topics. These men may also reject self defense with a gun because there are no guns in their homes, and they may not have any idea of how to use a gun. For women rejection of the death penalty is more of a pro-life choice: they are opposed to easy abortions, think homosexuals should be allowed to adopt children, and are non-drinking vegetarians. Perhaps they would not defend themselves with a gun

> because of a fear of killing the aggressor. Women who want to restrict the sale of sexually explicit materials are pro gun control. This is associated with a desire to prohibit all sexually explicit depictions of nude people, and a desire for men to be more sensitive, less “macho.”

> Overall, the men who favor gun control are those who reject traditional male roles and behavior. They are opposed to hunting, are pro homosexual, do not have any experience with or knowledge of guns and tend to have “politically correct” attitudes. Overall, the women who support gun control do so in the context of controlling male violence and sexuality. While this study has not explained all of the motivations for gun control (there is considerable unexplained variance in the regression equations) it does support the contention that **gun control is, symbolically, male control**.[emphasis mine]

Fascinating. Up until now, I had thought of the Second Amendment civil-rights fight as a part of the enduring struggle for liberty against the powers of tyranny. This article presents a different perspective: that gun control is merely another facet of social control of more masculine men by women, white knights, and effete men. Thus, on top of other types of social controls of men, for example, chalimony, sexual harassment law, rape law, and a men-to-women transfer payments regime, we can see that gun control is but one more way for yin to tame yang, for Eve to dominate Adam, for her own personal benefit.

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Happy St. David's Day!

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As an American whose first colonial ancestors sailed to Virginia from Wales over 400 years ago, bringing my surname and establishing my American patrimony, I've come to appreciate the small but tough – and darkly beautiful – country of Wales.

Against all odds, the Welsh have withstood the onslaughts of the Roman, Saxon, Gael, Viking and Norman over the centuries, and kept their culture and language despite being right next to the center of the British Empire.

Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus! (Happy St. David's Day)

The Welsh, being a musical people, like to celebrate their national holiday with song, so here's a patriotic Welsh song performed by a Welsh men's choir:

How the Left can Win America

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By Sentient Liberation

Democrats have a unique opportunity not afforded to any political Party since the Republican Southern Strategy. It is well within the realm of possibility for Democrats to secure an ironclad grip on the under 30 male vote, and perhaps even the under 50 male vote as well. I am not talking about college grads, but the average everyday man. The core bedrock of the Republican Party is up for grabs and no one realizes it yet.

Do you honestly think Republican Party cares about men? Look at the VAWA, they opposed it because the re-authorization included gays, not because it didn't have enforcement clauses to protect male victims of Domestic Violence. Republican's also support many policies that are detrimental to young men. From foreign trade agreements, to excessive tax breaks for corporations and investors that move jobs overseas, to wanting to gut educational programs young men desperately need and Republicans harsh stance in the war on drugs. Republicans only care about the rich men and women who buy their votes, err… lobby them. They are just playing off the fact that we men by and large know that the Democrats/Feminists out and out hate us, deny our humanity and use government policy to discriminate against us. If Democrats took the initiative, they could leave the Republican Party without a base at all. All they have to do is throw feminism and feminists under the bus.

Even though this would effectively mean the end of feminism and the destruction of many feminists' careers, it would not mean the end of women's rights. After all, it isn't those on the left who want a rollback, as evidenced by talking head Ann Coulter.

Actually the exact opposite would happen, women's rights as human beings would become permanently enshrined into our society far more then they are today. There would be no risk to women's rights because the left would run the show and conservatives would have little representation in Federal Government, and increasingly weakened presence in state, county and local Governments. So the Democratic Party wouldn't lose all those "I am not a feminist but" gal's, but actually gives those gal's a way to proudly say "I am not a feminist because I support equality for men and women". Combined with the Democratic Party's influence in other demographics, electoral extinction of the Republican Party could be achieved within a decade or so.

Of course Democrats would have to prove their worth by actually going after feminists in order to really gain support. One mechanism is fraud. Hundreds of feminists who operate Domestic Abuse shelters are already guilty of it as the VAWA contained a clause prohibiting the discrimination against male victims of domestic violence. These shelters by refusing service to male victims of domestic violence in a very real sense defrauded the Government.

One could even take a swipe at Women's Studies classes. How so? All those pesky feminist statistics made up or distorted for "dramatic effect" were created with taxpayer money, so again you have a lot of feminists guilty of defrauding the government. This is really just the beginning of it; if the Federal Government recognizes feminism as a hate movement, that would give Universities and Colleges the muster to expel feminist professors and students en mass.

I am sure Republicans will try massive finger blaming, Democrats can dodge that easily through a few short steps:

1) Show compassion for boys, young men and men; that is something Republicans/Conservatives are incapable of doing. From the depth of their being they cannot view boys, young men and men as human beings, rather, they view males as merely a means to an end.

2) If Republicans begin finger pointing, all Democrats have to do is own their mistakes. Say that they messed up and show how they are trying to make right what they made wrong. Then they can turn everything around and say "where the heck were you?" to the Republicans. After all, Republican presidents supported Feminists twisted version of Title IX enforcement and other insane social policies that intentionally discriminated against boy's,

young men and men. One would think that the opposition would stand against this insanity instead of using it for political gain. After all, which is worse: Falling into crazy ignorantly, or willfully allowing crazy to happen for political gain. The important thing is to make sure the message is “feminists lied to us and twisted good programs into evil ends”, and “Republicans intentionally supported it to ensure male voters would hate us instead of trying to end the insanity”. Either way, it would the negative blame onto Republicans while creating forward momentum for social programs and policies to fix the problems created by the feminist movement and other human rights inequalities.

All that together would create a very powerful message to the overwhelming majority of disadvantaged young men, and a growing segment of young women who view feminism as nothing more then a hate movement from a bygone era irrelevant to the 21st Century.

How to Cook a Juicy, Tender Pork Chop

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Commenter Brian asked me to write another food post and, as cooking is one of my favorite hobbies, I'm happy to comply. For those who prefer more serious posts, please indulge me here — there will be plenty of those forthcoming.

One of my pet peeves is dry pork chops, so I'd like to give a lesson on the simple but elegant pork chop, which is not only cheap, but so easy to cook and so tasty that any man (barring those who keep kosher or halal) can enjoy it.

When I was growing up, pork chops were a common dish at dinner time. However, the pork chops I had at home were tough and dry, so although I dutifully ate them without complaint, I thought of pork chops as second-rate food compared to tender steak, salmon and chicken. But they were cheap, so when I started living on my own I found myself buying pork rather than steak for dinner.

I received a cast iron skillet as a gift when I was about 20, and because these iron skillets require oil to prevent sticking, I soon discovered the key to good pork chops: they must be breaded and cooked in oil. It should be obvious, but a lot of northerners do not understand to this day. There's a stigma against frying; it's supposedly unhealthy, or maybe it's seen as low-class in the north, but it's pretty silly given the physical properties of the common pork chop. Some northerners go so far as to soak pork chops in brine before cooking them, which is totally unnecessary and a waste of time (and the excess sodium can't be healthy). Others simmer them in various concoctions that leave the pork as the minor component of the flavor, and are far more complex than necessary.

When you're cooking lean pork, as opposed to bacon or sausage, it will always dry out unless you fry it in oil, simmer it or boil it. Actually, this is true of any lean meat, but for some reason people don't seem to realize that pork chops are lean. The pork chop *was made for frying* — not for roasting, broiling, grilling, boiling or simmering. It is a close cousin to German schnitzel, which is invariably breaded and fried.

What you're aiming for is keeping the lean, but tender pork loin moist and juicy to keep it from toughening up. Preferably, you do not want it to be dripping with oil, which ruins the texture, but to have a crispy exterior. This is where the breading come in. Also, remember not to overcook them. As soon as the chop is firm throughout and the juice runs clear it is done.

Here's how to cook a pork chop:

Essentials:

-A frying pan, preferably cast iron for even heat distribution, but any type will do.

-An egg

-Bread crumbs (the kind that come in a can, like Progresso, are perfect)

-Cooking oil

-Thick or medium cut boneless pork loin chop(s) (you can use bone in chops if you'd like – they are just as good if not better – but I'd recommend boneless loin chops for beginners)

Directions:

Crack the egg into a bowl and beat it with a fork.

Take a plate and pour out some bread crumbs onto it, spreading the crumbs so they coat the plate. You can add some salt or seasoning salt to the bread crumbs if you'd like.

Put your frying pan on the stove, then pour in enough oil to coat the cooking surface, but no more. Turn the burner on medium low.

While the pan is heating up, take your pork chop(s) and place in the bowl with beaten egg. Make sure the chop is thoroughly coated with egg. Pull out the chop and hold it above the egg bowl for a few seconds, letting excess egg drip off.

Then take the chop and put it on the plate covered with bread crumbs. Turn it over a few times and make sure it is thoroughly coated with bread crumbs.

Repeat above for each additional chop.

Now check your pan to see if it's hot enough. Flick a little water in; if it crackles and snaps it's good to go.

Place the chops gently in the pan, letting them brown for a couple minutes on one side, then turning to brown on the other. If they are browning too fast, turn the heat down a bit and turn them more often — you don't want blackened breading. When the chops are firm throughout, sweating a bit on top, golden brown on the outside and the juice runs clear, they are done. It shouldn't take more than ten minutes or so, and less if they are thin. Take care not to overcook.

To drain excess oil, you can set them on a rack for a minute before serving, but unless you used too much oil it shouldn't be necessary.

Serve chops with greens and your choice of carbs — they go well with just about anything. To avoid overwhelming the subtle flavor, they are best seasoned simply with salt. Also, use a sharp steak knife to cut the chop into clean, crisp bites while eating — this prevents them from getting smashed and losing their firm texture and crispy coating.

Some people say a white wine (zinfandel or pinot grigio) pairs well with pork chops, but I find they go very well with a nice, clean lager.

False Conviction Rate for Rape Historically Higher than Claimed False Accusation Rate

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Last summer, a study came out that suggested that more than one in ten of the men convicted of sexual assault in Virginia between 1973 and 1987 were innocent. To be precise, the proven wrongful conviction rate was between 8 and 15 percent — significantly higher than the false conviction rate for homicide, which was found to be 5 percent only *when combined with sexual assault convictions*. This means that in homicide cases, the false conviction rate is significantly lower than 5%, and therefore an order of magnitude lower than in sexual assault cases.

> a new study that involved the DNA testing of hundreds of old Virginia homicide and sexual assault cases supports the exoneration of at least 38 suspects, according to a study released Monday by a national policy group that examined the test results.
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> This study, conducted by researchers John Roman, Kelly Walsh, Pamela Lachman and Jennifer Yahner of the Urban Institute Policy Center, analyzed the results of new DNA testing of old physical evidence from 634 sexual assault and homicide cases that took place in Virginia between 1973 and 1987.
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> Their central question: "What proportion of convicted offenders in serious person crimes with retained forensic evidence could be exonerated if that evidence were DNA tested?"
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> This marked the first study of the effects of DNA testing on wrongful conviction in a large and approximately random sample of serious crime convictions.
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> The study found that in five percent of homicide and sexual assault cases DNA testing eliminated the convicted offender as the source of incriminating physical evidence.
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> When sexual assault convictions were isolated, DNA testing eliminated between 8 and 15 percent of convicted offenders and supported exoneration.

Now, to put that in perspective, feminists like to claim that the false accusation rate for sexual assault is no more than two to three percent. If that were truly the case, then the data suggests states would have to be more likely to prosecute false accusations than real accusations. This is extremely unlikely. In fact, the high level of wrongful convictions in sexual assault cases suggests that sexual assault is either prosecuted even more vigorously than murder, that many defendants have been falsely accused, or both. Given that police do make some effort to screen out false accusations and prosecutors decline prosecution when they are unlikely to be successful, the false accusation rate must be significantly higher than the wrongful conviction rate. Given that wrongful conviction rates look to be above 10%, this has sobering implications.

What's valuable about this study is that it proves:

1. False rape acusations are not rare

2. Rape is not difficult to prosecute

3. Rape has the highest wrongful conviction rate of all violent crimes

These are all in direct contradiction to what feminists would have us believe. They claim that rapists get off the hook all the time, women rarely make false accusations, and prosecutors are handcuffed in rape cases. All lies that directly contribute to putting innocent men in prison.

The only conclusion one can draw from this is that feminists have no concept of justice, and no problem with harming innocent men. They are, to put it simply, waging war against men. Allowing feminists to have any authority over men's lives was a terrible mistake. Removing them from power should be our first order of business.

“Get him, boy!” Man Mauled by Police Dog as Punishment for not Obeying Wife

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Noel Saldana, a Lakewood, Washington man, was badly mauled by a police dog in 2011. The attack happened after his wife called the police on him during an argument in which she demanded he get out of the house. Evidently, after she called the police he left to walk to his sister’s house, and was found by police. Then, despite complying with orders to get down, he was attacked by a german shepherd dog named ‘Astor’. The dog ripped out a large chunk of his calf and permanently damaged his knee. German shepherds have incredibly powerful jaws. My father had one that could snap a broom handle in half like it was a matchstick with one bite.

Saldana is currently suing the City of Lakewood for damages as a result of the attack.

From the Lakewood News Tribune:

> Police responded after Saldana’s wife called 911 to say he wouldn’t leave their home when she asked. Saldana was walking along a sidewalk when the officer and dog approached. He said he turned around and dropped to the ground when asked, but Astor still attacked.
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> He lost range of motion in his knee, walks with a limp and has scarring on both legs as a result of the attack…

Saldana recounts details of attack:

Wrongful Conviction Rates and False Accusations in Rape: Linked or Not?

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Clarence, a thoughtful commenter who understands what he is writing about, responds to my contention that the high wrongful conviction rate in rape and sexual assault proves that false accusations are higher in rape than any other crime. While he doesn't dispute this, he says that the study doesn't necessarily demonstrate a link between wrongful conviction and false accusation.

It's an interesting and important point, and I think it's worth some extra attention.

I know what Clarence is getting at, and agree that it's important to make a distinction between mistakes and willful fabrication, but along with raising the question of what we should call innocent defendants if not "falsely accused," I maintain that there is no other reasonable explanation for the high rate of wrongful convictions besides false accusations.

Clarence:

> Whilst this study does a good job of showing (what has been repeatedly stressed by organizations such as the innocence project) that the US has a problem with a very significant amount of false convictions, I fail to see how this shows the number of false accusations. You see, just like you can convict a murder defendant wrongly due to a lying witness – and yet there was still a murder victim, even though you got the wrong person – so with rape and things such as bad police lineup procedures etc, you can get a rape victim who helps convict the wrong person.
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> This study is useful in demonstrating beyond any reasonable doubt, that "Houston, we have a problem with large amounts of bad convictions", but it doesn't necessarily say the same thing about the amount of false accusations, alas…
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> Let me be clear: I've always said myself that based on the average of the various studies of false accusations I think a minimum of 15 to a maximum of around 25 percent of all rape (sexual assault NOT included) accusations are false.
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> Problem is, this study doesn't seem to prove what you think it does. There are studies that deal with false accusations (and they have various descriptions of what the various studies authors consider a false accusation, some won't count it unless the police determine it to be false or the accuser recants) and they typically mention all types of other confounding variables such as police investigative procedures, bad forensics or late evidence collection, etc.
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> I don't know how you'd legally or ethically get a guaranteed untainted population sample to check out the actual amount of false accusations. If you could put large amounts of people under secret surveillance (say at a college) for a year or so you might get an inkling of the rates, but I'm sure that many here including myself would have an ethical issue with such covert surveillance as well as the lack of what is called 'informed consent' for the students who would be the subjects.

My Response:

But the point still stands: whether or not it was a "mistake," when someone is wrongly convicted they were falsely accused by definition — the injustice is no less to the victim. I think we should avoid getting bogged down in semantics over what constitutes a false accusation in rape and sexual assault. Instead, we should use the same standard we would in other crimes: if the accused party is factually innocent, then he has been "falsely accused."

Perhaps in some cases women feel that they were raped when they were not. Say they didn't want to have sex, but never resisted, and perhaps never said anything, and then claimed to have been raped. They may "feel" it was rape,

but it would be a false accusation because it wasn't.

As far as identifying the wrong person, that's been proven to be intentional in many wrongful convictions. Many of the men picked up and then identified were totally unknown to the accuser, but she had to point the finger at someone because she'd already made up a story about being raped for one reason or another. These are the most alarming stories of all; of men simply walking down the street minding their own business, and then suddenly thrown in an interrogation room with no idea at all of what was happening, and ultimately convicted and sentenced to lengthy prison terms, then exonerated decades later by DNA evidence.

Finally, if false identification can happen in murder as well, why is the rate *so much higher in rape?* In rape prosecutions, the victim is still alive; if they weren't it would become a murder case. This being the case, you'd expect that a surviving witness would contribute to accuracy rather than raising the rate of misidentification.

What is it about rape, as opposed to other crimes, that leads to such a high rate of wrongful conviction? There is only one reasonable conclusion: it is a crime that is uniquely susceptible to fabrication.

Campus Hate Hoaxes: False Accusations as Political Aggression

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Every year or so, or maybe more often, gullible reporters pick up on another campus hoax involving racist incidents. These incidents often involve some connection with the ancient KKK, such as nooses, white hoods, burning crosses, etc. I can't remember the last time one of these incidents turned out to be "genuine." It usually turns out that the perpetrator was involved in some minority activist outfit, and trying to drum up sympathy and/or hatred against perceived racial or gender rivals, usually heterosexual white men.

Despite the fact that these incidents are consistently found to be hoaxes, people on the left still rush to believe them because they fit the political narrative. Just as reports of Satanism invariably surface in religious fundamentalist communities, reports of KKK activity and the like are far more common in fundamentalist equalist institutions such as universities.

In Oberlin college, someone was allegedly spotted lurking around in a KKK outfit near the Afrikan Heritage House at 1:30AM. If that doesn't scream "HOAX," I don't know what does. If there actually were a white male in a KKK outfit on a campus as left-wing as Oberlin, one would have to assume he was mentally ill, because the retribution against him would be overwhelming.

So why do people stage these hoaxes? For the same reason the Soviets staged show trials and the Nazis manufactured the Gleiwitz incident. It's a pretext for taking aggressive action against a political enemy.

Feminists use rape in exactly the same manner. Every rape becomes a political act; a casus belli that justifies measures against the enemy — straight men. What was once considered a crime committed by a depraved individual becomes part and parcel of the narrative of oppression and the gender war. I'm not sure how many false accusations of sexual violence are directly politically motivated (probably not many), but as demonstrated in the Duke Lacrosse case, feminists are *always* on the lookout for incidents they can exploit.

This creates an environment in which accusations are encouraged because people are so eager to believe them. Just as Cotton Mather and his fellow Puritan fanatics created an atmosphere ripe for false accusation and hysteria, culminating in the Salem Witch Trials, assorted equalist political fanatics have done the same on campuses across the US. Perhaps it's no surprise that higher education in the US is directly descended from Puritan institutions.

Second Waver Wonders Why Feminists aren't Concerned about Cannibal Porn

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Gina Bellafante, writing for the NY Times, asks what's become of feminism when a policeman can get away with fantasizing about cooking women without provoking feminist outrage.

> Today, simply using the word seems benighted, as our most dominant feminist debates are conducted at the level of rarefied conflict between satisfying maternal desire and satisfying the ambition to run global assets management at JPMorgan. But if the case of Gilberto Valle, the New York City police officer who inhabited an Internet subculture populated by men who think about raping and torturing women, roasting them on spits and eating them, doesn't serve as a summons to broaden our gender discussions and think about what it means when a society can easily and actively nourish its most heinous notions about women, it's uncertain what could.
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> "There's a huge amount of online activity devoted to cultivating horrific impulses toward women," Jane Manning, a former sex-crimes prosecutor and currently the legislative vice president for the National Organization for Women's New York City chapter, told me. "And we haven't grappled with this as a society."
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> "There's an odd confusion in the feminist movement," she added. "We've all accepted the idea that speech is protected when it's speech. But that seems to have extended to the notion that there shouldn't even be social condemnation attached to incredibly horrifying misogynist speech."
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> In the instance of the Valle trial, the details have been so voluptuously grotesque that the impact of the strange universe that Officer Valle occupied has been blunted. Most New Yorkers have surely encountered coverage of the trial through the tabloids, which have predictably rendered it as a screenplay for the 46th chapter of "Scream." (" 'Cannibal' cop had BBQ plans for beauty," "If looks could grill!") There's been more vocal outrage over Seth McFarlane's distasteful Oscar jokes than there has been over the uncountable numbers apparently willing to think about women in the same terms as shell steaks.

An angry third wave feminist responds, saying that cannibalism is a far lower priority today than ageism, lookism, etc.

> There are so many ways that misogyny and sexism impact women's lives every day — marriage equality, equal pay, access to abortion, access to the morning after pill, ageism, lookism, I could go on and on. Feminists are screaming and yelling, blogging and tweeting, all over the Internet all day long about those issues. And even if feminists aren't standing on the UWS of Manhattan, yelling at people to sign a petition about porn, doesn't mean we don't get out in public either. Ever heard of the March For Women's Lives or SlutWalks? Ever read Racialicious or Feministing or Reproductive Health Reality Check? Instead, Bellafante patronizingly suggests in her piece, entitled "Remember Misogyny," that women today have become so complacent that we're content to let cannibals eat us all. Or something.

Although this cannibalism angle is a bit absurd, maybe Ms. Bellafante is on to something. Could it be that the issues facing women today are actually pretty trivial? Is it possible that whatever it was that motivated the 2nd wave feminists isn't even relevant any longer, and now feminists, for lack of any real problems, are resorting to getting worked up over boob jokes?

Vote Away

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I removed the login restriction on comment voting. Most readers don't comment (like 99%), and I assume they don't want to bother logging in, so there's no sense in forcing them to do so just to give a thumbs-up. I'm keeping comments for those not logged in on moderation (you get sick of waking up only to have to deal with trolls first thing in the morning), but votes are open once again.

Lesbian Hookup App Attracting Men

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Those dirty, patriarchal dogs are at it again (HT Chuck Ross)…

> The idea of men making fake profiles to browse a lesbian site might sound spurious but Exton has been surprised at the rate and extent to which this happens. “Daily, we have about five guys registering for an invite and it’s unsubstantiated but the emails have a guy’s name on them. We’ve seen fake Facebook accounts set up to try and get invites. You’ll see they set up an account yesterday, have no friends but they like Dattch and something like ‘Lesbian and bi girlies of London’. It’s amazing. The fact that people will go to that extent to try and check out gay women or convert them or meet up with them.”

She’s surprised? That’s pretty funny.

Although men who have reached a certain level of maturity probably wouldn’t bother, as they are aware of what most real lesbians look like, I can imagine teenage boys being *extremely* curious about lesbian dating apps. I’m afraid it’s a problem without a good solution, as many of these boys are one step ahead of online filters and security measures.

Frankly, I think it’s hilarious. Imagine the reaction of some hopeful lesbian when she finds out the hot, bi-curious young woman she’s been chatting up is some 15-year-old kid using his sister’s Facebook profile.

Satoshi Kanazawa: Patriarchal Surname Practices Best for Children

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Satoshi Kanazawa, who often writes on gender issues from a scientific perspective, posted an article explaining why the practice of giving children their fathers' surnames is beneficial to children:

> Marilyn vos Savant may be the most intelligent person alive in the world today, with the recorded IQ of 228, and she is a wizard when it comes to solving logical and mathematical problems in her weekly column "Ask Marilyn" in the Parade magazine. But she does get at least one biological problem wrong.
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> vos Savant advocates a social institution where all individuals – men and women – keep their last names for life, rather than women adopting their husband's last name upon marriage, and where all boys inherit their last names from their fathers and all girls inherit their last names from their mothers. That is why, as an adult, she changed her last name from Mach that she was born with (vos Savant is a descendent of the physicist Ernst Mach) to her mother's maiden name, vos Savant.
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> Patrilineal inheritance of family names, where children inherit their last names from the father, not from the mother, evolved as a social institution as one of the mechanisms to alleviate paternity uncertainty. Like all mammalian males, human fathers can never be completely certain of their paternity, but, unlike most mammalian males, they are asked to invest very heavily in their offspring. Therein lies the possibility of cuckoldry – unwittingly investing their precious limited resources in the genetic offspring of another man. Males of only a very few species in nature (humans, and many avian species) face the danger of cuckoldry because male parental investment among these species is high … Males of these few species – human fathers in particular – therefore need to be reasonably convinced that they are indeed the genetic fathers of their putative offspring before they would agree to invest heavily in them. Both nature and social institutions aid in such an effort.
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> Patrilineal inheritance of family names is another social institution that emerged to convince the fathers of their paternity, by saying (if social institutions have a vocal cord) "The baby's really yours, because it has your last name!" … Fathers are therefore expected to invest more heavily in children who bear their last names than children who bear the mother's last names, because they are more likely to be convinced of their paternity. As a result, ceteris paribus, children who inherit their last names from their fathers are expected to be more likely to survive and thrive than children who inherit their last names from their mothers. Like polyandry, the social institution of matrilineal inheritance of last names contains the seeds of its own extinction….

Kanazawa is right. Patriarchy is indeed best for children and societies that practice it. This is why matriarchal societies are always outcompeted, and eventually lose out to stronger, patriarchal societies. Feminism results in cultural and ethnic extinction for all those who practice it for an extended period of time.

Feminist Music

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I've written about feminist poetry, feminist philosophy and feminist literature. They're all pretty terrible. Not just bad, but really, painfully awful. The only way they can get people to read this garbage is to force them to do so in school.

However that isn't the worst of it. Possibly the most awful feminist creation of all is feminist music. To listen to feminist rock is to subject oneself to something akin to the death throes of a howler monkey. It is so spectacularly bad it goes beyond even being funny.

It is with this warning that I present Bikini Kill, a feminist punk band, singing the song "White Boy:"

Some lyrics:

> Lay me spread eagle out on your hill, yeah
> Then write a book bout how I wanted to die
> It's hard to talk with your dick in my mouth
> I will try to scream but the pains a little nice for me now
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> WHITE BOY…DON'T LAUGH…DON'T CRY…JUST DIE!
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> I'm so sorry if I'm alienating some of you
> Your whole fucking culture alienates me
> I can not scream from pain down here on my knees
> I'm so sorry that I think!
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> WHITE BOY…DON'T LAUGH…DON'T CRY…JUST DIE!

Sarkeesian Releases First Tropes Video

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Nine months after her wildly successful Kickstarter campaign, in which Anita Sarkeesian very effectively played the victim of dastardly men, she has finally released her first video. I like to think the scrutiny from me and other observers helped motivate her to finally release a video. Perhaps appropriately, the first video, which is 22 minutes long, concerns the “damsel in distress trope.”

Sarkeesian, who has reportedly been working for Electronic Arts, may not be entirely objective, so if any gamers notice that she is selectively criticizing games according to what company produced them please let us know. So far, as I watch the video, it appears that most of her criticism focuses on Japanese games (Electronic Arts is an American company).

Steven Slevin gets big settlement for imprisonment without trial, county officials get off the hook

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Steven Slevin, a mentally ill New Mexico man arrested in 2005 for allegedly driving drunk in a stolen car, was held in solitary confinement for two years without a hearing or trial, and without any medical or dental care. He had to pull his own tooth out at one point, he got bedsores and fungal infections, and his nails and hair grew very long. Eventually, he got lung cancer as well.

Slevin was never charged with a crime, and never tried. But he still lingered in solitary confinement for years, ignored. Perhaps his jailers were merely waiting for him to die, so they could cremate him and dump his ashes in a pauper's grave. That way he would be far cheaper to the county, after all. No defense attorney, no welfare, no housing and no medical treatment — just lock him up and shove prison food through a hole every day. Probably saved the county a couple hundred thousand dollars or so.

Slevin's settlement – 15 million dollars – was huge, but I still think the county got a break, and he'll be dead soon from his terminal cancer anyway. I'll bet if someone dug into this case, they'd find others just like it. It wouldn't surprise me at all to see that this was *policy*.

By paying off Mr. Slevin, probably largely with insurance, real criminals who denied a man liberty and due process are getting off the hook. The settlement itself is a travesty of justice. I cannot believe that this was a mere "oversight" — someone was deliberately doing this to men.

Look at the county's position:

> The county had recently offered to settle the case for $2million, according to CNN, despite previously denying there was a lack of medical care and that, as government employees, county officials deserved immunity from liability.

So now government employees and county officials should have "immunity" when they capriciously destroy men's lives? What kind of country are we living in? One set of rules for us, and another for our masters…

Sickening.

Drone Dealers Suggest Using Drones for "Domestic Violence" Scenarios

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It's odd that the drone debate has only now come up given that drones have been used domestically for quite a while. They are operated by DHS to patrol the border, and in one 2011 case a drone was used to facilitate the arrest of a North Dakota farmer for neglecting to report stray cattle to authorities.

> Court records state that last June, six cows wandered onto Brossart's 3,000 acre farm, about 60 miles west of Grand Forks. Brossart allegedly refused to return the cows, which led to a long, armed standoff with the Grand Forks police department. At some point during the standoff, Homeland Security, through an agreement with local police, offered up the use of an unmanned predator drone, which "was used for surveillance," according to the court documents.
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> Grand Forks SWAT team chief Bill Macki said in an interview that the drone was used to ensure Brossart and his family members, who were also charged, didn't leave the farm and were unarmed during the arresting raid.

So yes, drones are already being used domestically. The Brossart case cannot be the only one (cooperation between DHS and local police is well known and openly discussed in border regions), but it was ignored because he's a hick farmer, and those people don't matter in the NY Times or on network television.

However, now that urban police departments have begun to order drones, suddenly the literati are starting to talk about them. City people might find themselves being videotaped by sneaky little drones while sparking up a joint in their apartment in a vibrant neighborhood. Maybe a tryst with an underage male prostitute, ordinarily ignored by police, might be caught on tape. It's pretty scary stuff!

But never fear, Vanguard Defense Industries, manufacturer of the Shadow Hawk helicopter drone, assures us that the drones will be used for uquestionable scenarios, like domestic violence policing:

> A ShadowHawk® can maintain aerial surveillance of an area (i.e. house, vehicle, person, etc.) at 700 feet without being heard or seen unlike full sized aircraft. Imagine the advantage provided to an entry team in the following scenarios; high risk warrant, hostage rescue, domestic violence, etc.

Quite clever of the manufacturer. I'm sure the company understands that at least 51% of all citizens will support almost any violation of civil liberties and the Constitution so long as it involves "protecting women."

Nevermind the fact that spying on people suspected of domestic violence is possibly the most covenient of all excuses for violating privacy (all the police have to say is that "a neighbor reported an argument") — if it is intended to prevent violence against women it's all for the best.

The crusade against domestic violence along with the war on drugs has provided more justifications for permanently shredding constitutional rights than anything in history. Before these campaigns, only wars were used in this manner, but wars are by their nature temporary. The war on drugs and the war against domestic violence are eternal. They will never end, and they will continuously justify more intrusions into the private lives of citizens.

Taking a Breather

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Just spent the weekend with the kids, and have them again next weekend for the spring break, so I've been preparing a bit the vacation, taking care of loose ends and such. Haven't had as much time for writing, consequently.

I'll keep posting, but it might be a little light for a week or so during spring vacation, as I'll be visiting the grandparents down in California. Either way, it should be nice to post a bit from San Francisco. It's an entertaining place for children and adults alike.

So stay tuned.

Steubenville and the Resurrection of the Lynch Mob

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The rape trial of two teens in Steubenville Ohio ended yesterday with two guilty verdicts. The boys will both serve a year in juvenile detention for rape, with one to serve an additional year for child pornography. I don't know much about the particulars of the case, but neither boy took a plea, possibly because it was a juvenile case and the stakes weren't as high.

I'm not shocked by the verdict, and not particularly bothered by the sentence. Not long ago, a young man similarly convicted could face execution. In fact, one of the largest mass executions in US history was for the rape of a single woman. Before the 1970s, even minors were regularly executed for rape.

I'm sure there are plenty of people who would like to bring back the old "hang 'em high" days when those convicted of rape were routinely executed, but given the number of people convicted of sex crimes (around 750,000 in the US), that would entail so many executions these days that the crematoria couldn't handle all the corpses.

So, despite the fact that the case probably wasn't entirely straightforward, and there may been some element of responsibility on the part of the victim (there often is in crime), the verdict doesn't appear unjust. Tragic, to be sure, but not a travesty.

However, what made the case particularly awful was how it became a social media sensation from the beginning. Kids with cell phones took pictures, tweeted stupid opinions, took video and made a spectacle of the event. The public nature of the offense was shameful, to say the least. It leaves me wondering whether young Americans are even acquainted with the concept of decency.

Public sexuality of any sort is provocative. There's nothing quite like it for drawing people's attention. So, as the videos and pictures made their way around the net, a mob coalesced online, and rather than allow the court to do its work, the mob began to take justice into its own hands.

The mob knew no more about the crime than I do, and certainly far less than the town's police and prosecutor, but they howled for blood all the same. One particular online group called "knightsec" became very highly involved. A few weeks ago, I ran across some tweets from its members, some of whom were planning masked actions at courthouses in some unrelated sexual assault case. While doing so, they were discussing whether or not there were laws against wearing masks in public places in West Virginia and Ohio. It turns out that many states do indeed have such laws, enacted largely because of another, earlier group of "knights" that had a penchant for vigilante justice, very often in the context of rape.

It seems like a little bit too close of a coincidence to me that a group that formed with the intent of going after two boys, one of whom was black, for the alleged (at the time) rape of a white girl, just happens to be operating out of West Virginia and has "knight" in its title. If the connection is not a conscious one, then it says something about human nature, that is, that people respond militantly to sexual assault allegations, despite feminist nonsense to the contrary. It isn't just a white American thing, either; I recall news from the 1980s, when a mob of Chinese in Beijing murdered some African students accused of raping Chinese girls. Sectarian riots have broken out in Egypt over rape allegations. War propaganda frequently uses rape allegations to provoke anger and predispose people to violence. The list goes on and on.

However, in most cases the news doesn't get around. I wonder whether the tendency to hide the victim's identity isn't a defense against the kind of social disruption and emotion that tends to accompany publicized rape cases. It may be, but in the Steubenville case the cat got out of the bag, and an anonymous online mob began to dominate the discussion, using every lurid detail possible to create an atmosphere of outrage.

What's different about this development is that the discussion was not, in this case, firmly in the hands of feminist ideologues. Even Amanda Marcotte expressed some reservations about the involvement of the anonymous mob

(one of the few times I've agreed with her). She recognizes that control of the discourse is slipping out the hands of the select opinion molders, and knows that this is not necessarily in her interests. Rather than controlled and tied to particular talking points and feminist tropes, the reaction was primal and anarchic, and that isn't safe territory for feminists.

So, politically speaking, the Steubenville rape case and the accompanying outrage has little to do with feminism. Instead, it is an indication of some disturbing changes in our society. The appalling indecency of the teens who were involved and the lawless reaction of the mob both hint at a youth culture unmoored from a sense of order and propriety.

I've seen some effort on the part of feminists and others on the left to influence or control what is known as "anonymous." Even the SPLC wrote a report on anonymous, suggesting that it is ideologically on board with the SPLC program. Some conservatives are hostile to "anonymous," linking it to the "Occupy" movement and other leftist causes. But I think these people are all wrong.

Anonymous isn't a group so much as it is an indication of the spiritual state, or mood, of our society. It is an expression of a common feeling, which from the looks of it is primal, anarchic and nihilistic. Given the unraveling of the old America, it may be an understandable sentiment, but this is not a happy trend, and it does not bode well.

25 Year Feminist Career Ends in Flight from Law

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Jessica Carde, who began a long career of lies and swindles 25 years ago when she violated a custody agreement and fled to Washington state, is now a fugitive who jumped $150,000 bail for fraud charges.

> For decades, Jessica Carde told vicious lies, cheated and stole to get what she wanted — whether it be custody of her children or living a plush life in luxury homes without paying rent, prosecutors say.
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> People went to jail and faced bogus charges; lives were demolished while Carde came out on top time and time again. That was until last week, when a voluminous set of charging documents emerged from the King County Prosecutor's Office.
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> Last week, Carde was charged with 12 criminal counts. Prosecutors say that she's a fugitive wanted in lieu of $150,000 bail and that police are looking for her.

Carde first came to the attention of local media a couple years ago, when the Seattle Weekly published a long piece exposing her history of lies and manipulation.

Apparently, it all started with a custody battle, a kidnapping, and help from the feminist establishment in Minnesota and Washington state.

> Once back in custody in Minnesota, Carde began fund-raising. She established the Jesse & Nicki Family Defense Fund, shared her story during a brown-bag with a woman's group at the state capitol, and seemingly earned the support of Dr. Phyllis Chesler, a psychotherapist and prominent feminist who had just released a book detailing the disadvantages faced by mothers in custody battles. "Instead of criminal charges," wrote Chesler in one widely distributed fax, "Juanita and Michael's efforts to protect their children deserve to be regarded as an act of love." (In an e-mail from her home in New York City, Chesler says she has no memory of meeting Carde, and writes that the signature on the fax is "forged, although it's a close approximation." All told, Hofseth estimates that Carde managed to raise $80,000 for her defense.)

After kidnapping the children, Carde accused her ex of molesting his sons, earning the support of feminists everywhere she went for having destroyed her husband's life. Back in the 1980s and 90s, feminists operated what must be regarded as criminal racketeering organizations, fraudulently obtaining funds by accusing men of being monsters, and then using those funds to aid and abet felony crimes like kidnapping.

The brazen lawlessness of it was astounding, and it helped convince Carde that her future success could be found in more lies and fraud. She subsequently cheated men in dozens of deals, several marriages and rental agreements.

For 25 years, Carde defrauded and cheated men. She had what could be called "freedom to lie," and it took a number of wrecked lives before the state finally put an end to it.

It's time to revoke women's right to lie and falsely accuse. We could start by prosecuting every feminist who perjures herself, and rounding up everyone who has helped kidnap children. Additionally, we must hold their enablers, including feminist men in media, responsible for propagating lies and shielding criminals.

Donglegate: Letting Feminists Write the Rules has Consequences

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When posting on the Ada Initiative a while ago, I wrote that people who cave in to feminist groups are responsible for creating a chilling, authoritarian environment.

> Every company, every organization and every community that submits to feminist demands should be held accountable for making the world a little less free.

So, it was no surprise to me when Adria Richards, a feminist attendee at PyCon in San Francisco, emboldened by the organization's adoption of the Ada Initiative's authoritarian feminist policy on speech, inappropriately tweeted a photo of a couple guys who made an innocuous joke about code. Her objection was so silly, so infantile and so petty that most of us would laugh at her for caring about the joke. But it turned out not to be very funny, because a father of three was fired for it.

This is bad enough, but the Ada Initiative gals who wrote up the policy that encouraged Adria Richards have been in the habit of physically threatening people at conferences — in writing! They are thugs, plain and simple. Getting men fired can only be considered a triumph from their perspective.

The most obvious villains here are Adria Richards and Andrew Yang, the owner of Playhaven who fired his employee for, essentially, nothing. But behind the scenes are people who are equally as culpable. First, the strange women behind the Ada Initiative, including Valerie Aurora, a vicious woman with serious daddy issues that appear to have left her with a pathological hatred of men in general. And next, Jesse Noller, who chairs Pycon. Mr. Noller – in his words – argued "vociferously" for a code of conduct based on a template provided by a group that hands out threats at conferences:

> By now, if you're linked in to current Python / Python Software Foundation News you know that as of November 21, 2012 the PSF now requires that all conferences it sponsors, or provides grants to (and there are many), have a code of conduct in place. The exact wording of the reslution the PSF board ratified is this:
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> > RESOLVED, that the PSF will only sponsor conferences that have or agree to create and publish a Code of Conduct/Anti Harassment guide for their conference. A basic template to work from has been generated by the Ada Initiative at http://geekfeminism.wikia.com/wiki/Conference_anti-harassment/Policy
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> Before I go much further; I'm going to state unequivocally that I am the one responsible. I proposed, argued for it, put it on the agenda and argued for it vociferously during our meeting. However, the board approved it overwhelmingly as a body with a single abstention.
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> Additionally, as you read this, do not assume anything about my personal politics, political leanings, etc. You would be wrong – trust me on that one. If you are assuming that a horrible event at a PSF / Python event triggered this, you are also wrong.

How ironic it is that a horrible event occurred *after* the short-sighted Mr. Noller implemented a feminist policy. Ironic, perhaps, but entirely predictable.

When you let feminists write the rules, you get something like our current family law regime, where men can only lose. It happens every time. In schools, in courtrooms, in companies, and now at tech conferences.

Jesse Noller was foolish to let wolves into the pasture. He should be held responsible for his lapse in judgment. Noller is to blame for a man taking the fall — it's on his head.

As for the bleating sheep who voted for his proposal, I hope they are aware of the mess they created. The best way to deal with feminists is to not deal with them. Next best is to ask them to leave. The Ada Initiative should have been banned from conferences from the moment they began issuing physical threats, but instead they were given the opportunity to write the rules. How could that possibly go wrong?

Men in our culture have to learn to say no — to tell them to take a hike. It's surprisingly easy when you get used to the idea, and you wouldn't believe how much more pleasant things can be without them around.

Notes from San Francisco

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It's nice to be back in San Francisco in March. The wet, creeping chill of Seattle, where my fingers and toes grow cold and creaky while I sit and type, despite my wearing a heavy wool coat in the house, is mercifully absent. The skies are sunny to mildly overcast, and there's usually a nice breeze coming off the sea to keep it all comfortably cool.

In Chinese, San Francisco is known as Jiu Jin Shan, which translates to "Old Gold Mountain," and that isn't too far off the mark today. The city is awash in wealth. So much so that the happy-go-lucky homeless make an easy living digging through trash, unlike my damp, dripping, left-fascist hometown, where we have a more desperate, angry and severe sort of street poverty. I chatted with a couple street folks outside a liquor store (surprisingly friendly sorts), and one little fellow who looked like a gay leprechaun told me he found $2,500 after rummaging through a bag that flew out of a limousine window. I had no reason to suspect him of deliberate exaggeration, but it's possible his math was off by at least one zero (or maybe not).

It may surprise some readers, but San Francisco isn't really that "gay." Or perhaps it is, but it isn't quite so militant about it as Seattle. It has a live and let live attitude that is both refreshing and liberating. It's like, "whatever you say, man…"

Culturally speaking, San Francisco is the top city on the West Coast of North America. Perhaps on the West Coast of all of the Americas, actually. People from all over the Americas, Europe and Asia fit right in. For me, it's a playground of sorts. Excellent Chinese restaurants that serve a half day's worth of food for $5, Slavic delis with the best sausage you'll find west of Chicago, laid back Irish pubs — you name it. Of course, I'd like most of America to stay downhome American, but a few port cities like San Francisco are a great addition to our country, and aren't much of a threat to the wider culture as opposed to, say, mass importation of peons for cheap labor.

The city is also a great place to take kids. The cable cars, trolleys, ferries, bridges and other infrastructure are lots of fun for little boys and girls. The people themselves can also be quite entertaining. Even the fat sea lions down at the wharf put on a show for the kids.

Other differences from the Northwest include the size of the people (they are smaller and thinner in San Francisco), the looks of the women (better), and the real philosophical tolerance that is lacking further north.

There's a very different quality to the leftism one finds in places like San Francisco. It isn't based so much on forcing compliance as it is in more northerly climes, where it takes on notes of Puritanism. Instead, there's more of a lackadaisical approach to life, and an easygoing attitude that accommodates more people. It is liberal in the true sense of the word, which isn't to say it's perfect, but it is far more tolerable than the stifling, narrow and totalitarian forms of leftism that prevail in the northern power centers of the United States.

I think this is a distinction men must make. There's liberalism, and then there's left-fascism. The former is far, far preferable to the latter. So, when criticizing (real) liberals, keep in mind that in many cases they are the lesser evil, including when compared to some forms of misandrist conservatism.

That said, I'm perfectly happy to recommend San Francisco to men with the time and money to take a trip there. It's easy for me, because I have family in SF and a place to stay for free, but lodging can be quite pricey. That's really the only serious drawback to the city for visitors.

I'd suggest men take a tour of the ethnic neighborhoods, including little Russia on Geary (very impressive Russian Orthodox cathedral on 25th and Geary), the North Beach Italian neighborhood, and Chinatown. Chinatown can be a little intimidating for many non-Chinese, because it's a lot like being in China proper, but if you think of it that way and don't expect it to be anything like a typical American town it's a lot of fun.

For those who want to meet local girls, I wouldn't discourage them as San Francisco girls are pretty, thin and

feminine by American standards, but if you want to mingle with the hot ones you're going to have to go to bars that charge $15 per drink (that's how the filter works in big cities), so be prepared for some cash outlay simply for the privilege of being in their vicinity.

They Are All Adria Richards Now

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Twitter, which “explodes” every 36 hours over each new outrage meme, has become a violent, expanding gas over the Adria Richards affair. By all accounts, it is something with the force of a thousand Hiroshimas. Not since the Oberlin KKKarnival have we seen such wailing and pulling of hair *From Around the Web*. Unfortunately for my insatiable attention-whoring needs, Bill Price is off on yet another work/life balance hiatus and can’t publish this priceless essay before the meme cycle expires. By the time you are reading this the PyCon row will have been depleted of click-traffic value, milked for all it’s worth by the usual suspects who you can count in the coming week to drum up another example of man’s inhumanity to women, and the cycle will start anew. I intend to profile this phenomenon in an upcoming Spearhead essay titled *Femininst Web Sites Costing Businesses, Taxpayers Billions*.

As I traveled back east last week, I saw Sheryl Sandberg’s angry mug touting Equality World from every airport video screen. Fortuitously her voice was drowned out by the ubiquitous chorus of screaming black chicks, which Encorpera seems to think must provide background ambience (along with Kenny Rogers) to my every shopping or travel experience. When I departed the hotel I stepped on a free copy of “USA Today”, which featured a full-page photo of a tactical woman fording a river under weight of a gigantic rucksack and M-16, her “jungle pattern” face heroically breaking the surface in a special ops photo-op that would make John Rambo blush with envy. They say women can be infantry soldiers these days. Then, on return home I stupidly got on the internet and become enthralled with the latest gender debacle.

I’ll get to the point : The biggest threat to women who actually work in tech are the Women in Tech. As an example mentioned in my recent examination of self-emergent feminist parody, the Richards affair has blossomed from a heartwarming story about a self-appointed busybody and professional victim to a tragic tale and teaching moment over online bullying.

When a man masters something, he tends to take risks with it. From this coupling of mastery and risk comes innovation. Females can exhibit the same traits, such as a figure skater pushing the performance envelope; her juxtaposition of graceful beauty perched on eminent risk is compelling and irresistible. However, men are more prone to gambling their futures, while women are more prone to securing their futures. These traits are complimentary in functional societies.

All men want to kneecap you. But only men, and only a small fraction of them, take the risks that drive innovation and industry. These alpha-innovators will utilize you to suit their needs, and from this symbiotic predator-prey fundamental, cauldrons of co-worker perfidy emerge as the lesser betas bicker over the gravy train.

Having worked in tech for 30 years now, I have met plenty of sharp gals who could code circles around me, make more pragmatic decisions, and generally be more pleasant to work with than my constant nemesis : fellow male competitors. The easiest of those women seemed to have good, or at least strong, relations with fathers and brothers. They have witnessed their own brothers getting stomped in life, and don’t seize every opportunity to impale men over their minor, daily screw-ups. They can be quietly efficient and have a gift for pointing out some solution or doing it for you.

Which brings us to the “PyCon” imbroglio. For every charming female co-worker just described, working men must endure the Adria Richards in their many guises. We all know her! This episode has become an extreme, iconic example of the feminist poisoning of Encorpera’s waters. Literally a caricature of everything that has gone wrong in American industries and why, when Obama inflicts Title IX on engineering schools, our competitiveness in technical innovation will pass once and for all, overseas.

For women working in tech this should be a loud “wake-up call”. It appears the dam has burst this time and men across the technical spectrum are finally confessing the truth instead of parroting the party line out of fear of removal. Rather than beat men at their own game and winning their respect, there is a steady pipeline of female

complainants ready to wield their special powers of victimization to best their male rivals, or in their words, “what’s fair and equal”. It has cast a darker pall across the work-world savannah, and men are recoiling from their female colleagues to avoid being drawn and quartered over some unauthorized “micro-aggression”. Between men though, the mood has taken an ominous turn. Women in tech are now less likely to find champions and advocates among men who are awakening to the cold fact that female co-workers are just more competition with an extra set of tools in their arsenal.

Men are starting to Lean Out.

Sheryl Sandberg Harnessing the Hamster Wheel

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Kate Losse, writing for Dissent Magazine about Sheryl Sandberg's "Lean In" style of workplace feminism, wonders whether a feminism that is all about monetizing every aspect of life is beneficial for women in general:

> Lean In begins with an introduction called "Internalizing the Revolution," and like Zuckerberg's 2007 F8 speech it aims to redefine what revolution means. Sandberg's revolution is not asking corporations to renovate their operations to eliminate sexism. Rather, revolution in Lean In is a battle to restructure the self.
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> Sandberg's language in this chapter, while directed at women, recalls and even replicates the language deployed at Facebook to push its employees to work harder. At Facebook, the offices are festooned with posters that read things like "Be Bold," "Move fast and break things," "Done is better than perfect," and "What would you do if you weren't afraid?" Facebook's corporate imperative to move quickly and gain influence over more people, figured in a Formula One vocabulary of speed and victory, is repeated in Sandberg's writing. "When more people get in the race, more records will be broken," and, "Don't put on the brakes. Accelerate. Keep your foot on the gas pedal."
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> Life is a race, Sandberg is telling us, and the way to win is through the perpetual acceleration of one's own labor: moving forward, faster. The real antagonist identified by Lean In then is not institutionalized discrimination against women, but women's reluctance to accept accelerating career demands.

There's something of the herd animal in every human, but in women it's particularly pronounced. This is why there's something evil about pushing women to sacrifice their self-interests on the basis of some trend, or so that a few people can reap profits from it (e.g. divorce). And by its nature, this corporate rat race can only reward the few; most women (along with most men) don't have what it takes to be corporate captains of finance like Sheryl Sandberg, and will end up with the short end of the stick.

Men tend to understand this, and when men had political clout they crafted a compromise whereby the majority of men, who had no desire to devote their lives entirely to work, were compensated fairly for their time. Women's liberation played a big part in destroying this compromise, but it's gone even farther now. As more young men are dropping out of contention, discouraged by the enormous pressures of modern family life and the puny to nonexistent rewards most get for sacrificing themselves to a company, companies are pushing women to take their place. Rather than a triumphant movement toward equality, it smells of desperation to me: if you can't find enough boys to be suckers for "the man" you turn to the women.

Sheryl Sandberg is a taskmaster who drives her underlings to great sacrifice through manipulation, ambiguous promises and poorly defined ideals. She's the kind of boss who'd be perfectly happy if her female workers gave her their entire reproductive lives, only to end up desperate and childless in middle age. For all the anger some conservatives display toward players and PUAs, these guys are only taking advantage of a situation they didn't create or ask for, but these same middle-class conservatives who hate players, by encouraging their daughters to get on the career track right out of high school, frequently push their daughters right into the arms of a corporate surrogate husband, all but guaranteeing they'll have a fruitless sex life during their prime reproductive years.

In the end, the feminist demands about the workplace are just a reaction to their greatly diminished status as women. They've sold their femininity for a paycheck, and in most cases a pretty meager one. It's going to be a bitter harvest in coming years for many, many women, and the new, "empowered" feminism of the corporate world is largely responsible for creating this problem.

Mission Dolores — a Sad Little Foray

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Photo of Women's Building by SanFranAnnie

Yesterday, I thought I'd go check out the Mission district in San Francisco, as I'd never been there before on foot and wanted to try some San Francisco-style Mexican food. Furthermore, my grandma used to live there as a young woman back in the 1930s, so I thought it might be nice to spend some time on the same streets she'd walked so long ago.

I caught the number 33 bus and headed over the hill through a very nice neighborhood with stunning views, then descended into the Eureka Valley, passing through the Castro. I got off the bus across the street from the impressive Mission Dolores High School, which faces Dolores Park, and headed down 18th toward Valencia.

Just a block or two down the street, I noticed a sign sticking out in front of me that said "Women's Building," and naturally this aroused my curiosity. There was a group of feminist-looking women hanging out in front of a large, multi-storey building attached to the sign, and one of them, who looked like a 30-something New Yorker, had a familiar look about her, as though I've seen her face on some writer profile somewhere or other. She glared at me suspiciously, but having already seen the mural that festooned the building, I couldn't help but smile with repressed laughter.

The Women's Building is graced with one of the most hideous, comically grotesque murals I've ever seen. Painted in 1994, the Maestra Peace Mural depicts women of diverse ethnicities in various states of self-satisfaction. The style is reminiscent of both Soviet era and 1960s "Age of Aquarius" art, drawing to some extent from socialist realism, but also from New Age, and possibly stylized Aztec paintings as well. It depicts, among other things, oceans flowing out from between a pregnant woman's legs, a Masai woman who looks like Mr. T, handicapped women frolicking together, and so on. The painters squeezed as many ethnicities as possible into the mural, and a number of utopian themes.

After taking several photos of the mural, I continued on my way to the Mission, still marveling at the scene. I mused that the building may be one of the world headquarters of feminism – it appeared every bit the feminist cathedral, if not the Vatican – and determined to look up its origins later.

The Mission was a bit of a disappointment. Apparently, the area has "gentrified," so the Mexican character of the neighborhood has declined significantly. Nevertheless, I found myself a little taqueria called "Taqueria La Cumbre," which bills itself as the home of the Mission-style burrito. Not a bad place as far as Mexican restaurants go, but a little pricey, as the clientele is mostly Anglo. Usually, when I eat foreign food, I try to find a place where the ethnicity of the clientele matches the cuisine. That's how you get the best deals and most genuine food. I'm sure Californians will find it a bit amusing that anyone could see authentic Mexican food as foreign or exotic by now, but for those of us up in the north woods it still is to a large extent.

After having my fill of the Mission district, I turned back onto 18th and headed toward the Castro to see what all the fuss was about.

The Castro is marked territory these days. You can tell exactly where it begins and ends by rainbow flags that stand along the streets, including the largest rainbow flag I've ever seen flying above Harvey Milk Plaza. It's actually a pretty small neighborhood, smaller than the gay enclave in Seattle, although perhaps it is more specifically gay than Seattle's Capitol Hill/Pike Pine corridor. It's a desirable little neighborhood from a real estate perspective, tucked away in a little valley right off Market that provides easy access to downtown. The houses are of the Victorian style common to San Francisco, and fairly well-maintained.

However, it isn't exactly what one might expect from all the hype. The average age of a Castro resident looks to be somewhere around 50; it is not particularly young. In this way, the neighborhood is kind of pathetic. Basically, you

have a lot of middle-aged and older gay men trying to keep appearances up. I suppose they do a better job than straight men on average, but there's something sad about that level of vanity in mature men. I will say, though, that what the neighborhood lacks in children and youths, it somewhat makes up for in very stylish little dogs, which are quite common in the Castro.

After heading back and seeing the kids to bed, I looked up the San Francisco Women's Building for some background on my discovery, and found that the building was probably highly relevant to my own family history. So much so, that it may be responsible for my very existence.

It turns out that the building is the old San Francisco Sons of Norway lodge, formerly named Dovre Hall after the Dovre Mountains of Norway, and it was sold to a feminist collective in 1979. Several decades before that, my grandmother, as a young woman, moved from Seattle to live in San Francisco. Her father was a member of the Sons of Norway in Seattle, and helped build the old Seattle lodge. I have little doubt that my grandmother found friends and a place to stay through the Sons of Norway, which was an important resource for the Norwegian immigrant community in the early 20th century. Perhaps she chose to live in the Mission because it was near the lodge, and was a center of San Francisco's Norwegian community at the time.

Finding the building helped fill in a bit of family history for me, but it also evokes some sadness to see that what a fraternal order ran for the benefit of family and community all those years ago was sold off to a group dedicated to destroying and dismantling family and community in the name of an impossible utopian ideal. What a sad little microcosm of our society.

Antifeminism Might Become Illegal in the Nordic Countries

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By Henry Laasanen

The Nordic Council has received recommendations from the expert panel to forbid antifeminist speech in the Nordic countries (Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and Norway).

The "Expert panel" was full of radical feminists and profeminist men.

The report is written in the Nordic languages (except Finnish) and some parts in English.

In the report antifeminist speech and right-wing extremist hate speech towards immigrants are treated as a part of the same movement.

MRM is labeled as part of right-wing extremism.

The report has an English summary (page 35).

1. Antifeminist Threats and Harassment must be made Illegal (We recommend that the Nordic governments ensure that threats and harassment on the basis of gender are made illegal. Hate speech online must be prosecuted similarly to hate speech in other public spheres.)
2. Low threshold services for reporting threats and Harassment must be established (We recommend that the Nordic governments establish a low threshold service for reporting antifeminist and extremist threats and harassment.)
3. Annual national surveys of anti-feminism must be implemented.
4. Research on anti feminism must be prioritized.
5. Increasing equality and anti-discrimination requires the change to Masculinist standards
6. Measures to aid marginalized men and boys should be implemented.
7. Anti-feminism should be part of the Equality officers' activity area.
8. The press must take care of their responsibilities against antifeminism (The media must ensure that it has the competence to meet extreme actors without legitimising them or their opinions. Editors of online comments' fields have a special responsibility to ensure that their users are not made targets of threats and harassment, and that xenophobic and antifeminist sentiments are not fuelled or legitimised.)
9. Cooperation on antifeminism between countries and groups must continue.
10. Interdisciplinary Nordic anti-feminist conference should be conducted.

Point number 8 interesting: "*Editors of online comments' fields have a special responsibility to ensure that… xenophobic and antifeminist sentiments are not fuelled or legitimised.*" The expert panel wants to treat MRM same as racist hate speech, and Editors of the media must obey.

I am described in the report

Finnish gender researcher (and feminist) Katariina Mäkinen describes me (Henry Laasanen) in the report this way (Page 34).

> To illustrate the importance of what we do, I will talk briefly about the views of one of the most profiled Finnish antifeminists. He claims to be a gender researcher, runs five different blogs, and claims to be a spokesperson for men with a low status in society. His blogs are explicitly antifeminist and misogynist, and he is contributing to normalizing hatred towards feminism and women. In particular, he argues that women's sexuality gives them power over men, and draws on well-known theories about sexual capital to back up his

> arguments. Serious gender research is taken out of context and ridiculed.

> This blogger is regularly interviewed in the press, and there are several readers who believe that he is indeed a scholar and that his unscientific theories are valid.

I don't have any connections to extreme right or to the social conservatism, but I am treated as a part of right wing extremism with Anders Breivik etc.

How the report will be received in Finland?

Finland is ruled by the state feminism. In the equality politics feminists have total hegemony and politicians have no guts oppose feminists, because opposing feminism could end their career and label them as misogynists.

It's entirely possible, that expert panel's recommendations will be taken granted in the Nordic countries.

Feminist strategy: connect MRM to the extreme right

In the Finland we have only the liberal MRM organization, called "Men's Equality". Organization has no right wing or conservative opinions. In spite of that, feminists and left wing multiculturality praising researchers desperately want to connect finish MRM to extreme right wing.

Feminist strategy here in Finland is to connect MRM to the right extremism and to the social conservatives, because they are the "official" bad boys.

It doesn't matter, how many times finish MRA says, that we are more of an ultra liberal kind than the conservative kind.

I have read tens of times in the internet, that "*I want to go back to 50's*" and "*I want my wife to stay home*" in the traditional way. The truth is, personally I am for the MGTOW and for the PUA ideologies and I have no intentions of going back to the old gender roles.

Articles via Google translate

Want to make the anti-feminist harassment offense

Suggestion: Make it a criminal offense to criticize feminism

Censorship of feminism criticism

Anti Feminism and gender criticism?

Discussion in the Reddit.

Most Gender Equal Place in America: Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

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I recently came across a Forbes article pointing out the most "unfair" places in the US for women. These kinds of articles show how absolutely removed from reality the feminists have become, so I looked up some data myself to find what might be the most fair place for women by pay gap standards. But first let's take a look at the most "unfair" place for women.

Given that it has the highest median household income in the US, you might think Stamford Connecticut is a great place to live. But this is not so; according to Forbes magazine it is an awful, unfair place for its poor women, who make an average of only about $64,000.

> At No. 1, the most unfair city to be a working woman in America, or the city where women earn just 54 cents for every dollar earned by men, is Stamford, Connecticut. Women in this metro earn an average of $63,553 annually while their boyfriends, husband and brothers pull in nearly $120,000…

The women of Stamford must be suffering terribly from the inequality.

On the other end of the fairness scale, located in the Badlands of South Dakota, we have Shannon County, which lies entirely within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where the vanquished Sioux Indians were corraled following the shameful 1890 massacre at Wounded Knee, which marked their utter defeat and the final destruction of their way of life.

According to Cecilia Fire Thunder, the first female president of the Pine Ridge Reservation, there is some sexism in Pine Ridge, but it is meaningless, because women utterly dominate the economy:

> "There are some people in the community who want me to fail because I am a woman. But they have to understand that 68 percent of the college graduates on the reservation are women. Seventy percent of the jobs are held by women. Over 90 percent of the jobs in our schools are held by women."

Fire Thunder was impeached two months before the end of her two year term for trying to open an abortion clinic in Pine Ridge. For those who might be confused by this, abortion was typically considered a crime against the tribe in traditional Plains Indian law (i.e. law that existed before US dominance of the region).

In Shannon County, women make $1.11 for every dollar men make, which must mean it's a great place to be a woman, right?

Well, if you consider utter despair, third world living conditions, pervasive substance abuse, a woefully short average lifespan of 48 years for men (!) and 52 for women, infant mortality 5 times the national average and 80% unemployment to be tolerable, maybe so…

Surely, it must be a better place than Stamford, Connecticut, where the poor women suffer from the surfeit of rich, healthy, employed and comfortable men in their community.

I have yet to see feminists explain why the places with the highest income disparity between men and women are characterized by wealth, comfort and health, whereas those places where the women outearn men are invariably dumps inhabited only by those too hapless and defeated to leave.

Do feminists want the US to be more lke Pine Ridge in general, or more like Stamford? I'm not sure they can answer that question, because they have neither the knowledge nor inclination. All they care about is that they, personally, aren't making as much as that guy in a suit they see at the local café. As for the rest of us, it doesn't matter.

This is why nobody with any sense should listen to feminists when it comes to policy that affects our communities, cities, states and countries. They are worse than useless; they are selfish, destructive people.

Finally, I'd like to suggest something that could dramatically improve the lives of the Lakota Sioux in Pine Ridge: take some of those federal grants for women that go to employ upper middle class female college grads and allocate the funds to jobs for men in Pine Ridge. Surely, feminists can't object to that, can they?

Price Drop on AlphaSmart NEO

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Is now the time to get one of these babe magnets?

What do you get when you cross a camera with a computer?

A computer.

Back in the old days you could operate any camera built before 1990. The paradigm of subject, lens, and image relationships governed by F-stop, shutter speed, and film type were an easily understood and universal user interface. During the early years of digital cameras this user-interface model became fragmented as silicon imaging systems required different control signals to function. Camera makers eventually returned to the simpler approach of the mechanical era and added audible “shutter” sounds and simpler menus.

Often my wife pulls out her “smart phone” and hands it to me to get an image. Usually the thing goes nuts when I touch it, as the glass interface responds to my sweaty fingers by flipping and spinning the image view, shutting on and off, or dropping into some confused sub-menu until she corrects it for me. I spend a large part of my time working with specialized camera and video systems. The last thing I want to do in my off time is become acquainted with some appliance’s idiot user interface as I often have to decipher some computeroid nonsense on the job.

On a positive note though, digital imaging is a boon from the production side of photography, having unshackled us from the darkroom and the exorbitant film, paper, and development costs.

This ubiquitous soft-menu user interface on all our products is now a major selling point, as seen in car commercials that extol the virtue of the console display with “MP3” and internet connectivity. Recently I visited back east and “upgraded” my rental car to a Lincoln SX, which was enjoyable enough but one wonders the cost of replacing the specialized computer display or sensors when the car starts getting old.

So I spend much of my day on a computer running CAD, scientific, and physics codes, along with text editors and of course, the open pipeline to the information sewer. The internet provides me an exact template to match my inner angst, always ready to serve up exactly the swill I need and cleverly able to pull me back in if I stay away or have thoughts of more worthwhile activities like enjoying the sunset or going for a walk. As I work at home most of the time it is a real challenge to stay focused. (Often, instead of getting up and interacting with the physical world, I post assinine comments on various websites to satisfy some small-minded urge to draw attention to myself. As proof that the internet creates a self-emergent false identity, after some work at trolling I had developed a following; a virtual population of imaginary friends. This has lead to an even more confused and fragmented reality than any of my previous incarnations.)

Many times in my work I need to write a lot, such as when developing technical proposals to keep the work pipeline filled. Of course I use MS Word, and every time I put together a proposal I swear it will be the last time I use Word as the final editing tool. I am not going to knock Word, it has its strengths, but free-flow narrative development is not one of them (for me anyway). There are some tools like WriteRoom that attempt to provide distraction-free writing. But the PC or laptop we all use to host word processors exacerbates the problem through the distractions of it’s bootup/shutdown cycle, the operating system and the internet. Generally it’s a clutter that slowly drives you mad. It never fails that when I am writing a proposal I end up wasting a lot of energy fighting Word and the PC. Mind you, those tools are great for producing publication-quality work, but content is King, and the ability to generate compelling wordplay trumps slick formatting. Combining these disparate qualities however can make for an irresisteable proposal. Or so it seems until it inevitably gets rejected.

The AlphaSmart NEO

This may seem like an unusual subject for the Spearhead. Reason I am doing this is because I use one of these a lot

and would hate to see it go out of production. My fears were heightened when they recently dropped the price to $120, which may be due to getting battered by the various tablet/keyboard products emerging. If you are trying to improve your writing output this machine would be worth far more to you than the current price.

In a nutshell this device is just a good, solid keyboard with display and memory. There is no operating system and no internet connectivity. You turn it on, and 3 seconds later you are in your document. Turn it off, put it away, then repeat on your next writing opportunity or inspiration. It performs one function extremely well : writing production. To transfer your work to the PC just plug in the USB cable, hit the “Send” key and it pumps your words into whatever app you are running, such as your favorite text editor or even your blog site. It also has a file manager applet for quick transfer, as well as an IR interface for wireless connection to the PC.

This thing will run over 700 hours on 3 AA batteries. That is a solid month of operation, or about a year of normal use! You could take this thing overseas and write a novel without ever needing to charge it or replace batteries. It is lightweight and stashes easily, yet stout enough to make you feel like Hank Chernaski hunched over a classic Royal typewriter.

The display is minimal but very readable in direct sunlight. I tend not to look at the display much when I write anyway, though the keyboard has some rudimentary word processing function so you can navigate your text. The minimal display conserves battery power, which is also why it doesn’t have any external memory ports for a flash drive. The NEO has a cousin called the “Dana” which has a larger display and can take a SD card for backups, but requires a little more battery power to operate. I picked up a Dana off ebay for less than $60 (4 years ago) and eventually ordered a new Neo for about $250.

A couple other uses I have made for the Neo. I use it during important meetings at Encorpera to capture the discussion instead of scibbling on a notepad, and the thing is so much more masculine than a laptop or some fruity display device. Another use is to take it on travel with my laptop and a nice solid trackball similiar to my office arrangement, as it functions like an ordinary keyboard. Can fit it in my rolling computer-luggage easily. Other folks have used it as a keyboard for their iPad or “smartphones”.

If you are going “trekking” in any fashion and want to record your experiences or do attempt serious writing during your travels, you cannot beat the Neo. (While you are at it leave the camera at home so you can experience your travels instead of trying to get an awesome shot of every damn thing you see. But that’s the subject for another essay.)

I probably have not impressed on you how much this device can improve your writing, while allowing you to do it from anywhere for any length of time. The simplicity of not waiting for the machine to boot up, or charging batteries, or getting distracted by the operating system or internet, and simply being able to start writing instantaneously is very gratifying and helps you focus on …writing.

Neo owners like to take photos of their keyboard in exotic locales though, and to help convince you to get online right now and order one, I found some great Neo shots *From Around the Web* that provide a glimpse of the essential Neo experience.

This being The Spearhead, I will have to start with this great shot by Kees van Leijenhorst. Notice the classic photo-composition with the main subjects arranged in an eye-pleasing pyramid; the gentleman higher in the frame exuding wisdom to the adoring young lady, and the natural visual flow to the stylish Neo olive-green case. A very compelling image. You can understand now the true meaning of the name *Alpha*Smart, because women are drawn to a Neo man like a magnet. You are likely to get approached by hot women at the coffeeshop who will show a keen interest in your rugged paleo word machine.

“Thank God, there’s an American AlphaSmart Neo in the house, with all the characters in place. It easily connects to the Mac via a USB cable. This did the trick, and surely made her day… ”

Now judge for yourself : which of these guys screams “beta” and which one has that “alpha” smirk?

Kees has some other excellent shots :

"An AlphaSmart Neo and an ash tray –what else does a man need?"

"As astute observers will notice, focus is on the almost finished glass of Campari. That's wrong, obviously, but I'm afraid I was preoccupied with Campari shortage –my Neo still had 60%…"

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Our next Neo aficiando, Wade Shepard, may be of interest to Spearhead readers as he is traveling the world and writing about it using his Neo :

"This is a photo of my writing on an Alphasmart Neo while in camp in Hvalfjordur, Iceland. Work doesn't get much better than this."

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Next up is Doug Nienhuis, who took his Neo on a bike tour of the Philppines.

"Neo on the table in Taytay, Palawan, Philippines"

"AlphaSmart Neo in Sabang, Palwan, Philippines"

A guy calling himself "Oldwoodchuck" poses with his Dana :

"The Old Woodchuck was on Star Island for a week recently, and one of the things that you do there is to paint/sketch/photograph the lighthouse on neighboring White Island."

"Tintagel Castle, and the Woodchuck is waiting for the fret, or sea mist, to burn off and is making some notes. A comfortable place, but if I lean back a bit, it will be Le Morte d'Marmot that we'll be reading, not Le Morte d'Arthur."

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Frederic Durbin has a nice spread showing his day in Frick Park with his Neo :

“I stayed in the park for about five hours on Monday and turned out 1,846 words. That’s not spectacular; I was writing a slower section that’s moving into the next point of tension. But it’s spectacular for a day when I thought I’d be working the paper line at my job”

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Brian Byrne has taken his Neo to a few remote places :

“Well, I have used my Alphasmart in some interesting places, 5,000 metres up in the Andes, on top of a glacier in Iceland, over the Great Barrier Reef, the Coliseum in Rome as just a few. This latest was at a unique event, the final inshore race of the 2011/2012 Volvo Ocean Race, out on a small boat in the middle of the whole thing on Galway Bay.”

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Here’s a nice shot from somewhere in the Philippines, but the guy’s web link is broken :

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One last link to Brian Hollar's Neo review, which has some good links of its own, and finally, a link to AlphaSmart's Neo site itself. Tell 'em Elmer sent you.

Bad For Business: Everyone Has An "Adria Richards Story"

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"Live by the tweet; get fired by the tweet…. if it's offensive, try first to ignore it."
-Stuart Schneiderman

By now the name of one Ms. Adria Richards hardly needs any introduction; over the past week, the Internet has been aflame with her exploits, most notably her actions taken in a moment of outrage over two fellow tech conference attendees making what she interpreted to be sexist, even misogynistic jokes while sitting behind her (even though one of the gents – a certain "Mr. Hank" who wound up getting fired – has insisted that nothing he or his bud were joking about was of a sexual nature, and has in fact turned out to be nothing short of a true gentleman in the wake of his fate). Her actions – which included snapping a picture via her camera phone without the consent of the putative offenders and then posting it to her Twitter account along with her own running commentary – has led to at least one man being fired from his job. But by then, the story had not just gone viral – it went pandemic – and before the week would be out, Ms. Richards would also find herself out of a job, as the former "Dev Evangelist" for the tech outfit SendGrid, not just for the way in which she handled the Donglegate affair, but because she has proven to be the very divisive force she was hired to address.

I've been following the events of the Adria Richards story as best I can over the past few days, and to be sure, there are many takes on what went down, what it all means and how things will or should "change" moving ahead. For my money, perhaps the most comprehensive take was posted by a tech insider and someone who knows Ms. Richards fairly well, but I leave that to my readers to decide for themselves.

While one can speculate as to why the Adria Richards story has caught virtual fire in the media, for me it seems rather simple – that despite the unneccesarily ugly actions of some online – making rape/death threats to Ms. Richards, "DDOSing" her former employer and so forth, there is a very real reason as to why the backlash against Ms. Richards' actions was so fierce and enormous.

It's because we all know an Adria Richards. I know I've encountered one.

We all know of Women/Feminists like Adria Richards – someone who has a perpetual chip-on-the-shoulder attitude, constantly looking for instances to be "offended" and never missing an opportunity to lecture others about how they should behave, regardless as their her own actions (please note that Ms. Richards, for example, tweeted about using a "big sock" at the very conference she took issue with Mr. Hank and his buddy). These are Women/Feminists who see themselves as striking a blow against the Patriarchy – and in this case, against "institutional racism", too – keep in mind, that Ms. Richards has referred to herself as the Joan of Arc of our times (!) – a bigger conceit, is harder to conceive.

The real story here – one that everyone knows but fears of speaking about openly – is of the over-reach of the Adria Richards' of the world; how they so willfully break the rules and bully others in a perverted attempt to make the world a better place. Nor is this something that is confined just to the workplace; we've seen it before.

For example, consider the Nice Guys of OKCupid fiasco, late last year – Feminists, like Ms. Richards, took it upon themselves to create a Tumblr which featured the profiles of self-professed "nice guys" lamenting their lovelorn fates. Because there was some of the guys who used what said Outraged Feminists considered to be sexist/misogynist/racist statements, said Feminists felt justified in potentially breaking the law in "outing" them, not paying attention to the fact that some innocent guys got caught up in the dragnet as well. And to be sure, there were quite a few in the media, who defended these outraged ladies' actions – Hugo Schwyzer was one; the good folks over at Jezebel another. Thank God one person, in the form of Ms. Joanna Schroeder, saw fit to speak out against the abuse and downright bullying that was taking place over the Nice Guys of OKCupid incident. Too bad, that to date and as far as I can tell, no one of her caliber in the online media, has joined in with her.

In another story, a few years back, another intrepid Feminist decides to snap a picture of a Man (without his

knowledge or consent, of course) supposedly relieving himself on a subway platform some distance from her, as prima facie evidence of street harassment (according to the writer, the Man in question was masturbating as a result of her presence). Jezebel ran the piece, and from what I can tell, nothing came of the matter. But the precedent was made, and if you're anything like me, you tend to take notice of patterns of behavior. In all three instances, Feminists took it upon themselves to be judge, jury and executioner, using social media to "try" the supposed offenders, and ginning up a Digital Mob in dealing with said supposed offenders. If anything even aping something like this was done by Men – and God forbid, straight White ones – we'd never hear the end of it.

This ain't funny so don't you dare laugh, but the truth is that we truly have entered the 1984 Era – one where Crimethink is a very real thing, and carries with it very real consequences. We've kicked First Amendment ideals and the principles of tolerance that has made the Western world the unprecedented success it is to the curb, and put in their place an Orwellian web of arcane and draconian protocols that are inscrutable to decipher, impossible to satisfy and ultimately ruinous for everyone in the longrun. And all in the name of "social justice".

As a Black Man, one who has either witnessed or experienced things far and away more "offensive" than that which any of these ladies have per their kerfuffles above, I have to say that I am deeply saddened to read and hear of how my fellow African Americans have responded to the Adria Richards debacle. I wonder, how would Jackie Robinson, or Hank Aaron, or Willie Mays, or Roberto Clemente, would have reacted to such things – Black Men who faced, daily, death threats, racial slurs and out and out, in your face racism, inside the clubhouse and out in the stands? The historical record says, that they handled it like true champions, for in the end, everyone loves a winner.

That's the attitude I take in my own life. I've won over hardened bigots, not by threats of burnin' the mutha down, but by proving, consistently, that not only could I do the job, but I was one of the best that ever did it. Having a thick skin and channeling equal parts Sidney Poitier and George Jefferson when needed, has taken me far in life.

When the dust settles, the record will show that what Ms. Richards has done will have done much more harm than good insofar as the "cause" of Blacks and Women are concerned. Whites and others, will see this as yet another example in a long chain of examples that don't make the paper or the Internet, of folks who are constantly looking to be aggrieved, offended, to exact some measure, not of justice, but of revenge, on others in a pitiful attempt to assauge personal demons and paper over personal and professional deficiencies. This, of course, severely damages Blacks and Women who are indeed, very good at what they do and don't feel the need to haul out Al Sharpton or stage a boycott/protest everytime somebody says something silly. As a result, our society will become more and more separate; what MLK called a "negative peace", will continue to ensue. Ms. Richards' actions are the final nail in the coffin of the good will African Americans have squandered over the past half a century – that we've gone from Jackie Robinson, to Adria Richards. Oh, how far have we fallen.

The Empress has no clothes.

Now adjourn your arses…

The Obsidian

Happy Easter!

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One of my favorite subtexts of the Easter story is the devotion of Mary Magdalene, who kept a vigil at her Lord's tomb, and thereby became the first witness to the Resurrection.

I don't see it as a specifically Christian message, but rather a universal one: the woman, regardless of her background or past, can attain holiness through selfless love and devotion. I hope some day that our own errant women can follow Mary Magdalene's example.

Keeping it Real

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I've received some suggestions to meet up with people IRL, and although I've never been averse to the idea, it's kind of a hassle given that readers are scattered across the globe. However, it turns out that there are a number of local readers, and it would be nice to meet up for some good old fashioned comradery and socializing.

I'd be happy to get together with people in the Seattle area for good conversation and fellowship, so I thought I'd throw the idea out there. However, for starters I don't think politics should be the first order of business. Instead, simply hanging out to have a good time and get to know each other ought to be the first priority.

I like the idea of spending some time in a relaxed, friendly environment where men can speak their minds without fear and enjoy each other's company. So I'd like to propose a get together.

As for rules, they are quite simple:

1. Respect your fellow man regardless of his faith (or lack thereof), ethnicity, age, wealth and ability. Just accept him for who he is and be a gracious, kind and polite person.

2. No feminists.

I think the above should suffice.

Anyone interested who happens to live in or be traveling through the Seattle area should feel free to get in touch via the contact form if interested. I think it's about the right time for some socializing. Hopefully, we can expand this sort of thing to other locales as well, but I'll have to start at home.

More Evidence That Grades != Academic Achievement

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…and more evidence that the best thing parents can do for their sons' future is just pull them out of a schooling system of, by, and for females:

> The causes of the decline in boys' educational achievements are many, ranging from their over-medication, to the feminization of the classroom, to their being raised by single mothers, to their being told from birth by popular culture some version of the old T-shirt slogan "Boys are stupid. Throw rocks at them." Now it turns out there's yet another obstacle to boys' learning – their teachers.

> > A recent study published in the February edition of the Journal of Human Resources found an astonishing thing. Although boys and girls score about the same on standardized tests, boys get lower grades than do girls. Stated another way, the grades you'd expect boys to get based on their test scores were higher than what they actually received. Girls, by contrast, received grades that were higher than would be predicted by their test scores. Students were given tests in reading, math and science, while teachers also rated students' abilities in all three areas, as well as rated them on classroom behaviors. The study found that when assessing kids' academic abilities, the teachers factored in their classroom behaviors…girls scored about 15 percent higher in behavior (also called "non-cognitive skills"), which meant they earned better grades than boys, even though they didn't score as high on the tests.

> Meanwhile…an entirely different study done on a different continent using different methodology arrived at a surprisingly similar conclusion. Read about it here…a study out of the United Kingdom found that female teachers grade male pupils more harshly than they do female students:

> > Female teachers mark male pupils more harshly than they do their female students, research has claimed. Additionally, girls tend to believe male teachers will look upon them more favorably than female teaching staff, but men treat all students the same, regardless of gender. [Moreover, h]aving a male teacher increased the efforts of female students whereas a female teacher lowered the efforts of boys.

> Given that over 80% of public school teachers in the United States are women, the discouragement of boys about education should come as no surprise. It's not their ability, their intelligence or their effort that matters; it's their sex. Remember, a lot of these are little kids of five, six, seven years old. Can we not cease, even in the cases of those defenseless boys, our denigration of males?

It won't cease, because it can't. The problem is systemic. Putting aside for a moment the fact that public schooling is designed to "produce" "identical" cogs for the industrial age machine, cogs just smart enough to pull a level but not smart enough to rock the boat, the cure the decline in male academic achievement is for parents remove male children from the system entirely. A system where feminine behavior is rewarded and masculine behavior punished and/or drugged into compliance, liberalist/feminist scholarship is taught, higher male cognitive variability is binned (on the low end) and ignored (on the high end), and where the presence of men in the teaching ranks is discouraged.

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More Feminist Art

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After uploading the photos from San Francisco and looking them over, I felt I had to share one more picture from the Women's Building in the Mission. Although a few mere photos can't do justice to the masterpiece that is the Peace Mural, this particular shot captures more action than the last one I posted.

Behold your betters, mere mortal males (click for large version):

[image]

Two More Female Marines Flunk Out of Officer Combat Training

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The second pair of women attempting to pass the Marine Infantry Officer Course washed out a few days into the 10-week program, much like the women who gave it a shot last fall. About a quarter of the men who take the course also fail for various reasons. It should be kept in mind that the men who take the course have already been preselected through both individual motivation and USMC basic training, so they represent a high quality pool of soldiers.

Many people who support women in combat have lapses in logic when suggesting that some significant percentage of women could handle it. They think of women who are faster than the average man, or who can do numerous pullups, lift a lot of weight, etc. However, they are not considering that these are generally women who are gifted in one particular ability, which does not mean that they have the all-around skills and strength necessary for combat. Little girls, for example, are typically more talented at pullups than full-grown women. But would that make them good soldiers? Likewise, very thin women can often outrun heavy men in distance races. But could a 110 lb. woman (or a 110 lb. man, for that matter) carry equipment significantly heavier than she is up a mountain?

Women best qualified to pass such a course would probably tend to be weightlifter types, but they have the disadvantage of being slow, heavy and prone to overheating, which is a real problem in battle or on marches.

The truth is that, on average, women are significantly smaller, weaker and slower than men. When you look at the distribution of physical ability, only a small fraction of women have the same strength as the average man. And far, far fewer can match men who are significantly stronger than average, like your typical soldier.

Finally, the kind of women who might have a shot at competing with men in the top 5% or so of physical ability could qualify as high-level athletes, and that being the case, why would they join the military when they could easily obtain a full scholarship to a good school on athletic ability alone?

Your Support Needed

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I'd really like to keep The Spearhead online, but the bills are getting to be a bit much for me at this point, and I can't afford to subsidize the site myself. I rent a server for the site in order to host a WordPress installation, which allows multiple authors and a great deal more control than free sites, not to mention some protection from arbitrary shutdowns, which sometimes happen on free blogging services.

This requires more work on my part to maintain the software, and additional expenses.

I've devoted a great deal of time and energy to The Spearhead over the last three and a half years. It hasn't been a particularly lucrative endeaver, largely because I tend to eschew the salesman approach, focusing instead on doing what I like best: writing with as much candor and honesty as possible. This is good for readers, but not great for business, so I must rely on donations to keep the site running and keep my head above water.

Currently, I'm at a point where running the site as a fully hosted, frequently updated source of content may not be feasible for much longer. My out of pocket expenses run about $2,500 a year, which isn't a great deal, but that doesn't account for the time and work I put into the site, which is considerable.

I'd really like to keep The Spearhead online as a resource for men who want to change the status quo. I think it's an important part of the constellation of sites that have emerged to advocate for men, and indeed it's one of the pioneers of the new approach to countering out-of-control feminism, which is starting to show real results.

If you support The Spearhead's goals, or if you simply enjoy the content, please contribute to the site to help keep it online. I pledge to use every contribution to further its mission, and to make the most of every dollar sent in.

All support is welcome, including small donations. If every regular reader sent in only $5 per month the site would be fully self-supporting, and I'd have nothing to worry about. So please consider becoming a supporting subscriber.

However, I realize that this being the internet, it doesn't work that way, so it has largely been a few generous donors who have kept the site alive. I am very grateful to those people, who have pulled my chestnuts out of the fire on a few occasions over the years. Without their support the site simply wouldn't have made it this far.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the site over the years, and a big thank you to contributors as well. I hope we can keep it online and productive — with your help I promise to do just that.

Donation info is on the top of the right sidebar. You can send money via PayPal, or you can send a check or money order to my PO Box at:

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Female Bounty Hunters: Shoot First, Apprehend Later

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In the following video, a female bounty hunter outfit called “Lipstick’s Most Wanted” attempts to apprehend a felon on a drug dealing case. The three women, armed with tasers, rubber bullets and pepper spray, fail to capture the men, but they manage inflict some punishment on him, breaking his nose and blinding him in one eye with the rubber bullets. Now, the guy is suing them.

His lawyer disputes whether he even owed any bail money, and says that the women used excessive force and failed to give him a chance to surrender peacefully. It certainly looks that way from the video.

Because it’s women, the video comes off as pretty ridiculous. However, imagine male bounty hunters employing “shoot-first” tactics like that. They’d probably find themselves in jail in short order. Hopefully, somebody shuts this company down and revokes their license before somebody gets shot with real bullets.

Gotta hand it to the Canadian MRAs

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The video I've embedded below clearly displays one of the reasons I've distanced myself from public activism from the beginning — I really can't stand most "activists." From the time I was a boy in Seattle I grew to dislike them intensely. Whether they were pro-Sandinista activists at the local church (Seattle's Catholic Church *was* that radical in the early 80s), weirdo leftists with various causes dressed up like hippies, the vulgarians at gay pride rallies in the neighborhood I grew up in or, more recently, violent anarchists who smash windows and trash my town, they've all left me with a sense of disgust. The feminist activists in the video are pretty much par for the course.

I did not want to be those people. That's always been what "activism" meant to me. But maybe there is a different way — one that creates a contrast, and offers people an alternative point of view. MRAs affiliated with various groups, including AVFM, CAFE and others seem to be redefining public activism in a positive manner. Instead of screaming, wielding weapons, swearing in public, hurling invective and breaking things, they conduct themselves graciously, and document the result. The last part appears to be particularly effective; some of their videos have received hundreds of thousands of views on YouTube. That's pretty impressive, especially considering that it's making feminist activists look like screaming bigots.

Here's some video CAFE shot of the feminist activists doing their thing at the University of Toronto last Thursday:

There's a lot more where that came from. One video, viewed almost 200,000 times so far, shows a feminist yelling "shut the fuck up" at a couple of MRAs over and over. She was trying to read a statement of lies about how feminists do not really want to deny fathers custody and such, and whenever the MRA disagreed she'd just screech STFU!

The attitude of entitlement these feminists display is so obvious that reasonable people who see it will conclude that they represent the ugliest kind of supremacism.

Really well done on CAFE's part to put on these events. The AVFM activists also conducted themselves very well, and most importantly got it on film.

I don't agree with everything in the MRM, but that would be too much to expect, and progress doesn't come without disagreement and ideological competition. However, whoever is taking on the feminists – and doing so effectively – has my support. I am also very, very pleased to see that MRAs have finally fully adopted the position that feminism is a poisonous movement that must be eradicated rather than accommodated.

Another Invite

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Since I suggested people in my local area meet up in person last week, I've met with two men in person, and had productive, enjoyable conversations with both. As one might expect, all of us were drawn to men's issues through personal experience. One of the reasons I started *The Spearhead* was that I knew there must be millions of men out there who have had personal experiences with state and social discrimination against men, particularly in family law. I figured that this would be a pretty large pool of potential readers, so I wasn't worried at all about whether or not there would be enough interested men.

However, I noticed that there was very little on offer for men who have had these kinds of painful experiences. There were few easily accessible sources of information, and I wanted to change that. Not to say there was nothing out there, but it was largely confined to forums and other communities that required some effort to access. Angry Harry, the pioneer of MRA blogging, may have been the sole MRA blogger online, and there's just too much out there for one man to cover. Fortunately, that has changed quite a bit over the last few years. Now, it's pretty easy to find information and articles on any number of relevant topics with a simple Google search or two.

I'm pretty confident that the content and info out there, while perhaps not yet as comprehensive as it ideally could be, is sufficient to get the average guy started on educating himself. Work remains to be done, but we've got a good foundation set up.

So now it looks like it's time to move on to developing a sense of comradery. Groups like AVfM and CAFE are doing that through activism, producing good results on the ground. Others are reaching out through video blogging, and of course a number of us continue to build communities online. But nothing can substitute for face time. And for a lot of us, human contact is pretty important.

Unfortunately, many divorced men and noncustodial fathers are emotionally pretty screwed up. There's a strong temptation to withdraw from society during recovery from a traumatic event like divorce. I did it myself, living like a hermit for a few years following my divorce, but at least I had my children around much of the time. Although it was probably necessary to have some time to lick my wounds, and it helped me get *The Spearhead* off the ground, I came to realize that it was becoming a habit and part of my character, which was a reversal from my earlier life, when I'd been quite social and gregarious.

Getting together with men in real life – especially those who share a common experience or interest – can not only help us get things done, but help us deal with some of the misfortunes we've experienced. I think it's necessary, and it's a damn shame how little is out there. This is largely the fault of feminism, which has so demoralized and frightened divorced men and fathers that until the last few years all they could do was blame themselves, so whatever groups that did exist had no lasting appeal, because the message was so negative. Usually, the leaders of these groups were counselors or other "professionals" who made a living largely off of feminist destruction of families. Naturally, they had little interest in changing the status quo, and this left men who needed company and support profoundly alienated.

Things have changed. Men don't feel the need to apologize any longer — they are losing that sense of guilt. This is a great opportunity, and I intend to seize it. I hope other men in other places catch my drift here: it's time for men to start getting together and enjoying each other's company and promoting each other's interests again. There is a lot of strength in personal associations, and we'd be foolish not to take advantage of that.

So, once again, I invite any men in the Seattle area to contact me through the contact form. I've received responses from nearly a dozen so far, and responded to every one (if you missed my response, please let me know). I'm happy to continue to meet with people personally for the time being, until we can organize a group meeting.

Additionally, if anyone in another location would like to suggest a meetup in their neck of the woods, I'd be happy to facilitate that with a post here.

The Androgyny of North Korea's Juche Regime

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By Aych

Lately, the torrent of unusually loud and pugnacious rhetoric emanating from North Korea has been dominating the news cycle over the last few weeks. Many of you readers out there have undoubtedly noticed this. This wave of bellicosity has made me want to re-visit an excellent book on the topic of North Korean ideology and propaganda. The book is: 'The Cleanest Race' by B. R. Meyers.

It is a painstaking, systematic examination of the major themes which are generated by the North Korean propaganda apparatus. The reader is provided with useful insights for understanding these frothy outpourings which seem too bizarre and over-the-top to take seriously. (One must also keep in mind that North Korean domestic propaganda frequently differs from the English-language KCNA news releases which get issued to the rest of the world's press agencies.)

The North Korean regime, undoubtedly the world's vilest, is surely the worst possible example of extreme Patriarchy run amok. Furthermore, the ruling men of the Kim dynasty are surely held-up as the most macho, barrel-chested, bare-knuckled, testosterone-fuelled, manliest men who have ever lived. Am I right?

Well, hold on — not so fast.

Among other issues, the author of the book discusses the use of gender in the portrayals of North Korean leadership. An outside observer might reasonably assume that, since Korean culture is so strongly rooted in neo-Confucian values, Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il are (and were) seamlessly portrayed as being the ultimate patriarchs for the nation to look-up to. That assumption, however, is quite misleading when you analyze North Korean media carefully.

Contrary to this assumption, it turns out that the NK propaganda mills frequently violate the most closely-held tenets of Confucianism by playing-up the Kims' more 'feminine' features:

> Even when Kim is referred to as Father Leader (aboji suryong)… there is nothing Confucian or patriarchal about him… Kim is referred to primarily as Parent Leader (oboi suryong), though with his maternal side praised far more often than the other. Kim Jong Il himself has long described his father's motherly qualities as key to his success.

This is underscored by the many images of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il in which they hold joyous soldiers or workers close to their chests. The two Kims (the book only briefly touches upon Kim Jong Un) were, in fact, a fusion of paternal AND maternal features:

> Artists and writers not only play up the feminine aspects of Kim Il Sung's appearance- the soft pale face, the dimpled smile, the expansive bosom- but also show him holding small children or letting them clamber over him. In photographs we see him grinning as schoolgirls pull yearningly on his arms and hands. Even in depictions of his guerrilla years these qualities are always on display. In one illustration he is tucking children into bed…

In this way, the Leader is both the mother who nurtures the people and the father who fights the outside world.

While processing this idea, one should also bear in mind that Japan's World War II emperor-centered ideology (the ideology which provided the initial raw materials from which the North Korean personality-cult came forth) frequently portrayed the emperor Hirohito as an androgynous figure rather than a patriarchal one. (One portion of the secret Imperial Japanese enthronement ceremony reportedly involves the Emperor symbolically giving birth to

himself.)

The book continues on the Kims' less-than-patriarchal portrayal:

> …Kim Il Sung's peculiarly androgynous or hermaphroditic image also seems to exert a far more emotional attraction than any of the unambiguously paternal leaders of Eastern Europe were able to. I am not qualified to analyze the cult (or anything else) from a psychological standpoint, but just enough should be written here to counter the reader's skepticism that sane people could give themselves over to the adoration of a male mother figure. Sigmund Freud wrote of every child's yearning for a phallic mother, a truly omnipotent parent who is both sexes in one…

So rather than being a bunch of out-of-control macho patriarchs, the Kim dynasty is instead a regime which attempts to fuse both elements- father AND mother- into the very same personage.

This may provide one psychological explanation of the NK regime's stubborn endurance in the minds of those unlucky enough to be born into it: rebelling against the Kims would deprive the nation of both its parents. This is a loss which, psychologically, the nation could not survive.

But is North Korea a flat-out patriarchy? Well, if an accurate summation of its internal propaganda is any guide, their regime is arguably a rather different creature indeed.

Tranny MMA fighter beating up girls, white knights incensed

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As the US gets weirder and weirder by the day, I suppose all that's left is to sit back and enjoy the show, so maybe it shouldn't be surprising that MMA officials are defending transgender fighter Fallon Fox, who has been destroying his – oops, "her" – opponents in the ring. It certainly does make for quite a spectacle.

Fox, a 36 year-old father, had his external genitalia lopped off six years ago, and then took female hormones so as to achieve some sort of approximation of a female. Having wrestled in high school (he was mediocre according to former teammates), he decided he might have a shot in MMA if he stuck to fighting girls. Turns out he was right. Fox has been manhandling his opponents, who are amongst the best female fighters on earth.

Although this says a lot about the retarded idea to make women combat soldiers (if a physically mediocre, 36yo castrated man who has been on estrogen for years can easily outfight the toughest women, why does anyone take women in combat seriously?), it also speaks to the farce of women's sports in general.

For some reason, a lot of men in MMA are taking issue with Fox fighting girls. Why? Are they concerned about the poor little things getting hurt? If so, then what difference does it make whether they are annihilated by a eunuch or a woman? These girls are cruising for a bruising, and if they can dish it out they can eat it, too.

I know there are a lot of people out there saying that women should also have the opportunity to compete against their equals, and physical excellence is a noble ideal for women to strive for as well, and I used to feel the same way. But look at the results:

Title IX, the WNBA, female boxers, female MMA fighters, shrieking about inequality in college sports and cancellation of men's sports programs, dropping wrestling from the Olympics (!), federal lawsuits, beastly, steroid-enhanced womyn, etc., etc. ad nauseum.

If equality is really the goal, let's eliminate gendered sports. All of them. Let's eliminate barriers to competition, and make all sports open to all consenting adults.

Here's Fallon Fox destroying a very rough looking woman and making it look easy:

Fallon Fox: hero for gender equality.

It's Only Natural

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Relationships are the most important part of life in China. They include family especially, but also connections with bureaucrats and officials, with business men and women, and with all and sundry who might enhance one's face or who have the potential to be an ally in the future.

The primary mechanism for networking and deal-making, social and business, is the dinner party, where a few select friends and acquaintances get together at a restaurant and absorb excessive quantities of food and alcohol.

On weekdays, this usually means the party winds up by 9 pm or so, and even on weekends only the diehards carry on at the bar or a KTV (karaoke club). The standard Western house party which ends at 3 a.m. is virtually unknown here. However, the early start and end to the festivities in no way minimizes the amount of alcohol that is consumed – shit-faced is the predictable outcome; the booze never stops coming. Gan bei, the Chinese version of cheers, means dry glass, and they're not kidding – there's an entire protocol to be followed with each downing of a glass of beer.

During these outings, business deals are discussed and negotiated, but also much social business takes place, including arranging dates, hook-ups, and even marriages, often through one of the group acting as an intermediary. More on that in a bit.

Many restaurants in Benxi are not recognizable as such by Western standards – there is often no main dining room, just a kitchen and a series of private rooms of varying size. Karaoke clubs also are strictly private rooms only, and everything is available – food, alcohol, girls, killer sound system, English songs, etc. Although no one has mentioned it, I would not be surprised if that list included boys (young men, at least) too. Drugs seem to be verboten though; if there's a drug scene here, I haven't seen it, and given the nature of Chinese law (death penalty anyone?) I want no part of it.

My most recent experience of such a dinner party came courtesy of Mr. T, an official who supervises the Chinese English teachers in my district – a dozen primary schools and roughly a hundred or so teachers. I have had dinner at his home previously. Mr. T is reasonably intelligent and bilingual, a man who cultivates and collects relationships the way some gardeners cultivate rose bushes – with meticulous attention to detail, grave concern for each branch, stem and leaf, and with a clear eye towards (his own) long-term goals. He recently purchased a brand new vehicle (made in China) so life is clearly agreeing with him.

We enjoyed a feast of bone marrow, which is sucked out of the large leg bones of pigs using a straw. It 's a house specialty of the restaurant we were at. Our other dinner companion was a young man (24) visiting his parents while on a break from university in Beijing, where he will graduate this spring. His father is the president of the local law court, and thus very powerful – the young man told me their home is stuffed with bottles of expensive bai jiu and cigarettes, courtesy of those his father is in position to benefit.

An extremely pretty and exotic young woman was part of our waitressing team, and when I mentioned how attractive I thought she was, Mr. T wasted no time in providing an introduction. The girl and I exchanged smiles, a bit of chit-chat, phone numbers and QQ ID (kind of like Skype, only better), and I have since chatted with her on-line a couple of times – strictly in Chinese, her English is minimal at best.

Mr. T advised me that relationships in Benxi, particularly if a foreigner is involved, must use a third party to negotiate terms of engagement, including arranging for the girl to spend the night with the man if both parties are willing – the chief detail being cost. When I told my companions that hook-ups in the West are trivial, private and effectively anonymous – a connection somewhere, a few drinks, etc. – they were shocked that no money changes hands. 'She doesn't ask for money?' Mr. T asked me, somewhat incredulously.

With the agreement of the young man, Mr. T told me it is completely within the realm of normal behavior here for

girls to accept one-night ‘dates,’ particularly with powerful, wealthy older men, in exchange for cash and/or favors, and that even married women are often available for such trysts. It’s only natural, he pointed out. In fact, a teacher (married with child) who I work with has offered some hints which, when I explained them to Mr. T and the young man, were in their eyes clear evidence that she is seeking some sort of sexual adventure. Female consent is the controlling factor – husbands and fathers are secondary considerations, to the best of my knowledge, for females who are of age.

Mr. T went to great lengths to explain that I must use him (or another reputable Chinese) as an intermediary for any such relationship. As a foreigner who has no ties to the city, there is nothing to stop me from mistreating someone and immediately leaving town or the country if I choose – mistreatment being considered as the failure to show a woman and her family the appropriate respect (through honorable behavior and cash payments, mainly). Also he advised I am a poor candidate for marriage for the same reasons, and thus unlikely to be seriously considered or pursued by any local females. I have heard opposing views, however, primarily concerning Chinese women who are seeking a ticket to the West.

While we were having this conversation, he was on the phone with another woman, a 35-year-old divorcée, who expressed these sentiments to him when he asked her if she was interested in meeting or dating me. As he put her feelings, no woman wants to become involved with a man who is free to get up and walk away whenever he feels like it. I somewhat sarcastically suggested he ask what guarantees she could offer that she wouldn’t divorce me too down the road, but he refused to even ask her.

As for the young man, he’s headed for an American university this summer to pursue a Master’s degree, which is a stunningly expensive proposition for a Chinese, indicative of the wealth his family holds. He wanted advice on improving his English and on Western culture, so I told him to read The Spearhead, enjoy the scenery, and stay the hell away from the women.

Hearty and Healthy Fish Stew

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After you've been cooking for a while, you can take some liberties and get creative with your dishes. The following recipe, which I came up with while thinking about how to lower saturated fats in my diet, is the result of a creative hunch. I'd never heard of anything like it, but it seemed to make sense from what I knew of the ingredients. I'm sure something similar exists, but I've never run across it in my neck of the woods.

I decided to combine anti-inflammatory foods with lean protein low in saturated fat. Fish, of course, is a great source of heart-healthy protein and oils. Vegetables, for their part, have anti-inflammatory phytochemicals and antioxidants that protect against atherosclerosis and even cancer. For American men, who are put under an enormous amount of stress and pressure to accommodate women's comforts and desires in our society, it is very important to include these beneficial and reparative chemicals in one's diet. They can go a long way toward mitigating the damage stress does to the body, and significantly boost quality of life over time.

However, if the food one eats is healthy but unappealing, you aren't going to eat much of it. The key is to make it tasty and hearty; the kind of food a man likes to eat. Given how awful American health food tends to be, you might think this is a contradiction in terms, and that it would be very difficult to prepare tasty, healthy and hearty food. Fortunately, you would be wrong.

By creating the right balance of protein, fats and carbs you can make just about any food hearty. The problem is that so-called health food rarely does that. You'll typically be offered some insubstantial product that tastes like sawdust, has a terrible texture, and does nothing to promote satiety — the feeling of having eaten well.

With the following recipe, I'll demonstrate that it is both easy and cheap to make a hearty meal replete with healthy oils, proteins and beneficial chemicals that will promote both health and manly vigor. It is also a simple recipe that can be modified as one sees fit, so long as the basic principles are adhered to.

The recipe as set out serves four for dinner

Equipment:

Two quart pot (at least), ladle, cutting board, well-honed steel knife with a very keen edge.

Ingredients:

One pound (about .5 kilograms) cod fillets (other lean white fish may be substituted)

One 14.5 oz (411g) can diced tomatoes

4-6 fresh tomatillos

Two fresh jalapeno peppers (entirely optional — substitute mild chilis if desired, or no chilis at all)

Four cloves garlic

1/4 cup (60ml) olive oil

1 tsp (6g) salt

Two cups (450ml) chicken stock (one 14.5 oz can is fine)

One broccoli crown

One tsp (5ml) lemon juice (totally optional, and you can add up to a tablespoon if you want a strong, tart citrus flavor)

1.5 cups (0.35 liters) white rice

Preparation:

Quarter tomatillos, then cut the stalk off the broccoli and separate into florets. Slice the cod crosswise by the inch. Peel and chop garlic cloves.

Set cod and broccoli aside, keeping each separate.

Put the pot on the stove, then empty the can of diced tomatoes inside. Next, toss in the quartered tomatillos and garlic. Turn to medium, then add chicken stock. When it all begins to simmer, turn down to low (make sure it keeps bubbling a bit).

Put a pan on a burner and turn to medium high. When it's good and hot, throw the jalapenos on as is. Sear them until they are soft, then remove and let them cool for a minute. When cool enough to handle, core the jalapenos by slicing lengthwise then removing seeds and pulp. Next, slice them crosswise at about quarter inch intervals (or a little less), then add to pot.

Begin cooking rice in separate pot or rice cooker.

Add olive oil to simmering vegetables in pot.

As rice is cooking and vegetables simmering, stir the vegetables occasionally, and wait until the tomatillos are nice and soft and beginning to break apart.

When the tomatillos and tomatoes have merged into a sauce, add the cod. Put in the cod slices and make sure they are covered with liquid. Then, immediately take the broccoli florets and place on tope of the stew and cover the pot. The broccoli will steam as the fish cooks.

In fifteen minutes or less the rice and stew should both be well cooked.

Put rice in bowls and ladle stew onto rice. Serve piping hot.

Give it a try. If you're married, you can cook it and teach your wife to do so as well — it's quite simple so she should be able to learn it without too much instruction, even if she is American. She'll probably like it herself, too. If single, adjust recipe size if so desired, but it keeps pretty well in the fridge for at least a day, so you can have a couple meals out of it.

This recipe is very good for men who have issues with, or want to prevent, high cholesterol, diabetes (if one goes easy on the rice), or a number of other health problems related to metabolic syndrome. It tastes great, and will leave you feeling full and satisfied.

Actress Busted for Battering Male Roommate

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Ordinarily I don't pay much attention to celebrity misbehavior, but this is kind of an odd case. Tami Erin, who starred in *The New Adventures of Pippi Longstocking* back in '88 and is now 38 years old, was overheard arguing loudly with her roommate (it isn't clear whether they were in a relationship), who then cried out for help:

> The Walnut Creek Police Department in northern California told the website that Erin, 38, was placed under citizen's arrest by a neighbor who overheard the star of the popular 1988 children's movie arguing with her male roommate. After the roommate cried for help, the neighbor intervened and detained Erin until law enforcement arrived.

So the neighbor restrained her and held her until police arrived. I'm going to assume the neighbor was male, because I doubt she would have submitted to a citizen's arrest by a female. Additionally, I'll bet the neighbor knew the score about DV laws. In the old days a man wouldn't have considered arresting a woman over a domestic dispute with a man, but it seems that men are adjusting to the new reality.

Cultural changes can eventually make quite a difference over time. This is something I learned from experience in foreign cultures, where women generally wouldn't consider intervening in another woman's domestic troubles, as opposed to the US, where women are all too happy to jump in on any woman's side regardless of the circumstances.

Perhaps now men are finally starting to help each other instead of looking the other way. I like to think that spreading the word, as we do here and on other sites, has helped this process along. Although I am generally opposed to state intervention in families, I can't see anything changing until women start to face the same kind of draconian enforcement as men.

Thanks to the recently renewed VAWA, Tami Erin is probably going to have a pretty rough time of it for a while. I suppose the lesson here is the following: if the woman you live with attacks you, run outside and scream for help. It's humiliating, sure, but if it's your word vs. hers you'll lose, and it certainly beats jail time, DV "treatment" and all the civil disabilities that come with a DV conviction.

Food Control: more cause of than cure for obesity

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While listening to NPR the other day on the way to pick up my kids, there was some discussion on Michelle Obama and her campaign against obesity, which I suppose is a noble goal. Obesity in the US is a national embarrassment, not to mention a costly health problem.

However, something about elites and their solutions to dealing with it rubs me the wrong way. Take NYC mayor Bloomberg's ban on soft drinks over 16 ounces for example. Billionaires like Bloomberg seem to think that it's a simple matter of banning the stuff, as though the sole source of the problem is the companies selling sugary drinks. Of course the people who drink them are responsible as well, but there's a big factor being left out here:

Healthy food in the US is much more expensive and less accessible than salty, oily, sugary crap.

It's no problem for Bloomberg to send his personal assistant to shop at Whole Foods and buy him the healthiest, tastiest organic food on offer. For some below-average urban food stamp recipient, however, spending $18 for a pound of fish and $6 for a loaf of artisan bread is simply not feasible. If you have a limited budget, you're going to get your calories on the cheap.

One could say that finer products should rationally cost more, but having lived and traveled in Europe, I know that isn't the entire story. Rye bread, which is healthier than white bread, has more vitamins and minerals, and does not cause a spike in blood sugar, is the cheapest stuff on offer in Eastern Europe. Herring and sprats, both of which are full of vitamins and healthy oils, are also cheap snacks throughout Northern Europe. Dairy is a staple, but it is generally processed according to tradition so that it serves a variety of purposes, and not spiked with sugar. Organic vegetables are cheap and locally produced, and stores are located within walking distance.

So, elite Americans pay a premium to eat what is the food of the common European, while fast food in Europe is generally more expensive than the home-prepared variety, and even a number of healthy restaurants. The situation is essentially the same in Asia as in Europe. European peasant food, which on the east side of the Atlantic is the staple of the masses and quite healthy, is only realistically available to the upper class in the US.

This is great for businessmen who produce these foods in the US, as they can charge much, much higher prices for the same stuff that would sell for a fraction of the price in France, Germany or Poland, but for the American underclass it's a disaster. Let's face it: low-class Americans are essentially being subsidized to eat like cattle at a feed lot, and that's the real problem.

Banning sugary drinks or taxing the stuff isn't going to help anyone, but it will put more money in the hands of the elites who are overregulating and monopolizing the food production industry and herding Americans like livestock into a low-maintenance consumption mode.

I'd suggest that since this is just the way things are in the US right now, young men who are seeking a trade might want to go into craft foods. Too many "organic" food producers are frauds, and if you can produce the real thing and market yourself well, there's an awesome opportunity out there in catering to the spoiled, overmoneyed types who like to stand up at a podium and propose stupid, doomed-to-failure measures to "fix" a situation that they profit from. Just use the simple, healthy foods you can buy on the cheap from the source, process them, put them in pretty packages, and sell them in places like Manhattan and Silicon Valley.

Peter Hitchens Takes on Feminism

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Conservatives in the Anglo world have been maddeningly slow to respond to the enormous damage feminism has done to the values they usually claim to adhere to, such as two-parent families, legitimacy of children, marriage, sexual restraint, etc. Many of these men dodged the bullet by just barely managing to slide through before the door closed to traditional families for middle class, urban Americans. This tipping point occurred some time in the early 80s, about when women passed men in college enrollment, American industry began its long decline, and affirmative action kicked in for real. Today, only the upper class still practices what could be called traditional marriage.

I often encounter men in their 50s and above who still lay the blame primarily on men, thinking that if a marriage fell apart, the guy wasn't doing his duty. Or, if a man can't pay his burdensome "obligations" to his babymomma, then he must be a lazy cad. The worst, however, is the assumption that the man married "the wrong kind of woman." This is frustrating because it implies that 50% of women (if one takes the 50% divorce rate as a guideline) are the wrong kind of women, so only half of men should be able to expect to marry.

But some of the conservatives are getting the message, and it looks like Peter Hitchens is one of them. Feminism is not just a silly little tantrum, but rather a very serious power-grab that has done unprecedented damage to families.

Here, Hitchens puts the blame for the dissolution of the family squarely on the feminists:

> The more fuss we make about mothers, what with all those soppy cards and special Mothering Sunday lunches in restaurants, the less we seem to want them to bring up their own children.
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> The view seems to be that it's just about all right for women to give birth, but after that can we please separate them from their young as soon as possible, for the sake of the economy?
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> New Labour was frank about it, with that terrifying commissar Patricia Hewitt describing the dwindling numbers of full-time mothers as a 'problem'.
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> The Lib Dems' chief feminist, Lynne Featherstone, says with her usual simple-minded bluntness that having a baby is a 'bit of a setback', adding that: 'One of the main barriers to full equality in the UK is the fact women still have babies.'
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> Nobody ever questions the claim that it is automatically good for mothers to go out and be wage-slaves. Once, this idea was widely hated, and every self-respecting man worked as hard as he could to free his wife from the workbench.
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> Then the feminist revolutionaries began to argue that the home was a prison and marriage was penal servitude, chained to a sink. Most people thought that was nuts – until big business realised that women were cheaper than men, more reliable than men and much less likely to go on strike or be hungover than men.
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> What's more, all the really beefy men-only jobs – mining coal, rolling steel, stoking furnaces – had been abolished.

Some MRAs may take issue with the idea that men should work so their wives can stay home and care for children. Given today's reality, it's understandable that men expect women to pull their fair share economically. However, as Hitchens points out – rightly – it hasn't been a matter of women augmenting men's earnings, but instead replacing them, and where does that leave the men?

Are women going to put the men up for free? I didn't think so…

Why the Boston Marathon?

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The Boston Marathon bombing has caused a lot of speculation because people can't figure out what it means, as opposed to the WTC attacks, the OKC bombing, and other terror strikes where the motive for attacking that particular target quickly became quite clear and rational. The Rudolph bombings in Atlanta were an exception, but Eric Rudolph himself called in to warn the police about his bomb, so he wasn't trying to hide the motive.

But how come nobody is thinking about the simple matter of operational feasibility? I mean, if you're going to do a successful terror attack, it's important to be able to pull it off without being identified as suspicious.

So, I'm going to go out on a limb here and suggest that the Boston Marathon might have been targeted because the bombers were East African, and they could be part of the crowd without arousing any suspicion. I mean, if you're a Somali trying to plant a bomb without standing out, wouldn't it be a better idea to do it where many of the athletes and spectators look a lot like you as opposed to, say, a Boston Bruins game? Also, you might get to ruin the day for those pesky Ethiopian and Kenyan neighbors who are so fond of interfering with your local jihad. So it's a double bonus — killing Americans and stealing the glory from your African rivals.

Although you may not have heard, 30 were killed in Somali bombings in Mogadishu yesterday. Al Shabaab claimed responsibility. Coincidence? I kinda doubt it, but I guess we'll see…

Formerly feminist lawyer wakes up after son put through wringer by college rape troika

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Judith Grossman probably never expected that her feminist activism would come back to haunt someone like her, but she found herself personally affected by the heavy hand of feminist legislation when her son was accused of having raped his girlfriend at a "small liberal-arts college in New England." The alleged rape had occurred some two or three years previously, and police were not contacted, but the new, Title IX-mandated tribunal was set into motion against her son:

> I am a feminist. I have marched at the barricades, subscribed to Ms. magazine, and knocked on many a door in support of progressive candidates committed to women's rights. Until a month ago, I would have expressed unqualified support for Title IX and for the Violence Against Women Act.
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> But that was before my son, a senior at a small liberal-arts college in New England, was charged—by an ex-girlfriend—with alleged acts of "nonconsensual sex" that supposedly occurred during the course of their relationship a few years earlier.
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> What followed was a nightmare—a fall through Alice's looking-glass into a world that I could not possibly have believed existed, least of all behind the ivy-covered walls thought to protect an ostensible dedication to enlightenment and intellectual betterment.

Welcome to a man's world, Ms. Grossman! This is how you have reaped what you've sown with your feminist activism all those years back.

But rather than condemn her for past errors, I'd like to at least give Judith Grossman credit for recognizing and pointing out the worst part of these troikas:

> Thankfully, I happen to be an attorney and had the resources to provide the necessary professional assistance to my son. The charges against him were ultimately dismissed but not before he and our family had to suffer through this ordeal. I am of course relieved and most grateful for this outcome. Yet I am also keenly aware not only of how easily this all could have gone the other way—with life-altering consequences—but how all too often it does.
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> Across the country and with increasing frequency, innocent victims of impossible-to-substantiate charges are afforded scant rights to fundamental fairness and find themselves entrapped in a widening web of this latest surge in political correctness. Few have a lawyer for a mother, and many may not know about the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which assisted me in my research.

That's absolutely right. Few of us have family in a position to help us should we be falsely accused. The worst excesses of these troikas will inevitably afflict working and middle class boys who can't claim any protected status. It will be the kinds of boys who are struggling to make something of themselves, perhaps to move up in the world, who will be hammered down hardest. This is an oppressive system that has nothing to do with justice, and everything to do with stripping power from young men in the name of fighting "the patriarchy" — a threadbare excuse that today sounds so cynical that only vicious and vindictive feminists, whose sole motive is power at the expense of others, could continue to use it.

What's Anger Management Like?

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A local reader wrote me asking for some advice about anger management classes, because I've written that I had to take one some years back. I was happy to make a recommendation (hopefully it's a good one — the teacher seems to be the same guy), and it reminded me of an article I wrote about the class I attended.

I took the class to allay "fears" a judge might have because I was accused of being angry and abusive (this is a pro-forma accusation in custody disputes). I'd never been arrested, despite having had the cops called on me, accused by my ex of making death threats while armed with a gun during a handoff. This provoked a heavily-armed police resonse that I was definitely NOT expecting. In fact, I was chilling out and drinking beer after a long day with the kids, and saw police cars zoom by, thinking at the time "I wonder what that's all about?" Little did I know…

I was fortunate in that a neighbor witnessed the entire so-called "incident" and my ex retracted her initial statement under closer police questioning, and later admitted that I'd been neither armed nor threatening. It turned out that her feminist mother had urged her to make the call, probably because because a hearing was coming up soon, and she figured I couldn't contest anything if I was in jail. If it weren't for the neighbor and professional police work, I'm sure I would have spent the night in jail, assuming the police didn't shoot me first, and although I likely wouldn't have been convicted of anything, it would have been a really big problem for me.

The only time I really lost my temper during divorce proceedings was at my in-laws, who wouldn't let me see my kids even when there was no visitation/custody order on the books. In hindsight, instead of yelling at them and using harsh language, I should have just called the cops and had the children returned to my custody, which legally they were obliged to do. But there's something about having people get between a father and his children that causes feelings of very intense anger — even rage. It's instinctive, so I don't feel ashamed about it, although I recognize that it was counterproductive.

So, the upshot of all of it is that I had good reason for being angry, but being angry, even if it's a reasonable reaction considering the circumstances, is treated as a quasi-crime in family law. In order to atone for my anger, I agreed to take an anger management class. I really didn't have any choice, because the alternative was a six-month DV program that cost thousands of dollars and would have prevented me from seeing my kids during the time I took to complete it.

Here's what I wrote about the experience back while I was still involved in it four years ago:

Social Policy Breeds Pop Psychology

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I have had some recent experience with the world of social work, and although I've tried to have an open mind, I certainly haven't been too impressed by it. Yesterday evening I was in an "anger management" class, and the teacher embraced what appeared to be a Daoist ideology. He described emotions as "energy," which sounds suspiciously like "Qi" — the vital force in Daoism. There is really nothing scientific about Daoism, but it does contain a lot of valuable insights about nature, spirituality, human perception of the world, etc. However, the American understanding of Qi is necessarily primitive, it not being a millennia-old cultural concept here, so I'm not sure what value it holds for people without any background in Chinese religion.

The office and classroom were adjacent to a couple of naturopaths, whose profession seems to me to be rather superfluous in our society, but if someone's willing to pay for it I guess that's fine. However, as I discovered yesterday, much of the money flowing in the direction of these practitioners of ancient methods of healing and foreign spirituality comes directly from the taxpayer, and attendance is mandated by courts in the case of divorce, and, for all I know, various other civil and minor criminal issues. As far as I could tell, about half of the attendees had been arrested in domestic violence incidents, and most of the others were going through contested divorces.

One poor guy was ordered to attend for losing his temper during mediation, which is very ironic to me, having been yelled at and threatened by a mediator in a failed attempt to get a reaction out of me in my only mediation session. A few others, like me, were persuaded to take the class by their own attorneys as a kind of protection against the exceedingly common tactic of calling the spouse angry and dangerous (I have seen this over and over in court, and promise to write about it soon).

The teacher quite plainly stated in class that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has contributed greatly to his business. That all but two of the attendees were men, the majority of whom would probably rather clean the gutters than attend new age classes, would appear to validate this statement. He told stories about how things have changed since he was younger, and warned that even touching someone while angry, e.g. poking them with an index finger, can result in a "life-changing" arrest. Because this is true, I have to give the guy credit for warning people about this and at least attempting to keep guys out of jail, but he isn't offering a cure so much as a palliative treatment. In fact, one could call these kinds of programs hospices for broken hearts.

During the class we learned about the physical damage anger and stress can cause, and the teacher suggested a few techniques for dealing with these feelings. They probably work, and some, such as getting a massage, seemed perfectly agreeable. However, at one point, when he said that anger is often used as a cover for other feelings, I asked him whether being angry is really worse than being depressed. He had no real answer to this, but he implied that being sad is better than being in jail, and that was probably the most important lesson of the day as well as the most poignant critique of our judicial regime.

An overzealous system of family law, and the criminal law that has been developed to support it, has made it necessary to scour the world in search of exotic solutions to the very problems created by "fixing" what wasn't really broken. Now that the traditional concepts of marriage, family and relationships have been discarded, we are treated to half-baked notions of "energy" to help people cope with the devastation wrought by contemporary family law. In the long run, I doubt that pop psychology can have much more than a marginal effect, and in some ways these classes border on punitive, but they may do some good for a few people. However, the real problem – the injustice inherent in unnatural family law – will have to be addressed before significant relief can be obtained and people can go back to leading happier, less stressful lives.

Is Assimilating Immigrants Becoming more Difficult for US?

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One of the weirdest things about the US is that in the past few decades it has become ethnically more heterogenous, but culturally more Northern European at the elite level. The American dream is no longer a simple affair that requires only hard work and an effort to be a decent citizen, but instead requires something like a graduate degree and indoctrination in “progressive” values.

The end resut is dissonance for anyone who doesn’t see what’s behind it, and I suspect that includes most young men with some awareness that things don’t add up.

Commenter Charles Martel suggests that the Tsarnaev brothers were culturally isolated, and that’s part of what led to their attacks. I’m sure that’s a big part of the story, but I have to say that I’d feel “culturally isolated” in Cambridge, too. In fact, I feel a bit that way in Seattle, but I have enough friends and family to mitigate it, and I know that a lot of what passes for public opinion is simple political posturing.

But what if you don’t have that advantage? What if you’re an immigrant from, say, Central Asia, and all you see in public is affirmation of values that are abhorrent to you, and indeed to most of the world?

It used to be that America assimilated people from around the world because we had values that were universal and easy to embrace, but that has changed a great deal. It’s easy to understand the values of hard work, honesty, freedom and equality under the law. It’s a lot harder, however, to wrap one’s mind around values like gay marriage, feminism, marital infidelity and class warfare.

And then, to make it even harder, it’s obvious that the very people promoting these values are the least likely to live by them.

I think we need a break from mass, indiscriminate immigration, and have felt this way for quite a while because I see it as a major economic and cultural strain on the native population. However, perhaps we should add to those the fact that the US is becoming an increasingly strange, culturally aberrant place by global standards, and bringing people here who are not likely to react well to the new reality is going to be bad for everyone.

How to Be a Woman and The Savage Banality of Modern Feminism

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By Red Pill Theorist

The latest generation of feminists is somewhat lacking in star power. Jessica Valenti et al haven't been able to fill the gap left by Naomi Woolf after she detonated her credibility by writing 80,000 words on the subject of her vagina. Apparently, even for progressives, there is a limit. Enter Caitlin Moran, whose British ancestry hasn't stopped her from captivating Women With The Right Sort Of Degrees here in states.

Moran, a broadcast "journalist," and music critic, wrote a book called *How to Be a Woman*. But it's not a how-to. It's a feminist tract for the 21st century, wrapped up in the kind of jaunty cool-girl prose Cosmopolitan wishes it could achieve on a monthly basis.

As of last July, *How to Be a Woman* had sold 400,000 copies in sixteen countries. It's been reviewed in The Atlantic, The New York Times, and excerpted in The Wall Street Journal. So it's a big deal. (If you're asking why I'm adding the only-slightly-less-august Spearhead to the list, I'd direct you to Sun Tzu.)

The book's structure is a combination of memoir and polemic. Moran is quite a writer, doubly so if you consider her intended audience: young, urban female professionals. She speaks their language, that scatterbrained, hyperkinetic look-at-me conversation style that will be familiar to any readers who've had a conversation with a woman under thirty.

But Moran has something to say; she's an effective memoirist, and the scenes of her childhood are touching and very real. Her project-dwelling family is populated by left-side-of-the-bell-curve characters whose surpassing stupidity is funny and a little terrifying. Her childbirth story is literally hair-raising. She's attacked by local street thugs for being ugly.

But beyond the emotionalism, there's an uncomfortable conclusion in the offing. Moran's childhood and intellectual development were devoid of culture, comfort and understanding love. When she writes about rapturously about her dual pleasures of masturbation and library books, it becomes clear why feminism is twisted, stunted ideology: its adherents come from backgrounds that are totally beyond the broad spectrum of Western bourgeois experience. Feminists are either wealthy, or grossly poor. They either have no family, or a horrible one. Moran's explicitly Marxist leanings come from an upbringing full of the uncaring cruelty of the stupid.

And that's just the memoir. As a polemicist, Moran is neither convincing nor outrageous. She is hamstrung by her preoccupation with developing feminist pornography. She complains that heterosexual porn is as "detrimental to women's collective peace of mind as it would be if 12 percent of images of men on the Internet were of them having their heads horrifically blown off by alien laser guns." Sailer's law strikes again. Pornography needs to change because pornography makes Caitin Moran feel unsexy.

Moran then strikes out on the parade of horribles that is modern female grooming. "It is pubic hair that is now the most politically charged arena" is sentence that will stick with me to my dying day. She's an inveterate user of the passive voice, which enables her to evade placing the responsibility for social phenomena on groups she doesn't want to. Anything men do that is obviously positive or women do that is obviously negative is hidden by bad writing. ("Until the twin sink was invented") Or women's victories "are seen as uncool." But who sees them as uncool? It's no secret that women, as a group, determine what they think is cool in other women.

Then there's her chapter on abortion. She got pregnant in her thirties and didn't want another child, so she had it killed, full stop. This is a chapter which has been hailed as courageous numerous commentators in the media. But is it courageous to snuff out the possibility of human life because a woman doesn't want to spend "another three years of being life support to someone who weeps for me and rages against me"? There is no nonsense here about fetuses. She knew she was killing a person, and she knew that she had to "in the same way I know absolutely that I don't

want to go to India, or be blond, or fire a gun."

Ultimately, *How to Be a Woman* is a fun little jaunt through feminist history. Even if she's not a particularly deep thinker, Moran has a future as a humorist. I certainly thought the book was funny. But, at the end, when you learn that the baby she aborted was a boy and read, two sentences later, "my two girls are all I want," you're left with a profound sense of disquiet. And a little pity for the boy who never lived because his mother was a feminist.

Sisterhood Is Thicker Than Blood

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An old German proverb holds that "blood is thicker than water." By that people mean that their loyalty is primarily with their family, not their friends, and certainly not some unknown third parties. The phrase dates from the 1100s, when families were a much more important part of one's life, well before modern feminists made up a bunch of self-serving myths and malicious lies in order to separate and isolate husbands and fathers from their families.

I am coming to see that the modern situation in America could be more aptly described as "sisterhood is thicker than blood." In other words, women have an alliance with all women, even unknown and unseen women, and they give preference to those other women, not just over unknown and unseen men, but over their own biological sons. This last part was personally shocking to me, and it took a personal experience with a friend to compellingly reveal what was going on.

This experience illustrates the twisted nature of the way that many American women think about American men, and how hateful feminist thinking has become towards men. How many women think this way I don't know, but I'd wager a lot of women do view men and boys in this denigrating way. There's really no way to find out, because most women asked a direct question of this nature would probably deny having adopted the "sisterhood is thicker than blood" viewpoint. This is because when you really look at that viewpoint, it's totally inexcusable, indefensible, and immoral.

The woman in question is generally an independent woman, has her own opinions, isn't traditional, nor is she a feminist. She is heart-felt, compassionate, smart, willing to confront and discuss the truth, and actively engaged in her own process of personal development. Frankly, if she was a feminist I wouldn't talk to her, aside from perhaps the few words necessary to get a transaction completed at the supermarket, or somewhere else where she stood between me and a particular objective.

I noticed that her 26-year old son had completed college but could not find a job aside from being a part-time personal trainer at a gym. This had gone on for about 20 months, so it wasn't just a temporary "in transition" experience for that young man. This job at the gym was a big come down for a young guy who had been told for years that he needed to go to college to get a degree, and then he was going to get a good job. Society lied to him about that result. To put it another way, because he was a white male, there were no preferences like affirmative action to help him along. He was at the bottom of the list to be hired.

I talked with this woman about the trouble her son was having and about the need to do some career planning. She told me that he was going to go to massage therapy school, and that massage had a great future in a health care system that would soon pay for alternative health care modalities. She was very resistant to talking about his future, or even to admit that he might need some coaching and assistance here. I couldn't figure out why she didn't even want to talk about it, because I felt bad for the young guy and wanted him to have a good start in life, wanted him to not have to sweat money all the time. I asked her why she was so resistant to even talking about this. Then the critical piece of information was revealed: she thought that he didn't get any help because he was a white male. She went on to talk about "all those white males who inherited banks from their fathers."

I was speechless, after pausing for thirty seconds, I said, "What? All of a handful of white males in 300 million people in America today?" I told her that most young guys like her son were having a very hard time in the job market because they didn't have experience and the competition was tough. I mentioned that they didn't get any preferential treatment. At that point she said, "I can't talk about this now." I suppose that was a polite version of "men don't get it." So even this relatively open-minded woman, a woman relatively untouched by the mythical and malicious anti-male claims of the feminists, even she had been taken in by the propaganda dished out by the feminists over the last several decades. The depth and pervasiveness of the brainwashing of women is astounding.

On a certain level it was a relief to understand why she had never given him any guidance about finding a job,

getting training or an education that will pay well, etc. On another level, I hated it, because things in American society started to fit together in a different way, in a way that made a lot more sense to me. For example, now I understood a big reason, but no doubt not the only reason, why young men were doing considerably worse in the job market than young women. Beyond all the preferences and special advantages that the law and government doles out to women, today's young women were getting extraordinary support from their single-parent household mothers, but the young men were not. The young men were automatically considered to be alpha males, abusers, and the ones who should be blamed for all that's wrong in the world. Supposedly that means that they don't deserve any support. And the surprising part is that some, perhaps many women, think this way even about their own sons, the young males that they brought up from birth.

So when there's an absence of the father in a family with young children, we see that the sons suffer far more than the daughters. The daughters are nurtured and pampered by their mothers, but the sons are on their own. This perversely is parallel to the way that money gets handled in a number of households that I know of where there is still both a husband and a wife. The husband's salary is "their money" and the wife's salary is "her money." So women support other women, and themselves, but they do not support men, even their own flesh-and-blood sons. And today's young men are suffering a great deal as a result of this perverse feminist-inspired approach.

It's time to get out of our fantasies about women, especially all that stuff about the sanctity of motherhood. The venom of feminism has poisoned the well of family relations to such a degree that the malicious lies about men, and the cultural-endorsement of misandry that accompanies them, now often overpowers even the loyalty of a mother to her own son. I could have mentioned other real-world cases where I have seen this prioritization in action, but one example is probably sufficient. I leave it to the reader to come up with his own examples of this phenomenon in action.

Men — you've got to really get, let it into your bones — how shallow to non-existent the compassion for your plight is coming from modern American women. You've got to get how utterly deaf and disinterested women are about what's happening to you — even your own mother. You've got to get how you're strictly on your own. Homeless, alcoholic, suicidal, in jail due to false allegations of rape, victim of paternity fraud, destitute due to onerous child support, prosecuted for domestic violence perpetrated by the wife, suffering from PTSD as a result of military service, limbs blown off in combat, whatever — many women just aren't interested, they just don't care.

And older men — we urgently need you to better support the younger men, because if it's not us old guys supporting the young guys, then nobody else is going to do it. Us older guys can start to help by telling the young guys the truth about what it's like for men living under the tyranny of feminism.

Book Review: Enjoy The Decline

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The Book: *Enjoy The Decline*, by Aaron Clarey, 204 pages, published 2013.

Summary: Subtitled "Accepting and Living with the Death of the United States", this book asserts that the United States is in a terminal economic and social decline. It argues that readers, in order to live their lives to the fullest during this decline, should adjust psychologically to this new reality and re-organize their lifestyle so as to not only insulate themselves as much as possible from the decline, but even to enjoy life during this decline.

By far the most useful aspect of this book, in my opinion, is in the case that it makes for readers to realize that whatever bourgeois values they may presently possess, there is a high probability those values are maladaptive in the present economic and social climate. Up has become down and right has become wrong in these last days of the American republic. Work hard and save for retirement? Don't be ridiculous. Why save when the nation's leaders gleefully debauch the currency, pulling a "stealth Cyprus" to the tune of 8 – 10% each year? Why delay gratification when there will likely be little / no Social Security for Xers and younger generations, particularly if the government will simply appropriate your savings through an outright Cyprus/France/Hungary/Ireland/Argentina/Poland-style seizure? Why work hard, when doing so only qualifies you to be taxed even more to support an income redistribution scheme consuming more than 2/3 of the Federal budget, "spread [your hard-earned monies] around a little", to bankroll parasites who didn't earn it? Why hope for things to get better when unemployment is presently at around 14% and the labor force participation rate is at a 30-year low, is trending downward, and has been so for decades? And why scrimp to pay for college while the higher ed bubble continues to inflate, making your parent's advice to "get an education" in order to succeed nearly financially suicidal and economically ill-advised in the new economic reality? For that matter, why marry and have children? Silly rabbit, very few men and women these days are equipped to be proper husbands and wives. Moreover, 5,000 years of traditional Marriage 1.0 has been subsumed by Marriage 2.0–and now, by homogamy–and is characterized by easy divorce and the subsequent trafficking in former spouses (usu but not always ex husbands) for the pecuniary interests of the state and ex-wives.

Pretty grim picture, to be sure. So what does Mr. Clarey advise? First, that readers of his book put into action the conclusions that naturally follow from a hard-nosed assessment of the ground truth: a realignment of their behaviors and habits. To this end, the author dedicates a chapter toward what he calls "the art of minimalism"–reducing possessions to the minimum essentials necessary, thereby lowering purchasing, maintenance, storage, and disposal costs. Techniques from the minimalizing playbook include buying things used or second-hand, avoiding having (expensive) children, acquiring a trade in lieu of an "education", performing repairs yourself, eschewing going out to eat and instead entertaining at home, avoiding buying real estate (a house is a liability, not an asset), and buying only catastrophic health insurance. Moreover, since the minimalist lifestyle will likely appeal to far more men than women, readers should have little issue with following through on his additional recommendation to avoid the expense of weddings–and if one does get married, elope. Do it all correctly, and Mr. Clarey calculates that a single fellow can live quite nicely for less than $USD 20,000 a year, depending on the locale. It doesn't take that much time to earn 20,000, even in today's poor economy, leaving the Enjoying the Decline (ETD) citizen ample time to take many vacations, work when he wants, and enjoy life in general, heeding Mr. Clarey's call for readers to "not waste their youth" like he did.

Continuing on the minimalism vein, for those ETDers who want to go the "full Clarey", he recommends not even bothering to save for retirement (see "why delay gratification", above). Won't that leave a person penniless in old age? Yes, it will, and Mr. Clarey suggests, in all seriousness, the .45 cal "Smith and Wesson retirement plan", as the last six months of life are extremely expensive and not all that pleasant anyways. Not a very Christian recommendation as far as recommendations go, but Mr. Clarey does not identify as a Believer and therefore has the latitude to recommend such a nihilistic option.

For those who do follow his minimalist advice, Mr. Clarey outlines several benefits: freedom from employers and

the daily rat-race, better mental and physical health, a better social and family life, more travel, more sleep, and, paradoxically, a higher chance of becoming rich. In Mr. Clarey's accounting, minimalizing your life offers you the chance to enjoy your youth while you can and focus on things that really matter, such as family, friends, and other human relationships, rather than on busting your hump as a cube-drone for a faceless company to whom you are likely little more than a number. And even if you're not, is your work more important than your family? Will your work be there over the long haul? Or will your family?

Interestingly, Mr. Clarey's book contains a chapter called "Plunder", where he identifies ways in which an ETDer may take advantage of the many government programs designed to provide assistance to those with similar income levels as the minimalizing ETDer, thus aiding the ETDer in the effort to enjoy life and work less. From welfare to free meals to health care to food stamps, the author provides a road map to where the aspiring ETDer may obtain all the no-cost-to-him government cheese available. Won't that make the ETDer a member of the parasite class, those folks disparaged above (see "spread around", above)? Certainly, but then again, one may rationalize doing so in view of (a) they're giving it away anyway, (b) the ETDer is merely taking back what he paid in, and (c) in taking some of the cheese, the ETDer is helping accelerate the decline and fall of the United States and the presumably the spawning of whatever political entity will eventually replace it.

The last chapter of the book was also the most uplifting one. Titled "Revenge", it has nothing to do with directly harming one's adversaries; instead, it advises the ETDer to "get back" at the leftists who have destroyed this country simply by being *happy*. By living life to the fullest, by doing fun things, grandiose-fun things, working less, being a better, more cultured person, having better friends, by truly enjoying and making the best of a finite life, the ETDer rubs the leftist's nose in the equalitarian misery he has made for himself. Thus while the leftist on his death bed compares the ETDer's life, lived to the fullest, to his, and is filled with envy, in contrast, the ETDer will die with few regrets but many good memories.

All told, I thoroughgoingly enjoyed this book, despite some jabs at my male-heavy semi-industrial home town in a flyover state suffering from chronic "brain drain"–as well as ethically dubious advice to mooch off church groups as part of the Plunder program. In addition, even though I am not in a position to minimalize as much as he recommends (married, three kids, etc) there is wisdom in here for just about everyone. Especially for the single male, for whom I think this book is most applicable. For it is he who is not subject to baby rabies, not genetically hardwired to "nest", and likely to be marriage-cautious if not marriage-avoidant, single males are the population subgroup best positioned and most inclined to enjoy the decline, such as it is, and will be.

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Why I'm Skeptical about Amnesty's Prospects

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Immigration is an issue men ought to be concerned about for a number of reasons, because it can have both positive and negative effects on our lives. The kind of immigration that occurred during the Bush administration (with full complicity on the part of the president) was, on the balance, bad for American men. The mass influx of low-skill workers without documentation pulled the rug out from under working class Americans, who can't compete with virtual slaves. It also increased the burden on public schools, health care and welfare, and drove up the price of housing, which has been a problem for young families.

One of the aspects of immigration from Mexico I don't see mentioned very often is the wage disparity between Mexico and the US, and the cost of living in Mexico as compared to the US. Mexican wages, last time I checked, come out to about one eighth of American wages. The cost of living in Mexico is significantly lower as well. This is the number one reason Mexican men come to the US to work.

Imagine what would happen if Canada paid an unskilled American construction worker $80 per hour. Millions of Americans would cross the northern border for the money, and they would be willing to work their tails off and live in subpar conditions just to put in a few years so they could return home relatively wealthy. This is what many Mexican men have done, and it's hard to blame them for it. A number of the Mexican men I've spoken with have told me they far prefer Mexico to the US, and plan to return and buy a house there when they have a nice nest egg. In general, these are the quality Mexicans who came to the US to work hard.

However, once it became easy to sneak into the US from Mexico, others followed the hard-working men, including many women who, once in the US, rapidly have multiple US citizen children and contribute little to the economy. Sleazier sorts who couldn't get by even in Mexico also figured they'd come to the US to live off the fat of the land.

So, what we have is two groups of Mexicans: the workers and the spongers. Amnesty would obviously be a problem with the spongers, who would immediately start to legally draw welfare benefits, but it would also be a problem with the workers as well. Instead of going home to Mexico to retire or raise a family, amnesty would incentivize an even longer stay in the US to secure social security benefits. Once they were entitled to these benefits, they could then, as dual US-Mexican citizens, return to Mexico and buy that house, and on top of that draw benefits from the US government, sucking taxpayer money right out of this country.

To put it bluntly, amnesty is simply unaffordable. The US government cannot afford to spend out what it would take without destroying the social welfare system as we know it. The only solution would be to drastically curtail welfare, and politically that would be disastrous for Democrats.

Republicans, for their part, might support an amnesty if they could pull it off without losing too many votes, but that's unlikely. Both parties are stuck in a difficult situation here, because while the Mexican votes may seem very tempting to Democrats and the prospects for cheap labor may make Republican donors salivate, neither can figure out a way to get what they want without ultimately alienating their base.

But then again, it wouldn't be wise to trust our contemporary politicians to make choices based on the nation's long term interest, so I guess we'll see.

Will Feminists Disavow Murder?

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Kermit Gosnell, a Philadelphia abortionist, is on trial for murdering babies and causing the death of a patient by drug overdose. Most of the press is ignoring the story, because it doesn't suit their narrative. They are afraid, it seems, that people will draw the "wrong conclusions" about abortion. Some intrepid liberals, however, are trying to spin the trial, including one who said the real problem is racism. That one's kind of hard to figure out, because Gosnell himself is black, but where there's a will there's a way, apparently…

Others, including the execrable NARAL, are saying that all this really proves is that there is not enough freedom to abort:

> Abortion rights opponents are drawing the wrong lesson from the horrific case of Kermit Gosnell, Ilyse Hogue, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, said Friday.
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> Instead of encouraging more restrictions on reproductive rights, Hogue said, the Gosnell trial should serve as a warning about the consequences of denying women access to safe and affordable abortion care.
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> "This is exactly what happens when you place undue restrictions and you try to shame women to keep them from exercising their constitutional right to safe and legal abortions," Hogue told The Huffington Post in an interview. "You make them victims to people like Gosnell, because in their desperation they'll turn anywhere. You want to drive people like Gosnell out of business? Then you actually support medical facilities and the right of women to safe and legal abortion."

It's odd, but I didn't see any concern there about the dead babies. Does NARAL care about the babies? No, it just wants them aborted more efficiently, and safely, I suppose.

When you look around, you'll notice feminists calling the Gosnell case horrific, sad, disturbing and all that, but you'll hear nary a word about the dead babies. It's about racism, or lack of access to abortion, or something else along those lines. I suppose the patriarchy is bound to make it in there, too.

It seems that the feminists are forgetting – or perhaps ignoring – the fact that Kermit Gosnell *is on trial for murder*. He is not on trial for abortion, or even illegal abortion, but killing little human beings.

Lest anyone suggest that feminists have a problem with child killing, it must be pointed out that mainstream feminists support abortion at will, without any restrictions whatsoever. They want it whenever they choose, and they want it for free. Sometimes, they even openly support post partum abortion, otherwise known as infanticide.

I'd like readers to consider for just a moment what the reaction might be if someone supporting men were to advocate murder. There would be outrage, hysteria, denunciations — you name it. As it is, anyone who advocates for men, or even questions feminists, is frequently called upon to denounce others for going to far. For suggesting, for example, that the 19th Amendment was a mistake. For advocating patriarchy, or even for saying that women shouldn't be in certain historically male professions, such as the military.

But feminists get a free pass for advocating murder. Legally defined murder, no less — this is no hyperbole.

So, I'd like to ask feminists out there a serious question:

"Will you disavow murder?"

As Colleges are Feminized, Degrees Lose Value

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One fact that is rarely mentioned in the US press is that in developed countries, the prevalence of college degree holders has little correlation with economic output. Russia, for example, has the highest percentage of college degree holders on earth, while Germany has far fewer than the OECD average.

In the US, people with associate degrees are beginning to outearn those with bachelor's degrees if one excludes elite institutions. This isn't true throughout the country, but in certain regions the difference is pronounced. According to the Wall Street Journal, Tennessee community college graduates outearn university grads by thousands of dollars in their first year out of school:

> Think a community-college degree is worth less than a credential from a four-year college? In Tennessee, the average first-year salaries of graduates with a two-year degree are $1,000 higher than those with a bachelor's degree. Technical degree holders from the state's community colleges often earn more their first year out than those who studied the same field at a four-year university.
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> Take graduates in health professions from Dyersburg State Community College. They not only finish two years earlier than their counterparts at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, but they also earn $5,300 more, on average, in their first year after graduation.

If you take a look at a typical university classroom, it's pretty clear why this is happening. Colleges are becoming finishing schools that teach little more than politically correct etiquette to their mainly female students. They are also a form of welfare for career students, AKA professors, many of whom couldn't teach a job skill that didn't require begging for federal grants.

For those who attend Ivy League schools such as Harvard or Princeton the degree is probably still worth it, but these are effectively gated communities; middle and working class white boys not wanted (but they'll take their sisters if they are hot).

It's important that young men are taught from a young age what their best chance is at making a decent living, but there's so much invested in college degrees and the bloated education system these days that they hear ten lies for every piece of sound advice. Fortunately, it seems that many of them are figuring it out anyway, which is encouraging.

For a bright and competent but not exceptional young man a technical education is a perfectly good start in life. If he wants to finish a four-year degree later, it won't be very hard, and he can start making decent money early on. The same applies to young women, and an extra bonus for them is that without having some of the wrong-headed ideas shoved down their throats at universities they might be more satisfied with a normal life and make better, more practical decisions.

I don't think any more than a quarter of the population, and maybe less, has use for a full college degree. For the middle 50% or so a two-year technical degree is fine, and for the bottom 25% high school should do the trick. I'm glad I took some of the university courses I did, but to be honest only a couple of them taught any skills that have helped me get by, and I probably could have found those at a community college (e.g. writing for the web and Mandarin Chinese). If I had it to do over again, given my location and skills, I probably would have simply completed a technical degree in programming for web applications and gone straight to work in that, finishing a four-year degree later if I wanted.

I suppose there's one thing to be said for a college education, and that is that it helps students acquire a well-rounded base of knowledge. However, I'm afraid that with the replacement of classical education with politically correct garbage that doesn't apply any longer. Maybe at some point in the future we can rebuild schools that teach

wisdom and the classics, but the most urgent matter is helping our sons live productive lives rather than turning them loose in a world that prefers to take advantage of them, so for now it's probably best to counsel most of them to learn a trade *before* completing a four-year degree.

And as always, we should remind young men is that while credentials may sometimes be a necessary evil, they are not as important as character; what counts most is not what's written on a piece of paper, but how you live your life.

Rehtaeh Parsons, Steubenville, Rape Hysteria and Feminist Vigilantism

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By Matt Forney

A hundred years ago in the Jim Crow South, black men suspected—not convicted, not tried, merely *suspected*—of raping white women were hunted down by angry lynch mobs and hanged from trees. We in the 21st century are not so barbaric and uncivilized.

We hunt men *suspected* of rape down online and metaphorically hang them; smear them, dox them, shout *"GUILTY! GUILTY! GUILTY!"* long before they can be tried in a court of law.

Enter the case of Rehtaeh Parsons. Parsons was a Nova Scotian teenage girl who died after trying to hang herself supposedly in response to having been gang raped, then having photos of the rape distributed online. The RCMP investigated the case but was forced to drop it because they couldn't find enough evidence to charge her alleged rapists. Following Parsons' suicide, Anonymous took up her cause, digging up enough evidence for the RCMP to re-open the case. Both Nova Scotian Premier Darrell Dexter and Prime Minister Stephen Harper have also gotten involved, pledging new laws to ban underage "sexting" and "revenge porn." This is all good… right?

Except that no one has managed to actually *prove,* beyond a reasonable doubt, that Rehtaeh Parsons was raped.

To their credit, Anonymous has refrained from their usual scorched earth tactics by turning the info on Parsons' alleged rapists over to the police rather than publicizing it. But despite the fact that the RCMP *still* hasn't charged any of the perps (nor is there a guarantee that they will be able to, or that the courts will find them guilty), the Canadian media and feminists in general are rushing to crucify the boys along with anyone who doesn't want to light the torches. For example, *National Post* columnist Christie Blatchford is being raked over the coals right now for an article in which she essentially asked people not to rush to judgement:

> But Postmedia sources point to huge problems with the case that made it virtually impossible to take to court, chiefly the shifting accounts from Rehtaeh herself and independent evidence, including retrieved online messages, that supported the suggestion the sex that took place was consensual.

At no point in her article did Blatchford allege that Parsons wasn't actually raped, or that she deserved it, or *anything* like that; all she argued was that the case against Parsons' rapists is still weak enough that no one can make a definitive call on what happened. In response, professional Liberal smear-meister Warren Kinsella called her column "hateful garbage," while *VICE Canada's* Patrick McGuire called it "tasteless" and "insane." For what it's worth, Glen Canning (Parsons' father) had a reasonable response, but his voice is being drowned out by the chorus of leftists screaming for Blatchford's head.

Additionally, as Blatchford pointed out in her column, other people have been making the same point; an anonymous pamphleteer has been going around Halifax posting up flyers reminding people that there are "two sides to every story" and not to rush to judgment. This too has the feminists up in arms.

For all their chest-beating about being "progressives," leftists and feminists have had a disturbing amount of success in regressing rape cases—and the public's perception of them—back to the Jim Crow days, the days of the torch-wielding mob. The reason why Western jurisprudence frowns on vigilantism is because angry mobs, whether they wield shotguns or keyboards, have a poor track record when it comes to determining guilt and administering justice. The blind emotionalism of the Crowd can and *has* gotten innocents killed or destroyed their lives, and despite its flaws, our system of courts, judges and juries and its various precepts, such as the presumption of innocence and Blackstone's formulation, has proven to be the most effective way to punish criminals and uphold the law.

With the number of high-profile false rape cases in recent years—Kobe Bryant, the Duke lacrosse team, Ben Roethlisberger, Julian Assange—you would think that people would become *less* hysterical about rape. Instead they're becoming *more* so, to the point that simply stating that an accused rapist is still innocent until proven guilty is grounds for being denounced as a *victimblamingmisogynistwhodoesntthinkwomenarehumanbeings*. High-profile feminists like Jessica Valenti have even argued for abolishing the presumption of innocence in rape cases, which would literally take our justice system back to the Middle Ages.

None of this is really news to us in the manosphere, but there's a new, disturbing dimension to rape hysteria: *it's starting to interfere with the prosecution of actual rapists.*

The recent Steubenville case is a perfect example. The mainstream media and leftists lauded Anonymous for getting involved in the case, and while it's a good thing that the rapists were prosecuted, the mob storm that was kicked up around the story arguably hindered more then it helped. *Breitbart* contributor Lee Stranahan has been covering the various lies and rumors that sprouted up around the story, and even documented several instances where Anonymous' involvement actually *hurt* the prosecution's case and obstructed justice.

In response, Anonymous began an Internet-wide smear campaign against Stranahan, posting his address, harassing his wife and children, creating an *Encyclopedia Dramatica* page about him (link NSFW), and dredging up every skeleton in his closet (link NSFW) in an attempt to discredit his reporting. The Anons even went so far as to taunt Stranahan about the death of his infant daughter. These smears were subsequently repeated by the left-wing blogosphere, with not a single person bothering to factually refute any of his claims. Indeed, as Catherine Fitzpatrick wrote, it's particularly rich that the smear artists tried to attack Stranahan for his erotic photography, seeing as Anonymous was birthed in the swamp that is 4chan's /b/, a notorious source of child porn and other disgusting shock material.

But the ultimate problem here isn't Anonymous. It's the idea that rape is so horrific a crime, so evil that we can chuck centuries of legal precedent and draw and quarter anyone we even *suspect* might be guilty of it, or anyone who isn't eager to form a posse and string up the accused. And if both Steubenville and the Rehtaeh Parsons case are any evidence, things are getting worse. If on the off-chance that the RCMP still can't level charges against her accused rapists or a jury finds them not guilty, the Canadian media and feminists will have conspired to destroy these boys' lives for absolutely nothing. You think Kinsella, McGuire and their ilk will issue so much as an apology? I doubt it.

And if what happened to Lee Stranahan is any indication, the feminists and the angry mobs they've unleashed have no reservations about silencing anyone who opposes them.

Lest you doubt that these howling maniacs hold the levers of power, let me remind you what happened to another one of their victims: Indiana State Treasurer Richard Mourdock. Mourdock ran for Senate as the Republican candidate last year and was heavily favored to win until a debate two weeks before the election where he explained why he opposed allowing women who have been raped to get abortions:

> Mourdock added: "I just struggled with it myself for a long time but I came to realize: Life is that gift from God that I think even if life begins in that horrible situation of rape, that it is something that God intended to happen."

Mourdock is an evangelical Christian, who believe that God dictates the course of events in our world. By that logic, when a woman is raped, it's still a horrible act, but it happened for a reason; maybe the kid is going to grow up to be the next Albert Einstein or George Washington. You don't have to agree with Mourdock's viewpoint—I don't—to understand the reasoning behind it.

Feminists seized on Mourdock's remark and smeared him as being "pro-rape," a lie the mainstream media was all too happy to repeat. Within a week, his lead in the polls had evaporated. He ultimately lost to Democrat Joe Donnelly by a six-point margin.

We’re in for some dark days ahead.

For more from Matt Forney, visit his blog.

Shake and Bake Software Engineers

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Commenter “Thos” posted a link to a recent Huffington Post essay about sexist pronoun abuse in the tech industry. Not sure what the stock photo of male models had to do with the essay, but one expects this from femsites. Frankly, I can no longer endure ladie’s web sites. Trying to wade through too
many popups (yeah, I know you can turn off “popups”), flashing animations, come-ons for other items of interest, links From Around the Web, and links You Might Also Like just to get to the comment box and excrete some devastating wit only to have it lost into the abyss of the internet is really a complete waste of time. They are a gold mine of feminist parody though.

Anyway, I had just gotten back from the dentist where I endured the ubiquitous Chorus of Screaming Black Chicks while he drilled me, and still drooling on myself, scanned the commentary.

Some lady named “Women 2.0″ shilled her software training institute for girls :

Hackbright Academy is churning out women software engineers, the next class graduates May 7, 2013. Recruit from Hackbright!

So I checked out their website, which offers a 10-week intensive programming course for women only, with tantalizing promises of employment possibilities through their extensive “high-tech” business network. (The “Learn More” button didn’t work though, but maybe it’s just me)

Their business model appears to be : churn out women “software engineers”, and rely on federal and corporate mandates for female technocrat quotas to provide the graduate employment pipeline. Otherwise, why “for women only”? They have an answer :

Why Women Only?

In short, we hate the Dave-to-Girl Ratio in software development. We want to do our part to equalize this imbalance, and we felt that a program exclusively for women was a good place to start.

All right, that pisses me off. Apparently there is an HR metric called the “Dave Ratio” that is applied to prospective applicants. I am going to “out” myself here as I can no longer remain silent. My first name is “Dave”. Elmer is my middle name, having been named after my real “Uncle Elmer”. I was nonplussed as a kid to have “Elmer” as my middle name, but in adulthood think it’s awesome, like “Angus” or “Vern”, and other masculine given-names. But now in addition to being a middle-aged white man, apparently I can add “Dave” as a reason not to get hired. Yes there were five Davids in my kindergarten class but that does not confer upon us any special advantages that should now be redressed through discriminatory labor practices.

But seriously, their graduates are not engineers. Attaining the title engineer involves more than a 10-week programming boot camp. In some places (Texas for example), you cannot be called an engineer unless you have a 4-year degree and pass some certification. There’s a good reason for this : public safety. The design, testing, and implementation of embedded and real-time systems require a detailed understanding of electrical or mechanical components and their behavior. These systems often appear in transportation, power generation, and medical devices to name a few applications. To truly understand these domains requires years of study in mathematics, physics, electrical, and mechanical engineering, and in tough competition with other well-prepared students. Now I realize there are a lot of guys out there with solid programming skills and no university background who could make a decent living in the consulting market, but they can’t legally call themselves engineers.

No matter though, Silicon Valley is apparently eager to correct the scandalous gender imbalance in the high-tech industries, and ready to put these newly-minted engineer gals to work alongside of the usual riff-raff of males who didn’t earn their White Privilege.

The curriculum description reads :

Here is what you will learn. Some words you may not understand when you start, but will when you finish:

Python and its associated web frameworks
Pair programming
Git and source control
Interview skills
SQL and ORMs, and NoSQL
HTML, CSS, JS, Ajax, and WebSockets
Deploying into EC2 and GAE
*Terminal shells, grep, netcat, and other *nix command-line fu*
Message queues, batch processing, distributed processing
Why some nerds really love lisp, vim, and emacs

Well, one can learn *about* these topics in 10 weeks, perhaps enough to continue developing one's interests and maybe just enough to get an entry level job if you carried some enthusiasm with it. But programming skill takes years to acquire, just like anything else that's worth decent compensation in the labor market.

The real challenge these females will encounter after settling in at their new Encorpera cubicles will come from other women, specifically the ones who clawed their way through an engineering program and will chafe at the idea of strip-mall finishing-school alumni competing against their own career aspirations. For the biggest threat to women who actually work in tech are the Womyn Who Work in Tech.

As for you guys, if you have an interest in tech work and the full-blown engineering degree is not a realistic option right now, you can take advantage of your local community college for training in software development as well as many other trades. Continued education and certification can be attained once you get a toehold in the technical employment market through employer-sponsored educational benefits. Online options from many schools can provide "glue" to put together an accredited degree or get a Masters.

There are a couple of finer points for understanding how to succeed in tech. You have to develop a "domain skill" such as aviation, accounting, or biomedics in addition to computer skills. Straight-up programming skills are great but you need to stand out by having a strong theme in your work. Lastly, develop salesmanship skills, because you are going to need them to compete against the hordes of career women who will be increasingly taking up space and consuming resources in the once pellucid technical eco-system.

Feminists Acknowledge PR Problem

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A feminist professor of women's studies, of all people, has suggested dropping the word "feminist" (at least when it's convenient) in an article she wrote for The Atlantic:

> When I was a senior in college and a recent convert to feminism, I bought one of those "This is What a FEMINIST Looks Like!" t-shirts, and it quickly became my favorite item of clothing. The lettering was pink—ironically pink, of course—and I liked to push that irony further by pairing the shirt with a skirt, and maybe even some knee-high boots with flowers embroidered around the top.
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> When I got married a year after graduation, I wore the shirt proudly on the first day of my honeymoon, while holding the hand of my new husband, our flea-market wedding bands gleaming. I enjoyed the confused looks from people who would stare at my shirt and then at me; I could almost see their brains whirring, trying to process the mismatch between the person in front of them and the shrill, angry, neo-Amazon that a feminist is supposed to be. I loved challenging that misconception, with almost evangelistic zeal.
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> Seven years later, I still have the t-shirt, but it now lives in a box of old clothes in the attic. I can't bring myself to give it away, but I also can't remember the last time I wore it. We are at an impasse, the shirt and I, and this stalemate mirrors another growing ambivalence of mine, one I have only recently admitted harboring: an ambivalence about the word "feminism" itself.
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> This is a surprising admission for someone like me. Feminism wasn't just a passing college fad. I have two advanced degrees in feminist studies, not to mention a book on feminist literary criticism coming out later this year. I am now a college professor and regularly teach courses in our women's studies program. And I still feel that new-convert fervor when it comes to naming and opposing forces of sexism in our society.
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> And yet, in my professional and personal life, I increasingly find myself talking about feminist ideas without actually using the word "feminism." Why? It is exhausting to preface every conversation about combating misogyny with winsome, disarming anecdotes about how I actually do like men—enough to even marry one!—and how I actually haven't burned any bras (and probably never will, because they are so expensive). I'm tired of doing this myth-debunking dance, and, weirdly enough, the conversation often goes more smoothly if I just avoid the "F-Word" entirely.

However, later in the article she suggests that the term still has its uses as an in-group marker:

> Every semester, young women come into my office in tears. Much as I did, they are first becoming conscious of how terribly the world views and treats women. In this vital, fragile stage of life when they are just beginning to craft a self and envision a future, these students are simultaneously bombarded with damaging cultural myths about gender. They feel silenced, unheard, diminished.
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> In moments like these, feminism feels like a gift than I can offer, a word that represents the antidote to what wounds them. A word that can open new ways of thinking and living, not to mention a vault of incredible writers, philosophers, activists, and ideas. I can still remember those initial flashes of discovery, and the way the label used to feel before I became exhausted trying to defend it, how it was strong and new and whispered a promise of change. Yet, as life-giving as it has been for me, the word "feminism" comes with a lot of baggage, and I know that if these young women and men choose to embrace the label, they will also inherit its stigma and the burden of trying to maneuver around it to improve our world.
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> I wish I had more to give them, more than a galvanizing but hopelessly divisive word for them to cling to, but, for the moment, it's the only word I have. So until I have something better for them—and I want something better—I will hold onto my t-shirt and keep using the label.

> Sometimes.

I've long thought that when feminism finally falls out of fashion, women will simply deny ever having been feminists, or even knowing what it means. Instead, they'll just pretend feminism never happened, and go on about their lives as if nothing ever changed. And, as I get older and see the world more for what it is, I doubt that things will change all that much with or without feminism.

However, if anything, discrediting feminism will take a weapon out of the hands of the people and institutions that use it to disenfranchise and dispossess others, so it is ultimately a worthwhile endeavor.

We ought to keep in mind that what the author here is describing – the double-edged nature of labeling oneself – is something that can apply to men as well. This is one reason I have consistently avoided the MRA label. It can be helpful for rallying the troops and creating a sense of belonging, and it can inflate one's profile, but it can also pigeonhole people and create negative stereotypes.

For example, when a woman calls herself a "feminist," she can immediately be linked to Andrea Dworkin, the psychos who support infanticide, and nutjobs like Valerie Solanas. However, women tend to have a labile sense of group allegiance, and are excused for the same (I'd guess it's innate), so it isn't as much of a liability for them to associate with a particular group. For men, on the other hand, once you self-identify with some particular group, it's a lot harder to disassociate yourself from it. This suggests that perhaps the most effective tactic for discrediting feminism lies in going after the men who proclaim themselves to be feminists.

Something to keep in mind.

A Feminist Admits That Feminism Isn't About Equality

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Feminists say that feminism is about equality. MRAs and many other anti-feminists know that feminism is really about female supremacism. Louise Pennington writing in the Huffington Post admits that feminism admits that and believes that "equality" is nothing more than a smokescreen to prevent the liberation of women:

> My original feminism was about equality: women were equal to men and all we needed was the laws to force misogynists to stop being misogynists. The older I get, the more I believe that 'equality' is nothing more than a smokescreen to prevent the true liberation of women. Equality before the law means nothing when violence is endemic;

What is the "true liberation of women"? It's nothing more than female supremacism. Since Pennington is against both equality between men and women and presumably women having a lesser status than men (because women wouldn't be "liberated" in this case), the only option left is that she supports female supremacism. This is confirmed by her attack on equality before the law and elsewhere in Pennington's article:

> Feminism requires more than equality. It requires liberation. It requires the liberation of ALL women from male violence.

Governments have been waging a war on crime ever since governments have been around despite knowing that the complete elimination of crime (or violence) is impossible. The only way to even try to do such a thing is a police state the likes of which wasn't even seen in the Soviet Union. Neither socialism nor the police state of the Soviet Union were totalitarian enough and female supremacist enough for her because even socialists still pay lip service to equality and the idea that both men and women have human rights:

> Until two years ago, I would have still identified as a socialist-feminist, although my awareness of the structural oppression of women was growing. The unrelenting misogyny and rape apologism on the left made me reconsider my political stance as did the creation of the Feminist/Women's Rights board on Mumsnet. The more I read on Mumsnet, the more radical my feminism became. I started reading Andrea Dworkin, Natasha Walters, Kate Millett, Susan Faludi, Susan Maushart, Ariel Levy, Gail Dines, Germaine Greer, and Audre Lorde. I learned about cultural femicide and I started reading only fiction books written by women: Isabel Allende, Alice Walker, Maya Angelou, Kate Mosse, Margaret Atwood, Kris Radish, Barbara Kingsolver, and Andrea Levy amongst many others. I started reading about women's lives and the power of real sisterhood.
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> My feminism, both the definition and activism, has changed dramatically over the past 18 years. Now, I self-define as an anti-capitalist, pro-radical feminist as I believe that the source of women's oppression is male violence which is perpetuated by the structures of our capitalist economy. The Patriarchy may predate capitalism but we cannot destroy it without destroying capitalism too. I don't always feel a 'real feminist' or a 'good enough' feminist. All I know is that I am a feminist who truly believes that women have the power to liberate all women from male violence; that feminism is fundamentally about the power of sisterhood.
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> My feminist activism involves privileging women's voices over men's voices. I now only read books written by women. I try to get my main news from women's news sites and women journalists like Soraya Chemaly, Samira Ahmed, Bidisha, Helen Lewis, Bim Adewunmi, and Sarah Smith. I follow only women journalists on Twitter and Facebook. I support organisations which are placing women's experiences at the centre of public debate: Women Under Siege, The Everyday Sexism Project, and The Women's Room UK.

Pennington says here that she is privileging women over men. It's not just about what Pennington reads or her actvism. Throughout her article, Pennington doesn't just attack the a general vague idea of "equality", she attacks

very specific ideas of equality, namely equality before the law. Being against equality before the law means that Pennington wants to elevate women above men legally which is the most important aspect of female supremacism. There can be no doubt here that Pennington is a female supremacist and that feminism is about female supremacism.

Divorced Dads and Little League — A Followup

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By Thrown Away Dad

All the American communities that "Do Little League" have their own ways, customs and rules. Things such as the beginning of the season, the scheduling of games and practices, ceremonies at the beginning and end of the season, and one of the most important and least agreed upon is how players are divided up onto the different teams. In the community where I coach, a late Winter time, indoor tryout is held where one by one, each child will field a few ground balls, make a few throws, and then take several swings with a bat at a practice ball attached to a long stick.

Although we call this day the tryout, a more accurate word for it would be the evaluation. All of the coaches are there watching each of the boys as they take their turn demonstrating their abilities, or lack thereof, and then days later their is an actual draft of the players by the coaches. Again, the word tryout implies that some of the boys will not make the team. All of the boys end up on a team. The boys that perform the best during the tryout are chosen early and the ones who perform poorly of course end up being chosen last.

In an article I penned one year ago, I explained how my ex used an Emergency Order of Protection to stop me from being able to attend the tryout for the 2012 season. At the time, my goal was simply to survive her attempt to have me removed as my son's coach, and I did survive and keep my gig as a coach, however I soon learned that the move she made dealt a fatal blow to what would become a long hard season for the team I referred to as "Green", (the color of our shirts).

Because I was not allowed to attend the tryout, I was blind on the day of the draft. Furthermore, my concern during the draft was simply to get it over with and run away as fast as I could because on that day I still had the Emergency OP hanging over me, and again this was explained in the article that I penned last year.

Green was collectively younger than all the other teams and short on talent. Green could best be described as the Bad News Bears without a Cinderella story. All through the 2012 season I had to keep reminding myself that my goal was simply to survive as a coach despite being a divorced father with the typical ex wife who is constantly scheming and sniveling around. One positive outcome of our 2012 season is that numerous players on that team who had never before gotten out of the grass, (meaning previously they were always stuck in the outfield), were now playing in the infield sand with some even pitching and catching. It was refreshing to watch their skill level improve with each passing game, but as sports goes, the competition improves as well. All but one of our games was a loss. We endured a number of blowouts. We had a number of close misses that were absolute heartbreakers. We ended up with a record of 1 victory and numerous losses, and it is a record that my ex is very proud of and broadcasts loud and proud to anyone who will listen.

I distinctly remember last year talking with a friend of mine and explaining to him that I could not attend the tryout and why. My friend is unfamiliar with the Single Mother court system and he absolutely insisted that an Emergency Order of Protection cannot be used to stop a man from performing his duties. My friend adamantly told me that Emergency OP's are only for protection and that I cannot be arrested simply for attending a Little League tryout. The secrecy of the Single Mother courts and the refusal of the media to expose them leads to mass ignorance of what our Single Mother court Judges are getting away with. Sadly, it is true that most people agree with my friend. Even more sad is that fact that today, probably 99 percent of Emergency OP's are intended exactly to stop the man from performing his duties, whether it be as a father, as a coach, at his home based business or at his employment. Emergency OP's have become nothing more than a freebie bargaining chip or a power play utilized by our heroic Single Mother's at the time they choose to expel the father, or even years later when the pesky father who refuses to go away needs to be reigned in or handicapped in some way.

January of 2013 rolled around and it was time for players to sign up and for potential coaches to fill out a form if they wished to coach. Of course, I filled out the form knowing that due to last year's results I would probably not be

chosen. However, the phone call came in late February that I had been chosen and the word went out to all the parents, including the Heroic Single Mother, the day and time of the tryout. This year, I was prepared. Because I anticipated the Heroic Single Mother would again go to court and tell the Judge that she wanted another Emergency OP, (that is all it takes), I informed the gentleman who would be my assistant that I might be unable to attend the tryout and asked if he could he attend instead.

If my visitation weekend did not fall upon the weekend of the tryout, I literally would have went into hiding on the Friday morning before the Saturday tryout so that the cops would not be able to find me and serve me with the Emergency OP. However, my visitation weekend did fall on the tryout weekend so I had to show up at the usual time to pick up my son and hope my son would be waiting for me instead of a County Deputy with the Emergency OP in hand. Last year when the County Deputy served me with the OP, I simply stood motionless and silent while he read through the list of locations and persons that I was prohibited from being within 300 feet of. When he was finished, he told me that he had two sons of his own that he loved very much and would do anything for. I wanted to ask the clown if he believed that because he had children, his serving me the OP was “ok”, but I remained silent. He then asked if I had any questions. I would have loved to ask the clown a few questions, but I simply shook my head back and forth. That occurrence was the third time one of our Single Mother Court Judges handed out an Emergency OP against me so I was very familiar with the procedure.

On Friday afternoon, I was prepared to endure the same thing all over again. Frankly, I was stunned when I saw my son instead of a Deputy. I even took a look around to see if a Deputy was approaching. There was not. As me and my son drove away, I kept checking my rearview mirror thinking they were simply late and would catch up with me. I felt like a man who had just broken out of prison, constantly looking around to see if “they” are coming to get me. Then I started asking myself what had happened. Is it possible that the Judge refused her request this year ? Absolutely not, I know better. Is it possible that word got around last year as to why Green’s talent level was so much lower than the other teams and the Heroic Single Mother was shamed for her actions ? Not in this society.

During the 2013 tryout, I felt absolutely relieved and vindicated regarding the previous years poor performance of my team. I was amazed at how visible each boy’s skill level showed with just a 2-3 minute evaluation period. Skill levels ranged from the poor child who tries to fit the ball glove onto their throwing hand, to boys who today look like they might be serious contenders to play minor league ball some day. If you are going to Coach competitively in this community, you absolutely MUST attend the tryout. After already having held a few practices, I can already see we have a much higher talent level than last year’s team.

This is now the fifth year that I have attempted to coach or volunteer as an assistant coach for my son’s baseball teams. On year number 1, I was told to not even bother filling out a coaching application because they preferred fathers who live in that community. I showed up to practices and games and observed that the gentleman coaching the team already had another gentleman acting as his assistant. In fact, I will never forget the day I introduced myself to that coach and asked him if I could have a copy of the game schedules he was handing out. He apologetically told me that he only had enough schedules, “for the parents”. On year number 2 I did not even bother asking if I could fill out an application. However during the first practice, I observed a new coach throwing batting practice without anyone to catch for him, so I quickly grabbed my glove and caught during his batting practice and this landed me a gig as his assistant coach. On year number 3, I pulled a very similiar stunt with a still different coach and landed a gig as the assistant. On year number 4, I felt “qualified” enough to fill out an application which led to the adventure as written about last year.

Now on year number 5, not only am I coaching, but I am coaching without a handicap. It takes just a moment to let the last sentence sink in. Practically any married father in America today can coach his son’s little league team simply by volunteering to do so. Because the skank I foolishly married wanted a divorce, it took me 5 years of trying to get to equal footing with the married fathers.

I get rather amused when the Single Mom’s of my players approach me with one BS story or another about how their ex husband might not bring Junior to the game, or Junior may not be at the practice because the ex husband is

such a dastardly man. All these Single Mothers are trying to find yet another bloke who agrees with them that their ex husband is a really bad guy. What is amusing is how their negative comments about their ex husbands come to an abrupt stop upon obviously learing that the coach himself is an ex husband.

I coach in a lilly white community and fully half of my player's moms are single moms. I rather enjoy approaching the other thrown away fathers and asking them if they can help out in one way or another. Of course, these men always jump at the chance to help out because it is giving them an opportunity to be a little bit more of a father to their son than the Single Mother Court Judge allows them to. And I just absolutely love to watch the single mothers grinding their teeth while these good fathers are allowed to more fully fulfill their responsibilities as fathers to their sons.

University of Wisconsin Probes Vagina Monologues Incident

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Some mischievous girls disrupted a performance of the Vagina Monologues, prompting the University of Wisonsin Madison to open an investigation into the public act of heresy. The girls, who are suspected to be sorority sisters, reportedly banged on windows and made obscene gestures. One girl is alleged to have lifted her skirt in a move that may have been calculated to taunt and provoke the largely lesbian performers and audience in a "can't touch this" gesture.

> The disturbance came toward the end of a Saturday night performance that was part of a three-show weekend run held as a fundraiser for UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence, a Madison-based nonprofit that aids Latinos and immigrants.
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> The show was held in the basement of Brink Lounge. Near the end, a bus parked on East Washington Avenue let out members of the sorority for their spring formal to be held in a basement lounge adjacent to the theater space. A large window forms part of the back wall of the theater fronting East Washington Avenue.
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> The majority of sorority members walked by without incident, Feder said. One woman allegedly starting pounding on the window as the scripted portion of the play was concluding, she said. After a brief lull, other young men and women joined, with most pounding on the window and one woman briefly lifting up her skirt, she said. In total about five people were part of the disturbance, she said.
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> The second part of the disturbance came during the final scene of the play when actors step to a microphone one by one and share personal, unscripted stories of their own experiences with sexual violence, Feder said. Some spoke in English. Others spoke in Spanish.

It's informative to see that while screeching protests that involve violence, civil rights violations and intimidation as well as illegal alarm-pulling are not investigated in North American universities, a few kids horsing around outside a window calls for a "full investigation."

But I suppose that when the holy, pure and sacrosanct ritual of feminists talking about their vaginas is being performed, respect and reverence is not optional. Students who do not pay the proper respect to the vagina, that inviolate wellspring of victimhood, must be forced to pay for their transgressions.

On another note, this thing feminists have for foreign women should be suspect. I have noticed for years a certain obsession with politically marginalized immigrant women among the radical feminist set. Somehow, I suspect that feminists' interest in compliant, powerless young females isn't entirely altruisic.

Jury Still Out on Jodi Arias Case

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The jury is still deliberating in the Arias murder trial, in which Jodi Arias stands accused of slaughtering her lover Travis Alexander in a jealous rage.

Arias took photos of Alexander immediately before killing him while he was taking a shower. She shot him, stabbed him and cut his throat open, leaving blood all over the place, and then took more photos for some reason. Police were able to recover some of the photos, which were taken with Alexander's camera.

It was a gruesome crime, even as far as most murders go.

After her arrest, Arias denied involvement. Later, when it became crystal clear that she was the killer, she changed her story, claiming that she did it because Alexander was abusive toward her. This defense proved very effective in the Mary Winkler case, among others, as a means to excuse women for killing male lovers. It is Arias' only hope for an acquittal, as the facts are stacked against her.

The deliberating jury has the option of convicting Arias of 1st degree murder, which could result in a death sentence, 2nd degree murder, manslaughter or acquittal. I'm curious as to what readers think the jury will eventually settle on, so I'll put up a little poll pending the outcome:

Meet “The Patriarchy”

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The breaking news about the Cleveland kidnapping/sex slave case has all the trappings of the feminist narrative, except for, well… the suspects.

> CLEVELAND — The police had been called two times to a house where three young women from Cleveland, who disappeared about a decade ago and who friends and relatives feared were gone forever, were found on Monday, the authorities said on Tuesday. In 2000, the owner of the house, Ariel Castro, had called the police about a fight in the street. In 2004, the authorities interviewed Mr. Castro, a driver, after he “inadvertently” left a child on a school bus.
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> Mike Iwais, 35, a grocery store owner who lives near the house where the women were found, said he would see Mr. Castro strolling around the neighborhood, in nightclubs or restaurants. Mr. Iwais, who has lived in the neighborhood for 35 years and like Mr. Castro went to Lincoln West High School, said Mr. Castro played in a Latin music band at a club called Belinda’s.
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> “But I never saw anybody going in or out of his house except him. Not even one person,” Mr. Iwais said. ” We all thought he lived alone because he was always by himself going in and out of the house. Sometimes he would sit on his porch and drink beer.”
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> “He would have beers with people, other guys in the neighborhood, in their yards or on their porches, but he would never invite anyone over,” Mr. Iwais said. “And sometimes, you would say hello to him and he would not acknowledge you. It was strange.”

Feminists love to point to these incidents and use them to discredit the overwhelming majority of ordinary men, as though they have anything in common with the Castro brothers. They are used to portray every middle class guy as a potential menace to society and freak who would keep girls in a sex dungeon. But it turns out that, in fact, the fellows who kidnapped these girls are about what you’d expect: a few disheveled, low-class weirdos.

So why is it that despite the fact that the guys who commit these crimes are almost always on the bottom of the male power and privilege scale, feminists are constantly linking abuse of women to men’s power, and agitating for stripping what remaining male privilege exists?

It’s time for the patriarchy/male privilege narrative to be exposed for the sham it is. Privileged men are least likely to abuse women; patriarchal types are most likely to protect them. It is overwhelmingly the powerless, those without privilege and the undesirable who resort to crime to obtain sex. The few others, like Ted Bundy, are simply the exceptions that prove the rule.

But perhaps the real issue here is that women aren’t as interested in making up stories about guys like the Castro brothers, because those guys don’t turn them on like Christian Bale in *American Psycho*.

Were the 1950s so bad?

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I still get comments from indignant women about an article I wrote advising women to get on it by the time they hit the age of 25. Mainly, these comments feature a lot of rationalization. You know — that infamous, furious hamster that characterizes Western females.

Here's a recent example:

> I just turned 25. This article sounds like it is written by a bitter male still living in the 1950s. These days, 25 is a lot younger than it was 20 or even 10 years ago. Furthermore, age is just a number. I meet 18 year old girls that look about my same age or older. Shakira is 36 and looks about 20. She just had a baby with a man 10 years younger I see lots of women in their mid 30s everyday who look young. W.F. Price needs to wake up. Halle Berry is almost 47 and is pregnant. Do I realize pregnancy at a younger age is safer? Yes, but that doesn't mean doors are closed for women in their late 30s and 40s and even 50s. Personally, I think very late 20s and early 30s is a good time to get married. Most marriages that start in the early 20s end in divorce. With that being said, I have friends who had kids out of wedlock in their teens and early 20s. They are miserable and never went to college and not with the fathers of their babies. I only know one who married the baby's father and she looks pretty miserable as well. Everybody who got married young is no longer with their partner either. The thing is our brains aren't even fully developed until we are in our mid-20s. If we get married in our teens or early 20s, we might choose a partner we feel lust for, but is not stable and not a good match. With that being said, I married at 23 and I wish I would have waited until at least my late 20s to meet somebody. I have lots of problems with my husband who is a little older than me because he, himself was not financially ready for marriage and still too attached to guy friends. If I would have waited until I was professionally employed and met somebody else who was also professionally employed, I would be a lot happier now.

I'm not going to address it point by point. It's too obvious what's going here: the girl married a guy close to her age, he's still beneath her in terms of SMV (sexual market value), and she is itching to trade up. Your median divorce happens right about when women reach that critical tipping point where male and female SMV converge — the late 20s. Dissatisfied women in their late 20s will look for whatever reason they can find to run for it, because they sense this is their last chance to really be on top of their game and snag a higher-status male. I'm sure the hormones have a lot to do with it, too.

The above female is pretty extreme, though. She apparently believes that she can still hope for a child up to her 50s. It's delusional; that's like a man thinking he can join the major leagues and succeed past 30 (it's happened a few times, but only a fool would count on it!). But it isn't so much about the child for her as it is about capitalizing on the sexuality — this is a woman's biological prime directive. Nature didn't build in birth control, but it did give women a relentless drive to use sex to snag high-status males as long as it's possible. Nature's point was to ensure maximum fertility and infant survival, hence the use of sex to climb the ladder. As long as women are having sex they are propagating their genes by having babies, and their status climbing is ensuring the survival of these babies and genes. Put the two together and there's a good recipe for the Bible's (and nature's) commandment to "go forth and multiply."

But what gets me is this constant running down of the 1950s. I know they weren't perfect, even though I was born significantly later in the mid 70s myself. My dad told me the 1950s were pretty miserable in a lot of ways. He mentioned impoverished, working class families. Irish American families with more kids than they knew what to do with, scrimping and saving just to pay rent and eat. Italians resorting to organized crime. Rural Anglos moonshining, and black families who couldn't afford sugar, and instead just made do with small amounts of molasses for their cornbread. One car or no car families. Desperate people who counted on the church community for support. Men who felt trapped, and women who had to struggle to find enough food for everyone. Families still

hurting from the loss of brothers, fathers and sons from the war. It was no picnic.

But there were good things about it, too. People actually helped each other. People had a sense of duty and shame. Caring for one another was a virtue. Women were feminine and thin, and physically attractive. Men were masculine and thin, and physically active. Children were free and happy, and evidently very healthy and privileged considering the great success and wealth of the generation born during those years.

So I have to ask what it is about the 1950s that prompts feminists to disparage that decade so much? Why is it that contemporary times, replete with obese, helpless single mothers, bastardy and mass reliance on government welfare are so great? Why is it that keeping our society civil today requires the world's highest ever rate of incarceration? Why can't we count on our neighbors? Why are women fatter and uglier, and men lower status? Why is unemployment so damned high?

Why is our society so much less equal in terms of income and socioeconomic status today?

I don't want a return to the 1950s – they were far from ideal, and we could do better – but it looks to me as though these simple-minded women are condemning the decade for all the wrong reasons. Are our young women today, pumped and dumped and raising fatherless children, worshipping the false idols of Barack Obama, George Bush, Bill Clinton and other would-be gods, really so much better off than the women of these dreaded 1950s?

Justice for Travis Alexander

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Jodi Arias has been convicted of murder in the first degree for the brutal killing of her lover, Travis Alexander. Perhaps we have turned a corner, and the days of smearing dead men to excuse their wives and girlfriends for capital crimes are drawing to a close.

Feminists often speak of "blaming the victim" in rape trials and cases, but there could be no more blatant example of this than Jodi Arias's defense, in which she attempted to explain away her vicious murder, which involved stabbing Mr. Alexander dozens of times, shooting him in the head and cutting his throat by calling him "abusive." What nerve…

Let us hope that Ms. Arias can come to repent for her crime, and do what she can to make amends before she meets her fate. Her attempt to justify and rationalize the murder argues for the most severe punishment, but perhaps she can show enough contrition during sentencing to save her life.

Mercy is now in God's hands — she can expect no more from men than she extended to Travis Alexander.

Manboobz Chronicles — I'm So Ronery, by Andrew Johnston

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I see that the slob Futrelle is still at it, using any comment he can to take potshots at my and other androsphere blogs. I don't know who's paying him, but he's making a career out of being a feminist guttersnipe, so might as well have a little fun with him and his halfwit readers.

Turns out one of his commenters is in pain – deep psychic pain – because he got rejected by a Chinese girl.

The guy is named Andrew Johnston, and runs a site called "Kingdom of Sharks" where he begs Chinese (girls) to get in touch with him. Andrew is a white guy, and he really, really likes Chinese girls. Nothing wrong with that – Chinese girls have plenty of admirable qualities – but this guy takes it to another level. Actually, he takes it so far that one could call Mr. Johnston a "stalker" without exaggerating.

Let's take a look at his obsession with the object of his desire:

> **Why I Can't (Quite) Move On**
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> I'd like to get personal for a moment. This may come across as self-indulgent, but the way I see it, it's my blog and I'll do what I want with it.
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> I've tried to keep the details of this between me and a few other people for a while now, but since I'm trying to make a clean start here I feel like I should put it out in the open. Some of this you may be familiar with the basics – I just realized while I was writing this that it's been one year since I first wrote on this topic (and about half a year since the follow-up), which is also around the point where everything started to go to hell. I've certainly touched upon it before, but now that some time has passed I'd like to delve into the details. Bear with me.
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> As many of you know, I was in a relationship with a woman who went by Audrey Huang. She was unlike anyone I've ever been with, and I was ready to marry her. I was going through the steps to bring her over here so we could be together. It was a slow process, but I was working my way through it.
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> And then, one day, she was gone. There was one terse message telling me that she was strong enough without me, and that was it. I never heard from her again. One day we had a future, the next day it was vapor.

You know, it strikes me as ironic, but not the least bit surprising, that a guy who posts on Manboobz' site is chasing foreign women. It might be one thing if the women were chasing him and he were simply weighing his options near and far, but obviously this isn't the case — "Audrey" dumped his sorry ass *after* he'd promised to bless her with his hand in marriage. Andrew wasn't picking and choosing, but rather being weighed and judged and found wanting.

Ouch.

So what does Andy do? Why, what any guy who got rejected by a long-distance girlfriend would — he spends months trying to track her down online:

> So I've spent the last two months trying to find her, and there's not much I haven't tried in pursuit of that goal. I reached out to her friends and family, but either they didn't know anything or wouldn't tell me. I started reaching out to anyone I thought might have some connection to her – people who worked for the same companies, people who came from her hometown or who were there presently (she had spoken about going back there). When that didn't work, I went to QQ and started posting everything I knew about her in the hopes that someone I hadn't thought of might have seen her. I dug through old pictures and emails (opening a few wounds in the process) for any information I might have missed. I paid for international calls to her number and the numbers of several people who might have known her. I searched for people with similar names, finding dozens of others and feeling my heart leap every single time. In a moment of desperation, I even sent a

> letter to her last workplace in the vain hopes that someone there might have something to tell me.
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> Every effort failed. After two months, I've tried everything I can imagine, save a few options that would be going much too far. She's gone.
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> Except…she's not gone. I keep close tabs on the traffic that leads here – the subscription spam has made it difficult to track my legit traffic, so I watch this thing carefully. Shortly after Audrey cut me off, I started getting views through a VPN – the kind of thing used by people in the PRC to get around government censorship. Ever since then, I've been receiving regular hits from that same person at least once a month, sometimes more. Now, I don't have definitive proof that those hits are from Audrey, but no one else from that part of the world has ever taken any interest in what I write. Audrey did. I can't help but feel that she's been watching me this whole time (Incidentally, I hope that whomever is watching will consider contacting me, if only to clear things up).

Creepy…

Why did Audrey reject the Manboobz regular? The following may offer a clue:

> What you have to realize is that while I was unemployed, I felt terrible most days. Audrey was really the one ray of sunshine I had. She was such a sunny, positive person, and I felt infinitely better any day she contacted me, even if she had nothing in particular to say. When she stopped talking, that light went out. I never realized how much I depended on that.

Good going Audrey. The guy was not only unemployed, but a mangina as well. The former might be excusable if there were ameliorating circumstances, but not the latter, even if it means a visa to the USA, which has obvious, huge benefits to a Chinese woman.

I'd like to congratulate Audrey on her good judgment, and refusal to stoop to such a low level as to shack up with the kind of guy who posts on David Futrelle's website. Score one for Chinese women. But really, even a woman in the most desperate of circumstances would have to think long and hard about shacking up with Andrew Johnston.

Which leads me to the final lesson:

If you love a woman and want her to love you back, the last man you want to listen to is David Futrelle. Futrelle to a normal woman is like naphtha to moths — he will drive them away in sickness. Maybe Andrew Johnston has some time to figure this out. I hope so, but first he'll have to purge himself from any and all association with Manboobz, and stop being such a whiny little putz.

I'd recommend reading Heartiste, Dalrock and Roosh for starters, and then perusing other androsphere blogs. We manosphere types may be hated by David Futrelle and assorted feminists (largely fat lesbians), but we certainly aren't lacking for female companionship.

Andrew, I can guarantee you one thing: Audrey is making sweet love to a man who is not ashamed of being masculine. She is enjoying it, and she laughs at your limp affection and beta entreaties. She tells him about you, and he laughs a deep, dismissive laugh, then has sex with her. You are the butt of their jokes. As she submits to his masculinity, she breathes a sigh of relief that she didn't screw up and attach herself to a pathetic mangina like you, and then enjoys the deep, penetrating pleasures of being treated like a real woman.

If you care about her, you will be happy for her pleasure, move on, and leave her alone.

And for the love of God, stop being such a creepy stalker already!

Prison Love: Black Guerilla Family Style

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By Obsidian

By now, you've probably heard about the latest activities of the prison gang/organized crime outfit, the Black Guerilla Family – the local Baltimore chapter chief, one Tavon "Bulldog" Smith, seems to have been up to quite a bit during his stay in the state's prison. Among other things (like running a full-service drugs dealing operation from his prison cell), he allegedly impregnated at least four of the thirteen Black female prison guards that serviced him and other members of the BGF.

For those of us who follow the news headlines and examine them through the lens of EvoPsych and Game, none of these developments comes as any shock or surprise, nor is the incidence of "prison romances" anything new; indeed, The Spearhead has covered such stories in the not-too-distant past, where we find the rough-and-ready, yet sensitive-and-charismatic Prison Guy woos the female prison guard or psychologist or what have you. While some have excoriated the powers-that-be for what they see as the downsides – and they are real – of the increased participation of Women in what was traditionally all-Male workspaces – I have a differing tack on this thing.

I see the BGF and related incidents as our Psychosexual Hardwiring being exposed to the harsh light of day – and I think this, at least as much if not more than anything else, is what bothers a goodly number of MEN, more than anything else. I mean, let's face it – when's the last time you've read about these stories, and have seen hordes of Women rising up in righteous indignation over it? Yea, that's what I thought.

No, it's mainly guys who take umbrage to these stories – about how the Women would/could get involved with the supposed dregs of society, and so forth. Underneath all the "Save Western Civ" outrage, is the very real sense of Sour Grapeism.

And, there would be some truth there – after all, Women being fully self-supporting would mean that their mating calculus would change, as to be expected for any human when he or she encounters a changed environment; they would be fully expected to adapt. And contrary to the dogmas of others along these lines, the simple truth of the matter is that Humanity has a wide menu of mating options and strategies, both short and longer term, and can and will select one depending on the particularities of the situation they find themselves in at the time.

So, for me, the Black Prison Guard Ladies who got with Mr. Bulldog, were merely choosing the best choice from among the mating options that were on the table; just because there were more "stable, productive" and most importantly, "law-abiding" Black Men available on the outside, they clearly lacked something that did it for these ladies, and they opted to get with the aforementioned Bulldog instead. Among other things, he offered material bennies, had good looks/hot physique, and was able to display formidable dominance. These are traits that, among males, are in short supply anywhere, inside the joint or otherwise. So, when seen from this angle, a purely EvoPsych one, it would make perfect sense for the ladies to do what they did.

So too does it make perfect sense that they would share an Alpha Male – and here we obliterate another polite fiction. These Women didn't have to share anyone with anybody; they made their own money and were gainfully employed, so the notion that Women who enter into harems do so because they have no other options simply ain't so. Indeed, if anything – and I've long predicted this – we will see MORE De Facto Harems, not less, PRECISELY because Women, in this case Black Women, like it that way. They can and will go in on a timeshare on a obviously successful Man, than have a lesser one all to themselves, when push comes to shove.

In a word, I'm having a hard time seeing what all the hub-bub regarding the BGF – which got started by the prison-love interest of Angela Davis – is all about. After all, when you understand Game and EvoPsych, none of these stories in the news comes as any great surprise or shock in the least.

The Obsidian

As Rabbinic Courts Neutered, Israeli Divorce Rate Rises

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I knew all the talk about Israel being a feminist haven was balderdash, as Judaism hasn't survived for millennia by accommodating feminist influence, but until recently I wasn't aware of certain implications of halachic law, which governs many personal matters, such as marriage and divorce.

It turns out that women are not allowed to be witnesses in rabbinic courts (Beth din), and from that I extrapolated that women cannot testify against husbands in divorce. This took me by surprise. I can hardly imagine how much time and money this saves both the courts and the parties involved. Add to this the fact that civil marriage does not exist in Israel, and it starts to become clear why Jewish birthrates in that small country have shot up to well over replacement levels and the divorce rate, at 30%, is quite low by developed countries' standards.

However, things are changing. In 2008, the Knesset passed a new law allowing property division *before* finalization of divorce, allowing a stealth form of civil divorce. Additionally, Israel has begun using pressure tactics, such as restraining orders, to remove husbands from homes (this remains rare, but that's likely to change).

The results are what you'd expect. After the new rules went into effect, divorce rates rose substantially, even as they remain stabilized in most other developed countries. It looks as though Israel is starting to lose its pioneer edge, and if this trend continues we can probably expect to see a liberalization of family values and subsequent rise in illegitimacy, adultery and other wonderful features of decadent post-industrial societies in Israel.

Surprisingly Humorless Onion Piece Proves Me Right

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The Onion ran a piece on the Cleveland kidnapping case that is supposed to be satire, but comes off as pure, feminist man-hatred. Here's an excerpt:

> And men just live in the moment, you know? They don't hesitate or waste time thinking about the moral and ethical consequences of, say, oh, I don't know, tying three human beings up in a basement for a decade and subjecting them to near-constant psychosexual abuse, for example. They don't burden themselves with worrying about whether something like that is legal or ethical or humane. Or whether or not they are pitiless monsters who should have killed themselves years ago. No, sir, they see something they want, and they're not afraid to just take it. Honestly, you have to admire that about men. We sure do!
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> Another thing that makes men the very pinnacle of life in this universe? The way they can just, in an instant, tear you away from your family, friends, and all semblance of a normal and happy life, purely to satisfy their own most sickening whims and desires. And beyond that, how they are able to strip you of not only everything you've ever held dear, but also of every last shred of dignity and humanity you have. I mean, name us a woman who could do that! Puh-leeze! We'd like to see one try.
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> Now, we've heard some people criticizing men recently, but take it from us: If you just give him the chance, a man will show you that he is capable of things you could never even begin to imagine. Things that you'd never think a human being could ever, ever even contemplate doing, let alone actually accomplish. Things that just have to make you say, "Wow, bravo! You set up that dungeon-like torture chamber all by yourselves? Golly, you've really outdone yourselves this time, male gender! We really hope you're proud of yourselves."

The reason feminists aren't funny is because hatred and is not funny, and that's their primary emotion.

I predicted that some feminists would jump on the Cleveland kidnapping case to condemn all men, and then use it to bolster their arguments about patriarchy and male privilege. Then, I argued that the case only proves how wrong they are about patriarchy, because it is yet another example of a case that refutes their premise about male privilege being tied to abuse of women.

This really enraged them, because how dare I use one of "their" cases to point out that they are wrong. From their perspective, it should be a sacred feminist right to use these incidents against men as a political bludgeon so as to coerce more concessions, more power, etc. Some went so far as to accuse me of blaming women and feminists for the kidnappings themselves (rubbish), while a few others sent me some hate mail.

But you know, I'm going to keep it up, because they do not have the sole right to the narrative when convenient tragedies occur. The Castro brothers were neither patriarchal nor privileged; they were low-life predators from the bottom of society. Not to say that low-class men are all bad people, either, but men without privilege are the most likely to commit crimes, for obvious reasons.

Go to any domestic violence court in the US, and what does one see? A parade of sad, sorry pathetic men shuffling before a judge. Go to a criminal court and it's generally the same. Male criminality and abuse of women is not positively linked to privilege, but the lack of it. Feminists like to say that only means that wealthy, privileged men get away with it. I call bullshit. While a wealthy man may have more resources to defend himself in court, he also stands to lose a lot more if he commits a crime, and the lifespan and health of privileged men's wives as compared to the miserable lot of their underclass counterparts speaks volumes.

The myth of male power and privilege is just that, and the Cleveland case is one more pebble on the mountain of evidence that exposes it for a lie.

Empowering men in their families will not lead to more crimes against women and girls, but fewer. Fathers are

protective of their children – both male and female – and husbands protective of wives. Married women are healthier and live significantly longer than singles; children with present fathers are far less likely to become victims of crime, or criminals themselves. Feminists will doubtless use examples of outrageous crimes in an effort to remove more men from their families, thereby creating both more victims and more criminals. They will use examples like the Castro brothers' kidnapping whenever and wherever they can. We must stop them from doing so, and we must not be intimidated by their feigned moral outrage when we speak the truth about their agenda.

A NY Times Mother's Day Op-ed: Trannies are Equal Moms

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When you see some kinds of articles, you start to understand why it was prescient women like Phyllis Schlafly who killed the Equal Rights Amendment. Men were pretty much in favor. I mean, what's not to like about it? Under legal gender equality women would have to share all the crap that falls primarily on men's shoulders. However, it should be pointed out that feminists, with a few notable exceptions, never supported it either. The version they supported included something known as the "Hayden Rider," which preserved all female privileges and exemptions while granting women all of men's privileges, i.e. the status quo.

But a brave, valiant minority is challenging female supremacy. Not patriarchal drones or supporters of male privilege, but men who reject everything about masculinity. Men who reject it so much that they chop off their genitalia and take female hormones in order to eradicate everything male about them.

One of these stalwart, self-mutilating individuals – a "former" male who goes by the name Jennifer Finley Boylan – has declared that he's every bit the mother as any woman. Sure, he had children as a male, but that doesn't mean he can't now call himself "mom," and demand they do the same. However, it isn't only his kids who must call him "mother," but all of us. If we don't accept that he's a mother, we're bigots. Why? Because he has shared the defining maternal experience, which he puts down as "suffering."

> ONE day, toward the end of my transition from father to mother, I came home to find my 6-year-old son looking thoughtful. "Are you all right?" I asked.
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> "Yes," Sean said quietly. He was playing with Thomas the Tank Engine. His favorite engine was No. 5, red James. That had also been my name, back before it became Jenny.
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> "What are you thinking?"
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> "It's just it used to be you and me and Zach, the three boys on one side," he said, "and Mommy and Lucy-dog on the other."
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> "I know," I said, feeling my heart clench.
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> "Now it's Zach and me on one side, and you and Mommy and Lucy-dog over there."
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> "I'm sorry, Sean," I said. My voice was barely a whisper. "I'm so sorry."
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> "It's O.K.," said Sean. "The boys are just outnumbered."
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> I have been a dad for 6 years, a mom for 12, and for a time in between I was both, or neither, like some parental version of the schnoodle or the cockapoo.
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> People have pointed out to me that, despite calling myself a mother, I didn't give birth to my sons. They're right, of course. But there is a lot more to parenting than birthing, just as there is a lot more to a novel than its opening sentence. After this long journey from an opposite-sex couple to a same-sex one, my wife and I can say it's what comes after that counts.
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> I understand the reluctance many people have to play down the importance of gender, or for that matter, biology, in parenting; a world in which male and female are not fixed poles but points in a spectrum is a world that feels unstable, unreal. And yet to accept the wondrous scope of gender is to affirm the potential of life, in all its messy beauty. Motherhood and fatherhood are not binaries. And that, I'd argue, is a good thing.
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> Only a small percentage of American households now consist of married couples with children in which only the father works. The biggest outliers in our culture are not same-sex couples, or transgender people, or adoptive parents, or single fathers, but the so-called traditional American families themselves.
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> What does it even mean, at this hour, to call anybody traditional? Surely it is not the ways in which we

> conform that define us, but the manner in which we each seek our own perilous truth.

Pure self-indulgence of the most disgusting variety, and highlighted on Mother's Day. I'd like to say it's sacrilegious, but sadly it is appropriate. I understand why some of the most selfish, depraved men among us would want to relinquish their masculinity. In our society, women are free to pursue their heart's desire without fear of sanction. Judging women for putting their own needs first is condemned in every mainstream outlet, from Dr. Phil to *The Atlantic*.

Some men are bound to be envious of this. Some of them go so far as to try to try to *become* a woman. And what kind of woman do they emulate? The worst parody of one. Gaudy, self-righteous, exhibitionist, attention-seeking, demanding, selfish and all too willing to place their burdens on others.

And in this great society we have built, it is they who stand at the pulpit and speak to the masses.

USA! USA! USA!

Not So the Women

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A group of ex-pat teachers and I were recently joined for a restaurant dinner by a couple of Chinese girls who attended at the invitation of one of our group. At best they were only modestly interesting and attractive, and typical of most Chinese I've met (especially the women), were entirely absent from the discussion when it came time for every one, including the lone female ex-pat, to cough up their share of the bill. The Chinese girls did not offer a thank-you for their dinner and drinks.

They were happy, however, to join us when we decided to make a night of it at a nearby club. Even better, no sooner had we arrived at the club than we were joined by the male friend of one of them. In China it is typical for nightclubs to require payment upon ordering, prior to drinks actually arriving at the table. So we ordered a bottle of Scotch and enough beer to see all of us through the evening, for which the bill came to about 800 yuan, roughly $130.

Naturally enough, we divided the total among the group and asked the Chinese to contribute an equal share. Within moments, all three unceremoniously got up and left without bothering to say good-bye.

It has been my consistent experience that foreigners are viewed locally as resources to be exploited, by right of skin color, ethnicity and location of birth. This incident, one of many, has in no way altered my opinion.

I met a rather pretty young Chinese woman recently who speaks fairly good English and has lived, worked and studied in Brussels. She and I have exchanged language lessons – I teach her specialized English in topics such as economics, law and politics, while she teaches me basic Chinese. She is clearly intelligent and hard-working, yet her teaching skills are poor – I have had to instruct her on the best methods for teaching me Chinese. (To be fair, this is a problem I've encountered back home as well – I can almost always teach myself faster and more effectively than any instructor).

I took Sasha (her self-given 'English' name) for lunch shortly after meeting her, and while she impressed me with her non-parochial world-view, education and intelligence, I was also a tad dismayed by a couple of things. One was the fact that she told me at least five times over the course of our meal how handsome I am. I appreciate flattery as much as anyone, but the compliments felt forced, perhaps even manipulative. And in all honesty, I just ain't that handsome.

Another thing that turned me off was her skin. Open pustulating pimples, greasy and oily face, coupled with hair that was clearly washed only weekly or so, were enough to put me off my feed, so to speak. This is not rare, either. I don't know if it is a cultural or economic issue, but it is uncommon in Benxi for me to meet a woman who looks, and more importantly smells, fresh and clean.

Perhaps of most interest; we were discussing the myriad ways by which the Chinese take financial advantage of Westerners (through dishonest and illegal contracts and outright lying and cheating), when she came up with the comment that she felt Chinese were more intelligent than Westerners, by virtue of their ability to 'outsmart' them in business dealings. Needless to say, I merely nodded and smiled.

While teaching a class of sixth-graders, a boy in the front row was fooling around, so I absently tapped him (quite gently) on the head with the blackboard eraser I was carrying in my hand. A few small bits of chalk dust drifted onto his face, and apparently into one of his eyes. He made a big fuss over it, so at the end of class I examined his eye, but saw zero signs of irritation, such as redness or swelling, and told him he would be fine.

Shortly thereafter, I was hauled unceremoniously into the English supervisor's office. She informed me in no uncertain terms that abusing the children in anger was not to be tolerated. When I pointed out that there was no anger or abuse involved whatsoever, merely a trivial incident, she launched into an utterly irrational discourse, including calling me by the wrong name, reminding me that Chinese parents love their children much more than

American parents, and that I would be required to pay for the obviously necessary visit to hospital.

When I pointed out that I am Canadian, not American, that she got my name wrong, that the boy's eye was fine, and that the Chinese love for their children includes allowing their Chinese teachers (almost all female) to punch, kick, slap and otherwise physically abuse them without mercy (I've seen this dozens of times, with the boys taking the vast majority of the abuse while the girls cry), and that her position was disingenuous at best, she subsided and contented herself by pointing out that it had better not happen again.

My response was to go home and look up the Chinese for 'go fuck yourself, you stupid cunt,' which I did, and am thus now armed for our next encounter, which, judging by past experience, ought to be next month or so.

A fellow ex-pat in Benxi, an Irishman who teaches at another school, showed me a video he took of a young woman in Shen Yang (a large city just north of here). He was motivated to point his smart-phone at her because she was behaving oddly, squirming and fidgeting while sitting on a main street public bench.

This young woman, wearing a skirt, positioned her buttocks over the back edge of the bench, whisked off her panties, hiked up her skirt, took a shit in full public view, pulled out a piece of tissue and wiped herself, tossed the tissue behind her, then put her panties back on and walked away. Yet, there are public toilets available almost everywhere one goes in this city. There is no explanation. I am hoping to get a copy of the video, and will post it online if possible.

I can offer many more examples, but the point is this: the irrational, self-serving, deceitful and abusive behavior I've witnessed here is primarily female. Male treachery is of course present, although I have almost no personal anecdotes to relate, but in my estimation it bears the hallmarks of masculinity – it is obvious, undisguised, rationally selfish, and thus fairly predictable.

Not so the women.

Pentagon Report Fuels Media Rape Fantasies

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The pentagon has released a report quantifying the rate of sexual assaults in the military, which was quickly picked up by various media outlets as evidence of a culture that victimizes women and deprives them of legal protection. Less ethical organizations, such as "The Editorial Staff" at USA Today, took it a step further with bombastic headlines invoking Vietnam-era casualty rates claiming "*500 military sexual assault cases a week*" that indicate "*women in the military continue to be vulnerable to rape, anguish and injustice because the Pentagon's attempts to fix the problem have been inept*". Others have joined the clarion call, demanding that the military's UCMJ be overhauled to provide greater assurance of convictions for sexual assault cases.

The results of the study are based on a survey administered by the Pentagon and taken by 22,792 military personnel. The survey, titled the *2012 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey of Active Duty Members (2012 WGRA)*, is based on civilian gender violence data-gathering tools and takes a wide scope on what constitutes sexual assault, including "*unwanted sexual contact, unwanted gender-related behaviors (i.e., sexual harassment and sexist behavior), and gender discriminatory behaviors and sex discrimination",* and even *"unwanted phone calls".* Notably, the respondents also include male victims, though one wonders how many men lined up to fill out this paperwork.

Reading into the report, as opposed to grabbing outrageous numbers and running with accusatory headlines, one quickly finds statistics on actual assault cases brought up for disciplinary action :

In FY12, the Department completed development of and deployed the Defense Sexual Assault Incident Database (DSAID), a secure, centralized, case-level data system for documenting sexual assault reports and managing cases. The Department also continued to standardize case disposition definitions, resulting in a standardized definition for the term "substantiated." At the end of FY12, the Military Services reported dispositions for 2,661 of the 3,288 military and civilian subjects receiving or waiting for a disposition for the allegations against them at the close of FY12.12 Investigations determined that 947 of the 2,661 subjects were either outside the legal authority of the Department or a military criminal investigative agency determined the allegations were unfounded (false or baseless). 13 The remaining 1,714 subjects investigated for sexual assault were presented to military commanders for consideration of disciplinary action. Of the 1,714 military subjects, commanders could not take action against 509 due to evidentiary problems. Eighty-one of the 1,714 military subjects received no disciplinary action because commanders determined the criminal allegations were unfounded (false or baseless). Commanders had sufficient evidence to take disciplinary action against 1,124 of the 1,714 military subjects. Of the 1,124 subjects, sexual assault charges were substantiated for 880 subjects for whom it was determined a sexual assault offense warranted discipline. For the remaining 244 subjects, evidence supported command action for other misconduct discovered during the sexual assault investigation (such as making a false official statement, adultery, underage drinking, or other crimes under the UCMJ), but not a sexual assault charge. Command actions for sexual assault charges and other misconduct charges included court-martial charge preferrals, nonjudicial punishment, administrative discharges, or other adverse administrative actions. Sixty-eight percent of subjects receiving disciplinary action for a sexual assault had court-martial charges preferred against them.

These statistics are from Volume 1, which most of the news outlets are referencing. The rest of the report describes institutional bromides to alleviate the problem. Volume 2 provides details on the research method :

To determine the extent of unwanted gender-related behaviors, members were provided a list of 12 sexual harassment behaviors and four sexist behaviors and were asked to indicate how often they had experienced the behaviors in the past 12 months. The 12 sexual harassment behaviors comprise three components of sexual harassment—crude/offensive behavior (e.g., repeatedly told sexual stories or jokes that are offensive); unwanted sexual attention (e.g., unwanted attempts to establish a romantic sexual relationship despite efforts to discourage it); and sexual coercion (e.g., treated badly for refusing to have sex). To be included in the calculation of the sexual harassment rate, members must have experienced at least one behavior defined as sexual harassment and indicated

they considered some or all of the behaviors to be sexual harassment. Sexist behavior is defined as verbal and/or nonverbal behaviors that convey insulting, offensive, or condescending attitudes based on the gender of the respondent (Fitzgerald et al., 1988). Members who indicated they experienced unwanted gender related behaviors were then asked to provide details of the experience that had the greatest effect (i.e., where the situation occurred and who the offenders were). Trend comparisons on unwanted gender related behaviors are presented from surveys administered in 2002, 2006, 2010, and 2012.

Based on weighting of the response rate and comparing it to reported civilian phenomenon, the report extrapolates that 6.1% of female military personnel are assaulted each year, resulting in news reports of "26000″ assaults. Regarding the above disciplinary statistics, the study further concludes that only 10% of assaults are reported, presumably due to fears of retaliation. Taking this dubious claim at face value, 10 X 880 = 8800, not 26000, which in USA Today's calculator parlance, amounts to one military rape victim every 20 minutes.

While news outlets are reporting the "26000 military women sexually assaulted each year" as fact, the findings in this report are based on subjective opinions of survey takers using a broad definition of what constitutes sexual assault. That being said, anyone who has spent time in the military knows that female service members are sexually harassed in the extreme, and that black troops are the most egregious offenders. Racial statistics are not provided in the Pentagon's report, and for good reason, as the rate of black-on-white assaults and harassment would be revealed at nearly 100% of incidence. That is an ugly truth that feminist media outlets will not broach, preferring to spill their ink vilifying the majority of decent military men and their leadership with demands for reform to better accommodate the career aspirations of today's young women. Our military mission is steadily morphing from national defense to being an equal-opportunity jobs program that ignores brutal realities in favor of expanding female employment prospects.

Our President, who recently emasculated American men in his computer-generated Mother's Day proclamation that lauds women's long march against oppression and blithely puts our mothers on "the battlefield", was also quick to seize upon the Pentagon's report with directives for the Secretary of Defense to "go after" and cashier military sex assault defendants. The president and his staff should have probed the report a little deeper to seek workable solutions to the problem instead of grabbing another chance to pander to female voters. Other female-centric political leaders, in demanding an overhaul of the UCMJ specifically to address sex assault cases, care not that innocent men are going to be railroaded in upcoming attempts to prove that sexual harassment reduction initiatives are succeeding. A year from now you can bet on hearing about encouraging results towards making the military a safer place for our daughters and sons.

When an organization becomes feminized, focus shifts from efficient production of goods and services to establishment of rules for the comfort and security of women. Our military, which has been at the forefront in providing opportunity for men of all backgrounds to prove themselves based on their talents and efforts, is devolving into a politically correct Petri-dish for universal inclusion in the name of social justice. As this process continues the armed forces will weaken, and we will at some point find ourselves facing an enemy that does not entertain such noble delusions. When that time comes, a good number of our young men are going to die attempting to prop up the rotten edifice of feminist overreach.

90 Essays from a Black Knight: A Review of The Best of Roosh, Volume 1

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By The Theorist

Why Washington, D.C. produced three of the greatest theorists on "game" in the English-speaking world is something of a mystery. Certainly the US capital has more than its fair share of crime, corruption, and careerist women. Rocky soil may make for hardy plants. Then again, there are no game bloggers of note hailing from the Bakken oilfields. Though establishing a conclusive explanation may be impossible, it is, however, an undeniable fact that out of the primordial slime of the DC dating scene came three lions of the manosphere: Virgle Kent, Roissy, and Roosh Vorek.

Roissy is the heart of the manosphere. VK is one of its funniest storytellers. But Roosh Vorek is the man who wrote Bang, a book released six years ago that still occupies the upper rungs of its Amazon category, ahead of the Karma Sutra. Roosh is the guy who quit his job, ground his way through South America, barnstormed his way through Europe, and incited the hatred of right-"thinking" people on three continents. His plain, matte-black, self-published pickup tomes are lying around male dorm rooms across America. Like him or not, he is the public face of game 2.0.

From 2006-2013, Roosh wrote 1,793 blog posts, most of them around 500 words each. That's 900,000 words, or around eleven standard-length novels. He's distilled that down to a single collection: The Best of Roosh: Vol 1. It's a comprehensive look inside the head of Roosh, and by proxy, the minds of the first generation of men to come of age in the context of a mature manosphere.

The collection covers 10 topics: Pre-Game, Approaching, Game, Dating, Sex, Life, America, Culture, Travel, and the author himself. But this is not a book about game per se. It's a book about how and why one man developed his own code for navigating the mendacity and misandry of the male role in today's declining West.

There's a sense of rage and loss in Roosh's writing; a kind of social irredentism. Western Man built a civilization which provides more prosperity for more human beings than any method of social organization in the history of the world, but now that man is derided as "boring," "colorless," his achievements meaningless in an age where the highest ability a man can possess is the ability to entertain others. The most important commodity in the world, sexual access, is now governed solely by the societally-irrelevant capacity for clever wordplay. It's clear from the text that much of Roosh's disillusionment stems from this simple fact.

To read Roosh's essays can be depressing. The man is a realist. There is no masculinized version of "having it all." The men who can live in the public eye and receive society's respect while exercising their sexuality are limited to a tiny proportion of apex alpha males: sports stars, actors, comedians, artists. Roosh does not pretend to offer that. To even have a coin-flip chance of achieving the bourgeois respectability that was the birthright of our grandfathers involves sacrifice beyond what my generation is willing to bear. Roosh understands this, and regrets it in equal measure. "You did this to me," he writes. "You are a corrupted and damaged female, and have tried your damnedest to bring me down to your level."

While I can't quibble with Roosh's philosophy, his prose style could use some work. These are blog posts, and though classics like "You Did This To Me," "Everything I Know About Women," "What It Feels Like to Be a Hot Girl," and "I'm Ready to Man Up," are undeniably worth reading, the blog style wears on you after a while. There isn't much in the way of humor, either, but that's okay — I didn't read it for comedy purposes, or snazzy prose. I read the collection because I wanted to partake in the wisdom of one very cold player indeed.

Ultimately, Roosh, like everyone in the manosphere, is concerned with finding the right path for his own masculine reaction. In another era, Roosh's enormous productive energy would have been marshaled in the service of

something a little more important than getting girls, but alas, our age is our age, and the behavior of women and their minions shows no sign of changing. Perhaps the finest essay in the collection, “What is Your Project,” gets at the heart of the fundamental question of manhood. A French-Venezuelan rancher in the Andes Mountains asks Roosh what his project is. Roosh says, “To write a book.” Eighteen months later, he dropped Bang. If the old mission of marriage-family-children is dead, dead, dead, it doesn’t mean there is nothing else for us. Roosh, for all his (justified) anger and his nihilism, is living proof of that.

Confusion Over Kermit

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by Keyster

I realize most of the Manosphere is loath to discuss abortion because they're either pro-choice or it's a complicated moral issue, a "rat hole" they'd prefer to avoid, etc. This is regardless of Feminist Inc. putting at least 90% of their unlimited resources behind the "Women's Reproductive Health Movement" (ie – abortion rights and govt funding). But I'm gonna go there anyway because the Kermit Gosnell case raises some conundrums and paradoxes that have me hopelessly flummoxed.

When a woman has an abortion the baby, fetus, zygote, fleshy parasitic mass – whatever you want to call it depending on your view of abortion – is unceremoniously sucked from the uterine wall and disposed of. This supposedly kills the "mass" as it's support system for life is taken away, although it's not clear how long it continues to live afterward, let's assume it pretty much dies instantly…at least that's what we're told.

This takes us to the uncomfortable realm of the late term abortion provider such as Gosnell, where the fetus starts to resemble a human and can quite possibly live outside the womb as early as six months with premature neo-natal care. The late term abortion provider (meant for women who could never get around to aborting at 6 to 8 weeks of pregnancy), must then kill the human formed fetus or "baby" in utero to remain within the legal bounds of our country's Supreme Court's rulings on abortion or state law. Once the human formed "fleshy mass" is confirmed dead (or a "confirmed kill" in military parlance), it's then within our legal bounds to abort or "still born" the baby.

Where Gosnell tripped up was that in at least several hundred late term abortions he performed the babies (typically black) were "delivered" alive, and he killed them by snipping their spines post facto. OH THE HORROR! This was probably easier and came with less risk to the "mother", hence his very competitive pricing schedule. But at least he was more concerned for the health of the woman (even though one died in his care), which is all that really matters to the pro-abortion crowd. And this guy was no "back ally abortionist from the 1950′s". It was an established "Women's and Family Health Care Center" on a busy Philadelphia street corner in business since 1979.

So as long as the fetus is not a baby (as deemed by the pregnant woman or "mother"), and remains inside her body, regardless of trimester and within state law, it can be legally killed. But the second that fetus magically becomes a baby and is birthed live and outside the her body, it becomes an official human able to "walk you to the bus stop" and if you kill it while it lies their breathing and squirming, an official murder in the first degree. Of course the "clients" of Dr. Gosnell aren't charged as accessories to murder either, even though they agreed to it and paid for it.

As Kermit Gosnell sits in a jail cell contemplating his actions, I wonder if he merely rationalized infanticide as another abortion "technique", just pushing the boundries a little. I wonder if a moral society contemplates the line between abortion and infanticide that the Gosnell case presents. To give life or to take life. Her body her choice.

Feminists in Power: IRS Agents Working for Planned Parenthood

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In the emerging IRS tax scandal, it has come to light that the agency was not only apparently deliberately discriminating against conservatives during an election year, but inserting itself into issues such as abortion.

According to the Thomas More Society, A Catholic law firm that takes on charitable cases, a client that attempted to get nonprofit status faced demands from the IRS that the entire board sign a letter promising not to publicly protest Planned Parenthood:

> In one case, the IRS withheld approval of an application for tax exempt status for Coalition for Life of Iowa. In a phone call to Coalition for Life of Iowa leaders on June 6, 2009, the IRS agent "Ms. Richards" told the group to send a letter to the IRS with the entire board's signatures stating that, under perjury of the law, they do not picket/protest or organize groups to picket or protest outside of Planned Parenthood. Once the IRS received this letter, their application would be approved. After a series of letters following a request for more invasive information, Thomas More Society special counsel Sally Wagenmaker sent a letter to the IRS demanding the tax exempt status be issued immediately.
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> Wagenmaker summarized her concerns about what she called "the IRS's disturbing ability" to stall and suppress legitimate applicants. She explained how through lengthy questionnaires and wrong citations of applicable law (as in the case of Coalition for Life of Iowa), applicants with less fortitude or without access to legal advocates like the Thomas More Society will be effectively silenced from exercising their constitutional freedoms. Wagenmaker added, "The IRS's role should only be to determine whether organizations fit the section 501(c)(3) test for 'charitable, religious, or educational' qualification, not to inquire about the content of prayers, protests, and petitions. It's high time that the IRS be called to account for its workers' potential to trample on our constitutional rights, through such ostensibly innocuous means…what the Ways and Means committee will discuss may only be the tip of the iceberg of IRS abuses."

Given the DOJ's recent moves against free speech in universities and the witch-hunt against the relatively obscure Jason Richwine, it appears that there's a real push afoot to criminalize politically incorrect expression in the United States.

Man unilaterally aborts child, charged with murder

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John Andrew Weldon, a Florida man whose father is a doctor, has been charged with murder after allegedly tricking his pregnant girlfriend into aborting their child by giving her abortifacient drugs instead of antibiotics. The man forged his father's signature to obtain the drugs, then told his girlfriend that she had a bacterial infection and should take some amoxycillin. Instead of the antibiotic, he gave her misoprostol, which induces miscarriage. The drug did its work, killing the fetus.

> TAMPA, Fla. — The 28-year-old son of a Florida fertility doctor has been charged by federal authorities with tricking his girlfriend into taking a pill used to induce labor and cause an abortion, killing the fetus she was carrying.
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> John Andrew Welden was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury on charges of product tampering and first-degree murder and faces up to life in prison if convicted of the murder charge. He's also the defendant in a lawsuit filed in state court by his ex-girlfriend, 26-year-old Remee Lee.
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> "Whenever a woman is robbed of her ability to give birth and have a child, I don't think there's any greater harm you can cause somebody," said Lee's attorney, Gil Sanchez. "She's devastated. She still can't believe this happened to her."

You know, it's a pretty sleazy thing to do, but imagine if the tables were turned. Man doesn't want his child aborted, but girlfriend does it anyway. Who believes she'd be charged with murder? No, it would be her "right," because it's "her body." Using that logic, however, how could we come up with a murder charge agaist the boyfriend? If a woman can terminate a pregnancy at will and face no charges for the injury done to the child, then the most Mr. Weldon should reasonably face is a felony assault charge for drugging his girlfriend.

This is yet another case where the law clearly and explicitly demonstates that men and women *are not equal under the law*, and most people – including women – do not want them to be.

I'm not arguing for or against abortion here, but instead pointing out the hypocrisy inherent in law surrounding abortion. Commenters have pointed out that Kermit Gosnell was merely the "hit man" for the women who hired him to kill their children. Not a single one of his patients was charged with any crime for having him exterminate viable infants.

These kinds of cases demonstrate that in some areas, women clearly have *superior* rights. That might be tolerable if men had superior rights in other areas, but this is unacceptable to feminists. The advantage must always tilt toward the female, and there must be no balance. In the long term, this is unsustainable.

Does collapse of old media explain proliferation of scandals?

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With the recent explosion of stories that have spun out of control for the Obama administration and generally left-leaning traditional media, it strikes me that the collapse of the old media paradigm is just beginning to be felt in a big way. The IRS scandal, Benghazi, and Kermit Gosnell's house of horrors are the kind of stories that, back before so many people were online, might have been effectively contained by a sympathetic media. The IRS scandal is big news, obviously, but I can remember other scandals that were just as bad, but somehow kept under control by the major media outlets. The Clinton campaign taking money from agents of the People's Republic of China during the '96 election, for example, struck me as one of the most brazenly crooked things imaginable, but it never went as far as it should have in the press. The entire affair was remarkably well-managed.

1996 happened to be the last year before the Internet really took off as a popular medium, so there was no good alternative to the newspapers and TV networks. And even after people began to go online en masse, it took years for online journalism to gain any credibility. The Drudge Report was an early success story, but there weren't many others at the time. As I remember, the Internet was more associated with pornography than with news for at least a few years after it became popular. I think Bill Clinton was lucky for that — there was enough odd stuff going on in his administration that there's no telling what might have come up in today's environment.

Blogging, for its part, didn't really come into its own until around 2005, and maybe even a bit later. As it matured, and online classified ads took a bite out of newspapers' profits, the big papers started to founder. In the last fifteen years their decline has been remarkable, and although many are moaning about the end of traditional journalism, I don't see it as a big loss. If the journalism of the end of the 20th century is characteristic of traditional journalism, then good riddance! It was about as biased as it gets, and unfortunately much of the refuse from that time has managed to hang on in one way or another. But today these people are no longer dominant. The fact that so many truly diverse blogs and sites with different perspectives from theirs have emerged shows them to be the partisan shills that they are.

I'm not sure we can come to any firm conclusions quite yet – it will be easier to see what's going on now in hindsight – but there's something noticeably different in the air. It just seems that they can't contain stories and control discourse like they used to.

For example, Kermit Gosnell had been operating his charnel house for decades, and I'm sure a lot of people knew about it, but if he'd been busted in, say, 1988, we probably wouldn't have heard much about him. He might not even have been charged with murder, because the photos wouldn't have been disseminated. It turns out there's another guy in Texas who has allegedly been doing the same thing for a long time, and now it looks like he's going down, too.

Why is he being investigated? Because somebody put the evidence online, and you can't ignore that kind of stuff (you can find a link to it in the article linked above — I'm too squeamish to post it or even look at it myself).

Even Benghazi might have been successfully "managed," but there are pictures of Ambassador Stevens' corpse online, and evidence of a coverup has leaked all over the place. The IRS story, for its part, has legs online because there's no effective filtering of the documents coming out, and many of those involved are telling their side of it to any blogger who will listen.

As the big city papers slowly fade away and network television news ceases to have an authoritative voice (both literally and figuratively), all these crazy things are coming to light. It isn't that they weren't there before, but that journalists *just didn't talk about them*. Editors would pick and choose, and editors were, for the most part, in agreement with other editors about what's fit to print. That's all out the window now, and it's finally starting to make a palpable difference. It's about time.

On the Urgent Necessity of Criticizing Women

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A story which had no apparent impact on the collective psyches of gender combatants is that of American Sami Shaffer, who authored a run-of-the-mill advisory on having an abortion in China, based on her personal experience.

Ms. Shaffer's concerns in the matter are noteworthy and include:

- buy a pregnancy test without risking seeing someone we knew;
- I had forgotten to shave my legs that day so that was embarrassing;
- I make it onto the table first so the doctor inspects me first;
- I was feeling really embarrassed and awkward;
- I'd even go as far as to say it (the abortion) was nice.

The primary focus of Ms. Shaffer's concerns are self-evident: her thoughts are entirely absent of ethical debate or insight and highlight the female-serving nature of society's increasingly irrational response to this issue.

Abortion-as-murder has made the headlines on a couple of notable occasions of late, in the instances of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, who received three life sentences for killing late-term fetuses after they survived abortion, and of a Florida man charged with murder for tricking his girlfriend into taking an abortion drug.

The newest spectacle in this gong show comes from Canada, where the Supreme Court has just upheld the acquittal of a woman who left her newborn for dead in a Wal-Mart toilet.

The conclusions to be drawn are disturbing, to put it mildly. At best, it appears that the definition of an aborted fetus as a human being depends largely on which gender is doing the killing. Accountability for women, who are the instigators, contractors and accomplices of abortion, is non-existent, while men are ruthlessly punished and demonized for essentially the same act.

It is apparent also that concern for the fetus/baby is not at issue, or such a hypocritical and cognitively-dissonant perspective would never be tolerated.

> ***This is public madness on a civilization-wide scale, and it is built on a willingness to ignore the incongruities and abuses of female behavior.***

It is my increasingly firm conviction that feminism, while aggressively exploiting the blind eye turned toward female behavior, is not the source of that convention, but rather, that the pedestalization of women is endemic to all societies in some form, regardless of the technical status and rights obtained by the females within those societies.

Accurate, pointed and realistic public criticism of female behavior is thus long overdue; co-operation with the pussy pass, cultural Marxism and the politically correct goal of equal outcomes renders the female of our species free to continue and escalate her destructive, irrational and abusive behavior without hindrance. The consequences of this are highly detrimental to men, as the past 50 years of history show, but also to society at large and to women themselves.

Rather than obligating women to raise their intellectual, ethical and behavioral standards, society has chosen instead to embrace, with all the religious fervor of an Inquisition, a false image of reality – shiny happy victims holding hands with government – which in the long term can benefit no one. This allegiance to the false idols of feminism has led directly, since the 1970's in particular, to the loss of basic human rights and freedoms, a loss which is now deeply ensconced within every Western nation's political and legal foundations, a loss which impacts men most profoundly.

Looking past the obvious evolutionary value of the pussy pass, there is little purpose in cooperating with and

maintaining the fraud, and to do so will lead inexorably, in this era of virtually omnipotent governance and bureaucracy (the 'new patriarchy,' created, just like the old one, for women at their own behest), to the ever-escalating abuse of men and children, up to and including the potential for societal collapse.

This path will undoubtedly see the regression of society into a quasi-Victorian state, one in which the bulk of men are so heavily constrained and alienated that they lose all desire to participate in the social venture. Signs of such a zeitgeist can be seen in many countries already.

As well, if the escalation of destructive female behavior continues, blowback from young men in particular will be increasingly prevalent, whereby outright disdain for females becomes both a descriptor of and a motivator for the new generation of men: there are numerous blogs out there which speak clearly to this possibility, as many people are aware. The obvious contempt towards women displayed by certain commentators would seem to be well-earned, and it does not bode well for females.

Humanity will undoubtedly survive, though with much unnecessary suffering, but it is incumbent upon rational men (and women) to speak truth, to expose the great gender lie. In addition to refusing compliance with a false reality, this most definitely includes pointing the accusatory fingers of reason and culpability directly at women, a task which can no longer be shirked.

Israel's progression to American-style family law regime remarkably rapid

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As some readers may have noticed, I've been keeping an eye on Israel lately, because it recently came to my attention that the same revolutionary changes to marriage and family law that occurred in the US starting nearly a half-century ago are happening there right now. This is providing a first-hand view of how a few changes to the law can cause a cascading domino effect that plunges society into a hypergamous free-for-all in a very short timeframe.

I can't say I'm an expert on Israel or Israeli culture, but I am aware that it is a more conservative society than the urban parts of the US in which most American Jews live; in other words, Israel is not just a distant burough of New York City.

However, due to its small size and very close relationship with the Jewish American community, which is arguably a more powerful entity than Israel itself, Israel is more vulnerable to the whims and trends of American society in general than, say, Ireland or Italy. This is why it looks like Israeli men are in for some rough times.

European countries are no picnic for men, but in many regards they are much, much better than the US (I'll let the British commenters here decide whether they belong in Europe or not in this regard). Child support is not punitive, alimony is very rare, and men are more likely to share physical custody of children. Smearing a husband in court results in little in the way of payoffs — people are, for the most part, expected to work a divorce or separation out without resorting to expensive litigation.

But Israel, as far as I can tell is moving swiftly toward an American-style family law regime by replacing rabbinic courts with civil courts in which all the wonderful features of American law are apparently included. I have no doubt that plenty of enterprising attorneys will be all too happy to lighten their clients' or their spouses' wallets in vicious, protracted custody battles.

According to Avri Gilad, a popular Israeli TV host, there has been an explosion of false accusations as of late, probably after the new law allowing women to testify against their husbands in court before divorce went into effect in 2008:

> Every day I get e-mails from fathers whose natural right to see their children is denied them by social workers, courts, the police, and what not," Gilad wrote on his popular Facebook page, which is followed by more than 20,000 people. "They cry out and no one listens – sometimes they are even mocked.
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> The feminist revolution, which I support wholeheartedly, is felling victims among my brothers, the divorced fathers. In the name of [fighting] thousands of years of discrimination, in the name of an injustice that was done in the past and is done in the present to millions of women in the world, by rapacious men who shame the male sex, the legal systems believe that it is okay to mow down good people, devoted fathers who divorced because they chose to, or because others chose so for them.
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> I regret to say that there is a fad of submitting false accusations to the police regarding violence, the fear of violence, sexual abuse and other kinds of lies against good, loving and devoted fathers, whose only sin is that they did not get along with the woman with whom they thought they would live forever.
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> The police report that there is a huge number of strategic false complaints against men, which automatically set in motion a process of distancing the man from his children, transferring his limited meetings with them to contact centers – dingy rooms in the welfare offices – under the watchful eyes of female welfare workers (very busy, underpaid, who get a raw deal themselves) who are usually hostile, and in extreme cases, a complete severing of the connection between the man and his children."
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> [Gilad notes that a governmental committee – the Schnitt Committee – has recommended joint parenthood as the default arrangement for divorce in Israel, but its recommendations are not being implemented.]

> Almost no lawmaker is dealing with the matter. In private conversations, they admit that they fear the power of the militant women's organizations. I am not afraid and I say with a clear voice: One evil is not corrected by committing another! Children are not raised by separating them from their fathers…

Sound familiar? This is a script that's been playing out in the US since the 1970s, first dramatized by Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep in *Kramer vs. Kramer* way back in 1979.

Sadly, it looks as though Israel's men have some catching up to do. Avri Gilad declares his support for feminism – a mistake that it took American men decades to correct – perhaps because he is not aware that the evils he addresses above *are exactly what feminism is all about.* Gloria Steinem herself indicates that absolute power over procreation (she calls it "reproductive freedom"), which includes parenting, is the cornerstone of the feminist temple. What Gilad and others have to keep in mind is that when feminists say "equal," they don't mean fair, as too many naive men assume. Feminist equal is an arbitrarily set value, prone to subjective interpretation and never to be defined by men (because that would not be equal).

But maybe there's hope for Israelis. Unlike Americans, they are not the first to go through this nightmare, so they'll have plenty of reference material from the get go. Some of the stories coming out of the states might give them some motivation, too. Maybe they are starting see the threat to father's rights, but that isn't all that's at stake: do Israelis relish the idea of home-grown versions of monsters like Kermit Gosnell to implement the "reproductive freedom" envisioned by the likes of Gloria Steinem? How about an integrated army in which coddling and providing for female "soldiers" takes priority over battlefield effectiveness?

For Israelis, the most important question should be:

Can Israel afford feminism?

Personally, I doubt it. The US can't really afford it, but this is a massive nation. Feminism is already a chronic problem here, but we can sustain a lot of damage before it becomes an existential threat. Israel, on the other hand, is a lot more vulnerable in that regard.

The Janet Reno Rap

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While doing a bit of research for an article, I came across this amazing historical artifact from the 1980s, and thought I had to share it. It's an early example of girl rap, and brings us right back to the heady days of feminism rising.

I'll let the girls of "Anquette" lay it down for you:

Something else, isn't it?

A circle of victimhood in Florida statutory case

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The following story and the comments I've seen on it under various articles expose an alternate universe — one in which many women are blaming the alleged victim of sexual assault, the villains are the parents of the victim for demanding charges be pressed, and the older sex partner of an underage teen is being called a victim of discrimination. There are multiple victims, multiple perpetrators, and there's a perpetrator-victim as well as a victim-perpetrator.

Now here's the real kicker: the defendant is a cheerleader, and the alleged victim is on the varsity basketball team. How could this all be possible? Well, they're both female…

> Kaitlyn Ashley Hunt was arrested February 16 by the Indian River County Sheriff's Office on two counts of lewd or lascivious battery on child.
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> Her mother, Kelley Hunt Smith, explained on Facebook that Kaitlyn began a "mutual consenting" relationship with a girl at Sebastian River High School who was about three years younger. The parents of the younger girl were upset by the situation and contacted police, she wrote.
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> "They were out to destroy my daughter, they feel like my daughter 'made' their daughter gay," Kaitlyn mother's said. "They are bigoted, religious zeolites [sic] that see being gay as a sin and wrong, and they blame my daughter."
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> The parents of the younger girl also pressured the Indian River County School Board into expelling Kaitlyn, she added. The teen is now attending an alternative school.
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> "Those parents have forced the State Attorneys office to go thru [sic] with felony charges and are trying to ruin my daughters life," Kaitlyn mother's continued. "This is insane. This should have never been a legal matter, it is a family matter. They are trying to send an innocent young girl to prison because they are full of hate and bigotry. These girls are teenagers in high school, who had ONE mutual consenting sexual experience. My daughter isn't a criminal, she isn't a predator."
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> Kaitlyn has until Friday to accept or reject a plea deal of two years house arrest and one year probation, according to her mother.

Modern sex law isn't really equipped to handle these kinds of cases, so I suspect the court will eventually implement some version of the well-established "mentula rea" (guilty penis) test and try to ascertain who did what to whom or, to put it a little more bluntly, who stuck what where, which is never easy if neither man nor (male) beast was involved. I would assume that if the varsity basketball player female indeed strapped on a dildo and penetrated the cheerleader, the cheerleader will likely be acquitted. If the cheerleader was the penetrator and thereby took on the masculine role, she'll probably do some time in prison unless she cops a plea. Although I'm not a lawyer, I'd advise her lawyer to urge her to accept a plea if the latter was the case.

I have to admit I'm a bit conflicted about this case. On one hand, it's very difficult for me to feel pity for a lesbian who gets busted for sex with an underage girl, because I know a lesbian prosecutor would have no mercy whatsoever on a very young man in a similar situation. Take Janet Reno for example. When the bulldyke butcher of Waco was climbing the career ladder she not only used alleged statutory rape as a justification for burning scores of Christians to death, but prior to that great achievement effectively destroyed the life of a 14-year-old Dutch boy accused of satanic sex abuse in the witch hunts of the late 80s. After two years in prison, the boy was tried and acquitted, and Reno was then hired as attorney general of the USA, where she went on to distinguish the office by killing more Americans, including a couple dozen children, in a single police action than any predecessor had before.

Naturally, the temptation might be to keep one's mouth shut and smirk in schadenfreude. But, as a man, something about that approach strikes me as ugly and unbecoming. There is such a thing as objective right and wrong, and in this case felony prosecution may well be an injustice. It appears the contact was consensual, the age gap small, and the potential for physical and emotional harm relatively minor. The punishment should fit the crime, and this wasn't a case of sodomizing boys or anything that hazardous and cruel. However, the same goes straight sexual activity; no consensual sex between adolescents, so long as it is not aberrant and cruel, should be prosecuted as a felony.

As for the accusations that the victim's parents are Christian bigots only persecuting the girl for having consensual lesbian sex, why is it that so many feminists are eager to go after young straight males when they have sex with girls a few years younger than them? Is that any less bigotry? Christians are known to do the same from time to time, so how can this be said to be selective prosecution? It isn't. Lesbian sex is probably the least prosecuted of all, so it's ridiculous to maintain that Christian bigots are persecuting lesbians.

Finally, this case brings up questions about the wisdom of propogandizing homosexuality to children, which has come to be regarded as acceptable to those who make decisions at the top. There are some gray areas with youth sexuality, and adolescents may be somewhat confused, so pushing the notion that anything goes is bound to cause problems both within families and between individuals. While I have no doubt that some people are born homosexual, we can't necessarily assume that everyone below the age of majority is sure about it. That being the case, it's no more appropriate to instruct them in gay sex techniques than it is to decide their career at that age. The consequences are simply too dangerous, and the risk of abuse too high. I'm afraid that it will result in something like the prison culture in some schools, where younger and smaller boys are preyed upon and sodomized to enforce a certain pecking order, whether they are gay or not. This could lead to very angry fathers and significant acts of violence down the road.

The Great Gatsby — An American in Babylon

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I was pleasantly surprised by Baz Luhrmann's rendition of *The Great Gatsby*, which was truer to the original novel than I had expected. Bringing Fitzgerald's imagery to life on the big screen can't be an easy task, and it is a necessarily subjective one, so it required a certain boldness. This has earned Luhrmann some critical disdain, but in reading all the snarky reviews I just have to ask: "do you think you could have done better?"

The Great Gatsby is among the greatest American works of literature, and Fitzgerald's prose may be the best yet written in our nation. It is, at its core, an existentialist novel, much like Moby Dick. In a sense, it is the companion to Herman Melville's great sea epic; where Captain Ahab's monomania and undoing were born of fanatical hatred and vengeance, Jay Gatsby's obsession and doom were triggered by an all-consuming love and hope. Both books are ultimately about the futility of men's passions, and the tragic failure that awaits us all.

However, if that were all there was to it, not many people would bother to read the book. Fitzgerald offers a portrait of America in one of its most opulent periods, bringing the boom times of the 1920s to life with a series of languid, colorful passages on the people and scenes of New York City. Underneath these images runs a dark current of sin and malice driven by avarice and constant striving for more, better and higher that characterized the New York of the time (and of much more recent times). If anything, Luhrmann sacrificed some of this darkness and underplayed the theme of modest, humble middle America vs. proud, decadent New York. But it's still discernable, however faintly it may be understood by the millions of contemporary youngsters and foreigners whose first introduction to Fitzgerald will be through this production.

Where the movie fails in adequately portraying the dark side of Fitzgerald's Jazz Age, it shines in its scenes of wealth and excess. Luhrmann's use of contemporary music such as hip-hop was a good choice, as it will give younger viewers a more accurate sense of how their counterparts in the 1920s experienced the parties, music and celebrations in their own time. I grew up associating jazz with ancient men and women who barely survived into my living memory, and I can only assume that today's adolescents would find it as quaint as I would the ragtime of the Gilded Age. The Long Island mansions used as sets were gorgeous – indecently so – and offered a glimpse into a world that few people ever experience, then or now. It is in putting these sumptuous settings to artistic use that Luhrmann excels, which suggests that there may be something of the character of Gatsby in the director himself. And that is exactly where the film was done right, and how it should have been done right because, after all, Jay Gatsby *is* the main character.

Leonardo DiCaprio plays Gatsby brilliantly. I thought to myself on leaving the theater that he wasn't exactly what I had in mind when I read the book, but then immediately I realized that no actor I can think of could have done better in the role. He was the best man for the job, and frankly I'm relieved that he, rather than a lesser actor, will define the character for a generation.

Tobey Maguire is decent as Nick Carraway, the humble narrator who ties the story together as Gatsby's neighbor and Daisy Buchanan's cousin. Luhrmann made the biggest modification to the original story by casting Nick as an amalgamation of the alcoholic Fitzgerald and his insane wife Zelda in the opening and closing scenes. This innovation, although it may seem a bit odd to those who have read the book, appears to be a tribute to the writer. It doesn't really ring true, but it's a nice thought. Tom Buchanan, the arrogant Anglo aristocrat, is played by Joel Edgerton, who becomes more convincing in the role as the film progresses.

As husband to Gatsby's love interest Daisy, Tom Buchanan figures into one of the touchier (and therefore more interesting) aspects of the film. Because *The Great Gatsby* was written almost a hundred years ago, it wasn't exactly politically correct by contemporary standards. In a few passages, Fitzgerald displays some distaste for blacks and Jews, which is particularly evident in the character Meyer Wolfsheim, a corrupt Jewish gangster who is Gatsby's business partner. The film doesn't censor this, as I had expected it would, but balances it with Tom Buchanan's bigotry. Tom, who is something of an ass, expounds upon the white supremacist theories of the day — odious to

contemporary polite society. What I found amusing about this portrayal of Tom is that people like him exist to this day, and haven't fundamentally changed at all, but they now have an entirely new set of prejudices. Those ideas were fashionable at the time, whereas today they are anathema amongst elites, and here we are laughing at the buffoon for his simple-minded bigotry. In another hundred years' time, I'm sure there will be audiences laughing at the inane bigotry of contemporary self-righteous types for the stupid opinions they hold dear today. All in all, I have to give credit to Luhrmann for tactfully dealing with the text about as honestly as one can these days, which is to say that he only misled the audience a little bit.

For those men who haven't already, I'd recommend reading the book before seeing the movie. However, the film is well worth it. DiCaprio's performance was superb — he brought Gatsby to life on film as never before. Women, for their part, will find the movie fascinating – probably more so than the book – so feel free to take your date or significant other along. In this age of cultural mediocrity, dominated by vapid half-men and snarky gossip girls, such a sincere effort to honor one of America's greatest works of art is both refreshing and reassuring, and offers a much-needed boost to morale. As a replacement for the book the movie would be woefully inadequate, but as a director's and actor's interpretation it is a thoroughly enjoyable rendition.

Openly Rejecting the Concept of "Gender Equality"

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Sometimes we all need to take a little break to get some perspective on the world. Over the last week, I've had some time for reflection, and one of the things that occurred to me is how utterly inane some of these issues I've been struggling against look when I remove myself from them.

I don't mean to say that they aren't real problems, or that they should be ignored, but rather that so much of feminism and the "gender" debate is patently wrong on the face of it that, when you step aside for a moment, it looks like some sort of mass psychosis.

For example, the idea of "equality" between men and women, which people somehow manage to discuss with a straight face, is something one can disprove simply by leaving one's house, walking around in public and observing the physical world. But still – and this is the really crazy part – people are not supposed to speak of it.

Now, there are "useful" taboos. For example, there are racial disparities that people avoid discussing to keep the peace. Urban whites, usually self-described liberals, assiduously avoid openly discussing the issue of black crime, and not necessarily because they think they are doing blacks a favor. I suspect the main reason for this taboo is that so many black men are harassed, arrested and incarcerated in dubious, unconstitutional procedures (with tacit "progressive" approval) that liberals would be hard pressed to defend it with their own ideological tools, so in order to conceal their hypocrisy they pretend that it isn't a problem. In this case, what might look to an outsider like consideration for others is actually a way to keep the lid on a very obvious racial disparity in law enforcement — one that anyone with eyes can see.

But I wonder, is there anything useful about continuing to lie about equality of the sexes? Unless you're running for office, I can't see it. Perhaps those in corporate jobs who must maintain the public "face" of the company would be well-served by lying, but for worker drones keeping one's mouth shut while on the job (usually a good idea no matter what the issue at hand) should suffice. Otherwise, outside of work, I can't think of a single benefit of following the taboos regarding gender — not even in colleges, where they are most vigorously guarded.

The difference between interracial and interreligious taboos and gender taboos is that, for the most part, racial and religious groups self-segregate, whereas the sexes do just the opposite. Segregation of the sexes, although important and useful in a number of areas (e.g. the military, sports, labor, etc.), always takes some effort because men and women have an affinity for each other. This isn't typically the case with different ethnic/cultural groups. In fact, sexual attraction is one of the few forces that regularly overrides the tendency of human groups to segregate themselves from others.

So we can't speak of men and women as discrete groups in the same way we do when referring to different ethnic or cultural groups of people because, aside from sexual minorities, they are not separate from each other, but rather in constant intimate contact. Is there such a thing as a "women's neighborhood," or a "men's town?" Women and men exist as separate groups only in an abstract, statistical sense, e.g. voters, consumers, welfare recipients, etc. These statistical groupings are very useful for certain purposes, such as selling shampoo or tailoring political ads, but for the individual they are all but useless.

The problem we have today is that individuals are behaving – or being told to behave – as though distinct male and female groups are concrete, real entities. We are being manipulated to think and behave as though the abstract, arbitrarily defined divisions between men and women represent real, physical phenomena. The concept of "gender equality" rests entirely on the false premise that there is a division between the sexes, which provides almost all of the quantitave measures by which gender equality is determined.

Because social divisions between men and women are imaginary, even institutions that appear to benefit women at the expense of men do nothing of the sort. Yes, it looks as though women are winning out in punitive family law proceedings, but before you can see the details here you have to first take a broader perspective. Every man ruined

in family law is one less man for another woman, just as every woman pumped and dumped by an alpha cad is one less good wife for another man. The woman who divorces her husband for another man and bankrupts him in the process has just monopolized the resources of two men, leaving one woman high and dry. If she leaves the man and gets state assistance, she is drawing from the resources of many men at the expense of many women. If you take the broad view here, it is a zero sum game for both men and women, with a professional guild and political interest faction – family law practitioners and feminists – being the sole groups that see a net benefit.

From the above, it is apparent that there is neither an individual nor social benefit to maintaining the illusion of a gender war, but rather a price to be paid to parasitic factions that have employed a divide and conquer approach to better feed off the social host. Feminism, therefore, must be viewed as a parasitic cult, seeking to grow fat while weakening its host and offering only negative sum rewards to a minority.

To combat this, men and women alike should reject outright the concept of gender equality as a false and divisive lie; one from which neither men nor women can benefit, as any given society – like any given family – functions best as an organic whole, not cleft into two warring parties.

Thanks for the Health Tips

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Although I deliberately avoided the computer as much as I could for a few days, I snuck a look at some of the comments under my “getting in shape” post, and I learned a few things. Chipper’s comment about the Atkins flu, which I hadn’t heard of, explained my fatigue. That ended up lasting three or four days and then clearing up. I had immediately and drastically reduced carbs without being prepared for the consequences, and it took a toll.

I liked the suggestion that I should get a dog — my 8-year-old son would definitely second that idea! Unfortunately, I don’t think I can do that at present, as I live in the city (I hope to get out someday).

Another good suggestion was to switch to wine from beer. For now I’m going to lay off all alcohol for a while to accelerate weight loss and maintain discipline, but when I’ve lost enough and relax it might be a good idea to avoid beer — at least most of the time. The problem is that I really, really love beer. So much that I find myself wishing I could live in the low countries at times. That Dutch lager and Belgian ale is like nectar of the gods. Alas, it was probably the beer that caused the hypertension — after I eliminated it my blood pressure dropped dramatically within a week. Drinking wine, which I don’t relish nearly as much as beer, would probably prevent me from overdoing it.

I started feeling significantly more energetic by the end of the Memorial Day weekend, and am currently settling into the new routine. It’s pretty amazing how rapidly one feels the positive effects of a few changes. In addition to the lower BP, my entire digestive tract feels much more easygoing and friendly and my pants are already a little looser around my waist.

One nice thought I’ve had is that although life’s “little pleasures” can lead to unhealthy habits, self-improvement is pleasurable as well, so one can find a happy equilibrium there with a bit of attention.

Atlantic: What Gays can teach Straights about Marriage

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The Atlantic magazine (along with much of the rest of the American old media) continues its descent into self-parody in Liza Mundy's new piece on marriage. According to Mundy, when it comes to marital relations, straight couples just aren't going about it the right way. So, in order to fix marriage, they should pay close attention to gay couples because, after all, who could be better qualified to serve as an example?

Of course, she doesn't mention that gay men overwhelmingly choose not to marry (for perfectly sound reasons, I might add), but that's just a minor detail…

The title and subhead look to have been chosen for novelty value:

> The Gay Guide to Wedded Bliss
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> Research finds that same-sex unions are happier than heterosexual marriages. What can gay and lesbian couples teach straight ones about living in harmony?

From such a provocative title, you might think there'd be something revolutionary and interesting in the content, so let's take a look at a few of the spectacular revelations Mundy presents.

- Women are more likely to initiate divorce

  That's right: even when they're gay, women initiate divorce a lot more than men.

  > A growing body of social science has begun to compare straight and same-sex couples in an attempt to get at the question of what is female, what is male. Some of the findings are surprising. For instance: we know that heterosexual wives are more likely than husbands to initiate divorce. Social scientists have struggled to explain the discrepancy, variously attributing it to the sexual revolution; to women's financial independence; to men's failure to keep modern wives happy. Intriguingly, in Norway and Sweden, where registered partnerships for same-sex couples have been in place for about two decades (full-fledged marriage was introduced several years ago), research has found that lesbians are twice as likely as gay men to split up. If women become dissatisfied even when married to other women, maybe the problem with marriage isn't men. Maybe women are too particular. Maybe even women don't know what women want.

2. Gay couples are more egalitarian — when they aren't

   Gays tend to share duties evenly, but actually they don't.

   > Even as they are more egalitarian in their parenting styles, same-sex parents resemble their heterosexual counterparts in one somewhat old-fashioned way: a surprising number establish a division of labor whereby one spouse becomes the primary earner and the other stays home. Lee Badgett, an economist at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, told me that, "in terms of economics," same-sex couples with children resemble heterosexual couples with children much more than they resemble childless same-sex couples. You might say that gay parents are simultaneously departing from traditional family structures and leading the way back toward them.

   However, for gays, determining who takes on what role requires more effort:

   > "You start throwing out questions for men and women: 'Who's going to take care of the money?' And the guy says, 'That's me.' And you ask: 'Who's responsible for birth control?' And the guy says, 'That's her

> department.’ ” By contrast, he reports, same-sex couples “have thought really hard about how they’re going to share the property, the responsibilities, the obligations in a mutual way. They’ve had to devote much more thought to that than straight couples, because the straight couples pretty much still fall back on old modes.”

Perhaps it would do straight couples good to sit down and have a long talk about who’s going to nurse the baby and who will do home and auto repair. I’m sure that would result in a more efficient, harmonious household…

3. Men not entirely happy with monogamy

In a stunning new finding, it turns out that men – including gay ones – like sexual variety.

> When, in the 1970s and early 1980s, Pepper Schwartz asked couples about their sex lives, she arrived at perhaps her most explosive finding: non-monogamy was rampant among gay men, a whopping 82 percent of whom reported having had sex outside their relationship. Slightly more than one-third of gay-male couples felt that monogamy was important; the other two-thirds said that monogamy was unimportant or that they were neutral on the topic.

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What are the implications of this shocking discovery? Some (gay males) recommend tolerance for infidelity:

> …some gay-rights advocates, like the writer and sex columnist Dan Savage, argue very publicly that insisting on monogamy can do a couple more harm than good. Savage, who questions whether most humans are cut out for decades of sex with only one person, told me that “monogamy in marriage has been a disaster for straight couples” because it has set unrealistic expectations. “Gay-male couples are much more likely to be realistic about what men are…”

Oddly, no heterosexual female opinion on this matter has been included in the article. It remains to be seen whether wives would endorse Mr. Savage’s idea, which appears to suggest that women ought to cut men a little slack when it comes to infidelity.

So, according to Liza Mundy, what we can learn from gay marriage is that women are emotionally capricious, men crave sexual novelty, and division of labor is important in marriage.

What would we ever do without *The Atlantic*?

Charles Ramsey Proves that it Doesn't Pay to be a "White Knight"

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One of the big lessons, so we're told, to come out of the events in Stuebenville, OH, where young girls were allegedly sexually assaulted by members of the local high school's locally prestigious football team, was the failure of Men to get involved. Feminist activists throughout the nation implored people – Men especially – to step up and be counted, to intervene if and when such circumstances happen again to an unfortunate young lady.

Around the same time, highly regarded British actor Patrick Stewart – best known for his roles as Capt. Jean-Luc Picard and Prof. Charles Xavier – exhorted Men to join him in stopping domestic violence.

And here locally, in my hometown of Philly, Feminist activists have been stepping up their efforts to heighten awareness around the purported scourge of our age – "street harassment" – by specifically appealing to Men to once again, intervene in ways big and small, in an effort to curtail the boorish actions on the part of their putative brothers out on the streets.

None of these efforts are particularly new — Feminists of varying stripe have been at turns appealing or cajoling, shaming, demanding and guilt-tripping Men into doing the grunt work of making social change in our society a reality for at least four solid decades now. But what does seem to be different is that these "appeals" seem to be occurring with increasing frequency and urgency, and by all accounts, fewer Men are heeding the call. Make of that what you will – the result of living in a more atomized age, or the predictions coming to pass by many within what is known as the Manosphere, who have long argued that as our society becomes more Feminized on the one side, and more punitive of everyday actions of everyday Men on the other, more and more Men will simply "go their own way". And to be sure, for the mainstream voices in the media, of which the Femisphere now plays an inextricable part, such predictions and analyses have been mocked and dismissed as the blatherings of a bunch of Male Losers in Life who can't or won't adapt to our more supposedly enlightened world.

And then came Charles Ramsey.

By now, you know the name well: Mr. Ramsey is the unkempt, middle aged African-American Man who literally set Ms. Amanda Berry free after a decade of allegedly being held against her will by Ariel Castro on May 6th of this year. By all accounts, the Feminists – and Patrick Stewart – should be proud of the actions of Mr. Ramsey, right?

Not quite. Within mere days of Mr. Ramsey's truly heroic actions, he was being pilloried and dragged through the mud by the very same media that routinely writes off the Manosphere, many of whom consider themselves staunch Feminists, or at the very least, Feminist-friendly. Ramsey's own criminal past was brought to light, along with other personal and, quite frankly, wholly irrelevant details about his life, that only served to make a mockery not just out of him, but of the entire notion of "Men doing the right thing". By the time a week had passed since the Ariel Castro case had broken open (due to Mr. Ramsey's actions) what remained of his good name lay in tatters, torn limb from limb by the Mindless Digital Mob – the same mob that has demolished innocent Men before – and by those who side themselves with the very same mainstream media outlets who led the charge in taking potshots at Ramsey.

Given all that he's been through, one simply must ask: What's In It For ME, as a Man, to "do the right thing"? What's the incentive? What's the payoff?

You may think posing such questions is beyond the pale, or at the very least selfish. Nevertheless, there ARE real costs to being what some in the Manosphere community refer to as a "White Knight" — intervening in an assault taking place on the street, may very well result in YOU being assaulted or worse. Ramsey intervening on behalf of Ms. Berry could have landed him on a coroner's slab. For all we know, Mr. Castro could have been on the premises, and could have blown off Mr. Ramsey's head with a shotgun. And for those demanding why those young boys didn't "do something" in Stuebenville? Uh, have you seen teenage football players lately? We're not exactly talking about

90lb. weaklings here. Add lots of hormones and alcohol to the mix, and you could very well find yourself in a world of hurt for trying to be Capt. Save-A-Fill-In-The-Blank. Simply put, the prospect of finding oneself in the midst of a fistfight – or even a knife or firefight – is very, very real if you're a guy coming to the aid of a damsel in distress. As good as it might feel to do so, it might feel a heck of a lot worse as you lay there in the ICU.

Sure, go ahead and charge me with hyperbole – after all, Ramsey wasn't shot. But his reputation was killed in the days following May 6th, ripped to shreds in every way imaginable, instead of being honored for what he truly was that day – nothing short of a hero.

Say what you will, but for all the flowery talk we Americans love to speak about "doing the right thing", in the real world where mere mortals must make their existence, incentives drive behavior. And in an age where it has become more and more costly for Men to "do the right thing" it makes all the rational sense in the world as to why Men are slowly but surely, pulling back from such heroic deeds. What happened in the days following May 6th is not likely to encourage more Men to step into the breach, either – and on this note, the ladies should be afraid. Very, very afraid –

Because if, on top of the prospect of facing potentially lethal violence for intervening on behalf of a Woman whom you will not know and have no connection to (i.e. not your wife, girlfriend, female relative, etc.), you also have to face the very real likelihood of having all the nooks and crannies of your life scrutinized and perhaps made into fodder for the cheap yuks of the public – which include Women! – then, it makes perfect sense to me that you would balk.

I know I would.

Which is truly sad, because it appears that, even taking the Castro case into account, Cleveland has a Missing Woman Problem – and it needs all hands on deck in order to solve it.

But so long as Men like Ramsey continue to be made a laughing stock and tsked-tsked for actions that occurred more than a decade ago, that he's paid his debt to society for and has by all accounts lived a law-abiding life since, then please count me out of the White Knight Brigade…

…for Mr. Charles Ramsey's actions prove, yet again, that No Good Deed, Goes Unpunished.

Enjoy the harvest, ladies.

Now adjourn your arses…

The Obsidian

From Free Love to "Historic Rape"

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An editorial in the *UK Independent* rejects the notion that different sexual mores in different times means that people shouldn't be held to today's standards for what they did half a century ago.

> The revulsion that attended the revelation of Jimmy Savile's six-decade career of sexual predation is, in some quarters at least, giving way to weariness, even scepticism. As Operation Yewtree proceeds – and the list of long-standing media favourites accused of "historic" offences grows ever longer – the horror over Savile is turning to talk of witch-hunts and "things being different then".
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> Such complaints are as invidious as they are absurd. Not only is there no reason – legal or moral – for such crimes to "expire", particularly given the trauma that often results. Rape, sexual assault and child abuse were just as illegal in the 1960s as they are today. The times might indeed have been more "permissive" – for which read misogynist. But while that may explain why such behaviour went unchecked, it can neither excuse nor render it less criminal.

I'm not sure that Savile was ever tried for anything, so whether his acts were criminal under today's laws – not to mention those of the 1960s – is an open question.

The editorial dismisses the idea that there is any issue of ex post facto prosecution; that is, throwing someone in jail for something that was not a crime at the time, but is now. Naturally, this could apply to all sorts of things. Say an 85-year-old woman had spanked her kids with a wooden spoon back in the 1950s (common back then), and today we went after her for child abuse. Would that be fair?

So, if a 70-year-old man had a consensual fling with a 16-year-old girl back in the 70s when he was 30, when it was culturally tolerated, should he be prosecuted for it today? The editorial suggests that it was a crime back then, but this is unclear. Was it, really? If so, was it considered rape and punishable by imprisonment? Even if it was, is it proper to prosecute for something that happened so long ago?

The Indepedent says yes, it was a terrible crime and should be prosecuted. But we aren't talking about genocide here, or murder, or even maiming. We're talking about grown men behaving like pigs, to be sure, but it strikes me as the height of hypocrisy for those in power today, many of whom participated in this orgy of free love back then, often politicizing free sex in those days as a way to destroy the old order (which it did) to turn around and hold what amounts to show trials of their old sex partners to consolidate their authority.

Lest anyone forget, feminists were full participants in the free love culture of the 1960s and 70s. Gloria Steinem, for example, promoted feminism by saying that it meant men would get lots of sex. Feminists shamelessly used sex with powerful men to get ahead. Steinem slept with Henry Kissinger, Bill Clinton's affairs were given a free pass by the National Organization of Women, and promiscuity, enabled by chemical contraceptives, was said to be "liberating."

Some feminists opposed pornography, but that's only because they saw no profit from it — what good does it do if the men are ignoring the women around them in favor of images? And that, I suspect, is the reason for the recent change of heart about 1970s mores. The feminists in power today gain no profit from sex of any kind, because nobody wants to have sex with them any longer, so they have totally rejected the freewheeling standards of their youth. The affairs and flings they used to rely on to pry favors from older men are a thing of the past, and now must be retroactively condemned, because they are a threat to their current power. It's time now to keep the men in line, and keep them away from tempting young things, because the women in charge today are neither young nor tempting.

There is nothing "moral" about it — it is purely cynical self-interest.

Aristocratic Feminism

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In an interesting take on the concept of "equality," British feminists have joined forces with women of rank in demanding an end to the rule that inheritance of title goes to a male heir.

> The proposed law changes to ensure that a daughter born to Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge can succeed to the throne, should apply to titles as well, daughters of the aristocracy have said.
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> The current tradition follows the previous royal succession law which sees a male heir inherit over a female.
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> Now daughters of the gentry are calling for a equal rights to inherit titles as the new law would leave the aristocracy 'two steps behind' the royal family.
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> The aristocracy's current rules are even harsher than those of the crown, as a title will die out rather than be passed onto a female heir.
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> Lady Clare Kerr whose father is Tory politician Michael Ancram, is the 13th Marquess of Lothian, will miss out on inheriting her father's title due to the aristocracy's rules.

Yeah, I guess it's unfair that girls don't inherit titles like boys do, but isn't the entire concept of aristocracy unfair? If equality is the goal, why not eliminate the aristocracy altogether?

In the meanwhile, the rules for royal succession are being changed to give girls and boys an equal shot at becoming the titular head of great Britain:

> MPs will meet today to start rewriting 660-year-old laws to ensure that if the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's have a girl she will become Queen, even if she has a young brother.
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> Ministers are to prioritise the law change with the urgency usually reserved for anti-terror laws.
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> Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg said: 'This Bill will bring to an end centuries of discrimination against women so that the first born is next in line to the throne, regardless of whether they're a boy or a girl.'
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> The Liberal Democrat leader added: 'I'm delighted that all of the Queen's realms have agreed to this historic piece of legislation, that will enact in law what we agreed back in 2011 – that if the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have a baby girl, she can one day be our Queen even if she has younger brothers.
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> 'We're pressing ahead with this as quickly as we can – it's clearly something the entire country can get behind towards the close of this momentous Jubilee year.'
> The four-page Bill states that in future 'succession to the Crown not to depend on gender' and rewrites the Treason Act 1351 to replace 'first son and heir' to mean 'eldest child and heir'.
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> Other laws affected include the Bill of Rights, Act of Settlement and the Regency Act 1937.

Feminism: it's about making the most of one's birthright.

Military Rape Hype: Manufacturing a Crisis and Alienating Young Men

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Patty Murray, one of the two hardcore feminist senators that represent Washington state, has "learned" that 40% of women treated at Puget Sound area veterans' hospitals have reported being sexual assault victims.

> Four out of every 10 women veterans seeking medical care at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers in the Puget Sound area report that they were victims of sexual trauma in the military, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., learned at a Seattle meeting Friday.
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> "The consequences of military sexual trauma are permanent: They are not something you walk away from when you leave the military," said Dr. Joyce Wipf, professor of medicine at the University of Washington and director of the VA's Puget Sound Women's Program.

I'm not sure exactly how this figure was obtained, but I imagine it was based on a questionnaire. These questionnaires have been responsible for inflating rape figures for decades, most frequently in universities, but now in the military as well.

Typical questions are along the lines of "have you ever felt pressured into sex?" or "has anyone ever touched you in a way that made you feel uncomfortable?" This ends up being reported as rape and sexual assault, despite the fact that in most cases it would fall far below the standard in a court of law.

But even worse is the title of the article, which strongly suggests that a full 40% of women treated in the VA are being treated for sexual assault:

> 4 of 10 women treated at local VA sexual trauma victims

Most people would assume, on reading the headline, that the women are being treated *for* sexual assault, when this is not even close to being true.

When it is reported that men are falling behind in university enrollment, people look at all answers besides the most obvious: they are not welcome there. The radical feminism that characterizes humanities departments across the land has resulted in humanities programs that have all but excluded males from the classroom due to a real and relentless ideological assault on men. Why would any self-respecting man want to take classes that cast him as the incarnation of evil?

Now the US military appears poised to do the same. I can't think of any domestic political measures that could hollow out the armed forces like mounting a sustained campaign against men and masculinity, but our politicians seem determined to do just that. Within a decade or two, the prime recruiting pool for the military – young working and lower middle class American men – will begin to avoid it just as they have already begun to avoid college. It's a disaster in the making, but those in power today seem determined to wreck what's left of our institutions no matter what the cost.

Feminists Object To Hot Women Showing Their Bodies

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Recently there have been a couple of examples showing that feminists have a problem with hot women showing their bodies. For example, a feminist at Femspire wrote an article attacking every single aspect of the new Star Trek movie, *Star Trek: Into Darkness*. In particular, the author of that piece objected to a scene where Dr. Carol Marcus (played by Alice Eve) was in her underwear. Nothing actually happens in that scene. There is no pornographic aspect to it or anything to worthy of an objection. It was nothing more than anyone would see on most beaches. Here is an image of what was in that scene to judge for yourself:

One of the comments in the Femspire piece, actually called this "gratuitous nudity". For something to be "gratuitous nudity", it actually has to have NUDITY which would require Alice Eve to be naked, not in her underwear.

In the UK feminist groups, UK Feminista and Object, have launched a legal campaign against "lads' mags", magazines that have hot women in their underwear and similar amounts of clothing. These magazines aren't pornographic, and they have nothing to complain about. Despite those facts, UK Feminista and Object are saying that "lads' mags" constitute sexual harassment or sexual discrimination against employees and customers of the stores where they are sold. Since the "lads' mags" show nothing more than would be seen on most beaches, UK Feminista and Object are saying that going to the beach is a sexually harassing experience, which is clearly absurd.

Clearly, feminists have issues that go beyond nudity or pornography since they have a problem with men seeing women, particularly attractive women, in their underwear. They are even trying to change language so that women in their underwear are considered "nude". What is happening here is an attack on (heterosexual) male sexuality. Men like looking at hot women with few clothes on. The problem feminists have with images of women in their underwear is that men like looking at them. Everything that the feminists are saying about "harassment" (as if you can be harassed by an inanimate object), "nudity", and/or "misogyny" is just a smokescreen for how they can't stand men doing something they enjoy like looking at hot women.

Just in time for Father's Day, Hateful old Feminists Come out of Woodwork

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The NY Times is having a discussion titled "What are Fathers For?" in the opinion section under the heading "Room for Debate." Several of the opinions say "not much," including Jane Mattes, founder of "single mothers by choice," and Michele Weldon. Jane and Michele are both single mothers, and admit that this was their own choice. Their children, of course, had no choice as to whether they would be fatherless or not, and that should be enough to give everyone some reservations about their judgment.

I'll add that personally, as a father who went through a custody dispute, although I fought for time with my kids, I never for a single moment considered removing their mother from their lives, and never would have done so even if it had been possible. To me, denying a child access to a parent, unless that parent is flat out *dangerous*, is unthinkable. How is it that so many women can find the nerve to justify doing so for even the pettiest of reasons? It is a moral shortcoming that I just don't understand, because it implies a real lack of consideration for one's children's needs as human beings.

Both Mattes and Weldon are second wave feminists; the type who were celebrated in the 80s and 90s as empowered career women. However, as the picture of single motherhood comes into focus after decades of cultural attacks on the family, we don't see so many professional women raising children alone, but rather hapless, impoverished, dependent and uneducated young women.

These old feminists, in defending their part in dispossessing so many American children, and perhaps the unspoken results of their choices, would throw millions of future children under the bus for a concept of "family" that just doesn't work very well. In an article titled "When Children are Better off Fatherless," confronted with the emotional pain that fatherlessness causes children, Weldon displays a callousness that must come from ignorance; if not, she is a thoroughly disgusting person.

Take her interpretation of a scene from The Fresh Prince of Bell Aire, in which Will Smith breaks down when his father disappoints him:

> In time for Father's Day movie bonding, Will Smith stars in "After Earth" with his real-life son, Jaden. But a 1994 episode of "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" shows a much younger Will Smith in a scene that is more real to many American boys. The Smith character's father runs out on a promise to take his son on a trip, and Smith shouts: "I'm gonna get through college without him. I'm gonna get a great job without him and marry me a beautiful honey and have me a whole bunch of kids. And I'm gonna be a better father than he ever was." And then he chokes, "How come he don't want me, man?"
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> I know there is no possible answer to that question. But I also know it is time to stop damning the children who need to ask.

Ms. Weldon, by dismissing the importance of fathers, you just did damn those children. Is justifying what you did to your own sons so important that you would break the hearts of even more boys?

McCain to Women: Stay out of Military until Rape Problem "Solved"

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Above: girls in IDF show us their stuff

John McCain has come up with a novel solution to the alleged sexual assault crisis in the military: women should not join the military.

What an original idea! Why hasn't anyone thought of that before?

If you think long and hard about it, it just might work…

> Sen. John McCain, who built a potent political career on his record as a Vietnam veteran and ex-prisoner of war, on Tuesday told the leaders of every military branch he cannot in good conscience advise women to join the service as the military grapples to contain and curb its sexual assault epidemic.
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> "Just last night, a woman came to me and said her daughter wanted to join the military and could I give my unqualified support for her doing so. I could not," McCain, an Arizona Republican, said during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing examining whether all serious sexual crimes should be removed from the chain of command.

Of course, we could follow the lead of the Israeli Defense Force, which segregates men and women, and recently disciplined female recruits who were caught behaving in a sexually suggestive manner.

Michael Douglas Throat Cancer Raises Issue of HPV Vaccinations for Boys

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A few years ago, all girls were urged to get HPV vaccinations, as an HPV infection, which can lead to cervical cancer, is known to be a health threat to women. There was no call to have boys vaccinated, presumably because cervical cancer doesn't affect males. However, even at the the time, doctors knew that HPV can cause more than just cervical cancers, and is responsible for the majority of anal cancers, many penile cancers and a majority of certain types of oral and throat cancers. Additionally, boys with HPV can infect girls with HPV, so it's curious that only one part of the population was urged to get a vaccination.

Until recently, the issue has been largely ignored and downplayed, as male health threats often are, even as anything that might have even the remotest negative effect on female health, such as spray tanning and "feelings" about appearance, is endlessly discussed. Yes, in our contemporary culture, how women feel about images of other women in magazines is treated as a more urgent health issue than the effects of a widespread, carcinogenic infectious disease on men. It turns out that HPV causes two thirds as many cancers in men as women (and this may be an underestimate), yet the vaccination rate for boys is a measly 1.4%, as compared to roughly 50% in girls.

Fortunately, Michael Douglas opened up about his own brush with oral cancer, which, according to doctors treating him, developed after he contracted an HPV infection. Douglas attributed it to oral sex, but this need not be the case. HPV can be contracted merely from kissing someone who also has an oral infection (or, for that matter, from receiving oral sex). His openness about the cause of his cancer has brought some much-needed attention to the fact that the virus can harm men as well as women.

However, there was an immediate reaction against Douglas, who was subsequently forced to issue a statement exonerating male on female oral sex, presumably because it implicates something feminists frequently promote.

Can anyone imagine a woman who said she'd contracted oral cancer from giving head having to downplay the risk due to male objection? Of course not; that would be unthinkable! Women's health takes priority over men's pleasure in our culture *every single time*. Perhaps that's the way it should be, but why not men's health, too?

In this case, the double standard is not only blatant, but stupid as well, because men with HPV can infect women. It's another case of feminism, by separating what's good for women from what's good for men, coming not only at the expense of men, but society as a whole. If, from the berginning, we'd treated HPV infection as a problem affecting all of society rather than just women, perhaps many more infections among men *and* women could have been averted, but the pathetically low male vaccination rate proves that, until now, few considered this common-sense idea.

Once again, Michael Douglas has taken a stand against radical feminism. First, he took on false accusation and sexual bullying in the office with *Disclosure*, and now he's letting us know that men can not only be victimized by women in a professional setting, but can suffer from the same diseases as well. And, despite standing up for men and earning the wrath of feminist critics like Roger Ebert, he married the objectively beautiful Catherine Zeta-Jones. It's great to hear that Michael Douglas's cancer is in remission and he is healthy. Hopefully, his candid remarks about HPV and oral cancer will lead more parents to take preventative measures for their sons; clearly we can't rely on the establishment to handle the problem.

Prostitutes Beat up Competition in Miami Beach

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Prostitutes who have staked their claim at a South Beach hotel are not about to let any uppity women move in on their business.

> A vacation getaway to a swanky South Beach hotel turned into a nightmare for a southern New Jersey woman when she was mistaken for a hooker and beaten up by actual prostitutes who saw her as competition, the woman and her husband claim in a federal lawsuit.
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> Thirty-four-year-old Anna Burgese asserts in the lawsuit filed last Friday in Camden that a group of women she believes were prostitutes attacked her in the lobby of the W Hotel in Miami Beach in January as she and her husband, Joseph, were returning from a night out. Burgese says she was violently attacked from behind and slammed into a wall, then thrown to the ground. She was taken to the hospital for her injuries, attorney Lance Rogers said.

So where's the part where these "victims of human trafficking" have been forced into the business by wicked men? Surely, the prostitutes must be unwilling participants in the sex trade, and their unprovoked attack on a woman was a cry for help.

Quick! Find a man to blame!

Ah, here we go:

> the suit claims, hotel staff failed to detain the attackers and even helped them escape by putting them in a taxi. The hotel was aware of previous violent episodes and failed to take precautions to protect hotel guests, according to the suit.
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> "The Hotel fosters a prostitute-friendly environment where prostitutes are permitted to market themselves on the premises, as evidenced by, among other things, the reviews left on various travel websites by former guests," the lawsuit contends. "It is believed and therefore averred that, in the past, prostitutes have become violent with guests and/or visitors on the Hotel's premises and in the surrounding area."

Yep, it was the hotel staff and management who were responsible for the hooker attack, so the patriarchy must pay.

Catholic Church Sued in Ohio for Opposing Single Motherhood

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A jury in Cincinnati has awarded a lesbian who had herself artificially inseminated $170,000 for wrongful termination and discrimination. The Catholic school that employed her fired her for violating a signed agreement not to have children out of wedlock, and let her go when she became pregnant.

> CINCINNATI — A Catholic-school teacher who was fired after she became pregnant through artificial insemination won her anti-discrimination lawsuit against the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati yesterday and was awarded more than $170,000.
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> A federal jury found that the archdiocese discriminated against Christa Dias, who taught computer classes, by firing her in October 2010.
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> Dias declined to comment after the verdict but said later in a telephone interview that she was " very happy and relieved."
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> The jury said the archdiocese should pay $51,000 in back pay, $20,000 in compensatory damages and $100,000 in punitive damages. Dias had sued the archdiocese and two of its schools; the jury didn't find the schools liable for damages.
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> Dias' attorney, Robert Klingler, had argued that she was fired simply because she was pregnant and unmarried, a dismissal he said violated federal and state law. He had suggested damages as high as $637,000, but Dias said she was satisfied with the jury's award.

The woman, Christa Dias, claimed that she had no idea that she was violating the agreement she made with the church when employed.

> Dias, who is not Catholic, testified she didn't know artificial insemination violated church doctrine or her employment pact. She said she thought the contract clause about abiding by church teachings meant she should be a Christian and follow the Bible.
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> Dias also has claimed that the church policies are not enforced equally against men and women.
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> Goodin argued that Dias, who is gay, never intended to abide by her contract. She kept her sexual orientation a secret because she knew that homosexual acts also would violate that contract, he said.
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> Neither Dias nor the archdiocese claim she was fired because she is gay, and the judge told jurors that they could not consider sexual orientation in determining motivating factors for the firing.

As she was a lesbian, I find it hard to believe she signed a contract with the Catholic Archdiocese in good faith, but then again these sorts of things are often viewed as mere formalities among urban Catholics. The idea is to not force the issue, but her pregnancy did just that, and that's likely why she was fired.

There's a lot of hypocrisy in urban Catholic institutions, because the lives many Catholics lead are so far from what the Church preaches. This might not be much of an issue if the Catholic Church were not such a huge institution with so many state entanglements, but it is.

In the current climate, clashes between the Catholic Church and the state are inevitable. Rampant illegitimacy, promiscuity and divorce undermine the fundamental principles of Catholicism to the degree that the church can no longer call itself a part of urban society. Instead, it turns out that most of what it stands for is in opposition to prevailing social norms. This being the case, the church should withdraw from its entanglements and operate in more of a missionary and faith community capacity, perhaps as the early church did in pagan Rome. This might be accompanied by loss of secular political power and influence, but as it stands today this influence only corrupts the

church and highlights hypocrisy, driving away the faithful.

Comment of the Week: Fathers are Culture-Bearers

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TheLastSaneMan brings up family dysfunction and cultural transmission from father to son in a thoughtful critique of contemporary (and historic) Western society.

Two points:

1) As much as I despise the crookedness that women put their ex husbands through regarding the children, this is a bit of a more well rounded phenomenon than many people would like to believe. It's much more of a regular occurrence than you would like to believe, for the sick, elderly, disabled, and otherwise infirm, to get kidnapped, by family members, and kept from people, just to spite their loved ones/them themselves.

Deep down, most people are bastards, male or female, and when something happens, more often than you'd think, vultures swoop in to take care of the poor victim…for a modest fee and a cut of the poor victim's personal belongings, not to mention bargaining rights for access to the victim. This is whether they're children, old, mentally ill, injured, whatever. You hear about this most with child custody disputes, but ironically, slim as the chance may be, it is children who are the most likely to have an out in such situations: most children grow up, and as such, after reaching adulthood, usually come to understand who in the situation was full of shit, and who was not.

If you get in a car accident, have no will, and become mentally impaired, if Aunt Martha and her greedy cousins come to take you away to the welfare farm, if you don't have anyone closer as next of kin to speak for you, that's it. You're their prisoner. 100 people, your best friend, can testify that those people are full of shit, that you never had any dealings with them before today. The system doesn't care. Look up crooked probate courts and crooked relatives on any search engine: you will find numerous stories of people, male and female, who decide to play grabass games with people lives and their property. While I don't disagree with the assertion being made that women play shit games with men's kids, this is one of those instances where I think there's a bigger issue, of which child custody is a smaller part of.

2) Heard the saying, "how do you make a great archer? Start with his grandfather." I have come to the conclusion that the same thing applies to fathers: how do you make a great father? Start with his grandfather. Fathering is basically the passing of the cultural template and methodology of understanding the world from one generation to the next. The father teaches his son how to hunt, how to build, how to plow, how to deal with women, both as he was taught by his father, and how he learned the world was for himself. This is nothing less than an art, and IMO is the primary reason why we have ascended as a society above apes: apes are not able to pass knowledge from one generation to the next in the way that humans are – apes now are doing pretty much the same thing apes did 10000 years ago, as they are unable to have discussions about history, or better ways of doing things, or probable futures and methods of preparing for them. Humans, primarily fathers, do all of these things, and do so better with every increasing generation. As go the fathers, so goes the overall culture of the society. Compare patriarchal societies with matriarchal ones, and ones where the males have been eradicated or decimated in the past. The Chinese, Japanese, and East Indians are considered some of the most industrious, technologically savvy people in the world: note that these societies are very patriarchal, and in the case of the Chinese, have an imbalance and surplus of male talent. Each of these countries went through major wars and occupations, and were able to industrialize themselves in incredibly short periods of time.

American Blacks and American Indians have the most dysfunctional cultures in the New World. American Blacks endured a systematic culture wash of their old societies and cultures, coupled with the complete destruction of the family unit, and removal of the father figure from said family unit. American Indians got all of that, plus the added benefits of simply being virtually genocided, with the survivors having Christianity and English pretty much beaten into them. American Blacks and Indians are well known as the least achieving members of society: is it coincidental that for both of these societies, the image that pops to mind when you think of fathers is either a drunkard, a thug, or a puff of smoke headed out the door?

The lesson here couldn't be any more stark: your country and people can endure centuries of war, pain, death, misery, and suffering. So long as the men survive, and are able to continue making family units, the culture lives. Fuck, you can drop an atomic bomb on a people, and so long as the men live, the culture lives. Kill all the men, the culture dies, and not just temporarily either – it dies to the point where it's almost impossible to come back. There are indeed successful, intelligent American Blacks and American Indians in society, and when one takes a look at them, one sees strong father figures, and a strict, patriarchal family structure in most of these households. The same goes for those West Africans who come here explicitly to study: many of them have much more of a drive for education and learning than the American Blacks here. They also a) have father figures in their lives, or b) are not being dominated by women. These people are in the minorities in the societies I am talking about, as most of them are run by "strong X women," who, curiously enough, aren't good at math, science, reading, writing, reasoning, basic fucking art, astronomy, hunting, fishing, building, or anything that makes humans human as opposed to apes, but they're "strong". And their societies are dying for it.

Apparently the lesson doesn't seem to be taking though, as America, and the West period, seems to be more and more intent on taking fathers out of the life of every child of every race every day. I have little doubt as to what will happen, little at all. Given that I probably won't be having children myself, and am planning on leaving this country anyway, I am not very concerned with it either.

Men's Use of Testosterone "Abuse," Women's use of Estrogen a Right

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Recent reports on the growing use of testosterone supplementation by middle-aged and older men have suggested that it's a problem we ought to worry about, because most men "don't need it."

From the NY Times:

> The number of middle-aged men with prescriptions for testosterone is climbing rapidly, raising concerns that increasing numbers of men are abusing the powerful hormone to boost their libidos and feel younger, researchers reported on Monday.
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> Testosterone replacement therapy is approved specifically for the treatment of abnormally low testosterone levels, a condition called hypogonadism. The hormone helps build muscle, reduce body fat and improve sex drive. But a study published in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine found that many men who get prescriptions for the hormone have no evidence of a deficiency at all.
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> The new study is the largest of testosterone prescribing patterns to date, involving nearly 11 million men who were tracked through a large health insurer. The report showed that the number of older and middle-aged men prescribed the hormone has tripled since 2001.
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> Men in their 40s represent the fastest-growing group of users. About half of men prescribed testosterone had a diagnosis of hypogonadism, and roughly 40 percent had erectile or sexual dysfunction. One third had a diagnosis of fatigue.
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> The medical group that sets clinical guidelines for testosterone replacement therapy, the Endocrine Society, recommends treatment only in men who have unequivocally low testosterone levels. That finding requires a blood test. But the new report found that a quarter of men did not have their levels tested before they received the hormone. It was also unclear what proportion of men who did undergo testing actually had results showing a deficiency.

Not long ago, there was a trend of women using estrogen during and following menopause, and while this was later found to contribute to some health risks, not once were women accused of "abusing" the female hormone. In fact, use of estrogen was widely praised and recommended in all sorts of media outlets.

But now that we have older men doing the equivalent, it constitutes a problem. This is because masculine characteristics, in our culture, are seen as inherently problematic, whether they be men's sexual preferences, personality characteristics or work habits. Testosterone is seen as a culprit in many of these masculine behaviors and proclivities, so it's bad, right?

Estrogen, in the meanwhile, is a wonderful unicorns 'n rainbows magic elixir that bestows nothing but good on earth, so women can pop as much as it as they want, and under Obamacare we all have to pay for it!

Another issue is this matter of health risks. While having teens and young men use testosterone on a widespread basis is probably unnecessary and may have harmful long-term effects (such as testicular problems and permanent hormonal imbalances), mature men, you'd think, can make up their own minds about what to put in their bodies. Even if it does have attendant health risks, is that a reason to limit these men's choices? If a man decides that it really improves quality of life, is it our business if he incurs some risk by taking a medication?

I've never tried testosterone, but if I felt that I wanted to at some point I think that option ought to be available without exposing me to suspicion of "abuse." If men's hormones are to be highly restricted and and only given to men who are determined to "need" them, then the same should apply to female hormones. How many of the tens of millions of women on estrogen actually need it? Perhaps they could be considered to be abusing the hormone.

In short, this is a matter of discrimination against men, and there's no reason middle-aged men should be scrutinized when they seek out prescriptions for androgenic hormones. Sure, doctors should tell them about the risks, and can refuse to prescribe it if the patient would be endangered, but in most cases the decision should be left up to the men themselves, just as women have the choice of taking their own synthetic equivalents on their own initiative.

And finally, it's amazing that the Times has the chutzpah to cast aspersions on ordinary men's use of T when it so happily endorses "gender reassignment" procedures for men, which require enormous doses of hormones in addition to risky surgery.

Three European Feminists Held in Tunisia, Three Others Deported

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After exposing themselves in a protest against the Islamic mores that jailed a Tunisian FEMEN supporter, three European women are being held in Tunis on charges of public indecency. Three others who tried to stage a protest after their arrest were seized and deported. Islamic groups have asked to be included as injured parties so that they can seek damages against the women, and possibly FEMEN, and obtain access to case files.

> Three members of a radical Ukrainian feminist group have been expelled from Tunisia on suspicion of planning a topless protest in front of the court where their colleagues were being tried on charges of public indecency, the interior ministry said on Wednesday.
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> The statement on the Ukrainian ministry's Facebook page said information had led to one individual being taken to the country's main airport on Tuesday, while a Belarusian was stopped there the same day. Another Ukrainian was turned back on Wednesday at the airport.
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> Three fellow activists from the group, Femen, are on trial for public indecency after demonstrating topless in front of Tunisia's Palace of Justice. They were calling for the release of a Tunisian member of the group.
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> The trial began on Wednesday with lawyers representing several Islamist groups petitioning to delay the trial so they could join as plaintiffs. The judge adjourned the session and said he would make his decision on 12 June.
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> The activists, Pauline Hillier and Marguerite Stern from France, and Josephine Markmann from Germany, appeared topless on 29 May in the group's first semi-nude protest in the Middle East.

The feminist attack on Islam in Europe has the potential to cause serious political friction, particularly in France, which is home to millions of devout Muslims. If nationalist groups comprised of and led by European men confronted Islam in the manner FEMEN has, they would doubtless face prosecution in Europe by European authorities.

However, when feminists do it, prosecution becomes problematic, because both Muslim immigrants and feminists are considered oppressed groups whose grievances are legitimate.

I wonder whether it won't be some conflict of this nature that finally shatters the illusion of European unity. The anti-native coalition of the progressive left and immigrants has won politically in Europe, so future competition for European dominance will likely be between the two powerful factions.

The fact that feminists have actually flown to Tunisia to take the fight to the Maghreb suggests that they are very serious about confronting Muslims, so we should expect to see this issue heat up in the future.

What does Equality Mean?

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I responded to a few questions from a journalist yesterday, and ended up spending a fair amount of time on them. Sometimes, it's helpful to write for someone besides the usual audience, because it forces you to explain yourself in new ways, and put a little more thought into things.

One of the questions she asked was "Do you think equality between men and women is an admirable or necessary goal?" I think regular readers would know that I don't – at least not in the way in which "equality" is understood today – but it's important to explain why, because the modern concept of equality has to be debunked.

I think I did a fair job of doing so without wasting too many words, so I thought I should post that response for readers. We should all be armed against this idea that equality is an unqualified blessing, because one of the first accusations one faces these days is that of being anti-equality. I think we might as well own it — agree and amplify so to speak. Equalism is becoming the bane of our time, and there's no good reason to make compromises with it.

So here's my response:

Do I think equality between men and women is admirable or necessary? I could answer the easy way and say that it's impossible, which it is, but to be more specific I also think it's an absolutely terrible, evil goal that is very harmful and destructive when pursued. I don't think so because "a woman's place is in the kitchen" or some other simple aphorism, but because men and women together comprise humanity, and each part is required for us to survive, just as different parts of an organism are required. Would we declare an arm and a leg equal? Or a heart and lung? Or even the left and right hemisphere of the brain? It's just an appalling idea to me, and beyond comprehension. If men and women were suddenly equal, humanity would cease to exist in short order, and that sounds pretty awful. I think it's the worst kind of dystopia imaginable.

There's only one kind of equality that we can honestly speak of, and that's a spiritual concept that applies to each of us as "souls." In the sense that we love all of our children, God loves each of us, and in that we are "equal" — man, woman, Greek, Jew, slave, free, etc. Now, I'm not pretending to preach here; I'm agnostic, but my point is that the concept of equality is entirely religious in origin, and mainly Christian. Our current secular concept of equality is based on this religious idea, which is exactly why it developed in the Christian West and nowhere else. Nowhere at all — feel free to check up on that. Of course, we can extrapolate some of this religious concept of equality to the law, and we have to a great extent, which is overall a very good thing.

But there are limits. The law cannot defy nature, as King Canute so famously demonstrated when he commanded the waves to be still. So even the law recognizes that the sexes are not equal in all ways, and it will always continue to do so. Women are some of the biggest supporters of this, because they know that strict legal equality would be a very raw deal for them.

When you're talking about social equality, again, it's an abomination and a dystopian nightmare. Think of the totalitarian measures that would be required to make all boys and girls "equal."

Writer capitalizes on reality of female desire

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Journalist Daniel Bergner has come out with a "groundbreaking" book about female sexuality that comes to the shocking conclusion that women are not all sweet innocent little things.

Bergner's conclusions, judging from the press, are pretty much the same ones we've already reached in the androsphere, which leads me to believe he cribbed some of our material. But even we can't take all that much credit; hell, you can find the same material going back thousands of years to Homer, the Bible, barbarian European sagas, Hindu texts and so on. In fact, the greater part of evidence that has stood the test of time confirms that women's sexuality is a powerful and often disruptive force.

Salon on Bergner's book:

> In accessible and entertaining prose, "What Do Women Want?" details everything from individual women's fantasies to the search for a "female Viagra." More important, though, it represents a complete paradigm shift. The book, which grew from a much-discussed New York Times Magazine cover story in 2009, reveals how gender stereotypes have shaped scientific research and blinded researchers to evidence of female lust and sexual initiation throughout the animal kingdom, including among humans. It reveals how society's repression of female sexuality has reshaped women's desires and sex lives.
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> Bergner, and the leading sex researchers he interviews, argue that women's sexuality is not the rational, civilized and balancing force it's so often made out to be — that it is base, animalistic and ravenous, everything we've told ourselves about male sexuality. As one researcher tells Bergner of all the restrictions put on female sexuality: "Those barriers are a testament to the power of the drive itself. It's a pretty incredible testament. Because the drive must be so strong to override all of that."
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> "Women's desire — its inherent range and innate power — is an underestimated and constrained force, even in our times, when all can seem so sexually inundated, so far beyond restriction," he writes. "Despite the notions our culture continues to imbue, this force is not, for the most part, sparked or sustained by emotional intimacy and safety." In fact, he argues, "one of our most comforting assumptions, soothing perhaps above all to men but clung to by both sexes, that female eros is much better made for monogamy than the male libido, is scarcely more than a fairy tale."

Yes, female sexuality can be terrible in its power, but knowledge disarms much of that power. This is why I don't think the "constraints" put on female sexuality are really hard and fast rules so much as they are components of an illusion — an illusion that renders unknowing men all but helpless in the face of the angelic female ideal. It is women – not men – who have been most vigilant in maintaining this illusion, because it profits them.

People often mention the "Red Pill," and that term has come to be a catchphrase for male awakening to reality. I'm not a really big fan of the term, because it sounds a bit cultish and brings *The Matrix* to mind (I wasn't all that impressed by the film), but it does describe a real phenomenon.

The Red Pill, in short, is simply the truth about female sexuality. All Bergner has done is repackage the red pill and make it look sexy, and even empowering to women. So I suppose we should give the guy credit for doing us a favor, because although it is being sold with some misleading advertising, at least his book will contribute to general knowledge about the ancient truths of the world.

Ricin letters may have been attempt to set up husband

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Shannon Rogers Guess Richardson, a Texan actress who called the FBI to report that her husband had sent the ricin to President Obama and various other political liberals, has been arrested for having sent them herself. Notes included with the poison, which is derived from castor beans and kills by means of violent, massive diarrhea, indicated pro-second amendment views and opposition to gun control.

> Investigators have been probing who sent the three letters, all postmarked May 20 from Shreveport, La. and sent without a return address, authorities have said.
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> Authorities are still investigating the three ricin-laced letters sent to Michael Bloomberg, President Obama, and a lobbyist, but Texas-based actress Shannon Rogers Guess has said her Army veteran husband Nathanial Richardson is behind the letters. NBC's Stephanie Gosk reports.
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> The letters sent to Obama and Bloomberg were discovered during routine mail screenings processes. The letter to the director of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Mark Glaze, was opened.
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> "You will have to kill me and my family before you get my guns," the message sent to Bloomberg read, according to NBC New York, which obtained a copy of the letter. "Anyone who wants to come to my house will get shot in the face. The right to bear arms is my constitutional God given right and I will exercise that right till the day I die."

Mrs. Richardson's husband, we may infer, is a conservative supporter of the right to bear arms.

Rise in Female Doctors Has “Unintended Consequences” for Britain’s NHS

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According to Tory MP Anna McIntosh, female doctors are putting a strain on the UK’s National Health Service:

> “When they go into practice and then in the normal course of events will marry and have children, they often want to go part-time and it is obviously a tremendous burden training what effectively might be two GPs working part-time where they are ladies,” she said. “I think that is something that is going to put a huge burden on the health service.”

Health minister Anna Soubry agreed, referring to the “unintended consequences” of having so many female doctors, who are projected to be a majority of all doctors within a few years.

“Experts” immediately went on the offensive, calling her remarks “outdated,” but then all but admitted that there’s a problem when they called for changes in planning.

I have no problem with female doctors; they often have a pleasant way of dealing with patients, and may have some advantages over men in some regards. However, the real world requires doctors to be available to patients, and if female doctors do not put in as many hours due to childbirth and personal choice, this is obviously a problem when most doctors are female.

Britain is getting less return on its investment for each female doctor trained, and this cost will be passed on to the British people. “Equality” does indeed have many unintended consequences, and many of these are quite expensive. Ultimately, the costs will put physical constraints on efforts to achieve equality, or else they will put constraints on economic growth and quality of life.

On “Natural Roles”

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Continuing my discussions with a journalist, I defend my assertion that natural sex roles do exist, and claim that this proves feminism to be a fundamentally flawed, and therefore discreditable ideology:

Natural roles, as I see them, are so personal, intimate, and in some cases intangible, that we often make errors when we try to assign them to manmade institutions and ideologies, but that does not mean that they do not exist.

Take farming, for example. When French missionaries first encountered the Iroquois around 1600, the women did most of the farming for corn and squash, while the men hunted and made war (the Iroquois were very warlike). Back in France, however, farming was mainly a man’s job, although women certainly chipped in. So, obviously, we can’t say that farming is a natural role for one sex or the other. It can certainly *become* gendered, and in some contexts this is an adaptive thing.

Here’s how:

Iroquois women had to be around their babies, which they nursed for several years, and the men often had to leave the village to obtain fats and protein via hunting, and you can’t take a child on a hunt. The women, in the meanwhile, could work on the fields adjacent to the village while carrying the babies around, or letting small children run around nearby.

In France, farming required teams of oxen, heavy plows and substantial upper body strength. Men were inherently better suited to it, so women could be more productive back home processing food or selling it at the market.

Therefore, farming was generally a man’s job in France, and a woman’s job in Iroquois territory. And how did this happen? Because the very basic natural roles created the conditions for it to become that in the respective cultures.

Now, say the conditions that made farming a man’s job in France suddenly disappeared, because upper body strength was no longer relevant (this is not actually the case in intensive agriculture — at least not yet). Would you say that was proof that the basic sex roles didn’t exist? This is the mistake feminists make. They may be correct that women can be perfectly adequate doctors, lawyers and managers, but that isn’t because the natural roles of men and women don’t exist; it’s because, for the most part, *they are irrelevant to those jobs today*.

This is also where the idea that natural roles do not exist can be conclusively proved wrong. Whether or not formerly gendered occupations are compatible with natural roles today is irrelevant to the fact that at one point they did develop from them, and have done so in countless examples over the ages. Because gendered roles did develop, and continue to do so, the natural roles they were based on must necessarily exist. Something does not derive from nothing. That feminists can look over the span of history – not to mention contemporary society – and maintain that none of these results are based on nature discredits all of their subsequent conclusions. In other words, the cornerstone of Western feminist thought is based on flawed reasoning, and all of the evils of feminism derive from this fundamental flaw.

Cash and Prizes: Single Mother Grossing $29K Effectively Grosses $69K

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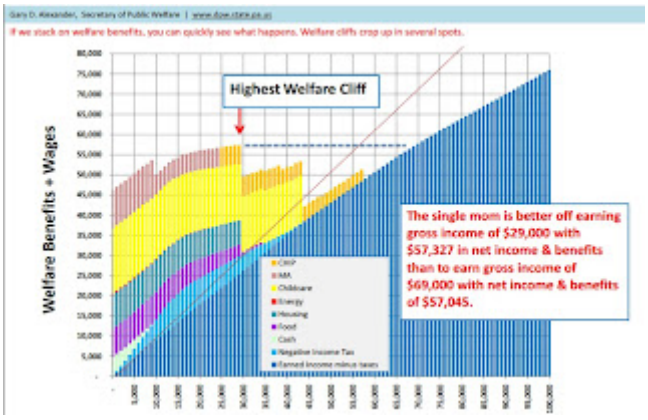
Recently, I opined that being a "choice mommy is a hard row to hoe", and that their chosen life path is not a "reliable recipe for getting rich". In these two posts, I discussed the following datapoints:

- The average income for a divorced / separated single mother is $29,000.
- The average income for a never-married single mother is $17,400.
- The average non-custodial father makes $48,000 annually, and pays his former wife $3,800 in chilimony, tax-free.
- The single mother's income may be supplemented by various means-tested credits, deductions, and subsidies that significantly boosted her effective net income.

I did not quantify this last number, as I lacked the time or expertise to compute it. Turns out I didn't need to, as the American Enterprise Institute, responding to the "Life of Julia" ads launched last year by Mr. Obama's 2012 presidential re-election campaign, beat me to it:



Source: AEI

While I stand by my previous comments, being a single parent is challenging work and few women get wealthy being one, the above graphic suggests single "breadwinning" mothers have it far better financially than many think…and better than over half of Americans, for whom the average income in 2013 was $49,000. Furthermore, the "cash and prizes" awarded to choice mothers…let's call these women "Julias"…from the pockets of Julia's ex husband are actually quite small compared to the cash/prizes transferred to her by her new husband, the State. Or if you want to get technical about it, the moneys paid to her by all her new husbands…all 131M of them, comprised of employed male and female Americans who pay some income tax.

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Is anyone surprised by NSA revelations?

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Some time in the middle of the last decade, I processed a European Parliament report on Echelon, a shadowy signal intelligence program allegedly run by the Anglo countries of the world (AU, US, UK, NZ, CA) under the aegis of the National Security Agency and its counterparts in the UK and commonwealth. The report was compiled by non-Anglo Europeans, and they weren't all that happy about Echelon. Around the same time, I read *The Puzzle Palace*, James Bamford's excellent book on the NSA. I would highly recommend the book to anyone who is interested in the NSA in light of all the recent hubbub.

At the time, you could already tell where things were headed. Echelon is (allegedly) part of an enormous data collection system, making use of satellite dishes set up at strategic points around the world to snoop on communications. One of them happened to be in Yakima – not too far from me – but it has evidently been shut down and staff transferred to Colorado. One can also find stations in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, and in the bleak fields of Yorkshire.

The idea behind Echelon was to collect as much data of any sort as possible. Since global communications relied so heavily on satellites through the 90s, we could theoretically listen in on people pretty much anywhere on earth. However, with the rise in fiber optics, the satellite signal intelligence became less important, and gathering information became more a matter of tapping into the major exchange points run by communications companies. So what the NSA did – with our dear leaders' approval – was augment its passive intelligence gathering capabilities with a much more hands-on approach. With the cooperation of major communications companies, they've been installing their snooping software at pretty much every major data exchange point, which is how they can collect everyone's metadata, and probably a lot more, on calls, emails, browsing habits, etc.

[Evidently, not everyone knows what metadata means. It is the information about the communication you are sending/receiving. For example, if you click "extended headers" under your email "view" you'll see a lot of numbers, times, dates, etc. This email metadata can specify location, IP, server and, with access to company records, the user, among other relevant bits of info.]

I assumed this was common knowledge. If I can look at a list of calls to and from my number online, so can someone else, and it's only natural that some agency would have this access as well. In the contemporary US, there is really no way you can expect the government not to have access to whatever electronic information it wants. Even the measly State of Washington can peer into noncustodial fathers' bank accounts without their permission and seize the funds whenever it wants to, without the need for any due process at all. What kind of a fool would assume that the feds have *less* power than that?

Although it may seem reasonable to many that those tasked with protecting us have access to the tools they need to do so, the problem is that these tools usually end up being used for more than that, and by more people. For example, who would have originally thought that electronic funds transfers could be used by the state to drain one's bank account without due process? How about use of social security numbers as a means to track life history, credit, medical records, etc? When these tools first became available, people assumed that they would be safe in the hands of the few, but now they are used by all sorts of podunk public agencies in addition to the federal government.

Once, when I was at a junior college after hours, I saw the college security chief, a former cop, looking through students' records and identifying information on a computer in the office I worked in. It was a clear violation of policy, but there he was using the forbidden tool, and sad to say neither I nor anyone else did a thing about it (I kept my mouth shut and took it as a lesson in how these types operate). This is just what people do if they can get away with it — all the way down to a junior college rent-a-cop! If this PRISM program is really as spiffy as they make it out to be – you can basically sit back and watch everything the target does online – I highly doubt that people will resist the temptation to use it in all sorts of dubious circumstances. I guarantee that if PRISM holds up to the

scrutiny, we're going to have people demanding to use it to catch pedophiles, then drug dealers, then rogue traders and finally just about anyone "suspected" of a crime.

Think about it: if it's easy enough for the local sheriff's department to obtain a no-knock warrant for suspected pot dealers, imagine how much easier it will be for them to get a judge to sign off on spying on one's online activities. PRISM is not like those enormous satellites the NSA uses to intercept signals from space — it's much, much more easily scaled down, and probably not all that unwieldy technologically speaking. I'll bet it's so easy to use that even the dumbest agents could start using it in minutes (this may be the most alarming thing about PRISM). Most annoyingly, it has been put in place with the cooperation of companies we are paying good money to protect our privacy. And, as Bill Gates said, "if there's a court order for companies to do things it's typical that they're obeyed." So there you go. Judge Blackrobe says "OK, go ahead, take a look at that fellow," and next thing you know agent Blacksuit gets to enjoy the little scene your girlfriend or wife treats you to over the webcam, and maybe record it for his buddies. Wonderful…

The saddest thing about this intrusive program is that it won't work very well for real, hardcore terrorists. If even I – a tech amateur whose work in intelligence was limited purely to text – have suspected the existence of this capability for the last ten years, they must have assumed it long ago. Criminals adjust very quickly to surveillance. If people can smuggle things into high security prisons and manage to get away with all sorts of shenanigans despite 24-hour surveillance, it follows that this latest surveillance tool will work best on the unsuspecting — the innocent. It won't really make us much more secure, but it will make us more vulnerable, and that's why it's a problem.

Naked Woman Goes Missing in Northwest Woods

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A search is on for a young woman who wandered into the Northwest woods wearing nothing but a fanny pack with a compass and small knife — not even shoes. Maureen Kelly left a campground at Canyon Creek in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest at about 5PM on a "spiritual quest," according to friends, who called authorities at midnight when she failed to return.

My first thoughts were that the girl was intoxicated – maybe tripping on some mushrooms – and perhaps upset over something. The forests of SW Washington are very thick and dark, and when the sun falls low they are much harder to navigate than open fields. There are rushing creeks and rivers swollen with snowmelt this time of year, the nights are too cold for bare skin, and the terrain is difficult. I'm afraid the girl may have succumbed to exposure overnight. A very serious danger is a fall into a creek, which could quickly chill the body enough to lead to hypothermia.

I hope she's alright, but whenever someone gets lost in the woods it's a race against time. The survivors are, more often than not, healthy young men; the older folks, women and children rarely make it.

When I heard about the story, it gave me pause to reflect on the frailty of humans unprotected against the elements. And then I thought of how self exposure, as in slutwalkers and FEMEN, has been reframed as a right in the West.

This girl went alone, nude, into a place where she is very unlikely to run into a man, and for that she may well die. It's something I hadn't considered before in this debate over baring it all — that women's freedom to expose themselves relies in most of the world on the protection of men. If all these slutwalkers were to march in minimal clothing right into a wilderness devoid of men, most would be dead of exposure within a couple days' time. I am sure they know as much, so it leads one to wonder what their real point was. I don't think the marchers and protesters are actually calling for men not to assault them as much as they are for men to protect them, and to create a safe environment for them.

Sadly, it may be that Maureen Kelly was doing the same thing in her own misguided way. She announced she was going on a "spiritual quest" without any clothes, and wandered off. She walked a bit, and nobody followed, so she walked a bit more. Still, no one came for her, so she went farther, and then it got dark…

Now many men are looking for her, but it may be too late.

What a poignant simile for our society.

British Columbia: Children not entitled to father without mother's consent

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British Columbia may now have the dubious distinction of having the worst family law on earth or, in other words, the most "progressive." I reported on the new BC Family Law Act back in March, and it's one of those things that just gets worse and worse the more you learn about it.

The first thing to come to light in the press is that you can be automatically married simply by living with someone for two years, which means they can sue you for a very real divorce. Another thing that can trigger marriage is getting a woman pregnant. But it turns out that this has an optional clause for women: if she doesn't want you to be the kid's official father, there isn't much you can do about it. Even if you *know* the kid is yours, you have to jump through all sorts of hoops simply to be approved by the state and then granted the title "father."

> A Sunshine Coast man has challenged the constitutionality of the new Family Law Act in a bid to prevent a child conceived during casual sex, and its mother, from moving to Alberta.
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> The names of the twentysomethings are being withheld, but Gibsons lawyer Judith Wilson represents the man, who is trying to establish a connection to the infant and obtained an interim order in provincial court to block the woman's planned move and obtain a paternity test.
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> "I argued when we got the interim order for guardianship that the Legislature could not have possibly have intended to deprive a child — on the face of it — of the right to their dad," Wilson said. "It just didn't seem to wash."
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> Unless the mother agrees, Wilson said, the new law forces biological fathers into court to prove a relationship and gain visitation or other rights.
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> "The rules of the act say the mom has to agree, you have to have visited the child, or you have to have a pattern of looking after the child — which applies to (an estranged) father or someone who has had access to the child," Wilson said.
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> "But, even if the mom agrees, you still have to have a criminal record check, you have to have a (Ministry of Children's and Families) check so that they can say there is no bad stuff in its files against you — you have to prove prima facie you're not a bad guy."

I can see exactly where this will go. A significant fraction of mothers will abscond with the baby and the guy will have no option unless he has tens of thousands of dollars on hand to fight it in court, so he'll give up, lick his wounds and move on. But this won't be where it ends.

Some years down the road when the child has been comfortably removed from the father and prevented from developing a relationship with him, she'll look him up and hit him with a paternity suit demanding back child support with annual interest tacked on, and he'll be ordered to pay it. Mark my words — this will happen to many poor suckers out there. If there's anything in the law preventing women from changing their minds and identifying the father later to get retroactive support I'll eat my hat.

What is sick about this law is that it gives women full legal power over every aspect of reproduction and childrearing, and men none at all. This is "equality" feminist style. Children's concerns, naturally, are secondary if considered at all.

Amazingly, this law gives women the ability to not only throw the real father out of the child's life, but to substitute another guy and then ID *him* as the father if he took the kid out to McDonald's or the movies a few times. The law makes no distinction between the child's biological father and any other guy. It's really all just up to mom — whatever she thinks is in her best interests.

From here on out, any man in British Columbia who dates a single mother should be considered an imbecile. This negative incentive may be the one good thing about the law — it will all but guarantee that single mothers have a hard time finding replacement daddies, and that might make some of them think twice about trying.

However, this is a disaster for children. By declaring fathers optional, the law suggests that children have no right to a father. If it stands, judges will not be able to use the best interests of the child in determining whether or not the father will have a relationship with them. It is a step backward in human evolution to a time when the concept of fatherhood didn't exist. This means it is probably a step back to before the evolution of homo sapiens, perhaps to homo erectus or some other troglodyte precursor.

For men, this is simply irrefutable evidence that family law in BC has finally gone around the bend. When it's "heads she wins tails you lose" every single time, and you don't even get a consolation weekend with your kid, it's time to stop even trying to work within the system and start fighting it.

For Canadian men, I'd recommend appealing to the United Nations or for help from some other country outside Canada in pressuring your deranged legislators. Your government clearly isn't willing to deal reasonably with its male citizens, so its time to start letting the rest of the world know about the abuses taking place in British Columbia.

Economists' Poll Predicts First Female Fed Chief in 2014

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A Reuters poll found that 40 out of 44 surveyed economists think vice chair Janet Yellen is most likely to replace Ben Bernanke:

> The poll found that an overwhelming 40 of 44 economists said Yellen, the former president of the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, will take over for her boss in February 2014. Support for her nomination was strong but less decisive, with 23 of 38 economists backing Yellen's bid for the top job.
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> Yellen, a 66-year old economist who is seen as a monetary policy dove, has held the No. 2 spot at the central bank since 2010. She has been a forceful advocate of the aggressive steps taken under Bernanke to spur U.S. economic growth and boost employment.
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> "If President Obama nominates Janet Yellen, it would be a feather in his cap, as the first president to nominate a female Fed chairman," said Ellen Zentner, an economist at Nomura.

It would certainly be characteristic of Barack Obama to appoint a woman to lead the fed, as he bases a number of appointments on gender, and has habitually relied on women to shore up political support.

What Edward Snowden Left Behind

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Whatever else we may think of the man, one thing you can't say is that he had nothing going for him here in the US. At 29 he was living in Hawaii and pulling down $200k while dating a professional dancer with an absolutely superb physique.

Most of us can only scratch our heads in dumb amazement at his decision to toss it all away, but that's just the thing of it; the men who have the balls to pull off these spectacular acts of defiance are just the ones who can pull these kinds of women.

Now that he's a world famous fugitive, he'll have access to even more of them, assuming he can avoid being extradited and locked up in supermax for the rest of the millennium (or machine-gunned in some dark alley in Hong Kong).

Isn't it just a hell of a world out there?

Following the Money

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From 1935 until 1974, the Canadian government created the new money it required through the Central Bank of Canada, then spent it into circulation, including building the world's third largest navy, recovering from the Great Depression, and financing its WWII contribution, without significant debt.

After that period, the creation of money was devolved almost solely onto private banks, with government borrowing money from them instead (which is how most money is now created), at interest. The result was significant debt, with interest costs ballooning to ten times or more of the principal borrowed.

Whereas previously $40 billion in new money resulted in $40 billion injected directly into bureaucracy, infrastructure, health care, public services, employment and so forth, it now results in an additional $400 billion of debt through the magic of compound interest, the re-payment of which is extracted by force from taxpayers, who are also obliged to pay for the mechanisms of force used against them.

Creating money through private banks contravenes both the Canadian Constitution of 1867 and the US Constitution. Obviously, private banking powers (the IMF, the World Bank, the BIS) provided government with a significant 'incentive' (threat? ideology?) to choose this path, but in reality the majority of new money goes to the owners and executives of the world's financial cartels and corporate conglomerates, instead of being spent into circulation.

> The question 'why has wealth inequality risen so dramatically in recent decades?' has its answer right there, as plain as the nose on your face. **It is literally that simple.**

As well, the interest due (money) must also be created, generating a situation in which the money supply always increases, leading in turn to a need for constant economic growth, and the likelihood of inflation.

Justification as always comes through the 'trickle-down' theory, which states that if the super-wealthy have enough riches, a sufficient trifle will inescapably drip onto the rest of the population. Except, as corporate and other cash balances show, it doesn't.

The 'this money is capital necessary for investment' argument fails as well, since investment cannot take place when the citizens have no money to spend on goods and services, and indeed no investment is in fact taking place despite unprecedented cash balances and profits by banking, corporate and large private interests.

Add the cost of bail-outs to the taxpayers' bill, and it is difficult to escape the conclusion that our own governments are actively complicit in the redistribution of wealth, **in defiance of both free-market AND socialist political imperatives.** Oddly enough, or perhaps not, there's no mention of this fact in the 'social contract' which none of us signed but are forced to comply with, even as the terms of the 'contract' are routinely rewritten for the convenience of our rulers.

The MSM has been hugely effective in helping acclimate the citizenry to this Ponzi scheme **run by our bureaucrats**. Indeed, given the concentration of media ownership in the Western world (Canada in particular), this was and is inevitable.

The American Federal Reserve is the U.S. equivalent of the Bank of Canada but is privately owned and operated by banking cartels, and instead of being by-passed as in Canada, it actively calls the shots in the money creation scheme, without any oversight or accountability. The outcome is the same, or perhaps worse, since monetary policy is entirely governed by an institution whose obligation to ordinary citizens is precisely zero.

Consider this: a deposit at a local bank is redeemable on demand. But, if all the people who had deposits in that bank asked for them back on the same day, only about 10%, and probably a lot fewer, would actually get their

money before the bank collapsed and closed its doors for good.

In the real world, knowingly making contracts which cannot be honored is called fraud. In the fractional reserve banking scheme, it is fraud whose purpose is to transfer wealth to the people who run the system.

Government, thanks in part to the break-down of families and the loss of traditional values and ethics, has degenerated into a mechanism intended to redirect the flow of wealth.

Men need to ask themselves an important question: why does this vast, entangled and corrupt mechanism utilize the irrational ideology of feminism as one of its tools? Because it enables and enhances the disempowerment of the only citizens (ordinary men) who might otherwise, with some hope of success, object.

Helicopter Reporter Getting M to F Sex Change says Brain Shrinking

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Bob Tur, who covered the LA riots from a helicopter, is undergoing so-called "gender-reassignment," which involves surgery and the use of artifical hormones. Mr. Tur claims he was born with a female brain, but evidently not female enough, because the hormones he is taking are causing his brain to shrink and become more "feminized:"

> "There have been incredible changes that happen physically and mentally. Mental changes have already happened. The brain is plastic, so its gotten smaller and feminized. I'm thinking the same way a woman would think…"

That's the first time I've heard that female hormones actually shrink the brain, but it does sound plausible, as it is easy enough to shrink one's brain with other chemicals, such as a daily pint or more of whiskey.

I'd like to hear more from Tur about what "thinking like a woman" entails. I'm not sure he can give us an entirely accurate idea of how women think, because, after all, he has always been male, and he'll never know for sure whether women think like he does on female hormones, but he may have some insights.

Is it just me, or is gender reassignment becoming something of a national trend? Perhaps men have been so thoroughly culturally demonized and legally handicapped in our society that a number of them are deciding to "switch sides" so to speak. It really looks more to me like religious conversion than anything else.

UK Hospitals Hit with Wave of Obese Youngsters, Teenage Girls Lead Way

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As society crumbles in what used to be the center of the world's greatest empire, childhood obesity rates have exploded in England and Wales, sending thousands children to hospitals for problems such as asthma, diabetes and sleep apnea.

> Admissions rocketed to 3,806 youngsters in 2009 from 872 in 2000, a study by Imperial College in London has discovered, with teenage girls accounting for the biggest increase.
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> "The burden of obesity is usually thought to have its serious consequences in adulthood, but we now see it manifesting earlier, in childhood," said Dr Sonia Saxena from Imperial's School of Public Health, who led the study.
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> "It's important that doctors speak to patients about their weight, because any attempt to help their patients must begin by recognising the problem."
>
> Over the last decade, a total of 20,885 young people aged between five and 19 received hospital treatment for conditions linked to obesity.

The rise of obesity in the UK has apparently happened very rapidly, over only a decade. While obesity is linked to health problems, I wonder why people don't often mention the quality of life factor as well. Surely it must be far less enjoyable to live in a country where a large proportion of young women are too fat to be attractive.

I think this may partly explain why British men are so fond of vacationing in Spain and Eastern Europe.

Relationships in America: an Infographic

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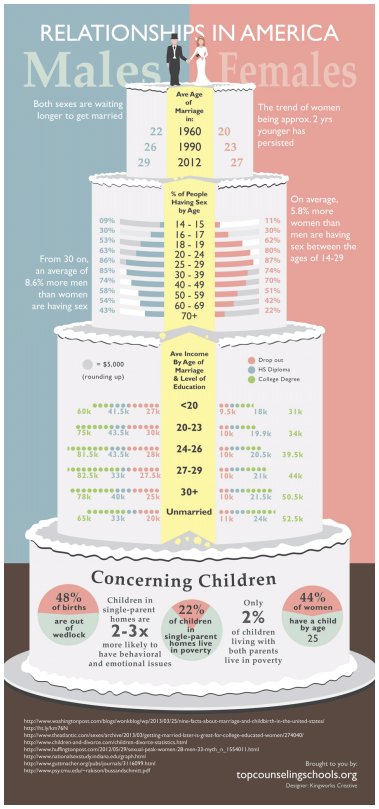
A reader sent in an infographic on marriage and relationships in the US, and I thought I'd pass it along for others. It contains several data points that people aren't commonly aware of, such as the fact that women have more sex earlier than men, and children of single mothers are over 1,000% more likely to live in poverty than those who live with both parents.



Source: Top Counseling Schools

Scientists: Men have Always Preferred Youth

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Commenter Keyster just linked a BBC article blaming men for women's menopause, which is kind of a stupid premise given that evolution is shaped by environment rather than conscious preferences.

> Researchers have long been puzzled as to why it appears that human are the only species where females cannot reproduce throughout their lives.
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> Previous theories had proposed a "grandmother effect". This suggests that women lose their fertility at an age where they might not live to see a child grow, and instead are available to care for younger women's children.
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> The menopause was therefore seen as the block to older women from continuing to reproduce.
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> But this latest theory suggests things work the other way around, and that it is the lack of reproduction that has given rise to menopause.
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> Using computer modelling, the team from McMaster's concluded "preferential mating" was the evolutionary answer – men of all ages choosing younger women as partners.
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> That meant there was "no purpose" in older women continuing to be fertile.
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> Prof Rama Singh, an evolutionary geneticist who led the study, said men choosing younger mates were "stacking the odds" against continued fertility.
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> He told the BBC: "There is evidence in human history; there was always a preference for younger women."

I think human males' preference for younger females might be a result of our partially monogamous nature. Of course, humans are not strictly monogamous, but we are largely so. What this means is that if a man secures a mate, it's important that he finds one with the most reproductive potential. If chances are that you're going to be stuck with one woman, from a genetic fitness standpoint you'd be best advised to choose a younger one so you can maximize reproductive success.

If humans were mostly polygynous like many herd animals, female age wouldn't be as important as the total number of females, because you could impregnate lots of them in a short amount of time and replicate your genes quickly without having to worry so much about their fertility down the road. For some supporting evidence, I'd point to the fact that in polygynous cultures it is common for the man's first wife to be older than he is.

So, I propose that preference for youth could be a result of the human tendency to engage in pair-bonding and monogamous reproduction.

As for menopause, the extended childhood of humans is likely a better explanation than any other. Pygmy women hit menopause by 30, and then die before the age of 50. Pygmies are sexually mature at about 12, hitting peak fertility at 16. Modern humans hit menopause at 50, sexually mature at about 16, fertility peaks in their early 20s, and they have a lifespan of around 70. Human women seem to be designed to last about as long as it would take their last children to become fully fertile.

Enjoy Father's Day, but Remember the Deprived

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Yesterday, I drove up to Bellingham to pick up my kids, braving the terrible traffic created by the recent collaps of the I-5 bridge over the Skagit river in Mt. Vernon. On the way back, we took the alternate detour west of Burlington, inching our way through bucolic rural neighborhoods in the fertile Skagit Valley. Neatly plowed fields alternated with immaculate lawns in front of tidy little houses and churches, horses and other livestock happily grazing here and there. Above us, doves – not pigeons – gracefully flew from treetop to treetop.

Despite the traffic, it was a nice little diversion, and the kids held up very well on the long drive.

Being a father is something I've been forced by circumstance not to take for granted, but I have to admit that I have it a lot better than many. There are too many men out there who have lost all connections to their children through no fault of their own, and too many children growing up with that empty space in their heart from lack of a parent.

So, on Father's Day, we should all remember these people who have been unjustly deprived of their natural rights as parents and children. We should remember that in most cases they were not deprived by tragic circumstance or Act of God, but by the willful, evil hand of heartless people.

So even as we do our best to appreciate our children and give thanks for the blessings of family, we should remain vigilant against the homewreckers, the child-snatchers and the modern slavers who remain in a position of power in our society. Unfortunately, in our time Father's Day should be a day not only of celebration, but a day of remembrance and resolve.

That said, enjoy your time with your kids, your father and the important men and boys in your life, and cherish the memory of those who have passed.

Happy Father's Day!

Alienated Father Defaces Queen's Portrait in Cry for Help

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In a callous article in the Telegraph, Ian Douglas declares that desperate father Tim Haries, who has been kicked out of his children's lives, "set back dads' rights by decades" when he wrote "help" on a painting of Queen Elizabeth with spray paint. Douglas falsely assumes that fathers actually have any rights, or have won any. The fact is that there are no fathers' rights — as far as I know there is nothing in the law that says that fathers have any rights to their children. Sure, there may be guidelines for visitation that are *sometimes* enforced – if the father has the resources to go to court – but if courts can throw fathers out of their children's lives on mere unproven accusations (or for no reason at all) fathers have no rights.

So what Tim Haries did could not possibly have set back anyone's rights. His plea for help, which caused some 5,000 pounds of damage to the painting, comes off as remarkably tame considering his plight. Here's a man who *has had his children seized*, for God's sake. A little bit of spray paint in light of that is nothing. If I were in his position and thought it would do any good, I'd take a jackhammer to Michaelangelo's David.

If anything fathers in the Anglo world have exercised unbelievable restraint in the face of enormous injustice. Apologists like Ian Douglas should be told, in no uncertain terms, to stuff it.

Lesbian Sex in Movies “Unrealistic”

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A Lesbian who teaches French at Columbia says that artistic portrayals of lesbianism are unrealistic, exploitative, and a “spectator sport … by men, for men…”

> Cinematic portrayals of sex between women have often been seen as voyeuristic and exploitative. Unlike sex scenes between men, lesbianism is assumed to have wide appeal — straight women are curious, and straight men will apparently line up in any weather. Actual lesbians, and possibly gay men expressing solidarity, have generally been the only demographic offended by such scenes, but **that doesn’t stop us from buying tickets, if only to see exactly how we are being exploited**.

Does lesbian sex really have such wide appeal? I was under the impression that it was more of a curiosity than a standard male fantasy, invariably involving attractive women rather than “realistic” lesbians. If films included realistic lesbian sex, would anyone want to watch them?

Would even lesbians want to watch them?

Given the scarcity of pornography made for lesbian consumption (as opposed to the lucrative industry of gay male porn), I think the answer is pretty clear.

Making the Most of Two Americas

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Taking a couple diversions from the usual straight shot on I-5 last weekend, I travelled both west and east of the interstate to cross the Skagit river, testing alternate routes around the collapsed I-5 bridge over the river. To the west I drove through the rural Skagit Valley, past tidy homes with immaculate lawns and neatly plowed fields. To the east I drove up highway 9, through thick forests and picturesque lakes in the the Cascade foothills. Both routes are all but invisible from the freeway, which runs through the lowest, flattest points and thereby cuts most of the land off from view.

Driving up I-5, the surrounding landscape looks beautiful but foreboding — there are towering, snow-capped mountains looming over thickly wooded, gray-green hills. To the west, Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca stretch out toward the Pacific, hemmed in by the Olympic mountains and interrupted here and there by dark islands that rise out of the water like the backs of giant leviathons. This is the outsider's view of a grand, imposing natural world that looks wild and inhospitable from the vantage point of the densely populated urban strip that runs north between the mountains and the sound. It's an impression that is comforting to many city people, who imagine they are living in a populated island in the midst of the wilderness, both close to and yet insulated from the wild. But it isn't really an accurate impression.

My little diversions reminded me of what I knew conceptually, but too often ignore from my neighborhood in the middle of the largest metropolitan area north of the Bay Area and west of Chicago. It reminded me that there is a civilization beyond the city, and a surprisingly diverse and healthy one at that. I should explain what I mean by diverse: it is not diverse in the polyglot, multicultural urban sense, but rather in terms of lifestyle. There are at least three general ways of life in exurban western Washington: the coastal, the farmland and the forest. There is significant overlap, but you are generally one or another depending on occupation and neighborhood.

Most exotic to me were the farmers, who live in the river valleys that sweep down from the mountains to the sea. To a city dweller, the farmers are at once familiar and distinct. They live near towns on orderly roads in neighborhoods that have an aura of both prosperity and thrift. Aside from the dimensions of their properties and the ubiquitous livestock, there is not that much to distinguish where they live from a conservative, middle-class suburban neighborhood, but there is an important difference: their homes are also their offices. They are people who work where they live. Rather than commute many miles to some sequestered parcel of land that serves as an office park, they get up and go to work in their front yards. Even those who work in town have a commute that most city people would envy. I find it ironic that despite lower population density, these people still manage to keep their work closer to home.

The coastal peoples are those who dwell in working towns on Puget Sound. Many work in shipping, transportation and associated industries such as timber mills and refineries, or the US Navy, which has a large presence in the area. They are essentially industrial workers, and in many respects closer to city people than other rural people, both politically and in terms of lifestyle. The biggest difference is that they have direct access to the bounty of nature, and don't need to make an expedition out of a boating or fishing trip, or hunting in the woods for that matter.

The forest dwellers are a mixed lot. The main industry in the forests is logging, but only a minority actually works in that. The communities in the woods make do with a mixed economy of timber, farming, service and government jobs, and contain a significant number of retirees and urban refugees. In many respects, the forest is the most beautiful landscape in the region. While driving along on the back roads, you'll be following some winding creek through rolling, thickly forested hills, and suddenly the scene will open up and a pristine lake or sweeping valley will be revealed. The dwellings range from run down shacks on gravel roads to giant lakeside estates, so there is a bit of a feudal air to the area, but that may be explained by the fact that natural beauty lures the poor as well as the rich.

What is remarkable about all these communities is that, despite being essentially invisible from an urban

perspective, they are quite robust, and at least here in Washington state they are growing.

However, according to census statistics, despite modest population growth rural areas continue to decline relative to cities, which are gaining population from immigration. But the statistics can be misleading, because metropolitan areas have been defined as including a good deal of what is essentially rural land, so a farmer or logger who lives in east Snohomish county would be counted as “urban,” despite having little engagement with the city.

What I suspect is happening is that there is a great deal of movement from traditional suburbs and cities to nearby “exurban” or rural neighborhoods, and a change in lifestyle that isn’t reflected in standard population statistics. So most of these neighborhoods and towns I described are technically considered “urban,” despite being culturally and practically rural.

From any one perspective, it’s difficult to get a sense of the changing texture of the American population, but if one avoids the main routes, as I was forced to do by a collapsed bridge, and travels through every stage from city center to wilderness an emergent cultural bifurcation reveals itself. The contrast between central Seattle and the growing exurban neighborhoods is stark. Instead of rainbow flags adorning shops and homes, the stars and stripes flies above. Instead of dogs in parks, there are children. Community churches in the city tend to be unobtrusive and tucked away, whereas they are prominent in the “invisible” communities. In fact, what may best characterize the difference between urban and non-urban America is that those things that are hidden in the city are on display in the country, and vice versa. And, for all I know, the city is as invisible to the people in the country as their communities are to us city dwellers.

So how is this relevant to men in the US? It suggests that we have a choice, and perhaps more autonomy in living the kind of life we prefer than we did in the past. Now that it’s clear that two Americas are emerging, each with its own perks and drawbacks, we can make use of this new reality to pursue our life goals.

If you’d like to raise a family, for example, it would be best to arrange your life so that you could live outside of the urban cultural area. If, on the other hand, you have no desire to get married and raise children, the urban culture offers more in the way of companionship and convenience for the single man (although this is not a hard and fast rule). Cities obviously offer more sexual variety and opportunity, but they tend to limit reproductive potential. There are many other differences. Do you prefer “ethnic” food or fresh food? Do you like a quiet afternoon fishing in the river, or a shopping excursion downtown? Do you like being free from official oversight, or do you want a cop on every corner to keep you safe?

I think we’re at a unique point in US history in which men have a great deal of choice if they are aware of the options. Personally, I find it liberating to know that I am not tied down to either culture, and with some planning I may be able to enjoy the best of both.

Main ideologies in the manosphere

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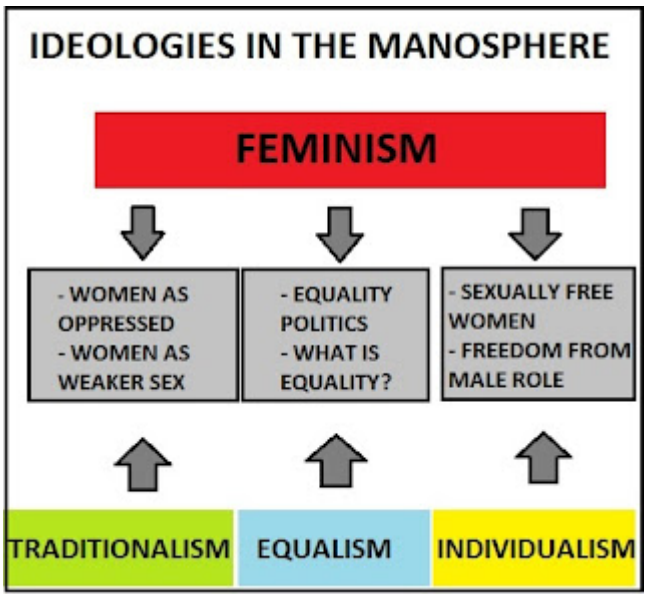
There are 3 main ideologies in the “enlightened” manosphere:

1. TRADITIONALISM (traditional sex roles, family, theory of gender relations)
2. EQUALISM (MRA, masculism, equality politics, theory of equality)
3. INDIVIDUALISM (MGTOW, PUA, nihilism, hedonism)



All main ideologies in the manosphere have something in common with feminism. Traditionalists share the idea of protecting and providing for women. Equalists share the idea of equality politics and the theory of equality. Individualists celebrate freedom from the male sex role and freedom of female sexuality.

The main ideologies in the manosphere share more or less the same analysis of feminism and feminisms effects on the society.

Analysis of feminism in a nutshell

Feminism is a movement with the aim to give more power (and options) to women and reduce the power (and the options) of men. Feminism creates a state that operates as a substitute husband, distributing wealth from men to women with the goal of reducing women’s dependency on men.

Feminism creates laws that make a marriage a bad deal for men and laws, where nearly everything could be interpreted as sexual harassment.

The product of feminism is a matriarchy, where children are raised by women while men are marginalized.

Gradually men lose their motivation to contribute for the sake of the society.

In the end, the whole society is in the danger of collapse.

Traditionalists

Traditionalism is an ideology of “how gender relations in the society should be arranged”. Their answer lies in the traditional sex roles with traditional family values.

Main subcategories of traditionalism are the moral traditionalists and evolutionary biological traditionalists. Moral traditionalists highlight the wisdom of the past generations. Evolutionary biological traditionalists say that men and women are biologically different. It does no good to fight against biology.

Society can’t survive without noticing the importance of family and fathers. Feminism is an utopian ideology, which leads eventually to catastrophe by destroying families and men’s motivation.

Traditionalists think that the equalist men’s movement is (of course) right in pinpointing the fallacies of feminist equality politics. However, the equalist men’s movement doesn’t have solution to the problem of sustainable society.

While traditionalists agree that equal male reproductive rights, female conscription etc. are perfectly understandable demands from the point of equality, the equality of outcome itself is a ridiculous goal. If men’s equality will become true some day, society might be even sillier place than today’s feminist state.

Traditionalist understands the thinking behind the MGTOW and PUA ideologies, but in the end they present a nihilist and hedonistic choice by abandoning any hope for the successful society.

Traditionalist might ask the critical question: will the MGTOW and PUA men ever be as happy as man in a traditional marriage? Self centered nihilism is not a way for a long lasting happiness.

So, any hope for the society to survive lies in the traditionalist ideology.

Equalists

Equalism in the MRM is an ideology of “what equality is and what equality politics should be”.

Equalists often agree in some degree with traditionalist analysis of sustainable society. However, we live in the real world, where feminism has won every battle with traditionalists since the 60′s. Traditionalists are so badly beaten that a person with conservative values is often ridiculed.

The truth is that we have equality politics and it is going to stay that way for a long time. Either we let feminists run their equality show and continue their one-sided propaganda or we fight back by telling the male side of the truth of equality.

The traditionalist argument might be true: total equality of outcome

might be silly and an unsustainable utopia. But we have gender equality politics and we want equality for men too, no matter how silly it might sound.

Feminists spread false theories of equality and patriarchy. Should we just be silent when we know the truth? Hell no!

We don't claim to know the answer for sustainable and reachable society, but we know for sure what equality should be for men too and we say it loud and clear.

And there is one other big problem with traditionalists. A large number of traditionalists are irritating "man up" white knights, who set up different standards for men than for women. We don't want to support any part of white knight traditionalists, because it advances indirectly female victimization and male demonization.

Individualists

Individualism is an opportunistic ideology to"benefit individually from the liberal loopholes of feminism".

Life is short and you should make most of it! You should prioritize your own pleasures, not what the state or women want you to do.

Enjoy the liberal ideas of feminism. Feminism supports your freedom from male sex role demands. And of course: feminism has freed womens sexuality for your benefit. Nowhere in human history has the average man had so many opportunities to get lucky!

Feminists have erased traditional morals. You are not expected to provide and protect. Exploit unintended consequences of feminism.

Traditionalist may have a point when they say that "the way to long term happiness is in the traditional marriage". However, marriage as a way to happiness has become too risky. And worse, there are no traditional women left for the "good old" marriage. Instead we have fat masculine sluts, who divorce you for your last penny.

The equalist men's movement are (of course) right in their equality arguments, but there is probably no hope to get real traction for the men's movement. Equalists have no powerful allies: they are against the coalition of conservatives and feminists. It's a battle that can't be won.

If I don't have anything useful to do in the evenings, I might write a line or two about men's rights, but I don't want to be too involved with the hopeless task of advancing men's issues.

Equalism might be a fun hobby to troll feminists, but it shouldn't be taken too seriously.

Where I stand

At my younger years I was a wannabe-nerd-PUA, nowdays I am masculinist and half-MGTOW in a relationship.

The equalist and individualist ideologies are easily combinable. In my public speach I am an equalist, but in in my personal life I am a half-MGTOW.

My recommendation for my fellow men is the combined equality/PUA/MGTOW-ideology.

I might consider becoming a traditionalist some day: just give me the traditional woman and male friendly legistlation first.

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Why the Rationalization Hamster is Right

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Few creatures are more persecuted in the manosphere than the female rationalization hamster, the part of her consciousness which churns out the ridiculously broken and contradictory logic needed to justify doing whatever her "feelings" compel her to. I myself revile the rodent. I've had no success treating it as an equal and trying to tame it with reason. Every attempt ended in either playfully ignoring the hamster in exasperation, or eventually losing patience, and heartlessly clubbing it to death with shame, ridicule, contempt, or whatever other forms of verbal violence happened to be at hand.

Even now I won't say the treatment was ill deserved. Though I'm steadily removing myself from reach of its harm in the present, for most of my life I wasn't one of those men who could listen to the hamster indulgently. Growing up in a single mother home and living at the hamster's whim doesn't encourage a man to be generous when any woman launches into hamsterese. Having my ears filled with it inspired the worst in me. I always prided myself on carefully considering other people's arguments, so I resented every moment I spent listening to the hamster as if there were hope of discerning meaning from the verbal noise. Hearing such broken logic imposed on myself and others, the utter lack of humility of it all inspired a complete lack of pity in me. I found myself observing with spiteful satisfaction as the hamster talked its owners into believing they could rely on being able to start a family at 40, or that fat was beautiful, or that they didn't need a man to raise children. The truth of a hard cruel world would discipline them into either listening humbly or suffering. I didn't care which. Watching smugly, it would never have occurred to me that one day I'd learn that the person who should be listening humbly might be me. Because that one day I would learn the "rationalization hamster" was right.

The Contradiction

Yes. You read correctly. I know that from this point on some won't give this article the benefit of the doubt and will be too disgusted to read till my explanation comes. Admittedly this might be a wild departure, but this is one of the last bastions of free male speech on the web. If the truth can't be spoken here to the fearless red pill man, then where can it be?
But back to the primary question: if a woman's rationalization hamster works only to justify her delay of child-bearing until fertility costs as much as a new car, and other questionable life choices, how could it possibly be right? That an inherently illogical process could somehow be more beneficial than cold hard logic goes against all common sense.

Consensus and the Hamster

It looks that way, that is, until you start looking at some of the truly stellar achievements of hamster logic. Where men pride themselves on intellectual discipline, that is restricting themselves only to whatever positions can be justified rationally, the rationalization hamster allows women to achieve consensus on ANY issue where they merely FEEL the same, which they take comfort doing in great herds.

Take the question of equality between men and women. We men claim superiority in our logic, and even greater pride in having the strength to stand behind that logic alone. But while this solo male approach is a great asset when solving patentable engineering problems, it's a great liability when solving social ones. Where men break into innumerable different factions over the specific meaning of "equality" because each man adds up the facts slightly differently, women are FAR more effective at reaching and acting on consensus based on their communal FEELINGS about the issue. Women don't need to identify whether in objective terms its even true that women are treated unequally. It's true if they FEEL it. Women's success in gathering huge financial and political support for women's causes is in part based on this advantage.

Value-based vs. Objective Factual Reasoning

The difference boils down to women's tendency towards value-based reasoning versus men's tendency towards

objective factual reasoning. Because it's easier to come to consensus on values rather than logic, value-based reasoning provides advantages on decisions requiring social consensus. Of course value-based reasoning is also related to the rationalization hamster in that the hamster has to start spinning its wheels afterwards to justify those value-based choices. However our contempt for the hamster's confused and convoluted path shouldn't distract from appreciating the sheer power of the value-based reasoning that fuels it. As a number of prominent psychologists have pointed out, in comparison with strict logical deduction, for certain problem domains the human brain is simply faster and more precise at using this value-based reasoning to add up the bewildering array of facts in front of us to come up with an immediate answer.

For example when a woman is asked her opinion about a value statement such as "women should be considered equal to men", her mind instantaneously and subconsciously interprets and assigns relative weights to possible meanings such as: "I could be asked to do things men do and get put in danger," or "I could be allowed to do things men do and reap additional benefits." In a dangerous environment like a war zone the weight of a woman's experience might produce an immediate negative emotional reaction to the statement "women should be treated as equal." She'd be right. In such an environment equality is an outright threat to her safety. On the other hand, in the safe nanny-state of most western liberal democracies, with the weight of a woman's experience telling her she lacks any need for caution, the same statement "women should be considered equal to men" might produce an immediate positive reaction. Here she would be right as well , as she has no likely negative consequences to fear and everything to gain. Either way, her value-based reasoning – her "feelings" – respond instantaneously. The statistics (facts) might not be available, and the (logical) reasoning frameworks to process those facts might not be discovered till some time far in the future. But no matter. Her value-based reasoning tells her what's true right now.

Made this Way for Good Reason

Anecdotally, though I've met some women who were quite a bit more logical than I can ever hope to be, women on the whole are far more predisposed to make value-based decisions. I suspect they're more psychologically adapted to do so. From an evolutionary or intelligent design standpoint such an adaptation would likely have arisen because human societies gained some advantage from it. I suspect it helped women build consensus on issues just as it does today, enabling them to band together to help each other in ancestral human tribes or villages. But if we imagine the rationalization hamster may have once protected us by providing social cohesion in our ancestral environments, now there's little doubt it is literally killing our sons and tearing our societies apart. What changed?

Value-based reasoning might have been optimal for allowing women to excel at sharing food or cooperatively caring for children in societies where (largely male) logic could be relied upon to build the bridges. But value-based reasoning seems less optimal in today's de facto matriarchies where it's taken over the wheel and not only been put in the position of caring for us, but has also gained prominence in every other aspect of life, in effect imposing itself on the work of building the bridges too. However the fact that value-based reasoning doesn't excel at the helm of societies doesn't negate the usefulness of value-based reasoning as a whole, or the benefit of women being predisposed to it. Men and women have always been different, and in the time scales of evolution, these differences likely have helped human societies thrive. By this reasoning the problem is not the hamster per se, but whatever neutered the hamster's male counterpart, the balancing force that in the past limited the hamster to the domains where it benefits us all.

Extinction of the Hamster's Natural Competition

By enabling women to support each other at all costs within the ancestral environment, the hamster did at one time appear to benefit us all. It's only now that the male counterpart of reason and responsibility has been neutered that the hamster has come off the chain to benefit women alone. Add in men's predisposition to protect women, and the current enslavement of men, such as with alimony and child support, is the only possible consequence. As is misandry. Once we'd been enslaved, the anger that feminists and white knights have for men who try to free themselves was inevitable.

To them a man's labor is not his own, but the property of the woman who lays claim to it by marrying him, by

cohabiting with him, or by having children she claims to be his; whether biologically or by virtue of him having acted like a father. These traditional mechanisms are only the wealth transfers to individual women. Increasingly through woman focused government benefits combined with male focused taxes, a man's labor is also the property of any and every woman merely by virtue of him being a citizen of her country and him being allowed to live there.

A Slave-owners Rights to Her Property

If this is an innate part of woman's nature it's almost a waste of energy to combat the hamsterese spewing from the likes of Jezebel or Feministing except in so far as to let other men see the logical disconnect. We'll probably never have much success using (largely male) factual logic to dispel their (largely female) value-based reasoning, especially when it's their nature to protect their right to own a man's labor. Literally fearing men who've freed themselves, the only time they want to engage men on the subject is when they call their white knights to violently enforce their entitlement to that male labor. They despise men who try to escape in any way, whether by hiding their assets or income, or by becoming expats, not unlike the slave master during the days of black slavery in America. To the master any slave who ran away must have seemed just as evil. By running away the slave was depriving him (the master) of valuable property. The slave might even be encouraging other slaves to flee. He was putting the master's livelihood at risk, and therefore putting the master's family and all that the master held dear in peril as well. In the slave-owners view it's for the very good of all society that such violence against his interests as escaping must be met with extremely violent retribution.

Castration by Disinformation

If the hamster itself is part of human nature rather than a recent introduction, perhaps the culprit that neutered male reason to set the hamster free is the silence enforced against men. Aside from men being censored from championing men's interests in the main stream, men are effectively censored from even speaking hard red pill fact-based truths. The only arguments that seem to be allowed on sensitive issues in the popular discourse are value-based arguments (like "equality is good") that inevitably favor groups traditionally seen as victims (hint: not men). This limitation firstly feminizes discourse so open discussion is not permitted, and secondly makes any discussion essentially impervious to facts, particularly hard ones (like what precisely constitutes equality in terms of opportunity and/or outcome).

This societal resistance to facts devastates men precisely because most men don't worry about it. Through our own natural male predisposition for confidence in our ability to tackle the unknown, we disdain obsessing neurotically over things we haven't experienced ourselves. Particularly when young and full of piss and vinegar, the vast majority of us men don't bother looking past the superficial mainstream media to investigate issues that don't seem to directly impact us right now. So we're powerless against a feminized education system and mass media that indoctrinates us slowly over a lifetime. And we're castrated from acting in our own interests by this misinformation we're fed.

Our confidence has been turned from an asset to an Achilles heel by the illusion of control that allows us to stride into the risks men have always had to take to win in life. Under the dangerous illusion that they're in control because they can withdraw from marriage, or even from society, young men, even on the red pill sites, actively fight against men's rights activism. They're repulsed by the idea that they're in any way vulnerable. Meanwhile for their own safety they, like all of us men, are forced to abandon pursuit of the very commitments (like marriage) by which we men best ensure we'll achieve the very things that have always given meaning to our lives, such as leaving a legacy of thriving children. We couldn't have become more separated from our own interests if someone was actively trying to exterminate us. In withdrawing so far we've lost sight of the true conflict, like the lions in circuses whose roar says "if you trespass into my domain of control I will kill you". The ringmaster knows the lion will always be wild. His job is ensuring the lion doesn't notice as the domain of his control is shrunk to the tiny circle on the floor of the cage where the ringmaster has him standing on his two hind legs, dancing in a pink tutu to the sound of an out of tune piano, for the amusement of children in the audience.

The ring around our feet is closing as each new generation of white knights gives more, as each new generation of

red pill men ignores the larger struggle and retreats more, and as the older generations run further from political incorrectness. Marching along doing these things separately, we all unwittingly contribute to our enslavement by the hamster's tiny-brained whims. Unlike women who commiserate and collaborate to expand women's domain of control in order to protect themselves, in our contempt for other men's failures (e.g. victims of the family court meat grinder) our domain of control continually shrinks.

The Nature of Man

But this male vulnerability is also natural. We're built for taking risks, for gaining the insight to make some new thing work ourselves. There a reason we value opportunity rather than valuing avoiding failure. There's a reason that if something's worth doing we'll do it ourselves even if we have to do it alone. We're built to walk into the unknown, not for waiting to be being patted on the head for doing what's already been done. You won't find many men huddling together fearfully, complaining about what's held other men back and collecting group sympathy so someone will act on our behalf. Other men's failures don't apply even to us. So not surprisingly when it comes to feminism the only anti-indoctrination system men generally have to rely on is personal experience. Unfortunately this usually amounts to us having to wait until feminism happens to us personally before we can get our red pill dose.

The End Game

Human evolution may be accelerating at a faster rate than ever before. Pervasive forces increasingly select who we mate with. In the upper middle class families that are now slowly splitting away from the rest of America the hamster might even be facing slow eradication. Because in a world where women can destroy a family at will, membership in the upper middle class more and more correlates with the mother's IQ and hence her understanding of the importance of having an intact family to the outcome of her children. In the wider population however, the hamster thrives. It appears to be a trait human societies have long had, and even relied on since ancient times for social cohesion. Without discounting the immense pain the hamster has caused many male readers, the hamster is NOT the root of the disconnect between the sexes that increasingly threatens to undermine the entire western world. The real issue is that some force has neutered the hamster's male counterpart so we can no longer choose to playfully indulge the hamster, or to ignore it, or to do whatever in our own best judgment is in our or our family's interest. This force is pitting men and women against each other. As natural halves to a whole neither gender can win a war that divides us.

Given men continue to be so powerless, most likely the solution will come from the subsequent wives and girlfriends forced to put up with their man's enslavement. When their numbers grow, when the pain imposed on them ratchets too high, they'll rally themselves with value-based arguments ("father are treated unfairly"). The subset of exceptional women who'll lead them are already marshaling their rational arguments ("children have statistically better outcomes when fathers are allowed to be involved"). On a long shot the solution might be technological, some guy working in his basement might come up with a new tool finally able to disseminate that truth widely in mass media , academia, and elsewhere without censorship. Wherever the solution comes from, as the red pill continues to spread, signs are everywhere that we will find it.

Phyllis Schlafly on Including Women in the Draft

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A lot of men see Phyllis Schlafly as an ally in the fight against rampant feminism. She may be, but actually Schlafly is an ally of convenience. When it comes down to it, Schlafly has women's interests in mind, hence her strong opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment and, most recently, including women in the draft.

> The real war against women is the announced plan of the Obama administration, using outgoing Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta as the fall guy, to assign women for the first time in American history to fight our nation's enemies in military ground combat. That's real war, with real guns, real bullets and real deaths.
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> This war doesn't involve only women who have volunteered to serve in our military. It's a real war against all 18-year-old American girls, because for the first time in our nation's history they will be required to sign up for the draft and be ready for a letter from Selective Service ordering them to report for military duty.

I'd say it's true that including women in the draft as combat soldiers demonstrates real indifference to the fate of women, and probably in some cases outright misogyny, because women are not by nature suited for fighting. A grown woman at her physical peak is on par with a typical 14-year-old boy, and that isn't even taking psychological differences into account.

Many will say "since women have been clamoring for "equality" in every other field, why not let them fight and die, too?" Well, that's a reasonable argument I suppose, but only if you truly don't care about whether or not the US military is effective and efficient, and if you don't care much about drafted women and the men who would have to serve alongside them.

Having women in combat would present problems not only for the women themselves, but for male soldiers as well. How would you like to go into a combat zone with a weak, slow, frail and passive woman covering you? If you got wounded, would you want to rely on a woman to pull you out of the line of fire? Would you want her running a heavy load of ammo up a hill to your position, or would you prefer a man?

The military is a necessary evil. What soldiers do is terrible stuff. Shooting, burning, stabbing and blowing people up is the kind of work that should be done only when absolutely necessary, and it should be done as quickly and conclusively as possible. Who wants a long, messy war that can't be won quickly due to battlefield ineffectiveness? Only a monster.

I suppose we should also ask whether we want battlefield equality between our troops and the enemy, because throwing women into combat will definitely blunt our edge in warfare. This push for women in combat demonstrates how absolutely out of touch with reality our "leaders" have become. There is no doubt that women are, as a rule, inferior soldiers. We have always had moral qualms about using children in war; one of the most disgusting scenes of World war II was Hitler in his last days encouraging little German boys to go out and die in a hopeless cause. And yet when there is no pressing need for it the progressives want to use women.

Some "progress"…

Phyllis Schlafly opposes women in combat because she cares about women. I oppose it because I care about people in general. Those who support this kind of equality don't care much about either.

Stephen Marche: Let There Be Socialized Daycare

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Of all the major magazines, I must concede that *The Atlantic* covers the gender debates best, but its writers tend to have blind spots that detract from the value of their articles. The problem is that they all come from the same overschooled, credentialed pool of urban scribblers, having paid their dues at the same schools, followed the same curriculum and even married the same people. Their life experiences are therefore inherently limited. Unfortunately, these days getting a job writing for a major publication *requires* a limited set of credentials and life experiences. This is the price we pay for the academic orthodoxy and accompanying credentialism that took hold back in the 90s.

So, every now and then a writer sees a glimpse of the wider world and has a moment of clarity, but then tragically gets it wrong anyway. Stephen Marche, an author and editor for Esquire, wrote a piece for *The Atlantic* this month concluding that the debate about work-life balance is not really just a women's issue, but actually it's all about why we need socialism.

A passage:

> A year after The Atlantic published Anne-Marie Slaughter's "Why Women Still Can't Have It All," the plutocratic wave of feminism continues to roll in. Sheryl Sandberg's Lean In looks to dominate the best-seller lists for months to come. Both accounts are full of stories like the iPad in the delivery room, stories of women furiously multitasking, worrying about family over champagne at a United Nations event, or diagnosing children with head lice while aboard a corporate jet. Men are mostly offstage. Slaughter, to her great credit, talks repeatedly about her husband, noting that he has done everything possible to support both her career and their two sons, including taking on the lion's share of parenting duties while she commuted for two years from Princeton to Washington, D.C. Sandberg, too, talks about her husband's role at home (in her book's dedication, she credits him with "making everything possible"). But in the ensuing discussion of gender politics, which has been conducted almost entirely by women, for women, men are far more anonymous—implacable opponents of progress in the upper echelons, helpless losers elsewhere. Meanwhile, the good husbands—the selection of whom is "the most important career choice" young women can make, according to Sandberg—are as silent as the good wives once were.
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> Men's absence from the conversation about work and life is strange, because decisions about who works and who takes care of the children, and who makes the money and how the money is spent, are not decided by women alone or by some vague and impersonal force called society. Decisions in heterosexual relationships are made by women and men together. When men aren't part of the discussion about balancing work and life, outdated assumptions about fatherhood are allowed to go unchallenged and, far more important, key realities about the relationship between work and family are elided. The central conflict of domestic life right now is not men versus women, mothers versus fathers. It is family versus money. Domestic life today is like one of those behind-the-scenes TV series about show business. The main narrative tension is: "How the hell are we going to make this happen?" There are tears and laughs and little intrigues, but in the end, it's just a miracle that the show goes on, that everyone is fed and clothed and out the door each day.

It gives me a smile to see Stephen taking it to the Sheryl Sandbergs and Anne Marie Slaughters of the world, calling their elitist brand of matriarchal cheerleading "plutocratic feminism." Any ordinary man facing the realities of getting by and trying to raise a family at the same time would have a hard time listening to these two overpaid women kvetch about the "hurdles" they leapt while wearing pantsuits and carrying briefcases like some kind of corporate relay runners.

But then I have to ask Mr. Marche whether it really is so strange that men are absent from the discussion about who works and takes care of the children. He thinks, and not without justification, that men should be involved in these

matters. He, after all, is involved, and he, after all, does make these decisions, or at least he makes some of them. Later in the article, however, he cites a statistic that shows that family decisions are far more likely to be made by women:

> A 2008 Pew study asked cohabiting male-female couples, "Who makes the decisions at home?" In 26 percent of households, the man did; while in 43 percent of households, the woman did. The family has changed and is further changing, while at work, patriarchy survives as a kind of anachronistic holdover, like daylight savings or summer vacation.

I assume that this means that in 26% of households we have a traditional, patriarchal setup, while in 43% it is matriarchal. The remaining 31% must be egalitarian. If we're generous and split the egalitarian decisions down the middle, then we come up with a figure of about 60% of household decisions made by women. In the American home, men are essentially the minority partner, and we must keep in mind that in most cases they don't even have veto power!

It seems that this may be the case in Marche's household, because he describes his wife, over his gentle objections, barking demands while delivering their baby (yes, really) to the effect of "hand me that ipad so I can email the office!" He also admits to essentially throwing his dreams aside so his wife could obtain her "dream job."

> In 2007, my life was right where I wanted it to be. After the lean misery of graduate school at the University of Toronto, I had, at 31, landed a job on the tenure track at City College in Harlem, as a professor of Shakespeare. My second novel was in the windows of appealing independent bookstores in Brooklyn, it had a good review in The New York Times, and the lead singer of the Decemberists was recommending it in interviews. This was basically all I had ever hoped for. Then I gave it up. My wife was offered her dream job as the editor in chief of Toronto Life magazine (roughly speaking, the New York of Canada), and we returned home.
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> You could see our departure as the triumph of egalitarianism, and in a way it was. I don't think my father would have given up a tenure-track job for my mother. But in my marriage, the decision came down to brute economics: My wife was going to make double what I made. Good schools and good hospitals are free in Toronto. These are the reasons we moved. And if I were offered a job where I would make double what she does, we would move again. Gender politics has nothing to do with it.

I feel for Mr. Marche. Giving up on your dreams must really be a letdown, but men have been doing this for family from the beginning. However, at least in the old days men were afforded a certain position and respect as "head of household." But not anymore:

> We were moving back to downtown Toronto, where people self-identify as socialists, so I expected open-mindedness. Yet the reaction to my reduced professional status and stepped-up involvement in child-rearing was sharply divided along generational lines. Among Baby Boomers, classic gender stereotypes prevailed. To them, I had become "the woman" and my wife had become "the man." Boomer men could not wrap their heads around what I had done, while the women would smile an amazed smile, their eyes glinting with a touch of self-satisfaction. A younger generation was completing what they had begun.
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> Among people my own age, the reaction was more complicated. Our story possessed a sort of circumscribed romance: to academic friends, the idea that I had given up a tenure-track appointment was like the Charge of the Light Brigade—glorious professional suicide. At any rate, most friends and acquaintances in roughly my age group at least understood the nature of the decision. They appreciated that chasing jobs was part of 21st-century life, and that marriage sometimes requires sacrifice. Well over half my male friends have wives who make more money than they do. Nonetheless, in social life, I found myself more and more of an addendum: "This is Stephen. He's Sarah's wife."

Poor guy — this is all too familiar to me. What he didn't realize was that his compliance and submission to his wife would not win him any favors. Without being taught otherwise, we men tend to think that being reasonable and giving in will evoke the same response in wives that it would in husbands, but this isn't the case. Too often, we must learn the hard way, and for Marche that meant being treated like "the wife" at his wife's journalist social events. Sounds like hell on earth to me, but hey, she's making good money, so it must be worth it…

However, Marche does find a saving grace: socialized childcare. He says that because he and his wife can afford to warehouse the kids from 9 to 5, he's been able to get back to work and regain some self-respect:

> let us get down to the details—specifically the financial details. The key fact of our story, the overwhelmingly most important factor in our personal gender politics, is that in Canada, we have access to high-quality, modestly state-supported (though far from free) day care. Of all the privileges my wife and I gained, our boy being in a safe place we could afford between nine and five was by far the greatest. It's why this story has a happy ending; it is the thing that enabled me to build a new career for myself. Day care is not theoretical liberation. It is the real deal, for women and men alike.

He has a point. Without that perk, I doubt his marriage would have lasted; just this issue put the final nail in the coffin of mine. However – and this is crucial – this kind of socialization of home duties also obviates the family. Does a woman with access to state-subsidized childcare need a husband? Aside from saving money on housing, is there any reason for a two-parent household at all?

Of course, it's in the interests of the children to have two parents, and sober-minded Swedes and Canadians may recognize that, but most Americans? I don't think so. Not anymore, at least. This socialized model of family that allows each parent to have the freedom to pursue his or her preferred lifestyle while co-parenting kids is great for the kind of people who have advanced degrees – people like Stephen Marche and his wife – but for a growing proportion of American families it will lead directly to even more single mother households, and these households won't be cheap for the rest of us. Unlike in Sweden or Canada, every two-parent household in the US will end up subsidizing a single mother.

Marche writes that mediocre-quality daycare for two kids is on average more expensive than rent in the US. Does he really think that removing it from the private sector will make it *cheaper*? I don't think Marche understands the economics involved here. When most of the children born to young mothers are now illegitimate, and most of their fathers all but broke, the level of taxation required to give these women an additional $10,000 or so per year (that's a conservative estimate) on top of what we already spend will be unbearable. Sure, it works fine when you've got a Nordic welfare state full of responsible, productive citizens, but that is not the contemporary USA.

So, while Marche sees the light and correctly points out that work-life balance is not solely a "women's issue," he fails to address the fact that families in the US are de facto matriarchies – even more so if you take into account the single mother households (he does not) – and he displays his own kind of narrow-minded elitism in assuming that what works for him and his magazine editor wife is broadly applicable to the 300+ million people in the US. In the end, he only comes off as slightly more reasonable than Slaughter and Sandberg, and that's because he is not in the 1%, but rather the 10%. Sadly, I'm afraid that's the best *The Atlantic* can do.

Feminist Senators Horn In on Immigration Bill

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A number of female senators, including arch-feminist Patty Murray, have introduced an amendment to the immigration bill in front of the senate, proposing that women should be given preference despite their qualifications (or lack thereof).

> Saying the immigration overhaul bill now before the Senate would discriminate against future immigrants who are women, 13 female senators have introduced an amendment that would make it easier for foreign women to come to the United States under a new merit system in the legislation.
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> The amendment is part of a new effort by supporters of the bill to attract votes by framing immigration as a women's issue. Its lead sponsors are two Democrats, Senator Mazie K. Hirono of Hawaii and Senator Patty Murray of Washington, and sponsors also include a Republican, Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.
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> On Tuesday, dozens of women from local and national organizations waged a lobbying blitz on Capitol Hill. Pramila Jayapal, a leader of a coalition that organized the women's campaign, said some of them visited senators who are leading the effort to pass the bill — including Senator Patrick J. Leahy, a Democrat from Vermont — wearing colored fedoras that they tipped to show their support. Other women turned up with feather dusters in the offices of a dozen senators who earlier this month voted against allowing the Senate to debate the bill, to encourage those lawmakers to "clean up their act," Ms. Jayapal said.

So how do they propose to stop "discrimination" against women? In the usual manner — they lower the bar for them:

> The amendment the senators introduced late Wednesday would make a major change to the bill now on the Senate floor. It would create a separate tier for professions typically held by women, under a new merit-based point system for future immigration that would place more emphasis on job qualifications and less on family ties, which are the priority in the current system.
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> The senators said women in foreign countries often do not have the same educational and career opportunities as men. "We should not cement those inequalities into our immigration laws," Ms. Hirono said.

What a load. Women have more education in most developed – and developing – countries. What they don't have is in-demand skills such as engineering, programming and the like. This amendment is another example of how this immigration bill is really just another swindle designed to rip off ordinary Americans, including earlier immigrants, for the benefit of the elite.

Pramila Jayapal, who is a racial activist, is trying to sell the amendment as a way to get women on board, but I don't think most women would support it if they thought for more than a second or so about what it means. Each young woman immigrating from abroad is another option for American men, and there are millions of women from less obese regions of the world who would make the trip if it were convenient to them. In fact, a program allowing healthy, attractive and mentally stable women to immigrate might not be a bad thing from a male perspective.

So one might wonder what these feminist senators are thinking in carving out an exception for low-skill females. Actually, it's pretty simple if you think about it: they want more cheap maids and nannies.

Girl Scouts Broke, in Decline

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The Girl Scouts of America is facing financial woes, bickering over property and questionable pension schemes that have prompted members of congress to call for an investigation of the 101-year-old organization.

> Just a year after its centennial celebrations, the Girl Scouts of the USA finds itself in a different sort of squeeze. Its interconnected problems include declining membership and revenues, a dearth of volunteers, rifts between leadership and grass-roots members, a pension plan with a $347 million deficit, and an uproar over efforts by many local councils to sell venerable summer camps.
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> The tangle of difficulties has prompted one congressman to request an inquiry by the House Ways and Means Committee into the pension liabilities and the sale of camps.
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> "I am worried that America's Girl Scouts are now selling cookies to fund pension plans instead of camping," wrote Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, in a letter last month to the committee chairman.
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> Compounding the problems are tensions at GSUSA headquarters in New York, where several senior executives have quit or been ousted since Anna Maria Chavez took over as CEO in 2011. Last week, some of the roughly 325 employees there were invited to take early retirement, and Chavez said an unspecified number of layoffs are expected in August.

Back in the 90s, the Girl Scouts veered away from tradition and went with the fashions of the time. They eliminated the oaths to God, embraced sexual diversity and forged partnerships with Planned Parenthood. This book appeared right about when the shift to another guiding philosophy took hold, and probably marks the beginning of the end of the institution.

I suspect the Boy Scouts will follow the same trajectory.

But rather than look at it as a tragedy, I think we ought to have a little perspective. Scouting was founded by an American westerner named Frederick Russell Burnham who brought "Indian style" warfare to Africa, where he engaged in assassinations and espionage for the British empire. His prowess in uncivilized warfare was duly noted by Robert Baden-Powell, a British officer who formalized the scouting code and used Burnham's techniques to train a force of imperial skirmishers (including child soldiers), and then later went on to bring scouting to the world. Many daring killings and much adventure ensued as the white man conquered and plundered his way through the dark continent.

That politicians and preachers today could talk about scouting as though its origins are godly, clean-cut and wholesome is, quite frankly, hilarious. The origin of scouting has more to do with taking scalps than it does with religion, which couldn't have been more than an afterthought to the cutthroats applying its principles in the Transvaal.

Also ironic is the fact that the first real scouts upon which the Boy Scouts, and subsequently the Girl Scouts, were modeled were essentially in the employ of the most powerful homosexual of the Victorian era: Cecil Rhodes.

Of course, this isn't to suggest that scouting "needs to change" or anything like that; just that it's something of an anachronism and already far removed from its origins. You've got to admit that when little girls started selling cookies door to door to support scouting troops it was already over, long before people started marching in gay pride parades in Boy Scout uniforms.

Save the Economy: Tax Single Mothers!

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America is in crisis. The federal deficit is spiraling out of control. State governments are turning over every couch cushion they can find just so they can make payroll. Whole cities are falling apart due to lack of funds. Close to a quarter of the nation's workforce is jobless and another quarter is massively underemployed, waiting tables and ringing up groceries despite having college degrees. There's no way out of this financial clusterfuck… or *is* there?

I've got a solution: *a sin tax on single motherhood.*

Sin taxes are so-called because they're an attempt to mitigate the negative consequences of certain behaviors. We tax cigarettes because tobacco smoke causes emphysema and lung cancer; we tax alcohol because drunk people have a reputation for being violent and getting in car crashes; we tax casinos because they encourage crime and because gambling addiction destroys lives.

So why shouldn't we tax single motherhood, given the massively destructive effects it has on society?

I'm not just talking about how much single mothers cost the government in terms of welfare: *single motherhood itself is a net negative.* When I speak of "single mothers," I'm including both poor, welfare-dependent "single mothers by choice" as well as divorced and widowed women. Here are the facts:

- Single mothers are on average poorer than married households, with an annual income of only $25,353, compared to married households' income of $78,699. The poverty rate for single mother households is *40.9 percent*, compared to married households' *8.8 percent*.
- Children of single mothers are 63 percent more likely to commit suicide, 75 percent more likely to become addicted to drugs and alcohol, and are 50 percent more likely to become criminals. They are also more likely to engage in these activities at a younger age.
- Nearly half of all child abuse cases are committed by single mothers *alone*.
- Children of single mothers are less intelligent than those of married mothers and consistently score lower on IQ tests. They are more likely to be diagnosed with mental disorders, more likely to drop out of high school and less likely to earn college degrees.
- Finally, children of single mothers are more likely to have children out of wedlock themselves, perpetuating a cycle of poverty and misery.

Put simply, any woman who has children out of wedlock—or divorces her husband without justifiable cause—is committing an *enormously* selfish and immoral act. She's not only damning her children to a wretched existence, she's placing a hugefinancial burden on society and the government. Single mothers aren't heroes, they're *villains*, crippling their children for life and saddling everyone else with the bill.

Ergo, the only justifiable solution is to make single motherhood as financially painful as possible.

I envision the Single Motherhood Tax as a highly progressive income tax, levied on all unmarried women with children. A single mother with one child automatically loses 15 percent of her yearly income, with the tax increasing by 15 percent with each additional child—30 percent for two, 45 percent for three, 60 percent for four—up to a maximum of 75 percent for five kids. For the tax's purposes, any child support, alimony, and gimmedats (WIC, SNAP, Oregon Trail Cards etc.) the woman is receiving will be considered part of her income.

"But Matt, why do we need a new tax? Why can't we just cut government aid to single mothers?"

Because welfare usage is just *one* of the ways that single mothers harm everyone around them. Even if an unmarried woman is completely self-sufficient, her children are *still* more likely to become criminals, drug addicts or otherwise a drain on society. The ultimate problem with single mothers isn't that they're dependent on the government, it's that *they're single mothers.* Taxing them all equally, from LaQuisha the Welfare Queen to the high-

powered attorney having deformed in vitro babies, is the only way to combat the problem.

"What about divorced/widowed mothers? Should they be punished too?"

In the case of divorced women, *absolutely*. Given that women initiate the vast majority of divorces—and the vast majority of divorces are for frivolous and stupid reasons—exempting them from the Single Motherhood Tax would defeat the purpose of implementing it. I had thought about adding an exemption for women who divorce for a good reason—their husband was beating them or committing some other major infraction—but realized that it would lead to a wave of women falsely accusing their husbands of abuse. By financially punishing divorced women, we'll force wives to think twice before they end their marriages and encourage those who *do* get divorced to remarry relatively quickly. It might even incentivize women to vet potential husbands a little more carefully.

Widowed mothers should be exempt from the tax, but only for a short duration: two or three years. This is more than enough time for them to find a new husband. Since less than ten percent of single mothers are widows, they aren't a huge deal.

"This tax is a double standard! Why don't we punish single fathers, or men who impregnate women out of wedlock?"

Because single fathers are extremely rare; virtually *all* "single-parent" households are single mother households. Because our family court system advantages women over men, single and divorced fathers have *far* less involvement with raising their children than their mothers, and in many cases no involvement at all. Thus, it's almost *entirely* single mothers' fault for spawning a generation of deadbeat criminals.

"What about girls who don't know about or can't afford birth control? Should they be taxed as well?"

Let me explode this leftist lie right now: *there are no girls who don't know how to use birth control, or can't afford it.* Condoms are $6 a pack at Rite Aid, and most major cities have a Planned Parenthood office or similar clinic that offers free birth control. Given the ubiquity of sex education in public schools and information on the Internet, Amish women are probably the only ones in America who have no idea how birth control works.

In my experience working with poor single mothers in upstate New York, all of them knew perfectly how to have safe sex. The reason they had had children out of wedlock was not ignorance, but *desire*. They *wanted* to have a baby because they are so low on the socioeconomic totem pole that having a kid gives them power, someone to boss around; or more charitably, because they think caring for a child will be fun. Because of government programs, this sort of stupidity isn't only tolerated, it's encouraged.

The only way to cure stupidity is to punish it. The Christian/conservative solution of discouraging people from having premarital sex hasn't worked because it doesn't address the root of the problem. Having sex in and of itself isn't an issue: it's the byproducts of sex—namely, children—that strain public resources and tear apart communities. By hitting unmarried mothers in the purse, we'll remove the incentives they have to crank out bastards and/or divorce their husbands because they're not *haaaaaappppppy*.

Single mothers are the moral equivalent of crack dealers or alcoholics. It's time to take out the trash.

For more from Matt Forney, visit his blog.

From the Mouths of Babes

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Below is a YouTube opinion piece by Aimee Nicholls, a young British woman who had to fight family court to live with her father. Despite being a teen, she has a remarkably clear understanding of what family law is all about. The business of the court is really to extract money from men, supposedly for mothers and children, but really for the court and lawyers themselves, not to mention social workers. Most of the people involved in the industry have a financial interest in keeping children away from fathers, and they hide behind the “best interests of the child” doctrine.

Ms. Nicholls makes it perfectly clear that this is a sham, and speaks with impressive maturity on the subject, about which she obviously cares a great deal. I’d be quite proud of her if I were her dad, but given the obvious affection she feels for her father one can only assume he earned her loyalty.

I’ve all but given up on the idea of reforming family law from the top — it will never happen as long as the money’s there. However, there’s a chance that a younger generation, having grown up wise to the brutality of the system, will eventually reject it when they replace their elders in the courts. One can hope.

Here’s Aimee Nicholls making her voice heard:

Quarterly Report and Panhandling

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It has become a tradition for me to offer some information on the site and how it works when asking for support, so in the interests of continued transparency, below is a rundown of how the site is doing, and an appeal for support in keeping it online:

A couple weeks ago, I spent a day looking through *The Spearhead*'s analytics stats to get a better, in-depth idea of the site's audience, and I thought I should share some insights in a quarterly report/fund drive.

What I noticed first was that organic traffic has continued to grow steadily, and seems to increase as the site adds posts and grows in size. This makes sense — the more there is to find the more searches will lead here. So, from about a year ago, the site increased from around 3,500 unique visitors per day on a weekday to just under 4,500 today.

Of those 4,500 unique visitors, just over half (54%) are "new" visitors, which means that the IP logged has never visited the site before. The average time a new visitor spends on the site is 1:18, suggesting that a lot of them are just clicking through. However, the average doesn't mean much, because some 40% of all visits last less than 10 seconds. This means that a significant fraction of new visitors are taking time to read articles, which is good to know. Reaching out to people who have never seen this material before is one of *The Spearhead*'s more important goals. From the figures, I would estimate that around a thousand – or perhaps a bit more – people read an article on this site every day for the first time. At that rate it's safe to say that we are probably not far from having had a million people around the world read at least one article on the site (as opposed to just clicking through), which is kind of cool.

Now, regulars will probably be more interested in the stats concerning the dedicated audience. The over 2,000 returning visitors the site gets every day is actually a fairly close approximation of regular readers, despite the fact that it doesn't make any distinction between those who last visited yesterday and those who last visited six months ago. I know this because articles generally get around 3,000 views within a few days of their publishing date, and subtracting the repeat views and click throughs/new visitors leaves about 2,000 returning readers viewing each article shortly after it was published. I could probably add about 500 to that by including email and feed subscribers who access the site in that manner and regularly engage with the content.

So, I'd put the number of regular readers of *The Spearhead* – those for whom reading the site and its articles is a matter of routine – at well over 2,000 people, but probably not reaching 3,000. If I were to include casual and occasional readers, the number would be significantly higher, but it wouldn't be an accurate measure of the dedicated audience. The number is continuing to grow, although not particularly rapidly. The site accumulates new regulars, I'd guess, about as quickly as it adds Twitter subscribers, which is somewhere on the order of a few a day.

And I am quite satisfied with that. I consider this "manageable growth," and it allows me to focus more on quality and thoughtful content that faithful readers appreciate rather than frenetically trying to think up ways to appeal to the easily-distracted masses (although I'm not above doing so from time to time to attract a few new eyeballs). Furthermore, I've come to understand that running a sustainable online publishing outfit requires some moderation. First, there must be a moderate workflow, as I need time to think about what I'm writing and pay close attention when editing submissions. Then, I have to keep the site relatively simple and free from clutter. Some other sites focus more on community, but I've decided that I'd rather keep the focus on content. Drama has a way of muddying the water, and with community-based sites it's inevitable. Furthermore, I simply don't have the patience or tolerance (or talent, one might say) for management.

However, although it may suit me and readers, this isn't necessarily the best recipe for profit. In fact, if I really wanted to make decent money off the site, my best bet would be converting as many of those 2,500 or so first-time viewers each day into sales as possible. Unfortunately, that would require an entirely different approach to running

the site, and would detract a great deal from my ability to give faithful readers what they want. This is why I ask for money to keep up the work and pay the expenses I incur running the site. Running it alone is actually quite a job, and takes up a great deal of my time every week.

So if you like what I do here, send over a contribution to help pay the bills and keep the site online, and I'll keep it running as long as I'm able. I've come to really enjoy publishing content here, whether my own or that of others, and if I can continue to do so without impoverishing myself I'd like to keep it up indefinitely.

If you're one of those people who reads the site regularly and finds some value in it, you can directly contribute to keeping the content flowing. Anything helps, and I always appreciate it.

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Gillard Sacked in Australia — "Sexism" to Blame

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Australia's first female Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, has been cast out of office by her colleagues in favor of former PM Kevin Rudd, whom she replaced three years ago. According to Australian feminist Van Badham, it was because of the very misogyny and sexism that Gillard famously whined about after becoming the most powerful person – male or female – in Australia.

Van Badham writes:

> The problem for Julia Gillard was not – as it had been with her predecessor Rudd – her performance. It was that, from to beginning to end, she remained female.
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> From the outset, her detractors launched on her gender as a weakness – and it was. The opposition never let the public forget her gender and the media crucified her. Rhetoric and vitriol that even the caustic conversation of Australian politics would not allow of a male leader was unleashed with a rare bodily hatred.
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> Opposition MPs reminded the public that the childless and unmarried Gillard was "deliberately barren". The opposition leader and members of his shadow cabinet stood in front of protest signs describing the PM as a "bitch" and "witch". Radio commentators suggested her beloved father "died of shame" and that she should be "dumped in a chaffbag and thrown out to sea" and asked, to her face, if her partner was gay. She was criticised after showing her cleavage in parliament, and even Germaine Greer appeared on television to say that Gillard's "arse was fat". She was scrutinised for what she wore, for her past lovers, held up to ridicule for liking to knit. Opposition MPs appeared at dinners where her "small breasts, big thighs and red box" were literally on the menu. A chaffbag was auctioned at a Young Liberal dinner. Some opposition MPs even physically bullied her in a Parliament House hallway.
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> The gendered attention was belittling and that was its aim. Gillard the policy warrior was consistently rendered as an object of ridicule, an object out of place, something unnatural, sexual, not serious. She was the most powerful person in the nation, but not even she could stop the constant harassment about her body and her sexuality. The belittling had an effect; despite her towering competence and leadership, her international triumphs: children threw sandwiches at the Prime Minister when she visited a school.

Whenever these feminists bitch about how hard it is for women at the top, it brings up an obvious question: If women are too tender and vulnerable to withstand the scrutiny and heckling leaders of both sexes are subject to, are they suited for the job?

Actually, I think plenty of women can take it; women can be notoriously vicious to each other, after all, so they may have an advantage in dealing with nastiness and personal attacks. And feminists themselves are perfectly capable of attacking women every bit as aggressively as any male "sexist" — just look at how Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann are treated by various women in media. However, Gillard was their kind of woman, so the feminists are doing what they do best here: blaming men and whining about "bullying."

You know, when grown-ups bully kids we all look down on that behavior. It isn't fair, it isn't nice, etc. But why is it considered a low, nasty thing to do? Because children are naturally subordinate to adults, and they can't do a very good job of standing up for themselves — or for anyone else for that matter. If the same applies to grown women, then, all else being equal, they don't belong in positions of authority. How could such a weakling possibly represent her constituents effectively, after all?

So whenever a feminist says that the political world is too rough for women, she might as well be telling us that women simply do not belong at the top.

So which is it Ms. Badham: are women really just such wimps, or can they handle the job? You can't have it both

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The Kermit Gosnell Case Raises Some Ticklish Questions For Black Feminists

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The recently concluded trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, an African American abortionist who ran what some have referred to as a "house of horrors" out in West Philly, raises a whole host of very interesting and provocative questions for all sides in this year of the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. While some have seen it as a kind of cause celebre in making the case for safe (and free!) abortions available for all Women regardless of color or class, others have seen it as the inevitable logical conclusion that Abortion on Demand would ultimately lead to, which is a cheapening of human life itself. These and other lines of inquiry, though, have been raised and thoroughly debated already over the past few years that since the Gosnell case first broke and its conclusion last month with Gosnell himself opting for a life sentence in prison to avoid the very real possibility of the death penalty. Today, I want to introduce, and then examine, what I consider to be a new area of inquiry:

That of how and why, the recent Gosnell case raises some very ticklish, and downright uncomfortable questions, for those who consider themselves Black Feminists.

How so, you might ask?

No matter where you find yourself ultimately falling on the Gosnell case – whether you saw him as something of a local folk hero providing much needed medical and reproductive services to poor (and more often than not, Black) Women in need; or whether you saw him as the Devil Incarnate – one thing is certain:

Gosnell is a staunch supporter of the right of Women – in this case, Black Women – to have an abortion.

In this respect, Gosnell is much like our current President of the United States, Barack Obama himself, who has been an unabashed supporter of a (Black) Woman's right to choose from day one.

In fact, when one really sits back and thinks about it, it's hard to come up with many examples of Black Men, especially prominent ones, who are vociferous opponents of abortion – if anything, nine times out of ten, *they are ardent supporters of it, or at the least, they are neutral on the matter.* Sure, we can name Black Men who oppose abortion, like Michael Steele, or Clarence Thomas; but in doing so, we are also admitting just how rare they are among Black Men as a whole, to say nothing of their persona-non-grata status in Black America itself. No, the general consensus seems to be, that Black Men, by and large, either overtly support abortion, or at the very least they don't try to get in the way of it. In this respect, it is hard to think up a Black Male analogue, to Todd Akin.

Which brings us back to our little conundrum for Black Feminists – how are they gonna make the case that Black Men are somehow inhibiting their reproductive rights, when, by all accounts, Black Men are more often than not, ardent supporters of them? Well, to ask the question, is to answer it – which explains why we haven't heard so much as a mumbling word out of them on these and related questions, because the truth is as plain as the nose on one's face: they can't make any such case, beause no such case exists.

The Gosnell case shines a light on the pitiful fact that Black Feminists really don't have a leg to stand on along these lines — lines that never existed to begin with. Black Men are hardly "holding the Sistahood down", demonstrated not just by the fact that they avail themselves of abortions more than any other group of Women nationally, and have for years; we also see this borne out elsewhere in the recent findings that Black Women are now more likely to be in college than any other Americans. More than Asians, Whites or Hispanics – male or female – and of course, more than Black Men. This is an issue I've written about in the past, well before the Gosnell case or the Black Women on Campus findings even came along.

As the wise man Biz Markie once famously said, "Damn, it feels good to see people up on it".

What might work well in the case of White upper middle class (UMC) Women along these lines – that the

"Patriarchy" dominated their lives (and wombs) and that they had the right to fight against it – simply doesn't add up when it comes to Black Women, since not only did Black Men have nowhere near the kind of influence that White Men did in the Western World, *but on top of that Black Women had formidable influence and power back home in the Motherland*, as Return of Kings columnist Athlone McGinnis makes clear:

> "In Africa, women had long labored outside the home. Whereas European gender roles often restricted women from performing labor crucial to society's sustenance (e.g., working in the fields), African women had long played a crucial role in their society's economic sustainability, performing extensive fieldwork and other indelicate but necessary chores. This was true long before slavery, and is still true to this day. They, unlike European women, exerted direct influence on the production and transport of food and in other forms of labor. African women have long been expected by their men to have some sort of say outside of the domestic realm."
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> "Many African women also lived in matrilineal societies. Whereas European women long existed in a society that saw their marriage to a man as essentially a forfeiture of their economic and social independence, African women could maintain much of this due to matrilineal organizations that gave them greater control over family life and their children's future."
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> "Black men, for example, haven't had true dominion over their women for centuries. In Africa, the black man often had polygamy and certainly plenty of authority, but he also often dealt with matrilineal lines of social organization that limited his dominion and influence over his women and progeny…In the new world, the black man was essentially a pack horse for his first several centuries. He had no real power to keep his family together (it could be split apart at anytime should a slave owner choose, often deliberately), and he also had no power to guard the sexuality of his women. He had no status or influence relative to the white men who took near undisputed dominion over the sexual capacity of the black female.
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> White men kept black women as mistresses or concubines and quite frequently impregnated them with very little opposition from black males who, frankly, could do nothing about it. Black men had no real power to stop their wives, sisters or daughters from being used in this way or sold indiscriminately. They had no control over black female mobility or sexuality…Thus, when white women (over whose sexuality white men did maintain some control) come out and complain about freeing themselves from the "oppressive" control their men had over them, it becomes difficult for blacks to interpret things in the same way. Black men have not historically controlled black women in that way.
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> Black men also have not prevented black women from seeking roles outside the home in large part due to economic reality. Black males, unlike their white peers, didn't have the money to fund the stay-at-home mom lifestyle so many white women felt "oppressed" by during the mid-century prior to the second wave feminist explosion in the sixties. While white women were reading "The Feminine Mystique" and ruminating about the "oppressive" nature of their role as pampered suburban housewives, black women were working in what were usually less than ideal conditions.
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> So how can black women adopt this white feminist narrative regarding the "patriarchy"? **They can't, really…That narrative comes from a (usually well-off) white woman's perspective, and other groups simply haven't had the same experiences**."

KA-BOOM.

Sure, Black Feminists (or as some like to refer to themselves, "Womanists") can make a case for being mistreated at the hands of a Black Man or number of Black Men, but no reasonable person could argue that this in any way compares to the omnipresent, all-pervasive construct that is Patriarchy as White UMC Feminists have imagined it, *for the simple reason that Black Men in the West simply have never had that kind of systemic power and influence*

over their Women, and, when they did get some measure of said power and influence, they used it in favor of things White UMC Feminists drool over - again, note that there are few, if any, Black Men who are preventing Black Women from going to college or getting abortions, and *more often than not are helping them to do/get both!* Moreover, on the off chance a Brotha does indeed do a Sista dirty, chances are very, very high, that said Brotha WILL be going to jail, and for a good long minute at that. So again, not seeing the case here, Sista Feminists/Womanists!

You really do need more people.

Now adjourn your arses…

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Rare Execution of Woman Carried out in Texas

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52-year-old Kimberly McCarthy was executed last night by lethal injection, becoming the 500th person and 3rd woman executed in Texas since the Supreme Court allowed executions to resume in 1976.

McCarthy was convicted of murdering an elderly woman for crack money in 1997.

The rate of women executed to men is slightly higher for the nation as a whole than Texas; 13 women have now been executed in the US since 1976 as opposed to well over 1,300 men. On average, in the United States, a woman is executed about once every three years, while men are executed at a rate of about one every ten days.

What DOMA Ruling Suggests: Marriage is for Old People

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Yesterday evening, I saw some footage of a DOMA rally in downtown Seattle near the federal building on the local news. I wasn't particularly concerned about the ruling either way, although I found Kennedy's opinion insufferably sanctimonious — the man says it "humiliates children," yet apparently had no concern about that a couple years ago when he OKed the continued jailing of poor, legally unrepresented fathers for being unable to repay the welfare mothers collect back to the state.

What stood out about the DOMA rally was that a clear majority of those involved were old. Decades past typical marriage age. Given that the issues involved, such as inheritance, social security and health insurance, are more likely to affect old people I suppose it makes sense, but even that brings up the question of what marriage is really about today.

Marriage in the US appears to have evolved into a geriatric institution, or at least one that has little to do with procreation. Given this change in the institution, I suppose it was inevitable that gay marriage would come to be seen as a human rights issue. Why shouldn't they get the same privileges as other people, after all, if marriage has strayed so far from its original purpose?

I think this explains much of the lack of interest in marriage among the young. Marriage itself is now simply a sexless legal construct that has more to do with tax law and health care plans than it does with two young people coming together to start a family. In fact, given the penalties young couples incur by entering into marriage, it's probably wise for most of them to avoid it. If you're a young couple – even a middle class one – it's usually better to allow the mother to make use of single mother benefits such as WIC than it is to marry her and report combined income. You can always get married when you're older – like they do in Sweden – presuming you don't break up somewhere along the way.

What we have today is a disincentive to marry for the young and fertile, and an incentive for the old and childless. Could it get any more backward than that?

The End of Male Gridlock

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At first glance, the Kickstarter dustup over Ken Hoinsky's book project didn't seem like my issue. It's about Game, after all, and other guys cover that better than I do. Different priorities and all that.

However, the feminists' appeal to ban the project got the support of a lot of men (although fewer than it would have in the past), and I think it's worth looking into why that is and what it means in light of the past and present, and what it may portend for the future.

Men are of two minds about seduction and Game. On one hand, men tend to like the idea of "scoring" with women. They like it so much that many will put serious effort – and sometimes money – into an attempt to learn the art of picking up women. On the other hand, they really don't like the idea of other guys scoring with "their" women. Hence the classic macho guy, like Tony Montana in *Scarface*, who chases every pretty girl in sight but then menaces anyone who shows interest in his sister.

There are a lot of husbands, brothers and fathers out there who think, when they read this seduction material, that it's going to be used on some woman they feel possessive about, and even if they had no personal objections to it when single, other guys who are on the prowl for women suddenly become the enemy when they are settled down. And in many respects they are. Today, there's nothing stopping men from making a move on the woman (or women) in your life. For a lot of attached men, it seems like a terrible threat, so they instinctively react against anything like Game or seduction.

Feminists have learned how to play these conflicting male emotions like the strings of a harp. They pluck one or the other depending on the mood they want to create. When they are appealing to young, horny men they prattle on about the "patriarchy," which allegedly seeks to control female sexuality on behalf of "powerful men" thereby denying the young/powerless men lots of free and easy sex. When they want to rein in the young men, they raise the specter of rapists on the loose, pleading with the daddy state to protect them from these lust-crazed brutes who are out chasing daughters and wives. Being both kept and pursued is a woman's most decadent dream. It's also totally empowering in the real world if she can get away with it.

As a man, when you stop and think about it rationally, it looks like the worst kind of hypocrisy, but the point here isn't to be fair.

Because women in general (exceptions always exist) gain power from men in the real world by (a) being pursued by men, and (b) being kept by men, both Game and (traditional) marriage add to women's value. From a purely selfish perspective, having both would be ideal, but how does one accomplish this without alienating both groups of men? The trick lies in playing the keepers and pursuers off against each other. It's amazing how easy it is for women to do this, and feminists have been doing it on a national scale for decades.

I think this tendency to play men off against each other is so well ingrained that women do it without even consciously realizing what they are up to. I'd assume there's an evolutionary basis to it, just as something similar probably lies behind men's tendency to be possessive yet still crave novelty.

I suspect that feminist social and political power is entirely dependent on playing off these two male factions. When women want free birth control, freedom from "shaming" and easy access to abortion, they appeal to the pursuers. When they want state-enforced child support and police monitoring of boyfriends/lovers they appeal to the keeper faction. As long as there is a balance between the two, women will consistently win on any of their issues regarding sexuality/family law.

Historically and traditionally, there was not a balance. The "pursuers" were not a strong faction in the West until the sexual revolution. Because men generally married young and the voting age was 21 until 1971, appealing to men who wanted to get laid to support them politically didn't work very well for feminists. It took the demographic

change of the Baby Boom to tip the scales in favor of the pursuers, but even through the 1980s and 90s the traditional "keepers" – exemplified by the Promise Keepers themselves in the 90s – were a strong enough force to keep the pursuer faction solidly in check.

The 1980s through the 90s was a time when the balance between pursuer and keeper was remarkably even. There was a slight excess in the 70s in favor of pursuers, but by the 80s most boomers had married and settled down. The high divorce rate and the disintegration of the black family effectively prevented reactionary traditionalism from returning in full force, so America settled into a sort of masculine gridlock where we had Candice Bergen glorifying single motherhood in *Murphy Brown* even as angry conservative men demanded the most severe punishment for "deadbeat dads." For feminists, this was a time when they could not lose; for men it was a disaster. It was truly the era of women.

Things have slowly but perceptibly begun to change. Due to immigration, falling fertility and the ongoing destruction of traditional marriage and therefore the family, the pursuers are beginning to gain a long-term demographic advantage. The illegitimacy rate is at an all-time high, and growing year by year. Hispanics and blacks, a growing share of the population with higher fertility, have seen the greatest declines in traditional households, with female-headed households the rule rather than the exception. The white working class is headed in the same direction, while a stagnant white and Asian middle class with European-level fertility is seeing its electoral clout shrink in proportion to the masses.

As the keepers slowly fade from prominence, winnowed and reduced by some of the very policies they supported, the balance will swing decidedly in favor of the pursuers, and our laws and culture will follow that change. Accompanying the decline of the patriarchal keepers will be a real loss of clout and influence for feminists — one that has already occurred among the millennials, who do not identify as feminists despite often living what many might think of as a feminist-inspired lifestyle. This may sound counterintuitive – that feminists could lose power with the fall of traditional values – but if one considers the balance between the two male factions as the basis of feminist power, it makes sense. When there is an internal check on male political self interest but none on female, then it stands to reason that feminists will have a run of success. When that situation ends, so does the winning streak.

Taking pursuer values into account, some of the likely legal and policy changes may include more tolerance and support for sexual precocity and promiscuity for young women, which would mean less emphasis on sexual abstinence. Furthermore, although support for abortion may not grow in terms of public approval, there will likely be no serious legal challenges to the practice, and the political will to outlaw it will decline. Excessively punitive child support laws and policies will be relaxed, and some protective programs for younger and single women either cut back or eliminated. Domestic violence enforcement will be scaled back as fewer men feel as much sympathy toward the young, single women who typically make use of police resources to manage their lovers. Domestic violence is predominantly a problem amongst the young and single; married men are much more likely to support heavy policing of "boyfriends" than are single men.

Welfare will probably become more evenly distributed as women represent a greater share of the employed and millions of single men find themselves overburdened. The male incentive to work and provide will diminish, and men will begin to demand a bigger piece of the pie in terms of government positions and kickbacks. Tax revenues will likely drop, and the politically powerless female lower classes will see a real decline in quality of life. Prostitution will become more common, and female options more constrained. The daddy state will wither as the US comes to resemble Latin America a little more and Utah a lot less.

But we must remember that the US is still a big country — very big. These changes will take time, and they will not happen everywhere at once. However, the winds have already shifted, and this little tantrum at Kickstarter is merely the rustling of the leaves to remind us.

Another Reporter Raped in Cairo's Tahrir Square

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It seems that raping Western women is something of a sport in Tahrir Square, yet female reporters are still sent there for some reason. In the latest incident, a 22-year-old Dutch woman was raped badly enough to need surgery, which sounds pretty vicious. The rapists were reportedly "revolutionists," which means they are opposed to the current Islamist government.

> Dina Zakaria, a journalist reporting for the "Egypt 25″ news channel affiliated with the January 25 revolution, shared the incident on her Facebook page Sunday: "A Dutch journalist in Tahrir was raped by men who dub themselves revolutionists. Her condition is severe and she is hospitalized."
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> Meanwhile, a state hospital issued a statement that the journalist was admitted after being raped by five men several days ago. She underwent surgery and has been released. It was also reported that Egypt's Prosecutor General Talaat Abdallah ordered his staff to go to the hospital to hear the woman's story and reveal the circumstances behind the violent attack.

The rapists, in this case, are Egypt's version of secular progressives. I know it's hard for trendy American progressives to wrap their heads around the concept, but the left in, shall we say, "developing" countries, is not all about unicorns and rainbows.

As the United States, with the decimation of the middle class and the addition of tens of millions of low-wage workers to compete with those who are already barely employable, comes to resemble these countries more, I expect our "revolutionaries" will begin to resemble those in Tahrir Square more than they do the campus liberals who support feminism.

I wonder what form feminism will take when it becomes clear that your typical campus feminist – not to mention her "enlightened" boyfriend – wouldn't last ten minutes on the street in a real proletarian revolution. Perhaps things are already changing. Wasn't one of the problems that took the wind out of the Occupy Wall Street Movement's sails the touchy little matter of rape in tents?

Thelma and Louise star: feminists perceived as “strident bitches”

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When asked whether she would call herself a feminist in an interview with The Guardian, Susan Sarandon, who starred in the movie that marked feminism’s coming of age, offers more evidence that the label “feminist” has lost its appeal, saying that she prefers the term “humanist.”

> I think of myself as a humanist because I think it’s less alienating to people who think of feminism as being a load of strident bitches and because you want everyone to have equal pay, equal rights, education and healthcare.
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> It’s a bit of an old-fashioned word. It’s used more in a way to minimise you. My daughter [Eva Amurri, from Sarandon's relationship with Italian film director Franco Amurri] who is 28, doesn’t even relate to the word “feminist” and she is definitely in control of her decisions and her body.

Although it’s nice to know that Sarandon has rejected the label of feminist, I’m more interested in the second paragraph, because it confirms my suspicion that young people are actually hostile to feminism. I suspect that Sarandon’s daughter herself thinks of feminists as “strident bitches,” as do many other young women.

When Sarandon calls feminism “old-fashioned,” that’s a clear tell that the young people she knows don’t have any use for it.

A Festive Weekend in Seattle

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A few Christians decided to “save” some people at the Pride parade, and showed up with signs denouncing drunkenness and pornography. Although I don’t think this was the brightest idea, I’ve got to admit that it takes some balls to show up at a Pride parade as an open Christian. Naturally, they were assaulted, but what’s notable is how the assault was instigated.

Basically, a woman, possibly named Rhiannon Sherbon (someone with that YouTube Name claims to have been the woman in the video), provoked a big, dumb fat man into attacking them. The woman was harassing the Christians and assaulting them herself. She was doing everything possible to provoke them. Her repeated efforts attracted attention, and some idiots stepped in and started shoving the Christians, too.

Punches were thrown (none by the Christians), police arrived and arrests were made. Immediately, the woman began speaking to the police in an attempt to get the Christians arrested. She may have been successful, as one person in addition to the fat man was arrested, and it may have been the younger Christian. The female provocateur was not arrested, although she clearly should have been.

Lest anyone say that the Christians provoked the Pride marchers, it should be pointed out that the first Pride parades in Seattle were held in my old neighborhood, which was still a largely Catholic neighborhood at the time, and despite the blasphemy (e.g. drag queens dressed as nuns), public sex and lewd behavior – all highly provocative to Catholics – marchers were never assaulted by Catholic residents.

What's wrong with men having equal custody so they can avoid child support?

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I gave an interview today, and while giving some suggestions for making marriage work for the 80 or so percent of the US population that is not part of the SWPL overeducated elite, I brought up the matter of equal custody. I said that people will often accuse men of wanting custody so they don't have to pay child support, but instead of saying "that's not true," I said "so what if it is?"

Most fathers really do love their children, so it's an unfair accusation and a low blow in most cases, but not wanting to pay child support is indeed a motivating factor in custody battles. Likewise, receiving child support motivates women quite a bit, and has been found to contribute directly to likelihood of divorce. Money matters.

But think about this: if taking care of one's child and being an involved father is a good thing, then isn't it good that men would rather take care of their kids than cut a check every month? Is there anything wrong with them preferring parenting over being an ATM?

Only if the mother has a problem with it, and that's exactly what's wrong with the current system of mother custody combined with state enforced child support. If anyone cares to know why fatherlessness became endemic in the black population, and now the Hispanic and white working class, it's just this refusal to allow men to act on this incentive to raise their kids. If the state were truly interested in reducing fatherlessness, fathers would be allowed to avoid child support by taking care of their kids half the time. If parents don't want their kids, then fine — have them pay CS. Otherwise, let them do their part and raise their own kids.

Such a policy could only have a positive social effect. Men with children behave better, boys with fathers around tend to stay out of jail, and girls are less likely to get knocked up. Furthermore, it would encourage those who don't want to raise their own kids to be more careful about getting women pregnant just the same as child support enforcement. Maybe even more. Seeing one's friends stuck at home or having to arrange a babysitter to get out tends to have an edifying effect on players who might otherwise think little about the consequences of fathering a child.

Would it be more dangerous for children? Not at all. Children are even safer with their biological fathers than with their mothers. When with dad, the kids' clothing might not be as well-ironed, or their hair as well-combed, but they'd have full bellies, they'd get to bed on time, and they'd feel safe and confident with daddy keeping an eye out for them, and they'd still have half time with their mother.

So what's stopping this? Basically, women on child support or welfare. Well, too bad for them. It would be better for the rest of us – including other women – if for once they didn't get their way.

Confronting the Feminist Obesity Apologists

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Having recently decided to pay a bit more attention to my own health, I've been looking for motivation by studying the effects of inactivity and poor diet on the body. It really isn't pretty. Blood sugar, which becomes harder to regulate in sedentary and overweight individuals, slowly rises with age, and begins to do serious damage to organs throughout the body. The eyes, kidneys, heart and nerves are at risk, to name a few. The body naturally slows down and function declines with age, but when a condition like diabetes develops things really start to fall apart — sometimes literally.

As I've looked at the numbers, I've come to the grim realization that the obesity epidemic – well-noted in the manosphere for its devastation of American women's looks – will eventually come to depress not only our libidinous impulses, but quite possibly our economy as well. Some of the statistics suggest that half of Americans will be either diabetic or prediabetic (likely to develop the full-blown disease within a few years) by 2020, at a cost of half a trillion per year. And that's only part of the toll of obesity…

When you think about the human misery and cost this represents, it highlights yet another of feminism's most glaring moral failures: the fat acceptance movement. Usually, when we discuss the evils feminism has either caused or defended with full vigor, we think of the obvious ones, such as broken families, mass abortion, illegitimacy and the like. When obesity comes up, it's usually to either mock the feminists themselves or gripe about the mammoth proportions of so many American women. We tend not to think about how much it will cost us down the road. However, now that we have a new healthcare tax, AKA Obamacare, it's impossible to ignore the implications.

I've seen what diabetes can do to people: blindness, amputations, dialysis — the works. It's a terrible affliction, and as I get older I find myself taking it very seriously. Hopefully, most of us can avoid it, but when I look around I'm not too optimistic. Another thing to think about is that many of the immigrants being brought in to care for the current crop of sick people are genetically at higher risk of developing obesity related diseases themselves. When they get sick, who is going to take care of them?

Unfortunately, it doesn't look like there's going to be an easy way out of this mess. We can't blame feminists directly for the obesity epidemic; it's a result of our lifestyle changing faster than the human genome can adapt. However, in promoting obesity as "acceptable" they are hampering efforts to address the problem while we still have a little time. The day of reckoning is approaching fast, and every day Americans get fatter is another day closer to a public health catastrophe. It's time to stand up to the fat acceptance feminists and confront them over this critical issue.

Summer Break

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I picked my kids up on the weekend for the summer vacation, and thankfully we've been rewarded with excellent weather so far. We've been spending time together as a family without the usual pressure of having to say goodbye in a couple days, and that's a big weight off of all of us. It's been a real pleasure for me to spend time out in the sun with the little ones, watching them thrive in the full glory of summer.

Not having the kids for most of the school year gives me a certain appreciation for these school vacations, but it has also given me the opportunity to reflect on modern life and what has happened to the concept of family over the years. For example, the idea that children should get up in the morning and then immediately leave the house to go to school on most days of the year just doesn't seem right. In fact, it seems downright unnatural.

Since the industrial revolution began to change the world, we've developed a lifestyle that seems designed to fracture the family. Parents and children leave the house and trudge off to work or school to perform unpleasant tasks among strangers during most waking hours. While there, they are managed by people who have no particular emotional attachment to them and graded and evaluated by fundamentally inhuman standards. Once home, tired and numb, they wolf down a dinner and sit, stupefied, in front of the TV or computer for some hours before hitting the sack and starting all over again.

This is all necessary, I suppose, but I wonder sometimes why there's been so little pushback from people in recent years against the steady march toward being a society of cogs in machines rather than mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters and sons and daughters. Many of the social movements and reforms in the early 20th century were a very human effort to reclaim the family and home and make a stand against the all-consuming march of "progress." Perhaps it was politically easier to do so back then, when most people – even in the US – still had first-hand experience with a family farm or enterprise and the old way of life.

Today, so few of us have experienced anything besides the daily grind that we don't even know what we'd do without the "structure" of school and the office.

Think about it: From the age of five, we are expected to spend most of our days living at the convenience of an institution, and then only when old, broken down, and no longer "useful," we are to finally retire. For younger people, retirement age is expected to be about 70, so that gives us 65 years of institutional life to look forward to.

Is that "progress?"

Unfortunately, I have only seen this trend accelerate. There's been no evidence of popular resistance, and the destruction of the family has made it all but impossible to even think of rolling back the atomization of society. How could we survive, after all, without a corporation or state agency to provide for us? If most of us have no family to speak of, then anything that might weaken the institutions we rely on would be a threat. There's positive feedback at work: as we rely more on institutions, the family is weakened, and the weaker the family the more we rely on institutions.

But where does it end?

Why Defend the Indefensible?

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Since picking up my kids on the weekend I've been spending a lot of time with them and their grandparents, who are visiting from California. It's been hard to get anything at all done with such a full house. Add to that the fact that I've been preoccupied with catching up on some of the typical parenting duties and issues (e.g. school report cards, etc.) that, as a divorced dad, I don't have the option of dealing with on a day to day basis, and it's been nearly impossible to focus on much else.

I'm sure I'll be on top of things soon, but it does remind me of the difficulties faced by separated and divorced parents and, of course, their children.

For all the talk about divorce being "empowering," the truth is that for the most part it's an enormous pain in the neck. Rationally speaking, it's a bad idea — even if your marriage isn't awesome. If you have kids, you'd better have a damn good reason for it, otherwise it just looks dumb.

Often, when we discuss divorce, we think of middle-aged or near middle age couples. We imagine a wife seeking to maximize her share of the spoils while carrying on with the pool boy and extorting a windfall from her spouse. Sometimes, there's the stereotype of the middle-aged man running off with his young secretary or having some other similar midlife crisis.

The reality is significantly different. Divorce peaks at a young age. For women, the median age of divorce is late 20s, and for men early 30s (my divorce was right about on par with these statistics). Assets are usually low, and there is no windfall to speak of for either party. Financially, both suffer.

So why do people do it? Because they aren't thinking with their heads. In the typical American divorce, a young woman initiates divorce from a young man for what are often irrational reasons. In many cases, the motivation is purely instinctive. She has weaned her last child and, thoroughly disgusted with her domesticated and often demoralized husband (raising young children is hard for men, too), is ready to find another mate. Given the benefit of hindsight, many of them regret it, although few admit it openly.

I once heard a woman – right around the time I got married – tell me after a few drinks how much she regretted blowing her marriage to the father of her children by running off to have an affair with a male dancer. She was a nice, reasonable, and fairly attractive woman who had remained on cordial terms with her daughters' father. If she'd had the presence of mind while in her 20s that she did in her 40s, the divorce wouldn't have happened. Instead of fulfilling her dreams, she ended up with nothing but a big mess on her hands.

This is the typical divorce: the result of some dumb, impulsive mistake. It's sad and pathetic, and causes everyone involved some pain. Children are permanently scarred, and both husbands and wives end up financially worse off than they would be otherwise. The party who was abandoned/betrayed bears the greater emotional burden, and if male often suffers from poor health and a shortened lifespan.

But instead of warning people against making such stupid mistakes and encouraging them to tough it out, we have developed a culture and legal regime that goes to any length to justify divorce. When a young woman starts complaining about her husband, she instantly finds a pack of women to support her in her criticism. Instead of being chided for adding to domestic problems by running the man down, she is assured that he is the sole problem, and encouraged to place the kind of unreasonable demands on him that so often precede separation.

When she finally decides to really screw things up by initiating an affair or separation, an impenetrable wall of female support rallies around her, ensuring that there is no hope of reconciliation. In the meanwhile, an attorney sets the law into motion, the state steps in to garnish the man's pay, and a broken family is born.

The evils of divorce have become impossible to ignore, yet feminists have continued to defend and promote it long after it became one of the biggest social ills of our time. Their stubborness defies reason, and brings up the question

of why they would so doggedly defend such an awful institution. Sometimes, the simplest answer is the only one that makes any sense: they are bad people.

Here's What's Wrong With Equal Custody

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A Rejoinder to Mr. Price's Rhetorical Query.

What's wrong with men having equal custody so they can avoid child support? Nothing!

There is nothing wrong with men wanting to actually parent their children, then simply having his role reduced to nothing more than an arbitrary sum imputed from their check every payday, and perhaps some intermittent and infrequent "visits."

> So what's stopping this? Basically, women on child support or welfare. Well, too bad for them. It would be better for the rest of us – including other women – if for once they didn't get their way.

Of course.

Problem is, it would be better for the rest of us…but not the folks who constructed this infernal Family Court system in the first place.

They have an entirely different agenda, and "better for the rest of us" got nothing to do with it.

We can quibble about the speculative notions regarding the motives. We can also debate endlessly about WHO is responsible for creating the status quo. This, after all, goes to the heart of the differences between "conspiracy theory" and "conspiracy fact." None of that really matters when you get down to brass tacks.

Regardless of who or why, the fact remains: it is official U.S. Federal Government policy to fund a State Government level, child support collection and enforcement bureaucracy, in all 50 States.

Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, to be more precise.

For those who are not familiar with it, here's one non-custodial parent who was forced to pay an outrageous monthly sum of family court ordered child support, who researched the act and translates the voluminous legalese into laymen's terms:

State incentive to collect child support : Bigger piece of Federal funds pie

> Yup. CSSD collects child support from the parent who "is not worthy" (words taken from pleading of Timothy Lynn, granted sole legal and physical custody of our child and $5,300 per month to be collected by CSSD for him). California then receives a bigger share of the $483,000,000+ tax-dollar pie disbursed to reward states for collecting from deadbeats…like me… who can not possibly pay the ludicrous child support ordered, and who are denied any access to their own children with no trial by jury or legal representation.

Surprise, surprise, the "deadbeat" non-custodial parent in this case is the mother. From a statistical outlook, she's an anomaly; an outlier. The exception that proves the rule. But her outrage and sense of injustice are well placed.

The family court system is a machine, one designed specifically to chew up the nuclear family and spit out divorced spouses and children, damaged, dependent and more susceptible to State control. And it was built that way on purpose.

Why else would the Federal Government offer matching fund incentives for State bureaucracies to maximize their child support collections from non-custodial parents?

i.e. – the more they collect, the more the Federal Government gives.

Let's take a closer look at the matching funds incentive structure for which the Federal Government pays out to the State Government Family Court and Social Services bureaucracies:

The paternity establishment performance level.

The more children born out-of-wedlock for whom a man is identified as “Father” who is then financial liable for support, the more funds the State bureaucracy will receive. In other words, from the perspective of the State bureaucracy, the more children who are born out-of-wedlock and the more men are designated as “IT,” the more matching funds they get.

The support order performance level.

The more Family Court Judges issue support order’s to non-custodial parents, the more funding the State gets from the Federal Government.

The current payment performance level.

The more payments the State’s Child Support Enforcement agency collects from non-custodial parents, the more matching funds they receive.

The arrearage payment performance level.

The more past-due child support payments they can collect from “Deadbeat” non-custodial parents, the more matching funds they receive. Note that there is no negative variable to this infernal equation – i.e. any arrearages they fail to collect – because the non-custodial simply can’t possibly meet the ordered monthly amount – has no bearing on the matching funds. This is why they have no qualms throwing you in jail and letting you rot for being a “deadbeat.” They just have to go out and find more families to destroy and more out-of-wedlock mothers to receive benefits so they can establish paternity and garnish more wages.

The cost–effectiveness performance level

> The cost-effectiveness performance level for a State for a fiscal year is equal to the total amount collected during the fiscal year under the State plan approved under this part divided by the total amount expended…

That would be an incentive to collect as much child support as possible while spending as little as possible on overhead costs for running the entire Child Support Enforcement bureaucracy. This is one giant incentive to find, designate and order child support payments from as many non-custodial parents as possible.

Taken as a whole, what we have here is a Federal Government that PAYS State Governments to create as many non-custodial parents liable for child support obligations as possible.

There are no financial incentives from the Federal Government that reward State social work bureaucracies to resolve marital differences or reconcile separated couples.

There are no financial incentives from the Federal Government that reward State social work bureaucracies that restore children to two parent homes.

There are no financial incentives from the Federal Government that reward State social work bureaucracies that act with reason, temperance of compassion in reviewing the personal and financial situation of non-custodial parents charged with child support obligations . It’s pay the imputed income judgement or go to jail.

There are no financial incentives from the Federal Government that reward State social work bureaucracies for discouraging divorces, nor resolving child custody disputes.

But most of all, and in answer to our venerable site host and founder’s rhetorical question, There are no financial incentives from the Federal Government that reward State social work bureaucracies to support equal custody arrangements for which no money can be taken from a non-custodial parent and paid out to a custodial parent, so that matching funds can be paid out by the Federal Government to fund the Family Court bureaucracy.

In other words, the real answer to the question “What’s wrong with Men having equal custody to avoid child support?” is that hundreds of thousands of jobs, careers and livelihoods of the people who make up the work force of the Family Court bureaucracies and Family Law professions in all 50 States, depends on a steady supply of divorces and out-of-wedlock births so that matching funds from the Federal Government can fund the Child Support Enforcement regime.

It is a beast designed to feast and grow on the most personal level of the citizenry and the foundation of civilized society – the family.

And they’re making us all pay for it, since all those Federal matching funds come from the Federal Government budget which is either collected as taxes from we the sheeple, or borrowed from the Federal Reserve System, so that we are indebted in perpetuity to fund this ghastly leviathan designed specifically and deliberately to devour the traditional Patriarchal-modeled family.

The Thrill is Gone

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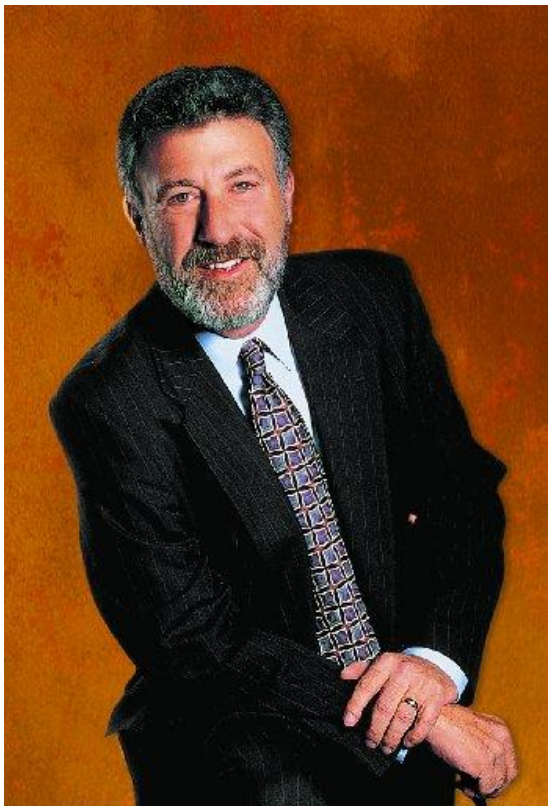
Men's Wearhouse needs a new Jew.



Most of you have probably heard about the Men's Wearhouse cashiering of George Zimmer, the company founder and reassuring front-man who has been pitching their suits on TV for decades with his classic "You're gonna like the way you look..I guarantee it" byline.

I haven't been following the controversy so won't make any ignorant remarks about the board's possibly reasonable decision to fire him. I am having a bit of communication problem with my own boss right now however, which might be detailed in my upcoming Spearhead essay *You Just Got Canned*. For that reason I am trimming my nostril hairs and cleaning up my gabardines a bit in anticipation of upcoming sales contacts, as described in Employment Game. So consideration of suit particulars is currently competing with other memes in my short-attention span brain.

ForeignBride has cable TV and I am often subjected to its proto-feminist outrages. I could not help but notice Men's Wearhouse latest ad campaign, minus George :

Where's George? I don't like it. I don't like it at all.

While the sight of shirtless muscle-boys may intrigue some women, as implied in the ad, it doesn't compel a man to consider getting a suit at Men's Wearhouse. Granted, they are trying to appeal to a younger demographic, but the message implies a loss of tradition and craft in lieu of pushing cheap, generic suits to impersonal corporate drones. The point of getting a tailored suit is to make you look great despite your imperfections. None of the buff diversity fellows in the above photo inspire me to drop by Men's Wearhouse over other multi-product mall stores, where the ladies' sections are glittering mazes of shiny counters and labyrinthine portals and the men's sections are mercifully simple in layout and close to the store exit. Men's Wearhouse's exclusive focus on men's attire was a good draw in that regard.

With the old George Zimmer ads, you knew that when you walked into Men's Wearhouse George would be there knowing his profession and putting you in a good-looking suit. He might have been a little pushy, mind you, but that was part of the shtick and you were willing to go along with it to wear your new threads with aplomb.

Because George Zimmer represented something else that still means something to a lot of men: legacy and passion for his chosen business.

George Zimmer could not remain as commercial spokesman forever, but he definitely could have given us another decade of his smooth intonation about proper attire for men. The bottom line is that Men's Wearhouse needs to hire

a credible Jewish front-man to pitch their wares. They need to do a talent search and find a man who looks like George Zimmer's son and talks like he has been in the business living and breathing fine suits his whole life, with the craftsmen and connections to make you look like a pro. Tradition, craft, and legacy still have a place in this world and are still valued by many men seeking top quality products in a feminized marketplace.

Something is in the Air

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I've been getting requests for interviews lately, and haven't been quite sure what to make of it. A representative of a national TV show recently contacted me, and although I'm skeptical, I agreed to at least talk to her on the phone if she wants. When I did an interview with a blogger a couple weeks ago, he told me that "MRA" has been coming up a lot lately in media, and he had just now become aware of its existence. I didn't really believe him at first, because I hadn't personally observed any major change in reporting, but that may simply be because I don't have my finger on the pulse of pop news, and never have to be honest.

However, there have been a few stories making the rounds. According to recent RooshV tweets, there's been a sudden increase in awareness of MRA. I trust Roosh, because he has an eye for this stuff. Also, some MRAs have apparently been making some waves in Canada. Something about rape posters, I gather. Even the police in Canada have been coming out to defend the rape posters, which is kind of silly. I mean, doesn't the top cop in Edmonton have something better to do than defend the lies promulgated by feminist rape posters? Maybe not… I think Canadians ought to question where their very heavy taxes are being spent in this instance.

But to get back on subject, it does seem that there truly is a growing national interest in "MRA" or men's issues. Maybe the work I and others have put in is starting to pay off. The activism some are engaging in might be catching people's attention.

However, one thing that concerns me is that so many people continue to be afraid of openly speaking their mind about men's rights/issues. For example, in the rape poster debate in Edmonton, an MRA who goes by "Razz" and has been putting up parodies of rape posters is reluctant to use his real name, and the local news used this to portray him as some kind of criminal by having the police chief denounce his efforts. It's a classic media technique: use an authority figure to give the impression that dissenting from political orthodoxy is somehow against the law. Unfortunately, it works quite well on the impressionable, which includes the majority of the audience.

Razz's posters are a perfectly fair critique of the sexist campaign that suggests that men must be taught not to rape. The implication is that men are all potential rapists, and yet the feminists who started the campaign, and the police who are inappropriately getting involved in the politics of it, bristle at the suggestion that women could be prone to lying.

Is it worse to paint all women as potential liars than to slur all men as potential rapists? That's exactly the message I take away from Razz's posters: they highlight the malicious, one-sided nature of the campaign. If men are fair game for public shaming because a few men are criminals, then women are fair game if a few women are liars.

Although I understand that Razz might put his job at risk if he revealed his identity, he's doing so anyway. If he's discovered, after all, then the effect will be the same. And because he won't own up to his campaign, people will be under the impression that he knows he's doing something wrong. It would be better, I think, to face the chief of police and ask whether men are any more likely to rape women than women are to lie to authorities. Ask the chief whether he thinks "rapist" every time he sees some man walking the streets of Edmonton, and if so, whether he really belongs on the job as police chief. Male taxpayers are paying the bulk of his salary, after all, and they shouldn't have to support the kind of public servant who has such a low opinion of them — especially when he has the power to arrest them. It's a clear case of the dog biting the hand that feeds him.

As for men who defend the feminist campaign, I'd ask whether they need to be frequently and publicly reminded not to rape. If not, then why do they assume other men need such prompting? Why not remind them not to steal, rob or murder, too? Is rape really such a unique crime that ordinary men cannot prevent themselves from raping without constant surveillance and reminders from authorities? If rape comes as naturally to men as, say, eating a hamburger, then that brings up the question of whether it's a serious crime at all. The law is supposed to reflect human nature, and it doesn't work when we criminalize normative behavior. So, therefore, if rape is normative, it

shouldn't be a crime.

On the other hand, if rape is *not* normative behavior, then *we don't need to hector ordinary men about it*. To do so is offensive, obnoxious, and inappropriate.

Maybe people in general are getting tired of the casual demonization of half the population. I hope that's why MRA is on the radar screen, and that's what we should stress when we have the opportunity to make our voices heard.

The Trayvon Martin Shooting and the "Don't Be That Guy" Campaign

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I'm convinced that white liberals and blacks care about the Zimmerman/Martin trial for entirely different reasons. For blacks, I think it's largely anger at being profiled as criminals, while for white liberals it looks like the perfect opportunity to *ban all guns!* by making opponents of their agenda out to be vicious, racist killers. This is an angle of the debate that I haven't seen anyone else explore, but I think it's crucial to the media hoopla surrounding it.

I sympathize more with the blacks, not only because they are being more honest, but also because it is pretty lousy to be profiled, even if it's essentially inevitable for young black men (even Jesse Jackson admitted to profiling young black men). Personally, I think the profiling problem could be largely solved if police and officials started paying attention to the Bill of Rights, and stopped carrying out unreasonable searches of black males, but more liberal-minded whites think the answer is rendering all Americans helpless so they can be better managed by a bureaucratic police state (that just so happens to employ many of them). The liberals don't really have a problem with profiling; if they did they wouldn't continue to vote for people like Bloomberg, who recently defended profiling, which the NYPD has practiced with gusto under his administration.

So, because Feministing has declared solidarity with Trayvon while supporting the continued profiling of all men as rapists, I thought someone ought to point out the hypocrisy here.

Here's a question I'd ask these feminists:

How was George Zimmerman's profiling of Trayvon Martin for being born black any more (or less) morally objectionable than profiling all men as rapists for being born male?

Is it that some profiling is OK, but other profiling is eeeevil? If so, what makes profiling men as rapists perfectly acceptable while profiling blacks as criminals is awful? You say because men are more likely to rape than women and rape is a problem? Well, blacks are statistically more likely to commit crimes, and crime is a problem, too.

You see, from a feminist standpoint, profiling blacks is wrong because it implies that all blacks are criminals, or prone to criminality. They do think in such simple terms, and their rape posters prove it definitively. They really think all men are prone to rape, and the less diplomatic of them will openly say so. In fact, some feminists have even declared every single act of heterosexual intercourse to be an act of rape. If they didn't have this attitude, they certainly wouldn't support posters against rape that offensively target all men.

I, and most of my readers, understand that while one group may have a higher rate of some particular problem, that doesn't mean all or even most people in that group share it. Irish disproportionately drink too much, yet most Irishmen are not drunks. Chinese are disproportionately involved in counterfeiting, yet most Chinese are not selling fake goods. Muslims are more likely to commit religiously motivated violence, but the vast majority of Muslims do not do so.

Because of this understanding, we wouldn't produce an ad campaign targeted at Muslims with the WTC disintegrating in the background of a poster that said "don't be that Muslim." That would be a total dickhead thing to do.

And to put the Zimmerman/Martin debacle in context, George Zimmerman, when he profiled Trayvon and then took it a step farther by very rudely making him aware of it by tailing him, was being an asshole. What he did may have been legal, and it may have been within his rights, but he did provoke the kid. The reason Zimmerman was not – and shouldn't have been – convicted of unlawful homicide is that Trayvon didn't keep his cool, and he let his understandable indignation get the better of him, choosing to initiate a fight with Zimmerman*. In the cold eye of the law, his death was a result of that mistake: when someone is being an asshole it doesn't give you the right to assault him; if you do, and cause him to fear for his life, it does give him the right to use deadly force in self-

defense. It seems unfair, and it is, but the law must reflect the often brutal laws of nature. Trayvon didn't *deserve* to die for his mistake, but neither does a kid who drives too fast too soon and fatally misjudges a turn. As Clint Eastwood said in *Unforgiven*, "deserve's got nothing to do with it."

One might reason that if feminists have a problem with the verdict returned by the jury, then maybe they would understand if some man, angered by their poster campaign profiling men, beat the crap out of one of them. But that would be to assume that feminists are reasonable, morally consistent people, and they are not that. In fact, I can say with certainty that I, and most men reading this site, have far more sympathy for Trayvon Martin than a feminist would for a man who got shot and killed for attacking a woman who provoked him. I'd like to hear a feminist deny that!

*Men with guns do not start fistfights — the closer your adversary the less of an advantage a gun provides. This is why I'm fairly certain Trayvon started the fight. If Zimmerman intended to shoot him from the beginning he would have drawn his gun well before Trayvon was close enough to touch him, and if he anticipated a fight he would have done the same.

Hello Young Men: A Vasectomy Is One Thousand Times Less Expensive Than Children

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Two weeks ago I attended the marriage ceremony of a clueless 26-year-old man, a nice enough guy full of good intentions, but also a guy living in a romantic fantasy world about what he had just gotten himself into financially. Little did he know that, on average, about 91% of his lifetime after-tax income was going to go to his wife (or wives) and children, not to himself. That percentage is not a typo. Stay with me as I go through a series of back-of-the-envelope calculations using publicly available statistics to come up with this astounding percentage. The bottom line of the calculations (which you can easily enough do on your own to confirm everything claimed here): fathers in America today are financial slaves.

It's essential that young American men see the long-run big picture. Yet many of them look only at the immediate short-term, in part because they're living a paycheck-to-paycheck existence, just barely making it financially. The big picture shows that if they get married and have kids, they probably won't have any significant life of their own. Beyond childcare, domestic chores, and other family matters, most of their waking life will then be devoted to making money to support the family. Young men need to seriously consider "the snip" (vasectomy), which, according to these calculations, is more than 1000 times less expensive than getting married and having kids. Again that is not a typo. Far too few young men are taking advantage of this reliable birth control option before they are surprised to hear that the girlfriend or fiancé is expecting a young one. In this area, planning ahead can make a hell of a difference.

The following calculations also reveal that feminist chants about "deadbeat dads" are unwarranted and manipulative attempts to get men to shut-up and get back to work. American fathers are desperately trying to meet their financial obligations, and these financial obligations are oppressive, unreasonable, and totally unsustainable. It is no wonder that the courts have resorted to cruel and unusual punishment such as throwing fathers in jail for, yanking driver's licenses for, and revoking professional licenses for, not being able to pay child support obligations. Such heavy-duty forceful maneuvers are required in an attempt to get men to comply with the provider role, which when viewed from an objective lifetime financial perspective, doesn't look like an attractive way to go.

This article was born out of my concern for the welfare of several heterosexual twenty-something men that I know, men who are surprisingly cavalier and relaxed about marriage and kids. Many of these guys accept these major life choices simply as part of being a man, and they expect one or both of the choices will be something they will do at some point in the future. The problem is that these guys, for the most part, don't seriously investigate what's involved, and that means that there will be big-time trouble later on. Marriage and children in America today are entirely different than they were just fifty years ago; they are now dangerously rigged games stacked against men. This stacked deck exists on many levels, but to keep this article relatively brief, I will focus only on the financial implications of marriage and children.

OK, let's get into the numbers. The average number of children per family, according to the 2010 US Census is 2.11 (Note 1). The total cost of raising a child, through age 17, in the US is now $235,000 (Note 2). Multiply both of these figures and you get $495,850, which is the average cost to raise children to age 17 in America today. Note that this cost is overwhelmingly paid by men; it is the father's traditional and legally-enforced role to be the provider. If you make a good salary, the cost to raise children will go up significantly above this average, because the alimony and child support payments that the courts determine are not based on actual costs. Instead they are based on the father's total salary or self-employment income. But to reveal the plight of the average American father, for the rest of this analysis, I will stick only with averages.

Next let's look at the other costs of having children, and providing for them beyond age 17. The average per year college costs paid by parents in America today is $8,752 (Note 3). It now takes an average of 4.5 years to get a bachelor's degree (Note 4). Multiplying these two figures, in conjunction with 2.11 kids on average, we see that the

total average cost to parents to put their kids through college is now $83,100. Yes of course, some kids don't go to college. Consider that some other kids get advanced degrees. Please remember that this is a rough back-of-the - envelope analysis, so bear with me, and just go with the overall conclusion, and don't dismiss the analysis just because you don't like a simplifying assumption that I have made.

The average move-out age of children these days is 22, and the chances that they will thereafter move back into their parents' house is 60% (Note 5). The calculations in my analysis don't include the extra room and board for those children who don't immediately set up their own households. Whatever objections you might have about all kids going to college, in response to the assumption I made in the prior paragraph, might be addressed by saying that those who don't go to college will generally have a harder time getting jobs, and the latter kids will likely stick around the house for a while longer. So let's include the additional stick-around-the-house costs in the go-to-college costs mentioned in the prior paragraph.

The average costs employed in this analysis also don't illuminate the potentially very high costs associated with having a child who has special needs, such as an autistic child. This analysis is just about the average costs, not the probabilities of very high costs associated with child rearing. The chances of very high costs should nonetheless be a part of every young man's marriage and children deliberations.

So far, we have not assumed that the man got married. It gets worse if he gets married. Here, he simply had children and had to pay child support. The average unmarried father is looking at a total of $578,950 ($495,850 plus $83,100) in payments over the course of his lifetime, which might instead completely pay for a very nice house somewhere. Perhaps it would be better for young guys to be a good uncle to their sister's kids, or maybe be a devoted Big Brother? Sure you may like kids, but do you really need your own? The real eye-opener is how this total child support figure compares to average incomes for men in America today.

To get a ballpark sense of how difficult it will be for an average man to meet his child support payments, whether or not he is married, consider that the average income per household in the US is now $46,326 per year (Note 6). If one considers all types of taxes (income, sales, property, etc.), the total burden of taxes in America today is 59.70% of earned income (Note 7). Multiply these two numbers and you get the average after-tax disposable income, specifically $18,669. I am making an assumption that the man is making most of the income in the household, an assumption that is born out by the fact that men far and away make most of the money in America today.

Taking the total payments for raising children ($578,950), and dividing that by 25 (the average age when a child leaves the house (22), plus three years to take into consideration more than one child), we see that the out-of-pocket cost of having children is $23,158 per year. So the cost of paying for children ($23,158), on the average, exceeds the average disposable annual income ($18,669). No wonder a very large percentage of parents go into debt just to pay for their children and their children's education. No wonder there are so many men sweating the payment of child support.

When a man gets married, the story gets even worse. The average cost of a wedding these days is $28,000 (Note 8), and 62% of couples now pay for their own weddings (Note 9). I am not including the cost of dates, vacations, and the like which men are generally expected to pay. As a way to capture and summarize those courting costs, I figure that the man will pay for the entire wedding. The average cost of a diamond engagement ring in the US is now $3,500 (Note 10) and again the man pays for that. The average cost of a honeymoon is now $4,466 (Note 11) and I am assuming that the man pays for that too. Add these three numbers and we get the total average cost of going through with a wedding, assuming that the guy will pay, which is the traditional and often expected way these days (feminist claims of equality notwithstanding). That total amount is some $35,966.

We should increase this cost of marriage by the average total alimony paid, which is $7,209. This last number is arrived at by multiplying the average annual alimony payment of $30,000 (Note 12), by the number of cases in which alimony is paid, some 9% of cases (Note 13), by the average number of years for which alimony is paid, in America 2.67 years (Note 14). So the total average cost of getting married is then increased to a total of $43,175 ($35,966 plus $7,209). The average number of years that a marriage lasts is eight years, so if you're having kids

these days, chances are that you're going to get a divorce at some point (Note 15).

So if you add the three total numbers from above, specifically the average cost to raise children to age 17 ($495,850), plus the average cost to send your children to college ($83,100), plus the total average cost of marriage and alimony ($43,175), you get a grand total of $622,125. Note that this does not include the cost to support your wife while married, including housing, food, clothes, etc. You could say this grand total is a rough overall total cost of having children in a marriage, for the average American guy.

These numbers are not exact, and they shouldn't be expected to be precise, because this is simply a back-of-the-envelope informal analysis. If you want totally statistically justifiable numbers, be my guest and go spend several hundred thousand dollars to perform a formal academic study. I wonder why no such study of men has ever been done — at least I can find no such study on the Internet. Plenty of similar studies have been done about women — but why are there none for men? Perhaps the powers that be (including feminist politicians like Obama) want to keep men in their place of financial slavery? Could it be that these powers don't want men to know the truth about the incredible financial burden that they are expected to carry?

Let's now look at the total cost of a vasectomy done on an outpatient basis, which is about $600 (Note 17). Many such operations can be found for less money. No, "the snip" is not generally paid for by health insurance. In keeping with my comments above, even though many birth control options for women are paid for via health insurance, the system evidently does not want men to step out of their traditional provider role, it wants them to continue to be financial slaves.

So how does this cost for a vasectomy compare with the total average cost of marriage and children ($622,125)? It's over 1000 times less expensive. This reliable male birth control option starts to really look attractive to men when you consider the average lifetime gross earnings of male college graduates (Note 16), which is $1,699,000. If we convert this figure into disposable income, using the total tax burden mentioned above (Note 7), we get a lifetime sum of earnings for male college graduates after taxes of $684,697. I am making a very conservative assumption that all fathers have a college degree here, and the actual situations of those men who don't have a bachelor's degree is going to therefore be much worse than is calculated below.

That means that over a father's lifetime, the percentage of his after-tax income that will be devoted to his wife and children will be 91% ($622,125/$684,697). Said a bit differently: many if not most fathers in America today will not get to have their own lives. If you are going to go ahead with the marriage and kids deal, whatever it was that you thought you wanted to do with your life, unless it was being a provider and a father, forget it. If you're having a wife and children, you are going to be totally focused on supporting them. That dream about climbing a mountain in Asia, or learning how to fly an ultra-light airplane, or becoming a hobby farmer of a rare strain of orchids, forget it. Unless these things bring in a lot of money, or unless you're exceedingly successful at your work, they're not going to happen. If you're an average married father, you're going to be in the provider saddle for most of, if not all of, your working life.

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What a Father Can Do

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I've been spending a lot of personal time with my children since they came over for the summer. I'm trying to compress as much fatherhood as possible into the short time I have with them, and although it hardly seems like enough, I'm coming to realize how absolutely crucial this time is to children.

Actually, I already knew that; my own father was barely there when I was a child. It's something I haven't written much about, but it had a profound effect on me. It wasn't my mother's fault — she may not have always had the nicest things to say about him, but she never deliberately kept me away from him. In hindsight, it seems like she sometimes went out of her way to accommodate him and my paternal grandparents. No, it was him. He just wasn't up for being a father; maybe, not having been very close to his own father, he didn't think there was all that much to it. So for most of my childhood I'd see him no more than a couple times a year, and it wasn't until I was a teenager that I started to seek him out on my own. Despite his imperfections and general carelessness about his role, I still felt the need to know him and find my own way to love him. Ultimately, I did. He died three years ago, and I can say that by that time I had accepted him for who he was and come to terms with my disappointment. It's an enormous relief to me that I did so before he died.

However, the pain of being a child with an absent father left an indelible impression on me. I guess you could even call it a scar. A scar that was torn open once again when I lost my own children to divorce. All of the fears and pain of my childhood were brought crashing back with the terrible realization that I might lose my children for good, and they could suffer the same alienation I did. I immediately resolved on the very day my wife left never to stop fighting for my kids. Although I knew I stood a good chance of losing, I also knew that if I gave it my best shot they would never have to feel as though they'd been written off or abandoned by a parent. My life over the last five or so years has been devoted to that goal above all others. For me personally, it's been something of a disaster, but when you're a parent you learn not to think so much of yourself. Suddenly, your own future becomes much less important — even an afterthought sometimes. It's something that might be hard to explain to people without children of their own, but it's paradoxically fulfilling.

As I spend time with my children in this window of sweet, trusting innocence before they begin to really grow up, I find myself marvelling at the sheer importance of fatherhood. Children have a hunger for it that approaches need, and it seems so obvious to me that I am appalled when I think of the casual attitude our culture has developed around the institution. I can only conclude that, like my own father, people are fooling themselves into thinking it makes little difference. The only alternative explanation would be that most people have a visceral hatred for children, and I don't think that's likely.

I can't guarantee that my time with my children this summer or my frequent trips up to the border during the school year will make all the difference. So much of life is out of our hands that we have to concede a great deal to fate. But there is one thing I know: spending time with them is one of the few things I can do that will comfort my children for the rest of their lives. For that alone it's worth it.

Who Believes the Royals About Not Knowing?

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Ever since Kate Middleton got pregnant, she and Prince William have been making a big deal about how succession laws were to be changed so that the firstborn of either sex would become the titular head of state. I find it highly suspicious that this announcement was made right about when a normal parent would know for certain the sex of the baby. The claim that they "didn't want to know" whether it was a boy or girl strike me as disingenuous. All parents want to know. Some of them elect not to, but to me that says they really do have a preference, and don't want to be disappointed. If you really don't care about whether the baby's a boy or girl, might as well learn early so you can decide on a name.

So it came as little surprise to me that Middleton has given birth to a son. I think she and William knew full well the baby was a boy, so by saying it "didn't matter" and a girl could be the heir to the throne, they were playing to their biggest fans – women – while knowing that the conservatives in the aristocracy would feel relieved when the baby came out a boy. On the other hand, maybe Kate, like your typical European, doesn't want a big family, and figured she'd stop at one or two whether or not she had any sons.

Either way, the hoopla over changing royal succession doesn't matter much at all, because the royal family has become little more than a tourist attraction that appeals mainly to old ladies.

And finally, if they can throw out centuries of tradition on a whim, who's to say that the next king or queen won't change the rules yet again? The practice of designating the eldest son as a successor was a measure to promote stability, in contrast to the brutal internecine wars that broke out every time a prolific Muslim Potentate died as in, for example, the Ottoman Sultanate of Women period.

Mitigating the Virulence of Anglo-feminism

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I've had the opportunity to get to know some of the different varieties of feminism as it is understood in different parts of the world. In truth, feminism is looked upon with abhorrence by the vast majority of the world's population. Even most Americans – including women – refuse to identify with it, and other than in the Nordic countries it is perhaps most popular in the US. In most of the global South, which includes the bulk of the world's people, feminists are seen as borderline criminals, and certainly bizarre, depraved women.

And I would definitely agree with my Asian, African and Latin American friends in that regard…

However, even I have to admit that there are certain kinds of feminism that just aren't as vicious, cruel and horribly effective as our own variety has been.

Take FEMEN and Pussy Riot for example. Both are examples of Eastern European feminism, and as obscene and repugnant as they can be, the net effect of their actions has been remarkably tame. Even their anti-religious stunts – hate crimes, really – have been little more than petty vandalism and hooliganism. Contrast that to our own "Christian feminism" that has all but subverted the Christian faith in a number of denominations. Or the feminism that laid waste to Reform Judaism, and threatens to do the same to Conservative Judaism. It wouldn't even surprise me to see a form of feminist Islam openly emerge in the near future. This is a distinctly Anglo phenomenon.

More important even than religious subversion is the stranglehold feminism has placed on family law in the entire Anglosphere. For all the noise Swedish feminists make and all the crazy anti-sex laws they've passed, the Nordic system of family law is remarkably humane compared to what exists in, say, Australia. In the land of widespread acceptance of feminism, equal custody is the norm rather than the exception. Perhaps this explains the Nordic male acquiescence to feminism, or at least the fact that it isn't all that controversial there.

So what is it about Anglo feminism that makes it such a nasty, deadly strain? A couple years ago, I suggested that the adversarial nature of Anglo government is largely to blame, and in considering the issue more I'm even further convinced that's the case. In the linked article, I focused on the adversarial relationship between the state and the governed, which is enshrined in Anglo law, and suggested that feminists have been able to play off the people and the state to their advantage.

> When seen in the context of the traditional Anglo antagonism toward government, it's pretty clear that feminists are, for all intents and purposes, allies of the state against the people. It is akin to a symbiotic relationship between two parasites feeding off the same host; something like the relationship between the mosquito, the plasmodium parasite (malaria) and the human being.

However, this would explain not only the power of feminism, but of all identity politics in the US, so it isn't all that specific in its effects.

I think it's a pretty important insight, but on second thought there's a lot more to it than just the wider political implications. On considering the brutality of family law in Anglo countries, which is unique in the world, it occurred to me that in no other part of the world is there a truly adversarial system of family law. In fact, Islamic Sharia family law is remarkably humane in contrast, although I'd give continental European civil law the highest marks.

The idea that a divorce is an occasion upon which attorneys can engage in the blood sport of custody fights, alimony and child support combat is unique to the Anglosphere. Without this adversarial system of family law, feminists couldn't have done nearly as much damage to the family.

With this in mind, I've begun to see efforts to introduce "no-fault divorce" in an entirely different light. As I've pointed out before, no-fault has been something of a disaster, but now is looks as though the people who pushed for

and introduced it may have actually been trying to mitigate the problems caused by adversarial divorces. They failed, of course, but according to accounts I've read, prior to no-fault couples routinely invented slanders against each other to justify divorce, introducing a barbaric element to the proceedings. The reason no-fault failed is that instead of dissipating, the fighting simply moved from fault in marriage to another arena: the assets and children.

No-fault was a well-meaning reform, but it failed because it didn't go far enough. Instead of simply expediting the finding of dissolution, it should have also declared that if there is no fault in marriage, then there is no "fault" in custody as well, and both parents shall share equally just as they do marital assets. Unfortunately, at the time it was introduced the social norm was still a working father/stay-at-home mother couple, which is outdated today.

So, perhaps rather than criticizing the concept of no-fault divorce, we should embrace it in its entirety, and extend it to all aspects of the dissolution, including child custody. If "fault" truly exists, such as conviction for a violent crime against a family member, abandonment, a crippling addiction or disabling mental illness, then it may be introduced, but barring such circumstances a default judgment of no parental fault shall be entered, and custody equally shared.

The most effective way to neutralize feminism in the Anglosphere would be to eliminate the adversarial nature of divorce proceedings. By all means, keep it in criminal and tort law, but it doesn't belong in the family, and never should have been there in the first place. Politicians and reformers tried and failed to provide a remedy some two generations ago, and now they have an opportunity to finish the job. Let's hope they give this matter some serious attention. The time for reform has already come.

Single Motherhood: Strongest Predictor of Low Social Mobility

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According to a much-publicized study on social mobility, i.e. the ability of poor people's children to rise above their parents' humble station, the single strongest negative correlation has been found to be the share of single mothers in any given region. Number two on the list is the divorce rate.

Here's a table (table 5 of white paper excel file):

> Tax and other Correlations with Intergenerational Mobility
> Dep. Var.: E[Child Rank|Parent=p25]
> (1) (2)
> Local Expenditure 0.215 (0.076)
> State Tax 0.199 (0.141)
> State EITC Rate 0.231 (0.109)
> Student Expenditure 0.251 (0.094)
> Highschool Dropout Rate -0.639 (0.064)
> Score 0.557 (0.086)
> College Return -0.276 (0.137)
> College Tuition -0.003 (0.060)
> Colleges per capita 0.102 (0.042)
> Inc. at p75 – Inc. at p25 -0.475 (0.089)
> Share of Income of Top 1% 0.178 (0.068)
> Share Black -0.605 (0.065)
> Black Isolation -0.513 (0.065)
> Segregation of Poverty -0.405 (0.063)
> Migration Inflow -0.184 (0.075)
> Share Foreign Born -0.016 (0.060)
> Migration Outflow -0.098 (0.069)
> Mean Household Income 0.109 (0.075)
> Income Growth Rate 0.561 (0.066)
> Share Manufacturing -0.260 (0.081)
> Trade Shock -0.274 (0.124)
> Social Capital Index 0.617 (0.091)
> Religiosity 0.510 (0.087)
> Crime Rate -0.326 (0.101)
> Share Single Moms -0.763 (0.078)
> Share Single Moms (kids of married) -0.652 (0.094)
> Divorce Rate -0.688 (0.108)
> Teenbirth Rate -0.550 (0.091)

Given the soaring rate of single motherhood, this is really depressing news. So much for those "strong, empowered single moms…"

Yet another blemish on the ugly legacy of feminism. Sometimes, I wonder how these people have the nerve to show their faces in public given all the damage they've done.

Is “Interactive Workplace” Code for Feminized Workplace?

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When I first started publishing *The Spearhead*, I had a whole lot of time on my hands. For the two thirds of the time I wasn't taking care of my kids, the only living creature I had to keep me company was my ornery old tomcat. It took some adjustment to get used to being alone all the time, but in hindsight it was probably for the best — I wasn't in a very sociable state of mind for a couple of years post separation and divorce.

This solitude allowed me to throw myself into writing, editing and running a prolific site that posted up to 100 articles per month in 2010/11. Over time, I began to appreciate the opportunity to do my own thing, and I had that sense of being in “the zone.” Looking back, it was possible because I could focus on work without distraction. I may be a little more inclined to work alone than most, but that kind of “focus” is a masculine trait, and probably explains why men are so much more likely to come up with unique innovations. Of course, men work in teams, too, but I've always noticed that even when they do so they tend to keep interaction focused mainly on specific work-related problems (do athletes discuss their romantic relationships on the field?).

With women, it's different. Interaction is not a means to an end so much as it is an integral part of the work/life experience. Instead of the occasional banter and jibes that characterize male socialization at work and serve mainly to kill time during periods of inactivity, it becomes something of a necessity. Meetings for the sake of meeting, chat as ritual, after work socialization and so on.

For many men, this is fatal to focus and productivity. It certainly is for me. When I'm interrupted while writing, it takes me a long time to get back on track. Sometimes, while working, I am so absorbed in what I'm doing that I don't even notice what's going on around me. When forced to notice, by being interrupted for example, that concentration vanishes into thin air, and I find myself working harder than before to regain momentum. Incidentally, this is why I've been posting infrequently lately; having the kids over during summer break makes it nearly impossible to avoid interruption, so I might as well simply indulge them while I have my time with them.

According to my limited experience and what I hear from friends, constant distraction is the usual state of affairs in the typical corporate workplace. Interruptions are frequent, people do not leave you alone, gossip and innuendo abound, and socialization merely for its own sake is common. How, I wonder, does anyone get any work done in such an environment?

It may be that women are better at performing on the job while socializing; there is some evidence that women can “multitask” better than men. This is probably nature's doing, as mothers with young children must perform work while in a constant state of interruption (children are relentless in placing demands on one's attention). On the other hand, as hunters and tool-makers, men would have had to have a strong ability to focus on a single task to the exclusion of others. When stalking a deer, merely turning aside to deal with a distraction for a split second could mean going hungry that night. When using an axe or hammer, losing focus could also mean losing a finger. I used to work in carpentry, and when we were using tools – even simple ones – we left each other alone. Anyone in the habit of interrupting fellow workers wouldn't have lasted more than a day on the job. Now that I think of it, I have never met a female carpenter.

I strongly suspect men and women evolved different means of dealing with tasks due to their biological roles, which remain real even today. Sexual division of labor is very old, and has been found in every single primitive culture studied so far. It is even found today in so-called “progressive” companies, whether they admit it or not. However, there has been a trend since the 1980s to enforce a balance of the sexes wherever feasible. I wonder whether this isn't coming at the expense of productivity — specifically male productivity. While women may be able to do their jobs passably in an environment filled with distractions, there must be a lot of men out there who are not living up to their potential because of the more “interactive” workplace.

There are countless articles about the importance of workplace interaction, how it solves problems, mitigates

disputes, etc. But how about when it *causes* problems, such as lack of focus and loss of concentration? Interaction may be part of the job for an airline stewardess, a waitress and a schoolteacher, but how about a pilot, a chef and an academic researcher? In the latter set of examples, I can see where an overly interactive workplace could lead to some serious problems.

Maybe it's time for men to assert their own workplace preferences. I have a feeling that, despite the warm and fluffy sound of concepts like interactivity, synergy and team building, most men would be happier if everyone would just shut up and shovel the gravel.

MGTOW is a Calling — it isn't for everyone

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A few days ago, I started writing a piece on MGTOW, but I didn't finish it to my satisfaction, so I saved it for later in the week. I'm glad I waited, because a post on Heartiste underscored my point.

It turns out that Mark Minter, who has written various MGTOW and anti-marriage posts, is engaged to "Kate," a woman who posts frequently on Heartise. They met through the manosphere, and now the once staunchly anti-marriage writer is ready to go through it again.

Naturally, there have been accusations of hypocrisy. How could someone who has denounced marriage in strong terms turn around and get engaged to a woman?

On Roosh's Return of Kings blog, Minter is profiled as "a commenter named Mark Minter who is dropping anti-marriage bombs all over the manosphere.":

> This is the most ridiculous logic I have heard. To call someone a pussy that counsels not to get married because of the risk is blowhard bullshit. You have a 1 in 1,000,000 chance of dying when you leave the house. You have 1 in 2 chance of divorce. 1 in 2. My opinion and observation of data is that your odds are higher if you marry someone attractive. Higher still if you were a player. So go to a roulette wheel and bet 40% of all of your future income on the red or the black. Same thing. It depends on your definition of Game. Some say Game is proactive and allows you to get the best out of life. I think it is somewhat reactive. I say it is defensive. Game enables you to avoid Oneitis and to make sane and rational decisions, to not be dragged, tricked, or manipulated into marriage.
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> You know what. I am going exactly the other direction from you. You are a pussy if you do marry. You are a coward that is falling for conditioning, that you need the social validation of it, that you are afraid that you will be alone when you are old, that you need to follow what you are told to do and man-up and meet your responsibilities, that you are afraid to stick your nose out there and continue to struggle to get what you want from women and from the world and you want a bitch to tell you what to do, that you are such a fucking wimp that you need a woman so you can lay your head on her chest and seek your mother like you were a little baby infant (Coco Chanel's word about men, not mine).
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> Pussy.

I suppose it's a bit ironic that someone who wrote a comment like that is getting married again, but there are a few things we have to keep in mind. First, the people who tend to rail the most against contemporary marriage are those who made a large emotional investment in marriage, and then lost big time. Those who've never been through something like that, such as men who never cared much about their marriage in the first place, don't get bent out of shape over it. And those who invested a lot in their marriage are the type of people who are inclined to pair-bond by their nature, which makes them more likely to marry again in the future. So it doesn't surprise me to see people who denounce marriage in strong terms going back and marrying again.

However, it does make for some embarrassing contradictions, which is why I generally try to focus on marriage reform rather than make futile efforts to stop men and women from shacking up as couples. Most people, no matter what we do, are going to instinctively move toward arrangements that strongly resemble marriage, whether we call it that or not. The real problem, as I see it, is state interference with these natural couplings. Marriage will never be perfect no matter how it's officially handled, but it doesn't have to be a convenient weapon in the hands of moral degenerates as it can be today.

That said, I'd like to give my take on MGTOW, which I hold in high regard despite the fact that I don't practice it

myself.

Several years ago, Zed explained MGTOW (Men Going Their Own Way) to me. According to Zed, it wasn't merely a response to the difficulties of dealing with contemporary Western women, but men as well. He told me that every time men got together to collaborate on some men's project, a circular firing squad would soon form and then the whole thing would go to hell. Other problems included men instantaneously dropping MRA activism when they met a woman. His solution, developed together with Rob Fedders (if I recall correctly) and some others, was to simply "go your own way." It sounds simple, but it does require a conceptual change: a rejection of social norms and expectations, some degree of deprivation and a radical self-reliance. This is even harder than it sounds, especially if you don't have any experience with it.

Because it's so difficult, men who can follow that path are worthy of admiration. Dick Proenneke, the man whose videos from the Alaskan wilderness (where he lived alone for some 30 years) are often featured during PBS fund drives, is a pretty impressive example of a man going his own way. So are a number of famous mystics and hermits, such as the Desert Fathers of the early Christian Church, Buddhist ascetics, Sufi holy men and others of various schools and sects. Of course, these are extreme examples, but the point is that there's something monastic about going your own way. It's definitely compelling – as a young man I was intrigued by the idea – but I don't think most people are up to it. I certainly wasn't. I blew the one opportunity I had to live a monastic lifestyle when I turned down some Buddhist monks who offered me a job teaching English in a monastery some 10,000 feet up in the Kunlun mountains, which surely would have resulted in a great deal of isolation. Why did I turn them down? Well, there was a girl back in Peking, you see… And there's where I, like most other men, failed at MGTOW.

And I know that if I tried it today I'd fail again. I'm just not cut out for it. After my divorce, I went my own way for about exactly as long as it took for me to emotionally recover from the event — about three years.

However, for those who can handle it, I think it's an important calling. Our society would be better off with more men who have a personal, unfiltered relationship with creation. There's something reassuring about the idea that a man can find meaning away from to the ceaseless buzzing of the hive mind. It reminds us that humans do not have the only word — nature itself can lead us to enlightenment and understanding. It lets us know that men can withstand solitude, and find peace within themselves. Paradoxically, this has a profound social value, and this must be why there has always been so much popular respect – even veneration – for men who choose to go it alone.

MGTOW is an esoteric pursuit. If it were easy and common, there would be no reason to admire men who truly go their own way. This is why it will never be a particularly popular lifestyle choice, and this is why it should be seen as a calling rather than a solution.

Generals Cave on Standards as Politicians Demand Less-Effective Military

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When the President ordered the military to integrate women into combat, several generals promised that women would be held to the same standards, vowing that women would undergo the same training as men. Back then, I pointed out that this was not really true even under the proposed "same standards" combat training, because despite the fact that women and men had to take the same physical tests, they were scored differently. For example, a man who scored well above the cutoff for women could still fail.

Now, however, even that isn't good enough for our intrepid, heroic female politicians, like Rep. Niki Tsongas of Massachusetts, who bravely spent the deadliest years of the Vietnam War as a political intern in Virginia and a social worker in New York.

Tsongas, in a profound insight, has suggested that men and women might not perform equally under the same standards, saying "To put in place a training regimen that is ill-suited to maximizing the success of women is not really the outcome any of us want to see." However, what she does want to see remains unstated.

I think I can guess. She wants to see an easier training regimen that qualifies them as "combat" specialists so that they can receive the extra pay and promotion privileges that entails. She may want to see a few new combat specialties added as well, such as combat desk specialist, combat smartphone operator, combat typist, etc. Those who bravely engage in combat typing, combat texting and the like would then be entitled to higher pay and higher-level job opportunities. Because, after all, they deserve a higher level of respect and authority than those loser non-combat MOS dudes who do worthless things like fix helicopter engines and operate radar.

Joni Mitchell remarks on “nasty” and “not feminine” feminists censored by CBC

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I recently came across some feminists complaining about some disparaging remarks Joni Mitchell made about feminists during an interview she gave to Jian Ghomeshi, host of CBC’s “Q” program.

Although it didn’t surprise me to learn that Ms. Mitchell is not a feminist – as a woman with such a beautifully feminine and artistic soul she would never fit in with, say, Amanda Marcotte – I was a bit surprised to read that she had such a strong personal aversion to Western feminism. I would have guessed she’d simply avoid those people and the subject.

So, to hear it for myself, I looked up the interview on CBC and listened to it. What she said, however (at 95:00), didn’t match the reported remarks; she merely said she wasn’t a feminist because she didn’t want to gang up on men. I thought that was a bit odd, so I listened to the interview on the CBC audio/mobile player. On the player version, she did indeed lay into the feminists (at 47:35), pretty much as reported. In fact, she goes on for about a minute denouncing feminists in fairly strong terms.

Here’s what I transcribe:

> No I’m not a feminst. I don’t want to get a posse against men, I’d rather go toe to toe myself… work it out. And that’s what I’ve done — I’ve got a lot of men friends. It’s too… too many Amazons in that community. Like [if] I saw a feminism in Africa I would join in a minute — [feminism] that was really feminine. The feminism in this continent isn’t feminine… it’s masculine — it’s contra… pseudo-male vs…. that’s just not feminine. Our feminism is masculinism — it’s not feminism. They tried to say to me – [when] I wouldn’t say I’m a feminist – ‘if you’re not with us you’re against us.’ I mean, all the feminists I have met have been so nasty and so hostile. I go ‘ooh, hoo-hoo-hoo,’ you know, I’m not joining your club, you know.

What appears to have happened is that the interview was edited for TV, and this section was removed from the video, whereas it remained on the radio version. On the TV version, the anti-feminist diatribe is cut right after she says “work it out.” Eyeballing the text, it looks like about 80-90% of it is missing, and that includes the juiciest parts.

Gee, I wonder whether there’s a feminist editor working on CBC’s video team? Do I even need to ask that question? A little shameful, isn’t it, that something spoken with passion and conviction would be cut out like that. But not surprising.

I’m glad I found the full version of Joni Mitchell’s remarks, because she’s one of my favorite female artists of all, and unlike most musicians I actually care what she says. I really love her music, and have always felt some connection to her through her soulful songs. I guess I could even allow that as a teen I had a bit of a crush on her (the younger version, anyway). It seems that we do have something in common, after all.

Here’s “California,” one of my favorites:

Why are Men left out in Immigration Debate?

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I frequently run across right wing Europeans, and now some Americans, too, arguing that uncontrolled immigration, especially from Muslim countries, should be opposed because of "misogyny," among other things. While I'd argue that the so-called misogyny (really just traditional Muslim gender roles) being transported to Western countries by various immigrants is a pretty trifling problem, and must not be having much effect given the behavior of native women in places like the UK, there are indeed problems caused by uncontrolled immigration, and these problems disproportionately affect men. The most important by a longshot is the depression of wages through flooding the labor market with people who need jobs. Seeing women wearing the niqab in one's neighborhood may bother some Western women, but really, that's nothing compared to being out of work and unable to find a job that pays a living wage.

What makes the situation even more unbalanced is that most of these traditional immigrant women don't work, so they are not competing with working native women, although they are indirectly competing with married ones (the few that remain) through their husbands.

Sometimes, I think politicians on the right are pretty foolish, because the native women they are courting are well aware that the oddly-dressed foreign women are little to no competition (as opposed to foreign brides), so these kinds of white knighting appeals are unlikely to change many votes. In reality, feminists see most immigrants as their allies in extorting more entitlements from those stingy old native men. If you wanted to court the native female vote by using immigration reform, you'd have to tell them that controlling immigration will help preserve their social welfare funds as they are running out, but no politician will dare broach the issue of women's entitlements these days.

On the other hand, feminist politicians have made great strides by restricting spousal immigration in the name of "protecting women and children," when the real purpose is obviously to reduce native women's competition.

So what about men's interests? Can immigration reform be implemented in a way that benefits men? Absolutely. Take illegal labor, for example. Governments could easily make a huge dent in illegal hiring by pursuing rogue employers with as much gusto as they go after men for child support, and this would make it much easier for working-class – and now even middle-class – men to find jobs and make enough money to support themselves. They could also put some teeth into the requirements that companies hire natives first, and stop subsidizing their profits by allowing them to import so much cheap labor.

Furthermore, the process of spousal immigration could be fast-tracked, as it is mainly men who marry non-citizens. Under the current system, it's often easier for a corporation, which has plenty of legal and financial resources, to sponsor an immigrant than it is for a spouse. From the average man's perspective, that's backward: we end up with fewer options and more competition in both work and marriage.

Men's interests are as legitimate as anyone else's, and their votes still count for just as much. I have yet to hear politicians on either side advocating immigration reform that would benefit native men.

I am a Feminist Who Believes In Equality, But Are Things Really Equal?

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It may seem odd that a Man on a pro-male blog is writing an article proclaiming himself to be a feminist who believes in equality, but before you go and scream at the site owner, I encourage you to read the entire article before calling for my demise. In retrospect, the argument for equality for all humans is probably a silly one as it seems nearly impossible to reach equilibrium for everyone on every single issue that exists on the planet, but if *modern radical feminist* want to have this argument, I will be happy to oblige them.

In recent years, we have seen an explosion in empowerment for Women in the areas of college education and graduation, Women's healthcare, business ownership, Women who are now heading up major corporations, and those that are now the "bread winners" in their families. And this is a good thing. But lately I see major gender feminist groups attempting to downplay these advancements by offering silver linings to each of the issues I just outlined.

Of course, one really needs to ask the question, are these Women's groups really out for equality, or does equality scare the hell out of them? What happens if Women become exactly equal in every single issue that faces mankind? How are these groups going to continue to drive million of dollars to their organizations, write books, become political lobbyist, and appear on nationally syndicated talk shows if we have equality? How are the professional feminist and lobby groups going to put food in their mouth and money in their bank accounts if there is no inequality? And, it seems that every time there is an advancement of Women in major areas of life, there are radical feminist who stand ready to offer examples of why things really aren't any better.

To me, it seems clear that radical feminism needs female victims to continue their mission of female dominance and appearances of equality that looks more like dominance at the demise of Men. I honestly do not believe that the average garden variety gender feminist gives a damn about equality, I believe the goal is the demise of your sons, brothers, fathers, and husbands. In these feminist world, there will not be equality until Women control everything and even then I believe there will be some manufactured cloud of victimology placed over the heads of Women and Politicians so that this dominance is maintained.

But unlike the feminist I just took a shot at, I am one that believes in true feminism and real equality across the board for everyone. And in the next section, I am going to outline some areas that I hope the mainstream gender feminist will consider because for all your work, these issues slap you in the face each and every day and expose you for very dangerous Women who are actually hurting a lot of Women that you apparently have not considered.

So Let's Talk About Equality That Radical Feminist Want To Ignore

Yea Right!

- There will never be true equality until the numbers of Women coming home from war in body bags equals the same number of Men and I am encouraging leaders at the National Organization For Women to make this happen.
- There will never be true equality until the numbers of Women who are homeless equals the number of Men who are living on the streets. Therefore, I am calling on major feminist organizations to immediately start significant social media and traditional media campaigns to make this happen.
- There will never be true equality until the numbers of Men committing suicide equals the same numbers on Women who take this action.
- There will never be true equality until either feminist fix the U.S. family courts such that there is equally shared parenting across the board, or the numbers of Fathers getting sole custody equals Mothers that do.
- I am calling on feminist leaders at U.S. universities to immediately take to the streets in outrage and demonstration demanding that Mother's sons have Men's studies classes offered to them so that they can learn positive things about Men who helped this country grow. Additionally, I am calling on feminist leaders to level the playing field for young boys who look at the massive sprawling Women's Hospitals in every major city in the United States and probably wonder where they and their Father's go to get specialized healthcare. You have two options, you can either tear down these hospitals and offer gender neutral specialized care, or you can erect the same equal numbers of Men's and Boys Hospitals.
- There will never be true equality as long as Domestic Violence organizations are attempting to put ALL Men and young Boys into a nice neat and tidy box of probable and expected predators and abusers while providing excuses for Women who commit abuse and violence. In fact, we will never see an end to Domestic Violence until Men and Women come together and stop blaming genders and using politics to build organizations who actually benefit from abuse.
- Radical feminism and Women will never see true equality until they stop telling young boys they can't be baby sitters and play with dolls, then later in life tell them they can't be active and equal fathers because they aren't naturally protective and nurturing parents because they were taught to be that way, or at least not allowed to cultivate it. Should I remind Women readers of this article, in your pro-Mother centered family court activism, you have actually provided the strength needed to marginalize your sons and yourselves as marginalized paternal grandmothers?

Now I realize that feminist who read this post will either not want to address the issues just discussed, will be unable to explain why their movement encourages these issues, or they will use their federally protected status and claim that we are misogynistic and will cry to the Department Of Justice and Southern Poverty Law Center that this article and website should be taken down to protect women even though this article is about protecting Men and Boys and undermines their agenda. However, I for one am tired of being silenced by the threat to labeled as a misogynist because I speak out about Men's and Boy's rights alongside Women and Girl's Rights. If I am a misogynist because I hate, not Women, but the way Women and radical feminist treat Men and Boys then so be it.

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Hugo Schwyzer Caught With Pants Down

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46-year-old male feminist and gender studies teacher Hugo Schwyzer, who has recently been on a campaign against older men who lust after young women, has been caught in an affair with a 27-year-old sex worker. Schwyzer has a self-confessed history of sleeping with his students, attempted murder and paternity fraud. Given his brazen dishonesty and selfish behavior, I think it's reasonable to suspect that the man has psychopathic tendencies.

According to "The Real Porn Wikileaks," a hybrid porn/news site that features some pretty eye-opening material, Hugo's affair partner's boyfriend spilled the beans:

> The details of this marital infidelity are not known, but in January 2013, Schwyzer, then 45, had a brief but torrid texting, telephonic and online fling with a 27 year old woman named Christina Parreira, also known is "sex worker activism' circles as Christina Page — and in webcam/amateur porn circles as Gabriela "Ela" Stone. According to Parreira, Schwyzer acknowledged that revelation of their fling would be "career-killing" for him — Hugo has called older men who are "into" younger women – such as men in their 40s being attracted to and pursuing women in their 20s – dirty old men and "creeps."
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> Parreira, a woman with ambitions in activism and lecturing, had introduced herself to Schwyzer online in 2012 after reading some of his articles. Like Schwyzer, she has been diagnosed with mental illness (she maintains they both suffer from Borderline Personality Disorder), and likewise acknowledges a long history of suicide, violence, attention-seeking behavior, promiscuity, and reckless drug and alcohol use.
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> She has also admitted filing a false police report to pre-emptively discredit her on again-off-again boyfriend, writer/filmmaker Michael Whiteacre (whom, like Schwyzer, she became involved with after pursuing online).
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> At the time of her long distance indiscretion with Schwyzer, Parreira had recently dropped out of the Psychology program at the University of Hartford, and moved to Wilton Manors, Florida.
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> In early February, Whiteacre published screen caps of her private messages with Schwyzer via text, Facebook and Twitter direct message…

The pictures in the above article are graphic, including a series of shots Schwyzer took of himself masturbating following a trip to Ukraine, so you might want to exercise discretion. Given his statements over the last few years, the evidence of his hypocrisy and depravity is damning. It's so bad that Hugo has announced his retirement from gender politics (I'll believe it when I see it), saying that his critics have forced him to the brink of suicide:

> In the end, the question was a simple one: am I doing more good for gender justice by continuing to write, or will I do more good by falling silent. The consensus seemed to be split. What wasn't split was the cost to my marriage and my own mental health. When I give the critics the power to drive me to suicide, the onus is on me to pull away.

Hugo, when you behave in this manner, it isn't your critics who are causing your problems: it's you.

If there's anything that really stands out in the above, it's Hugo's superhuman ability to pity himself.

Given the damage Schwyzer has done to the credibility of male feminists, I sometimes wonder whether it wouldn't be better if feminists forgave the guy and let him keep on writing as a staunch male feminist. When he gets going full steam, you just know it won't be long before he goes off the rails again and crashes in spectacular fashion.

Finally, I'd like to point out how topsy-turvy things are when we have male feminists fooling around with porn stars and flying to Ukraine (Lord knows what Hugo was up to there) while manosphere writers cause scandals by settling down in monogamous relationships. It's a crazy world out there…

Officials use pressure to “denormalize” smoking, why not obesity and single motherhood, too?

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According to research published by a Columbia University professor, public smoking bans are not really designed to protect the public, but rather to pressure people into quitting smoking. The professor, Ronald Bayer, says that officials should simply be honest about what they are doing instead of using baseless claims about the dangers of secondhand smoke.

The professor says he supports such nanny-state measures to influence public health and safety, but worries that the excuses and gimmicks politicians use to convince people to submit to more government control are too transparent.

> Public health officials don’t want to be tarred with the brush of the ‘nanny state’ (or) ’Big Brother,’ ” Bayer told PBS in a recent interview. “I actually think these bans on parks and beaches represent, I think, a kind of paternalism, a kind of nanny state. The question is, is the nanny state so wrong? If we could eliminate 400,000 deaths a year over time because fewer and fewer people smoke, would that be so bad? And I think not. But I think public health officials are afraid to make the case that directly, so they get caught in making a case that, I think, is easily picked apart.

I think Bayer gives the public too much credit. There’s little evidence that most people take the time to pick apart BS, or even question it at all. Lying to the public to implement policy has always been remarkably effective; if it weren’t people would hardly ever support war, for example. I’m not implying that it’s morally acceptable, but there’s no doubt it works.

With that in mind, I wonder why our benevolent public “servants” (as though they would ever serve us…) don’t tackle some other pressing problems, like rampant obesity and single motherhood.

Some may suggest that mayor Bloomberg’s soda ban in NYC is an anti-obesity effort along those lines, but it doesn’t go nearly far enough. Not as far, for example, as ticketing people for smoking in public or refusing to wear helmets.

If our health is the state’s business, and the state arrogates to itself the right to use “corrective” measures to change our habits, then why not start ticketing people for being publicly obese? Police could see a fat person in the local park, and then force this person to be measured by a tape and stand on a portable scale. The resulting BMI calculation could be used to determine whether or not to fine the offender for public obesity. The justification behind this could be some excuse such as the following: public obesity causes global warming due to increased methane gas excretion.

Likewise, when a woman is known to be engaging in single motherhood by choice, she should be forced to attend parenting classes, if not fined. And why not arrest people who are known to have anal sex? It’s a dangerous practice, after all, and very much a public health issue. How about we take it further, and ban pop music for advocating promiscuity, tack a carbon tax on all flights, and arrest parents who don’t put sunscreen on their kids every time they take them outside? Every one of these hazards could be justified on the basis of public health/interest. Oh, the possibilities for public revenue and healthy outcomes are endless!

But naturally, these measures will always be used selectively. It’s easy to target those scummy, working-class dudes who are smoking a cig on break. Punishing them is great! But try, in the West, fining a young mother who is foisting her burdens on the rest of society and the sound of howling will reach the moon. Try, even, fining a morbidly obese woman, and we’ll never hear the end of it.

This is the real problem with the nanny state, especially in a liberal democracy. Those we instinctively feel sympathy for, like young mothers, will never be held accountable, while the rest of us will. Naturally, this will

simply increase resentment. So, the solution I'd suggest to the public servants:

Get out of our business. It will be cheaper, and we'll hate you less.

Governor McCrory, I Have a Solution To The NC Education Cuts And Teacher Benefits Debate

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As I write this article, NC Republican Governor Pat McCrory is locked in a heated debate with teachers and teachers associations over sweeping education cuts he approved in late July of 2013. This article will not debate any merits of either sides position on this conundrum, but I am going to offer a solution that makes sense regardless of how hard it is for many to face. In this article, I am going to not only explore how NC Governor McCrory can find new money to prevent education cuts and teacher's reduction in pay, I am also going to show how he can save lives.

Sounds reasonable right? In this debate, it seems to me that each side in this matter is more focused on economics and principles rather that what is best for children. Governor McCrory has a State budget to balance to prevent collapse of the NC education system so that teachers have a job to go to, and teachers are worried about their pay and benefits. Oh sure, each has thrown in their fair share of the "It's in the best interest of children" which readers here will immediately recognize as a statement designed to prevent any dissent on your agenda because if you do then you must be for uneducated and starving children. This tactic is commonly used in the Men's Rights and Father's Rights community against our desire to be respected as equal partners in our children's lives by feminist and the family law system which throws this scripted phrase out on an hourly basis in order to quell any discussions of equally shared parenting regardless of how the system is actually hurting families and children.

But I digress, this article is supposed to be about finding money to avoid cuts in NC education and teachers pay and benefits.

The plan I am about to unveil will generate upwards of 500 million dollars in new revenue yearly that Governor Pat McCrory can then use to settle the concerns teachers and others have about the education system in North Carolina, but my points will not be popular for many.

Governor McCrory, if you fix the family courts then you will have TWO empowered parents and their extended families who can take the burden off teachers and other school resources in dealing with bullying, emotional, psychological, and sexual acting out.

My Six Point Plan That Governor Pat McCrory Can Use To Fix Cuts In NC Education And Teacher's Pay And Benefits

- If NC Governor Pat McCrory would immediately push legislation that brought about non-discretionary and unilateral equally shared parenting to a system fraught with two parents battling each other tooth and nail for 18 years in order to win in the family courts, or to prevent the other parent from winning, I believe this would save countless lives. You disagree? Have you considered the numbers of kids in broken families who commit suicide each year because they are forced to endure familial fighting between parents and grandparents that WANTS the other parent to be bad to maintain custody, or lose it? Have you considered the numbers of parents who commit suicide, murder, and domestic violence because they were marginalized by the courts to the role of visitor and payment provider four days a month? In a equal system, one where there is nothing to fight over, there will be less needless death. But how does this help Governor McCrory bring new money to State education programs and teacher pay and benefits? Under a shared parenting plan, where kids can enjoy a equal relationship with both parents, step-parents, and grandparents, there will be more involvement by the entire nuclear family which would take expended resources away from the schools and put the responsibility on

parents where they should be.

- Currently in NC, via the family courts, we incentivize single parenthood by pushing one parent out of a child's life as a parent and making him/her a visitor who has very little decision making ability and ability to nurture his or her children. This is likely done because the State of NC needs a non-custodial parent paying child support to trigger federal Title IV-D money which replenishes Welfare. If you take the marginalized parent from the role of visitor and put him/her in a empowered position of parent again, then you will see more direct support from that parent which will negate the need for State and Federal programs to support the custodial parent. Governor McCrory can then take a huge portion of Medicaid and Welfare resources and put them into teacher's pay and benefits, along with averting educational cuts.
- Once step two is done, the former custodial parent will have the opportunity to go back to work or further his or her education because they have more free time. These newly working parents who were once in the position of not working in order to draw a State check will add more money to the tax system and create new jobs. NC Governor McCrory can then use these new tax benefits and put them towards education money and teachers pay, raises, and benefits.
- The NC Family Courts have become almost comical with the constant stream of parents coming to court in order to denigrate the other parent in order to maintain or get access to the Welfare system as the custodial parent. It seems to me nothing is ever solved in this system as it continues to be somewhat like a cattle call that just goes on and on and on. Now I realize this makes lawyers happy because they can bill for 18 years, but the reality is the average parent spends roughly $20,000 a piece in the family courts and studies show that they fight two of these battles over 18 years for a grand total of $80,000. If parents were not spending this money in the courts, I suspect they would be happy forking out a good chunk of this change towards teacher's pay, raises, and benefits.
- As stated earlier, there is a huge incentive to have children in NC and then dispose of the other parent so that the hopeful custodial parent can have access to educational assistance, medical/dental assistance, financial assistance, job assistance, housing assistance, food assistance, and tax incentives. Absent this obvious problem, you will see two things happen: 1) There will be less children conceived because both parents will be fully financially responsible for kids instead of just the non-custodial parent. 2) This will result in a decrease in overcrowded classrooms and children who are acting out physically, emotionally, sexually, and psychologically because they have the resources of both parents, step-parents, and grandparents to deal with problems that usually are dropped in NC teachers laps.
- Under a system where one parent wins, while the other parent is marginalized, there are often times very sick children and more times than not, social services has to get involved to sort or the details of what is going on and usually has to provide some level of services and programs. Under my proposed system, we take the parent we pushed out of the child's life in the courts, or by the parent wanting the other parent out to get access to social services programs, and we use them in the role of parent which negates the need for social services. Governor Pat McCrory can then take money from social services derived from an empowered parent and use it to avert educational cuts and teacher's pay, raises, and benefits.

Removing All The Incentives To Win In Family Court Will Result In Parents Not Doing Battle.

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What are some other areas that we failed to mention where money that goes into sustaining a divisive family court system could free up money for education and teachers in States like North Carolina?

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On Vacation

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Dear readers, I've been taking some time off to be with family. I am currently with three generations of my family, all in the same place, and quite frankly it isn't all that conducive to getting anything done, so I'm just going to put my effort into being a father/son/brother for the next week.

Sometimes, you just have to let things go and be a family man. Chances are that I'll survive it, and will be back to the normal schedule as summer starts to wind down.

I'll post if things let up for a bit, but no guarantees for the next week or so.

Hope you're all enjoying summer!

What's really behind the Hugo Schwyzer meltdown: he's about to get hammered in court

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There has been some confusion and speculation about why Hugo Schwyzer has been going through a period of insanity and acting like such a damned fool over the last couple of weeks. And what's up with the suicide attempt? It isn't as though cheating on a spouse and sleeping with young women is new for Hugo, nor is being a lying charlatan. Writers in the manosphere have been calling him out on his bullshit for years, yet he kept chugging along without a hint of shame.

So what's changed this time?

As someone who knows a thing or two about it, it's clear that Hugo has recently become aware that he is about to be pegged like never before in court. The desperation, the unnecessary confessions, the abject pleading for forgiveness, the suicide threats and the frenzy reminiscent of a trapped mongoose are all characteristic of the man who has just realized that he's about to be cooked and eaten for dinner by his wife and her attorneys.

His suicide threats, for example, are obviously a feeble attempt to bargain with his wife. If Hugo's dead, after all, she won't get much. I doubt she's buying it, though — during divorce women will usually call your bluff. That he's sunk to that level shows that his options are extremely limited, as is often the case, and if it were just about any other man I'd feel true empathy, having been there myself, but Hugo, well… Some guys just ask for it.

I've noticed with annoyance that some writers in the manosphere have expressed pity for Hugo Schwyzer despite his atrocious behavior. While we should all reserve a basic respect for human dignity and life, in Hugo's case I think "basic" pretty much sums up what he deserves. And, if he goes through California's family court system, as is looking increasingly likely, basic is about what he'll end up with.

As much as I oppose punitive, unfair family law and support guidelines, Hugo Schwyzer is a prime example of the kind of guy they were designed for. Not only has he demonstrated extreme callousness, as in, for example, participating in paternity fraud, he has egregiously violated his wedding vows, proved himself to be far from a fit parent, and made a lot of money through being a fraud and charlatan.

Hugo makes about $120,000 at Pasadena City College, and probably rakes in some more through writing. Through a back-of-the-envelope calculation using California's child support guidelines, he should be liable for about $3,200 in cash payments per month (assuming two children). That does not include health insurance premiums and increased tax liability as a newly single man without child tax credits and deductions, which his wife will keep if she works at all.

Things are probably worse for Hugo than he realizes. Because he has repeatedly bragged that he is essentially unfireable and his boss has confirmed the same, he won't be able to leave his job unless he finds one that pays more — a highly unlikely outcome for the disgraced feminist. In other words, his basic child support obligations are all but non-negotiable.

But wait, there's more! Hugo's troubles do not end with child support obligations. As a high earner and presumably a property owner, all property will be split down the middle, unless he signed a prenup. Knowing Hugo's past, I doubt he did; what woman would have married him with a prenup? If his children and wife remain in the family home, he will be ordered to pay mortgage and find himself a place to live elsewhere. His extra expenses, all told, could easily eat up more than 50% of his take-home pay. And keep in mind that he won't lose many (if any) of his old expenses — this one's going to hurt, badly.

Because of his self-confessed history of substance abuse, domestic violence, mental illness and sexual deviance, his ability to negotiate custody will be severely compromised. He will be at his wife's mercy, and she can easily extract concessions from him if he wants time with his children. In all likelihood, visitation will be contingent on mental

health treatment, and unsupervised visitation, if ever allowed, on continued treatment. To be in a worse position than Schwyzer in this regard, one would have to be a convicted child molester.

Does he deserve all this? An unqualified YES! Schwyzer has been thumbing his nose at ordinary, honest men who are unjustly put through the same thing because they are poorer and less powerful, figuring all the while that he could get away with disgusting behavior by spouting feminist rhetoric and trashing his fellow men. And by all indications he was enjoying every minute of it. No, he is not a self-destructive, sad individual who needs help, but rather a man who has been taking every immoral advantage he could while assuming he could always hide behind his political allies whenever he committed some new crime or indiscretion.

It remains to be seen whether his wife will file for divorce and put Hugo through the wringer, but in his case I hope she does. Not because I believe family law is fine as it is, but because fair is fair, and those who perpetuate and support this system should suffer the same consequences as the rest of us. More so, actually, as people – influential ones most of all – deserve to get what they ask for, and get it good and hard.

Where Feminism and Class Intersect

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Not long ago, while trying to explain some of the toxic effects of family law – particularly where it concerns low and middle-income people – I was asked how much of this could be ascribed to class and how much to feminist influence. I had to stop and think for a minute, because while I am acutely aware that feminist bias in family law is a real problem, class issues are undeniably there are well. After a moment, it occurred to me why it was difficult to answer the question: rather than being independent variables, class and feminism act in harmony in family law, influencing and amplifying each other's effects.

Feminism is an esoteric ideology and lifestyle that only those above a certain income level can afford. For the woman working at Walmart, the woman on welfare or the mother with a working class husband, immediate needs trump issues like slut shaming and fat acceptance. Even income equality is beside the point; the kind of jobs feminists are concerned about leveling are unavailable to women at the average and lower education level. And besides, what good would it do the poor young mother if her child's father can't pay the rent or child support because he was kicked out of his job in favor of a woman?

So what you'll find is that as education and income rise, women increasingly describe themselves as "feminist." And, inevitably, these are the women who influence policy in legislatures and in the courts.

Because one finds a higher income disparity between men and women in the higher, educated classes, these women tend to have some sense that there is real economic injustice being perpetrated against women, despite the fact that as one gets down to the middle class this disparity diminishes, and in the lower classes disappears.

Higher class women, most of whom are supported by wealthy men, seek to preserve their own good fortune while enacting punitive anti-male policies that target males in lower classes. The result is that the effects of gender feminism are barely felt at the top, while they directly and disproportionately impact lower and middle income men and their families, often doing real harm to them and their children and thereby reinforcing inequality.

It occurs to me that there may be a subtle form of class warfare that cloaks itself in the "feminist" label. It's hard not to draw this conclusion after spending some time in a courthouse and observing how family law actually works and affects people of different backgrounds. For example, the men lined up at the DV diversion window are overwhelmingly lower and working class, while the wealthy couples tend to have the resources to keep things relatively peaceful and not overly disruptive. Despite this, the feminists who infest the courthouses still parrot the line about the "patriarchy" and control, even while dishing out the most punishment to men who have no power to speak of, and live in a social milieu that doesn't in the least resemble a patriarchy.

Sky News Conjures Lesbian Protest from Innocent Russian Kiss

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I'm almost embarrassed by the Western media's attempts to incite hatred for Russia. When I was in the Baltic states last year I laughed at the crazy anti-Americanism of some of the Russian language tabloids for ethnic Russian consumption. I had the sense that the US must be doing alright if the Russians are so preoccupied with tearing us down while we pay Russia little attention. However, things have changed significantly since then.

Just a couple days ago, Britain's Sky News published one of the most outrageous lies about Russia I've seen in decades. After winning the women's 4X400m relay at the IAAF track and field championships in Moscow, two of Russian victors kissed on the podium — a traditional Russian gesture of affection and gratitude, much like the French custom of kissing people on the cheek. The kiss had no political or sexual overtones; sometimes a kiss is "just a kiss." However, that didn't stop Sky news from arbitrarily declaring the kiss to be a lesbian protest against the new Russian law on gay propaganda. It speaks to the depravity of Western journalists that, on seeing two Russian women kiss each other, the first thing that comes to mind is a lesbian sex scene.

While I am all for giving homosexuals the civil rights and protections granted to other people, I am starting to feel pretty uncomfortable about this global gay crusade against sovereign nations. The lies only reinforce my unease. Those who have a truly righteous cause shouldn't have to resort to deception to advance their agenda, and the case against Russia has been based on half truths at best.

Additionally, the rhetoric has grown so wacky that I wonder whether some of the most strident opponents of Russia are even in their right minds. For example, Stephen Fry has made comparisons to the Nazi regime, saying that holding the Olympics in Moscow is akin to the 1936 games in Nazi Germany. I suppose the implication is that we should prepare for world war III so as to make the world safe for homosexuality. Sorry, you can call me an isolationist or "appeaser," but I'm not signing up for that. To me, the idea of starting another Cold War on behalf of homosexuality is pure insanity.

It remains to be seen where this will all end, but somehow I doubt attempts to provoke a global clash in the name of homosexuality will ultimately play well in the US. I may be wrong, as the younger generation of Americans is apparently the gayest one yet, but I just don't see the issue as being all that effective as a war cry. At least I hope not.

Racial Twitter Campaign Reveals Active Faults in Progressive Coalition

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Nonwhite women who are fed up with contemporary feminism, dominated as it is by elite white females, recently started tweeting under the #solidarityisforwhitewomen hashtag. Mikki Kendall, who created the hashtag, brought up the Hugo Schwyzer debacle as proof that white women don't care about nonwhite women. Kendall is giving too much credit to Schwyzer; he has never provided anything but some lowbrow entertainment with his articles on facials, pegging and such and his penchant for attention seeking. The less said about Schwyzer from here on out the better, but he did at least provide Kendall with a convenient opening from which to launch an attack on the white feminist establishment.

Although a Twitter campaign doesn't seem all that consequential, and it probably isn't, the outpouring of rage directed at white feminists was quite a thing to behold. While nothing may come of the Twitter complaints for now, there is no longer any doubt about the hostility toward privileged white feminists from nonwhite women. White men, for their part, sat this one out, with the notable exception of one Tim Wise, who derided the hashtag, thereby bringing a barrage of angry tweets upon himself as well.

There are a couple things at work here, and neither looks good for the white progs who have been dominating the feminist and anti-racist movements to their own benefit for decades. First and most importantly, nonwhites are beginning to feel the growth of their political strength. They are no longer content to sit meekly in the background while white hucksters and smooth talkers putatively speak on their behalf. And I don't blame them one bit. It's demeaning to have others speak for you, mainly because their own interests always come first. As far as white progs are concerned, appearing morally superior among their white peers and keeping minorities peaceful rank high on the interests list. This is why they rarely bring up the routine civil rights abuses on the streets of "their" cities or in prisons — best not to speak of the brutal measures that allow them to traipse around the city in relative safety and shove darker people out of desirable real estate.

Nonwhites have begun to realize that they are no longer the subordinate party in the white prog/nonwhite coalition. Why should they continue to kowtow to a faction of whites who are a distinct minority even in their own race? Perhaps no more than a quarter of American whites – if that – are true left progressives, so why does their voice take precedence over the numerically superior nonwhites? While conservative and other non-progressive whites may be at odds with minorities on many issues, there is little conflict between the groups in a concrete, personal sense. On the most basic, personal level, there is considerably less conflict between conservative-leaning whites and nonwhites than between nonwhites and their progressive white overlords. This being the case, a power struggle between minorities and their declining progressive rivals is inevitable.

The next factor here, which is related to the first, is the growth of advocacy for men among nonwhite men. Although they have been standing up for themselves in one form or another for years, only recently have they begun to offer a serious and direct challenge to feminism in their own communities. It's a challenge that has been hard for their own women to answer, because the effects of feminism have been so utterly toxic to their communities. While white feminists have continued to have a reliable upper class of white men to rely on, black and Hispanic women have been left pretty much on their own while their men are economically and socially emasculated. When it comes down to it, women rely on their men, and when their men are disenfranchised, so are they. It is specifically this disenfranchisement of minority women that has placed white feminists in a position of power over them, and they are starting to become acutely aware of this fact.

This is thanks, in large part, to the efforts of men like Obsidian, who has been working tirelessly to challenge feminism and the denigration of men in the black community. We can't overemphasize the importance of this work, to nonwhite and white men alike; the master/slave dynamic in the progressive/nonwhite coalition puts the majority of all men at a distinct disadvantage vis a vis the overclass. If it can be broken, and I see some hope for

that, we men of all races may come out of the current situation with significantly more self-determination than we had before.

I've long predicted the demise of feminism based on demographic and political trends, and it looks like these trends are finally beginning to make themselves felt. For now, we should keep working steadily on our angle, avoid petty bickering to the extent we can, and keep biding our time until the inevitable disintegration of the elite coalition begins.

Black Feminists Have A Hugo Problem, Too – Among Other Things

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"The rationalization hamster is an analogy for the thought processes used by women to turn bad behavior and bad decisions into acceptable ones to herself and her friends. When a woman makes a bad decision, the hamster spins in its wheel (the woman's thinking) and creates some type of acceptable reasons for that bad decision. The crazier the decision, the faster the hamster must spin in order to successfully rationalize away the insanity."

-The Private Man, "The Rationalization Hamster Is Now Immortal"

The flurry of attention that Mikki Kendal, an obscure Black Internet Feminist, recently garnered with her Tweet heard Around The World "#SolidarityIsForWhiteWomen", where she rightly upbraided her erstwhile White Feminist sisters for their tripping over themselves to cover their backsides in giving disgraced academic and self-proclaimed male feminist Hugo Schwyzer a pass at the expense of Sista Feministas everywhere, was almost too good to be true – Black and White Women, the Feminists among them anyway, were finally gonna duke it out over what anyone with one good eye could clearly see was dogging "the movement" since Day One – that "Feminism" in truth, really meant Feminism for White and at least nominally middle-class Women - and any other kinds of Women, especially Black, had to get in where they fit in, if at all. It promised to be a rollicking time of highspirited drama and hijinx, which so accompanies disagreements of the ladykind. I for one eagerly looked forward to the fireworks that would surely ensue.

And ensue they did – only to be kinda sorta swept aside by another hashtag bombshell sent on Twitter by another member of the Sistarati – #BlackPowerIsForBlackMen – so sayeth one Ms. Jamilah Lemeiux,editor at Ebony.com – and we're off to the races. Just like that, the ire of Black Feminists went from chin-checking their White sisters-in-arms, to running off what could only be described as a Litany of White People's Problems in Blackface to their Brothas – and this time, the Brothas responded with a Hugoesque mea culpa of its own. Headed up by Duke University academic and gender expert in his own right, Mark Anthony Neal, "Brothers Writing to Live" – a gaggle of truly privileged Black Men – wrote a response to the Litany so drenched in #Empathy that the Porn Professor himself would be impressed.

If you're thinking that I am about to suggest that what we saw in the White Femisphere over the past few weeks with their Hugo Problem is something that is NOT unique to them and that the Black Femisphere has some challenges of its own along these lines too, step right up and claim your prize, because you would be spot-on. Hugo showed us all that in the end, he got where was was and still is, in no small part due to the fact that he had enough of the Right Stuff to win the (White) ladies/Feminists over - and the same is true with his analogues on the Blackhand side of things, too. Just like Hugo knew and understood Women and Seduction well enough to have the former eating out of his hand, the same exact thing can be said of many "new" Black Men, who clearly understand the sociosexual landscape and have no compunctions taking advantage of it. No, I am not saying that any of the Brotha collective of which Neal is a part, are suffering from mental illness, pathological liars or are serial monogamists; but what I AM saying, is that one has to either be completely naive, incorrigibly disingenuous, or suffering from an acute attack of the Rationalization Hamster not to see that a tremendous deal of these shows of "empathy" on the part of these kinds of Men, have at least as much to do with positioning oneself for the Poontang, as it does anything having to do with "Social Justice".

Look, in Black America, Black Men like Neal, et al, know they are a hot and relatively rare commodity - attractive, accomplished, high status, "gets it" and says all the right things to the (Black) ladies – who, let's be equally and as brutally honest, simply don't have as many chances to get such Men into their ciphers on a regular basis, compared to their White counterparts - hence all the chatter in more recent years about "Black Male Privilege", a concept that, on its face is an utterly laughable one – until you consider that what these Black Women are talking about ain't Charles Ramsey and his ilk; it's the Jewel Woods' and Mark Anthony Neals of the world – and the Woods and Neals are smart and saavy enough – in other words they have GAME - to understand that mouthing such

nonsensical platitudes is what soooooooo many Black Women of a Certain Class *want to hear* - much like a certain White, privileged and good looking academic, did on the White side.

Sound familiar?

Black Women taking in the "I feel your pain" line from certain Brothas who have the media spotlight would be wise to, in the wake of the Hugo Crisis, take it all with a brick of salt, because, no, there's nothing wrong with your TV set, chances are high they're running White Knight Game on you, too, please do not fool yourself. Indeed, before bemoaning the supposed "oppression" they endure at the hands of Brothas, Black Feminists/Women need to consider how much trouble they get their own selves into by refusing to see the forest for the trees; in a recent interview with The Hairpin, both Mikki Kendal AND her partner in crime, Flavia Dzodan, couldn't even identify that the key reason why Hugo Schwyzer was the golden boy for White Internet Feminism when the evidence was as plain as their own noses on their faces, so deep were they in their Rationalization Hamster's centrifuges – "privilege" and "race", while certainly not non-factors, were a distant second to the simple fact that *HE WAS HOT to their White sisters,* and thus, he got on, even when – perhaps especially when - he acted like the asshat he is, and threw the Sistas under the bus.

If ever there was a validation and confirmation of everything that is taught and discussed in Game/Pickup circles, the Hugo Saga is it, and that includes the aforementioned interview. Read Kendal and Dzodan's answer to that straight-up question in The Hairpin and see for yourself. Look at those hamsters go!

But that, interestingly enough, is in fact the least of the Black Feminists' problems; from where I sit, they have at least two other big ones that they have to directly confront, if they want to still be in the headlines come August, 2014:

The first problem they have is one of increasing irrelevance - as I've noted several times over the past few years, despite their being repeatedly chumped, snubbed and dissed by their Whiter and higher class sisters, the fact remains that they – Black Women - have benefitted directly, and tremendously, from the (White) Feminist Agenda - and more often than not, with the aid and tacit approval of Black Men themselves. Today, Black Women get more abortions than anyone else, go to school more than anyone else, and have long outpaced Black Men when it comes to gainful employment. Wanna talk about violence against Women? Great – please tell me how so many Black Women's bodies are piling up at a time when, by every measure you can imagine, violent crime of ALL kinds has dropped significantly - I'll wait. Those drops in violent crime, have direct and immediate bennies to Black Women, in the form of fewer of them being raped, beaten or killed, because the single biggest victim of Black crime, is Black people, in this case, Black Women.

Black Women have documented higher senses of self-esteem, and when it comes to what Hugo referred to as "female sexual empowerment", part of the reason why out of wedlock births are so high in Black America is BECAUSE Black Women themselves prefer it that way - this was borne out in Edin & Kafalas' groundbreaking and critically acclaimed work "Promises I Can Keep" and Edin & Nelson's more recent follow up effort,"Doing The Best I Can"; and as comedian Chris Rock rightly observed, the single biggest fans and consumers of supposedly "degrading" variants of Hip Hop music are again, yup, you guessed it, Black Women, who shake and shimmy on the dancefloor to the beat all night long. None of this is to say that there are still aren't atomized instances of sexist holdouts among individual Black Men, but to deny the clear and present evidence of what I've just presented above is not just to be intellectually dishonest; its to be delusional in the face of incontrovertible fact.

The second problem facing Black Feminism is actually something that is, in some ways, *not* unique to them at all; as Susan Walsh, of the blog Hooking Up Smart, rightly noted recently, even (White) Feminists themselves have acknowledged that they have a branding problem when it comes to getting new recruits into the fold. Fewer (White) American Women than ever, identify with being a Feminist, and in fact if anything, will assiduously avoid being tagged with that label, and for good reason: because, in the minds of most (White) Women, being a Feminist is synonymous with being an unattractive, angry Man-hater.

In the Black community, Black Feminism suffers from a “branding” problem too, but one of a different kind: in the minds of most Black Women, ”Black Femism=Black Lesbianism” - and Black Feminists cannot claim that they are being tarred and feathered unfairly on that score. Indeed, Black Feminism’s roots hail from the fact that its leading thinkers were/are themselves lesbians, and the kinds of politics and interests, to say nothing of the style and tone, that they endorse are often off-putting to straight Black Women, who simply don’t see life in the same ways that they do. This has resulted in an ever-growing rift between those inside the Black Feminist tent, and those on the outside, and over the years, the former has, whether unintentionally or otherwise, alienated the latter.

Taken together – the Black Feminists’ own Hugo Problem; the question of remaining relevant in a truly Post-Feminist Age; and the alienation of straight Black Women away from the Black Feminist Brand -are far and away MORE important, in my view, than merely getting dissed, yet again, by their White sisters. After all, was that really any great shock or surprise, especially when you toss a charismatic, good looking White guy into the mix?

The Obsidian

A Matter of Faith

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As I end my short period of internet isolation (sometimes it pays to remind yourself that there is, in fact, a real world offscreen from time to time), I find myself glad to have had the opportunity – if only for a moment – to miss some of the goings on. It was nice to have a little respite from feminism and the other social ills plaguing our culture.

However, it's time to get back to the serious business of deconstructing feminism. On the male feminist front John Scalzi and PZ Myers have been engaged in some serious attention-seeking recently. There seems to be a certain histrionic flair in the male feminist, which suggests to me that they do in fact identify with women on some deep personal level.

Hugo Schwyzer (mercifully) seems to be out of the picture, and I'm not really interested in Scalzi's defensive boasting, as it doesn't contain any lessons or important information about anything other than Scalzi himself, but Myers' involvement in a rape accusation against a fellow atheist activist is worth some attention.

PZ Myers is known for a scathing hostility toward religion, and Christianity in particular, as opposed to the typical atheist's apathy. I'd guess that somewhere from a third to a half of men are skeptical about religion, having essentially the same attitude as St. Thomas, i.e. "I'll believe it when I see it." It's a masculine attitude, and entirely natural. In most cases this is exactly the Atheist position and the source of objection to religion, but in Myers' case something far different appears to be at work.

Rather than being driven purely by skepticism and a refusal to accept that for which there is no objective proof, there is something else that drives Myers' hatred for religion, and, apparently, for men in general.

A few weeks ago, Myers claimed to have received emails from a reader about Michael Shermer, who has attended a number of Atheist events and is a fairly prominent Atheist in his own right. This alleged reader accused Shermer, who is now nearly sixty years old, of being a serial rapist who stalks and assaults women at Atheist conferences. Myers has refused to divulge the identity of the reader because, I suppose, the right to confront one's accuser doesn't apply to rape accusations. Or perhaps he made the entire incident up.

Myers tries to cover his tracks by saying he has "no personal, direct evidence that the event occurred as described," but nowhere does he suggest that the "event" itself may be entirely fictitious. Instead, he claims that he is doing a good deed by lending credence to the accuser, because "she has no other option" besides making an anonymous accusation. So much for skepticism…

Indeed, one might think that a rational, skeptical individual would question an accuser who claims, seven years after the fact, that she was raped by a fairly old man at a conference attended by many people. There was no surprise ambush, no seizure by force, use of weapon, etc. Instead, at an event with many people, he brazenly coerced her into sex, and got clean away with it.

The accusation:

> At a conference, Mr. Shermer coerced me into a position where I could not consent, and then had sex with me. I can't give more details than that, as it would reveal my identity, and I am very scared that he will come after me in some way. But I wanted to share this story in case it helps anyone else ward off a similar situation from happening. I reached out to one organization that was involved in the event at which I was raped, and they refused to take my concerns seriously. Ever since, I've heard stories about him doing things (5 different people have directly told me they did the same to them) and wanted to just say something and warn people, and I didn't know how. I hope this protects someone.

It truly requires a leap of faith to take this accusation at face value, and even more so to take the step of publicly

airing it. Repeating anonymous accusations has always been viewed with suspicion, and for good reason. When key elements of evidence are “secret,” there is no way for the outside world to verify the truth. In general, it is fair to start from the premise that secret or anonymous accusations are false. In science, much cherished by many skeptics as proof that religion is false, men deliberately set about to disprove hypotheses before accepting them as fact, and the idea that any secret or uncomfirmed results should be given consideration would be rejected immediately. Objective truth does not just take people’s word.

But that’s what PZ Myers has done with the Shermer accusation. And by refusing to name the accuser he has cast doubt not only on the story, but his own credibility as well. Myers is asking people to believe without any corroborating evidence aside from the alleged accusation of some mystery woman. It is more of a stretch than the miracles of the Bible, in which witnesses at least identified themselves. This behavior throws doubt on any previous claims Myers has made about his skepticism toward religion being based on reason. A man so willing to believe with so little proof has no leg to stand on in attacking people for their faith in God. He has revealed himself to be, above all, a malicious hypocrite and prejudiced bigot.

The other explanation, of course, is that PZ Myers is a scheming liar who made the entire thing up to discredit a rival. In that case, I hope Michael Shermer sues him for defamation.

Obama Supporting Patriarchal Rebels in Syria

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For all the talk about promoting women's rights worldwide, you'd think someone might mention that feminism and women's place is a contentious issue in the Syrian Civil War. Bashar al-Assad's regime, while authoritarian, is remarkably liberal by Arab standards where women are concerned. The rebels, on the other hand, are dominated by Muslim fundamentalists akin to the Taliban. You know, the type who execute women for fornication, keep girls out of school, force women to cover themselves and employ beatings and gang rape to keep them in line.

That the Obama administration and the US elite in general support these rebels suggests that feminism is amongst the least of their concerns in a global context. In fact, feminism is strictly for domestic consumption, and used as a tool to put ordinary American boys in their place. In the greatest of ironies, Obama is about to order American military personnel, who have had feminism shoved down their throats since he took office, to assist these ultra-patriarchal jihadis and attack Assad. In the meanwhile, many of them will have wives back home going out clubbing and fooling around with townies and other soldiers off base.

These inconsistencies of US policy reveal that ideologies like feminism are not really taken seriously by those in power, but are instead just a convenient tool or an effective weapon, like a Tomahawk cruise missile that destroys American families and renders children fatherless so as to prevent them from challenging the scions of our overlords.

However, in the case of Assad and the rebels I can't in good faith support either side. Assad has employed feminism in the same manner as our elites, while the rebels have a burning hatred for my civilization and religion. If I had to choose a side, I'd go with Assad, because at least he doesn't burn churches and massacre Christians (BTW, whether you call yourself secular or Christian, if you're an American you're still a "kafir" to these rebels). And anyway, the kind of patriarchy fundamentalist jihadis support is totally alien to my people and our tradition, which has always been a lot more moderate and benevolent in that regard.

So, when the cruise missiles start raining down on Damascus, keep in mind what a fraud Western feminism is. Hell, I'll bet even Patty Murray supports an attack on the Syrian regime.

Rage Over “50 Shades” Casting Choices

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Apparently, fans are taking the film adaption of *Fifty Shades of Grey* very seriously. So much so that the decision to cast Dakota Johnson and Charlie Hunnam has been met with a deluge of angry tweets.

> Since it was revealed over the weekend that Charlie Hunnam and Dakota Johnson landed the lead roles in the film adaptation of Fifty Shades of Grey, passionate fans have been in a fury, directing rage-filled tweets at author E L James and film producer Dana Brunetti and starting a petition lobbying for White Collar star Matt Bomer and Mad Men‘s Alexis Bledel to replace the duo as Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele.
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> Brunetti tried reasoning with the angry mob, retweeting hateful messages and explaining how the casting process really works.

Fifty Shades of Grey is, quite frankly, pornography, and as a man I find the emotional investment in the stars to be bemusing. But maybe that’s because I’m a man, and it’s easier to emotionally disengage from sex.

However, that raises the question of whether female-oriented pornography might actually be more socially disruptive than the male sort. For men, porn is often an outlet. Although it can become an addiction, for the most part it’s simply a means to release sexual tension — a substitute for the real thing. Nevertheless, second wave feminists in the early days were staunchly opposed to pornography, although they have a history of going back and forth on the issue, possibly depending on where they, personally, stand in the sexual market.

Female pornography, however, seems to be more of an all-consuming fantasy that becomes confused with reality. The fictional beautiful maiden being ravished by some marauding sheikh, to be carried off to live in the opulence of a desert harem, becomes a part of the self-identity of the housewife reading the porn. The sheikh becomes her dusky lover, and all that stands in the way is that schlub of a husband who expects her to fix him dinner and get his suit ready for work (the nerve!). Her imagination runs away with her, and next thing we know she’s fooling around with some guy named Habib from the local Halal market (feel free to mix and match ethnicity of lover according to porn setting).

I wonder why men don’t take this female porn as seriously as feminists take the male variety. It seems to me that it’s more consequential, after all.

FEMEN Revealed to be Pimp's Brainchild

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The Eastern European feminist group, known for topless protests around Europe, was founded by Victor Svyatski, a Ukrainian "activist" who hand-picked the girls for their looks and called them "bitches."

It's highly ironic (although unsurprising) that the guy who was behind the group treated his charges as though they were a part of his stable, calling them spineless and submissive.

From policymic's Andrea Nica:

> While, there is nothing wrong with having a man be part of a feminist movement, the validity of the movement is in question given Svyatski is the main leader and founder of FEMEN. Still, one could remain open-minded … that is, until he told 28-year-old Australian film-maker Kitty Green "These girls are weak" during the filming of FEMEN's upcoming documentary, Ukraine is Not a Brothel. The founder is known for calling the female activists "bitches" and "submissive." Sadly, the reputability of the movement has waned.
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> It's difficult to stand behind a group positioned to end women's oppression politically, sexually, and religiously when these feminist activists are paradoxically led by a dictator they publically oppose. According to the Independent, Svyatski describes his hostile feelings towards the women he "hand-picked":
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> "They don't have the strength of character. They don't even have the desire to be strong. Instead, they show submissiveness, spinelessness, lack of punctuality, and many other factors which prevent them from becoming political activists. These are qualities which it was essential to teach them."
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> With Svyatski as leader, this group cannot honestly fulfill their mission of empowering women and raising awareness against political dictatorships. To further support this opinion, one of the FEMEN campaigners tells Green, "We are psychologically dependent on him and even if we know and understand that we could do this by ourselves without his help, it's psychological dependence," she says.

This what pimps refer to as "breaking them in."

Never underestimate the power an immoral man without principles can exert over women, including the feminists who enthusiastically supported FEMEN throughout the West. Does anyone believe that Mr. Svyatski lost any sleep over the girls arrested in Tunisia, or the ones stripped and abandoned in Belarus? I suppose a better question would be whether the feminists who endorsed this pimp's efforts feel any remorse for their part in the scam.

I doubt it. Birds of a feather and all.

So much for "Ukraine is not a Brothel"…

Oregon Bar Owner Fined 400k for Telling Transsexuals to go Elsewhere

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I've never concealed my skepticism about transsexuality. I became suspicious of the trans rights movement when I noticed how many transsexuals were involved in "deconstructing masculinity" and similar man-hating/gender-bending academic disciplines. While homosexuals have an apparently inborn sexual preference, transsexuals are by definition not "born that way." In fact, most of them are straight men, and many are fathers to children. Often, the desire to "become a woman" seems to arise in middle age, by which time full physical and psychological masculinization has already occurred. I suspect that transsexuality, for most men, is a form of pathological pedestalization of women. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, after all, and it isn't uncommon for people to strive to become that which they most admire.

In general, I don't think people are viscerally offended by men who can genuinely "pass," but there's something about a big man with an adams apple and huge hands in a dress that disturbs people. Just as the transsexual claims to have been "born" a woman, I think I can say with some certainty that most people were born with an aversion to that kind of gender bending.

So when I heard Portland bar owner Chris Penner called up a group of transsexuals who had been congregating at his bar every Friday night and told them to stop coming, I naturally sympathized with the man. Can you imagine trying to make a living in the hospitality industry while guys built like linebackers wearing lipstick, dresses and heels occupy your business?

> A Portland, Ore. bar owner has been ordered to pay $400,000 to a group of transgender customers that he banned after claiming they affected his business.
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> Formerly known as The P-Club and recently rebranded as The Twilight Room Annex, a group of transgender women known as the "T-Girls" had patroned the establishment every friday night for over a year before Cassandra, a member of the group, received a shocking voicemail from bar owner Chris Penner. As heard on the Fox 12 report above, Penner noted in his voicemail:
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> "Hello, my name is Chris. I'm the owner of P-Club Bar and Grill. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I'm going to have to ask for you, Cass and your group, not to come back on Friday nights. People think that A) we're a tranny bar or B) we're a gay bar. We are neither. People are not coming in because they just don't want to be here on a Friday night now."

Penner made the mistake of leaving a message instead of using another, more ambiguous method to chase away the unwanted customers. Under Oregon's "Equality Act," it is illegal to discriminate against men for wearing outlandish clothing and violating cultural norms if they call themselves women. In any other comparable case, such as men dressed as "furries" or Civil War soldiers, it would be perfectly OK. If a man thought, for example, that he was born in the early 19th century and dressed the part, he could be legally kicked out of an establishment for annoying people. It's only when you think you're a different sex that such delusions are privileged by law.

From a Q&A on the Oregon Equality Act:

> Under Oregon law, gender identity includes what a person believes his or her gender to be, including how the person chooses to express his or her gender. Gender identity protection also encompasses any behavior that differs from what may be traditionally associated with the person's sex at birth. The law protects people who identify as transgender as well as people who do not fit into stereotypes of how a man or woman should look or act.

Again, I'd like to stress the distinctions between gay and so-called "transsexual" men. Homosexuality is a sexual preference, and therefore a private matter. Although there may be certain manners of speaking and acting associated with homosexuality, these by no means sufficiently – or even accurately in many cases – define what it means. Transsexuality, on the other hand, is a public expression. Identifying as a woman demands public acceptance. We are obliged to accept, regardless how we may feel about it and no matter how unlikely it may appear, that these men are women. For most of us, this is an affront not only to our sense of propriety, but our physical senses as well. If a man is homosexual, on the other hand, we have no obligations — he lives his life and we ours.

Also, importantly, if a gay man acts in an over-the-top, inappropriate manner, he can be asked to leave an establishment or job on the basis of his behavior. That does not constitute discrimination, because public behavior does not define homosexuality.

What this reveals is that extending rights to people based on gender "identity" rather than gender reality is going above and beyond the traditional protections granted to people. These are not rights, but privileges that the rest of us do not share.

If we could make any comparison, perhaps the closest one would be freedom of religion. One is free to believe things that others find preposterous, and to proclaim these things as truths. That is the only parallel I can see between transsexual rights and other rights. However, freedom of religion does not grant the right to force others to also proclaim belief — the freedom goes both ways. If Catholics were to enter a bar, perform a Eucharist, and declare the alcohol and bar snacks the body and blood of Christ, I don't think it would be called "discrimination" if the owner promptly tossed them out for disrupting his business. Likewise, transsexuals should be free to call themselves women, but when the state forces the rest of us to recognize and honor their declaration, it is an abuse of power and a step toward tyranny.

For Young People, “Feminism” Going Down Memory Hole

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I’m always curious about what’s going on with millennials, because a few years ago I realized that I am totally out of touch with youth culture. Today’s youth culture is more different, as far as I can tell, than my own (genX) was from my boomer parents’. Sure, we genXers were more cynical, skeptical and dark than the exuberant, colorful boomers, but we were entirely familiar with boomer icons throughout all avenues of culture. In many ways, we came of age in their shadows.

However, when I look out on the youth landscape today, it’s alien territory. With the exception of R&B and country – both conservative musical institutions – there’s little recognizable out there. Politically speaking, I don’t have a clue what’s going on. Occupy Wall Street? That fizzled almost as soon as it arose. Millennial politics are an unknown quantity at this point, and I don’t think I’m any more clueless in this regard than traditional media, which rarely if ever reports on youth politics, opinions, etc.

So I must rely on clues from the pop media sources, many of which are centered on entertainment gossip, which seems to be the voice of the new generation.

I’ve posted a few articles about pronouncements young stars have made about feminism. As far as I know, every single one has rejected the label of “feminist” when asked. Katy Perry, Taylor Swift and even Lady Gaga all denied being feminists. Perhaps they associate it with their grandmothers, just as I would have associated 1950s middle-class housewifery with mine.

However, it seems that some of the younger ones don’t even know what it is. Take “Teen Mom” star Farrah Abraham, for example. That teen mothers are now pop stars is pretty outlandish from my point of view, but I think it must say something about the cultural values embraced by millennials, and instead of ridiculing it I’d rather seek to understand (if possible).

Abraham, who made some money through pornography with Hugo Schwyzer’s fantasy beau (and possible former student) James Deen, was recently asked whether she considered herself a feminist. At first, she didn’t seem to understand the word, responding that she thought she was, indeed feminine. When the interviewer clarified, she said “What does that mean, you’re a lesbian or something?”

Maybe Ms. Abraham is a dim bulb and very vacuous, but then again she seems to have a keen business sense. It’s just that “feminism” isn’t even on the radar screen for her, and apparently never was.

This may seem like trivial stuff, but it strikes me as a very big difference from my own childhood. When I was a teen, young women almost all knew what feminism was, and most of them identified with it. Some considered themselves feminists in middle school and were militant about it by 9th grade. Feminism wasn’t only well-known, but pretty much normative in urban America around 1990. Girl bands were screeching about rape, take back the night marches were in full swing, and even male rock stars were earnestly pledging their support to radical third wave feminism.

How things have changed…

I predict that when millennials come to maturity, feminism will not even need to be rejected, because, if people like Farrah Abraham are any indication, nobody will even know what it is any longer. Perhaps in 20 years’ time, when you ask a young person “what is feminism?” the response will be something like this:

“What does that mean, lesbians or something?”

“New” Birth Control Trend: Pulling Out

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Chuck Ross’s GLPiggy site alerted me to a supposed trend in birth control amongst the hipster set. Because they think the pill is unnatural and condoms are a pain, they have resorted to the old standby of coitus interruptus. This has alarmed a number of feminists, including Amanda Marcotte, who called it a “worrisome” trend.

However, the kinds of women profiled probably have something else to worry about: childlessness. Sure, there’s a nod to the 15-24 age set, but when an article refers to women buying “organic kale,” you can rest assured that they are in the last trimester of their fertile years, or very close to it. Let’s say women are reliably fertile from 15 to 40 — a 25 year spread. Now go to a Whole Foods in San Francisco and take a look at the “young” women shopping there. They really aren’t very young; the median age is over 30. If we take the last trimester of fertility to be 32 to 40, most of them fall squarely in that age group.

It seems pretty clear to me that these women talking about “natural birth control” aren’t all that enthusiastic about birth control in the first place. If you’re in your early to mid 30s and still childless, and your boyfriend doesn’t want a kid, what better way to force the issue than to reject chemical birth control?

From the article Chuck linked:

> It’s no coincidence that the pullout advocates I know are women who have been sleeping with the same man for years. More than any other birth-control choice, the pullout method requires women to relinquish control and put a significant amount of trust in their partner. But it also comes with the benefit of sharing the burden of preventing pregnancy. After years of being the ones who had to remember to take a pill or replace the ring, pullout puts the onus on men. A friend of mine, who’s 32, says her current partner has more reservations than she does about using the withdrawal method. “He’s like, ‘I’m nervous. Sometimes I feel like I’m going to fail at my job,’” she says, adding earnestly, “It’s a lot of pressure for them.”
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> She concedes that the pullout method is risky, but, she continues, “For the longest time I used the pill and condoms because I was terrified of getting pregnant. The older I get, the less scared I am. I’ve had an abortion” — when she was on the pill, actually — “and it’s not the end of the world.” These days, she’s more comfortable going condomless than her steady partner is. “The older I get, the more deserving I feel of pleasure,” she says. “When I was younger, men would be like, ‘It’s so much better to have sex without a condom!’ But it’s also more pleasurable for me. The more I connect with my sexual desire, the more I want to have sex without a condom.” And without hormones. And that means pulling out.

The reason I know this rejection of the pill is utter bullshit is that women in this demographic also happen to be the most enthusiastic consumers of fertility drugs and procedures. When it comes time to have a baby, “natural” is immediately tossed out the window in favor of “by any means possible.”

Amanda Marcotte likes to talk about the victimization of young women, but as Farrah Abraham, mentioned in my last post, demonstrates, younger women are currently not only proud of their fertility, but eagerly capitalizing on it as well.

Women want to have babies. Rejection of artificial birth control should be seen exactly for what it is: desire to be a mother.

Comment of the Week: A Millennial's Take on Gender Politics

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I'm always happy to get some input from younger Americans because, as I wrote yesterday, their politics and views are a bit of a mystery to me. I'm curious about them for a few reasons. First, many of them are pretty close in age to me, and could be little brothers or sisters. My parents were boomers who had me at a young age (very young by today's urban standards), so a lot of millennials have parents who are from essentially the same cohort as mine.

Another thing that piques my curiosity is that the American lifestyle changed profoundly in the 90s. I finished high school in the early 90s, and by about 2000 it was clear to me that teens were living in an entirely different world from the one I'd inhabited less than a decade before. There was far more wealth, but at the same time fewer jobs and opportunities for young people. Instead of getting a job while still in high school, as I had, teens were being held out of the labor market, forced into college, and encouraged to be "interns" and the like. In the meanwhile, the jobs that used to be available to teens were filled by full-grown illegal immigrants. Culturally, that was a big change. I never countenanced working for free, but then again I never had the same financial support as a teen as millennials, who were driving shiny new SUVs while I was still taking the bus or riding my old motorcycle, a used Honda I bought with money I earned working construction the summer after my junior year (Honda built a good bike back then).

When I look at what happened to millennials, I think they have more cause to feel betrayed than anyone. Later genXers like me generally assumed that we'd never get the plum deal our parents had, so it wasn't such a letdown when things started falling apart — many of us were already familiar with relative poverty by the mid-90s. Millennials, however, came of age at the height of American power and wealth, and now all that has just about been wasted. I can't imagine how demoralizing it must be.

From Pancakes:

> As a long-time Millennial generation lurker, I think I can comment a bit on this.
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> It's true that most of my group have 'forgotten' feminism in the academic sense-you will be hard pressed to find a girl now who will openly proclaim herself as a feminist. Oh sure my university had the militants and rabid feminists still who were all about Grrrrrl power and letting the world know at every waking instant what their very existence depended on, but these numbers have declined significantly compared to the height of the second wave back in the 1980s.
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> No, what I see in my cohort is a near unconscious acceptance of all feminist principles while simultaneously rejecting the feminist label. Feminism to most 20 something girls is seen as icky, an obsession engaged in by their mothers that now is a mood killer at social events (the binge drinking, one night stand parties). These girls know how proclaimed feminists are viewed-cat ladies in training who couldn't secure a date even if they tried. Among the female hierarchy feminists are the bottom of the totem pole as they place little to no overt interest in relationships (they are patriarchal and thus hurtful in case you bigots didn't know). Millennial girls in my experience rather expect you to "just know" that all the feminist principles apply without having to tell you what is socially expected of you know, and that is if they can even list what they expect or understand; they basically want fun fun fun without all that talking stuff that kills the mood.
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> Feminism in my opinion has become an academic wasteland, devoid of any intellectual thought, instead relying more upon appeals to the victim mentality to maintain its institutionalized subsidization through publications and articles that desperately try and find any new source of female suffering to legitimize its purpose. Millennial girls care not for feminism as an ideology, it's only those who have no hope in hell of attracting attention that join its ranks in hope of garnering some form of endearment. Nope the problem I see with my generation is not that feminism is dead, but that its principles have become unconscious and acknowledged as inherent reality; how can you even argue that they are wrong when no one can even envision an alternative?

Jim Jones: The Father of the Progressive Coalition

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Recently, I've found myself frustrated with a couple of senators, one Republican and the other a Democrat. Both John McCain and Dianne Feinstein have thoroughly alienated me with their hawkish, anti-populist stances on a number of issues, such as government snooping on citizens, Syria, gun control and illegal immigration.

Because the two of them have been on my mind, I decided to do a little research into their biographies, starting with Feinstein, and I came across quite a story.

Although I knew McCain was pretty old, it seems Feinstein has a good hairstylist and makeup artist, because I thought she was at least ten years younger than her 80 years. In fact, she was well into her 40s when she served as President of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors back in the 1970s, before she became mayor following Dan White's murder of mayor George Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk. That was a long time ago!

The story behind Feinstein's career is fascinating, as it exposes the cultural displacement and upheaval in urban America during the 1970s, a strange time of which I have only the jumbled memories of early childhood, which are more of a collage than a sequence of events. But despite having been a small child, I clearly remember the stark contrast between the young and old; the modern and traditional. There were the old Irish women who wore black to church, and then the young women in earth tones who didn't bother going to mass. There were contrasts between the older and younger men as well. Mainly political views and ideas about traditional duties, such as fighting for one's country and being a family man. Not that all the older men were perfect in that regard, but young men and their fathers rarely saw eye to eye in those days.

The cultural gap between young and old was profound. There was disco on one hand and Lawrence Welk on the other. As for higher culture, public radio frequently played classical music if I recall correctly, while young people listened to folk songs, which I remember fondly, as my mother would sometimes sing them to me. It was an odd time to be a small child, because there was a sense of transition and alienation; of failure of transmission from one generation to the next as the young rejected wholesale all that characterized the old America. In hindsight, I'm glad I had the opportunity to witness a little bit of this historic time, if only for the perspective it gave me.

However, in addition to artistic and political culture there were other, equally important factors at work. It wasn't all simply a matter of the young hippies vs. the old squares. Entire cities were in transition, too. The young people born in urban neighborhoods were leaving them in droves. During the late 60s the flow of young people out of cities into suburbs that began after WWII began to increase, leaving some cities, like Seattle and San Francisco, depopulated and economically stagnant during the 70s. The people who remained behind were disproportionately those who had no reason to leave cities (the childless) or those who couldn't afford to (urban blacks). I have become convinced that the reason cities such as San Francisco and Seattle developed such a politically powerful gay bloc by the 1980s is that so many straight couples had moved out to the suburbs that the cities were left disproportionately gay. In my own Catholic neighborhood, almost all the people from my parents' generation – and there were a whole lot of them – lit out for the 'burbs.

What happened in the 70s was that formerly bustling urban neighborhoods that had been full of working-class descendants of immigrants, often Catholics and Jews, suddenly lost their youth, leaving empty nesters and lots of vacancies behind. This, I am convinced, is the reason so many formerly Catholic neighborhoods in the US (the list is long, and includes Boston, Denver, Seattle, San Francisco, etc.) became gay in the 70s. What better place for a young gay man than a dense urban neighborhood with low rents, decent infrastructure and relatively low crime?

We have to keep in mind that the cultural revolution of the 60s/70s wasn't exactly a hot war. Dan White's murder of Moscone and Milk notwithstanding, there wasn't much of a fight at all, but rather more of an abandonment of the field by one side. Conservative Americans who are fond of complaining about how the country was "taken over" by radicals would do well to remember the parable of the absentee landlord.

And it wasn't only minorities (sexual and otherwise) who inherited the cities, but other, stranger groups of people. The cultural dissonance of the time produced a bloom of odd cults, many of which temporarily occupied cities. In more demographically and culturally stable times, they wouldn't have been able to hack it, and would have faced a lot more scrutiny from officials and neighbors. But things being as they were, opportunistic politicians were willing to work with them, which, in San Francisco, made for one of the weirdest political partnerships in urban American history.

When Dianne Feinstein was serving as the President of the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco, the board was divided into two factions, one being more conservative, and the other – Dianne Feinstein's side – more progressive, to use contemporary terms. Even in the 1970s, the conservatives were a powerful political force, and controlled the board with five seats out of nine total. But all that was about to change, thanks to a new arrival who led an 8,000 strong congregation of faithful believers in a hybrid Christian/Communist religion of his own devising. The man was Jim Jones, the infamous leader of the People's Temple cult who, together with over 900 of his followers, committed suicide in Guyana by drinking grape kool-aid laced with cyanide (hence the term "drinking the kool-aid").

While in San Francisco, Jim Jones mobilized his thousands of supporters to win the 1975 San Francisco mayoral race for George Moscone, a progressive, who was running against developer John Barbagelata, a conservative who represented the older and more traditional residents of the city, many of whom were from the old Catholic communities.

From Salon's David Talbot:

> It was Burton ally Willie Brown – a rising force in California's state capital — who first recognized that Jones's organization could play a pivotal role in his friend George Moscone's run for mayor. Moscone, a charming and handsome state legislator, had electrified San Francisco progressives with his campaign for city hall. A champion of gays, women, minorities, tenants and organized labor, Moscone was locked in a tight race with a pack of opponents led by conservative realtor John Barbagelata, whose campaign evoked a nostalgia for an older San Francisco, when it was ruled by traditional Catholic values. A meeting was set up between Jones and Moscone in the office of Don Bradley, the candidate's veteran campaign manager. Bradley was initially cautious. "I was a little leery we were getting into something like the Moonies," he later recalled. But after he looked into the temple's campaign history and saw how effective it was in delivering victories, Bradley enthusiastically embraced Jones's volunteer army. Nearly 200 temple members showed up at Moscone headquarters, fanning out to campaign in some of the city's toughest neighborhoods, and helping the candidate finish first in the November 1975 election.

Ultimately, Jones delivered at the polls, and it made a difference: Moscone won by a mere 4,000 votes. We have to give some credit to Jim Jones for his political ingenuity. Despite his depravity, Stalinism and delusions, he pioneered what has become the national Democratic alliance between white progressives and minorities. One could even say that Barack Obama owes his presidency to Jim Jones and the tactics he introduced in San Francisco in the 1970s.

However, the time has come for a critical appraisal of the founding values of the progressive coalition, which is approaching a crossroads as its white beneficiaries are entering their twilight years. First of all, it is important to note that Jim Jones was a fervent Communist, and planned to take his followers to the Soviet Union. He decided on mass suicide after a congressional delegation led by Leo Ryan scrutinized his compound in Guyana, where he'd relocated with nearly a thousand followers in 1978. Some of Jones' henchmen opened fire on the congressman, killing him and several others, leaving the fate of the People's Temple in doubt and the prospect of a move to the USSR highly unlikely. This prompted the mass suicide, although Jones had apparently been planning and rehearsing it for some time.

In San Francisco, Jones made no secret of his passion for totalitarian Communist leaders, and his allies, including

former San Francisco mayor and well-known California politician Willie Brown, praised him all the more for it. Harvey Milk, for his part, enthusiastically supported the People's Temple, even going so far as to write a letter to President Carter on behalf of Jones and his cult.

Then there was Jones' personal depravity. He was a drug addict, pimp and philanderer who farmed out underage black girls to white progressive politicians, then blackmailed them (according to former Temple members). He was arrested for soliciting sex in a men's restroom at a movie theater, and he sodomized his male followers – sometimes in front of their wives – claiming that he was only doing what they wanted him to do. To manage his mostly black followers, he employed a half dozen white women from his personal harem and put them in charge of what essentially became a tropical plantation in Guyana. In the end, he was the worst mass-murderer in American history, personally ordering and supervising the "suicide" of his followers.

Interestingly, Jones may well have been the inspiration for the rainbow flag, which flies prominently above Harvey Milk Plaza today, and thousands of others locations throughout the Western world. The history of the flag, first designed and sewed by Milk's personal friend Gilbert Baker, is obscure (intentionally perhaps?), but Jones was fond of proclaiming himself to be head of the "rainbow family." It is not at all far-fetched to suppose that it was Jim Jones who introduced the term to Milk and Baker, and hence the idea for the flag, which first flew in 1978, a few months before the Jonestown massacre and Milk's assassination. Further supporting Milk's connection with Jones is the strange and macabre fact that Milk's ashes were mixed with grape kool-aid before being scattered into the sea.

Very little of this history makes its way into the official story. I am glad I avoided the film *Milk*, and not because I object to the subject matter, but because learning about the lies of omission (Jim Jones was out of the picture) would have ruined it for me. Sometimes, historians get closer to the truth than those who lived it, because they are not constrained by political loyalties, taboos, and personal concerns. Hopefully, when enough time has passed and Dianne Feinstein, Willie Brown and Jerry Brown are but memories, someone will produce a film that truly does justice to the urban political revolution of the 1970s, which was the seed out of which the contemporary progressive machine emerged.

On looking back, it seems to me that Harvey Milk, George Moscone, Dianne Feinstein and Willie Brown, despite their political achievements, remain in the shadow of Jim Jones. For all their success and determination, they were children under the same father, following a vision they didn't come up with themselves. Dianne Feinstein and Willie Brown may have lived to see another day, but they, too, drank the kool-aid.

Amanda Marcotte: Refusing to Prosecute Husbands "Sad"

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George Zimmerman, who is going through a divorce, was detained for allegations of domestic violence a few days ago after his wife accused him of attacking her and her father and threatening them with a gun. The event made the news, but despite Zimmerman's very high and controversial profile, reaction to it was muted, suggesting that people have grown accustomed to these allegations, and don't take them all that seriously.

However, Amanda Marcotte does, and she bemoans the fact that so many wives make an accusation and then later retract it:

> Statistics on victim recantation vary from district to district, but experts agree that it's an extremely common problem, reaching as high as 90 percent of cases in places like Queens, N.Y. It's long been assumed that the major reason victims recant is out of fear, especially the fear of the abuser retaliating. But a 2011 study out of Ohio State University suggests another reason: sympathy for the abuser. Researchers found by listening to recorded phone calls between men arrested for domestic violence and their victims that the abusers generally started off by getting the victim to question her own version of the story, insisting she remembered the whole thing incorrectly or that she's making mountains out of molehills. Once softened, he then starts to lean on her sympathy and concern for him. Often, by the end, the abuser has convinced the victim that they are a single unit, a couple standing against a vicious system that's trying to take him away from her.

This is personal for me. I was accused of pretty much the exact same thing Zimmerman was, and it could have gone very, very badly for me if my ex hadn't recanted. I wouldn't have been convicted at a trial, as my neighbor happened to witness the entire "incident" (which in reality was a mere handoff of the children with no threats or agitated behavior on either side), but I could have been shot or hurt badly by the police during an apprehension. Of the thousands of officer-involved shootings that happen every year in the US, a very high proportion are over domestic disputes, whether real or alleged. Police treat domestic disputes as very dangerous calls, and come loaded for bear. The results can be deadly.

Because of the lethal risks involved, police have become more cautious about these calls in recent years. They are also well aware that many of the allegations are exaggerations or outright fabrications calculated to give wives the upper hand in divorce proceedings. Attorneys specifically counsel wives to call the police if they feel "frightened," and that often translates into calling them when they feel angry or frustrated with an obstinate husband who won't give in to divorce demands.

What's left out in the domestic violence debate is that making a false or exaggerated accusation is in itself spousal abuse. Having others beat or shoot one's spouse is no less abuse than doing so oneself. In this sense, police often become the tools of an abusive spouse. They are the fists and guns of the enraged wife. To Marcotte, who truly fears and hates men, this is right and proper. The only way to achieve justice and equity is to beat, shoot and cage men. This is why she deplores recantations, which allow both parties to calm down and begin to deal with each other as grown-ups.

Marcotte hates men so much that she even lets her prejudices get in the way of women's best interests. Instead of a reasonable divorce, which is likely to be better for wives in the long run, she prefers escalation and the use of police and criminal law, which typically results in a wife getting *nothing* from her ex husband. How does it empower women to impoverish them?

More mature, intelligent women know better than to kill or lock up their spouses, because they know that it won't do them any good. But less sophisticated, i.e. average, women often don't understand, and lose their heads in the heat of the moment. When they make this mistake, the sick feminists like Marcotte step in to ensure that the family is not only broken, but smashed into tiny pieces, and then they call it "empowerment" and "justice." One of these

days, when we can, we're going to have to put these people out of business. We just can't afford this kind of "equity" any longer.

Real Rape Culture

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One of the trackbacks to Monday's post on the newfound popularity of raping boys in America's schools led me to a truly horrific story. A Rose City, Michigan boy was repeatedly raped over a period of three years by teacher Neal Erickson, who was eventually caught after photos of his crimes surfaced.

This is bad enough, but what tops it off is that not only did he gain the sympathy of many of his colleagues, but their staunch support and written pleas to the judge to take it easy on him. Ten of his fellow teachers – all female by the looks of their names – wrote letters asking that Erickson be forgiven for his "mistake."

Keep in mind that these are public high school teachers, paid by locals through taxes, who have promised as a condition of employment to look after children's interests. Apparently, however, if you're a progressive high school teacher, sodomizing boys is no big deal. Just a regrettable little lapse in judgment, kind of like, say, not claiming tips on your income taxes.

> Teachers take sides
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> That's when [the boy's parents] learned for the first time that numerous teachers in the school district wrote to the court to plead for a lenient sentence for their colleague. They were shocked to see several teachers – and school board member Mike Eagan – sitting across the courtroom with the sex offender's family.
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> "Neal made a mistake," teacher Sally Campbell wrote to the judge, according to the Ogemaw County Herald. "He allowed a mutual friendship to develop into much more. He realized his mistake and ended it years before someone anonymously sent something in to the authorities which began this legal process."
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> "I am asking that Neal be given the absolute minimum sentence, considering all the circumstances surrounding this case," wrote Amy Huber Eagan, a teacher and wife of board member Mike Eagan. "I am also hoping that he can stay remanded to the custody of the Ogemaw County Jail and not be sent to a prison facility."
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> "Neal has pled (sic) guilty for his one criminal offense but he is not a predator," teacher Harriett Coe wrote, according to the Herald. "This was an isolated incident. He understands the severity of his action and is sincere in his desire to make amends. He has been candid and conveyed his action to his family, friends and co-workers."
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> In all, 10 people, including seven WB-RC teachers, submitted letters of support for Erickson, most pleading for a reduced sentence. They included Campbell, Amy Eagan, Coe, Toni Erickson, Carol Rau, Marilyn Glover, Sandi Lee, Kathryn Weber, Kathleen Sheel and Kathleen Palmer, the Herald reports.

Fortunately, the judge didn't buy it. For repeatedly sodomizing the boy and probably screwing him up permanently, he sentenced Eriscksonto 15-30 years — not a high price for such a cruel crime.

As the father of a boy, I have to admit that it really disturbs me to see that teachers have such a hateful, dismissive attitude toward boys. When I see the picture of his poor father John Janczewski – far from a rich man from the looks of it – it fills me with hatred for these people. These are the same teachers who would go on about "rape culture" and "the patriarchy," and lecture boys about the need to treat women with respect. I am certain of that. But here they are, covering for a vicious pederast who took advantage of humble people then spat in their faces. For those of us who don't have the money to put our kids in private schools, these are the kinds of people who have authority over our sons. And they have the audacity to get up in front of a judge and say it's nothing to rape our boys. What male teacher would ever do that? What man would cover for a teacher who was sleeping with a teenage female student, which, despite being highly inappropriate, is a far more normal and less damaging thing than anally raping a boy for years?

I thought about writing what I'd be tempted to do if I were that boy's father, but on second thought I'd better not.

Suffice it to say that I hope I never come face to face with someone attempting to diminish or justify the rape of my son. That just couldn't end well.

You get what you ask for...

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Jane Lynch, who has a role on Fox's gay teen drama "Glee" as a lesbian coach, and who is a lesbian in real life, is going through a divorce with Dr. Lara Embry, her gay-married wife of three years. Since landing the role on Glee, Lynch has been making very good money, on the order of a quarter million a month.

Embry, who has a ten-year-old from a a previous relationship, is now seeking almost 100k per month in alimony:

> The Glee star announced in July she was legally ending her three-year-marriage to the clinical psychologist, whom she split from in February and Lara is demanding a whopping $93,809 a month in spousal support, according to TMZ.
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> In new court documents Lara revealed Jane's average monthly earnings are $234, 688 and said the pair regularly ran up $40,000 a month on credit cards.
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> Lara's expenditure includes $6,500 on clothes, $12,000 on entertainment and $4,500 on eating out and the documents reveal much of the money for these has come from Jane's earnings.
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> She said, 'Her income, investments and assets increased dramatically with her newfound acting success.'
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> While Lara and her 10-year-old daughter are currently living in the house Jane bought, she is thought to be demanding the house, which the couple spent $3 million on renovating, or 50 per cent of its worth.
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> The pair first met in 2009, got engaged in 2010 and married on Memorial Day the same year in an intimate ceremony in Sunderland, Massachusetts.
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> It is believed **they don't have a pre-nuptial agreement** and despite their financial issues, Jane recently insisted they have remained civil.

Welcome to family law, Jane Lynch!

I might feel a bit of sympathy if it hadn't been for the fact that lesbians have been highly overrepresented in family law for decades as part of the plan to smash patriarchy. Not only are many attorneys and heads of social agencies lesbian, but a high number of petty officials who bully husbands into giving up their children and turning over their paychecks are as well. I, and countless other fathers, have had personal experience with these types.

Gay men are not as enthusiastic as lesbians about marriage for obvious reasons (why spoil a good deal when you don't have to?), so a high number of gay divorces are bound to be lesbian affairs. One might speculate about whether this will prompt changes in family law, as they backpedal from their earlier stance regarding the right of wives to plunder their spouses. It might, but I doubt the effect will be all that strong. The profit motive is now too strongly entrenched in the system for lesbians to have the same influence they did 30 years ago.

At least now, however, lesbians can share in the same joys of matrimony as the hated patriarchy.

An Epidemic of Violence, or Fraud?

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By Tim Brown

It began when I was presented with a press release detailing two upcoming events sponsored by the DeWitt County Sheriff and a Domestic Violence group known as DOVE where “domestic violence experts” would be giving short presentations. Both events it was explained would be moderated by a sitting Judge.

Upon reading and re-reading the press release, I decided that it seemed reasonable enough that Illinois Fathers request permission to also present at this event, and if we were denied, we would hold a small protest outside while the event played out. These events are nothing new in Central Illinois. Typically, after the event, there is an article in the newspaper which gives glowing coverage to the Judge and DOVE regarding how very concerned they are about the serious problem of domestic violence. Obviously, a public slam at fathers. The press release itself can be described as grossly biased and bigoted against fathers as it gives the public the impression that fathers are beating the tar out of their spouses/partners and their children.

So I reached out to DeWitt County Sheriff, Jered Shofner, explained that I was the sitting President of Illinois Fathers and that we would like to seek permission to also present at his upcoming events. Sheriff Shofner and I had a rather lengthy phone conversation. It was civil enough, but we had a long back and forth. Sheriff Shofner obviously wanted nothing to do with Illinois Fathers at his upcoming Father bashing fest, but he did not want to grant permission for Illinois Fathers to present, nor did he want to deny Illinois Fathers permission to present. However, days later, he (or somebody) made the decision that Illinois Fathers would not be allowed to present, and thus the stage was set for a protest to be held outside of the Library in Clinton, IL where the first event would be held.

We had a respectable showing of a little less than 20 members show up. The bulk of us remained outside and held a few signs, passed out flyers, etc. A few of our more cerebral members went inside to attend the presentations and ask questions. I was informed that the presentations themselves were very safe and factual. No outlandish anti father statistics were offered. Obviously, the powers that be altered their strategy due to the knowledge that Illinois Fathers would be present. I was also informed that when one of our own brought up the subject of Emergency Orders of Protection being used as a divorce/custody tactic rather than as an actual means of protection, that the Judge moderating the meeting actually stated that it is a problem. We also had a couple of bites from local media, however neither outlet actually released a story. What can I say? Our opponents are everywhere, even working for media outlets. I was also surprised at the near complete lack of turnout for Sheriff Shofner’s event. Other than typical DOVE employees and some County Government employees, there was only one attendee present who was not on the government dole. I do not know for sure, but I would guess that many of the people there were compensated in one way or another for their time, travel expense etc. in order to attend this presentation. Illinois Father’s members on the other hand must pay their own way, volunteer their time, etc. Yet we had far more of a showing than did the opposition.

Then there was the August 12th event to be held in Farmer City. To cut to the chase, the DeWitt County Sheriff along with DOVE simply cut and ran. They did not hold the event. They made no public announcement that the event was cancelled. They did not inform Illinois Fathers that the event was cancelled, and thus several of our members who took the time and effort to attend were left standing on the curb realizing that the Sheriff and DOVE and the Judges had simply cut and run.

The entire series of events does leave a number of unanswered questions. First off, if DOVE is so very concerned about the “epidemic of domestic violence”, shouldn’t they go ahead and proceed with their August 12th event? What is Sheriff Shofner doing sponsoring this in the first place? Is it the job of the elected Sheriff to hold a father bashing fest ? Then there is the matter of Judge Garry Bryan and Judge Richard Broach. Fair and impartial? Excuse me? A sitting Judge showing themselves within 10 miles of one of these events represent a huge conflict of interest.

The secretary/assistant for Judge Garry Bryan is herself a big whig in the DOVE organization. Again, a huge, gaping conflict of interest.

Sadly, neither major political party will get close to this issue regarding what the Judges and the Domestic Violence groups are getting away with. I sometimes have to laugh when some special interest group proclaiming pro-family values gets all lathered up about children being separated from their parents due to some issue related to homosexuality. Children have been being removed from their fathers for decades now, and not one of these pro-family special interest groups gives a rat's tail about it. Where is the media in all this? Why isn't someone in the media doing an expose of the fraud that is perpetuated by these domestic violence groups? If a small backwater county like DeWitt county is giving $ 100,000 to DOVE, what is the money being used for? Why is a reporter not sticking a microphone in the face of Sheriff Shofner, or Judge Bryan or Judge Broach ? When will somebody in the mainstream media challenge DOVE and ask them, "are you really helping victims or helping divorcing/separating Mothers to secure custody and break up the family?"

People of the female persuasion tell me that I am taking things too far when I draw comparisons between the Divorce Industry and the Nazis in old Germany. Is it really such a stretch? When the Nazis were ramping up, Hitler would give passionate speeches where he would get large crowds all lathered up about the badness of Jewry. This all led to uniformed officers of the State removing people from their homes and sending them to camps. Today in America, groups like DOVE have succeeded in aligning with the likes of Sheriff Shofner to hold public, taxpayer funded anti-father events. DOVE has also succeeded in getting the Judges to grant Emergency Orders of Protection to divorcing/separating mothers, based simply upon the mothers statment that "she is scared of him". This of course leads to uniformed officers of the State with guns removing the Father from his home and informing him that the very act of fatherhood is now a criminal offense.

Probably the saddest chapter is this whole sordid story is the fact that many American Citizens demand that things be this way. They demand the power to break the family and secure custody on a whim. They demand the power to criminalize innocent fathers. They gloat and brag about their divorces and the trappings that they are granted by the Judge in the process.

Who are the real victims? Perhaps Illinois Fathers should hold an event for victims of "Family Court Judges". We would have no problem in gathering up a number of victims willing to publicly share their story of being forced into a divorce or separation that they did not want in the first place, and subsequently forced away from their child(ren). I wonder if Sheriff Shofner, Judge Bryan and Judge Broach would be willing to moderate this for us?

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Black Men Don't Know How To Protect Black Women: An Open Letter To Lincoln Anthony Blades

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"Of all our studies, history is best qualified to reward our research." — Malcolm X

I was cruising the Black Interwebs last week when suddenly, I happened across the following piece by Mr. Lincoln Blades, one of the newest class of Black Relationship Experts out there on the scene today. Now, to be fair and to fully disclose: me and Linc know each other, and to be honest, I like the guy. I wouldn't say we're best buds – we just know each other on Twitter – but we've chatted a bit back and forth, and we've retweeted each other a number of times. I'm all for another Brotha doing his thing, even when I find myself at odds with it; you see, it's my view that there are far too many Black Men out there who pander to what Black Women Want To Hear, and far too few Black Men who are willing to assist Black Men where it matters most. Linc knows this, just like all the other Black Relationship Experts do, but…well, you see, there's no money in assisting Black Men - and there's tons of money to be made in telling Black Women What They Want to Hear. There: I've said it — and if Linc values the late great Brother Minister Malcolm as much as he claimed in his article that he wrote for Uptown Magazine last week, about how Black Men Don't Know How to Protect Black Women, then he shouldn't have a mumbling word to say about the truth I just spoke above.

So, it should then come as no surprise, that he would pen just such an article; it's all par for the course among the "Good Black Men" crowd. As I've made clear previously, the Black community (more on this in a moment) is no stranger to the Hugos of the world. You see, while there's no money to be made in actually helping and focusing on Black Men, there IS money to be made in "shaming" them, because, again, it serves the Black Relationship Expert agenda, of telling Black Women What They Want to Hear; upbraiding Black Men puts money into the coffers of these people (the majority of whom, as the popular website Single Black Male rightly identifies, are Black Men themselves).

Imagine, if you will, Mr. Blades writing this article: *"Why SHOULD Black Men "Protect" Black Women?"* - and then proceeding to lay out the following facts:

1. That violent crime of ALL kinds, including rape and sexual assault, has dropped like a stone across America, to all time historic lows in locales such as NYC, and that Black people, and in this case Black Women in particular, have greatly benefited from this

2. That domestic violence is something that is hardly the sole preserve of Men, Black or otherwise, and that among other easily accessible examples of this, is the public violence "Queen of Hip Hop" Mary J. Blige visited on her hubbie at the same time Chris Brown was (rightly) being vilified for assaulting Rihanna (Blige was never held to account for her actions)

3. That Black Women do indeed enjoy lifestyles today never imagined by even White Women a half century ago, in large part due to the aforementioned dramatic reductions in violent crime, increased employment and educational opportunities and so forth - often with the tacit, if not overt approval, and assistance of Truly Privileged Black Males (while Black Men overall continue to languish on the margins of American life)

4. That Black Women are among, if not the, most prolific consumers and purchasers of "degrading" forms of Hip Hop - as Chris Rock rightly observed a few years back

5. That Black Women have a tremendous say on how they are viewed and perceived by the larger media world – from YouTube videos like "Twerkin' At The Wal-Mart" and "wilding out" at a MetroPCS store in Motown, all the way to primetime teledramas that feature a Black Woman mate poaching a (White) President and everything in between

6. That society not only doesn't reward those Black Men who DO step up and do the White Knight in Blackface

Thing, but actively disincentivizes it.

How do you think Uptown Magazine would respond to such a piece, hmm? How do you think Mr. Blades' core audience, nearly 70% of whom are Black females, per his Twtrland stats, would react to such a frank accounting of the facts – hmm?

And as for the notion of "uplifting the Black community" - an idea put forth by W.E.B. DuBois, nearly a century ago (and someone Malcolm himself would have, at best, mixed views about, if not outright condemnation for), the idea is at best, and at this juncture, a quaint one. As Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and television talking head Eugene Robinson made so poignantly clear in his book, "Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America", there IS no "Black community" anymore, hasn't been in quite some time (as the HBO landmark series "The Wire" regularly depicted with jarring clarity and, again to cite that erudite social critic, Chris Rock rightly observed some 15 years ago) and is likely to continue to "disintergrate" on into the foreseeable future. DuBois' notion of "uplifting" Black America was as romantic as his notions of a "Talented Tenth" – and neither proved tenable. Which explains why even he gave up on his visions and got outta Dodge in the final years of his life.

Everyone reading this knows that if and when a Black Man offends, be that spitting on the sidewalk or going upside anyone's head (other than another Black Man, that is), the chances are wildly high that he WILL be apprehended, he WILL be judged guilty, and he WILL go to jail, most likely to serve a lengthy sentence. That what some have referred to as the Prison Industrial Complex continues to grow apace amidst prolonged economic distress nationwide – some three decades running at this point and counting – puts to bed any notions that Black Women are somehow under siege by marauding Black Men On The Loose, as if we now live in a funny house version of *Birth of A Nation*, or something.

No.

The brutal truth of the matter is, that the single biggest impediment facing Black Women in our time today, are Black Women themselves, which, in a sane world, would come as good news, because it would be the fulfillment of both the Civil and Womens' movements of the 60s and 70s – the ability to chart one's own destiny, free and unfettered. And if Malcolm were around today, he would be among the first to make that point clear – and then would have some choice words for the Brothas who continue to pour saccharin into the ears of those same Sistas, for their own gain – monetary and otherwise, ahem.

The Obsidian

Chubby white American girl becomes “world’s first female Maasai warrior”

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Mindy Budgor, a privileged California girl who was bored with her healthcare job, decided to go on an African safari. Upon arriving in Kenya ahe found herself entranced with the “strong, African men,” and desired to be like them. When she asked how many women were warriors, the men said there were none, because women were too weak and not brave enough. Being a modern American woman, Mindy took exception to this, and declared that she would become a warrior. According to Mindy, she instantly became a heroine to all the poor Maasai women, who were suffering under the oppression of not being allowed to become warriors.

Somehow, she convinced the men to let her try to become a warrior, and they finally gave in and said they’d come up with some initiation ceremonies for her (I wonder what pranks they came up with).

As far as I can tell, her trials included making a bed for the men, killing a baby goat and carrying a spear. Evidently, she was allowed to take her nail polish into the bush.

I’d chalk this up to delusion on Ms. Budgor’s part, but apparently she had a plan all along: selling underwear. From *Warrior Princess*, her book on the experience (p. 54):

> “The company is Under Armour – an athletic apparel company – and I’m going to be part of an initiative to increase sales of women’s apparel.”
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> “And explain why the Maasai are involved,” my dad prodded.
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> “Because we’re working on a female empowerment initiative with the tribe that we believe will have broad-range appeal to women.”

So it’s all a big fraud after all. Such a terrible disappointment… Here I was thinking the Maasai had finally left the old ways behind and taken up the rainbow flag.

It would be good for a laugh, but, in a demonstration of how elites prop each other up, the BBC went as far as to promote the girl in this scam. Shameful.

In other news, Omar Hammami, AKA Abu the American, a half-American man who grew up in Alabama and went to Somalia on jihad (he said that his childhood in Alabama, largely spent outdoors hunting, trained him well for war), was reportedly killed in a battle with Al-Shabaab a couple days ago. I wonder, since Mindy Budgor calls herself a “warrior,” why she doesn’t go seek out the glory of the battlefield like Hammami. It isn’t as though there’s any shortage of opportunities for warfare in Africa, after all.

How to Easily Debunk the “White Privilege” Slander

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The idea that white people have unearned racial privilege is an insidious lie that justifies everything from discrimination against white children to reflexively blaming disadvantaged and poor whites for their misfortune. It’s a slander that serves the elite while slapping the common people across the face.

Fortunately, it’s very easy to debunk because of the nature of privilege.

Privileges, whether earned or not, give one an advantage over others who do not share them. However, the advantage is relative; it does not exist when the unprivileged are absent.

Therefore, one would expect that if white privilege were real, in order to capitalize on it white people would be rushing to surround themselves with nonwhites, avoiding white neighborhoods, going to majority nonwhite schools, doing business mainly with nonwhites and working with nonwhites.

In the meanwhile, nonwhites would avoid majority white neighborhoods, institutions, schools and workplaces, because they would be at a disadvantage in these places.

Do we see this happening?

Nope.

The concept of male privilege can be debunked in the same manner. If men really were privileged, why would women push so hard to gain entrance into male institutions, and men have so little interest in female ones? The implication here is not that men have privilege, but rather that women do.

So next time someone blathers on about “white male privilege,” simply ask: if it really exists, why is it that so few people take advantage of it?

Broader Horizons

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Hi readers. You may have noticed that I'm writing about subjects other than feminism more often. Charles Martel has made some humorous allusions to the politically incorrect subject matter.

I'm doing it because, to be quite honest, I'd like to broaden my horizons a bit. In other words, too much feminism can get to be somewhat tiresome. Not that I'm giving up on that subject – by no means – but I'd like to also write about other things that strike my fancy too. I think it's necessary for me to keep myself motivated and engaged, and hopefully it will stimulate some reader interest as well.

My take on it is that I feel OK about expressing my opinion on social matters as long as I feel comfortable with my moral stance on issues. Race and class issues, for example, don't intimidate me because I think I treat people according to the dictates of my conscience. That's really all the authority you need to speak openly about them.

If you aren't advocating harm to other people, there's nothing wrong with standing up for yourself and your own and voicing your opinion. That's my personal standard.

So, while I will add my opinion from time to time on some controversial American issues, I'd be happy to have other writers of all races, creeds and persuasions do the same. If you disagree with me, prove me wrong. But always keep your basic humanity, and do your best to follow the golden rule.

Of course, advocating for men and fathers remains the most important goal, because I can't think of a more pressing social issue for all American and Western men and their children today.

This is just a heads up for those who might wonder what's going on. No serious changes in the works — I'd just like to make the job and the content a little less one-dimensional.

Your opinions are welcome.

Free App Promotes Testosterone Production While You Use the Internet

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Studies have shown that exposure to broadband light sources, primarily the sun, affects melatonin and testosterone production. Many of us work on our computers or "iPads" late into the night without consideration of what staring into a bright light source may be doing to our our hormone cycles. Feminists may have a point when they accuse us of living in our mother's basement based on some of the irascible comments we leave on their thoughtful media essays. Perhaps the computer is robbing us of our manly vitality and making us just plain bitchy.

Having struggled as well with poor sleep patterns from long winter nights or untimely office commutes, I have tried to improve the situation by installing broad spectrum lights and buying a Phillips Wake-Up Light.

So when my son mentioned a software app that adjusts screen color temperature based on time of day, I was intrigued. Made perfect sense, why didn't I think of that? Probably took some guy only a couple of lines of "Java" code to implement it, now he's lounging in a hammock somewhere in SE Asia while the passive income stream fattens his portfolio.

So I checked out the "f.lux" download page and installed it. I noticed that their page allowed Disqus comments, so I dropped one on them. Given Bill Price's new Spearhead theme of Broadened Horizons, I thought I might pen a testimonial about f.lux, but the raging feedback from their fanbase provided all the free content I needed. These people are more fun to troll than feminists :

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Teaching Your Children Skepticism

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One of the regrets of my childhood is that I didn't listen more closely to my father. Although far from a perfect man, he knew a great deal about politics and the world, and saw right through to people's inner motivations. However, he stood out for being such a renegade, and because of that I dismissed a lot of what he said.

Most children swallowed what they were taught without hesitation, largely at the urging of their parents. Middle class families were the truest believers of all. I did get the sense that some of the poor and very rich counseled their children to be skeptical, but for the most part kids were told to "listen to adults," regardless of which adult was speaking.

In hindsight, I should have listened to adults a lot less.

So now that I have kids, I'm faced with a dilemma. How does a parent warn kids that not everything taught in school is true and not everything adults say is honest without making them disillusioned and unmotivated?

First, I think we must recognize that the United States has changed fundamentally even since people who are only 30 were children. It has become a truly multicultural country, like Syria and Iraq. There's no sense of being a part of a "nation" or, for the majority, an ethnic group at all. Even church affiliations have largely broken down, with the typical form of Christianity promoted today being a confused mass movement with no depth to speak of.

Of all white, Christian Americans, perhaps only Southerners can claim a sense of ethnic and cultural identity; for those of us in the north we might as well be a deracinated form of lumpenproletariat that embraces the lowest, most degrading form of self-flagellation and debased entertainment. Given such a bleak cultural environment, what is a parent to do?

If at a loss, I think it's worth looking at people who have not fallen into that trap. Of the people I know who are most secure and functional in our contemporary environment, most are members of successful minorities who come from a deep cultural tradition, e.g. Jews, Italians and Chinese. All three of these groups have managed to retain some dignity, sense of pride in their heritage and success in passing their values to the next generation.

This ability to function and prosper in a culturally chaotic environment may well be part genetic (inborn resistance to alcoholism, high intelligence, conscientiousness, etc.), but the cultural influence is probably even more important. All of the aforementioned groups have lived in multicultural, heterogenous societies for thousands of years. We tend to think of Chinese, Italians and Jews as monolithic groups of people, but this is far from the case. Italy is the most genetically and culturally diverse country in Europe, China is home to several different languages (Mandarin and Cantonese are not just "dialects") and countless regional variations, and Jews have a diaspora that, for the last 500 years, has stretched from the Americas to the mountains and steppes of Central Asia. Despite all these innumerable differences within and around their people, all have maintained a fundamental set of cultural values and practices that have prevented them from disappearing from the face of the earth — even as minorities in cultures dominated by others.

So, given our new reality, it would behoove Americans to take a few lessons from successful, ancient peoples, unless we really don't care whether we bequeath anything of value to posterity.

The first lesson, and the one I'd like to focus on today, is that our own values are more important than those of the culture at large. Teaching children that what they learn from their parents and family is more important than what they learn in school is a good start. This doesn't mean teaching them to reject everything learned in school outright, but rather that they should, with some family guidance, pick and choose which tools are useful and which to discard.

For example, having a child learn to read and write is important, but any so-called "history" that is taught in schools today ought to be taken with caution. Anything, in fact, that is open to political interpretation ought to be viewed

with serious skepticism. This, unfortunately, includes some of the sciences, such as biology. If a biology teacher says something patently false, such as “men and women’s differences are social constructs,” you have to take the time to explain to your child that this is not true. Biology is probably the science most prone to abuse, as proven by totalitarian leaders like Stalin, Hitler and Mao Zedong, all of whom promoted immoral policy based on flawed science. Our schools are far from immune to this tendency, male feminist PZ Myers being a prime example of a mountebank using biology as a political tool.

Although I am not a supporter of Creationism – partly because the Bible contradicts itself in this story – I understand why parents would rather teach it to their children than allow charlatan biologists like Myers to have the final word. But this is ultimately a losing approach. The evidence for natural selection and an old earth is too strong, and, in any event, none of this requires one to deny the existence of God.

So the key, as I see it, is to instruct one’s children on what you consider to be fundamental values, and pick and choose what they should take from the wider culture. In other words, be a true believer in your own values and culture, and a skeptic where outsiders are concerned. In this day, handing one’s children over to so-called professionals for both moral and practical instruction is doing them a grave disservice, and when you feel your child is old enough to understand that, tell the kid why. Do not underestimate a child’s capacity for understanding, nor his or her desire to learn. “Because I said so” is never sufficient for a curious child — “because _____” or “I don’t know” is far better (if you don’t know something, offer to find out with the child).

When it comes to popular culture, pay a little attention, and deconstruct it with your child. Encourage him to view it critically, and to weigh the message and the messenger. If, for example, a rapper is advocating peace, love and understanding, ask why, in another song, he was rapping about shooting people, and whether that’s consistent.

Do the same with teachers. If a teacher is going on and on in some political crusade, blaming your children’s people for all the evil in the world, have a talk with your child about bullying. Ask whether good people like to insult and demonize children and their families, then tell the child that even some adults like to bully people, sometimes because it makes them feel strong and powerful. Because they can’t do it to grownups, they bully children instead, kind of like a fourth grader beating up a kindergartener.

Make sure that your children know that adults are not better people than children; they are just stronger and have more experience. This means that although they can do more good, they can also do more harm, so never trust an adult – even a teacher – unless you know for sure that she is doing good. And don’t stop there; explain to the child that good intentions are not the same as good outcomes. Even if an adult wants to do good, they might do bad because they are uninformed, or their beliefs are incorrect, and yes, adults can be wrong.

I mentioned history earlier, and I’d like to get back to that because it’s a great opportunity for a father to get involved with his children. Using history to entertain, teach moral lessons and learn about human nature is a great way for men to instruct and influence their children. If done properly, both fathers and children should find it interesting and fun. My son, for example, is fascinated by large buildings, machines and public works. This is a great opportunity for both of us to learn about classical Rome. My daughter, who takes after me a bit more in her interests, is fascinated by stories about the people and families involved in politics. There’s something for everyone in history, and leaving it entirely up to schoolteachers is a shameful thing for a father to do.

All this can apply to grandparents as well, if they have the time. The point is that while school can be helpful to parents and children alike, the most important kind of education comes from the home. Although we hear that so often that it has become something of a cliché, depressingly few people take it seriously, and rather than put in that little extra bit of effort, prefer to trust people they don’t know, and probably don’t even agree with, with the entirety of their children’s education.

Although it isn’t a pleasant thing to say, we must set aside this trust in public institutions for the good of our kids. A people doesn’t survive by letting the flavor of the month have its way with core values, so if you care about the future, you’d do well to treat your children as your own rather than wards of the state.

An American Divorce in Two Photos: The Gosselin Residences

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Jon Gosselin was in the news again recently. He's currently waiting tables and taking care of his eight kids during his custodial time. He lives over fifty miles from his ex-wife Kate, and has to drive the entire distance himself to pick up the kids, and then back to drop them off. He said he doesn't see her at all — she just sends them out with the nanny and he picks them up. He doesn't talk to her, either, but why would he want to?

What reports have been dwelling on, however, are his job as a waiter and his new place, which is a rented cabin in the woods. Kate, naturally, got the house.

Where Kate lives:

Where John lives (from radaronline:

Some patriarchy we live in…

We Reserve the Right to Be Angry For You

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The Left, the American Campus, and Boorish White "Activists"

By Ben Welton

Throughout the U.S., September 11, 2013 was celebrated and commemorated in predictable ways. While most Americans treated the occasion with a somber respect for the dead, a select few exercised their rights as Americans to be boisterous and brash in the face of state-mandated political correctness. By now we all know what two million bikers did in D.C., and more unfortunately we know what the slimy Florida Pastor Terry Jones tried to do.

In the inconsequential state of Vermont, an equally brazen act of remembrance occurred on the campus of Middlebury College. In keeping with a decade-long tradition, Middlebury's College Republicans and Democrats, in a show of solidarity and old-fashioned "good faith," planted 2,977 flags into the earth, each one symbolizing a victim from that day. Typically, the day is an easy one, if not a little boring. Sure, students will stop and take some time to reflect (then they go right back to their distraction screens), and during the orderly clean-up session, a few friendships will be made and memories shared.

This year's ceremony didn't go so smoothly, however. Sometime in the early afternoon, a group of activists uprooted all 2,977 flags in protest. Their cause? Native American rights. Besides a muddled bark of "American imperialism," the five dumb-witted defilers of tiny American standards claimed that the flags were impaling sacred Abenaki ground – a burial ground no less.

Color me stupid, but when I hear "sacred Indian burial ground," I generally tend to have nightmares about Jack Torrance limping up the stairs or pale, dead-faced children slicing Herman Munster's tendons. The problem with this Indian burial ground is it isn't one. Not only is there no evidence for an Abenaki resting place on Middlebury's campus, but, to make matters more ridiculous, the student-run, school-sanctioned 9/11 memorial does not even meet the criteria for grave desecration. Don Stevens, the chief of the Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe, has not only publicly denounced the protestors as "Disgusting," but claimed that "Putting flags in the earth to honor bravery would not be disrespectful." So even if Middlebury's campus was crawling with unclaimed and unknown Abenaki tombs, undead warriors would not start hacking off the limbs of the living over just a few thousand flags.

So, if the Abenaki (who have no love for the state of Vermont) were not against Middlebury's 9/11 memorial, then who was? Answer: white liberal activists. One of them, Amanda Lickers (who claims to be Native American) asserted that the act "said 'no' to settler occupation." In a written statement, Lickers said that she "took those flags…a small reclamation and modest act of resistance." Okay, we can quibble over "modest" here, but Lickers's justifications pale in comparison to her pale-faced co-conspirator Anna Shireman-Grabowski. Shireman-Grabowski, who has written for the Salon, claimed in her own written statement that "While the American flag on the Middlebury hillside symbolize [sic] to some the loss of innocent lives in New York, to others they represent centuries of bloody conquest and mass murder." After going deeper into her self-loathing by calling herself "a settler" (see: "white person"), Shireman-Grabowski asserts that "the campus is not big enough to hold a marker for every life sacrificed in the history of American conquest and colonialism."

Yawn! Anyone who has ever been on a college campus has heard this argument. It comes down from the bully pulpit of the tenured faculty member and it goes directly into the accepting mind of the suburbanite white student. To be even more specific, the suburbanite white female. Partially because they increasingly outnumber males on American campuses, and partially because they make-up one of the more liberal voting blocs for the Democrats, young white women are prone to such pointless displays of protest. To make matters worse, the have a bad tendency to go off into the world, writing about and proselytizing their actions as if they matter or are convincing to anyone. Shireman-Grabowski is just another overeducated bore decrying American colonialism from her safe, intellectually homogenous vantage point. Frankly, the most surprising thing about this story is how quickly the

university, the town, and the Abenaki moved to condemn this gang of five. Usually, these blustering barbarians are allowed free reign for their unscholarly behavior because left-leaning campuses are bloodless or otherwise too scared of their own students.

Who knows what lies in store for Shireman-Grabowski and her brood, but I am sure she'll let you know when she makes her next move. Leftists are rarely good at keeping secrets, and the art of being inconspicuous is generally lost on them. I had a firsthand experience myself during a Veterans' Day celebration that I helped to organize on the campus of the University of Vermont – New England's Berkeley but with poorer hygiene and an embarrassingly bad fashion sense. After our group, which was comprised almost entirely of Army, Navy, and Marine Corps veterans, had finished planting flags and reading the names of those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, we had to suffer through the expected cranks. One guy claimed (of course) they the dead had fought for oil, and that we needed to be enlightened to the fact that our service only meant more money for the already rich. Since this guy looked like he smelled like grizzly bear shit, we didn't take his prophecies too seriously.

We did however take the threat of a campus-wide protest seriously. Before we could even sing the National Anthem, a group of censorship-loving anti-imperialists threatened to boycott our ceremony. It took a lot of schmoozing to get them to back off, but even then their scattered presence throughout the crowd made the day uneasy. The University of Vermont is overwhelmingly female, and the state itself is almost completely white. Guess who I kept a lookout for when it was my turn at the podium?

Happy Birthday to The Spearhead!

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Four years ago, The Spearhead went online for the first time with a number of writers onboard, including Chuck Ross, Elusive Wapiti, Novaseeker, Whiskey, Zed, Ferdinand Bardamu and me. Soon, others got on board and within a few months we were cranking out up to a hundred posts a month.

We started with a lot of material and a lot of energy. Looking back on it, I'm not sure how I managed to pull it off, but as a recently divorced guy with no life to speak of, I had a lot of time on my hands. Sometimes, not having a woman in your life makes it a lot easier to get things done.

What made *The Spearhead* special was that it was a reader-supported, collaborative publication for men, in defense of men and by men. It wasn't the first men's issues site; there had long been bulletin boards and some blogs had been online for a while. But it was the first news and opinion site with multiple contributors to come out of the nascent "manosphere" that had begun to take shape in the mid to late 2000s. In that sense, it was a true novelty when it opened.

I originally came up with the idea after noticing how many men had started their own blogs on related men's issues, which comprised the Manosphere at the time, and then looking at some of the feminist sites. I figured that we could easily provide material that was just as compelling as the feminists, and if they had their own women's blogs, we men ought to have our own blog as well.

Additionally, I knew from personal experience how utterly dominated publishing is by women. For every male editor, it seems that there are about three females, and it's extremely rare for a publishing outfit not to have a woman calling the shots somewhere along the line. I figured that would give *The Spearhead* an advantage, because – sorry to say it but it's true – what women publish often bores men to tears.

There have been a number of ups and downs, mainly related to what's going on behind the scenes in my personal life. As is so often the case for so many men post-divorce, my ex doesn't make it easy or convenient for me to keep up my relationship with my kids. Also, moving on and getting involved in another relationship brings an entirely new set of obligations.

However, despite it all, the site has stayed online, and that's inspiring. And in addition, it seems to have finally made an impact. I don't think I've ever seen more skepticism of feminism in my lifetime than over the past couple years. As far as I can tell, the majority of men reject it outright. That the bad policy is still in place tells me only that, as always, there's a great deal of resistance to change from the current generation in power. Although they may still get their way for a little while longer, I sense change coming as soon as they age out office (hopefully they won't last as long as Strom Thurmond).

And this is where I think *The Spearhead* has made the biggest contribution: it has influenced the next generation of men waiting to have their day. That's been the goal all along — to educate the men who will take the reins in the future. And given the deep skepticism of feminism that is now expressed openly, I think it has succeeded in that.

Now that summer's over and things have calmed down around here, I think it's time to revive some of the old spirit, and kick things into high gear once again. To do that, we'll need contributions from quality writers and support from readers. So, this week I'll be doing a birthday fund drive and looking for people interested in becoming regular contributors.

Radical Feminists v Lifeboat Feminism

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A feminism left in the hands of radicals threatens the have-cake-eat-it-too status quo enjoyed by the Sisterhood:

> The Military Betrays Women
> Even if there were a "war on women," the answer would not be to send unwilling women to war.
> By Elaine Donnelly
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> According to the New York Times, Hagel got an earful. Staff sergeants worried that if women were assigned to combat, the high standards of the Marine Corps would have to be lowered, "family lives would suffer," and rates of sexual assault and harassment would increase. When Secretary Hagel asked whether it was right to deny the opportunity to a woman who wants to join, a fearless captain replied, "I haven't met a female Marine who is standing up and shouting, 'I want to be infantry.'"
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> This must have been a shock, since the 15 Marines speaking to Hagel were not men; they were women. Similar opposition was registered when Military Times recently conducted an online survey asking active-duty female readers whether they would take a land-combat position if it were offered. Only 13 percent of the military women said yes, 9 percent weren't sure, and a whopping 77 percent said no, they would not take a combat job.
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> Secretary Hagel and the Obama administration nevertheless are pushing forward with incremental plans to revoke all of women's combat exemptions by January 2016. Once women are eligible for direct ground combat, federal courts are likely to force women into Selective Service registration and a possible future draft.

This is the reduction-ad-absurdum of equalitarian philosophy. Ideological consistency demands that feminist purists seek to put women in combat positions and become eligible for the draft, thus setting men and women on equal planes as full-fledged citizens of the republic. While I applaud the intellectual honesty and integrity required to put their and their sisters' derrieres where their mouths are, were they to not do so, their putatively equalitarian movement would be exposed for the fem-supremacist ideology that it is. However, in doing so, the radical feminists threaten to undo the pretty sweet deal women have going at present…whether or not they acknowledge the feminist label …and threaten to finally make women "pay up" (woman up?) for their myriad choices (de jure or de facto unavailable to men) and political agency with political responsibility.

No wonder that women's self-identification as feminists is so low and continues to decline, and that several data points (here are three) suggest that most women reject the now radioactive feminist label.

It is fascinating to witness the outright lifeboat feminism–in a so-called "conservative" publication such as National Review, no less–at work in this very article. Clearly the authoress has an established history of deploring the specter of women in combat, yet I seriously doubt she would be so vocal in her challenge to other social changes for which political feminism can reasonably take credit. Like, say, unilateral divorce. Or default mother custody. Or chalimony. Or serial polyandry. Or female suffrage. Or (mostly) shame-free freemounting. Or unrestrained female sexuality. Or abortion. Or wives owning property independent of their husbands. I simply can't see women of Ms. Donnelly's stripe manning the barricades to reverse these Gramscian attacks on patriarchal social structure and wholesale conversion of the whole of society into something that more resembles the social pattern of a grass-hut matriarchy than a modern industrial society. No, their answer appears to be to preserve the benefits that benevolent sexism proffers to women, to include sending unwilling men to war (is that evidence of an ongoing war on men?) so that unwilling women may remain home, safe from harm, free to vote themselves benefits underwritten by the lives and labor of men.

What will be interesting to see is what camp will end up at the helm of Western organized feminism. Will it be the hothouse intellectual feminists, with their evil-yet-admirably-consistent ideology? Or the far larger group of cognitively dissonant accidental feminists, comfy in the preferential goodies their less agreeable sisters have won

for them?

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After Years of Looking, Feminists Finally Find Sports/DV Correlation

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In science, when someone comes up with an idea, people test it by trying to disprove it. In feminist social "science," feminists say whatever they want, and are given infinite time and chances to "prove" it. Its a sort of affirmative action scientific method that requires standards of proof that even pre-literate witch doctors would find lax, and are analogous to the "standards" women must pass to call themselves US marines.

So I am not surprised to find that, given public funding and reams of data, some feminist researchers have discovered that when Scotsmen get drunk, they attack people, including at times their girlfriends.

> Academics have, for the first time, found firm evidence of a link between domestic violence and 'Old Firm' football matches.
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> The study, by the University of St Andrews, is the first to confirm long-held beliefs that reports of domestic violence in Glasgow increase following matches between Rangers and Celtic.
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> The new paper, published online this week, shows a 'statistically significant' increase in domestic incidents following all 21 Old Firm matches between 2008 and 2011.
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> Researchers say the results of the study provide 'compelling evidence' of the effect of Old Firm matches on reported domestic cases of physical, sexual and emotional abuse in the 24 hour period after kick off.
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> The study was led by Dr Damien J. Williams, a lecturer in Public Health Sciences at the University of St Andrews.
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> He said, "Media reports have long suggested that the number of reports of domestic violence appear to increase when Scotland's two largest, Glasgow-based football clubs, Rangers and Celtic (traditionally referred to as the "Old Firm") play one another.

Finding spikes in violence in Scotland is like shooting fish in a barrel. Scotland has one of the highest assault rates on earth, fueled largely by alcohol, poverty and family dysfunction. Sadly, parts of Scotland appear to resemble America's worse-off Indian reservations and ghettoes.

As for Scottish family dysfunction, well, I think the following clip speaks for itself:

Combine the above behavior with game-day drunkenness, and you're going to see a sharp uptick in "incidents" even if you aren't looking for it.

So congratulations to the feminists for finding that when you combine alcohol with economic and family dysfunction one result is domestic strife!

"But why the preoccupation with sports?" you might ask. Well, it's really pretty simple. It's a gold mine. American football teams have been bullied into throwing money at feminists to make them go away, so why not Scottish football (soccer) clubs? Football may be one of the few lucrative private enterprises in all of Scotland, which has little going for it otherwise. I imagine this makes it a prime target for aspiring feminists, who otherwise must beg for handouts from an increasingly stingy and borderline bankrupt government, not to mention the impoverished locals.

Is the Manosphere the Work of a Right-Wing Conspiracy?

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Some time ago, I came across an article in The Guardian, in which a feminist accuses the Manosphere of being part of an "establishment" right-wing plot to subordinate women:

> The backlash started in the early 90s when to be laddish and un-PC was a bit a naughty. Liam Gallagher, described brilliantly by his brother Noel as "a man with a fork in a world of soup", was its pin-up.
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> Right now we are dealing with something worse: a rightwing establishment and its lackeys who have managed to convince themselves they are mavericks and who are openly anti-feminist. From Toby Young to James Delingpole to Guido's bloggers, their putrid offerings are not outside the establishment but part of it. They are just fagging for the Tories.

While I admit that it's a refreshing break from the usual "you're all losers who are going into the dustbin of history" cant one hears from feminists, I must demur, and admit that "loser" is a much more apt description of me, personally, than member of the establishment. As one of the original members of what has come to be known as the "manosphere" who also happens to be a non-custodial father, I rank on the establishment scale just a small step above a prisoner or homeless person. Not that this really bothers me; I don't really see the single office workers who are at the next step above me as having a particularly enviable lifestyle. They are, after all, prisoners of another kind. And as for the establishment, I don't envy what I could never be. Not being much of a liar by nature, I wouldn't make the establishment cut.

But that said, the disconnect with reality Ms. Moore's article displays is truly bizarre. She must be living in an alternate reality, and her misplaced hysteria is odd to say the least. Perhaps she's going through some hormonal changes, such as menopause. Or maybe she's reflexively reverting to the old, traditional feminism of her long-lost youth.

As for the establishment, I think it's on its last legs. The Anglosphere's elites have gone past the point of return, and while the ordinary people (as always) will suffer most from this, their lifestyle and global hegemony is teetering on the brink. One significant military incident in East Asia, the collapse of Araby (happening now), or the ascendence of Russia could easily displace them from their commanding heights. It isn't a matter of whether at this point, but when.

I'd recommend abandoning dreams of elite status, and instead hunkering down and figuring out how to mitigate the damage. A full belly and freedom from violence – state or otherwise – is a good life.

Quarterly Report and Fund Drive

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The Spearhead just passed the four-year milestone, and I'd like to see the site make it to it's fifth birthday. To do so, we'll need reader support.

For starters, I'll give the usual summary of how things are going behind the scenes.

Despite seeing highs in monthly unique visitors (around 95,000) in June, page views declined markedly in late summer. The explanation for this is simple: there were not very many posts. The more content The Spearhead posts, the more page views it gets. The relationship is near linear, so whenever productivity declines so does traffic.

However, despite this relationship between page views and posts, unique visitor levels remained above the historic average throughout the summer, which suggests that the depth and maturity of the content has made the site a regularly accessed point on the internet regardless of day-to-day activity.

This is nice to see, but when publishing online, fresh, also known as "evergreen," content is a necessity. There's a relentless demand for new content from readers, so keeping people's interest requires a constant effort. This effort is not always easy. I found it difficult to keep up with my children and family present for much of the summer (try writing with a couple elementary-school age kids and your parents storming around the place). It would have been much easier with an office, but alas, commercial rents are out of my reach here in Seattle.

Because early summer numbers were so encouraging, I think the site still has a good deal of unexploited potential. If it could return to the level of posted content seen at its inception, there's a decent chance it could reach the half a million page views a month mark (the record so far is just north of 400,000) by early next year, and that would be a nice milestone to reach.

One thing I'd like to make clear to readers is that I have not built this site as a "movement," which would require me to behave as though I am a political leader of some sort, but rather a publishing outfit that exists to provide ideas and information to readers. I modeled it more on Benjamin Franklin's publishing ventures than on some feminist or other personality cult. I'd far prefer that the message take precedence over the man here; as a mere mortal, I am just your humble writer and publisher, but ideas and words have life and reach far beyond the limited, earthly powers of human individuals.

In that spirit, I'd like to welcome others to join and add their message as well. Now that summer is over, I have the time to edit more submissions, and to do the work behind the scenes that puts them online and makes them available to thousands of readers.

In order accomplish this, I need help from readers. The situation is sensitive right now. Although the site is healthy, I won't be able to keep it that way if I don't have the funds and time to put work into it. Because regular readers number in the thousands, *The Spearhead* should be viable as a reader-supported site, but because of the nature of the internet it is difficult to capitalize on content. This doesn't mean it's impossible, but unless you focus on sex, sports, celebrities and games it gets a lot harder. Furthermore, politically sensitive and contentious subject matter does not tend to attract advertisers, although it does interest a fair number of people.

Because I'd like to keep the site going strong at least for the rest of the year, I'm going to keep up this fund drive until I have enough to know I can survive for that long. So I'd like to ask everyone who finds some value in the content here to support the site so as to keep it running and providing content.

I'd like to thank all the supporters and contributors who have kept this project alive over the last four years. I've enjoyed the work and am deeply grateful for the appreciation and support. Every bit of support humbles me and reminds me that this is a worthwhile effort.

To contribute, use the "donate" information provided on the upper right sidebar. If PayPal gives an error message,

don’t worry — one of the variables in the button (my email, I suspect) has changed, but otherwise it makes no difference and works fine.

I’d also like to encourage regular readers to sign up as supporters, which allows unmoderated commenting and access to pages and posts not available to casual visitors.

“American” and “British” Boys and Girls Involved in Kenya Mall Raid

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Al-Shabaab has been taking Somalia by storm, eliminating enemies and now, apparently, taking the offensive beyond their borders. The US is quite clearly losing the war against the jihadis, who appear to have a wider base of operations today than ever, stretching from Mali to Afghanistan — just about the extent of the entire Mulsim world.

Worse, however, is the fact that a steady stream of fighters on the jihadis’ side is coming *from our own home countries*.

> There has been considerable speculation about the identity of the militants and how they managed to pull off a sophisticated assault that killed at least 62 people and kept security forces at bay. Kenyan Foreign Minister Amina Mohamed said Monday that “two or three Americans” and “one Brit” were among the perpetrators of the attack.
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> She said in an interview with “PBS Newshour” that the Americans were 18 to 19 years old, of Somali or Arab origin and lived “in Minnesota and one other place” in the United States. The British jihadist was a woman who has “done this many times before,” Mohamed said.
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> U.S. officials said Monday that they were pressing to determine whether any of the assailants were American.

Although many of these are young men and women of Muslim heritage, this is not true of all of them. This is even worse than it looks. In the Cold War, we had the problem of spies serving the Soviet Union, but with the exception of a very few people (e.g. Baader-Meinhof gang), no armed insurgents to speak of. Given the vast numbers of foreign born in the US, it looks like we’re facing some serious instability issues in the near future that could run the gamut from urban street crime to international narco-gangsters, and now jihadis too.

Dzhokar Tsarneav was just the beginning. As more and more young citizens receive training in warfare abroad, the chances that we will see armed conflict in our cities increase rapidly.

We often speak of the elite, inequality and instability, and what’s in store for the West in the future. Given low Western birth rates and recent mass immigration, I think we can predict with some certainty that we will face serious challenges, and possibly even insurrections within our own borders, just like the former Soviet Union.

This is a problem that was created by the people who are in power today. The post-Cold War political leaders who came into their own in the 1990s foisted their insane dream of a rainbow world, with everyone living in one big hippie commune headed, naturally, by a progressive white elite, on the rest of us.

Feminism is just one part of this political act of hubris, but it was enacted fairly early. Just as feminism and its effects have really started to make themselves felt over the last decade with skyrocketing illegitimacy, the failure of marriage as a social institution and the slow withdrawal of working-class men from productive enterprise, the next shoe to drop will be the spectacular failure of multiculturalism and integration.

That “Americans” are involved in such bold acts of warfare and terrorism abroad suggests that something is seething under the surface right here at home.

French Senate Votes to Ban Girls' Beauty Pageants

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French feminists have gone over the top in a reaction against American-style child beauty contests, criminalizing adults who participate. The penalties introduced to discourage the pageants include up to two years in prison and a $40,000 fine.

Apparently, beauty pageants are a threat to gender equality:

> Facing growing fears of "hypersexual" young girls, the French upper house of Parliament voted Wednesday to end beauty pageants for those younger than 16.
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> The Senate passed the new ban 197-to-146 as an amendment to a larger bill aimed at increasing gender equality. The measure now goes to the lower house, the National Assembly, for discussion and a vote.
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> Pageants are popular in smaller towns across France, though far less frequent and less intense than in the United States. And France has no equivalent of American reality shows like "Toddlers & Tiaras" and its spinoff, "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo," that feature very young contestants.
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> Still, the intense focus on beauty here, combined with a surge of images of sexualized, prepubescent girls, has raised fears that the pageants could take on the over-the-top quality of American contests.
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> "It is extremely destructive for a girl between the age of 6 and 12 to hear her mother say that what's important for her is to be beautiful," Chantal Jouanno, the ban's champion, said Wednesday. "We are fighting to say: What counts is what they have in their brains."

Personally, I'm not a big fan of beauty pageants because I find them to be pretty boring. Sure, the women can be attractive, but as a normal male I have little interest in what they are wearing or how they do their hair. I'm pretty sure most men feel the same way.

However, as a father of a little girl, I understand that girls and women really enjoy showing themselves off in all their finery, so if they want to do so in a tasteful manner, what's the harm?

It seems the real problem is the intense competition, manipulation of children and vicious infighting that accompanies some of these events. But is it men or fathers involved in this? Far from it. Beauty pageants are for women by women, so it's disingenuous of feminists to suggest that they have anything to do with gender equality. It's just women doing their thing.

Actually, it looks as though beauty pageants are more a result of gender equality than an impediment to it. If fathers had more influence and say, the aggressive feminine competition in these pageants might be tempered somewhat, just as mothers play some role in preventing boys from acting too rowdy and overtly masculine.

Feminists often act on the false premise that giving women more opportunities and choices to do what they please will result in women and men acting more like each other. In reality it's the opposite. When men and women can do whatever they want, their actions diverge more than when they are constrained by the need to get along with the opposite sex.

Chantal Jouanno may have figured this out, and that's why she's taken it upon herself to force women to be more equal. If women don't want to do gender equality the easy way, she's going to whip them into it.

The Matthew Shepard Narrative: A Modern Blood Libel

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I was overseas when Matthew Shepard was murdered, and even from as far away as China I caught the news. This means it was a big story at the time, because a lot of news, including important stuff, just doesn't make it out there unless you really pay attention.

From the beginning, I knew there was more to the story than a simple matter of stereotyped Wyoming rednecks killing an innocent young gay man. If you grew up in a place like Seattle or San Francisco in those days there were plenty of stories that matched the Matthew Shepard case. So I assumed it was a run-of-the-mill robbery/murder committed by junkies (drug abuse – mainly speed and heroin – was a big problem back then in both urban and rural America). That the victim was gay didn't seem out of the ordinary at all. Many, many gay men were involved in the drug scene in the 90s — especially meth and ecstasy. They may still be, but I don't live on Seattle's Capitol Hill anymore, so I wouldn't know.

Around fall of '92, I knew a kid who was murdered in similar circumstances, and it was a horrific murder, too. I was friends with his cousin, who was a blonde hippie girl. The boy was a low level dealer — a meth addict who peddled drugs and stole to support his habit. I had no opinion about him either way; he was just one young hustler among many who drifted in and out of the cafés I frequented in my late teens.

He lived with a hippie couple, and some dispute arose amongst them over theft of electronic goods. The couple decided to take revenge. They got him high, lured him out into the woods, and while all were out of their minds on speed beat him and then hanged him from a tree in the forest near Issaquah. There he swung for some time until the female hippie spilled the beans, and then both were arrested, tried and sent up to the state penitentiary.

I have no idea whether the kid was gay, but he may well have been. In any event, it didn't matter, because there was no political point to be made. It was just another pointless murder over contraband and drug money. This is exactly what I assumed the Matthew Shepard murder to be, and it turns out that's pretty much what it was.

However, the difference in the Matthew Shepard case is that it occurred in a conservative town in Wyoming instead of a West Coast city. Therefore, in the febrile imaginations of leftists around the US, the place must be crawling with murderous Christian rednecks. Never mind that gay murder is far more common in Seattle than in Laramie — it confirmed *exactly what progressives wanted to believe* about small town America.

Whatever the circumstances of the murder, Matthew Shepard deserved justice. It doesn't matter whether he was killed by a redneck or by someone who happened to be his sex and using partner. Nor does it matter that he was gay or a drug user — he was a human being who had a right to live. Justice has been done in this case, and it must be kept in mind that the people of Wyoming ensured that.

However, the manner in which this murder has been used to smear an entire people is shameful. The fence where Shepard was killed is displayed as though it is the cross, and his story told as one of persecution at the hands of an evil people. There are very strong parallels to the blood libel — the ritual blaming of the Jews for the crucifixion, among other supposed crimes. I am not bringing this up to appeal to liberal sensibilities, but because blood libel was a fact. It was used systematically to justify expulsions and violent riots, the Spanish Expulsion of 1492 probably being the best-known example.

There was a criminal trial of Jews in Spain shortly before the expulsion edict. Some Jews, among them conversos (Jewish converts to Christianity), had been accused of killing a Christian boy in a mock crucifixion to ridicule and demean Christianity and Christians. It quickly became a famous case, and inquisitors themselves arrived on the scene, forcing confessions through the rack and waterboarding (it is a little-known fact that waterboarding was one of the primary interrogation tools of the Inquisition, and probably where the CIA got the idea).

Confessions were made, and executions carried out. Queen Isabella specifically cited the case in justifying the edict

of expulsion, and Jews were kicked out of Spain with little more than the shirts on their backs.

While the Jews who were convicted may or may not have murdered a Christian boy – it is impossible to know for sure today – it was wrong to hold an entire people accountable for the actions of a few convicts. But it was politically expedient, because such is the nature of mankind.

Today, it is not the Jews who are subject to collective blame by the ruling class, but non-progressive whites — white Christians, to put it bluntly (blacks are subject to a similar collective blame, but not officially these days). Victims of pointless violence at the hands of criminals who hardly represent the people they live amongst are recast as martyrs, then used to bludgeon the founding culture of the United States with guilt and blame.

From a Dan Savage editorial accusing Christian conservatives of being "eliminationist" and akin to National Socialists:

> American Christian conservatives are attempting to introduce a new kind of anti-gay hatred: an eliminationist homophobia. In his book "Hitler's Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust," author Daniel Goldhagen describes pre-war German anti-Semitism as unique and murderous, which he termed "eliminationist." German Christian churches inspired visions of Jews as "Christ-killers," and Jews came to be regarded as a poisonous anti-race that had to be eliminated in order to purify German culture. In America at the end of the 20th century, some American churches are creating an atmosphere of intolerance and hatred, with church-inspired visions of gays and lesbians as Christ-rejecters, and homosexuality as a "behavior" that must be eliminated to purify American culture.
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> Christian conservatives have attempted to distance themselves from the violence visited on Matthew Shepard. They must not be allowed to do so. Conservatives like to talk about accountability, so let the religious extremists who help make anti-gay violence a daily reality for gays and lesbians across this country be held accountable. The violence in Laramie is a deadly consequence of the hateful anti-gay rhetoric and eliminationist "ex-gay" ad campaigns.

On reading the above, it looks as though Savage wants to do away with conservative Christians (the overwhelming majority of Christians). Who is fanning the flames of hatred here?

Trayvon Martin, more a victim of recklessness and poor judgment than premeditated crime, was used in the same manner against the same target. There is no end to the search for martyrs. It is a relentless war of blame, and the idea is to justify collective punishment, including affirmative action, discrimination in access to government institutions and jobs, demographically targeted laws such as "hate crime" laws, and anti-discrimination laws that force Christians to act against their conscience in order to make a living or to keep their organizations from being sued out of existence. In some cases, it is responsible for violence perpetrated against innocent people, as in the case of a man in Seattle being forced to apologize at gunpoint for being a white male last month following the Trayvon Martin verdict. It is a systematic political assault justified by false stories and a twisted narrative, and it's getting dangerous.

But maybe that's the point.

Help with Running The Spearhead

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Dear readers,

for the first few years I was running this site, I had no life to speak of, and devoted a great deal of time to keeping it going. In a sense, it was my substitute child when I wasn't taking care of my kids, and kept me busy during lonely days and nights.

Things have changed. I am living a far more conventional life today, and therefore don't have the time or resources to devote hours every single day of the week to the site. In the first year or two of its existence, I was working on the site at least some every single day of the year – I never went a day without logging in at least once – and often put in up to 60 hours in a week. Time is money, and the site doesn't provide much in terms of compensation. It never has, but it's getting to a point where I am clearly working against my own interests by putting too much effort into it.

However, I'd like to keep it running, and I think a lot of readers would like me to do so as well. So what I'd like to propose is that some motivated readers help out with editing and perhaps some of the administration of the site. That way, I could keep writing and working on the site, and I could take my hands off it from time to time without worrying too much. It would also be much easier to edit and approve submissions, which I often don't have time to do these days. Unfortunately, this keeps a significant amount of material out of the site that readers would enjoy.

Just a few months ago, the site had record unique visitors, so it would really be a shame to drop it at this point. There's definitely still potential here, but I've just about reached the limit of what I can afford to put into it.

If anyone's interested, let me know through the contact form and we'll discuss it. I think there's still plenty of room in the manosphere for different voices, and with some help we can continue to be one of them.

ObamaCare's War on Men

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By Keyster

Despite Republican's desperate efforts to stop or at least delay the Democrat's Affordable Healthcare Act or "ObamaCare", it's coming and no one but Obama can stop it. The intention of the bill is to "fix" our healthcare system by making sure everyone, or as many people as possible, have access to "affordable" healthcare insurance. This requires "spreading the wealth around a little bit".

When the federal government mandates who and how a free market insurance company covers it's customers based on "fairness", there's bound to be unintended consequences; they're not going to LOSE money. One of the least discussed aspects of ObamaCare is "equalizing" what men and women are to pay in health premiums. Feminist Inc. has long complained that women pay more for health insurance and Obama's HHS secretary and former pro-late term abortion governor Kathleen Sebelius complied. "Why should women have to pay for birth control while men get Viagra for free?" – they shrieked, as if there's medical congruity.

In an analysis of ObamaCare (health insurance) costs by state, Forbes's Magazine discovered a huge disparity between what men will pay vs. what women will pay in increases. Well of course when the federal government mandates women MUST have free access (zero co-pay) to women's special healthcare needs, including "preventive care" exams and pre-natal care, someone needs to make up for the difference. Guess who that might be? That's right, because dammit it's not fair that women should have to pay more for healthcare insurance just for being born women – men should have to bare the burden of women's healthcare "equally". "When our women are healthy, society is healthy!" – or fill in your own Orwellian clap trap that Hillary Clinton or Nancy Pelosi might have spewed.

Insurance companies can't charge women more BY LAW because that's gender discrimination – so they'll glady pass the costs for women's healthcare on to men, who aren't organized and won't dare stand up for themselves as a "victim group" vis a vis women.

The disaster that is ObamaCare is about to turn one-sixth of our already weak economy upside down. But that's the Master Plan; to collapse the healthcare industry and usher in a single payer government system similar to Britain's HCS, where costs are controlled by government bureaucrats and people die waiting for service. Women will have all the "Free" preventive healthcare they can imagine, subsidized by men – but how long will they have to travel and/or wait for actual treatment? Another "victory" for Equity Feminism I suppose.

Next month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

You BETTER be wearing something pink or else you must hate women!

Feminism is the Red Pill

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Once you've been around long enough, you can get a decent sense of social change. It's kind of like watching a child grow. When you're a parent minding a child day to day, you don't notice the changes as they happen, but after some years you look at the kid and wonder how this could be the same little boy who needed to have his face wiped after every meal not so long ago.

Having been deeply involved in gender issues for some time now, I think I can say with some certainty that society's views on the subject have changed markedly in a relatively short period — only ten years or so ago feminism was orthodoxy in both official and popular culture. While I'm sure that our efforts have been partly responsible for this, there's the question of whether we were agents of change or products of it.

In my case it's the latter. I had no desire to effect change in regards to family law and feminist political power until they punched me right in the face. I was an unwilling participant in a process over which I had very little control. It was that shock that led me to try to exert some influence over it, and whatever impact I or this site may have made was touched off by changes that had begun years ago and motivated not only me, but millions of other men and their families.

The "manosphere" is part of a much larger popular unease with a radical form of feminism that began to generate resistance as it picked up steam. As it grew, the resistance grew. Slowly during the first decades of modern feminism, but then faster as the feminist triumphs of the 1990s began to bear their rotten fruit. Today, we find radical feminism discredited in the eyes of most people, although it remains institutionally strong. Contemporary feminist family law is similar to Jim Crow in the early 1950s — morally defeated yet still holding its ground.

The manosphere happened for a reason; it didn't appear out of nowhere. And it is only a small part of the general suspicion that now surrounds feminism. If all of the blogs of the manosphere were to disappear tomorrow, it wouldn't take long for something similar to take their place. Enough people have had enough.

This isn't to say that the manosphere is unnecessary or irrelevant, but rather that it's part of an organic process. It is a crucial part that has carried a heavy burden, and will continue to do so for some time, but it's important that we have a little perspective on what brought it about. I reject the idea that only a few people have taken the "red pill" — what we know of as the red pill is something that has been forced down many, many people's throats by feminists themselves.

This is exactly why we have the moral upper hand. Modern feminism came about at least partly because women ended up in a disadvantageous position during the cultural and sexual revolution of the 60s and 70s, but since then it has been a movement of aggression. The manosphere and associated movements opposed to feminism are essentially defensive. Feminists act as though these increasingly effective acts of self-defense are the true aggression. It's akin to when Soviets characterized Eastern European freedom movements as capitalist aggression, and it's becoming every bit as transparent.

The importance of emphasizing who bears responsibility for resistance to feminism cannot be overstated. If, as the feminists say, it is an insidious plot orchestrated by a mysterious patriarchal cabal, then they may be able to justify the brutality they have employed in their war against men, just as the United States justified atomic strikes on Japanese cities a few years after Pearl Harbor. But if it is the combined anger and despair of millions of men, children, mothers, sisters – and even wives – over having lost their loved ones, their livelihoods, their sense of security and well-being and even their freedom, then it's going to be a lot harder to explain it away.

If a feminist ever asked me what made me so strongly opposed to feminism – what caused me to take the red pill – I would look her in the eye and say "you did."

As John Rambo would say: "They drew first blood…"

Mother Nature Responsible for Patriarchy

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By Dave

When I came across the notion of Patriarchy in my more egalitarian days, I would vehemently deny that such a system ever existed. However, I can no longer deny that the feminists were exactly right in their assessment.

There indeed was a Patriarchy, many, in fact, all across the Earth in all ages. Most high-cultures had men in a place of dominance and women in a place of submission. Where I disagree with feminists is in the claim that such a system is, or was, bad. Consider for a moment that if Patriarchy is the natural organization of our species, then it is no more good or bad than a baboon's patriarchy or a hyena's matriarchy, for nature is valueless.

There are several reasons which, I believe, caused the emergence of Patriarchy as a social system. As a disclaimer, I make no prescriptive statements on whether this is good or bad, only that it is.

1: Sexual Asymmetry.

The foundation of Patriarchy is the natural, asymmetric features of men and women. The necessity of survival required men and women to take on different roles because fundamentally men and women were built for different things – women to bear and raise children, and men to do ensure their survival. Over time, men and women adapted physically and mentally to better complete these roles. This had a strong influence on who will be dominant and who will be submissive.

For men, the hostile environment crafted them to be stronger, faster, and have a greater endurance than women. This is just basic, biological fact. Yes, a female bodybuilder is stronger than some men, but when talking about averages, men are indeed physically stronger, faster, and have greater endurance. The strongest men are stronger than the strongest women. Average men are stronger than average women. Even weak men are stronger than weak women.

When it comes to attaining power, the strong have the advantage and thus men have the advantage over women. If anyone has witnessed, or been part of, a family argument between a mother and her teenage son, then you see the one-sided nature of physical force between the sexes. If the mother didn't have the leverage of money and resources that she could deny her child, or the father/police to step in when she needed it, then a physical altercation between them would not be in her favor. Ask, then, how stable is her authority if her son can usurp her power through violence? Such is the tenuous hold of a Matriarchy or any egalitarian sociopolitical setup.

Again, I'm not saying this is a good thing or a bad thing, only that a male's innately greater physical capability puts them in a place of dominance, and thus power. For women to overcome this handicap, they would need to become stronger, or have some mechanism to equalize the field.

2: Male Expendability/Female Security

Biologically speaking, males are the more expendable sex. This is because 1: the number of females determines how fast the species can potentially grow, not the number of males, and 2: women can only become pregnant from one man and carry one child at a time, whereas one men can impregnate many women at once.

Thus, if a tribe goes to war and sends out all of its men and half come back alive, then each woman in the tribe can still become pregnant and the tribe can still grow, just as it had before. If the tribe sends out all its female

Amazonian warriors to fight, and half come back, then the tribe's growth potential is cut in half. It is thus necessary to keep women secure while also necessary for men to take risks and perhaps die doing so.

If the human males' greater innate strength wasn't enough to advantage Patriarchy over other systems, then male expendability puts them in the necessary position to become hunters, warriors, scouts, or any other role that comes with a greater amount of danger. And it is precisely those warriors, hunters, etc. that hold a significant amount of power.

Imagine a tribe, led by group of women, who decreed that they would go to war with another tribe for resources. Despite the women being in charge in a formal context, it is the male warriors who ultimately choose whether to follow those directions. If they choose not to, then there is little recourse from the female leadership.

It is the mother/teenage son analogy once again, but now at a larger scale.

The other side of the coin is that women, who are essential to the continuation of the tribe/society/species, need to be under protection from danger, and are thus put in a place of submission, rather than dominance.

It is this dynamic of male expendability and female security that further tips the balance in favor of a Patriarchy.

But it's important to note that the strength of this dynamic depends on the degree of danger in the local environment. In an environment where warriors and hunters are not needed, their power will be limited, even nonexistent. If little danger is present then there is less need for protection for women, and the advantage of Patriarchy starts to wane. It is in a placid, resource-rich setting that we see the world's few tribal matriarchies. In these environments, men's advantages in physical force pale in comparison to a woman's power over reproduction. In most places across the world, however, male power and male conquest led to expansion of the society, and it is why male-dominated societies became so successful.

3: Experience

As time went on in our early past, the necessity of men taking on dangerous roles also allowed them to diversify those roles.

A man of the tribe might have started as a scout, then warrior once he became strong and experienced enough, but once the tribe made contact with others on a friendly basis the role of warrior changed to peacemaker, negotiator, and what would later become the statesman. Hunters learned to domesticate animals while gatherers became farmers. The male's strength allowed them to become builders and craftsmen.

The early roles of males (the scout, the gatherer, the warrior) were a perfect springboard into more complex and diverse roles as society advanced. Thus, when it came to who would rule, men, who had the widest breadth of experience and the greatest expertise, were put at a greater advantage than women who did not. The scales were tipped even further to Patriarchy's favor.

4: Pregnancy and Opportunity Cost.

Even if women eventually caught up with men in terms of experience, pregnancy put women at a disadvantage when gaining power and influence.

If a man and a woman chose the same career path and had the exact same ability, the man would be at a comparative advantage if his female counterpart decided to have children. In the past, a child usually set women on

the path of full-time motherhood and took her out of influence. Today, leave from work can range from a few weeks for just the delivery and recovery, to several months if a mother wishes to take off work to care for the child. This creates an opportunity cost associated with pregnancy, for if the woman is taken out of work then she misses the gains she would have achieved by continuing to work.

The degree of the opportunity cost depends on the length of time off and the field the woman works. Women in higher positions of power would see a higher opportunity cost than women at mid or low level positions. Men, however, rarely face that opportunity cost. They have nothing to distract them when seeking higher positions of leadership, further advantaging Patriarchy.

If highly-intelligent women did not choose to reproduce and instead focused primarily on gaining power and influence, then their innate abilities and intelligence would be completely removed from the gene pool, creating a dysgenic effect. This creates a catch-22. If women reproduce, the opportunity cost places them at a disadvantage in gaining power, but if they choose not to reproduce then the decline in population and the dysgenic effect would contribute to a decline in that society. Correcting for these effects requires a myriad of institutions all working together to promote it, as well as a paradigm shift in cultural beliefs, creating an ever more complicated, and ever more fragile, societal Rube-Goldberg machine which goes against natural dynamics.

Patriarchy, however, avoids these problems by focusing on a more efficient sexual division of labor.

5: Female Attraction to Male Power

In our early ancestry, women needed resources and security to survive. The men of the tribe, the hunters and warriors, ensured that women would get those necessities. Thus, the association between male power and continued survival became linked through a woman's attraction to men.

Today, that trend still remains in women's mate preferences. Women generally don't prefer to attach themselves to males that are weaker than them, less intelligent, and, most importantly, lower in status than they are. They do prefer to the opposite: strong, intelligent men with great power, wealth, and status. Female mate preference generally strives to be with men at the highest echelons of power and influence so that women themselves can be lifted into those circles, thus providing her with her own status and resource security for far less effort than obtaining it on her own.

Taken as a whole, it seems that women unconsciously advocate for Patriarchy in their mate preferences, since Patriarchy puts men in stations of power and provides women their ideal mate choices. If women are at the top, say in a Matriarchy, then they have no choice but to €œdate down€ to males of lower status, which does not generally suit their mating preferences.

6: The Nuclear Option.

Men's work and experiences led to whole societies being created across the Earth and throughout the ages, societies which are still largely maintained by men. This means that, for a society to continue, it needs men's labor. To get their labor, it needs their consent. Any society which does not meet men's needs will quickly fall as men see no reason to work in its favor and actively work toward its destruction. If the teenage son does not respect his mother's authority, and she cannot win through violence, then the only recourse is to appease him. If the warriors of the tribe are going to continue defending and hunting for it, then they too need appeasement. The easiest way placate men is to simply allow them to control that which they build and maintain, which is essentially what Patriarchy does. It gives men an incentive to keep working and creating.

Given how much men work to further their society, a Matriarchy or egalitarian society would only come about if men allowed it, and it would only remain if men tolerated it. The continuation of that society, however, would still rest in the hands of the men who could end it, if they wanted to.

Conclusion:

The social order which best reflects and capitalizes on the innate characteristics of mankind is going to be more stable and survive better than one that tries to go against the grain.

Patriarchy itself was not designed, but rather emerged organically and evolved over the millennia from the natural inequalities and unique circumstances between human male and human female. All these effects, added together, give strength to the Patriarchal social order over other systems, and it explains why so many cultures, nations, and societies all across the Earth have been Patriarchal, and why we still have it today. No other system, as of yet devised, has capitalized on the dynamics outlined above to such a degree as Patriarchy. Any system that does try to divert simple mechanics with complex, artificial institutions will become as unworkable as the equations for a geocentric universe.

Thus, I do not believe that Patriarchy should be avoided or dismantled. Once we accept what our species naturally gravitates toward, then we can start asking questions about justice, fairness, and our society's direction. Until we accept that one piece of the puzzle, we can only experiment in the dark.

Feminists Just Love “Breaking Bad”

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Yesterday Salon had at least 10 essays about TV’s “Breaking Bad” crime drama. In case you missed it, Breaking Bad is hot right now, and media outlets will find any excuse to publish a photo of Walter White to scavenge web-clicks as part of their business model.

While their deconstructions run the gamut from exaltation of the differently-abled to affirmation of the “angry white man” stereotype, along with the usual accusations of racism against, well, everybody, perceptive men can see the show’s riveting storyline as a complete refutation of boilerplate feminist media directives.

For who among us cannot see Jesse Pinkman’s chained servitude as meth cook for the Nazi gangsters as allegory to the modern divorced man’s state-enforced penury? And I am not even going to mention those dimwits Skylar and Marie, or that I am a long-time resident of Albuquerque and many of the scenes were filmed in my neighborhood. I even saw Pinkman at the airport, but did not accost him.

Obligations to women then and now

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Before the state involved itself in marital relations, there were cultural and social norms that determined what men's obligations to women amounted to. These were reciprocal, and women were expected to uphold their part of the bargain as well. In some cultures, brothers were expected to see to it that sisters were married to a decent man. In what our own culture used to be, that task fell on fathers. Those who couldn't marry off their sisters or daughters were expected to provide for them, which made a dowry seem cheaper in the long run. In other cultures, the practice of bride price sought to compensate parents for the difficulties involved in handling a daughter and marrying her off. Although one might think that bride price shows more respect to the prospective wife, it tends to result in stricter conditions for the girls and women involved, because when you pay there is a sense of ownership. Furthermore, parents are incentivized to push their girls to be "better wife material" so as to make the sale, so to speak.

Western norms of dowry were humane and even somewhat indulgent by global standards. The girl may not have been perfect, but her father would sweeten the deal by giving her husband an incentive to marry her, as well as a sense of obligation to her and her family. In return, the daughter was expected to behave herself and refrain from bringing dishonor onto her family. A common act of charity for fatherless girls and young women would be to provide them with some dowry to make them marriageable.

This practice slowly faded away by the 20th century, and all but disappeared when women were granted property and voting rights. Yet the obligation to provide some incentive for men to marry women remained. Thus, the state stepped in and made efforts to make them suitable wives. Although it may seem hard to believe today, it was common practice up to even the 1960s to make efforts to prepare women for marriage and wifely duties in public schools.

Not far from where I live, there's a park that is the former grounds of a public school for girls who were wards of the court — children of the original skid road. Girls who were prostituting themselves, getting involved in crime or who got pregnant as teens were sent there and received special training in basic homemaking skills. They were taught to be proper mothers and wives so that they could find a husband who would take them on.

> In 1925–26, 38 girls attended the Girls' Parental School. They ranged in age from 10 to 16. "In all things, the effort is to maintain at the school a home atmosphere. Many of the girls have never known what this means, and they frequently develop remarkably under its influence. . . . In addition to regular school work, the girls learn to do all the work of a home—cooking, serving, canning, sewing, mending, darning, laundry work, housekeeping, and gardening. Industrial work occupies about three hours per day for each girl."

Can anyone imagine a public school today teaching girls how to be homemakers?

Finally, these vestiges of the old obligation to help women become decent wives went by the wayside as well. During the chaotic times of the 70s and 80s following the liberalization of divorce law, there was no standard cultural practice for ensuring that women's needs would in the future be met by some individual man. The vacuum this created is what led directly to state-enforced obligations; if you can't convince men to willingly support the women our society turns out, then you force them to do so at gunpoint.

However, in tandem with state enforcement of male provision to women, a new dowry system emerged among the middle classes and above. Instead of directly compensating the husband with cash or an allowance, parents train their daughters to be paid employees who will bring home a sizable contribution to the family, and who can support themselves financially. This is the upper-middle-class marriage norm today. Well-educated urban men simply will not marry women unless these women can provide an income to the family. This is the basis of the marriage gap that has emerged in recent decades.

Women in the lower classes cannot provide the income desired by higher-status males, and they have nothing to contribute to the home of a working man, so few men are willing to take the chance and marry them. In fact, for many working class men, it is cheaper and easier to pay child support and be a part-time father than to put up a woman who can neither run a home nor earn any income to speak of. I have noticed that a working class urban culture is slowly developing in which men no longer even take the idea of marriage – even to the mothers of their children – seriously at all. On a positive note, I see many more of these men out and about with their children today than I did a couple decades ago.

Neither of the above trends amounts to empowerment of women, and for most women they are a step down. It still may not look that way today, but the trend is headed clearly in one direction: a restoration of reciprocity. The short-lived era of one-way obligations in favor of women is drawing to a close.

Feminists to criminalize elderly sex

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I recently came across a bizarre abstract of a paper on recent moves to set up a sort of VAWA for old people. The template of the new policy is explicitly feminist domestic violence law, so there's no doubt that it will be a VAWA offshoot, and if I were staring senior citizenship right down the barrel I might be pretty worried given the implications.

> Despite the tremendous growth of the criminal justice response to elder abuse, the legal academy has been almost entirely silent on this trend. This Article fills the void by providing the first substantive critique of the criminal justice response to elder abuse. Drawing on feminist critiques of criminal laws and policies related to domestic violence, the Article finds that the emerging criminal justice response to elder abuse holds the promise of protecting certain elder abuse victims and of positively affecting public attitudes towards elder abuse.

It looks like elderly abuse is set to become the next great social hysteria, which is how baby boomer women's issues seem to turn out every time. First, it's "free love," then free abortion, free divorce, and so on until you get to free colonoscopies for all, and now "elderly abuse" looms over the horizon.

So what are some of the measures they are thinking about enacting?

Criminalization of sex with senior citizens, apparently:

> Similarly, in the name of combating sexual abuse of older adults, some states have criminalized consensual sexual conduct that would otherwise be legally permissible. (72) For example, **in the state of Washington, it is a crime for a disabled person age sixty or older to engage in consensual sexual activity with someone who provides that person with paid transportation. (73) In Vermont, it is a crime for anyone who works or volunteers at a caregiving facility or program to engage in sexual acts with any person whose ability to care for him or herself is impaired due to "infirmities of aging." (74)**
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> Likewise, the Wisconsin Individual-at-Risk Restraining Order makes it possible to obtain a restraining order over someone–and hold them criminally liable for violating that restraining order–even where the "victim" neither lacks capacity nor objects to contact with the third party. (75) The fact that an older adult is competent is not a basis for dismissal of the petition. (76) Moreover, an order can be granted even if the respondent does not pose a risk to the older adult, but merely poses a threat to an investigation of alleged mistreatment, interferes with an offer of services to the older adult (regardless of whether the older adult wishes to obtain such services and regardless of whether those services have been found to be in the older adult's best interest), or threatens to mistreat or mistreats an animal owned by or in service to the older adult. (77)

I can't help but wonder whether this is a backdoor way to keep grandpa from paying a little extra for "special services." It is well-known that old men are far more sexually active than old women, so the obvious implication of these laws is that it's going to make it a lot harder for older and disabled men to receive sexual favors in institutional settings.

It may not be particularly tasteful to think about, but there is in fact a thriving black market in both narcotics and sex in old folks' homes. I can't imagine that this will cease to exist as the largest generation in US history slowly begins to fill up these institutions.

Of course, sex isn't the only issue here. If dealing with elderly parents becomes as dangerous as dealing with American women, I'm pretty sure a lot of children will opt out. If, for example, grandma gets drunk and resentful and calls the police crying about how mean her children have been, the resulting arrest probably won't incline the

child to go out of his or her way for her in the future. It could, however, give lawyers and social workers a perfect pretext for seizing an estate. This, I strongly suspect, is a motivating factor in the push to include elder abuse in the highly profitable domestic violence industry.

Women Underrepresented in Science? Blame it on TV...

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In a ten-page snoozer published in the New York Times, Eileen Pollack, a creative writing professor from the University of Michigan, identifies American culture as the culprit behind women's relatively poor showing in the sciences. To make her case, she singles out the popular *Big Bang Theory* television show:

> For proof of the stereotypes that continue to shape American attitudes about science, and about women in science in particular, you need only watch an episode of the popular television show "The Big Bang Theory," about a group of awkward but endearing male Caltech physicists and their neighbor, Penny, an attractive blonde who has moved to L.A. to make it as an actress. Although two of the scientists on the show are women, one, Bernadette, speaks in a voice so shrill it could shatter a test tube. When she was working her way toward a Ph.D. in microbiology, rather than working in a lab, as any real doctoral student would do, she waitressed with Penny. Mayim Bialik, the actress who plays Amy, a neurobiologist who becomes semiromantically involved with the childlike but brilliant physicist Sheldon, really does have a Ph.D. in neuroscience and is in no way the hideously dumpy woman she is presented as on the show. "The Big Bang Theory" is a sitcom, of course, and therefore every character is a caricature, but what remotely normal young person would want to enter a field populated by misfits like Sheldon, Howard and Raj? And what remotely normal young woman would want to imagine herself as dowdy, socially clueless Amy rather than as stylish, bouncy, math-and-science-illiterate Penny?

So the problem is really that science isn't sexy enough, and that drives women away. Although she doesn't come out and say it, the implication here is that men are not as concerned about the sexiness of science.

> Although Americans take for granted that scientists are geeks, in other cultures a gift for math is often seen as demonstrating that a person is intuitive and creative. In 2008, the American Mathematical Society published data from a number of prestigious international competitions in an effort to track standout performers. The American competitors were almost always the children of immigrants, and very rarely female. For example, between 1959 and 2008, Bulgaria sent 21 girls to the International Mathematical Olympiad, while the U.S., from 1974, when it first entered the competition, to 2008, sent only 3; no woman even made the American team until 1998. According to the study's authors, native-born American students of both sexes steer clear of math clubs and competitions because "only Asians and nerds" would voluntarily do math. "In other words, it is deemed uncool within the social context of U.S.A. middle and high schools to do mathematics for fun; doing so can lead to social ostracism. Consequently, gifted girls, even more so than boys, usually camouflage their mathematical talent to fit in well with their peers."
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> The study's findings apply equally in science. Urry told me that at the space telescope institute where she used to work, the women from Italy and France "dress very well, what Americans would call revealing. You'll see a Frenchwoman in a short skirt and fishnets; that's normal for them. The men in those countries seem able to keep someone's sexual identity separate from her scientific identity. American men can't seem to appreciate a woman as a woman and as a scientist; it's one or the other."

So let me get this straight: It's all those terribly unsexy Asians and nerds who are to blame? How about just quarantine all the Asians and nerds in their own science room, and match every lady scientist with a Christian Grey type stud to pleasure her in the laboratory?

Surely fishnets, miniskirts and billionaire playboy boyfriends for every female scientist will result in a never-before-seen climax of sexy scientific achievement.

Feminist eugenics piece pulled for groupthink violation

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A new feminist magazine called "Feminist Times" recently ran a piece in their "Taboo Corner" section titled "sterilize her". It sparked a backlash for its brutal honesty, the likes of which can often be found in the manosphere, but is regularly whitewashed by feminist publications for reasons of "solidarity." So, despite my personal feelings about feminists, I am a little impressed with the boldness of Charlotte Raven's new magazine, and look forward to reading it in the future for more unfiltered feminist opinions (we'll see how long that lasts…).

Women have unpleasant thoughts at least as often as men, but they are much better at keeping them bottled up. Sometimes, however, as in the case of the woman who wrote the piece, a few drinks is all it takes to bring out the inner Himmler.

Because the magazine promptly chickened out and pulled the piece after much sputtering and outrage, I took the liberty to transcribe it from a screenshot I found to present it here under the fair use doctrine:

> I once exclaimed to a group of friends, after a few drinks, that I believed in forced sterilization.
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> This shock announcement was pried out by one of the group, who also having had a few drinks, brought up that topic that you're not supposed to talk about with people you like… 'politics'.
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> I couldn't see anyone else who was in the vicinity of the table, but the bar man was probably grimacing at the display that followed my outburst. A couple who were part of our group were shocked that I could ever say such a thing, one of them pleading that we stop the conversation. Everyone just wanted it to end. People began looking up taxi numbers. No one could imagine what had brought me to this extreme conclusion.
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> I came to this idea from a personal experience which involves a family member who decided to bring a child into this world. It was her **choice**, like lot's [sic] of people everyday who have children, because that's what happens, we reproduce.
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> However she also decided to neglect the child. Put the little girl in some terrible, dangerous situations which led to social services taking the child away from her. This isn't something new or unusual, it happens all the time. I understand that sometimes people can make mistakes and sometimes people have problems of their own that need to be addressed.
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> One of our elderly relatives couldn't bear to see the baby go into care and grow up feeling unwanted, so out of her own selflessness took on the child and her upbringing. This wasn't as easy as written either. Social services became more of a hinderance [sic] than a help and she had to fight.
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> So there's sort of a happy story going on here but what saddens me most is what happened next.
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> Does the mother seek help? Want to get her child back and earn the right to be called her mother and look after her? No she doesn't.
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> Instead she continues to sleep about with men, picks an ex convict, gets pregnant again and surprise surprise the cycle continues.

Feminists of the early 20th century were generally in favor of sterilization. In fact, many hygienic movements, which included prohibition, were largely the result of women's efforts, and went hand in hand with suffrage. Some justified sterilization on the grounds of compassion, some on grounds on racial hygiene (e.g. Margaret Sanger), and others merely to reduce public disorder.

It wasn't until feminism became a Soviet-funded movement in the postwar era that these proto-National Socialist tendencies were finally purged from the ranks.

However, it appears that the instinct remains the same, and it comes out every now and then that it's fairly common

for feminists to want to prevent or do away with children that they do not approve of. What is Planned Parenthood's true mission? If you stroll around the neighborhoods surrounding many of the institution's abortion clinics, it's kind of hard to shake the feeling that a certain kind of child is in the crosshairs.

Just the other day, I saw an old episode of *Law and Order* in which this theme was very much on display. A woman with a drinking problem had chosen to keep her child, and the female detective clearly thought she should do away with the thing.

Women naturally have strong feelings about reproduction. It is often said that men try to play at being God with their inventions and scientific achievements. The impulse to control and shape human reproduction is the feminine counterpart of this masculine tendency.

If an official eugenics policy ever arises again, you can bet there will be a lot of women behind it.

Schwyzer now potentially involved in disability fraud

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HT @realmattforney

Chuck Ross has kept up with our old friend Hugo, the closet-case posterboy for male feminism who fantasized to students about being sodomized by porn star James Deen in his classroom. Hugo told Chuck that he was holding out for disability in his job at Pasadena City College, probably figuring that would cover his imminent child support bills and qualify him for reduced rent and other bennies.

But Hugo's on record as a flaming liar, and it's plausible that he faked his online meltdown to bolster his claims of mental illness. Hugo's hysteria is, to say the least, unbecoming for a man (if you can call him that), and he might have taken it a step too far. Interestingly, his episodes seem to coincide with time he spends with his mother. Freud would have had a field day with this sissy.

It's starting to look like Pasadena City College doesn't want to pay for Hugo's pampers for the rest of his life, and they are calling his bluff despite California's indulgent treatment of public employees. Hugo may emerge as a test case for California, and ultimately the entire nation's colleges due to his notoriety and atrocious behavior.

Most of us ordinary men couldn't get away with one percent of Hugo's follies, so I am sorely disappointed with manosphere sites that held him out as an object of pity rather than the sociopathic predator that he is. However, it is encouraging to see that his place of employment is demanding some accountability. I think, in this instance, that even his professor brother will take a hands-off approach and leave him to his fate.

It couldn't happen to a man who deserves it more.

The Joys of a Feminist Childhood

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Charles Martel pointed out an article in the NY Times written by a woman who takes time to cook for her daughter because she, like so many post-feminist children, grew up in a domestic vacuum. Actually, her childhood reads like one of straight up neglect beyond that suffered by most "latchkey kids." She hints at malnutrition and psychological scarring:

> Once upon a time, I had a mother who inhabited the kitchen with care. The bliss of licking drippy, sweet things off the mixing spoon after she had stirred pudding or poured cake batter into a pan was often mine. I believed my mother loved those moments, and our entire home-based family life, as much as I did.
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> Yet by the time I turned 9, my brother and I lived in a post-divorce household, with Dad in a new home and Mom in full feminist revolt. Dinners of chicken cordon bleu and baked desserts gave way to oven-roasted meats that were deemed done whenever my mother could tear herself away from making art and selling it — or, when she wasn't home, to no dinner at all, unless you counted the banana I nibbled while crouched in my closet, hoping any would-be attackers couldn't see me through the window as darkness fell.
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> For my mother, the kitchen felt like a trap. When the women's movement blossomed in the late 1960s, she was ready. She vanquished the spirit of homemaking the way Virginia Woolf had killed her "Angel in the House."
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> And then a tidal wave of rage, disappointment and raw desire overtook her. I saw it in her vehemence toward my father and in the raucous consciousness-raising groups that met in our living room. I saw it in the changed contents of our dinner plates: a dried-out chicken leg, a potato collapsed inward from overbaking.
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> When my mother banged out work correspondence on an electric typewriter way past bedtime, my needs had no standing. On other nights I would lie awake for hours, unable to sleep until she came home at midnight.
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> Complaining got me nowhere. My mother was an unstoppable force, powerful, beautiful and finally happy. As her days and nights expanded to include solo shows, romance and the founding of feminist organizations, I could see in her radiant face and laughter that she was fulfilling her potential. Her red hair grew ever upward, a hood of curls that shouted out her freedom.
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> She had suffered and struggled. She was talented. She deserved to thrive

That last part sounds like some form of Stockholm Syndrome.

And the following portrays her mother in an almost satanic light:

> But my body spoke my devastation. I went from being well fed and popular in third grade to near skeletal and often mocked in fifth. I wasn't anorexic; I just didn't know how to cook. I turned sallow and hollow-eyed and suffered headaches, eczema and stomach pains. On the windy playground, other children would crow, "She's so skinny, she's going to blow away."
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> And I was lonely. On weekday afternoons I would let myself in using the key around my neck. If my mother was home, I would find her in her basement studio, wielding a torch of blue flame, shaping metal into sculpture. She wore a leather apron, elbow-high gloves, a polka-dot cap, a breathing mask and a plastic face visor. Her bushy red hair burst out the back of the cap, a sign of her uncontainable passion.
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> "Mom!" I would yell, keeping my distance, because even the sparks could burn you. She would look up, turn the knob to stop the gas, pull down the breathing mask and tilt back her visor, showing her freckled face.

When you've got a mother like that, passive resistance is the only resistance you can get away with.

> If I had a plan, I told her: “I’m going to Phyllis’s house.” Or “I have homework.” But when I had social troubles at school, I wanted her company. “I’m bored,” I said. “I have nothing to do.”
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> “Boredom is an opportunity,” she would say. “You’ll find something.” Then she would concentrate on melting metal for another several hours. Later I would learn she was right about boredom. I got great training in being creative and alone.
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> But back then, on many afternoons, I would return to my bedroom, sit on my pink shag rug and cry. It seemed I mattered to no one anymore. My heart shrank into a knob of hurt and yearning.

I wonder how much therapy this woman has been through. Perhaps her return to the kitchen to cook for her daughter is a continuing form of therapy — a sort of refuge where she can go back to the comfort of her early childhood, before her mother went full-feminist.

> Because of my history, I know how much the mundane care of children matters. That is why I stop work when the school day ends and greet my daughter with a hug. I may be tired, stressed out or grumpy; I may bemoan the confinement, the repetition, the career limits. But I do it anyway. I pull away from paid pursuits and open myself to the opportunity to delight in my daughter.
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> My delight comes freely, inspired by a leggy girl with rich brown eyes who has just come home. But our time together is about more than delight. When I hand her a snack and look into her face, seeking the stories of her day, I intend for her to feel how much she matters. She matters more to me right then than anything I could be doing without her. And we will not have these afternoons forever.
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> When she told me on Mother’s Day that she loves what I do in the kitchen, I realized why I love it, too. For as I stir and chop and bake while she studies, sings, draws, chatters, rides a scooter and does an exceptional job of being young, I am drinking in some of the pleasures I missed.
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> My husband also cooks. He is generous and competent in the kitchen. But for me, the kitchen is a place of healing. And when my daughter and I play our roles there contentedly, it is as if we have stepped into a feedback loop that sends good feelings cycling between us. We are bathing in a mutually enhancing sort of love, a larger version of the circle that breastfeeding or cuddling a baby can create: a give-and-take that affirms our value as parent and child.

This article, although carefully-worded, is a searing indictment of the monster created by radical feminism. According to feminists themselves, nothing excuses a father for not providing for his children, so what on earth could excuse a woman for failing to care for hers?

Making men victims victimizes men

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I know that a number of MRAs disagree with my take on the issue of male rape victimization, and the difference comes down to the different approaches Henry Laasanen outlined in an article published here some time back.

As an equalist, Henry might agree that men should push for equality in rape prosecution, as it's only fair that women should play by the same rules they try to use to their advantage. I, on the other hand, am deeply suspicious of any attempts to expand definitions, even if they are accompanied by equalist language, because I am certain that men will end up paying a heavier price, as they always do. My position is something I may have come up with indepently, but as it happens personal experience also plays a big role in it.

When I think of what people call "equality," I am immediately reminded of my own custody case. My case for primary custody of my kids was better than my ex's, because she was working full time away from home at the time, while I was not. In fact, I had taken time off – some three or four months – to help take care of an infant and a toddler so that she could get that full-time position, which she really wanted.

When we separated, she had her mother take care of the kids during her time with them (we shared them). Then, in court, despite the fact that I had been taking care of my kids for months and had all the time in the world to continue doing so, I got steamrolled, and for no particular reason according to the judge. This is what happens under so-called "equality" — it's a lie. Judges will still make subjective judgments based on gender roles and their own prejudices, and as more women enter the profession I suspect it will stay that way.

I'm sure the same thing will happen if the concept of rape is equalized, only it's even worse, because allowing men who have reluctantly had sex with women to be classified as rape victims will unreasonably expand the definition and result in far more men being classified as "rapists" when in some cases they may have simply begged for sex.

Abigail Rine, who wrote about discomfort with the feminist label in The Atlantic earlier this year, later wrote another article provocatively titled "Don Draper was raped," in which she describes an encounter in Mad Men from Don Draper's adolescence, when he is mounted by a prostitute while recovering from the flu. According to Rine, the young Draper was raped by the hooker.

> In an episode of Mad Men last month, a prostitute named Aimee has sex with a teenaged Don Draper (née Dick Whitman) after nursing him through a nasty chest cold. Actually, let me rephrase: Aimee doesn't just have sex with young Dick Whitman–she rapes him.
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> Throughout most of the episode, Aimee serves as a surrogate mother for Dick; she lets him recuperate in her bed and offers him rest, comforting words, spoonfuls of warm broth. However, in their penultimate scene together, Aimee's maternal kindness turns oddly predatory. She approaches her bed where Dick is lying weakly, fever newly broken, and asks, "Don't you want to know what all the fuss is about? "No," Dick replies forcefully, averting his eyes and hugging the blankets tightly against his chest as she reaches under the covers to touch him. "Stop it," he says, clearly uncomfortable, even afraid. But Aimee doesn't stop.
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> To me, this interaction was an unambiguous depiction of rape–and not simply statutory rape. Dick is in a physically weakened state and repeatedly makes it clear that he does not want Aimee to touch him sexually, much less "take his cherry." As a child of the '80s, I was raised on a healthy diet of "No Means No." Rape isn't just something that happens at gunpoint with a strange man in a dark alley; rape, essentially speaking, is being subjected to sex without consent. And Dick clearly did not consent.

I haven't seen the scene, but before calling it "rape," I'd have a few questions. Did the boy physically resist at all? Did he change his mind after saying "no?" Was he really too weak to resist?

Mind you, these are all questions I'd hope a defense lawyer would ask, because they are relevant. First of all, if

someone doesn't comply, sex is not going to happen. People can be forced to comply (this is the definition of rape), but it's all but impossible to have sex with a conscious, physically normal individual who is not complying with the act for one reason or another. And, quite frankly, I find it hard to believe that a 14-year-old male, who is on average about as strong as a female at her physical peak, would be physically helpless around a rather small-boned prostitute, even after having the flu.

And this also gets to the heart of my objection to applying the victimhood mantle to the male. Making men as physically helpless and violable as contemporary feminists hold women to be is a form of social castration. One of the defining characteristics of masculinity is the possession of agency — the ability to *act*. Take this away and we are slaves, so removing this from men – even with a concept ostensibly meant to "protect" men – leads us down a hole, at the bottom of which we find ourselves bereft of our manhood both culturally and legally. And make no mistake: many people really do want to rob men of their manhood. Male feminist Michael Kimmel has made a career of it.

This is not to say that men cannot be victimized or real victims; they clearly can and this has always been recognized. But the most effective means of victimizing men has always been to reduce them to a state in which they are incapable of protecting themselves and acting in their own interests, and this is accomplished as easily by feminizing them as by direct force of arms.

When a woman appeals to people for help and protection, she is engaged in an empowering act. When men rush to a woman's aid, it demonstrates her female potency. When her "needs" are met by others, it does not detract from but rather adds to her status. For ancient, immutable reasons, this does not apply to men.

The man who cries "help" feels a certain shame. When he must apply for welfare, it is humiliating and emasculating. That men must swallow their pride and do so from time to time is a given, but almost all of us recognize that it is far from ideal when the necessity presents itself. Ideally, the man has agency, and can fend for himself. In a society that valued men, steps would be taken to ensure that men have the opportunity to do so. A society that enshrines male victimhood is the exact opposite.

Time Magazine Invents Sugar Daddy Myth to Hilite Shutdown's Impact on Women

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A new study published in the pestigious online journal Time Magazine reports that inquiries to "Sugar Daddy" websites have risen an astonishing 50% since the government shutdown began last week. This is raising concerns that women, especially single moms, are being forced into prostitution of the most scurrilous kind – that of servicing creepy older men – by the Republican's callous failure to mail out checks to our most neediest citizens. Some of them veterans!

The term "Sugar Daddy" (an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) describes consensual financial arrangements in which young females provide companionship to generous older gentlemen in exchange for funding so they can "go to school".

Many feel that this study shows that the shutdown affects women and minorities the hardest, citing that women of color are especially prone to exploitation by privileged older white males.

One doesn't have to be an expert to see the adverse affects the shutdown is having on the most vulnerable members of our society. On TV I saw a human-interest story about workers from the local military base being forced to stand in line to receive food donations from volunteers after their cupboards ran bare less than a week after the shutdown. The segment featured one obese afro-bunned white woman, described as a "single mom", struggling unassisted to get sacks of food into her $30K SUV. Another large man, having worked at the base for 28 years, could not make ends meet because of the government closing and felt humiliated to accept the food handouts, but what else could he do?

As the shutdown continues with no resolution in sight, we can expect to hear more heart-rendering stories about how it has affected the most vulnerable and needy citizens in our communities. While many lament the impact this has had on those clinging to hope for economic advancement under Democrat governance, others see it as a watershed moment revealing the heartless cruelty of the Republican leadership. Time will tell how this will all play out.

What Do Terms Like Bro And Brogrammer Really Mean?

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After Pax Dickinson was fired from his job as CTO of Business Insider a few weeks ago, there has been a lot of talk by feminists about bros, bro culture, brogrammers (a combination of bro and programmer), etc. While the term, bro, and its derivatives have been around for a while, feminists have used Dickinson's firing to assert bros and bro culture is everywhere there is a concentration of men especially in the tech industry. Is this really the case? To figure that out we have to see what the definition of "bro" is. Urban dictionary provides several definitions. Here is the first:

> Obnoxious partying males who are often seen at college parties. When they aren't making an ass of themselves they usually just stand around holding a red plastic cup waiting for something exciting to happen so they can scream something that demonstrates how much they enjoy partying. Nearly everyone in a fraternity is a bro but there are also many bros who are not in a fraternity. They often wear a rugby shirt and a baseball cap. It is not uncommon for them to have spiked hair with frosted tips.

The urban dictionary definition covers what most people would think a "bro" is, yet such a definition means that terms like "brogrammer" are a contradiction in terms. The definition of "bro" is consistent with what most people think frat guys and jersey shore guidos are like, not programmers. Most people think of programmers as men who lack social skills and maybe even have borderline Aspergers syndrome. Their idea of a programmer is a man who neither is part of a fraternity nor is at a lot of parties. (While programmers can come from all walks of life, the issue in question when it comes to defining terms like "bro" and "brogrammer" is people's perceptions.) As far as most people's perceptions are concerned, a "brogrammer" logically can not exist. The question must be asked, "why does the term, 'brogrammer', exist?" and "why would anyone say that a lot of frat guys and similar types have taken over the tech industry?"

Looking at how the terms, "bro" and "brogrammer", are used by feminists reveals a different definition of the word being used by feminists. Ann Friedman writing in New York Magazine shows us what feminists really mean by terms like "bro" and "brogrammer":

> "Bro" once meant something specific: a self-absorbed young white guy in board shorts with a taste for cheap beer. But it's become a shorthand for the sort of privileged ignorance that thrives in groups dominated by wealthy, white, straight men. "Bro" is convenient because describing a professional or social dynamic as "overly white, straight, and male" seems both too politically charged and too general

To feminists terms like "bro" and "brogrammer" are synonyms for straight white male. As Ann Friedman reveals, feminists can't just say straight white men when they mean straight white men because it's too "politically charged". In other words, if feminists talk about straight white men, it's obvious that feminists just hate straight white men. Instead, feminists are now using the term "bro" to make people think they're only talking about a frat guy subset of straight white men when feminists are talking about all straight white men. It's a trick by feminists to avoid criticism because most people aren't going to defend stereotypical frat guy behavior whereas they might have a problem with blanket attacks on straight white men.

This also reveals that the term, "brogrammer", is really just an attack on men in the tech industry. The explains the contradictions in people perceptions of a bro and a programmer. It has nothing to do with the behavior of men in the tech industry. What feminists really have a problem with in the tech industry is that there is a large group of men employed in jobs that aren't under their control. Like with the term, "bro", using the term, "brogrammer", is an attempt by feminists to avoid criticism from people who might have a problem with blanket attacks on men working in the tech industry.

In conclusion, whenever a feminist use the term, “bro” or “brogrammer”, just replace it with straight white men or men in the tech industry as appropriate. By doing that, what feminists really mean when using those terms will become clear.

Why you might want to think twice about sending your daughter to college

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Although it's died down a bit in the last decade, the strident denunciations of patriotic American holidays still pop up with some regularity.

In the following article from the Daily Nebraskan, the student newspaper for the University of Nebraska, a buxom, corn-fed girl named Shelby Fleig resorts to obscenity and warped historical interpretation to spit in the eye of the country that fed her so well:

> If you are a more alert and higher-functioning human being, you know the fact that our country has a holiday to commemorate the genocide, slavery, disease, rape and hate that is Christopher Columbus is total bullshit. Fast facts to make up for our flawed public school system:
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> 1. Christopher "Bad Daddy" Columbus arrived on Oct. 12, 1492, to a civilization close to 14,000 years old. He insisted that he had reached small islands off the coast of China, and even made his crew pledge an agreement with him. Columbus died maintaining he had reached Asia. What an embarrassing mess this dude is already.

It goes on for some time along these lines. Little Ms. Fleig certainly has it in for her forefathers, but is it really her fault? Probably not. She, like most other college girls, is simply parroting what's been fed to her by her profs. Girls are good at that, which is why teachers like them so much — they're *easy*.

If you're the father of an American girl, is this really what you want your daughter to absorb over the course of four years? Does it add any value whatsoever to the family or to the nation?

Your money would be much better spent sending her to sewing or baking school. Let's face it: Ms. Fleig isn't going to discover the cure for cancer. Despite being an attractive young woman, she isn't going to colonize Mars, either (at her size, she'd be too expensive to launch out of the Earth's atmosphere). In all likelihood, the best she could hope for is a nonprofit or government job fully funded by her father's and brother's tax bills.

And yet she represents 60% of college students. What an enormous, unsustainable waste. It's impolitic to point it out, but from a cost-benefit point of view, in most cases higher education is entirely wasted on women, and as in Ms. Fleig's case is often counterproductive.

How The Spearhead's advice becomes "feminist"

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I've found that some time after I point out the obvious, such as the fact that it's a bad idea for women to go out drinking around strangers, "feminists" start saying the same thing. I don't know whether they've actually seen what I've written along those lines, but it has become a pattern. Somehow, the "reactionary" stuff (i.e. common sense) that gets me called names starts coming out of feminist mouths.

Emily Yoffe, writing for Slate's explicitly feminist "double X," wrote a piece telling women that if they want to avoid sexual assault, they ought to refrain from getting smashed in the company of strange men.

> In one awful high-profile case after another—the U.S. Naval Academy; Steubenville, Ohio; now the allegations in Maryville, Mo.—we read about a young woman, sometimes only a girl, who goes to a party and ends up being raped. As soon as the school year begins, so do reports of female students sexually assaulted by their male classmates. A common denominator in these cases is alcohol, often copious amounts, enough to render the young woman incapacitated. But a misplaced fear of blaming the victim has made it somehow unacceptable to warn inexperienced young women that when they get wasted, they are putting themselves in potential peril.
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> Experts I spoke to who wanted young women to get this information said they were aware of how loaded it has become to give warnings to women about their behavior. "I'm always feeling defensive that my main advice is: 'Protect yourself. Don't make yourself vulnerable to the point of losing your cognitive faculties,' " says Anne Coughlin, a professor at the University of Virginia School of Law, who has written on rape and teaches feminist jurisprudence. She adds that by not telling them the truth—that they are responsible for keeping their wits about them—she worries that we are "infantilizing women."

Compare this to a couple passages from articles I wrote earlier this year:

> …since at least the 1970s campuses have provided an atmosphere that attracts predators. High concentrations of young women, lots of drinking and partying, and a sexually permissive atmosphere are a good cover for those who would take sex by force.
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> [...]
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> …those who want to minimize their chances of rape must take certain precautions, such as not going out alone amongst strangers, getting loaded, dressing like a skank and generally acting like an easy target.

One of the benefits of being out of the "mainstream" is that you don't have to worry much about what the cool kids think, so you can tell it like it is without worrying about your job. But as the above demonstrates, this is also a social benefit.

If we as a society continue along with the trend of absolving women of any responsibility for their own safety, more women will become victims. Women do derive a great deal of power from their ability to shame and cajole men into protecting them, but there are limits. Just as the wife who pushes her husband too hard and too far finds that she now has neither protection nor provision, but a ruined, exhausted man on her hands, if the women of our society fail to take on any burden at all they'll eventually find themselves all alone in a scary place.

Since the feminists won't say it themselves because they are both clueless and conformist, it's up to people like me and other men who can't be bothered to toe the line on the latest cultural fad. For this, I think we deserve some gratitude. I certainly don't expect it from the thankless lot we now have to contend with, but it's in order all the same.

In due time, I suspect that some “feminists” will even start questioning the wisdom of stuffing our universities full of young women who will gain no benefit from it.

A Response to a Fairly Reasonable, Coherent Feminist

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I wrote a long response to REJ, because she comes off as pretty sincere and intelligent, and decided I might as well make it a post. I don't often admit it, but in general women who call themselves "feminist" tend to be a bit higher on the IQ scale. This doesn't necessarily make them better people, and oftentimes make them worse, but in some cases it makes for better conversation. It also motivates me to attack the concept of feminism with more gusto, because it tends to do the most real damage to intelligent women who follow its false promises.

The articles I write that most strike a nerve with feminists tend to concern the work/school/life tradeoffs, such as the recent post on sending daughters to college. REJ didn't like my post, and I don't blame her. It hits educated women where it hurts. But is it really better to tell pretty lies than to make an attempt to address the abysmal fertility of intelligent, educated women, which has become a major social problem that will have repercussions for subsequent generations?

You decide:

> The overall suggestion of this post is that women are stupid & that educating them is a waste of time. You literally recommend your readers reconsider sending their female children to college… because they are stupid and it would be a waste of time.
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> -REJ

Hi REJ, thanks for taking the time to explain yourself. If you'd been reading me for a while, you'd know that I think there are too many men in college, too. However, I think it's more of a problem for girls, and it doesn't have all that much to do with intelligence, per se, although psychological differences exacerbate it.

First, let me point out that I would not recommend sending a son to college unless he was both ambitious and smart, and most people simply are not above average in both of those measures. There are plenty of good trades in which one can earn a living without having to waste time and money in college only to find oneself competing with more driven, intelligent individuals for the scarce good jobs. I wish I'd obtained a trade degree, to be honest (I'm not particularly driven where career is concerned), so I'm going to encourage my kids to get one before they try for a BA.

Now why do I think the money isn't well spent on daughters? My own experience, partly. I look around at my college-educated, urban friends who are around my age (genX), and unless they were born into money the women are lucky to have kids by 40. This is because they were paying off student loans, putting marriage off, and trying to work their way up to a stable job first. This is a tougher route than you might think, and due to a shorter window of fertility women pay a higher toll, although we all do to be honest. When our women – especially our intelligent, competent ones – do not have the opportunity to be mothers, we all lose from it.

Maybe you don't think family is important, and that's fine. But it is to me, and many other people. It is these people I am speaking to, so if you don't like the advice, you are free to ignore it. But then if you don't care much for family, you really shouldn't care what family-oriented people choose for their children — our values simply aren't your business. You see, I feel I have a stake in what my children choose to do with their lives. You don't, really.

In addition to the decreased likelihood of grandchildren, we also have to consider that certain feminists will teach our daughters that their fathers and brothers are bad people — their oppressors. They are taught to hate the men who love them most of all, and personally I think that's pretty sick. I would never pay for my daughter to go to class and be taught to call her family and her people evil oppressors. What fool would pay for that?

> This is what the men's rights movement is sorely lacking: honest self-criticism. Instead of being ashamed of

> certain statistical facts- such as men being more likely to commit violent crime (note I said *more likely* not solely responsible)- you should FACE the issues, or else they'll never go away.
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> For example- you should ask yourself WHY are men more likely to commit suicide? Is it because they feel like they are not allowed to show vulnerability and therefore feel emotionally isolated? Is the pressure of traditional masculinity harmful to men these days?
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> (note that being critical of 'masculinity' is not the same as hating men. Feminists think critically about traditional femininity all the time, such as 'does it make us weak & dependent? Does is make us shallow & materialistic? Harsh questions with harsh answers, sometimes).
> Why are men more prone to violence? What could be the root causes? How can we, as men, make changes for the better?
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> You can BET, if women were more likely to commit violent crimes, then feminists would be on it. We would be asking questions and trying to find answers. Why can't MRAs do the same, and get your own results instead of hating us for making improvements?

REJ, you are being disingenuous. Men are more physically violent due to biology. Males are more violent in all primate species that I can think of. But males are also more selfless, magnanimous and objective. You ask why we men can't criticize ourselves… Seriously? Who invented courts of law, prisons, police, etc.? Women are *less* critical of violent men than men themselves. If it weren't for men, for example, OJ Simpson would be walking free with a harem of young women today (as his mainly female jury decided in his first trial).

Admit it: women cannot really criticize themselves (with the exception of some older women past childbearing years, perhaps). You can't even do it, and I can tell that you're more objective than most. Here you say "if only women were so bad and violent like you men, we'd criticize ourselves." Heh. I'm used to this kind of dodge, so it doesn't get me riled up anymore. But still, I'll indulge you and ask why, since women are more prone to deception and perjury, they don't criticize themselves for that instead? Ask any trial lawyer after a few drinks who lies more and with more skill – a man or a woman – and she'll tell you it's the latter every time. This, incidentally, is why women can indeed make good lawyers, judges and detectives — they know their own kind, far better than most men.

> If the statistics embarrass you, don't hide from them. Do something about it. And certainly don't try to twist the statistics and blame it on the eeeevil women. Like I said, if you do that, you will never find the true source of the pain that men are suffering.
> Also, think about it this way; truly happy men don't commit violent crimes. The men that are committing these crimes are suffering. They need help and if they get the help they need then it helps the victims of crime, too (keeping in mind that men are more likely to experience said violence from other men). A world without crime is the ultimate goal of humanity, no?

Wrong on a few counts here. Truly happy men do indeed commit violent crimes from time to time. We know of these people as predators and psychopaths. Some people are really, truly sick that way, and most happen to be male due to the greater male capacity and predilection for physical force. It's a statistical thing, so there are women who do the same, but in significantly smaller numbers. Typically, women provoke violence by proxy because of their relative physical frailty. A woman's strength and danger lies in her greater ability to navigate and manipulate complex social structures, as feminists regularly do in, say, Capitol Hill. The really nasty thing about female sociopaths is that they can usually hide behind the dumb oaf they put up to the job and get off scot free. This is why I do favor empowering women in many circumstances — it often takes a woman to hold another woman to account for her crimes. Most men are blind and stupid where women's schemes are concerned, and always will be (I probably would be today, too, if it weren't for circumstance).

Also, do we really want a world without crime? This is an impossible utopian dream. If one sees criminal law as a

means to move us closer to the ideal, and one accepts that ideals are impossible to achieve, then it follows that a world without crime is an impossible ideal. The concept of crime, therefore, is simply a tool to shape society that can never be discarded. This is why utopian movements like feminism can end up dangerous and oppressive; the impossible quest to create the ideal society through law enforcement can criminalize so many of us that we all end up under suspicion.

As for suffering, it is a fact of life. I read a very intelligent theologian's denunciation of the Book of Job, in which a man is tormented at the whim of God, who had made a bet with Satan. The theologian argued that this is a terrible God, and hardly one worthy of worship. How could God be so cruel and cause such suffering to a good, innocent man?

But what's the alternative? Nature, in which the wolf tears the calf to shreds, children are stricken with disease, and disasters slaughter hundreds of thousands? Is there any difference at all? Suffering has its merits. Learn to live with it, and learn to embrace the cathartic nature of suffering, and you will be better prepared for the rest of your life and its end.

> And look, I normally hate it when people write long-ass posts, but I'm writing this because I care about men. When I heard a few years so that there WAS a men's rights movement, I was actually excited. I thought it would be like the male version of feminism, where you think critically as a group about the issues facing your gender (even if the truth is harsh) and genuinely try for improvement and betterment for society in general.
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> Instead, you find articles about how women are stupid and it's a waste of time that they get AN EDUCATION. Seriously? Come on

I enjoyed your long-ass post. When I come across reasonable, sincere criticism it gives me an opportunity to think things through.

In closing, I'd like to say that I don't think college is much of an education, to be honest, and I really meant it when I said that women would be better served learning to bake or sew. But I didn't mean it in the way you think. I bake, and I consider it a valuable skill — more valuable than writing about gender theory (I would know). Did you know that the word "lady" that denotes a woman of high rank derives from a word that means "she who kneads dough?" It proves, I think, that people don't care much about women's education when they assign them to studies that have no value beyond faddish appeal. It proves that it's all just a swindle and a waste of time. Men who encourage their daughters to learn real skills are doing them more favors than those who just ship them off to college to get stuffed full of the trendy crap that dominates humanities departments.

Adios, Paul

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Having recently been apprised of the impending 20-20 report on the "manosphere" that is slated to run on ABC tomorrow, I thought I'd look around and see what's going on.

I was contacted by the ABC people a few months ago, and had an email exchange. I never actually spoke to any of them on the phone. Partly because I was busy with family at the time (kids were with me for summer), and partly because I don't trust TV reporters, I never went out of my way to speak with the reporter in person. After I stalled for a while and showed very little enthusiasm, they left me alone.

In the meanwhile, I talked to a writer from Portland who was doing a piece for Newsweek, and gave freely of my time and opinions. Of course we had our differences, but I liked the guy. If he really nails me in the piece, which I don't expect but may happen, the ABC people should take a lesson from him in getting people to open up.

So now that these features are coming up, it seems the subjects are getting a little anxious about it. I checked out Paul Elam's site to see what's up on AVfM, and he is in something approaching panic mode which, quite frankly, surprises me. Why? Because the material, which was pioneered in blog format by the manosphere, was provocative from the outset. I deliberately modeled *The Spearhead* as a sort of mirror of these radical feminist sites, even choosing a name that reflected gender war. It was cheeky, but transparently so, like Feministing and Jezebel. However, I never expected the mainstream media to ever give me the same consideration these feminists enjoy. Jessica Valenti was on Bill Clinton's staff, for heaven's sake. I'm just lucky to see my children regularly and stay out of King County jail on a month-to-month basis.

Paul, on the other hand, apparently thought that he'd get a fair shake. In addition to flying out to New York for an interview (I hope he didn't pay for the airfare), he even invited the TV people *into his home*. Naturally, it didn't go so well. How could he have thought it would?

Well, it seems he thought throwing the "man-o-sphere" under the bus was the ticket to respectability.

Here's a recent comment he made suggesting that they should have treated him with more respect because he "divorced" himself from the manosphere long ago:

> Paul Elam says
> October 16, 2013 at 5:25 PM
> Not surprised at all. This was a big deal to Schnee. When I told him in New York that AVFM had publicly divorced itself from the "Man-O-Sphere" a long time ago, he appeared very concerned. He kept insisting that I was "The Mayor of the Man-O-Sphere" Like he desperately wanted that to be true.
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> http://www.avoiceformen.com/men/adios-man-o-sphere/
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> They have their whole shtick riding on that idea.
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> One of the things we will do come Friday is bring that old post up for people to see.
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> These people are intentionally orchestrating lies. And lies begat lies. Hell, they even have commenters to that article trotting out the "rule of thumb" canard.

I'll admit that I'm kind of angry about this, but sometimes you have to sit back and look at the situation objectively. I've known from the beginning that Paul wanted to do his own thing. I supported it for a while, giving him a platform on *The Spearhead* when his site was fairly obscure. I hoped Paul's approach would work. As an unmarried man without minor children or any major obligations, I figured he was in a pretty good position to put a lot of work into his project, and he has.

I disagreed with a lot of the thrust of AVfM, but I kept my mouth shut. I wasn't happy about some of the insults he

flung around and some of the targets he chose, but still I kept my peace. When he went after Jack Donovan – an interesting and intelligent guy who is, objectively speaking, a better writer than Paul – on my own site, I was pretty pissed off, but practiced discretion anyway. I reasoned that it was for the greater good. Some guys started to call bullshit a while ago. Rob Fedders, never one to shy away from speaking his mind, ripped into Paul on a few occasions. Bernard Chapin chimed in with some critique starting last year.

Despite seeing some potential problems developing, and fully realizing that Paul intended to be the pre-eminent leader in the MRM (I was actually a bit relieved by this — I've never been comfortable with the "MRA" label), I figured we could all just "go our own way," but Paul's reaction to the predictable beating he's taken at the hands of ABC has left me skeptical. If he can't even understand that he's not going to be handled with kid gloves by the mainstream media, and then attempts to throw the blame for that on the manosphere that he clearly benefited from and, more importantly, *deliberately used to his advantage*, the guy's got limited utility.

So, Paul, if you end up looking like a chump on 20-20, don't think you can make it all better by blaming the rest of us. That's known as "shitty leadership." I'd also throw in the terms "ingratitude" and "poor judgment."

For God's sake, you thought you'd mosey on into New York and be treated as an "equal" by these people?

Have you learned nothing?

This is the stupidity of the "MHRM" in a nutshell.

Problems or Solutions?

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Had a great time with my kids over the weekend, and paid no attention to the Internet. I've come to truly regret the "evergreen content" nature of so many sites. While it does keep the page views high, it detracts from quality of life and quality of content in the long run. Dalrock seems to have the right idea, but he probably has a better excuse to keep his posts infrequent than I do.

I was a bit surprised by the tone of the Newsweek article that came out on Sunday, but I got along well with the author, who is also a Northwest native and a father of two. I think it also helped that he liked my wife. An attractive, cultured woman can have a positive effect.

Some people may be curious to find I'm married. It shouldn't be so surprising; I'm a father of two young children and a family guy, not a player. I didn't mention it online (although I told a number of other bloggers in personal correspondence) for the sole reason that I didn't want anyone to harass my wife. People – often other women – can be vicious to the wives of outspoken men. That's pretty much all there is to it.

So, given what's going down in the MSM, whither men's rights?

I think the latest media episode has been something of a reality check. One of the things that drew me to the manosphere was the honesty about human nature and psychology as opposed to the wider culture's ignorance. Unfortunately, as the MRM has grown it, too, has lost some of its perspective on these eternal truths about men, women and societies.

Over the years, I've taken a lot of heat from certain quarters in the MRM. A few people really seem to dislike me for being what they call a "tradcon," which is well wide of the mark, but I suppose it encapsulates the feelings of a particularly pissed off sort of individual (I've been there myself). I wrote a post about how men cannot be mothers and shouldn't try that earned me some enmity. To me, it seems like common sense. Saying that mothers and fathers are interchangeable is akin to the transsexual movement, which incorrectly holds that being male or female is merely a state of mind, or a "preference." It also denies the unique, important things men have to offer children as fathers.

Likewise, the idea that men can somehow take an equal place alongside women in society's sympathies is unrealistic. In an article written for AVfM, Warren Farrell admitted as much himself:

> **Is a Transition from "Men-as-the-Problem" to "Men's Problems" Possible?**
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> If feminism's focus is on "men-as-the-problem" is there a way to make the transition to men's problems?
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> There's are [sic] two potential paths: one financial; the other, legal.
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> Financial first. Lakeland Community College in Ohio, and Pierce College in Washington State, found that men's problems could get attention if couched as an issue of retention. James Shelley at Lakeland explained that the new Ohio funding formula is based on success rates, including graduation and retention. And since men are more likely to drop out, the issues putting male students at risk might be more widely considered if it meant more money from the state.
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> Similarly, after Pierce College's Bret Burkholder elicited data from colleges throughout Washington State, and discovered male students about four times as likely to be dismissed as women at all of Washington state's colleges, he got no traction when he presented it as a male problem. It too had to be presented as a retention problem.
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> Burkholder and Shelley face a problem similar to that faced by people trying to find a cure for AIDS. Only when it was reframed as a disease that could be also contracted by heterosexuals and women was empathy catalyzed and funding materialized.

> Learning from this, Burkholder has framed his work less as about men per se, and more, for example, as about veterans, which clears through the patriotism filter; or work with single dads, since the beneficiaries are children.
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> This approach, while gaining traction, is still slow. As Shelley puts it, "the premise is still, 'Men are the problem," rather than "Men have problems." And this from the man who directs one of only three university men's centers. (The others are at the U of Oregon, and the Houston area Lone Star College-Kingwood, just approved in 2013). And as far as men's rights organizations with college approval, the only one I'm able to identify is the new affiliate of the National Coalition for Men at Montana State University in Bozeman.

Farrell does identify one social pathology unique to the West: the idea that "men are the problem." However, when framed alternatively as "men have problems," people are immediately turned off. There's an instinctive hostility toward men who "have problems" that, as far as I can tell, can't be switched off. This is why, when in court, fathers who have problems (e.g. unemployment, gambling, drinking) typically face punishment or contempt, while women with identical problems are given support. This is a terrible, brutal thing, but it's *normal* throughout the world.

So how do we deal with this dilemma? It's actually not so difficult. But first we have to reject the false dichotomy that holds men to either have problems or be problems. Instead, we should focus on the fact that men can be, and usually are, *the solution* to problems. Women have always known this. When a woman's car breaks down, who does she call to tow it and fix it? If her roof is leaking, who patches it up? When women want to deal with a problem, they very often go to men for help.

But it doesn't stop there. Children look to men, too. So does the larger society. Men are good problem solvers. It may be our most valuable role.

So, if you want people to give men a fair shake, the last thing you want to do is give the impression that men "have problems" or are "the problem." Not only women, but pretty much everyone, recoils from such men.

Take, for instance, the issue of single mothers. Single mothers are most assuredly a problem in society. They are expensive, hapless and often incapable of doing what it takes to raise children well alone. This is an issue that, sadly, has been successfully cast as one of men being "the problem." However, people could just as easily accept men as a solution, and would be well-disposed toward the idea — we all love to see men solving problems. How about this: fathers who take on some of the burden of childrearing are not the problem, they are the solution! But it will never work if we frame the issue as one of these fathers "having problems." Even if they do have problems – and lots of them most assuredly do – being seen as part of the solution is far better for these men and their children than being labeled problematic.

In order to create a society that is good for men and women alike, men must be given the opportunity to be the solution. Often, we find that giving a man a productive role causes his problems to go away. Take that role away, and as in the post-collapse USSR his problems multiply rapidly, and he tends to rot in place.

It is a very simple and universal concept, and one that has been applied successfully on many occasions.

So why don't we apply it today?

Part of the reason for this is simply social decay. Large, complex societies tend to create many opportunities for parasitism and predation. Feminism, as it has developed in the West, is essentially a parasitic ideology that has been enabled by a predatory political and legal class.

People have found that by repeating the "widows and orphans" line over and over while casting men as villains causes a Pavlovian sympathy reflex. Just as a delicious hamburger on a TV ad can make us salivate and give us a desire to go spend some money on a burger, showing bruised women and angry men automatically prompts people to support the women, even if they are actually feeding lawyers and professional lobbyists. Or even scam artists: Anita Sarkeesian cashed in to the tune of a couple hundred thousand dollars using exactly this technique.

Incidentally, this is why it's such a bad idea to build a men's movement around guys who come off as angry thugs who want to punch women. You might as well cut a check to the National Organization of Women yourself to expedite the inevitable.

However, just as people have grown tired of the costs of obesity brought about by indulging our reflexive responses to stimuli, the cost of illegitimacy and single motherhood is putting a strain on us as well. Obesity is partly a result of profit-seeking at the expense of national health. The epidemic of single motherhood egged on by feminist policy is hardly different. It's time to frame this issue and other social ills related to radical feminism not in terms of men being the problem or having problems, but being the solution to our problems.

It's just so reasonable that it might actually work.

On the Value of Bailing

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Heartiste recently wrote a post on your best option when things go wrong in your love life. He went so far as to call his advice the most important he has ever given:

> I'm about to give the best piece of advice you'll ever hear on this subject. Advice that's worked for me when I most needed it. Here it is. When you feel that sinking feeling:
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> Leave.

I've recommended the same before, and although I agree that it's very hard to do, it's the most important and effective option men have at their disposal.

I can't stress enough how much trouble this can save men faced with an impending breakup. Heartiste framed it in a different manner. He holds that it's one of the best ways to get her back and salvage the initiative, whereas I hold it's the best way to save yourself.

For married men with children, however, this may not seem like an option, but I'd like to elaborate and explain why it's actually an even better option for them in many circumstances.

First, if you can't save yourself, you can't do a thing for your children. Remember that if being a good father is your priority. This is what I'd repeat to any fool who demands you "suck it up" or "take it like a man." Ask these people what good a broken man is to his children.

When your wife wants to get rid of you in America, she has all the tools in the world to force you out and to take all domestic property by fiat. If you resist leaving, the police will remove you for her, giving you only a few minutes to remove essentials such as a few items of clothing and personal effects like your toothbrush and razor. It's far better to preempt this and leave of your own accord. At least that way you have more time to take what you need to get by, and there's no opportunity for manufactured "incidents" that you'll have to pay an attorney to explain away in court.

Furthermore, if you disappear for a while she can't serve you with anything. This will buy you time. Maybe you can go stay with a friend, or even camp in some state park if you must (I'd recommend avoiding your parents — they will sell you out for the grandkids). Even better, take a leave of absence and flee the country for a while. While gone, she can allege whatever she wants against you, but it has no standing in court if you haven't been given the chance to defend yourself. Even protection orders are worthless if they aren't properly served. And if you're the one who ran for it, she can't accuse you of stalking or harassment, which is practically standard these days.

You might think this will hurt your chances for getting equal custody with your kids, but guess what: you won't get it anyway. Being absent will simply make it easier to avoid accusations of abuse. The courts don't really care how much time you spent with your kids before separation — the idea is simply to make the man pay taxes and court fees to support the process and all the parasites involved in it. So long as you haven't had to run the gauntlet of social workers you'll get standard visitation if you ask for it.

If you stay away long enough, your ex will start to really understand just how much she's been relying on you to handle necessities for her, even if that's exactly what made her feel so much contempt for you in the first place. When she gets a real taste of what it's like to be a single mother, she'll be begging you to come back and help her out again. But here's where you have to be strong. Don't let sentimentality get the better of you. Make her cut a deal before you resurface IRL.

In most cases, discretion is the better part of valor. In today's world, what that means for men is that they should be the ones to take the initiative and bail out when there's smoke in the cabin and the warning alarms are blaring.

It often pays to listen to the old foxes who have been in the game for decades, even if they've never been married or had children. Our complacency as family men is our greatest weakness, and a little awareness can go a long way.

Paying Bills

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Hi readers, I'm still around but have been hustling a bit to keep the site (and my life) from defaulting. I have bills to pay not only to keep The Spearhead running, but to eat, drive, live, etc.

In case you may have wondered about it, running a site dedicated to men's issues is not particularly profitable, although it is rewarding in its own way, so I intend to keep it running as long as I'm able. However, given present circumstances, my main priority is making enough to stay afloat.

Regardless, I'll be writing more soon — I couldn't stop if I tried.

Why not tell the rapists themselves?

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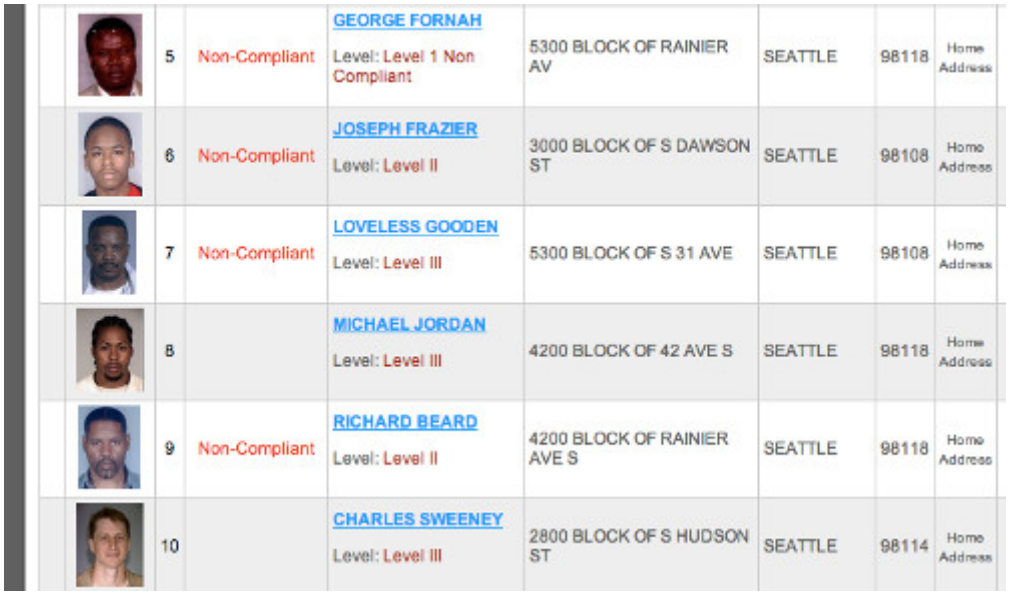
Sometimes all the talk about rape culture leaves me scratching my head. We hear about how likely rapists are to be the guy next door, an innocent-looking college kid, etc. But for all this talk about rape, I see precious little invective directed toward real, convicted rapists. For the most part, feminists leave these guys alone to languish in obscurity.

Instead of focusing on convicted rapists, they prefer to suggest that the rest of us are somehow complicit in rape by going on about a supposed patriarchal rape conspiracy.

I'd like to burst that little bubble. There are plenty of rapists, and thanks to sex offender laws they are very easy to find. I know because I get sex offender alerts in my email from the Seattle Police Department on a frequent basis. If I want, I can check my neighborhood for rapists so as to keep an eye out for them.

So I decided to do that today, and reveal the results. I used the local post office address as "home address" in the offender search, since that's already posted on this site and doesn't reveal my home address.

Here's half the page:



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	6	Non-Compliant	JOSEPH FRAZIER Level: Level II	3000 BLOCK OF S DAWSON ST	SEATTLE	98108	Home Address
	7	Non-Compliant	LOVELESS GOODEN Level: Level III	5300 BLOCK OF S 31 AVE	SEATTLE	98108	Home Address
	8		MICHAEL JORDAN Level: Level III	4200 BLOCK OF 42 AVE S	SEATTLE	98118	Home Address
	9	Non-Compliant	RICHARD BEARD Level: Level II	4200 BLOCK OF RAINIER AVE S	SEATTLE	98118	Home Address
	10		CHARLES SWEENEY Level: Level III	2800 BLOCK OF S HUDSON ST	SEATTLE	98114	Home Address

I didn't select for race of perp; the first half is essentially the same in that regard, and I couldn't fit all onto the same screen on a laptop. However, I did choose on the basis of names, because "Joseph Frazier," "Loveless Gooden" and "Michael Jordan" are more memorable rapist names than usual.

Altogether, there are eleven convicted sex offenders in a half mile radius from the local post office. Any feminist in the US could do the same search (I assume all states have some version of this offender database).

The young Joe Frazier has been convicted of rape in the second degree, Loveless of what I'd guess is pimping underage girls (communication with minor for immoral purposes), and Michael Jordan of third degree rape.

Charles Sweeney, one of two white sex offenders in the area, got busted for having sex with a fourteen-year-old girl and videotaping the act.

From what feminists write, you'd think most of the local rapists would be privileged patriarchal types. You know, well-heeled businessmen and college boys who are accustomed to rape sprees to hold women down and exercise their patriarchal privilege. But for some reason, that doesn't seem to be the pattern I'm seeing here. Now, you may say that this doesn't look like a very nice neighborhood, but in fact it isn't all that bad, and is above average nationally, and right around average for Seattle in terms of income. The only "privileged" sex offender I could find in a two mile radius from my house was an older man on Mercer Island who got busted for exposing himself in

public places, and that's only one out of dozens. By far most of the guys look like they never had any privilege to speak of, and now they almost certainly never will.

The thing is, the typical narrative we hear from feminists about rape is a lie. When they say things like "men are responsible for rape," what they fail to specify is that it is a certain type of man who is responsible, and it isn't the kind of guy they are talking to. Rather, it is exactly the kind of man a woman would be well-advised to avoid provoking by dressing like a slut in his presence, or by getting drunk or going out alone where he might happen to come across her. Most of us guys have absolutely nothing to do with these types. We have no control over them. Shaming us doesn't make a damn bit of difference as to whether they will rape a woman or not.

Rape hysteria serves one purpose, and one purpose only: inculcation of guilt. Because a few degenerates like Joseph Frazier and Charles Sweeney commit crimes, we all must do penitence. We all must apologize and pay, merely because we happen to share our sex in common with them.

But would feminists ever accept it if we were to say that all women who abuse or neglect their children or steal from their families and wreck homes implicate all women? Of course not. They'd say these women have problems. That they are not representative of all women, and that it would be unfair to paint all women with the same brush.

If that's true, then the same goes for rape and sex offenses. From now on, whenever a feminist goes on about "rape culture" and such, I think I'll ask why she's wasting her words on us, and not the rapists themselves.

Besides the Accuser, Who's to Blame in Athens False Rape Accusation?

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This hubbub about the Athens Ohio sex tape largely escaped my attention. I had a busy couple of weeks, and although I heard about it and skimmed a few comments on it, I mentally tuned it out because the combination of the words "rape" and "Ohio" have become so tiresome and repetitive over the last year or so. When you've read enough of this stuff, it all just runs together into one big, screaming rape obsession.

However, on reviewing the case today, I found that there are some interesting and new aspects to it. For one thing, there's video, and in addition a grand jury made it pretty clear that the accusation was, in fact, false. Feminists are still sticking their fingers in their ears and hollering "RAPE!", naturally, but this time it's just making them look like idiots.

However, a few of us aren't coming out of this looking too hot, either. It seems that Peter made the national news by republishing some 4chan speculation that the girl involved is some sorority girl named Rachel who bears a passing resemblance to the girl who was enjoying some oral in public on that fateful night.

Sigh…

First, anonymous is just as quick to jump the gun on alleged male rapists as it is on false rape accusers. It's a lynch mob mentality that we really ought to avoid for obvious reasons. If it can be turned against a girl, it can also be turned against a boy, after all. There's no justice in this kind of thing.

I am very skeptical about the allegations that this Rachel had anything to do with it. I feel pretty bad for her. Getting slandered for the first time sucks, badly. When it happened to me in my divorce it pretty much knocked the wind out of me. I trust it did the same to you, Peter. Think about that. Don't amplify the pain; try to *rectify* injustice. I'm growing tired of seeing a process I helped set into motion descend into barbarism. Yes, what men have been subjected to is barbaric, but given some of the rhetoric that's been going around I'm starting to wonder whether the proposed cure is much better than the disease.

However, if you can't find the accuser, and you really want to train your guns on a worthwhile target, why not aim them at the woman who encouraged this false accusation as part of her campus activism? A woman with far more authority than any sorority girl or undergrad inebriate copulating on the avenue in plain sight (for the record, I'd guess the accuser is a budding alcoholic, and she will pay dearly over her life for her problem).

According to A Voice for Male Students, Dean of Students Jenny Hall-Jones, an outspoken feminist, has been indoctrinating students in the false dogma of "rape culture" and tweeting indignant, sarcastic responses to the article in *The Atlantic* that wisely counseled young women to avoid getting drunk.

Instead of wasting our time attacking some girl who is probably entirely innocent, we should be asking why Ms. Hall-Jones, who apparently thinks there's nothing wrong with female students getting drunk, has such an important job at Ohio University. Doesn't she bear some responsibility for this incident? If the girl's inebriation contributed to her shameful exhibitionism, and her dogma about "rape culture" convinced the girl to make a false accusation, the dean should be fired, if only for liability reasons.

You'd think a responsible Dean of Students would care about her female students, and encourage them to drink responsibly if at all. She would also refrain from creating an atmosphere of hysteria that could incriminate innocent male and female students alike. On the one hand, she encourages problematic behavior, and then offers a witch-hunt as a solution to the inevitable fallout. What an awful choice for dean. And still the feminists have the nerve to tell me there's something wrong with my skepticism about the value of college for our daughters…

Let's drop this worthless speculation about some young woman who, in all likelihood, didn't hurt a fly and aim for

bigger game. I don’t care if acting like a madman gets us more attention; it’s really pretty selfish to give the opposition a tool they can use to bludgeon us in the public sphere for the sole purpose of gaining a few thousands of page views.

Teen Girl Achieves Amazing Success by Ignoring 50 Years of Feminism

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A Georgia girl named Maya Van Wagenen, who at the age of 13 found herself socially anxious at a new school, picked up *Betty Cornell's Glamour Guide for Teens*, an etiquette book published in 1951, and used it as her blueprint for popularity. It worked, and she documented the process with a diary, which she recently sold to Penguin for $300,000. But it doesn't end there. Dreamworks, always on the lookout for material that will have broad appeal, made a deal with her to make a film out of the book. At 15 years old, she is the youngest non-actor to make a feature film deal with Dreamworks.

I find this pretty amusing, because it proves that traditional femininity, all the rage in the 1950s due to the adoption of a conservative, Freudian philosophy as the guiding standard for family life at the time, gets a girl farther than adopting a defiant, hostile and unattractive feminist stance.

The 1950s were far from perfect. There were clearly a lot of kinks that needed to be worked out, such as the problem of economically unproductive housewives, and Freud's ideas were based in large part on faulty assumptions, but it was closer to the ideal than the contemporary setup.

Media outlets are gushing over Ms. Van Wagenen, but the material in the etiquette book would give feminists fits. For example, girls are urged to wear a girdle and white gloves and learn to do tricks with strands of pearls (I have no idea what that means, but I assume it's innocent). There must be a little more to it than fashion (maybe not much), as the book also recommends being "open, honest and kind."

I looked the book up on Amazon, and found a couple reviews. According to one hefty feminist, it is "fascinatingly awful." Another writes "If you are a teenage girl, this book tells you that you better be skinny with perfect hair and make-up."

Then, I found a review on a website called "Embarrassing Treasures" that includes a few more quotes and some background on author Betty Cornell. It turns out that Cornell had been a big girl when young, and her advice revolves in large part around keeping a trim figure. To do that, she advocates what loks like a low-carb diet:

> Sample Menus for Weight Control
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> Breakfast: Half a grapefruit, 1 poached egg on rye or whole wheat toast with small amount of butter, 1 glass of milk.
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> Lunch: Small container of cottage cheese, fresh fruit, any kind of lean meat sandwich, consommé, milk
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> Dinner: 1 glass of tomato juice, generous serving of broiled calf's liver, serving of cooked carrots, tomato and lettuce salad with lemon juice, fruit Jello, milk.

Cornell on identifying fattening foods:

> If you don't know what foods are fattening, ask your chubby friends, because they *will* know.

Here's why she recommends a girdle:

> Even a teen with a trim figure needs to coax her curves a bit when it comes to wearing slim skirts and slacks. To me there is nothing more repellent than a protruding fanny or a bulging tummy marring the outline of a narrow silhouette.

So much for the "changing beauty standards" fantasy feminists go on about.

Although it's tempting for me to write this stuff off as trivial, I can't think of anything that so clearly demonstrates the utter failure of feminism better than the enormous success and accolades that have fallen into young Maya Van Wagenen's lap.

Eat your heart out, feminists.

Terry McAuliffe Hates Fathers

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This year there is an election for governor in the state of Virginia. The two main candidates are Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat, and Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican. Terry McAuliffe is known for being a major Democratic party fundraiser and has a long history of questionable business dealings. McAuliffe has no real platform, so his campaign has resorted to using the mythical "war on women" to attack Cuccinelli with most of his attacks focused on abortion and birth control.

Invoking the nonexistent "war on women" is par for the course for Democrats. What is unique about the McAuliffe campaign's use of this tactic is that they are trying to connect Cuccinelli to fathers' rights groups. Here is an example:

The "leader" of the fathers' rights movement that Cuccinelli was representing was Ron Gringnol Jr., a former Virginia House of Delegates candidate, who was in a custody dispute with his ex-wife. Cuccinelli only "took time off" from being Attorney General because he was closing out the case from his private practice before being Attorney General, and the case was scheduled to be in court two weeks after he was sworn in as AG of Virginia. What this boils down to is that Cuccinelli was simply representing a man who wanted to see his children. He was representing a man who wanted to be a father to his children.

Terry McAuliffe does not understand men who want to be fathers to their kids since he doesn't care about being a father. When one of his kids was being born, McAuliffe left his wife in the hospital to attend a fundraiser for the Democratic Party. When McAuliffe's son Peter was born, McAuliffe stopped for another fundraiser while taking his wife and his newborn son home from the hospital. When McAuliffe's son Jack was being born, McAuliffe thought it was more important to argue with the anesthesiologist and obstetrician involved with his son's birth about socialized medicine than to just be there for his wife and newborn son.

While it's clear that Terry McAuliffe hates fathers to the point of not caring about being a father to his own kids, the views of his supporters on fathers are worse. The graphic shown above was posted to facebook, and here is the response from one of McAuliffe's supporters:

> I do not know him personally but any man who would delve into a woman's issue such as child bearing and raising children is obviously insane.

This woman is saying that any man who wants to be a father to their children is insane. She believes that fatherhood should not exist (although it's safe to assume that she doesn't want to give up the gravy train of men paying child support).

To cover up McAuliffe's deficiencies as a candidate for governor, his campaign has run the most anti-father (and anti-male) campaign in American history. Polls currently show that McAuliffe has a very comfortable lead over Cuccinelli. While there are other issues involved such as the recent government shutdown, this shows that McAuliffe's anti-father bigotry resonates with a section of the electorate. The end result of McAuliffe getting elected will be than even more young men will decide that it's too dangerous to become a father and to go their own way.

Do Poor People Deserve Children?

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Do poor people deserve to have children? That's the question posed by Senior Policy Analyst Dr. Mijin Cha at Demos.org recently.

One might anticipate that a woman as well-credentialed as Dr. Cha would easily bring vital, cutting edge, and razor-sharp analytical tools to this query, but alas, her article serves instead as a reminder of the irrational populism which all too frequently characterizes the collective hive-mind.

The word *deserve* is defined as 'to be worthy, fit, or suitable for some reward.' In that sense, the question as posed is a non-starter, based on an irrelevant premise. Are children a reward? If so, for what? Who judges? Who sets the standard? The word does however serve to elicit sympathy – if poor people 'deserve' children, then they are without question victims, when circumstances such as poverty negate the possibility. Further, the unspoken assumption is that some one or some thing is responsible for alleviating the unjust suffering of these poor souls.

If one recognizes that the decision to have a child rests primarily upon the whims of the child-bearing half of humanity, then a re-statement of Dr. Cha's thesis might be in order, to wit; '**poor *women* deserve to have children**.'

Why? According to Dr. Cha, it's because the SNAP (food stamp) program helps a lot more people than just hungry moms and kids, it helps people with disabilities too. Furthermore, there is little or no fraud in the SNAP program. Therefore poor women deserve to have children. (Yes, dear reader, the absence of logic is profoundly disturbing).

Plus, 'people refuse to let go of the image of the Cadillac Welfare Queen in all her racially tinged glory.' In other words, poor women deserve to have children because you're racist if you don't agree.

According to Dr. Cha, we are all slaves to the idea that poor people have only themselves to blame for their poverty. The reality, she claims, is that 'people are working hard, in fact harder than ever, and still can't make ends meet.' This might very well be true, however she doesn't mention whether or not these hardworking people include some, most, all or none of the moms collecting SNAP. Dr. Cha is conflating two groups, those who are 'working harder than ever' and those who are 'poor and deserve to have children,' without demonstrating any particular connection between the two or providing any substantiating evidence.

One point which seems reasonable on its face is that 'Our economic system takes the benefits of the work of many to enrich the few.' There is almost certainly some substance to this argument: children are unaffordable because some employment is unjust. Unfortunately, Dr. Cha's solution simply applies an almost identical injustice: let's take from the many (citizens who earn a taxable income) and give to the few (the poor who deserve children).

Last but not least: if you the reader don't agree that poor people deserve to have children, then you the reader are a raving lunatic with a morally repulsive mentality. That's right; YOU are the problem (and probably a racist too, don't forget).

Dr. Cha's arguments consist of straw men, ad hominem attacks, irrelevant evidence, unsupported generalizations, an absence of recognizable logic, and most importantly, a complete failure to bring her assumptions and conclusions into the light for critical examination. Based on this work at least, a PhD ain't what it used to be.

Her arguments also clearly transgress the boundaries of rationalism: they are indicative of a collectivist mentality which is profoundly female, based as it is on emotions, guilt-trips, false accusations and shaming. But the ultimate and totalitarian consequence of her position is even more disturbing: Dr Cha is openly promoting an increase in the use of force; yet more violence by the state against its own citizens. Accommodating the poor who want children (if we accept the premise that they 'deserve' it) can only be accomplished by forcibly seizing the property, and the very labor, of other citizens. Which is the greater injustice?

It is worth noting that in the past, many citizens ***voluntarily*** contributed their time, their energy, their property, their labor and indeed their very lives for the benefit of hungry moms and kids. These people were called **husbands** and **dads**. State violence against productive citizens (still mostly **men)** has replaced the voluntary contributions of those same men, and the collectivist demands of falsely-empowered females are the largest reason for this shift.

A quick read through the Demos.org website reveals that 'Demos is a public policy organization working for an America where we all have an equal say in our democracy and an equal chance in our economy.' It is apparent that 'equal say' and 'equal chance' are in fact synonyms for 'equal outcome.'

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How to drastically lower domestic violence

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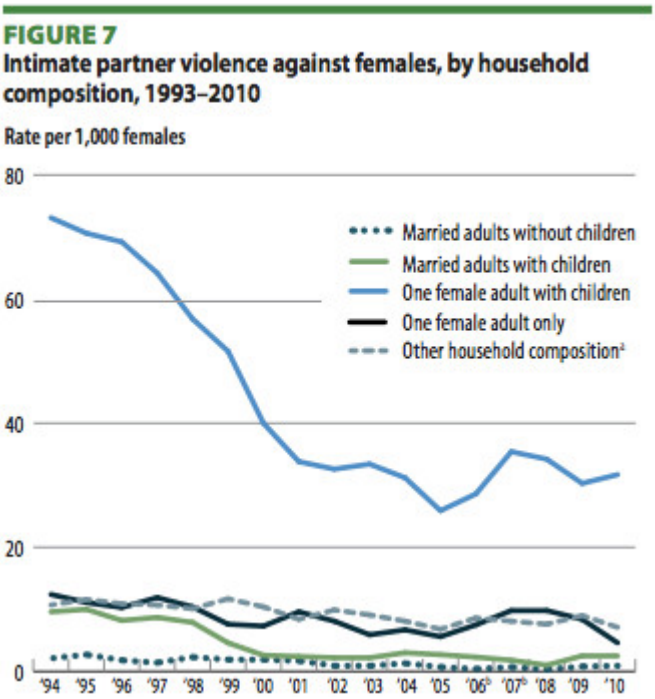
As I delve even further into statistics, the incredible social irresponsibility of standard Western feminist policies becomes ever clearer. Last week, I demonstrated that forcible rapes and sexual assaults of all sorts could be substantially reduced merely by ensuring that children's fathers have the opportunity to protect them.

However, I wouldn't have expected that this also had another, important implication: women who stay with their husbands are far less likely to be victims of domestic violence than those who go it alone.

It turns out that the safest place for women of all is in the marital home, living with their husbands. This goes for women with or without children, and the differences are dramatic. A single mother living alone with her children is almost thirteen times as likely to be a victim of domestic violence as a married mother. Married women without children at home are safest of all; their risk is about 3% that faced by single mothers and 10% that of single, childless women.



The highest risk group is separated women — those who choose to end their marriages. I'm sure the risk during separation is real, but I'd also be a bit wary of those statistics, because accusations fly during separation and divorce procedures, and this surely drives up the numbers somewhat.

However, in all "stable" household situations, it's indisputable that single mothers are at highest risk.

So, it seems that the typical battered woman is not an oppressed, timid wife in a patriarchal household, but an "empowered single mother." The typical batterer is not a controlling husband, but a badboy lover. The conclusion we can easily draw from the above is that the best way to protect women from domestic violence is to ensure that as many women as possible are in stable marriages living with their husbands under the same roof.

How often do we hear of this reality from feminist domestic violence advocates? Hardly ever. In fact, their primary goal seems to be to create as many single mothers as possible, which will necessarily drive up the rate of domestic violence by putting women in unsafe situations. Feminists are more concerned with removing women and children from safe places and tossing them into circumstances that, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, are clearly dangerous.

Why is it that feminists have so little concern for the average woman? Why do they pursue policies that endanger

women and children even as they claim to be their saviors?

The shameful answer to those questions is that it is politically profitable. By creating problems then posing as the savior, they guarantee themselves a position of some importance. It is akin to the doctor who deliberately poisons people to increase his business and enhance his reputation as a healer.

There's really only one way to deal with these people: expose them for the frauds they are. It's time for men to stop handing responsibility for family affairs off to people whose only interest is in helping themselves. We must point out the obvious implications of ruinous family policy, and in the meanwhile ignore the hollow accusations feminists so casually toss around. Turn those accusations back on them. If they call you part of the "abuse lobby," point out that feminist anti-family policy is responsible for far more violence against women than you could be if you attacked a different woman every day for the rest of your life.

Accusations and arguments over responsibility aside, it's truly sad that the solutions to these things we have been arguing over for years are so simple and self-evident, yet so widely ignored. Again, we can see that women and children are safest with men who love them, yet we expend our efforts in attempts to drive them apart.

What's worse for children than a single mother household? A double mother household

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Although it used to be common knowledge that children do best in a stable home environment with both biological parents, a number of popular writers and magazines have asserted that gay couples are just as good at parenting, and in the case of lesbians even better.

A study out of Canada casts serious doubt on these assertions. According to University of Texas Austin Professor Mark Regnerus, out of all households, children of lesbian couples have the worst outcomes:

> While in the US Census same-sex households have to be guessed at based on the gender and number of self-reported heads-of-household, young adults in the Canadian census were asked, "Are you the child of a male or female same-sex married or common law couple?" While study author and economist Douglas Allen noted that very many children in Canada who live with a gay or lesbian parent are actually living with a single mother—a finding consonant with that detected in the 2012 New Family Structures Study—he was able to isolate and analyze hundreds of children living with a gay or lesbian couple (either married or in a "common law" relationship akin to cohabitation).
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> So the study is able to compare—side by side—the young-adult children of same-sex couples and opposite-sex couples, as well as children growing up in single-parent homes and other types of households. Three key findings stood out to Allen:
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> > children of married opposite-sex families have a high graduation rate compared to the others; children of lesbian families have a very low graduation rate compared to the others; and the other four types [common law, gay, single mother, single father] are similar to each other and lie in between the married/lesbian extremes.
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> Employing regression models and series of control variables, Allen concludes that the substandard performance cannot be attributed to lower school attendance or the more modest education of gay or lesbian parents. Indeed, same-sex parents were characterized by higher levels of education, and their children were more likely to be enrolled in school than even those of married, opposite-sex couples. And yet their children are notably more likely to lag in finishing their own schooling.
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> The same is true of the young-adult children of common law parents, as well as single mothers and single fathers, highlighting how little—when you lean on large, high-quality samples—the data have actually changed over the past few decades. The intact, married mother-and-father household remains the gold standard for children's progress through school. What is surprising in the Canadian data is the revelation that lesbian couples' children fared worse, on average, than even those of single parents.

That children of lesbian couples do even worse than children of single mothers has sobering implications. It definitely brings up ethical issues concerning sperm donation (would you want your own flesh and blood raised in that environment?), but it also demonstrates how reckless our cultural elites are being when they tinker with proven models of the family.

It seems that the welfare of children is of scarce importance when it comes to making a point about "equality," no matter how much of a stretch it is. In fact, the more equality points any given deviation from tradition and the norm can score them, the more children they are willing to sacrifice.

It makes God's test of Abraham look positively humane in comparison.

Mark Judge to Feminists: You Have Daddy Issues

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In a review of *The Book of Jezebel*, a book written by various contributors to the eponymous in-your-face feminist online magazine, Mark Judge takes issue with feminist rage, and suggests that the real problem is that these women (and many men) had lousy fathers for one reason or another.

> Deep down, America is a very angry country because of missing, absent, and lousy fathers. The social science is clear and unambiguous about the devastation the loss of fathers causes in terms of drug abuse, promiscuity and loss of self-esteem among young people. The psychological and emotional wounds go very deep. More than twenty years ago the poet Robert Bly argued in his bestseller Iron John than the loss of fathers has caused a tremendously debilitating and long-lasting psychic wound in America, and that a lot of what passed for political activism was often an attack on absent fathers. According to Bly, the 60s students who stormed the dean's office were lashing out at fathers whose wimpiness, stoicism, or distant jobs made them strangers. (Of course, there are awful mothers out there, but in general over the last few decades it has been men who have failed the children that they have brought into the world.) Bly, no conservative — in fact he's a champion of genuine feminism — indicted not only male irresponsibility but the Industrial Revolution, which separated fathers from their families. He also criticized warmongering and the punishing demands of consumer capitalism.
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> I bring up Bly because when reading The Book of Jezebel you are confronted not just with humor and a high level of intelligence, but deep, deep rage. Not anger — rage. It goes much deeper than politics, although in modern America politics is where this rage find its expression. Thus the malevolence towards "dead white males" and the liberal obsession with feelings and personal grievance. The bogus "war on women" is really nothing but liberal women acting out against bad fathers. The frightening thing about this rage is that it is insatiable even as it demands resolution through politics. Before the 1960s and the disintegration of the family, a political revolutionary would map out his plan for correcting the flaws he saw in the political system. Today's radicals speak in tones that are more personal. Their opponents are not just wrong, or obstacles to get past to attain better living conditions — they are evil, they are guilty, and they are personally culpable for screwing our lives up. Politics can't cure this wound.

I sympathize with Judge's position, and it's one that deserves a lot of consideration, but if we are going to get deep into the psychology of man hatred and rage at fathers, maybe we ought to look at another recent example.

I'm thinking of postwar Germany, in which the crisis sparked by the loss of WWII created a generational backlash against everything German. European radicalism was most extreme in Germany in the 1970s, when postwar children came of age. Hatred of one's forefathers and German men in general was standard, and continued for decades up to, perhaps, a decade or so ago.

I remember walking on the beaches of Normandy as a boy, fascinated by the battlefield relics, the history and drama of the invasion that had occured some 40 years before. Along with me and my family was a youngish German woman; a friend of the family who had come along for some reason or another (I can't remember why). At one point, I found a spent 8mm Mauser cartridge in a field and, highly excited, raised it for everyone to see. It was a genuine artifact of WWII, and as a boy I considered it a great find.

The German was not happy. She looked uncomfortable and pained, and told me "it is better to forget about these things — you should put it back." Being a fairly dutiful and obedient boy, I reluctantly tossed my little treasure back on the ground, grumbled a bit and kicked some sand. At the time, I thought she was just being a bad sport. Sure, my grandpa's team may have won the war, but it's over now, I reasoned.

A few years later in high school, back home in the US, I had another, similar experience. One of my teachers was a

German woman, and we were debating the Gulf War. She and another student held that the US wasn't prepared to win a war in the desert. I said that was nonsense. Hadn't the allies beaten Rommel in North Africa, after all? My teacher sadly conceded the point, and then, much to my surprise, started weeping. I was mightily embarrassed, and although I resented her emotional outburst, I couldn't help but feel a bit guilty.

With the benefit of hindsight, I can understand a little better where these women were coming from. Their fathers' shame became their own. In Germany it was particularly acute, but the same principle operates everywhere. We say that it is wrong to hold children responsible for the sins of their fathers, but whether or not it is fair, it's inevitable, just like the Good Book says.

When I see angry feminists, I don't see women whose fathers were mean, neglectful or abusive, although in some cases I'm sure they were. Instead, what lies behind their anger toward their fathers, and men in general, is that they were *weak*. They were ineffectual, losers, victims, and so on. They were *beaten men*.

Judge seems to miss the fact that as you go down the ranks of American society, contempt for men increases. At the top, we have daughters of billionaires and powerful politicians. They seem to be well-adjusted as far as relations with men are concerned. They love their daddies, they are devoid of rage, and for the most part they go on to have stable marriages and families of their own.

Go down to the middle class, and there's a great deal more ambivalence. By the time you get to the ghettoes, trailer parks, barrios and reservations of the US, hatred for men permeates the atmosphere. Few of these women bother to even marry the men in their communities. They use phrases like "good for nothing" to describe them. Black female literature, *The Color Purple* to name one example, often portrays black men as the lowest form of humanity. Is it any wonder that Jezebel founder Anna Holmes – a black woman – has such a virulent hatred for men? This is the true and most painful legacy of slavery in the US.

It is in women's nature to love strength and despise weakness in men. A generation of weak, defeated fathers will create a great deal of anger and disgust in daughters.

So perhaps we can look at the debacle of Vietnam as the catalyst for modern feminism. A generation of American men who "lost" a war and returned in disgrace primed the women for a long rebellion. It doesn't matter that it wasn't American men's fault, or that circumstances were beyond their control; it just happened that way.

As feminism went into full bloom and women were further empowered, a positive feedback loop was created. Men were divorced and dispossessed by their wives, replaced in the workforce, removed from the family home, etc. This may not have affected every level of society, but it did a lot of damage nonetheless.

The women of my generation – those who wrote the *Book of Jezebel* – are the children of those times. Our fathers weren't perfect, but for the most part they weren't all that bad, either. Their "sin" was their weakness and loss of power, and that's what is really behind all the feminist rage and acting out.

Prostitution and the Internet Effect

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A study showing that fewer men are paying for sex came out recently, prompting some to wonder what's going on and others to doubt the results. What I find interesting is that women do not seem all that happy about the results, but rather a bit put off or skeptical.

My gut tells me there's some truth to the study. I remember the streetwalker culture from the 80s and 90s, when previous studies found that around 20% of men admitted to paying for sex, and it just isn't the same as it used to be. Even strip clubs have declined considerably, and they would be a good place to start if you want to find out how prevalent prostitution is today.

Some suggest that the apparent decline in prostitution is a result of online porn, and others that it's because fewer men are in the military. I'd guess the former is more accurate than the latter, but there's more to it than that.

Due to the vast numbers of desperate single mothers out there and the very easy ability to hook up online, guys just don't have to pay up front these days. In other words, dating sites have pulled the rug out from under the traditional prostitution business.

I see it as similar to the collapse of the music industry when file sharing became common. Why buy the CD when you can go online and, with a little effort, find it for free?

Think about the vast possibilities a guy has today compared to the early 90s. Back then, you had to actually leave the house to meet women. You had to spend money at a club or bar, dress well and make sure you smelled pleasant. It was all so much more effort. If you weren't into that rigamarole, you'd hire a hooker. Today, you can fire up the computer in your sweatpants and a t-shirt and browse women online. If your standards aren't too high (and most guys who visited hookers in the past didn't have particularly high standards), there's bound to be some lonely single mom desperate for attention waiting for some man – any man – to show interest in her.

If all you're looking to do is get laid without expending too much effort, it's a lot easier than it used to be. And that's pretty much what guys used to pay hookers for.

I can understand why women don't want to accept this. It's kind of degrading to know that some guy looking for quick, no-strings-attached sex can get it for free. One can't escape the feeling that it would be more considerate of him to hand her a few hours' pay.

Actually, I don't like it much myself. When I browsed some dating sites and looked at the profiles, seeing the vast numbers of unattached single mothers in my vicinity (I'd have called it my community, but the word "community" is fast becoming an anachronism), I felt a bit depressed by it all. It's like peering behind the curtains and seeing a desultory scene of misery and incompetence. There they are, free for the taking, and nobody wants them for more than a quick lay. In comparison, prostitution at least has a certain dignity.

This brings up an interesting question: is it ethically more acceptable to pump and dump a hapless single mother or to pay a hooker for convenient sex? Despite having once been staunchly opposed to prostitution, I'm beginning to think it's the latter, and wonder why we continue to criminalize prostitution when the social effects are so much milder than the epidemic of illegitimacy. It's backward thinking that holds that free sex is somehow on a higher moral plane. Naturally speaking, there never has been anything free about sex; every species on earth pays a price for it in one manner or another. And I worry that we will indeed pay a heavy price for what's going on, if not as individuals, as a society.

Perhaps the market will adjust, as the publishing and recording industries have recently begun to adjust to the new digital reality. Maybe, like newspapers, women will stop giving it up for free, and require cash or commitment up front once again. But given the numbers, that probably won't happen anytime soon. There are just too many of these women out there — there's too much competition.

It’s both ironic and sad to see how the destruction of traditional norms, promoted every step of the way by feminists, has so devalued women’s sexuality that they are reduced to unpaid whores.

Millennial employment stats presage economic doom

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I was looking over some economic stats on young Americans, AKA "millennials," and they look awful. Much is made of the tendency of young Americans to still be living at home with their parents (40% of young men), but I don't see that as the biggest problem. It's more a symptom of the underlying disease.

The real bad news is in the employment numbers. Of young Americans from ages 18-29, *only 43% are employed full time*, and this is despite dropping marriage and fertility rates. Although my employment record was on and off until I was in my early 20s, after that I never went for more than a couple months or so without a job until the recession. Jobs were pretty easy to find. Since then, something has changed fundamentally in the economy and the way people are hired. It used to be that you could walk right in wherever there was a "help wanted" sign and get a job on the spot. I don't see those signs much these days, and the employment process has become extraordinarily tedious and convoluted. You have to present an impeccable resume, go through credit checks and provide references to drive a truck these days. Forget about getting an office job without an embellished resume and a college degree (which less than 20% of millennials have).

Businesses have gone from hiring healthy young people to trying their best to keep them out. I sometimes hear grumbling about age discrimination from older workers, but I think these people are complaining a bit too much. Look at the stats and it's pretty clear that it isn't the old who are being passed over, but the young.

This is going to be an enormous problem, because low earnings in youth tends to mean low earnings later in life. The poverty of America's younger generation all but guarantees that there won't be enough of an economy to support the socialist programs that are keeping the US from falling apart at the seams. Given the size of the US, there will be no easy fix. Immigration – even the selective kind that allows only wealthy immigrants – will not do the trick, and may exacerbate the problem even more than it already has.

Some say this means that people won't be able to retire at 65, but this is already part of the problem. Older workers are keeping jobs that should be open to people in their 20s or 30s. In fact, labor force participation has grown only for men older than 55, and women over 45.

Consider that the peak baby boom years were in the mid 50s, after which the boom started to tail off in the early 60s. These peak boomers will be hitting retirement age en masse by 2020, and for most of the 2020s millions will retire every year. The loss of income that represents simply cannot be made up given millennials' prospects. Entire sectors of the economy will collapse, and health care expenses for aging boomers will be a crippling social cost.

Of course, nobody really knows what the fallout from all this will be, but I think we can make a few predictions:

- The real-estate market will tank, badly.
- Immigration will be restricted as the reality of paying for millions of unemployable single mothers with anchor babies hits the budget hard.
- There will be increasing support for "assisted suicide" to dispose of the inconvenient elderly.
- Traditional professions such as law and medicine will contract as services are no longer affordable to most Americans.
- Prison and police budgets will be cut, and crime will rise as a direct result of this. In some places (northern cities), crime will rise significantly; in others (rural midwest), not so much.
- Education budgets will be hit hard, and we will see, for the first time in a long while, a serious decline in primary school standards, particularly in heavily Hispanic regions, which will become de facto foreign territory. Illiteracy will rise to levels unseen in decades.

I'm sure there's much more to it, but it really doesn't look like the good times are going to come back again any

time soon.

So what are the implications for men? Although our standard of living will probably continue to decline, our relative status will likely rise. Without public largesse to rely on, women will start to think twice about ejecting husbands. However, I can see women becoming a lot more materialistic. For comfortable middle-aged guys with good jobs, finding a significantly younger girlfriend won't be too hard. As is the case in much of the world, younger men are going to have to learn how to "share" their girlfriends.

As for the awful family law that's still on the books, I doubt they'll repeal it, but I'd imagine that enforcement is going to be a lot less vigorous than it used to be. This cuts both ways, because women who violate court orders will get away with it even more than they do now, but on the other hand men will have a bit more leverage in custody disputes if women know that courts won't be as strict on them.

All in all, it looks like we're in for a pretty crappy couple of decades, at the very least. It's shameful to see what a raw deal young men are getting today compared to their parents, but corruption, selfishness, incompetence and greed are just facts of life.

Obamacare and child support

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One of the implications of Obamacare that I should have paid a little more attention to is the child support enforcement system. In a previous article, I mentioned that Obamacare will effectively extend child support to the age of 26 through the parental insurance provision. Judges will doubtless use the new law to justify ordering men to continue to pay for their children's insurance until the option expires. Anyone who thinks this is an exaggeration should spend an afternoon in family court.

However, I never took into account the fact that child support enforcement and welfare, being essentially tied together, will now have to be integrated with Obamacare into one big mess.

I found that out recently when attempting to pay some child support. While I used to be able to pay with a separate account that wasn't tied to other agencies, they are all being integrated now, and it's a big clusterf*** down at WA DSHS. There's no way to figure it out for now, and the phone lines are all jammed. I just hope I don't get my license revoked in the meanwhile.

What's behind this giant Obamacare mess is the ill-conceived idea to push a paper system online when the vast majority of public sector workers – including the politicians themselves – don't know the next thing about managing databases, encryption, website maintenance, online transactions, etc. It all sounds so nice and easy in theory: you have a simple, automated system anyone can use online. But that isn't how it works in the real world — especially not a real world that includes over 300 million Americans. In order for the system to work properly, it would have to be incredibly complex to respond quickly and correctly to all the changes in circumstance, errors, court orders, prescriptions and so on.

Just running this blog as a fully-hosted WordPress installation is quite a task sometimes (I'll probably have to overhaul it soon), and I don't have to deal with many variables at all compared to, say, a medical clinic.

So, naturally, there are problems with healthcare.gov. Big problems. I suppose anyone who has worked in IT should have been able to see this coming, but I doubt many of us considered the broader implications, such as integrating child support enforcement and state welfare agencies. But how about fraud? This is going to be a real killer. Intelligent, technologically capable people with no scruples will be able to manipulate this monstrous system for all sorts of nefarious purposes. If someone doesn't get on the ball, this is going to turn into a looting fest we haven't seen since the former Soviet Union fell apart in the 90s.

America, get ready to get ripped off.

Come the Revolution

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It seems clear from the attention recently directed toward the M(H)RM, its flagship websites, and its spokesmen, that a significant number of people are being motivated to at least take a look and see what all the fuss is about. This fact alone informs us that more and more people perceive the existence of a problem and (hopefully) want to find a solution they can be part of.

The problems have been thoroughly described and well-analyzed – no mystery there, although they bear considerable further dissemination, discussion and publicity.

But what's the solution?

Dr. Gene Sharp's 1993 book *From Dictatorship to Democracy* offers extensive advice on the most successful methods for deposing an illicit system and substituting something more reasonable in its place. Although he casts the struggle primarily (though not exclusively) as one of freedom-loving democracy-seekers in their fight against totalitarian dictatorships, in truth the M(H)RM might well take some lessons from his work.

It is probably wisest to avoid terms such as 'revolution,' 'rebellion,' 'overthrow' and 'deranged despots,' but there is no doubt that those most heavily engaged in the men's issues battle are indeed revolutionaries of a sort, attempting to upend the status quo of regimes which routinely violate the basic human rights ensconced in the U.S. Constitution, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and other similar documents.

It's worth bearing in mind too that the enemy, as such, needs to be clearly defined. Herbert Spencer, in *The Man Versus The State* (1884) reminds us that the state always proceeds in the direction of greater control and money for itself, at the expense of citizens and individuals. Gustav Le Bon in *The Crowd* (1896) calls "the progressive restriction of the liberty of the individual" one of the two great dangers of even the ideal state (the other being financial waste). Frank Chodorov's 1959 book *The Rise and Fall of Society* describes the state's "proclivity for expansion… its inherent compulsion toward the acquisition of power (which) cannot be inhibited by law," and shows most importantly that "state power can grow only at the expense of social power."

An obvious ancillary conclusion must be that partisan politics is irrelevant in the face of abusive state power: no government, no form of centralized authority with a monopoly on violence, has ever escaped these expansionist tendencies. The notion that these tendencies can be magically restrained is a part of our political mythos which many still accept as legitimate.

In Western capitalist democracies, we are now witness to a psychotic agglomeration of quasi-fascist right-wing policies coupled with hard-left collectivist regulatory regimes which serve to aggregate financial and political power in an oligarchic and bureaucratic ruling class while stripping the general populace of power, money, liberty and justice.

Ideologues and populists can and do provide support to the state, but in fact are only the justification, the useful idiots (Lenin), for the relentless and inescapable march to state dominance – it matters little which particular ideology is employed, so long as the interests of the state are preserved. (Consider that during the recent U.S. 'financial crisis' the number of government employees increased by 22,000 persons). In democracies, right, left and centrist governments are statist: that is to say, they withdraw power, money and freedom from individuals and accrue it to themselves and their institutions.

Dr. Sharp advises that strategic planning is critical in attaining the desired outcome. In response to a legitimate and successful battle against abusive authority, societies can change in one of four ways, these being conversion (rare), accommodation, nonviolent coercion, and disintegration. It may not be possible to achieve the goals of the M(H)RM through convincing the state to adopt a posture of accommodation, however such an outcome might be preferable to the extreme of governmental disintegration.

The analysis of successful campaigns begins with noticing that "in extreme cases, the social, political, economic, and even religious institutions of the society — outside of state control — have been deliberately weakened… . The population has often been atomized (turned into a mass of isolated individuals) unable to work together to achieve freedom, to confide in each other, or even to do much of anything at their own initiative. The result is predictable: the population becomes weak, lacks self-confidence, and is incapable of resistance."

Sound familiar? Lest you doubt the viability or intent of such tactics, bear in mind that a record 27% of America's households are now solo occupant, a dream come true for radical feminists, corporations and rulers alike. In Tokyo, the average number of persons per household is less than two. In Canada the number of people living alone is at an all-time high and continues to rise. This socially destructive trend is occurring all over the Western world.

So what can be done? The bad news first: not every revolution is successful. But rather than lay down on the sofa, turn on the PS3 and dial up the porn channel, however, men should note the corollary: many struggles against oppressive authority are successful, and there are damn good reasons for that success.

Violence is clearly not the answer. In addition to moral and ethical implications, violence means attacking the state in its area of greatest superiority, hardly a winning strategy. In addition, violence often has the effect of mobilizing support *against* the initiators.

Elections are generally useless as well – the state is clearly not going to create and promote any electoral system which leads to its own demise. A quick look around the world should substantiate this point – with only very rare exceptions, the effective, underlying status quo does not change much, regardless of election results.

Negotiation has its own pitfalls, from serving to legitimize the oppressive regime to co-opting the resistance. And on fundamental issues, such as human liberty, negotiation is a path to failure. Negotiation is NOT based on the ability of each side to recognize the relative merits of the opposition's position and then compromise, it is based rather on an assessment of the power relationships involved. Guess who wins. The arguments of such as R. Tod Kelly, who want men to engage in reasonable dialogue in order to correct "civil rights discrepancies," are those of a person who misunderstands both the fundamental nature of the state and the goals of the M(H)RM.

Understanding and exploiting the weaknesses of the state are key to undermining its power. As well, activists must strengthen the oppressed population in their determination, self-confidence, and resistance skills; strengthen their independent social groups and institutions; create a powerful internal resistance force; and develop a strategic plan and implement it skillfully.

For a wide variety of reasons, Dr. Sharp contends that political defiance is the alternative of choice for activists. It enables attacking the status quo where it is weakest, undermining the state's sources of power, and it is difficult to defend against. Political defiance also helps distribute effective power across society, rather than leaving it solely in the hands of the state.

The strategies and tactics of political defiance need not involve breaking the law, harming others, or sacrificing one's self martyr-style to no purpose. Dr. Sharp describes 198 methods of nonviolent action which can be applied effectively – these are listed at *Methods of Nonviolent Action.*

But success can have its own difficulties and risks as well. Le Bon, also in *The Crowd,* summarizes the leading danger: "The idea that institutions can remedy the defects of societies, that national progress is the consequence of the improvement of institutions and governments, and that social changes can be effected by decrees — this idea, I say, is still generally accepted. It was the starting-point of the French Revolution, and the social theories of the present day are based upon it. The most continuous experience has been unsuccessful in shaking this grave delusion."

There is a certain bitter irony to this notion as applied to Dr. Sharp's work, since he envisions the attainment of constitutional democracy and all its institutions as the end goal of political struggle. What happens when constitutional democracy itself is the problem? History is providing the M(H)RM with an opportunity to help write

a new chapter to this age-old story.

From Dictatorship to Democracy is considerably more nuanced and comprehensive than can be conveyed in one short article. Dr. Sharp has placed his work in the public domain, so it's free to download and read.

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Hugo Schwyzer Facing Hard Time

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At the height of his meltdown following his exposure as a fraud, Hugo got high on six milligrams of clonazepam and crashed his car, seriously injuring a young mother, who was medevaced from the scene by helicopter.

Because he was intoxicated, violated traffic laws and injured someone, he was charged with felony DUI, which carries a minimum sentence of six months in prison, but typically more.

Apparently, some felony DUI cases are known as "wobblers," which means that they can be reduced to a misdemeanor. I'm not sure whether that's the case in Hugo's crime, but even if it is, he'll likely be spending some time behind bars – or in a psych ward – regardless.

I'm not one to cheer when people are thrown in jail; there are plenty of people there who shouldn't be in a cage. Unless people are a menace to society or have intentionally done some great harm that causes considerable hardship to others, I'm skeptical about the value of imprisonment. Hugo, however, does appear to be a menace. Given his confessions concerning attempted murder in the past, I wouldn't be surprised if it turned out that he intentionally crashed his car.

I wasn't sure whether to believe the story he told about trying to blow himself and his girlfriend up in a gas explosion some years ago – I thought he might have ripped off the story from the Ken Kesey novel *Sometimes a Great Notion* – but now it seems a lot more likely to have really happened.

So, if Hugo does time in prison, what will it be like for him?

First of all, prison is often better than county jails, which are overcrowded, filthy and have a lower staff ratio. The real problem with prison is not so much the facility itself, but the other inmates.

Fortunately for Hugo, if he does end up there he may well be classified as a "sensitive needs" prisoner, which would entitle him to segregation from general population. Prisoners who would be in danger of assault or murder at the hands of regular prisoners stay in what is called the "sensitive needs yard." These special prisoners incude gang snitches, celebrities, physically frail prisoners, child molesters and homosexuals. They are essentially people who would be an easy, attractive or high-profile target.

Although I'm not an expert on this, I'd assume Hugo Schwyzer would fit the sensitive needs profile. As a feminist, liberal white male with bisexual tendencies, I can imagine that many of the general population inmates would quite enjoy giving Hugo a beating, for the entertainment value if nothing else. There's nothing that screams "hit me!" quite like a snarky, passive-aggressive white nerd in prison. If he is effeminate on top of that some form of violence is a near certainty.

I know this not only from anecdotal evidence (I have a friend who did time in California), but from my time in an inner city high school, which shares a number of characteristics in common with prison. It was always the white nerds who got smacked around, and the most brutal assault I saw was on a gay white student, who was punched so hard in the face that he needed surgery.

Of course, most prisoners are in low security prisons. There's a point system that determines one's security needs. Although Hugo may appear to be suited to a low security prison, his admission of attempted murder, suicidal tendencies and mental disorders will probably earn him more than a couple points. If he didn't come from a fairly well-to-do family, I'd guess he'd probably be looking at a level II (out of four) security facility, which is close to the median. For some context, level I is minimum security, and more like a college dorm, whereas level IV is reserved for the kinds of prisoners who murder guards (e.g. "Terrible Tommy" Silverstein) or are national security risks. Level III is where your garden variety violent psychopath goes, and although Schwyzer definitely has some socio/psychopathic tendencies, his ability to perpetrate serious violence and mayhem is limited by his physique and self-preservation instinct.

For Hugo, the most painful aspect of prison would be the isolation from the outside world and the limited opportunity for him to draw attention to himself. This is what will really hurt him if that's where he ends up. For narcissists, it is a severe blow to the ego to be quarantined.

If Hugo does time, I hope he gives the world an honest account of it, although that may be too much to ask. For his children's sake, I hope he makes some effort to reform himself in a positive way, and keeps himself optimistic throughout the experience. I doubt his career as a writer is over, so perhaps he can use the time served to improve his mental and physical health, and learn to use his talents in a less destructive way.

I do think some time in the pen will be both just and good in Hugo's case, and helpful to Hugo himself as well as society. I doubt he'll get hurt there, and because that isn't the point of incarceration I hope he comes out no worse for the wear. If he behaves himself and learns a thing or two, he'll be able to stand up straight and say "I've done my time." It's an opportunity few elite sociopaths are afforded these days, so Hugo should try to make the most of it. With some luck and self-reflection, he may actually emerge a better man with something to offer besides the usual lies and hystrionics.

If, however, he gets off the hook, expect no improvement. Hugo owes it to his fellow men to submit to justice, and only in paying his dues can he be rehabilitated.

They Start with a Lie

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The “epidemic” of domestic violence.

The gender “pay gap”.

1 in 4 young women raped on college campuses.

Access to health care (reproductive services)…

You know the drill.

The latest outrage from the Feminazi Front is waging war on our military chain of command through the astounding increase of “sexual assault” among it’s ranks. And one very self-righteous and determined feminist senator, Kirsten Gillibrand (D-New York) demands the matter be addressed through turning the military legal system upside down…just for sexual assault cases; ostensibly because mean, patriarchal brass in the Pentagon (and Republicans) don’t care about women.

Luckily some in the media, being burned so many times before by feminist “studies”, aren’t buying it. In an analysis in the Wall Street Journal James Taranto dissects the issue down to the facts and Ms. Gillibrand’s attempt at inciting “moral panic”. Of course all we hear from the feminist sycophantic main stream media is what feminist activists want America to hear, the shocking headline - sexual assaults in the military “increased by a prevalence of 46 percent in the past fiscal year.” OMG! Unwanted sexual contact in the military is RAMPANT!

From Taranto on the authoress of a New York TImes article:

> Today’s New York Times has a fascinating little piece by reporter Jennifer Steinhauer, which begins: “Reports of sexual assault in the military increased sharply during the last fiscal year, new Pentagon figures showed Wednesday, just weeks before a defense bill with provisions to tackle the problem is expected to reach the Senate floor.”
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> What’s fascinating is that Steinhauer does not betray any skepticism about these numbers, even though she enumerates several reasons to take them with a grain of salt–to wit: “The numbers included sexual assaults by civilians on service members,” which would not fit the common meaning of sexual assault *in the military.* “Sexual assault” was defined broadly, to include mere “touching of private body parts” (though not “sexual harassment, which is handled by another office in the military”).
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> Here’s our favorite: “In a twist, the Pentagon found that a substantial number of the reported cases of sexual assault–something less than 10 percent–occurred before the victim entered the military.” That’s a hell of a “twist”! By this definition, the military could reduce “sexual assault in the military” by nearly 10% simply by asking recruits if they’ve ever experienced sexual assault and rejecting anyone who answers in the affirmative.
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> Figures for “reported” sexual assaults, of course, also include false charges as well as murky cases in which it is impossible to prove either guilt or innocence–which, under American principles of justice, means acquittal is the proper outcome. Assault statistics–and indeed statistics on all crimes except homicide–are unreliable on the other side as well, for not all crimes are reported.

The Obama administration is strangely mum on the issue (they have much bigger fires to fight rigth now), and even some Democrat feminist stalwarts like Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MIssouri) oppose it, while Tea Partiers Ted Cruz and Rand Paul support the measure. Strange bedfellows indeed.

It’s unlikely the bill will pass the Senate with such bi-partisan opposition, and it wouldn’t make it through the House

anyway. But it's very telling to see how some dare question feminist "studies" and "statistics", this one conducted by the infamous AAUW, and also how easily politicians and journalists can be swayed when Feminist Inc. shrieks about something.

> As long as politicians (and journalists) persist in exaggerating the prevalence of sexual assault in the military, the Pentagon will follow suit, and prosecutions on false or dubious charges will continue to proliferate. A decent resolution to this problem will remain impossible until the moral panic passes. One can only hope the effectiveness and morale of the U.S. military doesn't suffer too much in the interim.

Emasculating the military and destroying it from within is on the Feminist to-do list. More money for women's "needs" and less money for a band of violent, perverted men to play army. They start with a lie.

Somebody Owes Rush Limbaugh an Apology

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In an effort to pitch Obamacare, some publicly employed flunkie decided it would be a good idea not only to use infantile language (I'd correct a four-year-old if I heard it from him), but promote sluttiness and promiscuity as well.

I took a screenshot of the atrocious ad, which is an indication of just how depraved our public culture has become. Obamacare is evidently great because birth control is covered, and now women can screw around to their hearts' content:

Does anyone else remember Sandra Fluke explaining that sluttiness had nothing to do with women wanting the pill covered? Anyone remember the demands that nasty old Rush apologize to the tender maiden for insulting her honor?

Well, was he wrong? If the shoe fits…

The Inherent Honesty of Game

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From time to time people, short-sighted mortals that we are, get a mass delusion that leads us to believe that we are on the cusp of a permanent utopia. It happens without fail. The gaudy, tasteless rainbow revolution of the 1960s and 70s was nothing new, but merely yet another iteration of the human tendency to reject all received wisdom in favor of an evanescent dream.

Back in the late 19th century there was a similar movement. Like the recent one, this movement espoused so-called "free love" and nature worship. Several communities associated with this movement arose in the Puget Sound region of Washington state, probably due to its isolation, temperate climate and material abundance, and played a key role in agitating for a socialist/anarchist takeover of the United States. After being accused of fomenting assassinations and harboring bomb-hurling terrorists, these communities came under suspicion, and narrowly escaped being burned to the ground.

One, known as "Home" Washington, harbored the infamous feminist Lois Waisbrooker, who advocated aggressive female sexuality. She was arrested on obscenity charges at one point, and given a slap on the wrist by a sympathetic judge. High society, it seems, was not all that negatively disposed toward radical feminists. At least no more so then than now.

What is truly fascinating about the previous movement is how little it differed from the free love movement of the 1960s. Feminism, socialism and sexual freedom were all high on the agenda. However, if one looks back even farther, a pattern emerges. All utopian movements, at least in their early days, are essentially the same, going back all the way to the Roman Bacchanalians, and even before to the golden calf story of the Bible.

What they all have in common is a "manna from heaven" attitude toward whatever it is that they desire. Food, shelter, and all our needs – including love – are to be "free" for the taking. Somehow, we will work out a scheme that eliminates the need to pay for any of it. That's what is at the heart of it all.

Today, we continue to live under the mass hallucination of our most recent cultural revolution, and pretend outwardly that love is free; that sex carries no cost. However, when we look around, it is obvious that this isn't the case. Sure, things have changed. The dangers of pregnancy can be thwarted, women have a great deal more leeway in their sexual behavior, and medicine mitigates much of the risk of sexually transmitted infections.

But this doesn't mean sex is free. When an alpha cad sleeps with dozens of women, there are dozens of men who go without, and guess who is paying for it all? It certainly isn't the cad who is paying for these women's subsidized visits to Planned Parenthood, their taxpayer-supported jobs, their welfare or their college tuition. No, it is the men who are sexually deprived – most men – who are shouldering the bulk of the load. And without these goodies, would the women be so free with their affections? Not a chance.

If someone else is buying your lunch, can you really call it "free?"

This is where Game comes into the equation. Those who promote Game say that with some work, some study and some ability men can find love. They are not selling free love. Maybe some of them exaggerate, and their methods may not always work, but they are clearly accepting that there is some cost involved. When it comes down to it they are far more realistic, and therefore more honest, than those who declare love to be an entitlement that should carry no cost.

One can argue about the morality of certain individual proponents of Game, but as for the concept itself, it tends to lead toward a far more conservative and morally tested understanding of human sexuality than most alternatives. I'd go so far as to say that Game operates on essentially the same premise as traditional religions: we all pay some price for love. It is ethically superior to much of modern Christianity, which holds that the cost should be borne by men alone, and feminism, which, strangely enough, entirely agrees with modern Christianity on this point. It is better

than liberal factions of the men's movement that demand that sex be just as free for men as it is for women which is, quite frankly, such a laughable idea that it surprises me when anyone takes it seriously (sure, some men can get it for "free" but, as I wrote above, someone else is paying for it).

Some of the resistance to Game comes from a sense of hopelessness; the attitude that "it could never work for me." This is true in some cases, but it isn't all that common, and it would be even less common in a world where people had fewer delusions about the price of love. Some figure that the price of love is too high, and that's fine. These men, however, don't generally take issue with the efficacy of Game — they just don't want to put any effort into it.

However, to oppose Game on principle is akin to opposing the laws of nature, because *that's what lies behind it*. Game is simply a return to a rational appraisal of human sexuality, and although it looks messy and sometimes offensive, that's because it reflects its subject. In the long run, we would be better off in aggregate, happier and more satisfied if we, as a society, paid more attention to the truths it embodies.

Abortion: The Spearhead against Patriarchy

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By RICanuck

Once, about 15 years ago, I took my son into day surgery in Central Ontario, to have his shattered kneecap pinned back together.

The day surgery waiting area was crowded with middle aged women and several men. None of the men would make eye contact with anyone else, all just looked at the floor. The middle aged women were sitting quietly or quietly gossiping.

When my son's surgery was finished and he was coming out of anesthesia, I was told to go to the recovery room. He was the only male. Everyone else was a young woman, mainly teenagers. The behavior of the women coming out of surgery varied. One Filipina with a wedding ring, was crying that she wanted to get back to her children as quickly as possible. One of the local white trash told her to shut up it was no big deal, because she (the white trash) had already had four 'procedures' prior to this one. Most of the teenagers complained about abdominal pain, but one made serious attempt to flirt with my son, despite his grogginess.

I figured out what day it was. It was abortion day in the only facility that provides abortions between Toronto and Ottawa.

I was still pretty blue pill then, but realized that the men who had brought their wives, girlfriends, or daughters in to get an abortion knew deep down inside that they had failed as men. It seems to be a deep seated primal urge that men want to protect women and children. Being seen as a hero afterwards is an additional perk. If a man supports the abortion of his child or grandchild, he somehow knows that not only has he failed, but is also complicit in evil. One can often hear manginas loudly proclaim their support for 'freedom of choice', but the very volume of their claims makes it seem that they are trying harder to convince themselves than their listeners.

I have often wondered why feminists kick hard against any attempt to regulate abortion. If a State legislature attempt to impose licensing requirements, require a recovery room and resuscitation equipment, or require that only licensed practitioners only perform abortions, the abortion lobby will kick and scream against it. It is because the abortion license is not about women's freedom. If it was NOW would protest the compulsory abortions in China. It is not to relieve a woman of the life altering consequences of an inconvenient pregnancy. It is not about preventing the horrors of Dr. Kermit Gosnell.

The abortion lobby says they want to destroy patriarchy. That is the rule of fathers. They really mean it! Every dead fetus is one more blow against the patriarchy, it is one more nail in the closing coffin of the very real and very male desire of a man to have his own wife and children to support and sacrifice for. We also desire respect and admiration for building and protecting our families. The father/patriarch may not have much of a kingdom, it could be a two bedroom in the projects, or it could be a mcmansion in a pleasant leafy suburb, but it is his.

Abortion positive feminism is destroying this. Abortion is only the most politically visible means to destroy patriarchy. Since 1973, every state now allows no-fault divorce. Any would be patriarch can have his little kingdom destroyed on a whim with the destroyer's 'girlfriends' egging her on every step of the way. As an aside, to the men reading this, can anyone say that they have encouraged another man to seek divorce, except in the most extreme circumstances?

Many or most states recognize 'marital rape'. Prior to 'marital rape' laws, it was considered that husbands and wives belonged to each other and had claims upon each other. However, it was considered assault if she really put up a fight. But with 'marital rape' a husband always has a sword of Damocles hanging over his head. It destroys his patriarchal claim upon her, but she still has claim on the fruit of his labour.

Abortion, no-fault divorce, and marital rape are the legal pry bars to destroy patriarchy. The social aspects are even

more pernicious. Check out almost all commercials for the depiction of fathers. We are all bumbling fools, barely tolerated by the smart, empowered wife, and the wise children. The only commercials that show men in a positive light are those for man things, like trucks. How many wives and children are with the man in these commercials?

The churches are also participating in the destruction of patriarchy. Check out Dalrock's commentary on the movie 'Fireproof'. I once saw an article about how Jesus provides all of a woman's needs, lifts her up, and makes her feel special. The article ended with the wish that their husbands could be just like Jesus. Jesus is also Judge. Would the authoress be willing to accept criticism from her husband without getting defensive? That article was an example of emotional and spiritual adultery, and because it involves an imaginary 'boyfriend' Jesus, it is also blasphemous. But almost no pastors or laymen will call it what it is.

This leads to the media phenomenon of herbivores in Japan. There have been a few media stories about this of late, but because it is the media, I hesitate to guess how true it is. The North American version is MGTOW and PUA. There have been articles asking why men won't leave the house, put down the video games, get jobs (good luck with that), and marry those sluts girls. In other words, why won't they try to be patriarchs? Well patriarchy is on its sick bed.

I am not sure that I, a baby boomer, have much useful advice to give to the younger men. After all I grew up in a country in which abortion, homosexuality, and artificial contraception were all illegal before 1969. I do advise that almost all Christian relationship advice is useless. Ian Ironwood's 'Red Pill Room' is a good source, as are Dalrock and the 'Rational Male'. Even Chateau Heartiste (Roissy) has useful information, but a Christian man should pay attention to his observations, but do not follow his morals. For those who wish to start their own little patriarchal kingdom have a read of http://www.thumotic.com/2013/01/08/how-to-find-a-wife/ . Our society is so misandric that the author does advise to keep in mind that you may fail, but if you accept the task, accept it with manly courage.

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Corporate Commissariat Coming Under Fire

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Since the 1980s, human resources departments have expanded to the point where nearly every midsize company has an HR department. The purpose of HR is ostensibly to manage hiring, employee retention and terminations, but this could be easily covered by ordinary management. The real reason HR has grown so much over the years is legal and regulatory compliance. HR is all about following the rules from on high, including affirmative action quotas, policies regarding discrimination and harassment and other ideological matters.

In this way, HR closely resembles the old commissariat of the USSR and other Communist countries. Commissars were a fact of life in Soviet factories, each of which had at least one "politruk" (political officer) who would enforce the rules and ensure adherence to Soviet ideology. In the final days of the USSR, the politruk was seen as something of a joke not to be taken too seriously, but for a long time people genuinely feared them.

In the US, people have good reason to fear HR, because they do exercise authority, and your job relies on being in good graces with the department. I learned this the hard way. While working as a temp for a large corporation back in the late 90s, I made the mistake of voicing my displeasure with constant schedule changes to a sympathetic coworker. A blonde, management type woman in khakis was walking past at the time, and I noticed that she turned her head and looked directly at me as she swiftly walked by.

No more than fifteen minutes later, a fat security guard walked up to my cubicle and told me to leave the premises immediately. He actually grabbed me by the arm and physically held onto me as I walked out, as though he was trying to provoke a fight, all for a mere complaint I voiced to a coworker. I learned my lesson. Since then, I have assiduously avoided working in a corporate setting, choosing instead to work in small businesses or freelance. Sometimes, you have to be honest with yourself and know your place. I simply can't survive in an environment that requires conformity and slavish obedience — it isn't in my nature. But that's what HR wants from its workers: silent, drone-like behavior.

Naturally, people working in HR have let the power go to their heads. They have started to hire employees that suit their own tastes, and the results have been curious. It turns out that because HR departments are so often stocked with single women, they are using their positions to shut out the sexual competition:

> In an experiment that involved sending out more than 2,500 resumes either with or without photos of the applicant, economics researchers Bradley Ruffle at Ben-Gurion University and Ze'ev Shtudiner at Ariel University Centre sought to answer the question of whether being good looking could help you find a job. The answer surprised them: Not if you're a woman. Pretty women faced an uphill struggle to get a chance at a job.
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> The economists hadn't reckoned on the fact that 93 percent of the HR staffers deciding whether to call in someone for an interview were female. It turns out that HR women (who also tend to be young and single and hence still in the dating market for men) are eager to meet with handsome men. But they're jealous of beautiful women. So your business is losing out on talented people (and wasting time with untalented ones) based on their looks.

Of course, there's another reason to keep good-looking women out: they are more likely to attract men, and therefore more likely to marry out of the job or initiate sexual harassment lawsuits. Even so, I doubt that's the only – or even most important – reason young women in HR are round-filing applications from good-looking women. I'm sure plenty of women in HR would gladly "retire" if some higher-up proposed that one of them become his personal housewife.

The real problem, however, isn't HR itself. HR is only there because of the myriad regulations that have been implemented over recent decades. If these poltically mandated regulations were removed, companies would soon find HR to be a redundant department. More outspoken and honest people could breathe a sigh of relief, and the

workplace might come to resemble a prison a little less.

It seems that companies have finally started to see HR as an undesirable institution. Hopefully, Americans will soon come to the conclusion that the body of law that created HR is an even bigger problem, and take steps to remove it. We can't fix our unemployment problems by continuously increasing the complexity and cost of employment, or by creating a workplace environment that demands inhuman standards of behavior so as to conform to nutty equalist fantasies.

100 years ago all over again, again

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Seattle has elected its first Communist in 97 years, as Indian American (as opposed to American Indian) Kshama Sawant beat out Richard Conlin for a city council seat. Our last bona-fide commie in city government, elected in 1916, was a precocious preacher's daughter named Anna Louise Strong, who died in Beijing in 1970 as a fervent supporter of Mao Zedong and apologist for Communist atrocities.

My bet is that aside from skin tone and some cultural distinctions, there isn't a dime's worth of difference between Sawant and Strong. Some of these Hindu women these days can hold their own with the worst of our old-time suffragettes, who were so terribly oppressed and put upon by society that they never had the opportunity to do an honest day's labor in their lives. Poor dears.

I could say it's ironic that a town like Seattle, which, if it were a human being, would be America's premier corporate lackey, would elect a slash-and-burn kook like Sawant, but then again I've met her opponent Richard Conlin in person. I don't think I've ever met a softer, slimier specimen than Conlin. To my everlasting disgust, I shook his hand at a community meeting some years ago, and it felt like I was grasping a wet toad. When I asked him whether Seattle's "sanctuary city" policy was legal, he lied to my face and smiled, and I went on my way with a newfound disgust for politicians, which is really saying something.

Sawant's socialism, like Strong's, is sure to be of the female supremacist sort that rankled serious male socialists like E Belfort Bax and George Orwell in the early 20th century. Making socialism a feminist issue – which is how it was framed in the teens and 20s of the previous century – greatly discredited the idea amongst the Anglo masses. How, after all, could working men support socialism if it was merely a transfer payment to goodtime girls and man-haters?

Naturally, this framing of socialism as a sort of paternalist slush fund for bad girls destabilized politics in the West, leading to a lack of consensus on labor policy that wasn't resolved until the situation deteriorated to revolutionary conditions in the late 20s and early 30s. We all know how that turned out (cue WWII).

Today is a time of imminent retrenchment. The general stupidity that passes for political consensus grows more and more absurd by the day, and although there is no credible source of resistance, a reckoning is nigh. As always, we humans are doomed to repeat our failures, and relive the mundane, swinish conditions we can't help but stumble our way into every few generations. I can only hope that this time we don't pay such a terrible price, but I'm not counting on it.

Americans Agree that Women Ideally Should have Children by 25

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One of the articles on this site that has attracted the most criticism from women stated that women are wasting time if they keep delaying family past the age of 25. From all the objections I have seen to it, you'd think that most of the US thinks I'm out to lunch, but according to a Gallup poll it turns out that most people agree with me:

> PRINCETON, NJ — In light of the importance that child rearing has on gender roles in society and, ultimately, on families, workplaces, and the economy, Gallup recently asked Americans what they think is the ideal age for men and women to start having children. The majority, 58%, say 25 or younger is ideal for women, whereas the majority think men should start having children at 26 or older. Still, the average perceived ideal age for each gender to have children differs only slightly: 25 for women and 27 for men.

Hmmm…

I'd argue that 25 is a bit late to be ideal, although not bad. If a woman wants a couple kids and starts at 21, she can have both by 25 and get on with her career by 30 if she wants to work. Not a bad proposition.

However, there is a deluded segment of the US population. Let's call them "feminists" for brevity's sake. These people employ what is known as "magical thinking" when it comes to motherhood and family formation. They believe it is never too late for anything. While having a child late (if possible) is better than never for most women, we're talking about the *ideal* here.

Ideally, people should have babies when young and healthy for a number of reasons. Most important of these is that it is physically safer for both mother and child. Next, conception is much more likely to actually happen when you're young. Finally, younger parents are more likely to survive and remain healthy until their children become adults. This is why being an older father is not ideal, especially if you have no prior children (it sucks to be fatherless and have no siblings at a young age).

However, many feminists prefer to put their fingers in their ears and shut their eyes whenever this subject comes up. They don't want to hear the truth, which is that there are *tradeoffs* in life. If you want to put your kids off for a long time, there's a good chance you won't have any at all.

It wouldn't matter too much if feminists only subjected themselves to this delusion that women can "have it all," but unfortunately they are evangelists. They want the entire world to validate their choices, so they go about trying to convince everyone else to make the same mistakes they do.

Here's an example of a feminist fighting reality:

> I had my first child at 33-years-old. Practically an old lady, according to all of you.
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> As Slate notes, according to a new Gallup poll, most Americans think that women should start having children by age 25.
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> That's the ideal.
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> Do you know what I was doing at 25?
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> Dancing on bars after 4 too many shots of Jagermeister. Dating as many men as possible to figure out that guys who kick in your car door probably aren't the marrying kind. Working my way to the top of the journalism food chain, first at FOX in Salt Lake City and later ABC in New York City, both of which involved 10-hour workdays. I was traveling. New York City, Mexico, London, Italy … you get the idea. I was grabbing myself a big ol' handful of life whilst trying very hard not to create it, because that wouldn't have been ideal. For me.
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> What I'm telling you in a rather roundabout fashion is that 58% of the more than 5,000 people surveyed — the

> ones who say women should have children in their late teens or early 20s — are just plain wrong. But that's not all. Anyone who says women should have children by any age is wrong.

Anyone who says that is wrong, huh? How about the 40-year-old woman who can't conceive any longer despite her best efforts, and now faces a "child-free" life? Is she "wrong?"

What if this 40-year-old woman said she regretted her empty life of drunken hookups and meaningless one-night-stands, and would give it all up for a baby. Is she wrong for that?

Sometimes, the sheer self-absorption of feminists can be appalling, as in this case. And yet hardly anyone calls them on it. I am one of the few who does, and I think women ought to be grateful for that. After all, where the rubber meets the road, who do you want to believe: a guy who tells it like it is, or some woman who drank and partied away her reproductive prime but was still lucky enough to have a child in her mid 30s?

Do you think you'll be that lucky? I sure wouldn't bet on it.

If Renisha McBride were Male Nobody Would Care

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Some people are trying to draw parallels between Trayvon Martin and Renisha McBride, who was killed while intoxicated and banging on a man's screen door at 4:30 AM.

It isn't much of a comparison. The two are young and black and were shot by non-black citizens, but that's about it. Trayvon Martin was pretty much minding his own business when he was followed by Zimmerman, and died because he decided to repay the insult with blows, unaware that Zimmerman was carrying a concealed weapon (note to young men: always assume the other guy has a weapon). Martin was not drunk, and although he may have smoked some marijuana, there's a world of difference between someone who is smashed on booze (McBride's BAC came out to .218 — .08 is legally intoxicated) and someone who is stoned.

If Trayvon Martin had gone to someone's house and started banging on the door and making a scene in the early morning hours, and he had been shot dead for it, nobody would have heard much about it. It would have been considered cut and dried self-defense. If a homeowner doesn't have the right to use force on someone he reasonably thinks is trying to violently break into his home, then self-defense is meaningless.

I once had a situation similar to the McBride case occur at my front door. Late at night, a young black woman came to my door asking for help, saying she'd been carjacked. She was frightened and upset, but she was neither intoxicated nor deranged. I armed myself with my .45, because robbers sometimes use women to lower a victim's guard. Before opening the door, I checked the windows to look for anyone hiding in the bushes and asked the woman whether she was alone or not. She said she was, so I told her I had a gun and to move slowly and keep her hands in view. Everything went smoothly, and I locked the door behind her, sat her down on the couch and gave her the phone to call the cops. She seemed quite relieved to be inside with me.

The cops came and her story checked out. Some thug had carjacked her just down the street and taken off with her baby in the car! I was glad I had helped her, but I wouldn't have let her in if I weren't armed. Being an armed citizen allowed me to both help and protect her.

However, if she'd been drunk and acting violently, I wouldn't have known what to do. I probably wouldn't have opened the door in the first place, but what if I had and she lunged at me while I was armed? How would I know this wasn't the beginning of a home invasion robbery? Maybe I would have pistol whipped her, maybe I would have shot her. Who knows… You don't fool around with strangers at your door in the middle of the night, even if they are female. Incidentally, the IRA would often use women to stage a takeover of an apartment. They'd send a girl to ask whether she could use the telephone, and she'd come in, call her friends with some signal, then pull a gun and next thing you know the helpful guy who opened the door is hogtied and gagged while an IRA unit takes over the apartment to carry out an attack on British troops.

The question is, how was Mr. Theodor Wafer supposed to know that McBride was harmless? When someone is pounding on your door, there are a lot of variables you just plain don't know about. Is this person armed? Is she alone? Is she deranged? When you consider all the possibilities, race and sex don't even seem all that important any longer.

So why don't a few people try a little thought experiment. Remove the fact that McBride is a female, and replace her with an unknown male, intoxicated, banging violently on some stranger's door at 4:30 AM. If he gets shot by the homeowner, does it make the national news?

I didn't think so.

If IQ is rising, why do people seem dumber in some regards?

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Psychometricians and psychologists have long puzzled over the so-called “Flynn Effect,” which has demonstrated a consistent rise in IQ over the decades. So, a student who scored a 100 (which is both the median and mean score for the entire population being tested) back in 1920 would score low enough compared to today’s students today to qualify for special ed classes.

Is it possible that people are that much smarter today than they used to be? Obviously not, but the effect is real. Finally, it seems that a psychologist named Michael Woodley and a precocious 15-year-old named Elijah Armstrong have come up with a plausible theory explaining the rise in tested IQ over the years.

They noticed that certain subsections of the test showed a much larger rise in score than others. General knowledge, math and vocabulary have barely risen at all since the 1940s, whereas similarities and picture completion have gone way up. This suggests that some parts of the test measure innate intelligence – or “g” – better than others. In other words, some parts of the test are influenced by practice and study, like most ordinary school tests, while others reflect the subject’s raw intellectual ability, and are less susceptible to influence.

The similarities subtest has improved because children have a broader base of categorical knowledge than they used to. To use an example I read elsewhere, if you were to ask a child in the early 20th century what dogs and cats have in common, they might say “they both have four legs,” whereas today’s child would be more likely to classify both as mammals.

People who know certain rules are therefore more likely to obtain a high test score:

> Another aspect of being test savvy is the capacity to de-contextualise, that is, to be able to generalise about types of problem, without being confused by the particular context in which the specific example is presented to you.
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> Armstrong and Woodley assert that, from the point of view of intelligence, education amounts to a vast re-testing enterprise. There are modest gains from rules of thumb, mnemonics and being “taught to the test”. Indeed, the reliance on exam results makes teachers and pupils confederates in ensuring that nothing is taught which is not taught to be examined. Incidentally, this view does not exclude what James Flynn calls “scientific spectacles” which more people now adopt when solving problems.
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> Armstrong and Woodley rank tests according to how much “cognitive scaffolding” they have. Raven’s Matrices is level IV: rules are very helpful, only a few of them are required; Catell Culture Fair is Level III: rules help, but will not help you on many items; the majority of IQ tests are Level II: very many rules are required, but working out which to use is difficult, (and selecting the rule is what requires general intelligence); and Draw A Man test is Level I: no rule is of much help.
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> The authors say: “It is proposed that tests like the Raven’s are only highly g loaded when encountered initially — even basic familiarity with the rules and heuristics on a test, or familiarity with inductive reasoning itself, has the potential to radically diminish the g loading of this test over time, both under controlled conditions (such as in a retesting scenario) and over larger societal time scales (i.e., across generations in the case of the Flynn effect).”
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> They continue: “The increasing capacity of societies to detect and explicitly utilize rules as a function of the Flynn effect may be related to increasing rule exposure via mass education and to ‘ways of thinking’ endemic to cognitive modernity (Flynn, 2009). It may also be caused by increased rule sensitivity as a consequence of changes in brain functioning that might relate to the prevalence of slower life history strategies in the modern era. These in turn might be in part a change in life history strategy due to dramatic improvements in

> environmental quality."

I think this has interesting social implications. According to Armstrong and Woodley, as we become a more educated society we get better at following and applying the rules that "work" in day-to-day civilized life. This makes it appear that we are smarter than, say, someone fresh off the rice paddy from Vietnam. However, it also means that we take a great deal of these rules for granted, and assume that they work across the board, and will always work. But is this assumption correct? I doubt it, and this may partly explain why civilizations eventually decline: they become *bound* by the rules and are inflexible when the environment changes.

A good place to study this effect would be the former USSR, where the collapse of Communism was followed by a great deal of social dysfunction. When the transition to capitalism occurred, many of the rules that governed life in the Soviet era no longer applied. There was a subsequent increase in poverty, mortality and civil strife. What these people had learned through both cultural and institutional instruction turned out to be worthless, and they stumbled through life at a loss as to what to do. Viewed from our perspective, their behavior seemed irrational and stupid, but they had, at one point, been behaving in a functional manner in society.

Is it possible that the same rule-bound behavior could lead to problems in the West? I'm fairly certain it will, and probably sooner rather than later, because economic reality will eventually force a major change in the rules that govern our own society. There are, of course, already plenty of people who have lost out from rule changes, such as men who fell into the old school, marriage, house and kids routine then found themselves divorced and penniless. Many union members suffered, too, as we outsourced jobs to Asia. These are, sadly, people who followed the rules, but lost because the rules changed (I am one of them).

Today, we learn a lot of rules that allow us to get along and get by in a very complex, diverse society. Some require denial of reality, as in following the equalist fantasy that all people have the same abilities and potential, so long as they are raised in the proper environment (I call this neo-Lysenkoism). This may minimize strife in major institutions and allow for some semblance of civil peace, albeit at a high cost. But seen from an outside perspective, it looks like stupidity, and if the rules were to change, it would be dysfunctional behavior. Smart people can and do adapt, so they would probably do alright in the event of some radical change in circumstances. After all, after the transition, many of the old communist officials in the former USSR simply put on another hat and carried on as though little had changed. But the bulk of the population tends to have a much harder time.

When the rules change again, whether it be due to changing demographics, economic shifts or even geopolitical factors, it might turn out that the gains in "intelligence" we have made are more liability than asset. We may find that we've left our children burdened rather than "enlightened" with rules that work today, but may not tomorrow.

Camille Paglia: feminism dead, rape culture “ridiculous”

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Camille Paglia has a reputation for being outspoken, and despite being a lesbian who has long been associated with feminism, she never struck me as a man-hater. I’ve read some of her material, and it is suffused with sexuality. In her analyses of literature, she sometimes seems to go too far, but then on second thought it appears that she’s right. She has an uncanny ability to perceive sexual undertones that usually escape notice. Perhaps this is because she is entirely different from most lesbians. In general, I’ve found lesbianism to be a reflection not of an alternate sexuality, but of a *lack* of sexuality. Lesbians are, for the most part, women with dimished or absent sexuality for one reason or another.

Gay men, on the other hand, are men with elements of both male and female sexuality. Where gay men have something extra, lesbians have little if anything at all. Paglia, it seems, is actually gay — not lesbian. This is incredibly rare among women, and probably accounts for her creativity and keen insights; characteristics that have led to numerous disagreements with the feminist orthodoxy, which does not value outspoken creativity and intellectual freedom, but rather a borg-like conformity to the party line.

In an interview with Canada’s Macleans Magazine, Paglia delivers blow after blow to the feminist establishment. What surprises me most of all is that many of the opinions she expresses can be found right here on *The Spearhead*. In fact, aside the lesbian/pop culture stuff, there isn’t much I haven’t said at one point myself:

On careerism:

> Women are being told “you are future leaders.” Meanwhile, we are more than our jobs. One reason Sex and the City was such an enormous hit is that it expressed something that feminism won’t admit: we don’t know what we want. We don’t know if we want children or not. My generation produced the sexual revolution and your generation is stuck figuring out how it’s going to work. I want young women when they’re 14 to start thinking about what they want over the course of their lives. I think it’s criminal—child abuse—that they’re not told to do this [in school]. Right now it’s just sex education and putting condoms on bananas. Girls should be asked to think about what they want in their lives when they’re 50, 60 and 70.What’s been imposed on women is a male model of professional study and achievement.

Rape hysteria:

> It’s ridiculous … This obsession with rape [in North America] is neurotic. There are attacks on men also. This privileging of the female victim is a distortion. To see the world in terms of rape is absurd. Throughout history there have been atrocities of every kind. Throughout history honourable men don’t rape.
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> You can try to teach people to make ethical judgments. Telling a rapist not to rape? [Laughs] A liberal ideology is out there that people are basically good. It’s a bourgeois version of reality—this idea that the whole world should be like a bourgeois living room and anyone who doesn’t belong, you can retrain. No you can’t! I was raised in the Italian working-class way, which is “watch out!” The world is a dangerous place. It’s up to you to protect yourself, not just from rape, but from anything. The lack of imagination for criminality amazes me. There are people who are evil. The problem here is the inability of women to project themselves into the minds of men. Feminists say [proper, mocking tone] “women have the right to do whatever they want.” Of course we have the right to do whatever we want–to be jogging with earphones on with our breasts going like this [simulates breasts bouncing]. Yes you have the right to but it’s also stupid! I see with the eyes of the criminal. I must have a criminal mind.

Feminism:

> Feminism is dead. The movement is absolutely dead. The women's movement tried to suppress dissident voices for way too long. There's no room for dissent. It's just like Mean Girls. If they had listened to me they could have gotten the ship steered in the right direction. My wing of feminism—the pro-sex wing—was silenced. I was practically lynched for endorsing The Rolling Stones. Susan Faludi is still saying I'm not a feminist. Who made her pope? Feminist ideology is like a new religion for a lot of neurotic women. You can't talk to them about anything.

I wonder whether Paglia would have said the same thing ten years ago? At that time she was still concerned with sex positive feminism, but mainly kept her peace on the other issues. Today, she lets them have it.

Feminism has been coming under fire from a number of quarters recently. There's a palpable feeling that they've taken it too far. It will be interesting to see where this goes over the next couple years, but I'm happy to see that the manosphere appears to have made a real impact. Traffic numbers for manosphere sites in aggregate are growing by leaps and bounds, and taken together our sites constitute an entirely new – and rapidly growing – media sector. One effect this has had that I can point to is that people no longer feel the need to censor themselves as much regarding feminism.

For a Happy Marriage, Women should Calm Down

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According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, when wives can calm down quickly, marriages are happier. Husbands' ability to calm down has no influence:

> From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, I'm Ira Dreyfuss with HHS HealthBeat.
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> This isn't about who wins the argument – but a study of hot marital fights indicates that when the wife calms down, the couples are more happy. Researcher Lian Bloch of the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology in Palo Alto found that in a study she did at the University of California, Berkeley. She looked at data that included recorded arguments by long-time husbands and wives.
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> "The marriages that were the happiest were the ones in which the wives were able to calm down quickly during marital conflict."
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> Bloch says calm wives were able to look constructively for ways to deal with the emotions and talk about ways to solve the problems. Happiness didn't change if the husband calmed down quickly.
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> The study in the journal Emotion was supported by the National Institutes of Health.

This makes perfect sense, because men react physiologically to verbal confrontations to a far greater extent than women. Actually, women react physiologically to *lack* of verbal engagement. When a woman argues with a man, it reassures her, whereas the man can feel literally sick from it.

This sex difference has been found to contribute directly to marital problems, up to divorce. What happens is that the woman, feeling a need to engage for some reason, nags the man, and he feels increasingly uncomfortable, eventually clamming up and avoiding her. This leaves the woman feeling uneasy, and she starts to withdraw and look for a way out (often another man).

A local marriage counselor named John Gottman, one of the few I'd recommend, developed his entire practice around this finding. Gottman holds that the single best predictor of future divorce is a wife who shows contempt toward her husband.

Feminism peaked in 1990s

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I've long thought feminism was at its most potent in the 1990s, based on personal observation. It turns out that this may be the case, at least according to Google's ngram viewer.

Blogger Audacious Epigone posted a graph showing how likely the word "feminism" has been to show up in articles over the years. It takes off about 1970s, peaks in the mid-90s, and by now is in rapid decline:

Audacious Epigone asks:

> How much of that is due to realization of biological differences and how much is due to female concerns being superseded by the concerns of 'victim' classes like blacks and gays who are higher up on the victimology pyramid?

I'm not sure any of these factors is all that important; I suspect the rise of feminism reflects the rise of a certain demographic that was heavily invested in the movement. Feminism's peak coincides with the peak of women in the labor force, which occurred in the late 90s. It was an empowering ideology for women born between, say, 1945 and 1964, who wanted in on the great economic expansion that lasted until about 2000.

Today, for younger women, it has limited utility. Younger women are, in general, poorer than their mothers. They are having a harder time obtaining support from men, let alone jobs. Feminism has little if anything to offer them, and may even be a net negative.

I have long thought that people's political opinions are driven primarily by selfishness. In Seattle, for example, people overwhelmingly vote Democrat, and I'm pretty sure they do so because Seattle is largely a publicly employed city. In other words, it's a college town, with the University of Washington being the largest employer by a longshot. Back in the early 80s, when the private sector was still fairly robust in Seattle, the vote was divided much more evenly between Democrats and Republicans.

As conditions change, people adjust their ideology so that it better reflects their personal interests. Women under the age of 40 or so are no longer feminism's winners, but are starting to look like its losers: single mothers with deadbroke babydaddies, women struggling with college loan debt, young women working menial, poverty-wage jobs and being used as casual sex partners (unpaid prostitutes, really) by men who are terrified of being enslaved by feminist family law.

Younger women know, deep inside, that feminism isn't doing them any favors. This is why feminism is in steep decline. It has become a dysfunctional movement not only for men and children, but for the majority of women, too.

A reminder on commenting

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Comments have been getting nasty again over the last week or two, and it has become unpleasant to deal with them. Criticism is one thing, but insults are another, and there have been a fair number of them thrown around recently. Also, I'm getting tired of reflexive negativity. I've been through it before, and don't care to relive it.

Just for some perspective, an average article is read by some three thousand people over the course of a few days. Out of those, perhaps only 20 comment on it. Out of those 20, only a few are actively picking fights.

So, if I have to ban certain commenters, it's relatively inconsequential.

I'd like to thank those who avoid the ad hominems and cheap shots. Mercifully, that's most of you. If it hadn't been for this restrained, thoughtful majority, I would have thrown in the towel on comments long ago.

Celebrating Patriarchy

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Given my current dilemma, which is pretty run-of-the-mill for a lot of fathers today, I thought a bit about how it relates to *The Spearhead* and its existence. On some reflection, it's pretty clear to me that I never would have thought to start a site like this if I hadn't been a father. It's a direct result of a deep need and desire to be a father to my children.

But in addition, it's also a result of the circumstances that were created when I did my best to create a life that would allow me to be a father to my children, despite all the roadblocks put up by the state, individual feminists, groups of feminists (they operate in packs, like hyenas), and the anti-family elite class. If I'd acted in my own and the system's best interests, I would have forgotten about my children, and probably would be in a much more comfortable situation today. There is no blame whatsoever attached to men who totally ignore their children, so long as they pay the minimum fees. "Good men," according to the system, are those who substitute a check for fatherhood.

Throwing a ball with your son, keeping an eye on the boys chasing your daughter and teaching your children are all meaningless to the state. What you are is a *human resource* — not a father. This is what I've rebelled against. It's what has given me the psychological motivation to keep the site running.

A lot of this is no doubt personal. My father wasn't there for me when I needed him, and that had pretty dire consequences for me. I don't want that to happen to my children, so I struggle on, despite all the hatred from feminists, who, when it comes down to it, just want to fuck and get paid for it. That's really all feminism comes down to: provision and protection for sex. It's so deeply ingrained in primate psychology that it won't change in a million generations. Children's interests have nothing to do with it. Feminists are only the prostitute lobby writ large.

If I am to attach an honest epithet to this site and my efforts, I would have to call it a patriarchal site. I believe patriarchy is the one family system that works best in sum for all involved. It's best for almost all children, for most women, and most men. For certain elite and standout specimens of both sexes it involves some sacrifices. It is not the best deal for extraordinarily attractive men or women, who can live a charmed life without taking on the responsibility of patriarchy. But why should they have priority over the rest of humanity? Does their pleasure and privilege raise the mean?

It does not, and this is the moral basis for patriarchy as a system for organizing families. If a few extremely attractive or powerful people can benefit, while the vast middle is dismantled, then a chasm develops between classes, and ultimately this is unsustainable for cohesive society. Sure, we want people to be more attractive on average, but giving all the power to the few extraordinarily attractive works in the opposite direction due to constraints on human female fertility and the non-selective nature of elite male sexuality (e.g. Arnold Schwarzenegger). What it does is limit reproduction in the middle and encourage low-investment r-selection in the hopeless lower class, which always outnumbers elites. We then become a disorderly society of a few aristocrats atop a vast mass of proles.

So, I think it's time to come right out and say that *The Spearhead* is not equalist, nor does it support "reinvention" of traditional sex roles, but rather is committed to restoring patriarchy as a just, family-centered principle of social organization. And not the despotic form of patriarchy that prevails in slave societies, but rather a more democratic form in which men are held accountable to one another, and the law. It is the ancestral Western model, and it's what made Western peoples strong, not to mention East Asians, Hindus, Jews and Muslims, who organized their societies on a similar basis, with varying degrees of success. The West prevailed in the 19th and 20th centuries not because of its racial, but rather its social superiority, which was closer at the time to the democratic patriarchal ideal than any other part of the world. Sadly, that has been lost, hence our Western decline.

The restoration of patriarchy should be the long-term goal of all righteous men who care about their families and people. It is the most just, humane and progressive form of social organization known to man. It's the *only* system worth fighting and dying for, and that's why it will ultimately prevail.

Update

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Hi folks, I've been forced to take something of an extended delay past the holiday due to circumstance. Unfortunately, problems from divorce do not just go away after it's over, and mine have once again caught up to me. In short, I'm in trouble with DCS (child support), and this time it's pretty serious. This is because I was unemployed and had my income imputed on divorce (this means that they force you to pay at a previous income whether you have it or not), which led to accumulation of arrears. If you haven't read it before, here's the background on the situation. I was working it down for a couple years, but things have dried up lately, and I have to deal with it immediately if I want to see my kids for the holidays and stay out of the King County hotel.

Hopefully, I can come up with enough to do that and will be back to focusing on writing again soon. All in all, it's just another day in the life of millions of non-custodial fathers, so it isn't the end of the world. But it still sucks.

Hope you all enjoyed Thanksgiving!

Paternalism – not Matriarchy – is the Problem

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Some time ago, Jack Donovan wrote that matriarchy does not really exist, preferring to call women-centered societies "matrifocal" or matrilineal. He's spent a lot of time studying cultures around the world to write books about men from an anthropological perspective, so he would know. Every supposedly matriarchal culture is, when you scratch the surface, ruled by men at the top; these matrifocal societies would be better termed "paternalist." However, this does not mean that every culture is patriarchal, at least not in the customary sense of the word.

Paternalism grows out of the "big man" societies in which there is a top-down system for wealth redistribution. All wealth flows to the chief, and he doles it out to his subjects, often favoring those who support him or otherwise please him. In some contexts, we refer to this as patronage, which is a common practice throughout the world, and is not always a terrible thing.

This form of social organization worked fairly well in small societies, such as pre-contact Amerindian tribes. The chief was obliged to patronize his warriors, which put a check on despotism and arbitrary acts. In many tribes, the chief would be amongst the poorest in the village, because he had to dole out gifts and war spoils as soon as he obtained them to maintain his position.

Ultimately, in some cases, this led to the development of a formalized system of patriarchy, in which it was legally recognized that each male householder had a privileged status in regards to his own family, if nothing else, which gave rise to the practice of patrilineal descent. This laid the groundwork for the development of civilization from barbarism, as taxation and patronage now required recordkeeping and certain conditions. A shift then began to occur away from a purely paternalistic society to one in which rulers had to adhere to laws that placed controls on their wealth collection and redistribution. Thus, social hierarchies flourished, social organization solidified, and increasingly large and complex forms of government evolved.

However, the codified patriarchy that led to the development of cooperative societies hasn't always lasted. When enough wealth and power has been accumulated, rulers tend to look for ways around it, because it isn't always convenient for them to follow the laws and customs which do, after all, put a check on their power. Getting rid of these impediments often seems like a good idea when you're in charge.

American politicians have been hard at work doing just that for decades. To increase revenue and political support, they have promoted and passed laws that shatter the concept of the patriarchal family. A few examples include preferential maternal custody, decriminalization of adultery, introducing no-fault divorce and preferential welfare to single mothers. Gay marriage, which is essentially a formal declaration that the government does not recognize patriarchy as valid or supported by any law or policy at all, is the latest example.

When patriarchy is smashed, as it has been in the United States, we are left only with primitive paternalism. We have local bosses, corporate titans, and a "benevolent" paternalist at the helm of our country. Perhaps it is fitting that the son of an academic feminist is the current president of the US. He is more a product of paternalism than any other president. I think it's the only system he really knows and understands, despite his tragic efforts to assign some purpose and meaning to his relationship with his father (efforts I understand myself).

So, what we're really facing today is not matriarchy, but an increasingly despotic paternalism, in which men's autonomy and authority is being steadily eroded in the interests of those in power. Our intimate relationships, our conditions of employment, and taxes all conspire to subjugate us to the powerful, who are working steadily to remove any checks on their own power and challenges to their authority. Almost every government-led initiative, whether it be population replacement through immigration, women's "empowerment," or highway checkpoints leads in this direction.

Will it ever end? Only when outcompeted by another system that works better. It is the nature of power and government to preserve itself, and as long as there is no credible opposition it will not change. You may ask,

“where’s the opposition?” The phrase “there’s a lot of ruin in a nation” has become common these days, and maybe there is some grounds for pessimism. But then again, look at who’s in charge and where things are headed. Our president is creating a destabilized, weaker United States, and this is an enormous country. It requires a lot of working parts to hold a country together, and that isn’t even taking foreign affairs into consideration. With a growing and belligerent China, an increasingly assertive Russia, and a Latin American pope who clearly doesn’t have much regard for the US, there will be plenty of challenges ahead.

The signs point to an increasingly factious era, in which allegiances will be strained and challenges mounted to authority. In all such situations, it pays to have a few good men on one’s side, and this is the hope we have for reform: challengers who offer a better deal to men will have an advantage. Politicians and businesses that treat men as slaves will find themselves abandoned by their male constituents, and although under the contemporary enforced equality system they may think this is OK, they’ll find out that this is not how things work. Personally, I think we’ve already begun to enter this era, but it may take a few years before it really shows.

In the meanwhile, as men, we should hold out not for “equality” with women, which will never, ever, turn out equal, but a more desirable system of democratic patriarchy, in which all men are afforded equal rights to independence in their own homes and affairs and freedom from arbitrary paternalism.

We Shouldn't get Hung Up on the 50s

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When I write about the superiority of patriarchy as a principle of social and family organization, a lot of people automatically assume I'm arguing for a return to *Father Knows Best*. While I do think the 50s had a lot going for them, our perceptions of that era (which really includes the early 60s, too) are often obfuscated by the fact that contemporary feminists are, for the most part, culturally ignorant, and only aware of children's programming of the time. Their concept of the 1950s is limited to the reruns of sitcoms and shows they themselves saw as children in the 70s (I remember the old 50s programming myself). Baby boomer feminists may have the same impression — only people around 70 or above would have been exposed to adult entertainment in the 50s.

Despite the conservative sitcoms and afternoon shows, 1950s entertainment was, in its own way, as subversive as anything we have today. Divorcées were portrayed as glamorous on the silver screen, hypergamy was encouraged by children's productions such as *Cinderella*, and leading men were rakish badboys as often as not. Sometimes, when I watch old films from the 50s, I wonder how people today can seriously characterize the era as so "square." It wasn't.

The reason people generally behaved in a conservative manner was not because the culture forced them to, but because the hard lessons of the Great Depression and war were such recent memories. Your typical middle-aged man in the 1950s, like my paternal grandfather, had been a struggling youth in the depths of the Great Depression, and young fathers had faced the very real possibility of death in uniform. My 90-year-old maternal grandfather, who flew 32 missions from '43-'44, watched men burn to death after bailing out of stricken B-17s. My uncle Buddy watched Shanghai burn as Japanese bombed the city, uncle Edgar's destroyer was bombed and almost sunk, and uncle Barney died in the Philippines. This is the perspective men had at the time. The idea that they could suffer through that and be bossed around in their own homes was unthinkable. Feminists who complain about how oppressed women were in the 50s never would have signed up for what grown men of the time had faced, and most women knew it, so they shut up and did the laundry.

To see things accurately, we must separate the reality from the myth of the 50s. Yes, there was a fair amount of lip service paid to the idea that men ought to be respected as head of household, but the culture was already moving away from that at a rapid pace. There is a constant, unyielding desire in the human heart to be liberated from reality, and to forget hard lessons. Those who sacrifice are always resented, despite our deference to them — we are not by nature an obedient, grateful lot. The decade was merely an interlude; a time of uneasy peace between husbands and wives and fathers and children. Founded on poverty and war, it was not built to last in a growing, increasingly wealthy society.

But what society is built to last without change? I look at what we have today, and the fact that societies never remain the same is one of the few consolations that remains.

Where is Bill Price?

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Questions are being raised after notorius MRA kingpin vanishes from the internet.

Seriously though, people are wondering what has happened to Bill. At this point it is a mystery that will eventually be revealed.

Since I have a user account on his esteemed blog, I can post essays and moderate comments to my own essays.

So I am setting up this open forum for friends and foes alike to offer their support for him.

When I get a round tuit, I will send him some pizza money through paypal. Given recent outpourings of financial support for amateur victim hoaxers, we can pull together and back up one of our own.

I will be offline this afternoon but will moderate comments when I return; if your words don't show up right away I will unclog them as soon as I can.

Let's hope this whole affair is just an elaborate hoax to gin up publicity for the manosphere.

What a Holiday Season...

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Sometimes you're just glad the season is over, but this year was a real coup de poing for me. First, we start with an untimely death in the family, then not long after that my stepdad, up in town to do a little post-retirement assistance at his old job, caught a guy he'd worked with for years secretly video recording some schoolgirls on a ski trip. This devolved into an international child porn investigation with US attorneys, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, DHS and lord knows who else involved.

Next thing I knew my mom was in town, the whole family in turmoil and general agitation, all with me recently finding out I'm going to have another kid as I'm trying to cut a deal with my ex. I decided to take the month off and wait until everybody calmed down and left, which happened the day before yesterday.

Sometimes, I really envy bachelors

I'd considered writing about the sex offense incident when it happened, but decided against it as it was still in the news and my stepdad was fairly upset about it. It's actually a pretty unbelievable story — one of those "what the hell was he thinking?" kind of things. The guy who got busted was a fairly successful bachelor who worked as a coach and an aviation writer for Wired Magazine. He's in his early 40s, and as far as I could tell had a perfectly good life. My stepdad has known him and worked with him since the 90s, and continued to help out from time to time after retirement.

Today, he's sitting in jail in British Columbia, awaiting trial on Canadian charges. However, his trouble doesn't end there. Because of the Child Exploitation Act, which he probably violated, he's looking at a fifteen-year mandatory minimum sentence back in the US after serving whatever time he gets in Canada. The local US attorney has made it clear that she intends to pursue the case, and given that the Department of Homeland Security got involved, I assume she means it. What's remarkable to me, however, is that this guy might as well have died that night he got caught. He made the news for a few days, there was an investigation, and now he's gone — just like that. He may not see the free world again until he's past retirement age. A long prison sentence really is an approximation of death.

If you're interested, you can read about it here.

After the dust settled from that incident, we all drove each other crazy for a few weeks, during which time I realized that I was not going to get anything done, and probably shouldn't try, because to do so would risk a major psychic malfunction, or possibly losing it at Christmas dinner, or perhaps both. Fortunately, we all survived, and the New Year is so pleasantly quiet that I have rediscovered that I actually have thoughts, and can hear them.

However, during my time offline, I was forced to confront a few realities that may have some implications for the future of this site. Quite frankly, the ROI isn't adequate given the time I put into it. Of course, that wasn't the point initially. If I'd started the site for money, I would have taken an entirely different approach (in fact, I would have avoided men's issues altogether). Instead, I was trying to make a social statement, and to challenge the dominant narrative concerning family law, sexual politics and human nature. I wasn't the only one, but my approach was unorthodox in that it wasn't particularly partisan by American standards. I think this made a difference, and I have noticed the narrative has shifted somewhat over the last few years. How much remains to be seen, as one still runs across feminist tripe with some regularity in trendy magazines and the like, but this isn't the 90s anymore; people don't take it as gospel.

For now, I'll keep The Spearhead going, but I have to start selling something, and fast. Getting by on donations requires a different style from mine — you have to have a movement and be an activist, which is a lot like being a preacher. As a natural skeptic, I can't help but feel that it's dishonest to make declarations of faith when I'm not certain about them myself. And I think that this skepticism is why a lot of people like to read what I write, so it would be unnatural to do an about face and start crusading as an MRA culture warrior. I'd have to fake it, and as we

know a good fake is something of a contradiction in terms.

So from here on out, given what's headed my way this summer, I'm going to have to put more effort into paid work, including on the site. There comes a point where one can't afford to give one's time and effort away for free.

How Child Support Enforcement Works

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It seems some readers thought I got thrown in jail for being behind on child support. While this didn't happen, it was a real risk, but not because of a contempt charge (I'll explain further down). Until very recently, it was common practice for men with child support arrears to be thrown in jail on the basis of "contempt of court." The idea behind contempt is that people who are ordered by the court to do something must do it, or risk being jailed or fined. For example, if you get a subpoena, you have to turn over information, or you could be held in contempt. Sometimes, journalists are jailed for refusing to disclose their sources. Another example of contempt is refusal to pay a fine.

Civil contempt of court happens to be the only way, short of martial law, that people can be jailed without the right to representation.

However, judges are not supposed to jail people for contempt when they don't have the means to carry out the order. Say you ask a person to turn over some information, and he honestly doesn't have it. He can't (properly) be jailed in that case. Or say that someone is ordered to pay restitution, but he doesn't have any money. In this case, he shouldn't be jailed, because he cannot follow the order even if he wants to.

Jailing men on contempt came to be standard in the 1980s, particularly after the Bradley Amendment of 1986, which imposed extremely heavy burdens on noncustodial parents. As with most "get tough on social problems" type of legislation, the targets were clearly men, particularly the stereotypical ones you see on shows like Jerry Springer. I can recall a great deal of anger about "welfare queens" and such back then. The story was that some people – ghetto residents in particular – were irresponsibly having lots of children and leaving the rest of us to foot the bill. As usual, the politicians came up with a clever plan that would both protect their welfare recipient constituents and assuage the anger of the middle class. The idea was to not solve the problem, but to find someone to beat down so as to demonstrate their toughness, and grab some cash in the meanwhile.

The result was the Bradley amendment, which effectively resurrected slavery and debtors' prison in the United States. A number of states immediately interpreted this as a way to seize as much income as possible from noncustodial parents – disproportionately working class and black men to begin with – and turn it over to states and counties for welfare expenditure. Now, one thing you have to keep in mind when considering the idea that noncustodial parents are paying back welfare spent on the mothers is that, despite the window dressing, these state funds are fungible. There isn't necessarily a certain channel that goes directly to welfare, another for lawyers and judges, prisons, etc. There's a pool you draw from, which means that all sources of income are essentially the same. Say you have a shortfall in funds due to some unforeseen problem, such as a sudden need to build another wastewater treatment plant. Ultimately, it doesn't really matter whether the funds come from state income tax, licensing fees, or noncustodial fathers. If all else fails, one thing you can do is start shaking down the dudes to come up with enough to pay for everything.

Here's an excerpt from a 1992 article from the Philadelphia Inquirer:

> Pennsylvanians who have fallen behind in their child-support payments will have any lottery winnings greater than $2,500 seized by the state under a new law that went into effect Monday.
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> The lottery-intercept program, which has the Departments of Public Welfare and Revenue working in tandem, represents the Casey administration's latest effort to ensure that parents provide financial support for their children.
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> It also represents an extra push to pare down state welfare costs, which now hover around $3 billion.
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> "Other states have done similar programs and have collected quite a lot of money," said Welfare Department spokesman Mark McGaffin yesterday. "We hope to collect quite a few dollars on this."
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> Last fiscal year, Pennsylvania collected $766 million through child-support enforcement programs, the largest

> net of any state, according to state welfare officials. Of that, nearly $123 million constituted a repayment of tax dollars used to support families needing public assistance.
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> Under the law, parents owing support are required to relinquish their lottery prize money to make delinquent payments. The state has long garnished the wages and unemployment benefits of delinquent parents.
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> The Revenue Department, which runs the state lottery, will cross-check winners of more than $2,500 with a list of parents who owe child support. The list is compiled by the Welfare Department. Revenue will then forward the amount owed to Welfare to fulfill the payments.
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> About 400,000 parents are on the delinquency list, McGaffin said. The children of about half those parents are living on welfare.
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> McGaffin said it would be too difficult to track winners of less than $2,500 because lottery-ticket vendors are responsible for paying prizes below that amount. He said the list of delinquent parents would be updated daily.
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> Attorneys with Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, in contrast to its recent battles with the administration over welfare reform, had good words for the enforcement initiative.

This article makes the intentions of the 1980s child support laws perfectly clear. The idea was to increase state revenue by allowing state seizure of funds without traditional safeguards. This is why politicians loved it so much. Not only could they arbitrarily grab cash from men; they could sell it as a good deed! Hell, even the welfare attorneys loved it. They're getting paid from state funds too, after all. Note that in '92, Pennsylvania kept over 15% of what it collected, and likely spent most of its enforcement effort on obtaining that 123 million dollars (even if you pay without a hitch month after month, year after year, the state counts that as "collection").

However, not all funds are so easily taken as state lottery winnings. Sometimes, men keep cash, assets, private accounts and so on, and sometimes their loved ones have money. In this case, you've got to really twist their arms, and nothing does that better than threatening to throw them in county lockup. Even if they don't have the funds, they'll do whatever they can to get them when threatened with jail, including borrowing from family, not paying rent or bills, pawning goods, and sometimes stealing or even conning people.

It isn't commonly mentioned in public, but state enforcement typically has an open bias toward collecting the funds that states can access. If a woman works or has remarried, and is not receiving any state aid, her kids' father tends to be a lower priority for enforcement. Usually, the father whose kids are on welfare gets the third degree. This is, more often than not, the guy who is jailed. This is because his child support, as opposed to your non-welfare case, goes directly into state funds, which provides the state with extra motivation. If the mother is not collecting welfare, the state simply hands the money over to her and collects some amount of matching federal dollars that probably barely offsets the cost of enforcement in average cases (but pays off decently with high-dollar awards).

And this leads to the lowest priority collection of all: the non-custodial mother on welfare. An attorney friend of mine was trying to get a judge to sanction a woman who refused to pay her ex a single dime, was tens of thousands in arrears, and apparently getting high on a regular basis. The judge would not do anything. He wouldn't lift a finger in the case. The reason for this is simple: enforcement would be unlikely to collect any more than a pittance, and this wouldn't even offset state costs because the father was employed. On the contrary, it might simply cost more, so why bother? As far as the judge was concerned, he wasn't going to do anything that wouldn't help pay his salary.

By now, it's pretty clear there are incentives on the table for child support enforcement officers, judges, attorneys, and others in the state system. The first is collection of state funds from men whose children are receiving state aid, and the second is collection of federal matching funds for every dollar collected. The former leads to courthouse shakedowns of poor men, and the latter to setting unreasonably high awards.

If you're curious about the process in real life, the following exchange, which I came across on the Straight Dope message board some time ago, struck me as illuminating:

> Oakminster
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> I used to lock up deadbeats at pretty much every court date back when I did child support enforcement for the state. I worked a circuit of multiple counties, often before the same judge. All child support cases in a particular county would be set on the same day, usually a motion day. I'd fill the courtroom with defendants. Judge would let me pick any of my cases to go first, and I'd always pick the worst deadbeat of the lot. We'd have a short trial, he'd be found to be in willful, deliberate, and contumacious contempt, and the bailiff would shackle the guy on the spot and lead him away. The judge would then announce that he'd be leaving the bench to deal with other matters, and encourage the remaining defendants to see if maybe they could work something out with Mr. Oakminster, otherwise he'd be back to hear the next case in a few minutes.
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> Heh. Talk about shaking the money tree. Had guys falling over themselves to pay up. Especially in the summer time. It's mighty hot in the deep South, and some rural jails are not air conditioned…..

And the response from another attorney:

> Beniamino
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> I love this! I'll pass that along to the county solicitors here; they'd get a chuckle out of it. In the Family Division Courthouse here, we have support contempts pretty much every Friday, and there's never more than a handful of cases at once, so you lose that "deterrent" effect. But what we do have is the holding cell clear at the other end of the building, so the defendants have to be paraded all the way across the floor in their orange jumpsuits and ankle and wrist shackles, past all the other support defendants who happen to be there awaiting their establishment/modification hearings. The message: "This could be you".

So there you have it: a couple attorneys openly admitting that the entire operation is a setup and a shakedown, in which state counsel beats up on poor men who can't afford a lawyer. It's really a travesty of justice, and makes a mockery of the concept of liberty.

Finally, a couple years after Oakminster made that post, someone else (not me) found it and took him to task for his attitude, asking him how he could face himself after treating unfortunate men in that manner. His response, in which he admits that helping custodial parents and children is an afterthought at most, puts it all in perspective:

> > jexter
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> > Absolutely incredible you can look in the mirror each day.
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> Oakminster
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> It was my first law job. I was good at it. Saved/recovered taxpayer dollars by enforcing court ordered support obligations, establishing paternity, and in some small way making life better for children and custodial parents in the process. I don't have any regrets about those cases.

What the lovely Oakminster describes above is pretty much how things were for a couple decades, but a recent Supreme Court decision – Turner v. Rogers – called this state of affairs into question. A man named Michael Turner, who had been in and out of jail on child support contempt cases for much of the last decade, argued that if he was going to be jailed, he should have the right to counsel. Ultimately, the court found that because it was a civil rather than criminal contempt case, Turner did not have the right to counsel, but to ensure that his 14th amendment rights weren't violated states should adopt guidelines that prevent incarceration of men who do not have the ability to pay.

While I first thought it was a bit of a cop-out on the part of SCOTUS (I would have preferred right to counsel), over

time it has become apparent that this finding did in fact make some significant changes. The practice of summarily jailing parents in arrears appears to be in steep decline, with the Obama administration openly calling into question whether it is appropriate to jail fathers who cannot afford to pay child support. Finally, it looks like some sanity has begun to return to the discussion.

However, this doesn't mean that noncustodial parents are out of the woods yet. Not even close. Awards remain excessive, extortion by mothers using claims of physical and/or sexual abuse and other forms of slander/perjury is still a common tactic in the courtroom, and coercion is still the rule. Although contempt jailings are in decline, you can still easily end up in jail due to a license suspension. This is what had me worried last month. While I was (probably) not at risk for a civil contempt charge, I was facing license suspension due to being in arrears and missing a couple recent payments, partly because of a foulup in the online payment system I'm accustomed to using. If my license had been suspended and I didn't realize it at the time, I could have been pulled over, and I would have gone directly to jail. Not for child support, mind you, but for driving with a suspended license. This would have been a serious headache, and it does happen to a lot of guys who aren't paying close attention, or who missed notification due to a move or some administrative mistake (e.g. website malfunction like Obamacare).

So while the child support enforcement system is evolving, it still has a long ways to go toward becoming fair and humane. The main impediment at the moment remains the Bradley amendment, which is an atrocious piece of legislation that creates a form of federally-sanctioned piracy on the part of state child support enforcement agencies. If there is any reason for optimism, it is that both political parties are undergoing a fundamental shift, and the formerly critical feminist component of the Democratic party is losing ground to a mainly non-white coalition that is disproportionately harmed by predatory enforcement practices (e.g. a black or Hispanic woman whose partner is shackled with permanent debt to the state because of a previous child), and will probably be happy to see them go. Republicans, for their part, are generally the party of married, private sector workers, so they don't have as much of a stake in child support policy, and I doubt they'd put up a fight if Democrats had a change of heart on the issue.

What? Me, Married?

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Jabberwocky asked me to write a bit about my marriage and how it's been, and I think that's a fair question, given that I've written a lot about marriage, including plenty of criticism as well as attempts to reform the institution.

He also showed some insight into my character, such as the fact that bachelorhood doesn't come naturally to me. This is true. Following my divorce, I avoided women for a few years because I was still recovering from the trauma it caused. I think that was a good thing, as it allowed me to focus on my kids and rebuilding my life (as well as building The Spearhead) without drama or distraction. However, by the time I started to feel normal, which happened almost exactly three years after my separation, nature once again took its course, and I met my wife.

We're a far better match than my first wife and I were. My first wife and I met when we were quite young, and I had this idea that I would be a normal, middle-class guy who could make a family and grow old in peace, then enjoy old age with grandchildren. I idealized that lifestyle because my parents divorced when I was very young, I grew up witnessing a lot of family turmoil, and had a fairly rebellious and unstable adolescence as a result of that. In my young man's mind, domestic peace and tranquility, decency, modesty and humility were goals to strive for, perhaps partly in defiance of the chaos of my youth.

So I married my ex, thinking all would turn out alright if I believed enough and followed the conventional steps. Although I had some gnawing doubts from the beginning, I figured that since we didn't argue, she seemed fairly loyal and we were both healthy, it would work. We had two kids in quick succession shortly thereafter, and with them this sense of confidence vanished. It turned out that the reason our relationship had worked before was because it was so easy and our needs so few. Suddenly my ex, despite having decent motherly instincts, was "not happy." Our income was much reduced, the babies were loud, I realized my pay was a lot lousier than it seemed before (especially for Seattle), and trouble with the in-laws began to boil over into real resentment. Less than a year after my daughter was born I already had the sense that things were not going to turn out well, and within just six months of that it was over. It was a short marriage. If it were a person, it would have one of those sad little inconspicuous children's tombstones you see at the cemetery which, despite their humility and small profile, are the most arresting of all.

This time, however, I found a woman I really like to talk to. One whose interests coincide with mine, who enjoys my sense of humor, and who says what's on her mind. We both have a love of the written word and are polyglots, covering five languages between the two of us (actually seven or eight if you use a more liberal interpretation), which is a lot of fun if you're into that kind of thing. It doesn't hurt that she has a lovely figure and pretty face with nice brown eyes (I've always liked brown-eyed women), but physical attraction is never enough to keep people happy, despite what some may think, and even the most beautiful women can come to be tiresome.

Another difference is that we openly express disagreement — a lot more than I ever did with my ex. This may sound bad to some, but voicing disagreement is communication. If there's a problem, it's much better to work it out with someone who is willing to argue than someone who will not. If your wife disagrees with you and is not willing or doesn't care enough to argue about it, guess what? Your marriage is in big trouble. It may already be over.

As for my men's issues writing, she sometimes disagrees vehemently, and gives me some grief over it, but she also agrees with a surprising amount. The main sticking points are support for mothers, which I think should be conditional, and she does not, and whether younger women really are sometimes proper for older men (she scoffs at the idea). But she isn't a typical American feminist — she's a NE European, with a more "Mitteleuropa" cultural sensibility, so some of the craziness of Anglo feminism, such as support for throwing women into battle or demanding that women "lean in" seems absurd and backward to her, and the opposite of what she'd call progress. Someone could probably write a book about the myriad philosophical differences between European and American feminism. Interestingly, as a European she's much more of a moderate on the abortion issue than American feminists, seeing abortion as a negative thing overall, especially in the context of small peoples like her own, and

thinks the 12 week limit, standard in much of Europe, is adequate (it may surprise people to know that American abortion laws are, in general, *more* liberal than European ones). All in all, we probably agree more than disagree when it comes to sexual politics, with some notable exceptions.

As for whether she supports me writing about these things, this isn't really an issue. We're both pretty liberal about allowing each other to express ourselves freely, and in any event it's a form of honest work, even if it doesn't pay off all that well (I hope to make some changes in that regard). However, if I were writing obscene or otherwise sexually explicit material, I think that would probably be a dealbreaker, and that's fine by me — it would be unreasonable to expect a wife to tolerate that when I'd never accept it from her.

Will it last? I hope so, but part of marriage these days is accepting that you can only do your part. Actually, I suspect that's always been the case. Read Hosea for some Biblical context on the issue. I've come to understand that if someone really wants to go, the best thing you can do for yourself is to let them have their way and keep a philosophical attitude about it. I believe this is even expressed in the New Testament (1 Corinthians 7:12-16). In other words, I can only keep my promises in that regard, and that's quite enough to ask of one man.

Hopefully, this is enough to satisfy readers' curiosity. In general, I try to keep my family out of things, but since I'm writing about these issues so much it's bound to come up from time to time. As a final little note, we just found out that we're having a boy, God willing.

A Thank You to Readers, and a Little More Disclosure

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Despite not asking this quarter (I didn't think I should since I took leave for a month), readers have contributed enough to pay for operating costs for the remainder of this quarter. I'd like to let all of you know how much I appreciate the support. Despite my stated intention to make changes, I'm not going to shut down the site as long as readers are offsetting the costs. However, I do want to offer some services (in addition to my own content) that have commercial value, so I can actually make some respectable money off the site and sustain what I've started.

For years before I started *The Spearhead*, I worked for a small business that published documents and reference books in both print and digital formats. While there, I learned how to put books and documents together, print them and format them for inclusion in databases. It was a niche publisher that sold mainly to universities and government agencies, and was pretty profitable for the owner. It was a lot of work and often tedious, but at times it was fun, and I learned a fair amount by reading the material that passed through my hands.

I also learned a lot about the technical aspects of publishing, and that's something I think could be of value to our online community. I'm just one blogger out of many in the manosphere, and while I have some valuable insights to offer, I know I'm not the only one. However, I am probably one of the few who has experience putting out real publications, and when I look at the enormous amount of content out there on blogs, it's pretty clear that there's a lot of untapped potential.

I think of all the bloggers who write great stuff, but have neither the time nor the know-how required to publish books or studies. Sure, there's the Amazon and Lulu type services out there that will slap something together for you if you send them a Word document, but they're taking a cut, and they don't support or condone our message, nor do they particularly care about our audience, so dealing with them is an annoyance at best, and could sometimes be a risk, especially if you run across someone like the fellow at Automattic who was threatening to "disappear" Heartiste's blog. There really are a lot of petty tyrants among the technocratic class these days. More than I've ever seen before, and I certainly wouldn't trust these people with my work.

It will probably take some time to get my rusty formatting skills back in form, but if I'm going to stay in this business, I'm pretty sure this is the way to go. If I can pull it off, I think we'll see the beginnings of a publishing paradigm that breaks "the narrative" and can stand on its own. While I'd like to be able to say that I'd be happy to publish anything, I don't think I will. Free speech is under serious threat in the US, and at this point we should take the "fight fire with fire" approach. If it turns out that the only way we can make our voices heard over the din is to discriminate in our private venues, then that's what I'll do.

For starters I'm going to keep it simple. Just straightforward books, documents and studies in print and e-book form. That's all I can handle at this point, and there's nothing that guarantees failure like introducing too much complexity to a task. This also means that, unfortunately, I won't be able to edit material. Editing is an important job that takes a lot of effort. I often wish I could afford an editor, but I make do with cursory self-editing (which is never as good) and hope that readers are forgiving. If you do want to publish material, I'd recommend having an editor go over it if you can afford it. If not, do your best yourself, but don't be dumb and expect that just anyone can or will edit for you. For example, if you wouldn't have your carpenter brother-in-law fix your car, why would you expect a web designer or engineer to edit your text?

What I like about the model I've envisioned is that I don't have to own or control other people's content, host their sites, demand their obedience, shove them all into one tent, etc. Instead, I give them a handy tool, some valuable, personalized service, and a common platform where they can sell their wares on an equal footing with others both on my site and at major online retailers like Amazon, Ingram and Barnes and Noble. If all goes well, readers and customers are happy, writers make more sales, and I run a business developing and sustaining the market for the mutual benefit of all involved.

Nearly 70,000 Britons Convicted of Hate Crimes Over Six-Year Period

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I recently found an article that claims 55,000 British people were convicted of hate crimes in 2011, but that seems to be an error. Rather, it appears that 55,000 people had been convicted *by* 2011, with that number increasing to around 68,000 by 2012. Nevertheless, this was shocking to me. That's a whole lot of people, but according to the Crown Prosecution Service, it isn't nearly enough, because hate crimes are "underreported" (evidently, the correct number of prosecutions should be on the order of a quarter million per annum). Measures to increase prosecution include, among others, distributing hate crime action material to teachers so that they can identify child hate criminals in their classes and advice to prosecutors on how to best proceed against mentally ill or retarded hate criminals.

In the vast majority of these cases, no harm was done to person or property, although it appears that a great crime against liberty has been committed by the CPS.

Here is an alarming case study, in which secret witnesses (who also had an axe to grind) were used to determine whether a religious publisher had broken the law:

> This year saw the first successful prosecution of stirring up hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation. A jury at Derby Crown Court convicted three men in January 2012 of going beyond the legitimate promotion of religious values because they intentionally set about stirring up hate on the grounds of sexual orientation by producing and distributing a leaflet which was threatening.
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> The prosecution made use of lay witnesses, from the gay community who received the leaflet and gave evidence about the effect of its receipt and the fact that they were threatened by its content. Special measures (screens) were applied for in respect of the lay witnesses and, due to the level of press interest, a press direction was obtained so that the names and addresses of witnesses could not be published.
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> The law says: "for the avoidance of doubt, the discussion or criticism of sexual conduct or practices, or the urging of people to refrain from or modify such conduct or practices shall not be taken of itself to be threatening or intended to stir up hatred." This is the freedom of expression defence which means if a juror concludes the document may amount to no more than criticism of homosexuality and/or urging people to refrain from homosexual activity, then it would not be threatening.
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> The judge in passing sentence said: "Our population is made up of people of all colours, creeds and cultures. For the vast majority of the time, the vast majority of us get along together very well and the greatest freedom that we all enjoy is to live in peace and without fear.
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> The law has evolved and adapted to protect that freedom. In particular, laws have been passed to prevent written material being distributed which is intended to stir up hatred. This has proved necessary because a small minority of our broad community sometimes seeks to stir up hatred against their fellow citizens merely because those fellow citizens are perceived to be different in some way."

What really puzzles me here is that this level of censorship and repression is what one might expect during wartime, but Britain is not involved in a major war. Or is she? Perhaps the war is against her own people. Those accused of "stirring up hatred" are to be referred to Britain's Counter Terrorism Division, which determines the fate of citizens who are alleged to have used unlawful speech.

In case you were wondering, the overwhelming majority of people turned over to authorities are indigenous Britons:

> The majority of defendants across all hate crime strands were men (82.9%).

> 73.9% of defendants were identified as belonging to the White British category.
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> 54.2% of defendants were aged between 25-59 and 28.9% between 18-24.
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> 10-17 year olds involvement as defendants continues to decline from 23.1% in 2007/08 to 14.1% last year.

I don't know how anyone can include Britain in the "free world" with a straight face any longer. The term is a sad anachronism; today just about all that separates CPS from the Cheka is the troikas used for summary executions back in the 1930s. Let's hope it doesn't go there.

White Feminism Nearing Endpoint

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I have learned so much about the development of feminism at this point that the big picture is coming into sharper focus even as I'm starting to turn my attention to other matters.

For example, I can say with certainty that modern feminism as a mass movement (as opposed to a fringe of disaffected misfits) was born the day that women were included in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which put all women – even white ones – in the same "disadvantaged" category as minorities. This was the work of a segregationist white, Southern senator who was obviously trying to dilute the impact of affirmative action.

The Civil Rights Act thereby gave companies and feminist activists a financial incentive to promote women of any race. Incentives matter, and quite a lot. Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem just hopped on the bandwagon — they were merely hucksters who made little – if any – difference.

Now, we are getting to the point where white women are no longer seen as deserving beneficiaries of affirmative action.

In Seattle, of all places, white women's disadvantaged status has been called into question in a major construction project:

> A group of white women is threatening to sue if the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) removes them from a program that helps women and minority-owned businesses get work on highway projects.
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> WSDOT hired a consultant to conduct a disparity study last year to determine if women and specific minority groups are continuing to experience discrimination when it comes to being awarded contracts on public works projects.
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> Colorado-based BBC Research and Consulting issued a 678-page report last May that found firms owned by white women are winning enough jobs and don't need the extra help afforded them in the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. Federal rules give DBEs a leg up on winning contracts on highway projects, as general contractors must hire disadvantaged firms to perform a set percentage of a project.
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> Many white women who own DBE-certified firms are opposed to the change. A newly formed group, Women in Highway Construction, is threatening a lawsuit, arguing that discrimination is alive and well in Washington state.
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> "Oh my gosh yes. They (men in the industry) don't want to talk to you, they don't want to deal with you, they're very uncomfortable dealing with you," said Colleen Hallett, who owns Mobile Electrical Distributors in Seattle. "I have salesmen come in here and bypass me and go straight to my male employees even though I'm the boss."
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> The disparity study found that other minority groups continue to suffer "substantial disparities," including businesses owned by African American, Asian-Pacific Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and South Asians.
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> "While the other firms (minority groups) got little to no work, white women-owned firms continued to get work for that time (considered in the study). That was good for that group, but the other firms didn't get much work," said Brenda Nnambi, WSDOT's Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity.
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> Based on the results of the study, WSDOT is seeking a waiver from the U.S. Department of Transportation to remove white women-owned firms from being counted toward project DBE goals. The waiver is being sought after white women have been included in the program for 31 years.
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> "The study revealed that Caucasian women-owned firms actually received more contract dollars than

> expected," wrote WSDOT Assistant Communications Director Kris Rietmann in a December 16 press release. "Lacking evidence of discrimination against Caucasian women-owned business in the local marketplace, WSDOT cannot include them in contract-specific DBE goals."

This inclusion of women-owned firms under affirmative action has been a great boon to a number of white men who happen to have good wives. Just keep the company in your wife's name, and it qualifies as a "disadvantaged" business. Affirmative action for white women has not done much for singlemoms, but it's made a lot of rich white folks' lives easier (their daughters could take advantage of affirmative action), and it has raised some others into the middle class or above. Those who can keep their marriages together despite having working wives have probably fared best. Overall, due to the negative effects on family formation, it's probably a wash, but possibly somewhat better for whites than if they were entirely denied affirmative action.

But now the jig is up. It had to end eventually. This grand coalition has too many takers today, and something must give. Apparently, that will be white women's privileges under affirmative action.

White women are not taking this graciously:

> "This is a war on white women, and we're not going to take it sitting down," said Mary Guthmiller, who owns DBE Electric. "It's going to cost the state of Washington a lot more grief and trouble to fight an injunctive action which we are willing to take if necessary to protect our right to be able to exist as businesses and participate in the program that we fought hard alongside our other minority businesses to even have any little bit of this construction dollar."
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> At a public meeting Thursday in Shoreline, women told WSDOT officials the study which showed white women are not discriminated against is flawed. They cited several examples including that not enough women were interviewed for the report. Many also complained that the study counted inflated contract dollar amounts won by white women-owned businesses. The consultant counted the contract amounts promised to white women, not what was actually paid.

I'm afraid the white women are going to lose this battle. Today, white women are outnumbered by nonwhites in the Democrat coalition, and the numbers count. I've predicted for years now that ethnic concerns would eventually trump sexual politics, but I think a lot of people will be surprised by how quickly white women abandon feminism when it no longer provides them with any material benefits. This hasn't quite come to pass yet, but the writing is on the wall.

More of the Same From Michael Kimmel

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Michael Kimmel has made a career out of pushing policies that do vastly more harm than good to children, and directly harm the American people, but still he manages to portray himself as the voice of reason. There's some blame to go around here for that, and as the publisher of this site I'll have to take some of the share of it (more on that below), but it's still my duty to expose the damage Kimmel does to society.

First, I should say that writing with rage and anger may be understandable, and justified in many cases, but it gives deceivers like Kimmel the upper hand. All he needs to do is sit back and point, saying: "see? Look how angry they are! I told you so!" Apparently, this is the theme of his newest book.

Provoking people and then crying for help is an age-old trick and often used in divorce, primarily by women due to the fact that an angry woman doesn't frighten people or command attention like an angry man. However, men with a dispassionate or effeminate nature can also take advantage of it.

In his book, Kimmel used an article written here on *The Spearhead* written by Paul Elam to portray MRAs as irrational men who are in a rage because they feel their privilege is under threat, or because they cannot control women. I've found that having men desire to control them is a powerful female fantasy, which is why bondage and harems so often figure into "romance novels" and other female literature, so perhaps Kimmel is simply trying to take advantage of this instinct by incorporating bondage into academic literature. Not a bad idea, actually. If he wrote case studies of dominant men who demand utter submission from lovers he could probably find a pretty good market, and perhaps even make some money in popular entertainment.

On the other hand, rage writing is often appealing to men. Think of the Iliad, which is filled with descriptions of rage and the excesses of the battlefield, and has endured for thousands of years as a popular account of the Trojan War. I'm sure there were far less passionate accounts of the conflict, but they have been lost to posterity. Because of this, I used to be pretty tolerant about allowing people to post those kinds of rage articles, but over time I've come to see that radicals on both sides are playing a game in which the majority loses, including most children. In fact, as I get older the entire thing is starting to look infantile to me. Both sides are acting like babies, and if it weren't for the fact that feminists like Kimmel are mainly responsible for this state of affairs, I'd be tempted to tell them all to go to hell.

But it is indeed the feminists who bear the greater share of the blame, so about all I can say about some of the excesses of some MRAs is that it's unfortunate self-indulgence, and should be frowned upon even if it is understandable. My own rage peaked about when I found out my former mother-in-law prompted a false accusation of domestic violence that almost got me shot. She had the gall to come to my house after that, and I lost my temper when she grinned at me over the incident, cursing and saying things I really shouldn't have said. Sure, that's understandable; who wouldn't be angry? But I should have kept my mouth shut given the circumstances. It was exactly her intent to break me down, and my temporary loss of self-possession was a victory for her. It showed a weakness on my part that I'm still a bit ashamed of. In a better world, I would have kept my cool, collected the evidence and sued her for substantial damages.

But we don't live in a perfect world, and never will, so the Michael Kimmels of the world will likely continue to get away with falsely portraying men who are upset over the screwed-up family law system as irrational, dangerous people who are angry over nothing but the loss of their privilege. It's an astonishing lie, but often those are the most effective ones, and unfortunately a lot of MRAs feed into that impression.

But instead of denouncing those on my side, I'd like to focus attention on Kimmel, and remind readers and anyone else who might come across this article that he has been a tireless proponent of empowering women at the expense of everyone else for the entirety of his academic career. His critiques of men are not limited merely to cultural issues, which are sometimes dysfunctional and fair game for criticism, but men's normal human nature. He argues

for a new man that is no man at all, and thereby does a great disservice to the vast middle of normal men. Like most feminists, he sets the bar for proper male behavior so low that only the least masculine can crawl beneath it, which necessarily puts the rest of us in a difficult situation.

In doing so he and his feminist cohort all but guarantee the continued, steady destruction of the normal, patriarchal American family, which ensures the ongoing decline in the living standards and outcomes of the average American child. But does any of this concern him? Not at all. He simply doubles down and keeps at it, attacking men in general, white men in particular, and, one gets the impression, middle-class white men most of all. A true friend of the elite, this Kimmel — a hero of the new aristocracy, putting the vile mediocrities who make up the majority of America in their proper, lower place.

And what better way to do that than to see to it that their children do not have the benefit of living with their father? Does the vastly more prevalent child abuse, sexual assault, child murder, neglect and poverty of single mother homes concern Kimmel? It doesn't appear so. Perhaps he sees it as a feature rather than a bug. In any event, bashing on unfashionable working men is a good living these days, children be damned!

We're finally getting to the point where guys like Kimmel no longer control the narrative as they used to, so maybe it's time to put aside the attention-grabbing antics and belligerent rhetoric and get down to the work of mopping up the mess. So from here on out, perhaps a bit less of the self-indulgent rage and a little more self-control is in order. People are open to calls for a return to civility, so maybe we should make the first move, but all the while continue to point out the radical selfishness and vast social harm of feminism.

Facebook Hatecrime in Seattle: Man Arrested for online Rant Against Gays, Feminists, Socialists

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While writing about hate crime prosecutions in the UK, which are nearing 100,000, it occurred to me that mentally ill, retarded and alcoholic people are probably vastly overrepresented among hate criminals. Most people, whether they agree with the prevailing political climate or not, have enough self-control to keep their thoughts to themselves if they know that they might violate protocol. However, crazy people, drunks and not-so-bright people often have a hard time doing this.

So when I saw on the news that Mitchell Taylor, a 32-year-old Seattle man, was arrested for making threats against Seattle's gay mayor and our socialist councilwoman Sawant, I suspected that he'd turn out to have some mental issues. According to the defense attorney, he has aspergers and hasn't been taking his meds, but I don't think aspergers calls for medication, so he's probably prone to psychotic episodes. After checking his facebook page, I noticed that he quotes Satan, and he made references to hell in his threats, telling Mayor Murray to "meet Harvey Milk." He also wrote "death to socialist councilmember," and made some antifeminist statements along similar lines.

For these threats, posted under his name on his account, he has been jailed and is being held on $600,000 bail, which is what you might expect in a murder case. There was a case last summer in which a young man was arrested in Texas for a similar indiscretion, and his bail was set at $500,000, so this isn't unprecedented, but sometimes I wonder what is the real point behind these arrests and the enormous bail. Is it deterrence, to show people who might really be thinking about assassinating gay mayors and socialist city councilwomen that the police are looking for them, or is it a real fear that people like Mr. Taylor will actually act on their Facebook posts? If it's the former, it might make some sense, but then it simply raises the stakes, but if the latter I wonder how our officials could be so credulous. As far as I know, nobody has ever followed through on an assassination or act of terrorism posted to their Facebook page. There is, however, a third possibility: the judge wants to force the guy to undergo a mental evaluation and thereby prevent him from accessing weapons (civil commitment makes people ineligible for firearms possession in Washington state).

Not long ago, a man did attempt to commit a real terrorist act in a Seattle gay club. He tried to start a fire in the club on New Years' Eve, and if it had worked lots of people – hundreds, possibly – could have died. I'm actually quite surprised it didn't make the national news. Fortunately, someone managed to stamp it out before it flared up, but the arsonist remains at large. This may have something to do with the high bail set in Mr. Taylor's case. The man who set the fire could also have been mentally disturbed, but there's no evidence (as of yet) that anyone made any threats before the incident.

Unfortunately, I think we're headed toward a time where these kinds of things will become more common. When you introduce more stressors to society people start to act out. First, it's the mentally ill, next those with impaired executive function, and finally the committed radical ideologues, who are most likely to successfully pull something off. However, as this happens, expect those who dissent – even peacefully – to be blamed for it. Merely holding views that run contrary to the party in power will be perceived as grounds for punishment. In fact, in comments under the Seattle Times article about Mitchell Taylor, a number of people seem to think he deserves jail time for being a "bigot" rather than for making illegal threats (which has not been established yet).

But all of this is a catalyst for change. Those in power up the ante, people begin to act out, and the authorities' response to misbehavior is disproportionate, leading to even more social anxiety, followed by more repression in a cycle of radicalization. Ultimately, you end up with a great deal of political instability, a breakdown in social order, and then finally a sweeping political transition. The last time that happened in this country was the 1970s, when the new left, which came into its own after the 1968 Chicago DNC riots, started its march to power.

It’s impossible to predict the future, but I like to think we can get a rough idea of where things are going by using the past as a reference. If so, perhaps the ravings of lunatics are indeed a form of prophecy.

Gay-Skeptical Bachelor Star Smeared Over Child Support Arrears

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Following some rather moderate, but politically suspect statements about gay relationships and whether they should be portrayed on TV, Juan Pablo Galavis has faced a lot of hysterical screeching from the usual quarters. On one entertainment site, he is being attacked for having gone into arrears on his child support for a child he fathered out of wedlock. Apparently, while he was playing soccer for Miami FC, he got a hot Latina actress named Carla Rodriguez pregnant, and then resigned from his soccer career. That doesn't sound quite right to me. If he's 32 today, and he resigned in 2008, then he would have been in his prime when he quit. Somehow, I kind of doubt he resigned from a successful career, but rather was forced to quit because it wasn't going anywhere. One of my cousins played pro soccer for some time, but a recurrent injury forced him out relatively early. It's nothing to be ashamed of, but a lot of guys drift a bit after playing pro sports (my cousin was lucky — he found a good job almost immediately).

It seems Juan Pablo and Ms. Rodriguez didn't last, and he was eventually ordered to pay pay back child support of a few thousand dollars. Not much, really, but enough to be scandalous by the standards of the pop site "Radar":

> The Florida Department of Revenue's Child Support Enforcement Program slapped Juan Pablo with an income deduction order, requiring employers to automatically deduct $243.94 per month for child support, plus $49.00 per month for retroactive child support until the outstanding balance of $3,574.57 was paid.
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> "Juan Pablo has been hoping that news of his court-ordered child support didn't get out because he doesn't want 'Bachelor' fans finding out he's not the perfect father he portrays himself to be," a source revealed.

I think this idea that Mr. Galavis is ashamed over owing arrears is ridiculous. There's no such thing as a "perfect father," and anyone who has had a kid for a few years knows that. However, there is one reason he might be a bit embarrassed: the award shows his poverty in 2011. At $244/month, his pre-tax earnings under the Florida child support calculator would be about 1,000/month, or below the federal poverty guideline. That figure jumped out at me when I read it, because I was ordered to pay significantly more when I had zero income (imputation). Nevertheless, Washington state actually has a lower guideline than Florida.

So it looks like Ms. Rodriguez had a child with him, and then moved on because he was broke, possibly in an attempt to pursue the "alpha fux beta bux" strategy. Seeing him on Bachelor is probably driving her absolutely batty right now. I can only imagine the calls she is making to lawyers in an attempt to jack up the child support through the stratosphere. Poor Galavis — he's in for a rough time in court after this show.

Ordinarily, I wouldn't pay much attention to this celebrity stuff, but this gay thing is getting out of hand, and it's impossible to avoid it these days. Despite being quite tolerant in my personal life, I'm starting to have second thoughts about whether this official celebration and promotion of homosexuality is harmless after all. If one can't even publicly voice skepticism about gay marriage – which I think is a contradiction in terms – then who is truly "intolerant?"

Wendy Davis Shows How You Climb the Ladder, Feminist Style

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Relatively young and attractive, Texas politician Wendy Davis has made an impression by bringing yankee-style Democratic politics to the Texas state senate. Now, the ambitious blonde is aiming for the governor's office in the traditionally Republican state. A major part of the image she's running on is her self-made single teen mother story, which plays very well to elderly Northeastern Democrats, hence her favorable coverage in media outlets such as the NY Times. It helps, that she also has a degree from Harvard, but until recently the story behind how she got it has remained unchallenged.

The Dallas Morning News helps set the record straight.

First, she never was a single teen mother. In fact, she was married when she had her first child, and divorced her husband at the age of 21.

What she said:

> The candidate's compelling life story begins with 14-year-old Wendy Russell working to help support her single mother in Tarrant County. While still a teenager, Davis married, had a child and divorced, she has said.
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> "I had a baby. I got divorced by the time I was 19 years old," she testified in a recent federal lawsuit over redistricting. "After I got divorced, I lived in a mobile home park in southeast Fort Worth."
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> As a working mother raising a daughter, Davis enrolled in Tarrant County Community College.
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> "With the help of academic scholarships and student loans, Wendy not only became the first person in her family to earn a bachelor's degree but graduated first in her class and was accepted to Harvard Law School," her website says.

The truth:

> There's no question Davis struggled financially. When her parents separated, her father, Jerry Russell, started a sandwich shop and fledgling dinner theater.
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> "While he lived that passion, he never made money again and was never able to comply with the terms of my parents' divorce," she said. "What it meant for us financially is that things … completely turned upside down, and it was a real struggle. My brothers and I went to work young — and it was out of necessity, not about wanting to have a little bit of spending money."
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> She was 17 and still in high school when she moved in with her boyfriend, a construction worker named Frank Underwood. She got pregnant, married and "some time between [age] 19 and 20 was when Frank and I separated," she said.
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> Davis remained in the mobile home a few months, then moved in with her mother before getting her own apartment. She got custody of her daughter, Amber, and Underwood was ordered to pay child support.
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> Under terms of the divorce, he got a boat, the mobile home and the responsibility for the mortgage on it. She got a 3-year-old Pontiac Grand Prix, a 1972 Firebird and a 1967 Chevy pickup. Davis was 21.

Very soon after her divorce, her father introduced her to an older man named Jeff Davis. Mr. Davis, a 34-year-old lawyer, began dating her, and married her within a couple years, when she was 24 years old. By this time, she had enrolled at Texas Christian University, and her new husband paid her tuition at the college. After graduating, she was accepted into Harvard Law School, which Mr. Davis also funded by cashing in his 401(k) and taking out a loan. In the meanwhile, he worked hard and took care of her daughters back in Texas while she worked on her Harvard degree.

In the years after Wendy Davis graduated from Harvard, her husband continued to pay off the loan that put her through Harvard and to be a father to her children.

This is what happened next:

> Over time, the Davises' marriage was strained. In November 2003, Wendy Davis moved out.
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> Jeff Davis said that was right around the time the final payment on their Harvard Law School loan was due. "It was ironic," he said. "I made the last payment, and it was the next day she left."
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> Wendy Davis said that as a lawyer, she contributed too.
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> "I was a vibrant part of contributing to our family finances from the time I graduated to the time we separated in 2003," she said. "The idea that suddenly there was this instantaneous departure after Jeff had partnered so beautifully with me in putting me through school is just absurd."
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> In his initial divorce filing, Jeff Davis said the marriage had failed, citing adultery on her part and conflicts that the couple could not overcome. The final court decree makes no mention of infidelity, granting the divorce solely "on the ground of insupportability."

Ah, the doleful life of the dutiful husband.

Despite having little regard for her politics, I have no doubt that Ms. Davis is an intelligent, ambitious and talented woman. She may be an effective politician, and a good advocate for her constituents. However, the missing part of the narrative is that she got where she is today by stepping on the back of a man. A man she used for selfish purposes, then betrayed.

That's what feminists call "heroism."

On the Dark Enlightenment

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I recently came across a link tweeted by Heartiste that points to an amusing article by some British "think tank" flunkey named Jamie Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett warns that the "Dark Enlightenment" is spreading fast, and followed by "angry white men," who must not be so angry, because he also describes them as "patiently awaiting the collapse…".

> Since 2012 a sophisticated but bizarre online neo-fascist movement has been growing fast. It's called "The Dark Enlightenment". Its modus operandi is well suited to today's world. Supporters are dotted all over the world, connected via a handful of blogs and chat rooms. Its adherents are clever, angry white men patiently awaiting the collapse of civilisation, and a return to some kind of futuristic, ethno-centric feudalism.
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> It started, suitably enough, with two blogs. Mencius Moldbug, a prolific blogger and computer whizz from San Francisco, and Nick Land, an eccentric British philosopher (previously co-founder of Warwick University's Cybernetic Culture Research Unit) who in 2012 wrote the eponymous "The Dark Enlightenment", as a series of posts on his site. You can find them all here.
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> The philosophy, difficult to pin down exactly, is a loose collection of neo-reactionary ideas, meaning a rejection of most modern thinking: democracy, liberty, and equality. Particular contempt is reserved for democracy, which Land believes "systematically consolidate[s] and exacerbate[es] private vices, resentments, and deficiencies until they reach the level of collective criminality and comprehensive social corruption."

Having been immersed in this online world for a few years now, I find it laughable that Bartlett is calling this a new movement. Moldbug, as far as I know, has been writing for seven odd years, Heartiste for about as long, and Steve Sailer (not mentioned here but surely part of this Dark Enlightenment) since the early 90s.

Some time ago, the Habitable Worlds blog posted a chart of the Dark Enlightenment network, which is worth a look if you'd like to check out some of the different nodes of this loose coalition. *The Spearhead* is included, as is Dalrock's blog, Heartiste, Chuck Ross, Hawaiian Libertarian and others readers may be familiar with. Personally, I am flattered to be included in the list along with other writers I admire, but I think some people may take it out of context, and attach more importance to the classification than is warranted.

I spent some time today reacquainting myself with Mencius Moldbug and catching up on Nick Land's writing, and I found myself in agreement with both on many points. I agree with Moldbug, for example, that modern progressivism is an outgrowth of radical Calvinism. I've argued on several occasions that equalism is nothing more than secularized Christian dogma. While I'd like to take credit for this argument (I did come up with it on my own), I think anyone with a solid background in international history and some familiarity with Abrahamic religions could easily ascertain the same themselves. If anything, these similarities lead me to believe that those of us classed as "Dark Enlightenment" bloggers have been thinking along similar lines for some time, probably because we're generally correct about these matters and have come to similar conclusions (a sort of convergent evolution).

However, this doesn't mean we are all the same by any means. Dalrock is a Christian Texan, while Moldbug is evidently an atheist of Jewish descent. Nick Land is a British futurist, while Dennis Mangan is a solid conservative skeptic. It's a pretty motley crew — hardly representative of some "neo-fascist" movement, as Mr. Bartlett would have his readers believe.

There are also pretty wide differences in style, and disagreements on certain of the finer points. I, for example, don't believe that "progressivism" has always been equalist, at least in regards to race, or that race is even so central to contemporary politics as it appears. Instead, I think it serves as a foil; a sort of tool for expiating guilt and shifting blame onto the less fortunate. My evidence for this is that the whiter and more affluent any given region is, the more politically correct it is outwardly. The same holds throughout just about any segment of society. Is a religion

comprised mainly of rich white people (e.g. Episcopalianism)? Then it will surely be extremely liberal and politically correct, filled only with the beautiful people. Are most adherents simple, salt-of-the-earth commoners (Evangelicals)? Vile rednecks and bigots the lot of them! In fact, I think the move away from racial politics toward sexual politics reflects the imminent failure of the black/white polarization of the US that began with the Civil Rights era, and apparently the Southern Poverty Law Center Agrees with me — the organization has shifted toward LGBT rights even as it scales down its traditionally black-oriented legal program. Trayvon Martin and Paula Deen notwithstanding, the bulk of the American people are getting tired of racial politics. Racial diversity, it seems, has become mundane in its triumph.

What I see separating those of us associated with the Dark Enlightenment from the establishment is, above all, class. We are representative of the middle class, which has been under assault for almost fifty years in the US. We, despite some individual success stories, are the losers in the growing inequality of the US. Our status is much reduced, the “aristocracy” more dominant than ever. The war against the American yeomanry, waged with what Sam Francis called “anarcho-tyranny,” has been a smashing victory. The outward values of the aristocracy, whether “racial equality,” “gender equality,” or even the equality of gay and straight sex, are merely self-serving tools, and would quickly be dropped if they had no use. I have discovered that, in holding views that run contrary to human nature (yes, preference for one’s own kind is a perfectly normal human instinct), they set up a strawman that deflects attention from themselves and their naked self-aggrandizement at our expense. What better way to loot the country without resistance than to incite the people by holding up, say, sodomy as an example for their children, and have them expend all their energy fighting this manufactured outrage?

So the Dark Enlightenment is really a proto-revolutionary intellectual movement, drawing from disparate segments of the disenfranchised yeomanry, but I think it still has some ways to go toward identifying the correct priorities.

However, personally, I like to think of it as a great opportunity to finally free ourselves from constraints. How often is it that a generation is alienated enough to finally have the chance to speak its mind unfettered? The growth in popularity of our way of thinking and our blogs is a result of the fact that so many talented people have been alienated by the regime that we are getting to the point where we have better writers, better ideas and, more importantly, the truth on our side. If people only wanted to read about Scott Stossel soiling himself, or to watch Lena Dunham’s exhibitionism, then nobody would be reading our sites. As it is, we have a lot of readers, and more every day. We may not be Duck Dynasty at this point, but hey, I’ll bet there’s some crossover there.

Things are looking up.

Florida Mother Celebrates Teenage Son's High School Gay Porn Career

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A young Florida man named Robert Marucci is fighting his expulsion from school, allegedly for holding a job as a pornographer on the side, which his mother fully endorses. According to his mother, he took on the role of "man of the house" and has been supporting her financially with his porn earnings.

> Robert Marucci makes no apologies for performing in porn and considers his work like any other job. Until two weeks ago, the 18-year-old was like any other high school senior, but he said when students at Cocoa High School discovered his videos on an adult website, they started showing each other his explicit pictures on their phones at school.
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> His mother, Melyssa Lieb, said she knew her son was working in adult films, adding that he took the roles to support her financially.
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> "I think he's the most awesome person in the world," she said. "He stood up and he was the man of the house when I couldn't be."

I don't know whether it's worse that his mother supports it enthusiastically – even to the point where one might suspect she pimps the boy out – or that dozens of students reportedly staged a rally in his support.

I can't blame the school for trying to remove him from campus, as the liability issues are enormous. High school student porn + teachers can easily equal decades of time in federal prison, as my family and I recently saw with the arrest of my stepdad's former colleague. It's really a very, very serious matter. And of course, the potential for lawsuits is enormous. Nevertheless, they probably don't have the right to kick him out for legal work.

This is one of the "social stressors" I was writing about the other day. When there is so much support for two practically contradictory policies, something has to give. This is the perfect case in point. A young man, just barely of legal age, engages in pornography to general acclaim, whereas a boy or girls less than a year younger doing the same warrants federal prosecution with much public approval of the harsh measures. It's a form of cultural insanity, and we should all be concerned about the implications.

Lena Dunham's Nudity as Handicap Principle

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A couple weeks ago, I came across an interview questioning Lena Dunham's decision to take her clothes off in *Girls* despite the fact that she has an odd, unattractive figure. Lena Dunham is not merely "average," but rather sub-average in that department. It's nothing to be ashamed of, but most people would tend to compensate for a deficiency by trying to make up for it in other ways. Dunham, however, does the opposite, taking every opportunity to display herself nude.

From a rational perspective, we might think this is counterproductive behavior. She will alienate viewers, inspire disgust and generally turn people off. However, something else has happened. Dunham has gained quite a following, and is held up as a hero by the socially dominant in-crowd of entertainers.

When Tim Molloy, a reporter from *The Wrap*, asked her what the point of the nudity was, he immediately provoked a hostile reaction from Dunham and her friends:

> At yesterday's Television Critics Association winter press tour, a panel for HBO's Girls became a tense battleground when The Wrap's Tim Molloy kicked off the event by asking creator Lena Dunham why so many of the show's characters were naked all the time.
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> "I don't get the purpose of all of the nudity on the show, by you particularly, and I feel like I'm walking into a trap where you go, 'Nobody complains about the nudity on Game of Thrones,' but I get why they are doing it," Molloy said. "They are doing it to be salacious and, you know, titillate people. And your character is often naked just at random times for no reason."
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> The reaction from the panelists — which included Dunham and the three other main Girls cast members and executive producers Jenni Konner and Judd Apatow — was swift.
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> Apatow verbally pounced on Molloy, as seen from the following transcript snippet:
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> JUDD APATOW: Do you have a girlfriend?
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> TIM MOLLOY: Yeah.
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> JA: Does she like you?
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> TM: Sure.
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> JA: OK. Let's see how she likes you when you quote that with your question, and just write the whole question as you stated it.
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> TM: Well, ask tell me —
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> JA: Then tell me how it goes tonight.
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> TM: Tell me why it's wrong.
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> JENNI KONNER: Maybe she's a misogynist.
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> JA: Let's move on to the next question.
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> Later, Konner went back to the earlier incident while answering a question about being creatively flexible with the show.
> JK: I literally was spacing out because I'm in such a rage spiral about that guy that I literally could not hear. I'm so sorry. I really don't mean to disrespect you. I just was looking at him and going into this rage, this idea that you would talk to a woman like that and accuse a woman of showing her body too much. The idea, it just makes me sort of sick, and so I apologize to everyone. I'm going to try to focus now, but if I space out, it will be because of that guy. And I'm really interested in what publication you are from.

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> Molloy then wrote a piece for The Wrap to explain his position, noting that following the panel, executive producer Judd Apatow told him that his line of questioning was “sexist, offensive, and misogynistic.”

The hapless reporter was subjected to a smackdown live on TV, all for daring to ask a fairly mild question about one of the defining aspects of *Girls*.

The response to his question was illustrative. The idea that he could dare to ask Lena Dunham “why?” was met with a torrent of abuse. *Because Lena Dunham is socially dominant.* In this context, we see the reason for her nudity in the show. *Because she can afford it.*

Could some wannabe starlet from Texas pull it off? Not a chance. Judd Apatow would stand by with a smirk as she was eviscerated for baring it all. So would Jenni Konner. Some little nobody from the hinterlands would not have the social cred to shed her clothes in public. Lena Dunham’s nudity doesn’t have anything to do with “ordinary women,” but rather extraordinary people and what they can get away with. Lena Dunham is saying “look, I can take off my clothes and expose my unattractive body, and people will applaud, damnit!” It’s a powerful demonstration of social superiority, and a clear example of the handicap principle:

> The handicap principle is a hypothesis originally proposed in 1975 by biologist Amotz Zahavi to explain how evolution may lead to “honest” or reliable signaling between animals which have an obvious motivation to bluff or deceive each other.[1][2][3] The handicap principle suggests that reliable signals must be costly to the signaler, costing the signaler something that could not be afforded by an individual with less of a particular trait. For example, in the case of sexual selection, the theory suggests that animals of greater biological fitness signal this status through handicapping behaviour or morphology that effectively lowers this quality. The central idea is that sexually selected traits function like conspicuous consumption, signalling the ability to afford to squander a resource simply by squandering it. Receivers know that the signal indicates quality because inferior quality signallers cannot afford to produce such wastefully extravagant signals…

By showing that she can afford to be ugly and yet still be on TV, Lena Dunham is signaling greater fitness than other women. It’s a bit counterintuitive, but it makes sense if you think of what might happen if a lower-status actress from a lower-status part of the US tried to do the same. Her career would be over right at that moment, and nobody would bat an eyelash.

I’ve noticed more examples of the handicap principle at work in popular culture and the media as the class gap widens in the US. Scott Stossel, for example, recently wrote an article for *The Atlantic* in which he discusses his struggles with anxiety. You might think the article was an effort to bring a sometimes debilitating condition to light so as to offer some help to people afflicted by it, but instead it was a navel gazing expose of Stossel’s drug and alcohol abuse, incidents in which he shits himself and retches for hours and family dysfunction. However, throughout the essay, he drops allusions to his status, his high-class background and his professional success. We learn that despite his considerable handicaps, Stossel is still far better than most of us. He might as well be saying: “Look at me! I’m a pill-popping, scotch guzzling neurotic who has a better job and knows fancier people than you ever will.”

The sad thing about this is that it actually does work. Lena Dunham and Scott Stossel are admired by people. The assumption is that they are admired because they are ordinary people, but this is not true. They are admired because they are extraordinary outliers — people who can get away with things that would put most of us in a mental institution or on the street.

Does Breakdown of Traditional Relationship Model Encourage Paraphilias?

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I've never before seen so many men who are into "alternative" sexual behavior in my life as I see today. Weird fetishes from child porn to bronies seem to abound, or is it just media attention? I can't say for sure at this point, but it's hard to shake the feeling that there are indeed a lot more odd obsessions out there than there used to be.

While this is speculation, I wonder whether societies in which relatively few men are involved in stable relationships with women tend to end up this way. Sexual energy is, more or less, a constant variable. Remove the traditional outlet, and it's bound to discharge elsewhere.

As I see men hauled off for child porn on the news, insane love affairs with cartoon characters and other abnormal expressions of lust, I wonder whether this would be so much of a problem if more men were paired off with women. Probably not.

When we talk about sexual freedom and its benefits, it seems we ignore the costs. When the number of unattached men hits critical mass, and we're headed in that direction, sexual order breaks down, and people begin to behave like pigs at the trough.

Yeomanry vs. Aristocracy

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Writing for the Washington Free Beacon, Matthew Continetti paints a picture of an American political aristocracy possessed of a childish lack of self-awareness:

> …I am referring to the cringe-inducing moments of false modesty. Wagner complains, "Every trip to the high-end knife shop in D.C.'s Union Market 'costs us about $500.'" Weisberg reports, "Friends describe Kass as reserved," despite the celebrity chef's multiple television credits. Weisberg writes, "Their ideal Saturday night is dinner with friends—not a red-carpet event," and then, in the very next sentence, notes, "In October, they attended the News and Documentary Emmys, at which Wagner was nominated, but sneaked in a side door to avoid the cameras." Wagner describes her horror when she broke a heel on the way to a job interview with George Clooney (she got the job). Mention is made of Kass's five post-college odyssey years, "cooking and eating his way around the world," including "planting corn with Zapatista farmers in Mexico." Weisberg describes Michelle Obama circa 2005-2006 as "an overtaxed working mom."
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> But it would be a mistake to stop at the first read, for the reader to limit himself to his immediate reaction. Whatever emotions the article provokes, wherever one stands on the political spectrum, upon closer examination Weisberg's text becomes a discomfiting ethnography of contemporary meritocracy, an acid test of how power is transacted in America today. Our politicians and celebrities, Democrat and Republican, paint an ideal picture of life where one's success depends on hard work and initiative bolstered by community; where all Americans begin the race of life on an equal footing, and those who start off disadvantaged should be helped by some agency—whether in government or the private sector—until the contest is a fair one. The assumption is that, with the right institutional mix, one's natural talents will carry one to the appropriate social station. It is not who you are but what you do that is supposed to count.
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> It is not every day that an article in Vogue magazine exposes the shaky foundations of democracy. But as I read "The Talk of the Town" for the second time I could not help noticing how these attractive, talented, up-and-coming thirty-somethings relied, again and again, on personal connections to get where they are today. Weisberg describes the couple's success in terms of "personal intensity and random luck." But the luck here is less random than he thinks. Kass and Wagner were lucky to be born to their parents, and if they have children their sons and daughters will be lucky to be born to them. They are members of a self-perpetuating milieu, a caste of right thinking yuppies whose position and wealth and patterns of consumption are the fruit of personal relationships spanning decades. There is income inequality, for sure, but there is also status inequality, and this latter form of inequality is a topic on which most bourgeois bohemians are silent…

It's hard to believe that these people are unaware of their own privilege, but you'd be surprised by how well the elite has managed to isolate its children – now young adults – from reality. I grew up with some of these people, and they really were unaware of the larger world around them — as children and youths, at least. It seemed that instead of teaching them about the world, their parents did all they could to wall them off from it. Sure, the brighter ones knew something was off, but they were very good at ignoring their position at the top, and reacted with naked hostility when it was mentioned. The people they hate and fear the most – and trust me on this one, I know it first-hand – are the white working and middle class. But it isn't really racial hatred. A lot of people mistake it for that because they see a lot of Jews among these new aristocrats, but these are Jews by ancestry only, and they are essentially indistinguishable from their gentile colleagues. In fact, they typically intermarry. No, the real reason for the hatred is fear. We are the workers, soldiers, farmers, tradesmen and businessmen whose loyalty is questionable, and who could turn on them at any time and ruin their beautiful, charmed lives.

> It was back to D.C. Wagner met with Democratic mastermind John Podesta—"an old Washington neighbor" whose relationship with her father was longstanding. Podesta gave her a job at his new think tank, the Center

> for American Progress. Which led to a job in New York City at Fader magazine. Which led to the job with George Clooney. Which led to a gig covering the Obama White House for the now defunct Politics Daily. Which led to MSNBC. Her agent is Ari Emanuel, brother to Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel and to Dr. Zeke Emanuel, a frequent guest on her show. "Wagner talks about the series of events that brought her from that Los Angeles pay phone to MSNBC's soundstage as if it were the most natural progression in the world," Elle magazine noted a couple years back. Of course she does. It was natural for her.
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> What the Chinese call guanxi, networks of influence, benefited Kass and Wagner. It brought them together. The incestuous nature of the relationship between the media and the Obama White House is well established. Here is another example. Kass's friend, Richard Wolffe, is known as Obama's most loyal scribe—a title for which there is plenty of competition. He was the ideal fixer-upper of Kass and Wagner. And it was another node in Kass's network, Edward Cohen, a member of the Lerner family that owns the Washington Nationals, who arranged to have the park opened for that very special game of catch. I'm sure Cohen will do the same for you if you give him a call.

It's undeniable that personal connections – often due to family – count for a great deal in urban America today. Whenever you read about a young so-and-so opening a hot new restaurant in a trendy city, or some eclectic little business start-up, you can bet with reasonable confidence that his or her parents are well-connected. This is far more the case today than it was a mere generation ago.

> "The game is rigged," Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D., Mass.) famously told the 2012 Democratic National Convention. What an odd situation in which we find ourselves, where the most influential figures in politics, media, culture, and the academy, the leaders of institutions from the presidency to the Senate to multinational corporations to globally recognized universities, spend most of their time discussing inequalities of income and opportunity, identifying, blaming, and attacking the mysterious and nefarious figures behind whatever the social problem of the day might be. This is the way the clique that runs America justifies the inequalities endemic to "meritocracy," the way it masks the flaws of a power structure that generates Brown-educated cable hosts and personal chefs who open ballparks with a phone call. This is how a new American aristocracy comes into being, one as entitled and clueless as its predecessors, but without the awareness of itself as a class.

Indeed. But there is also a great deal of lack of awareness on the other side as well. Middle and working class Americans – what I like to call the American yeomanry – are not fully apprised of their own status, and imagine it to be higher than it truly is. They think the door is open to them through hard work and talent, and have little idea of the hostility the new aristocracy holds for them. They think there is common ground, but this is no longer so.

It's time for us to admit that we have no place in their world, and set about removing them from ours.

From Liberal to Authoritarian

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Sean McElwee is an ambitious young man who, from the looks of his resumé, is set on becoming a "thought leader" attached to what pass for respectable publications today (fat chance — the kid didn't make the Ivies). He's anti-gun, anti-Evangelical Christian, anti-libertarian, anti-Walmart, etc. However, there is an important difference between Mr. McElwee and your old hippie-style liberals: he's an authoritarian who wants to silence people he disagrees with:

> For the past few years speech has moved online, leading to fierce debates about its regulation. Most recently, feminists have led the charge to purge Facebook of misogyny that clearly violates its hate speech code. Facebook took a small step two weeks ago, creating a feature that will remove ads from pages deemed "controversial." But such a move is half-hearted; Facebook and other social networking websites should not tolerate hate speech and, in the absence of a government mandate, adopt a European model of expunging offensive material.
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> Stricter regulation of Internet speech will not be popular with the libertarian-minded citizens of the United States, but it's necessary…
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> American free speech jurisprudence relies upon the assumption that speech is merely the extension of a thought, and not an action. If we consider it an action, then saying that we should combat hate speech with more positive speech is an absurd proposition; the speech has already done the harm, and no amount of support will defray the victim's impression that they are not truly secure in this society. We don't simply tell the victim of a robbery, "Hey, it's okay, there are lots of other people who aren't going to rob you." Similarly, it isn't incredibly useful to tell someone who has just had their race/gender/sexuality defamed, "There are a lot of other nice people out there."
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> Those who claim to "defend free speech" when they defend the right to post hate speech online, are in truth backwards. Free speech isn't an absolute right; no right is weighed in a vacuum. The court has imposed numerous restrictions on speech. Fighting words, libel and child pornography are all banned. Other countries merely go one step further by banning speech intended to intimidate vulnerable groups. The truth is that such speech does not democratize speech, it monopolizes speech. Women, LGBTQ individuals and racial or religious minorities feel intimidated and are left out of the public sphere. On Reddit, for example, women have left or changed their usernames to be more male-sounding lest they face harassment and intimidation for speaking on Reddit about even the most gender-neutral topics. Even outside of the intentionally offensive sub-reddits (i.e. /r/imgoingtohellforthis) misogyny is pervasive.

When I was a kid back in the 80s, we were taught that one of the main characteristics of conservatives is that they are "authoritarian." It was widely believed that liberals believed in individual freedom, including freedom of expression, sexual freedom, freedom of movement and so on. Until about that time, this may have been true to some extent. However, things started to change, and mostly from the top down. Political correctness took hold in universities in the 80s, largely at the demand of radical feminists. One might find it puzzling that liberating women would lead to greater restrictions on intellectual freedom, but that is in fact what happened.

As Heartiste pointed out in a recent article about women and liberalism, women are significantly more collectivist by nature, and have a lower threshold for the "disgust" reaction. Therefore, they tend to support measures that punish outsiders or people who act on individual initiative. I would characterize this as "herd" behavior, as opposed to more male-oriented "team" behavior (more on that soon).

Although they've played an important role, especially in universities, it isn't solely because of feminists that "liberals" have become authoritarian; it is the nature of power to seek to preserve itself. If you're at the top of the

heap, it's mighty tempting to try to decide which thoughts are acceptable and which are off-limits. I suspect the Internet has given even more urgency to this impulse, as the mainstream media seeks to preserve its place as the font of respectable opinion. But you'd think that they would at least continue to defend – if not embrace – the concept of a free press. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case.

Today, as young McElwee demonstrates, denouncing the free press is the sort of thing that identifies a "good young man" — a right-thinker. When I was Sean's age, I realized that I'd never make the cut under the new rules – I'm constitutionally incapable of toeing their line – so I gave up on trying to join them. I could already see the writing on the wall around the year 2000, so I abandoned the idea of getting involved in mainstream media, choosing instead to lead a humble life. However, ironically, rejecting the constraints of contemporary political correctness has been a blessing and has given me many more opportunities to express myself. When you subordinate your own opinions and speak only within collectively-defined parameters, it feels like you've sold your soul.

So, in a sense I feel sorry for the young men out there who are doing the dirty work for left-authoritarians. I'd advise them, if they'd only listen, to feel free to be themselves, and to allow others to do the same. They should keep in mind that in striving to control, you can become something of a slave yourself.

Jessica Valenti Counting on Gender Card for Hillary 2016

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Jessica Valenti reveals that the basis of decades of Democratic success at the polls is stoking divisions and exploiting them:

> If Clinton runs again, it's doubtful that we'll see the same level of sexist vitriol against her. And that makes me, well, a little sad. If the misogyny flows as freely in 2016 as it did during Clinton's first presidential run, the Republicans are doomed. They're already in trouble with female voters, and it wouldn't take much to erode that standing further. So bring on the Todd Akins, the "life's a bitch, don't vote for one" T-shirts, the knee-jerk Hillary haters. This time around, it will only make her stronger.
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> Online takedowns of misogyny play a huge part in women's political lives — and their votes. Just recall Rep. Todd Akin (R-Mo.) and his comments about "legitimate rape." Or the conservative smearing of Sandra Fluke after she was not allowed to testify at a House hearing on insurance coverage for birth control. Or when Rick Santorum donor Foster Friess suggested to MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell that "the gals" could just put aspirin "between their knees" as a form of birth control.
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> All these incidents drove the "war on women" rhetoric into the mainstream and influenced women's votes in the 2012 election. A Gallup poll of 12 key swing states released shortly before the election showed that 60 percent of women said government policies on birth control would be extremely or very important in influencing their vote, and majorities of both men and women said Obama would "better handle" that issue.
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> "Every 2016 campaign will be run in an entirely new landscape, and that's due in large part to the gains women have made politically since 2008, especially the gains made in 2012," EMILY's List President Stephanie Schriock told me. "Republicans voiced their extreme and offensive views, and voters, particularly women voters, responded with one of the largest gender gaps in our nation's history."

I'm skeptical about Hillary Clinton, largely because Jessica Valenti is missing the big picture. Valenti, you see, is another white Northeastern elite, and therefore a member of a relatively small minority. Given that roughly 60% of white people don't vote Democrat (including 56% of white females), and people like Valenti represent something like half of those who do (probably somewhat less), we're only talking about 6-8% of the population in the hardcore Hillary demographic (white liberal females) at best. Granted, they are probably a little more highly represented among voting adults, bringing them up to 10% or so. That's very important, but it's dwarfed by minorities, who turned out in huge numbers for Obama. Somehow, I doubt these minorities will be as excited about Hillary Clinton, who is an old, white elite, as they were about Obama.

The "gender gap" in the latest presidential election was actually *smaller* for whites than it was during the Clinton and Bush years, despite the fact that "gender" was much more of an issue in the press. The gender gap was largest for Latinos, probably due to the relative poverty and high rate of single mommery in the female Hispanic demographic contingent. Feminism is not an entirely spent political force, but it is rapidly being eclipsed by race, and as the US edges toward majority nonwhite demographics, the process will accelerate. White women, aside from the tiny upper class (of which Valenti is sadly a member), will find themselves shut out of the spoils system, and they are not so stupid as to vote against their personal interests. Instead of a permanent Democratic majority of everyone against the middle-class white men, the US will take on a more Southern-style voting pattern, in which ethnic groups compete at the ballot box for advantages.

I don't know what point we'll be at by 2016, but my bet is that gender politics will already have started to clearly take a back seat to race by that time. This means that Clinton will have to choose between favoring minorities or white women. If she chooses white women, she'll get a somewhat larger share of their vote (although how much is

questionable), but her losses among minorities due to lack of enthusiasm/hostility may more than offset that. It's a tough spot for Hillary, so I'm not sure she would be the best candidate. In fact, I think a white male married to a black woman, like Bill de Blasio, would probably have a better shot than Hillary (a white female married to a black male would have problems for obvious reasons — black women are not particularly big fans of that).

My prediction is that by 2016 – 2020 at latest – we'll see minorities emerge as a true credible national party constituency in their own right, with or without white women. White liberals will be older and less important, and the US will be essentially split into two camps on the basis of ethnicity — not sex. It's a change I'm not entirely averse to, because it's about time for white elites to put their money where their mouths are and take a back seat to the minorities who form the backbone of their support.

Title IX: Making Men out of our Daughters

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Title IX is an atrocious piece of legislation, but it also exposes some of the excesses of college sports programs, which are run like semi-pro leagues today. Because Title IX ridiculously mandates parity in male and female sports programs despite the fact that young men are naturally far more interested in sports than young women, finding enough women to fill the rosters has proven to be difficult for colleges. The need to find girls who can compete has led schools to recruit girls before they even enter high school, which is reminiscent of the USSR's systematic selection process:

> SANFORD, Fla. — Before Haley Berg was done with middle school, she had the numbers for 16 college soccer coaches programmed into the iPhone she protected with a Justin Bieber case.
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> She was all of 14, but Hales, as her friends call her, was already weighing offers to attend the University of Colorado, Texas A&M and the University of Texas, free of charge.
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> Haley is not a once-in-a-generation talent like LeBron James. She just happens to be a very good soccer player, and that is now valuable enough to set off a frenzy among college coaches, even when — or especially when — the athlete in question has not attended a day of high school. For Haley, the process ended last summer, a few weeks before ninth grade began, when she called the coach at Texas to accept her offer of a scholarship four years later.
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> When I started in seventh grade, I didn't think they would talk to me that early," Haley, now 15, said after a tournament late last month in Central Florida, where Texas coaches showed up to watch her juke past defenders, blond ponytail bouncing behind.
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> "Even the coaches told me, 'Wow, we're recruiting an eighth grader,' " she said.
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> In today's sports world, students are offered full scholarships before they have taken their first College Boards, or even the Preliminary SAT exams. Coaches at colleges large and small flock to watch 13- and 14-year-old girls who they hope will fill out their future rosters. This is happening despite N.C.A.A. rules that appear to explicitly prohibit it.
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> The heated race to recruit ever younger players has drastically accelerated over the last five years, according to the coaches involved. It is generally traced back to the professionalization of college and youth sports, a shift that has transformed soccer and other recreational sports from after-school activities into regimens requiring strength coaches and managers.
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> The practice has attracted little public notice, except when it has occasionally happened in football and in basketball. But a review of recruiting data and interviews with coaches indicate that it is actually occurring much more frequently in sports that never make a dime for their colleges.
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> Early scouting has also become more prevalent in women's sports than men's, in part because girls mature sooner than boys. But coaches say it is also an unintended consequence of Title IX, the federal law that requires equal spending on men's and women's sports. Colleges have sharply increased the number of women's sports scholarships they offer, leading to a growing number of coaches chasing talent pools that have not expanded as quickly. In soccer, for instance, there are 322 women's soccer teams in the highest division, up from 82 in 1990. There are now 204 men's soccer teams.

> "In women's soccer, there are more scholarships than there are good players," said Peter Albright, the coach at Richmond and a regular critic of early recruiting. "In men's sports, it's the opposite."
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> While women's soccer is generally viewed as having led the way in early recruiting, lacrosse, volleyball and field hockey have been following and occasionally surpassing it, and other women's and men's sports are becoming involved each year when coaches realize a possibility of getting an edge.
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> Precise numbers are difficult to come by, but an analysis done for The New York Times by the National Collegiate Scouting Association, a company that consults with families on the recruiting process, shows that while only 5 percent of men's basketball players and 4 percent of football players who use the company commit to colleges early — before the official recruiting process begins — the numbers are 36 percent in women's lacrosse and 24 percent in women's soccer…

Shoving girls into competitive contact sports like soccer is unnatural and dangerous. Girls who play soccer have a very high rate of devastating knee injuries, and basketball even higher. But because of Title IX, colleges that make good money on men's basketball and football must create numerical and financial parity between male and female players. This results in a financial incentive for families to push their daughters into sports designed for male bodies, thereby injuring girls and wasting money and male talent. It is almost as stupid and wasteful as putting young women in combat, although it isn't quite that bad.

I also have to wonder whether the scholarships are really worth the risk. If a girl gets a scholarship, but in the process blows out her ACL, is that a fair trade? Also, does it help her in terms of career and marriage? I doubt it. Men don't generally care whether a girl played in competitive sports or not, and women don't seem all that interested in the kinds of jobs athletes traditionally get after giving up sports (salesman, businessman, military officer, etc.).

I'd recommend keeping athletic daughters out of high-impact team sports, and instead giving them a choice of something like tennis, gymnastics, skiing, swimming or the like, depending on their talents, of course. There's nothing wrong with young women using their bodies in a vigorous, healthy way, but they aren't built for slamming into people while wearing cleats. I played soccer at a high level in high school (went to state championships), and it can be a very rough sport — I still have scars on my ankles and shins from being gouged by cleats. It isn't as rough on the joints as football, which, seeing the knee and hip surgeries most of the men in my family have to get in middle age, I am now glad I never played, but it's no pansy sport. Frankly, I wouldn't want my daughter thrown into the game, and I sometimes wonder about parents who push their daughters into it.

But this article sheds a little light on the practice: the government, through colleges, wants them there on the field. Being feminine, it seems, isn't good enough for our women; they have to act like men to get ahead. No wonder American women have such a gender identity crisis.

Our Meretricious Meritocracy

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We are supposedly living in an age of merit, where the best rise to the top through a selective process that rewards valuable traits. This so-called meritocracy is often used to explain away our growing economic inequality. Those who make it, you see, just have the right stuff. This idea of merit was largely invented and is fostered by elite institutions, which pride themselves on selecting for what they call merit. Perhaps it's a relic of Calvinist predestination, in which a member of the "elect" is destined to be graced by God.

While it's true that having talent, determination and grit still matters a great deal, we ought to take a closer look at the meritocratic process and what traits it professes to value. Additionally, the traits it fosters and its results are important indicators of what these people and institutions call "merit."

So, what do we find? A notion of merit that has no room for the traditional virtues yet encourages what used to be known as sin. We find a glorification of pride, greed, lust and gluttony, among others.

Using the seven deadly sins as a standard, let's examine our "meritocracy" and how it measures up:

1. **Lust**

   Promiscuity, licentiousness and all manner of sexual practices are cherished and valued in our elite institutions of higher learning. Not only are they protected, but often celebrated by students and schools alike. Extramarital sex is seen as a "right," while traditional marriage is frowned upon and ridiculed.

2. **Gluttony**
   Gluttony is not strictly about overeating; it also applies to those who do not eat simply, who seek out strange foods, and who have elaborate rituals around eating. The urban trends of shopping at Whole Foods, eating out at chic restaurants frequently, and seeking out trendy foods fits right into the category of gluttony. Obsessive preoccupation with health food is another example, as is binging and purging. Eating disorders are, for the most part, examples of gluttony, and are common among the people of merit.

3. **Greed**
   This one goes without saying. An important reason people strive to become members of the meritocratic elite is to make more money. They dream of fancy homes in upscale neighborhoods, isolated from the great unwashed. They want to take trips to Paris and Rome, own the newest, trendiest gadgets and wear the finest clothes.

4. **Sloth**
   Most people who make it into meritocratic institutions are not layabouts, but they do often fail to put any significant work into developing their spiritual/humanitarian side. Instead of striving to become better people, they focus on networking with the powerful, and thereby betray a general lack of sincerity in their contrived humanitarianism. An example of this is the filler "humanitarian" work they do only to pad out their applications and resumés rather than for any real concern for people in need. On the academic side, they have begun to cheat with alarming frequency, which demonstrates a form of laziness.

5. **Wrath**
   The rage many of our elites feel toward the common American people is all too obvious. Their searing contempt for what they call "ignorant" people, particularly the more humble, religious sort, can manifest itself in almost demonic denunciations and displays of ethnic and religious hatred. This is especially true of feminists, who have an inordinate fondness for hate porn, particularly when directed against those they perceive as part of the "patriarchy."

6. **Envy**
   Envy is often what is behind the desire to join the meritocracy in the first place. For many students and finished

elites alike, the institutions themselves provide the tools and opportunities to seize that which they covet, and to profit from the losses of others.

7. **Pride**
   Pride is the foremost of sins, and it is also the defining characteristic of the new elite. They take enormous pride in being elevated above their fellow countrymen, and wallow in this pride to no end. The American meritocracy is, above all, a collection of the very proud, secure in their superiority.

Of course, we can point out sin in all sorts of groups of people, but my little exercise here was intended to get people to think about what it means when we throw terms like “merit” around. There’s no doubt that people who make it to the top usually possess admirable qualities and talents, but when these are put to use in rotten ways, what they call merit is actually meretricious.

I could find it in myself to excuse some of the excesses of the elite if they compensated for them with good works, but because they have rejected what most of us see as virtuous, it’s difficult to find much redeeming about them at this point.

The Atlantic Denounces Facial Hair

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I've been reading *The Atlantic* off and on for over twenty years, and have enjoyed a number of articles despite the fact that I've never felt that it represented my own point of view. I've even found some borderline feminist pieces engaging, including a couple written by Sandra Tsing-Loh, who, despite being a bit of a nutcase, sure can entertain in print.

But under Scott Stossel, scion of a Harvard clan, the magazine is going to shit, and that's quite literal in the case of Stossel, who regaled us with tales of his vomiting and diarrhea in a recent piece.

Now, according to the publication, the history of the beard is fraught with racism. Who would have thought that how we choose to wear our facial hair should provoke deep introspection on the matter of race? As a man, no matter what I do with that stuff that grows out of my face, I can't escape the vile legacy of racism. Do I shave? Do I grow it out? Ah, this is all such a conundrum. Perhaps I should hire a sensitivity coach to give me the proper advice.

The article, written by Sean Trainor, a man who majored in women's studies, begins with this subheading:

> "Washes and razors for foofoos," scoffed Walt Whitman. But the story of 19th-century facial hair is more tangled than modern nostalgists may realize.

Hmm. I have facial hair, so I'd better read on…

> Let me declare what many already know: 2013 was a landmark year for men's facial hair. From flamboyant beards to the proliferation of "old-fashioned" shops, evidence of the trend abounds, embracing groups as diverse as the Boston Red Sox, the men of Movember, and the Robertsons of Duck Dynasty. In dens of hipsterdom, one can hardly throw a PBR without hitting a waxed moustache. And the online craft marketplace Etsy now sells a limitless variety of wares imprinted with images of mustaches, from wine glasses to electrical outlets….

Ah, so having facial hair is *cool* these days. So far so good…

> What follows is the lost story of American facial hair. Like countless other histories, it is rife with contradictions. It begins with white Americans at the time of the Revolution who derided barbering as the work of "inferiors." It continues with black entrepreneurs who turned it into a source of wealth and prestige. And it concludes with the advent of the beard—a fashion born out of desperation but transformed into a symbol of masculine authority and white supremacy.

Oh crap… "white supremacy"?! Does this mean my beard makes me a Nazi? I'd really better read the whole thing!

> One of the barbers' most vexing tasks involved maintaining order in their segregated workplaces. While the gentility of many shops helped restrain customers' worst behavior, lapses were frequent. In moments like these, white patrons might squabble over politics, grow belligerent when "full of drink and insolence," or even light each other's hair on fire.
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> Keeping the peace required the lightest of touches. The laws of white supremacy—both written and unwritten—effectively forbade men of color from giving orders to customers or physically restraining them. Besides, many barbers understood the cruel reality that customers' ability to flagrantly disrespect them was part of the space's appeal.
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> But perhaps barbers' most difficult challenge was the simple intimacy of the shop: the physical closeness of barber and patron. Here, men of color listened in on the schemes and foibles of the American elite, keeping

> their secrets in confidence.
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> Little did his customers suspect that Natchez, Mississippi, barber William Johnson was studiously recording the rumors that permeated his shop—from vicious acts of violence to white citizens' gambling losses and marital infidelities. Johnson's diary even refers to a moment of unexpected intimacy between two townsmen: "Mr [Blank]," Johnson confided, "attempted to suck Mr [Blank]s El panio." Just as Johnson had intended, no one discovered this record until long after he had died.

Oh man, this is not good. Not only are we bearded white men violent drunks, but cock-suckers as well…

Finally, we learn that simply being able to grow a beard is racist:

> An anonymous "lady on beards," writing in an 1856 issue of the New York Tribune, made the case even more succinctly. The "bearded races," she proclaimed, "are the conquering races." And in "Song of Myself," Walt Whitman transformed the case for beards into poetry: "Washes and razors for foofoos … for me freckles and a bristling beard."
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> But the "manly appendage," as one commenter grandly called the beard, also served a number of important functions closer to home. As historian Sarah Gold McBride contends, beards were one response to a growing women's rights movement, typified by the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention. Faced with threats to their prerogative, men grew beards "to codify a distinctly male appearance when other traditional markers of masculinity were no longer stable or certain." The 19th-century beard may have sprouted from a fear of razors and a distaste for black barber shops. But it grew into a symbol that set white American men apart from smooth-faced foreigners as well as powerful women at home.
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> This may not be the story bewhiskered moderns would like to hear. It's easy to imagine the 19th-beard and barbershop revival as an homage to a quaint, innocent fashion trend. But today's revival presents a chance to redeem the legacy of facial hair with a more complete understanding of the men who shaped it—a better grasp of what to keep and what to cut.

As Trainor takes us on and on through the years, we can learn more fascinating tidbits about the violent, racist, misogynistic history of facial hair. Truly fascinating work. However, I am left at a loss. To be a proper, right-thinking American, how should I wear my facial hair? I'm not sure, but the implication seems to be that to be that I should simply stop growing it, period. Perhaps castration might help in that regard, but Trainor demurs.

Edging Closer to the Truth

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Ross Douthat, the NY Times' token youngish conservative, came out today with an op-ed provocatively titled "Social Liberalism as Class Warfare." This is a theme I've been hitting on a lot recently because I think it's an overlooked but nonetheless very important component of politics in the US. Douthat, in his usual roundabout, overly-sensitive and borderline deferential way (I wouldn't count on that kind of kid glove treatment from the other side), argues that the values espoused by upper class elites are toxic to the middle and working classes.

In his piece, he addresses an argument made by Randy Waldman, who called efforts to resurrect traditional marriage a "cargo cult" (you see, Mr. Douthat, these are not very nice people), and points out that while socially liberal norms may work fine for those with plenty of money and connections, they have had disastrous consequences for the rest of us.

> What people contemplating marrying down clearly should fear more than in the Eisenhower-era past are interpersonal problems — a spouse who comes from a broken home, who doesn't have positive models of marriage and parenting in her past, who carries a cloud of suspicion into wedlock because his own parents' marriage fell apart. Economic redistribution can help mitigate those problems (which is why I favor it, to a point), by creating a firmer material foundation for families. But the problems themseves just aren't exclusively material: They have a cultural element, and reflect a cultural change, that can't simply be ignored.
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> This is where I look at Waldman's critique of how elite self-interest has contributed to marriage's decline and see a case study in what liberals are inclined to leave out of this story, and what implications they are unwilling to draw from their own premises. Because if the heart of your social analysis, the core of your conclusion, is the idea that the homogamous new elite's social behavior is essentially (if perhaps unknowingly) self-interested — that the pursuit of meritocratic success has led the mass upper class to "walk away without a care … from people who in other circumstances, even in the not so distant past, would have been our friends and coworkers, lovers and spouses" — then perhaps you need to apply the same cold-eyed perspective to that elite's cultural assumptions and attitudes as well, and to the blend of laws and norms those attitudes incline its members to support.
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> By which I mean … is it just a coincidence that this self-interested elite holds the nearly-uniformly liberal views on social issues that it does? Is it just random that the one idea binding the post-1970s upper class together — uniting Wall Street's Randians and Harvard's academic socialists, a left-leaning media and a right-leaning corporate sector, the libertarians of Silicon Valley and the liberal rich of the Upper West Side — is a hostility to any kind of social conservatism, any kind of morals legislation, any kind of paternalism on issues of sex and marriage and family? Is the upper class's social liberalism the lone case, the rare exception, where our self-segregated, self-interested elites really do have the greater good at heart?

Obviously, they do not have the greater good at heart. Their clear hatred for the majority bears this out. As a resident of a deep blue city filled with people with elite pretensions, the viciousness toward anyone not on board with the socially-liberal, politically correct message is right out in the open. Unabashed, naked hostility toward dissenting points of view and advocacy for traditional values is what passes for progressivism in Seattle. No "live and let live" here… But I'll let Douthat make his point.

> if we're inclined, with Waldman, to see our elite as fundamentally self-interested, then we should ask ourselves whether the combination of personal restraint and cultural-political permissiveness might not itself be part of how this elite maintains its privileges. Waldman, for instance, makes the (completely valid) point that just telling a single mother to go get married to whomever she happens to be dating isn't likely to lead to happy outcomes for anyone involved. But is that really just because of wage stagnation and the truncation of the

> potential-mates bell curve? Or could it also be that the decision to marry only delivers benefits when it's part of a larger life script, a way of pursuing love and happiness that shapes people's life choices – men as well as women — from the moment they come of age sexually, and that exerts its influence not through the power of a singular event (ring, cake, toasts) but through that event's place in a larger mix of cues, signals, expectations, and beliefs?
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> If it's the latter — and if you're not an economic or genetic determinist, I really think it has to be — then it's worth recognizing that much of what the (elite-driven) social revolutions of the 1970s did, in law and culture, was to strip away the most explicit cues and rules linking sex, marriage, and childrearing, and nudging people toward the two-parent bourgeois path. No longer would the law make any significant effort to enforce marriage vows. No longer would an unplanned pregnancy impose clear obligations on the father. No longer would the culture industry uphold the "marriage-then-childbearing" script as normative, or endorse any moral script around sexuality save the rule of consenting adults.
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> And following our hermeneutic of anti-elite suspicion, let's ask: If the path to human flourishing still mostly runs through monogamy and marriage, who benefits the most from the kind of changes that make that path less normative, less law-supported, less obvious? Well, mostly people who are embedded in communities that continue to send the kind of signals that the law and the wider culture no longer send.
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> That can mean a religious community: In those red states with high divorce rates that liberals like to cite, frequent churchgoers are an exception to the pattern, or course Mormon Utah is the high marriage-rate (and, not surprisingly, high social mobility) exception to every post-1970s trend.
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> Or, more importantly for our purposes, it can mean a community low in explicit moralism but high in social capital and social pressure, where the incentives not to date or sleep with the wrong person at the wrong time are sharpened by the immense rewards for not making personal mistakes, where divorce and single parenthood are regarded as major threats to the all-important intergenerational transfer of success, where young people are inculcated with the kind of self-control required to dabble in libertinism but not take major risks, and where the influence of a libertine culture is counteracted by the dense network of adult authority figures whose examples matter more than what you watch and read and consume. A place where the norms and rules and script don't have to be made explicit to carry immense weight. A place where everyone understands the basic secret of success.
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> A place like, well, the modern meritocracy.

Ah, there's that word "meritocracy" again. Am I still the only one who fails to see the merit in these people's values and lifestyle?

> Now do I actually think there's some kind of elite-liberal cultural conspiracy to keep the masses in their social place? No, of course not – there's nothing so conscious and cynical at work. But then again, neither do I think there's a meritocratic conspiracy to withdraw into walkable-urban enclaves and leave the rest of society to fragment and decay. Yet that withdrawal and its consequences are still important facts for understanding the decline of marriage, just as Waldman says. An approach to life doesn't have to be calculated to be effectively self-interested, and in the context of a stratified country that self-interest is well worth pointing out.
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> And the same is true of an approach to politics and culture. Again, I'm not alleging cynicism: Social liberals are entirely sincere in their belief that even self-censorship is unnecessary censorship (or, perhaps, that the internet has rendered cultural standards obsolete); in their conviction that laws banning abortion or restricting divorce are too punitive, illiberal and inherent sexist to be just; in their abiding sense that economic paternalism is morally acceptable but social-moral-sexual paternalism is not. But it is still the case that when we legalized abortion and instituted unilateral divorce, we helped usher in a sexual-marital-parental culture that seems to work roughly as well for people with lots of social capital as it did sixty years ago, while working pretty badly for the poor and lower middle class. It is still a reality of contemporary life that when anyone can get a divorce

> for any reason, the lower classes seem to get far more of the divorces, and that when anyone can get an abortion for any reason, the poor end up having more abortions and more children out of wedlock both. And it is still a fact that if you tallied up winners and losers from the sexual revolution, the obvious winners would tend to cluster at one end of 1975's income distribution, the obvious losers at the other.
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> This post's title is a provocation, of course: What I'm describing isn't literally a class war. But it really does have winners. And they're the ones most likely to insist, with great passion and conviction, that we can't possibly learn anything from the social rules and laws and norms that held sway in America's more equal and more mobile past.

Here's where Douthat constructs something of a strawman on behalf of social liberals. He's saying, essentially, that there's no conspiracy at work, and that they do in fact sincerely hold the beliefs they profess even if they don't act on them. Well, this may be true, but you don't need a conspiracy to explain a collective effort to do harm. There's a much simpler explanation: malice.

These meritocrats just don't like us. That's why they use terms like "cargo cult" to explain our values. That's why they instinctively take positions that are the exact opposite of ours. When they push policies that harm their lessers, it's because it makes them feel good to see us brought low. Maybe some people think this is a far-fetched explanation, but who can deny that hostility toward outgroups is a fundamentally human characteristic?

Obama Repeats Pay Gap Canard in SOTU Address

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I listened to a little bit of the state of the union address, catching Obama's gender-baiting comments before turning off the TV. He hit just a couple feminist talking points and didn't dwell on them for too long, but got rousing applause from the audience. His nod to feminism got louder applause than anything else I heard come out of his mouth.

Here's the text of that part:

> Today, women make up about half our workforce. But they still make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. That is wrong, and in 2014, it's an embarrassment. A woman deserves equal pay for equal work. She deserves to have a baby without sacrificing her job. A mother deserves a day off to care for a sick child or sick parent without running into hardship – and you know what, a father does, too. It's time to do away with workplace policies that belong in a "Mad Men" episode. This year, let's all come together – Congress, the White House, and businesses from Wall Street to Main Street – to give every woman the opportunity she deserves. Because I firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

I think the enthusiastic response was as much a result of the composition of the audience as anything, but the difficulties working women face are real, and I understand the appeal of family-friendly policies. However, this "pay gap" lie is really damaging, and not only for men, but for everyone in a family. Taking everything into account, including hours worked, seniority and profession, women are not paid less for the same work. To force equal pay for women who don't work as much as their male counterparts would be a tax on men that primarily benefits single, childless women — not mothers, who obtain much of their support from their children's fathers.

So what you'd have is a situation in which careerist high-T type females would be living large while families would be relatively poorer. It's a terrible idea that would benefit the few at the expense of the many. A better way to immediately improve the lot of poor mothers would be to give men who pay child support tax breaks for their payments. It wouldn't be perfect, but it's better than a law that won't do a damn thing for the kinds of women and children who really do need the extra money.

Red Pill Advice from Art of Manliness

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Some people took me to task for holding Brett McKay's *Art of Manliness* blog out as an example of a highly successful site that rejects "the narrative" out of hand. I'll admit that I, too, thought of it as pretty light fare for a while, but when the site gives solid advice to young men, as it has today with its article "14 Red Flags to Look Out for in a Relationship," you've got to hand it to the author for going where most social conservatives – including too many conservative Christians – dare not tread.

A few excerpts:

> You've probably had a friend who started dating a woman that really made you scratch your head. She was flaky, possessive, and high-drama. Everyone could see that the gal was toxic and really bringing your buddy down…everyone, that is, except your buddy.
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> You tell yourself, "That would never happen to me."
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> But then it does.
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> "Well," you say, "I'm a manly man, dammit. I don't let my emotions get the best of me in a relationship. I always think rationally."
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> Hold on there, chief. Some research actually indicates that men, particularly men in their mid-twenties, "typically fall in love faster than women and are the first to take the lead in saying words of love in the initial stages of the relationship." Women, on the other hand, are generally more apprehensive in the beginning stages of a relationship. In other words, just because you're a dude, doesn't mean you're not susceptible to love blindness.
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> Knowing that your judgment is clouded, it's important to enter any serious relationship with both your head and your heart. You need be able to distance yourself from the powerful emotions you're likely feeling in a new relationship so that you can notice any red flags that might indicate that you're destined for a relationship from hell. This is doubly important if you're considering marriage.
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> But what sort of red flags should you be on the lookout for? While every man has his own personal relationship red flags or deal breakers, psychologists and marriage experts have found there are a few general red flags you should be aware of. Most of these are patterns of behavior in your partner that will likely (not definitely) result in a troubled relationship down the road.
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> 1. She's a self-proclaimed "Drama Queen." Beware of women who not only proclaim themselves to be Drama Queens, but also revel in the role. Drama Queens often swing from one emotional extreme to another; when life seems a little boring or flat, they'll go out of their way to stir up a controversy. They're often impulsive and demand to be the center of attention all the time. What's interesting is that Drama Queendom isn't just a character defect, it could actually be a psychological disorder called "histrionic personality disorder." Who knew?
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> Drama Queens can be very alluring and attractive in the beginning of the relationship because of their seemingly outgoing and often seductive personalities. But the shtick gets old after a while and constant drama in a long-term relationship just makes people miserable.
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> 3. She says ALL her exes are jerks. There's a possibility that every man she's ever dated was indeed a jerk. If that's the case, what does that say about her judgment, and what is it about her personality that draws her to

> losers? And that also means you're probably a jerk too, as people tend to follow the same scripts and patterns across relationships.
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> The more likely scenario is that some — but not all — of her exes were jerks and she's downplaying her role in the relationships going sour. This scenario is just as troublesome – as it shows a lack of self-awareness and an unwillingness to take responsibility. We all know folks who got fired from a job, received a bad grade, or got dumped because their boss was jealous, their professor was out to get them, and their girlfriend was nuts. It's never their fault. Avoid relationships with this type of person like the plague.
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> 6. She expects to be treated like a princess. When one person comes into a relationship with a sense of entitlement and expectation that his or her needs should always come before the other person's, resentment, contempt, and anger are usually the results. Be on the lookout for subtle and overt clues that your partner has the "princess" mentality. (Hint: She has the word "Princess" stitched on the butt of her sweatpants.)
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> 13. She's violent. Did you know that women are at least as likely, sometimes even more likely, than men to initiate domestic violence? Sure, her punches may not hurt you, but if your girlfriend gets violent when you argue, that should be a bright red flag that you need to end the relationship. There's some underlying emotional issues there, and if she did it before, she'll likely do it again. Don't shrug it off – slapping can escalate into the use of weapons…

Good stuff. Frankly, I wish somebody had sat me down and hammered these lessons into my head when I was 18. Given that a lot of McKay's readers are young men, he's doing a yeoman's job here. Compare him to, say, Pastor Mark Driscoll of Mars Hill church, who lays into his young male parishioners for not marrying single mothers, and he's a beacon of light in the darkness.

We need more popular, practical advice for young men, who tend to get all the wrong messages today. When someone can provide that through an enjoyable, readable platform that has broad appeal, it's an enormous service.

Good work, Brett.

Intersectionality Feminism as Mexican Standoff

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As the American social hierarchy unravels due to demographic shifts, feminists have begun to lash out at each other in an apparent attempt to establish a new pecking order:

> In the summer of 2012, twenty-one feminist bloggers and online activists gathered at Barnard College for a meeting that would soon become infamous. Convened by activists Courtney Martin and Vanessa Valenti, the women came together to talk about ways to leverage institutional and philanthropic support for online feminism. Afterward, Martin and Valenti used the discussion as the basis for a report, "#Femfuture: Online Revolution," which called on funders to support the largely unpaid work that feminists do on the Internet. "An unfunded online feminist movement isn't merely a threat to the livelihood of these hard-working activists, but a threat to the larger feminist movement itself," they wrote.
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> #Femfuture was earnest and studiously politically correct. An important reason to put resources into online feminism, Martin and Valenti wrote, was to bolster the voices of writers from marginalized communities. "Women of color and other groups are already overlooked for adequate media attention and already struggle disproportionately in this culture of scarcity," they noted. The pair discussed the way online activism has highlighted the particular injustices suffered by transgender women of color and celebrated the ability of the Internet to hold white feminists accountable for their unwitting displays of racial privilege. "A lot of feminist dialogue online has focused on recognizing the complex ways that privilege shapes our approach to work and community," they wrote.
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> The women involved with #Femfuture knew that many would contest at least some of their conclusions. They weren't prepared, though, for the wave of coruscating anger and contempt that greeted their work. Online, the Barnard group—nine of whom were women of color—was savaged as a cabal of white opportunists. People were upset that the meeting had excluded those who don't live in New York (Martin and Valenti had no travel budget). There was fury expressed on behalf of everyone—indigenous women, feminist mothers, veterans—whose concerns were not explicitly addressed. Some were outraged that tweets were quoted without the explicit permission of the tweeters. Others were incensed that a report about online feminism left out women who aren't online. "Where is the space in all of these #femfuture movements for people who don't have internet access?" tweeted Mikki Kendall, a feminist writer who, months later, would come up with the influential hashtag #solidarityisforwhitewomen.
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> Martin was floored. She's long believed that it's incumbent on feminists to be open to critique—but the response was so vitriolic, so full of bad faith and stubborn misinformation, that it felt like some sort of Maoist hazing. Kendall, for example, compared #Femfuture to Rebecca Latimer Felton, a viciously racist Southern suffragist who supported lynching because she said it protected white women from rape. "It was really hard to engage in processing real critique because so much of it was couched in an absolute disavowal of my intentions and my person," Martin says…

This brings to mind the Lord of The Rings trilogy, where one of the orcs, after losing a dispute with another, is thrown into a mob of hungry comrades, torn to pieces and consumed.

> Just a few years ago, the feminist blogosphere seemed an insouciant, freewheeling place, revivifying women's liberation for a new generation. "It felt like there was fun and possibility…a momentum or excitement that was building," says Anna Holmes, who founded Jezebel, Gawker Media's influential women's website, in 2007. In 2011, critic Emily Nussbaum celebrated the feminist blogosphere in New York magazine: "Freed from the boundaries of print, writers could blur the lines between formal and casual writing; between a call to arms, a confession, and a stand-up routine—and this new looseness of form in turn emboldened readers to join in, to

> take risks in the safety of the shared spotlight."
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> The Internet also became a crucial place for feminist organizing. When the breast cancer organization Komen for the Cure decided to defund Planned Parenthood in 2012, the overwhelming online backlash led to a reversal of the policy and the departure of the executive who had pushed it. Last year, Women, Action & the Media and the Everyday Sexism Project spearheaded a successful online campaign to get Facebook to ban pro-rape content.
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> Yet even as online feminism has proved itself a real force for change, many of the most avid digital feminists will tell you that it's become toxic. Indeed, there's a nascent genre of essays by people who feel emotionally savaged by their involvement in it—not because of sexist trolls, but because of the slashing righteousness of other feminists. On January 3, for example, Katherine Cross, a Puerto Rican trans woman working on a PhD at the CUNY Graduate Center, wrote about how often she hesitates to publish articles or blog posts out of fear of inadvertently stepping on an ideological land mine and bringing down the wrath of the online enforcers. "I fear being cast suddenly as one of the 'bad guys' for being insufficiently radical, too nuanced or too forgiving, or for simply writing something whose offensive dimensions would be unknown to me at the time of publication," she wrote.

There's a subtext of racial hostility to this feminist civil war, and although this may seem like envy or sour grapes to the casual observer, there's a reason for the anger.

Back when second wave feminism really began to rise to power in the 80s, it was overwhelmingly a white women's movement. It wasn't explicitly supremacist, but the hierarchy was undeniable. White feminist radicals infiltrated social services throughout the land, including in inner cities, monopolizing what soon became a thriving industry. While white women had always been heavily involved in social welfare, in the earlier days they tended to be Christian and quite conservative by today's standards, even if their contemporaries would have thought of them as liberal. The new feminist contingent was not bound by these dated patriarchal conventions. Soon, they began monopolizing their charges, often taking young nonwhite women as lesbian lovers. Whenever there's a big power differential, as there is between social workers and the people who rely on them, abuses happen. It's inevitable, no matter what ideology the authorities ascribe to. So there was something akin to the Catholic abuse scandals going on in women's shelters and the like, only it was women taking advantage of women rather men taking advantage of boys.

This resulted in some strange outcomes that Americans in general are not aware of, but black feminists surely are. Today, lesbianism is highest among low-income black women. I suspect this is a cultural artifact of widespread exploitation of poor black women by lesbians in the 80s and 90s combined with the unavailability of black men. In fact, not having men to rely on has forced a lot of black women to rely on other women as surrogate husbands. In many cases, these were older white lesbians. You can probably guess who had the upper hand in these relationships.

> "I actually think there's a subset of black women who really do get off on white women being prostrate," Cooper says. "It's about feeling disempowered and always feeling at the mercy of white authority, and wanting to feel like for once the things you're saying are being given credibility and authority. And to have white folks do that is powerful, particularly in a world where white women often deploy power against black women in ways that are really problematic."
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> Preening displays of white feminist abjection, however, are not the same as respect. "What's disgusting and disturbing to me is that I see some of the more intellectually dishonest arguments put forth by women of color being legitimized and performed by white feminists, who seem to be in some sort of competition to exhibit how intersectional they are," says Jezebel founder Holmes, who is black. "There are these Olympian attempts on the part of white feminists to underscore and display their ally-ship in a way that feels gross and dishonest and, yes, patronizing."
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> This reached an absurd peak during the tempest over #Femfuture. Jamia Wilson was one of the black women

> involved in the Barnard meeting, and she has since become part of the four-woman leadership team for the #Femfuture project, which continues to work on ways to make online feminism financially sustainable. She watched incredulously as white women joined in the pile-on about #Femfuture's alleged racial insensitivity. One self-described white feminist tweeted at her to explain that no women of color had been at the Barnard meeting "and that I needed to be educated about that," Wilson recalls. Somehow, activists who prided themselves on their racial enlightenment "were whitesplaining me about racism," she adds, laughing.

But it isn't entirely a racial issue (although I suspect that's the most important one) at work here. Now that transsexuals have managed to gain a foothold in this grievance racket, there's a movement afoot to abolish the sanctity of the vagina.

> In a revolution-eats-its-own irony, some online feminists have even deemed the word "vagina" problematic. In January, the actress and activist Martha Plimpton tweeted about a benefit for Texas abortion funds called "A Night of a Thousand Vaginas," sponsored by A Is For, a reproductive rights organization she's involved with. Plimpton was surprised when some offended Internet feminists urged people to stay away, arguing that emphasizing "vaginas" hurts trans men who don't want their reproductive organs coded as female. "Given the constant genital policing, you can't expect trans folks to feel included by an event title focused on a policed, binary genital," tweeted @DrJaneChi, an abortion and transgender health provider. (She mentioned "internal genitals" as an alternative.) When Plimpton insisted that she would continue to say "vagina," her feed filled up with indignation. "So you're really committed to doubling down on using a term that you've been told many times is exclusionary & harmful?" asked one self-described intersectional feminist blogger.
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> Plimpton takes intersectionality seriously—A Is For is hosting a series of discussions on the subject this year—but she was flummoxed by this purist, arcane form. "I'm not going to stop using the word 'vagina' for anybody, whether it's Glenn Beck or Mike Huckabee or somebody on Twitter who feels it creates a dysphoric response," she tells me. "I can't do that and still advocate for reproductive freedom. It's just not a realistic thing to expect."

I guess this leaves Eve Ensler up a creek. Well, she's already at retirement age, so the imminent demise of the cis-normative Vagina Monologues may not make much difference at this point.

This "intersectionality" will be the demise of feminism as a powerful, cohesive force. Intersectionality is essentially multiculturalism on crack, and will prove to be impossible to manage. While feminism will always exist in one form or another, when it ceases to benefit a majority of women it will find itself largely ignored or avoided by most women. And as the US becomes a pluralist country there will be no clear majority, and no clear winners from a generic "feminism." Instead, there will be a thousand little feminisms, each for one particular group of women, and each hostile to the others.

Prediction: Dzhokhar Tsarnaev to be Next Anti-Death Penalty Poster Boy

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The feds have announced their intent to execute Dzokhar Tsarnaev for his role in the Islamic terror bombing of the Boston Marathon. As you may remember, in the aftermath of the attack, Dzhokhar became an object of romantic attention for a shocking number of young women and girls, some of whom even set up blogs demanding his release (into their open arms, presumably). The combination of Dzhokhar's dreamy boy-band looks with his blood-soaked infamy was apparently irresistible to throngs of nubile female admirers.

Now that he's facing a death sentence on conviction (the feds never lose), I predict that he will immediately become one of the foremost objects of sympathy and tender love in the United States. I wonder whether the Bureau of Prisons has already developed a protocol for dealing with the tons of love letters he's sure to receive. Now that I mention it, I bet they have.

We are prone to generalizing women as slaves to fashion and popular opinion, but when lust comes into the equation even women are willing to throw off the shackles of propriety. There will be women who, despite widespread disapproval and condemnation, will throw every effort their little souls can muster into attempts to join with the dark young prince of their dreams. Thus, on the path to his demise, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev will be accompanied by a procession of wailing, protesting women, defending their true love to his last breath.

The Coming Transformation of Identity Politics

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Recently, I've made a few statements that contradict each other from a conventional political perspective. For example, I've repeatedly said that ethnic politics will eventually trump gender politics, but at the same time I dismissed racial politics as less relevant than they used to be, and continuing to diminish in importance. This is because a profound change is occurring in the US as demographics reach a tipping point, after which the idea of one American nation will become an anachronism. We already have the basis for at least four proto-nations in the US.

I've numbered them below by population, with the first being the most populous.

1. White Northerners

2. White Southerners

3. Hispanics

4. Blacks

The largest change over the last several decades has been the decline of white northerners relative to the others. Since the Civil War, this has been the dominant ethno-cultural group in the United States, for better or for worse (mostly better, to be honest). They have been the majority not only of the country's population, but held most territory as well. With the addition of the new Hispanic subnation in the US, this has changed from a majority of the population to a plurality. What's really curious, though, is how oblivious northerners are when it comes to Hispanics. They don't seem to be aware, for example, that some 40 million Americans now speak Spanish as their first language, and that this number could well rise to double that within a couple generations. I'm not sure they've grasped the fact that they are not really "winning" because of this shift, but actually declining in relative power.

The old racial politics of the US, in which northern whites allied with blacks against southern whites, has given way to something entirely different. It isn't even clear who will have an advantage under the new reality, but the old north-south divide is no longer the only game in town.

I think this will change American racial politics because, from a broad political perspective, the Civil Rights movement that defines contemporary right-thinking was largely about the North reasserting political dominance over the South. Today, however, it isn't the southerners who are challenging northern political power, but Hispanics in California, who will almost certainly be a majority of that state's population within this decade. When Californian Hispanics really begin to flex their political muscle, there's no guarantee that they will be on board with northern whites in the same old game. What do they, after all, have to do with what is essentially an interethnic dispute between two groups of white Protestants?

However, one thing is for sure: they will not take on the old role of black Americans as a caste, but rather regard themselves as a distinct people. They have the numbers to do so, they have their own language, and they have a common heritage as Latin Americans. So when I write that ethnic politics will become more important while racial politics will decline, what I mean is that caste politics will take a backseat to a more nationalist form of politics, in which *nations* – not "races" – compete within our territory and political system.

The reason I think this signifies a coming decline in gender politics is that gender politics, like traditional American racial politics, is caste politics. Caste politics are subordinate to national politics, so if different ethno-cultural groups in the US start behaving more like competing nations, gender will decline in importance on the national stage, as will race (in the traditional sense). This doesn't mean that race won't matter, but rather that it will be subsumed into more of a national consciousness.

Because we conquered and populated North America so quickly, we Americans haven't experienced national

politics like the rest of the world for centuries. We've all but forgotten what it means, and instead built our divisions around internal castes, which has recently so weakened us as a people that we are losing the enormous advantage we had. Maybe it was inevitable that our great fortune couldn't last forever, and now it looks like it's unraveling, which I take as a sign that our manufactured internal divisions, like feminism, will dwindle in significance as we find ourselves with bigger fish to fry.

However, in the meanwhile, northern white elites continue to behave as though nothing has changed, which is why they are increasingly seen as far out of touch with the rest of the country. I'm afraid they will continue to do so until some national movement displaces them from their place at the top, and it is exactly their fear of that happening that provokes them to such hysteria over even relatively inconsequential half-efforts like the Tea Party.

Super Bowl Sex Trafficking Fraud Back in the News

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Finally, even the mainstream press is starting to catch on to the fact that alleged sex trafficking during major sports events is a manufactured problem:

> TENS of thousands of people have descended upon the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area this week for tomorrow's Super Bowl, accompanied by the usual media frenzy. A now familiar feature of this coverage, wherever the Super Bowl is held, is an abundance of stories, from Reuters to CNN, reporting that the event will cause a surge in sex trafficking to capitalize on the influx of fans and tourists.
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> Representative Christopher H. Smith, Republican of New Jersey and co-chairman of the House anti-human trafficking caucus, and Gov. Chris Christie announced a law enforcement crackdown. Cindy McCain, in advance of next year's Super Bowl in Arizona, flew in to stand at Mr. Christie's side, declaring that the Super Bowl is "the largest human-trafficking event on the planet."
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> The problem is that there is no substantiation of these claims. The rhetoric turns out to be just that.
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> No data actually support the notion that increased sex trafficking accompanies the Super Bowl. The Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women, a network of nongovernmental organizations, published a report in 2011 examining the record on sex trafficking related to World Cup soccer games, the Olympics and the Super Bowl. It found that, "despite massive media attention, law enforcement measures and efforts by prostitution abolitionist groups, there is no empirical evidence that trafficking for prostitution increases around large sporting events."

This story-that-won't-die is an example of how feminist lies and hysteria eventually corral conservatives into their cause. It's a very old story; the first example I can think of off the top of my head is reports of white slaving surrounding boxing matches in the early 20th century. It was as fake then as it is now.

However, for decades it was forgotten, until resurrected with claims by 2nd wave feminists that sports events were patriarchal oppression fests, during which men celebrated their dominance by beating their wives, enslaving women, raping, etc.

Somehow, the lies gained traction. I guess the "damsel in distress" trope will always have appeal, and stories of innocent young things being shoved into houses of ill-repute to be ravished by lust-crazed animals are titillating enough that media outlets can't resist but take advantage of using them to attract attention.

It turns out that this fear-mongering has real-world consequences. Despite the fact that there is no evidence for an increase in prostitution during Super Bowl weekend, hookers (johns aren't mentioned in the article, but who cares about them anyway?) are being tossed in jail at a higher rate than usual, clogging up the courts with minor offenses. Surely, tossing low-end prostitutes and the lonely johns who support them in jail is doing a great service to the women of the US, right?

I used to oppose legalization of prostitution, because it can be an ugly business. But I've come to realize that it isn't going away any time soon, and we aren't doing society or the people involved any favors by criminalizing their lifestyle.

But the primary lesson here is that letting feminists influence policy is always a bad idea.

Conservative Men and their Female Protégés

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Something I've noticed over the last fifteen years or so has been a trend for dynastic conservative publications and organizations to be slowly handed over to women, often those who are related to or otherwise intimate with the elder male founders/owners. Sometimes it is a sub rosa process that takes some investigation to uncover, but as often as not it's plainly obvious to all who care to take a look.

Usually, said women are significantly younger than their benefactors, and they are put in positions of authority over the men who keep the organization running.

I'm not sure exactly why this is happening, but maybe there are a few factors that can help explain it:

1. Young women are more highly credentialed than men today, and older Americans still believe strongly in the value of credentials

2. The increasing stratification of society encourages nepotism

3. The more volatile sexual marketplace gives younger women more opportunities to leverage their sexuality into power

Personally, I don't think it bodes well for traditional conservatism in the US. While a good husband and wife team can accomplish a great deal, and a strong marriage is far superior to a weak one for men's productivity, this isn't what's going on here. Instead, it's more along the lines of 50-70-year-old male partnered with 20-40-year-old female, who could be a daughter, lover or much younger wife.

For younger men, this is demoralizing, as it destroys the sense of camaraderie that underlies most successful team efforts. Young women also tend to have naturally weaker leadership skills — even in regards to other women. The dynamic between a young female authority figure and a male subordinate can be toxic, as it introduces sexual tension and frustration to an already unnatural relationship.

There's nothing inherently wrong with older men who have relationships with younger women (for whatever reason), but in these cases the man must be vigilant about maintaining a firewall between his professional, masculine life and his intimate life. Too often these men fail, and in so doing they can cause considerable disruption for their younger, male charges.

I know a lot of conservatives like to criticize President Obama for having such an overwhelmingly male staff, but this is an example of something he's doing right. He may be a hypocrite, but the man is doing a pretty decent job of keeping the ship of state in order. Conservatives, on the other hand, being relatively masculine and fond of women, let their feelings for the women around them get the better of them, and tend to be too indulgent. This is much to their detriment. Obviously, the feminists couldn't care less how you treat the women in your life; take their love for Bill Clinton and John Edwards, for example. So politically speaking, conservative men aren't going to win any points by letting their daughters, lovers or young female protegees have more influence than they should.

Sure, the idea of a "Charlie's Angels" lifestyle might be a nice fantasy, but it doesn't work very well in the real world. I'd say that if you really value your cause, you don't hamstring the men who serve it by making a young woman their master.

However, if you must put a woman in charge, make her an older one, past the age of childbearing.

Trolling the Natives in the Super Bowl

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Please excuse me for a being a little late on the post today — as a Seattlite I indulged a bit last night to celebrate our first Super Bowl victory. It seems that most of the country thought it was an awful game, but I rather enjoyed watching it.

I did notice the Coca Cola commercial that is causing something of a stir. I was mainly confused trying to figure out exactly which languages were being sung. It felt like I was in the Southcenter Mall down in Tukwila; a Babel of different peoples and tongues that is studiously avoided by the holier-than-thou white liberals who call Seattle home. I imagine that's exactly what bothered people about the ad — it's confusing and frustrating trying to navigate a truly multicultural environment, and a lot of Americans don't like it too much. Who can blame us? It isn't as though we Americans are uniquely evil in this regard. However, that hasn't stopped the usual crowd from denouncing Americans who dare to complain.

Given the demographics of the Super Bowl, which is overwhelmingly watched by English-only speakers, the ad came off as something of a troll. According to the most recent stats I could find (2011), about 80% of people watching the Super Bowl are white, 11% black, and 9% Hispanic. Surely there must be some crossover between white and Hispanic, leaving a couple percent or so of people who fit none of the above categories. Assuming almost all of the whites and blacks are English speakers, and probably most of the Hispanics, multilingual ads seem a little bit out of place.

However, this year they are even more inappropriate, as those who speak the largest minority language in the US had, courtesy of Fox Deportes, the first-ever opportunity to watch a Spanish-language broadcast of the Super Bowl entirely produced in America:

> On Feb. 2, when Fox Sports carries Super Bowl XLVIII from MetLife Stadium, so will Fox Deportes, the Spanish-language network that is also part of 21st Century Fox. The Super Bowl has never before been televised in Spanish in the United States.
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> The two-year deal with the N.F.L. allows Fox Deportes to carry other Fox games, starting with Thursday's Thanksgiving Day game between the Green Bay Packers and the Detroit Lions, followed by all Fox's postseason games, culminating with the Super Bowl. That schedule will be followed in the 2014 season and will include preseason games. Financial terms were not disclosed.
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> "Clearly, the Hispanic market has, and continues to be, a major priority for us," said Peter O'Reilly, the vice president for fan strategy and marketing for the N.F.L. "We have a large and growing Hispanic fan base, and we're seeing growth among the more Spanish-dominant segment."
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> Fox Deportes will add a weekly 30-minute N.F.L. program and pregame shows.
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> Research done during the past off-season demonstrated a desire among Hispanic fans to watch games with Spanish-language announcers and graphics rather than broadcasts with Spanish audio.
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> The games under the Fox Deportes contract will be called by John Laguna and Francisco X. Rivera, who have experience calling N.F.L. games in Spanish.
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> The league has a variety of other Spanish-language deals, including one announced during the season that put Super Bowl XLVIII on ESPN Deportes Radio. Those rights are rotated every other year with Univision radio.

What this means is that the standard FOX Super Bowl audience was probably well over 95% English-speaking, as those more comfortable with Spanish could watch Fox Deportes.

Now this brings up an interesting question: Do the Spanish-speaking viewers watch the same ads as the rest of us? Unlikely, but maybe some are the same. If so, was this stupid Coca Cola ad shown to them?

I really don't know, but for their sakes I hope not. Somehow, I don't think the gay dads on roller skates and pious Muslims would go over so well with the Hispanic demographic, so I kind of doubt it. Furthermore, I can't see Fox Deportes going so far as to insult their Hispanic audience by deliberately playing what sounds like gibberish to them. I mean, can anyone imagine Mexicans being forced to listen to a patriotic Mexican song in English, French and German, and during a national sporting event no less? Nah, it's only the redneck Americans who are fair game…

Local Job Ad Explains Pay Gap

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I was looking through one of Seattle's neighborhood blogs, and came across a help wanted ad that exhorts women to help close the gender pay gap by working for a Sheryl Sandberg "Lean In" event. Sounds like a great feminist job, so what's the catch?

It turns out that the job doesn't actually pay. Well, not money anyway — you do get sandwiches:

> This is a great resume builder.
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> We are looking for an intern to help with a unique feminist event with historical proportions (of course we think big!).
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> The Take The Lead Challenge Launch Event on February 19th is kicking off a national movement to close the pay and leadership gaps for women.
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> This isn't the old feminist movement. We aren't about blaming or complaining or rehashing the sad statistics. We're about solutions and helping women move forward in their lives and careers.
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> We are working on the event that features Facebook COO and Lean In author Sheryl Sandberg. We are pushing for 1 million viewers on the free livestream. How cool is that?
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> We need some help with outreach.
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> We are looking for someone who can work 4-10 hours a week. Some of that will be with us and some can be remote.
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> You must understand social media and be able to write well and navigate Google Drive (formerly Google Docs) – or not be afraid of learning it. It would be awesome if you also knew Photoshop or had some technical skills and enthusiasm to learn some fairly straightforward instructions in the program.
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> Above all, possess a sense of humor and the desire to do good in the world (whatever that means to you).
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> This is an unpaid internship, lasting 4-5 weeks. We'll feed you and treat you well. We'll teach you what we know. We are pretty awesome human beings and love to have fun, work hard, and laugh. We'd prefer someone in West Seattle who can easily commute to our Alki location to work in-person 1x a week.
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> Now, just because this is a feminist organization doesn't mean you have to be female to apply. Guys can be feminists too!
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> Check out the event at http://www.taketheleadwomen.com/take-lead-challenge-launch-event/.

Am I the only one who sees the irony in an organization calling for women to fight the pay gap while requesting that they work for free? Maybe I should start a company telling women that if they work for me they can help to lower the wage gap, and pay them with donuts and coffee. Sounds awesome!

On a more serious note, this "internship" racket has to go. If you work for free for a non-profit, it's called "volunteering," and if you work for free for a private enterprise for some vague future promise of "résumé building," it's called slave labor.

Since this ad wants women to work for Sheryl Sandberg for free, is there any doubt now what all this "lean in" bullshit was about in the first place?

Why the Interracial Super Bowl Cheerios Ad Doesn't Bother Me in the Least

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I thought I'd address another Super Bowl ad that has caused some controversy:

Some people are angry about the interracial Super Bowl ad that features a black father with a pregnant white wife. This is misplaced rage. Instead of being angry at the white women who marry and form families with black men, we should be angry at the ones who birth children with them out of wedlock or divorce them and then run around asking for other men to support them. If a white woman finds a black man who intends to support her and their children, what business of mine is that? Why is that my problem at all?

If anything, I think white women who have relations with black men should be pressured to marry the men they love, and to be good wives to them. In fact, we should expect no less of these women, and hold them strictly to it. Instead, we have a backward culture that punishes the black men who get involved with these women, as though it was only the black men who had any influence over the relationship when we all know these days that women are free to make whatever sexual choices they please.

Rather than treating white women like little girls who have no responsibility for what they do, and using authorities to dominate the black men they have chosen as mates, we should instead grant them the opportunity to be good, dignified wives, and to honor their persons and families. To expect any less from them would be shameful and, ultimately, expensive for the rest of us.

White nationalists who want to hold white women's hands from birth through maturity are not thinking straight. White women can and will do as they please, and after the age of majority are not our responsibility. This is the law, and it isn't so bad in that regard. Let the woman – no matter what her race – who has made her choice stand by it, and don't stoop to cutting off the authority of the man she has chosen. It is entirely beneath a man to make excuses for a liberated woman, and to act in concert with her to cheat her husband.

It is, to put it in simple terms, to relinquish one's masculinity to collude in feminine treachery.

In most cases, when there is a problem with black male/white female pairings, it is usually the white female who chooses to either have a child out of wedlock with the wrong sort of man, or to abandon the right sort after marriage. In both cases, the black man is not at fault. Rape, while it does happen, is statistically a minor problem in this regard, and doesn't have anything to do with the ad in question.

Fault on the Road and in Divorce

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A common refrain that I've read and heard for decades is that "it takes two to destroy a marriage." This is usually told to a spouse with grievances, to make him "understand" that he, too, is to blame for a pending divorce. The marriage counselor – a fraud if there ever was one – makes his bread and butter by coaching people through divorce, and part of his job is to try and convince the husband to submit to the wife's desires and accept at least an equal share of the blame. The reason the marriage counselor is so dependent on divorce is that if it weren't for all the wives who leave their husbands he wouldn't have men willing to see him, and if he didn't do his best to encourage the man to acquiesce to the wife's demands, wives wouldn't show up in his office.

This idea that "it takes two" has become ingrained in the American collective consciousness over the years since no-fault divorce was introduced. So much so that people are reluctant to put any blame even on those who clearly and gleefully took the lead in wrecking their marriages. People just figure the other party must be equally complicit in some manner. "Why else would she be pregnant by someone else?" they might ask.

But let's apply this notion of no-fault to a car accident, and see how it holds up. I was rear-ended pretty hard last Friday, so the topic is on my mind.

It is officially acknowledged that there are rules of the road. You don't take a left into oncoming traffic, you stop at red lights, and you maintain proper distance between yourself and the car ahead, to name a few.

Say that whenever someone did one of these things and hit another person because of it, there was no apportionment of blame, but rather an equal sharing of fault. If two cars collide, after all, were there not, in fact, two cars involved in an accident? If the car that was hit wasn't hit, then no collision would have happened, so regardless of the rules, both drivers must share the blame. If the driver that ran a red light's car was totalled while the other car suffered only minor damage, then the driver who was hit must compensate him so as to share the damages equally.

It sounds ridiculous, and this would immediately undermine any sense that one should follow the rules of the road, but this is exactly how divorce works. The entire premise of equity in divorce is based on a logical fallacy: if two people divorce, then two people were involved in the divorce, and therefore the fault is equal.

It is exactly this tautological line of thinking that has demolished the rules that used to hold marriage together, just as rules allow traffic to flow through a city in a more or less orderly fashion without mass carnage and chaos.

Without these rules, the concept of marriage itself means nothing, just as the concept of traffic law would mean nothing if those who broke it were no more at fault than the victims of their infractions.

When Daddy Pays for an Ivy League Education...

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It blows me away that men are willing to mortgage their houses to put their girls through private school today. I know that it is mainly men who are paying, because most girls who actually make it into college come from intact families in which the father is the primary earner. Singlemoms and working women don't typically invest in their children all that much — women tend to take the idea that they should provide for anyone as a serious personal affront and enormous injustice.

So if you're curious about what these poor dumb fools' money pays for, take a look below:

While there's no doubt that the young men at Columbia appreciate the gratuitous amateur porn, the squandered resources this represents ought to give the rest of us pause. I mean, if that's what your daughter's doing in college, shouldn't she at least be able to pay her own way? What's the going rate in NYC for high-end escorts?

Oh, the girls have also produced a fellatio instruction video.

Anti-Feminist Revolution Brewing in France

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In recent weeks, French parents have been up in arms about plans to teach young children so-called "gender theory," which holds that the categories of male and female are purely social constructs. Socialist president Hollande denies that schools are going to teach exactly this, but he has implemented an "ABCD of equality" program that is supposed to counter gender stereotypes. The idea is to get the children while they are young so as to wipe out the pay gap and all the other terrible patriarchal injustices that cause most girls to act in an un-lesbian manner.

> Closing the gap
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> The ABCD of Equality's stated aim is to stamp out sexual stereotyping at an early age, to "correct" disparities between boys and girls when it comes to the choices made later in life – for example, choosing subjects at high school or university.
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> The government also believes eradicating stereotyping could help close the 25 percent pay gap, which still exists between men and women with similar qualifications.
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> The program provides detailed advice online for teachers about how they can challenge young children's views about what is typically seen as "girlish" or "boyish." In acting out fairy tales, for instance, boys should be encouraged to play the part of Little Red Riding Hood, and girls the part of the wolf. The government also points out that many fairy tale heroines – in stories like Beauty and the Beast, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and Cinderella – are passive characters, which could tempt young girls to wait for a Prince Charming rather than pursue a career and skills of their own.

The program has prompted parents to remove their children from school, with some schools reporting that up to a third of their students have vanished from classrooms. Parents, for their part, have taken to the streets in large numbers in Paris to vehemently protest the child-indoctrination program. Government officials have responded by calling the concerned parents hate-filled conspiracy theorists. If you understand French, you can listen to a debate on the issue here.

What's interesting about what's happening in France is that the left/immigrant political coalition is split over this effort, with Muslims being some of the biggest opponents of the gender-bending initiative. However, this is not unprecedented. Students of 20th century European history should recall that the very weird Republican government in Spain in the 1930s was toppled with the help of large numbers of North African Muslim troops, who had no qualms about fighting Spanish Communists of that time, and were even willing to serve under a Catholic fascist to do so.

I wonder whether we are seeing the prologue of a revolution in France. Power has a way of inducing those who wield it to keep pushing until they finally cross a line, and in going after the French people's children, the leftists and their feminist enforcers may have finally taken a step too far.

“Nerdy White Guy” Turns Tables on Feminist Hack

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Chris McKinlay, a mathematician who “hacked” OKCupid in an effort to find a suitable mate, was written up in Wired recently for his innovative approach to online dating. It’s a pretty impressive story that offers the layman a bit of insight into the life and work of a mathematician. McKinlay comes off as a brilliant man with a hell of a work ethic. Put those two traits together and cool stuff happens:

> Even for a mathematician, McKinlay is unusual. Raised in a Boston suburb, he graduated from Middlebury College in 2001 with a degree in Chinese. In August of that year he took a part-time job in New York translating Chinese into English for a company on the 91st floor of the north tower of the World Trade Center. The towers fell five weeks later. (McKinlay wasn’t due at the office until 2 o’clock that day. He was asleep when the first plane hit the north tower at 8:46 am.) “After that I asked myself what I really wanted to be doing,” he says. A friend at Columbia recruited him into an offshoot of MIT’s famed professional blackjack team, and he spent the next few years bouncing between New York and Las Vegas, counting cards and earning up to $60,000 a year.
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> The experience kindled his interest in applied math, ultimately inspiring him to earn a master’s and then a PhD in the field. “They were capable of using mathematics in lots of different situations,” he says. “They could see some new game—like Three Card Pai Gow Poker—then go home, write some code, and come up with a strategy to beat it.”
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> Now he’d do the same for love. First he’d need data. While his dissertation work continued to run on the side, he set up 12 fake OkCupid accounts and wrote a Python script to manage them. The script would search his target demographic (heterosexual and bisexual women between the ages of 25 and 45), visit their pages, and scrape their profiles for every scrap of available information: ethnicity, height, smoker or nonsmoker, astrological sign—“all that crap,” he says.
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> To find the survey answers, he had to do a bit of extra sleuthing. OkCupid lets users see the responses of others, but only to questions they’ve answered themselves. McKinlay set up his bots to simply answer each question randomly—he wasn’t using the dummy profiles to attract any of the women, so the answers didn’t matter—then scooped the women’s answers into a database.

It’s definitely worth a read. Good article about an interesting guy and his love project, which was ultimately successful.

However, along comes Katie Heaney, a staff writer over at Buzzfeed who thought she’d grab some page views and feminist accolades by calling him the online equivalent of a PUA, and therefore a creep. In her article, titled “Sorry, Guy: Math Can’t Get You A Girlfriend,” she trotted out the usual insults, branding him a “nerd,” a misogynist, the kind of guy who objectifies women, etc.

The result of Ms. Heaney’s work was decidedly less impressive than Mr. McKinlay’s:

> But first, let’s consider the statistical problems! McKinlay created 12 fake OkCupid profiles (“bots”), which were then used to data-mine thousands of women’s profiles, grouping potential matches by age, career type, and lifestyle, among other categories. The bots also gathered data about the types of questions answered most frequently by women in each cluster, so that McKinlay could A) pick a cluster he liked (in his case, “indie types, musicians and artists,” of course) and B) mimic their question-answering patterns. His program told him which questions mattered most to the women he was attracted to, and so he paid most attention to those.
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> Not surprisingly, in terms of matching with more women he had previously decided he wanted to be matched with, here McKinlay was successful. It is true that if you ape someone’s OkCupid profile, your match

> percentage with that person will go up. You, too, may be ready to start your Ph.D. in mathematics at UCLA. However! The entire ethos behind McKinlay's work requires an implicit belief in an impossible probability: that by simply increasing one's number of high-percentage matches, one is proportionately more likely to find a girlfriend.
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> This is not how life works, and it's not even how statistics (which are admittedly not always that lifelike) work. If you toss a quarter 10 times, each toss is equally likely to result in heads or tails. On the 10th toss, you have a 50% chance of seeing either, no matter what happened the other nine times. This is also true if you toss a quarter 50,000 times. Similarly, as long as we're thinking of people as math problems here, if you ask out 10 women, each of them is still an individual with her own likelihood of saying yes. That personal likelihood doesn't change whether she's one of 10 or one of 50,000.

The depth of her folly is difficult to fathom, but as Friedrich Nietzsche said, when it comes to women there's no point in looking for a bottom, because you'll never find one.

Now here's where the story becomes downright funny. The same day Ms. Heaney published her hare-brained little hit piece, Buzzfeed contacted Mr. McKinlay to offer him a job. For some reason, he wasn't positively inclined toward Buzzfeed at the time:

> Last week Wired magazine published a feature article on how I hacked the dating website OkCupid and met my fiancée. I subsequently received the following job offer via email from Buzzfeed's Director of Partnership Development:
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> *I work at BuzzFeed, which if you're not familiar with writes a ton of fun viral content and also has a great journalism unit that is trying to create a new profitability model for the social era. Part of what I do here is manage a large content network (in the press we call it the BuzzFeed Network) and we track the urls on other websites (e.g. Daily Mail, HuffPost, NyT) and identify when those stories are "going viral." The algorithm we use for this is focused on acceleration. There's a large and great data science team at the company. If you ever wanted to move to NY, they would hire you in a second.*
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> Back to this in a moment. Earlier that day I'd had a personal taste of Buzzfeed's "fun viral content" courtesy of Katie Heaney, one of the staff writers from their "great journalism unit". Heaney's article, entitled Sorry, Guy: Math Can't Get You A Girlfriend, portrays me as a "nerdy white guy" and "weird mathematician-pickup artist-hybrid" that views women as "accessories [I'm] entitled to". She compares the mathematics I used to dating tactics used by pickup artists and then attempts to rebuff each separately on its own grounds (her mathematical reasoning is skewered by a one-liner in the comments). Heaney concludes that I had failed in my search for a life partner and adeptly brushes off any cognitive dissonance caused by contradicting facts…
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> [...]
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> I am white, a mathematician, and I did use my knowledge to meet with 88 like-minded women in an efficient way. Most of those dates were wonderful experiences. However I was looking to meet someone to start a committed relationship with, and I was being extremely selective because I could afford to be.
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> The Katie Heaney approach to "content" characterizes the Buzzfeed business model in general. They have earned their reputation for treating journalism as an accessory that their advertisers are entitled to. I don't need a penis or a PhD or a Director of Partnership Development to tell me that Buzzfeed's algorithms are focused on quantity and acceleration rather than countenancing people or ideas, I just need to pay attention.
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> So thanks but no thanks Buzzfeed. Why don't you ask Katie Heaney? She seems to know a lot about probability and besides, she's your perfect match.

If you read the entire thing, you'll see that McKinlay makes a few unnecessary concessions to political correctness

that blunt the effect, but it's an otherwise stellar response from a guy who isn't afraid to stand up for himself and refuses to stoop to Buzzfeed's level.

Truly a heartwarming story, and a happy ending in every way.

Great NRO Piece by Kevin D. Williamson

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In a column he wrote yesterday, Kevin D. Williamson, a roving correspondent for National Review Online, offered the best one-paragraph summary of the history of second wave of feminism I think I've ever come across outside the manosphere:

> Feminism began as a simple grievance, mutated into a kind of conspiracy theory (with "patriarchy" filling in for the Jews/Freemasons/Illuminati/Bohemian Grove/reptilian shape-shifters/the fiendish plot of Dr. Fu Manchu/etc.), spent the 1980s in grad school congealing into a ridiculous jargon, and with the booming economy of the 1990s was once again reinvented, this time as a career path.

It's nice to see that the word is finally getting around. Until people have an accurate idea of what feminism is about, there's always going to be a lot of smoke obscuring the issue, giving women like Sandra Fluke and Wendy Davis the opportunity to continue to present themselves as advocates for the common woman despite the fact that self-aggrandizement is clearly their first priority.

Feminism works for career politicians. It works for a lot of attorneys and rich, exploitative women like Sheryl Sandberg. It doesn't work for the vast majority, who have seen opportunities for social advancement slipping ever farther away year by year. It doesn't work for poor single mothers, who would be much better off with employed husbands. It doesn't work for fatherless children, who are 20 times as likely as children living with both parents to be victims of sexual assault.

Feminism is distilled selfishness, and Williamson captures that in a fine piece. It's refreshing to see such a good grasp of the problem in a widely read national magazine. It seems the work we've done in the manosphere has not been in vain.

Obtaining a Concealed Weapons Permit in Seattle

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Today, I went down to the Seattle Police headquarters to pick up a police report regarding the incident in which a hipster car-raped me last week. While at the desk, I noticed that there was a simple procedure for getting a concealed pistol permit, so I thought "why not?"

I went into the room where reports are issued, and after obtaining my accident report, asked whether I could apply for a pistol permit. The matronly woman at the desk assured me that it was a quick and simple process, so I paid the fee and filled out some forms.

Soon enough, a perky and attractive young African American lady, impeccably dressed in tight clothing that nicely complemented her impressive figure, came around to help me. She took my driver's license, went in the other room to perform a scan, and told me she'd be with me shortly. She wasn't exaggerating — she was back within the blink of an eye by bureaucratic standards. Then, she took me aside for the fingerprinting process, which is almost like a manicure.

First, she rubbed lotion onto my hands, then told me to rub it in so it wasn't too slick. I rubbed for a moment and said "OK, how about this?" She felt my fingers, and with a stern look, told me that it was inadequate, and proceeded to rub the lotion into my hands. It was a relaxing, pleasurable experience. Then, she deftly grasped my hands and pushed them onto the fingerprint reading plate.

One after the other, she took images of my prints. I thought that would be the end of it, but then she explained that she had to roll them for a full exposure. Grasping my fingers, one at a time, she slowly rolled them over the soft glass. By this time I felt warm and sleepy, but she evidently expected this response. With a sideways glance and an understanding smile, she said "just stand up straight, mister, we're almost done here." She finished the job, and gave me a parting caress with her warm, brown hands.

Suddenly businesslike again, she told me that if I passed the background check I should expect the permit within a month. Still feeling a bit dreamy, I asked whether that was all. She told me that I was done and could go now.

I put all the papers away and walked out feeling light and pleasant, then drove home.

I'd really like to thank the Seattle Police Department for making this such a pleasurable process. The stellar treatment I received during that short time in which I applied for the permit was almost worth the cost of the permit itself.

I would recommend that all qualified men in Seattle go get a concealed weapons permit. The Seattle Police apparently have a very good vetting process for their service personnel.

Nicholas Kristof Drags out Old Woody Allen Allegations

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Woody Allen is far from a perfect man, having married his ex wife Mia Farrow's adopted daughter and alienated at least half his family in doing so. This unfortunate turn of events caused Mia Farrow to mount an all-out effort to destroy him back in the early 90s. Farrow accused him of molesting daughter Dylan, who was a young girl at the time, and of being abusive toward his son Satchel. Allen was subsequently investigated and cleared, but ended up estranged from these children.

Now, over twenty years after Vanity Fair published a long article detailing all the allegations and essentially damning Allen, Nicholas Kristof of the NY Times has published a letter by Allen's estranged daughter Dylan, who is now in her late 20s. Dylan claims that she was indeed molested by Allen when she was seven years old, and that he never faced the justice he deserved.

First, we should remember what Nicholas Kristof did to Dr. Steven Hatfill, who was dragged through the mud by a hostile media following the 2001 anthrax attacks. Hatfill was exonerated, and another man eventually identified as the anthrax killer, but before that he endured damning accusations in the New York Times that destroyed his professional and personal reputation. Kristof was among the worst offenders, having essentially made up his mind concerning Hatfill's guilt. It's a good thing Kristoff is not a judge or a prosecutor, but as a journalist working for the nation's most important newspaper he can do a lot of damage all the same.

So Kristof's decision to publish a damning letter from Woody Allen's estranged daughter should be viewed in a critical light. Here he is, again tarnishing the reputation of a man who has never been convicted of anything. Here goes Kristof, repeating accusations without any corroborating proof.

I don't know whether Woody Allen molested his daughter, but whenever these allegations come up in the context of a custody dispute it's important to be very cautious in investigating them, and to take all motives into account. Seven-year-old children do sometimes conflate fact and fiction, they are very easy to manipulate – especially by their mothers – and if one forces them to choose sides they will almost always choose their mother. Mothers have nearly unlimited power over small children, and while most do not abuse that power, it can and does happen.

Often, ordinary child care can be interpreted in a sexualized manner. Small children need hands-on care, including application of ointments, dressing, and help in the bath. A father who performs these tasks can come under suspicion, despite being entirely innocent. When there's split custody, therefore, putting oneself at risk is unavoidable for fathers. Falsely accusing a father of molestation is a dirty, low-down thing to do, but it does happen quite often, because it's so easy to do. It's also a very effective tool that does the job whether the father is ultimately found guilty or not, because he is usually so terrified by the investigation and threats that he'll give in to the wife's demands.

I'm personally thankful I was never accused of that, but I was accused of lots of other things, including beating my daughter when she was only two, that were plain lies. Nevertheless, I was a lot more cautious around my daughter than my son. I let my son sleep in my bed sometimes, but not my daughter. I was hesitant to be overtly physically affectionate toward my daughter, and pretty strict about keeping both children clothed at all times outside of the bath. However, after I gave in and gave up on fighting for more custody, the accusations stopped immediately, vanishing into thin air. Once my ex got what she wanted, she left me alone.

In Woody Allen's case, it's different. Allen has a lot of money. Probably a lot more than Mia Farrow. He's more famous, and has a pretty good life. Dylan and Farrow still haven't gotten all they want, and evidently Dylan feels cheated. The bitterness over her father's success comes through loud and clear:

> That torment was made worse by Hollywood. All but a precious few (my heroes) turned a blind eye. Most found it easier to accept the ambiguity, to say, "who can say what happened," to pretend that nothing was

> wrong. Actors praised him at awards shows. Networks put him on TV. Critics put him in magazines. Each time I saw my abuser's face – on a poster, on a t-shirt, on television – I could only hide my panic until I found a place to be alone and fall apart.
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> Last week, Woody Allen was nominated for his latest Oscar. But this time, I refuse to fall apart. For so long, Woody Allen's acceptance silenced me. It felt like a personal rebuke, like the awards and accolades were a way to tell me to shut up and go away…

I wonder, if Dylan were not estranged from Woody Allen, whether her memory might be different. If she were in line for an inheritance, would she have written this letter to Nick Kristof? Some people would denounce that line of questioning, but it matters, and it matters a great deal.

Only in Russia: An Olympic Celebration of Femininity

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Hannah Rosin is perplexed by the sexiness of Sochi's female athletes, wondering what could have prompted such a display of femininity off the slopes and ice. According to Rosin, it's a backlash:

> Here is my own feminist-studies-style explanation of what's going on: a backlash to the rise of the female gladiator. Once upon a time, the Winter Olympics publicity machine put forward as its feminine ideal little pixies in sparkly outfits. The skaters might have worked just as hard as the skiers and endured just as many injuries. But the image they had to conform to was some combination of virginal and fetching, always on the verge of adult sexuality but never quite there. (Witness teenage Michelle Kwan in her not-a-girl-not-quite-a-woman phase, performing that unfortunate Salome number.) As fantasy, the nubile skaters were supposed to be as manageable as a school-girl manga drawing in a Japanese salaryman's briefcase, and a threat to no one. Then Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding exploded that fantasy with their off-rink psychodrama and made it harder to believe that the dainty ice girl was quite as delicate as she looked.

But what do Russian athletes have to do with American cultural trends? I was rather under the impression that Russia entirely missed our riot-grrrl phenomenon, and went in an entirely different direction after the fall of the Soviet Union.

Here, Rosin betrays her own cultural narrow-mindedness and provincial view of the world. The tough girl trend has never been a global movement, nor has it even been pan-Western. In fact, it's restricted almost entirely to Anglo and Germanic countries; the rest of the world finds it bizarre and off-putting.

It's refreshing to see the Winter Olympics in a non-Western setting again, because we finally see that the tide of cultural transition may be shifting. For decades, the Anglosphere has been exporting culture abroad, and not just the good things. It seems that the rest of the world has grown tired of this, and quite a few of us here at home are tired of it as well. Maybe it's time we learn a thing or two from someone else for a change. If a lesson in appreciation of femininity is on offer, I have no problem with that at all.

Who knows, maybe some of this will rub off on American women. We can hope.

A Tale of Two Churches

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I've been reading up on the Amish recently, as they may have the most impressive population growth of any religious/ethnic group in the US today. Current Amish numbers are around 300,000 — more than double the figure in 1990, and expected to hit a million by 2050 or so. Actually, if current growth rates were to hold up, the Amish would make up most of the world's population within a couple hundred years. This is all the more amazing because the Amish do not generally proselytize; the increase in numbers is entirely a result of native fertility and very high (about 90%) retention.

For comparison's sake, I've also been looking at what was, and still is to some extent, the most fashionable church in the US: the Episcopal Church. Having an Episcopalian mother, I'm familiar with the Episcopal church, which is a branch of the Anglican Communion, myself. Despite having been baptized Catholic, I've been to Episcopalian services a number of times, and I even attended a summer camp for Episcopalian kids. I have fond memories of the songs we sang and the Anglican liturgy, which in my opinion is a lot better than Vatican II style Catholic services.

So it isn't exactly a pleasure to bear witness to the demise of the Anglican Church which, for all its faults, was for the most part a well-meaning sect that contributed to the moral development of the English peoples around the world, and served as a moderating influence in certain communities, including both New England and Ulster. Although certain of its members' behavior, such as the widespread rape of native boys by Anglican missionaries during the colonial era (hence Uganda's harsh laws against homosexuality), was inexcusable, the church was an overall positive and humane institution.

Today, however, the church is in steep decline. Members are old and near the end, and their children either haven't bothered to stay or haven't had many kids. It has rejected orthodoxy, disputes the Gospels, and ignores tradition. For all its progressive efforts, it has reaped empty churches and an openly defiant and outraged flock.

Today, a woman presides over the church's downfall, preaching feminism and social justice to vacant pews. Even the feminists cannot bring themselves to sit through mass on Sunday, nor do they care to open their purses to fill the coffers. To keep Episcopalian property, "bishop" Katherine Jefferts Schori has resorted to using the courts to repossess churches from parishes that have tried to bail out of the sinking ship.

The Amish, on the other hand, live humble lives according to a strict interpretation of the Bible. The patriarchal family is their central institution, and their fields and houses are filled with children. They shun not only progressive values, but many modern conveniences as well. Their communities overflow with youth and energy, the human abundance so great that new settlements spring up every week.

It is inevitable that some day a challenge will arise that slows down the rise of the Amish, but from the looks of it they will have the numbers to stand up for themselves by that time. The Episcopal Church, for its part, is in danger of extinction.

So what's the real difference between these two Christian communities?

I think it's fairly simple. The Amish use the Bible as a how-to guide for building a functional and cohesive society. For them, it is a practical tool with certain rules that, if applied consistently, work quite well. While these rules might not be necessary if they were as wealthy and well-educated as the average Episcopalian, they have adopted a way of life that guarantees continued reliance on this framework, and in so doing have created an essentially democratic, communitarian faith.

Episcopalians evolved in an entirely different direction. Their faith was based on cultivation of the individual in an institutional, hierarchical framework. From a philosophical and spiritual point of view, Episcopalians have reached far greater heights than any Amish we know of, but it seems they took it a little too far. Eventually, they neglected the practical relevance of religion, and all they had left was a patina of "goodness" that had little relevance to real

life at ground level — that dust to dust and ashes to ashes part. This is why people are abandoning the Episcopal Church: it is no longer a practical guide to anything besides speaking “progressive” with a Christian accent.

Although I have my problems with atheists who refuse to acknowledge that there is anything adaptive about religion (if that were the case, religion would have died out long, long ago), those churchgoing people who reject the adaptive parts of their faith are the dumbest of the lot. What the Episcopal Church and the Amish have proven to us is that a sect can survive without the loftiest expressions of faith, but not without the fundamentals.

Feminist Sites Attacked by Patriarchy

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It just came to my attention that a few feminist-oriented sites went down last weekend, allegedly because of a DDoS attack. Anita Sarkeesian's Feminist Frequency blog was hit, as was Skepchick, and the Free Thought network that hosts PZ Myers' Pharyngula went down, too.

Interestingly, nobody seemed to care much, or even notice, which makes me wonder why anyone would bother targeting these sites in the first place. This little axis of feminism is one of the seedier, ramshackle outposts, as opposed to bigshots like Salon, Jezebel and Valenti's Feministing. Maybe that explains why they were chosen as targets; without male techies on staff, they are doubtless easier to disrupt with low-tech attacks.

Which brings up a question I've been wondering about for some time. Who are the guys working for Feministing and the like? I'm certain they exist – women generally consider tech work beneath them – but I've never seen any indication of who they are. I think we ought to find out exactly which men work for these feminist sites, and encourage them to be do the right thing and find another place to work.

If it weren't for men on the job, I'm pretty sure these big feminist sites would cease to function in short order.

Is “Neoeactionary” a Proper Label?

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Some people, including a number of men whose views overlap considerably with mine, have labeled themselves “neoreactionaries,” and although I understand why they identify with the term “reactionary” (they find their opinions more in line with conservative thinkers from long ago) I don’t think it’s a good idea to use terms the Marxists wore out years ago. By the 70s, “reactionary” came to be little more than a leftist slur directed at whoever the left felt was impeding what they call “progress.” Reactionaries could be religious people, aristocrats, landlords, businessmen, etc. They were essentially anyone who got in the way of the program.

However, by now it doesn’t seem that anyone is in the way of the leftist program in the West in any meaningful sense. This is their world, and has been for some time. It’s time for them to own up to the fact that people who strongly believe in the value system they have imposed have a lot more in common with the conservatives they hated back in the 60s and 70s than the radicals who fought them. If some people came along and tried to change the political system in the US or Britain today, they would face strong opposition from people who better fit the label “reactionary” than their foes. If, for example, I had the power to reform family law and made moves to do so, a mob of howling feminist reactionaries would descend upon me within minutes.

Instead of labeling ourselves reactionaries, I think “realists” would be a better term. “Truthists” might be more accurate, but thanks to Colbert et al it sounds kind of dumb. Unfortunately, being a realist about human nature isn’t always a popular position. I remember taking a college course years ago, and somehow a conversation about what people can achieve came up. Some girl in the class held that people can be and do whatever they want as long as they set their mind to it. Being a contrarian, I said that was nonsense, and asked whether she could jump off a building and fly away (without mechanical assistance) if she set her mind to it. For some reason, this question was highly offensive to her.

Although it took me years to finally accept it, this girl was fairly representative of the average person out there. People really do want to believe in fairy tales. If you debunk them, they will hate you for it. I’m not writing this to disparage ordinary people, because I’ve come to understand that hope and faith are essential to the human spirit, but we must recognize that they are also a barrier that has to be taken into account whenever we try to change views. We should also admit that intelligent people are equally prone to believing fairy tales, and are often more stubborn in clinging to fantasy than simpler folk, whose opinions are more easily influenced.

When I write something to the effect of “women make lousy soldiers,” it runs directly contrary to what years of indoctrination have taught people since childhood, and I am despised in some quarters for stating this fact. I get what is called a “reaction” from outraged parties. So who’s the reactionary here?

Because challenging people’s notions about the world, shattering myths and ridiculing logical inconsistencies is the opposite of what is understood as reactionary, we would be undermining our own efforts by identifying as such. Adding the prefix “neo” doesn’t help at all — people automatically think of neo-Nazis, neocons, neoliberals, etc.

So I’d recommend that those who are committed to learning the truth about the world reject the term “reactionary”. It sounds edgy, and maybe a little tough, but it’s inaccurate, and it’s untrue. Let’s be realists about these matters.

Feminist Coven Promoting Abortion at Catholic University

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Over the last couple decades, Jesuit universities have become some of the most radically leftist institutions in the US. I don't know whether that's the Jesuits' fault or an inevitable consequence of accepting government funds, but I'd guess there's plenty of blame to go around. For starters, it could have been prevented simply by putting a more selective hiring and admissions process in place. Just as liberal elite colleges discriminate against students from conventional, conservative middle class backgrounds, Catholic universities could discriminate against raging feminists and abortion activists, but have chosen not to.

The result has been the promotion of what, to a traditional Catholic, would appear to be some form of Satanism that stumps for the radical abortionist group NARAL:

> Seattle University Society of Feminists, a student group at the Jesuit university, is advertising for jobs and internships for NARAL Pro-Choice Washington on its Facebook page.
> The post has been up for about a month, according to the Facebook page. The site also features a video posting of a nude singer and keyboardist performing a satirical song titled, "Dear Daily Mail."
> Seattle University Society of Feminists, which was created by students in a Feminist Theory class in 2003, is now posting opportunities for the abortion-rights advocacy organization. The posting reads, "Travel Seattle and the surrounding areas; keep our communities informed about the ongoing war on women; work for a well-established social justice organization and toward a purpose greater than yourself."
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> The student group's mission, according to the University's website, is to "promote feminism on the Seattle University Campus and the greater community, and to foster a community within which there is space for dialogue about gender relations."
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> The group's website states that its members "aren't comfortable with the traditional, seemingly hierarchical, structure" for their internal governance, so they have implemented "a more matriarchal mythical tradition" that includes titles such as "the Maiden, the Mother, and the Crone."

I've had the NARAL people show up at my door asking for money. As they tell it, access to abortion is under grave threat here in Washington state, and they need everyone's support to not only fight the patriarchal threat, but extend abortion rights and privileges throughout society.

Of course, this is a load of bull. Barring an invasion through Snoqualmie Pass by the combined forces of Idaho, Utah and North Dakota, I don't think access to abortion will be challenged in Washington any time soon. In fact, in much of the US – and especially in überfeminist Washington state – abortion laws are significantly more liberal than in most of the rest of the world. Only China is ahead of us; the Chinese government is so pro-abortion that the government often decides that people will have abortions whether they want to or not. It wouldn't surprise me if NARAL had the same goal — that was on Margaret Sanger's agenda, after all.

So let's chalk this up as one more piece of evidence that proves feminist conspiracy theories about "The Patriarchy" are totally unfounded lies. If even supposedly "patriarchal" institutions have no control or influence over the feminists within them, it's pretty obvious who's really wearing the pants in our society.

Thoughts on MGTOW Forums Issues

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I've read a few comments about the MGTOW forum's recent problems, but I don't really know what's going on there. This makes me think I should have paid a bit more attention to it, but I pretty much gave us on forums a while ago.

Perhaps I should explain why:

I started a forum here a few years ago, and while it was quite popular and resulted in lots of registrations, it was technically cumbersome and a real pain to moderate. It soon spun out of my control, as forums are wont to do, and I found my ability to do what I like to do – write content – seriously compromised. So I had to shut it down. Forums are very time-consuming and there's little reward for the effort one puts into them.

However, I had thought about contacting a friendly forum for some sort of cooperation. Being unwilling to get back into the business of moderating a forum myself, I thought some mod might want to handle a forum for The Spearhead's posts on his own board, which would bring him a lot of visitors and relieve me of moderation duties, but I never got around to it. It seemed like a possibly complicated job (depending on the software), and I wasn't sure how it would work out in everyone's favor.

In any event, forums are valuable resources, but given the amount of work they require they have to be subsidized somehow. Dealing with people flaming each other (or you) is not a pleasant task, and I think people deserve compensation for it. As I've put more and more effort into this site over the years, I've started to question whether it's appropriate to ask people for what amounts to free labor, and I've come to the conclusion that the practice is too often abused in the MRM. While it's OK for stopgap measures and enhancing a site from time to time, I think you cross the line when you start to *rely* on free labor, whether your own or others', to keep your enterprise afloat.

So while I hope there is still a strong community of people out there willing to run an independent forum, I would also warn the admins not to overextend themselves and risk flaming out. I'd also remind the users that the admin is performing a valuable service, and should be rewarded for it.

This Week's Ominous Sign

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I think I should regularly feature "ominous signs" of the coming apocalypse to increase new reader interest, if nothing else. But seriously, there are plenty of things going on that ought to worry all of us, so I'll bring them up from time to time as reminders.

This week's ominous sign may be taken as good news or bad news, depending on how you look at it. California's strict rules against concealed carry were declared unconstitutional yesterday, paving the way for a less restrictive concealed weapons permit law:

> SAN FRANCISCO — In a significant victory for gun owners, a divided federal appeals court Thursday struck down California rules that permit counties to restrict as they see fit the right to carry a concealed weapon in public.
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> The 2-1 ruling by a U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals panel would overturn restrictions on carrying concealed handguns, primarily affecting California's most populated regions, including Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego and San Francisco.
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> The majority said the restrictions violate the 2nd Amendment's guarantee of the right to bear arms because they deny law-abiding citizens the ability to carry weapons in public unless they show they need the protection for specific reasons.
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> "We are not holding that the Second Amendment requires the states to permit concealed carry," Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain, a Reagan appointee, wrote for the panel. "But the Second Amendment does require that the states permit some form of carry for self-defense outside the home."
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> The decision was hailed by gun rights advocates, who said citizens must have the right to protect themselves in public. Proponents of stricter gun control described the ruling as an aberrant and reckless expansion of law that would lead to more gun violence.

As an urban citizen who doesn't have enough money to live an insulated lifestyle, concealed carry is an option that I'm glad is on the table here in Washington state. I'm sure a lot of Californians feel the same way.

So what's so ominous about this development?

It seems that Americans, more than ever, feel the same way I do, which is not necessarily a good thing. When people start to feel so alienated by their surroundings that they feel strongly about the right to bear arms, it means that there are pretty strong currents of fear and distrust running through society.

More evidence for this is that the decades-long decline in household gun ownership, largely driven by urbanization, has finally reversed, with five percent more American households owning guns in 2013 than in 2012, which was the turning point. Urbanization has not slowed down, so this statistic suggests that most of these new gun owners are not buying weapons for sport, but rather for self-defense.

So what we are witnessing is a society that has unraveled to such an extent that people instinctively fear the consequences, and have begun to arm themselves. A low level of trust and a lack of consensus combined with a civilian rearmament definitely qualifies as an "ominous sign."

Olympics go Gay, Nothing Happens

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I watched the men's short figure skating competition yesterday, and boy was it fabulous. One after the other, obvious homosexuals skated out onto the rink to twirl, jump and gracefully glide in all their glory. Surely this can't be happening in Russia, I thought to myself. I expected that at any moment, spetznaz commandos would storm the arena to arrest these men, enforcing Russia's strict, homophobic laws.

But instead of a mass arrest, I saw and heard a cheering crowd of Russian women, delighted to see Yuzuru Hanyu perform leaps in tight pants and a sparkly white blouse. Even Jason Brown, the American capitalist homosexual who sallied forth in an embroidered green shirt to jaunty Celtic music, was cheered on and encouraged.

I was astounded. Maybe, I thought, just maybe, the Russians aren't such totalitarian fanatics as our news outlets make them out to be. Maybe they don't really harbor violent hatred toward gays, but rather just want some respect for the traditional values they hold dear.

What a novel thought… A people who value tradition who are neither violent nor hateful, but instead pretty much decent human beings.

Why Women's Suffrage is Inevitable in Democracies

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I've seen a lot of people in the manosphere blame women's suffrage for many of the excesses of feminism. "If only women hadn't been granted the franchise," they say, "we could have avoided all of these problems." Sure, that's probably true, but in a one person one vote system like Democracy, politicians will always have an incentive to extend the franchise, as we are seeing today with the Democrats' push to give illegal immigrants citizenship.

There's a simple explanation for it:

Say you're a politician who wants to keep his job, and you have an opportunity to gain a lot of grateful, supportive voters who will keep you in office. If you're ambitious like most politicians, you'll do what you can to make that a reality. When that chunk of potential supporters actually exceeds 50% of the adult population, as women do, you've got an enormous incentive to be the guy who gave them the vote. This would give you great job stability.

Maybe some male voters would drop their support for a candidate based on that issue, but knowing men most would not, and even if a politician lost a large proportion of his male supporters, he could still come out ahead with significant female support, which would be all but guaranteed if he were the one who gave them the vote.

As one can deduce from simple arithmetic, the more voters one stands to gain, the stronger the incentive. I'm not sure what percentage a given population of non-voters has to reach to provide a strong enough incentive for a politician to defy his constituents on their behalf, but it's probably far lower than 50%. I'd guess it's around 15-20%, which suggests that if illegal aliens came to be that large a proportion of the national population, there would be overwhelming pressure to give them the vote. Whatever the number is, I think this would be the sort of thing on which a statistician could base a revealing study.

So why weren't women given the vote immediately after Democracy was implemented in the US? First, most of them didn't ask for it or care much about it. Female literacy wasn't all that high in the early 19th century. Then, there's the fact that traditions – even newly established ones – are more firmly followed in young, vigorous nations. Finally, in pre-industrial America men and women had essentially the same interests, so for most of the country the idea that there was a conflict of interest between the sexes was simply an alien notion, and therefore men and women in a given family would vote the same anyway.

The latter is highlighted by one of the first states to attempt to legalize women's suffrage: Utah. Because polygamy was still common in Utah in the mid 19th century, giving women the vote would substantially increase Mormon clout relative to non-Mormon neighbors. The Mormons did in fact give their women the vote, and they promptly voted in favor of polygamy and other Mormon norms, which ultimately triggered the federal suppression of traditional Mormonism and the delay in granting women suffrage in other parts of the US.

As we can see from the above, there will always be an incentive for some people to grant universal suffrage, and all it takes is one change to the law for it to become permanent. Therefore, if a country bases its political process on the one person one vote standard, women's suffrage is all but a certainty.

Sweden: From Feminism to Babyism

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Sweden has taken Western liberalism to logical extremes, funding their Nordic fantasies with sales of cheap furniture and heavy weapons. While I find Ikea to have its merits, Bofors is highly overrated, like Saab and Volvo cars. However, I remain a fan of the Carl Gustav recoilless rifle, which is issued to US troops as the M3 MAAWS, and packs a substantial punch in a convenient, lightweight package. I would recommend the weapon to future insurgents, but I'd advise them to avoid the silly Bofors anti-aircraft rockets and naval cannon, which haven't been proven in serious combat in over 70 years.

But leaving Swedish material products aside, there are other Swedish exports of dubious utility. One of these is the children's rights laws that Swedes passed in the late 70s and early 80s. Swedish children, sweet little Nordic cherubs that they are, were considered "competent persons," and therefore qualified to make family decisions. Not surprisingly, this followed on the heels of female liberation. It is, after all, a logical "prog"-ression:

> "The kids of today, who are the children of parents who did not experience much discipline themselves, become very obstinate and self-centered," says Ida-Maria Lindros, 31, a teacher outside of Stockholm. A typical scene at her school might go like this: "I ask a child to clean up after himself, and he replies 'No, you're not my boss, you cannot decide what I'm supposed to do,' " she says. "They're very anti-authoritarian."
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> Ms. Lindros says she and her husband try to set boundaries for their two small children. "We put them to bed at the same time every day. And we say no when we have to. We want our kids to be well-behaved," she says.
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> "If you get your way all the time, you won't develop empathy and you'll have problems respecting other people's wishes," says Beatrice Nyström, a Swedish developmental psychologist.
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> Strict child-welfare laws may make parents more hesitant to discipline children. Allegations of physical discipline are investigated by a team of police, psychologists and prosecutors, and fines can be steep, reaching the equivalent of $1,000. Arrests are rare.
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> Core to Dr. Eberhard's argument is his observation of an increase in anxiety disorders and self-harming problems as Swedish children get older and find themselves "poorly equipped to deal with adult life," he says. Dr. Eberhard is head of the psychiatric ward at Danderyds Sjukhus, a hospital north of Stockholm. The connections he draws are his own "common sense" conclusions and observations, he says, rather than based on scientific studies.

Fast forward 30 years from the "reforms" and Sweden is seeing its international PISA scores tank even as conservative, "reactionary" Finland takes the lead in Europe. Must be humiliating for the patronizing Swedes to see themselves outclassed by their former subjects in Finland, but nobody can say they didn't ask for it.

Today, Swedish children can get their parents in a lot of trouble if they make a complaint to the country's all-powerful bureaucrats. Parents live in terror of their little dictators, and dare not discipline them for fear of fines and public censure.

While I'm no fan of harsh discipline for children, refusing to take responsibility for your kids' behavior strikes me as negligence. When my kids act out, I see it as my own fault. I don't put the onus on small children, as the Swedes do, because that detracts from their innocence and my obligations. Only a nation of people who do not value their children would abrogate their responsibility in that manner, but that is the law in Sweden.

However, this follows feminist anti-patriarchal logic. Only fathers are responsible under their system, yet when fathers exercise authority they are immediately under suspicion.

It's no wonder that Sweden is becoming a land of bratty children, promiscuous daughters and mediocre test scores. Men have been effectively emasculated in regards to not only their wives, but their kids as well. In due course, the

Swedes will reap the rotten seed they have sown. In fact, it's already starting to happen.

Irrational Beliefs and Political Affiliation

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A paper about who believes in astrology has been making the rounds on conservative sites, because it exposes the fact that liberals and Democrats are no more likely to hold scientifically valid views of the world than conservatives and Republicans. This doesn't surprise me at all, but not because I think liberals are worse hypocrites or less rational people than others. Instead, it's because over years of observing human nature, I've learned that people are superstitious by nature.

When I lived in China, the official state religion was "no religion." God's a myth, religion is all superstition, etc. My Chinese friends and acquaintances were smug when I brought up the subject, declaring the idea of a deity to be an invention. However, when it came to other matters, they believed in some fairly incredible things, such as martial arts masters who could jump on top of multi-story buildings, the concept of "Qi" and the ability to "channel energy" through certain ritual movements or chants. They, too, often believed in astrology, declaring Chinese astrology to be superior to and more effective than Western astrology (to this day, I have no opinion on the matter).

Since then, I've seen evidence of irrational beliefs held by otherwise "scientific" individuals all over the place. One obvious example is the belief in "equality," which is clearly unscientific, yet passionately defended by some of the most strident public atheists* (e.g. PZ Myers). And these aren't just beliefs that can't be verified by science, like the notion of a creator God; they can actually be *proved false* by science.

Recently, I've been working on a theory about this aspect of human nature. I've come to see faith not as a mere vestigial appendage of the human psyche, but an integral part of what we are. For a couple centuries now, man has made countless efforts to eliminate superstition, but this "faith" just keeps popping back up in another form. The Communist revolutions were supposed to usher in a new era devoid of superstition, but almost immediately we see messianic iconography of Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Che arising from the revolutionary fervor. Technology was going to liberate us from magical thinking and backwards approaches to fixing problems, but the technology itself immediately becomes a kind of magical panacea embraced by the people on an entirely irrational basis. Environmentalism becomes an apocalyptic cult, genetic research gives rise to fantasies about demons and monsters of all sorts, and space exploration becomes the basis of new sects, like Scientology.

So of course it doesn't surprise me that liberals and Democrats are not entirely scientific in their beliefs; if they were they'd hardly be human. If there's anything that bothers me about this hypocritical (but normal) insistence that they hold the key to the "correct" way of thinking, it's the profound lack of self-awareness, and the depth of ignorance where human nature is concerned. But they are hardly alone in this.

In the meanwhile, I'm going to put some effort into my humble theory on faith, and hopefully I'll soon have something to offer that gives us all – believers or not – some food for thought on this matter.

* To be frank, this is one human trait where women come off looking a bit more reasonable – if somewhat less consistent – than men. Women tend to keep an open mind about these things, always ready to try something new, but just as swiftly abandon it if it doesn't work for them. They take the attitude that "hey, palm-reading might work, but if it doesn't, I'll just try something else." Men, on the other hand, will often attach themselves to an irrational belief and cling to it until the bitter end even in the face of overwhelming evidence that it is wrong.

Time to end Domestic Dispute Pretext for Police Assault, Murder

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Three policemen have been suspended pending investigation after Luis Rodriguez, a husband and father, was beaten to death in Moor, Oklahoma for trying to defuse a fight between his wife and daughter.

> Nair Rodriguez told KWTV that incident started after she slapped her daughter Lunahi Rodriguez at the Warren Theater in Moore, Okla. early Saturday morning and then stormed away. Her husband, Luis Rodriguez, then chased after her into the theater's parking lot, where he was confronted by police asking to see his information, the family said.
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> Nair and Lunahi said Luis tried to bypass the officers and stop his wife before she drove away in anger. That's when the officers took him down and started beating him, according to the family.
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> Lunahi Rodriguez said her father was beaten to death by five Moore police officers in the movie theater parking lot.
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> "When they flipped him over you could see all the blood on his face… he was disfigured, you couldn't recognize him," Lunahi said.
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> Nair Rodriguez said she recorded the beating with her cell phone, which police confiscated.

Police responses to domestic disputes result in a high rate of police assaults and killings, and along with "no knock" warrants have provided some of the most chilling examples of the abuse of expanding police power since the 1970s.

Nair, the newly widowed wife, asked "why?"

> "I saw him. His [motionless] body when people carry it to the stretcher… I knew that he was dead," Nair told KWTV.
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> Nair said that her husband's only intention was to break up the fight between herself and her daughter.
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> "I told [police] I hit her and he was just trying to reach me. Why didn't they arrest me?" she said.
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> "My mom was taking a video and asking, 'What are they doing this for? Why?'" Lunahi said. "They didn't really give an explanation."

There's a simple answer: because it's their job. The policeman's job is to apply force where directed to do so. If cops are told to shoot people for, say, public drunkenness, they will do so. If they are told, over and over again, to apply force to men who are "abusers" that's what will happen.

VAWA ushered in not only a presumption that men are batterers until proven not to be in court, but a requirement that police apply force (make an arrest) in all cases where any suspicion exists at all — in other crimes an accusation or a simple suspicion would typically warrant further investigation prior to arrest. The police who killed Mr. Rodriguez were doing exactly what feminists have been demanding they do for over 20 years.

Procedures in the US in regards to domestic disputes are the most draconian on earth, and I'm not sure people who are presumably from Latin America would know about them. What would be seen as a simple family argument in all of the rest of the world often can and will become a police killing in America. Poor Luis Rodriguez had no idea that trying to smooth things out with his wife and daughter could get him beaten to death.

Morally speaking, there's no excuse for what those cops did to Mr. Rodriguez. It is quite clearly a murder. However, it was an entirely legal – indeed, encouraged – response to what they suspected was a violation of domestic violence statutes.

It’s time decent Americans recognized that legally-sanctioned murder is a problem in our country, and if we don’t speak out against it we tacitly support it. I’d like to see feminists held responsible for this, but we all know that will never happen, so I’ll settle for legal reform.

Harvard Crimson: “Justice” Trumps Freedom

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I’ve been pointing out for a while how illiberal liberals have become, but that’s really nothing new. What is new is that they’ve dropped any pretense of support for freedom of speech and even freedom of thought. In an editorial written for The Crimson, Sandra Korn asks “why bother?” when it comes to defending academic freedom:

> In its oft-cited Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure, the American Association of University Professors declares that “Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results.” In principle, this policy seems sound: It would not do for academics to have their research restricted by the political whims of the moment.
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> Yet the liberal obsession with “academic freedom” seems a bit misplaced to me. After all, no one ever has “full freedom” in research and publication. Which research proposals receive funding and what papers are accepted for publication are always contingent on political priorities. The words used to articulate a research question can have implications for its outcome. No academic question is ever “free” from political realities. If our university community opposes racism, sexism, and heterosexism, why should we put up with research that counters our goals simply in the name of “academic freedom”?
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> Instead, I would like to propose a more rigorous standard: one of “academic justice.” When an academic community observes research promoting or justifying oppression, it should ensure that this research does not continue.
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> The power to enforce academic justice comes from students, faculty, and workers organizing together to make our universities look as we want them to do. Two years ago, when former summer school instructor Subramanian Swamy published hateful commentary about Muslims in India, the Harvard community organized to ensure that he would not return to teach on campus. I consider that sort of organizing both appropriate and commendable. Perhaps it should even be applied more broadly. Does Government Professor Harvey Mansfield have the legal right to publish a book in which he claims that “to resist rape a woman needs … a certain ladylike modesty?” Probably. Do I think he should do that? No, and I would happily organize with other feminists on campus to stop him from publishing further sexist commentary under the authority of a Harvard faculty position. “Academic freedom” might permit such an offensive view of rape to be published; academic justice would not.

Is it a good thing that so many of our recent presidents have matriculated from Ivy League schools, where totalitarian sentiments are apparently the norm? Do these schools hold the same values as the majority in the US?

It’s getting to the point where having attended an Ivy League school should not only raise suspicions about any given official, but in cases of national office should also be viewed as a potentially disqualifying credential. If we have another couple Ivy League educated candidates in the next presidential election, I’m not going to bother to vote. To do so would violate my conscience.

It's OK to be Supportive of Men's Issues Now

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Long, long ago, one of the biggest obstacles to improving the lot of the common people was the notion that men didn't deserve any sympathy, and had earned their lot, whatever it was. That view came to be strained during and after the Great War, in which millions of men were senselessly butchered on the Western Front, but it had taken decades and enormous sacrifice before men's issues were taken seriously.

In the writings of the so-called Lost Generation, one can find what contemporary feminists would call a severe backlash against the de facto feminism of the Victorian era. Hemingway, Fitzgerald and Orwell were unabashedly masculist writers. The sympathetic characters were invariably male, while the females, if not outright villains, were rarely the flawless heroes that appear in today's fiction.

Hopefully, we can recapture some of that spirit while avoiding the enormous human misery of the early 20th century. It is starting to look like that finally may be happening. In an article titled The Year of the Male, The Telegraph offers a positive assessment of efforts to address men's issues:

> "In a post-apocalyptic world where the women won the war and wear the trousers, men stumble around, naked but for an empty tool belt, searching for new role models. Would-be Alpha males live at home ruing student loans and memorising the floorboards that creak, while lad mags sell them gadgetry they don't need and boobs their girlfriends can't afford. James Bond's got real and Peter Pan's chained to his Xbox …"
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> That was the opening gambit of the press release for 21st Century Boy, a website I launched in 2006 for young men. Essentially, it was an online manual for growing up, aimed at my brethren: twentysomething males.
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> I came up with the idea whilst studying in Falmouth. The truth was, I was a 24-year-old man-child. I didn't know how to change a car tyre, shave without ending up looking like a Picasso, or undo a bra in under fifteen minutes. But the fact I didn't know these things was symptomatic of something else – I was a fully signed up member of what I coined the Lost Generation.
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> For me, the Lost Generation came around after the ubiquity of the metrosexual; which in turn had developed as a rebuke to the lad culture of the 1990s; which itself had emerged from the embers of post-feminism. Once the coals had cooled on this gender tit-for-tat, young men in particular didn't really know which way was up, let alone who was wearing the trousers.
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> In my own life I'd observed that, bar millionaire footballers, young men were devoid of genuine role-models and older men to show them the ropes (only exacerbated by the ageless notion that men never ask for help). Our demographic was beset by a sense of unworthiness. A growth in women's rights had led to general confusion about what role a man should play in a relationship and the wider (heteronormative) world; while a surge away from largely manual and mostly masculine localised industries had left many men bereft of the badge of breadwinner. In short: we didn't know what to do, or how to behave.

Later, the piece does genuflect before feminism, but instead of the sarcastic "what about the menz?" taunt that feminists throw around (as though today's feminists have any idea of what hardship means), it demonstrates a genuine concern for men and the problems they face.

Of course, I don't think it goes nearly far enough; I am certain that the standard for human rights should be men's rights, because in nearly every society I've looked at the better off the men the better off society – including women and children – is in aggregate. However, it's a step in the right direction when we see widely circulated publications such as The Telegraph running articles that portray men's efforts to better their collective lot in positive terms.

If it weren't for the efforts of thousands of men, this never would have happened, so I'm happy to say that we have made some collective difference.

More Divorce: Good News for Economy!

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Bloomberg points to rising divorce rates as a sign that the US economy is improving:

> The number of Americans getting divorced rose for the third year in a row to about 2.4 million in 2012, after plunging in the 18-month recession ended June 2009, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. Whatever the social and emotional impact, the broad economic effects of the increase are clear: It is contributing to the formation of new households, boosting demand for housing, appliances and furnishings and spurring the economy. Divorces are also prompting more women to enter the labor force.
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> "As the economy normalizes, so too do family dynamics," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics Inc. in West Chester, Pennsylvania. "Birth rates and divorce rates are rising. We may even see them rise strongly in the next couple of years, as households who put off these life-changing events decide to act."

Somehow, I'm not sure that a model where economic improvement leads to even more social disintegration is sustainable in the long run, but it looks like that's what we've got. Can't wait to see how much "better" the US will look in another 20 years…

Shooting Fish in a Barrel

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A Seattle-area high school teacher has been arrested and charged with "attempted commercial sex abuse of a minor" after police set him up with an online ad:

> A 27-year-old Kentridge High School teacher was charged last week with attempted commercial sex abuse of a minor for allegedly agreeing to pay $100 to have sex with someone he thought was a 15-year-old cheerleader, according to King County prosecutors.
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> A Seattle police detective in the department' s vice and high risk victims unit posted an ad in the "casual encounters" section of a popular website pretending to be a 15-year-old girl, charging papers say. He posted the ad — titled "Student looking for older men" — just before 9 p.m. on Sept. 17 and "a short time" later, began exchanging explicit emails with a man who identified himself as Brent Conley, the papers say.
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> Conley was told the person he was communicating with was "a 15-year-old high school cheerleader who was looking to make some money by having sex," charging papers say. Conley exchanged emails and texts "of a sexual nature, detailing the sex acts" he wanted in exchange for $100, the papers say. He arranged to meet the "girl" the following day and planned to take her to his house in Fremont to have sex, according to the charges.
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> Conley was arrested a little after 7 p.m. on Sept. 18 when he showed up at the agreed location, a McDonald's restaurant in Seattle's Sodo neighborhood, according to the charges. He had in his possession $100 cash and the cellphone that was used to communicate with the fictitious girl, the papers say.

Conley obviously screwed up, but would he have done so if the police hadn't placed the ad and convinced him to meet the "cheerleader" in the first place? If you want a quick arrest, using teen girls as bait seems to me a pretty cheap and easy way to get one. Too cheap and easy.

Say somebody were to set up a fake account and use the promise of meeting up with an underage girl to lure men to some place, and then rob them. It would be pretty easy to do. You could stick a gun in the guy's face, threaten to reveal the whole thing if he opened his mouth about it, then take him for all he had.

This would be a felony, and anyone who got caught doing it would face some pretty serious prison time. I bet it does happen, and more often than we know, because the victims keep their mouths shut.

So why is it that when cops do it we think they're performing a public service? Is it morally justifiable to lure a man with a fake hot girl? And yes, teenage girls can be very attractive, and there's nothing at all abnormal about grown men who find them sexually appealing. If men were disgusted by fertile females, the human race would have died out long ago.

It seems to me that luring men with what they are not allowed to have yet find attractive all the same is a questionable tactic. It's an abuse of power that serves no justifiable purpose. If the cops want to bust guys for going after underage girls, they shouldn't be allowed to entice them into it, but instead should find the men who act purely on their own initiative. But that would be too hard for them, and they don't like to work too hard. They are government employees, after all…

House of Cards Discussion Exposes Feminist Moral Depravity

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I haven't watched *House of Cards* yet, but I suppose I ought to, having enjoyed *Breaking Bad*. According to reports, the show portrays Washington insiders as ruthless, power-obsessed villains, which sounds about right. In fact, even the women in the show are possessed of a demonic ambition and Machiavellian spirit. Unsurprisingly, feminists find this impressive, and have started to look at the characters as role models.

From Jezebel:

> With Frank being sworn in as Vice President, Claire's profile was raised considerably. The couple were scheduled to sit down for a live interview with CNN's Ashleigh Banfield, but a terrorism scare kept Frank on lockdown at the Capitol, forcing Claire to fly solo. It was a star-making turn for her.
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> Claire was grilled about why she and her husband never had children in the 27 years they were married and asked whether she's ever been pregnant. Claire handled the interview with style, grace, and candor, admitting that she had been pregnant, and that she'd chosen to have an abortion. (Ashleigh, on the other hand, came across as a total abrasive asshole.)
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> The real story is that Chair had three abortions, two as a "reckless" teenager and one second-trimester abortion while married to Frank. They'd decided to terminate the pregnancy because he was in the middle of a campaign. Unfortunately, she knew that she'd never be able to actually explain the real circumstances—that she and Frank didn't have the time or emotional means to care for a child.
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> What she knew is that she wasn't ashamed of her choices, and wouldn't be made to feel that way. So she needed to think quickly, in order to maintain the integrity of her convictions, but not rub people the wrong way with her truth. So she came up with a version of the truth that also touched on a deeper injustice in Claire's life.
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> Pressed to clarify the circumstances of her abortion, Claire told Ashleigh that was raped by a boyfriend while in college; the man is now a military general whom Frank recently had to honor at a public appearance. Claire even named him during the broadcast. It caused at least one other woman—also a member of the military—to come out of the woodwork and tell her story about how she was raped by the same man, who was her superior.
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> Claire's story is mostly true; she was raped by her boyfriend who would go on to become a general. Decades later, Claire would have to watch Frank pin stars on her rapist. Of course, the general didn't actually impregnate Claire as she says he did (not that he would necessarily know either way) — as soon as Claire admitted that she was raped, that was the story the press would run with. The supposed pregnancy was a moot point; the rape is the real reveal. And with a small, maybe irrelevant falsehood, Claire was able to expose a greater, far more important truth: A decorated military general was a rapist. In the context of House of Cards' amoral, political spin machine, the end justifies the means.

Feminists love to deny that women ever lie about anything, but in the above excerpt a lie is celebrated as a powerful and effective tool to achieve the goals of retribution and preservation of personal power.

However, not all of the feminists' allies are celebrating the character. Connor Friedersdorf, writing for The Atlantic, identifies some of the troubling implications of anti-hero worship:

> Political elites will never be angels. But America is in deep trouble if the prevailing reaction to a ruthless, self-serving, power-hungry sociopath is to assess her political effectiveness, see if her policy positions accord with ours, and only then decide whether to reject her or, if she is "a winner," to embrace her as long as she stays one. Every moral judgment would quickly becomes suspect. Does the House of Cards audience really hate General McGuinness because he's a rapist—or is it because he is a disgraced loser? Forgive me for wondering

> about the subset of the audience that cheers Claire for destroying him, then in the very next scene cheers Claire's political partner, the guy who threw Zoe in front of a subway car.
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> In real life, it's easy to find excuses for the shortcomings of our leaders, especially those who echo our beliefs and might plausibly advance our preferred policies. Seeming depravity by a powerful person who agrees with us? Why, they're just playing by the rules of a corrupt system, unlike those people on the other side!
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> David Brooks is always reassuring us about how well-meaning our elites are. In fairness to his perspective, benefits of the doubt aren't always wasted on the undeserving. Yet House of Cards reveals our alarming inability to resist or condemn the powerful even when their depravity is revealed to us in the most unambiguous terms. If any human beings are evil, then Frank and Claire Underwood are evil. A root cause of political corruption is our aversion to treating them as we would less powerful people who are equally evil. We need a Hank Schrader.

But Connor, didn't you know that power-worship is part and parcel of feminism, and feminine psychology itself? Women loved Bill Clinton not despite his womanizing, corruption and ends-justifies-the-means methods, but because of them. Who besides a superior man could get away with it? In fact, his blatant disregard for ordinary people's standards was not seen as a flaw, but rather proof of his status.

It looks like House of Cards will turn out to be a polarizing show in this increasingly divided nation, displaying the chasm between the values of disparate groups of American citizens. We may already know which side the feminists are on, but this show only makes it that much clearer for everyone.

NOW Demands WSJ Fire James Taranto

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The National Organization for Women, a powerful, but declining institution that has, among other things, defended child murder, has called for the firing of Wall Street Journal columnist James Taranto. He provoked the group's wrath by daring to suggest that it can be difficult to ascertain who is at "fault" when two intoxicated people have sex:

> Winerip notes that between 2005 and 2010, "more than 60 percent of claims involving sexual violence handled by United Educators"–an insurance company owned by member schools–"involved young women who were so drunk they had no clear memory of the assault." We know from Sgt. Cournoyer that the accused young men typically are drinking to excess, too. What is called the problem of "sexual assault" on campus is in large part a problem of reckless alcohol consumption, by men and women alike. (Based on our reporting, the same is true in the military, at least in the enlisted and company-grade officer ranks.)

Taranto is merely pointing out that in an atmosphere of drunkenness, there will be debauchery, and both parties share some responsibility for that.

NOW isn't having it. In a press release, they demand he be put out of work:

> Surely this ugly kind of victim-blaming is beneath the dignity of The Wall Street Journal. Approximately one in four young women will be sexually assaulted during their college career – an alarming statistic that should spur all of us to seek effective policies to provide services to rape survivors and hold perpetrators accountable for their crimes. But Taranto seems determined to maintain or even deepen the rape culture that pervades campuses and indeed much of U.S. society. What does that say about The Wall Street Journal?
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> Taranto's recent screed is not his first misogynist claim. On January 6, he said that the growing number of illegitimate children was a product of the "rise of female careerism" and women's choices given their access to abortions and birth control when he said, "the vast majority of children who are growing up without fathers are doing so in large part because of their mother's choices."
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> James Taranto doesn't need a national platform for demeaning women and condoning rape. He has demonstrated how out of touch he is; now he needs to be out of a job.

James Taranto is one of the few writers at a national publication with the guts to tell it like it is. Let's hope the WSJ tells NOW to go to hell.

Where's FEMEN in Kiev Bloodbath?

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The Ukrainian feminist protest group FEMEN has been vocally antagonistic toward the Yanukovych government in Ukraine, with some members detained last month for causing a ruckus in Kiev, chanting "the dictator must die!" "create freedom," etc.

However, now that some real fighting has erupted, I can't find a trace of the group anywhere near the conflagration.

Does anyone have any footage of the brave feminists at the front lines of the conflict? Any topless girls storming the barricades? Anything?

It sort of looks to me like they helped get the brawl started and then quietly snuck out through the back door.

Are our Cities Sustainable?

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About ten years ago, I made an attempt to flee Seattle. My first child was on the way, and I wanted to start anew in a simpler, more affordable place. My hopes were dashed when my ex and her mother decided that it just wouldn't do for us to move when a baby was on the way. I look back on giving in, and feel that I made an enormous mistake. Not because it would have ultimately saved my marriage (I doubt it), but because for younger GenXers like me, living in a city feels like spinning your wheels in the mud. We've watched home prices yo-yo, middle-class jobs disappear and rents skyrocket, all while public schools remain as miserably bad and controlled by clueless, elderly liberals as they were a generation ago.

Now, I'm in a similar situation, with another kid on the way, my parents finally on the verge of retirement and looking at a rental market that gets worse for tenants every week. Most of the people I grew up with in Seattle are long gone. Of those that remained in the city, few have children. People may point to this as selfish, adolescent behavior, but after my experience I sympathize. One thing goes wrong in a family in a high-cost city, and you're screwed. There's little margin for error here, and dropping out of the middle class can happen in the blink of an eye. Then add the cost of children. Kids aren't all that expensive in and of themselves, but if you care about them, the costs really add up. Do you want your kid to get his butt kicked on the playground by packs of feral, single mothers' kids? If not, prepare to spend at least an extra $500-1000 extra per month in housing costs to live in a "good" neighborhood, which is usually less convenient on top of being more expensive. Or else you can spend an extra $2000 per month for private education. Either way, it adds up.

So I've pretty much made up my mind. This time, I'm outta here. Maybe not for good, but for as long as it takes to rebuild a life and make sure the kids are doing OK. I'll stay close enough to visit the parents regularly, but the idea of living in a nice, quiet town where people are for the most part *normal* just seems heavenly. So does the notion of being able to go clamming and crabbing without contaminating myself with heavy metals or sewage, and being only five minutes from a forest filled with tasty mushrooms, salmon and game. Maybe I'll finally start getting out of the house again.

Because I know I'm not the only one who feels this way and has the same intentions, I wonder where this is going. For one thing, it looks like the traditional American middle class is essentially dead in our cities. Sure, there may be tens of thousands of well-paid young professionals willing to subject themselves to being corporate slaves in return for getting ripped off by landlords, but where will the people who make a city run go? How about the contractors, laborers and service workers? The barflies who add some character and texture to a neighborhood? The bohemian types? Will anyone still work at cafés or bookstores, or drive a cab?

If these people, who don't make all that much, can't afford to live in the city, will the commute be worth it? I wouldn't do it. If I still worked in carpentry or as a driver, I can't imagine it would be worth an hour-long commute to get paid peanuts in a city I can't afford. So, from my perspective, it looks like the cities are setting themselves up for some kind of failure. Maybe not an epic collapse along the lines of Detroit, but more of a long, steady decline as they cease to function as organic communities.

The implications are not all that pleasant for the highly-paid newcomers, either. Even the free-spirited young women will be pushed out; those that remain will demand financial support from their love interests, because they could never make it on their own. Young men who are paying $30k per year in rent will be pressured to pay even more, to marry and then to assume all of the burdens that family entails. Instead of finding their children growing up around working and middle class kids who are relatively well-behaved and socially mobile, they will find their kids outnumbered by the section 8 children of single mothers and polygamists. They will be hated by their less fortunate neighbors, resented by out-of-towners, and ruthlessly exploited by speculators even as their corporate bosses scheme to replace them with H1-B immigrants.

Makes one wonder whether the pay at Microsoft and Amazon is really even worth it in the long run.

Cognitive Dissonance over Kiev Struggle

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Steve Sailer points out that there's a lot of denial of reality going on in our press over the struggle between nationalist and pro-Moscow Ukrainians:

> According to a Reuters article, "Insiders say [Right Sektor] has its origins among nationalist-minded soccer fans – the word 'sector' in Russian denotes the spectator terraces of a stadium – and includes individuals from far-right organizations from across the country." But don't trust me to get translations right. (By the way, more than a few Right Sector fighters are Russian-speakers.)
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> On the other hand, here is pro-Ukrainian Yale historian Timothy Snyder, author of Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin, in the New York Review of Books trying hard to assure the New York Review's elderly leftist subscribers that Moscow, not Kiev, now represents the real right wing. In contrast, Snyder explains, "An important hotline that [Ukraine] protesters call when they need help is staffed by LGBT activists."
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> I don't know, though. Judging from videos, the lads who retook Independence Square from the riot police on Thursday and who are (if still alive) presumably enjoying tonight the traditional rewards offered to a nation's brave young men by its appreciative young women don't look too gay to me.

Yesterday, I was listening to Timothy Snyder on NPR. He was trying to explain why people who are generally referred to as "fascists" and even "Nazis" by their opponents are on the same side as American progressives. Sure, they might use the Slavic version of the Swastika, they might have chosen red, white and black as colors, and they might have even shaved their heads, but Putin hates gays! Somehow, we're supposed to believe that the Ukrainian nationalists, on the other hand, are all about rainbow flags and Pride marches.

That's just laughable.

Right wing nationalism has a long history in that part of the world. Without it, there would be no Ukraine, and probably no Latvia, Lithuania, Poland or Estonia either. Add Romania, Hungary and a few others to the list.

Nationalist freedom fighters are folk heroes, much loved by men and women alike. They could give a damn about American values of "diversity" and "tolerance," and in fact are openly hostile to them (in no small part because they remind them of the hated USSR). And as the article Sailer links points out, Ukrainian girls lovingly supply and care for the men who are fighting for their Ukraine.

There's a cultural chasm between the US and most of the rest of the world, but it isn't often that Americans pay enough attention to see this for themselves. Maybe this time a few more perceptive Americans will get a clue and start to understand that our "values" are far from universal, and may actually be losing ground. Maybe we should start rethinking them ourselves, before we end up with our own Ukraine on our hands.

Why the Hate for the "Dudebros"?

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While reading up on the urban rent phenomenon, one of the things I noticed was that there's a lot of animosity for the young techies who are supposedly responsible for driving up cost of living. People refer to them as "dudebros," which I'm pretty sure came from feminists, who really hate them. So what's the beef with these guys?

I can understand where economic resentment comes from, but even that should be tempered by the knowledge that these guys are about the most heavily exploited professional work force in modern times. Sure, they are paid a lot and given perks, but they have no job security to speak of, they are subjected to forced overtime all the time, and their employers, in collaboration with national politicians, are constantly trying to undermine their bargaining power. Are there any tech unions of note? Is there anyone arguing on their behalf in front of congress saying that Zuckerberg et al don't need access to hundreds of thousands of new H1-B workers every year?

There are a lot of tech workers in Seattle, so while I know people who have done well for themselves, I've also met a few who have been blacklisted and/or simply ejected after a certain age. Microsoft is not the worst offender in this regard (as far as tech companies go, it's a good place to work), but layoffs are common there, too. Amazon, according to what I've heard, is terrible. Unless you want to be Jeff Bezos' slave for 70% of your waking hours, don't bother. I'm not sure about the culture down in San José, but it can't be too different. Basically, those who have made it – most of whom are over 40 – have great lives, while the others work themselves to the bone and pray they can keep up.

The compensation is good, but on an hourly basis it doesn't add up to great. Baseline hours at Amazon are said to be 60 per week for a developer hire. Your starting salary is about $100,000. That comes out to about 8,300 per month, which works out to just under $35 per hour (with two weeks of vacation time and a few sick days). Sounds pretty good, huh? Well, consider that urban public school teachers with seniority can do a lot better than that on a per hour basis, and in addition to rock-solid job security and great benefits, they get their summers off. Maybe you think you'll be doing a lot better at a company like Amazon after you get some seniority. Think again. Chances are you'll be laid off before that happens. The average employee doesn't last two years.

So you're making $35 per hour, which is significantly better than most of your young peers, and you don't know the next thing about the city you've moved to. Never fear! Real estate developers have you covered. For only $2,000 per month, you can live in this swank, convenient apartment we just built on top of the rubble of a place that used to house low-wage workers. Nevermind that we built it on the cheap, and it will be a decaying eyesore within a decade's time — the city is just so awesome and progressive you'll have the time of your life in the few hours of leisure time you have every week.

This is the techie "dudebro" reality, and if you ask me, it kind of sucks. But the feminists hate these guys. Why?

It's because they haven't (yet) figured out how to take their money. Young professional men are not getting married at high rates, and most of them don't have time for a girlfriend. Women are very time-consuming, hence the romance fantasy of the unemployed billionaire, who keeps up his fortune by issuing orders to subordinates every now and then like some contented silverback gorilla placidly munching bamboo shoots in a jungle grove.

The other problem is that as much as women like the idea of getting paid $100k per year, they don't generally like spending 60 hours per week under a corporate whip. Not that I blame them for that, but come on girls, be realistic…

So the problem is really that all this profit is not going to the feministas. The traditional vector does not apply in this case. However, as we can see from the above, that isn't the tech worker's fault. No, it is all the other bastards who have figured out how to milk him for every ounce of energy and profit they can while he's still young, leaving nothing for the girls.

If the women really want to derive some benefit from these guys, instead of hating on them and denouncing them as sexist, racist assholes, which only plays right into the hands of their employers (having a politically marginalized workforce is awesome — ask Stalin about that), they should team up with them and demand better job security, better working conditions and less exploitation. But that will never happen, because the feminists aren't very imaginative people.

After Alienating Europe, FEMEN Looks to US

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Given FEMEN's criminality, the group gets surprisingly good press here in the US. Consider that FEMEN vandals targeted Notre Dame Cathedral, took a chainsaw to a cross in Ukraine, and desecrated altars throughout France. I wonder how many Christian American men could get away with doing the same to mosques, or Muslims to synagogues. Not a one, I'd wager. Merely disrupting a service while shouting militant slogans would earn the "activist" years in prison for terrorism with a hate crime enhancement.

But some animals are more equal than others, and anti-religious vandals have a way of escaping consequences for their actions, especially if they cloak themselves in fashionable causes such as feminism. However, after a certain point, even they can wear out their welcome:

> She quickly seduced French officialdom after arriving from Ukraine, winning political asylum within a year of her application. Her visage, framed in blond hair crowned with flowers, helped inspire France's latest postage stamp.
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> Few French people knew back then that they were dealing with a radical soldier for the feminist cause, in town to organize the ranks of women for a radical insurgency with bare breasts as weapons.
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> The sweet start for 23-year-old Inna Shevchenko is souring. The defiant chief of the Ukraine-born Femen movement now risks up to five years in prison and a 75,000-euro ($103,000) fine for bashing brand new bells at Notre Dame Cathedral a year ago — and allegedly damaging one. Dressed only in pantyhose, she and eight others were celebrating the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.
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> The trial for the nine was postponed from Wednesday to July 9. A second trial begins March 14 for a single Femen activist for simulating abortion in Paris' famed church, Eglise de la Madeleine.
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> Femen has orchestrated a raft of bare-breasted protests with a range of targets: near the Vatican, in front of Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, near the Grand Mosque of Paris and in several churches outside France, including at Christmas Mass at Cologne Cathedral. There, a single topless woman with "I am God" painted on her chest briefly jumped onto the altar.
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> Boldness is clearly in Shevchenko's blood. She fled Ukraine in 2012 after taking a buzz saw to a huge wood cross, risking prison. Today, she is nonchalant about that risk.
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> "Of course, I was scared" after the Ukraine protest, she said in an interview with The Associated Press. "But this is not that fear that will make you stop your activity. We are scared to not be able to continue our activity."
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> "We are not a political party who wants to find fans. We are not a rock band," she said. "We're a bunch of angry women."
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> Shevchenko has announced plans to expand Femen's footprint from nine countries mostly in Europe to the United States, most likely in New York or Washington, D.C. The group's Ukraine headquarters has been shut down.
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> "We are this sort of detonator," she said. "We go where the problem is."

You'd think that if Shevchenko were really such a hero who always headed for action, she'd have been in Kiev for the last couple of weeks. Instead, the group vanished after a few were arrested last month in Maidan Square, and it doesn't look like they have any plans to return. No, she wants to go to real "problem" areas, like Washington and New York.

However, in the US, perhaps she can carry her aggressive strain of anti-Christian activism to the next level, and this is why I'm not entirely opposed to her efforts. If she starts attacking Evangelical megachurches, maybe these institutions will finally get a clue about feminism. Perhaps their pastors will have to take sides on the issue, which

they have skirted for years with the anti-patriarchal sermons and dogma that Dalrock so artfully exposes.

It could be quite a show.

Babies, Cats and Abortion

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I watched an ultrasound yesterday. It isn't the first time I've done so, but I don't think I've ever seen a baby this far along before. The baby boy is about 21 weeks old, and a little less than a pound in weight. It's a nerve-wracking experience for a parent. Well, it is for me, anyway. You can't help but be worried about the baby.

I've mentioned before in comments that I was never an anti-abortion fanatic, but after becoming a parent the idea of abortion became abhorrent to me. Newborn infants are at a very early stage of development, but are obviously human nonetheless. There may be people out there who argue that they are still subhuman and therefore do not deserve full human rights, but normal people are disgusted by the idea of slaughtering newborns. One would have to be extremely cold-blooded to do so. I don't have it in me. Even in a rage, I could never do it.

So when I see how *human* a fetus looks at 21 weeks, I wonder how anyone could enthusiastically support aborting him or her. He/she has a face, a brain, arms, legs, fingers and toes. In some cases, a fetus may not be viable. Then, I might understand a mercy killing, as heart-wrenching as that may be, but the debate over abortion has nothing to do with that in the US. What radical pro-abortion groups want is the option to terminate any pregnancy at any time. It is the logic of pure maternal ownership of a little human being, along the lines of livestock.

If I were to write that I'm tired of my cat, and have decided to take him outside and shoot him, I'd face wider condemnation than if I were to support the killing of my child. I like my old cat, but he's getting decrepit and doesn't offer much anymore. He doesn't even catch rats very often these days, so he hardly earns his keep. Perhaps he's an inconvenience. That being the case, maybe I should kill him humanely, with a bullet to the brainstem.

Of course, I'm going to try to keep my cat as long as he's healthy and happy, even if he is an old boy and not terribly useful. But if it came down to a choice between feeding my kids and feeding my cat, I'd pull the trigger on him in a heartbeat. Is it wrong of me to have different standards in this regard? Is it wrong to feel that killing a cat who is no longer useful is a far lesser sin than terminating a healthy fetus who holds the promise of humanity?

Sometimes, I think that the pro-abortion activists see a human fetus and a cat as essentially equal. If it isn't a sin to put down an old, useless cat, then why is it wrong to terminate a pregnancy, even if the little being is so human?

As I get older and more cynical, it appears to me that there is an enormous amount of hatred in this world, and most of it is directed at other human beings. There is nothing that confirms this so much as the pro-abortion movement.

Atlantic Taps Deseret News Series to Add Reality to Child Support Narrative

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A friend sent me a link to a piece published in The Atlantic on how welfare and child support policies are destructive to families, which leads me to wonder, considering the garbage it usually puts out, whether the magazine isn't having some sort of identity crisis. It's a good article, produced "in collaboration with the Deseret News," that brings up many of the problems I've been writing about for a few years now.

> The 10-month-old twins call Frandy "Da Da." He changes their diapers, mixes up their formula, and helps shoulder the burden of providing food, clothing, and medical care.
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> But the girls aren't his children; Frandy's girlfriend Cassie was pregnant when they started dating. When, a few months later, the two decided to move in together, "I knew raising the kids was part of the package," says Frandy, a 23-year-old from inner-city Boston.
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> His own 6-year-old daughter lives across town with her mother and her mother's boyfriend. Frandy sends a check every month.
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> Such complex family arrangements are becoming increasingly common, particularly among the poor, like Frandy and Cassie. Nearly 40 percent of unwed parents with low education levels share childrearing responsibilities with a co-residential boyfriend or girlfriend, according to a 2013 report from the United States Census Bureau. Oftentimes these couples share at least one biological child, but in 27 percent of relationships, either mom or dad is stepping in to raise children they didn't conceive.
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> U.S. government programs designed to help such families, however, haven't evolved with the population. Based on decades-old stereotypes that single mothers are raising children alone and single dads are "deadbeats," the majority of United States anti-poverty programs almost exclusively serve women and children, says Jacquelyn Boggess, co-director of the Center for Family Policy and Practice,* a Wisconsin-based think tank that focuses on supporting low-income parents. The welfare system, as a result, can become a muddled mess of rearranging rather than relieving poverty. Single, non-custodial fathers bear the brunt. But dads don't suffer alone. Because the poor pull together to support one another, everyone absorbs the pinch.

When I spoke with Tod Kelly last summer, he was surprised to hear that welfare actually discriminates against low-income married people, and offers incentives for women to kick husbands out of the house and shack up with someone else. Sometimes, I take it for granted that people know about these things because they seem so obvious to me after years of research, but actually very few people outside of the poor themselves are aware of this.

> Cohabitating with a boyfriend who is not biologically related to any of the household's children is the most advantageous setup in most states. The children get the benefit of government help, but still have a second adult in the house to bring in cash. If the couple were married, Frandy's income would be factored into eligibility tests and Cassie might not qualify for help. Still, money is tight. Most of these government programs aren't designed to fully meet a family's needs, Berger says. The average monthly SNAP benefit, for example, provides just $1.50 per meal, according to the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service.
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> The biggest flaw in current anti-poverty policies is that they don't take into account the increasing role that fathers play in children's lives, Berger says. As mothers go to work at higher rates, fathers are taking on more childrearing responsibilities. Even if parents are splitting the financial burden, though, only one parent can benefit from anti-poverty programs like SNAP or the earned-income tax credit. So, while mom gets help paying the bills, dad, who is oftentimes just as poor, is held responsible for his share of the costs.
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> "Helping women and not men creates huge gender asymmetry, which makes it harder for couples to stay

> together," says Harvard sociologist Kathryn Edin, author of Doing the Best I Can: Fatherhood in the Inner City. "Men can't earn enough money to earn a place in the family. They become dispensable."

It doesn't just make it harder for couples to stay together, it provides incentives for them to split up. Another issue brought up is the disincentive to work:

> Expanding the earned-income tax credit to include non-custodial parents could go a long ways in addressing poverty, Edin says. Not precisely welfare, the EITC is a tax subsidy for low-income workers that increases as wages go up. The idea, she says, is to make good on the promise that "if you work, you won't be poor."
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> "Wouldn't it be better for everyone if men were rewarded for working?" she says.

I'd say the EITC isn't a bad idea, but it isn't the right place to start. First, let working men claim their children as dependents whether or not they are custodial parents. As it is, noncustodial single fathers face not only ruinous child support garnishments, but are taxed as though they are single, childless men, and cannot deduct child support. For a working class man, that means functional poverty. Say a young, single father makes $30,000 per year, which is typical in much of the US, and is paying roughly $600 per month in child support — about standard for that income. After tax deductions, he is pulling in just over $1,000 per month to support himself and save for retirement. After paying for an apartment, insurance and other costs, he has precious little for food, yet doesn't qualify for any government assistance. How could this man have a meaningful relationship with his children if he can't even afford to put them up at his place on weekends? It is a brutal system that does little for his children or society at large, and as often as not he is not at fault for his circumstances, unless you view becoming a father as a crime against society.

If that's the man's reality, what's the point of trying?

In a Corrupt Society, Nobility is Conflated with Servility

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I came across a heartbreaking story of a young man who died before his time, and dedicated his last months to family. Some in the manosphere might be tempted to write the young man off as a beta chump, but I see it in an entirely different light. He was a young Welshman named Chris Price – perhaps some distant cousin of mine – and during his last couple seasons on earth, he spent his time with his wife and his stepchildren, all having a good time together.

However, accounts of his final moments paint him as an abject subject of his wife, who devoted his last hours to her and her alone like an obedient, servile dog:

> A boyfriend proposed to his girlfriend when he had just six months to live – then spent the rest of his days making his bride's dreams come true.
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> Chris Price, 26, promised to give "love of his life" Ceri, 29, everything she ever wished for after he was diagnosed with terminal cancer.
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> The pair had a plush church wedding with Ceri's four children as the guests of honour.
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> Chris then took her and four children Halle, nine, and triplets Evan, Morgan and Georgia, six, to Disneyland Paris.
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> And they had only been home a few weeks when he whisked Ceri off to New York for a weekend of sightseeing and shopping.
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> Chris then splashed out on the £500 pair of Louboutin shoes – and a £900 Mulberry handbag Ceri had always wanted.
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> The loving husband then booked to take Ceri to Las Vegas for her birthday … but sadly he ran out of time.
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> Chris died in Ceri's arms and his funeral was held in the church where the pair had married just six months earlier.

The reporting here is borderline obscene. The man spent a couple thousand on gifts for his wife, knowing that he had no use for the money himself, and spent the rest on traveling with her and the children. Given the lack of sensitivity on the part of the reporter, I'm not sure whether the quotes he ascribes to wife Ceri are in their proper context, because they make her come off as a self-centered bitch, and although I'm far from an unqualified supporter of divorcées, I kind of doubt that's the case (if it were, she would have been off with another guy long before Chris was a corpse):

> "He was so positive he never talked about dying, he just wanted to see me and the children happy in the time he had left."
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> Ceri, from Merthyr Tydfil, told how maintenance inspector Chris loved to surprise her and his four stepchildren.
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> She said: "The Disney trip was something we had talked about in the future but when Chris knew he didn't have long he booked for all of us to go.
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> "Then he told me he'd arranged a romantic trip for us in Dublin but on the way to the airport he told me we were going to New York.
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> "We had the most magical time and I will savour those memories forever.
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> "He knew I had fancied a pair of Louboutin boots but they were way too expensive for me to ever afford them.
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> "But Chris bought them for me and got me an even more expensive Mulberry handbag."

When I read this kind of thing, I just shake my head. Is this what it all comes down to? Whether so-and-so bought a few baubles or not? How degrading. It's like being in family court all over again, with some filthy swine of a judge sizing you up by the thickness of your wallet.

No, that wasn't what it was all about for Chris. There was something in the man, some fundamental characteristic, that valued and treasured the family life. It wasn't the boots or the handbag, but the happiness of his wife and the children. In his last days, that was what motivated Chris Price. Seeing happy children and a wife who loved him. It was the alpha and the omega. It was a part of his very soul.

Chris did it not only for those he loved, but for himself and his values. He did what came naturally to him.

If it were not for the Chris Prices of the world, there would be much less joy, much less innocence, and much less beauty in the world. He did not spend his last months shoving tokens into a slot to satiate some solipsistic appetite, but rather giving the gift of his humanity to those around him. It is what men do, and when I see it reduced to purchasing a few items in fashionable stores I am filled with a desire to smash the edifice of our rotten society down to rubble.

“Tech Consultant” Attacked in San Francisco

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A young woman in San Francisco wearing Google glass so annoyed patrons of a bar on lower Haight that they ripped the glasses off her face and took them out of the bar:

> A San Francisco woman who says she was attacked at a bar on Haight Street after refusing to stop wearing Google Glass has released video footage of the incident that she filmed with the new technology that spurred the confrontation in the first place.
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> In a video posted to YouTube, tech writer Sarah Solcum provided a narrative for the footage, which she says captures the weekend attack.
> “This is the video that I got on Google Glass at Molotov bar on Haight Street after being verbally accosted and flicked off by the Asian looking girl, I turned on the video, and after I told them I was doing so they got pissed and came after me,” Slocum wrote.
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> “Unfortunately, I had not extended the video so it cuts out after 10 seconds. Here you can see them — two people, a male and a female — trying to block the camera. The guy waving his hands in my face here later rips the Google Glasses off my face and ran out of the bar,” she wrote.

She also claims to have been robbed in the attack, but knowing that part of town I’d guess it was street people outside the bar who grabbed her purse rather than the angry bar patrons. In fact, I know that part of town quite well, and will be staying only a short walk from there for a few days next month during my yearly trip with the kids to grandma and grandpa’s place. This will be the last year I do that, as my mom is retiring and my folks are leaving SF.

I think this incident, while pretty silly and not too important in the grand scheme of things, does offer some insight into what we can expect more of in the future. There was more to this attack than a mere breach of etiquette, although some twenty years ago I saw a similar – although significantly more forceful – eruption in the same neighborhood when someone sat down on a biker’s bar stool. In addition to the patrons being angry about the glasses, I suspect they are not very happy about the techies in their neighborhoods and establishments.

As I was driving back from the border yesterday after a long weekend with the kids (South BC and Whatcom County were snowed in for a few days), I was thinking, somewhat pessimistically, that the relentless peonization and stratification underway in the US will not stop until people put up a fight, and by that I don’t mean a mere blogging campaign. No, if people want to reclaim a seat at the table, they are going to have to engage in good old street politics, just like great grandpa did back in the old days. It will probably be a while before this actually happens on a wide scale, but at the rate things are going it shouldn’t be too long.

Hopefully, though, instead of blaming tech workers, people will correctly blame the general atmosphere of selfishness, corruption and short-term thinking that caused the problem in the first place.

The New Opiate of the Masses

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Regardless of which party they support, the rich tend to be far to the left of the typical American on social issues. Even the demonized Koch brothers are hardcore social liberals, supporting legalization of marijuana, gay marriage and global peace initiatives. In Washington state, the gay marriage initiative, which passed by a sliver, was lavishly funded by billionaires, including Jeff Bezos and Howard Schulz. The opposition was only able to raise one sixth as much as supporters of the bill.

What's behind this apparently reflexive support for all things progressive on the part of the richest men in the US? Is it because they are enlightened, superior people who know the way to a truly harmonious, good society? Are these modern-day buddhas, hovering in meditation within their multi-million dollar mansions?

It turns out that when it comes to the competition, they are not such enlightened, harmonious beings. Microsoft used to regularly dismember and devour innovative startups that offered better software and more choice to the consumer. Amazon's Jeff Bezos treats his workers like draught animals, and Howard Schulz is still putting independent cafés out of business. When it comes to business, they are ruthless, animalistic killers with a drive to dominate and destroy all who stand between them and profit.

So what's up with all the moral crusading and progressive mumbo-jumbo we hear coming out of their mouths?

I have a simple theory:

It's self-interest. What they really want is the government to spend time on something besides them. The last thing they want is for the state to step in and take a hard look at their union-busting, monopolistic practices. Anything but that. It is far better to keep the voters and legislatures tied up over other issues, preferably those that have nothing at all to do with their businesses.

Say voters were to say "hey, why are these companies getting such huge tax breaks even as they are undercutting wages and destroying jobs?" This is the kind of nightmare that keeps them up at night. It is far, far better that people focus on something like Alaskan polar bears, transsexuals in the military, or alleged sex slavery. Or, for that matter, the mythical gender pay gap.

Progressivism is the new smokescreen — it is the modern opiate of the masses. The rich use it in exactly the same manner they used to use the Christian faith, and just as cynically. Unfortunately, however, the progressives have yet to come up with architecture that rivals that of their predecessors, so I'm afraid there will be little to nothing left to show for their efforts besides a blasted society and a landscape littered with cheap, pre-fabricated buildings.

Despite Cutbacks, Military Still Committed to Putting Girls in Combat

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A couple days ago, Chuck Hagel outlined a plan to reduce the Army's manpower by some 70-80 thousand troops. Evidently, it's too expensive to keep paying all those soldiers while the fed injects money into banks. Given the justification, one might expect that fanciful programs, such as Obama's order that women be integrated into combat units, would fall by the wayside as well. But some things, like turning our young women into killing machines, are too politically valuable to neglect.

> The Pentagon ordered last year that women must have the same opportunities to serve in combat jobs as men, with thousands of positions slated to open to both genders in 2016. And while an Army survey shows only a small fraction of women say they want to move into combat jobs, it also revealed soldiers from both genders are nervous about the change.
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> With roughly one in five Army positions considered combat-related, commanders are turning to science to find a unisex standard to judge which soldiers physically have the right stuff to fight wars.
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> Testing at Fort Stewart and other U.S. bases is breaking away from the Army's longtime standards for physical fitness — pushups, sit-ups and 2-mile runs — to focus instead on battlefield tasks, such as dragging a wounded comrade to safety or installing and removing the heavy barrel of the 25 mm gun mounted on Bradley vehicles.

So, it looks like the Army has already dropped the physical fitness requirements. Can't blame them — it would be too hard to lie to taxpayers' faces when the test numbers are on paper, so they came up with another plan.

> David Brinkley, deputy chief of staff for operations at the Army's Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Eustis in Virginia, said some people think the Army is coming up with unrealistic requirements while others believe standards will be lower to let women fight on the front lines.
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> "We intend to do neither. That's why we based this on the actual thing you have to do," he said.
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> At Fort Stewart, a volunteer group of soldiers — 100 men and 60 women — are spending a month drilling on the most physically challenging tasks demanded of infantrymen, cavalry scouts, mortar launchers and tank crews. In March, scientists from the Army's Research Institute for Environmental Medicine will have the troops perform those tasks while wearing heart rate monitors, masks that monitor oxygen intake and other equipment to study the effects of their physical exertion.

You know, if you really want to save a few bucks, it would be a lot cheaper to use a stopwatch and a notepad…

But as usual, when it comes to gender equality, we must always – *ALWAYS* – find a way to keep things open to interpretation/manipulation. Say Sally drops a tank round on Bob's foot, and Bob starts yelling and cursing. Sally's heart rate remained within normal parameters, while Bob's went up significantly. Looks like Sally's performance was superior to Bob's! There you have it: proof that women are just as capable as men in combat roles.

Finally, in what should give it away entirely, we learn that the Army is using the same methods municipal fire departments had to resort to when ordered to hire women:

> Brinkley said the Army took a lesson from fire departments by not focusing on soldier's ability to perform pushups or pullups, which favor men because they test upper body strength. He said officials realize women do physical tasks differently, using more core strength and legs. By focusing on tasks rather than exercises, Army officials hope to eliminate gender bias from their study.

What a waste of everyone's time and money… If anyone doubted that generals were politicians before, I don't think there's any question about that any longer.

An Analogy for Thinking about Women in Combat

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I've found that a lot of people have a hard time thinking in practical terms about the implications of manipulating standards so as to include women in combat. They'll often bring up the fact that women have actually been involved in combat at certain points in history, that they want to be in combat, and that they are "just as patriotic," etc. Some people will even say that they should be in combat "because equality."

Instead of thinking in human terms, let's think in military terms for a bit. Soldiers are weapons — not "persons." This is how war works.

So how about we compare two different weapons. Let's say you have two different man-portable air defense systems (MANPADs). These are shoulder-launched guided missiles that can bring down small aircraft, such as helicopters and fighter bombers (e.g. an F-18), at fairly short ranges. Different missiles have different strengths and weaknesses, and when you pack them into something small and light enough for a man to carry around by himself these tend to be exaggerated.

Sometimes, you have to sacrifice a bit of range for a more powerful warhead. Some missiles might be more accurate, but require more time to target and track enemy aircraft, exposing the operator for longer. Some accelerate faster but have a dangerous backblast, and so on. The military takes all these factors into account so as to come up with the most effective system in a convenient package.

So say you have a choice of two missiles. One of them is about 25% heavier than the other, but goes 30% faster, has 50% longer range and packs twice the force on detonation. Additionally, it requires less time to launch, has a lower rate of malfunction both in storage and in the operating theater, and is less prone to make casualties out of its operators. To top it all off, it is significantly cheaper.

So why would we even consider the other missile? It may be smaller and lighter, but it is less reliable, weaker at the point of impact, slower, has shorter range and is more fragile. It also has a tendency to malfunction in ways that put the entire unit out action, and costs a lot of money to purchase and maintain.

Ah, well, consider that the other missile is produced by influential members of a certain powerful politician's constituency. It may be a lousy, dangerous missile and terrible as far as cost effectiveness is concerned, but someone's political position relies on it.

So behind the scenes, we have politicians making deals, and a powerful member of congress strongarms others, forcing them to buy both the effective and the ineffective missiles. Soldiers, who are well aware from experience testing the missiles which one is better, predictably grumble about it, but their superiors tell them "there's nothing you can do about it, so get used to it." To make the choice look like a good one, statistics are manufactured, tests are rigged, and lies are told.

In the meanwhile, corporate media extoll the virtues of the lousy missile, showing it attractively painted and releasing photos and videos that make it look cool and effective. Media informs the opinion of the rubes, and most of them support the choice to use the inferior missile, because they saw how cool it was on CNN.

Ultimately, the taxpayer gets ripped off, the military is that much less effective, and collateral damage increases. The only winners are the politicians and a few powerful constituents who make the lion's share of profit from the great swindle.

Global Warming to Cause Mass Rape

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I suppose this is another take on the old "[something] happens, women hit hardest" headline that's been around since women first learned to read, but it's still always amazing to what extent publications continue to push credulity. In this case, Mother Jones is the offending party, which I suppose shouldn't be too surprising. As far as left-wing publications go, it's a far cry from Counterpunch.

From Mother Jones:

> "Looking at the past, we see a strong relationship between temperature and crime," says study author Matthew Ranson, an economist with the policy consulting firm Abt Associates. "We think that is likely to continue in the future."
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> Just how much more crime can we expect? Using the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's warming projections, Ranson calculated that from 2010 to 2099, climate change will "cause" an additional "22,000 murders, 180,000 cases of rape, 1.2 million aggravated assaults, 2.3 million simple assaults, 260,000 robberies, 1.3 million burglaries, 2.2 million cases of larceny, and 580,000 cases of vehicle theft" in the United States.
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> Ranson acknowledges that those results represent a relatively small jump in the overall level of crime—a 2.2 percent increase in murder and a 3.1 percent increase in rape, for instance. Still, says John Roman, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center, those numbers add up to "a lot of victims" over the course of the century.
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> The study's results don't mean that defendants should be able to argue that they were driven to a life of crime by the weather. "The decision to commit a crime is a matter of personal responsibility," Ranson explained in an email. "Neither higher outdoor temperatures nor reduced police enforcement are valid excuses for individuals to commit criminal acts. Yet, from a statistical perspective, both cause crime to increase."

To be fair, the study says all crime is likely to increase, but the Mother Jones headline explicitly singles out rape.

As for whether warm weather correlates with crime, I suppose it might, but then again we can compare Detroit to, say, Singapore, and obviously other factors are at work as well.

But will global warming bring about an unprecedented era of mass rape? If so, whatever are we going to do? I have an idea. Maybe people, including women, should stop taking trips to resorts, using electronic devices, driving, and having access to top-notch medical care and fast emergency responses. This would surely lower carbon emissions. It might lead to a shorter lifespan and lower quality of life, but hey, less rape, right?

Another Bubble?

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Living in one of the epicenters of the latest tech boom, I have a first-person perspective on the situation, and it looks like another speculation boom to me. Soon, I'll see what it's like at ground zero in San Francisco. Things have really accelerated in the last couple years, and I'm at a bit of a loss as to why. Are the video games and apps my kids use on ipads really worth all that much money? Is Twitter really all that much different from instant messaging? Hasn't FaceBook lost its lustre?

I fail to see the added value adding up to what the market says it does.

This time, I think the bubble has the potential for being worse than the last couple, because it's a twofer. The first big bubble I saw in my life was the 1999 tech bubble, and then the next was the housing bubble. Today, it looks like we have both at the same time, although the housing bubble is a bit more geographically restricted this time. Nevertheless, the rental market is out of control in major cities, and this just can't go on forever.

Another aggravating factor is that inequality has skyrocketed since the 90s and industry has been thoroughly gutted, so if both tech *and* real estate fail we're in for some major pain.

Business Insider came out with an article about a month ago making the case that we may in fact be in another tech bubble. Here are a couple parts that caught my attention:

> If you think tech IPO data suggests a bubble of over-investment, then you'll be reassured/terrified by the new report on tech startup investment funding from PricewaterhouseCoopers: In 2013, the software industry received 37% of all venture capital for the year, the highest percentage since PwC began tracking investment since 1995.
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> Internet-specific companies got more than $7 billion in new funding in 2013. In 2007, the peak year before the credit crunch recession, those same types of companies received just over $5 billion.
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> Here, verbatim, are a couple of quotes from the New York Times on the subject of Twitter's stock price. The background is that Twitter does not make a profit but its stock has hit $62 at the time of writing:
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> "I just haven't seen something like this in a long time," said Robert S. Peck of SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, who had set a price target of $50 before the I.P.O. but cut his rating to hold two weeks ago when shares reached $59." They don't have earnings. They don't have free cash flow."
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> As Barron's, an investment advisory publication, put it over the weekend, "At $45 billion, the company may have the highest market value of any firm that isn't generating any earnings since the dot-com bubble of 1999-2000."
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> The New York Times quoted one tech investor:
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> "We all know how this plays out," said Paul Kedrosky, a venture capitalist and entrepreneur. "There is no question that this is fueling some kind of bubble."

What worries me is that it seems that with each new boom and bust, we don't learn our lesson, but return immediately to speculation, neglecting the stable, reliable sectors of the economy. And if speculation is what underlies the bulk of our wealth, where does that leave us when it fails?

Obama: Putin has “Different set of Lawyers”

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In what must rank high amongst the most clueless diplomatic statements any American president has made in decades, Barack Obama criticized Vladimir Putin’s interpretation of international law in an effort to gain the upper hand in the Ukraine crisis.

When I heard that I made a joke to my wife:

> Obama: Vlad, your lawyers are making a lousy case. You should concede and withdraw from Ukraine.
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> Putin: Barack, if you please, I can arrange so that your lawyers may argue with my tanks. Can we agree to settle the issue in that manner?

We Americans live in a culturally isolated place. Vladimir Putin cannot send his tanks across the ocean to confront us. But he can certainly use those tanks in Ukraine. This is, as they say, where the rubber (or steel tread) meets the road. American power has come to be seen as something of a paper tiger, to quote Mao, and that’s something that may well have direct consequences for us, whether we like it or not.

We should be realistic about Russia, which will never be our good buddy. It is not a pushover any longer. We can’t buy influence like we used to, and we’ve squandered our real power on the ground in Europe. This leads to what is known as a power vacuum, and as anyone who can think knows, vacuums draw in what they lack.

Our country has become known worldwide for the opportunities it has squandered. We have squandered our children’s birthright, our international power, our patrimony, and our cultural integrity. All that remains is to squander what remains of our wealth, and I’m afraid that’s next.

In huge countries like the US or China (or Russia, for that matter), it’s very easy to imagine that one is at the center of the universe, and the rest of the world is irrelevant. But cruel reality has a way of throwing a wrench in the gears. We Americans will soon pay for our hubris, and it won’t be a pleasant experience.

In Beijing, I got the first taste of what could await us. I looked around at all the deprived, hard-working Chinese. There they were, breaking their backs for a few dollars a day, while back home stay-at-home soccer moms were driving SUVs around like some breed of contemporary mammoths. It was horrifying to me as a young man. I wondered to myself what we might face when this fundamental imbalance finally started to even out. Unfortunately, I worry that we may soon find out.

Preventing Victimization of Boys and Young Men

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There are an awful lot of resources directed toward protecting young women and girls from sexual assault, and although I doubt the effectiveness of many of these programs (simply eliminating fatherlessness would prevent most rape in the US), that isn't an issue of concern. However, there's precious little out there to protect young men who find themselves falsely accused of sexual assault or railroaded by hostile authorities.

So how do we protect boys from getting involved in this situation? The most obvious solution is to tell them not to sleep with their fellow students, and to seek pleasure elsewhere if they must. However, that's probably a futile endeavor given youthful sexuality. Personally, I'd recommend a boys' school, but they seem to have fallen out of fashion these days, and they are typically conquered by lesbians with lawyers and subsequently integrated anyway.

So, given the reality today, you have to start teaching them from a young age. First, you have to teach them not to trust authority figures. People often lament the code of silence in the black communities across the US, but it wouldn't exist if there were not routine abuses of authority and wrongful convictions. Given the rate of incarceration of black men, there's no doubt a lot of them are in on either trumped-up or manufactured charges. This being the case, a code of silence provides some protection to the innocent as well as the guilty.

Given the lynch mob mentality out there, it seems that this is a lesson we ought to teach other children as well, especially if they happen to be male. So, for starters, remind your son or boys in your care that when accused of anything, they should never, ever speak freely with an adult who is not a family member, preferably a legal guardian. Stress that "authorities" are to be trusted least of all. I'd go so far as to recommend practicing this with play acting.

Also, stress the consequences of crime. Make sure it isn't a hypothetical, abstract thing. Take the kid to a juvenile or adult detention facility, and show it to him so that he knows it is as real as the ground under his feet. The main purpose of incarceration in the US is deterrence — not correction or rehabilitation. Let that sink in. Let him learn to respect authority not for any moral reason (there is no moral basis for authority these days), but for its power to do harm. This will protect him far more than any sermon ever could.

But do not neglect moral teaching. Tell him that there is a higher law and higher power than man alone. Both religious and non-religious people can call it "natural law." The rules of the natural world guide all things, and man's law is but an imperfect imitation. To cause harm to one's community, as in murder and rape, is a violation of natural law, and brings pain to oneself and others. Remind him that it is his duty to try to understand and live in harmony with natural law.

Above all, tell him that if he is to be a good man who wants to do well by others, he must first preserve and protect himself.

Finally, there are the practical measures. Avoid proven liars, such as adulterous wives and other unfaithful women. Never assume that an immodest woman is otherwise virtuous, and keep your distance from addicts, drunks and other dissolute women.

To put it in simple terms:

Avoid authorities and bad women, live a straight life and be vigilant.

It sounds a lot simpler than it is, but with some effort we can teach the overwhelming majority of boys to avoid circumstances that might land them on the wrong side of an interrogation desk or, failing that, prevent them from being wrongfully convicted.

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Just a heads up for readers:

I'm going to continue to post most stuff publicly, but every now and then I'll be posting some pieces for subscribers only, particularly content I'd like to publish eventually and some more experimental thoughts and pieces. Getting feedback from the subscribers is important to me.

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Voice vs. Texting

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I must be getting long in the tooth, because I feel the need to write a rant about technology today:

Over the last year or so, I've noticed that getting in touch with people by phone has become a lot more difficult than it used to be. At first, I was a little mystified, and wondered why people seem to be dropping off the face of the earth. I knew it wasn't me, because this was not limited merely to acquaintances, but friends and family as well. My sister, my cousins, old friends — they all seemed to have vanished. After a while, I realized it was because they don't really talk on the phone any longer. They text.

I've avoided texting for a variety of reasons. Originally, it was because it feels clumsy to me. I first tried it years ago on the old folding cell phones, and not very impressed by this means of communication, I failed to make it a habit. I was also not particularly happy that people were being charged something like 20 cents a text. Knowing how little data is required to send an ASCII text, I realized what a massive ripoff this was. At 28.8 kb/s – standard for voice calls if I recall correctly – one minute of voice transmission uses vastly more data than a dumb little text message. Seemed to me that texting was a technological step backward to the days of IRC — maybe even the telegraph for that matter! And here the telecoms were charging people up to $50 a month for it.

Next, I realized that texts were stored electronically, and would always be there on the receiving party's phone (or at least they'd be there for a long time). While I'm well aware that voice calls can be tapped and recorded, it's far less likely, and for the most part when you hang up the words remain only in human memory. I may not be plotting any criminal activity, but the idea that innocuous personal communication will stick around forever still bothers the hell out of me. It's like keeping all the wrappers from the fast food you've eaten over the years. To think that some government agency is keeping all that info bothers me in the same way that it would if a cop were to go through my garbage and document it with a pen and notepad every day.

Another annoying thing about text is that you have no idea whether people will reply. You can text someone, and they respond at leisure, or not at all. If you ask someone a question on the phone, they respond, or they refuse to do so. Either way, you know where you stand. Texts are also a good excuse for blowing someone off without having to look them in the eye. Say you stand someone up for one reason or another. Instead of having to tell them and listen to a response, you can just shoot off a texted excuse that may or may not be true, and then just ignore responses. I can't even imagine what dating must be like in the age of texting.

Finally, I like talking and listening. Conversation is one of those uniquely human exercises and pleasures. To have a nice talk with someone is refreshing, enlightening and satisfying. A text just doesn't cut it. In fact, it's a crappy substitute, and I worry about kids who grow up using it as their primary medium of communication. Will they be able to speak with the proper cadence and intonation of American English? Will they end up sounding like robots? Sounds far-fetched, but the convergence of male and female styles of speech suggests that our young people may have some speech impairments from lack of practice.

For these reasons and others, I have refused to take up texting even as the rest of the world passed me by. Today, teens and young adults exchange an average of almost 100 texts a day, while I haven't sent a mobile text message in years.

Nevertheless, it looks like my little redoubt is under siege. I'm going to have to eventually embrace the silence and get a smart phone if I want to operate in modern society.

However, I'd like some encryption options, or perhaps something that erases texts after they've been read. If any readers have any suggestions along these lines, I'd be happy to hear them. So far, there doesn't seem to be much on offer, but perhaps the growing awareness of widespread snooping will wake a few companies up.

Congressman Alan Grayson Accused of DV, but Aide's Video May Save Him

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Freelance reporter Chuck Ross pointed out in a tweet that Alan Grayson had "congressional privilege" in dealing with his wife's DV accusation, because most of us ordinary guys don't have aides who can document these kinds of things.

> Congressional privilege: Imagine if Alan Grayson didn't have a staffer hanging around to videotape his altercation w/ his ex-wife.
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> — Chuck Ross (@ChuckGLP) March 5, 2014

One can't stress enough how important witnesses are in these situations, because the default assumption, as Chuck pointed out in a subsequent tweet, is that the male is at fault. This is despite the fact that women initiate physical aggression more often than men do in a domestic context. Personally, I am certain that this is because they have the legal advantage, and they know it.

When this scenario plays out with an ordinary man, there are usually no witnesses besides husband and wife. VAWA ensures that the presumption is that the husband is guilty, and demands an arrest. If Grayson had been an ordinary man, he probably would have been either taken to jail or charged with DV by this point. As it is, he's already been issued a rubber-stamped no-contact order following his wife's allegations that he beat her and his children.

But Grayson has lawyers on his side. He's a powerful man, and his wife may not be able to derive the same advantage from accusing the prominent Democrat that your typical American woman could when accusing her considerably less powerful and connected husband. Nevertheless, Grayson is currently under a court order to avoid his wife and children, and may as well be on parole for all the legal restrictions he faces.

I've always thought that using these extreme feminist methods to subjugate men is deeply problematic and detrimental to liberty, but for the most part powerful men have been spared the worst of it. Until now, that is. I don't expect Grayson to ever dare come out publicly against the worst abuses of VAWA, but it would surprise me if this precedent doesn't alarm a number of congressmen on both sides of the aisle. Where they were perfectly content to let us peons be pushed around and assaulted by police and courts who are ostensibly acting on behalf of women, when it happens to them personally I doubt they will feel the same old complacency.

Drag Show big hit at Kadena Air Force Base

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I don't know whether there's much that needs to be said about the following, but I thought readers, a number of whom are former soldiers, might be interested:

A decade ago, who would have imagined it? I'm starting to think the next decade will bring even more surprises.

“House of Cards” Drama Playing out in Army Court Martial

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I recently watched the *House of Cards* series on Netflix, and was alternately fascinated and disgusted by its portrayal of Washington’s political culture. The ambition combined with deeply flawed characters makes for great drama, and although I assumed that the series is generally accurate in its portrayal of the power elite, I thought it must also be quite an exaggeration.

However, the following from Stars and Stripes has me questioning whether it is off the mark in that regard after all:

> FT. BRAGG, N.C. — A military judge refused Tuesday to dismiss sexual assault charges against a one-star general, rejecting defense allegations that the Army has unfairly prosecuted the case in response to political pressure to crack down on sexual abuse in the ranks.
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> The ruling came after searing testimony about the emotional breakdown last month of the then-lead military prosecutor, described as irrational and suicidal in the days before he quit the case. Lawyers for Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair had cited comments by the former prosecutor, Lt. Col. William Helixon, in alleging “unlawful command influence” by the Army chain of command.
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> Helixon was described in testimony by a fellow military legal officer as “crying, irrational, incoherent” and a “functional alcoholic” holed up in a Washington, D.C., luxury hotel on the weekend of Feb. 8 and 9. Brig. Gen. Paul Wilson, a senior Army legal officer at the Pentagon, said he took Helixon to a military hospital in Virginia because he appeared suicidal.
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> “I’ve never seen a human being so stripped of logic and rationality,” Wilson testified, adding that he feared Helixon would deliberately step in front of a bus.
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> [...]
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> Sinclair, 51, is charged with forcing a female captain to twice perform oral sex after she allegedly tried to break off their three-year affair, and threatening to kill her and her family if she revealed the affair. The charges are based on statements by the accuser, a captain who was 29 when the relationship began.
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> In addition to testimony from military lawyers about Helixon, the current lead prosecutor cross-examined Sinclair’s lawyer. At issue was what Helixon may have said about unlawful command influence and the accuser’s credibility — and whether that was relevant to how the Army prosecuted the case.
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> The judge, Col. James L. Pohl, ruled that the defense had not proved unlawful command influence in the Army’s rejection of Sinclair’s offer to plead guilty to adultery and conduct unbecoming an officer. Merely rejecting the plea was not evidence of improper command or political interference, Pohl said.
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> However, the judge said a memo from the accuser’s special victim lawyer to a three-star general who turned down the plea offer was “inappropriate” and “does cause concern.”
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> The victim’s advocate, Capt. Cassie L. Fowler, wrote to the three-star general that accepting Sinclair’s plea would “have an adverse affect on my client and the Army’s fight against sexual assault.”
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> Sinclair’s case has played out at a time of heightened political and public concern about sexual assault in the military – and the role of commanders in deciding whether to bring charges. He faces life in prison if convicted on all charges.
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> [...]
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> The prosecution framed Helixon’s comments as those of a man in severe emotional distress because of concerns about his father’s health, marital issues, his own drinking and pressures of the case. The defense portrayed Helixon as ethically bound to quit a case he concluded was built on politically motivated charges.
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> Scheff testified that Helixon told him that the prosecution was “driven by politics” and that everyone on the

> prosecution team had grave doubts about proving the most serious charges against Sinclair. He said Helixon refused to stay on the case unless those charges were dropped.
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> Stelle said Helixon had tactical concerns about proving the sexual assault charges beyond a reasonable doubt. But he said such concerns are common in “he said, she said” sexual assault cases like Sinclair’s.
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> Stelle argued that any comments by Helixon were his personal opinions.
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> “No offense to Lt. Col. Helixon, I don’t really care what he thinks,” Stelle told the judge. “Who cares? Counsels talk about cases all the time. That’s what we do.”
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> A prosecution witness, Lt. Col. Jerrett Dunlap, the top legal officer at Ft. Bragg, testified that no one on the prosecution team received pressure or undue influence from the chain of command. He said there were no concerns among prosecutors over charges against Sinclair not holding up in court.
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> Wilson said he rushed to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel when told that Helixon was drinking and acting irrationally.
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> Wilson said Helixon was distraught over January testimony by the accuser; forensic experts concluded that she lied on the stand about a cellphone containing messages from Sinclair. The accuser testified that she belatedly found the phone in December while unpacking boxes from Afghanistan.
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> Prosecutors said that although Helixon had concerns about the accuser’s phone testimony, neither he nor any other prosecutor doubted that she was telling the truth about the sexual assault. The captain testified in pretrial hearings that Sinclair grabbed her hair and forced her head down while demanding oral sex when both served in Afghanistan.
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> Wilson testified that Helixon said of the accuser’s cellphone statements: “She lied to me…. Why would she lie to me?”

This might as well come straight out of the script of House of Cards. The similarities are uncanny. I’m beginning to wonder whether that show was not prophetic in some sense. I have no idea whether the general committed some sexual impropriety (which wouldn’t surprise me, although I remain skeptical about a general committing rape well past the typical raping age at the height of his career), but the politics involved contaminate the case. I wonder what kind of pressure was brought to bear on the prosecutor? Must have been something formidable. You don’t generally find people who made it that far in life holed up drunk in a hotel room crying and incoherent over nothing.

When I went through a divorce and was flat on my back, astonished that people could be so vicious and think so little of tearing my life and family to pieces, I figured it was because I was insignificant in the grand scheme of things — I was no more than a bug under their shoe. I assumed it wouldn’t have happened to someone with more influence and standing in society. Maybe I was wrong. Maybe the tools used to crush so many of us little people are now powerful enough to bring down a general.

If that’s the case, I expect to see some political resistance to the feminist juggernaut develop very rapidly.

Ukraine Invasion and the new Great Game

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Since the fall of the Soviet Union, the US and Nato have been steadily working to contain Russia not only by politically isolating it from its neighbors, but by denying it access to ports. And where we haven't been able to deny this access, as in Kaliningrad and Murmansk, we've maintained near-constant patrols of NATO submarines and aircraft. In the 1990s, when the conflict in the former Yugoslavia pitted pro-Western (Croats) vs. pro-Russian (Serbs) peoples, we took the opportunity to strong-arm Montenegro, a small coastal country with a largely Orthodox population, into denying Russia access to a port on the Adriatic. We've signed up all of the Baltic countries with NATO, bribed North African strongmen, and most recently supported overthrowing Bashir al-Assad, who hosts the only Russian port in the Mediterranean. These are all geopolitical moves designed partly or entirely to consolidate our power over the seas and keep Russia's to a minimum.

It does make some sense, as the US is protected by the sea, and maintaining our advantage depends on having mastery over the world's waterways. However, trying to shove Russia out of the Black Sea would be a step too far. If there was any overreach that caused this invasion of Crimea, that was probably it:

> NAPLES, Italy — Russia's incursion into the Crimean peninsula in Ukraine has drawn attention to its naval base in Sevastopol and its Black Sea Fleet, a modest force of aging ships that military analysts say Russia is trying to modernize.
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> Over the weekend, Russian troops moved into Sevastopol in response to what Moscow said was concern about safety of ethnic Russians who constitute the majority of Crimea's inhabitants. The Kremlin has charged that the new government in Kiev, which came to power after the ousting of Russian-leaning President Viktor Yanukovych, is illegitimate and made up of nationalist extremists.
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> Sevastopol has been a seat of Russian naval power from the imperial 18th century to the Soviet era, giving its forces access to the Balkans, Mediterranean Sea and Middle East. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, Russia began leasing part of the port from Ukraine. That deal, scheduled to end in 2017, was extended to 2042. The move was heavily criticized by the opposition forces now in power in Kiev.
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> Although Russia continues to construct a navy base in its own territory in Novorossisk, near Sochi, analysts agree that Sevastopol remains the navy's preferred base in the Black Sea region because of its size, location and infrastructure.
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> "It's hard to speculate on motivations, but it may be that one of the main reasons for the (events) in Crimea was, legitimately or not, they thought they might lose the base in Sevastopol," said Dmitry Gorenburg, who researches Russian military reform at the CNA Corporation, an analysis group.

The Black Sea is surrounded by three different civilizations – Western, Orthodox, and Muslim – and has historically been of great strategic value in the region. It is right next to Russia's sensitive underbelly and the contested lands of Southeastern Europe. I can't think of an equivalent for the US, but eliminating a Russian base there would have similar consequences to our navy being ousted from Okinawa.

As Opus mentioned in comments, Russia has never taken control of Crimea lightly. About 160 years ago, Western forces invaded Crimea as part of the "Great Game" of the 19th century — a push for global domination that involved a protracted struggle with the vast Russian Empire. It was a desperate, bloody fight, and Russia ended up humiliated and all but pushed out of the Black Sea. The defeat and subsequent weakness of Russia was a lesson that I doubt has been forgotten by Russia's contemporary leaders.

Incidentally, as Opus also pointed out, the Crimean War had a strong cultural influence on the people of the British Empire, and is remembered in a number of poems, movies and even Irish songs.

The intrigues and brinksmanship around Ukraine are part of a very old game that has been ongoing for centuries now, and we should keep it in that perspective. It has nothing to do with democracy and gay rights, and the fate of ethnic Russians in most of Ukraine is not even all that important. What it really comes down to is geopolitics. If there's any lesson we can take away from it, perhaps it is that a weakened, diplomatically feckless US is in no position to manhandle Russia in her near abroad any longer.

Ascent of Regional Politics Causing Corruption, Gridlock

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Once again, American politics are becoming regional politics, which is a lousy thing for the typical voter. When you have the US divided into two camps (four at this point, really) based ostensibly on ideology, but really on geography, it's very easy for party politicians to keep their seats without offering much substantive to the American people. There's something of a microcosm of this in my home state of Washington. Most people think Washington state is pretty far left and deep blue, but as soon as you cross Snoqualmie Pass – only some 50 miles from Seattle – you enter Republican territory. The state becomes as red as Idaho past that point, and it's a long, long way to go yet before you reach the Idaho border. These days, Western Washington almost never elects Republicans, and Eastern Washington almost never elects Democrats. So what you end up with is politicians who can get themselves elected by demonizing the other side without doing much for constituents at home.

A similar situation existed after the Civil War. The North was solidly in Republican hands, while the South was ruled by Democrats. The result was lack of accountability, cronyism, exploitation of citizens and scandalous political deals. The wealthy end up with the upper hand, because they have a great deal more freedom of movement, especially in this world of free-flowing capital with little emphasis on hard assets. The middle class, on the other hand is geographically restricted because of its reliance on real estate as a a source of wealth. The lack of political options and the entrenched politicians limit choices, stymie reform and feed the vicious cycle that creates ever more inequality.

As long as a rough balance of power remains between the parties, it doesn't look like change is likely. As long as most of the US is de-facto one party territory, there's little hope of reform. So what can we do?

I suppose we could sit around and hope that one party or the other collapses. The Republicans look like candidates for that these days, but that might be wishful thinking. Isn't it possible that Democrats in power prefer the current state of affairs to one in which chaotic political developments might shatter the comfy, cozy order they have created? Sure, a few politicians on the frontiers of blue and red territory might lose their seats here and there, but is a Vermont Democrat or a Utah Republican really worried? These people have a pretty nice deal. If their constituents become disgruntled all they have to do is raise the specter of the other side sweeping in and denying abortions or banning the Bible. As far as I can tell, even in solidly democratic Seattle, this works like a charm, even though this is one of the last places a Republican could hope to win anything. In this extremely liberal city, there is an irrational fear of Republicans that is so hysterical at times that I used to wonder whether the Tea Party actually existed or was a figment of some feverish, paranoid collective imagination.

I'm beginning to think that the only thing that will shake up the status quo is widespread social disorder. The kind that is so expensive and unmanageable that it starts to worry those in power as well. There are some signs that this is beginning to happen, but we probably still have some years to go. Perhaps soaring housing prices will create armies of homeless and/or disaffected youths in cities. Unemployment and underemployment will lead to an increase in crime, gentrification will begin to go the other way, and people will come to feel increasingly alienated and insecure. If the US suffers an enormous blow to its stature internationally, and we may already have, capital will flow out, accelerating the process.

I'm not a seer in these matters, but just borrowing from what I've seen happen in other places over the years is enough for some perspective. Fortunately, I don't think people will literally starve, but some readjustment of standards has already happened, and more will come in time. As for what I intend to do about it, I think I'll just do my best to adhere to the ancient laws and advice that have always helped people through difficult times. I'd advise others to do the same. Pick up the old books that have stood the test of time, and take their lessons to heart.

How you put together a winning high school team in a progressive, childless city: you cheat

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My old high school alma mater has always had a pretty good hoops team (not that I ever cared much — I'm more of a baseball and football fan), but back in my day we generally recruited from local talent. Seems that has changed. Seattle, following in San Francisco's footsteps, is becoming a child desert, populated by single yuppies and aging boomers and noticeably lacking in ordinary families. The only people having kids in my neighborhood in respectable numbers seem to be the Somalis and Orthodox Jews. Playgrounds are literally empty, athletic fields are occupied by mixed-gender adult teams every evening and parks are dog territory.

So high schools that want to put together a good team have to be creative, which includes a lot of bending – some suspect breaking – of the rules:

> SEATTLE — Some rival fans are crying foul over the Garfield High School basketball team, accusing the Bulldogs of creating a "super team" by transferring six top players from other schools in just one year.
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> Deeshawn Tucker, Brayon Blake, Tramaine Isabel, Reynaldo Cheney, Austin Anderson and Andro Benard are the players in question.
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> All six basketball standouts transferred this year to Garfield High School. Now, in some rankings, the team is number one in the state. In fact, Garfield recently won the KingCo championship at a tournament in Kirkland, finishing the regular season at 23-1.
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> There are many rival fans asking questions.
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> "It's not fair," said Nicole Smith, a fan at a rival high school. "You try to build your teams from your kids because they go to your school."
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> Suspicious rivals can't help but notice what can seem like a whole new team.
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> "I don't really like it," said rival fan Pete Couty. "I grew up back in the old days; where you lived is where you played."
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> Transfers in high school sports happen occasionally. But six? In one year? In basketball, where the starting line-up is just five players? We found no one who could remember that happening.
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> Even some Garfield fans are chagrined.
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> "Six?" Lee Pimpton said with a smile. "That's a lot."
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> Rival players are more circumspect.
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> "If that's how they want to play — I don't know. It just, like, changes how high school should be, I guess," said Roosevelt High School all-conference player Cam Haslem, whose team narrowly lost to Garfield.
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> "I know some of them, it's just like they were trying to get on some super star team," said Aidan Woodford, also a Roosevelt player. "So it's questionable."
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> Garfield Principal Ted Howard, whose son plays on the Bulldog basketball team, said suspicions have gotten so bad that he's seen rival parents follow his players with cameras after games, trying to prove they didn't live in Garfield's attendance area between I-90, Lake Washington, Elliott Bay and Montlake.
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> With the controversy heating up, we asked Seattle School District officials to see whether any rules have been broken.
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> Here's what we know:
> · Isabel switched from Lakeside High School.
> · Anderson also switched from Lakeside, sat out a calendar year, just joining the team for the playoffs.

> · Blake switched from Federal Way high school and won an appeal reversing his eligibility.
> · Tucker also switched from Federal Way.
> · Cheney moved from Michigan.
> · Benard switched from Mt. Rainier High School but lost an eligibility ruling.

Out of the above six, four were transferred in from the suburbs or out of state. This is not normal, and suggests that some behind the scenes recruitment is going on. While we always had a few kids come in from private schools, out-of-towners were rare. To see corruption creep down from college to high school sports is perhaps to be expected, but it isn't encouraging, and it certainly doesn't bode well for parents who plan to stay in the city and follow the rules. Say your son is hoping to make the varsity team by his senior year, but next thing you know a few standouts from poorer suburbs are brought in and suddenly he's warming benches. Kind of defeats the purpose of amateur youth sports leagues, which is to encourage competition and effort among kids whether or not they'll be famous stars someday.

But hey, this is modern progressive America: social darwinism is the rule.

In Washington State, DV Accusation May Lead to Gun Seizures

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The Washington state senate has passed a bill that gives judges the power to seize people's guns if they find them to be a "credible threat" to women in their lives. No conviction or jury trial necessary.

> It comes seven years too late for a woman killed on the University of Washington campus, but the Washington legislature has taken a step toward protecting domestic violence victims from their abusers.
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> Rebecca Griego had a protection order against her former boyfriend, but that didn't stop him from getting a gun and killing her in her University of Washington office. That was in 2007.
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> The state Senate unanimously passed a bill Thursday that would require those with domestic violence protection orders against them to hand over their guns, if a judge rules them a credible threat.
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> Senator Marko Liias spoke in favor of the bill. "This is one small step, but we have to do everything we can to protect these women and these families in these terrible circumstances," he said.
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> The legislature has been haggling over this bill for several years while trying to balance gun ownership rights and protections for victims.
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> This would be the first time that Washington gun owners could lose their rights without being convicted of a felony.

That last part is incorrect. Washington state residents, like pretty much all Americans, can lose the right to bear arms for *any* DV conviction (or plea bargain), whether it is a felony or not. Say you get charged with assault for grabbing your phone away from your girlfriend during an argument. If convicted, that means permanent loss of the right to bear arms. Sure, someone who commits crimes resulting in bodily harm to others should be subject to loss of this right, but many DV convictions are over such petty incidents that even most women could be convicted for something they've done at some point in their lives.

But this bill is indeed worse in some ways. Here, there needs be no proof of assault, no conviction, no real evidence to speak of. All a woman would have to do is show up in front of a judge and swear that some man had threatened her, and she feels scared. The man is then summoned to appear in front of a judge. If he can't prove he is not dangerous, then the police seize his weapons.

There have been more abuses of the Constitution in the name of protecting women than anything else over the last 30-odd years. And guess what? They don't even work. Violence against women has tracked violent crime in general almost exactly during that time. These laws do nothing but increase the power of the state relative to The People.

Saturday Night Live Promotes The MRM By Accident

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This weekend Saturday Night Live had Lena Dunham as its host. Because of that or perhaps because it was International Women's Day, the writers of Saturday Night Live decided to have a sketch attacking MRAs (mens rights advocates). The sketch is called "Jewelry Party" and can be watched either on NBC's website or on Hulu.

What happens in the sketch is that a hispanic woman originally from South America ends up bringing her boyfriend to a jewelry party that was really only intended for women. She gets her boyfriend to talk about how he's a MRA, and the boyfriend ends up being a feminist caricature of a MRA. He only protests when the weather is nice, is obsessed with shutting down Planed Parenthood, was a MRA because a girl dumped him at 18, was a virgin before he met his girlfriend, is a bad in bed, etc. Eventually, the boyfriend escapes leaving his car for his now ex-girlfriend. The sketch didn't even attempt to have a punch line.

People who don't have any sympathy for the MRM didn't find the sketch funny at all. Complex Pop Culture called it the "worst sketch of the night". TV Line said that its "one paragraph description can't convey the awfulness of the full sketch". Boston.com said about the sketch:

> To no one's surprise, a "jewelry party/men's activist" skit morphed into an infomercial for Dunham's various political causes and beliefs. It came complete with a painful-to-watch Hispanic Cecily Strong.
>
> Awkward.

It's guaranteed that most of the viewers wouldn't get what the sketch is talking about. Most people don't read feminist bloggers so they don't have the context of why the tropes are being used against the MRA. To them it looks like an extremely forced sketch that was designed to cater to Lena Dunham's biases. This would cause one of two reactions in the audience. A viewer would either find the whole thing absurd and forget about it entirely or would wonder what a MRA is and why someone would create such a bizarre and inconsistent caricature. Viewers in the latter group will end up researching mens rights on the internet and find something completely different. They will end up with an education about some real issues such as the false rape industry, corrupt unconstitutional family courts that impoverish men and deny fathers access to their children, paternity fraud, how nearly all deaths in the workplace are men, etc. This will lead many of them to become MRAs themselves in spite of the sketch.

What Saturday Night Live did this weekend is a case of no publicity is bad publicity. SNL gave a boost to the MRM even though that wasn't the intention of its writers.

Skills Based Employment Myth

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One often reads that the reason younger Americans are having a hard time finding work is that skills and knowledge are more important than ever. However, despite being the most educated generation in US history, employment rates for young people continue to lag far behind those of older workers. Being somewhere in the middle, I have a little perspective on this.

Older workers are not more tech-savvy, they are not more educated, and their skills, in most cases, can be learned relatively quickly by younger workers. However, in comparison to their younger counterparts, they are more connected, more politically powerful, and occupy jobs in which, despite the window dressing, things haven't changed much in decades. Perhaps most importantly, they are comfortable working and doing business with their peers.

Aside from a few specialized professions, most jobs do not require a particularly high skill level. On the high end we have surgeons and software developers, and on the low end human signs, but there's an enormous middle ground that includes real estate agents, insurance salesmen, teachers, mechanics, flight attendants and myriad others that require training but not necessarily superior talent. Over the last few decades I've watched this middle sector get steadily older and grayer (it's really obvious if you've been flying since the 1980s, for example). In the meanwhile, youth unemployment is chalked up to "lack of skill." Nonsense. It's pure demographics.

Sometimes, I wonder whether pushing kids – many of whom do not benefit from it – into higher education hasn't been a means of warehousing them in an economy that has little use for them.

If you think of the implications, this trend helps explain some of the breakdown in family formation in the US. Delayed employment correlates with delayed family formation, but it does nothing to stop biology, hence the rising illegitimacy rate among the young. It's only one of several important factors, but over the last decade it has been a growing problem.

Sheryl Sandberg Demands word “Bossy” be Banned in Self-Parody

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Along with a number of other rich and famous women, including Condoleeza Rice and Beyoncé, Sheryl Sandberg has kicked off a self-promotion campaign that aims to ban the word “bossy,” because, as far as I can understand, it somehow holds bossy women like Sandberg back. Apparently, it has something to do with self-esteem, which is sorely lacking among female super-rich types (poor babies).

The ad that goes along with the ban bossy campaign ends on a frightening note, with the confident wealthy women staring us in the face and saying “I’m not bossy; I AM the boss!”

After that display, I don’t know how these women are going to find employees. In some ways, I suspect they’re now even more intimidating to women than men.

The few times in my life when I’ve worked under female authority haven’t been pleasant, and I suspect this attitude that women have something to prove as authority figures is highly relevant to those experiences. There is nothing worse than working with a boss who lacks confidence and the implicit trust that goes along with it, and who seeks to boost him or herself through constant demonstrations of status and superiority.

While I’m sure there are good, confident female managers and bosses, and I *know* there are terrible male ones, it seems that in general women *under a certain age* are more difficult and more problematic as authority figures. There is typically sexual tension with male employees, and sexual competition with female ones. This, as the military might put it, destroys unit cohesion, and probably goes some ways toward explaining why lesbians tend to advance much more rapidly than normal women in predominately male environments. It is why I recommend that if you’re going to work for a woman or hire one as a manager, make sure she’s an older one past the age of childbearing. At that point, she may even have some advantages over male authority figures in some (although not all) regards.

The idea that one should exercise authority by micromanaging speech and behavior goes directly to the root of what bothers people about female authority in the first place. The little girl who tells her classmates how to speak and behave is rarely appreciated for her efforts. No more than the boy who pushes kids around to get what he wants. The bossy girl is, in fact, the female equivalent of the bully boy, just as the “bossy” boss is just a bully in a dress.

Where's the Conflict Between Feminism and Polygamy?

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As contemporary culture degenerates apace, a new reality show about a polygamous family has been trotted out on TLC. The target audience is obviously female. Any grown man who wants to watch a TV show about a household full of wives must be mentally ill, in my humble opinion.

Adding to the appeal of the show, the husband and his wives all declare themselves to be feminists.

> It's among the most patriarchal domestic arrangements you can sign up for. In polygamy, husbands are king.
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> But one polygamist family is insisting that it's the exception. The Williams clan, which lives outside Salt Lake City, comprises wives Paulie, Robyn, Rosemary, Nonie, and Rhonda. There are 24 children. And, one other person … oh, right, husband Brady. He's a construction manager and philosophy major who's currently enrolled in a feminist theory course at a local college and who refuses to accept the title "head of the household." He doesn't like the sexist connotation.
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> A one-hour special about the Williamses aired on TLC last fall, and the family's new 9-part series, My Five Wives, is set to debut on Sunday. Earlier this week, the six parents sat down for an interview.
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> When asked who among them identified as a "feminist," six hands shot up as if propelled by jack-in-the-box springs. For the wives, this brand of feminism involves sleeping with their spouse only every fifth night, consulting their husband's other wives if they want to adopt a child, and—as Rosemary puts it—fighting their own psyches to keep jealousy locked in a cage like the wild animal it is.
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> Brady insists that he's about equality in his relationships. "And that can exist with more than a man and a wife. That can exist with a man and a wife and a wife and a wife and a wife and a wife."

The kind of polygamy practiced by fundamentalist Mormons is not typical from an anthropological standpoint. Traditional polygamy has always been rare due to the roughly equal sex ratio at birth. It has usually been confined to apex males, such as rulers and the extraordinarily wealthy. Where it is institutionalized, there are certain protocols, including harems, eunuchs and rankings of wives, with the first typically being in charge. Institutional polygamy is pretty awful for all but the people directly involved. A good first hand account of it can be read in in the book *White Gold*, a biography of a Cornish man named Thomas Pellow who was kidnapped by Barbary pirates and sold into slavery. His master was the notorious Mulai Ismail, the 17th and 18th century Moroccan despot who is said to have fathered 888 children. His wives frequently plotted against each other and murdered each other's children, children conspired to gain power, and when their father died a bloody civil war broke out, as is usual with polygamous ruling clans.

To ensure enough wives for rulers such as Ismail, ordinary men had to be either killed in battle, castrated or deprived of the chance to have a wife of their own, and slave raids were conducted as far south as Ivory Coast and as far north as Iceland, and possibly Greenland to procure slaves of both sexes — there has been some speculation that the the Norse Greenland colony was wiped out by Barbary Corsair slavers.

Mormon polygamy, on the other hand, was conjectured by English ethnologist Richard Francis Burton to have come about due to the need for labor in the early Mormon church. Rather than hire female servants, the solution was to marry them. While Joseph's Smith's supposed penchant for sexual variety may have contributed, there's little doubt that the practical matter of rapidly settling and populating the Western Desert made polygamy an attractive option. In the long run, to continue with polygamy would have meant the gradual adoption of the slave society culture that has always traditionally sustained polygamy in mature societies.

Either way, there's no indication that polygamy, taken as a whole, is any worse for women than for men. In fact, women's station may be raised by it, as we see in the Sultanate of Women in the early modern Ottoman empire. In

the 16th and 17th centuries, favored concubines and wives, many of Slavic origin, were often able to seize power and rule in the names of their minor sons and wield enormous influence over the vast Ottoman realm. From a feminist perspective, this may represent the height of female influence in a geopolitical context, and therefore should be of great interest to Western feminist theorists, however, they are not known to be the most historically aware of "scholars."

So, I wonder why exactly is polygamy any less feminist than Christian patriarchal monogamy? It's pretty clear that it is far worse for most men, but this doesn't appear to be the case where women are concerned. In fact, Brady Williams' self-professed feminism comes off as more credible and plausible than a de facto feminist Evangelical minister's endorsement of monogamy would. He is more honest than the preacher who cultivates a flock of female parishioners while demanding that their husbands both support and serve them. Mr. Williams actually *marries* his flock and supports it with his own labor. And perhaps that explains feminist suspicions concerning honest polygamy; while it might be theoretically better to share one alpha than to own one beta, in practical terms it is easier to extract resources from one de facto cuckold while simultaneously sharing the patronage of a powerful man (or government).

What we have in contemporary America, therefore, is what might be best termed cuckold polygamy, in which women share a powerful husband *and* reap the benefits of a fully owned and subordinate manservant. It is truly the best of both worlds, but it is not monogamy.

San Francisco Meetup

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I'm headed down to SF in less than two weeks' time, and this could be a good opportunity for some of us to get together and enjoy a little conversation and fellowship. I'll have a pretty flexible schedule down there, and would be happy to arrange a gathering that could accommodate the maximum number of people. What I'm thinking of is a relaxed, humble atmosphere where we can be at ease, make friends and feel comfortable with like-minded men. The goal is a fraternal atmosphere.

I'll lay down a few simple ground rules:

1. Accept other men as they are. Rich, poor or in between, and whatever ancestry or cultural/religious heritage. This isn't about ethnic, economic or religious politics, but rather liberty and the universal advancement of men's interests. I really don't want to see men bashing each other because of class or racial issues. Let's just give what we have to offer and enjoy each other's goodwill and company.

2. I don't want this to degenerate into a woman-bashing fest. We shouldn't be united in bitterness, but mutual support and advancement. Whatever relationship (or lack thereof) men want to pursue with women, it isn't relevant. That said, this will be a male environment. We don't need sexual competition or female attention-seeking to introduce divisiveness, so leave your wife or girlfriend behind.

3. No brawling or bad will. Come with an open heart and open mind, as a friend and brother. This isn't about dominance, but rather seeking mutually beneficial solutions. It isn't about sex, either, so if you are gay don't try to hook up with anyone.

4. Enjoy yourself!

I don't know how many people we can scrape together, but I'd like to shoot for a half dozen or more. If you're concerned about anonymity, I'm perfectly willing to accept that, and others should do so as well, although I seriously doubt it would be an issue. I'd rather meet up in a neighborhood other than downtown, so that we can have a little space, privacy and freedom of movement. San Francisco is a very pleasant city with plenty of options, so we don't need to restrict ourselves to the trendy places. Frankly, I'd prefer to avoid them.

I'm not sure which online services are best for organizing meetups, so if anyone has any suggestions along those lines I'd be happy to hear them so we can reach more people. There isn't much time, but I imagine a couple weeks can suffice with a little work.

I hope we can pull it off, as there are a number of readers from the Bay Area I know I'd be happy to meet in person.

Doodle Link for SF Meetup

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A friend suggested I use a Doodle poll to see when people might be available to meet up in San Francisco, so I chose a few days and times that are probably plausible for me (for now). If I can get a few people to commit to something early it will be easier to settle on a good day.

It's a "hidden" poll, so your info is confidential. Feel free to add notes. Unfortunately, it will have to be on a work day, but I'm up for evenings. Whether or not we can put a group together, I'd be happy to have a couple one-on-one meetings here and there when time allows.

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Feminist Professor Assaults Minor over Pro Life Signs

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For years now, campus liberals have been getting away with shameless bullying of anyone who openly disagrees with their radical politics. They have grown so bold that one University of California (Santa Barbara) feminist studies "professor" named Mireille Miller-Young attacked a couple of kids – including a 16-year-old – who were holding anti-abortion signs. Before assaulting the girls, she incited a mob, which is a tactic frequently employed by campus liberals. After the assault, she stole their signs and then destroyed them.

So, Dr. Miller-Young, a who teaches students about black history, pornography and prostitution, apparently committed the crimes of assault, theft and destruction of property. Perhaps one could add on a violation of civil rights (free expression) lawsuit. Incidentally, I've often wondered why the absolute worst kind of black women are so often promoted in universities, almost as though those in charge are deliberately creating a caricature of black women as offensive political radicals who revel in smut and abnormality. I look around at my socially conservative black neighbors – who are far more religious than your typical white Seattlite – and wonder why they get passed over. By promoting pornographers like Miller-Young as "professors," one could draw the conclusion that academics are deliberately promoting negative racial stereotypes and actively encouraging young black women to behave badly, when they need exactly the opposite message.

What is most frustrating about these episodes is that police selectively enforce the law depending on who is involved. If some feminists were promoting abortion and divorce and I were to violently grab a sign and destroy it, you can bet I'd end up in jail that same day. Hell, I'd probably even make the news as an "extremist," and face widespread condemnation. I might even be charged with a hate crime. But when a liberal – a professor no less – does the same on a college campus, cops laugh it off. According to the students who were attacked, police refused to take any action until they saw video of the assault and theft.

While it may annoy me sometimes, I support the right of people to bring up issues on college campuses — especially public ones that are funded with taxpayer money. Whether it's Lyndon Larouche groupies or pro-lifers, they all have the right to free expression, and they all deserve *equal protection under the law*. But we don't have that today. Equal protection is a farce on college campuses, and someone needs to send a strong message that this must change.

That being the case, let's call for prosecution of Professor Miller-Young, and hope that the girls who were attacked bring a civil suit against the university for violating their right to free speech.

Lena Dunham had a Bad Week

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It looks like Lena Dunham's performance on SNL last weekend, which was widely panned, has led her to re-think her career and consider quitting acting. The skit with the lowest ratings was the one in which she attacked MRAs, but her Bible skit didn't sit all that well with viewers either.

Dunham's rise to stardom has always been somewhat implausible. She has neither the acting skills nor the natural beauty possessed by most others in the industry, but she did fulfill a role as a modern young feminist. However, that role, which may be celebrated by cultural elites, apparently has limited appeal amongst the population at large.

One lesson we can take away from this is that while MRAs may be scorned by elites, the underlying issues that have created the MRM are really not very funny at all, and there's a vast amount of hidden sympathy out there. When I started *The Spearhead* I figured that must be the case. After all, if the divorce rate is 50% then there must be scores of millions of men out there who have seen their lives damaged very badly by feminism. Add the children and other family members of these men, and it quickly becomes clear that the majority of Americans have been negatively impacted by feminism in one way or another, with only a minority benefiting from it.

However, the question of how to deal with the problem still remains. But I think I may have an answer: time and effort. It takes hours and hours of dedicated work to make a difference. There is no silver bullet; only day after day of work to unravel the web of influence and interconnected interests that have created this monstrous injustice. When I saw Lena Dunham fall flat on her face in an effort to discredit those of us who work to support and represent men's interests, I finally realized that all those days and hours I and others have put in have made a difference on a national scale. It's a sort of vindication, despite her malicious intent.

It seems we've finally arrived.

Hoist on our Own Petard

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Why is the West politically helpless in the face of Russian neo-Soviet aggression in Ukraine? Because the Russians are playing by the same script our cultural elite has embraced for the last two decades, and doing a better job of it. In Germany (and some other European countries), left wingers and progressives are siding with Russia because protesters in Ukraine included "fascists" and right wingers. This is true, and because that has become the ultimate sin in the West, Russia holds the trump card.

> The deputy leader of Germany's left-wing Die Linke party has called on Western powers to accept the results of an "illegal" referendum due to take place in Crimea on Sunday.
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> "There are political realities which one must accept," Sahra Wagenknecht said on Wednesday.
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> Wagenknecht acknowledged that the referendum was not strictly in line with the Ukrainian constitution but said the same applied to the current interim government in Ukraine, which she claimed includes "neo-fascists" and "anti-Semites".

During the Cold War, the US tolerated authoritarian regimes around the world as a less awful alternative to International Communism. South Korea, for example, was not a democracy until well into the 1980s. Instead, it was a right-wing regime that could plausibly be called fascist. Today, of course, fascists are the bogeyman, largely because of Nazi Germany's genocidal policies. But even among fascists Nazi Germany was unique in that regard. Neither Spain nor Italy – both of which had fascist governments at the same time – engaged in systematic genocide. Stalin, on the other hand, did so on an extensive scale through deportations, population transfer and mass murder.

The Soviets had a history with fascism that predated WWII. Fascists and Communists hated each other long before Nazi Germany unleashed war in Europe. After the war, the hatred remained. Authoritarian fascist governments in Asia, Latin America and Spain resisted Communism up to the very end of the Cold War. If it were not for fascist-allied elements in Israel, that country may well have aligned with the USSR rather than the West.

The results speak for themselves. Today, would you rather live in North or South Korea? Belarus or Spain? Chile or Cuba? Fascist governments tended to transition to democracy with relative ease, because their economic systems were, compared with Communists', more free and mature. After the Cold War, however, the US transitioned from anti-Communism to the global crusade for democracy. Authoritarian governments became the new enemy. It isn't exactly clear why, but perhaps leftists in the US really did seize a great deal of power. Since then, we've systematically destroyed authoritarian regimes, mainly in the Middle East, with predictably chaotic consequences.

Throughout the 90s and 00s, there was a drumbeat of anti-fascism reverberating throughout the US. Saddam Hussein was Hitler, so, somehow, was Slobodan Milosevic (but incredibly the neo-Ustashe in Croatia was A-OK); Bashir al-Assad is Hitler, Qaddafi was Hitler, etc. Yet the only ideology at the time dedicated to the destruction of the US was international radical Islam, which *also* opposes authoritarian Middle East governments.

Today, with Russia's annexation of Crimea, we are wandering around confused. What should we call Putin? Some have tried to compare him to Hitler, but that is absolutely absurd. Even worse, it is counterproductive, because to the Russians themselves Ukraine represents the fascist enemy in the Great Patriotic War against Nazi Germany. Russian mobs in Donetsk – this very day – are vigorously protesting the "fascists" in the new Ukraine government. Russians in Crimea have vowed to fight the fascists and imperialist Americans. They are dead serious.

And what do we have to say in return? Nothing but criticism for nonsupport of homosexuality and vague comments about "international law." And that doubly confirms the Russians' zeal, because homosexuality, despite what clueless Westerners may think, is considered to be a fascist practice by Russians, and international law is a tool of the imperialist robber barons.

We have nothing. No political leg to stand on at all. American inconsistency and play-acting at being the most leftist of all people has come back around to slap us in the face. We are in an ideological quagmire, and it will take time to dig out of it. The Russians can outdo us in antifascism even in their weak moments, and we have no ideological defense, because as far as the American people know today, anti-fascism is the raison d'être of the US, which leaves us subordinate to Putin's newly reconstituted USSR.

Putin's seizure of Crimea despite Western opposition will come to be seen as a turning point in history. Perhaps it will be referred to as the point at which America lost the initiative, and lost its way. I hope not, but for the moment it looks like the biggest diplomatic humiliation since Ayatollah Khomeini seized the US embassy in Tehran, and perhaps worse even than that.

Finally, if anyone – anyone at all – could articulate a new position, it would be the oldest of the old Cold Warriors, most of whom are dead. Kissinger, for all I know, is in his dotage. But there may yet be hope. These dead men told tales. Maybe it's time to dust off the old books and relearn what it meant to be American before we were overtaken by hubris in the wake of the Cold War.

The Diversity and Influence of the English Diaspora in The US

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I've long been interested in linguistics and dialects of English, so I've spent a considerable amount of time thinking about the people who came from the motherland: who they were, when they came, which parts of England they came from, etc. Roanoke, The very first English colony in US territory failed, probably as a result of conflict with local Indians. However, even before Roanoke, fishermen were visiting New England and setting up temporary camps to dry fish and gather supplies. This is how Samoset, an Indian originally from Maine, learned some English and used it to welcome the Plymouth colonists.

The second settlement in Jamestown, Virginia, founded in 1607, somehow managed to survive, becoming the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. Next, the Plymouth Colony planted its roots and set about populating New England. These first two settlements were settled by different varieties of English. The New Englanders were primarily northern English, while the Virginians were mainly from the south, and included a number of Welshmen as well. Over time, the political situation in England influenced the development of the English colonists in the colonies, with the English Civil War having a profound and divisive effect. Being Puritans, the New Englanders were supporters of the roundheads, while the Southerners tended to side with the cavaliers. Some hold that the American Civil War was simply a recapitulation of the English Civil War fought on American soil.

There was another, later stream of immigration from England that has also had a profound effect on the US population. These were largely poorer English who saw America as a land of opportunity in the early 19th century. Many of these people joined the Mormon church, which had an English character from the beginning. The Mormons eventually settled Utah and other parts of the inland West, making Utah the most English state in the Union today.

Today, in maps of ethnicity, we see that "English Americans" are concentrated mainly in New England and Utah. However, what's missing from the picture is the fact that Southern whites are of overwhelmingly English extraction, yet tend to refer to themselves simply as "American." The least English parts of the US (by white population) are the Midwest and the West Coast, which are dominated by German ancestry. In fact, in a vast expanse of the US – perhaps the majority by territory – there are more Germans than members of any other ethnic group.

However, despite not having great numbers or territory, the major political divisions in the US are best represented by the three major English-American factions. In other words, the more English a given region, the less political and ideological flexibility one finds in that area among white voters. Major swing states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Colorado and Nevada are primarily German, while one-party Utah, Vermont and Alabama are primarily English.

So it seems that even today the English are setting the tone, and retain an outsized influence over the population and politics of the United States.

The Murky World of Sex on Campus

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The LA Times published a correction yesterday to an article published late last year. In the article, which appeared on the front page, the LA Times reported that Occidental College did not disclose a number of sexual assault reports.

> A front-page article in the Los Angeles Times on Dec. 7, 2013, was incorrect in reporting that Occidental College failed to disclose 27 alleged sexual assaults that occurred in 2012.
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> The article ("College shelved more assault reports") dealt with Occidental's obligations under the federal Clery Act, which requires schools to publish statistics annually on reported crime on or near campus.
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> Occidental representatives approached The Times early this month to seek a correction. Documents reviewed by The Times this week show that the 27 incidents did not fall under the law's disclosure requirements for a variety of reasons.

So why weren't these incidents disclosed? Because they were apparently not crimes, but rather accusations of sexual harassment, or they occurred some distance from the school.

> Some were not sexual assaults as defined by the Clery Act. Rather, they involved sexual harassment, inappropriate text messages or other conduct not covered by the act. Other alleged incidents were not reported because they occurred off-campus, beyond the boundaries that Occidental determined were covered by the act. Some occurred in 2011, and the college accounted for them that year.
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> Subsequent Times articles published Dec. 20 in the LATExtra section and Jan. 23 in Section A repeated the original error regarding the alleged underreporting of sexual assaults.
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> The Times regrets the errors in the articles.

Additionally, it seems that the reporter was sleeping with one of his sources:

> Separately, as they began looking into the complaint, Times editors learned from the author of the articles, staff writer Jason Felch, that he had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with someone who was a source for the Dec. 7 story and others Felch had written about Occidental's handling of sexual assault allegations. Felch acknowledged that after the relationship ended, he continued to use the person as a source for future articles.
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> Times Editor Davan Maharaj dismissed Felch on Friday. Maharaj said the inappropriate relationship with a source and the failure to disclose it earlier constituted "a professional lapse of the kind that no news organization can tolerate."
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> He added: "Our credibility depends on our being a neutral, unbiased source of information — in appearance as well as in fact."

Although it isn't clear who Mr. Felch was sleeping with, this unfortunate breach of ethics appears to me to be a typical case of feminist corruption. The feminist will have sex with males and then use them to advance her agenda. It happens in courts all the time, and yet for some reason it is still considered "ethical" for an attorney to sleep with a client.

In order to stay in his lover's good graces, Felch wrote a slanderous article that exaggerated the threat of rape and suggested that the school was hiding a rash of sexual assaults. Instead, he may have exposed a feminist racket.

It turns out that alleging rape can result in a payout from the school. Media attention in these cases then becomes

leverage for complainants in civil suits. Looks like Mr. Felch got used, and he took the fall.

Asset Forfeiture as Institutionalized Corruption

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Over the years, constitutional safeguards protecting people from arbitrary seizure of property have been gutted, and due process tossed by the wayside. There were two parallel legal developments that contributed to this trend. Both happened at around the same time. One was the "war on drugs," and the other was family law, or, as it might more reasonably be named, the "war on fathers."

People are finally starting to realize that we created a monster. States and counties were given a license to steal, otherwise known as privateering, from citizens, so long as the money is spent on law enforcement (e.g. bonuses, higher salaries, new toys, bigger facilities):

> Allegations that law-enforcement officers in northern Nevada unlawfully took tens of thousands of dollars from passing motorists has spurred an official review and bolstered critics of such asset-forfeiture programs.
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> The Humboldt County District Attorney said Friday that some cases in which officers seized cash from motorists raised "procedural issues" and that the office would review similar cases. But the district attorney also said sheriff's officers had done nothing wrong and that the money was lawfully seized.
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> Under asset-forfeiture laws, police can seize money from suspected drug traffickers and others to fund local law enforcement. Law-enforcement officials say the practice helps bring down dangerous drug traffickers and that innocent people aren't targeted for their assets.
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> But critics say the Nevada situation shows the laws can be abused, particularly because civil-forfeiture laws don't require a suspect to be found guilty of a crime. "This is an example of how the perverse incentive of civil forfeiture undermines law enforcement and the rights of ordinary Americans," said Eapen Thampy, executive director of Americans for Forfeiture Reform, an advocacy group.

In case you may have been wondering how the cops got all their "tacticool" gear over the last couple decades, this fills in the picture considerably. Just as pirates grew more powerful and bold with each success, our police become greedier and more intimidating every time they get away with theft, and that's all the time. Minnesota has introduced a bill that would prohibit police from keeping any property seized in investigations unless those arrested are convicted:

> After a scandal in which the Minneapolis Metro Gang Strike Force was found to have illegal seized hundreds of thousands of dollars from innocent people, the Minnesota legislature is now considering a bill that would require a criminal conviction before police could keep the money and property they've seized in an investigation. If the suspect is never charged, or is acquitted, the suspect gets his property back. That what seems like a perfectly reasonable policy would be one of the boldest forfeiture reforms in the country speaks to just how far down the rabbit hole we've fallen on this issue. The bill is of course facing aggressive opposition by all the usual suspects.

The Minnesota bill represents merely a return to normalcy and Constitutional procedure, yet it is considered "radical."

How did it come to this point? We can't be honest about asset forfeiture if we ignore precedents set in family law courts, where the Constitution might as well be a foreign document. To think that family law and criminal law have no influence on each other would be a big mistake; after all many of the judges and lawyers who practice and judge in one also work in the other. If judge so-and-so sees no problem in seizing money from a man on behalf of his ex wife, why not let the police seize suspects' money as well? It doesn't matter whether or not a man is guilty in family court, so what's the big deal? The interests of the state and court clearly outweigh the rights of the guy who got pulled over or hauled in as a suspect, just as the interests of the state outweigh the divorced husband/noncustodial

father's Constitutional rights.

Judges and police quickly grow accustomed to power. It makes life that much easier. Sure, it's hard on the little people, but who cares about them when you've got to pay your kids' tuition at some expensive school?

Pussy Riot and Fred Phelps

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Fred Phelps, patriarch of the Westboro Baptist Church, is reportedly on his deathbed following a falling out with other members of his church and family. I have tried not to pay much attention to Fred Phelps, because for all intents and purposes he is working for the destruction of traditional family norms in the US through his caricature of homophobia. At times I wondered whether he was being paid to put on his act, although it seems more likely that he was simply using it as a publicity stunt to drum up business for his law firm which, according to commenter Geography Bee Finalist Himself, is quite profitable.

You might wonder how someone who is almost universally condemned can actually use it to his advantage, but over time I've noticed that people are drawn to that stuff for some reason or another. Think of all the bad press Satan has gotten over the years. And yet Anton LaVey managed to make a good living off his Church of Satan. Controversy fascinates a lot of people. Black metal rockers are not the only ones who can cash in on it these days.

So why did Phelps get kicked out of the church? My guess is that it was just another case of family greed. He was getting old and losing his touch, so someone made a move to grab what she could before he started playing that final game of doling out favors in return for attention/power that sad old folks all too often resort to.

But I'd like to make a comparison to Pussy Riot, which serves a very similar purpose in Russia. Where the Westboro Baptist Church picketed military funerals and so on, Pussy Riot invades churches and smashes icons. Fred Phelps condemned America; Pussy Riot condemns Russia. Both are deliberately offensive provocateurs. Both serve essentially the same purpose.

However, credulous Western media take Pussy Riot seriously, and defend their highly offensive behavior. Maybe it's because because they declare themselves feminists, or maybe because they denounce Vladimir Putin. I'm not sure, but it makes American journalists come off as ignorant blockheads.

The following article, written by Lizzie Crocker for The Daily Beast, is an example of this dunderheaded thinking about Russia:

> Feminism has long been a dirty word in Russia. Just ask Svetlana Smetanina, a journalist for the state-owned Rossiyskaya Gazeta newspaper who, in a 2010 article, voiced an opinion that many Russians seem to share: women who self-identify as feminists are harpies, she wrote, "unfulfilled in their personal lives and bent on revenging themselves on men for their own unhappiness."
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> Smetanina's op-ed is representative of the outright disdain in Russia toward feminists—an attitude on full display in recent months, crystallized in the Western mind by images of the punk art collective Pussy Riot being whipped by Cossacks in Sochi and of brutes in Crimea violently choking young, topless activists from the radical group Femen, whose bare-breasted protests against patriarchy and dictatorship (in this case Putin's invasion of eastern Ukraine) have made them media darlings in the West. Love them or hate them, these women are at the vanguard of the fight against Putin's repressive state at a time when the domestic opposition has been effectively neutered.
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> But radical feminism is very much in its nascent stages in Russia, so much that ostensibly educated women like Smetanina prefer to deny any reason for its existence. In her argument against the need for a homegrown brand of feminism, Smetanina invoked the Leninist past ("no discrimination on the basis of sex" during Soviet times) and a 2010 report by the World Bank on Women Business and Law which, she claims, found "women in Russia have more socio-economic and labor security than in the United States and in many countries in Europe."
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> A common theme in Russia's state media is that feminism is a Western plot, an imported ideology threatening the country's patriarchal status quo. (Incidentally, the same argument was made about democracy, which

> explains why Putin and his allies continue to dismiss legitimate domestic dissent as Cold War-style meddling). When told to fight for gender equality, Smetanina maintains that Russian women "sincerely do not understand what people are talking about since they do not feel discriminated against as compared to their husbands." Naida Azizova, a blogger for the Russian propaganda channel RT, agreed, saying that feminism is an idea "made in the USA" and that America's bra-burning feminists have "only made their lives more complicated" in adhering to ideas of gender equality. The grim result, she laments, is that "gentlemen have given up their traditional behavior."

The Russian journalist is mostly right. Women in Russia and Eastern Europe were "liberated" from domestic life long before Western women. Roughly 50 years earlier, in fact. However, second wave feminism was actually "made in the USSR." Betty Friedan, the godmother of second wave feminism, was a Communist agent — an honest to goodness Stalinist. The Feminine Mystique, her seminal book, was based on work she did for the Communist Party in the 40s and 50s. However, since then feminism has mutated into an American product that would barely be recognizable to good old Uncle Joe.

Because Russian women got a long head start in feminism, they discovered long ago that gender equality is not all it's cracked up to be. It's much easier to get a free dinner and a bunch of roses in return for sexual favors than to, say, serve as a partisan on the Eastern Front. American women still think they can have their cake and eat it, but they're just finding out that it doesn't work that way, hence the constant state of confusion that seems to afflict young American women.

> Indeed, feminism is such a dirty word in Russia that Women in Russia, a "non-feminist" political party encouraging the "restoration of the family…through the family of Russia's spirituality," was founded in 2012. "We are not feminists," party leader Galina Khavrayeva stressed, adding that they "have about 50 percent of male members and these are heads of our regional offices."
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> Given these attitudes, it's no surprise that Pussy Riot and Femen are far more popular in the West than in Russia. Both groups have become celebrities in the U.S., with their eye-catching protest tactics and performances dedicated to freedom from oppression. Indeed, the girls of Pussy Riot were treated like rock stars last month at a concert in Brooklyn organized by Amnesty International, just six weeks after they were released from prison. Madonna introduced them and Yoko Ono assured them backstage that "every step you take will change the world."
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> While Pussy Riot is hardly an American plot, it's true that the women have drawn inspiration from punk feminist icons in the West. "We were already interested in the idea of feminism," Katia Samutsevich told VICE in December. "But we decided to find out if there were any feminist artists in Russia…Honestly, we searched for a long time and we couldn't find anything. As we researched further and further, we learned about the second feminist wave in the U.S., which included punk feminism. We like this idea and started searching for punk feminist banks in Russia. And again, we didn't find any. Maybe they exist, but they are not seen—which got us quite upset."

Pussy Riot is far more popular in the West than in Russia because they haven't been taking a crap on all that we hold dear. Amnesty International is shredding what's left of its credibility in supporting these vandals, and as for Madonna and Yoko Ono, well, I feel vaguely ashamed whenever they set foot outside our country (why couldn't Japan have kept Yoko?). It's hard to believe that Pussy Riot could be an American plot because it would be such an incredibly stupid one. I like to think the US is still above that level of childishness. Could we possibly be *that* incompetent?

Maybe. Seems Obama hired a radical lesbian, a big Pussy Riot fan who advocates the extermination of the traditional family, to run our propaganda outreach to Russians. This woman would be too much even for contemporary Americans to stomach.

Obama's utterly submissive policy in regards to Russia confounds me. Viewed from afar, it almost seems like he's deliberately sabotaging America's position. What's going on here? Does Vladimir Putin have an original Kenyan birth certificate for one "Barack Hussein Obama" in a shoebox in his office? Does he have pictures of the president shacked up with a gay lover? I'm half serious here. I can't imagine what else could cause our foreign policy in regards to Russia to be so haphazard and amateurish other than some very persuasive "kompromat," as the Russians call it. After all, when China made feints toward the Diaoyu Islands, we sent B-52s and a carrier on patrol. Why the limp-wristed approach to Russia?

Finally, in the "dream on" category:

> When topless Femen protesters mobbed Putin in Germany last spring, the Russian president dismissed the affront with thinly veiled condescension: "To be honest, I didn't really hear what they were shouting because the security [guards] were very tough. These huge guys fell on the lasses. That seemed not right to me, they could have been handled more gently."
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> But such condescension, once the norm in a country dominated by the Orthodox church, in which only 14 percent of parliamentarians are women, and where feminists are dismissed for "revenging themselves on men for their own unhappiness," is finally being challenged by insurgent feminists like Femen and Pussy Riot.
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> For Putin and his ilk, feminist groups like Pussy Riot are contributing to "the destruction of the moral foundations of [Russian] society." They accuse it of being "made in the USA," brought into the country like a virus. But if those leading the feminist brigade contribute to the destruction of Putinism and the "moral foundations" of institutionally sexist Russian society, they may soon be celebrated as much at home as they have been in the West.

Pussy Riot will never be celebrated in Russia. No more than Fred Phelps will be in the US. Both are self-promoting clowns who may as well be working for those they claim to oppose.

Update on San Francisco Meetup

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Looks like next Tuesday afternoon/evening may be the best time for meeting up in San Francisco. So far there are just about a half dozen people who have expressed interest (four on Doodle), which sounds good to me. However, more are welcome, so feel free to check in on the Doodle link if you're in the area and let me know if you are interested.

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Wimpy Young Pundits

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I don't tend to make judgments about men by their appearance, but when there's a widespread trend in any given place – that is, they all share something in common – I pay attention. Lately, Heartiste has been pointing out the blatant effeminacy of the elite young punditry. He has a point. I can't think of any mainstream media pundits under the age of 40 who come off as genuinely masculine.

Take Chris Hayes for example. His wife looks like she could bench press more than he can:

As far as I can tell, this is what you get when academia and media become dominated by feminine sensibilities. Female teachers often do not – cannot – handle typical boys and young men. The males who thrive in this environment are physically passive mama's boys who are never intimidating. From a female perspective, this may seem quite alright: keep the men who work in their company nice, tame and obedient. They want dogs rather than wolves as peers.

However, for men, this can be problematic. These types, when ambitious, tend to harbor a genuine hatred toward more typically masculine males, so they embrace politics and stances that are directly opposed to your average guy's interests. It explains a lot of their liberalism and contempt for the average man. I wonder whether the courtiers in late 18th century France weren't pretty much the same.

More Info on San Francisco Dinner/Meetup

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Although I've received a half dozen confirmations on the Doodle meetup page, I made the poll confidential and didn't ask for emails, so I'm having a bit of a tough time getting in touch with people who indicated interest there (altogether it's looking like we'll have around ten people). So if you signed up for the meetup on Doodle and have questions please email me at wfprice at welmer dot org. I will keep all your info confidential both online and at the meeting. You can say as much or as little as you want about yourself — it's entirely up to you. If you don't email me, just keep your eye on the site and I'll announce the location soon. Another solution would be to put your email address in a comment in Doodle. I'm the only one who can see the comments, so it's safe.

Doodle link one more time:

https://doodle.com/mfr3dct8b3nysctz

I have a place in the inner Richmond on Geary Blvd. in mind. A Chinese place. If anyone has a problem with Sichuanese food, speak now or forever hold your peace. There will be spicy food, and meat cooked in broth — Mongol style (there will also be non-spicy options). This is the plan for now, and I'll nail it down by this weekend. Whether or not it will be that particular restaurant, I'm sticking with Geary Blvd. and the Richmond for the get together.

I will show up at the place at 6 PM next Tuesday evening, but you can come at your convenience if you can't make it that early. I plan to stay until everyone has arrived — the place closes at 10PM. I'll have all night, so if a few people want to go out after dinner we can do that, too (within reason — I'm not 20 anymore). At this point, I've heard from about ten people altogether, but more or less is fine — we'll figure it out one way or the other. The important thing is that people don't get lost or left out.

So, once again…

If you have any questions, Email me! I promise to get back to you. I'll handle the location, but I have to get a better idea of time and numbers.

What the Hell Does Feminism Mean?

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These days, it's getting harder and harder to find a consistent cultural message about anything, so it is to be expected that certain political movements and ideas are plagued with confusion, but nothing beats "feminism" for mixed messages. Recently, the most prominent feminists in the news have been Sheryl Sandberg, Katy Perry (who just discovered her feminism), and that porn star student at Duke. They might as well all be babbling nonsensically as far as I'm concerned, but I keep seeing the word "feminist" in their quotes.

Aren't the senior feminists a bit embarrassed by this? A White House insider cum billionaire executive, a pop singer and a porn star are all calling what they do feminist, but if that's true, what *isn't* feminist? Is feminism just a state of mind, or a party affiliation (apparently not — the porn star is a libertarian)? Is it having lots of money? Being proud of oneself?

There is one thing the above examples have in common, and it might just be the key to understanding what feminism means today. They are all shameless self-promoters. Apparently, feminism is about "me, ME, **ME!**" That's all there is to it. It has nothing to do with values, conscience or a desire to make the world a better place. It's transparent self-interest. Distilled selfishness. It brings to mind little more than pigs in the trough.

The last pretense has been abandoned. The original, utopian idea that women would stop wars, bring a kinder and more caring society, correct injustices and so on hardly comes up any longer. Maybe this just allows us to see feminism for what it was all along, but how can anyone respond to this revelation with anything other than disappointment and spiritual exhaustion? This must be what civilizational decline *feels* like.

For Tuesday SF Meetup Recognition

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When I meet up with people in San Francisco, it might be helpful if they can recognize me, so I'm posting a very recent picture. Below, you can see me with my wife a couple weeks ago on her birthday. I'm still sporting my Northwest winter coat in the pic (unshaven and in need of a haircut — it's a local tradition), and I'll be a little more cleaned up in SF, but I'll still have a beard. Also, as you can see, I've been eating well lately (perhaps a little too well), so I will not be a diminutive presence. As an aside, I am quite proud of the chicken you can see in the picture — I smoked it myself that day and it turned out just about right. I'll write up the recipe for interested parties at some point in the future.

I don't know at this point how many people will show. My guess is a half dozen, which is about what I'm hoping for. Seems like the perfect number for an informal meeting. However, more or less is fine.

I'll put the location online tomorrow, but for now just think Geary Boulevard in the inner Richmond. I'll send an email to everyone who has expressed interest via email tonight, but if I don't have your email just check out the site tomorrow and you'll see where it is.

Looking forward to some good conversation!

See you in SF

Grand Hot Pot Lounge

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I've chosen the Grand Hot Pot Lounge on 3565 Geary Blvd for our get together.

Here's the Yelp listing, which includes a map. I'll be there at 6PM Tuesday (tomorrow) evening. If you'd like to confirm, send me an email at wfprice (at) welmer (dot) org. Otherwise, just show up and I'll be there.

Sichuanese food can be spicy (depending on what you order), so if you prefer to avoid spicy food just check with the waiter before you order and he'll let you know. Also, there are two main types of spice used in Sichuanese cooking. One is the usual capsaicin/chili pepper "hot" spice, and the other is something called "huajiao" (flower pepper), which is a pepper that gives a sort of numbing, tingly sensation. Supposedly, it makes it easier to eat hot peppers due to the slight numbing effect, but I've simply found that it's a unique spice with a flavor and sensation all its own. It's a new experience to most westerners, so feel free to try it if you're adventurous, and don't be alarmed by it. Sichuanese duck is excellent, and flavored with star anise. Not sure if they'll have the duck, but I'd assume so. It's second only to Peking duck in my opinion, and a bit more exotic.

But the main course is hot pot, which was originally a Mongol dish that spread across China. Sichuanese hot pot consists of a divided pot with one spicy side and one side with beef broth, so you can enjoy it whether you like spicy food or not. You take very thin slices of beef, lamb or pork and put it in the pot along with some noodles and vegetables, then scoop it out after it has cooked and eat it along with your rice.

The reviews for this place are mixed, but most of the negatives seem to focus on the fact that the servers don't speak English too well. Don't worry about that. My Chinese may be pretty rusty after all these years, but I used to eat in Sichuanese restaurants all the time in Beijing so I'm sure can navigate the menu without much trouble and understand what the waiters are saying (even with that heavy Sichuanese accent). I'm confident that the food will be authentic, and it will open up a new area of cuisine to those who haven't tried it before. Sichuan is the breadbasket (or rice bowl, if you will) of China, and as such has an amazing variety of foods and flavors.

Additionally, the way it's served tends to encourage a "round table" atmosphere where everyone is part of the meal. In Chinese culture, the meal is perhaps the most democratic of all gatherings, and that is just the atmosphere I'd like to cultivate.

A Good Time

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I'm happy to announce that I had a great time during our little Spearhead rendezvous in San Francisco. A half dozen of us spent time together eating, conversing and getting to know each other at the Grand Hot Pot Lounge. Despite being from various and diverse occupational, religious and ethnic backgrounds and spanning three decades in ages represented, we got along as only men united in common cause can. I am also pleased to be able to honestly say I personally liked every single attendee.

I'd like to give some credit to Brian for providing the persistence and motivation that convinced me to follow through on the idea, and thank everyone for coming. For those who couldn't make it, maybe there will be a next time in the Bay Area. I hope that's the case!

Motivated readers might want to think about setting up dinner meetings in their own locales. If they all turn out as well as ours did tonight, I think we'd soon see something productive emerge from these face to face meetups. There's really no substitute for personal interaction, and that's too often forgotten in these days of smartphone/internet obsession.

One final observation I'd like to add is that keeping the meetup all-male was crucial in creating such a productive, fraternal atmosphere. There's always plenty of time for the women – they make sure of that – so sometimes we have to take care to create a space of our own.

How Liberal Democracy Discriminates Against Traditional Families

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We Americans don't have much of a tradition of criticizing our political system because until recently it has worked pretty well for us. This is in stark contrast to most other modern nation states, which have gone through far more broad political changes than we have over the last couple hundred years. Aside from the events surrounding the Civil War, change has been incremental in the US.

But whether or not we're at a crisis point, and it doesn't look like we're there yet, something has changed over the last fifty-odd years. There's a sense of stagnation and decay. We've reached the end of our expansive stage, and entered a politically conservative era (not to be confused with culturally conservative — the two often do not align). I suppose we could call it the late middle age of our republic. So now, as the vigor and quality of our nation and culture declines, perhaps it's time to look at where we may have erred and miscalculated.

In a recent post, I explained why universal adult suffrage is inevitable in a one person-one vote political system. It's often in politicians' interest to extend the franchise so as to gain more constituents, so more and more people will be added to the voter pool when possible and advantageous to parties and politicians. I don't have much of a moral opinion on universal suffrage. I'm no more a fan of a male majority imposing its will on me than a female majority. Both can be tyrannical.

However, the tyranny of the majority isn't a threat merely to individuals, but the most basic communal unit of society as well. In our political system, the family is at a distinct disadvantage due to both numbers and economic realities. One might think that those with large families are destined to gain political power over those without, and that may be true in the long run, but it takes at least a generation, and probably more time than that. Those with large families are at a political disadvantage for most of their lives. This is because children are not politically represented, and they are not economically productive.

If we look at the political landscape from a household rather than individual perspective, the disparity is obvious. A family with a husband, wife and four children shares two votes between six people. They also share from one to two incomes. Contrast this with the childless urban single professional, who has one vote per household and one income. This single professional household invests the same political and economic power in one person as the family household does in three. From a purely individualist perspective among adults, this seems fair, but children cannot survive as individuals without communal (family) support. So, given human nature, the single childless individual is privileged. One could say that he or she is, both politically and economically, a member of a higher class.

This means that there is an incentive to avoid family formation built into our political system. Those who do so have relatively more political and economic privilege. Where political and economic pressure is higher, as in dense urban environments, the incentive is stronger. And politics being what they are, there is also a tendency to push one's advantage and use power differentials as leverage. Therefore, the more advantage a small household has over a large one in a given area, the more anti-family that area becomes. Some examples of anti-family practices include promoting density and, counterintuitively, walkability. The modern family relies on the automobile to a greater extent than the adult individual, because cars are a safe and effective way to move children through a city, and can carry more groceries and supplies. While walkable neighborhoods are potentially better for children, for this to be the case they would have to be safe and not too expensive, too. In today's cities, the safe walkable neighborhood doesn't have family-oriented stores and markets with reasonable prices, but boutique businesses that provide a third of one's daily caloric needs for no less than $10, and usually more. While this is great for the young professional who wants a nice lunch in a pleasant atmosphere, it isn't much use to harried parents. Unfortunately, the neighborhoods with more reasonable prices are not walkable, because you stand a much higher chance of being accosted and robbed on the way to the store.

This political reality has pushed working families directly out of cities, leaving only the wealthy and the hapless

poor with children in any numbers. The former have them because they can afford it, and the latter because they are not very good at responding to incentives.

Is there a potential solution to this? I think so. Why not give those with dependent children the opportunity to vote on their behalf? If a parent is the head of household, why not multiply his or her vote by the number of dependent children? If you're head of household and have two kids, your vote counts three times. If that sounds like too much, then maybe a half a vote per child should suffice. Whatever the formula, giving children zero representation strikes me as unreasonable, because they can easily be pushed around by the growing population of single, childless adults.

With some representation for children, politicians would be forced to pursue family-friendly policies, blatant discrimination against families such as forced busing would be harder to pull off, and developers could be held to account for corruption and cronyism in city halls. It's an idea whose time has come. Perhaps it isn't necessary at the federal level, but it is something states should start to consider today if they want to avoid a dismal, childless future.

The Cowardice of the SPLC

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It came out a few days ago that the SPLC's official partnership with the FBI has been severed for one reason or another. It was always inappropriate for the SPLC to be involved in federal criminal justice operations, as it is a blatantly biased organization, and perhaps the SPLC's relentless attacks on Christians have finally become a political problem for the feds. Now that Morris Dees is in his dotage, the organization is past its prime. Without the charismatic, talented frontman (whatever you may think of Morris Dees, he's quite an operator) at the helm the organization's leadership has begun to blunder about and screw up. The SPLC is to the political left what the John Birch Society was to the right, and it is following a similar trajectory, only some thirty years later.

At this point, what bothers me most about the SPLC is not that it is dedicated to politically marginalizing conservative whites (which it is), but that it has become such a transparent fraud. While some of its earlier cases may have had merit, it no longer does much besides sue the government on behalf of sexual activists. I wonder how the Southern Poverty Law Center can include poverty in its name when it neglects the very people it was ostensibly founded to represent: overwhelmingly poor black men who bore the brunt of legal discrimination.

Finally, I found a case in which a young black man is being defended by the SPLC. The organization is suing Montgomery Alabama for throwing the young man in jail for being too poor to pay his traffic fines.

> By Jacob Denney
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> I was preparing to leave the municipal courtroom in Montgomery, Ala., when the bailiff announced that the inmates were being brought in.
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> A handful of men entered the courtroom. Handcuffed and shackled, they shuffled to a long bench and sat down. One by one, they were called before the municipal judge. None was appointed an attorney. Most had been arrested for warrants relating to unpaid traffic tickets. The judge asked if they had the money to pay the balance. Most didn't. When they couldn't pay, he sentenced them to jail to serve out their fines – one day for every $50.
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> One of the last called was a young man who appeared to be in his early 20s. He wore a jumper that looked at least two sizes too big; he hung his head when the judge spoke to him. His mother, who had been waiting inside the courtroom, rushed up the aisle to be with him. The young man owed $2,736 in old traffic tickets and misdemeanor fines.
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> Municipal courts in Alabama act mostly as debt collectors. Their brand of justice is limited to the scope of traffic tickets and other misdemeanors. Most towns in Alabama have them, and almost all rely on them to supplement meager city budgets.
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> Neither the young man nor his mother had the money to pay. She tried to hand the judge a piece of paper, but he refused to look at it. I learned later that it was a letter from his employer, explaining that work had been slow for the past few months and that he had not been given any shifts. They expected things to pick up, though, and he would be starting to work again in two weeks. He had been the victim of a shooting before that and had spent almost six months unable to work. His medical bills were piling up, and he had a newborn daughter.

For once, here's a case I can get behind. If a man doesn't have any money to pay fees heaped upon him by the court, then the court should not have the power to jail him. It's an abusive, cynical practice that is antithetical to freedom.

However, where on earth has the SPLC been all these years as hundreds of thousands of men – disproportionately black men – have been ejected from their families and then tossed in jail because they didn't have the money to pay the support fees levied by the courts? Has the SPLC ever once raised a peep of protest about this practice, which is

the biggest civil rights violation of the last 30 years? These are overwhelming poor men, and the system is set up to squeeze out every ounce of their blood, sweat and tears.

Even if the SPLC had the same anti-white, anti-Christian ideology, I'd have to give the organization some grudging respect if it stood by its ideals, but it hasn't. Ignoring the war on fatherhood, which has devastated the black family, is morally indefensible. And this isn't merely a recent development. This has happened right under the SPLC's nose for decades, and they haven't devoted one single hour of legal work to it. Think of the thousands of southern men imprisoned because they were poor, they were victims of false paternity claims, or they weren't even aware that they were in arrears! How could the SPLC not know about this? Obviously, they knew very well what was happening, but they cravenly chose to align themselves with feminists for political expedience, poor fathers and their civil rights be damned. That is sheer hypocrisy. It's inexcusable, and it reveals the organization for the cynical, cowardly fraud it is.

Entry Level Drone – Experience Required

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[Editor: A reader submitted this interesting piece on the modern workplace, which offers some insight into why young men may not be all that ambitious these days.]

By HGW

I have a Job Interview. I'm wearing a suit. Dressed 'accordingly'. Why though? Why the suit? Why do we have to dress the same? Is it to show willing to conform? The absence of existentialism? It must be a test to identify the requisite character flaw; "He wore the suit, therefore he can be easily and swiftly indoctrinated". And what the fuck is a tie? Just some massive, swinging phallic symbol dangling from my neck. No balls. Very appropriate. It symbolizes my mental castration and evolution into the modern day eunuch; I believe what they tell me, I'm no threat to the establishment, no threat to power. I assume it once served a purpose, the tie. Like the general election or the penny-farthing. But you don't see people commuting on a penny-farthing out of a sense of tradition. I'm going to make a stand; no more tie. Right after this interview.

I'm on time. Being punctual is my first lie. I'm always late. Always. The second lie is the smile I greet the interviewer with. It's nothing like my real one. It's my camera smile. The one in all of my photos. The one people will think was my smile when I'm dead and buried. I'm not the only duplicitous one; The interviewers greet me with multiple camera smiles. The eyes give it away; they're empty, cold. This whole thing is just a charade. A play. Maybe this time I can mix it up, give honest answers to the interview questions:

Do you have your resume? Of course I do, I spent six months on the bastard. I've got a folder full.

What do you know about the company? What I googled last night. The only information I gleaned was "the company exists to make profit". That's it.

What do you think you'll bring to this company? Probably what most people bring. As little as possible. Everybody will be so busy covering up how little they do themselves that my ineptitude and laziness will go unnoticed like the death of an enemy civilian.

What are your strengths? I have incredible stamina for reading sport analyses online. I can hunt down anyone I see in day to day life on social media. And bench press. I do it a lot.

What are your weaknesses? I'm lazy, yet judge myself as better and smarter than other people. All people come to think of it. So I'm arrogant and delusional. I also have a soft spot for bread and butter. Mostly the butter part.

Tell me how you handled a difficult situation? I punched a guy in the face.

Why was there a gap in your employment? Because I didn't have a job. I actually have a lot more gaps but I extended my other employment to cover it. One of those jobs isn't even real. The contact details you have are my friend's, he's going to pretend he's the CEO and tell you what a sterling worker I am.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I can tell you something, I didn't see myself in this shithole 10 years ago.

Would you work holidays and weekends? Go fuck yourself.

I'll answer them that way. Next time. This time I regurgitate the same answers they always hear. The 'right' answers. The 'best' answers. They listen and nod. Then they tell me I look uninterested. You have the qualifications but you look uninterested. You fit the bill but you look uninterested. Your answers were great but you sound uninterested. I am uninterested. It's a job. It's uninteresting. I need the job so I should probably try harder, hide my true feelings, work on my poker face. Yet that's a face of uninterest. Maybe I should work on my pocket rockets face. The silent joy, the eagerness to proceed, the constant excited foot tapping. I couldn't keep that up. I'd become uninterested. They know this because they feel it too, deep down. Deep down behind that smug, conceited, subservient exterior.

They just don't realize it. They'd be happy for me to fake interest, fake curiosity, fake enthusiasm because they know the facts: I'm at the mercy of the employer; They'll own me; I'll be their property; I have no option but to obey them; I need the money.

I'm essentially applying for the position of "slave". These interviewers, these middle management muppets, they're the equivalent of the Uncle Tom, working hard to please their oppressive masters. The Commerce Uncle Tom. Or C.Un.T. for short. They'll decide whether I get to be a low level slave to the people who actually run our "free" countries. The people who decide stuff. Own stuff. The people who tell us we need these things. These things we buy. The things we're basically brainwashed into doing so. To get these things you need to work. Worse; buy it on credit and they have you. They own you. You need to work for this guy to pay the same guy back for the thing the guy convinced you to buy. You're fucked. You're a modern day slave eunuch. Still, things could be worse.

They tell me I'll be informed of their decision shortly. "Good luck" they say. "Good riddance" they mean. I sit at home and convince myself all of my eggs are in this basket. This basket marked "slave eunuch". I'm praying that they'll allow me to give away the majority of my time during my best years to make them more money. My fingers and toes are crossed. Please let me have the job, Mister, please let me make you money, please, Mister, please.

Those Corporate Motherfuckers.

Fighting for Equality for Fathers is a Fool's Errand

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When the divorce industry really took off in the 70s, fathers' rights groups soon emerged. Men were getting hammered by attorneys and judges, and there was an immediate backlash. From that moment, fathers began to frame the debate in terms of equality. There was even a widely-viewed film starring Dustin Hoffman – Kramer vs. Kramer – that (accurately) portrayed men as caring, capable parents. Many men have been involved in this struggle, including my late father, who was denied access to my little half-brother by his second wife. While there have been a few successes, the overall trend has been one of failure. We stand up and get knocked down, over and over again, like soldiers at the Somme. I'm a casualty, my father was a casualty, and my son could end up as one, too.

Yet despite this string of failures, men continue to fight with the same feeble weapon: equality. They may as well be rushing a machine gun nest armed with swords, like the Japanese in their bloody, futile banzai charges. "Equality!" we cry, inspiring amusement among feminists, who encourage this feeble tactic knowing full well that they can never lose this game.

The problem with gender equality is that it means different things to different people. Men tend to focus on the positives while ignoring the negatives. Women, on the other hand, take both into account, and strive to press their advantage where it is favorable to them. In truth, creating equality in marriage would require turning all wives into husbands, or all husbands into wives. It would be a kind of universal gay marriage without specific roles, which are common even in gay marriages. In a sense, fighting for equality in marriage is the same as fighting for what is currently referred to as "marriage equality;" i.e. gay marriage, and whatever you may feel about that, it has nothing to offer fathers in general, straight or gay.

With this in mind, one can deduce how much success your average heterosexual father will have in the courtroom when he argues for equal rights as a parent. Unless he can present himself as a eunuch, he's going to have a very tough row to hoe. Worse, he'll come off as dishonest, or perhaps an inadequate father. At best, he'll be seen as a sort of poor facsimile of a mother.

I know that it is not men's intent to deceive when they argue for equal parental rights. Fathers love their children, and are crucial in raising them. Fatherless children have always been pitied for good reason. The Biblical refrain of "widows and orphans" was to emphasize the importance of caring for the children of the community who had suffered the loss of their fathers. Kids with fathers do better on every measure, and are far safer than those without. A father is a bulwark against an unkind world, and a teacher who separates the wheat from the chaff. A child with a loving father knows he or she has a sanctuary at home, and a strong ally.

When we call for more paternal involvement in children's lives, equality is the wrong argument to use. After all, does a child need two mothers? We should argue that fathers provide something different. Fatherhood and motherhood are not equal, and therefore both are important to children. Would one feed children only vegetables or only meat? Teach them only arithmetic or only reading? Instead of striving to prove that men are just as good at parenting as mothers, which automatically places us in the disadvantageous position of letting feminists define what good parenting means, we should argue that fathers have much to offer that mothers do not, and it is cruel to deprive children of those benefits.

So let's get off this equality merry-go-round and adopt a different strategy. Proudly proclaim ourselves to be different from mothers, and much better fathers than they are. Conflating mothers and fathers under the label of "parents" is not productive; "Parents" are like "persons" — both are generic terms that leave little room for any unique qualities. To describe what we do when we raise children as "parenting" is to sell ourselves short. Instead, let's call it fatherhood.

I know it may come off as mere semantics, but words embody concepts, which influence how we think and behave. We are on much more familiar territory as fathers than we are as mere parents, and staying in that frame of mind

requires abandoning any pretense of parental equality. It also precludes competition between mothers and fathers, which is the worst kind of poison in any custodial arrangement. When both mother and father embrace their respective roles, both they and the children win in the long run.

Feminists Promoting White Knighting in Bars

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Jake Blumgart, writing for Slate, proposes a new effort that's almost guaranteed to go horribly wrong: bouncers and bar staff getting more involved in policing interaction between men and women at their establishments. Bartenders and bouncers already deal with unruly customers, but that isn't enough. Now, we need a sort of barroom VAWA that requires intervention on the slightest suspicion of impropriety:

> Anyone who frequents bars or clubs is familiar with the wide variety of creeps who inflict themselves upon the female population. The guy who tries to grind up on every woman on the dance floor; the cocky, insistent jerk who won't stop coming over, no matter how uninterested—or scared—the women he's approaching are; the man who sidles up to the drunkest girl in the room.
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> The bartender and the bouncer notice these guys too. "That's a normal day at work," my friend Candace, a bartender in Philadelphia, told me. When Candace sees a guy talking intensely in a female customer's ear, she'll often ask the woman whether she's OK, and if she's not, Candace will order the guy to scoot down the bar and find himself another stool. Feminist activists across the country are trying to ensure that more bars have someone like Candace serving the shots. While universities are attempting to promote the idea of "bystander intervention"—that is, the notion that the best hope of curbing campus sexual assault is to convince peers to look out for each other at parties, in the dorms, and in bars—a growing number of activists are focused on enlisting bartenders and bouncers to take some responsibility for protecting their customers.
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> And their customers need it. A recent study, " 'Blurred Lines?' Sexual Aggression and Barroom Culture," found that the drunkenness of the target (usually a woman), not the perpetrator, heightens the persistence and invasiveness of harassing behavior, and that "staff are unlikely to act as guardians because sexual harassment and sexism are integral to bar culture."
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> Apart from the actual aggression itself, "the biggest problem with sexual aggression is that nobody intervenes," says Dr. Kathryn Graham, one of the lead researchers behind the study. "We saw lots of instances where the bar staff could see it, but they just didn't think it was anything for them to intervene in. We saw women complaining to bar staff and they still didn't do anything."

Not long ago, women who hung out at bars were considered indecent. I still happen to hold this negative stereotype, perhaps because I've been to enough bars in my time to know that it's true. Women do not go to bars merely to sit and read Jane Austen in the corner. They go to bars to "hook up" with men, i.e. have sex with them. Maybe not every time, but then why the makeup, sexy clothes and heavy drinking at clubs? Men go for the same reason, so a major part of the purpose of bars is clearly sexual congress. This being the case, what the hell do these feminists think is going to happen in bars? A spontaneous knitting circle?

The reason bar staff don't intervene when they see customers interacting with sexual intent is that they went to the bar for exactly that purpose in the first place. Would the owner of a café go about closing laptops and plucking reading material from his patrons? If he did, he'd shortly find himself out of business, because many people go to cafés to read. Shutting down pickup attempts would have the same effect on bars. Most customers would leave, and all you'd be left with are the ornery drunks who decorate the stools of dying watering holes.

Furthermore, there's little more effective way to start a fight than to horn in on a guy's territory when he's talking to a girl. If she's his girlfriend you're really asking for it. More than a few clueless white knights end up dead every year from doing just that. Even cops tread very carefully around this territory. Rather than take chances, police regularly open fire on angry men during domestic disputes, making them the most deadly calls of all. In fact, the only way to increase safety for all involved in bars would be to ban women altogether, but that's never going to happen, so the next best thing is a light touch and judicious discretion.

A light touch, however, is the opposite of what the feminists are calling for. Instead, they want intervention and confrontation as *policy*. I can't see many bar owners signing on with this, nor would I expect bouncers to be happy about the idea. It's just too much to ask.

Instead, there's a much simpler, safer solution: cut off visibly intoxicated people – male or female – and call them a cab. If they refuse to leave, have the bouncer remove them. Drunk females are as much of a liability as drunk males, apparently, so why would anyone want one in his bar?

Violent UCSB Feminist Professor Victim of “Trap”

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Poor Mireille Miller-Young, set up and trapped by cunning teenage pro-lifers, is just a hapless tool who was “triggered” into committing crimes. After all, who could expect an adult with a postsecondary education to behave in a rational manner around a provocative teen?

> You want a recipe for confrontation?
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> Take a bunch of graphic photos of aborted fetuses onto a University of California campus — or maybe any college campus — and watch the fireworks.
> Emotions can run high when liberal college students debate the morality of abortion with religious evangelical opponents. Especially when the parties are standing next to grotesque, bloody photographs of human remains.
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> Bringing those posters onto college campuses is a deliberate act of provocation on the part of youthful anti-abortion ministries such as Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust. (Your mother got pregnant after the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion, so you are a “survivor” — get it?)
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> But none of that can excuse the actions of a UC Santa Barbara associate professor who, along with some of her students, appears to have walked off with a big, poster-sized photo of an aborted fetus in early March because, as she later told campus police, she felt “‘triggered’ in a negative way by the imagery.”
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> (More on the concept of “triggering,” as it’s understood by UC Santa Barbara students here.)
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> Mireille Miller-Young, who teaches in the UCSB Feminist Studies department, did not just do her students, and herself, a giant disfavor when she disregarded our great tradition of free speech in the very place you expect it to be respected most — a college campus.
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> She gave Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust a publicity boon beyond their wildest dreams when she walked off with their poster, then scuffled a few minutes later with a 16-year-old abortion protester.
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> The protester, Thrin Short, claimed she was scratched by Miller-Young during their elevator skirmish, which was caught (badly, and with explicit language) on videotape.
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> On March 21, the Santa Barbara Independent, which has been on the story from the beginning, reported that the Santa Barbara County district attorney’s office charged Miller-Young with misdemeanor counts of theft, battery and vandalism. She is to be arraigned on Friday.
> You are a sucker, Prof. Miller-Young.
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> And you’ve got to be incredibly insulated not to grasp that any act of aggression, however minor, against an anti-abortion protester is going to be blown into a national story by the anti-abortion political-industrial complex and its media partners.

I’ve been annoyed a number of times on college campuses. My sex, my race, my religion and my nationality have been flat-out insulted in the classroom on more occasions than I can count, and often in classes where they weren’t even relevant. I was expected to put up with it anyway. If I hadn’t, I would have been tossed out of the classroom. But trashing white males is not considered a “recipe for confrontation,” because that’s expected on college campuses. In fact, that’s about what a feminist gender studies professor’s job consists of.

This is why there’s some national interest in the Miller-Young case. It isn’t because of some vast, right-wing media conspiracy; it’s because it so perfectly exposes the hypocrisy of politicized academics. Robin Abcarian, who wrote the above piece, is also an example. She exposes just how biased and off-base opinion writers for mainstream media outlets tend to be. The willful blindness of these people is profound.

I don’t like gruesome pictures much — I’m kind of squeamish that way. But then again, they depict reality. Maybe a reality people should be made aware of, just as the Rwanda genocide was brought to life with pictures of fields and

rivers of corpses. Does anyone call those pictures “triggering” or “inappropriate?” No, because we Americans weren’t involved in it, and have no guilt on our consciences. The reason feminists want to suppress pictures of dead fetuses is because they don’t want people – or themselves – to ponder something distasteful for which they hold a good deal of responsibility.

That’s all there is to the professor’s assault. It was a crime committed in the name of suppressing truth, and nothing more. I can guarantee that a gruesome picture of a bludgeoned woman with a caption decrying domestic violence would have been left unmolested, and more likely promoted by the same professor. Mireille Miller-young was no victim of a trap; she’s exactly why the 1st Amendment exists.

Hanna Rosin Chimes in on Helicopter Parenting

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I've come to have a grudging respect for Hanna Rosin, because despite the fact that she so often comes to the wrong conclusion about things and has such a difficult time seeing the root cause of problems, at least she's bright enough to see where things have gone wrong. In an article for the Atlantic, she examines the "helicopter parent" phenomenon, and points out that it might not be the best way to raise kids.

> It's still morning, but someone has already started a fire in the tin drum in the corner, perhaps because it's late fall and wet-cold, or more likely because the kids here love to start fires. Three boys lounge in the only unbroken chairs around it; they are the oldest ones here, so no one complains. One of them turns on the radio—Shaggy is playing (Honey came in and she caught me red-handed, creeping with the girl next door)—as the others feel in their pockets to make sure the candy bars and soda cans are still there. Nearby, a couple of boys are doing mad flips on a stack of filthy mattresses, which makes a fine trampoline. At the other end of the playground, a dozen or so of the younger kids dart in and out of large structures made up of wooden pallets stacked on top of one another. Occasionally a group knocks down a few pallets—just for the fun of it, or to build some new kind of slide or fort or unnamed structure. Come tomorrow and the Land might have a whole new topography.
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> Other than some walls lit up with graffiti, there are no bright colors, or anything else that belongs to the usual playground landscape: no shiny metal slide topped by a red steering wheel or a tic-tac-toe board; no yellow seesaw with a central ballast to make sure no one falls off; no rubber bucket swing for babies. There is, however, a frayed rope swing that carries you over the creek and deposits you on the other side, if you can make it that far (otherwise it deposits you in the creek). The actual children's toys (a tiny stuffed elephant, a soiled Winnie the Pooh) are ignored, one facedown in the mud, the other sitting behind a green plastic chair. On this day, the kids seem excited by a walker that was donated by one of the elderly neighbors and is repurposed, at different moments, as a scooter, a jail cell, and a gymnastics bar.
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> The Land is an "adventure playground," although that term is maybe a little too reminiscent of theme parks to capture the vibe. In the U.K., such playgrounds arose and became popular in the 1940s, as a result of the efforts of Lady Marjory Allen of Hurtwood, a landscape architect and children's advocate. Allen was disappointed by what she described in a documentary as "asphalt square" playgrounds with "a few pieces of mechanical equipment." She wanted to design playgrounds with loose parts that kids could move around and manipulate, to create their own makeshift structures. But more important, she wanted to encourage a "free and permissive atmosphere" with as little adult supervision as possible. The idea was that kids should face what to them seem like "really dangerous risks" and then conquer them alone. That, she said, is what builds self-confidence and courage.

Isn't it telling that overeducated Hanna has to learn about how children used to play from "Lady Marjory Allen of Hurtwood, a landscape architect and children's advocate?" When many of us were growing up, this kind of environment was the norm (although typically with less garbage). Free from supervision, we kids actually shaped our own environments, digging little tunnels, making rope swings and building bike jumps. Adults simply left us alone for much of the day. Presumably, they had more important matters to attend to.

Only the children of the budding new elite had the "privilege" of living in highly-controlled environments brimming with "enrichment" activities. The rest of us were left to ourselves to play and get around town. By the age of twelve I could, among other things, get all around the city on a bicycle or by public transportation, avoid being mugged, protect my property, get my own books from the library, buy food at the store and get myself to and from sports practice alone. It all sounds like such simple basic stuff, but many would be surprised by how few of today's children can pull it off.

Because I attended a private school on scholarship, I have a little perspective on this. Helicopter parenting had already begun by the early 80s, but it first started to become a popular trend in the upper middle class. Few of my classmates could get around as I did, but it was no problem for most of my neighbors. I had friends who started working at the age of 12 while others were in playgrounds and clubhouses in fancy gated communities or private golf and tennis clubs. As the boomers grew wealthier, they invested more time in their children and put more effort into controlling their environment, mimicking the upwardly mobile.

As society grew increasingly stratified, people instinctively sought to separate their children from "others," often for rational reasons. By the late 80s some urban neighborhoods were so dangerous that it would have been foolish not to do so. But rather than let up when they had removed their children from these environments, people doubled down. The real pressure behind this was the steep decline in social capital that accompanied the New Left's rise to power after 1968. Trust was evaporating; communities were falling apart. Letting one's children get out and about in an unknown world full of potentially hostile strangers came to be seen as neglectful and dangerous.

Rosin touches on this, but gives it short shrift when it really deserves to be the main point of the piece:

> The gap between what people fear (abduction by a stranger) and what's actually happening (family turmoil and custody battles) is revealing. What has changed since the 1970s is the nature of the American family, and the broader sense of community. For a variety of reasons—divorce, more single-parent families, more mothers working—both families and neighborhoods have lost some of their cohesion. It is perhaps natural that trust in general has eroded, and that parents have sought to control more closely what they can—most of all, their children.
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> As we parents began to see public spaces—playgrounds, streets, public ball fields, the distance between school and home—as dangerous, other, smaller daily decisions fell into place. Ask any of my parenting peers to chronicle a typical week in their child's life and they will likely mention school, homework, after-school classes, organized playdates, sports teams coached by a fellow parent, and very little free, unsupervised time. Failure to supervise has become, in fact, synonymous with failure to parent. The result is a "continuous and ultimately dramatic decline in children's opportunities to play and explore in their own chosen ways," writes Peter Gray, a psychologist at Boston College and the author of Free to Learn. No more pickup games, idle walks home from school, or cops and robbers in the garage all afternoon. The child culture from my Queens days, with its own traditions and codas, its particular pleasures and distresses, is virtually extinct.

This is Hanna Rosin's – and most contemporary social commentators' – problem. They strain at gnats while swallowing camels. One can't address the issue of the physical and social isolation of children without tackling the main problem: the atomization of American society. When community is destroyed – even outlawed as it was with forced busing – people hunker down. They hide their kids and avoid neighbors.

This problem will not go away as long as the New Left holds the reins of American culture. To give children a chance at the kind of freedom to interact with the world those of us born before 1980 had, parents must flee the urban centers. I'd recommend going somewhere that is neither diverse nor progressive. If you're raising kids, stick with your community, whatever that may be. If not, feel free to enjoy the progressive lifestyle, which can be a great environment for childless adults, but think twice before you inflict it on kids.

No amount of playground engineering, criticism in magazines or government spending is going to encourage parents to go against their instincts and turn their children over to strangers. The only solution to this problem is for the social engineers to find another line of work and let nature take its course. Because that will not happen until the state runs out of funds for these jobs, our only good option as parents now is to avoid them to the extent we can. Fortunately, that is currently also the cheaper option.

In the meanwhile, I welcome you to join me in a cultural secession from progressive America.

A Humble Suggestion for Conservative Opponents of Same Sex Marriage

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As Brendan Eich is being dragged over the glowing coals of gay fury, some have pointed to his forced resignation from Mozilla as an example of gay McCarthyism, others of the intolerance of the left in general, and on the other side some are celebrating an enemy getting what they think he had coming. Because the latter sentiment is the most disgusting, I'm inclined to be more sympathetic to Eich than his haters. However, I think he, and all other conservative opponents of gay marriage, are going about achieving their goals in entirely the wrong way.

When it comes to the definition of marriage, I agree with the conservatives. Gay marriage is not marriage as I think of the institution. Marriage is the socially recognized union of a man and woman for the purposes of procreation and childrearing. Some gays would counter and say "if that's the case, then why should infertile couples or older people get married?" I'd respond by saying that unless their genuine intent is family formation (i.e. they hold out some hope that they can have a child), they shouldn't. Marriage without the potential for new life is not marriage at all. It may be good for people who love each other to partner and spend their lives together even if children aren't in the cards, but the term marriage should be reserved for the relationship that ensures humanity's survival. We've already paid a high price by watering it down to include all sorts of other things, and adding yet another certainly doesn't help matters.

But that's just my opinion. Perhaps it is an opinion shared by most of the world, but apparently it is in the minority in fashionable American circles.

So, the problem we have run up against is one of differing interpretations. To me, marriage is about procreation and childrearing. To others, it is about what they consider love (keep in mind that the incidence of divorce skyrocketed after "love" marriages became the norm), and for yet others it is about tax status and government survivor benefits. Therefore, it has come to be seen as a basic human right, which is a direct and inevitable result of government meddling in the institution.

However, what Eich and other conservatives want is more government involvement. They want the state to define marriage according to their view, even though *this is exactly what created the problem in the first place*. This is the fundamental flaw in their argument, and why they cannot win in a liberal democracy. Let's face it: the US *is* a pluralistic society. For better or for worse, there is no more dominant national culture or identity. Therefore, attempts to impose one will always meet resistance or fail.

Instead of bashing their heads against a wall in an effort to persuade everyone else to see things their way, conservatives must accept the inevitable and make allowances for pluralism. Doing this requires removing the ability of the state to define marriage. No more official gay marriage; no more official straight marriage. No official polygamy or divorce, either. It's an elegant and easy solution. Allow people to enter into conjugal civil contracts enforceable by civil courts, and remove the word "marriage" from the lawbooks. People can call themselves married, or whatever they please. I don't have to agree with your version of marriage; you don't have to agree with mine.

This is how marriage is handled in much of the world, including Israel and Islamic states, which due to circumstance must make allowances for pluralism (Islam is far more pluralistic than most people realize). It is the historical norm in most of the world, and it has worked for thousands of years. Conservatives who want to preserve marriage should cut their losses and start keeping what they still can. Their attempts to universalize "Judeo-Christian" (kind of a fabrication — Jewish and Christian marriage are not the same) marriage will only backfire in justifying greater state power over the definition of marriage. Twenty years ago, before gay marriage was popularized by a relentless media campaign, it would have been a lot easier to accomplish this, but the conservatives, in their pride, overreached, leaving them exactly where they find themselves today.

This isn't to say that they deserve to be kicked out of their jobs for holding their views, but rather that they should have seen this coming around the time Tom Hanks starred in *Philadelphia*. On the other side of the divide, I'd warn gays that they should think twice about indulging their vengeance fantasies. When you're a member of a small minority, it isn't a good idea to lord it over and humiliate those who vastly outnumber you, because it might cause trouble later. However, perhaps Hans Hermann-Hoppe was on to something when he claimed that homosexuals tend to be present-oriented. Maybe, because most have no children, the future is of little concern, and they really don't care about the eventual consequences of their actions. If that's the case, then perhaps attacking Christians without any regard for the potential consequences is perfectly in character.

Divorce Corp: A License to Steal

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After reading a few reviews, I watched *Divorce Corp*, a movie released earlier this year that exposes the inner workings of family law courts, which have become the most rapacious of all public institutions and spawned a particularly vile class of professionals who feed off of broken families like packs of hyenas. Not long into the film, I was surprised and a little amused to see that I personally know one of the people interviewed for the film, and not through fathers' rights or MRM circles. In fact, this person (who will remain unnamed) probably has no idea *The Spearhead* exists. It seems that family law touches multitudes, or else it really is a pretty small world out there.

Aside from seeing a former acquaintance, not much in the movie came as a surprise to me, although it suggests that the divorce industry may be even more lucrative than I had thought. This is because of the power vested in the court to seize properties and assets and distribute them to lawyers and wives. People with substantial amounts of money and property are robbed blind during the process, especially when children are involved. Sometimes, wives miscalculate and end up with less after divorce than they would have without litigation, because their attorneys made off with all the gold. I never had to go through this part of the divorce process, not having had any property worth fighting over at the time, so even I can be a little shocked when I see the figures.

However, the real story is the corruption in the courts themselves. Lawyers and judges collude in the family law racket, protecting each other and the cash cow it represents. They fund each other's campaigns, give each other private work and purchase gifts for each other. Cronyism is the rule. Worst of all, they join ranks whenever challenged by those from outside the system. In a particularly egregious case, a man was sentenced to five years for criticizing a judge online. None of the local attorneys wanted to take the guy's case because the "victim" was a judge they might see in court. Some of the stories about the vindictive and unethical behavior of judges are very disconcerting.

Unfortunately, for those of us familiar with divorce, this movie doesn't have too much to offer. I'd still recommend watching it, but I've already covered pretty much everything it addresses here on *The Spearhead*. But for people who are unaware, it's a good educational film. I think it should be mandatory content for high school kids when they approach their 18th birthday and near the legal marriage age, and for anyone considering marriage. As a pure critique, it doesn't get into practical measures to mitigate risk, which do exist and are not all that well-known, probably because nobody in this game has a financial interest in telling people how to keep their money (although I don't see why there shouldn't be a market for that kind of material). Pretty much all the film does along those lines is compare the American to the Scandinavian family law regime. In Scandinavia, divorce is both easy and cheap, as it would be in my own "no consequence divorce" proposal.

One thing I took away from the film is that judges and lawyers appear to be getting a bit nervous and defensive about this issue. If they weren't, they wouldn't be throwing people in prison for speaking out about it. They should be nervous. You can't make an industry out of ruining people and expect them to put up with it forever. Eventually, family courts are going to have to face the music and reform, and whether that happens the easy way or the hard way is up to those in the business.

Comment of the Week: How Men Lost the Political Gender War

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Shlomo goes into some detail explaining why men's issues have failed to gain traction:

Over 30 years ago, women's groups in Massachusetts held hearings to change divorce laws. Per usual, they were active, informed, and organized.

Men's groups, on the other hand, were blase about the whole thing. They felt no need to attract new members (and money!), showed no interest in getting covered in mass media. Some group leaders would begin meetings by handing out coupons to get free yogurt samples, like he was a Tammany Hall ward boss doling out patronage. Something to see. Like a clown premiering his act as the Titanic sank.

Nearly every suggestion I made to his and similar groups was scoffed at or ignored.

The bills women's groups presented were lobbied for and got passed. The ladies knew how to work the system. They knew how to get covered in media and show their numbers.

Soon the state was granting funds to women's groups, allowing for full-time paid staff. Ergo, a woman seeking divorce could now get state-funded "free" legal advice from battered women's shelters, etc.

Guys, because they saw no need to unite and fight, found that joining a men's group helped them not a jot. They still were expected to hire their own lawyer. The father's groups felt no need to apply for grants, seek out celeb fathers who'd been shafted, contact the Playboy Foundation, etc. They acted like highschool kids visiting state capitols for mock senate sessions. Like Boy Scouts fighting the Wehrmacht.

When I attended some of their meetings, the men's group's leader would pitch benefits to newbies (who usually came with boxes documenting their "case"), promising help. Current members joked about it, calling the process "fleecing the sheep." They knew that once newbs paid dues, they'd learn the group could do relatively little. They still hve to pay $10K retainers to lawyers who, in most cases, did little for them.

And yes: usually one of the group's leaders was a lawyer who did quite well off the pain of members.

Think what could have been done if the groups had been more active, working-the-media! They could have convinced men to pay $500 to join and thus avoid $10-50K lawyer bills…because the laws themselves would have been changed.

They could have reached out to college guys, too: not only informing them, but harnessing their activism like feminists did women to promote abortions rights, etc.

But no. The men's groups chose not to deal with "men's issues," thinking fathers were not demonized AS males. That is, the groups wouldn't join forces with other kinds of men's groups.

Plus most so-called leaders of groups eschewed media. The few times they GOT media coverage, some lame-looking Chester would wheeze on and on about arcane legal statutes putting audiences to sleep. On the same show a hot-looking feminist lawyer would fire off sound-bites about "abusive males" and the "needs of children" and so on.

There was no contest. The MRAs (who lived almost entirely in their left, linear brains) got nuked by right-brained feminists masterfully applying the arts of emotional suasion.

Thirty years later and hardly anyone knows men's groups in the state, much less one related to fathers' rights. On the other hand, scores of women's groups geet millions in funding (fighting DV, SH, etc.) and are well known by all reporters.

It's no mystery why men keep losing: they keep refusing to fight. And when they belatedly due, they use Bronze Age weapons in an Internet Era.

Most men would rather lose their kids than stop rush-hour traffic with a protest that garners media attention. They are like clueless businesses that think products sell themselves. They think making a great product will get them out of the warehouse. The think being “right” is enough.

On the other hand, women’s groups mastered marketing and PR and advertising and promotion. They sell the sizzle, not the steak.

So it continues to amaze me when guys complain that things are getting worse. Of COURSE they are! What do fathers think happens when bullies are not opposed? What do they think happens when bullies know that can get rich robbing victims who never fight back?

Men know war. Real war. Feminists, on the other hand, don’t. They’ve won most gender battles by default, the MRM never showing up. The irony is, the first time men showed up things would start to change. By third battles, feminsts would be retreating. Yet men ever show up. A man will throw himself on a grenade to save his buddies, but will let his own flesh and blood be stolen by the state…fearing he might be publicly called names by some woman somewhere.

It’s angering to watch. And tragic.

It’s been almost 50 years now, this iteration of “women’s rights.” For the most part, men have yet to begin fighting back. They mistake talking for taking concrete action.

It’s like Western men are still compiling white-papers to present to Adolf, urging him to not be so mean.

Why there is still no NRA-class men’s rights organization remains a mystery. A very malignant, misandric, culture-destroying mystery.

Teams vs. Herds

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Shlomo's comment prompted me to think about why men aren't making much headway in promoting their political interests. The obvious answer is that men compete with each other and tear each other down, but then again women do the same. However, men and women compete in a different manner. Women compete as individuals. For example, girls who are friends quickly stop cooperating when both want the same thing, but they bond together as a big group in their collective interest. Men, on the other hand, are pretty good at bonding on an individual level – often selflessly – but they compete as small groups — teams in other words. This is the basis of warfare, economic competition, hunting (in paleolithic times) and many other activities. The ability to work as a team is hardwired in men. Nerds, jocks, criminals, police and even politicians do it.

The thing is, teams of men instinctively compete with other teams of men. Men have an aversion to joining one big group where everyone toes the line. They like to divvy up and compete. Herding men is very difficult. But it's easy for women. Trot out some authority figure and women will obey as a single group without open dissent. They walk, talk and act in unison.

In our democratic political system, herds are more effective at the ballot box. Voting rules out individual competition, so women can all happily vote in their own and their fellow women's interests (or what they perceive as such) without any conflict. We have, in essence, "herd rule."

So how do you fight it?

Instead of trying to herd men, why not work with men's strengths? Winning through sheer numbers will never work if we can't effectively herd men, so let's abandon that idea. Instead, we should be the cowboys rather than the cattle. Teamwork is a force-multiplier. By working intelligently and purposefully, a dozen men can be more effective than a thousand-strong herd.

So I propose a new form of organization for MRAs. Develop local political teams, and give men roles. A few spokesmen running blogs is really pretty useless if people can't cooperate on the ground. I may be able to educate people and spread the message, but what can I do about some problem judge in Sacramento? Not much besides expose him online, and although that might bother him, there's little chance I could influence the vote there without having someone in local media on my side.

If a few bright, energetic men in Sacramento got together and thought of ways to remove him from the bench, that judge might be in trouble. These few men could even work to replace him with someone who supports fathers' rights. The herd that casts the votes wouldn't even have to know. They wouldn't be paying attention in any event.

So, instead of focusing on building a few herd-oriented organizations to "reach out to men" or whatever, what I and others who are putting work into changing the current state of affairs ought to be doing is offering some means for facilitating team formation. We should channel our efforts toward enabling men to work on solutions and concrete achievements. One way to do this is to encourage meetups, like the one I had in San Francisco. Let guys get to know each other and enjoy each other's company, and give them a basic action plan. Start by practicing on easy targets (e.g. get some writeup in the local paper), and move onto bigger game as you get better at it. Sounds like fun to me.

I'm going to keep putting some work into this concept, but I could use some help from those who like to organize and lead projects (not my strong suit). Perhaps someone with military experience would have some valuable experience in that regard. I know there's interest out there, so I'll keep at it until we see some results.

Gay Orthodoxy v. Tradition and Religion

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Dogma v. Individual Authority and Personal Choice: A Libertarian Compromise on the Issues

by John Savage

The conflict between Gay Orthodoxy, Tradition and Civil Rights as can be seen in the Eich/Mozilla Affair can be resolved with a conversion of the right of Gay Marriage to one of the right to Civil Unions, with all of the same rights and privileges contained therein.

On the surface of things this compromise seems to have the same desirability as the doctrine of "separate, but equal." In the case of minority rights, "separate, but equal" leads to continued discrimination and a lack of social cohesion. But in the case of Gay Civil Unions, the reverse is true.

The insistence on the right to Gay Marriage has led to a breakdown in the cohesion of our society. Those who do not conform to the orthodoxy of Gay Political Dogma are the ones that are discriminated against and face the possibility of real political persecution and legal prosecution. This flies in the face of First Amendment Rights of the freedom of religion, the freedom of speech and the freedom of the press. This has led to a situation akin to a tyranny of a minority over the majority. This is a distinctly un-American development.

This situation is untenable and creates a divergent plurality rather than a convergent one and threatens to disrupt, if not destroy, the cohesion of American society and culture… or worse. This is not the course of "e pluribus unum."

The compromise of Civil Unions is the optimal legal solution, though perhaps not the ideal one from any particular and rigid perspective. It gives gays the right to form civil unions and share all of the same rights and privileges as married heterosexual couples, but preserves the First Amendment Rights to freedom of speech and freedom of religion, etc., for ALL.

It respects the civil rights of individuals even while we disagree with them. It allows for the possibility of agreeing to disagree and yet maintains social cohesion. It maintains individual liberty, the spirit of the U.S. Constitution and the concepts that inform Classical Liberalism. It defuses dogma and short-circuits the temptation to persecute others with whom we disagree. Additionally, it puts an end to legal prosecution of those who by tradition, religion and/or personal belief wish to define their union in a way that they choose, be that "marriage" or "civil union" by Justice of the Peace.

Further and perhaps more importantly, "civil unions" preserve the integrity of the individual. No longer does the individual have to make one set of claims publicly while maintaining another set of claims privately. The individual will be allowed to stay true to him- or her- self. A person will be allowed to keep a job or a business while maintaining this integrity even if it flies in the face of company policy or social convention. This leads to increased self-esteem, mental health, self-determination, the integrity of American society and its conception of individual liberty.

It is time we put an end to this civil war that we call activism for tolerance. One cannot demand respect and expect to gain it. Respect is a mutuality, it is something that is earned, not taken. We respect the right of others to determine for themselves how to see society and reality in general… and in turn they respect us. We cannot force ourselves upon one another.

This is an honorable compromise regarding this most divisive issue of our day and is in line with the Libertarian moment that seems to be increasing in magnitude and scope in our exceptional nation.

Using the Fireteam as the Model for Political Activism

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To get things done at a local level, we start with small, tactically agile teams that resemble the smallest military unit: the fireteam. The infantry of the US Marine Corps and Army is built around the fireteam, which is comprised of four soldiers. Each soldier in the team has a role, including rifleman, grenadier, automatic rifleman and either team leader or assistant automatic rifleman depending on whether it's the Army or Marine Corps.

Fireteams were developed in response to trench warfare in WWI. Massed tactics, which had been the norm for centuries, no longer worked in the age of the machine gun, so armies began to experiment with small teams that could attack in a more deliberate manner. The Germans were the first to implement a new form of assault, called "infiltration tactics" at the time. Special units of "stormtroops" were created for the purpose (these were the original storm troopers), and Germany began to apply the tactics on the eastern front. They proved successful, and were next used in Operation Michael, the final German offensive of the war.

Operation Michael was initially successful, breaking the stalemate of trench warfare for the first time in years, but as American troops arrived to reinforce the Allies and the flu pandemic broke out, the offensive stalled, and the Allies eventually gained the upper hand due to superior manpower and logistical support. However, despite ultimately failing to win the war, the stormtroops revolutionized infantry warfare, and their tactics were adopted by modern armies, evolving into the contemporary fireteam.

Perhaps the most important advantage of infiltration tactics was that it allowed well-trained, committed units to avoid needless chaos and slaughter by deliberately bypassing direct combat and attacking more important objectives in the rear. Another advantage, cited by former senator Jim Webb in a 1972 paper, is that a fireteam is much more cohesive, maneuverable and flexible than a "12-man mob":

> At the outset of World War II, the Marine rifle squad was composed of 12 men, with no particular internal organization. This setup literally came under fire early in that war, as it proved immensely difficult for a squad leader to maintain control over as many as 11 men at one time. Therefore, after a number of attempts to rectify the situation, our present fire team organization was instituted in 1944. It has a number of advantages over the former system, and has been widely heralded due to its "triangular concept" which offers maximum control, maneuverability, and firepower. Indeed, when compared to the "12-man mob" its advantages in these areas are striking:
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> *Control. This was perhaps the greatest advantage of the new system as the squad leader had three subordinate leaders in his span of control instead of 11 men. This produced more effective supervision.
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> *Maneuverability. With the creation of a four-man fire team, a smaller tactical unit capable of independent maneuver evolved. This served to eliminate the spur of the moment "you take Smith and Jones and go over there" approach and ostensibly brought into existence a bonafide maneuver element below the squad level.
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> *Firepower. The fire team was created to gain maximum employment of the Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR). In fact, the whole fire team concept was built around the BAR, which provided the nucleus of the team's firepower. Fire team formations were designed to protect the automatic rifleman, and one rifleman was assigned a secondary mission of aiding the automatic rifleman in finding targets and reloa[d]ing magazines.

All of the above are germane to our efforts at activism, because although we do not face artillery and machine gun fire, engaging an entrenched system such as exists in our courts and government is akin to rushing headlong into no-man's land. As our political system has grown increasingly complex and refined, mere mobs can no longer achieve important objectives, just as massed infantry could not advance in the face of accurate automatic weaponry in WWI. Instead, we have to infiltrate and focus our firepower on high-value targets while doing our best to avoid engaging in the kind of pointless activism that will simply bog us down.

To accomplish this, I propose a political “fireteam” organized along the lines of the USMC fireteam. We need small groups of 2-5 men – ideally four – working to accomplish specific goals. Each man should have a defined task, and one should take on the role of tactical leader.

Here is the composition of the activist team I propose:

1. Administrator: As organizer and tactical decisionmaker, he serves as leader.

2. Investigator: Does research, detective work and security for the team.

3. Communicator: Produces written content, talks to people on the phone, performs outreach and creates media.

4. Technician: Handles technical matters, such as internet, audio-video, publishing, photography, etc.

On an even lower level, I’d pair off the Admin and Investigator and the Communicator and Technician into two-man teams.

The beauty of this concept is that it is simple and could create quite an effect with minimal time and effort. If one man keeps track of schedules, one does research, one makes content and another handles the technology, a few hours of work from each every week could make a significant impact. It would be far more effective than one man putting in the same hours, and infinitely more than a mob showing up on some streetcorner, making some noise, and then leaving.

Additionally, it could be an enjoyable project. The team could get together once every week or two to discuss and decide things, then unwind with a beer. Another advantage would be that leadership pressure would be low. If the “leader” is simply the guy who has to organize efforts and keep track of who’s doing what, it will not be cause for rivalry. Basically, everyone is doing his own job, and the spirit is one of cooperation rather than hierarchy and dominance. In fact, it doesn’t even really matter who the leader is, because anyone could take on the role if needed and capable. This is the ideal male work environment.

While I’m not sure how easy it will be to create groups of four men, it will be a lot easier than coordinating national conferences or trying to get people at loosely organized public meetings to do anything effective. In major metropolitan areas, one should be able to find the manpower without any trouble. The closer the members are geographically, the better, but problems of distance can be overcome with technology and people with stronger commitment than average.

Talent may be an issue, but one relatively talented member in a team of four should suffice so long as the others are capable of putting in work. This is one of the greatest strengths of teams: they can free up the hardest hitter so that he doesn’t have to waste time on other tasks, thereby making sure his firepower is not diluted, but rather enhanced.

Yale to Thin Young Woman: Fatten Up or Leave

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The feminist crusade against thin resulted in a petite Yale student of Chinese descent being ordered to eat more and fatten up or be forced to take medical leave from the Ivy League school. Frances Chan, all of 5'2″ and 92lbs., was deemed unhealthy due to her small size:

> A Yale University student became a junk-food junkie because her Ivy League school thought she was too thin and demanded she gain weight or take a medical leave from the university, she says.
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> Frances Chan, 20, says she felt forced to eat large amounts of food because school officials believed she had an eating disorder and needed to gain weight.
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> The young woman, originally from Plainsboro, N.J., wrote a provocative article in the Huffington Post about her struggle with her weight.
> "They won't look past the number on the scale, to see the person right in front of them," Chan wrote.
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> Yale can't comment on individual students' cases because of federal government regulations, but the "health and welfare of all of our students is our primary concern," according to a statement from Tim Conroy, the New Haven, Conn., school's press secretary.
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> California nutritionist Lisa Drayer told ABC News, "Eating disorders are common among individuals who are high achievers. We see a lot of these types of students at Ivy League schools."
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> Standing 5-foot-2 and weighing 92 pounds, Chan is small, though she says she's healthy and does not have an eating disorder.
> But after a medical checkup in September, she says, university officials threatened to put her on medical leave if she didn't agree to weekly mandatory weigh-ins and medical appointments because they told her that her weight was too low.

While 92 pounds is pretty tiny, it isn't unheard of for healthy women of Ms. Chan's height. Light individuals are also more common in East Asian populations. In Vietnam, for example, she would be small, but not unusually so. At 5'2″, a young woman who weighs 92 lbs. is not necessarily unhealthy, and in fact is probably healthier than one who weighs 140 lbs. However, schools rely on the BMI scale to determine proper body weight, which is flawed due to its height bias.

Ms. Chan's BMI comes out to 16.8, which is considered "underweight." A BMI of 18.5-25 is considered ideal.

The problem with BMI is that it does not take into account that humans are three rather than two-dimensional. It squares height when it should be cubed. This is why you get silly results that would put a man who is 6'4″ and 206 lbs. in the overweight category, while he would still be considered "normal" at only 153 lbs., which is below the average weight for American women, who average only 5'4″ tall. At the other, lower end of the height spectrum, fatter individuals have lower BMIs than their body shapes would suggest.

So it seems that school doctors were relying on a BMI scale, and trying to push her up to 18.5+, which would come out to a gain of about ten pounds, or over 10% of her bodyweight, which is quite significant.

Now I'm not a fan of schools telling adults who are paying good money for an education what to do with their bodies, but it seems to me that fatness is a bigger problem than malnutrition in this country, so if the school is forcing this young woman to eat more to achieve a "normal" weight, I wonder why Yale isn't threatening to kick out fat girls who refuse to drop some pounds? Would an Ivy League school dare tell a girl who isn't morbidly obese to the point of immobility to lose weight? Somehow, I doubt it. I can imagine the screeching that would emanate from the women's studies department if anyone was so presumptuous as to do so. Fatness is inviolate; it is sacred and holy. Thinness is always suspect, and must be thoroughly investigated when identified, and if necessary "cured."

Doctors with scales, calipers and clipboards stand ready to fix the poor, thin young women and protect them from themselves.

The idea behind this is that the patriarchy is forcing women to try to be thin, when everyone (yes, everyone!) knows that women are healthier and more beautiful when they can't squeeze their asses into pants that would have fallen off their grandmothers' hips.

Kirsten Dunst Offers Reasonable Opinions on Marriage, Sex Roles, is Immediately Attacked

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Miley Cyrus (mentally disturbed/obscene), Beyoncé (bitchy/materialistic) and Lorde (weird/unattractive) have taken up the feminist banner, and are much celebrated for doing so. Kirsten Dunst, on the other hand, who comes off as genuinely pleasant, attractive in a girl-next-door kind of way and inoffensive, says that femininity is undervalued, and being a wife and mother in the traditional sense isn't all bad. She also says relationships work best when men can be men and women women. Is this such a terrible, awful thing to say? Something that should immediately be shouted down? Apparently so, despite the fact that people seem to instinctively agree with her, if all of history and global culture up to now is any indication of human norms.

Our culture has gone so far off the deep end that I don't think it's worth taking it seriously anymore. America, the global joke, where a politician can't promote anything but androgynous "gender equality" and a CEO can't even say marriage is between a man and a woman. It's getting close to time to call it quits on this political experiment. Frankly, if you were born in the US and don't look at our flag with some combination of pity, sadness and contempt, there's something wrong with you at this point. I feel bad for having to put it in those terms, but it's true.

Small Dogs: Companions on the Road to Extinction

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As birth rates among young women plummet, small dog ownership has risen rapidly in America's urban centers.

> America's next generation of youngsters should be called "Generation Rex."
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> If you're wondering why playgrounds around the city are so quiet and dog runs are packed, a new report has an answer: More and more US women are forgoing motherhood and getting their maternal kicks by owning handbag-size canines.
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> Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that a big drop in the number of babies born to women ages 15 to 29 corresponds with a huge increase in the number of tiny pooches owned by young US women, reports the business-news site Quartz.
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> Dog-crazy New York ladies told The Post that they aren't surprised by the findings — and that they happily gave up diaper changes, temper tantrums and college funds for the easy affection of their doggy "child."
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> The federal data behind the report show that over the past seven years, the number of live births per 1,000 women between ages 15 and 29 in America has plunged 9 percent.
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> At the same time, research by the American Pet Products Association shows the number of small dogs — under 25 pounds — in the United States has skyrocketed, from 34. 1 million in 2008 to 40.8 million in 2012.

I can confirm that there are more dogs than children at urban parks. Every afternoon and weekend, people congregate with their dogs at a park down the street from me. There is a playground on one side of the park, and a dog area on the other. The dogs outnumber the children roughly four to one, and maybe more. I used to take my kids to the park on a regular basis, and my then two-year-old daughter was terrified of the dogs that careless, irresponsible owners allowed to run free. On a couple of occasions, I had some words with people about that, but their attitude was along the lines of "if your daughter is scared of dogs, maybe you shouldn't take her to the park."

So, there is at least one good thing about the small dog trend: the little dogs are less of a danger and less frightening to small children. I should admit that I'm not much of a dog person. I developed an antipathy toward dogs as a small child living on the fringes of a ghetto neighborhood. Back in the early 1980s, people didn't think twice about keeping attack dogs, and many let their dogs run wild in the neighborhood. Some of those ghetto dogs were vicious beasts. I was convinced a rottweiler around the corner wanted to kill me, and I don't think I was wrong. Every time I rode my bike past its house the monster would hurl itself full force against a rickety fence in a fury.

But those dogs served a different purpose from these little lapdogs. As much as I hated them, I have to admit that they performed some utilitarian function; it's a lot harder to break into a house with a snarling rottweiler in its yard than one without.

Despite the fact that the small dogs are not as scary as the big ghetto dogs I knew as a child, both breeds say something unflattering about the neighborhood. In the past, the dogs suggested that there was a lot of crime in the 'hood; today, the dogs suggest that children are an inconvenience. There's no other conclusion to draw when one sees that dogs are dominant while children are few and outnumbered.

Do dogs really bring as much happiness to their female owners as children? Perhaps not, but if the women interviewed for the story are any indication, maybe they bring them *enough* happiness. The lapdog may be the most humane way to ease the white, urban SWPL's headlong rush into demographic oblivion, which is all but a done deal. Without children and grandchildren, legions of small dogs will be needed to see them through what would otherwise be a lonely life. Perhaps some day in the future, when they are all gone, the people occupying what is currently the United States can erect a statue in their memory: a statue of a woman with an iphone, a purse and a

tiny dog by her side, walking blithely into the great unknown.

Funny How Progress Looks Like Proletarianization

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Many of the recent developments I've seen in American urban centers bring back memories for me — of late 90s China. Microhousing, AKA "apodments," have been going up all over Seattle, gypsy cabs are all the rage and people are renting out their bedrooms, in some cases to hookers:

> Hookers are using the controversial Airbnb home-sharing Web site to turn prime Manhattan apartments into temporary brothels, The Post has learned.
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> One escort service is even saving a bundle by renting Airbnb apartments instead of hotel rooms for clients' quickies, says a 21-year-old call girl who works for the illicit business.
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> "It's more discreet and much cheaper than The Waldorf," said the sex worker, who spoke on condition of anonymity.
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> "Hotels have doormen and cameras. They ask questions. Apartments are usually buzz-in."
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> The prostitute, a buxom brunette who charges up to $500 an hour, said her escort service generally rents an Airbnb apartment in the Financial District or Midtown West for up to a week at a time — then cycles numerous hookers through the place for trysts around-the-clock.

It's almost as though there's a case of collective amnesia about the problems associated with overcrowding and class stratification. Well, to be fair, people don't read much history in the "information age," so maybe they never learned in the first place.

From the 50s through the 00s, the US went through a remarkable period during which quality of life steadily improved, but that trend is clearly over. I wonder, in this new age of diminished standards, how well exotic ideologies like feminism and multiculturalism will hold up. Practically speaking, I think they'll be gutted, whether or not people continue to pay lip service to them. When getting by means leasing your guest room to hookers, living in a virtual chicken coop and paying for your car by giving rides to strangers, what does all that high-minded stuff really mean anyway?

Breastfeeding to Become Civil Right in Seattle

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In Seattle, the right to breastfeed in stores, restaurants and other businesses open to the public is to be enshrined in law, making it an offense to tell someone not to do so on the premises.

> A few years ago, Melissa Miller was shopping in an upscale Seattle kids' clothing store when her baby became hungry. So she sat in a chair at the back of the store to nurse him.
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> Soon, a clerk asked her to move to a dressing room with a tone that was clear: The store wanted her hidden.
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> "I just felt this was wrong and told her I was comfortable right where I was," Miller said. "And then I ignored her."
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> A proposed Seattle law would make it easier for women to nurse in public, by making breastfeeding a protected civil right. It would make it illegal for a business to ask a nursing mom to stop, leave, move to a private area or cover up. Only businesses open to the public would be applicable, such as restaurants, stores, pools and libraries.

While breastfeeding is obviously an important human biological function, there are some places where it may not be appropriate. Libraries, for example, don't strike me as the kind of place women should choose to take their infants.

It's also ironic that this law is being passed in Seattle, where people hardly have any kids anyway, so maybe it's just another peripheral issue. But these Civil Rights laws do have the cumulative effect of reducing everyone's freedom. If I own a restaurant, I have that much less control over my business. Eventually, when enough of these laws exist, there's a strong disincentive to risk starting a business at all.

Ultimately everyone, including mothers of infant children, suffers from overregulation as fewer people are hired due to higher barriers on economic activity.

So I guess the question should be:

If someone asks you to feed the baby elsewhere, is it really worth suing them over it?

MySpacification of Facebook

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I've been spending some time in my local library, which is very vibrant, and it appears that 95% of computer use is dedicated to Facebook among the folks who, five years ago, were mainly on MySpace. I wonder whether social media follows trends along the lines of car and clothing brands, and if so, whether Facebook has all that much of a future.

Another important thing to consider is that social media is used mainly by women, and they are very fashion conscious. One of these days (probably already happened), Facebook will be "out" and something else will be "in." When that happens, will Facebook still have enough to offer to remain viable?

I doubt it.

Prediction: Google will eclipse Facebook in social media/networking despite being less trendy because it offers a more utilitarian platform that will keep people using it whether or not it's in style.

Once a Man, Always a Man

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Nothing exposes the fraud known as transsexualism quite like what happens – and always will happen – when a transsexual runs up against a real woman.

> A prominent advocate for transgender and women's rights in the tech world has been charged with raping her wife, The San Francisco Examiner has learned.
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> Dana McCallum, a senior engineer at Twitter who speaks and writes about women's and transgender-rights and technology issues, was arrested Jan. 26 and booked into County Jail on suspicion of five felonies, according to the Sheriff's Department.
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> McCallum, 31, who was born a male, openly identifies as a female and whose legal name is Dana Contreras, was charged Jan. 29 with five felonies, including three counts of spousal rape, one count of false imprisonment and one count of domestic violence, according to the District Attorney's Office. She has since pleaded not guilty.
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> "I'm just disgusted that, you know, this is going on," Runfola said. "Dana is an employee [at Twitter] and is about to come into a large amount of money. … This whole thing is about money."
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> The couple had been separated, he said, but were still having sexual relations. McCallum served her wife with divorce papers the day before the incident, Runfola said.
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> The incident in question, according to Runfola, happened in a small condo in the Mission when four teenagers were in the house.
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> "No one heard 'rape' or fighting or anything," he said.
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> There are no witnesses for the prosecution, except one teenager who allegedly heard "no" through a door, Runfola said regarding police files.
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> According to McCallum's profile on the online publication Model View Culture, for which she wrote about transgender people and women in tech in January 2013, "Dana McCallum has been working in software engineering and engineering leadership since 2000. As an advocate for women in technology and the LGBT community, Dana helped create advocacy teams at Twitter and other companies, served as a delegate on women's issues in India, and speaks regularly at events focused on women and LGBT people in tech."
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> A December story in Business Insider listed McCallum as one of the most important gay people in the tech world.
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> "Dana McCallum, a senior engineer at Twitter, is one of the geniuses behind Twitter. As a transgender woman, McCallum has previously said that she finds Twitter a great place to work when it comes to being LGBT-friendly," the publication noted.

Since when did heterosexual males get to call themselves gay? If a straight man castrates himself and calls himself "Sally," he's both a woman *and* homosexual?

Maybe according to the latest fashion, but I'd like to see how a judge feels about that in a rape or divorce case. Dana McCallum can call himself a gay woman until he's blue in the face, but during this divorce and criminal prosecution he's going to be treated like a man.

Dana's actually in pretty big trouble, having been charged on five felony counts. This isn't your run of the mill accusation that so many of us divorced men have had to deal with, but real, criminal charges. The feminist activism, castration, LGBT awareness work, interfering with India's culture — all for naught.

A woman’s privilege is her birthright, and a man can’t earn it no matter how hard he tries.

“Hypergamy” Enters National Political Lexicon

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As far as I know, the word “hypergamy” was coined by F. Roger Devlin, who wrote the seminal works of the manosphere. Devlin’s work exposing feminism is a real tour de force, and he introduces a number of concepts that have done us great service over the last decade.

You can find a good list of his essays here.

However, many of these concepts have remained unknown outside our online community. Perhaps the most important is hypergamy, which Devlin defines this way:

> Men have a tendency to seek sexual variety, but women have simple tastes in the manner of Oscar Wilde: They are always satisfied with the best.

Phyllis Schlafly, perhaps the original anti-feminist of the second wave era, recently argued that the (mythical) “pay gap” would promote marriage if it actually existed, citing women’s hypergamous instincts:

> Another fact is the influence of hypergamy, which means that women typically choose a mate (husband or boyfriend) who earns more than she does. Men don’t have the same preference for a higher-earning mate.
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> While women prefer to HAVE a higher-earning partner, men generally prefer to BE the higher-earning partner in a relationship. This simple but profound difference between the sexes has powerful consequences for the so-called pay gap.
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> Suppose the pay gap between men and women were magically eliminated. If that happened, simple arithmetic suggests that half of women would be unable to find what they regard as a suitable mate.
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> The pay gap between men and women is not all bad because it helps to promote and sustain marriages. Since husband and wife generally pool their incomes into a single economic unit, what really matters is the combined family income, not the pay gap between them.
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> In two segments of our population, the pay gap has virtually ceased to exist. In the African-American community and in the millennial generation (ages 18 to 32), women earn about the same as men, if not more.
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> It just so happens that those are the two segments of our population in which the rate of marriage has fallen the most. Fifty years ago, about 80 percent of Americans were married by age 30; today, less than 50 percent are.
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> Just a coincidence? I think not. The best way to improve economic prospects for women is to improve job prospects for the men in their lives, even if that means increasing the so-called pay gap.

So why is it important that Schlafly used the term? Because national politicians actually listen to her. She is a wealthy, upper class member of the political elite, unlike us poor divorced guys slaving away in the fields. While she may be considered something of a radical, she has clout. Enough, apparently, to spike the ERA.

We could hold her opposition to the ERA against her, but let’s be realistic: it never would have been used to level the playing field. Instead, it would have been used as a cudgel against the “patriarchy,” resulting in interminable lawsuits and an even more powerful feminist legal regime than we have today (if such is possible). Because men and women *are not equal*, no human law can make them so; it can only make life worse for most of us.

More legislation purporting to equalize men and women will have the same effect this legislation always has had: it will grow and enrich legal professionals and bureaucracies and introduce more expense and complexity into the lives of the common people. Schlafly is right to oppose it, and it’s good to see she’s taking some cues from the manosphere as well.

Pep Talk

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By HGW

I walk in to the packed room with caution and am the only guy. Surprise. Immediately half the heads present spin in my direction, whilst the remaining heads continue sucking thumbs, fingers, breasts. I am greeted with a friendly 'hello' but the undertone whispers 'enemy'. A proportion of the eyes say 'snake, there's a snake in the nest'. The same eyes didn't expect me to be here. I should be out earning a living, panning for gold, drilling for oil, or at the very least drilling my secretary. What they do expect is for me to be out of my depth, unable to cope. They're just waiting for me to drop the baby at any minute, like looking after him is a task too far. This is my first Postpartum Education for Parents (PEP) meeting, it's a weekly gathering for new parents. This group is in its third week. I'm an outsider before we even get to my genitalia.

I take a seat, at the back, on the edge of the group. Each person is taking a turn to discuss their highs and lows of the week. I feel like an observer rather than a participant and it gives me a novel perspective of proceedings. "Hi my name is Karen and my high of the week is that Jessica smiled for the first time, which was just fabulous. And my low of the week is…" a 10 minute monologue follows, detailing the banal "low". This pattern continues for the majority of the participants. A brief high lasting 5 seconds before an extensive low that never strays from the ordinary. How can they moan and whine so much? I look around the room as others talk to read faces. Some listen intently and pander to the speakers lust for attention, knowing it'll be their turn soon, their turn to whimper, to be dramatically indulged.

I realize that these are the women that make up the majority of facebook traffic. The buzzfeed and upworthy sharers, the I'm feeling sad today updates, the clamor for attention please talk to me comments, the I knew somebody who died and I need people to think I'm caring and not an attention seeker statuses. NB: There's no need to address the deceased in the message. They can't read it. There's no facebook after death. Whether you believe in Heaven, purgatory or nothingness, facebook being present would disprove the statement. However, they do have facebook in hell, I'm certain. The lord of death, leader of the underworld, Mark Beelzeburg, wouldn't miss that opportunity. And to be honest I can think of no greater punishment than an eternity logged into facebook. Given the option I'd snatch your hand off for fire, torture and perpetual, satanical sodomy.

Back to the meeting. Another lady finishes a cursory high before moving on to an everlasting low. She hasn't slept much this week, her baby has been crying every few hours. What was she expecting? It's a new born baby for fuck's sake. Other people delight in the fact they aren't the only sufferers. Listening to other people's problems and stresses makes them feel better about their own. Humans are great.

A few jokes are mechanically delivered by the volunteer hosts. 'There's no point crying over spilt milk, unless it's breast milk!' 'Whoever thought of the phrase "sleep like a baby" can't have had children or must've been a man' they get a laugh Eddie Murphy would have been proud of in his prime. I'm bemused once again. I feel like I'm getting my first peek behind the curtain, the first glimpse of the Martians in their natural habitat, and it's not as fantastical as I was expecting. It's like finding out how a magic trick works, smoke and mirrors hide a simple, underwhelming reality.

I search for the women who look blank, uninterested. The women I relate to. The women who have a similar perspective to mine. The women whose eyes say "Where is the fucking wine?" There's a few of them here. I think I'll talk to them at the interval.

I turn my attention to the other 50% of the humans present. The little people. The babies. The potential is endless. Each of them is unburdened by preconceptions, stigmas, dogmas. Yet to have self doubt, yet to lose hope or feel sorrow. Everything is wondrous to them, everything treated equally. It dawns on me what a responsibility it is not to just care for a child but to nurture it, let it develop into an individual. It's my first real responsibility of my life.

I emerge from my thoughts to realize all eyes are on me. I'm prompted for my highs and lows. This should be easy. "Hello everybody. I guess my high of the week is anytime I get to spend with my son because how could it not be? And, honestly, I don't really have a low, it's just all part of the package." A small white lie. I couldn't tell them my low was this meeting. They all smile at my response. Some of the smiles are forced, almost a sneer. But only some of them.

Moral Evisceration Renders West Helpless Before Putin

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The head of our propaganda outreach to Russians, a radical feminist lesbian supporter of Pussy Riot named Masha Gessen, wrote an op ed a couple weeks ago that essentially makes Putin's case for him. Gessen, of course, sees herself as an ally of "progress," but she and her cohort are responsible for alienating an enormous number of native born Americans including, incidentally, those who would traditionally be most inclined to sacrifice themselves for the flag and nation.

Following are some excerpts from her remarkable opinion piece:

> "This is not another Cold War that we're entering into," President Obama said Wednesday in Brussels, presenting the post-Crimea world order as he sees it after consultations with other NATO leaders. "After all, unlike the Soviet Union, Russia leads no bloc of nations, no global ideology."
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> President Vladimir Putin would surely beg to differ. Over the past two years, a new ideology has taken shape at the Kremlin. Insistently pushed out over the airwaves of state-controlled television, it has taken hold as Russia's national idea — and is the driving force behind its newly aggressive international posture. Russia is remaking itself as the leader of the anti-Western world.
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> During his annual state-of-the-federation address to parliament in December, Putin articulated this ideology. This in itself was novel: For his preceding 13 years at the helm, Putin had stuck to the pragmatic in his speeches. Now he was putting forth a vision for which many Russians had longed in the nearly quarter-century since the Soviet Union collapsed, leaving a giant hole where its citizens' identities used to be.
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> In his December speech, Putin said that Russia had no superpower ambitions in the sense of "a claim to global or regional hegemony." Yet, he said, "We will strive to be leaders." In explaining Russia's new identity with relationship to the West and its claim on leadership, he said:
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> "This is absolutely objective and understandable for a state like Russia, with its great history and culture, with many centuries of experience not of so-called tolerance, neutered and barren, but of the real organic life of different peoples existing together within the framework of a single state." Putin was placing Russia's very approach to life in opposition to the Western one. The "so-called tolerance" he mentioned as the key feature of Western civilization is, from this perspective, nothing but a slide into immorality. More likely than not, that includes homosexuality, which is why tolerance is described as "barren and neutered."
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> "Today many nations are revising their moral values and ethical norms, eroding ethnic traditions and differences between peoples and cultures," he continued. "Society is now required not only to recognize everyone's right to the freedom of consciousness, political views and privacy, but also to accept without question the equality of good and evil, strange as it seems, concepts that are opposite in meaning."
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> Finally, said Putin, it was time to resist this scourge of tolerance and diversity creeping in from the West. "We know that there are more and more people in the world who support our position on defending traditional values," he asserted. Russia's role is to "prevent movement backward and downward, into chaotic darkness and a return to a primitive state."
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> In short, Putin intends to save the world from the West. He has started with Crimea. When he says he is protecting ethnic Russians in Ukraine, he means he is protecting them from the many terrible things that come from the West. A few days after the December address, Alexei Pushkov, head of the Duma committee on foreign relations, defined that threat on the floor of the chamber: "European Union advisers in practically every ministry of any significance, control over the flow of finances and over national programs, and a broadening of the sphere of gay culture, which has become the European Union's official policy."

Gessen focuses on homosexuality to the exclusion of other fraught cultural issues, clearly because she is biased in

this regard. However, it is not only coerced acceptance of a redical redefinition of family, which Gessen explicitly supports, but the annihilation of distinct cultures and peoples through a radical form of multiculturalism and promotion of “diversity” at all costs. Naturally, the peoples who succumb first are the smaller nationalities, but ultimately everyone loses as a fundamental part of their humanity – their culture – is amputated or otherwise mutilated to fit some poorly defined common form that every man, woman and child can be stuffed into. Adding to that, America’s aggression against non-belligerents, foreign adventurism and coercion of weaker nations and peoples to impose its will has added an element of terror to our crusades. In truth, the American “right” and “left” differ only in their means, but the end goal is the same: the obliteration of any and all that stands in the way of unrestricted expression of the id. It is, as Putin correctly notes, a descent into “chaotic darkness and a return to a primitive state.”

The contemporary American elite’s vision for the future is a horrific nightmare in which anything goes, and therefore nothing is distinct or cherished but pure power to do as one pleases. There are to be no limits but the physical: no moral restraint, no customs, no traditions to stand in the way of unfettered action on primal desires and appetites. Putin, it seems, is genuinely opposed to this mission on a personal level, and has articulated his opposition in a manner that has galvanized the Russian people into a politically united force.

Russia, as strange as it may seem to those of us who came of age during the Cold War, has taken the moral high ground, and much of the rest of the world is aligning behind it in an effort to halt the orgiastic Western juggernaut:

> Now, Russia is not leading a bloc of nations in this new anti-Western crusade — at least, not yet. But it is certainly not alone in its longing for “traditional values.” Russia has been assembling an informal “traditional values” bloc in the United Nations, where the Human Rights Council has passed a series of Russian-sponsored resolutions opposing gay rights over the past three years. Russia’s allies in passing these resolutions include not only its post-Soviet neighbors but also China, Ecuador, Malaysia and more than a dozen other states.
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> The anti-gay agenda may seem like a thin basis for forming a militant international alliance of state-actors, but it has great unifying potential when framed in terms of a broader anti-Western effort and, indeed, a civilizational mission.

Again, institutionalized homosexuality is only one issue, but it may have been the one that finally crossed a red line. Considering that even in my very liberal state of Washington legalization of gay marriage passed by only about one percentage point in late 2012, and then only after enormous campaign donations from the globalist billionaires in the state, it is probably too costly even for the US to successfully convince the rest of the world that it is a good idea. But for whatever reason, progressives have made it their defining cause and staked their movement’s claim to the future on it. This act of hubris may prove to be progressivism’s Achille’s heel, but in the long run what matters – and hurts – the most for those of us more traditional Americans is our dramatic loss of faith in our own nation.

To see the US reduced to little more than a platform for the greedy and licentious when it used to be a beacon of liberty and common decency in a savage world is profoundly unsettling. It is also why I am all but certain that our decline is a fait accompli rather than an imminent threat.

At this point, we can only hope that nihilistic radicals like Masha Gessen refrain from plunging us into a catastrophic war on their behalf, sacrificing our sons for ideals that we despise from the bottom of our hearts.

The Men's Rights Movement Should Change its Name

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[Editor: Calling for "gender equality" actually does work out pretty well for everyone involved in the Nordic countries. However, it's a disaster here in the US. Why is that? I'll offer my own opinion in the next post, but Henry Laasanen's stance poses a question we should all think about, especially in regards to our own failures over the years in the US following sexual liberation.]

By Henry Laasanen

I am from Finland and we don't use "men's rights" terminology here. We use "equality for men" (EfM) type of speak. The masculist organization in Finland is called "Equality for men".

Strategically it's better to emphasize equality than rights, because equality is widely accepted goal and because the word "rights" could mean anything from equality to radical chauvinism.

I see all the time, how feminists use the MRA and MRM terminology to paint evil stereotypes of masculists. For many people MRA terminology bring to mind angry and shouting conservative male, who demand more rights for men than for women.

EfM type on terminology sounds much more reasonable, justifiable and liberal.

MRA terminology gives the feminist too easy time to mix conservative Christians and Men's equality activists to the same bunch.

It's easy to ridicule someone, who demands rights for his group, but it's not easy to ridicule someone, who demands equality. Very rare people are against equality.

In the last years have read many English articles, where evil stereotypes of MRA are very much alive without any connection to the reality of masculism. When I read the comment sections, majority of commentators don't know anything about masculism – they just know the feminist made evil stereotype of conservative chauvinist who want take the right away from women.

I can say that "Equality for Men" terminology has worked very well here in Finland. We are immune to the kind of negative stereotyping that English speaking manosphere suffers all the time.

Maybe you have some advanced masculist media strategy, and you use MRA terminology to give easy target to generate publicity. Maybe any publicity is good publicity?

Anyway, I'm surprised by the lack of discussion of proper masculist terminology with different pros and cons.

Why “Equality” Doesn’t Work in America

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In response to Henry Laasanen:

When Nordics and Americans call for gender equality, we usually assume that they mean the same thing, even if they aren’t speaking the same language. But this is far from true. Despite the lexical similarity, the concept is entirely different.

The Nordic countries operate on the basis of “consensus;” they tend to see themselves as playing on one team, all with a similar goal. Americans, on the other hand, have an adversarial outlook on life. We are *not* all on the same team. Americans want to beat the other team and be the winners. It’s how our businesses, courts and political contests work.

Therefore, when a Nordic person thinks of equality, in the back of his mind he is really thinking about something that is good for all men and women, and even children. Equality means a general feeling that everyone is satisfied in roughly equal share.

When an American thinks of equality, it is more along the lines of making a contest even. The National Football League constantly strives to manipulate the rules to make football teams as “equal” as possible, thereby making the competitions more interesting. This is why weak teams get the first choice in the draft, etc. In our courts, we try to even the playing field by imposing rules on prosecutors and providing a lawyer to the accused. In politics, we are strict about campaign financing for the same reason. The goal of American equality is not to make everyone happy, but to create the conditions for a fair fight. At the end of the day, there is still a winner and a loser.

Because Nordics and Americans have different concepts of equality, they use different methods. Nordics negotiate with each other, air grievances and either give or ask for concessions. When there is a disagreement, they mediate. Americans attack each other from the get go, make accusations, always try to gain the upper hand, and instead of negotiation or mediation they litigate upon disagreement.

This is why the concept of “gender equality” is so awful for Americans. It means an endless war between men and women in which the worst and most partisan of all women – typically radical feminists – will have the most sway. It also means that there will be endless demands to handicap and weaken men to “equalize” the two sides and make it possible for women to “win.”

Ultimately, most people lose in such a contest. Most women and most men, who are not interested in outright gender warfare, find themselves dominated by the gender warriors, whose goal is necessarily an androgynous, sexless society. Their world – a world where there is no difference between men and women – is an inhuman monstrosity. It is an ugly imposition on the rest of us, a dystopia of freakish she-males, and a confusing wilderness to children.

In conclusion, to Nordics equality means that everyone is equally satisfied, while to Americans it means everyone is equally miserable.

GitHub Founder Forced to Resign after Catfight

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Former GitHub CEO Tom Preston-Werner resigned following allegations of sexual harassment and intimidation at the company, which enables the exchange and sharing of software code. Software developer Julie Ann Horvath accused him and his wife Theresa of being disrespectful to women at the company when she resigned last month, prompting an investigation. Evidently, Mr. Preston-Werner had to take the fall because his employee didn't get along with his wife.

According to the NYTimes blog piece on the story, Horvath's resignation was "an example of the sexism and alpha-male culture that are endemic in software engineering."

I don't know what planet these people at the NY Times are living on, but it bears little resemblance to what I'm familiar with. Alpha male and software engineer are pretty close to mutually exclusive terms. Sure, such people do exist, but they are rare, and don't even come close to defining the culture. Have any of them ever worked on a construction crew or in any kind of male job that requires physical labor? The wimpiest guy on a crab boat, for example, is a lot more intimidating than your typical tech worker. Not all that long ago, I was violently yelled at by a logger for getting in his way on a dirt road near Oso (that town where a mudslide just killed dozens of people), and I was carrying a rifle! Can anyone imagine a software engineer letting loose on an armed man?

The reason these feminists go after the software guys is because, like dogs, they can smell fear. Incidentally, I think they can also smell money, but that's a lawyer-assisted ability. They can also sense weakness and a propensity to give in to women.

Back in the 80s, feminists were mounting a full-on assault on municipal police and fire departments. This was largely prompted by sexual harassment laws and the bonanzas they promised successful litigants. For a while, it seemed like every female cop and firefighter wannabe and her lawyer was filing suit. They were going to break the "old boys network" and equalize the force. But guess what? The cops didn't flinch. They retained the same cynical asshole attitude they've always had. Sure, they hired a few women for PR, and allowed the cities to tut-tut them and make a show of being angry, but since then they've only grown more powerful, better armed, safer and as male as they were thirty years ago.

It turned out that not only were women generally uninterested in being cops in the first place, they really were intimidated by true sexist alpha male behavior.

So the lesson here is that if you want to avoid being pushed around by feminists like Julie Horvath, the key is to stop being nice to them. If you try to be soft, progressive and understanding, women like Horvath will sense weakness and strike. When you play by their rules, you might as well hand over your wallet along with your balls.

Personally, I like men who act in a civilized manner, try to play fair and are considerate people. I enjoy their company much more than that of pushy assholes. But even gentlemen need to stand up for themselves and, as the saying goes, "cast not your pearls before swine." Just remember: if you aren't dealing with a lady, you don't have to treat her like one, and feminists are not – even by their own definition – ladies.

I Can’t Believe I Missed the Feminist Porn Conference

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I know that Toronto is a vibrant center of feminism, but who knew that these screeching banshees did sex work on the side? Just a couple weeks ago, the University of Toronto hosted the Feminist Porn Conference, featuring plus-sized porn star Courtney Trouble, whose awards include Best Trans Films, Best Dyke Film, and Most Diverse Film (seriously).

How come nobody tipped me off?

In addition to her artistic work, Trouble is an activist, having founded International Fisting Day “to create awareness around feminist and queer-related censorship in adult media.”

What a disappointment. I probably could have met half the staff of the Southern Poverty Law Center there and burnished my credentials as a human rights activist. There’s nothing that says “progress” quite like fisting.

Passing the Hat

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Bills are piling up again, so it's time for me to ask for help keeping the site online. It's been about seven months since the last time I asked, which is a good stretch, but I can't wait any longer at this point.

First, a short update on how the site is doing. Daily unique visitors are running in the 3,500-4,000 range on the site proper during weekdays, and a bit less on weekends. However, I have noticed that people have started to read content more on the feed for some reason. Just the other day some 1,600 people accessed the content through the feed, which is a record, and the number has regularly surpassed 1,000 recently. Given the number of people reading each article on the site itself (about 2,000+ per article), I'd estimate that regular, near-daily readers number around 2,500. It's much harder to get an idea of how many occasional readers are out there, so I'm not going to try to come up with a figure, but it would be in the thousands as well.

Overall, the numbers are fairly consistent, and neither growing quickly nor declining, although usage patterns have changed somewhat. It seems that readers see the site now as a regular publication offering content they enjoy reading, and I think that's a good thing, because it shows more permanence.

However, publications, like all endeavors that require work, have to support themselves somehow, which necessitates this fund drive. So if you enjoy reading the content here on The Spearhead, please send a donation my way through the PayPal button at the top of the right sidebar, or send a check or money order to:

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Addressing the check or money order to my name (William Price) is fine, as I'm a sole proprietor and I've found that it doesn't really matter for tax or accounting purposes at this point, although that may change again after I move and start working on outside projects again.

I'd like to thank all those who have contributed to the site over the years. Without your help, I never could have put as much work into it as I have or published nearly as many posts.

Because I'm moving and am going to be stretching things thin, I'll keep posting reminders until I have enough to guarantee I can keep working on the site through at least the next quarter. I enjoy putting in the work, but I'm far from independently wealthy, so if you like to see the site updated regularly send in some funds and I'll stick to it.

Thanks again. I consider it an honor to work for our readers, and hope to keep doing so for a long time to come.

Woman Flunks USMC Officer Training Course, Blames Female Privilege

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Sage Santangelo, a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, signed up for the Marine Corps' Infantry Officer Training Course, but promptly failed on the first day. Out of 14 women who have attempted the course, all but one failed on the first day of the thirteen week course. To be fair, the first day is one of the hardest, as it features the combat endurance test.

> Several hours into the test, I jogged past a lieutenant who was overcome with cramps and vomiting on the side of the road. The temperature hovered just above freezing. A blister bled on my foot and sweat poured down my face, yet I felt relatively good. I had completed all the tasks so far within the time allotted, and I was determined to make it to the end without showing any weakness. A packet of MRE cheese spread gave me new life. I shook frost from my uniform, threw my pack on my back, slung my rifle and jogged on through the woods.
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> But there came a point when I could not persuade my body to perform. It wasn't a matter of will but of pure physical strength. My mind wanted more, but my muscles quivered in failure after multiple attempts. I began to shiver as I got cold. I was told I could not continue.

Cruel biology! There's no way in hell I could pass that test today, but I could have done it in my late teens when I rowed crew, which is a brutally taxing sport. I remember running stairs until my legs were wobbly, finishing races with a sensation of a thousand needles stuck into my body, which I figure must have been due to oxygen deprivation, and other unpleasantries. Honestly, I didn't enjoy rowing all that much, even though I was pretty good for a relatively short rower at six foot one. Playing baseball was a lot more fun and less painful.

Given that most men will avoid that kind of experience when possible, I wonder how many women would willingly sign up for it. Not many, I'd guess, so I'll take Santangelo's word for it when she says she doesn't lack the will.

Santangelo is an exception. Vanishingly few women will willingly subject themselves to anything like that merely for the privilege of being an infantry officer (she's already a lieutenant, so she's got the officer part covered). Female dancers and athletes will go to great lengths and push through pain for the adulation and adoration that successful performance can bring. Female gymnasts and figure skaters even risk their necks for it, and ordinary women admire and envy them. Little girls look up to them, too, and often wish to become such a champion. But if you asked little girls if they wanted to wear shapeless combat fatigues, carry a gun and march through hostile territory while being shot at by people who hate them, you'd have a hard time finding one who would say yes.

Little boys, on the other hand, love the idea for whatever reason. Hell, throw a group of boys into the woods, remove adult supervision, and next thing you know tribal warfare has broken out.

So even if there were women who could pass the combat endurance test, only a tiny fraction of them would be interested in it. Instead, the few women who do have the physical ability to pass the test (and that's very few women), will be content to pursue other options, like a full-ride athletic scholarship to a prestigious university.

But Santangelo has a great idea for helping women pass the infantry officer course. Instead of offering women incentives and privileges for joining the USMC, such as lower standards and perks, they should be treated exactly the same as the real soldiers. That way, she argues, they will be better prepared to pass:

> So what's held women back in the Marines Corps Infantry Officer Course? I absolutely agree that we shouldn't reduce qualifications. For Marine infantry officers, mistakes mean risking the lives of the troops you are charged to protect. But I believe that I could pass, and that other women could pass, if the standards for men and women were equal from the beginning of their time with the Marines, if endurance and strength training

> started earlier than the current practice for people interested in going into the infantry, and if women were allowed a second try, as men are.
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> The Basic School, where I reported after graduating from Bowdoin College in 2012, has long been co-ed. But physical double standards persist. In the Physical Fitness Test, for example, a male perfect score is achieved by an 18-minute three-mile run, 20 pull-ups and 100 sit-ups in two minutes. A female perfect score is a 21-minute three-mile run, a 70-second flexed-arm hang and 100 sit-ups in two minutes. There was a move to shift from arm hangs to pull-ups for women last year. Yet 55 percent of female recruits were unable to meet the minimum of three, and the plan was put on hold.

I'm all for this idea. Give the women the standard treatment from the start. Of course, it would reduce female enlistment in the armed forces by some 90% almost immediately, but that's a good thing given all the problems associated with a sexually integrated military. Ultimately, though, it wouldn't make women any more likely to pass the infantry officers' combat course, because the pool would be even smaller than it already is, so Santangelo is wrong on that score.

However, that result is not what the politicians – or the feminists – want. They are the ones who have been demanding more women in the military, and in order to oblige them the USMC and the army have been forced to lower standards for women — in other words to give women special privileges. It's the only way they can boost the numbers and please their civilian bosses.

So Santangelo's proposal will never, ever come to pass until the US or whatever comes after it reverts to cultural sanity. People will talk about it, and there will be much hot air. Everyone will agree that we must make two contradictory things happen: women must be given preference and standards must be the same for both men and women. Nobody will be allowed to notice that this is a logical impossibility. In the end, more women will be stuffed into make-work jobs and given rank and money for contributing nothing whatsoever to national defense, a few complainers like Santangelo will be bought off with undeserved promotions, and a lot of perfectly competent, patriotic male officers and enlisted men will be sacrificed for the sake of "progress."

Feminist Biology?

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The University of Wisconsin Madison is preparing to offer the first post-doctorate program in "feminist biology" in the US. So what is feminist biology? Apparently, it is not science at all, but rather more "intersectionality" gibberish:

> UW was granted the opportunity by Gertraude Wittig, a German Ph.D. biologist in the 1950s, Janet Hyde, professor of psychology and director of the Campus Center for Research on Gender and Women, said. Wittig suffered through bias and sexism that many women faced during that time frame, she said.
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> After working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for several years, Wittig researched universities nationwide with strong gender and women's studies programs to find one she believed had a strong emphasis on the intersection of gender and science, Hyde said.
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> "She concluded that ours was the best one to give the money to partly because we have a long history of representing biological research in our program, which is unusual for women's studies programs," Hyde said.
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> Hyde said they hope to make advances in approaches to science that detect gender bias in traditional biology and also pioneer new approaches to biological research that counteract those biases.
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> Houck said the department has a strong history of feminist analysis of science and biology and health. The post-doc is important for the department to continue its strong, innovative legacy, she said.
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> "For the larger university, what this does is sends a message to the academic community that UW-Madison cares about feminist science, they're willing to promote feminist science and we want to be known as a university that supports and nurtures feminist science," Houck said.
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> Fellows working in the program will be responsible for two parts, Hyde said.
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> The first is conducting biological research incorporating a feminist point of view, Hyde said, and the other is instructing a course for gender and women's studies each semester. She said they have not had a faculty member be able to teach this course because of budget cuts over the past several years.
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> "What we need to do is produce more feminist biologists," Hyde said. "We're hoping to encourage that now and to make it a much larger and vibrant field."

As colleges are beginning to fail around the US, instead of doing the sensible thing and eliminating useless departments like gender studies altogether, some are apparently choosing to wreck the legitimate disciplines by dumping contaminants like feminist biology into them.

When the universities inevitably go into steep decline, they will have only themselves to blame.

Rod Dreher Asks “Who Cares?” About Sex Ratio in College

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Upon reading this title, some people might assume that I’m about to attack higher education for discriminating against men and boys. But actually, I think it’s a blessing in disguise. Dreher’s little comment on the matter highlights the hypocrisy of a higher education regime that sees no problem with discriminating against males, so he isn’t writing that he doesn’t care that men are underrepresented. Like most decent people, he thinks it represents a problem.

I, on the other hand, don’t think it’s a problem at all. I will even go so far as to say that there are already too many men in four-year colleges, and it would be better if there were even fewer than there are today.

Let’s start with an obvious fact: a lot of young men who are in college on athletic scholarships do not stand to benefit from a college education, and in fact are being cheated. Why is it that young football and basketball players, who earn an enormous amount of revenue for colleges, are unpaid, despite the fact that the work they put in will probably never result in a paycheck? Is the semi-literate kid from the country or inner city who is a superior athlete but not professional caliber really going to benefit from college? I don’t think so. He’d be better off playing a few years in some minor league team and getting paid for it than taking classes he’ll never care about or fully understand. Best would be for him to learn a trade while playing semi-pro. If his athletic career doesn’t pan out, and it doesn’t for most college athletes, he’ll be a lot better off as a cop, firefighter, construction worker or even trucker than he would be as a burnt out athlete with no job skills whatsoever.

Next, there are the young men who are of average to high-average ability. Do they need a four-year degree for their future career? Far from it. What they need is experience on the job combined with some refinement of business and personal skills. A two-year degree will do the job just fine. Most mid level technical jobs do not require a full bachelor’s degree. Why incur debt and waste time taking useless classes from leftist ideologues when they could be earning money?

A full Baccalaureate should be reserved for men in the upper quartile of intellectual ability who can go on to be administrators, professionals and teachers. And even in that upper quartile it isn’t always necessary, because a lot of intelligent young men are better suited to getting things done than listening to lectures. Therefore, I think only about 15%, or one in six young men, really ought to go the distance in college.

As for young women, higher education is an enormous waste in most cases. They spend their time learning from lesbian pornographers, drinking, whoring and learning to look down on their male peers even as they debase themselves. The old idea that it will help them find a suitable mate is so outdated as to be laughable, but it’s what keeps parents paying for college tuition for their daughters: they hope that daddy’s little girl will get hitched to some conscientious beta male instead of knocked up by a hoodlum. This is the single biggest reason parents send their daughters to college, and it’s a gamble that will only pay off about half the time these days as the female to male ratio approaches three to two at universities (not all college-educated men marry college-educated women, or marry at all). Not a good bet for roughly $100k, but it supports legions of hard-left ideologues, which explains the enthusiasm for the failing system in mainstream media outlets.

The best-case scenario would be a total collapse of the education bubble, and thousands of useless academics bagging groceries at Whole Foods while electricians, plumbers and network administrators who went to trade school drive well-built vehicles and live in single family homes, and their wives eat healthy food and have plenty of time to raise the kids. The highly-educated types with useful skills, such as doctors and technological innovators, could dedicate their lives to serving their communities, and be rewarded with a modestly distinguished lifestyle featuring high culture and the finest of products produced by the grateful and fairly-compensated beneficiaries of their talent.

Prediction: Out of Character, Stephen Colbert Will Bomb

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Rush Limbaugh recently denounced CBS's choice of Stephen Colbert to replace David Letterman on The Late Show, but I don't see why. I never "got" Letterman, who has always come off as little more than a bitter, snarky asshole to me. Doesn't seem like it would be hard to find a better replacement for the guy, but maybe at the tender age of 39 I'm just not sophisticated enough to appreciate his brand of humor.

Instead of improvement, the network appears to be trying to stay true to message, and plans to replace him with another bitter, snarky asshole. Only this time, the guy has built his career on a supposedly odious character who is probably more likeable than the man himself.

Stephen Colbert has risen to prominence by portraying conservative Americans as moronic imbeciles. It plays really well to the left, and gets a few laughs from the right, too, because conservatives are better sports, and can actually laugh at themselves. His character in the Colbert Report is likeable in the roughly the same manner as Bill McNeill in News Radio, played by the irreplaceable Phil Hartman, who was tragically gunned down by his cokehead wife some fifteeen years ago.

However, Phil Hartman had a lot more talent than Stephen Colbert. He was funny in more than one character, and could spoof people no matter where they were on the political spectrum. In fact, he did a great Bill Clinton on Saturday Night Live before the show became the knee-jerk prog shithole it is today.

Stephen Colbert hit it big with his spoof of right-wing talk hosts, but that's the only thing he's done of any note whatsoever. Colbert is a one-trick pony. His acting skills are not bad (I've seen him on Law and Order), but his charisma is scraping the bottom of the barrel. I can't imagine why anyone would want to watch Colbert being himself. It's a horrible decision on the part of CBS to give him a real talk show, but then again it doesn't bother me much when major networks screw up.

Watching a poor, flaccid imitation of a boomer liberal like Dave Letterman is going to be a lot less exciting than taking cheap shots at conservatives, so I expect people to simply change the channel when they see the treacle that characterizes the real Stephen Colbert. It will be like pulling the curtains away from the Oz of progs, revealing the squinty, beady-eyed little mediocrity Colbert trying to be "with it" despite being nothing more than an out-of-touch Irish nerd who is generally reviled by the demographic he's been hired to represent.

Good luck, CBS. You would have done better with a Spanish-language bimbo talk show about Mexican telenovelas.

Cliven Bundy Lost in Translation

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What I find highly ironic about the recent condemnation of Cliven Bundy is that he is being pilloried for speaking more like black Americans than urban whites. Even his name would sound black if you made a slight change from "Cliven" to "Clayvon."

Mr. Bundy's American English is so archaic that he still uses "Negro" (also used more by blacks than whites) and says "they was able to" and "didn't get no more." The content of Bundy's message, which wouldn't have been all that controversial if spoken by a black preacher, was deemed hateful partly because he didn't say it in the proper, coastal elite way.

So I'll do Bundy a favor and offer a translation.

Original statement to NY Times:

> "I want to tell you one more thing I know about the Negro," Bundy said during one of his daily press conferences. "[B]ecause they were basically on government subsidy, so now what do they do? They abort their young children; they put their young men in jail, because they never learned how to pick cotton. And I've often wondered, are they better off as slaves, picking cotton and having a family life and doing things, or are they better off under government subsidy? They didn't get no more freedom. They got less freedom."

Newspeak version:

I'd like to address another issue concerning African Americans. Now that they are under government management, how are their lives? Their young women have the highest rate of abortion and their young men the highest rate of incarceration, because they have few job skills and therefore few opportunities. This brings up the question of whether they are really much better off today than under slavery. Indeed, by many measures they are even less free today.

Another untranslated Bundy statement:

> Are they happier now under this government subsidy system than they were when they were slaves, and they was able to have their family structure together, and the chickens and garden, and the people had something to do? And so, in my mind I'm wondering, are they better off being slaves, in that sense, or better off being slaves to the United States government, in the sense of the subsidies. I'm wondering.

Translation:

How can one say that the federal government serves African Americans any better than plantation owners under slavery, when at least they had families and the opportunity to work the land under that system. Is it really better to be totally helpless and dependent on the state and the US government than the status quo ante?

The translations obviously sound more "acceptable," but still wouldn't go over well unless Bundy made it clear that he was not supporting slavery, but rather condemning government management of people's lives. For some reason, people tend to automatically assume that white people are supporting slavery when they say something is "worse than slavery," but this is not usually the case. Most white Americans do not, and never have, supported slavery, which was always an elite institution.

Let me present an ancient, and somewhat famous, example of another white man making a "worse than slavery" statement:

> Continuous with the Suiones are the nations of the Sitones. They resemble them in all respects but one — woman is the ruling sex. That is the measure of their decline, I will not say below freedom, but even below

> decent slavery.
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> Cornelius Tacitus in *Germany and her Tribes*

Making comparisons to slavery is a rhetorical device, and can work well if you do it the right way. Cliven Bundy's attempt to do so fell flat because to many people he sounds like a Southerner (although he is in fact a Westerner), and he didn't realize that white men cannot use it without immediately falling into the black/white trap of dualistic American race thinking.

So I'd recommend that American men should just steer clear of making these comparisons, not because there's anything inherently wrong with doing so, but because it immediately sets off the shrill screaming we're hearing now about Bundy, although black people are not among the screamers and don't seem to care about the Western cattle rancher (which says a lot about what's really going on).

There's nothing any more racist about Cliven Bundy than your typical New York SWPL who goes through all sorts of contortions to keep his spoiled progeny out of a "bad school." In fact, Bundy, who probably has little if any negative interaction with black folks may be more positively inclined toward them than the New Yorker.

I think he genuinely believes that blacks would be better off with a life like his — working the land in God's country, raising a family and relying on the community rather than an impersonal government for support. Bureaucratically managed city living represents some form of hell to this old rancher, and as a city dweller I can sympathize.

Finally, there's a lot of stupidity in the widespread condemnation of Bundy by urban liberals. They say he's "stealing from the government" and taking advantage of taxpayers. Anyone who lives in the inland West knows this is BS. The federal government owns most of the land in this region, and most of it is worthless for most purposes. People like Bundy are actually making it profitable, creating wealth out of what would otherwise be a wasteland. The government and taxpayers benefit from these ranchers. One of the coolest things I've seen in the West was a Basque shepherd on horseback in Idaho, grazing his flock in the Targhee National Forest and thereby helping prevent forest fires by clearing underbrush. It was a great example of people working with what they have and helping manage public land without costing the rest of us a cent. When city people condemn these people for doing all that and adding to our tax base, I just shake my head at the small-minded malice of it all.

The most environmentally destructive projects in the West today are mainly large, publicly funded projects like the Grand Coulee Dam and Hanford Nuclear Reservation (there are literally radioactive rabbits hopping around out there) — not independent ranchers. Driving these people out of business by raising grazing fees is not good policy, but it makes it easier for the likes of Harry Reid to push the little people around. Good for Cliven Bundy for standing up to him.

A New Place to Live

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I finally secured a place in Whatcom County after a couple months of intensive searching. I am really looking forward to being able to see my kids without spending ten hours on the road for one measly weekend. An extra motivating factor is that I'll be paying perhaps one third of what the equivalent space would cost in Seattle.

However, it wasn't easy to pull it off. Being a divorced dad who has struggled to pay bills and child support does a lot of damage to your credit, which raises landlords' eyebrows. I'm lucky in that I don't owe too much overall and have a flawless tenant record, but I might as well have set my credit rating on fire in order to pay the lawyers and child support, and that's with some family support, without which I would have had to give up on being anything more than one of those "dads" the court so gleefully consigns to irrelevance.

One thing I can tell young men who might wonder what it's like to go through a bad divorce is that you learn to accept your lot with a great deal of fatalism. I've often found myself thinking "well, at least I didn't get murdered," or "at least I'm not in prison." In order to put things in perspective, I think of all the decent men who died in the world wars. It's really that bad. Don't listen to the family law parasites who try to justify it — they are merely bandits with a license to steal.

I don't know how this move is going to work out in the long run, but I'll be closer to my kids, and I'm going to keep fighting the same fight from a couple degrees north of where I am today. Given the lower costs, I think I'll have more resources at my disposal. This is another lesson. If you're a young man, go for the best deal you can get, and never pay a premium for "prestige" if it doesn't pay off in the short term. I wish I'd left Seattle ten years ago. I would have saved tens of thousands, and I wouldn't have had to live with the half-men (male and female alike) who dominate our cities today.

I'll be moving in a couple weeks. The only thing that will change here on *The Spearhead* is my PO Box address and the post volume (higher) once I'm settled in.

I'd like to thank those who have helped keep the site online as I've tried to turn my difficult experience into effective action. Like I said, I'm not dead and I'm not in jail, and I feel I owe it to the men who have suffered more than I have at the hands of the criminals who profit from the destruction of families. These men are legion, and they deserve justice. I will never forget that as long as I live.

Small Cities, Big Ideas

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I've been preparing to move, so I took a short break from writing to get in better shape both mentally and physically. My upcoming relocation is a pretty big deal for me, because I've never lived anywhere besides a fairly large city (Seattle) and a really huge city (Beijing), and I'm about to move to a place where the "big city" has only about 85,000 inhabitants (about twenty percent of whom are students at the local university), and most of the surrounding land is either rural or wilderness. In fact, the entire county I'm moving to has fewer inhabitants than just two out of Seattle's four bordering suburbs combined. Given the burgeoning international trade through the I-5 corridor it's growing fast, so that may not last forever, but there's still a whole lot of room.

Naturally, the social milieu and political scene are very different, and I've been making an effort to learn a thing or two about them. For starters, I've discovered that the Tea Party really does exist, and isn't merely a figment of urban liberals' paranoid imagination as I had previously suspected (half seriously). Sometimes, I forget how many urban liberals actually came from small towns, and don't take into account that many of them have a lot more personal experience with flyover America than I do.

These days, there aren't all that many natives left in Western coastal cities, and there will be even fewer in the future as the extinction of the urban family accelerates. Most of the young people in Seattle, for example, are transplants from the suburbs and towns of the Northwest who came to the big city for jobs, fun or simply the status that comes with being an urbanite. Most of my childhood friends are long gone, as the cost of raising a family is just too steep in the city. Those who have stayed have, for the most part, inherited properties from their parents.

So I am in the strange position of being entirely urban, but also essentially alienated from the city of my birth. However, instead of seeing this as a bad thing, I'd like to take advantage of the fact that I have no psychic scars associated with small-town conformity to seize the opportunity and make a run for it while I still can. Do I feel sorry for the smug, liberal parents in my neighborhood who will have to face the music when their little ones hit kindergarten age and either shell out 20k+ per year on private school or send their progeny to schools in which some Cushitic dialect from the Horn of Africa dominates the playground and the little girls wear hijabs? Not at all. Perhaps because they despised the suburban and small town homogeneity they ran from so much, they'll really enjoy shopping for goat products at the halal markets going up all around the neighborhood. Ah, the 98118, where the burqa and SWPL collide…

As for me, I'll have access to a nearby Dutch farming community that provides the best dairy, meat and produce in Western Washington.

I may be getting ahead of myself here, but I'm really looking forward to becoming an advocate for my adopted community. I can bring the same passion for an alternative lifestyle that so many of the obnoxious SWPLs I encounter in Seattle had when they first rolled off the turnip truck, fresh from some bleak potato farm in Eastern Washington or Idaho, or maybe some cookie-cutter suburb on the eastside.

I'm beginning to think that one of the most important reasons cities have become so overwhelmingly liberal over the last generation is because people came to cities not so much to work and raise families as they used to, but to *experience* the "lifestyle." For those of us who grew up in cities, much of this experience was an annoyance or, at best, a source of amusement. The things we really liked about the city, such as the convenience, the sense of community in the old neighborhoods and the tolerance for assorted characters who wouldn't fit in anywhere else is gone, replaced by left-fascism, overpriced goods and real estate, congestion and endless fees and taxes. The entire place has turned into an amusement park, replete with hucksters, freaks and overpriced fare.

In my disappointment, I've been looking for answers, and I've found one man who has a particularly enlightened take on the state of urban America. He's a professor (of all things) named Joel Kotkin. A native New Yorker, he moved to California in the 1970s, eventually ending up in Los Angeles, where he advocates for more family-

centered urban policy. Calling himself an “urbanologist,” Kotkin takes on both leftist fanatics and the new oligarchs of the US. In addition to deflating the arguments of the pro-density Bladerunner-America proponents, he criticizes our broken immigration policy that places a higher priority on ethnic politics than valuable skills.

While absorbing his material over the past few days I found that his take on contemporary America is remarkably similar to mine. In fact, he’s given me some motivation and a sliver of hope for the future. However, I’m afraid that the big cities may not be receptive to change, and we may have to start in smaller cities and towns in the growing inland and Gulf Coast states, which are seeing continued economic growth even as stratification and social rigidity come to characterize the metropolitan titans of contemporary America.

That said, I think I’m going to shift my focus. I’ve been railing against feminism for some years, and it’s come to be akin to flogging a dead horse. Not that it isn’t a good cause, but I’m fighting the symptom instead of the root disease. I’ve known this all along, and have said so a number of times right here, but until recently I didn’t feel that I’d said enough about it. Feminism has become another one of those discredited but mandatory ideologies, like multiculturalism, blank-slatism and cultural relativism — we all know they are wrong even if we have to pretend not to while at work. But that’s changing: female newspaper and magazine columnists are openly stating that there are inborn psychological differences between men and women from time to time, and eventually the taboo will ease up. The intellectual battle against feminism is over. The feminists lost. They may still be sitting down next to the big kahuna and have undeserved political power, but everyone knows they’re frauds, and I don’t feel the need to make the argument any longer — at least not on a daily basis.

Instead of going over the same argument dozens of times, I’d like to take aim at a bigger adversary: the political and financial establishment. I’d also like to do so in a more concrete manner than merely blogging (not that I’ll give that up). I think there will be some opportunities to do so locally in my new home, and although I’m not sure how the site will fit into that, I’d like to keep readers in on it.

There is going to be a great deal of political and social change over the coming decade, and I don’t intend to sit on the sidelines.

Futrelle Supports Agenda Guaranteed to Lead to More Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Rape

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David Futrelle is still running a blog in defense of feminism, only under a different domain now. Instead of "Manboobz," a name that apparently backfired on him, he's under the wehuntedthemammoth.com url. Otherwise, there's no difference that I can ascertain.

I've criticized Futrelle in the past for failing to offer his own opinions. His blog's raison d'être has always been to highlight expletives, malapropisms and other "improper" ejaculations uttered by his readers' political opponents. He uses amateur blogs and comments to harvest these, because they are easy pickings, hence the "cherry picking" charge so often laid against him. It's a valid criticism, because this kind of political advocacy is based on intellectual sloth, especially when unaccompanied by any clear arguments on the critic's part.

However, every now and then David does endorse a point of view, as we can see from a recent plug for a feminist book:

> Lundy Bancroft is an expert on abusive relationships and the author of Why Does He Do That? Inside the Minds Of Angry and Controlling Men, a book I've found very helpful not only in understanding abusers but also in understanding the behavior and "activism" of Men's Rights Activists.
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> In a recent post on his blog, he warns about the ways in which "Men's Rights" ideologies can justify, and made worse, abusive behavior from men who are already abusive, or who have abusive tendencies.
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> It's not surprising that a philosophy rooted in male entitlement would appeal to men who already feel pretty entitled – and often quite bitter that the women in their lives, not to mention the world at large, doesn't seem to regard them as quite so deserving of adulation as they think they are.
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> As I've mentioned before, I used to think it was unfair to label the Men's Rights Movement "the abusers' lobby," as many domestic violence experts have done, because I felt that the movement did raise some issues that MRAs at least seem to sincerely believe reflect discrimination against men. But the more experience I've had with MRAs, the more I've begun to see the Men's Rights Movement not only as an "abusers' lobby" but as an abusers' support group, and an abusive force in its own right, promoting forms of "activism" that are little more than semi-organized stalking and harassment of individual women.
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> It's not that every MRA is literally a domestic abuser, though I wouldn't be shocked to find domestic abusers seriously overrepresented in the Men's Rights ranks; it's that the Men's Rights movement promotes abusive ways of thinking and behaving.

Calling men who advocate for fathers' rights the "abuser's lobby" is right up the fanatic Amanda Marcotte's alley. It's a calculated slur designed to play to base emotions, and even worse, it's a damned lie.

But most disturbing of all is the fact that anti-family policy leads to highly elevated rates of domestic violence, rape and child abuse.

Families in which both biological mother and father are together have the lowest rates of domestic violence, child abuse, and rape. Child fatalities due to abuse and neglect are far lower in traditional families than they are in single-mother homes, yet feminists – and David Futrelle – support this arrangement by demonizing fathers. Futrelle suggests that men who promote patriarchal values, i.e. pro-family values, are more likely to be abusers. But this is not borne out by statistics. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Single mothers are most likely to be battered by sex partners who are not their children's father, and fatherless children most likely to be murdered, raped and abused.

Yet somehow, fathers' rights advocates are suspicious, scary people.

David, do you really hate children that much? Do you want to see more women beaten? More children raped and murdered? If so, by all means, support people like Lundy Bancroft, who profit from advocating dissolution resources. Lundy Bancroft is a member in good standing of the divorce industrial complex. He literally lives off misery and destruction of families. I don't see how anyone could claim to advocate the safety of women and children while promoting a self-interested, home-wrecking charlatan like Bancroft.

It is immoral, it is evil, and it hurts innocent people. How, David, can you defend that?

Shakers: Then and Now

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Contemporary feminists don't often bring up the Shakers, an early, egalitarian feminist Quaker offshoot, but they are a highly relevant sect with an uncanny resemblance to feminists. Founded in the 18th century by a charismatic English priestess named Ann Lee, who subsequently emigrated to New York, the faith rose to some prominence and renown by the mid-19th century before dwindling almost to extinction in the 20th century. Today, three Shakers remain.

Ann Lee pioneered a form of goddess worship, and held herself out to be the second coming of Jesus — a component of a mixed-gender, quadrune God. Long before modern feminism, she enforced strict gender equality at every level of her church, communal ownership of property and ritualized purity. Shakers were known best for their bizarre form of worship, from which they derived their name. Shaker services featured ecstatic dances replete with speaking in tongues, rolling around on the ground and, at times, barking like dogs. However, despite their energetic religious expressions, Shakers were generally a sober, industrious people, and their settlements could be enormously productive. Even today, antique Shaker furniture, known for its rugged, tasteful simplicity, commands a high price, and the style is widely imitated.

So what became of the Shakers?

To put it simply, they just died off. One of the tenets of their faith was that marriage and sexual relations caused spiritual pollution, and that in order to achieve perfect equality men and women should be as brother and sister to each other rather than husband and wife. Furthermore, families were an impediment to the communal lifestyle, as parents naturally favored their children over the rest of the community. Mother Ann, the female incarnation of the messiah, therefore banned them outright.

Enforcing celibacy in mixed communities would seem to be an impossible task, but the Shakers set up a strict hierarchy of Elders and Eldresses and deacons and deaconesses to enforce the sexual prohibition. Shakers who spent time outside the community were interrogated upon their return. Outside visitors were held to strict rules, and much of the community was off-limits to them. On occasion, when young local men attempted to elope with Shaker girls, the "sisters" were known to have attacked and beaten them with mop and broom handles. Typical boys' play, such as wrestling and playing ball, was prohibited, and close male friendship strongly discouraged, presumably to suppress masculinization. Eldresses employed spies to keep track of the whereabouts and activities of the young and lusty.

The result of this was that young Shakers, who could choose to leave at the age of 21, left in droves — especially the males. The retention rate was only 25%. Shaker numbers were augmented by accepting foundlings and poaching husbands or wives from nuclear families and keeping the children. This prompted a Kentucky law that permitted divorce on the grounds of a spouse joining a Shaker community, with property and child custody remaining with the non-Shaker parent.

So why, with all the difficulties caused by enforced celibacy, did the rule remain in effect? According to Shaker historian Glendyne R. Wergland, it was how Shakers maintained gender equality:

> Celibacy was the key to Shaker equality. By eliminating marriage, Shakers eliminated the source of men's traditional authority over women. Living as virgins, male and female alike, Believers diverged from mainstream traditions that valued women's virginity but did not apply the same standard to men. The Shakers rejected the hypocritical double standard and established women;s equality by applying the same norm of chastity to men and women — and upheld it in practice as well as in theory. This study shows how women working together consolidated their gains, then expanded their power. Here, then, are examples of women serving in equality with men, women in partnership with men, and women in ascendancy over men. By the end of the nineteenth century, even outsiders recognized that Shaker society had become a gynocracy.

Perhaps, then, the price for gender equality is ultimately ethnic extinction, and this explains why patriarchy has always been the norm, and gynocracy the exception. This would also explain why major religions are invariably patriarchal, while female-oriented faiths, like Shakerism – and now the Episcopal Church – eventually die out.

However, more ominously today, it is not only some odd sects or cults that have adopted the Shakers' values, but an entire political party, and indeed the secular orthodoxy that dominates the national narrative. Are Americans destined, under an equalist, gynocratic rule, to dwindle and die out? To the Shakers, that wouldn't have been a tragedy; the equalist heavenly kingdom is not concerned with such trifles as the survival of peoples, as it is eternal. The rest of us, however, might do well to ask whether the destiny of our posterity concerns us, and if so, why we should allow today's neo-Shakers so much power over its fate.

One reason you shouldn't wait too long to have kids

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I'm still moving, so I was loading some old junk the other day with the help of my stepdad and neighbor, both of whom are past retirement age. Naturally, the really heavy stuff was my job. Despite being out of shape and pushing 40, I'm still pretty strong, but that clearly doesn't last.

As I heaved a sofa into a flatbed, I found myself wishing my son were old enough to help out with heavy lifting. Fortunately, he will be within six or seven years, and hopefully at that time I'll still be doing OK, too. However, if I'd waited until 40 to have my first kid, I'd be pushing it. Even more so in my mid to late 40s — I'd be 60 years old before the kid's back was strong enough for a man's work.

I understand the logic behind waiting before having kids, but as I proceed into middle age I find the idea of having strong, grown children somewhat more appealing than toting helpless babies around. Past the age of 30 or so, waiting to have kids has diminishing returns, even for men.

Where does “Barefoot and Pregnant” come from?

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For most dads, the answer to this question is pretty easy, but for some time “barefoot and pregnant” has been an anti-motherhood slur feminists used to denigrate the family life. Eventually, it even evolved into something men were blamed for, as in “keeping her barefoot and pregnant.”

Most young people today have only come across the term in its feminist context, and not having become parents yet don’t know its benign origin.

The truth is that it comes from a simple physiological process. When women are pregnant, especially late term, their feet tend to get swollen and puffy. So instead of stuffing them into shoes, they often prefer to walk around barefoot, because that’s much more comfortable.

“Barefoot and pregnant” simply refers to a woman who is walking around at home, happily preparing for the baby in the most comfortable manner. Keeping your wife barefoot and pregnant means you’re doing what’s expected of a traditional husband, which is allowing her to stay home and be relatively carefree while carrying a baby to term.

That it became an attack on men is merely evidence that feminists are a spiteful, envious lot. How many of the early lesbian feminists of the 60s and 70s could say they had pregnant wives who were contentedly walking around without shoes? How many could say so today?

It’s all just sour grapes, as it always has been. A barefoot and pregnant wife is almost always happier than a trussed up working wife, so when keeping her “barefoot and pregnant” men are doing their wives a favor.

Even Japan has a Problem with Absent Fathers

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I've been reading about the "hikikomori," an enormous group of Japanese men who have, for all intents and purposes, abandoned society. They are young, but not all that young. The phenomenon seems to have peaked with Japanese males born around 1980. Japanese are concerned about the social cost these young men represent, having come to rely entirely on their aging parents.

The consensus seems to be that something is wrong with the family. The hikikomori themselves often point to family problems as the impetus for their withdrawal into the home.

From an article written last summer in *Japan Today*:

> A survey the government's Cabinet Office released last April quantifies the disquieting rise of the problem. In 2003, the number of single people aged 35-44 living with their parents was 1.91 million. In 2007 it was 2.62 million; in 2012, 3.05 million. Journalist Masaki Ikegami, who has researched the issue extensively, tells Shukan Post that of people aged 20 to 64 living in Tokyo's Tamachi district, at least one in 20 is in a state of hikikomori – and 30% of them are over 40. That suggests a nationwide total of 300,000 hikikomori people over 40.
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> Is it entirely the children's fault? Or society's? True, the economy collapsed just as they were coming of age, creating one, two or three (depending on who's counting) "lost generations" of young people who never had a chance – or who, some say, were too spoiled or spineless to rise to the challenge. But counselor Fujiya Tomita claims it's the parents who have most to answer for. "The parents were busy at work," he says, "and the harder they worked the more prosperous they grew. Child-raising was left to daycare centers, to schools, to juku. The parent-child bond grew weaker." Something snapped in the kids as a result, he seems to be saying – maybe the gumption that would have seen them through the tough times ahead.

There are economic issues here, but this phenomenon doesn't seem to be an issue in Spain or Greece, where tough economic realities have curtailed young people's options, but not so much their ability to interact with the outside world.

The difference between Japan and the Mediterranean countries is that many of these Japanese were essentially raised without a father in their lives. The "salaryman" of the 1980s hardly spent any time at all at home. His life was at work amongst colleagues all day and much of the night. Little boys therefore grew up with protective mothers or in neighborhood daycare centers and rarely saw their fathers. They had no chance to develop that sense of security and independence that comes from paternal presence in one's life.

Without that crucial ingredient, it is harder for boys to become functional adults. Many can and do, but it's on the margins where the effect shows up. Those who could go either way are at risk. Although we don't see young Japanese men hanging out on street corners selling dope like many of our fatherless youths, the hikikomori problem is nonetheless a real social pathology. This is something we Westerners ought to think about as we re-establish the family in the post-industrial age. It isn't enough, apparently, that the father is a fully-employed provider in good social standing.

First Thoughts on My New Home

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I finally left Seattle behind yesterday, and today I've been acquainting myself with my new neighborhood by walking all over the place. It's a beautiful day, sunny and about 65 degrees, so it's a pleasure to be outside. I'm still in the comparison stage, so I find myself weighing the advantages and drawbacks of the new place. First of all, it isn't the tidy, well-kept city Seattle has become over the last 20 years. Where I live now has more of a suburban feel, with some empty lots, seemingly haphazard (but energetic) development, lots and lots of cars on the main arterials, and not many pedestrians. If there's anything I already miss about Seattle, it is being able to walk down sidewalks in a well-tended neighborhood with mature houses and orderly streets. However, the other kind of maturity – the human kind – is a bit oppressive in Seattle. There isn't much in the way of youth outside of a few enclaves. Seattle claims to have a high proportion of young people, but that is mainly because of the University of Washington and Seattle University, which have a combined enrollment of over 50,000. Remove the college students – most of whom neither engage much with the rest of the city nor plan to stay – and the city is old. You rarely see people between 18 and 30 in the residential neighborhoods. For example, when I'd take my kids to the local park while they were still in preschool the average age of the other parents looked to be early forties, or roughly ten years older than I was at the time.

I've been to a couple local grocery stores in my new place, and there are lots of young people. All sorts of them. I saw more young mothers over the last 24 hours here in Whatcom County than I'd see in Seattle in a week. Another thing that strikes me is that there is considerably more diversity of lifestyle. There's less racial diversity (although there's some of that, too), but people here seem more comfortable being "different." In Seattle, there's a great deal of conformity. Not only political conformity, but style as well. It's almost as though there's a standard white guy uniform. This was not always the case. There used to be an entire range of affiliations, styles, interests, political positions, etc. That freedom to be different, however, has been snuffed out by a sort of progressive fascism that has taken hold over the years. Now, everyone wears the same clothes, votes the same way, has identical positions on issues and supports the same causes. It is an incredibly stifling atmosphere for independent-minded people.

In my new place, however, I see hippies, rednecks, jocks, nerds, "people of Walmart," stylish young people, fatties, beanpoles, hipsters, farmers and many more. It's already far more interesting in that regard. I've also noticed that people are much more open and friendly — the older folks in particular. I've already had a couple strangers say "hi," make comments in passing and tell little jokes. Could these old people out here actually be happier, despite being less affluent than those in Seattle? Their demeanor and cheerful attitude suggests that they are.

Thos. asked how the move went. Not bad all told. My stepdad helped me out, and put me to shame. At 70, he's in better shape than I am. While I can carry more weight, he just keeps going and going like the little engine that could while I'm sweating, overheating and cramping up. Despite several joint replacements, he just keeps exercising, and it sure pays off — seeing how he's holding up is pretty remarkable. So far nothing's missing or stolen, and most stuff is already put into its proper place.

There will be more to tell in the future, but my main priority now is getting back to work. I'll be trying to drum up some business locally, and also writing and editing a lot more here and elsewhere.

Many College Grads Now Unemployable

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Unemployment has become a serious problem for new graduates, particularly those with liberal arts degrees. To mitigate the problem, which has been largely caused by colleges themselves, a Seattle startup has begun to teach real job skills to recent grads:

> One Monday afternoon in early March, a group of about a dozen college students gathered in an office space in lower Queen Anne. The mix of male and female coeds were all approaching graduation, most from liberal arts degree programs, but they were all still missing one key skillset: The tools to navigate a challenging job market.
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> Hillary Spanjer, a 2013 Eastern Washington University grad, was one of those students. “My mom found an article on LinkedIn about Koru. She said it was put in her path for a reason,” she says. “She knew I had just graduated and was struggling to find a job in a more professional atmosphere. She was concerned my resumes were going into a pile of resumes.”
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> Koru, a startup founded in Seattle last year, provides career counseling workshops to college seniors facing a looming and intimidating job market. It’s not all dry lecture or classroom learning though. Koru sets itself apart by bringing together students with professionals hiring for actual job opportunities at growing Northwest companies like Julep, REI and Zulily.
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> The company is backed by a strong leadership team. Co-founder Josh Harrett is the former head of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s higher education innovation unit and co-founder and CEO Kristen Hamilton headed Microsoft’s Educator Strategy and Marketing division before founding two different companies — most recently Onvia.
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> The pair have raised approximately $4.35 million in funding for Koru from major investment firms that include Maveron, Battery Ventures, First Round Capital and Andreessen Horowitz. The forum will expand to San Francisco this summer.
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> Hamilton’s inspiration for the program came from the children of her friends, recent grads having a hard time getting a foothold in a slow job market. “It’s lonely and it’s challenging,” she said. “The problem with losing the connection with your university’s resources, such as career centers, [is that] the network has changed and typically recent grads will apply too broadly and it’s sensed by employers that there is lack of interest or passion when looking for a new hire.”

There’s a real lack of practical thought concerning education in the US. This is due, in large part, to the fact that higher education itself has become such a powerful industry. The University of California, for example, was the single largest institutional contributor to Barack Obama’s reelection campaign. Even as it has grown more expensive and less useful, higher education in the US has become an entrenched bureaucracy that serves its own interests.

Germany, which has some of the lowest rates of higher education attendance in the developed world, has amongst the lowest youth unemployment. Instead of indoctrinating students in progressive orthodoxy, Germans have chosen to teach them the skills necessary for the modern workforce.

It wouldn’t be too difficult to do the same in the US, but the media and state cheerleading for the education industry is slowing us down even as it impoverishes the younger generation and takes years away from their productive lives. That young men are not as enthusiastic about liberal arts degrees is encouraging, but unfortunately their wives-to-be have picked up the slack, burdening future households with college loan debt that has no guarantee of ever paying off.

What needs to change first is the postwar idea that college practically ensures entry into the middle class and a

chance to attain the American dream. Parents in particular should think about teaching their children job skills *before* they choose to pursue a degree. This way, young people can use their time in school to hone skills that they already know they will need in their future careers.

As for a liberal arts education, I'm afraid that it has become nothing more than a useless exercise in ideological conditioning. While the original purpose of such a degree was to teach young people how to think critically and draw from a broad knowledge base, these programs now accomplish the opposite. Colleges tolerate no dissent from orthodoxy, ban contrary ideas, and relentlessly persecute those who challenge the party line. Our best hope is to starve these departments, or perhaps to eliminate them so that we can start anew. Unfortunately, the latter is unlikely to be possible, so as long as college is optional, I'd recommend a boycott of all liberal arts programs that receive federal funding. This would give young people the opportunity to focus on survival skills instead of trained subservience, and it would diminish the influence of the education lobby, or at least expose it for the special interest group it has become.

The New Frontier

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In my new borderlands home, there's a dynamism that doesn't exist in the stale city. An odd fusion of young and old culture, people and civilizations. I stood in line today with American Indians, Asian Indians, Anglos, Slavs and Chinese. There's a stream of Canadians of all ethnicities pouring across the border every evening to stock up on cheaper American goods and gasoline. While at the local discount gas station, I came across a Chinese man filling a half dozen ten gallon gas cans to take back across the border. I couldn't resist asking him in Mandarin Chinese whether he intended to start his own gas station. He answered in a heavily accented dialect, as do most of the local Chinese, who come not from the established cities but the hinterlands. It's truly amazing to me to hear this, as I feel I've once again taken some excursion to the provinces in China, except this time in the United States.

I'm on the edge of a fertile valley, not far from the sea and foreboding mountains. Just off my left shoulder when walking south there's an enormous, snow-capped peak scored by glaciers. When walking north, ahead of me there are bucolic fields, wetlands and low, rolling meadows. To the west there's the Strait of Juan de Fuca, which channels a cool, wet breeze over the Frasier River Valley, and the bounty of the Salish Sea. To the east there's a rugged mountain range impassable except by a single highway some forty miles to the southeast.

I can hear seagulls, songbirds and crows. Bald eagles circle overhead, and hawks scour the flatlands for prey. Deer browse the lush fields nearby, growing fat on the late spring grasses and shoots.

There's a notable absence of police, but that isn't a problem, because the dark pathology of the city hasn't yet crept in. There are beggars and poor folks, but the hard edge of urban crime is conspicuously absent. That menacing specter of urban crime, which creeps up like a dark shadow to mindlessly beat and kill its prey, has so far stayed away from this virgin territory.

The people here are simpler, but in many ways more attractive. They are taller, more athletic and better-looking. They are also more prolific judging from the number of children. In comparison to city people, they probably aren't as bright, but it's a negligible difference, and hardly a failure all told. A tall, beautiful young man or woman here walks and moves with a natural grace and nobility that is conspicuously absent amongst the bent, glowering progressives that cautiously navigate the streets of the contemporary fascist polis. There's an openness, an ease of movement and a carefree, benevolent attitude that I haven't seen in decades in the city.

Instead of bitter ideologues, there are people with open minds and a willingness to engage with others. Rather than a fanatical devotion to sodomy and abortion, there is an appreciation for life, and a true respect for mothers — the hatred of children that characterizes urban Americans is notably absent. In some ways, spending time out here is like a rebirth into a community that has a true respect for humanity and life rather than a futile materialism and a burning hatred for mankind.

Feminists, as we know them, do not exist here. The women would be confused by the terms and the arguments. They live in communion with the men, and embrace motherhood and femininity. Likewise, anti-feminism means nothing to the men. It's just irrelevant.

Working on Books

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Today, I've been putting some pdf files together for ebooks, starting with Uncle Elmer's "Employment Game" for practice. Now that the manosphere is mature and there's already an enormous amount of content out there, I think it's time to add some permanence to the material, so I'm adding this kind of publishing to my repertoire. Unfortunately, it turns out that upgrading my OS has made it necessary for me to download an entirely new TeX engine, and that's going to take until well into the night, so no new documents just yet.

If any other manosphere bloggers out there are reading this, I've got you in mind, too. I intend to make it very easy for you to put out ebooks, or even print books if that's what you want. We really need a bigger platform for our content, and we shouldn't have to rely so much on blogs.

PUA Hater Identified as UC Santa Barbara Gunman

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Elliot Rodger, apparently an incel (involuntarily celibate) who posted on PUAhate.com, has been identified via a Youtube video (not police so far) as the shooter in the Los Angeles rampage that has claimed the lives of at least seven. In the video, an eerily calm Rodgers, seated in a black BMW, expresses his hatred for the women who reject him and all sexually active men, vowing to snuff out their lives in a bloody killing spree:

I've heard of PUAhate.com (the forum has been shut down since the shooting — Business Insider has an article with some comments here), but I've never checked it out, as getting laid is not an issue that concerns me too much. In fact, when Heartiste wrote some time back that mass murder could be caused by lack of access to sex, I thought he might be exaggerating, but when I read about the shooting last night the thought did cross my mind. Seems he was right.

Here's a darkly prescient passage from the above-linked Heartiste piece:

> …as the West reverts back to the ancestral sexual market that is currently in operation in sub-Saharan Africa, we are going to see a growing eunuchracy of involuntarily celibate betas and the marginalized men in their ranks decide that exiting in a blaze of hot lead beats living in loveless obscurity.

I do feel bad for incels, but have some trouble understanding why they think that getting laid will end their troubles and make them happy. In my experience, sex has caused me more trouble and cost me more than any other activity I've engaged in. Not that I advise avoiding it, but rather that one should be careful what one wishes for.

I also find it hard to relate to people who can't get laid. Especially when they are 22, not all that bad looking, and driving a BMW. Hell, at 22 I didn't even have a car and I was getting more action than I needed. Never had a dry spell until my divorce, and that was entirely voluntary. My main regret is not having exercised more restraint when younger. It leads me to wonder whether Elliot Rodger didn't have unreasonable expectations. He did mention hot blonde sorority girls, so maybe that was his problem: he was playing out of his league.

In any event, some feminists are now trying to blame MRAs for the killings, despite the fact that Elliot Rodger clearly doesn't care about anything other than sex, and in fact hates men who do have sex, which includes the overwhelming majority of men who care about men's issues/rights.

Elliot Rodger's Story: The Toll of The Sixth Deadly Sin

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I took the time to read Elliot Rodger's life story, and above all it is a tale of pathological envy. Elliot was not a normal kid, but from reading his story, it's clear that he wasn't *that* weird. No killing puppies, violent behavior, compulsive lying, sexual abuse or anything of that sort seem to have been a part of his childhood. Instead, he's consumed with an overwhelming sense of grievance for not measuring up to the standards he saw as normative. While he had difficulties when small, his descent was gradual at first, and took place mainly in late adolescence. Before then, if his account is to be believed, he may have had a chance.

From what I can make out, it looks like his mass murder could have been prevented if he'd been brought up in a different environment and a few simple guidelines had been followed. Not to say that he would have been a typical, cheerful adult, but rather that he would have had a chance to become functional instead of a spree killer.

Elliot was born to middle/upper middle class parents who had decent, if not entirely stable, careers. However, rather than the lifestyle one might expect from this socioeconomic group in most of the US, which would probably consist of a rather bland, but comfortable, house in a suburban neighborhood surrounded by peers of equivalent wealth and status, he grew up surrounded by California's ultra-rich and powerful. Both of his parents worked in film and socialized with the rich and famous. He spent a lot of time as a boy surrounded by these people, and eventually developed a strong desire to attain that status and lifestyle which included, of course, hot blondes.

Eventually, as he entered puberty, status issues, strongly tied up in the taboos of race and sex that consume contemporary America, drove him into a state of social withdrawal, and he spent a few years (most of high school) glued to a computer screen playing World of Warcraft. He was extremely conscious of class, feeling deeply disappointed when his parents couldn't keep up with the people he admired. He frequently refers to this or that school or neighborhood as "bad," and expresses shame when he is forced by circumstance to attend certain schools or live in certain neighborhoods.

I can understand where he's coming from, having attended a school where I clearly didn't belong due to class differences for most of my childhood. However, having some distinctly working-class and unpretentious middle class family members with whom I identified and was very close, I never felt that sense of alienation as profoundly as Elliot did. It was relatively easy for me to accept that I wasn't one of these people, and that I didn't really want to be in any event, nor did I particularly admire or look up to them. Nevertheless, it was far from ideal, and I held a bit of a grudge for a few years after I managed to escape from that environment.

But for Elliot, there was no escape — only a binary world of success or failure. He apparently had no idea that there was a different, equally rewarding way of life out there. Sure, most of the rest of us don't live in such opulence and style, but we're hardly the worse for it, and I'd venture to say that the ultra rich – the heirs in particular – have a tendency toward moral failure and depravity. Not all of them by any means, but the experience of being on top of the world as a child doesn't tend to incline one toward humility and empathy for others. I remember, for example, saying that I wanted to get out of high school early (because I really hated the social environment) and intended to enroll in a running start program at a community college. One of the kids in the class laughed at the notion of going to a community college, and said "what do you want to do, work in McDonald's all your life?" Unfortunately, my parents wouldn't let me enroll in the running start program – something I regret to this day – but at least I was able to transfer to another school shortly thereafter and leave the insular attitudes behind.

So Elliot Rodger was one of these little snobs, only he couldn't back it up with the real money or status. He identified with them, yet he was not one of them. This desire to be a part of the California elite is a constant refrain in his life story. Either he learned it from his parents or they encouraged the development of this attitude through lifestyle and social choices.

His reaction to attending a private Katy Perry concert after his mother obtained tickets from a rich friend:

> …There was upbeat music playing the entire time, and a lot of wealthy families with their kids attended. Every family there must have had a net worth of at least twenty million, to be able to hire private jets. I tried to pretend as if I was part of a wealthy family. I should be. That was the life I was meant to live. *I WOULD BE!* If only my damnable mother had married into wealth instead of being selfish. If only my failure of a father had made better decisions with his directing career instead of wasting his money on that stupid documentary.
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> I couldn't help but feel a bitter form of envy at all of the rich kids at the concert. They grew up in lavish mansions, indulged in excessive opulence, and will never have to worry about anything in their pleasurable, hedonistic lives. *I would take great pleasure in watching all of those rich families burn alive.* Looking at all of them really drilled in my mind the importance of wealth. Wealth is one of the most important defining factors of self-worth and superiority. I hated and envied all of those kids for being born into wealth, while I had to struggle to find a way to claim wealth for myself. I had to be ruthless, and do whatever it takes to attain such wealth. After all, it was my only hope of ever being worthy of getting a girlfriend and living the life of gratification that I desire.

This brings us to the first important lesson for parents. Do not inflict your own delusions of grandeur on your kids. If you are ambitious, that's fine, but if you are not one of *those* people, and it's very easy to tell who is by simply adding up assets and comparing houses, don't try to put your kids on an even footing with theirs, because they will instead inevitably end up as the low man on the totem pole, and some kids react very badly to this.

Elliot was also deeply embittered by the consequences of his parents' divorce. I have no idea who was at fault in the divorce, but it clearly caused some financial pain for the family, as divorce almost always does. He also despised his stepmother, a Moroccan woman with whom he failed to see eye to eye. His father, ever the beta, consistently allowed himself to be dragged into disputes between his son and his wife.

His mother, on the other hand, seems to have lived a lackadaisical life, subsisting mainly on child support and odd jobs. Elliot desperately hoped his attractive mother would marry a rich man, thinking that would solve all his problems. However, it seems that her rich boyfriends were not all that keen on the idea of marriage.

So the second lesson is do not divorce. Maybe it seems like a good idea sometimes, but it usually isn't, and children tend to pay for it for a long time, if not for life. Of course, if you're a self-centered, vapid type, perhaps nothing can stop you, but it should be commonly known what a train wreck divorce typically causes in people's lives.

One of Elliot's biggest problems in high school was an addiction to online gaming; World of Warcraft in particular. Perhaps most people don't take it all that seriously, but an addiction to gaming can be a very serious problem. I have first-hand experience — a WoW addiction was probably the most important factor in the destruction of my first marriage. Because I'm male, readers might think I'm admitting to having been a compulsive gamer, but sadly it was my ex who was on the game some 40 hours a week. After a year of this, we were strangers in the same house, and I was so demoralized that I stopped trying to act like a husband.

Third lesson: If your kid develops a gaming addiction, toss the computer out (quite literally if it comes to that). It's unhealthy, antisocial and an enormous waste of time and talent. If he or she screams and throws a fit, don't give in. Come down firmly on the matter. Tell the kid that this gaming is a disgrace, and he has to get out and do something productive. This is much harder when two households are involved (one parent might let the kid play to curry favor), which brings us again to the second lesson.

Finally, Elliot's parents never spoke frankly with him about sex and relationships. Perhaps that's because they assumed that was something schools handle. I've come to see support for sexual education in schools as a form of parental cowardice — people don't want to have to do the job themselves, so they outsource it to teachers. Bad idea. Not only because teachers cannot be trusted to do a good job; they must also teach with a room full of students rather than in a private setting where a kid will feel more comfortable and open, and willing to ask questions about what troubles him. Elliot Rodger expressed deep shame and confusion over his sexuality, and assiduously avoided the subject when around his parents. His parents apparently were relieved by this, but I bet they

don’t feel that way anymore.

The fourth lesson, therefore, is that if you want your child to have a mature understanding of sexuality and relationships, you’re going to have to take on the job of teaching him yourself. As a parent, it’s your duty, and no teacher or sex-ed program can make up for it if you fail to perform it yourself.

At this point, we’ll never know for sure whether Elliot Rodger’s rampage could have been averted, but his life story – as he wrote it – does strongly suggest that it might have been if he’d been raised differently. Unfortunately, it seems that by late adolescence/early adulthood he was already broken and headed for a serious crisis. He began stalking and assaulting people – romantic couples first – eventually leading to him being on the receiving end of a severe beating that left him with a broken leg. By 2013, he alienated his friends, became increasingly paranoid and delusional, and began to develop elaborate schemes of vengeance. Early this year, he was losing his mind, describing hope as a faintly flickering candle in the midst of darkness and formulating his final act — his “day of retribution.” After his mother saw some angry, disturbing Youtube videos he posted, he was visited by the police, who he claims could have foiled his plans by searching his room. He managed to calmly reassure them that everything was fine, and they left. A couple weeks later, he went on his rampage, and now it is history.

And this is how Elliot Rodger left the world, consumed and driven to madness by envy.

My Latest Effort

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I wrote a few days ago that I'm going to start making books, and I've put some serious hours into getting used to my typesetting program lately. The work has paid off. It's getting easier to use it all the time. Fortunately, I have some experience with markup languages, so I'm not starting from scratch, but LaTeX is not for the faint of heart. Most people who use it to write books and papers are apparently high level scientists, so it has all sorts of tools for expressing equations and the like, and of course many different "packages" and document classes for producing anything from scientific articles to screenplays. However, despite the fact that it can be a bit of a cranky old program, I'm growing rather fond of it.

So in order to warm up a bit, I decided to put out a few practice documents and see how they came out. First, I typeset Uncle Elmer's "Employment Game," and it came out looking quite nice. However, Elmer and I agreed that the content needs a little more tweaking, so we'll have that ready later.

Today, I spent hours on an old novel I found written by none other than Jacques Futrelle, David Futrelle's great grandfather. It's in the public domain now (I pulled it off the Internet), so I figured "why not?" I doubt anyone has bothered to publish a readable version in years, and it turned out to be an interesting project. My rendering of the novel turned out pretty nicely, if I do say so myself. It's kind of a hybrid ebook/print book, so it could serve either purpose. If I'd chosen to make it strictly one or the other I'd have made a few changes, but not many.

Naturally, I added an introduction that puts the novel in context for our readers. Because aside from the introduction it all came from public domain material, feel free to do what you please with it. Copy it, print it, send it around — it's yours to use as you wish.

Let me know what you think of the way the ebook looks. I'd be happy to have some feedback.

Here it is:

The Chase of the Golden Plate

Futrelle on NPR: 45 Minutes of Hating on Men

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I've been listening to the NPR program Futrelle spoke on for a couple minutes yesterday, and man is it a bore. There's a feminist named Soraya Chemaly who goes through the interminable feminist talking points, then Futrelle chimes in with his "expertise" on men's sites, and finally this effeminate little guy named Robert Heasley who sounds like an old lady and somehow gets paid to run a "men's studies" program.

You might think the point of the program is to use the Isla Vista massacre to single out guys who write on men's issues or MRAs, but actually it's almost entirely about how **all men are to blame!** Ironically, it's exactly this attitude that pushed me into online men's advocacy. Being part of the collectively "guilty" class can really suck. It has real life consequences, especially for men who go through divorce/custody disputes. As if having only a 10% chance of getting equal custody of your children is somehow a privilege…

Frankly, I'm glad they took the approach they did on the program. Admitting that the real goal is collective blame of men is a good start. It will alienate more men and prove that our views are moderate in comparison to the feminists'.

So keep up the good work, people!

Listen here (make sure you aren't operating heavy machinery — you may fall asleep):

In other news, for those who haven't seen it yet, I'm still offering the writings of David Futrelle's benevolently chauvinist great grandfather to showcase my ebook production skills:

The Chase of the Golden Plate

Maya Angelou, A Woman who Loved Men, Dead at 86

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> The sadness of the women's movement is that they don't allow the necessity of love. See, I don't personally trust any revolution where love is not allowed.
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> –Maya Angelou

I've never been a big fan of contemporary poetry because so much of it is so bad that I can't be bothered to go through it all to find the good stuff. But Maya Angelou was not one of the awful ones. She also really appreciated men. She loved them as only a healthy woman can, and I'll bet in her time they loved her back.

She wrote a poem about men titled, quite appropriately, "Men."

> When I was young, I used to
> Watch behind the curtains
> As men walked up and down the street. Wino men, old men.
> Young men sharp as mustard.
> See them. Men are always
> Going somewhere.
> They knew I was there. Fifteen
> Years old and starving for them.
> Under my window, they would pauses,
> Their shoulders high like the
> Breasts of a young girl,
> Jacket tails slapping over
> Those behinds,
> Men.
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> One day they hold you in the
> Palms of their hands, gentle, as if you
> Were the last raw egg in the world. Then
> They tighten up. Just a little. The
> First squeeze is nice. A quick hug.
> Soft into your defenselessness. A little
> More. The hurt begins. Wrench out a
> Smile that slides around the fear. When the
> Air disappears,
> Your mind pops, exploding fiercely, briefly,
> Like the head of a kitchen match. Shattered.
> It is your juice
> That runs down their legs. Staining their shoes.
> When the earth rights itself again,
> And taste tries to return to the tongue,
> Your body has slammed shut. Forever.
> No keys exist.
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> Then the window draws full upon
> Your mind. There, just beyond
> The sway of curtains, men walk.

> Knowing something.
> Going someplace.
> But this time, I will simply
> Stand and watch.
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> Maybe.

RIP Maya Angelou.

The National Consensus is Fading Away

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As the US becomes more diverse and less of a nation, I've noticed that there's no longer a consensus about things, especially amongst the young, who are united not by a sense of common cause and country but by universal fashion trends if anything at all. Back in the 90s, when I came of age, young people still took causes seriously. Sure, they were stupid causes, but people were passionate about them. I went to a soundgarden concert back in 1990 — the main event at Seattle's Bumbershoot festival. As a younger teen, I was a huge fan. I watched Chris Cornell belt out "Hands All Over" and was absolutely thrilled. It's the best concert I've ever been to; every one I've attended after that has been a disappointment.

But in hindsight, Hands All Over is a thoughtless environmentalist song. The lyrics stink, and go on and on about killing and raping your mother (earth). Trees are being cut down "like dying soldiers." Here's an excerpt:

Hands all over the coastal waters
The crew men thank her
Then lay down their oily blanket
Hands all over the inland forest
In a striking motion trees fall down
Like dying soldiers

It's terrible and socially irresponsible. I wonder whether formerly lower middle class Chris Cornell, living in his mansion paid for with royalties from album sales, ever bothers to think of all the timber and energy workers on the Pacific Coast who lost their way of life during the 80s and 90s. Not to say all the forests should be mowed down and oil dumped in the water (both would be wasteful), but rather that hysteria over the environment has cost us a great deal over the years, and all we've done is outsource bad practices to countries like China, where no attention whatsoever is paid to environmental impact. Taking the entire earth into account, we've actually made things worse!

Today, however, I've noticed that *it's the same people* who are holding up the torch for the cause, only they're about twenty years older. Likewise, the feminist activists, gay activists and, to tell the truth, MRAs, are mainly over 40. Whenever there's a "student protest," it's invariably organized by older faculty members (for which they should be summarily fired), and almost all youth causes are entirely contrived by aging activists.

Part of the reason for this is the horribly repressive nature of contemporary society; it seems that the freedom loving radicals of the 70s weren't so keen on the idea of freedom once they rose to power. But it's also because young people just don't give a damn. They are so immersed in their gadgets and electronic social circles and so confused about the meaning of life due to the overwhelming number of conflicting messages out there that they've just put it out of their minds.

For example, millennials are said to be big supporters of gay marriage. I don't think they have strong convictions either way, but rather just think that people should be able to do what they want. The biggest libertarians out there tend to be people who have led the most sheltered lives of all, and that's an understandable reaction for people who grew up in the most incarceration-happy regime in history, although I'm not sure they understand the implications of running a society based on self-gratification.

This youth apathy toward political causes and "anything goes" mentality is something we ought to take into account when reaching out and spreading a message. What it means is that we don't really have to worry much about the screeching of the feminists, because theirs is just one more voice kids tune out when they hear it. In this recent Elliot Rodger incident, feminists have felt that this is the one big opportunity to win big forever and all time, but I did a little research into my traffic recently, and found that I was getting an enormous amount of hits from millennials who were searching for "Elliot Rodger blonde," as I suspected might happen when I posted those pictures. Somehow, I don't think they give a damn about MRA or feminism — Rodger himself certainly didn't.

In fact, their concerns square pretty much with Rodger's. They are preoccupied with sex, status and fame. Theirs is a caste society in which a vast number of tribes of varying races and ethnicities live in some disjointed post-national empire. They don't care about serious issues that older people hold dear, they have no cohesive national identity, and they don't pay attention to the national narrative. The "America" we knew back in the 1980s is *old*. Most of it is pushing senior citizen age or already there, and its youngest citizens are almost 35. Within a year or two, it will be a numerical minority — if it isn't already. What comes next is up in the air, but I can feel the cries of traditional activists growing weaker and fainter every day.

At this point, it's time to prepare for a new kind of politics, and a new society. Some of the younger guys I've been in contact with, like Matt Forney and Chuck Ross, instinctively understand this. Matt, for example, doesn't appear to care at all what feminists think of him, and rather than chalking that up to youthful bravado I tend to think it's because hardly any of his peers do, either. I sincerely think we should adopt the same attitude. Who under the age of 35 cares what feminists say about MRAs in the Washington Post? Who listens to NPR? Every single day, their relevance is fading away. Let's not make the same mistake by putting our faith in the traditional information outlets — it's time to leave it behind and carry on.

Looking for a Graphic Designer for Book Covers

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I could probably find someone locally, but for manosphere projects it would be nice to pass some business along to a fellow traveler. Anyone interested should get in touch through the contact page and send a couple samples or a link to a portfolio. When I get ebook or print jobs, I'll contract out the cover design to a graphic designer partner.

What do Feminists, Elliot Rodger and Ta-Nahesi Coates Have in Common?

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Right before the Isla Vista massacre, The Atlantic published a long screed by Ta-Nahesi Coates which, by listing grievances against whites, made the case for reparations for blacks. I read the article, and found parts of it to be highly disturbing, particularly the implication that white Americans should be held collectively responsible as Germans were following World War II. However, effusive praise for this naked display of racial hostility dominated the progressive twittersphere, some of which was so over the top it read as parody. I've come over time to sympathize with the plight of working and underclass black men, particularly after being exposed to the criminal justice system through divorce (divorced, non-custodial fathers are automatically and without exception placed on something akin to parole and treated for all intents and purposes like convicted criminals), but when I see some spoiled, privileged young scribbler for an elitist publication tell me and my kids that we owe him a living, it really sets my blood to boiling.

However, as soon as the accolades for Coates racial grievance screed began, they were cut short by Elliot Rodger's massacre, which rapidly became the number one news item. When his life story came up online, I read it through and found it to be an extremely long list of grievances, much like Coates anti-white article. His near hysterical sense of having been violated even contributed to the impression that there was something unusually effeminate about him. Almost immediately, the feminists responded with an extremely long list of grievances, not against Elliot Rodger, but *against all men*. The last week has been a true jamboree of grievance victimhood.

Could it be that incessantly listing grievances – and feeling excessively, unreasonably aggrieved – is a characteristic of entitlement? It looks that way. Those who lack entitlement also lack a voice; they are not even given an opportunity to make their case. And indeed, one of the explicit goals of the feminist response to Elliot Rodger's attack is to shut down dissenting opinions. Their logic goes something like this: "if men are allowed to have any say over gender issues, it will lead directly to violence." Sounds like they fear an insurrection. In fact, it brings to mind the old attitudes about allowing slaves to speak out. Don't you know that if slaves are allowed any say over their fate some John Brown will immediately lead them to slaughter all those living off their labor? It is a plantation mentality. Feminist notions of "the patriarchy" bear an uncanny resemblance to old "Curse of Ham" arguments used to justify maltreatment of slaves.

It should also be pointed out that while Elliot Rodger did in fact kill some people, entitlement feminism has arguably led to far more deaths. By placing more women and children in the most risky category of single mother household, they have caused untold numbers of assaults, deaths through neglect and homicides. Six dead is a drop in the bucket compared to the toll of the broken family in the US, the responsibility for which lies squarely at the feet of gender feminists, who have tirelessly worked to destroy the nuclear family, thereby sending countless Americans to ruin, and many to their graves.

Grievance breeds a sense of entitlement, and a sense of entitlement is used to justify aggression against others. When it comes to using this as a tool, Elliot Rodger was a rank amateur — he accomplished nothing but a pointless act of vengeance against his roommates and a few strangers, immediately followed by his own death. Feminists, on the other hand, recycle their grievances constantly, using them year after year to extract ever more resources from the rest of us and use the state to commit violence by proxy against families, all the while portraying themselves as victims.

Tell me, who's really entitled here?

Removed Rodger eBook, but Need More Projects

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At Dalrock's request, which was reasonable, I took down the post containing the eBook of Elliot Rodger's manifesto from the main page. I'm keeping the file, but moving it to a resource for academics and law enforcement, because it may actually be true that the general public will think I had something to do with inspiring the ebook, because most of the general public doesn't read. Sometimes I forget these things — it used to be part of my job to compile terrorist manifestos and the like, and I thought open sourcing intelligence was a great way to solve problems. After all, if anyone wants to see whether Elliot Rodger has any connection to or inspiration from the manosphere, all they have to do is read his manifesto, and they will see that he does not. The problem is, as Dalrock implied, most of them will not bother to do so.

So instead of wasting my skills on projects that will bear no fruit, I'm going to offer to put together eBooks for some leading manosphere bloggers, and entirely for free, as both a gesture of goodwill and an advertisement of my services.

So how about it, Dalrock? Have a list of your best articles? Just hand them over and I'll crank out a tidy book in either print or eBook format — your choice.

The Allure of the Mountains

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Just about every year it seems someone dies on Mt. Rainier, but the truth is that it isn't quite that common — that's just the average. However, if you consider all the climbing and skiing deaths in all of Washington state, people do die pretty much every year. That doesn't include those lost in the woods or drowned in the cold water of rivers, lakes and the sea — those numbers are probably significantly higher, but apparently less remarkable.

So it didn't surprise me all that much when I read about the recent climbing accident on Mt. Rainier, which looks to have claimed the lives of six. By global standards, Mt. Rainier, named after Royal Navy Rear Admiral Peter Rainier, is of middling height at only 14,411 feet (4,392 meters). However, it looks very formidable, because it starts near sea level and towers over the cities and towns to its west as well as surrounding peaks. Because it stands above all else in its vicinity, its topographical prominence is the highest in the lower 48, and at #21 worldwide higher even than K2.

The mountain is largely encased in ice, and considered one of the world's most dangerous volcanoes. If it blew, it would eject billions of tons of ash and send rivers of boiling mud rushing down valleys toward Puget Sound, destroying all in their path. Nevertheless, it's a beautiful peak. Standing on the south beach of Seward Park, so near my old home, one can see it looming over the horizon like some enormous, shining god, appearing to float in the air on a hazy day. There's something about such peaks that beckons a certain type of adventurer, and thousands from all over the world make the trek to conquer the mountain every year. Roughly half of the attempts are successful.

Today, I live close to another one of Washington's volcanoes – Mt. Baker – which at 10,781 feet (3,286 meters) is a somewhat smaller version of Mt. Rainier. It has a similar shape and is also covered year-round with ice. Mt. Baker has the distinction of having the highest yearly snowfall on earth, which accounts for its heavily glaciated slopes. Almost a hundred feet of snow fell at the Mt. Baker Ski Area in 1999; a more typical total is between fifty and sixty feet per year.

A rather common view from my neighborhood:

The peaks of Washington state hold a particular attraction because they are located in a temperate, fertile environment reminiscent of Western Europe. In Washington state, one can find an approximation of rainy Britain on the coast, Spain on the inland plateaus and deserts and Switzerland in the rugged mountain ranges. Near where I currently live, there's something of a little Netherlands in the Nooksack/Frasier River valleys. Far to the east, the rolling, golden hills of the Palouse bring the Auvergne to mind.

If there's anything lacking in the region, it's a sense of history and culture, but in time that will come — hopefully before the fanaticism of the progressives can destroy its development. This is a real threat; we need only look at China and Russia as examples of how far back a highly motivated and politicized urban minority can set an entire nation.

However, even tragedies such as the recent deaths of six climbers on Mt. Rainier can provide some cause for optimism; if there's something so majestic and stunning about our land that people are willing to risk their lives to see it from on high, then perhaps that noble part of the human spirit that inspires us with love for our land will see us through these troubling times and onto something better.

Advice for Seattle Tech Workers Who Want to Meet Women

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Having suffered through Tricia Romano's long whine about how hard it is to find hot guys in Seattle, I thought I'd offer some suggestions for the tech workers who have to weed through these types in order to find a decent girl. Anecdotally, I've heard that Seattle has a lousy dating scene. I wouldn't really know, because I haven't dated in Seattle since I was a teenager. Not to say I never met girls, but I never went on dates. Instead, I'd see a girl I was interested in, gauge her interest in me, engage in some small talk, then get her contact info. If she's interested, you'll know *before* you go out for coffee or whatever it is people do for dates, so you don't have to engage in the job interview style mood killer that characterizes the typical "date." But that's what Game is for, and writing about it isn't my specialty. Look to Heartiste or Roosh for more details.

What I do know about is how the demographics of the city have changed, and why there's a shortage of opportunities compared to the old days of the 90s. There are fewer attractive women in Seattle than there were 20 years ago, and there are several reasons for this:

The national obesity trend

Young women are significantly fatter today than they were in the 90s. This sadly applies to Seattle, too, although perhaps not as much as some other regions.

Families with children have fled Seattle

Attractive young women are not too long out of school, and these days most young people are broke. Because of this, they tend to stay close to home – or at home with parents – even if they have attended a university. Many families were pushed out of expensive cities like Seattle by the real estate bubbles, and very often their daughters have remained in the suburban/exurban communities they relocated to. Because most young women (and most young men these days, too) lack the skills and/or experience needed for a job in the city that pays enough to make rent, they are stuck there, often unemployed or working for low wages in retail/service.

Women are not very enterprising

Young women are not generally high earners; they need support. It isn't because of the patriarchy or any other feminist fantasy, but rather because they don't want to or can't perform the difficult jobs that pay well. Additionally, men tend to be mobile, going where the money is, while women often stay behind. Detroit has very few opportunities, and therefore has a big surplus of women, the men having left to find work; North Dakota oil country, which has lots of job opportunities, has a lot more men than women. Likewise, the Seattle and San Francisco tech sectors are overwhelmingly male, resulting in a male-skewed sex ratio among the young in these cities.

So here's my advice: don't invest too much effort in Seattle proper. Get out on the weekends. It's only a twenty minute drive (at most) to get out of the city limits. Preferably, you should even get out of King County, or at least go to the quieter parts of the county. Find places outside the tech centers where the young people hang out and be friendly to both men and women. You won't find all the women up to standard, but there will be many, many more to choose from. They will also be less entitled than Seattle females, and more open to meeting new people. They may even appreciate the fact that you work hard and make decent money — it could compare favorably to the local boys who can barely make ends meet. Also, if you aren't from Seattle yourself (and that's probably the case), you might find them more like the people you grew up with, and that will make it easier to relate to them.

I'm a Seattle native, born and bred, but like most natives I finally had enough of it and left. It isn't a family-friendly city these days, and I am at a point in life where that's an important consideration. But when I was young it was not too bad, and lacking the extreme criminality seen in many of America's cities at the time actually quite a nice lifestyle. There were lots of young, independent types living on Capitol Hill and in the U-District back in the 90s.

You could work part time at a low-skill job and it would pay enough to cover your rent and allow plenty of time for your music or whatever interested you. If you've ever seen the grunge-era movie Singles, where Matt Dillon's character delivers flowers part time to subsidize his rock band, it isn't far from the reality of that time. Today, your typical one bedroom on Capitol Hill goes for more than a low wage worker earns in a month working full time.

Because women like and value the carefree, comfortable lifestyle even more than men, your best bet is to go where it exists. Did the 49er prospectors go up into the hills to find women? No, they went there for gold, and when they got it they went straight to San Francisco, where there were women. Think of our tech sectors today as analogous to the mining camps of the 19th century. It's an odd inversion from an historical perspective, but it's today's reality. All you'd find in the mining camps would be a few hard-edged, flinty old broads who have serviced hundreds – if not thousands – of men. If you wanted any quality at all, you'd go where the ladies were. Today, that's the exurbs, the small cities and towns.

In these idyllic locales, instead of leathery, tattooed feminists with graduate degrees and dozens of notches on their belts, you'll find pleasant, attractive young women whose romantic notions haven't been transformed into hardened cynicism by years of one night stands. And if you're a normal young man that's exactly the kind of women you prefer.

So go ahead and make your money in Seattle, but get out for love! And when you have kids, stay out for your sake and theirs. Maybe we can bring back something like the good old days at some point in our lives, but I think it's going to take a while.

Middle-Aged Journalist Blames Lack of Love Life on "Brogrammers"

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Tricia Romano, who apparently went to grad school at the University of Washington in the 90s, which would put her right around 40 give or take a couple years, has declared that techies are responsible for her lackluster sex life. Not to dump on Ms. Romano too much, but she doesn't exactly stand out from the crowd by any stretch of the imagination (the tattoo isn't helpful). She's passable, but she isn't a hot young thing anymore, and she should probably adjust her expectations accordingly.

However, instead of accepting the approach of the wall, she has chosen to blame guys who work at Amazon.com, much as other embittered feminists are blaming techies for San Francisco's housing problems. I don't care much for Amazon, but some of my friends have worked there, and there's nothing wrong with them that I can see. For the most part they are overworked, chewed up and spit out by a ruthless corporation that shows absolutely no loyalty to employees (which is why I despise the monopolistic, megalomaniacal Jeff Bezos). Even if they are making $100k, it's not all that much on an hourly basis, as many are expected to work up to 3,000 hours per year and be on call 24/7 (urban public school teachers with mid-level seniority can easily make more per hour than programmers). They are also ruthlessly exploited by real estate developers and speculators, who have jacked up rents and property values so high that a six figure income barely supports a family of three in West Coast tech centers. Again, how are these overworked, exploited guys to blame for predatory urban capitalists, much less Tricia Romano's desultory sex life?

But somehow she finds a way. She claims they aren't sexually appealing to her, because they don't know how to talk about the most fascinating subject on earth: Tricia Romano.

> I sat across from him and listened. He was trim, tall, bearded (as they all seem to be), a recent transplant, having only lived in Seattle for a year or so and worked at a start-up, after burning out at Amazon (as they all seem to have). He rode his bike around town; he had good taste in food and wine; and he lived across the street from where we were meeting. He was a software engineer or did something in tech (as they all did). And he was utterly unmemorable.
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> I don't think he asked me a single question about myself. Our date—if you call these impromptu Internet meetings, dates—lasted an hour. It felt more like a job interview, but not the way a date is supposed to be a job interview. There was no grilling about where you were from and what your family was like and what you were looking for.

Romano dates herself when she nostalgically recalls the good old days of the 90s, back when Seattle was hip and alternative and interesting (and she was in her 20s):

> This wasn't what I'd signed up for. I'd moved back to Seattle, in particular to Capitol Hill, because when I'd lived here during the '90s it was a beacon of diversity for weirdos. (I stress "weirdos"—there are few people of color in Seattle.) The weirdos were: young gay boys, old hippies of varying sexuality, straight artists and musicians, softball lesbians, punk-rock dykes who played house music, metal musicians, ravers, or people into the fetish scene. They were not straight, white guys from flyover country or California imported by a software company. They spent their time doing things other than making Jeff Bezos more money.

I can sympathize a bit here. I myself miss the "weirdos." In fact, it isn't just the weirdos who have disappeared, but the people she'd probably find "weirdly normal" (i.e. married, middle class families) as well. Seattle has become a left-fascist corporatocracy administered by a junta of rainbow warriors. Their primary goal, as far as I can tell, is waging war on the American working and middle class for the benefit of the parasitic classes at the top and bottom

of society. This is accomplished by destroying the low and middle-income private sector jobs that support an independent lifestyle (for artists and bohemian types, too), overtaxing the working poor and middle class, cronyism and speculation — all in the name of "progress." If this means shoving out the "weirdos" in order to make room for a corporate drone tax base to fill government coffers and please billionaire overlords like Jeff Bezos, then so be it.

But unfortunately for Ms. Romano, social ills are not the source of her amorous troubles. Instead, her problem is so obvious that it should hardly need to be pointed out, but for her benefit I'll do so anyway: She's 40 and she's acting like an adolescent. Doesn't she know dating is for kids? Normal, sexually active middle-aged adults are typically in longstanding monogamous relationships. Does she seriously think, at her age, that there are going to be a lot of "interesting" men at her beck and call? Or that they will be interested in her? I hear a lot about men's supposed entitlement, but hers takes the cake. *40-year-old spinster can't find a man! Stop the presses and listen to her complain! Something must be done!*

No, it isn't the techies, but the fact that the guys she was sleeping with back in the 90s have grown up and moved on, and she hasn't.

Extortion and Appeasement

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I heard about the AVfM Detroit hotel controversy a few days ago, and thought I'd keep my mouth shut until Paul Elam made up his mind about how to handle it. It seems donors came through and paid off the protection fee plus associated insurance, which came out to $25,000 — about what I guessed they'd want. Actually, I guessed $20,000 for the cops alone, not taking the insurance fee into account.

I'm glad the conference is going ahead as planned, and I hope this is the last of its troubles, but I wouldn't count on it.

I took a look at the letter the hotel sent to Paul, and quite frankly it screamed bullshit. I don't believe anyone threatened the staff and other guests, for starters, and I don't even think there were any credible threats at all. Honestly, the hotel's letter had the same tone one sees in those 419 scams. In my opinion, it was just the good old Detroit PD's extortion racket plus in all likelihood a kickback to the hotel manager. Do I think a feminist called the hotel? Probably. I'm sure someone even said nasty things about AVfM. And it is always possible one of those street junkie Marxists made a threat by phone. But if the latter had happened, then where's the police report? Surely, if AVfM is required to cough up $25k, then there must be some corroborating, official evidence, even if it has been manufactured out of whole cloth. I mean, did the police or the hotel even bother to check the phone logs?

Following is the text of the letter for those who haven't seen it (AVfM took it down for some reason, but it's still archived on Google):

> DOUBLETREE SUITES
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> May 29, 2014
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> Mr. Paul Elam
> A Voice for Men
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> Houston, TX _
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> Re: Quick Confirmation Agreement – Revised between A Voice for Men (Group) and Fort Shelby Hotel Master Tenant lLC (tlOwner") regarding the event contracted from June 26-29, 2014 at the DoubletreeSuites by Hilton Detroit Downtown – Fort Shelby (the "Agreement").
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> Dear Mr. Elam: Regarding the International Conference on Men's Issues scheduled at our hotel, the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Detroit Downtown – Fort Shelby, we have received numerous calls and threats and are concerned for the safety and well-being of our employees, our guests and your attendees. The threats have escalated to include death threats, physical violence against our staff and other guests as well as damage to the property. The callers have indicated that they will be stationed within the hotel as guests, which raises our level of concern.
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> We take these threats seriously and for the protection of our staff and guests, Under Section 8 of the Agreement, we may require you to provide, at your expense and in our discretion, adequate security in light of the nature of your Event. Based upon the nature of these threats, we have determined that adequate security measures include the engagement of the Detroit Police Department (DPD) to secure the building. Based upon the number of access and egress points we will require 2 Detroit Police officers in the lobby and 3 officers on the meeting room floor, each on a 24 hour basis. As the threats include accessing the guests floors another 3 officers on the guest floors on a 24 hour basis. This is a minimum of 7 officers at all times, 24 hours a day but could increase based on further threats orcircumstances that warrant the addition of security.
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> As noted in Section 8, the cost associated with this enhanced security is the responsibility of the Group and the Group must provide us with proof and evidence of such security being engaged.
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> Accordingly, you will need to contact and contract directly with the DPD for such services. Such contract must

> be a firm commitment with no contingencies. Once you have contracted with the OPO, we require a copy of the signed contract for our files.
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> In addition, the Section 19 of the Agreement requires you to Commercial General liability Insurance with limits not less than Two Million US dollars ($2,000,000 US) with the Hotel and “Hotel Indemnified Parties” added as additional insured under all applicable polices (in addition to the other requirements under Section 19).
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> In light of the upcoming announced protests in advance of your meeting and the need for advanceplanning, we must receive (1) confirmation and a copy of the contract with DPD and {2} evidence of insurance in accordance with Section 19, induding additional insured status by no later than June 6, 2014 for your event to proceed.
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> We also remind you of your obligations under the Agreement to control the conduct of your event (Section 9 of the Agreement). Accordingly, we will ask the assistance of the Group and your attendees to abide by any security measures we deem necessary as we move closer to the event date and to participate in your actions to minimize the disruption to the hotel’s business.
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> While we understand your commitment to move forward with this event, I am sure you will agree that the safety and well-being of your attendees, other guests and our staff cannot be taken lightly.

Seems whoever wrote the letter can’t even count… 2+3+3 = 7?

The entire substance of the letter boils down to this:

“Somebody called and made threats, so fork over a large sum of money and don’t get any ideas about trying to negotiate.”

And with absolutely no corroborating evidence (that I know of, and knowing Paul he’d have already broadcast it if there were). This, my friends, is what extortion looks like.

Sometimes, it is worth it to hire an attorney to look over an agreement before you sign it.

However, I do fully believe that Paul and the people at AVfM believe the threats were credible. There’s no reason to make something like that up from that end, as feminists are suggesting. I think they’re being naïve, but there’s no sin in that.

The problem with Detroit is that it is the most left-wing city in the US, and AVfM, despite its best efforts, simply doesn’t fit into that coalition. AVfM is comprised mainly of men – and mostly white men at that – and if they are allowed on the grievance train, who is left to take from? Certainly there are men in Detroit who have had it hard, and it’s a shame, but the city now has one of the highest female-to-male ratios of any city in the US. And trust me, the females in Detroit are not dumb enough to think that they’ll derive any advantage at all from siding with men who don’t want to be forced to support women.

So politically speaking there’s probably subzero support for AVfM in Detroit. Holding an MRA conference there is roughly akin to holding a reparations conference in Boise, Idaho — the locals aren’t going to like you much. However, at least in Boise there’s a very low crime rate, and an effective city government. Detroit has neither advantage, and has earned a reputation of being one of the most corrupt cities in the US.

Finally, there are ethical issues with paying off people who may very well be profiting from threats, if indeed they were made. Is it a good idea to provide a profit incentive to those who might be tempted to use these methods again in the future? If people learn that one can simply phone in an anonymous threat that will cost their opponents a lot of money, and they will either spend nothing or even perhaps in some isolated cases get paid to do so, then won’t some of them quickly adopt this tactic?

This is why appeasement has become a dirty word over the years. When the innocent party must take responsibility for the wrongdoer's actions, it creates an incentive to commit crimes to achieve goals.

This is simply my take on the matter. I had nothing to do with organizing the event, so the attendees and organizers are obviously free to make their own choices. But I do think it sets a dubious precedent.

However, it does seem to have resulted in a fair amount of publicity and attention, and if something does go wrong, after being forced to pay off the Detroit PD AVfM could come out looking like the victim here.

In any event, best of luck to the attendees and speakers, and hopefully all goes smoothly, but next time I'd recommend a qualitatively different venue.

Feminists Resort to Accusing AVfM of Wire Fraud

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Now that AVfM has raised the money required to pay the police to hold their conference in Detroit, feminists are attempting to deny that, following alleged phone threats, the Doubletree Hilton in Detroit demanded $25,000 in protection and insurance money for the June event, instead suggesting that the threats were manufactured by AVfM as a means to solicit money and gain sympathy.

This is a very serious claim, and preposterous on its face. Although I've had my differences with Paul Elam in the past, he is not that dishonest, nor is he anywhere near stupid enough to so brazenly commit a federal crime such as wire fraud.

However, this issue is not going to go away, as some rather large media outlets are already picking it up and reporting that the hotel owner denies knowing about any threats and the police, for their part, claim they haven't heard anything of the sort, either.

> A police spokesman told The Detroit News that the hotel had contacted the department about hiring off-duty officers to provide security, but he told the newspaper that police had not been notified about any threats against the hotel or the conference.
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> The hotel's owner told the newspaper he was unaware of the conference and any threats made against it, but he said it wasn't unusual for hotels to require additional security for some events.
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> "We have received numerous calls and threats and are concerned for the safety and well-being of our employees, our guests, and your attendees," hotel officials said Thursday in a letter to Elam. "The threats have escalated to include death threats, physical violence against our staff and other guests, as well as damage to the property."
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> Esmay said event organizers had not been provided with details about the threats, but he suspected they might have been made by some of the controversial group's outspoken critics.
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> "We've had ongoing problems with the feminist establishment, which is a multibillion-dollar hate industry, for years," Esmay said.

This simply strengthens my suspicion that the entire thing is a shakedown, and management lied about threats in order to justify the expensive police detail and obtain a finder's fee (i.e. kickback). Making a police report would have complicated things, so this detail was omitted. Keep in mind that whoever wrote the letter was so careless they couldn't even bother do simple arithmetic correctly (2+3+3=7).

In any event, someone is responsible for this, and it is the person who wrote that letter. In order to clear this up, all AVfM has to do is identify the Hilton employee whose name appears on the letter they received. If he didn't notify police about threats, he must not have thought there was anything to worry about, so his demand clearly constitutes extortion, which is illegal. Men who stand up for their rights should not have to appease extortionists every time they want to speak their minds, so it's time to send the message that this kind of thing will not be tolerated.

This could kill two birds with one stone: it would take the wind out of the feminists' sails, and it would let people and businesses know that men will not be cheated out of their right to free expression. And if the feminists persist in their libelous accusations after AVfM has been proven to be the victim of an extortion scheme, they could be sued for defamation.

Seattle's Regressive Progressivism

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Seattle's new $15/hour minimum wage is making national news because it's such a sudden and large increase. Washington state already has the nation's highest minimum wage at $9.32/hour, but that wasn't cutting it in Seattle, where costs have skyrocketed over the last five years or so. The median rent for a two bedroom apartment, for example, has climbed 90% over the last four years.

So I suppose it's understandable that service workers feel insulted when they aren't even paid enough to cover the rent of a modest apartment when working full time. However, the logic behind arguments for the minimum wage hike, which has been the favorite cause of socialist city councilwoman Kshama Sawant, is flawed. A common argument claims one of its benefits is that as the poorer people in Seattle make more money, they will spend more, thus boosting the overall economic health of the city.

But this is not necessarily the case, because most of the bills these poorer people pay go to national or international corporations that do not keep the money in the community. For example, I expect some people (the ones who keep their jobs) will use the extra money to purchase iphones and other electronic trinkets. Maybe they will buy them from local stores, but in all likelihood they will purchase them online, and then the associated bills will be paid to some company in California. The people who spend the most in the city are already making well above the minimum wage. Independent restaurants are too expensive for the working poor, for whom even fast food is a treat. But guess what? These fast food franchises will be the hardest hit, because even though they are run by independent franchisees, they are treated under the new law as large national companies. I expect businesses like Taco Bell, KFC and others to flee the poorer neighborhoods when they find their profit margins no longer viable due to higher labor costs, leaving the working poor with no choices at all AND fewer local jobs.

The primary beneficiaries of the minimum wage hike (in the short term) will be landlords, who will gleefully raise rent even higher than it already is, especially in the low-rent neighborhoods.

So the first people to take a big hit will be franchisees in low-income neighborhoods, and the low-income workers themselves, as they find jobs less plentiful and rent steadily rising.

The next group to be impacted will be independent restaurants who unfairly received a grace period of several years, as if some guy trying to bootstrap himself into the middle class by running a Subway franchise is a corporate monster while a bistro purchased with trust fund money catering to wealthy customers is the poor little underdog. What will these independent restaurants do? Well, it's going to be tough for them, but since Seattle is a "sanctuary city," I think we can predict who they are going to hire instead of local citizens: illegal labor paid under the table. I am certain that we will once again see an influx of illegal Latin American workers into Seattle's restaurants, probably paid under the table at a rate significantly less than $15/hour. Isn't that wonderfully progressive? More indigenous poor squeezed out of the labor market because they are "too expensive" to hire.

Finally the little convenience stores run by Asian immigrants, mainly Koreans, will take a hit. This is sad because they perform a vital community service. They do business in marginal neighborhoods where they have to put up with people most of us would prefer not to run into more than once a year on a daily basis. As they run these businesses, they perform a service for the neighborhood. I always liked these guys, and went to their well-run, clean stores all the time instead of driving to the nearest supermarket for small items. If they go out of business, the city's walkability, much prized by the left, will be reduced substantially.

Even the big stores will have to make some painful changes. They will raise prices, automate more and cut security. At my local Safeway, just a few days before I left town, an old lady got beat up and robbed by a bunch of "youths" right outside the front door. Expect this to be a more common occurrence as stores cut back on hiring off-duty cops for security.

I know Seattle as well as anyone, and here I am looking back at my city and shaking my head. Once again, they've

managed to change a “progressive” cause into a de facto war on the unfortunate. Fortunately, the rest of the state is growing impatient with this head-in-the-clouds brand of progressive liberalism, and is refusing to fund Seattle’s pet projects. As the working and middle class and small business tax base shrinks, Seattle will face tough choices, and I’m not sure they can count on their favorite billionaires to bail them out. They are trying some fairly radical experiments, and we’ll see how they work out. Somehow, I don’t think it’s going to end in an eternal hipster utopia.

New Brunswick Shootings

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As I've been settling in up here on the Canadian Marches, as I like to call our formerly contested borderlands in the Northwest (kind of an inside joke for local history buffs), I've found that I get a lot of broadcast Canadian TV channels. So, as I've been watching the news it's been nice to have a refreshing break from the usual senseless violence that characterizes much of urban American news while the province of BC frets and fusses over a teacher's strike (having dealt with a particularly incompetent Canadian teacher last year who tried to pathologize my son's lack of interest in her lessons, I'm not a big fan of Canadian teachers at this point, but my mind remains open, as his current teacher is not so bad).

So imagine my surprise when I learned that an Acadian madman is on the loose in New Brunswick, and he has not only killed three cops and injured two, but managed to escape into the woods as well. 24-year-old Justin Bourque, a metal fan and shooting enthusiast, posted some anti-establishment lyrics and donned rambo gear before going on a rampage. I wonder whether this, too, will be blamed on "toxic masculinity"… Actually, I probably don't even need to ask that question.

I've written on many occasions that young men act out when social systems break down. It's a law of nature, and happens *every single time*. We see it in the Middle East, Ukraine, Mexico, Southeast Asia, Africa and even here. One of civilization's most important features is its ability to channel young male passion and energy into creativity and productivity rather than warfare. And perhaps the most important tool for that goal over the years has been marriage and family. Young men with a wife and children are invested in society. Take that option away from them, and they are alienated and, in many cases, come to see authorities and society in general as an enemy.

However, instead of giving young men an ideal to work toward, and something positive to hope for, the current progressive regime tells them that the problem lies in their masculine nature, and that they should give up any expectations for a life other than that dictated to them by those who would use them as little more than slaves. To liberate themselves, they are told, they must change their very nature. It is a profoundly inhumane message, because the overwhelming majority of young men cannot change their nature no matter how hard they try. But despite this fact, this is the only option they are given in school and by authorities. This is bound to lead a number of them to feel hopeless, and some of these hopeless young men will act out violently. Not all, of course, but some violence is a statistical certainty even in the best of times, and more violence when things break down.

In our civilization, things are breaking down for young men. They are facing limited opportunities, lower wages, lower status and less hope of finding a mate. This is either ignored or celebrated. I can't for the life of me figure out why taking out social aggression on young men is considered just, because they have never had any institutional power to speak of, but it's all part of the twisted progressive logic of a moral hierarchy based on race and gender that places males – particularly "majority" males – at the bottom of the totem pole.

If we want to get these young men back on track, we need to offer them something to hope for and the ability to feel good about who they are as men — not the kind of self-denial and hatred espoused by the Michael Kimmels of the world, whose message will only bring them shame and failure. One can never say for sure whether or not the Justin Bourques or Elliott Rodgers of the world would have acted out in different circumstances, but when enough of these incidents occur in a fairly short period of time, it's safe to say something has gone wrong.

And no, it isn't about guns. Gun control is extremely strict in most of Latin America, yet it has the highest gun murder rate on earth. And from the looks of Bourque's gear, while he does have what appears to be a Norinco M-14 (a common rifle in the Canadian bush), he could have done the same job with a bolt action .308 hunting rifle (same round). People are not generally aware of this fact, but for the lone gunman who wants to take out authority figures like cops, a hunting rifle is about as good a weapon as any, and if someone wants to slaughter innocent strangers at close quarters a legal shotgun and pistol are the equal of any assault rifle. Assault rifles are designed for the infantry squad; the deadliest lone soldiers are almost always snipers using bolt action rifles that are little more

than precision-built deer guns. If I were a cop, I'd be a lot more frightened of a skilled hunter with a $400 Remington 700 than some spree killer with an AK-47. He could drop me from 400 yards before I even knew where he was.

If we're honest about the real problem, we'll find that it comes down to the denial and ignorance of fundamental human nature. When our social systems, designed by conscious men, begin to deny social realities, they become like machines that deny the laws of physics. Perhaps when the mistakes are small they can still run fairly well, but when they come to characterize more and more of the system, major malfunctions occur with increasing frequency. When this happens, what we need are objective people to step in and fix them, but we've lost all objectivity, and that won't happen, so I'm afraid we're doomed to a period of rising social dysfunction for some time before we come to our senses.

D-Day: Was it Worth It?

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My grandpa had a bird's eye view of the D-Day landings, seventy years ago today. He flew tactical bombing missions, watching the invasion unfold beneath him. Compared to his earliest missions in '43, it wasn't that dangerous. The Luftwaffe had already been reduced to hit and run attacks, and couldn't challenge the US Army Air Force. Somehow, despite a long life enjoying cigars, scotch whiskey, martinis and huge amounts of beef, he's still alive at 91, but he's not all there anymore. However, I like to think some of those memories linger in his mind, as they do for an ever shrinking number of WWII veterans.

Forty one years after my grandfather, I visited Normandy's beaches with my family as a ten-year-old boy. We lived in Brittany at the time, which borders Normandy, so it wasn't all that far from our place. In fact, some of the fiercest fighting took place in Brittany, particularly around St. Malo. Evidence of warfare was still very common in France at the time. Many of the building still showed bomb damage, and occasionally one would run across discarded equipment. As a boy, I was fascinated by the bunkers, spent shells and rockets and crater-pocked landscape. The beaches and countryside were a sober monument in themselves; looking out over the vast fields of graves in Normandy gives one a sense of the reality of the sacrifice. It also filled me with a feeling of pride for my country and the brave men in my family, some of whom never came home, who fought in the war,

I won't get into the horror of what happened there, because it's easy enough to imagine it oneself after seeing the broken concrete, craters, twisted metal and sheer cliffs. But I would like to ask, given what the US has become today, whether those volunteer veterans, like my grandfather, would have chosen to make that sacrifice. I don't think so. There's no way FDR could have sold that war with feminism and multiculturalism. My grandfather told me he fought against tyranny, and the naked aggression displayed by Tojo and Hitler. It wasn't so that his great grandchildren could grow up to be despised minorities in the country of their birth. It definitely wasn't so that his male descendants would be subordinated to some feminist imperative. If this had been the goal of the US war effort, American men would have put down their guns and walked away from it.

Given what the US has become after emerging from WWII as the sole superpower, it's fair at this point to ask whether the young American men who made the ultimate sacrifice weren't cheated, used and betrayed. It's also fair to ask whether they should have even fought the war in the first place. If it means accepting some version of Michael Kimmel's ideal society, I'd have to say it was all a big mistake. Now, I look back at my youthful pride with a feeling of sadness.

What a damn shame…

Another Couple Shootings; More to Come

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On Friday, a young man opened fire with a shotgun at Seattle Pacific University, killing one and wounding several others. He was subdued by a student security guard with pepper spray while reloading. The shooter, named Aaron Ybarra, was delusional and and had homicidal fantasies for years. Yesterday, a young couple killed two policemen in Las Vegas before being confronted by an armed citizen, who was shot in the back by the wife, not realizing she was in on the attack. It seems that the confrontation may have bought police some time, and the couple committed suicide shortly thereafter.

This reminds me of a shooting in a mall in Tacoma Washington some years back, in which a man pulled out an AK-47 and opened fire before confronted by a man with a concealed weapon, who was then shot and paralyzed, but in the process scared the gunman into hiding and allowed shoppers to flee, saving some lives — ultimately nobody was killed (although the paraplegic hero ended up in poverty last I heard). Armed citizens can and do prevent mass killings; it is much, much easier to slaughter people when nobody is shooting back.

In any event, the rash of shootings in North America is not necessarily tied to ideology, but rather social alienation among the young. The high youth unemployment rate, the breakdown of the family and the growing chasm between haves and have nots will inevitably push marginal young people over the edge.

What we are doing today resembles a sort of mass social experiment, except there's nothing at all scientific about it. Casting traditional norms aside, trashing values people used to take for granted and unleashing the hounds of usury and privateering are all recipes for social disorder. Even so, our leaders embrace the policies that cause this disorder, and seem determined to keep pushing it until we have a real mess on our hands. Productive work is punished, we have created a rentier economy, and taxes – including hidden ones such as subsidized divorce – disincentivize honest labor.

At this point, if young men didn't act out, I'd think there was something wrong with them. However, senseless shootings are just that. Instead of blasting innocent people with a gun, why not try some activism? Get outside for a change, confront some authority figures in public and try to make the news without committing a felony. It is possible; it just takes a bit more creativity and foresight.

Modern Day Mail Order Brides

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In a new twist on a very old practice, a professional matchmaker recently founded a startup to fly young women from New York to the Bay Area to meet men in the tech industry. The idea is that there's a surplus of women in New York, and a surplus of men of means in the SF Bay Area, so add the two together and you have happy couples. Nothing's perfect, of course, but it sounds like a venture with a reasonably good chance of success. As I've heard said, it's much, much easier to find women in New York than in San Francisco (or Seattle, for that matter). I can personally vouch for the fact that East Coast women are more feminine, although perhaps ethnically somewhat different from Westerners; there are relatively more European Catholics and Jews in NYC, and relatively more Germanic Protestants and Asians in Silicon Valley.

Here's the ad for the startup:

Back in the 19th century, importing women from "back east" (we still say that) was standard for reasonably successful men, and exists to this day in certain traditional Western families from old money (e.g. the Gates family). The practice is referred to in *Sometimes a Great Notion*, Ken Kesey's great novel about a Northwest family in a timber town. The frontier was so rough that the local women were not generally quality marriage material, and those who were married off so quickly that there weren't enough to go around. Today, although the industries have changed, there's a similar situation. Look upon the women of Portland, Seattle and San Francisco and behold their many tattoos, their odd piercings, wine-stained teeth and shabby, masculine clothes. Listen to their rough speech, their fervent, baseless opinions and unending litany of Marxist slogans. Smell their malodorous, unwashed hair, the bottom-shelf whiskey on their breath and the skunky stench of marijuana in their clothes.

Ah, the West!

It was a lot easier to import women in the 19th century due to the enormous death toll in the Civil War. So many men were dead that women were strewn around like apples after a September storm. Some of these unfortunate widows and potential spinsters boarded boats and trains and headed to destinations on the Pacific Coast. An enterprising Seattlite named Asa Mercer recruited a group of about a dozen women from Boston, sailing back through San Francisco (via the Isthmus of Panama) on the way to Seattle. San Francisco men tried to poach the women, but Mercer fought them off and brought the ladies back to Seattle, where all married except for one who died from illness and one who, at age 35, couldn't find a husband even in Seattle, then went on to become a feminist schoolmistress. A subsequent trip to bring back a greater number of ladies ran into problems when New York journalists accused Mercer of planning to sell the girls into servitude to old men, or put them to work whoring on the wharves. Nevertheless, despite the opposition he did manage to bring many back to Seattle, where most ended up happily married.

Today, perhaps unsurprisingly, the matchmaking startup to bring women west from New York is running into similar problems. It seems that East Coast journalists haven't changed much over the last 150 years, and are denouncing the effort by comparing it to Japanese WWII sex slavery (WTF?), portraying the women as terrified and in tears and generally slandering the Bay Area men as weirdos.

Business Insider highlights an incident in which some of the women (unwisely) decided to eat marijuana brownies and, unprepared for the potency of West Coast weed, ended up tripping out and crying. The site also mentions that one of the male participants looked down on those involved, and that some of the men at a party were eccentric. Nothing positive is mentioned, leading us to believe the entire trip was a failure and terrible idea.

However, according to one of the participants, it was a good trip:

> Since the initial planning, there has been some ugly press surrounding the project — press that isn't worth quoting here. But, let's just say the presumptions made about the women going would make my father very

angry.

Trolls will be trolls, but as an avid traveler and adventurous kinda gal, I'd like to highlight the real motivation of this trip, and a valuable experience worth shedding light on.

We did not fly to San Francisco to bag ourselves some nerdy millionaires, or to offer some charitable companionship to "undatable techies." It was not a last-ditch effort of bitter, single women, fed up with the men that make up their own zip code.

Dating is frustrating as Hell, yes, but committing yourself to exploring a new city for love shows an optimism towards dating that's pretty rare these days. We were open to possibilities.

These women were all impressive, inspiring figures whom I was thrilled to call friends by the time our weekend wrapped up. There was a firefighter, a speech therapist, a medical student, a life coach, an actress and a writer, among others, who each impressed me in their own unique way and made me feel a little better about being single myself.

There was nothing desperate or dirty about this trip. It was simply a group of women, willing to have an adventure, think outside of the box, and put themselves out there in a new place for the possibility of a little romance.

And you know what? As a social experiment, it was not only fascinating, but successful for some as well.

As the coupling of East Coasters and West Coasters unfolded, the cultural clichés of our two cities were front and center. The pervasive tech scene of San Francisco became a running joke among the girls as each and every date would cite the startup they currently worked for. And when half of us arrived at the bar wearing black leather jackets and commanding conversations with Big Apple flair, I was repeatedly told that our "New Yorkness" shined through.

Each side had their frustrations with dating. San Francisco men claimed a shortage of females in the male-dominated technology industry that ran the social scene. Our New York contingent spoke of men who can't commit, thanks in part to the tempting array of options provided by the country's largest city.

But we all had one thing in common: Dating is getting harder for everyone, it seems. The game is changing, the rules are shifting, and in the age of digitized social lives, people are increasingly lonely. Meeting all of these new people in person was at the very least, a refreshing escape from the online options that dominate our lives on both coasts.

Cultural caricatures and dating frustrations aside, many of the matches worked out.

One of the ladies regaled us with the story of a kiss beneath the Golden Gate Bridge and plans to spend the next day with her date and his friends at a food truck festival.

Another girl beamed into her cell phone, struggling to describe her new crush as she furiously texted while we played tourists at Pier 39.

On the final night, there was a romantic drive to the mountains for one lucky lady, and a butterfly at the window to wake her up the next morning. It was a San Francisco Fairy Tale that we all fell for as she glowed on our picnic blanket in Alamo Park, reliving the story, detail by romantic detail.

As for myself, I had some great experiences through the dates orchestrated through The Dating Ring in San Francisco. But, ultimately, I bailed on the last party — exhausted by the cameras covering the trip for Nightline and the curated conversations surrounding every drink. I joined two of the girls in calling a Lyft car and headed to a local beer bar in the Mission District. Moments after arriving, I was making eye contact with a curly-haired guy playing pool.

"You're too Springy for San Francisco," he said as he approached me at the bar.

Glancing down at my exposed mid-drift, I had to agree. In New York, I may have been taken aback by his bluntness, but in this new city, I was charmed by his honesty. And with the surprisingly chilly wind outside, my

> outfit was definitely that of an out-of-towner.
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> I left that night with his number and an invitation for sushi the following day.
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> “It’s the right coast for raw fish,” he assured me.
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> Maybe it was the thrill of seeing a new city with a new acquaintance, or maybe it was just a coincidence that I would hit it off with someone on a trip specifically designed to pair me with someone new. But, whatever it was, it felt right, and I left San Francisco with exciting possibilities that no tasteless criticism will ruin. I can do that myself if it comes down to it.

So it seems the techie guys aren’t so bad after all. Geez, you’d almost think that with better options than Tricia Romano they might really hit it off with some girls. Who would have guessed it?

A Criticism of MRA

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Over the last few years as I've written about and studied "gender" issues, I've come to the conclusion that women are not going to change — at least not in our lifetimes. Nor will men. I suppose one could call it cynicism, but I prefer to think of it as acceptance.

Are women going to start taking responsibility for the men around them? Are they going to stop appealing to men for help when the going gets tough? Will they ever love weakness in men? I really don't think so, and that being the case, what's the point of criticizing them for it? We should just accept it for what it is and work with reality.

However, I've noticed that a big part of what MRA has become involves criticizing women merely for being what they are, as though they could change. It's the mirror image of the Michael Kimmels of the world. "If only we had *equality*, then surely we'd live in a genderless utopia!"

It's a dangerous fantasy, and not something you'd want to use to build a functional society.

So, instead of bashing on women for what they are, and pointing out their shortcomings when compared to men, why not advocate sex realism? Women, in general, are one way, and men, in general, another. Male and female are intrinsic parts of people's nature, and should be taken into account. The idea that they are flexible and can be changed with social engineering is scientifically baseless, notwithstanding the efforts of transsexuals and the like. Yet I notice some MRAs suggesting that things would be better if only women changed.

You can change a woman's environment, you can offer incentives and you can encourage women to adopt this or that custom. But none of these efforts will work if you don't first take her intrinsic female nature into account. There is no greater amount of good or evil in male or female; there is just nature. When we take nature's path, we take the "good" way. This is what Christians call "God's will." When we fight nature, we err, and conscious error is sin.

First and foremost, we must seek to understand nature to the best of our ability, and then we can use what we learn to do good, and to effect change for the better.

The Dogs Who Watch the Gates

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One day, after being hassled by the so-called “bao an,” a sort of unofficial police force in China comprised of shiftless youths, I vented my frustrations to a Chinese friend. “Don’t worry,” he said, they’re just “kan men de gou.” What that means is they’re just dogs who watch the gate. The Chinese way of phrasing it sounds a lot less positive than “watchdogs,” so he was voicing some contempt for the bao an. Unfortunately for me, I didn’t have the same rights as a Chinese citizen — the Chinese really do make a distinction between foreigners and citizens in their cities, unlike American “sanctuary city” policies. A Beijing resident with a hukou (internal passport) could tell the bao an to shove off, whereas I was pretty much at their mercy.

While at the time I was mightily annoyed by my experiences with the low-level thugs who comprise the bao an, and felt that it reflected poorly on China in general, now that I’ve gained some perspective I can see that gatekeepers exist in American society, too. However, here you won’t find them roaming the streets with red armbands and electric batons, but rather sitting in offices in large public institutions. Millions are employed as teachers, professors, bureaucrats and administrators across the United States, and although they are subtler in their methods, the results are, ultimately, just as repressive.

I’ve come to see these watchdogs as the main impediment to success and a productive life for young American men. At every turn there is an ideological gatekeeper waiting for the opportunity to hold back one class of people while promoting another. For all the talk of “meritocracy,” they cast objectivity to the wind as they choose who deserves breaks and who doesn’t. Armed with theories that promote the notion that one class of people – white males in particular – are inherently privileged, they have an enormous advantage over those of us who believe that everyone deserves a fair shake and equal treatment.

As this class of people grows, the effect of their efforts multiplies along with them. They are responsible for fewer men in college, the flight of moderates from cities and public institutions, and the steady decline of the small businessman and middle class. People say that President Obama is a clueless, weak president, but he has built an enormous cadre of supporters by strengthening government bureaucracy and integrating it with finance and big business to an extent never before seen in peacetime. One of the core components of that cadre is the gatekeepers — the people whose most important job is keeping others on the “outside” and keeping them weak and powerless. I used to wonder why schools would cut STEM departments before cutting gender studies, but now it’s clear: as gatekeepers the gender ideologues perform a more important political function than mere science professors.

This bureaucratic machine has grown so strong that it’s hard to imagine anyone seriously challenging it at this point. This has chilling implications for the future of American politics, and what’s left of our civil liberties. If any gatekeeper can use the power at his or her disposal to arbitrarily prevent someone from making a living or a business from staying solvent, then how can we claim to have freedom of speech or other rights?

If there’s any hope, it’s that the bureaucracy itself is extremely hierarchical, with those at the top commanding much higher salaries and better benefits than their underlings. In states such as California, the senior bureaucrats may just crash the system with their expenses, and in universities underpaid adjuncts and part time professors may stage some sort of academic coup. Additionally, teachers in the bureaucratic stronghold should decline in number as children disappear from our cities, forcing them into less complacent non-urban school districts.

For now, we should avoid the gatekeepers, and challenge them only from a position of relative strength. We can’t deal with them until the problem has been clearly identified, and that will take both time and effort. A good first step is identifying them as a class. Heartiste calls them part of “The Cathedral,” while Joel Kotkin calls them “The Clerisy.” Both are descriptive, although as usual Heartiste’s dramatic flair captures the imagination a little better. If we want to be simple and precise, however, perhaps it should be “institutional progressives.” These are the dogs at the gates; the red-fanged core of the progressive coalition.

Goodbye, Grandpa

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My grandfather died yesterday at age 91, leaving me with no surviving grandparents. I'm sad he's gone, but he lived a good, long life.

Aside from the war, there was little that went wrong for him. Born into a wealthy New York family that lived on Long Island Sound, he decided to carve out an independent life for himself in the Pacific Northwest after his service in WWII. He married my grandmother, a good-looking, vivacious blonde (also from a well-to-do family), and headed out west to look for work. After a couple years, he got a job at Boeing, and worked there as an aerospace engineer for over 35 years, working on projects such as the Saturn V rocket, the 747 and other innovative endeavors of the time.

In the meanwhile he raised three sons and one daughter – my mother – and lived a peaceful, middle class suburban life in Bellevue, across Lake Washington from Seattle. As an aviation enthusiast, he had plenty of opportunities to indulge his passion for flight and frequently went to air shows, toured his fighter pilot son's carrier, and flew all over the country.

He had quite an appetite for roast beef, cigars and martinis. Although he had a few health scares toward the end of his working life, he was remarkably robust, and kept his wits about him until a series of strokes caught up to him right around the age of 90. As a young man, he played collegiate football and wrestled; he was built like a bull.

However, I knew him well enough to know that some things in life were hard on him; the war in particular. He spoke more openly with me on a couple occasions than with his own children, and told me how disillusioned he was by the experience. As a boy in love with the idea of aviation, he signed up with the US Army Air Force as a volunteer, and was assigned to the Eighth Air Force. He ended up on a B-17 crew as a belly gunner and bombardier, and flew thirty two missions over Europe out of his base in England.

He told me how terrified he was on his first mission when the flak began to detonate around his formation, and he first understood what it meant to have people trying to kill him. He was part of a replacement crew for losses in the disastrous Schweinfurt raid of 1943, so the mood was glum when he first took to the skies. On one early mission, his plane was so badly shot up that his pilot was knocked unconscious by shrapnel and his navigator severely wounded in the face. The pilot slumped over the controls and the plane rolled upside down. Being in the lower ball turret, he found himself looking straight up into the sky, and only chose not to bail out because he could see the props spinning and the engines in good working order. The copilot righted the plane, and they made it home, where they found considerable damage to the aircraft and an unexploded 30mm shell in the fuel tank.

He saw stricken planes burning and doing loops as they fell from the sky. He saw men bail out and open their parachutes amidst the spray of fuel and flames, only to have the silk chutes burn in midair. He said they looked like little ping pong balls burning in the sky. This experience – seeing his childhood dream of aviation put to use to kill and destroy – was rough on him, and left a lingering streak of hardness in his nature that took decades to soften.

Toward the end his loving, generous nature became predominant. Always loving and caring toward the little ones, he was thrilled to see his grandchildren and great grandchildren on our many family get togethers. I'm fortunate to have had him in my life for so long, as I gained a great deal from being close to a man who lived in and characterized those fateful times of the 20th century. I also had the opportunity, through knowing my grandfather, to get to know myself better as well.

As always, when one chapter closes, a new one begins. With another boy due in a few weeks, a little more of my grandfather will come into this world just as he leaves it.

Creepy Feminists Won't Leave Pop Stars Alone

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There has been a recent obsession amongst feminists with having female pop singers and stars come out as feminists. They are doing their best to recruit them to "the cause," and have had some success, but only with the R&B demographic of Beyoncé et al., and the one teenage pop star – Lorde – whose mommy happens to be a feminist.

The others are all telling the feminists, in so many words, "leave me alone."

Is it just me, or is there really something *creepy* about pushing girls and young women to adopt a sexually loaded ideology? There's definitely something stalkerish about their obsession with these girls.

Just a few weeks ago, it was Shailene Woodley who, like Katy Perry and Kelly Clarkson, rejected the label. More recently, it's Lana Del Ray, who has declared herself "bored" with feminism (I sympathize). Each time this happens, there a hue and cry about how these young women need to be "educated" about what feminism means, even though feminists themselves openly admit that no one definition will suffice.

But what I'd like to know is how much more feminist education will it take? Feminism is blared out to the world in every print publication from the New York Times on down, and faithfully taught in schools across North America. How could these young women not know what it is?

Actually, I'm sure they do, but they're too polite to let on. When they think of feminism, they think of tattooed, burly slutwalkers marching around in cities and making great noises. They think of ancient Marxist academics and activists so far removed from the modern world that they ought to be shuffled into rainbow-themed nursing homes.

In their minds, feminism equals hairy pits and saggy tits. That's about all it comes down to. If I were a pop star, I'd avoid the subject at all costs, too.

For those who might wonder why *I* happen to be interested in this subject, it's because I have an eight-year-old daughter.

The Talk for Young Men in the Military

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Dr.Φ at the blog Delenda Est Cathargo has had a front-row seat to the military's latest effort to make the armed services safe for military women…from military men. He has three posts up thus far on this topic, entitled "War On Nerds: SAPR Edition", "SAPR Day Scenarios", and "People vs Values", with likely more to follow.

Reading these posts, and seeing the aggressive feminist and rape-culture-hysteria and frankly misandrist slant to the materials presently being force-fed to military men and women in mandatory propaganda femeducation commander's calls, perhaps it is both timely and wise for more senior military men, perhaps commanders, but certainly supervisors and peers, to do what women leaders in times past did for the female subordinates in their charge: warn them about entanglements with the opposite sex–for their own safety.

As one in the military, you are to be strong. A warrior. As a man, you are widely thought to want sex, any sex, at any time, and are grateful for it whenever it happens. These two factors combined mean you will not be believed if you yourself report being sexually assaulted or sexually coerced by a woman. You want it by nature, she doesn't. A woman who accuses you of the same, will be.

Moreover, the culture still assumes that men are the aggressors in sexual relationships, and that women are passive. You will not be believed if you yourself report being sexually assaulted or sexually coerced by a woman, despite recent research that shows near parity in which sex perpetrates sexual assault. A woman who accuses you of the same, will be.

Further, it is men who are uniquely held accountable for sex when alcohol is involved, no matter how much or how little either party has been drinking. As little as one drop of alcohol invalidates female agency. You will not be believed if you claim that you had consent. A woman who accuses you of taking advantage of her inebriated state, on the other hand, will be. The simple fact of the matter is that, as far as the SAPR office and Victim Advocates (note the slanted term *victim*, not the more neutral and legally correct *accuser*) is concerned, sexual assault is something that men do to women, men do to other men, rarely women assault other women, and women never assault men. Offenders (note again the slanted language) must be stamped out. The default position is to believe the accuser victim. This cannon is pointed at you, not-so-fortunate son. Innocence is no longer presumed.

But fear not, there are many steps you may take to minimize your risk and protect yourself, and it's not blaming the victim to pass them along to you:

1) Limit interactions, be they over the phone, via email, and especially face-to-face, to official business only. In general, it is advisable to avoid interactions with women in the military for numerous reasons (i.e., false sexual harassment charges, false charges of fraternization, etc), but in this case, it is to reduce your risk of a career-ending FRA. If you must interact with them, do so in a public area with witnesses. Avoid situations where you may be alone behind closed doors with a military woman without a wingman as witness.

2) Speaking of wingman, have one whenever going out or when you may be faced by mixed-sex situations. This brother is your witness and can vouch for your upright behavior.

3) Don't fraternize with lower-ranking military women. Not only is this a UCMJ issue, but it is also wise counsel anyway. Lower-ranking military women are less mature and more likely to be star-struck by your greater maturity and higher socio-sexual status than either her or her peers. You will also be more likely to be seen as the aggressor if they levy an accusation. Keep it professional, and stay safe.

4) Avoid mixed-sex situations and alcohol. The vast, vast majority of military sexual assault cases involve alcohol. When the booze comes out, and there are females about, that's you cue to leave. Male-only company is your friend.

5) Be upright in your behavior. The vast, vast majority of military sexual assault cases involved extra-marital sex in

addition to alcohol. This means don't be a player (sorry cads). The fact of the matter is that one's risk of being hit with a sexual assault allegation is a lot lower if you keep your fly zipped.

6) If you find avoiding extramarital sex too difficult or too Christian / Jewish a value to uphold, then record your encounters. It may initially seem Rob Lowe-level creepy, but it has saved at least one man, and likely untold more, from being convicted of rape on the basis of a malicious FRA. Video is best.

These steps may be small, but will do much to mitigate your risk of being caught on the wrong side of an accusation of sexual misconduct. Remember that the system is looking to isolate and prosecute "offenders", that women who bring sexual assault allegations are to be believed, false accusations will not be prosecuted or punished, and that you will be counting on the justice system to protect your assumed-innocent status. The process is as much the punishment as any conviction would be. Stay away, stay safe, and stay frosty.

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Cracked.com Going Full Prog With J.F. Sargent Hire

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One of Cracked.com's editors, a fellow who goes by "J.F. Sargent," has been making the rounds building a case against men who stand up to gender feminism. He's been channeling the SPLC, which gives us a good idea of where Sargent is coming from.

Frankly, I think the guy should identify as J.F. Sebastian, who was killed by Roy, Rutger Hauer's character in Bladerunner, after developing an unfulfilled crush on Pris, Darryl Hannah's character. Sebastian is an aspergery dweeb with Methuselah syndrome. He invents little toys to keep him company, because he doesn't have any friends IRL. Hot blonde replicant Pris manipulated him at will, which proved to be his undoing at the hands of the vastly superior and more desirable Roy, who was Pris's lover.

Given that Sargent is enlisting the SPLC, which is a domestic blacklisting resource with ties to left-wing terrorists like Floyd Corkins, it's only fair that we keep an eye on Sargent as well. At this point, I don't think Cracked.com would fire him, but putting some pressure on the guy is probably a good idea.

J.F. Sargent attended Garfield High School in Seattle, as did I, which gives me a little insight into the little fellow. He isn't originally from Seattle, but thrived in its prog scene for years, and was clearly indoctrinated there. When he went to Garfield in the 2000s, it was a far more elitist institution than it was in the early 90s when I attended the school. He may well know anal rap virtuoso Macklemore, also a Garfield alum, personally.

I'm not sure why Cracked hired this guy, as I know a couple Cracked writers personally, and they are stand-up men. Certainly they don't buy into his bullshit. But I can only assume that someone in upper management put his (or more likely her) finger to the wind and figured out where the gas was coming from, and ASSumed that America's men would buy into the garbage little twats like Sargent dump on them.

So if you're reading this and care to do a little activism, why not write Cracked.com and ask why they are alienating one of their most important demographics by hiring a little partisan bloodsucker like Sargent. Do we really want to read his missives on "misogyny" and "white male entitlement?" It's like listening to a toddler tell you off for not cutting the crust off his bread and filling his baba with apple juice, and that isn't funny. It's annoying as hell.

Write Cracked here to tell them what you think of Sargent. I'm sure the feminists love him, but feminists are about as funny as a cancer diagnosis, so they hardly count. If Cracked wants to go full feminist, I invite them to do so. The site has already cast the first stone, so it's fair game at this point. Frankly, I invite them to ridicule us even more.

When men have their children taken away and are reduced to poverty, it's so god-damned funny after all, right?

We'll see.

Rowing The Cut

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[I've been feeling a bit nostalgic lately, so I wrote down one of my memories from the early 90s in Seattle. Some things about the city - or what it was - are worth preserving.]

Each morning the alarm would sound at quarter to five, and each time my eyes would open seconds before it went off. The routine was so steady, so precise, that my internal clock was as accurate as the quartz timekeeper on my bedstand.

When I awoke, the first thing I'd do was pull on my shorts and tank top, then head to the kitchen to eat a couple huge bowls of cereal washed down with a quart of milk. I ate mechanically, devouring the food within minutes, then quickly put on a jacket and pants and grabbed my schoolbooks to head off into the darkness.

After twenty or so minutes, I'd arrive at my destination, park the car and head to the boathouse, which was located in an old warehouse underneath the Aurora bridge. Others arrived like ghosts, pale figures walking into the yellow sodium lamplight of the lot out of the navy blue of the early spring morning.

There wasn't much time for warmup; after a minute or two of stretching the coach would assign us to our boats and announce the day's workout, and then we'd haul the boats off the racks, grab our oars and make for the dock. We'd set the boats down in the water, gingerly step in so as to avoid a spill into the cold water, then fasten our oars and shove off.

The eights and fours stayed together like a convoy, but since I was in a pair we had relative freedom. My bow rower and I would set off on our own across the still waters of the early morning, headed east or west depending on instructions. There was a brewery just to the west of our dock, and in the early morning the smell of roasting malt and hops would pour out over the water, lending a thick heaviness to the moist Pacific air. Sometimes, a sea lion who had slipped through the Ballard Locks to poach salmon from the fish ladder would raise his head from the water, give us a look, then quickly dive to reappear elsewhere a minute later.

The light of the city blocked out most of the stars, but the reflections from the surface of Lake Union made up for them. The sights and smells were as rich as at any time of day, and accentuated by the quiet in the midst of the sleeping multitudes. We'd glide across the water, hearing only the distant traffic, the gentle splash of our oars and the occasional horn from a train or freighter off in the distance. If we proceeded east toward Lake Washington, the sounds grew quieter for some time as we made our way to Union Bay. If we went east toward the Locks, we traveled through the narrow cut toward Fisherman's Terminal and the industrial workyards of lower Ballard. There was often a sheen of oil on the water that gave it the quality of stained glass, and a faint, accompanying smell of diesel fuel.

The best part of these morning excursions was the solitude, and the peace of being on the water. On Lake Union, I'd see the lights in the houseboats flick on as people got up to prepare for work. Sometimes, I could make them out as they sat at their kitchen tables drinking coffee in their bathrobes as I silently swept past in the darkness. Despite the intense physical effort, I felt as though it was a time of spiritual retreat; each stroke of the oar was like a note in a meditative chant.

After a couple of hours of pulling our boats through the water, we'd pack it up and head off to school to shower and change. I'd eat another breakfast to refuel for the day, and then go through the motions until the sun sank low and the day drew to a close. Day after day and week after week I went through this routine, my body and mind becoming a machine that adapted to the effort and discipline. It is the closest I've ever come to the monastic lifestyle, and I've never been healthier before or since.

I never really took to rowing as a sport, because in truth it isn't one; there's a great deal of labor involved and little "fun" about it. However, it taught me that it is not only sport and play that sustains the body and soul, but discipline

as well.

Obama's Children's Crusade: Probably a Smuggling Racket

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The sudden "Children's Crusade" of Central American kids across our southern border has outraged Americans, but nobody seems to know who is behind it. Certainly, it's partly Barack Obama's fault for enticing the Central Americans with promises not to deport kids, but how could tens of thousands of children suddenly make it all the way across Mexico to show up in such large numbers on our border?

After reading an LA Times article on the invasion in which a woman at the border surrenders herself with her kids in the belief that single mothers will not be deported if they are apprehended [she's probably correct: I recently read a report written by a border patrol officer who reported that people who are not from bordering countries are simply issued summons to court and then released on their own recognizance -- he said they simply turn themselves in, get the summons, then disappear], I figured there must be some kind of organized effort to move these people.

I decided to do a little research, knowing that few people bother to go to the source even here in the US, so the number of Americans paying attention to Central American sources must be tiny. It turns out that the governments and media of Central American countries are very much complicit in the human trafficking, possibly assuming that remittances will be a source of income for their crime and poverty-infested little fiefdoms, and that in any event they can keep the cash flowing to their criminal cronies – and ultimately themselves – by subsidizing the smuggling industry.

It turns out that they are not only publishing advice and encouraging stories for would-be migrants, but also making a pretense of standing up for their countrymen who have illegally immigrated and – get this – they are even adjudicating civil suits between migrants and smugglers to impart an aura of legitimacy to the entire operation. El Salvador is probably the largest source of these Central American migrants and, incidentally, the source of the ruthless Mara Salvatrucha criminal gangsters who have murdered their way to prominence in a number of American cities. Could there be any doubt about a connection between the gangsters on our streets and the gangsters in office back home? These crooks running banana republics have been making a living off organized crime for decades.

After reading a few articles in "La Página," an online El Salvador news outlet, all of which were highly supportive of illegal immigration to the US, I checked out the comments. It doesn't seem that Salvadorans are proud of either their politicians or this recent border fiasco. One commenter suggested that it is a national humiliation, and that El Salvador will look "worse than Haiti," asking "how did our government allow these embarrassments abroad?" Most were more concerned about the right to legally travel — not to emigrate. These are the type of people in El Salvador who actually bother to comment in newspapers; I suspect that the people showing up on the Texas border are from a somewhat less educated demographic. Could it possibly be, as many Americans suspect, that the government of El Salvador is deliberately trying to foist its poor and hapless off on the great big, dumb American milk cow? Something like that, but it's actually even worse: they're also shamelessly ripping off their own poor.

What's going on here is that a number of people are taking smuggling fees from these would-be emigrants (reportedly $4,000 a head from point of origin), moving them through Mexico, then when they make it to the US border, Presto! The US picks up the tab from there. If the DHS prediction of 90,000 children smuggled to the US this year by these gangs is correct, that makes kid-smuggling alone a $360,000,000 per year industry, and probably more. What does it matter if they are eventually deported anyway? Somebody got rich off the scam. The only real losers here are the desperate fools who think they'll be granted amnesty and the US taxpayers footing the bill for this fiasco.

And why am I so sure they won't get amnesty? Because we can't afford to give it to them. Illegals currently prop up the US social security system, having funded roughly ten percent of its reserve and paid in somewhere around $150 billion a year. Give them the right to benefits, and the entire thing would collapse very quickly. Without this illegal subsidy, social security would have started paying out less than it takes in by 2009. Obviously this scheme isn't

going to last forever, but if illegals got amnesty it would be over immediately and the fallout would be painful, to say the least.

However, another part of the scheme involves making sure that those who do sneak in are fit enough to work and pay into the system. If they can swim a river, cross some desert and evade ICE, they probably are. But if they are kids or single moms who just plop themselves down in front of the nearest border patrol officer and wait for air-conditioned accommodations, they're far more likely to be an expense. So we Americans are really getting a raw deal with this latest wave.

As much as it's tempting to say that this or that American political party or official is responsible for what's going on or that it's part of some deliberate plot, it's starting to look like the entire thing is just another example of incompetence and poor judgment on the part of our "leaders." They've been caught with their pants down on this one. They actually let themselves get tooled by a gang of Central American hustlers, and now they have no idea what to do about it. I wonder whether our politicians can even admit to themselves how stupid and irresponsible this talk about amnesty for children was. They were simply providing a free advertisement for the coyotes.

Well how about this for an idea: find the head honcho in charge of each of these little countries, and tell him to put an end to it immediately or we'll sink his yacht and drop a couple 500 pound bombs on his hilltop villa. Sounds rough, but what kind of a scumbag puts kids at the mercy of the criminal gangs who run both human and narcotics smuggling operations in Latin America? One I wouldn't lose much sleep over if he happened to end up on the business end of an airstrike. This won't happen in the current administration, of course, but another, better president would have done it.

Tricia Romano Pouts in Response to “Trolls”

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When I wrote about Tricia Romano’s Salon piece, I wasn’t all that hard on her. Sure, she gave her piece a nasty title, trashed an entire class of men and exhibited an outsized sense of entitlement, but as far as I know she’s never actually screwed a guy over personally. I try to save the heavy artillery for those types.

Nevertheless, she was hit pretty hard in comments, and took it very personally. She also objected to being called “middle-aged” and not someone who stands out from the crowd, although both are objectively true, and not really insults. Her retort to me personally was to imply that I am sexually unappealing because I’m a “deadbeat dad” (nice try, Trish, but no cigar — you don’t end up owing child support because you can’t get laid, dummy).

> Here are the things I learned about “myself” from some of my commenters:
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> I am a whore and a slut.
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> I’m ugly and I look like a Jersey girl. (This is half-true. My family is from Jersey.)
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> I’m old.
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> I’m middle-aged (which somehow seems worse than merely being old). And, I “don’t exactly stand out from the crowd.” (This same writer also admitted to being a deadbeat dad. So, you know.)
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> But even though I’m dumb, ugly, and old, a totally over-the-hill Jersey girl, I’ve managed to get laid so much that my vagina is a loose gash.
>
> I should just buy some sex toys and be done with it.
>
> I probably have a height requirement on my profile. (Dude, I’m four-foot-eleven.)
>
> I’m entitled.
>
> [etc.]

What she’s really demonstrating here with her butthurt sniffling and pouting is that she can dish it out but she can’t take it. Oh, it’s all well and good when you slam techies, call them unattractive dweebs and blame them for women’s dissatisfaction, but when someone turns it around and takes a shot at Tricia it’s *so mean* that it’s “trolling.” There oughtta be a law or something…

I’ve taken a lot of shots in life, and some of them took a hell of a toll. I’ll probably never fully recover from some. So now, when I see someone calling me names or insulting me online, it’s really so trivial that it hardly matters. How could it possibly compare to being menaced by men in uniform with assault rifles and legally raped in court? But for these female writers, it’s a horrible violation. Something they cannot bear.

What outdated Victorian nonsense! I thought they were all tough riot grrrls here — especially in Seattle.

So along with my previous bit of advice to Tricia that she stop acting like an adolescent girl, I’ll add something else:

If you don’t want people to attack you personally, don’t personally attack an entire class of people. Because if you do, you’d better be prepared for them to bite back.

If you can’t take the heat, you know…

Feminist Fathers

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Some guy in New Jersey got a lot of online attention recently because he was wearing this laughable t-shirt announcing to the world that his daughter makes the sexual rules. Because his daughter is 20 and lives in American society, that's pretty much a given in any event, but he felt the need to broadcast it all the same.

Here's his feminist statement:

> "Rules for dating my daughter
>
> 1. I don't make the rules
> 2. You don't make the rules
> 3. She makes the rules
> 4. Her body, her rules
>
> Feminist Father"

It seems to me that the implication is that this should start as soon as a girl sexually matures, which is pretty damn early. Sexual maturity (not to be confused with full adulthood) begins in middle school for both girls and boys. The genitalia and reproductive organs are in full working order generally by fourteen, and the sex drive is as strong as ever.

Any father who tells his adolescent daughter that she's free to do whatever she pleases sexually is being *neglectful* at best. Fortunately, very few fathers are this way, and those who are tend to be borderline retarded or criminals/predators. Yes, there are fathers (and mothers) out there who get off on this sort of thing, but fortunately it's very rare.

I doubt the Jersey dad wearing the dumb t-shirt is one of these. Instead, he may just be trying to rationalize the fact that his daughter is loose in a world of hedonism over which he has practically zero control. I kind of sympathize. I may well be in the same situation myself in ten years.

But he's going about it all wrong, and here's why:

When I was an adolescent I loved those "progressive" kinds of fathers. In general, fathers were terrifying. I got busted by dads on a couple occasions, and had to beat a hasty retreat out the back door. If it weren't for most fathers, things would have been *so* much easier — the girls themselves were as willing as I was. Even little runty guys could suddenly fill me with dread when I saw the anger flashing in their eyes as they caught me trying to pull some smooth move on their daughter. The deterrence factor can hardly be overstated.

Stepdads, in general, didn't care, and had little authority anyway. Single moms — who takes them seriously? But real, honest to goodness present dads were a major problem. Messing around with their daughters was like walking around barefoot in rattlesnake country. Sure, it was possible, but much more hazardous.

However, there were a few "enlightened" dads. Their daughters were the easiest of all. Some were so bad that most of us guys didn't even want to be caught alone with them, for fear of the ridicule we'd face for slumming it. But in some cases they were pretty good looking, so what the hell? I can remember these poor girls, and I still feel a bit embarrassed for them. One had a dad who was a super-liberal Reform Rabbi. Another a nudist French Canadian father.

I can't help but wonder whether the fact that their fathers were so laissez faire didn't teach the girls that their own sexuality was devalued. If your dad doesn't give a damn what you do with your body, then maybe, if you're a girl, you don't think your sexuality is anything special or worth much at all.

Sure, we hear about girls who act out despite having very strict, conservative parents. But that's the exception — not

the norm. In my experience, it was typically the girls without fathers or whose fathers were very casual about these things who were the easiest — the sluts, so to speak. Those whose fathers were firm about sexual morality demanded that guys put a lot more on the table before they'd even consider it.

So what kind of daughter does Mr. "I am a feminist father" have? I think this picture says it all.

[update: the pic has been flagged, but still can be found on her media page]

Family Court Judge Threatens Deployed Submariner With Loss of Custody and Issues Arrest Warrant

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I'd like to file this under "things that would never happen to a woman." A family law judge in Michigan, otherwise known as a kidnapper in a robe, has ordered Matthew Hindes, a man who is serving somewhere deep under the waves on a classified mission, to show up in her courtroom. If he doesn't, she'll issue a bench warrant and reassign custody to the child's mother, who was judged unfit by child protective services. First, I have to say that for a woman to be declared an unfit mother, she has to be really lousy. It doesn't happen all that often. You know all those kids you hear about dying from neglect? Often, their mothers had *already been evaluated by CPS* and found "fit" — sometimes on multiple occasions.

I have seen the rare creature known as the noncustodial mother in court. One in particular I remember because she didn't look all that bad in person. However, when she opened her mouth in front of the judge and made every excuse in the book for failing heroin tests and violating probation time after time, it was pretty clear why she lost the kid. Evidently, it's kind of hard to take care of your child when you're in jail.

Although it's unclear what exactly led to the sailor's ex losing custody, the Michigan judge has declared that if the child is not presently in the custody of the father, she must be returned to the mother post-haste. The stepmother is currently taking care of the girl, and while that isn't ideal, given the CPS action it's probably a safer situation.

But the judge doesn't care. In fact, she doesn't even care that a law called the Service Members Civil Relief Act was passed explicitly to protect men like Hindes. According to the law, Hindes is entitled to a 90-day stay of proceedings, but judge Margaret Noe has ruled that this law doesn't apply, because, in her opinion, he should have handed the child over to her (unfit) mother *before* he set foot on a submarine.

This case says a lot about the value of serving one's country today. If a family court judge – some gussied up divorce lawyer in a robe – can ignore laws meant to protect him while deployed and order his arrest because, you know, he should teleport back from under the arctic icepack or wherever, then what's the point?

Seattle Minimum Wage Blowback: Daycare Set to Become Really, Really Expensive

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A lot of the arguments for the 50% minimum wage hike in Seattle are along the lines of this:

> "What's the problem? You'll only have to pay a little more for your hamburger or pizza, and that's nothing to complain about."

This is really how your typical Seattle progressive thinks.

However, they weren't thinking too hard about what's going to happen to essential services used by the empowered working mom, childcare being the most important among them. Because most young people in Seattle are newcomers, they don't have family to help them out, so unless the woman is married and her husband is making a six figure income (median household income in Seattle is around $64,000, so obviously most are not), daycare is essential.

Much of daycare's cost is wages, and despite the cost, which runs around $14,000/year for toddlers (full time), wages for childcare workers are low. The reason the cost is so high is that law mandates a low child to worker ratio. So if you have one worker per three kids (standard) and that worker is making around $12/hr. (also standard), the labor cost per child is about 60% of the total daycare cost.

Now raise that $12/hr. to $15/hr. That's a 25% increase right off the bat, which means, all else being equal (which is unlikely), daycare costs will rise 15% from the labor cost increase alone, which brings the cost of daycare in Seattle up $2,000 to a discouraging $16,000+. Just another dollar for my hamburger, huh?

This means that a working family with a respectable income of $100,000 will be paying 16 cents on every dollar merely for daycare. Add that to rent or mortgage and taxes and what's left over? Not much. If you have two kids you might as well just give up. If you're a single mom, forget about it! Your best course of action (sad, but true) is to drop out of the labor force and go on welfare.

On the positive side, an enterprising, competent woman who likes children can pull in over $40,000 per year with relatively few skills and little education simply by setting up a home-based business and doing the work herself and still undercut the competition. But how many women in Seattle would deign to do so? Precious few I'd wager, and it's hard to blame them given what you get in that town for $40k.

I've been wondering for a while when women would start to pay the price for the socialist, redistributionist policies they've been supporting for years. Looks like that time has come.

The Slow Shift South

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In just a week or so, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union is set to renegotiate contracts for its West Coast port workers. The ILWU has a long history in Seattle and San Francisco, and has won incredibly sweet concessions from ports over the decades. A foreman, for example, makes over $200,000 per year, and a normal employee about $130,000. Getting into the ILWU has become something of a dynastic process. The jobs are passed from father to son and even grandson. Outsiders are treated terribly by those in the union, which prevents them from ever making it in themselves. From all appearances, the ILWU has become little more than a gang.

This is the real problem with unions — like unrestrained corporations they can eventually become monopolistic guilds that reward only insiders at everyone else's expense.

But it's a big world out there, and the ILWU isn't really as "international" as its name suggests. It has no authority over East Coast and Gulf Coast ports which, given the recent expansion of the Panama Canal, has put the union in a tenuous position. Added to this is the refusal of a number of West Coast ports to ship coal to China, "because global warming" or whatever (actually, many locals are simply so spoiled that they don't like the idea of coal trains going through town, even if they add jobs and inject cash into the local economy). Finally, US manufacturing is shifting to the South as the greens gain political prominence on the West and East Coasts, and high land and labor costs drive manufacturers elsewhere. To Chinese and European shipping magnates these may be mere annoyances for now, but these things all add up, and it's the bottom line that counts in business.

As I look at the West Coast with its "progressive" leftist policies, which are not a result of need so much as the entitlement born of prosperity, it's apparent that the entire region is willfully setting itself back in all areas except high tech, which itself is significantly more mobile than manufacturing (i.e. the companies can easily pick up and leave if it's in their interest). If tech isn't enough or, heaven forbid, it also leaves, West Coast states are going to be in big trouble. At this point, I don't see the progressive momentum slowing down, but rather a doubling down on the policies that are undermining the fundamentals of a modern, diversified economy.

The development that is capturing businesses' attention is the transformation of the formerly slow, lazy and impoverished South – and the Gulf Coast in particular – into a global energy, manufacturing and shipping powerhouse. Despite its relative poverty and reputation for being backward, its growth has been impressive, with states like Texas and Louisiana adding jobs and wealth. In the meanwhile, aside from tech and finance, the coastal cities grow older and stagnant, and families suffer under increasingly burdensome property values and egregiously high working class unemployment, straining social welfare services.

I have no doubt that Asian companies will continue to ship products through West Coast ports, but in the future – thanks in part to the Panama Canal expansion – we can expect to see more of these ships bypassing our ports entirely to head on to friendlier Gulf Coast ports that are not only cheaper, but also offer products that can be shipped back to Asia. In the meanwhile, it's time for our West Coast politicians to get their act together and change course before they succeed in hollowing out our industrial base. If they aren't up to the job, they shouldn't be in office.

Interesting Comment of the Week

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Commenter hindsight2020 recently left a comment on the April 16 article "Once a Man, Always a Man" that I thought was worth sharing. He writes about the "Hijras," India's transgender/eunuch caste. It isn't a pretty picture, and perhaps it's something we ought to keep in mind as the US marches onward toward institutionalized transsexualism.

I can provide a clearer picture of the eunuch situation on India. They are called Hijras and have an ancient and active Hijra community with their own temples, laws and bizarre practices. They live unencumbered by society and get a free pass since they are believed to have magical powers. They were guardians of concubines and harems due to their male strength and inability to have sex with the women.

Eunuchs are a revered (prayed to out of fear) group in India. They show up at weddings, and at childbirths and have to be paid off to go out of fear of a curse, kidnapping or simply to get them to leave and not make a scene. Their primary revenue is begging through intimidation, running brothels and child trafficking. More recently some banks started hiring eunuchs as debt collectors for their ability to humiliate people at their homes and offices.

Actual birth defects are extremely rare and seldom are they sent to eunuchs. Most Eunuchs are of 2 kinds: Transvestites (men who act like eunuchs during festive season and on Fridays) and castrated ones. Thats the bizarre part. Eunuchs get their children through kidnappings or as promised offerings for a wish fulfilled. Boys are preferred. Girls are put to work in brothels. The boys are taken to their temple. The boy's penis and testicles are tied tightly with a thread overnight till its numb. It is then severed with a razor blade. Over weeks, if the boy survives the bleeding and infection, he is now a blessed hijra. He is then trained and put to work as a sex slave till he is old enough to get into the intimidation business. This community continues its practices under the guise of religious freedoms and no government has the capacity to deal with this small fragmented group all over the country while it faces bigger national challenges.

Hijras appear on TV, movies and almost every popular bollywood actor has played one at some point.

Post liberalization in the 90s, Indian NGOs needed cool new initiatives and thus the pride walks came about. No one cared. They got their permissions without a hitch, police escorts for the march, massive press coverage as they walked chanting government oppression. The parades lacked the color and drama of trannies like in the west. Trannies were co-opted into this parade to bring the requisite color, flamboyance and other garish antics a true pride parade needs.

All they have done is give modern societal sanction and glamour to a bunch of vile criminals and the cruelest child abusers.

India gets its daily share of environmentalists, evangelists, SJWs and nobodies from the LGBT community who condescendingly believe their quick visit and listening to NGO sales pitch before heading to party in Goa… was somehow instrumental in changing India. Broadcasting their new found mysticism and 3rd world badge on twitter and fkbook alongwith with posed photographs of destitute kids on a dust road (with mandatory cow) after they retire in nice coffeshops and lounge pubs to update their feelings on their macbooks about (insert suffering) they are witnessing and then helping themselves to sanctimonious credentials on introduction bios.

Sorry about the rant. It pissed me off so much I had to comment.

-hindsight2020

Mormon Church Draws Line in Sand, Excommunicates Feminist

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A woman who has consistently defied church elders, doctrine and repeated orders to stop pushing her agenda has just been excommunicated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

> The decision by the Mormon church to excommunicate the founder of a prominent women's group marks a stern statement at a time when the church is under pressure to recognize gay rights and allow women into the priesthood.
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> Experts believe the move essentially draws a line in the sand to show church members how far they can go in publicly questioning church practices.
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> The ousting of Kate Kelly is rare and brings down the harshest punishment available on a church member who created an organization and staged demonstrations in a push to permit women to join the faith's lay clergy.
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> "It does more than excommunicate Kelly," said Jan Shipps, a retired religion professor from Indiana who is a non-Mormon expert on the church. "It warns everybody."
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> Shipps said The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is implementing "boundary maintenance," using Kelly as an example to show people how far they can go in questioning church practices.
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> The message seems to be that "organizing pressure groups, and trying to cultivate a following for such groups, crosses a line that will trigger disciplinary action," said Armand Mauss, a retired professor of sociology and religious studies at Washington State University.

I'm not a Mormon, and obviously not an LDS leader, but if I were the decision wouldn't have been a tough one. Give her a pass and more will be encouraged until finally one gets her foot in the door, then it's bye-bye Mormon Church, just like the Episcopal Church. Sometimes, you just have to draw the line, and anyway, since she doesn't seem to have much faith in other Mormon decisions and doctrine, I doubt she even puts any stock in an excommunication. Just think of it as an eviction notice so as to keep her from disrupting other Mormons.

But what always gets me about these attempts to push this or that church to "reform" is the fact that anybody – women included – can start his or her own church in the US. Ms. Kelly could start her own Mormon offshoot called "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Goddesses" or something like that. For some reason, however, churches started by women don't have a very good track record in the US (not to mention the world). To me, this says that the churches should hold firm and ban females from the priesthood if they want to survive, although I'm sure that feminists think it's the patriarchy or some other Lord of Darkness holding them down. The only female church I can think of that had any success over the years was the Shakers, and that's only because they managed to use 19th century child custody laws to gain adherents, but today they're down to about four members.

Still, that shouldn't stop Ms. Kelly from giving it a try. Maybe she'll be the first one to make it work.

Feminists to "Boycott" Men's Conference

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The Spearhead needs your help to stay online. Without support soon, the site cannot survive as a resource open to all visitors. Please contribute financially to maintain men's journalism as a viable opinion and news outlet. Anything helps.

In a stunning admission of defeat, feminists are urging fellow-travellers to boycott the AVfM-sponsored International Men's Conference in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. One can sense a shifting of the tide – a loss of initiative – as instead of confronting, challenging and shouting people down feminists have scattered into the woods. It's really pretty funny that they're calling it a "boycott." Hamster much?

> Their continual promotion of violence through their writing should not be tolerated. Actions such as proclaiming that October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month be renamed to "Bash a Bitch Month," saying women don't just desire but beg to be raped and their hosting of a manifesto by Tom Ball that calls for the firebombing of court houses. We are not in opposition to real issues that men and boys face in our society but their hatred for women that they are using those issues to hide behind.
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> We have had numerous people reach out to us to let us know of the very real danger we could be in by protesting. Due to concerns for physical safety we have decided the best way to oppose the conference that is now going on in St. Clair Shores is to keep our distance. With AVFM's history of attempting to provoke protestors, harassing individuals by following them to their cars or home, and filming or photographing them in order to release their private information online we don't feel that protesting at the VFW hall could keep people reasonable safe.
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> While there may be others who decide to protest the conference, we want to make it perfectly clear that there are real concerns for safety. If you are planning to protest the conference, please make sure the people who are coming are informed enough about the kind of vicious tactics that AVFM has used to derail and trivialize the response to their own ideology.

This is actually a pretty significant development. Of course, anyone with any knowledge about women's nature could have predicted that once men actually started to stand up for themselves this would happen, but in my life I can't think of one example of feminists retreating in such an ignominious manner. It's sad that it took so long for men to finally make a stand, but better late than never.

I suspect that one of the reasons feminists are hiding is that they are afraid one of their own will actually be arrested or justifiably smacked down for some especially stupid threat or attack. This proves that Paul Elam's tactic of announcing his willingness – actually, desire – to trade blows if it comes to it was pretty savvy. If you announce that you won't fight back, then people think that gives them a license to attack you — it's human nature. For example, the Christian admonition to "turn the other cheek" is frequently misunderstood as requiring Christians to helplessly submit to attacks, whereas it was actually a highly contextual piece of advice in a legalistic society. It's a warning to people to avoid falling into the trap of provocation.

One thing that I have observed in my studies of gender politics is that supplicating to women does not win men favors in politics any more than it does in a pickup scenario. However, women will *always* say that it does. Conservatives, for some reason, fall for it, and believe the stories about how they need to supplicate in order to win votes. But all one needs to do is point out that AVfM has never supplicated, yet the organization enjoys a great deal of support from women (even a little too much for my tastes). How could this be possible? Obviously, it's because women generally admire men who stand up for themselves, whereas they despise those who don't.

The only men's movement that will ever get anywhere is an unapologetic, and even sometimes a little savage, movement.

Now that one has finally arrived, I think I'll enjoy sitting back and watching the opposition scatter to the winds until all that's left of it is a few blabbering, clueless male feminists wondering where all their female allies disappeared to.

Support Independent Men's Journalism

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Dear readers,

I've greatly appreciated providing you with regular commentary, news and essays for nearly five years at this point. It has truly been a labor of love.

Currently, I write for about 2,500 regular readers, with an average article being accessed about 3,500 times through the site. I'm quite satisfied with those numbers, because I know people aren't reading the site to be part of some club or forum, or because they were misled by promises of cash or sex, but rather for the content. Too much of the Internet is cluttered with clickbait and thoughtless text aimed primarily at search engines. I'm not concerned with garbage content, nor do I want garbage traffic.

However, I am consciously bucking the trend by not using the standard gimmicks that make money online. I like to publish thoughtful material. I don't want to promise that people can make a quick buck or get laid using my techniques. I'd be lying anyway, and lying doesn't come naturally to me.

The result of this idealism on my part (some might call it obstinacy) is that The Spearhead doesn't exactly haul in bags of cash. At this point, however, I need cash — badly. I have another baby due any day. I have bills due, and I just moved to a new place where I have no network to speak of, and therefore few opportunities as of yet.

If you're a reader who appreciates the content offered up on a regular basis on The Spearhead, I'd appreciate some support. I've cleared up my issues with Washington state DCS and I can now deposit checks and money orders without worrying about the bank dinging me with a $100 "garnishment fee" (yes, they are that brazen in theft) every time I make a deposit, and I'm in what seems to be a stable family situation. Things could be worse, but times are pretty lean, and when there's a baby that only adds to the stress.

So if you enjoy The Spearhead on a regular or even casual basis, please offer some support so I can keep it online and keep writing for you and offering featured articles by others. I guarantee that my perspective will remain independent, but always loyal to readers and to the principle of making the world a better place for men and their families.

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Jewish Father Faces Death Threats as Wife Tightens Vice

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Rivky Stein, mother of two and Orthodox Jewish wife to Yoel Weiss, has not found civil family law courts to be quite enough for her. Although she's accused her husband of rape and of punching her in the stomach when she was pregnant (which could bring an attempted murder charge), and even had him falsely arrested on multiple occasions for allegedly violating a restraining order (dismissed each time), she won't be satisfied until her husband abandons the only card he has left: the Jewish custom of the "get," which stipulates that only men can grant divorce under religious law.

> An Orthodox Jewish woman who has been unsuccessful in her attempts to secure a religious divorce from her husband has brought her case to social media, hoping to convince him to finally grant her a "get."
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> With the help of family and friends, Rivky Stein, 24, created a Facebook page detailing her purportedly nightmarish relationship with hubby Yoel Weiss, 31, whom she married in a religious ceremony shortly after she turned 18 years old, in 2008.
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> "I want my get very badly," she told the News. "But this is not just about me. It's about fixing the problem so it doesn't happen to anyone else."
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> They had two children together, but Stein left Weiss after a series of alleged abuses, which she says included raping her and punching her in the stomach while she was pregnant. She says she never sought to have him criminally charged, but is now speaking to the Brooklyn District Attorney's office.
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> Weiss, who runs an Internet search engine optimization firm, denies abusing his estranged wife.
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> The couple never formally obtained a civil marriage license, both partners said.
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> Instead they used a Jewish marriage contract, called a ketubah , which is technically illegal [editor: Not true. The Ketubah is a legally-enforceable civil contract and not "illegal"] but still recognized by family court.
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> According to strict Jewish law, a woman is considered married, locked in and unable to remarry, until her husband grants the formal divorce document. That means Stein cannot move on with her life until she gets the get .
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> He insists he'll give it to her as soon as their messy custody battle is hashed out in family court.
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> "This is something that's settled together," he said. "That's how the Jewish thing goes. Ever bought a house and moved into it without paying?"
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> But community leaders contend that's a poor excuse.

This is just the latest in a string of stories about Jewish men facing down lynch mobs incited by their wives for the purposes of obtaining a get *and* forcing husbands into unconditional surrender in civil courts. If Mrs. Stein used only the civil courts, like most women, she'd almost certainly emerge victorious in custody and child support fights. She'd also have no trouble obtaining a civil divorce if she'd bothered to get a civil marriage in the first place. No contract – Jewish or not – can override family court decisions on these matters. Actually, what she's trying to do is force civil courts and/or opinion to make a ruling on a marriage that doesn't legally exist in the state of New York.

However, in the Orthodox Jewish community, she'd be ineligible for an Orthodox Jewish remarriage regardless of what the state says. Although I don't know the facts in this case, if a woman is so dead set on being able to remarry immediately after separation, that's a red flag for adultery. It means there's a high likelihood that she's already got another man lined up. Mrs. Stein, who is a svelte, cute 24-year-old, probably wouldn't have a problem finding another man in a community where most young women are already married and the men without wives have limited options. If she hasn't already, I'd be highly surprised. If not, it would be easy to let the dust settle and then when Mr. Weiss calms down and they have a custody schedule they can both live with, he'll give her the get.

But no, Rivky wants it *Right Now!*, and she isn't about to make any concessions on custody that might limit her mobility and force her to cooperate with her icky husband. So she's pulling out the big guns, gathering an army of beta white knights, some of whom have, according to Mr. Weiss, threatened him with death, and now she's using the media to paint her husband as a monster. She's even using the typical treacly feminist pablum about "freedom" and "rights." Feminists have a childish conception of freedom and rights that essentially means "freedom from responsibility" and "right to do whatever I want." I'm sure she genuinely feels that her freedom and rights are being violated, but you know, this isn't the Pale of Settlement, but rather New York, where she's free to abandon the dictates of her religion if it doesn't suit her, and has every right to do so. What more could she ask for?

A lot, apparently.

From The Spearhead to the National Debate on Marriage and Interpartner Violence

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A couple weeks ago, I noticed that Heartiste posted a Bureau of Justice Statistics graph I used last year to demonstrate that feminist fearmongering about husbands was putting women in danger. Heartiste retweeted the post when I first published it, so he gave *The Spearhead* credit for the research, and I'm glad he reposted the graph recently, because it makes such a powerful statement.

> The safest place for women is in the marital home, living with their husbands. http://t.co/QZMg35yIeR @Jezebel heh.
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> — heartiste (@heartiste) November 4, 2013

Shortly after Heartiste's repost, I noticed that the graph had appeared in the Washington Post of all places, which essentially repeated my conclusion that single motherhood is a dangerous situation, and far from ideal. The Washington Post article even referenced statistics I used in the article I posted immediately prior to the domestic violence article, which concluded that children who live with their fathers are far safer than those who don't (ya think?). I'm all but certain that one or both authors (Bradford Wilcox and Robin Fretwell Wilson) read my articles before submitting their text to the Post and Wilcox's subsequent article for National Review. Now I see that Anne Cools, a Canadian senator who is speaking at the Men's Conference, has repeated, almost word for word, what I wrote last year in the original article:

> "The safest place for a woman is in a home living with the father of her children." Canadian Sen Anne Cools #icmi14
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> — Quince Mountain (@QuinceMountain) June 27, 2014

While it does feel nice to see one's labor bear fruit, it's important to stress that for a long time hardly anyone bothered to do the nitty gritty research into these issues except for gender feminists. They have had a lock on academic gender studies for decades, and virtually everything published along those lines comes from their perspective. Instead of putting their access to material and knowledge to work to do good, they have pushed a selfish agenda the entire time. Every study that did not conform to their radical misandrist worldview has been either ignored or tossed out, and the gullible masses went on for years simply repeating their talking points.

But now things are starting to change. Feminist theory is being challenged more boldly than ever before as the monopoly on information is being destroyed by the Internet. Although it may be a sad statement about the current state of scholarship, every time the truth makes it out into the wider world we have won a victory — not only for those of us who are concerned about men's issues, but human decency as well. Feminism, because it denies human nature, is a profoundly inhuman philosophy. When put into practice it hurts people, just like Stalinism and Maoism. Not just a few people, but millions of them — from children on up to grandparents.

It may be easier now to bring the truth to light, but it still involves a considerable amount of time and careful research. It also requires focus, consistency, and the cultivation of credibility through sustained effort despite repeated feminist potshots and obfuscation.

In short, it's a job, and an important one.

This is why I'm asking for support — so I can continue to perform and make a difference. Those who have chipped in deserve both thanks and credit for making it possible and thereby influencing the national debate and advancing public understanding, and I'd like to invite others to do the same. As stated before, The Spearhead has at least 2,500

regular readers, and by regular I mean near daily. There are over 2,000 unique, returning visitors (not page views) per day, about 1,000 people (out of a couple thousand subscribers) access the content through the feed per day, and hundreds of others subscribe through email. To be conservative, rather than add all these up I subtracted about a thousand to account for “occasional” readers and those who use more than one method to access content.

It’s great to have so many loyal readers, and rewarding in itself — working for others suits me very well. But because the site is mainly free to all, and I want to keep it that way to the greatest extent possible as a resource for others who could find it useful (such as the authors of the Washington Post piece), it’s hard to monetize. Fortunately, however, if everyone chips in even a little it’s enough. And trust me: on my budget I certainly appreciate the small contributions as well — everything counts.

So if you haven’t already, please consider a contribution to keep me at it and allow me to continue in my role as an independent and prolific advocate for men and families.

PRIDE Toronto Boots CAFÉ

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Barbara Kay, who spoke at the Men's Conference in Michigan, wrote a column yesterday about the arbitrary ejection of CAFÉ from Toronto's Pride parade, held last weekend:

> The annual Pride event in Canada's biggest city is supposed to be a celebration of all things and causes relating to gay culture and, more broadly, to formerly marginalized sexual identities. It's supposed to be a big tent. But as the treatment of CAFÉ shows us, only those groups with a politically correct agenda are seen as acceptable.
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> According to its own policy, Pride Toronto doesn't permit cancellations after June 21 — thereby ensuring that groups have an opportunity to respond to complaints lodged against them. CAFÉ, which has charity status (giving them more legal standing than most of the other participating groups), took part last year without incident and had two months ago successfully registered to walk this year, their name appearing in official Pride literature.
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> CAFÉ was given no substantive reason for the rejection, just a note from the Pride organizers: "It has come to our attention that the work of your organization may contravene the spirit of the mission, vision, and values of Pride Toronto and WorldPride." And that was it. Their right to march was withdrawn. At a stroke, CAFÉ was lumped in with pedophilia-promoting groups such as Men Loving Boys Loving Men, the only other type of group I could find to have been spurned by Pride as inconsistent with its mission.
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> Although CAFÉ's broad mandate is freedom of speech, much of its activity has focused on raising awareness of men's issues — including those that affect, say, the right of gay men (and all men) to have equal parenting rights under Canadian law. But feminists regard any such advocacy as a threat to their dogma. And so feminist activism, occasionally aggressive, has attended almost every men's rights speaker sponsored by CAFÉ on Canadian university campuses. (I was one such speaker two years ago.) It therefore isn't much of a stretch to infer that CAFÉ was booted from Pride because of the complaints of militant feminists.

Kay mentions the irony inherent in Pride's rejection of CAFÉ, but perhaps as a Canadian she isn't aware of the height of hypocrisy it represents. Gay organizations have been fighting for years to butt into American parades and organizations, such as Boston and New York's St. Patrick's Day parades, which are Catholic, family-oriented events. They weren't fighting merely for the right to participate as marchers, which has never been an issue, but rather as out-and-proud homosexuals. In recent years they've enlisted mayors' support, and a number of mayors have indeed condemned the Irish Americans for choosing not to celebrate homosexuality alongside their ethnic heritage and Catholic faith.

So one would expect the Pride parades themselves to be bastions of tolerance and fairness, right? Wrong! Step out of line just a tiny bit from the official dogma, which includes gender feminism, and you're not welcome. Remember that "LGBT" starts with L, and most lesbians don't take kindly to straight men who ask for equal treatment under the law.

Personally, I avoid these Pride parades if at all possible. The only time I saw one was as a kid when I lived near the neighborhood that used to host them in Seattle. That was over twenty years ago. But some MRA groups, including CAFÉ, think that the best way to advance men's rights is through the same left-activist route that worked for women, gays and minorities.

I'm not so sure, but it can't hurt to try, so I support the intrepid souls who are willing to give it a shot. Might as well work all angles, and see which one pays off.

There is actually precedent for radical shifts in the left coalition. Take the support for Zionism, for example, which was pretty much ironclad in the left from the 1970s through the 1990s. Somehow, that unraveled in the early 2000s, and now anti-Zionism is the new norm, with groups of gays actually marching against Israel, despite that country's

tolerance of homosexuality to a degree unseen in the rest of the Middle East.

Could the same happen to feminists? It's possible. The radicals, mainly aging lesbian gender-feminists, are not really natural allies of the trans people or the gay men. More like a marriage of convenience. If CAFÉ affirmed trans rights, for example, the organization could start to make some headway. That's something I'd never sign up for (I'm highly suspicious of any group that denies the reality and immutability of one's sex at birth, because that carries a high potential for abuse of men), but as a tactic it might work.

So support for CAFÉ is in order, even if some of us might think their efforts are doomed to failure. Simply pressing the issue does make a difference and, after all, we might be wrong.

Preparing for New Baby

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I've got another little one on the way and he's due right about now, and complicating matters I picked up the kids for the summer today. These things can't be predicted with much certainty, so if there's radio silence for a little while that's the likely explanation.

Once we're settled in, it will be back to normal, thanks to readers and supporters who have given me the leeway to make it through the summer. In the meanwhile, I'll still be posting on a near daily basis if possible, but the schedule might be a bit unpredictable.

Thanks, everyone. There are interesting times ahead, and I intend to stay in the thick of it.

At the Baby Center

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I've been in and out of the local childbirth center over the last 24 hours, and like most dads I am above all hopeful that everything will turn out alright.

It's a nice little hospital with lots of young first-timer parents and a few veterans like me. I love seeing the young fathers, despite the danger fatherhood poses to young men today. It gives me hope for the future of my people, and knowing that there are still plenty of young men going through with it is reassuring. Maybe I'm a little partial to the American fathers, but I don't think it's a sin to feel that way. I do what I can to offer some reassurance to the young men and their wives, and make funny-but-true jokes about parenthood to both set them at ease and give them a bit of an idea of what it's like.

Millennials sometimes get a bad rap, but these young men and women are really no different from the generations that came before. I guess I'll just say that I really like them — the kids are alright.

However, what might interest readers is some of the godawful literature in the waiting room. I picked up a couple pamphlets on how to call the authorities on your babydaddy. First, the "voluntary" paternity test. Sure, it's voluntary — for the mother. All you have to do is fill out a little form naming who you think the father might be, and turn it in to DSHS. The messy part that comes later isn't spelled out, but I imagine it involves a court summons and a court ordered blood test to anyone who gets named.

Now, in a fair society where men knew where they stood and had some reproductive rights, this might not be such a terrible thing, but right next to these pamphlets is a poster saying that women are free to anonymously dump their babies at the hospital, no questions asked. The caption read "we don't judge" or something like that. Of course, that doesn't apply to reluctant fathers.

Next, there was a domestic violence pamphlet. This one followed feminist dogma to the letter. Domestic violence is apparently about "power and control." Abuse includes so-called "emotional abuse," and according to the pamphlet it's all illegal. This is obviously untrue; if emotional abuse were really illegal millions of women would be in jail.

So what I see at the birth center is pure, hopeful nice young parents and parents to be, and then a bunch of feminist pamphlets littering the place. It's like dogshit in a cathedral.

Maybe I'm naïve, but I see family as sacrosanct, and I think allowing these feminists to intrude upon it right where it starts is a gross violation that calls out for punishment. The many women working at the birth center are competent, well-meaning and conscientious. I don't blame them at all. But some higher-ups in the hospital and Washington state's government decided to dump their trash right there — right where hopeful parents-to-be are about to experience a trasformative experience that may well be the most important step in their lives.

We have to do figure out how to deal with these people. They're a problem crying out for a solution.

Das Baby

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Well, another little guy has come into the world. I'm happy and relieved that all went well and he's a healthy, vigorous boy. Despite the pain and exhaustion, my wife has been a trooper throughout it all, and now she's a happy mama. I'm proud of her, and intend to give her all the help I can. She's a beautiful mother, and I love her more than ever.

Below are a couple post-delivery photos of me and baby. He looks like a doll in the picture with me — I'd almost forgotten how tiny they are at birth.

And here's my little hero himself:

I'm a pretty happy guy right now.

I also really appreciate the words of encouragement from readers. It's genuinely touching.

One thing I'd like to say to young men out there who may become fathers some day themselves is that children teach you that there aren't really limits to your love. You might think you only have so much, and it has to be shared like pieces of a pie, but that isn't how it works.

It's more like a tree that keeps growing as long as it's alive. Every new child is like another branch on the tree, and as it grows so do the previous branches. It's a wonderful thing that way.

The Myth of the Empowered Working Class Single Mother

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I've been pulling the early morning shift with the baby for most of the last week so my wife can have some time to sleep, and then she in turn gives me time for sleep, but despite all that I didn't get a full night of sleep for about two weeks. When there's a newborn baby in the room, it's pretty much impossible to get enough sleep, so to get needed rest one of us has to be awake with him in *another* room while the other sleeps. What it really comes down to is me giving him the bottle and performing associated de-gassing activities at least once while she's sleeping so mom only has to do one or two night feedings instead of three or four — you've got to limit the bottle-feeding this early so the baby doesn't get "nipple confusion." Babies sleep a lot, but it's a highly punctuated sleep. You're lucky to get more than two straight hours of downtime between feeding times, and they can fuss for an hour or more with a very grating cry that I am certain nature made impossible to ignore.

The reason human newborns are so difficult is that they are highly inefficient little beings who must eat ravenously to grow. With oversized heads, humans require many calories merely to keep the brain growing that, in other animals, would go into rapid physical development. Humans are also born without the ability to consume all that much at a time, so regular feedings are necessary. My son gained exactly one ounce per day following discharge from the hospital, or nearly 1% of his body weight every day, all by consuming two-ounce portions of milk every one to three hours. Taking into account their considerable needs and helplessness, human infants are, without a doubt, the most high-maintenance young of any species on earth.

Despite the high emotion of the first couple days post-partum, we've already created the foundation for a working system. Cooperation makes an enormous difference, and really takes the edge off. For ordinary – i.e. not filthy rich – families, I suspect this has been the norm since the dawn of time. Sure, there may have been parents around to help at times, but mortality was so high until the last century that I doubt it was all that common. Add to that the fact that the overwhelming majority of cultures are patrilocal (the wife moves in with the husband's tribe/family), and it's unlikely that many new mothers had their own mothers or sisters around to help. So it was typically up to their husbands to ease the considerable burdens of motherhood.

However, even as I see the benefits of cooperative childrearing first-hand, I've been coming across a lot of articles about how working and lower middle class women are better off raising their kids "alone." It's a bit baffling, really, because taking care of a baby alone is a special kind of hell — even for women: you're practically guaranteed sleep deprivation for months, there's no way you could reasonably do so and hold a job, and even if you could, without *at least* an upper middle class salary daycare for infants is unaffordable ($20,000/year in Seattle last I checked).

You'd think that having someone around to help, even if he isn't bringing in much income, would sure beat the alternative.

So what gives? Why are all these women going it alone? Actually, they aren't. What is happening in the working class is the ghettoization of working Americans. We are seeing a family model that first arose in the northern urban black community become more and more the norm throughout society.

When I was growing up, I had some friends from the nearby projects. One kid, Ernest, lived down near the community swimming pool at Rainier Beach High School, so after swimming lessons we'd sometimes hang out in his neighborhood. I never recall seeing Ernest's mother — it was his grandmother who took care of him. All told, she did a respectable job. He was a nice kid and, unlike most of the others stuck in that lousy situation, had a grandmother who actually bothered to teach him the basics (like how to swim). These little things add up to a lot over the years.

Over time, I found out that Ernest's family arrangement was the norm in that neighborhood. I have no idea what most of the mothers were doing, but they were definitely not "empowered single mothers" by the commonly understood definition. They were hardly mothers at all. It was *their mothers* who were doing the heavy lifting.

Lest some say that this is a natural family arrangement for blacks dating back to Africa, it really isn't. Africa may be different from Europe in important ways, but it never was, nor has it ever been, a matriarchal utopia. This state of affairs occurred after the great migration, and it was an urban phenomenon.

Instead of some natural matriarchal love-fest, it is more properly termed "multi-generational female dependency." It's an insidious kind of charity, because it renders men socially superfluous even as it encourages women to depend on the state for support, which creates an entire community that is a net drain on the surrounding society. Of course, there are incentives built in all along the way.

For example, if a woman gets section 8 housing after having a daughter, then raises her to adulthood on public assistance, when her daughter has a child she can stay with her mother (who will provide daycare) and collect welfare while she waits to get her own section 8 voucher. The daughter then gets her section 8 apartment, and the cycle repeats itself. I'm sure there are many families today entering their fourth generation of this lifestyle. For the men, the choices are significantly more limited. A lucky few may hit it big somehow, a large fraction will be arrested and incarcerated for something or other, and a minority will finally escape through the military or a reasonable job. Many will be reduced to the humiliating, demoralizing state of "mooching" off women who are state-supported. Naturally, this has incentivized favoritism toward female over male children amongst the underclass. Poor urban women invest more time and money in their daughters than their sons. This is sad but rational, because state assistance flows toward the female of the species — not the male.

When I see writers for Salon or some similar publication declaring that working class women are better off going it alone, I don't think they quite understand what's happening here. Instead of taking a hard look at the incentives, they tend to focus on the alleged shortcomings of the male, and rarely bother to get his side of the story (a glaring omission considering that the women in question deliberately chose to be impregnated by a particular man). They assume that it's a matter of working class women earning more money and being better providers than the males. Perhaps most stupidly, they assume that a working class woman can be a single, go-it-alone mother of an infant *and* a productive worker:

> Lily had grown up in a rural town, more than an hour from Kansas City, Mo. She was four months pregnant and not feeling well, and she was in tears. She was also not married, but that's not what was upsetting her. The car that she needed to get to her two jobs in the city had broken down, and she had no other way to get to work. We asked whether her boyfriend, Carl, could help her. Lily frowned. She had recently broken up with Carl, she explained, because "I can support myself. I always have. I can support myself and our kid. I just can't support myself, the kid, and him."

Lily sounds positively heroic. How could she possibly handle all this responsibility? Does she plan to strap the baby to her breast while she stocks shelves at Walmart?

The next paragraph gives us a clue as to what's really going on:

> Was Lily just being stubborn? Unrealistic about what it actually takes to raise a baby? Soon after the baby was born we interviewed Lily again. A lawyer had helped Lily get a refund for the car. Her parents, **devout Christians who supported both her decision to have the child and her decision not to marry Carl** [editor: some "Christians"], were helping with child care. Carl was still not part of the picture, and Lily had no regrets. In her mind, Carl would get in the way of her ability to raise her child.

Aha! Lily's mother is going to be taking care of the kid. This is exactly how it begins.

Back in the bad old days, women had two realistic choices when they got pregnant out of wedlock: marriage or adoption. The alternative – becoming a "single mom" – was not generally supported by parents, and for good reason — they usually ended up paying for it. But there has been a new development since then: a huge, comprehensive welfare state. Instead of having to buy groceries for the child grandma can now be added to WIC checks, use the

EBT and sign up for a childcare voucher. Yes, states will actually pay grandmothers, if they take a couple remedial classes, to watch their daughters' kids. With a little planning, mother, daughter and grandmother can all get a piece of the pie. Carl, for his part, is eligible for nothing, although as non-custodial father he may well be forced to reimburse the state for paying his child's grandmother…

This puts the women's willingness to eject Carl from the situation in some perspective. Why share with him if they don't have to, and especially when on top of that he can be forced to pay them? Lily has zero financial incentive to create a traditional family, and her mother – a so-called Christian – has an incentive to discourage her from doing so. It all sounds very trashy, and unfortunately it is, but before we lay all the blame on Lily and her mother, we must remember that highly-educated people from "good families" came up with the legislation that created these incentives.

Instead of using welfare as a relief measure to help families through rough times, our brilliant leaders created a self-perpetuating single motherhood mill. Now, women have no incentive to become partners in productive nuclear families, and men have no incentive to be husbands and fathers.

What could go wrong?

Trans-Thor

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Marvel comics has decided to change Thor, the Norse god, into a woman. But that doesn't mean the new she-Thor will be a goddess, oh no:

> This morning on ABC's The View Marvel announced that Thor, Marvel's God of Thunder, will be a woman in the comics. The news is a major shift in Marvel's continuity, since Thor is one of the oldest superheroes in the Marvel universe. The new storyline will launch this October, penned by series writer Jason Aaron.
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> Whoopi Goldberg, The View's moderator, didn't mince words when she talked about the announcement. The character is a god — not a goddess — and will wield Mjolnir (and even the god's name) just like her predecessor, who was deemed unworthy of its power.

I'm not sure whether this is an attempt to grab some publicity or a true appeal to feminists/transsexuals, but it's a risky move in the long-term. While adults might tolerate the switch as an amusing diversion, comics are fundamentally children's literature. I learned French reading Astérix as a boy, and my eldest son is now a fan of Sonic the Hedgehog. As a child, if I'd seen a comic book with a female hero, I wouldn't have bothered to pick it up, nor would about 96% of other boys. It had nothing to do with feminism, but rather the fact that women just aren't all that interesting to pre-pubescent boys (however, just a few short years later lewd jokes about Wonder Woman were all the rage at school).

So I wonder whether this new storyline is intended for an adult audience, and if so, whether it's a signal that Marvel either doesn't care about the base market for comics, or has already been surpassed by other companies that appeal better to boys and has decided to give up. Maybe there's another explanation: the company is simply being poorly managed.

Imagine what would happen if some underling came up to Steven Spielberg and said: "You know, I have this great idea! Let's make Optimus Prime a female robot…" Whoever came up with such a stupid idea would likely be fired on the spot. Politics are one thing, but sales are quite another. Get the two mixed up, and you'll get smeared by the competition (incidentally, this is why the manosphere can survive despite being politically marginalized: even with the huge funding advantage feminists have, lots of people prefer our material). There are, after all, only so many David Futrelles out there.

And if Marvel thinks it can make up for the loss of interest in boys by picking up girls, it's time to think again. Normal girls (as opposed to future feminists) far prefer feminine characters doing ladylike things — not dominatrix types holding giant hammers. In fact, girls' preference for femininity goes just as absurdly far as the over-the-top masculinity of pro wrestling and GI Joe. Wonder Woman, with her less-imposing weapon (the lasso), fashionable armor (bracelets), leggy, model physique and beautiful mane of black hair at least made some effort to appeal to feminine tastes. The new trans-Thor, on the other hand, wields a hammer, wears a helmet with a facemask and apparently has big, burly arms. I can't see my daughter being all that interested in that kind of female character.

Finally, adult women who like Thor will not be all that happy about this. Thor's main appeal to women is as a Nordic hunk. It's hard to overstate the appeal of manly warriors with flowing blond hair — especially to white women. Changing Thor into a woman is going to seriously anger some of these female fans; perhaps even more than the men.

Feminist-run Shelter to House Illegal Children and Young Mothers

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When you want to find urban corruption today, the first place to look isn't Italian mobsters and greedy Irish cops, but the "social justice" crew and their associated powerful backers. I'm convinced that nonprofits, which don't have to disclose funding sources in most states, are the primary centers of political corruption in the US today. In the article I linked above, NARAL New York asked for and received an exemption from New York's transparency laws, citing "threats." I can unequivocally call bullshit on that one, because NARAL was the most aggressive door-to-door fundraiser in my old neighborhood, and the organization was exactly the opposite of timid. They were so bold that when one showed up at my door and I said that as a parent I thought the request was in extremely poor taste, and in any event disagreed with their stance on late-term abortion, the doorbeller just ignored me and started loudly talking over my shoulder to get my **pregnant** wife to give the organization money for pro-abortion efforts!

How could these people be "frightened?" As we see, even when citizens try to legislate transparency, the people involved in these organizations are so powerful that they can ignore the laws.

Now, it turns out that YouthCare, a Seattle youth homeless shelter run by a real butch type named Melinda Giovengo, has been confirmed to be hosting the illegals in two locations in Seattle. Doubtless there is some quid pro quo involved, which may or may not include the chance to woo winsome young Mayan mothers, but almost certainly involves federal cash. I looked up the other staff members, all of whom are women, and they are all feminist ideologues and profiteers. One of them is a DV counselor, which means she's probably going to be providing "expert" recommendations to DHS on pending refugee/asylum cases these women and children will inevitably file (with publicly-funded lawyers). This is how Obama will avoid sending these kids home to their villages and families, despite his promise to do so. Just think of how many thousands of taxpayer dollars will be spent on each one of these illegals in legal fees, food, housing, professional services and education, and suddenly a "mere 60,000″ becomes a lot more significant. These border jumpers are going to be very, very expensive, but they will provide jobs and money to thousands of liberal Obama supporters.

Remember the "federal contractors" from the Bush administration? This is something similar, but instead of being rewarded for assisting the invasion and occupation of a foreign country, these people are being rewarded for complicity in the invasion and occupation of the United States of America. To me, that's what the difference between the Democrats and Republicans comes down to. Both are lousy, corrupt, and immoral in many ways, but at least with the Republicans I am not the target in a sub-rosa civil war. Others may disagree, but having lived for most of my life in deep blue Seattle, I'm all too keenly aware of what the "liberal agenda" comes down to.

A few questions I'd like to ask these women running the YouthCare center include:

-If these women and children – illegal aliens who have already admitted to breaking the law – are entitled to free legal services at public expense, why aren't US citizen fathers provided with the same when tactically accused by wives of abuse during child custody proceedings?

-Are you making any effort at all to determine whether any of the children were removed from their country of origin without their fathers' consent?

-If the mothers are claiming to be domestic violence victims, thus potentially qualifying them for some form of asylum, are you making any effort to investigate these claims and hear the other side of the story?

-Since several of you are lesbians, why not prove your good intentions and save the taxpayer some money by marrying one of the women yourselves and taking on personal responsibility for her and her children?

There's a lot these people should answer for, as they are clearly going to come into a bonanza of federal funds for hosting these illegals. But I doubt we'll hear a peep. Instead, all the deals will go on behind closed doors, and we'll end up footing the bill.

The Disposability Paradox

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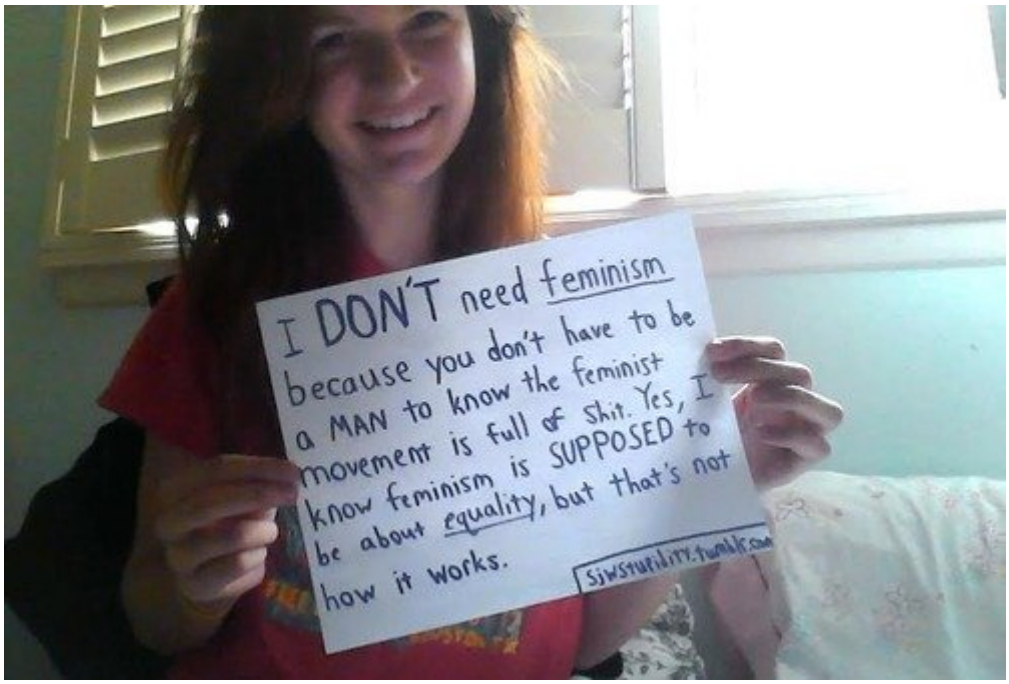
Just a few years ago, triumphalist screeds about the "End of Men" were all the rage, but somehow the younger generation of women didn't get the message. Instead, they've been rejecting "feminism" in stronger terms than I've ever witnessed in my life.

A new social media trend called "women against feminism" (#womenagainstfeminism on Twitter) has emerged. Those declaring themselves against feminism are overwhelmingly young, and often quite attractive. Some 10,000 have already signed on to the campaign(!), and more are coming online every day.

Here's one young woman with a healthy perspective on feminism:



I'll admit that feminists' reaction to it provides me with some amusement, but this development does call for some speculation.

What I think is going on here is that younger women need men more than their older, feminist counterparts did in their heyday. But how could that be? According to Michael Kimmel et al, young men are a bunch of infantile losers. They don't make as much money as their fathers did at the same age, and often not even as much as their girlfriends. Doesn't this mean that men are "on the wrong side of history?" That they are suited only for the garbage heap of humanity?

Far from it. Male disposability is a paradoxical thing. The more one can afford to dispose of men, the less women "need" men. What this means is that when there is a surplus of men or men have a surplus of goods (the two usually go hand in hand, e.g. mining camps, oil rigs, etc.), women are more independent and need men less on an individual basis. Stories abound of independent-minded women in the old West who chose not to marry, but led a privileged, easy life nonetheless. However, go to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, where women outnumber, outearn and outlive men, and you'll find third world living standards.

The less men have – and the less men there are in general – the more women need them. Without men or without men of means, there can be no surplus, no you-go-grrrrl feminism, no fancy restaurants and no nice houses. Everything just goes to crap.

Now, with the millennials, we are seeing a generation of largely impoverished young men. Millennial girls are

looking at what life is like for most of their peers and thinking “if you feminists don’t want a man, that’s fine, but I do, so I’m no feminist.” But what use could a man possibly be if he has no money to speak of? Only someone who has never lived with a woman could find that one hard to answer. A healthy young man with no money can drive, carry things, fix things, protect his mate, solve problems, save money, do chores — the list goes on. And when he gets a job, he will pay his way *and* do all these things, even if he makes less than his girlfriend. It’s a much, much better deal for a woman than a female roommate. Add to this the fact that most pink-collar jobs are low-wage service jobs, and having a man around who contributes anything at all is mighty helpful for the typical young woman.

What created this “independent woman” myth was the great prosperity of the baby boomer era, which lasted from roughly the mid 60s to the mid 2000s. Men abounded, and they were flush with cash. Businesses could afford to hire superfluous cute girls and give them nice salaries. Family courts could rob men blind and they’d still have enough left over for a reasonable lifestyle and a chance to start over. Men were harvesting the fat of the land, and there was more than enough to go around. My blue-collar father bought a house on Capitol Hill in Seattle when he was in his mid 20s. Today, that same house would sell for about a million dollars — even a well-compensated professional would have a hard time affording it.

Things have changed. Young men’s status is markedly lower, so there’s a lot less left over for young women, who are working harder than their mothers and getting less in return. Most young mothers need state assistance merely to give birth (actually, about half of *all* mothers need it today), which proves that young women are not exactly making money hand over fist themselves. When you’re poor, life is a lot easier if you can share with someone, and nobody shares more with girls than boys. So merely finding a man to share burdens is a considerable relief to young women. Is a feminist going to fix a car, carry a TV upstairs or take her to the hospital to give birth? Will the feminist voluntarily share any of what she earns with the young woman? Yeah, right…

Male scarcity in either numbers or resources effectively prevents feminism. Surplus enables it. In a sense, one could say that feminism’s own downfall is built in to the ideology itself, because it contributes to male scarcity.

Wars between the sexes accomplish nothing in the long run, but they do highlight the complementary, interdependent nature of the sexes: when one sex “beats” the other, both lose. Today’s young women seem to understand that a lot better than their foolish mothers ever did.

Growing up in the Belly of the Beast

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Marion Zimmer Bradley has been in the news recently because her daughter wrote an exposé of her horrific childhood abuse at her mother's hands. Bradley's daughter, classical harpist Moira Greyland, alleges that she was sexually abused, beaten and, on a couple occasions, nearly drowned in the bathtub by her mother. She also tells tales of incest, orgiastic parties and serial rape by Walter Breen, Bradley's husband at the time.

Sometimes, it's good to withhold judgment when these accusations are made, because it's hard to know exactly what's going on in other people's families, and simmering resentments can motivate people to stretch the truth to exact revenge. However, there's actually court evidence in this case. Walter Breen was arrested and convicted of sodomizing boys, and Bradley is on the record saying she knew about it but did nothing. Additionally, Moira Greyland's brother Mark has corroborated the stories.

Mark credits his sister for her courage in exposing Bradley's crimes, and goes on to describe a hellish childhood surrounded by hostile, depraved feminists. Honestly, as a father, when I read about what Mark went through as a child it's emotionally difficult to bear.

> *CS: In what ways have you been affected by the abuse you experienced?*
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> MG: Day by day, hour by hour by … you have to be joking.
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> I flinch. My reflex to be quiet when bad things happen is so profound I was unable to scream when a gentleman broke into our house and stole the television while I was standing back pressed against the wall trembling.
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> My reflexes are all wrong and I am working every day to create normal behavior. But fear is my companion, moment by moment. I flinch at loud noises, at traffic sounds, doors slamming, sudden cries of the young.
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> I trance out and visions fill me at the drop of a hat, then the cold spot from everything you agreed to being a joke and the sound of screams rise and I'm balling up and "too late, too late could I have done more" wars with "she never listened anyway you are nothing and the pain for her rises and …."
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> I speak in poetry and melodrama to shield myself from having to say any of this. I make up a me and let it play for you. I've gotten so good at it I can just go hide in the corner while my fingers type and my mind runs on. I can write for facts and I can also write for feelings. Those feelings are over there and I don't have to handle them except in lines of print. I polish the lines of words until it becomes the music and songs that let me hide.
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> *CS: Do you think other people were aware of your mother's abuse of you and your sister at the time? If so, in what ways did they respond?*
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> MG: You assume that I would have felt free to say anything. There was always drama and there was always the invisible blade of what would happen if all of this dreadful secret got out. The atmosphere of fear of discovery was simply everywhere and there was no place to hide.
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> Worse, I was ashamed. When you are small you believe stuff, and I felt with my whole heart that I was responsible when she would go bad. There was absolutely no way I was gonna drag the mountain onto my head. And that made every day a drama, a thick clogged tube of waiting for the dreadful, the un-nameable horror.
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> And nobody spoke. Everything was always fine and that was my clown suit. I thought everyone knew and that I was such a bad person no one would speak to me. My echo chamber filled me with such fear of exposure I would do anything to make the shadow go away. And I did. The shame paints my world yellow and pink and brown. I don't want to say these things any more.

Marion Zimmer Bradley's star rose with the feminist movement. She was a luminary for feminists who were seeking a form of spirituality they could call their own. Her *Mists of Avalon*, published in 1983, provided just what many of these women were looking for at just the right moment; as the cheesy New Age spirituality of the 1970s

wound down, Bradley's invention of a world of Celtic druids and priestesses struggling against fierce Saxon masculists and Roman Catholic patriarchs offered a mythology that many Anglo women could relate to on a deeper, ancestral level.

I read the book myself in the early 90s, and although I was disturbed by much of the content (the incest in particular), I found it to be a good read. Marion Zimmer Bradley undeniably had talent — she added an entirely new perspective to the Arthurian genre. However, little did I – or most other readers – know that the book described some of the goings on in her own household.

Of course, the Celtic legend that Bradley invents bears little resemblance to what we know of ancient Celtic religion, but then again how can we know more than an outline of what used to be a very rich spiritual tradition in a preliterate culture? Even in historical times, the remaining superstitions and legends of the Celtic fringe were enough to confound those who tried to make sense of them. I've been to one of the ancient pilgrimage roads myself, and the ancient grottoes and fairy mounds are still there, only now putatively dedicated to this or that Christian saint. Even today, some people still believe in the fairies, and attribute considerable powers to them.

So it isn't entirely surprising that many women took Bradley's creation and ran with it. For some time, feminist occult practices were popular, occurring even amongst some of my friends' mothers and at least one of my teachers. The teacher, an apostate Irish nun with a penchant for strong drink and rough speech, led séances at a friend's house back in the mid 80s. Being a boy at the time, I was not particularly interested in the practice, but I do remember that my friends and I had the vague sense that it was something we ought to avoid if at all possible.

Mark Greyland, it seems, had the same sense that it wasn't something he wanted to be involved with, but the poor boy couldn't avoid it, as his mother was the star of the show:

> *CS: How do you feel about the way your mother's been regarded by many as a feminist and/or neo-pagan icon?*
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> MG: What she did is to tell stories; long and hard enough she would act them out. When women started approaching her saying stuff like "you saved my life; now I don't have to kill myself", she started wearing new faces around them and more and more of them would gather around her.
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> Some of them were so angry **they treated me like I was a crime for daring to be male around her**. Others would give me the deer in the headlights look then look away.
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> There were times these unhappy women would gather around her by the dozens and I would stand back and watch her on stage and happy. I saw the rituals and the other weirdness close up and then at a distance. What they got out of it was something I did not understand, but I could see that the people were volatile and likely to blow up for invisible reasons.
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> Feminism to me was a lot of very unhappy women telling stories to each other about how they had been hurt. They were getting ready to change the world and I didn't want to be in front of that train when it started rolling. It didn't matter what I thought about it when it was erupting right in front of my eyes in our back yard. I was already primed to be frightened of emotional scenes so I knew better than to try to introduce myself to these people, but it happened anyway in dribs and drabs and occasional floods.
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> I don't have to feel any way at all. I saw the transformation and the aftermath which continued after I left.

Mark was at ground zero of the second wave feminist movement, and it was an absolute nightmare for him. Keep this in mind when feminists prattle on about how much good they've done, what wonderful people they are, and why they are a benefit for everybody. Take it from a boy who was in the middle of it, and who grew up broken because of what one of their prophets did to him.

Naturally, dilettante feminists are *shocked!* Male feminist John Scalzi seems genuinely taken aback to discover what this witch was up to years ago. It doesn't come as a surprise to me, because I am relatively close to Mark Greyland's age, and I grew up with some of these women as peripheral (thank God) figures in my life. My latest brush with

them came during my divorce, during which a gang of these types intervened in my custody case. They can be extremely malicious, evil people, and for those who don't have personal experience with them it can sometimes be hard to believe how vicious they can be. Perhaps the best way to let people who are otherwise unaware know what they are capable of is to point out the many times they have let the mask slip and come out in support of infanticide or genital mutilation of men. And not just theoretical support, mind you, but support for the real thing.

Like Mark, I'd like to commend Moira for having the guts to take a stand despite her mother's status as feminist cultural icon. There's really no better sibling a man can have than a good sister.

Debunking the Patriarchy Myth

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Feminists believe that all of recorded history is one litany of subjugation of womankind, ended only in recent times by the brave and stalwart feminists, who wrested power from the patriarchy (how they did so is not usually explained). It's bunk, and people only believe it because they have extremely limited knowledge of history. The idea that women have been disenfranchised is based on such things as the right to vote, which white women gained approximately one century after white men in the United States. However, keep in mind that universal men's suffrage was only extended to all American men *after* white American women already had it. American Indians were not granted full suffrage until 1965 — a full forty years after women's suffrage, and decades after they had already been declared US citizens. This was almost one hundred years after women had already been granted suffrage in Western states such as (highly patriarchal) Utah.

Of course, for a couple thousand years, almost no ordinary citizens had voting rights in any country.

But I'd like to address the cultural misconceptions as well. Particularly the idea that women's lives were filled with drudgery and chores while men did nothing but enjoy themselves. A few posts back, I wrote that husbands have probably always been in involved in helping out around the house and with childcare. Many more men worked out of home before the industrial revolution, so it stands to reason that it would be so. Just yesterday, I found proof from a 17th century painting from the Netherlands.

The painting depicts a man doing what I spent a great deal of time doing back in the late 2000s, and will be again from here on out for a couple years. The title is "Unangenehme Vaterpflichten," which translates to "unpleasant fatherly duties." It was painted in 1631.

"Unangenehme Vaterpflichten" by Adriaen Brouwer (circa 1605/1606–1638) – Painting by Adriaen Brouwer Own work, photo 2007. Licensed under Public domain via Wikimedia Commons.

So there you have it: The Patriarchy in action — changing diapers. This is before feminism, before women's suffrage and before Susan B. Anthony's great grandparents were born.

The painting is pretty funny to me, because I can so easily relate to the poor guy in the picture who has to wipe the kid's butt. You can see him recoiling from the stench, arm hung to the side in resignation.

Tell me, if men were so privileged back then, why would they ever have to wipe a kid's butt?

G.K. Chesterton

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Yesterday, a commenter pointed out that G.K. Chesterton had made a point very similar to my own and in very similar terms many years ago. Not having seen it previously, I was a little taken aback by the similarity. Not because I thought the idea was entirely original when I wrote it down, but because I wouldn't have expected it to have been framed in the same terms a century ago.

So I looked into Chesterton's writing on feminism, and found more of the same themes you'll find on these electronic pages at *The Spearhead*. It seems I'm only covering territory that other, greater men than I, have surveyed before.

Following is a passage from *What's Wrong With The World Part 3: Feminism, Or The Mistake About Woman — 3. The Emancipation Of Domesticity*:

> …Supposing it to be conceded that humanity has acted at least not unnaturally in dividing itself into two halves, respectively typifying the ideals of special talent and of general sanity (since they are genuinely difficult to combine completely in one mind), it is not difficult to see why the line of cleavage has followed the line of sex, or why the female became the emblem of the universal and the male of the special and superior. Two gigantic facts of nature fixed it thus: first, that the woman who frequently fulfilled her functions literally could not be specially prominent in experiment and adventure; and second, that the same natural operation surrounded her with very young children, who require to be taught not so much anything as everything. Babies need not to be taught a trade, but to be introduced to a world. To put the matter shortly, woman is generally shut up in a house with a human being at the time when he asks all the questions that there are, and some that there aren't. It would be odd if she retained any of the narrowness of a specialist. Now if anyone says that this duty of general enlightenment (even when freed from modern rules and hours, and exercised more spontaneously by a more protected person) is in itself too exacting and oppressive, I can understand the view. I can only answer that our race has thought it worth while to cast this burden on women in order to keep common-sense in the world. But when people begin to talk about this domestic duty as not merely difficult but trivial and dreary, I simply give up the question. For I cannot with the utmost energy of imagination conceive what they mean. When domesticity, for instance, is called drudgery, all the difficulty arises from a double meaning in the word. If drudgery only means dreadfully hard work, I admit the woman drudges in the home, as a man might drudge at the Cathedral of Amiens or drudge behind a gun at Trafalgar. But if it means that the hard work is more heavy because it is trifling, colorless and of small import to the soul, then as I say, I give it up; I do not know what the words mean. To be Queen Elizabeth within a definite area, deciding sales, banquets, labors and holidays; to be Whiteley within a certain area, providing toys, boots, sheets, cakes and books, to be Aristotle within a certain area, teaching morals, manners, theology, and hygiene; I can understand how this might exhaust the mind, but I cannot imagine how it could narrow it. How can it be a large career to tell other people's children about the Rule of Three, and a small career to tell one's own children about the universe? How can it be broad to be the same thing to everyone, and narrow to be everything to someone? No; a woman's function is laborious, but because it is gigantic, not because it is minute. I will pity Mrs. Jones for the hugeness of her task; I will never pity her for its smallness.
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> But though the essential of the woman's task is universality, this does not, of course, prevent her from having one or two severe though largely wholesome prejudices. She has, on the whole, been more conscious than man that she is only one half of humanity; but she has expressed it (if one may say so of a lady) by getting her teeth into the two or three things which she thinks she stands for. I would observe here in parenthesis that much of the recent official trouble about women has arisen from the fact that they transfer to things of doubt and reason that sacred stubbornness only proper to the primary things which a woman was set to guard. One's own children, one's own altar, ought to be a matter of principle–or if you like, a matter of prejudice. On the other

> hand, who wrote Junius's Letters ought not to be a principle or a prejudice, it ought to be a matter of free and almost indifferent inquiry. But take an energetic modern girl secretary to a league to show that George III wrote Junius, and in three months she will believe it, too, out of mere loyalty to her employers. Modern women defend their office with all the fierceness of domesticity. They fight for desk and typewriter as for hearth and home, and develop a sort of wolfish wifehood on behalf of the invisible head of the firm. That is why they do office work so well; and that is why they ought not to do it.

Well said.

When Billionaires and Looters Make Common Cause: Jack Dorsey in Ferguson

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I just sent my kids back to their mom for the rest of the summer, so a semblance of peace and quiet is returning to my little home. My son really likes his little brother, and my daughter is growing up fast and becoming quite competent for an eight-year-old. I'm still a bit of a softy on the chores, but the kids are finally pitching in meaningfully. Nevertheless, two small children without school to keep them busy and a newborn are quite a handful, so "vacation" hardly describes my life over the last couple weeks.

For the last week or so, the story dominating the news has been the death of Michael Brown following a robbery. I've found myself frustrated and disappointed by the massive support Brown is receiving from some quarters. One of the reasons I left Seattle recently is that with kids the only places I could reasonably expect to rent are in neighborhoods where robbery is a regular occurrence. Alone, I could live with it, but with children it just isn't worth it.

Judging from the sympathy for Michael Brown, a lot of people seem to think that strong-arm robbery isn't a serious offense. "He was unarmed," they say, as though that means he wasn't a real threat. Bullshit. Just days before I left Seattle, several "unarmed" teens robbed an elderly woman in front of my local Safeway, knocking her to the ground and snatching her purse. Fortunately, she wasn't badly hurt, but a broken hip or skull fracture can lead fairly directly to an old person's death. And at 300 lbs., Michael Brown was as big as a bear — he wasn't some skinny kid an average cop could handle with ease; more like an offensive lineman in the Big Ten who could knock a Division I linebacker on his ass. If a guy that size came at me, I'd say a prayer and unload as fast as I could, too.

Strong-arm robbery is just a stepping stone to the armed variety, which makes neighborhoods intolerable even for the young and healthy. At my local convenience store in Seattle, robbery was a fairly regular occurrence. Over the years, I made friends with the Korean store owners and workers, who were working class young men trying to bootstrap themselves into the American dream. They were responsible, hard-working and honest in their business. One day I stopped by and it happened that a robbery had occurred earlier in the day. There was a fresh bullet hole under the counter. The robber had fired his weapon either as a mistake or to make a point, but whatever the reason, it must have been terrifying for the poor guy working there.

Soon enough, the owner started having problems keeping employees. Nobody wanted to work where there were violent thugs coming in and menacing customers and cashiers.

The point is that robbery isn't just a simple property crime, but a crime against the entire community. Not only is the store owner losing money; others are discouraged from opening businesses or shopping anywhere without an armed guard. People are afraid to walk down the street. Business insurance rates go through the roof. Trust is markedly lowered, and young black men are inevitably profiled. This last point bears repeating: when thugs like Michael Brown rob people, law-abiding young black men face the consequences in increased scrutiny and police attention, and that is an entirely natural and understandable reaction.

However, while I am far from pleased to see Reverend Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson stirring up trouble over the subsequent shooting incident, which has yet to be fully investigated, what I find truly inexcusable is the presence of a white billionaire amongst the protesters and looters. Jack Dorsey, cofounder of Twitter, has taken it upon himself to express solidarity with the crowd that is running around looting stores in the name of a dead violent criminal.

Jack Dorsey, who threw his friend, Twitter cofounder Noah Glass, under the bus while he was going through a painful divorce. Jack Dorsey, who lives in a ten million dollar house in an exclusive San Francisco neighborhood, and is worth almost $2 billion.

If Jack Dorsey hadn't stumbled into Noah Glass's operation and hit the jackpot, he'd be an ordinary Joe lucky to be

able to afford to live in San Francisco at all.

So what does Jack Dorsey do with his great success and fortune? Why, he sides with the kind of people who smash the American dream with their fists. He expresses solidarity with those who would deny a humble shopkeeper the right to do business in peace. He is the epitome of the new elite/underclass coalition; a true child of San Francisco's city-on-a-hill mentality.

If Dorsey were a middle-class programmer – which he would have been without Noah Glass's connections – and he had gone back to his hometown of St. Louis to marry and have kids, guys like Michael Brown would have terrified him, and with good reason. The Michael Browns of the world are the people who walk up to smaller kids and demand their lunch money in elementary school, then later on their iphones. Fortunately for Jack Dorsey, he doesn't have to worry about that. If he ever has any kids, he can send them to an elite San Francisco private school and afford the $40k+ yearly tuition without even noticing it.

Jack Dorsey will never have to work in a dangerous neighborhood where he faces the risk of robbery. He'll never have to empty a safe while worrying that somebody will show up and steal a month's worth of profit. And, of course, he'll never have to face the prospect of getting shot in the face over the contents of a cash register.

If there's anything more disgusting than an entire community rallying in support of one of the thugs who is actually wrecking their community and innocent people's ability to make a living, it's one of our billionaires descending from on high to offer political and moral – and most likely financial – support for this destruction of civil society.

It's time we started asking ourselves who on earth these guys think they are.

Who are the Anarchists in Ferguson, and Who's Funding Them?

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The Daily Mail has a picture of the white rioter shot and critically wounded in Ferguson, and he is surrounded by a few other whites who have the typical anarchist getup of masks and hoods. The police did not open fire that night, so the logical conclusion is that he was shot by another protester during the disturbances, perhaps in self-defense.

Ferguson police chief Thomas Jackson blamed much of the mayhem on white anarchists, saying that they were rejecting peace and provoking black youths to violence:

> In an exclusive interview with msnbc, Jackson said his fear is not of the understandably angry residents, but "the anarchists that are coming in, the people that don't want healing, the people that just want to continue to fight."
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> "Those are the people I'm concerned about," he said.

In the meanwhile, anarchists are organizing mayhem online, condemning all who urge peace and calm.

This brings me back to the subject of today's earlier piece: Jack Dorsey.

Dorsey, a filthy rich billionaire, is a known anarchist sympathizer who coordinates his activities from a clifftop compound in the San Francisco area. Not content to enjoy his loot in peace, he has joined the Ferguson riots in support of dead robber Michael Brown. It is fitting, actually, that he is fighting the little bourgeois shopkeepers with his billions, as he seems to regard himself as a modern-day warlord. A strong middle class, after all, could only get in the way of his aspirations to be the supreme leader of New York City.

This might be somewhat laughable in another, more stable and sane America. But it's pretty serious now, at a time when the President and Justice Department have forged a coalition with enfant terrible sociopaths like Dorsey.

Given Dorsey's biases and his presence in Ferguson in conjunction with anarchist agitators, I think someone ought to be taking a very close and careful look at who he's supporting in the area. Those gas masks and printed signs don't come for free, you know.

If it turns out that he's been throwing money at people who are filling bottles with gasoline and handing them out to clueless protesters, the man ought to be held to account for it, just as you or I would if we were fomenting violent unrest during a period of social disorder. If I, for example, were to hand out incendiary devices to men protesting unfair family court law, I expect I'd spend most of the rest of my life in prison.

Fair's fair, Jack. If you're fighting a proxy war against the American yeomanry in Ferguson, we'll figure it out, and you'll pay for it one way or another. If your idea of anarchy is placing yourself above the law atop an enormous pile of money, you're eventually going to end up buried in your ill-gotten gains, or naked without them.

Why Aren't There More Women in 3D Printing?

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I have railed in the past about the emergence of "coding bootcamps" for women so no need to get unhinged here about how these initiatives are really just gravy trains for strip-mall colleges and phony social justice warriors.

Many community colleges provide better resources and costs for learning computer technology, and Albuquerque's Community College of New Mexico is a good example. CNM has recently opened a "Stemulus Center" featuring a "coding bootcamp", a "Fast Track Business Administration Degree", a 3D printing workshop, and an entrepreneurship program.

The photo on their 3D printing workshop page made me laugh though, and only needs a title : "Why Aren't There More Women in 3D Printing?". You can bet this will be changed in the near future to a more female-inclusive photo, such as this one celebrating Girls In Coding :

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Paternal Leave

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The last six weeks have served as a reminder of what it's like to have a baby in the house all over again, and they've brought the matter of parental leave back to mind. If, as things stand today, both parents are expected to work to get by, maternal leave should be a given due to nursing needs, but what about paternal leave?

For the good of the child and the family, I think paternal leave should also be included in any parental leave legislation. For some men, it might be easier, depending on the living situation, to avoid the house and go to work every day, but for most it isn't. It wasn't for me, even when there was a grandmother to provide support. For one thing, the baby doesn't sleep on your schedule, so your ability to follow routines and get enough sleep is severely compromised. Anyone who is familiar with a baby's cries knows that it's almost impossible to ignore or sleep through them, and that's by design. For guys who work with heavy machinery or have long commutes, this could be downright dangerous. One solution, if the house is big enough, is to sleep in another room. But even that doesn't always do the trick, and sleeping on a couch is far from ideal.

Another issue is that the mother can't take care of housework as usual. Babies are extremely demanding, and if it comes down to feeding husband or child, baby wins. Despite birth, mother and child remain a "unit" for months postpartum. When she leaves, the baby gets upset. Experienced fathers like me have some tricks up our sleeves for calming babies, but they don't always work — sometimes nursing is the only thing that will calm them down. So, unless you want to be stuck with a screaming baby watching the clock as you wait for mama to return, you've got to do a lot of the errands, and when there's a new baby in the house, there are a *lot* of errands to do.

Given the extra workload on mother and father, the best solution is to give both some time to dedicate to the new baby while he or she progresses past the neonate stage and starts to develop a routine.

In Washington state, women are guaranteed three months of leave if they work for a company with over 50 employees. Men have no such guarantee, although many companies will work with new fathers and give them some time off. Paid leave, unfortunately, is usually the privilege of the professional class; a perk extended to those who already get paid pretty well. Ordinary workers have to make do on savings.

While I'm not usually a proponent of socialism, rearing the next generation, despite genocidal leftist fantasies about electing a new people, ranks pretty high up there in national priorities. And if it's about the bottom line, parental leave can mitigate a lot of the stress of early parenthood which could otherwise result in higher rates of family dysfunction, divorce and the resulting loss of productivity and human capital. From my own experience, a combined total of six months parental leave would be a fair and realistic standard to shoot for in the US. Perhaps parents could split it up as they choose, with the mother taking four months and the father two in a typical situation (most men are plenty happy to go back to work after two months at home with a baby).

If that sounds generous, consider that Sweden allots a total of 480 days of paid leave, 120 of which are to be used exclusively by each parent (both mothers and fathers must take at least 60 days off to reach the full 480). By European standards, American parental leave laws are extremely stingy (now that I think of it, even the tight-fisted East Asians have considerably more generous parental leave policies than the US). While this may not have been much of a problem when America had a social contract of sorts, today's corporate titans are hardly concerned with the lot of what must seem like little insects from the glass towers they inhabit, and as they suck more out of our government coffers than a million babies could, it's looking more and more reasonable to force them to rectify some of the problems they've caused, such as, for example, the need for a double-income household.

Some of the more purist MRAs may want to demand exact equality in parental leave, and in fact that's what the Swedish socialists would prefer. However, I don't think most men would appreciate that all that much. As much as we love our babies, it can be dehumanizing to be forced out of work for too long, and that in itself can cause problems just as denying us an opportunity to provide crucial support in the first couple months can.

The New Queen of Indie Gaming

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When Uncle Elmer linked news of the Zoe Quinn affair(s) last week, I looked over the story and found myself mostly just appalled by the behavior of these "adults" involved in the gaming scene. Quinn herself isn't much of a surprise, but given how easy it was for her to sleep with so many guys in the same industry in such a short timeframe I wonder how desperate these game developers must be. For starters, Zoe Quinn isn't a stunner. Far from it. She doesn't hold a candle to some of the manslayers I've come across in my day. It's really one of those "no contest" sorts of things. She might hold her own in a place like Ketchikan, filled as it is with lonely fishermen, but the Bay Area? Pathetic.

I also have to say that I'm not too impressed by her boyfriend, Eron Gjoni. Sharing all the intimate details instead of sticking to the basic facts of a failed relationship is bad form. It's a high school level of self-indulgence. For those readers who might be tempted to do the same, don't. It's best not to name names, post photos, publicly air text messages or trash the other party, even if they are in the wrong, because it reflects poorly on you. Longtime readers will know that I rarely mention my ex, and only do so when I have to explain important, relevant facts. I wouldn't dream of posting her picture or any private correspondence. Nevertheless, I'm glad Zoe's ex did it, because now I know a little more about the culture in the most economically dynamic part of America (nothing flattering), but eventually I just got tired plodding through all the gossipy details. After reading the story, I showed it to my wife, and she was pretty amazed that such childish people populate one of the wealthiest places on earth. I wonder sometimes whether these people – several of whom look to be in their thirties already – are aware of how outlandish and adolescent they appear to ordinary folks who are just trying to get by.

Because I was tired, I hoped that someone else would dig up some more of the facts, and Matt Forney has now done so. In his piece on Quinn, Matt delves into the hypocrisy and and pretension of the "SJW" indie gamer culture, cutting through the fraud and BS that has characterized the "official" response to the scandal Quinn caused.

Aside from that, what really ought to raise a few eyebrows is how much of a scam this gaming industry has become. As a parent, I've been exposed to Lord knows how many video games that my kids pull out of nowhere. These are mainly free games, and they are about as sophisticated as the Nintendo games I used to play in the 80s. Aside from the graphics, there isn't much difference (I'm not talking Call of Duty here), but for some reason the mobile gaming industry is huge business. People are putting their faith in this useless crap, even investing billions in it. It's driving paper profits and speculation. Instead of investing wealth in energy and infrastructure, we're blowing our cash and human capital so that my son can race cars and my daughter spray makeup on Barbie on an ipad. This is the kind of investment that has negative returns on human capital, as kids get sucked into the screen instead of getting out and learning to survive in the real, physical world. Perhaps this explains the stunted emotional and social development of the gamers featured in the saga of Zoe Quinn.

Matt links Quinn to Anita Sarkeesian, another one of our favorite feminist scam-artists, who took a couple hundred thousand dollars to make a couple amateur videos. But unlike Sarkeesian, who rode a pity wave to the big bucks, Quinn apparently has some real clout. She strategically slept with a number of developers, businessmen and journalists to promote herself and her clique, and has simultaneously managed to motivate a lot of men to white knight for her. Developers and journalists who criticize her are threatened with termination, and outside critics are silenced with accusations of misogyny. In one bizarre article in the Globe and Mail, Emma Woolley claims that corruption and nepotism in the gaming industry is not such a big deal, because the real problem with gaming is the gamers (i.e. customers) themselves. How's that for feminist business acumen?

This brings up a perplexing question: how on earth did this third-rate tramp manage to assemble so much backup?

I have a little theory about that. Since she slept with some six different men over two months while still carrying on a "relationship," she's a seasoned expert in whorecraft. With these women, six guys is nothing. That's just how many her boyfriend knew about. The actual number of men she slept with over the past year could easily run into

the dozens. It's the factory trawler technique. Cast a wide enough net and one of these days you'll pull up a treasure chest.

My theory, for which I have no evidence other than the fact that she allegedly slept with a married boss, is that someone – possibly a married someone – is highly embarrassed or frightened and wants the entire affair to go away. Or perhaps someone's boss or investor feels that way. No sense in stirring up the natives, eh?

It's just a thought, but there was sound reasoning behind the anti-adultery and anti-fraternization rules in corporate management and military officer corps that used to be the norm. Most of ultra-progressive Silicon Valley may laugh at these quaint practices, but I'll bet there are a few guys out there who are really sweating right now.

Even so, what I can't wrap my head around is "why Zoe Quinn, of all women?"

Shouldn't these guys be ashamed of themselves?

Finally, if these are the kinds of people who will be running the tech industry – a major pillar of the American economy today – in ten years' time, we're in for a major "adjustment" at some point in the near future.

Beyoncé Clarifies Meaning of "Feminist"

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Beyoncé has been flying the feminist flag for a while now, despite being a bit ambivalent about the term just a couple years ago. I suspect it's her husband Jay-Z's idea — a PR stunt to deflect criticism of the raunchy sexual exploitation he's relied upon for years to make the big bucks. It has proven amazingly effective. Nerdy feminist scribblers the world over are gushing in ecstasy over Beyoncé's endorsement of their cause. "Oh, finally, a really *cool* woman is calling herself a feminist. I feel soooo vindicated!"

For readers who prefer to operate under the radar, I'd recommend the same tactic. If you do anything that could be perceived by feminists as suspect, such as, say, rapping about "bitches and hos", simply wave the feminist banner and you'll get a pass.

But what does this say about feminism? It says that it doesn't mean a damned thing. If you doubt me, just watch Beyoncé's VMA awards video, during which she displays the word feminist during one song. After reading the jubilant response from feminists, I thought the word would be stamped on the screen the entire time, but it was just up for about a second. It followed a performance that featured a number of women lying on their backs and holding their legs in the air to display juicy, glistening buttocks and a clear shot of the pudendal cleft (at about 7:00), and then a pole-dancing routine (10:00).

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All in all, it was a ludicrous juxtaposition. Is feminism now merely the fig leaf that covers vulgarity, or does it go hand-in-hand with the obscene? It seems that it doesn't matter anymore.

When the "women against feminism" were confronted by feminists, they were denounced for "not understanding" what feminism really means. "The definition is right there, in the dictionary!" shouted the suddenly pedantic feminists (the dictionary definition was helpfully included in the Beyoncé performance, which merely served to highlight the bizarre nature of the feminist interlude). Supposedly, feminism is defined in the dictionary as advocating for equality between the sexes (whatever that means), but if that's the case, what on earth does it have to do with women displaying naked asses and dancing on stripper poles?

Like the feminists, I, too, view the Beyoncé statement as a triumph. First we had the slutwalks, and now we have this. For women with any sense, there's bound to be some cognitive dissonance. Feminism began as something approximating an intellectual movement, but it has devolved into pushing fantasies of becoming a stripper on little girls. At first, the feminists wanted to be astronauts and scientists; now they want to dance on the pole.

It's really hilarious when you think about it.

A Practical Definition of Feminism

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Commenter Schopenhauer states that women's power is based on their sexuality, dismissing feminism as a "pure power grab" and not in the least intellectual.

> Feminism was never anything even approaching an "intellectual movement." It was always a pure power grab. I drove this point home to my sons the night they were watching this awards show. I pointed out how every female "artist" appearing on the show was dressed provocatively to heighten her sexuality. I told my sons that this is because their sexuality is the entire basis of women's power.

I mostly agree, and I've made similar statements before. However, I don't think sexuality is all women have to offer, but considering what feminism has turned out to be it certainly can appear that way. Women have always been economically important, and a major driver of cultural innovation and change. If you have a daughter, like I do, it's pretty clear that women and girls have a very important influence on language and customs, which remain as important today as ever. Men, for example, tend to be more conservative in speech, while women innovate. As my children have grown, I've had the opportunity to observe this phenomenon first-hand.

Feminism, however, has nothing at all to offer but sexuality and identity politics. I've compared it to prostitution before, but that might be a little hard on prostitution, because at least in those transactions a man generally gets what he paid for.

This blustering about equality we hear from feminists is pure smoke. When a feminist mentions "equality," she knows it's a labile concept, to be shaped into whatever is useful at any given time. Say some men discover a new source of energy and make a huge pile of money off it. Immediately, feminists will show up demanding "equality" – i.e., a piece of the pie – by virtue of their sex, and that alone.

The term equality means nothing but freedom to shift the goalposts whenever convenient, so it's misleading to include it in the definition of feminism. But through observation and experience, we can identify an accurate definition:

Feminism is the collective promotion of women's interests at men's expense by the ancient and effective means of sexual leverage. It is the use of female sexuality and identity to extract social, economic and political power *from men*.

Women who achieve power or acclaim without using their sexuality or identity as women are not benefitting from feminism. Feminism did nothing for Marie Curie, Margaret Thatcher, or Angela Merkel, to name a contemporary example.

It has done a great deal for Madonna, Hillary Clinton and Gloria Steinem, all of whom rely on either female sexuality or identity, or both, for most of their wealth and power.

Feminism is socially harmful because its very nature is non-productive; it encourages women and girls to strive for gain without offering anything in return. Further, it explicitly tells them that they owe nothing to anyone but their fellow feminists. While something approaching this attitude might be appropriate for a young woman who is choosing a mate, when it becomes a mass social movement it has destructive long-term consequences. En masse, women are encouraged to remain in an adolescent frame of mind for the entirety of their fertile years, after which they suddenly find that it doesn't work anymore, and it turns out they've squandered an enormous amount of resources on nothing but self-gratification.

To embrace modesty, humility, self-sacrifice and service to a greater cause, such as a family, is to betray feminism. Likewise, to elevate oneself without resorting to the use of female status and identity is to reject the feminist path.

If more of our women disavowed feminism, we would be collectively wealthier, happier and healthier. Yes, that includes most women, too.

SPLC Evokes Elliot Rodger to Smear MRAs

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Recently, I noticed that the SPLC's newest Intelligence Report featured Elliot Rodger, and then attempted to tie him into Men's Rights, which his manifesto proves is an absurd association. Rodger was a narcissist with an extreme sense of entitlement and a pathological case of envy. Some tie him in with the incels (involuntary celibates), but even that doesn't make much sense, as technically there was nothing involuntary about his celibacy: he could have simply loosened his extremely exacting standards. Elliot Rodger was not an MRA, and there's no evidence that he identified as such, or was even interested in or aware of MRA issues, which have very little to do with getting laid.

But then this is the SPLC we're talking about; an organization that feeds on paranoia and fear, and goes to great lengths to exaggerate threats so as to provide some justification for its work, which these days amounts to suing local governments for not spending enough on their favored constituencies.

Every year, according to the SPLC, the threat of extremists grows in the US. There's always a new menace on the horizon, whether it's traditional Catholic nuns or people who support the US Constitution. Or, as suggested in the latest Intelligence Report, MRAs.

No less a man than Mark Potok took it upon himself to write about the Elliot Rodger case:

> America's latest mass murder left seven people including the killer dead, the campus of the University of California, Santa Barbara, and the nearby community of Isla Vista in shock, and the so-called men's rights movement, which some blamed for the slaughter, defensive, angry and resentful — its usual attitude.
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> It didn't take long after 22-year-old Elliot Rodger stabbed and shot six people to death, injuring another 13 before committing suicide as police closed in, for the world to learn of Rodger's hatred of women. He left behind a 140-page manifesto, an explanatory YouTube video entitled "Elliot Rodger's Retribution," and postings across the Internet that all testified to his burning misogyny.
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> Rodger's postings at PUAHate immediately focused public attention on the so-called "manosphere," an ugly subculture of websites run by men's rights activists that is typified by its loathing for women in general and feminism in particular. (PUAHate is dedicated to criticizing "pick-up artists" who sell men advice on how to bed women and fail to deliver, but it is dominated by vicious attacks on women.) Although these sites and some real-world men's rights groups certainly have some legitimate complaints about family courts, sexual abuse of men and the like, the tone of many of them is remarkable for its woman-bashing, sex-starved flavor.
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> The manosphere was explored in an Intelligence Report article more than two years ago, but most Americans had never heard of it when Rodger's rampage burst into the news cycle. Still, it didn't take long for a national debate to develop about the role of the men's rights movement in Elliot Rodger's mass murder.
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> While some commentators focused on the issues of gun control and mental health, enormous numbers of women wrote about their experiences of misogyny and sexism under the Twitter hashtag #YesAllWomen — 65,500 of them per hour at their peak two days after the killings. Major news outlets wrote lengthy pieces about the manosphere and men's rights movement, along with speculation about the role they played in Rodger's thinking. And men's rights activists went into overdrive, arguing furiously that they had nothing to do with the bloodbath in Isla Vista.
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> They had of a point, kind of. [Kind of? Seriously?]
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> The manosphere did not create Elliot Rodger — that much seems clear. Rodger was mentally ill, and he developed his obsessions with women over the course of many years. He was bullied badly in school. But it seems undeniable that PUAHate and very likely other websites in the manosphere reinforced Rodger's

> mindset, telling him, in effect, that he was perfectly right to be enraged at half the human race. Men's rights activists did not tell Rodger to kill — but in their writings, **it seems like many of them wouldn't mind doing some killing of their own** [emphasis mine].
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> Now, Elam E-mailed the almost 200 people planning to come to his June conference in Detroit — a fading industrial city chosen because it represented "masculinity" — to warn them to be on their very best behavior. Anyone "trash-talking women" or "making violent statements, even jokingly" would be summarily thrown out, he warned. Enemies of the men's rights movement, Elam continued, "will be looking for anything they can to hurt us with. They will be listening, eavesdropping, and if they can, gathering things to harm us with." The man who two years ago was posting photos of women who had committed "offenses against men" and vowing to "fuck their shit up" even told arriving conference-goers that his goal was to "build bridges between men and women instead of walls."
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> That didn't sound too much like the Paul Elam who has emerged as probably the best-known men's rights activist in the United States. It wasn't long ago that he declared October to be "Bash a Violent Bitch Month," explaining, "I mean literally to grab them by the hair and smack their face against the wall." Elsewhere, he asserted that many women who are raped asked for it, saying "women who act provocatively; who taunt men sexually, toying with their libidos for personal power and gain, etc., have the same type of responsibility for what happens to them as, say, someone who parks their car in a bad neighborhood with the keys in the ignition."
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> "A lot of women," he continued, "get pummeled and pumped because they are stupid (and often arrogant) enough to walk through life with the equivalent of a I'M A STUPID, CONNIVING BITCH — PLEASE RAPE ME neon sign glowing above their empty little narcissistic heads." Elam has misleadingly cited certain research to make the claim that 40% to 50% of rape allegations are false. But the best scholarly studies show that between about 2% and 8% of such allegations are actually false — a rate that is comparable for false allegations of most other violent crimes.
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> In the end, Elam's conference was in fact relatively subdued, although he claimed he had to spend $25,000 on security because of death threats from the movement's enemies. Most of the speakers — almost all of whom had made far worse comments in other venues — kept their vitriol to a minimum. Some, like the speaker discussing men's grief, even contributed some useful ideas.
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> But that didn't negate a basic lesson of the whole Santa Barbara tragedy. Just as white supremacist websites help fuel the violence of professional racists, and just as the propaganda of the militia movement has nurtured terrorist attacks by so-called "Patriots," the manosphere and what Elliot Rodger characterized in his manifesto as its "War on Women" provides moral support to angry and violent Americans.

Note that Potok claims that "it seems like" MRAs want to kill people, and then dismisses death threats against the men's conference as "claimed." I still think the death threats were an extortion scam by some pea-brained, greedy bastard in Detroit, but from what I've read the letter claiming death threats was sent via courier by someone at the hotel, and if it was extortion, it was extortion based on death threats, which means they were *real, verified death threats*. In other words, felony extortion.

So what we have here is Potok making a tenuous connection between MRAs and a psychotic spree killer – a connection he even admits doesn't exist – and then blowing off a serious crime committed against the people who attended the men's conference. It's extremely biased reporting, designed to stir up exactly the kind of anger for which he condemns Elam and AVfM. The only real difference is that it's more "genteel" — it has a smoother delivery, and it's less honest.

In Opposing Govt. “Brother’s Keeper” Program, Gloria Steinem Reveals Extent of Female Favoritism

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In perusing the news today, I found an article about Feminists’ involvement in the Ferguson disturbances. My first reaction was to wonder what on earth feminists have to do with the Ferguson police shooting of Michael Brown. Could they really be concerned about police killing men? Impossible. Domestic disturbance incidents, usually involving women, are probably the single biggest source of police killings in the US. I’d put money on the fact that more men of every race are killed by police in domestic disturbance incidents than any other category of police killings. Very, very rarely is a woman killed by police in these responses. It’s almost unheard of. Kind of makes you wonder about this whole “patriarchy” thing, doesn’t it?

So I just had to take a look. Turns out the article is nothing more than a Democrat plea for solidarity.

> Compared to the responses of black women soon after the shooting on August 9, the personal essays with titles like “thoughts on ferguson as a white woman” and “Feminism Is Not Just About Women’s Oppression” came relatively late. But to Perez, it demonstrated a significant shift.
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> “In feminism, I don’t think you get a lot of people talking about whiteness and privilege in such a high level way,” she said. “People felt called to voice something about what happened. It’s very emblematic of the crisis we face and because [the situation in Ferguson] is so racialized, they have to call that out.”

You get the picture.

However, buried within is a statement I found more interesting than the transparent feminist coalition-building:

> American Enterprise Institute scholar Christina Sommers, author of “Who Stole Feminism?,” told She The People that young men in the United States, especially young men of color, are “far more vulnerable than their sisters,” but Steinem’s remarks on Ferguson counter the criticism she has launched in the past.
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> “We now have hundreds of special programs for girls and young women, but almost nothing for boys. But when the White House recently initiated a small program, My Brother’s Keeper, to help vulnerable black and Hispanic young men, there was an angry reaction from many feminists, including Gloria Steinem.”

I looked it up, and sure enough there’s the old crone Steinem’s name on a letter to the NY Times:

> Help Boys, but Don’t Shortchange Girls
> A Plea From Gloria Steinem, Pamela Shifman and Girls Inc.
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> To the Editor:
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> There is a pervasive myth in the United States that girls, including girls of color, are faring well. Thank you for publishing Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw’s Op-Ed essay, “The Girls Obama Forgot” (July 30), documenting the fact that nothing could be further from the truth.
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> Since the $300 million or more pledged to the White House initiative My Brother’s Keeper comes largely from private foundations, we would like to point out that foundation funding directed to girls and women remains less than 7.5 percent of all foundation funding; funding dedicated to girls and women of color has, to our knowledge, never been counted.
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> Given the high rates of violence, poverty and inequity facing girls and young women of color, this should concern all of us. According to Black Women’s Blueprint, nearly 60 percent of black girls in the United States have experienced sexual violence before the age of 18.

> Foundations know from their work in Africa, Asia and Latin America that when poor girls and women are supported, their well-being accelerates justice, health and economic outcomes. Why isn't that knowledge translated to girls and women in the United States? What if instead of blaming women and girls for being poor, or victims of violence, or shaming them for being single parents, we supported them to thrive?
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> We are thankful for foundations that commit significant resources to address the pervasive and systemic racism in American society, but we wonder why the problems facing boys and men of color are taken more seriously than the problems facing girls and women of color. We need to invest in creating real, meaningful opportunities for our sisters as well as our brothers. You can't solve a problem by rendering half of it invisible.
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> PAMELA SHIFMAN
> GLORIA STEINEM
> New York, Aug. 1, 2014
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> Ms. Shifman is executive director of the NoVo Foundation **[Editor: of course she is]**, which focuses on girls' and women's rights. Ms. Steinem is the writer and activist.

Now that's just a mean-spirited lie to say that people take the problems of "boys and men of color" more seriously. She must be joking. For all the lip-service paid to young black men, their rates of educational and professional achievement are far below those of young black women. Their rates of incarceration, however, are top of the heap, while black women lag far behind even white men in this distinction.

A major reason for this is that black women receive so much more support due to structural bias against working class males that black boys are starting from far behind their sisters as soon as they reach adulthood. This structural bias includes rewarding female behavior in school, saturating the market with low-wage illegal labor, thus depriving black boys of the opportunity to begin learning a trade or obtaining job skills as teens, aggressive, constitutionally questionable policing and extremely punitive child support laws that criminalize fathers while rewarding mothers for having children out of wedlock with both seized cash and generous welfare (hence the sky-high illegitimacy rate among blacks).

As a realist, I doubt this program to help non-white boys is going to make much of a difference. I'm also not sure whether it's appropriate for it to be racially exclusive when it's endorsed by the federal government. If you're going to allow that sort of thing, then let's work out a nationalities policy here in the US and give each race/ethnicity collective rights in regards to its members, and make us all "tribes" (might not be a bad idea, actually).

But it might help in some small ways, and adding a boys' program is a good start. Maybe fund some sort of boys' camp in the country, like Jimmy Stewart's character proposed in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington[image]*. Imagine that — in 1939 helping boys was considered a noble, patriotic idea.

But in flies Steinem, the wicked witch of our time, to shoot it down because women only get 7.5% of all foundation funding dedicated exclusively to them. Wait a minute. Did I read that right? *Nearly 7.5% of everything goes exclusively to women?* That is an enormous amount of untaxed money. What goes ***exclusively*** to men, .075%? Sometimes, when these feminists open their mouths a big fat toad flies right out and starts hopping and croaking in plain view.

But as ugly as it is, this is what Steinem is paid to do: advocate for women at men's (or boys' in this case) expense. It's feminism in action, and fits right into the definition I provided yesterday. If some of us weren't paying attention, this kind of thing would fly right over people's heads.

The Jennifer Lawrence Hacks and Sexual Capitalism

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Guys probably find themselves confused by the conflicting messages feminists put out about nudity, empowerment, victimhood, male gaze and so on. While men generally agree that it isn't appropriate to violate people's privacy, we see images from slutwalks and feminist breast-baring demonstrations that leave us wondering why a few nude photos are such a big deal.

In order to understand, you have to tune out what the feminists say in public and pay attention to the following explanation:

The feminist imperative is to gain from sexuality. Sexuality serves utilitarian purposes, whether they are political, social or economic. "Good" sexuality is when a woman profits from it in one way or another. Arguably, Jennifer Lawrence probably will profit from these nudes, especially considering that they are quite flattering compared to what one sees in the Enquirer and other magazines that feature candid celebrity photos. But that isn't the most important point here.

What's most important is the principle: a man took hold of these pictures without paying for them, and many men have had access to the material without Ms. Lawrence having first had the opportunity to capitalize on her sexuality.

Feminists see it as a theft of sexual capital, and to them this is one of the greatest sins a man can commit. Sexuality is the currency feminists trade in, so any restrictions on its use are violently opposed even as they push for the most draconian of laws to protect those who own it.

This is why we see them promoting ridiculous things such as prostitution laws that exclusively target customers, but not those who sell sex. It's also why rape takes on such a high significance, and the requirements for "consent" have been tightened to the point that the definition of the word has changed so that it has now come to mean what "assent" formerly defined.

So to understand the hubbub surrounding the Lawrence photos, or any other issue involving women's sexuality, you just have to keep in mind the first question feminists always ask in these situations:

Cui bono?

Sarkeesian at it Again

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Anita Sarkeesian has alerted authorities and gone into hiding because of tweet threats composed by some unknown entity going by "Kevin Dobson." Return of Kings has a good analysis suggesting that the tweet threats were likely fakes, probably generated by Anita Sarkeesian herself or a friend.

A few things about the screen shot she used don't add up. First, whoever took the screenshot somehow managed to capture all of the ten tweets ever made on the account, despite the fact that he/she was not logged in, all tweets were made in a three-minute timeframe, and the last tweet occurred 12 seconds before the screenshot. The timing is very, very suspicious.

Additionally, the tweets themselves are laughable, featuring vampire fantasies and expressing desire for Anita Sarkeesian. They probably wouldn't even pass the "criminal threat" test because they are neither imminent nor likely threats.

They also apparently contain information about Sarkeesian's family. I'm pretty sure very, very few people even amongst her detractors care about her family or their whereabouts, and since Anita herself knows about her family, it significantly increases the chance that she was responsible for the tweets.

Finally, this is exactly how Anita Sarkeesian made money the last time. A full $160k. I think she lives in San Francisco, so she could easily have blown through that much money in a couple years just living an ordinary life. If it worked before, why not try it again, right?

If she did make the threats, I doubt there will be an investigation. Feminists have built a myth about oppression of women in gaming around her, so politically she's off limits. If Twitter smells a rat, they'll keep their mouths shut unless subpoenaed, and I doubt it will get that far.

Threats do prompt people to contribute to victims, whether they are real or not, and sometimes for justifiable reasons. For example, the threats against AVfM's International Men's Conference led to $25,000 in donations to cover security costs.

However, I tend to think threats are usually a silly distraction, and exposing them only encourages more of the same. When I lived in a particularly rough neighborhood, I had one guy threaten to kill me at my house. He'd been beeping his horn outside my window at 1AM, so I came out and told him to "shut the f*ck up." His response was, "I'm going to come back and kill you." I was pretty worked up after that, and actually called the cops, who told me the guy was just full of it. After some thought, I realized he probably was just full of it. But I armed myself all the same.

Sometimes, I get threats on this site or in email, but not very often. I invariably throw them in the trash with hardly a second thought. It would be ridiculous to think someone would bother to try to kill me – risking their own neck in the process – over ideological opposition to feminism. Would a woman do it? Oh please…

But these threats do exist. There's one online right now at a leftist site affiliated with David Futrelle, but sadly I can't honestly claim to be frightened, even though it's more credible than the absurd "threats" Sarkeesian claims to be so scared about. And I highly doubt I could cash in on it, either.

That's the difference between me and Anita Sarkeesian: I'm a man, and she's a woman. People don't care very much when ordinary men are threatened, and I can live with that.

However, what I can't live with is bullshit, and as I suggested in yesterday's post about the Jennifer Lawrence photos, the most revealing question whenever feminists make a fuss over something is "cui bono?"

In the case of these so-called threats against Sarkeesian, the answer is entirely clear.

Futrelle Stews over NPR's Reluctance to do his Bidding

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David Futrelle has been on a one-man anti-anti-feminist crusade for several years now, and while he's racked up a couple small achievements, such as bringing the declining Southern Poverty Law Center on board, much of his effort has been frustrated. His notable lack of charisma, which stands in stark contrast to pro-feminist sociopath Hugo Schwyzer, explains a fair amount of it. For example, his over-the-top love of cats comes off as kind of gross. Pictures of his greasy, grimy cats in his fur-soiled home do not exactly add to his already compromised image. I mean, I like cats alright, but come on. They're much more endearing, clean and tolerable when they spend most of their time *outside*, as nature intended. Can anyone imagine a dinner at Futrelle's house, replete with tufts of cat fur floating through the air, a vague smell of ammonia in the background and a layer of cat dander on the furniture?

In his latest failed broadside against the patriarchy, Futrelle went on NPR to talk about the menace of MRAs, but the program didn't turn out nearly as derogatory as he'd hoped. NPR actually gave Warren Farrell a fair hearing, presenting his views in a neutral-to-positive context, and didn't come down hard on Paul Elam, either.

> Leaders in the movement say they want to bring more attention to the problems of men and boys. Critics worry, however, that these sites are a breeding ground for misogyny.
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> For his part, Farrell actually tries to avoid the phrase "men's rights."
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> "It's like somebody saying we're in favor of the king's rights," he says. "The average person thinks that men are already at the top of the political structure. They have all the rights, they made all the rules, [and] if anything is going wrong with men, it's their fault, because after all, it's just a consequence of men's rules."
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> But that perspective, Farrell says, is "just completely missing the point."
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> 'Cries Of Pain And Alienation'
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> Farrell doesn't deny that men make up the vast majority of members of Congress and corporate boards. But he says that fact tends to obscure the problems facing millions of men and boys that don't get enough attention: that fathers are often separated from their children by the family court system, that there is no White House council on men and boys, and that there are women's studies — but not men's studies — departments at universities.
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> Boys also drop out of college and commit suicide at higher rates than girls, Farrell notes.
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> "We need to know not only why are our sons committing suicide, but also why are our sons much more likely to be the ones to shoot up schools?" he says. "We're all in jeopardy if we don't pay attention to the cries of pain and isolation and alienation that are happening among our sons."
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> This is a dramatic turnaround for a man who was once a leading voice for feminism. In the 1970s, Farrell served on the board of the National Organization for Women in New York City. But he broke with the feminist movement when it strayed, in his view, from the idea that men and women should be equally involved in the workplace and the home.
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> Now, men's rights advocates argue, feminism is more concerned with promoting the interests of women — often at the expense of men.
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> "Once we can establish that, by the way, men are human beings — so are boys — it is OK for us to stand and talk about their issues," says Paul Elam, who founded the website A Voice for Men in 2009. "[We can] seek solutions even if, God forbid, they're not solutions that are prescribed through the feminist lens."

The transcript goes on to feature a few detractors, including Futrelle and a feminist named Gwyneth Williams:

> Futrelle says the leaders of the movement have done little to discourage misogyny in their ranks.

> “Essentially, the issues they bring up are little more than an excuse or an opportunity for them to attack women and blame women for pretty much everything that goes wrong in the world.”
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> Observers say the anonymity of the Internet has changed the tone of the discussion. Even so, complaints about feminism are nothing new. Men have been making these arguments since the late 1970s, says Gwyneth Williams, a professor of political science at Webster University.
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> She agrees that some of the problems that men’s rights activists talk about are real. But the argument that feminism is to blame simply hasn’t taken root in mainstream culture.
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> “You have to ask yourself, why is it that the claims aren’t resonating, you know, in a broad-based way with a lot of men, the way feminism did?” she says.
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> But men’s rights advocates insist the movement is growing. Paul Elam says he’s making plans to hold a second conference on men’s issues next year in Washington, D.C.

It’s actually a pretty fair and balanced piece. As a regular NPR listener (yes, I must admit I listen to NPR more than anything else on the radio), I’m pleased and mildly surprised.

Futrelle, on the other hand, is bummed about it. From his site:

> I haven’t heard the segment yet, but reading the transcript i have to say the piece is pretty poor, giving MRAs in general and Warren Farrell in particular way too much credence.
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> Well, I’m glad they included some critical comments from me and from Gwyneth Williams, but I have to say I expected a lot better from NPR. It was much too sympathetic to what is in its essence a hate movement devoted to harassing women.

Oh, too bad, Dave. Well, at least you’ll have plenty of time to get used to it.

ISIL in Context

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It's a bit off the usual topic here, but I can't help but add my two bits to this national conversation about ISIS/ISIL or whatever they're being called today. I used to work in this field so I know a thing or two about it, although I'm not as up to date as I used to be.

What bothers me is that this group is referred to as though it's something new. It isn't. ISIL (Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant) is just al-Qaeda under a new name. These people have been in Iraq from the beginning of the 2003 invasion.

Another thing people are generally unaware of is that we did their work for them for years. Without American involvement in Iraq, there would be no ISIL to speak of. When we invaded Iraq on the false pretext of Iraqi WMDs and involvement in 9/11, one of the first priorities was something called de-Baathification, i.e. the removal of those in the ruling Baath party from power (and often from ordinary jobs, too). It was modeled on the old "de-Nazification" of the immediate postwar era, but in some ways it was more severe, because all Sunni Iraqis fell under suspicion, and were ethnically cleansed from government in large areas of the country.

The reason the Sunnis dominated the Baath party was that Arab nationalism was a largely Sunni phenomenon in Iraq (unlike Syria). Our new Shiite "allies," like Nouri al-Maliki, were aligned with theocratic Iran (al-Maliki is essentially an Iranian puppet).

During the early years of resistance against the US occupation, the remnants of the Baath party comprised the core of the resistance to the occupation. Over time, they lost, because they were facing the US armed forces and the majority Shiites, and it's kind of hard to fight main battle tanks and attack helicopters with kalashnikovs, improvised explosives and RPGs. In the meanwhile, al-Qaeda in Iraq avoided confronting the Americans, choosing instead to carry out a brutal terrorist campaign against Shiites and Baathists. When the Baathists were beaten into submission by US forces, this left al-Qaeda in Iraq as the dominant Sunni power. At this point, Sunnis in Iraq had nobody to turn to but the Islamists.

Ironically, this is what Osama bin Laden had wanted from the beginning: to destroy the secular nationalist opposition to a new Sunni caliphate. He intentionally drew us into a war in the Middle East, anticipating the outcome we have today. If we had attacked Syria's Baathist leadership, as many of our idiotic politicians wanted fairly recently, we would have only made things easier for ISIL/al-Qaeda.

Now, we are fighting ISIL, dropping bombs on northern Iraq and helping the Shiite puppets of Iran to prevent them from taking Baghdad. This shows that the invasion of Iraq and subsequent de-Baathification campaign was an enormously expensive blunder, because we have two crappy choices in regards to Iraq today: Islamic fanatics or Iranian allies. Saddam Hussein was a troublesome dictator, and his removal nothing to cry over, but dismantling Arab nationalism was highly destabilizing and expensive in terms of American wealth and lives.

Now that we're looking at *another* war in Iraq, I really hope more Americans can come to a better understanding of how badly mismanaged our Middle East policy has been. I'm afraid I hope in vain, because I suspect there are a lot of people who prefer the status quo of eternal instability, and they have a lot of power over foreign policy.

I don't expect ISIL to go head-to-head with the US. This is not its style. Instead of facing the US, they'll double-down on terrorist attacks on internal enemies, and perhaps carry out some attacks in the West to bolster their street cred with the burgeoning Muslim population in Europe. Our bombs will make little difference and just further alienate the Sunni people who happen to live where they explode.

Do Women's Sexual Choices Contribute to Domestic Violence?

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During a discussion about Elliot Rodger, I brought up the fact that ideological opposition to feminism and "misogyny" count for an infinitessimal amount of male on female violence. The single largest source of violence against women arises out of their sexual relationships with men. Not men they reject, mind you, but men they have slept with. Men they freely chose to sleep with; men who are dangerous people.

Now it has recently come out that Ravens' running back Ray Rice got caught on video knocking his fiancé Janay Palmer out cold in an elevator. For this, he has been kicked off the team and is suspended indefinitely. It's probably the end of his career, and if there's any justice he'll do time for it, especially considering that so many men are arrested for trifles like pushing a woman away when she's trying to attack. It's a sad sign of the times that men who commit such minor infractions are treated similarly to brutes like Rice.

In the TMZ video, it's pretty clear that Rice wanted to give the woman a beating. He waits until they're in the elevator, smacks her, and then when she retaliates drops her with a left cross. As she goes down, her head slams the rail and she's out like a light.

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Ray Rice — ELEVATOR KNOCKOUT … Fiancee Takes Crushing Punch [Video]
If you watch through the video, when the elevator opens he casually drags her limp body out the door, then walks a little ways away and stands there while onlookers help her to her feet. It's pretty brutal.

It's shocking that intimates are sometimes so nasty to each other, but it does happen. However, perhaps what is even more shocking is that one month *after* getting KOed by Rice, Ms. Palmer walked down the aisle with him. Of her own free will.

I know people instinctively and reflexively sympathize with the victim of a brutal attack, but there comes a time when one has to ask whether or not the victim bears some responsibility for putting herself in this situation. Does Janay really think that will be the last time Rice gives her a beatdown? And even if she does, what statement is she making in marrying a man willing to treat her like that?

The statement is clear: she thinks the violence is a reasonable tradeoff for whatever she gets in return for her relationship, whether it's sexual gratification, status or money. Women make that statement all the time. Ask a cop someday about DV cases, and he'll tell you he has to deal with the same couples over and over. The guy gets hauled off to jail, and then as soon as he's out the couple is right back together.

But feminists would have us believe that domestic violence is a patriarchal imposition, despite the fact that married women in patriarchal families suffer the lowest rates of domestic violence of all partnered women in the United States. Maybe feminists think the patriarchy has secretly implanted little chips in women's brains that lead them to seek out men who will beat them up.

Somehow, instead of choosing granola-crunching lesbians, these women make a beeline for musclebound athletes, beefy bikers and ghetto thugs. Even when their hyper-masculine men are in prison, they faithfully visit them and initiate intimate contact during visiting times. This is such a problem that prison officials have to enforce a strict dress code in visiting rooms.

But maybe it isn't the patriarchy. Maybe there's something about female sexuality that defies feminist ideals. Perhaps it's kind of a chaotic, anarchic thing that doesn't pay attention to pronouncements about what's right and proper.

Maybe, just maybe, the only way to really cut down on intimate violence would be to restrict women's sexual freedom.

Would I advocate for that? No. As adults, women should make their own decisions in that regard. However, to blame men in general for the results of women's sexual decisions is absolutely unacceptable. I am not responsible for domestic violence. Neither are most husbands, boyfriends or lovers.

Let those who commit crimes be judged by a jury of their peers. Leave the rest of us out of it.

A Good, Simple Rule of Thumb for Parents

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There's a lot of hand-wringing about whether or not it's politically correct to raise your kids in one place or another, and a lot of guilt-tripping about life choices regarding where one chooses to live. For example, a lot of leftists despise suburbs and want everyone to live in densely populated cities. Still, even those who mouth leftist slogans often have a change of heart when their kids reach school age.

Although I don't like the hypocrisy, I fully understand why they engage in it. Your kids are more important than trendy slogans and political positions. If you think otherwise, you might not be psychologically suited for parenthood.

So here's my formula, which applies to the vast majority of American parents:

*If, for whatever reason, you would be **afraid** to put your kids in the neighborhood public school, you should move somewhere else.*

With the exception of the extremely rich, who can afford real insulation, it applies even to parents who want to put their kids in a private school, because the local public school's quality speaks volumes about the neighborhood, which is also important.

It's a very simple test, and only requires honesty with oneself, which is a lot easier when you're thinking about your children.

Most people already go by it, but if every parent followed this formula, it would require cities and other leftist-ruled areas to enact reform or face demographic death.

So go ahead and vote with your feet.

Cat Lady Economics

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One of the biggest drivers of where people – especially the young – choose to live is sexual opportunity. It's an enormous part of the draw of college choice, which neighborhoods people decide to live in and which cities are considered "hot." One of the most obvious historical movements in this regard was the gay migrations to certain neighborhoods in the 70s and 80s. I can remember it myself, as I was a schoolchild in the 80s and my grandparents lived on Seattle's Capitol Hill, which was the gay capital of the Pacific Northwest until about a decade ago. Broadway, the main street on Capitol Hill, was a meat market that, from the looks of it, was nearly 50% gay. It seemed that nearly the entire gay population of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and western Montana had picked up and moved there. That's an exaggeration, but the movement was real, and likely did represent a significant proportion of the greater region's gay population.

With straight people, the picture is more complicated, because accessibility of sex is only part of the picture. Although young men may simply be looking to score, women have expectations for the future. The city is where you meet up, form a relationship and then get on with life. Or that's how it's supposed to work.

This model justifies the extra expense, social opportunities and exciting nightlife that cities offer. Young people can strive to impress each other, check out their options, engage in a little conspicuous consumption and generally put some effort into proving themselves worthy mates.

Some time in the early 2000s, developers figured out that they could capitalize on this, and they've put enormous effort into turning cities into these "playgrounds" that cater to the young, single and childless set. It worked very well, and those who best documented the results were people like Roissy in DC and Roosh, who described the sexual free-for-all of East Coast cities.

But the problem with this model is that eventually it runs up against a wall; a wall we in the manosphere are all quite familiar with. What has happened is that the Sex and the City set that made cities rock around the year 2004 or so is hitting that wall hard, and as they've aged into middle class salaried workers they've driven up prices so far that younger, hotter women can't afford cities any longer. Millennials are fleeing Washington DC, Boston, and other high-cost cities. In Seattle, college students, who comprise a large fraction of the city's population of young people, have petitioned the mayor to do something about out-of-control rent increases.

If millennials really do bail out of cities, and at this point it doesn't look as though they'll have any other option, a major part of the allure of cities will disappear. Middle class families are already gone, so all that will be left is childless professionals, wealthy landlords and immigrant service workers. If cities' target demographic remains middle America, I don't see what cities will have to offer young people heading into the next decade. Do post-wall cat ladies, elderly rich folks and ESL types really add all that much to the "vibrancy" and dynamism of a neighborhood?

Developers who have pushed young people out of cities have put themselves in a precarious situation. With one economic fluctuation taking the wind out of the sails of industries that employ that nucleus of well-compensated young people who keep the house of cards from toppling, the entire edifice could come crashing down, leaving urban centers hollowed out just as they were in the 70s and 80s.

I predict that will happen within about five years, when the largest cohort of millennials (born just before 1990) hits 30 and starts thinking seriously about raising kids. At that point, they'll weigh their options, look at local schools, and most of those who still remain in cities will flee. When that happens, I wouldn't want to be left with costly rental properties on my hands.

Hate Crime Prosecutions Finally Take Toll on FEMEN

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The radical feminist group FEMEN, originally a Ukrainian activist group founded by a male political radical who came up with the ingenious idea of promoting his cause with naked young women (such is the state of modern feminism), has all but evacuated Ukraine and moved to France. This despite the group's warmongering in Ukraine and not insignificant part in the street protests in Kiev that brought on the current Ukraine civil war.

While it shouldn't surprise anyone to see feminist activists cut and run when things get rough, it's refreshing to see that French authorities are fed up with the group's nonsense, and starting to take a hard line against their vandalism, trespassing and sacrilege:

> Earlier this summer, a Paris court ordered Femen fined and evicted "without delay" from the disused suburban utilities property that its members had occupied as squatters since being turned out of their previous residence and headquarters, a dilapidated theater called the Lavoir Moderne Parisien, in November. Notre Dame Cathedral is suing the group for reportedly damaging a bronze bell during a raucous February 2013 protest-celebration there of Pope Benedict XVI's resignation; each activist has already been fined €1,500 (nearly $2,000). During Vladimir Putin's June visit to Paris, veteran Ukrainian activist Yana Zhdanova—topless, with "KILL PUTIN" scrawled in red on her chest—invaded the famed Grévin wax museum and, wielding a wooden pick, stabbed the Russian leader's effigy. She faces trial in September and fines totaling almost €50,000. Another Femen militant, the singer Éloïse Bouton, will be tried in October for "sexual exhibitionism" after simulating, topless, an abortion in the landmark 19th-century Church of the Madeleine.

Although it will be nice to see an end to these provocations, it's pretty shocking that it's taken so long to deal with these constant assaults on French Catholics. If a FEMEN activist had actually entered a mosque and engaged in these acts, it's doubtful that she would have emerged in one piece. Goes to show just how thoroughly cowed and subjugated traditional Europeans are today in the West.

We Must Confront the OJ Effect to Prevent Another Legislative Disaster

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The Ray Rice incident immediately brings to mind the media hoopla over another domestic violence case, albeit a significantly bloodier one. When OJ Simpson cut his wife Nicole Simpson's throat along with her friend Ronald Goldman, popular revulsion provided the impetus for the passage of VAWA as an attachment to the 1994 crime bill.

VAWA has been a disaster for millions of families, arguably worse than mandatory minimum drug laws that saw minor offenders thrown behind bars for decades.

First, we have to make it absolutely clear that OJ Simpson and Ray Rice are not the norm. Men who murder or knock out their fiancés/wives are a tiny proportion of the male population. Such behavior is not, and never has been, common or acceptable to the vast majority of the US population.

Furthermore, sexual violence is not one-sided. There is a dynamic that exists between the men and women who experience and perpetrate intimate partner violence. Janay Rice married Ray Rice *after* he knocked her out in an elevator. Nicole Simpson remained with OJ Simpson for years despite his tendency to hit her. This is not because of the "patriarchy" or men in general. Given no-fault divorce laws and strong penalties for men who hit women, we can only conclude that these women chose violent men, and chose to stay with them despite the violence.

While this is unfortunate, ordinary men must not be forced to pay for these poor choices and criminal outliers.

And if there is any additional legislation on top of what we already have, ordinary men (and sometimes women) will be forced to pay.

How? As follows:

1) More liberal restraining orders kicking people out of their homes based on suspicion rather than proof

2) Stepped up, costly prosecutions based on flimsy or absent evidence. These can permanently destroy careers and families, whether the accused is guilty or not

3) Extortion in divorce based on threats of false accusations

4) More no-knock home-invasions by law enforcement, potentially resulting in dead men, pets and even women and children at the hands of pumped up, heavily-armed SWAT officers

On top of this, any legislation can only serve to swell the ranks of nosy feminist bureaucrats, who can and will abuse their power to wreck families and permanently damage children during their formative years.

Not all women are Janay Rice; not all men are Ray Rice. Comprehensive legislation that would treat us as such would be harmful and wrong.

An English Perspective on Scottish Independence

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Opus's quote pertaining to Scottish independence was too good to pass up, so here's an excerpt for those reading the feed:

> Note that the English have absolutely no say in whether they remain joined at the hip like struggling Siamese twins with the Pipe-playing Porridge eaters. Of course we would like our Nuclear deterrent back if only to deter the Scot. We have yet to be allowed to determine whether we wish to remain part of the EUSSR and frankly given a choice we would rather tolerate the Jockanese than the Strasburgians – but first things first.

Read the full quote here.

Why Scottish Women Oppose Independence

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A pending referendum on Scottish independence has the UK political and financial establishment in a state of panic, which I must admit gives me no small amount of satisfaction. If I were a Scot, I'd look across the Irish Sea and compare the lot of my Irish neighbors not only with myself, but with the unfortunate English who are being squished under the boot-heel of a globalist, treasonous elite.

Compared to UK residents, Irish are currently richer, happier and not subject to cultural and population displacement. And the Irish don't even have any oil! Imagine that: a nation of peat bogs, sherry-swilling priests, spiteful fairies and soda bread is happier and freer than the formerly Great Britain.

However, there's a fly in the Scottish ointment: the women are not so sure about independence. Why might that be? Are women constitutionally averse to national independence? I don't think that's the case, because women in Eastern European countries were among the most vocal supporters of the early, anti-Soviet independence movements. And the IRA counted quite a few determined, nationalist women in its ranks, the most notorious of whom may be the Price sisters (not direct relations — the American Prices came straight from Wales around 1610) who lit up the Old Bailey in the early 70s.

So what could it be? I have a theory, based entirely upon my observation of American women and their preoccupation with the Royal Family:

Scottish women are addicted to the pomp and drama surrounding the royals just like women everywhere. They enjoy being a part of that, even if only in a secondary role. To reject the UK would be to betray the queen, and to symbolically sever connections with one of the world's most glamorous families.

Therefore, I think that all the UK elite has to do to spike the independence vote is have the queen, prince William and Kate make a direct, emotional appeal to the ladies of Scotland. Perhaps include the royal baby in an ad spot, and pictures of the royals surrounded by the dramatic Scottish countryside.

That's all it would take.

Enabling the Hamster

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It's a relief to see that Futrelle is back on my case again. I was feeling a bit neglected lately, and wondered whether I still had it in me to stir up his cat lady audience. That question has been answered in the affirmative.

So, since it's been such a long time, I thought I'd look through his comments for some more self-validation. I found that and then some ridiculousness on top of it. My post on Ray Rice that argued that women who stay in abusive relationships are partly responsible for subsequent violence, in the same way that alligator wrestlers and snake handlers are partly responsible when they are bitten, had some of the ladies fanning themselves and making exclamations of horror.

But most informative were the lengths some would go to in trying to explain why women's choices have absolutely nothing to do with anything nasty that might befall them, and are always valid and rational in any event.

One commenter, aptly named "Policy of Madness" came out with some real doozies:

> Here's a perspective, for whoever wants it and for whatever it's worth. There is a concept in economics that says that people always do what is in their own best interests, to the best of their knowledge. In other words, you always do the best thing, for you, at the time when you do it.
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> I want to repeat that: **If you stayed in a bad and abusive relationship for any number of days or months or years, you did the best thing, for you, at the time.**
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> That may seem counterintuitive, and you may regret staying as long as you did, for any number of reasons. You may think you should have left sooner. That's a legit feeling, but the only way your actions could have changed would be for your circumstances to have changed. You could have had more/different information and reached a different decision, for instance. But, factually, at the time, your circumstances were what they were, and your information was what it was, and based on the situation at hand you made a rational decision, and that decision was the **correct** decision based on the information you possessed.
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> So, why did Janay Rice marry that dude after what he did to her? I don't know, but I know this: the decision she made was the correct one, the best and most rational option available to her. If it doesn't seem that way to me, that's because I don't have the same set of information that she does.

Why, that almost sounds like my argument. Janay Rice stayed with Ray Rice **for a reason**; a reason that most men have little if anything to do with. However, where I depart is the notion that these reasons are always rational.

The idea that when some women return again and again to dangerous men they are always acting in their best interests is, quite plainly, a stupid one. But at least Policy of Madness correctly places the responsibility for Janay's decision to marry Ray Rice where it belongs: on Janay's shoulders.

Another stellar quote from PoM:

> …dude sometimes I will be judgmental. Many people will prioritize the wellbeing of their pets over themselves. How many people do you know who will take their pet to the vet whenever the animal seems unwell, but when they are themselves sick they just handwave it and won't see a doctor? I know lots of these folks. Then there are the ones who prioritize their pets at the bottom rung, and don't seem to comprehend that animals can feel pain and they think that another case of beer is worth more than a vet visit.
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> I will judge the hell out of those people. They are acting correctly according to their priorities. Their priorities are immoral. I'm not obligated to stand by when someone is acting on immoral priorities and say nothing.
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> Now, the priorities that put people into abusive relationships and cause them to stay are not immoral. In fact, abusers frequently prey on our best instincts, our instincts to care about people besides ourselves, and our

> instincts for self-preservation. That doesn't mean that a person in abusive relationship cannot, or should not, reorganize the priority list. It just means that you can't do that reorganization on another person's behalf. And that's the source of the frustration.

So let me get this straight: it's OK to judge people who have dysfunctional relationships with their pets, but not those who have dysfunctional relationships with other people? So, say your daughter lets her cat scratch your grandkids and piss all over the house *and* lets her psycho boyfriend beat the crap out of her. Then, as a caring parent (and grandparent), what you should do is stage an intervention over the furry, ten-pound feline, and tell her it's unacceptable, but keep your damn mouth shut about the violent, 200 lb. biped in her house. Hmmm, sounds reasonable to me…

I have to say, Mr. Futrelle, that encouraging this attitude is not at all socially responsible. Here I am, excoriated for telling women how it is, and how they've got to take some responsibility for their relationship choices for their own well-being (applies to men, too, of course), and on an anti-anti-feminist site we have women making any excuse they can pull out of their nether regions to justify the shitty sexual choices that get women ***AND CHILDREN*** killed.

That's a point I'd like to see these feminists explain away. It's too bad Janay got knocked out, but if she let her choices put a child in danger I'd lose any sympathy for her I might have had in the first place.

Girls Who Code Produces First Killer App

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Efforts to close the “coding gap” between girls and boys are starting to pay off as two teens participating in the “Girls Who Code” program have released an exciting new arcade game that rips the lid off the social ignominy of menstruation.

In a society that normalizes gun violence but levies a huge stigma on menstruation, the game attempts to overcome taboos by arming the player with tampons which she can shoot at hard-hatted aggressors until she has accumulated enough points to win a resupply of tampons.

While some might scoff at the primitive gameplay, most would agree that a compelling storyline trumps graphic realism. Teen male programmers could only be depended upon to produce gratuitous violence and objectification of women. The daring victim’s narrative and empowerment exemplified by these upstart lady programmers is a harbinger of a bright future for the game industry, as more and more women reclaim gaming for feminism and produce titles that both entertain and educate gamers on sexism and other social justice concerns.

Ugly Republicans

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The Palin family is in the news again for a dustup at a Wasilla house party, embarrassing themselves and Alaska yet again. This time, the fight was over a remark about Willow Palin, which triggered a brawl that involved young single mother Bristol throwing punches at a young man. The entire clan got into the fight, which ended with two of the Palin men injured (not seriously).

It's a familiar scenario. Sarah Palin's first nationally reported scandal was "Troopergate," in which she abused her power as governor of Alaska to intimidate and attack her sister's ex-husband. A few years later, when Bristol's shotgun marriage fell apart, the Palins brought their guns to bear on Levi Johnston, demanding so much child support that he ended up nearly $70,000 in arrears in only a couple years. When he fought for equal custody as a remarried man with another child and a stable home life, a judge Sarah Palin appointed denied him outright. Now, the combative, clannish family has attacked yet another man in support of a woman in the family.

Is it just me, or does anyone see a pattern here? If my son were to come across some good-looking young woman with a family like that I'd be tempted to lock him up in the basement until she (inevitably) found another beau. That family is a man-wrecking machine.

Despite all this, left-feminists scoff when Sarah Palin claims to be a feminist, saying she must be insincere. Well, I have news for you city-slicker genteel feminists: She's damn serious. She is more of a feminist than most of you ever will be.

I know this type of feminist all too well. In fact, if anyone is responsible for my strong opposition to feminism, it is exactly these kinds of people, with whom I very unfortunately have had a lot of experience. Not so much the enfeebled, overeducated, passive aggressive East Coast types, but rather the real, Western shoot-to-kill and take no prisoners feminist archetype; the kind of women who "go to war" during divorce by using methods calculated to have at least a chance of killing their opponent. I mean real killing, like, dead.

Given Palin's continued influence in the Tea Party, I have to conclude that the Tea Party is not in the least anti-Feminist, and in fact may be somewhat inclined to support the lawless, family-wrecking type of feminism practiced by the Palin clan. Unfortunately, the mainstream Republicans are not anti-feminist either, although they may be a bit more moderate than the Palinites. What this means is that there is no one party that supports men's interests; only less bad parties and candidates.

For now I recommend voting against Democrats, because the overwhelming majority of feminist bureaucrats are Democrats. So are most feminists nationally, but that's really more a reflection of their inability to make a living in the private sector than it is a reflection of the party's innate feminism. The Democratic Party of today is merely a coalition forged to dispossess and loot the former American majority. When that has been accomplished (not if), it will collapse into several warring factions, just as the Hunnish army did following the demise of Attila and the end of the loot and tribute caravans from Asia Minor.

In the meanwhile, if you're a young man or have a young son, keep a close lookout for anti-male patterns of behavior in families regardless of political affiliation.

Here are a few important warning signs:

1. Any allegations against previous boyfriends, husbands, or even in some cases brothers and fathers, even if they didn't result in any litigation or arrests.

2. Look at families' divorced friends. If they are mainly women, that's a problem. It means they chose sides. If there is bad blood between them and the ex-husbands of their friends, stay away.

3. They have lesbian friends. This one is self-explanatory.

4. The women display a sense of entitlement to men and men's income yet feel no reciprocal sense of family duty or loyalty.

If you open your heart, don't close your eyes!

Is Sending the Army to Fight Ebola a Good Idea?

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President Obama has declared that the US armed forces will now be involved in the effort to contain the ebola virus, which is proliferating throughout West Africa, leaving corpses scattered across streets.

While the army may have a significant reservoir of medical expertise, its job is not, and never has been, to contain foreign epidemics.

In fact, armies tend to do just the opposite:

> The American military experience in World War I and the influenza pandemic were closely intertwined. The war fostered influenza in the crowded conditions of military camps in the United States and in the trenches of the Western Front in Europe. The virus traveled with military personnel from camp to camp and across the Atlantic, and at the height of the American military involvement in the war, September through November 1918, influenza and pneumonia sickened 20% to 40% of U.S. Army and Navy personnel. These high morbidity rates interfered with induction and training schedules in the United States and rendered hundreds of thousands of military personnel non-effective. During the American Expeditionary Forces' campaign at Meuse-Argonne, the epidemic diverted urgently needed resources from combat support to transporting and caring for the sick and the dead. Influenza and pneumonia killed more American soldiers and sailors during the war than did enemy weapons.

I can't think of a better way to introduce ebola to North America than to send military personnel into the heart of the epidemic, and then back home to bases on US soil.

Nobody really knows how transmissible this virus is at this point; given the many infections and deaths among healthcare workers it must be fairly contagious. This use of our army strikes me as dangerous, of questionable value and carrying considerable risk. You also have to wonder what it will do to recruitment efforts.

Moral Re-Armament: The Original "MRA"

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Today I thought I'd throw in a little bit of history as our world order enters yet another period of uncertainty and change.

Not long ago while reading about Christianity in Europe and the US during the age of dictators, I came across a powerful Protestant social movement I'd never heard of. I should have heard of it, but it seems that traditional Anglo Protestantism was all but washed from social consciousness in the later postwar era while some of the spiritual movements, such as New Age (e.g. Theosophy), that contributed to the development of a rudimentary National Socialist ideology, flourished in the 1960s and beyond.

Today, mainline American Protestantism is a dying social force that has been subsumed into an enfeebled liberal universalism that is lacking in any real moral conviction and standards.

However, it wasn't always that way. During the 1920s and 1930s a number of Americans sought a spiritual cure for the social ills that had taken hold of the country. Greed, promiscuity, speculation and the resulting political radicalism were threatening to tear the country apart. A terror campaign that put the 1970s to shame spurred the creation of the FBI, radicals took over towns and factories, and the government seemed to be losing control of much of the country.

America's social chaos and high levels of economic inequality were propaganda fodder for Communist and Fascist politicians, who rejected democracy as a failed political system. China was in turmoil, Japan's military seized power in the midst of social unrest, Stalin was consolidating power over the USSR and Spain lapsed into full-scale civil war. Fascist Italy and Germany were comparative oases of calm and prosperity, and a number of European and Asian countries took note and followed the fascist path. Fascism was promoted by political parties in the US, UK and even Jewish Palestine.

Having grown increasingly isolated from the rest of the world, America was adrift. In the midst of this alienating loss of direction, some sought a spiritual cure. One such man, a Pennsylvania Lutheran of Swiss descent named Frank Buchman, had a religious awakening in a church in England in 1921, subsequently channeling his newfound zeal into building a social movement that eventually had a profound effect on Europe and the US. First called "A First Century Fellowship," it was eventually renamed the Oxford Group in the early 30s after Buchman's teachings found a great deal of support in Oxford University.

Soon, the Oxford Group's message began to filter through American Protestant society. One man who fell under its influence was Bill Wilson, founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. While it didn't cure Wilson's habit (that came about during a treatment with hallucinogenic herbs), its teachings provided many of the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous. Today, that organization is the most important remaining institution brought about due to the Oxford Group's influence.

Buchman's great talent for gaining the ear of high status elites, perhaps through a skillful use of flattery and avoidance of politically-sensitive statements, allowed him to enlist high ranking Americans and Europeans, including heads of state, including Franklin Roosevelt himself, in his cause. In what may have been the greatest political mistake of his career, Buchman made overtures to Adolf Hitler, hoping to prevent the fuhrer from waging war on what he saw as the great Protestant civilization of Northwest Europe and North America. His attempts to placate Hitler failed, as the Nazis had little regard for Christianity, seeing the world instead as the setting of an epic racial rather than spiritual struggle.

When war loomed large over Europe and factories began once again to churn out bombs and cannon, luminaries at the Oxford Group decided that another form of re-armament was needed as well: a "moral re-armament".

Thus was born the "MRA," an organization dedicated to promoting a Protestant spiritual revolution throughout the

Western world.

Buchman headed the new organization, propounding his four principles of absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness, and absolute love.

The recommended spiritual practices were as follows:

1. The sharing of our sins and temptations with another Christian.

2. Surrender our life past, present and future, into God's keeping and direction.

3. Restitution to all whom we have wronged directly or indirectly.

4. Listening for God's guidance, and carrying it out.

Note the strong similarity to AA teachings.

During the war itself, MRA had little direct influence. However, the Oxford Group had a significant impact in the Nordic countries before the war, and may have contributed to the impressive local resistance to the Nazi occupation in Denmark and Norway. Norwegians put up a stiff fight against the invasion, and their resistance contributed to a number of essential operations in the North Atlantic theater. The Danes practiced a courageous civil disobedience that effectively stymied Nazi efforts to deport Danish Jews and other enemies of the Nazi regime.

Perhaps the most important work of the MRA came in the immediate postwar period, when it opened headquarters in Caux, Switzerland and invited officials and heads of state to participate in the rehabilitation of Europe. Buchman stressed the need to bring the defeated Germans on board in the effort, and focused on regions with strong Communist support to put a check on Bolshevik influence and bring Germany back into the European fold. Back in the US, the MRA directed its efforts to bring workers and owners together in common cause by hosting MRA seminars for union leaders and management. This latter effort was apparently a success; class conflict in the US was effectively kept at a minimum during the sensitive early postwar years when the global economy was very fragile. Stalin recognized the influence of the MRA, prompting Bolsheviks to rail against the organization as an impediment to class warfare.

After Buchman died in the early 60s, the MRA slowly fell out of favor with the new generation of intellectuals. Its old, revivalist Protestantism seemed out of place in the rapidly modernizing world, and campus radicals described it as a right-wing cult, which was hardly fair given its considerable contributions to the defeat of fascism and the triumph of democracy. But the old-school Christianity and message of unselfishness were highly unfashionable in that era of self-actualization. By the 1970s, progressive spiritual movements had either adopted Eastern mysticism (as interpreted by Westerners) or a grassroots Christian fundamentalism that was so essentialist that it broke even with traditional Protestant tradition.

Today, all that remains of the MRA is an NGO that appears to work mainly with third world countries promoting quixotic solutions to the insurmountable problems that plague much of the developing world. The animating Protestant spirit behind the original organization has all but vanished, as has its influence in the West.

When I look at the course of the MRA, which effectively spanned five decades from the beginning of Buchman's First Century Fellowship, I wonder which institutions will be next to fall out of favor, and which ones we can look back at as having made an important contribution to the world we have known for the past couple generations. There are many candidates, but what strikes me today is that some of them, such as the Open Society Foundations, have already begun to make a slow exit from the scene. I wonder, in some fifty or sixty years' time, whether our children's children will even know that they ever existed.

Rotherham and the Future of Blue Cities in the US

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The real dirty secret in Rotherham is that the underground sex-trafficking rings were facilitated by the politics of contemporary multicultural Western cities. Ironically, in Muslim run cities in the Middle East, while these things happen, local officials are not likely to be complicit in them, because this kind of behavior has a way of (literally) exploding in their faces. And despite the claims of the local Rotherham Labour politicians, it looks as though they *were* complicit, going so far as to order police to ignore the crimes, and in some cases threaten white parents who complained with charges of "racism."

While it's unlikely that Muslim gangs could operate underage sex rings with impunity in the US at this point, certain politically favored groups do get away with a lot. One such group is gay men, who are almost never arrested by local police for hiring prostitutes, including underage males. The majority of those arrested for such crimes are either arrested outside the city proper, or arrested by federal agents. There's an unstated rule that you "leave them alone."

One-party politics is essentially a system of quid-pro-quo deals. Ideology ceases to matter much, because, after all, only one viewpoint is really tolerated anyway. For example, local Labour officials in Rotherham were so emboldened in their quest to quash dissent that they seized foster children from one family because the family supported the UKIP.

But political support still matters a great deal. There are still elections, and the candidate who wins is generally the one who can promise the most to the most people. And because cities have become essentially collections of interest groups that vote en bloc, certain communities can demand not only goodies, but a free hand to do as they please in certain spheres of influence. Hence the remarkable tolerance for Sharia practices in cities that otherwise smack down the religious with a heavy hand.

If a community is cohesive enough and grows to a certain proportion of the population, it can exert outsized influence on the entire city's politics. Majority Americans, who are essentially atomized individuals who don't see themselves as a united group, are no match for these communities because they are not very good at hanging together. Furthermore, they don't generally see the city as a "home" so much as a place to make money and play for some time before leaving to a more family-friendly community.

But that may also help prevent a Rotherham in the US; the white working class family has already been all but evicted from many urban areas, so it wouldn't be all that easy for urban gangs to exploit their children.

So, instead of sex-trafficking rings in US cities, I think we'll see something else develop: widespread exploitation of the elderly. Old white residents of cities will be at risk for theft, exploitation and fraud. This could happen in the form of confidence scams, burglary, false romance and brazen robbery, not to mention credit card theft and the like.

If you have elderly middle class parents in one-party blue cities, I'd recommend encouraging them to move to safer areas. This is going to become a real problem very soon, as the population of elderly is set to explode in coming years, and they will be the easiest targets of all in our decaying society.

Men's Health: Guys Need to Cultivate Relationships

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Back in March 2014, S1 and S2's grandmother passed unexpectedly of heart failure during surgery for an unrelated malady. In fact, she "coded" as S2 was just entering the hospital to visit her in recovery. S2 took her loss especially hard, as he was close to her, but the person who took it the hardest, as one would expect, was my former father in law. He (f. FIL) always thought it would be him that checked out first, given his slowly deteriorating health–a function of being a few years older than his wife, being very very very overweight, eating poorly, and having lived a physically rougher, harder, more challenging life. He was ready for him to die first, had life insurance policies all set, paid off the house, etc. As a result, f FIL thought f MIL, with her network of close friends and stable financial position, was comparably "set", and didn't worry much about what would happen to him if the inverse occurred. Thus he wasn't psychologically ready for her to precede him and, while not challenged for money, he found himself without his only real friend. Suddenly alone, with few relationships to aid his resiliency, he reportedly found solace in casinos and other dissolutive activities and places which helped him pass the time and distract him from loss.

This reaction is in line with previous research that finds men take the loss of their wife harder than wives take the loss of a husband–suffering a 30% higher mortality rate. (For their part, according to the article, women grieve the loss of a child far more than they do the loss of a husband). Indeed, this description of widowers' experience seems to fit f.FIL's reaction quite well (bolded emphases mine):

> While women who lose their husbands often speak of **feeling abandoned or deserted**, widowers tend to express the loss as one of "dismemberment," as if they had **lost something that kept them organized and whole**. The Harvard Bereavement Study, a landmark investigation of spousal loss that took place in the Boston area during the late 1960s, reported that widowers often equated the death of their wives with the loss of their primary source of protection, support, and comfort. This went to the very core of their overall sense of wellbeing. It has been described as "being lost without a compass," usually due to their profound loneliness but also because widowers often depended on their wives for many things like managing the household, caring for their children, and being their only true confidant. This sense of being lost is more profound when widowers need help but have difficulty obtaining or even asking for it. They also can experience ambiguity about the emotions they are feeling and the uncertainty of how to express them.

Reading the passage above, it appears that widowers and widows experience their loss differently. She loses covering, protection, partnership. He loses his helpmeet, his sole confidante, his primary and often only significant relationship. And it is the context of this loss of relationship, and the importance of them, that the following excerpts of a post over at Art of Manliness, summarizing the findings of the Grant study, got my attention as a "life hack" for men. Fellas, the takeway is this: you gotta cultivate relationships and be relate-able for your own good.

> When Vaillant crunched the numbers, he discovered no significant relationship between a man's level of flourishing and his IQ, his body type (mesomorph, ectomorph, endomorph), or the income and education level of his parents. The factors that did loom large, and collectively predicted all ten Decathlon events [career success, professional prominence, mental health, physical health, a good marriage, supportive friendships, closeness to one's children, the ability to enjoy work, love, and play, and subjective happiness], had one thing in common: relationships. This rubric included:
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> - A warm, supportive childhood
> - A mature "coping style" (being able to roll with the punches, be patient with others, keep a sense of humor in the face of setbacks, delay gratification, etc.)

> - Overall "soundness" as evaluated during college years (resilient, warm personality, social, not overly sensitive)
> - Warm adult relationships between the ages of 37-47 (having close friends, maintaining contact with family, being active in social organizations)
> - Vaillant found that the men who had the best scores in these areas during their youth and mid-life, were the happiest, most successful, and best adjusted in their latter years. This is the finding of the Grant Study that has emerged most prominently: "It was the capacity for intimate relationships that predicted flourishing in all aspects of these men's lives."
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> The powerful effect of intimate relationships can be seen in a variety of factors in a man's life, including their income levels:
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> - Men with at least one good relationship with a sibling growing up made $51,000 more per year than men who had poor relationships with their siblings, or no siblings at all
> - Men who grew up in cohesive homes made $66,000 more per year than men from unstable ones
> - Men with warm mothers took home $87,000 more than those men whose mothers were uncaring
> - The 58 men with the best scores for warm relationships made almost $150,000 more per year than the 31 men with the worst scores
> - Remember that these men all entered the workforce with a Harvard education. Also remember that their parents' socioeconomic status turned out not to be a significant factor in their own future income.

But for those of us with children, it's not just our own relationships that matter, but the investment we make in our own sons that echoes into the future. To this end, the Grant study also found, unsurprisingly to this author, that the environment fathers and mothers make for their children in the home significantly impacted their sons' material success and ability to secure and sustain relationships later in life:

> In addition to finding that warm relationships in general had a positive impact on the men's lives, Vaillant uncovered specific effects that stemmed from a man's childhood, and from the respective influence of his mother and father…[T]he Grant Study found that abundant familial love, when coupled with an emphasis on autonomy and initiative, actually produced the most stoical (able to keep a stiff upper lip) and independent men. Such men, Vaillant explains, had learned to be comfortable with their feelings, and "that they could put their trust in life, which gave them courage to go out and face it."
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> [A] mother who could enjoy her son's initiative and autonomy was a tremendous boon to his future…mothers who celebrated their boys' boyishness bolstered their chances of achieving a successful, mature manhood…the Grant Study found that a warm relationship with his mother was significantly associated with a man's:, effectiveness at work, maximum late-life income, military rank at the end of WWII, inclusion in Who's Who, IQ in college, verbal test scores, class rank in college, [and] mental competence at age 80.
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> The Grant Study also found influences that were associated exclusively with dads. Loving fathers imparted to their sons [an] enhanced capacity to play, more enjoyment of vacations, greater likelihood of being able to use humor as a healthy coping mechanism, better adjustment to, and contentment with, life after retirement, less anxiety and fewer physical and mental symptoms under stress in young adulthood.
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> In the negative column, it "was not the men with poor mothering but the ones with poor fathering who were significantly more likely to have poor marriages over their lifetimes." Men who lacked a positive relationship with their fathers were also "much more likely to call themselves pessimists and to report having trouble letting others get close."

> If there was ever any doubt, fathers matter, a lot: When all is said and done, a man's relationship with his father very significantly predicted his overall life satisfaction at age 75 — "a variable not even suggestively associated with the maternal relationship."

This last passage about the impact of fathers is significant, for it tells us that men who themselves cultivate relationships and teach their sons to do the same grant substantial advantage to their children that echoes for generations.

But there is another relationship that hasn't been mentioned yet: That of marriage. Marriage has long been known to benefit men, extend their lives, encourage them to be more productive, and to be the most ideal relationship within which to prepare their sons for a happy and successful life of his own. Conversely, the lack of it is associated with poor outcomes not only for men in the present, but for themselves in the future, many years down the road:

> Vaillant evaluated the men according to "Adult Adjustment Outcome determinations" (a kind of earlier version of the Decathlon of Flourishing, from what I gather), he found that: "all of the fifty-five Best Outcomes had gotten married relatively early and stayed married for most of their adult lives. (And by the time those men were eighty-five, we learned later, only one marriage had ended in divorce.) In contrast, among the seventy-eight Worst Outcomes, five had never married, and by seventy-five years of age, thirty-five (45 percent) of the marriages had ended in divorce. Proportionately three times as many of the Best Adjusted men enjoyed lifelong happy marriages as the Worst."
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> The effect of marriage was even starker for the inner-city men of the Glueck Study: "two-thirds of the never-married were in the bottom fifth in overall social relations, 57 percent were in the bottom fifth in income, and 71 percent were classified by the Study raters as mentally ill."

Thus while lifelong marriage is a key predictor for a man's long-term happiness, the lack of marriage, or having been divorced but not re-married, foretells poor social relationships overall and lower overall happiness and life satisfaction. Moreover, as marriage is the primary vehicle through which fathers invest in their children, being and staying married to the mother of one's children provides a man's children with greater opportunity for the sorts of warm father-son relationships that boys so desperately need to prepare them to be good husbands and fathers in their own right–and to enjoy a satisfying and successful life once they leave the house.

This is both hopeful and sobering news–hopeful in that this body of data clearly tells men that yes, they are important to their families, more than they probably realize, and sobering that a great many men are unable, for whatever reason, to invest in their children, and so many boys are raised in fatherless homes.

I'll close this post by quoting a final line from Vaillant's manuscript: "We don't breed good officers; we don't even build them on the playing fields of Eton; we raise them in loving homes." Men would be well advised to not give short shrift to relationships but should instead make a point of liberally investing in them…with their wives, with their male friends, and with their sons.

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NFL Names Prosecutor Involved in Rape Case Mistrial to Domestic Violence Round Table

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NFL players and union representatives should take note of the fact that Lisa Friel, former Manhattan DA and now hired to serve on an NFL advisory panel of four women, was involved in a prosecution of New York policeman Kenneth Moreno that resulted in a mistrial and Friel being fired for prosecutorial misconduct. Friel is known for her aggressive and sometimes unconstitutional prosecutions of men.

According to a lawyer hired by Mr. Moreno, Friel went after the cop despite lack of any physical evidence:

> NEW YORK, July 31, 2014 – New York Civil Rights Attorney Eric Sanders, Esq., of The Sanders Firm, P.C., files a $175 Million dollar lawsuit on behalf of Mr. Kenneth J. Moreno against the accuser, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Home Box Office, Inc., and the accuser's law firm for conspiracy to violate his constitutional rights for their pecuniary gain.
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> Mr. Moreno was a tenured civil servant close to his 20th year anniversary when he would have been eligible for full retirement benefits.
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> Mr. Moreno alleges the New York County District Attorney's Office under Robert Morgenthal and Cyrus Vance investigates, prosecutes and makes other charging decisions based upon race, political affiliations and other improper factors designed to ensure their own pecuniary gain. In the verified complaint, Mr. Moreno notes differences in how his case was handled as opposed to Dominique Strauss-Kahn and Fox News Anchor Greg Kelly, both Caucasian males with privilege and political power.
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> The original callout alleging Mr. Moreno raped Ms. Katherine Chow was assigned to Detective Second Grade Diane L. Davis for the initial part of the investigation. After interviewing Ms. Chow, Detective Davis found her not credible. In Detective Davis's opinion, she believed this matter was not criminal but a form of misconduct based upon similar matters handled by the NYPD.
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> Ms. Chow alleged Mr. Moreno raised her pelvic area and had vaginal sex with her from behind. Mr. Moreno denies having any sex with Ms. Chow. There was no physical evidence to support Ms. Chow had sex with Mr. Moreno. On Ms. Chow's Facebook personal page, she messaged her friend but says nothing about allegedly being raped until she meets with her friend attorney Ms. Yasmine R. Saeed. They begin meeting with the NYPD Internal Affairs Bureau and the New York County District Attorney's Office.
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> Prior to the criminal trial, Ms. Chow maliciously filed several frivolous federal civil rights lawsuits in the Southern District of New York alleging Mr. Moreno raped and assaulted her in an attempt to extort monies out of him and the taxpayers, according to the verified complaint.
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> Prior to the criminal trial, the New York County District Attorneys' Office obtained a search warrant and seized a hair sample from him, which yielded no credible evidence to support any criminal charge.

Even worse, she has allegedly gone from being an unethical prosecutor to being paid to cover up sexual abuse of men and boys:

> The lawyers hired by Yeshiva University in January 2013 to investigate allegations that the Washington Heights school had covered up decades of sexual abuse didn't leave any stone unturned.
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> The investigators spent 6,300 hours on the case, interviewing more than 145 people, including victims and school employees accused of sexual abuse. They reviewed millions of emails and thousands of pages of documents, including personnel records, legal files and board meeting minutes.
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> The investigation was led by Karen Patton Seymour, the former chief of the criminal division of the U.S.

> Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, now a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell, the Manhattan white-shoe law firm with offices across the globe. Seymour and S&C brought in Lisa Friel and her security firm, T&M Protection Resources, to assist with the probe.
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> Friel assumed an even bigger stage on Monday, when embattled NFL commissioner Roger Goodell announced that he had hired the former chief of the Manhattan district attorney's sex crimes unit to advise him on criminal cases and violations of the league's personal conduct policy.
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> The T&M vice president, one of four women Goodell said will help guide the NFL through the worst crisis in its 94-year history, is already reviewing the cases against Adrian Peterson, the Minnesota Vikings star who was indicted last week on felony child abuse charges, and Greg Hardy of the Carolina Panthers, who is appealing his domestic violence conviction.
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> But if the Yeshiva case — where Friel's work and independence have come into question — is any indication, transparency and victims' concerns may take a backseat to NFL public relations. The lawyer representing 34 men who claim Yeshiva officials covered up the sex abuse allegations says the university used Friel and her investigators as "unwitting cogs" in an ongoing conspiracy to conceal the abuse. It was an effort, he says, to allay alumni anger and public outrage — and shield the Orthodox Jewish university from any liability.

Good going Goodell! Hopefully you'll be smart enough to pay Friel NOT to do anything in her position as NFL feminist PR woman in chief.

Theme Issues

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Readers have probably noticed some problems with the site, and the comments in particular. This is due to the fact that I'm using an old theme, and WordPress has upgraded many times since it was first installed.

I can and will fix it quickly, but it will require hacks and will be a pain in the rear. What I really have to do is get a new theme, and do all the work that entails.

I think for the next theme I'll choose something simple and elegant that is easy to customize and upgrade. I've realized that nothing beats simplicity for saving time and making the reading experience pleasant.

However, I'm considering archiving all the old posts to cut down on clutter and database size. Maybe I'll save all of my own posts on a wordpress.com site so those who are interested can browse them as they please. If anyone has any suggestions for good archiving techniques feel free to let me know — when the comments are working again, that is.

Life Changes

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My son is now three months old and becoming more engaging every day, so I have a lot to be thankful for. But I've had to confront a few realities lately. Importantly, I haven't been able to consistently or effectively work from home for reasons that other parents probably understand. This is probably my biggest stumbling block right now, and given what self-employment entails, it's an enormous problem.

Secondly, my father fell gravely ill when he was about exactly my age, and although he lived another quarter century he never recovered from it either financially or in terms of his health. In fact, the remainder of his life was pretty lousy, and he died a sick man with a number of nasty conditions that left him prematurely disabled. From the age of 12 to 36, I witnessed his long, painful decline and many of its awful details. This has been weighing heavily on my mind as I consider my own age and mortality and the fact that I have a young child.

Although I don't take the same risks my father did, there's plenty of room for improvement, and the thought of ending up on an operating table in my 40s quite frankly scares the crap out of me.

For now, I need to find a profitable way to get out of the house every day, and a place where I can keep writing. Hopefully I can kill two birds with one stone, but I can't afford to be choosy, so I'll take what I can.

Please excuse me for dropping out of sight for a while — this is a problem I can't fix online. If I can't keep the site up due to costs I'll host the content on my wordpress.com site and direct readers there.

Where to go from here?

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If this post reaches anyone following my long hiatus, hi there!

I'm going to start writing again, but probably not on this particular blog. Not only would rebuilding the site be more trouble than I can handle at the moment; I'm tired of writing exclusively about gender issues and want to explore other topics. I'd like to start with a new (although not entirely different) focus and see if it goes anywhere.

I'm a bit sorry I missed all the excitement of late 2014, but trying to write (or do anything that requires quiet and concentration) with a baby in the house just wasn't working, and I had to take a break to maintain my sanity. If anyone reading this is tempted to try it, think long and hard about it first.

I'll do what I can to keep the site up, but I'll probably have to let it go down for at least a little while so I can transfer to cheaper hosting, as I'm stretched too thin right now.

Sooo, there's a good chance nobody will even see this post (at least for a while)! But I thought I ought to at least put it out there just in case.

See you all in the next incarnation!

New site thoughts

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I still haven't decided whether I want to use this url for a new site or not, but I'm leaning against it because I'd like a fresh start and The Spearhead deserves to be what it was. If I can, I think I'll keep it online as it is just for reference purposes.

However, comments stopped working when I updated WordPress last fall, and that pretty much convinced me I needed to take a break. I just don't have the time to fiddle with the code or to rebuild the site with an entirely new theme, which would have been necessary. If I did it myself it would have taken weeks (I'm not a professional developer), and on top of that I'm not really inspired by what MRA has become as its themes have gone mainstream. Not that this bothers me – it's a welcome development – but I'm constitutionally averse to engaging in debates that have already been settled. And feminism has been discredited. The recent election, which saw politicians running on feminist themes get slaughtered, pretty much drove that point home. So has the Rolling Stone rape fantasy article and its spectacular shootdown.

This doesn't mean that feminism is done for just yet, but it is listing to port and limping badly. Its primary champions are well into old age, and resurgent religious and political movements are running away from it.

So I'm going from gender issues to something I think is a little more salient today, which subsumes the issue. I'll be a bit more explicit soon, but I still have some reading and writing to do to work it out some of the ideas I've come up with in the local library over the last couple months.

In the meanwhile, I'll try to get in touch with other writers I respect to see what they think, and perhaps we can come up with some sort of new focus that brings manosphere ideas into a new, more comprehensive cultural effort.

Balance — not Equality

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I'm going to stay on this subject because it's very important that people think about it. Concepts matter, and the idea of gender equality is a concept that has done a great deal of damage over the years.

First, let's lay out a few reasons gender equality is undesirable.

For normal people, sex differences (inequalities) enhance life. Men like feminine characteristics in women, and women like masculine characteristics in men. These characteristics are what define "men" and "women." Make men and women equal, and the sexes cease to exist. For normal people, this would be a nightmare.

Say we did manage to eliminate "gender" and men and women became indistinguishable. Such a society, if sexual at all, would be homosexual by definition. Homosexuality would not be a paraphilia, but rather the default for all human sexuality.

Additionally, the phenotypic diversity of the human species would be considerably diminished. Instead of having two major types of humans, there would only be one androgynous "type." This sounds repugnant to me, but perhaps some people like this idea.

Finally, and this is counterintuitive but would be true, the balance the sexes provide to both the species and society would be gone, and humanity could easily veer off in grotesque and strange directions.

Gender equality in practice would be a dystopia by most people's standards.

If equality is therefore undesirable (and we must include legal equality, because law that defies nature is tyrannical, bad law), then what values can we strive for regarding the sexes?

How about the very values nature intended:

Balance and harmony.

Men and women are different, and these differences balance the species and provide communities with common cause. If masculine tendencies go too far, feminine notions restrain them, and likewise the reverse. The differences between men and women are not a curse on humanity, but rather an essential part of what keeps us centered and stable. Making us equal removes that advantage and weakens communities, which may provide an explanation for why hostile elites are so inclined to support gender equality: it makes us easier to exploit.

I have to turn once again to legal equality, because commenters are still writing in to support this idea. Everyone, it seems, agrees that legal equality of the sexes is a wonderful thing (even though it is repeatedly rejected at the ballot box and in the courts). This idea is so pervasive in our society that hardly anyone stops to question it. But if they did, and they spent some time thinking about it, they would start to see problems with it just as I have.

Law is intended to be a reflection nature. There's an ancient concept called "natural law," long held in esteem in the former Christian civilization, that holds that there is a universal law, distinct from laws of custom ("common law" in the English-speaking world), based on the natural world. Aristotle is generally considered to have developed this idea, and it inspired, among other things, the US Constitution.

While natural law has been used to justify concepts of human rights (i.e. "natural rights"), laws are longer valid when severed from their roots in the natural world, because this brings chaos and injustice. The Chinese have a similar concept concerning divine favor; when rulers fall out of favor with heaven, as evidenced by calamities and natural disasters, they are said to have lost their mandate, and it is time for a change.

So, when we begin to defy nature itself, and take it upon ourselves to do foolish things such as declare men and women equal, we undermine the basis of our law, and bring misery on our heads. This is what is behind the dismal state of relations between the sexes in the contemporary West.

As a simple example, much of our law is based on the physical nature of things. If we were to ignore the distinctions between these things, injustice results. If someone were to attack another with a knife, we would hold it to be assault with a deadly weapon. Now say someone attacked with a spatula. The spatula and knife could be roughly the same size and weight, and made from the same material, so perhaps the crime should be the same. Would that be fair? Of course not, because regardless of these superficial similarities, knives and spatulas have different properties that matter a great deal in the real world. So do men and women, and if we don't take these different properties into account the law is all but useless.

Therefore, for the good of mankind and the benefit of society, and for justice and human happiness, we must reject the notion of sex equality. Instead, we should strive for a balance that benefits both societies and the individuals within them, and to achieve this balance the sexes must be seen and treated as they are: distinct and different from each other.

Equalists vs. Realists

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The biggest problem with the men's rights movement is its failure to see the big picture. For some reason, people think they can separate feminism and gender issues from a larger philosophical problem. This is wishful thinking. It can't be done.

There's a reason the feminists latched onto Marxist philosophy like a child to his mother's teat. It provided them with a philosophical framework – a faith, really – that allowed them to deny the realities of human nature by assigning inequalities to political struggles. There are some truths in Marxism. Political and economic inequalities are real, and often stand in stark contrast to natural inequalities, hence the use of the concept of natural law to strike down privileges of birth and other "accidental" advantages enjoyed by some over others.

Today, however, people fail to see the original intent of these movements. In fact, they have an often inverted notion of them. For example, the idea that a woman should be privileged over a man in hiring preference is more akin to the old notion of nobility by birth than it is to the Founding Fathers' concept of equality.

In fact, the notion that men and women are equal would have been very strange to even the most radical of Enlightenment thinkers. Yet by mysterious twists of fate (and possibly liberal English resistance to French Republicanism), the feminists have coopted the ideology.

So what we are left with today is a twisted interpretation of what was a flawed philosophy to begin with. Now that Enlightenment and Marxist notions of inequality as a more or less purely political, cultural construct, have been discredited, we are left with an increasingly dysfunctional guiding faith in a fallen god.

Is the key to cling to the old idols, hanging on with eyes tightly shut against the mounting body of evidence that we were wrong, or to accept that we made some mistakes along the way and move on? To me, the latter seems far more reasonable.

But in order to move on, we have to reject all that follows from the errors — not just those things that we personally dislike. So if it turns out that, say, men and women are not by nature equal, then we can't say we want equality on our terms. Instead, we have to make an effort to learn the truth, and then we can go about accommodating it.

So the real problem is not merely feminism, but the original error, which includes a great deal more than that.

Therefore, if you oppose feminism and its associated evils, the most effective way to fight it is to debunk the false philosophy that supports it. And this means we cannot indulge men who adhere to the same principles, whether they are on "our side" or not.

What it really comes down to is truth vs. error, but because "equality" is such a powerful concept today, it must be attacked head on and by name before people can begin to perceive the error. Hence my recent articles on the subject.

Who's Really Making a Difference?

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Commenters are asking when I'll get comments fixed. Probably in the next couple days if I can afford a new theme. After installing that, I'll likely archive The Spearhead's old site and leave it online, perhaps at the same domain, perhaps not, depending on whether I'll keep blogging at this domain.

While I was taking time off from blogging, I spent a lot of time reading. Some at the local library, but mostly on other blogs. As one commenter noted I was commenting a fair amount on the Unz Review, where I've seen a couple other Spearhead readers and at least one writer (hi Elmer!).

Commenting is a nice way to indulge my compulsion to write without having to put as much effort into thinking things through or editing myself. In other words, it's something you can do with a baby hollering in the background.

Over at Unz, Steve Sailer, one of my favorite bloggers, played a big role in early December exposing the Rolling Stone rape fantasy article as the fraud it was. The first journalist to point out that there might be something wrong with the piece was Richard Bradley, who formerly worked with disgraced journalist Stephen Glass. Glass got caught fabricating stories out of whole cloth while writing for *The New Republic* back in the 90s. Interestingly, Hannah Rosin was one of his colleagues and chief supporters. If you're interested in the Stephen Glass story, I'd recommend watching *Shattered Glass*, the movie about his escapades.

Bradley, who had been duped by Glass, noticed that certain elements of the Rolling Stone article didn't look right. Perhaps in an effort to vindicate himself, he took the plunge and went public on his blog with these observations. For days, nobody paid any attention. Nobody, that is, except for Steve Sailer.

Sailer, who is really unique in that he pursues the truth regardless of the consequences, pointed out more inconsistencies in comments on Bradley's blog. When he was finally convinced that there was something wrong with he article, he went public on his own blog with his and Bradley's observations.

Immediately, people started to pay attention. Articles popped up with questions about alleged victim "Jackie," and calls went out to Sabrina Rubin Erdely, author of the piece, for clarification.

Our very own Chuck Ross, newshound that he is, picked up the scent and came up with even more damning inconsistencies. Suddenly, the story came crashing down like the tower of lies it was. Sabrina Rubin Erdely went into hiding, Rolling Stone apologized and a hideous false rape accusation went down in flames.

Of all people who deserve credit for this, perhaps we should start with Richard Bradley. He was the first journalist, after all, who seriously questioned the story. However, the man who deserves the most credit for the story's spectacular failure is Steve Sailer. His dogged determination and analytical thinking combined with his popularity as a blogger dealt the decisive blow to the great lie. It was a spectacular coup, and vindicates my loyalty to his iSteve blog.

When we ask ourselves who is making a difference, results should be foremost in our considerations. Did anyone else in 2014 do more to discredit gender feminism than Steve Sailer, besides the feminists themselves? If so, I don't know who it could be. Yet a lot of people keep throwing good money after bad supporting people who not only espouse an ideology that is virtually identical to feminism, but who seem to be working half the time to discredit us.

Unz has put together an impressive roster, and Steve Sailer is not the only writer worth reading on his site. I'd also recommend Fred Reed – who is surely well-known in these quarters – and anthropologist Peter Frost. Frost doesn't concern himself with gender so much as demographics, but he writes about the most interesting subjects – human beings – in ways that few dare, and from a fascinating scientific perspective. For those who are interested in the unique and diverse characteristics of human individuals and populations, Frost is a great read.

Discerning readers prefer clear thought over bluster and results over boasting, so I thought I'd point out a few

writers who can offer those. Unless we just want to stand around patting each other on the back who we support matters, and those who offer nothing of substance don’t deserve that support, no matter what kind of show they put on.

Social and economic liberalism have the same effect

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One of the great curiosities of the modern era is the idea that so-called socially progressive policies are generally held to be good for the downtrodden. Nobody worth taking seriously ever thought so before, but it's held to be a fact these days.

However, loosening the controls on social behavior has the same effect as loosening controls on the market: the strong gain at the expense of the weak.

When banks are deregulated, the rich get richer at the expense of the poor. When sexual mores are relaxed those with more sexual capital totally dominate the market. Furthermore, those better able to control themselves and live a disciplined family lifestyle with minimal pressure have an enormous advantage over those who give in to temptation. This is why marriage has collapsed for large segments of society. Socially progressive policies not only tolerating but promoting an "anything goes" form of sexuality victimize those who need some external controls on their behavior.

Same goes for feminist policies promoting "equal" relationships between husband and wife. For most people, these relationships simply don't work. Most need clearly defined gender roles that take natural human tendencies into account. Without them they become confused, dissatisfied and demoralized.

So when I hear people say they believe in social justice, and use that as a justification for a laissez-faire attitude toward social mores, I tend to think they're either cynical, evil bastards or hopeless fools. Social justice and social liberalism are inimical to each other. This doesn't mean that people should be strictly controlled in all aspects of life, but rather that there should be some balance in the matter. While there will always be people who are by nature sexually ambitious or deviant, they shouldn't be held up as examples to the masses.

Why progressives can't see this was long a mystery to me. I thought that maybe it was because they live isolated lives, but I'm not sure that's true, because a lot of urban liberals have conservative, small town roots, and plenty have experienced their share of family dysfunction.

Recently, I've come to see it as a matter of faith. A large segment of our population has a religious belief in what are called "progressive" values, nurtured by thousands of hours in front of the family altar: the TV set. What we are seeing in contemporary America is the fruits of a false religion. When progressives rail against religious fundamentalists, they are blind to the fact that they are as much religious fanatics as anyone. When they poke fun at Evangelical creationists, they ignore gaping holes in their own reasoning, and they react with all the fury of a zealot if one dares to gently point out how the facts contradict their beliefs.

What we are dealing with in the West is, above all, a crisis of faith. This is why people are so confused about simple truths, and so willing to believe black is white, up is down and two plus two equals five.

Buzzfeed article on Paul Elam

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I recently read Buzzfeed's exposé on Paul Elam, and frankly I think it fell flat. For the same reason, I might add, that I think Elam's brand of MRA falls flat for a lot of younger guys today.

Essentially, it's a rehash of the same old mutual recriminations so popular in the 80s and 90s. A lot of old feminists will feel vindicated by the article, and a lot of older MRAs will be angry about it. But the problems younger men face are of an entirely different nature, the destruction of traditional family being a fait accomplit for some time now, so I don't think this changes anything.

What the article boils down to is this: Paul Elam is an asshole.

OK, well, that isn't exactly news to anyone who has dealt with him personally, or read his articles for that matter. But he's an asshole who has made salient points about gender issues during the very important transitional period during the 1980s.

Elam's experience proves, for example, that telling your wife and kids to screw off when your marriage goes bad is a better strategy if you're concerned about yourself than trying to be a niceguy. What could be a more damning indictment of feminism than that?

Furthermore, it proves that being an asshole doesn't torpedo one's prospects with women. Quite the opposite, in fact: Paul's many walks down the aisle are testament to the fact that there's something about the guy that contemporary women find appealing. Elam's a major hit with women to this day. And I don't write this out of envy; on the contrary, I think his popularity with women has probably been his biggest problem in life (Futrelle wouldn't understand).

However, the part about his daughter is truly sad. From what I know personally of Paul Elam, he actually likes his daughter, and has affectionate feelings toward her. I'd go so far as to say there's some love there. I think being estranged from her truly hurts him. I bet it hurts her, too.

So I hope Bonnie – if that's her real name – can eventually come to love her dad for who he is without taking it personally. I learned to do that despite having a problematic father myself, but it requires a philosophical acceptance that is rarely encouraged these days. Of course, as I am also an imperfect father, I hope my kids can forgive my failings and find it within themselves to love me flaws and all.

When considering Paul's life after his first marriage, it's important to keep in mind that the man was faced with the loss of his children no matter what he did, and if he chose self-preservation it was only because the alternative was martyrdom, and men shouldn't have to face that choice just to be fathers.

So if feminists were to say to me that Paul Elam proves that MRAs are terrible people, I'd respond by saying "he's the product of your philosophy, not mine."

When the Equalist Fantasy Falters, MRAs and Feminists Will Join Forces

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Sometime in the not too distant future, the Equalist ideology that gained ascendancy in the West in the late 1960s will begin to unravel. My guess is that the impending demographic implosion of its creators and sustainers will start the process, possibly within the decade.

When that happens there will be a strong reaction against those who espouse another philosophy, and we'll see the different sides of the Equalist camp join together in common cause to defend the faith.

One such alliance will likely occur between feminists and Equalist MRAs, who will set aside their differences to fight any new concept of the relationship between men and women. MRAs and feminists may oppose each other, but that's because they see male and female as opposing forces due to their worldview. To them, it can't be any other way. Struggle between the sexes is right and natural, because, to put it in Marxist terms, it's a class struggle. Eventually, in their eschatology, one is supposed to emerge victorious at some distant undefined point, but they really suspect this struggle is more or less eternal and a fundamental part of life, similar to the struggle between good and evil that characterizes some Christian thought.

When someone comes along and challenges that worldview, both feminists *and* MRAs will see it as a threat, and both will confront this challenge. In doing so, they will work together, as they did in the beginning when Equalism overthrew the old Western order.

I think I'm already beginning to see signs of it. Challenge Equalism, and immediately feminists start defending some MRA causes, and MRAs will begin to say that feminism is only bad in practice, not theory (try it yourself if you're curious). It's similar to the way in which different factions of Christians were bitter enemies when dealing with each other, but united in common cause when faced with an external threat.

That external threat is coming. It is gathering forces and preparing for a long campaign. When it mobilizes, we'll see Equalists of all persuasions align themselves against it.

A Reply to a hidden comment

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Dragnet commented and asked to explain something in my last post, and I'd like to respond to the following:

> Welmer—good to see you back and writing again. Can you elaborate a bit more on this part:
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> "That external threat is coming. It is gathering forces and preparing for a long campaign."
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> Or perhaps that is the subject of your next post?
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> Hope all is well
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> -dragnet

Dragnet's asking a good question. That was kind of an ominous final note, and I should explain it.

First, I wrote it while I was thinking in terms of macrohistorical trends, like the rise of Islam. That explains the dark tones behind it.

What I meant was that there is going to be a rearrangement of the world order, and that's plain to see for anyone paying attention. The people and ideas that dominated the world for the last couple centuries are going to see that dominance challenged and probably overwhelmed.

I can't attach much moral significance to it at this point, aside from the fact that as humans living on planet Earth we'll have to find a way to adjust so as to avoid another round of cataclysmic struggles.

Equalism cannot provide the answers to what we're facing. It was a hothouse flower nurtured in a particular environment by a particular people (17th and 18th century NW Europe), and these people's star is past its zenith.

So the "gathering forces" are demographic and cultural challenges mounting against the ethny and philosophy that has ruled the world in the modern era.

For my part, I'm willing and eager to dispense with the old philosophy, which is going nowhere fast, but it's going to be much more difficult for a lot of people to do so, which means that there will be another cultural upheaval coming soon. Very soon, I think. I can almost feel it in my gut already.